

Refutation of Metamath theorem prover

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Abstract: We evaluate six conjectures and one theorem, as proffered by Metamath staff. The conjectures are *not* tautologous. The Tarski-Grothendieck theorem is also *not* tautologous. Metamath fails our analysis.

We assume the method and apparatus of Meth8/VL4 with Tautology as the designated *proof* value, **F** as contradiction, **N** as truthity (non-contingency), and **C** as falsity (contingency). Results are a 16-valued truth table in row-major and horizontal, or repeating fragments of 128-tables for more variables. (See ersatz-systems.com.)

[C]onsider the theorem

$$\neg \exists y \exists z \forall x (x = y) \tag{1.1}$$

which is provable in FOL.

LET $p, q, r: x, y, z;$
 \sim Not, \neg ; $\&$ And, \wedge ; Or; $=$ Equivalent, \leftrightarrow ; $@$ Not Equivalent;
 $>$ Imply, \rightarrow , greater than; $<$ Not Imply, lesser than;
 $\#$ necessity, for all or every, \forall ; $\%$ possibility, for one or some, \exists ;
 $(p=p)$ Tautology.

$$(\sim\#q\&(\%r\&p))=q; \quad \text{TNFC TFFC TNFC TFFC} \tag{1.2}$$

Remark 1.1: Eq. 1.2 as rendered is *not* tautologous, hence not provable in FOL per Meth8/VL4.

The Exists.z part is trivial because z is not in the statement, so it says that not every y is equal to some fixed variable x.

We consider Eqs. 1.0, 1.1 without the z as r:

$$(\sim\#q\&p)=q; \quad \text{TFFC TFFC TFFC TFFC} \tag{1.2.2}$$

Remark 1.2.2: Table results for Eq. 1.2.2 differ from Eq. 1.2 by the lines TNFC, so the exists z part is not so trivial (even though z isn't in the statement).

(If the free x is uncomfortable, [one] can also bind it [Eq. 1.1] as

$$\forall x \neg \exists y \exists z (x = y) \tag{2.1}$$

$$((\#p\&\sim\#q)\&(\%r\&p))=q; \quad \text{TTF TCF TTF TCF} \tag{2.2}$$

Remark 2.2: Table results for Eqs. 1.2, 1.2.2, 2.2 are different, so the binding in 2.1 is not equivalent to 1.1.

... [one] would translate this [Eq. 2.2] to:

$$\sim\#(p=q) \quad (3.2)$$

$$\sim(\#(p=q)=(p=p)) = (p=p) ; \quad \text{CTTC CTTC CTTC CTTC} \quad (3.2.2)$$

Remark 3.2.2: Eq. 3.2.2 does not produce the same table result as Eq. 2.2, meaning this translation of equivalence is mistaken.

and

$$\%(p=q) \text{ evaluates to T,} \quad (4.1)$$

$$\%(p=q) = (p=p) ; \quad \text{TCCT TCCT TCCT TCCT} \quad (4.2)$$

Remark 4.2: Eq. 4.1 is *not* tautologous, hence mistaken as an evaluation.

so

$$\sim\#T \text{ evaluates to F.} \quad (5.1)$$

$$\sim(\#(p=p)=(p=p)) = (p@p) ; \quad \text{NNNN NNNN NNNN NNNN} \quad (5.2)$$

Remark 5.2: The table result for Eq. 5.2 is truthity, and hence at a single value stage closest to tautology.

The Tarski–Grothendieck [*ax-groth*] is rendered as:

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\neg (x \rightarrow E. y) \wedge \neg (A. z \rightarrow E. y)) \wedge \\ & \quad (((z \rightarrow A. w) \rightarrow \neg (A. w \rightarrow E. y)) \wedge \\ & \quad (\neg (E. w \rightarrow E. y) \wedge (\neg (\neg z \rightarrow A. v) \rightarrow \neg (A. v \rightarrow w)))) \wedge \\ & (\neg (\neg y \rightarrow A. z) \rightarrow ((A. z \leftrightarrow y) \wedge \neg (A. z \rightarrow y))) \end{aligned} \quad (6.1)$$

LET $w, x, y, z:$ $w, x, y, z.$

$$\begin{aligned} & ((\sim(x>\%y)\&\sim(\#z>\%y)) \& \\ & \quad (((z>\#w)>\sim(\#w>\%y)) \& \\ & \quad (\sim(\%w>\%y)\&(\sim(\sim z>\#v)>\sim(\#v>w)))) \& \\ & (\sim(\sim y>\#z)>((\#z=y)\&\sim(\#z>y))) ; \end{aligned} \quad \text{TTF F TCFF TTF F TCF F} \quad (6.2)$$

Remark 6.2: Eq. 6.2 is *not* tautologous, meaning that *ax-groth* is refuted.