

ON THE GENERALIZED BROUWERIAN AXIOMS

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After Oskar Becker<sup>1</sup> a modal thesis of the following form:<sup>2</sup>

$$B_n \quad \mathcal{C}pL^nMp$$

for any  $n > 1$ , is called a generalized Brouwerian axiom. Since in Lewis' system S4 the following thesis

$$M1 \quad \mathcal{C}LpLLp$$

holds, it is obvious that in S4 (and hence a fortiori in S5) every formula  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ , is inferentially equivalent to the proper Brouwerian axiom, i.e. Lewis' thesis

$$C12 \quad \mathcal{C}pLMp$$

On the other hand, it seems that in the field of some of Lewis' systems which are weaker than S4, a generalized Brouwerian axiom  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ , is a stronger thesis than C12. For while, as far as I know, only the following definitive results concerning the addition of C12 to the systems weaker than S4 are obtained:

- a) In [5], pp. 151-152, Parry has proved that the addition of C12 to S3 gives system S5 of Lewis.

and

- b) In [8], pp. 56-58, I have shown recently that the same holds, if we add C12 as a new axiom either to S3<sup>o</sup> or to S3\*.

and while the effect of the addition of C12 either to S1<sup>o</sup> or to S1 is not yet fully investigated,<sup>3</sup> in [2], pp. 78-81, it is proved by Churchman that the addition of  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ , to S2 gives system S5.

In this note I shall investigate some properties of a generalized Brouwerian axiom, i.e. of formula  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ . Namely:

- 1) In §1 a certain subsystem of S1 is defined. This system, called S1\* is such that it is weaker than S1, it contains S1<sup>o</sup> and it is stronger than the latter system.

2) In §2 I show that the addition of  $B_n$  to  $S1^*$  (and hence a fortiori to  $S1$ ) gives system  $S5$ . Thus, the result of Churchman is strengthened.

3) In §3 it is proved that the same holds, if we add  $B_n$  either to  $S3^0$  or to  $S3^*$ .

§1. We obtain system  $S1^*$  by addition of the following new axiom

$$J1 \quad \mathcal{C}M\dot{p}MM\dot{p}$$

to  $S1^0$ . Group IV of Lewis-Langford<sup>4</sup> verifies  $S1^*$ , and falsifies the proper axiom of  $S1$ , i.e. the thesis

$$G1 \quad \mathcal{C}pMp$$

since for  $p = 1$ :  $G1 = \mathcal{C}1M1 = \mathcal{C}12 = 3$ . On the other hand, the following modification of Parry's matrix:<sup>5</sup>

K	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	N	M
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1
1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	6	5
2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	5	7
3	0	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	4	7
4	0	0	0	0	4	4	4	4	3	7
5	0	1	0	1	4	5	4	5	2	7
* 6	0	0	2	2	4	4	6	6	1	7
7	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	6

verifies the axioms of  $S1^0$  and Lewis' rules of procedure, but falsifies  $J1$ , since for  $p = 6$ :  $J1 = \mathcal{C}M6MM6 = \mathcal{C}7M7 = \mathcal{C}76 = NMK7N6 = NMK71 = NM1 = N5 = 2$ . Thus, system  $S1^*$ , which by the definition contains  $S1^0$  and, obviously, is contained in  $S1$ , is stronger than the former system and weaker than the latter.

§2. Since  $S1^*$  contains  $S1^0$ , we have Lewis' axiom

$$A6 \quad \mathcal{C}K\mathcal{C}p\dot{q}\mathcal{C}q\dot{r}\mathcal{C}p\dot{r}$$

in this system.<sup>6</sup> And, obviously,  $S1^0$  and  $J1$  imply

$$J2 \quad \mathcal{C}LL\dot{p}L\dot{p}$$

Hence, if we add a generalized Brouwerian axiom

$$B_n \quad \mathcal{C}pL^nM\dot{p}$$

for an arbitrary  $n > 1$ , to  $S1^*$ , this last formula together with  $J2$  and  $A6$  gives

$B_2 \quad \mathcal{C}pLLMp$

and

$B_1 \quad \mathcal{C}pLMp$

Therefore, having  $S1^\circ$  and  $B_1$  we obtain

$J3 \quad \mathcal{C}MLpp$

without any difficulty.

On the other hand, since it is proved in [8], p. 59, that the addition of  $C12$ , i.e.  $B_1$ , to  $S1^\circ$  generates a system, called  $S1^+$ , which contains  $S2^\circ$ , we have at our disposal the so-called Becker's rule.<sup>7</sup> Hence, the application of this rule to  $B_2$  gives at once

$J4 \quad \mathcal{C}MpMLLMp$

And, therefore, we have

$C11 \quad \mathcal{C}MpLMp \quad [A6, p/Mp, q/MLLMp, r/LMp; J4; J3, p/LMp]$

i.e. the proper axiom of  $S5$ . Since it is proved in [8], p. 58, that the addition of  $C11$  to  $S1^\circ$  gives system  $S5$ , and since  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ , is provable in this latter system, our proof is completed.

I have to note here that I do not know whether the addition of  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ , to  $S1^\circ$  gives system  $S5$ , although using the deductions analogous to the reasonings presented in [8], pp. 56-59, one can prove easily that:

- a) The addition of an arbitrary Brouwerian formula  $B_n$ , for any  $n \geq 1$ , to  $S1^\circ$  generates a system in which the following formula

$N1 \quad \mathcal{C}pM^{n+1}p$

holds,

and that:

- b) The addition of  $B_n$ , for  $n > 1$ , to  $S1^\circ$  generates a system in which besides  $N1$ , the formula

$N2 \quad \mathcal{C}M^{n+2}pMp$

is provable.

§3. Since in system  $S3^*$  Lewis' rule of detachment for strict implication holds as a metarule of procedure, and since in both systems  $S3^\circ$  and  $S3^*$  the theses

$P1 \quad \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{C}p q)(\mathcal{C}L p L q)$

$P2 \quad \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{C}p q)(\mathcal{C}M p M q)$

$P3 \quad \mathcal{C}p N N p$

$P4 \quad \mathcal{C}N N p p$

$P5 \quad \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{C}p q)(\mathcal{C}N q N p)$

- P6  $\mathcal{C}pCqp$   
 P7  $\mathcal{C}LCpq\mathcal{C}pq$   
 P8  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}pqLCpq$   
 P9  $\mathcal{C}\mathcal{C}pCqr\mathcal{C}qCpr$   
 P10  $\mathcal{C}Kpqq$   
 P11  $\mathcal{C}NMKrNNpNMKrp$   
 P12  $NMKNMKKrpqNNMKKpq$   
 P13  $\mathcal{C}MKpqKMpMq$

and the following metarule of procedure

**PI** *If the formulas  $\mathcal{C} \alpha \beta$  and  $\mathcal{C} \beta \gamma$  are provable in the system, then also formula  $\mathcal{C} \alpha \gamma$  is provable in the system*

are provable,<sup>8</sup> the addition of a generalized Brouwerian axiom  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ , as a new axiom either to  $S3^\circ$  or to  $S3^*$  allows us to make the following easy deductions:

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|-----------|------------------------------------|--|
| S1        | $\mathcal{C}M^nLpp$                | [Follows from $B_n$ ; P1; P2; P3; P4; P5 and <b>PI]</b>      |
| S2        | $\mathcal{C}LpLCqp$                | [P1; P6]   |
| S3        | $\mathcal{C}LpLCLqLp$              | [ <b>PI</b> ; P1; P7; P8; S2]                                |
| S4        | $\mathcal{C}M^nLpM^nLCLqLp$        | [P2; S3]   |
| S5        | $\mathcal{C}M^nLpCLqLp$            | [ <b>PI</b> ; S4; S1]  |
| S6        | $\mathcal{C}LqCM^nLpLp$            | [P9; S5]   |
| S7        | $\mathcal{C}LLq\mathcal{C}M^nLpLp$ | [P1; S6; <b>PI</b> ; P7]                                     |
| S8        | $\mathcal{C}q\mathcal{C}M^nLpLp$   | [ <b>PI</b> ; $B_n$ , $p/q$ ; S7; since in $B_n$ : $n > 1$ ] |
| S9        | $\mathcal{C}M^nLpLp$               | [S8; P3 <sup>9</sup> ]                                       |
| S10       | $\mathcal{C}KrM^nLpLp$             | [ <b>PI</b> ; P10; S9]                                       |
| S11       | $NMKKrM^nLpMNp$                    | [P11; S10]   |
| S12       | $NMKKM^nLpMNpr$                    | [P12; P11]   |
| S13       | $\mathcal{C}MKM^{n-1}LpNpr$        | [ <b>PI</b> ; P13; S12]                                      |
| S14       | $\mathcal{C}NnrNMKM^{n-1}LpNp$     | [S13; P5]  |
| S15       | $\mathcal{C}M^{n-1}Lpp$            | [S14; P3]  |
| $B_{n-1}$ | $\mathcal{C}pL^{n-1}Mp$            | [S15; P1; P2; P3; P4; P5; <b>PI]</b>                         |

Now, it is obvious that

- if  $n - 1 = 1$ ,  $B_{n-1}$  is C12, i.e. the proper Brouwerian axiom,
- if  $n - 1 > 1$ , then using entirely the same deductions which allowed us to obtain  $B_{n-1}$  from  $B_n$  we can deduce

$$B_{n-2} \mathcal{C}pL^{n-2}Mp$$

from  $B_{n-1}$  .

Hence C12 follows from  $B_n$ , for any  $n > 1$ , in the fields of both systems,  $S3^\circ$  and  $S3^*$ . And, therefore, since in [8], pp. 56-58, it was proved that the addition of C12 either to  $S3^*$  or to  $S3^\circ$  gives S5, our proof is completed.

## NOTES

1. Cf. [1], [2] and [7].
2. In this note instead of the original symbols of Lewis I use a modification of Łukasiewicz's symbolism which is described in [8], p. 52. In particular, the formulas

$$M^n \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad L^n \alpha$$

where  $n$  is an arbitrary natural number, will have here the following meanings

- a) if  $n = 1$ , then  $M^n \alpha = M \alpha$  and  $L^n \alpha = L \alpha$
- b) if  $n > 1$ , then  $M^n \alpha = MM^{n-1} \alpha$  and  $L^n \alpha = LL^{n-1} \alpha$ .

It has to be noted that

- 1) Throughout this paper symbols  $C$ ,  $L$ ,  $\mathfrak{C}$  and  $\mathfrak{E}$  are used as the abbreviations.

and that

- 2) The definitions of the systems  $S1^\circ$ ,  $S2^\circ$ ,  $S3^\circ$  and  $S3^*$  discussed in this note are given in [8], pp. 52-53.

Moreover, in this paper the term "thesis" means: a formula which is true in the system under consideration.

3. The addition of  $C12$  to  $S1^\circ$  generates a system which contains  $S2^\circ$ . Hence, obviously, the addition of  $C12$  to  $S1$  gives a system which contains  $S2$ . Cf. [8], p. 59.
4. Cf. [4], p. 494.
5. Cf. [6] and [4], p. 507.
6. Cf. [4], p. 493, [3], p. 483, and [8], p. 52.
7. I.e. the following metarule of procedure:

If the formula  $\mathfrak{C} \alpha \beta$  is provable in the system, then also  $\mathfrak{C} M \alpha M \beta$  is provable in the system.

This metarule is proved in  $S2$  by Churchman, cf. [2], pp. 79-80, but it can be proved easily in  $S2^\circ$ , cf. [3], p. 491, and [8], p. 58.

8. It follows clearly from the proofs given in [8], pp. 53-54 and pp. 57-58, that the theses  $P1-P13$  and the mentioned metarules of procedure are provable in  $S3^\circ$  and  $S3^*$ . Since we do not have the first rule of substitution of Lewis in  $S3^*$  and a proof that an analogous metarule holds in this system is not given in [8], all deductions given in this paragraph are conducted in such a manner that this rule (or metarule) is not used. The rule of adjunction of Lewis holds, obviously, as an analogous metarule in  $S3^*$ .
9. Cf. the proof of  $S9$  given here with the deductions given by Parry in [5], pp. 151-152.

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