

SOME NOTES ON "A DEDUCTION THEOREM FOR RESTRICTED GENERALITY"

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In [2] the deduction theorem for Ξ :

If $X_0, X \vdash Y$, and $X_0 \vdash \mathbf{L}([u]X)$ where u is not involved in X_0 , then $X_0 \vdash X \supset_u Y$,¹

was proved using the following axioms.

Axiom 2. $\vdash \mathbf{L}x \supset_x \Xi xx$.

Axiom 3. $\vdash \mathbf{L}x \supset_{x,y} : xu \supset_u. yuv \supset_v xu$.

Axiom 4. $\vdash \mathbf{L}x \supset_{x,t} : xu \supset_u yu(tu) \supset_y. (xu \supset_u (yuv \supset_v zuv)) \supset_x (xu \supset_u zu(tu))$.

Axiom 5. $\vdash \mathbf{L}x \supset_x \Xi x$ (**WQ**).

Axiom 6. $\vdash \Xi \mathbf{I} \mathbf{H}$.

Axiom 7. $\vdash \mathbf{L} \mathbf{H}$.

Of these, $\vdash \mathbf{L} \mathbf{H}$ as it restricts the system to obs which satisfy

$$\mathbf{A}u \vdash \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{H}u),$$

is a somewhat unsatisfying axiom. In particular with $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{A}$ it is inconsistent with the others (see [1]).

Also the rules obtained by applying Rule Ξ once to each of the remaining axioms are consistent. This was shown in an unpublished paper by H. B. Curry and the author. Curry in [3] proved that for an equivalent system no nonpropositions are provable and Seldin in [4] has shown consistency in a stronger sense.

We show here that the deduction theorem for Ξ can be proved without $\vdash \mathbf{L} \mathbf{H}$. We achieve this by taking \mathbf{L} as primitive (rather than as defined by $\mathbf{L} \equiv \mathbf{F} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{H}$) and we define \mathbf{H} as $\mathbf{B} \mathbf{L} \mathbf{K}$. Axiom 3 leads to the rule:

$$\mathbf{L}x, xu \vdash yuv \supset_v xu$$

1. In [2] $\mathbf{L} \equiv \mathbf{F} \mathbf{A} \mathbf{H}$. $X \supset_u Y$ is an alternative notation for $\Xi([u]X) ([u]Y)$.