

## REVISED PROOF OF SKOLEM'S THEOREM\*

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In [N 91], the author intended to present an easy finitary proof of Skolem's Theorem but unfortunately it turned out to contain some serious errors. This corrected version is self-contained and readers' knowledge of [N 91] is not assumed. Skolem's Theorem is the following statement: *In the classical predicate logic, let  $f$  be a  $k$ -ary function symbol not contained in a formula  $\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k \exists y A(x_1, \dots, x_k, y) \supset B$ . Then*

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k \exists y A(x_1, \dots, x_k, y) \supset B$$

*is valid if and only if*

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k A(x_1, \dots, x_k, f(x_1, \dots, x_k)) \supset B$$

*is valid.*

We use the logical symbols  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\supset$ ,  $\forall$  and  $\exists$ . Different letters are used for free variables and for bound variables. Any set consisting of function symbols and predicate symbols is called a *language*. The language obtained by adding function symbols  $f, g, \dots$  and predicate symbols  $P, Q, \dots$  to any language  $\mathcal{L}$  is written  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f, g, \dots, P, Q, \dots\}$ . *Terms* and *formulae* are constructed according to the usual syntactic rules. Any formula of the form  $(A \supset B) \wedge (B \supset A)$  is abbreviated as  $A \equiv B$ . For any formula  $A(a)$ , the formula

$$\exists x A(x) \wedge \forall x \forall y (A(x) \wedge A(y) \supset x = y)$$

is abbreviated as  $\exists! x A(x)$ . If two formal expressions  $A$  and  $B$  differ only in their bound variables,  $A$  and  $B$  are *congruent* [K 52, §33] or  $A$  is an *alphabetical variant* of  $B$  [T 75, §3].

A *cedent* is a sequence of zero or more formulae separated by commas. A *sequent* is an expression of the form

$$\Gamma \longrightarrow \theta$$

where  $\Gamma$  and  $\theta$  are any decents. *Partition of cedent* is defined as follows:

- (1) If  $\Gamma$  is the empty cedent then  $[\Gamma; \Gamma]$  is the only partition of  $\Gamma$ .
  - (2) If  $[\Gamma_1; \Gamma_2]$  is a partition of  $\Gamma$  then  $[\Gamma_1, A; \Gamma_2]$  and  $[\Gamma_1; \Gamma_2, A]$  are partitions of  $\Gamma, A$ .
- A *partition* of a sequent  $\Gamma \rightarrow \theta$  is an ordered pair (of sequents)

$$[\Gamma_1 \longrightarrow \theta_1; \Gamma_2 \longrightarrow \theta_2]$$

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where  $[\Gamma_1; \Gamma_2]$  is any partition of  $\Gamma$  and  $[\theta_1; \theta_2]$  is any partition of  $\theta$ .

For any formula or a cedent or a sequent  $S$ , let

$FV(S)$  = the set of free variables occurring in  $S$ ,

$BV(S)$  = the set of bound variables occurring in  $S$ ,

$Func(S)$  = the set of function symbols occurring in  $S$ .

For any formula or a cedent or a sequent  $S$ ,  $Pred^+(S)$  (resp.  $Pred^-(S)$ ) denotes the set of predicate symbols occurring positively (resp. negatively) in  $S$  and  $Pred(S)$  denotes the set of all predicate symbols occurring in  $S$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a language. A term  $t$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -term if  $Func(t) \subset \mathcal{L}$ . If  $Func(A) \cup Pred(A) \subset \mathcal{L}$  then  $A$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula. The language  $Func(A) \cup Pred(A)$  is called the language of  $A$  and denoted as  $\mathcal{L}(A)$ . Similar notations and terminologies are used for cedents and sequents.

For any formal expression  $S$  and for any (free or bound) variable  $v$ ,  $S[v:=t]$  denotes the result of replacing all occurrences of variable  $v$  in  $S$  with  $t$ . When a formula is denoted as  $A(a)$ , the expression  $A(a)[a:=t]$  is abbreviated as  $A(t)$ .

The system  $LK_e$  (*LK with equality*) is an extension of  $LK$  obtained by adding the following schemata for initial sequents:

$$\begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow t=t \\ s=t, A(s) \longrightarrow A(t) \end{array}$$

where  $a$  is a free variable,  $s$  and  $t$  are terms and  $A(a)$  is an atomic formula. This system is equivalent to  $LK_e$  in [T 75, §7].  $LK_e$  is also equivalent to the system  $LKG$  [N 66], which is an extension of  $LK$  obtained with additional inference schemata

$$\frac{t=t, \Gamma \longrightarrow \theta}{\Gamma \longrightarrow \theta} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\Gamma \longrightarrow \theta, A(s) \quad A(t), \Delta \longrightarrow A}{s=t, \Gamma, \Delta \longrightarrow \theta, A}$$

where  $a$  is a free variable,  $s$  and  $t$  are terms and  $A(a)$  is an atomic formula.

A *derivation* (or a *proof figure*) is defined as usual. A sequent  $S$  is *LK-provable* and denoted as  $\vdash S$  if there exists an *LK-derivation* of  $S$ . If there exists an *LK-derivation*  $\mathcal{H}$  of a sequent  $S$  and if all sequents in  $\mathcal{H}$  are  $\mathcal{L}$ -sequents, then  $S$  is *LK-provable in*  $\mathcal{L}$  and denoted as  $\mathcal{L}\vdash S$ . Corresponding terminologies and notations are used also for  $LK_e$ . If the equality symbol  $=$  is not contained in  $\mathcal{L}$ , then  $LK_e$ -provability in  $\mathcal{L}$  is clearly equivalent to  $LK$ -provability in  $\mathcal{L}$ .

If  $A(a_1, \dots, a_n)$  is a formula and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  are distinct bound variables not occurring in this formula, then the formal expression

$$\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. A(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

is an *n-ary abstract* [T 75, §20]. If  $V$  is  $\lambda x_1 \dots x_n. A(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and if  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are terms then  $V(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  denotes the formula  $A(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ . For any *n-ary abstract*  $V$ , define

$$\text{Func}(V) = \text{Func}(V(a_1, \dots, a_n)),$$

$$\text{Pred}(V) = \text{Pred}(V(a_1, \dots, a_n))$$

where  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are free variables not occurring in  $V$ . An abstract  $V$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -abstract if  $\text{Func}(V) \cup \text{Pred}(V) \subset \mathcal{L}$ .

For any  $k$ -ary predicate symbol  $P$  and any  $k$ -ary abstract  $V$ , the result of substituting  $V$  for  $P$  in a formula or a cedent or a sequent  $S$  is denoted as  $S[P:=V]$ .

The key idea of our proof is replacing a function symbol by a predicate symbol [K 52, §74]. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a language, let  $f$  be a  $k$ -ary function symbol not contained in  $\mathcal{L}$  and let  $F$  be a  $(k+1)$ -ary predicate symbol not contained in  $\mathcal{L}$ . The  $(f;F)$ -transformation applies to  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\}$ -terms and to  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\}$ -formulae. Any  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\}$ -term is transformed into a unary  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\}$ -abstract and any  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\}$ -formula is transformed into an  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\}$ -formula. Definition is by the following induction.

- (1)  $a^*$  is  $\lambda u.(u=a)$ .
- (2)  $f(t_1, \dots, t_k)^*$  is  
 $\lambda u. \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_k (t_1^*(x_1) \wedge \dots \wedge t_k^*(x_k) \wedge F(x_1, \dots, x_k, u))$   
 where  $u, x_1, \dots, x_k \in \text{BV}(t_1^*) \cup \dots \cup \text{BV}(t_k^*)$ .
- (3)  $g(t_1, \dots, t_n)^*$  is  
 $\lambda u. \exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n (t_1^*(x_1) \wedge \dots \wedge t_n^*(x_n) \wedge u = g(x_1, \dots, x_n))$   
 where  $u, x_1, \dots, x_n \in \text{BV}(t_1^*) \cup \dots \cup \text{BV}(t_n^*)$ .
- (4)  $P(t_1, \dots, t_n)^*$  is  
 $\exists x_1 \dots \exists x_n (t_1^*(x_1) \wedge \dots \wedge t_n^*(x_n) \wedge P(x_1, \dots, x_n))$   
 where  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \text{BV}(t_1^*) \cup \dots \cup \text{BV}(t_n^*)$ .
- (5)  $(A \wedge B)^*$  is  $A^* \wedge B^*$ ,  $(A \vee B)^*$  is  $A^* \vee B^*$ ,  $(A \supset B)^*$  is  $A^* \supset B^*$  and  $(\neg A)^*$  is  $\neg A^*$ .
- (6)  $(\forall x A(x))^*$  is  $\forall y A^*(y)$  and  $(\exists x A(x))^*$  is  $\exists y A^*(y)$  where  $y$  is any bound variable such that  $y \notin \text{BV}(A(a)^*)$ .

Example. In case of  $k=1$ ,  $(f(a)=b)^*$  is (any alphabetical variant of)

$$\exists x \exists y (\exists z (z = a \wedge F(z, x)) \wedge y = b \wedge x = y).$$

For any  $(k+1)$ -ary predicate symbol  $F$ , the *existence condition* [Mo 82]  $\text{Ex}(F)$  is the formula

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k \exists y F(x_1, \dots, x_k, y)$$

and the *uniqueness condition* [Mo 82]  $\text{Un}(F)$  is the formula

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k \forall y \forall z (F(x_1, \dots, x_k, y) \wedge F(x_1, \dots, x_k, z) \supset y = z).$$

**Lemma 1.** *An  $\mathcal{L}$ -sequent is LK-provable if and only if it is LK-provable in  $\mathcal{L}$ . An  $\mathcal{L}$ -sequent is  $LK_e$ -provable if and only if it is  $LK_e$ -provable in  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{=\}$ . □*

*Proof.* The first part of Lemma is a direct consequence of Gentzen's cut-elimination theorem [G 35]. The latter part follows from cut-elimination theorem of  $LK_e$  [T 75, §7] or cut-elimination theorem of  $LKG$  [N 66]. □

**Lemma 2.** *Let  $P$  be a  $k$ -ary predicate symbol,  $V$  be a  $k$ -ary  $\mathcal{L}$ -abstract and  $S$  be any  $\mathcal{L}$ -sequent. If  $\mathcal{L} \vdash S$  then  $\mathcal{L} \vdash S[P:=V]$ . If  $\mathcal{L} \vdash_e S$  then  $\mathcal{L} \vdash_e S[P:=V]$ . □*

Proof. Case  $LK$ : By cut-elimination theorem, there exists an cut-free  $LK$ -derivation  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $S$ . Applying *redesignation of free variables* [G 35, III 3.10],  $\mathcal{H}$  can be converted into a cut-free  $LK$ -derivation  $\mathcal{H}'$  of  $S$  such that no eigenvariable of  $\mathcal{H}'$  occurs in  $V$ . Substitute  $V$  for  $P$  in every sequent of  $\mathcal{H}'$ . The result of substitution is easily verified to be an  $LK$ -derivation of  $S[P:=V]$ . Similarly for Case  $LK_e$ .  $\square$

Now let a  $k$ -ary function symbol  $f$  and a  $(k+1)$ -ary predicate symbol  $F$  be fixed. We state some Lemmas concerning the  $(f;F)$ -transformation.

**Lemma 3.** For any  $\mathcal{L}$ -term  $t$ ,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F) \longrightarrow \exists ! x t^*(x). \quad \square$$

Proof. By induction on the structure of  $t$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 4.** For any free variable  $a$ , any  $\mathcal{L}$ -term  $t$  and any  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula  $A$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e &\longrightarrow t^*(a) \equiv a = t, \\ \mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e &\longrightarrow A^* \equiv A. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 5.** For any free variable  $a$  and any  $\mathcal{L}$ -terms  $s$  and  $t$ ,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), t^*(a) \longrightarrow s^*(b) \equiv s[a:=t]^*(b). \quad \square$$

Proof. By induction on the structure of  $s$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 6.** If  $= \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $a$  is a free variable,  $t$  is a  $\mathcal{L}$ -term and  $A$  is a  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula, then

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), t^*(a) \longrightarrow A^* \equiv A[a:=t]^*. \quad \square$$

Proof. By induction on the structure of  $A$ .  $\square$

**Lemma 7.** If  $= \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $a$  is a free variable,  $t$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -term and  $A(a)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}$ -formula, then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \forall x A(x)^* &\longrightarrow A(t)^*, \\ \mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), A(t)^* &\longrightarrow \exists x A(x)^*. \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Proof. Let  $a \in \text{FV}(\forall x A(x)) \cup \text{FV}(t)$ . By Lemma 6,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), t^*(a) \longrightarrow A(a)^* \equiv A(t)^*.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), t^*(a), A(a)^* &\longrightarrow A(t)^*, \\ \mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), t^*(a), \forall x A(x)^* &\longrightarrow A(t)^*, \\ \mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \exists x t^*(x), \forall x A(x)^* &\longrightarrow A(t)^*. \end{aligned}$$

By Lemma 3,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \forall x A(x)^* \longrightarrow A(t)^*.$$

The latter half is proved similarly.  $\square$

**Lemma 8.** For any  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\}$ -sequent  $\Gamma \rightarrow \theta$ , if  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\} \vdash \Gamma \rightarrow \theta$  then

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \Gamma^* \longrightarrow \theta^*. \quad \square$$

**Proof.** By cut-elimination theorem, there exists a cut-free  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\}$ -LK-derivation  $\mathcal{H}$  of  $\Gamma \rightarrow \theta$ . It suffices to prove by induction that

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \Phi^* \longrightarrow \Psi^*$$

for any sequent  $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$  occurring in  $\mathcal{H}$ . The statement is evident for initial sequents. We divide cases according to the inference whose lower sequent is  $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$ .

Case  $(\rightarrow \exists)$ . Let the inference be

$$\frac{\Delta \longrightarrow \Lambda, A(t)}{\Delta \longrightarrow \Lambda, \exists x A(x)} (\rightarrow \exists).$$

Since  $\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\} \vdash \Delta \rightarrow \Lambda, A(t)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \Delta^* \longrightarrow \Lambda^*, A(t)^*$$

by the inductive hypothesis. By Lemma 7,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), A(t)^* \longrightarrow \exists x A(x)^*,$$

hence

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \Delta^* \longrightarrow \Lambda^*, \exists x A(x)^*.$$

Case  $(\forall \rightarrow)$ . Similarly by Lemma 7.

All the other cases are straightforward.  $\square$

**Theorem 9** (Lyndon). For any partition  $[\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \theta_1; \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \theta_2]$  of an LK-provable sequent  $\Gamma \rightarrow \theta$ , if

$$\text{Pred}^-(\Gamma_1 \longrightarrow \theta_1) \cap \text{Pred}^+(\Gamma_2 \longrightarrow \theta_2) \ni \phi$$

or

$$\text{Pred}^+(\Gamma_1 \longrightarrow \theta_1) \cap \text{Pred}^-(\Gamma_2 \longrightarrow \theta_2) \ni \phi$$

then there exists a formula  $C$  satisfying the following properties:

- (1)  $\vdash \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \theta_1, C$  and  $\vdash C, \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \theta_2$ .
- (2)  $\text{FV}(C) \subset \text{FV}(\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \theta_1) \cap \text{FV}(\Gamma_2 \rightarrow \theta_2)$ .
- (3)  $\text{Pred}^+(C) \subset \text{Pred}^-(\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \theta_1) \cap \text{Pred}^+(\Gamma_2 \rightarrow \theta_2)$ .
- (4)  $\text{Pred}^-(C) \subset \text{Pred}^+(\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \theta_1) \cap \text{Pred}^-(\Gamma_2 \rightarrow \theta_2)$ .  $\square$

Any formula  $C$  satisfying (1)–(4) is called a *Lyndon interpolant* of the partition  $[\Gamma_1 \rightarrow \theta_1; \Gamma_2 \rightarrow \theta_2]$ .

Lyndon's proof is not finitary but a finitary proof can be carried out with Maehara's method [Ma 73, §8.3], [T 75, §6].

**Theorem 10.** *If a sequent  $S$  contains no equality symbol and if  $\vdash_e S$  then  $\vdash S$ .  $\square$*

**Proof.** This is an easy application of cut-elimination theorem of  $LK$  with equality [Ma 73, §6.6], [T 75, §7], [N 66].  $\square$

**Theorem 11 (Skolem).** *Let  $f$  be a  $k$ -ary function symbol not occurring in*

$$\forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k \exists y A(x_1, \dots, x_k, y), \Delta, A.$$

*If*

$$\vdash \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k A(x_1, \dots, x_k, f(x_1, \dots, x_k)), \Delta \longrightarrow A$$

*then*

$$\vdash \forall x_1 \dots \forall x_k \exists y A(x_1, \dots, x_k, y), \Delta \longrightarrow A. \quad \square$$

**Proof.** For the sake of simplicity in notation, we assume  $k=1$ . Let  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\forall x \exists y A(x, y), \Delta, A)$  and let  $F$  be a 2-ary predicate symbol not contained in  $\mathcal{L}$ . Assume

$$\vdash \forall x A(x, f(x)), \Delta \longrightarrow A.$$

Whence follows

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{f\} \vdash \forall x A(x, f(x)), \Delta \longrightarrow A \quad (1)$$

by Lemma 1. By Lemma 8,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \forall x A(x, f(x))^*, \Delta^* \longrightarrow A^*. \quad (2)$$

Because  $f(a)^*(b)$  is  $\exists x(x=a \wedge F(x, b))$ ,

$$\{=, F\} \vdash_e f(a)^*(b) \equiv F(a, b). \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e \longrightarrow A(a, b)^* \equiv A(a, b) \quad (4)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), f(a)^*(b) \longrightarrow A(a, b)^* \equiv A(a, f(a)) \quad (5)$$

follows immediately from Lemmas 4 and 6 respectively. From (3), (4) and (5) we obtain successively

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), F(a, b) \longrightarrow A(a, f(a))^* \equiv A(a, b),$$

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), F(a, b) \longrightarrow A(a, f(a))^* \equiv F(a, b) \wedge A(a, b),$$

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), F(a, b) \longrightarrow A(a, f(a))^* \equiv \exists y(F(a, y) \wedge A(a, y)),$$

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \text{Ex}(F) \longrightarrow A(a, f(a))^* \equiv \exists y(F(a, y) \wedge A(a, y)),$$

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F) \longrightarrow \forall x A(x, f(x))^* \equiv \forall x \exists y(F(x, y) \wedge A(x, y)). \quad (6)$$

By Lemma 4,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e \longrightarrow B^* \equiv B$$

for any member  $B$  of  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{A}$ . Therefore

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \forall x A(x, f(x))^*, \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A} \quad (7)$$

follows from (2). From (6) and (7) follows

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \forall x \exists y (F(x, y) \wedge A(x, y)), \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}. \quad (8)$$

Consider the partition

$$[\text{Un}(F) \longrightarrow \quad ; \forall x \exists y (F(x, u) \wedge A(x, y)), \text{Ex}(F), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}]$$

of this sequent. Then

$$\text{Pred}^-(\text{Un}(F) \longrightarrow) = \{=\}, \quad \text{Pred}^+(\text{Un}(F) \longrightarrow) = \{F\}$$

and

$$F \notin \text{Pred}^+(\forall x \exists y (F(x, y) \wedge A(x, y)), \text{Ex}(F), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}),$$

Let  $C$  be a Lyndon interpolant of this partition. Then  $C$  satisfies  $\text{Pred}(C) \subset \{=\}$ ,

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \text{Un}(F) \longrightarrow C \quad (9)$$

and

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e C, \forall x \exists y (F(x, y) \wedge A(x, y)), \text{Ex}(F), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}. \quad (10)$$

Substitute  $\lambda uv.(u=v)$  for  $F$  in (9) and apply Lemma 2. Then

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e \forall x \forall y \forall z (x=y \wedge x=z \supset y=z) \longrightarrow C,$$

hence

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e \longrightarrow C. \quad (11)$$

From (10), (11) and

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{F\} \vdash_e \forall x \exists y (F(x, y) \wedge A(x, y)) \longrightarrow \text{Ex}(F),$$

it follows

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \forall x \exists y (F(x, y) \wedge A(x, y)), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}.$$

By substitution of  $\lambda uv.A(u, v)$  for  $F$ , we obtain

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e \forall x \exists y (A(x, y) \wedge A(x, y)), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}.$$

Hence

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=\} \vdash_e \forall x \exists y A(x, y), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}. \quad (12)$$

By Lemma 10, we conclude

$$\mathcal{L} \vdash \forall x \exists y A(x, y), \mathcal{A} \longrightarrow \mathcal{A}. \quad \square$$

**Remark.** Another proof is sketched in [Mo 82], which can be stated as follows. From (8) we have

$$\mathcal{L} \cup \{=, F\} \vdash_e \forall x \forall y (F(x, y) \supset A(x, y)), \text{Ex}(F), \text{Un}(F), A \longrightarrow A. \quad (13)$$

Since  $F \notin \text{Pred}^-(\forall x \forall y (F(x, y) \supset A(x, y)), A \rightarrow A)$ ,

$$\mathcal{L} \cap \{=, F\} \vdash_e \forall x \forall y (F(x, y) \supset A(x, y)), \text{Ex}(F), A \longrightarrow A \quad (14)$$

by [Mo 82, Theorem 1]. We obtain (12) by substituting  $\lambda uv.A(u, v)$  for  $F$ .

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