

151. A Generalization of Curry's Theorem

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1. **Introduction.** It is well-known that [3] Glivenko obtained a reduction of the classical proposition logic *LKS* to the intuitionistic proposition logic *LJS* by putting *double negation* in front of each proposition. Thereafter, [1] Curry, as generalization of the Glivenko theorem above, proved:

$$\begin{aligned} &\vdash_{LKS} \mathfrak{A} \text{ if and only if } \vdash_{LJS} \neg\neg\mathfrak{A}; \\ &\vdash_{LDS} \mathfrak{A} \text{ if and only if } \vdash_{LMS} \neg\neg\mathfrak{A}, \end{aligned}$$

where *LM* is the minimal logic introduced by [5] Johansson which has one axiom $(\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}) \rightarrow ((\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \neg\mathfrak{B}) \rightarrow \neg\mathfrak{A})$ for negation, and *LD* is the logic obtained from *LM* by assuming further $\mathfrak{A} \vee \neg\mathfrak{A}$, or $(\neg\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ (see [2] Curry).

[6] Kleene¹⁾ and [7] Kuroda generalized the Glivenko theorem to predicate logics, namely to a reduction of the classical predicate logic *LK* to the intuitionistic predicate logic *LJ*, essentially by means of *double negation*.

However, the reductions given by them, may be called reductions of *LK* to *LM*. Namely, we can obtain reductions of *LK* to *LM* by their transformations. On the other hand, the Glivenko theorem does not hold true between *LKS* and *LMS*. Accordingly, it seems natural to ask whether there is a transformation which reduces *LK* to *LJ*, not to *LM*, and which reduces *LD* to *LM*, as has been done for proposition logics by Curry.

In the following, the authors define a transformation “_[Λ]”, a modification of Curry's transformation (\mathfrak{A} into $\neg\neg\mathfrak{A}$), by means of which we can solve these problems in the affirmative. The authors would like to express their thanks to Prof. K. Ono for his kind guidance and encouragement.²⁾

2. **Definition of the transformation.** The transformation “_[Λ]” is defined recursively as follows:

(1) If \mathfrak{B} is an elementary formula, $\mathfrak{B}_{[Λ]} \equiv (\mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \wedge) \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$.

(2) If \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} are formulas,

$$(\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B})_{[Λ]} \equiv ((\mathfrak{A}_{[Λ]} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{[Λ]}) \rightarrow \wedge) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}_{[Λ]} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{[Λ]}),$$

1) cf. [4] Gödel. In this paper reductions are given for proposition logic and number theory formulated by Herbrand.

2) Our investigation was originally intended to obtain an interpretation of *LD* in *LO* under significant suggestion of Prof. K. Ono. See [8] Ono.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (\mathfrak{A} \wedge \mathfrak{B})_{[\wedge]} \equiv ((\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]} \wedge \mathfrak{B}_{[\wedge]}) \rightarrow \wedge) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]} \wedge \mathfrak{B}_{[\wedge]}), \\
& (\mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B})_{[\vee]} \equiv ((\mathfrak{A}_{[\vee]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\vee]}) \rightarrow \vee) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}_{[\vee]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\vee]}). \\
(3) \quad & \text{If } x \text{ is a variable and } \mathfrak{A}(x) \text{ is a formula,} \\
& ((x)\mathfrak{A}(x))_{[\wedge]} \equiv ((x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}(x) \rightarrow \wedge) \rightarrow (x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}(x), \\
& ((\exists x)\mathfrak{A}(x))_{[\exists]} \equiv ((\exists x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\exists]}(x) \rightarrow \exists) \rightarrow (\exists x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\exists]}(x).
\end{aligned}$$

In **LM**, negation can be defined by the constant proposition \wedge , i.e., $\neg \mathfrak{A} \equiv (\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \wedge)$. Therefore, in the definition above, $\mathfrak{B}_{[\wedge]}$, $(\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B})_{[\wedge]}$, $(\mathfrak{A} \wedge \mathfrak{B})_{[\wedge]}$, $(\mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B})_{[\vee]}$, $((x)\mathfrak{A}(x))_{[\wedge]}$, and $((\exists x)\mathfrak{A}(x))_{[\exists]}$ are identified to $\rightarrow \mathfrak{B} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}$, $\neg(\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{[\wedge]}) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{[\wedge]})$, $\neg(\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]} \wedge \mathfrak{B}_{[\wedge]}) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]} \wedge \mathfrak{B}_{[\wedge]})$, $\neg(\mathfrak{A}_{[\vee]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\vee]}) \rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}_{[\vee]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\vee]})$, $\neg(x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}(x) \rightarrow (x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}(x)$, and $\neg(\exists x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\exists]}(x) \rightarrow (\exists x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\exists]}(x)$ in **LM** respectively, and $(\neg \mathfrak{A})_{[\wedge]}$ can be defined by $\neg(\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]})$.

3. Main theorem.

Theorem. $\vdash_{LD} \mathfrak{A}$ if and only if $\vdash_{LM} \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$;
 $\vdash_{LK} \mathfrak{A}$ if and only if $\vdash_{LJ} \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$.

This theorem is derived from the following lemmas.

Lemma 1. $\vdash_{LD} \mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$, and also $\vdash_{LK} \mathfrak{A} \equiv \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$.

Proof. This can be proved recursively by definition of the transformation, because $((\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \wedge) \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}) \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}$ holds in **LD**.

Hence, if $\vdash_{LM} \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$, then $\vdash_{LD} \mathfrak{A}$, because **LD** is stronger than **LM**. Also if $\vdash_{LJ} \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$, then $\vdash_{LK} \mathfrak{A}$.

Lemma 2. If $\vdash_{LD} \mathfrak{A}$, then $\vdash_{LM} \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$.

To prove this lemma, we shall formulate **LM** and **LD** in Gentzen's style. In **LM** its negation is defined by constant proposition \wedge , so the schemata for **LM** are the positive part of **LJ**. **LD** is obtained from **LM**, fortifying by the schema

$$ND \frac{\rightarrow \mathfrak{A}, \Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{A}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{A}}.$$

Lemma 2'. From any proof of a formula \mathfrak{A} in **LD**, a proof of $\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$ in **LM** is obtained by carrying out transformation " $[\wedge]$ " on every constituent of it, and by adding some more steps.

Proof. The proof is accomplished by showing that for each schema of **LD**, there is a deduction in **LM** from its transformed sequent above to its transformed sequent below.

(1) Beginning sequent. $\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]} \vdash \mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$ is also a beginning sequent for **LM**.

(2) Schemata for logical constants (except **ND**). These deductions are obtained similarly for all logical constants, so we shall prove only for disjunction (**D1** and **D2**).

Remark. In deductions, we shall use the following items without special notice:

(i) For each \mathfrak{C} , $\mathfrak{C}_{[\wedge]}$ is rewritten in the form $(\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \wedge) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}'$.

(ii) $\Gamma_{[\wedge]}$ stands for the sequence of formulas obtained from Γ by carrying out the transformation on every constituent in Γ .

- (iii) The inversion theorem for implication.
- (iv) The transformation does not change variable conditions.
- (v) Schemata for structure.

D1.

$$\frac{\Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]}}{\frac{\Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}}{\Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash (\mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B})_{[\lambda]}}}$$

Similarly for other succedent rules.

D2.

$$\frac{\frac{\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]} \quad \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}{\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}}{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}' \quad \lambda \vdash \lambda} \quad \frac{\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]} \quad \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}{\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}}{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \lambda} \quad \frac{\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}{\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]}, \mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda \vdash \mathfrak{C}'}}{\frac{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, (\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]} \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}'}{(\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]} \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \vee \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash (\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}'}}{\frac{(\mathfrak{A} \vee \mathfrak{B})_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}'}}}$$

Our tactics of this transformation of deduction would be understood nicely by reading the formal deduction from beneath, especially the last three steps. Other antecedent rules can be transformed into a deduction in **LM** having similar part in the last three steps.

(3) Schema **ND**.

$$\frac{\frac{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda \vdash \mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda \quad \mathfrak{C}' \vdash \mathfrak{C}'}{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, (\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}' \vdash \mathfrak{C}'} \quad \frac{\mathfrak{C}' \vdash \mathfrak{C}' \quad \lambda \vdash \lambda}{\mathfrak{C}', \mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda \vdash \lambda}}{\frac{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, (\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}' \vdash \lambda \quad (\rightarrow \mathfrak{C})_{[\lambda]}, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda \vdash ((\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}') \rightarrow \lambda} \quad \frac{((\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda) \rightarrow \mathfrak{C}') \rightarrow \lambda, \mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}'}}{\mathfrak{C}' \rightarrow \lambda, \Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}'}}{\Gamma_{[\lambda]} \vdash \mathfrak{C}_{[\lambda]}}$$

(4) Schemata for structure. Evident.

By (1)-(4), Lemma 2' is proved. Therefore also Lemma 2.

Lemma 3. *If $\vdash_{LK} \mathfrak{A}$, then $\vdash_{LJ} \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]}$.*

Proof. **LK** and **LJ** are obtained from **LD** and **LM** respectively by taking \mathfrak{A} , $\rightarrow \mathfrak{A} \vdash \mathfrak{B}$, or $\lambda \vdash \mathfrak{B}$ as the added beginning sequent. Therefore we can conclude Lemma 3 from Lemma 2'.

Remark. When transformation “ $_{[\lambda]}$ ” is simplified as follows

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B})_{[\lambda]} &\equiv \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \rightarrow \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \\ (\mathfrak{A} \wedge \mathfrak{B})_{[\lambda]} &\equiv \mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]} \wedge \mathfrak{B}_{[\lambda]}, \\ ((x)\mathfrak{A}(x))_{[\lambda]} &\equiv (x)\mathfrak{A}_{[\lambda]}(x), \end{aligned}$$

and others are same as before, we can also obtain the same result by slightly complicated proofs.

4. Conclusion. We can see by the above theorem that the transformation gives a reduction of **LD** to **LM** and a reduction of

LK to **LJ**, not to **LM**. For, each transformed formula $\mathfrak{A}_{[\wedge]}$ is provable in **LM** if and only if \mathfrak{A} is provable in **LD** which is weaker than **LK**.

Now **LD** and **LK** are obtained from **LM** assuming further $(\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}\rightarrow\mathfrak{A})\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$ (*Clavius' principle*, equivalent to $\mathfrak{A}\vee\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$ *tertium non datur* on **LM**) and $\rightarrow\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$ respectively. In the definition of transformations, [6] Kleene and [7] Kuroda (as [2] Glivenko for proposition logic) carried each subformula \mathfrak{A} into $\rightarrow\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$, the *first part* of $\rightarrow\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$, and have obtained in reality reductions of **LK** to **LM**. On the other hand, in our case (as [1] Curry for proposition logic), the transformation " $[\wedge]$ " carries \mathfrak{A} into $\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$, the *first part* of $(\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}\rightarrow\mathfrak{A})\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$, which is weaker than $\rightarrow\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}\rightarrow\mathfrak{A}$ on **LM**, and we obtain reductions of **LD** to **LM** and of **LK** to **LJ** (not to **LM**).

In the above discussion we are searching for a reduction of **LD** to **LM**. However, one could hope reductions of **LD** and others to weaker (than **LM**) logic such as **LP**, or **LO** in [8] Ono. In the paper [8] Ono investigates systematically the interpretations, generalization of reductions, of various kind of logics in **LO** by introducing a new symbol. Therefore if we superpose Ono's \mathfrak{R} -transformation on our transformation above, we can obtain an interpretation of **LD** in **LO**.

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3) In [1] Curry, **LD** is originally formulated by adding the schema

$$\frac{\mathfrak{A}, \Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{A} \rightarrow \mathfrak{A}, \Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{B}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathfrak{B}}$$

to **LM**, but the equivalence of these schemata on **LM** is easily shown.