

## A PROOF OF A THEOREM OF ŁUKASIEWICZ

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We present a proof of Łukasiewicz's theorem in [1] that Syllogism, Peirce and any expression of the form  $CpCa\beta$  are, with detachment and substitution, sufficient for two-valued implication. Łukasiewicz proceeded by deriving  $CpCqp$  with masterly economy of detachments, to get the Bernays axioms. The present method obtains instead  $CpCCqqCqq$  to get the Wajsberg axioms from [2]. Though greatly more prodigal of detachments, it seems pleasing in virtue of a certain simplicity in the use of auxiliary theses derived only from 1 and 2, and by its delay of the use of 3 till the last moment. It may perhaps be found easier to remember than Łukasiewicz's and to be useful for purposes of instruction. The axioms are:

1.  $CCpqCCqrCpr$
2.  $CCCpqp$
3.  $CpCa\beta$

From 1 and 2 we derive:

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| $D1.1 = 4.$       | $CCCCqrCprsCCpqs$ |
| $D4.4 = 5.$       | $CCpCqrCCsqCpCsr$ |
| $D4D5.1 = 6.$     | $CCpqCCspCCqrCsr$ |
| $D4.2 = 7.$       | $CCpCpqCpq$       |
| $D1.2 = 8.$       | $CCprCCCpqr$      |
| $D6.2 = 9.$       | $CCsCCpqpCCprCsr$ |
| $D1D4.8 > 10.$    | $CCRRsCCCRQRs$    |
| $D1DD1.6.8 > 11.$ | $CCCCRQRsCQs$     |

10 and 11 are not the most general results of the detachments but substitutions in those.  $Q$  abbreviates  $Cqq$ ,  $R$  abbreviates  $CQQ$ . 4 and 8 will not be used again, 6 only once.

In the following list, each member implies its successor in accordance with the thesis mentioned, the first therefore implies the last by successive applications of 1.

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