

A FORMALISM FOR THE CLASSICAL SENTENCE-LOGIC

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I have introduced in my paper [1] a formalism for lower order predicate logics in which any sequence of variables and brackets ('[' and ']') can be regarded as a meaningful (well-formed) sentence. Also, in my paper [2], I have introduced another formalism of the same kind for a certain kind of predicate logics of higher order. Can we introduce a formalism of the same kind properly for sentence logics too? Since sentence logics can be regarded as a sub-system of predicate logics, we are apt to consider that our device introduced in [1] works well for sentence logics too.

However, to make every sequence of variables and brackets meaningful in sentence logics is a task other than to do it in predicate logics, because meaningful sentences in predicate logics are not necessarily meaningful in sentence logics. Indeed, my answer for the above-mentioned question is only PARTLY YES. I can really introduce a formalism of this kind for the classical sentence-logic. Namely, I can introduce a formalism of the same kind for sentence-logical part LOS of the primitive logic LO¹⁾ having a special proposition symbol for CONTRADICTION, and I can interpret the K-series sentence-logics²⁾ faithfully in LOS. However, I can interpret only J-series logics (even the sentence-logical part of them) in LO as a predicate logic, so I can hardly give any formalism of this kind for J-series sentence logics.³⁾

The device I am going to introduce in the present paper for expressing sentences of LOS is denoted by FLOS (FORMALIZED LOS). In FLOS, VARIABLES together with HEAD-BRACKET '[' and TAIL-BRACKET ']' are employed for expressing sentences. If we assume FLO, the formalism introduced in [1] for expressing sentences of the primitive logic LO, the formalism FLOS

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^{1), 2)} and ³⁾ In my paper [3], I have studied on faithful interpretations of logics LJ, LK, LM, LN, LP, and LQ in LO. LJ, LM, and LP are called J-series logics, and LK, LN, and LQ are called K-series logics. As for detailed description of these logics, see [3].