

INDEPENDENCE OF FARIS-REJECTION-AXIOMS

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[1] questions the independence of the rejection-axioms in [2]. This system for non-void classes, based on the primitive expressions: $1xy$ (x and y are co-extensive), $2xy$ (x is properly included in y), $3xy$ (x and y include a common subclass and each a distinct subclass), $5xy$ (x and y have no common subclass), was shown equivalent to the syllogistic of [3] in [4] where some alternative assertion-axioms were given. The non-independence of the original set of assertion-axioms is proved in [5]. The resulting, independent set, with original numbering, is:

1. $1aa$ 3. $C1abC3cb3ac$ 4. $C1abC2bc2ac$ 5. $C1abC5cb5ac$
 6. $C2abC2bc2ac$ 7. $C2abC5bc5ac$ 8. $CN1abCN2abCN3abCN2ba5ab$
 9. $C1abKN2abKN3abN5ab$ 10. $C3abKN2abN5ab$

The rejection-axioms, which will here be proved independent, are:

51. $C2abN2bc$ 52. $C2abN5bc$ 53. $C2abC3bcN2ac$
 54. $C2abC3bcN3ac$ 55. $C2abC3bcN5ac$ 56. $C2abC2cbN5ac$
 57. $C3abC2bcN2ac$ 58. $C3abC3bcN3ac$ 59. $C3abC3bcN5ac$
 60. $C3abC5bcN5ac$ 61. $C5abC5bcN5ac$

Besides the basic rules of rejection usual for such systems, viz. from $\neg Y$ and $\neg CXY$ to infer $\neg X$, and, from $\neg Y$, to infer $\neg X$ when Y is a substitution in X , there is a special rule (RG), discussion of which is reserved till later.

The method adopted is to transfer $\neg -n$ from the rejection- to the assertion-axioms and find an interpretation which (always) verifies the newly augmented assertion axioms and (sometimes) falsifies the remaining rejects. In every case we shall use a subdomain of the general domain for which the system is intended, thus ensuring continued verification of the original assertion-axioms and applicability of the rules. In Tables I and II below, each capital letter represents a class exclusive of all the others, juxtaposition expressing the logical sum. For each $\neg -n$ transferred to the assertion axioms we use one or other of the tables less line n , and the domain of interpretation is precisely the other classes that thus come to be tabled. Table I is used for $\neg 51$, $\neg 53 - \neg 59$; Table II for $\neg 52$, $\neg 60$ and $\neg 61$. In each table