

TWO REMARKS CONCERNING MENDER'S AND SCHULTZ'
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THE 2-PLACE FUNCTORS IN THE 2-VALUED
CALCULUS OF PROPOSITIONS.

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We denote the sixteen 2-place functors of the 2-valued calculus of propositions by the symbols introduced by Menger:¹

$$I, A, B, C, D, E, I, J, I' (=0), A', B', C', D', E', I', J'.$$

A is incompatibility, B is disjunction, C is implication, D is the converse implication, E is equivalence, I and J are the selectors, I is the constant functor of value 1. Primes indicate negation. The two hundred fifty-six 2-place transformations (i.e., ordered pairs of 2-place functors) constitute a semigroup which is isomorphic to the semigroup of all functions mapping $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ into $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

Menger and Schultz show that this semigroup can be generated by the three transformations

$$h = (J', I'), e = (I', E), a = (A, I')$$

The first two transformations, by themselves, generate a subgroup isomorphic to the symmetric group on four elements.

Our first remark is that while h , e , and a are in terms of four functors (viz., I' , J' , E , A) the semigroup of the 2-place transformations in terms of only three 2-place functors, e.g. by either one of the following triples of transformations in terms of I' , E , A .

$$e = (I', E), c = (E, I'), a = (A, I') \text{ or } e = (I', E), c = (E, I'), b = (A, E).$$

All that has to be shown in order to prove the first contention is that h can be expressed in terms of e and c . But this is the case since $h = e e c e$. The second contention can be established by the following expression of a in terms of e , c , and b :

$$a = e c b c c$$

It should be noted that

$$h h h = h, c c c c = c, e e e e e = e.$$

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