

Solving Functional Equations at Higher Types; Some Examples and Some Theorems

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The solvability of higher type functional equations has been studied by a number of authors. Roughly speaking the literature sorts into four topics: constructive solvability (e.g., Gödel [5], Scott [7]); solvability in all models, i.e., unification (e.g., Andrews [1], Statman [8] and [9]); solvability in models of A.C. (e.g., Church [2], Friedman [4]); and the solvability of special classes of equations (e.g., Scott [7]). In this note we shall consider yet a fifth topic, namely, the solvability of functional equations in extensions of models.

Our main result is the no counterexample theorem. This theorem equates the unsolvability of E in every extension of \mathfrak{A} with the solvability of some other \bar{E} in \mathfrak{A} . The theorem can be iterated and applied to λ theories (in extended languages) as well as to models. Thus, it can be used to explain, in a general way, a phenomenon well illustrated by the case of $\lambda\sqcup$.

$\lambda\sqcup$ is the theory of upper semilattices of monotone functionals. $\lambda\sqcup$ has the property that each of its models can be extended to solve all the fixed point equations

$$Mx = x .$$

This is a simple consequence of a Scott-type completion argument. It is also an immediate corollary to the no counterexample theorem.

We adopt for the most part the notation and terminology of [8] and [9].

Types τ have the form $\tau(1) \rightarrow (\dots (\tau(t) \rightarrow 0) \dots)$.

If \mathcal{S} is a set of objects (terms, functionals, etc.), \mathcal{S}^τ is the set of all members of \mathcal{S} of type τ .

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If Σ is a set of constants $\Lambda(\Sigma)$ is the set of all terms with constants from Σ . $\bar{\Lambda}(\Sigma)$ is the set of all closed members of $\Lambda(\Sigma)$. $\Lambda = \Lambda(\phi)$.

M, N range over $\bar{\Lambda}$.

B, C, K, I, W, S are the usual combinators.

$\mathfrak{A}, \mathfrak{B}, \dots$ range over models of the typed λ calculus.

\mathfrak{A}^* is the result of adjoining infinitely many indeterminates of each type to \mathfrak{A} .

$\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_\tau \subseteq \underbrace{\mathfrak{A}^\tau \times \dots \times \mathfrak{A}^\tau}_n$ is logical if $\mathcal{R}(\Phi_1, \dots, \Phi_n) \Leftrightarrow \forall \Psi_1 \dots \Psi_n \mathcal{R}(\Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\Phi_1 \Psi_1, \dots, \Phi_n \Psi_n)$
(this is, of course, no restriction on \mathcal{R}_0).

Definition *Functional equations* $E = E(\vec{y}, \vec{x})$ have the form

$$M\vec{y}\vec{x} = N\vec{y}\vec{x}$$

where $M, N \in \bar{\Lambda}$. By λ abstraction this is perfectly general. Given the parameters \vec{y} , we wish to solve for \vec{x} .

Example 1. Solvability in all models for all choices of parameters: In this case we may assume $\vec{y} = \phi$ [9]. Then E is solvable in all models if and only if $M\vec{x}$ and $N\vec{x}$ are unifiable.

Functional equations are closed under conjunction (see [4]).

Example 2. (Dezani) Invertibility: $BMx = I \wedge BxM = I$ is solvable in all models if and only if M is a hereditary permutation [3]. A solution, if it exists, is given by $\lambda y \underbrace{M(\dots (My) \dots)}_n$ for some n .

Functional equations are in general not closed under negation; however, in one important case, they are.

Example 3. Models of A.C. ([4]): Let \mathfrak{A} be a model of A.C. and let $\vec{\Phi} \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$. Then either $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is solvable in \mathfrak{A} or

$$\lambda \vec{x} z \vec{x} (M\vec{\Phi}\vec{x}) = \lambda uv u \wedge \lambda \vec{x} z \vec{x} (N\vec{\Phi}\vec{x}) = \lambda uv v$$

is solvable in \mathfrak{A} (so $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is not solvable in any extension of \mathfrak{A}).

Definition $\mathfrak{B} \supseteq \mathfrak{A}$ is called *functionally complete* (over \mathfrak{A}) if no extension of \mathfrak{A} solves more functional equations, with parameters from \mathfrak{A} , than \mathfrak{B} .

Example 4. Upper semilattices of monotone functionals: Let $\perp \in 0$ ($\perp_\tau \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_r \perp$) and $\sqcup \equiv \sqcup_\tau \in \tau \rightarrow (\tau \rightarrow \tau)$ (for greater clarity we shall infix \sqcup). Let $\lambda \sqcup$ be the following equations:

$$\begin{aligned} \perp \sqcup I &= I \\ \lambda x x \sqcup x &= I \\ \lambda xy x \sqcup y &= \lambda xy y \sqcup x \\ \lambda xyz x \sqcup (y \sqcup z) &= \lambda xyz (x \sqcup y) \sqcup z \\ \lambda xy x \sqcup y &= \lambda xyz (xz) \sqcup (yz) \\ \lambda xyz (xy) \sqcup x(y \sqcup z) &= \lambda xyz x(y \sqcup z) . \end{aligned}$$

Let \mathfrak{A} be a model of $\lambda\sqcup$. Then the fixed point equation

$$Mx = x$$

is solvable in every functionally complete extension of \mathfrak{A} . For if $\Phi, \Psi \in \mathfrak{A}$ define $\Phi \subseteq \Psi \Leftrightarrow \Phi \sqcup \Psi = \Psi$, then \subseteq is a partial order and a logical relation. Thus we can apply a Scott-type completion argument.

Given E , for $z_0, z_1 \in 0$ define $\vec{E}_n \equiv \vec{E}_n(z_0 z_1 \vec{y}, \vec{u})$ to be

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \vec{x} z_0 &= \lambda \vec{x} u_1 \vec{x} (M \vec{y} \vec{x}) (N \vec{y} \vec{x}) \wedge \\ \lambda \vec{x} u_1 \vec{x} (N \vec{y} \vec{x}) (M \vec{y} \vec{x}) &= \lambda \vec{x} u_2 \vec{x} (M \vec{y} \vec{x}) (N \vec{y} \vec{x}) \wedge \\ &\vdots \\ \lambda \vec{x} u_n \vec{x} (N \vec{y} \vec{x}) (M \vec{y} \vec{x}) &= \lambda \vec{x} z_1 . \end{aligned}$$

A solution to $\vec{E}_n(ab\vec{\Phi}, \vec{u})$ for $a \neq b$ is called a *counterexample* to $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$. $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is said to be *no counterexample interpretable* in \mathfrak{A} if for each $a \neq b$ and n , $\vec{E}_n(ab\vec{\Phi}, \vec{u})$ has itself a counterexample in \mathfrak{A} . The reader might wish to compare these notions to [6].

Example 5. The fixed point equation $Mx = x$: The fixed point equation is no counterexample interpretable in any model of $\lambda\sqcup$. For put $M^n = \underbrace{M(\dots(M\perp)\dots)}_n$, and suppose \mathfrak{A} is a model of $\lambda\sqcup$ and $\vec{\Psi}$ is a solution of

$\vec{E}_n(ab, \vec{u})$. We have $a = \Psi_1 M^1 M^2 M^1 \subseteq \Psi_2 M^2 M^3 M^2 \subseteq \Psi_3 M^3 M^4 M^3 \subseteq \dots = b$ so $a \subseteq b$. Symmetrically $b \subseteq a$ so $a = b$. The rest is simply an exercise in the definition. Observe that this gives an alternative proof of Example 4.

The No Counterexample Theorem

$E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is solvable in an extension of $\mathfrak{A} \Leftrightarrow E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ has no counterexample in \mathfrak{A} .

Proof: Clearly it suffices to show \Leftarrow , so assume that $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ has no counterexample in \mathfrak{A} . Let $T_1 \equiv M\vec{\Phi}$ and $T_2 \equiv N\vec{\Phi}$. Define \sim on $\mathfrak{A}^* \times \mathfrak{A}^*$ by $\Phi_1 \sim \Phi_2 \Leftrightarrow \exists \Psi \Phi_1 = \Psi(T_1 \vec{x})(T_2 \vec{x}) \wedge \Phi_2 = \Psi(T_2 \vec{x})(T_1 \vec{x})$. Let \approx be the transitive closure of \sim . Since \sim is reflexive and symmetric, \approx is an equivalence relation.

(1) \sim is a logical relation.

In particular, if $y \notin \vec{x}$ and $\Phi_1 \sim \Phi_2$ then $\lambda y \Phi_1 \sim \lambda y \Phi_2$. Thus

(2) \approx is a logical relation.

Thus, as in Example 8 of [13], putting $[\Phi] = \{\Psi: \Phi \approx \Psi\}$ and $[\Phi][\Psi] = [\Phi\Psi]$, we obtain a model $\mathfrak{B} = \{[\Phi]: \Phi \in \mathfrak{A}^*\}$. Moreover, the map $\Phi \mapsto [\Phi]$ is a total homomorphism of \mathfrak{A}^* onto \mathfrak{B} .

Now suppose $\Phi_1, \Phi_2 \in \mathfrak{A}$, $\Phi_1 \neq \Phi_2$, and $\Phi_1 \approx \Phi_2$. By (2) there exists $a, b \in \mathfrak{A}^\circ$, $a \neq b$, and $a \approx b$. Thus, there exists $a_1, \dots, a_{n-1} \in \mathfrak{A}^\circ$ such that $a \sim a_1 \sim \dots \sim a_{n-1} \sim b$. Hence, there exists $\Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_n \in \mathfrak{A}^*$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= \Psi_1(T_1\vec{x})(T_2\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 a_1 &= \Psi_1(T_2\vec{x})(T_1\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 a_1 &= \Psi_2(T_1\vec{x})(T_2\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots \\
 a_{n-1} &= \Psi_n(T_1\vec{x})(T_2\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 b &= \Psi_n(T_2\vec{x})(T_1\vec{x}) .
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda\vec{x}a &= \lambda\vec{x}(\lambda\vec{x}\Psi_1)\vec{x}(T_1\vec{x})(T_2\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 \lambda\vec{x}(\lambda\vec{x}\Psi_1)\vec{x}(T_2\vec{x})(T_1\vec{x}) &= \lambda\vec{x}(\lambda\vec{x}\Psi_2)\vec{x}(T_1\vec{x})(T_2\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots \\
 \lambda\vec{x}(\lambda\vec{x}\Psi_n)\vec{x}(T_2\vec{x})(T_1\vec{x}) &= \lambda\vec{x}b .
 \end{aligned}$$

So $\vec{E}_n(ab\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is solvable in \mathfrak{A}^* , therefore it is solvable in \mathfrak{A} . This is a contradiction.

Thus $\mathfrak{A} \subseteq \mathfrak{B}$.

Finally, $[\vec{x}]$ is a solution of $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ in \mathfrak{B} .

Corollary 1 $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is solvable in every functionally complete extension of $\mathfrak{A} \Leftrightarrow E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is no counterexample interpretable in \mathfrak{A} .

Corollary 2 $E(\vec{\Phi}, \vec{x})$ is solvable in some extension of $\mathfrak{A} \Leftrightarrow$ it is solvable in some total homomorphic image of \mathfrak{A}^* which extends \mathfrak{A} .

Corollary 3 $M\vec{x} = N\vec{x}$ is not solvable in any model \Leftrightarrow for some n

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lambda\vec{x}(\lambda xyx) &= \lambda\vec{x}u_1\vec{x}(M\vec{x})(N\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 \lambda\vec{x}u_1\vec{x}(N\vec{x})(M\vec{x}) &= \lambda\vec{x}u_2\vec{x}(M\vec{x})(N\vec{x}) \wedge \\
 &\vdots \\
 &\vdots \\
 \lambda\vec{x}u_n\vec{x}(N\vec{x})(M\vec{x}) &= \lambda\vec{x}(\lambda xyx)
 \end{aligned}$$

is solvable in every model.

Example 6. Consistency ([11]): $M = N$ is false in every nontrivial model $\Leftrightarrow uM = \lambda xyx \wedge uN = \lambda xyx$ is solvable in every model.

Definition Functional equations of the form $M\vec{x} = \lambda xyx$ or equivalently $M\vec{x} = \lambda xyx$ are called *isolated*. Functional equations of the form $M\vec{x} = N$ are *semi-isolated*.

Example 7. Semi-isolated functional equations: $M\vec{x} = N$ has a solution in all models \Leftrightarrow it has a λ definable (possibly with a type 0 parameter) solution in \mathcal{O}_n for all sufficiently large n ([11]). Here n depends only on N .

Example 5 continued: Let Σ consist of \perp, \sqcup , and constants $F \in \underbrace{0 \rightarrow (\dots (0 \rightarrow}_{n} 0) \dots)}$ for various n . For $T \in \bar{\Lambda}(\Sigma)$ put $T^n \equiv \underbrace{T(\dots (T\perp) \dots)}_n$. We shall

show that $Tx = x$ is solvable in every model of $\lambda\sqcup$ if and only if $\lambda\sqcup \vdash T^{n+1} = T^n$ for some n . Note that, since the axioms of $\lambda\sqcup$ are typically ambiguous [12], the corresponding result follows for the typed λ calculus.

For this it suffices to construct a universal model of $\lambda\sqcup$ in which \subseteq is locally finite. With a little more care we can construct such a model which is generated by its 1-section. In this model \subseteq is not only locally finite but also recursive. The decidability of the word problem for $\lambda\sqcup$ follows immediately.

As a preliminary we need some simple results about the first-order theory of upper semilattices with smallest element and monotone functions. Consider the first-order language with the constant \perp , function symbols F of various arities, the binary function symbol \sqcup (infix), and the binary relation symbol \subseteq . Let \mathfrak{J} be the following set of sentences:

$$\begin{aligned} \forall x \ x \sqcup x &\subseteq x \\ \forall x \ \perp &\subseteq x \\ \forall x \forall y \ x \sqcup y &\subseteq y \sqcup x \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z \ x \sqcup (y \sqcup z) &\subseteq (x \sqcup y) \sqcup z \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z \ (x \sqcup y) \sqcup z &\subseteq x \sqcup (y \sqcup z) \\ \forall x \forall y \ x &\subseteq x \sqcup y \\ \forall x \forall y \forall z \ x &\subseteq y \wedge y \subseteq z \rightarrow x \subseteq z \\ \forall x \forall y \forall u \ x &\subseteq u \wedge y \subseteq v \rightarrow x \sqcup y \subseteq u \sqcup v \\ \forall x_1 \dots x_n \forall y_1 \dots y_n \ x_1 &\subseteq y_1 \wedge \dots \wedge x_n \subseteq y_n \rightarrow Fx_1 \dots x_n \subseteq Fy_1 \dots y_n. \end{aligned}$$

Obviously, if we define $x = y \leftrightarrow x \subseteq y \wedge y \subseteq x$ then $=$ is a congruence. For what follows it is convenient to think of the terms of \mathfrak{J} as independent of the association of \sqcup 's and the order of arguments of \sqcup 's. This is harmless since \sqcup is associative and commutative.

We write $a \subseteq b$ if a is a subterm of b . $a \preceq b \leftrightarrow \exists c \subseteq b \ \mathfrak{J} \vdash a \subseteq c$. a is in normal form if

$$\begin{aligned} a &\equiv \perp, \\ a &\equiv Fa_1 \dots a_n \text{ where each } a_i \text{ is in normal form, or} \\ a &\equiv F_1 a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_{n_1}} \sqcup \dots \sqcup F_m a_{m_1} \dots a_{m_{n_m}} \text{ where each } F_i a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_{n_i}} \text{ is in normal} \\ &\text{form and } i \neq j \rightarrow \mathfrak{J} \not\vdash F_i a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_{n_i}} \subseteq F_j a_{j_1} \dots a_{j_{n_j}}. \end{aligned}$$

The following facts are easily verified:

- (1) $\mathfrak{J} \vdash Fa_1 \dots a_n \subseteq a \sqcup b \rightarrow \mathfrak{J} \vdash Fa_1 \dots a_n \subseteq a \vee \mathfrak{J} \vdash Fa_1 \dots a_n \subseteq b$.
- (2) $\mathfrak{J} \vdash Fa_1 \dots a_n \subseteq Gb_1 \dots b_m \rightarrow F \equiv G \wedge$ for $1 \leq i \leq n \ \mathfrak{J} \vdash a_i \subseteq b_i$.
- (3) $\mathfrak{J} \not\vdash Fa_1 \dots a_n \subseteq \perp$.
- (4) For each a there is a unique normal b such that $\mathfrak{J} \vdash a = b$.
- (5) If $a \subseteq b \wedge \mathfrak{J} \vdash b \subseteq c$ then there exists $d \subseteq c$ such that $\mathfrak{J} \vdash a \subseteq d$.
- (6) If a is normal and $b \preceq a$ then $\mathfrak{J} \not\vdash a \subseteq b$.
- (7) \preceq is transitive, reflexive, and $a \preceq b \wedge b \preceq a \leftrightarrow \mathfrak{J} \vdash a = b$. Let $\mathfrak{J}_a = \mathfrak{J} \cup \{b \subseteq c : b, c \not\preceq a\}$.
- (8) $\mathfrak{J}_a \vdash b \subseteq a \Rightarrow \mathfrak{J} \vdash b \subseteq a$.

Let \mathcal{Q} be the free model of \mathfrak{J} . We consider \mathcal{Q} modulo $=$ as an algebra with $x \subseteq y \leftrightarrow x \sqcup y = y$. Since \mathcal{P}_ω contains all functions on its ground domain \mathcal{P}_ω^* , we may assume that this algebra $\subseteq \mathcal{P}_\omega$, and that its domain is \mathcal{P}_ω^* . Let \mathfrak{M} be its Gandy hull in \mathcal{P}_ω ([11]; briefly, to build \mathfrak{M} take all elements of \mathcal{P}_ω λ -definable from

parameters in \mathcal{Q} , and “collapse” the result to an extensional model of genuine set theoretic functionals).

Now define $\Phi \sqcup \Psi = \lambda z(\Phi z) \sqcup (\Psi z)$ and define a logical relation $\subseteq =$ on τ by $\Phi \subseteq \Psi \Leftrightarrow \Phi \sqcup \Psi = \Psi$.

Claim $\Phi \subseteq \Psi \Leftrightarrow \Phi \sqcup \Psi = \Psi$.

Proof: By induction on types. The basis case is by definition so we proceed to the induction step. Suppose $\Phi \subseteq \Psi$. By induction hypothesis $X \subseteq X$, for X of lower type, so $\Phi X \subseteq \Psi X$. Thus by induction hypothesis $\Phi X \sqcup \Psi X = \Psi X$. Thus $\Phi \sqcup \Psi = \Psi$ by definition of \sqcup . Now suppose $\Phi \sqcup \Psi = \Psi$. Now \subseteq is a partial ordering of its field. In addition, by the construction of \mathfrak{M} , $\perp \subseteq \perp$, $F \subseteq F$ and $\sqcup \subseteq \sqcup$ so by the fundamental theorem of logical relations ([13]) $\forall x x \subseteq x$. Thus \subseteq is a partial ordering. Suppose $X_1 \subseteq X_2$. We have $\Phi X_2 \sqcup \Psi X_2 = (\Phi \sqcup \Psi) X_2 = \Psi X_2$ so by induction hypothesis $\Phi X_2 \subseteq \Psi X_2$. But $\Phi X_1 \subseteq \Phi X_2$ so $\Phi X_1 \subseteq \Psi X_2$. Hence $\Phi \subseteq \Psi$.

In particular, $\mathfrak{M} \vDash \lambda \sqcup$, i.e., $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 \subseteq T_2 \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M} \vDash T_1 \subseteq T_2$. We shall prove the converse.

Definition For $T \in \bar{\Lambda}(\Sigma) = \bar{\Lambda}$ we define the notion of $\lambda \sqcup$ normal form as follows: $T \in \tau$ is in $\lambda \sqcup$ normal form if

- (a) $T \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_t \perp$
- (b) $T \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_t F(T_1 x_1 \dots x_t) \dots (T_n x_1 \dots x_t)$ where each T_i is in $\lambda \sqcup$ normal form and $F \in 0 \rightarrow \underbrace{(\dots (0 \rightarrow 0) \dots)}_n$
- (c) $T \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_t x_i (T_1 x_1 \dots x_t) \dots (T_n x_1 \dots x_t)$ where each T_i is in $\lambda \sqcup$ normal form and $n = t(i)$
- (d) $T \equiv \lambda x_1 \dots x_t (T_1 x_1 \dots x_t) \sqcup \dots \sqcup (T_n x_1 \dots x_t)$ where $n > 1$, each T_i is in $\lambda \sqcup$ normal form and each T_i is of type (b) or (c).

It is easy to see that every term has a $\lambda \sqcup$ normal form.

Lemma Suppose $T_1, T_2 \in \bar{\Lambda}_{\mathfrak{M}}^\tau$ and $\lambda \sqcup \vDash T_1 \subseteq T_2$. Then there exist $U_1 \dots U_t \in \bar{\Lambda}_{\mathfrak{M}}$ such that $\mathfrak{M} \vDash T_1 U_1 \dots U_t \subseteq T_2 U_1 \dots U_t$.

Proof: We may assume that T_1 and T_2 are in $\lambda \sqcup$ normal form. The proof is by induction on $|T_1| + |T_2|$. We distinguish the following cases:

- $T_1 \equiv$ (1) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t \perp$
- (2) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t F(T_{11} x_1 \dots x_t) \dots (T_{1n} x_1 \dots x_t)$
- (3) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t (T_{11} x_1 \dots x_t) \sqcup \dots \sqcup (T_{1n} x_1 \dots x_t)$
- (4) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t x_i (T_{11} x_1 \dots x_t) \dots (T_{1n} x_1 \dots x_t)$

- $T_2 \equiv$ (a) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t \perp$
- (b) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t G(T_{21} x_1 \dots x_t) \dots (T_{2m} x_1 \dots x_t)$
- (c) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t (T_{21} x_1 \dots x_t) \sqcup \dots \sqcup (T_{2m} x_1 \dots x_t)$
- (d) $\lambda x_1 \dots x_t x_j (T_{21} x_1 \dots x_t) \dots (T_{2m} x_1 \dots x_t)$.

Now the cases when $T_1 \equiv$ (1) are impossible and the cases when $T_2 \equiv$ (a) are trivial.

Case $T_1 \equiv (2)$. The cases when $T_2 \equiv (b)$ or $T_2 \equiv (d)$ are immediate or follow directly from the induction hypothesis. Thus we may assume $T_2 \equiv (c)$.

For $1 \leq j \leq m$ $\lambda \sqcup \nVdash T_1 \subseteq T_{2j}$ so by induction hypothesis there exist $U_{1j} \dots U_{tj} \in \bar{\Lambda}_{\mathfrak{M}}$ such that $\mathfrak{M} \nVdash T_1 U_{1j} \dots U_{tj} \subseteq T_{2j} U_{1j} \dots U_{tj}$. Let H be new and for $1 \leq i \leq t$ set

$$U_i \equiv \lambda y_1 \dots y_k H(U_{i1} y_1 \dots y_k) \dots (U_{im} y_1 \dots y_k) \ .$$

Suppose $\mathfrak{M} \Vdash T_1 U_1 \dots U_t \subseteq T_2 U_1 \dots U_t$. Then for some $1 \leq j \leq m$ $\mathfrak{M} \Vdash T_1 U_1 \dots U_t \subseteq T_{2j} U_1 \dots U_t$. Thus $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 U_1 \dots U_t \subseteq T_{2j} U_1 \dots U_t$. Hence, $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 U_{1j} \dots U_{tj} = [\lambda u_1 \dots u_m u_j / H] T_1 U_1 \dots U_t \subseteq [\lambda u_1 \dots u_m u_j / H] T_{2j} U_1 \dots U_t = T_{2j} U_{1j} \dots U_{tj}$ and $\mathfrak{M} \Vdash T_1 U_{1j} \dots U_{tj} \subseteq T_{2j} U_{1j} \dots U_{tj}$. This is a contradiction.

Case $T_1 \equiv (3)$. For some $1 \leq i \leq n$ $\lambda \sqcup \nVdash T_{1i} \subseteq T_2$, so this case follows immediately from the induction hypothesis.

Case $T_1 \equiv (4)$. This case is obvious when $T_2 \equiv (b)$.

Subcase $T_2 \equiv (c)$. Now for $1 \leq j \leq m$ $\lambda \sqcup \nVdash T_1 \subseteq T_{2j}$, so by induction hypothesis $\exists U_{1j} \dots U_{tj} \in \bar{\Lambda}_{\mathfrak{M}}$ such that $\mathfrak{M} \nVdash T_1 U_{1j} \dots U_{tj} \subseteq T_{2j} U_{1j} \dots U_{tj}$. Let H be new and set

$$U_i \equiv \lambda y_1 \dots y_k H(U_{i1} y_1 \dots y_k) \dots (U_{im} y_1 \dots y_k) \ .$$

We have $T_1 U_1 \dots U_t = H(U_{i1}(T_{11} U_1 \dots U_t) \dots (T_{1n} U_1 \dots U_t)) \dots (U_{im}(T_{11} U_1 \dots U_t) \dots (T_{1n} U_1 \dots U_t))$. The remainder of this case proceeds as in case $T_1 \equiv (2)$ $T_2 \equiv (c)$.

Subcase $T_2 \equiv (d)$. This case is obvious unless $i = j$ (so $n = m$). For some $1 \leq l \leq n$, $\lambda \sqcup \nVdash T_{1l} \subseteq T_{2l}$ so by induction hypothesis there exist $V_1 \dots V_{t+k} \in \bar{\Lambda}_{\mathfrak{M}}$ such that $\mathfrak{M} \nVdash T_{1l} V_1 \dots V_{t+k} \subseteq T_{2l} V_1 \dots V_{t+k}$. Let H be new and set

$$\begin{aligned} U_i &\equiv \lambda y_1 \dots y_n H(y_l V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k})(V_i y_1 \dots y_n) \\ U_r &\equiv V_r \text{ if } r \neq i \ . \end{aligned}$$

We have $T_1 U_1 \dots U_t = H(T_{1l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k})(V_i(T_{11} U_1 \dots U_t) \dots (T_{1n} U_1 \dots U_t))$ and $T_2 U_1 \dots U_t = H(T_{2l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k})(V_i(T_{21} U_1 \dots U_t) \dots (T_{2n} U_1 \dots U_t))$. If $\mathfrak{M} \Vdash T_1 U_1 \dots U_t \subseteq T_2 U_1 \dots U_t$ then $\mathfrak{M} \Vdash T_{1l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k} \subseteq T_{2l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k}$. Hence, $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_{1l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k} \subseteq T_{2l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k}$. Thus $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 V_1 \dots V_{t+k} = [\lambda uv \ v / H] T_{1l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k} \subseteq [\lambda uv \ v / H] T_{2l} U_1 \dots U_t V_{t+1} \dots V_{t+k} = T_{2l} V_1 \dots V_{t+k}$. Thus $\mathfrak{M} \Vdash T_{1l} V_1 \dots V_{t+k} \subseteq T_{2l} V_1 \dots V_{t+k}$. This is a contradiction.

From the proof of the lemma we obtain $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 \subseteq T_2 \Leftrightarrow$

$T_1 \equiv (1)$ or

$T_1 \equiv (2)$ and

$T_2 \equiv (b)$ and $F \equiv G$ and for $1 \leq i \leq n$ $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_{1i} \subseteq T_{2i}$ or

$T_2 \equiv (c)$ and for some $1 \leq j \leq m$ $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 \subseteq T_{2j}$ or

$T_1 \equiv (3)$ and for $1 \leq i \leq n$ $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_{1i} \subseteq T_2$ or

$T_1 \equiv (4)$ and

$T_2 \equiv (c)$ and for some $1 \leq j \leq m$ $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 \subseteq T_{2j}$ or

$T_2 \equiv (d)$ and $i = j$ and for $1 \leq k \leq n$ $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T_{1k} \subseteq T_{2k}$.

Thus we have the

Proposition $\mathfrak{M} \vDash T_1 \subseteq T_2 \Leftrightarrow \lambda \sqcup \vdash T_1 \subseteq T_2$. Moreover, in \mathfrak{M} , \subseteq is locally finite (i.e., intervals are finite) and recursive.

Corollary 1 If $Tx = x$ is solvable in every model of $\lambda \sqcup$ then for some n $\lambda \sqcup \vdash T^{n+1} = T^n$.

Proof: If $\mathfrak{M} \vDash TU = U$ then for all n $\mathfrak{M} \vDash T^n \subseteq U$. Thus for some n $\mathfrak{M} \vDash T^{n+1} = T^n$.

Corollary 2 $\lambda \sqcup$ has the finite model property, i.e., invalid equations have finite countermodels.

Proof sketch: Construct \mathfrak{M}_a for \mathfrak{J}_a as \mathfrak{M} was constructed for \mathfrak{J} using \mathcal{O}_n for sufficiently large n . There exists a total homomorphism from \mathfrak{M} onto \mathfrak{M}_a . In particular $\mathfrak{M}_a \vDash \lambda \sqcup$. Now apply the proposition for appropriate a .

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