

FURTHER AXIOMATIZATIONS OF THE ŁUKASIEWICZ
THREE-VALUED CALCULUS

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A propositional calculus for three-valued logic was first constructed by J. Łukasiewicz (1920) and subsequently communicated in a lecture before the Polish Philosophical Society. His results were published later [2]. In 1931 M. Wajsberg [4] formalized the three-valued logic of Łukasiewicz by means of two primitive connectives, implication (denoted by C) and negation (denoted by N), and the following axioms stated in the Łukasiewicz convention:

$$W_1. \quad CpCqp$$

$$W_2. \quad CCpqCCqrCpr$$

$$W_3. \quad CCNpNqCqp$$

$$W_4. \quad CCCpNppp.$$

Wajsberg also assumed the following rules of inference:

S. Any well-formed formula may be substituted for a propositional variable in all its occurrences in a theorem or axiom.

MP. If P and CPQ are theorems, then Q is also a theorem.

The truth tables for C and N of the Łukasiewicz three-valued logic is given by

Cpq	F	U	T	Np
F	T	T	T	T
U	U	T	T	U
T	F	U	T	F

In 1951 Alan Rose [3] introduced several new other axiomatizations of the same propositional logic by taking disjunction (denoted by A) and negation as primitives and substitution and the following as rules of inference:

MP₁. If P and $ANPQ$ are theorems, then Q is also a theorem.

The truth table for A is the same as that proposed by Dienes [1]:

Apq	F	U	T
F	F	U	T
U	U	T	T
T	T	T	T

In Rose's systems the connective C of Wajsberg is defined by

$$(a) \quad Cpq \equiv ANpq$$

while the connective A of Rose is defined in the Wajsberg system by

$$(b) \quad Apq \equiv CNpq.$$

Actually, A. Rose also utilized the abbreviation:

$$(c) \quad Kpq \equiv NANpNq.$$

Thus, the truth table for K when computed would be given by

Kpq	F	U	T
F	F	F	F
U	F	F	U
T	F	U	T

We shall propose two formulations of three-valued logic each with conjunction (denoted by K) and negation (denoted by N) as primitive connectives and substitution and the following as rules of inference:

MP₂. If $NKPNQ$ and P are theorems, then Q is also a theorem.

Admitting as abbreviations

$$(d) \quad Cpq \equiv NKpNq,$$

and

$$(e) \quad Apq \equiv NKNpNq$$

the rule **MP**₂ then reduces to rule **MP** and our proposed axiomatizations become:

- $A_1.$ $NKNKA\dot{p}\dot{p}\dot{p}\dot{p}$
- $A_2.$ $CK\dot{p}q\dot{q}$
- $A_3.$ $CNKNq\dot{p}CNKqrNKr\dot{p}$
- $B_1.$ $C\dot{p}KA\dot{p}\dot{p}\dot{p}$
- $B_2.$ $CK\dot{p}q\dot{q}$
- $B_3.$ $C\dot{p}\dot{p}$
- $B_4.$ $CC\dot{p}qCNKqrNKr\dot{p}$

To show that these two axiom systems are adequate for the three-valued logic of Łukasiewicz, we shall first prove that the axiom system $B_1 - B_4$

follow from $A_1 - A_3$ and the axioms of Wajsberg $W_1 - W_4$ follow from axioms $B_1 - B_4$.

Rule 1.1. *If $NKNQP$ and CQR are theorems, then $NKNRP$ is a theorem.*

Proof: $CNKNqpCNKqrNKrp$	Axiom A_3
$CNKNQPCNKQNRNKNRP$	Rule S with $p/P, q/Q, r/NR$
$NKNQP$	Given
$CNKQNRNKNRP$	MP rule
CQR	Given
$NKQNR$	Definition (d)
$CNKQNRNKNRP$	Line 4
$NKNRP$	MP rule

Theorem 1.1. $CKA\dot{p}p\dot{p}p$

Proof. $CKpqq$	Axiom A_2
$CKA\dot{p}p\dot{p}p$	Rule S with $p/A\dot{p}p, q/p$

Theorem 1.2. $NKN\dot{p}p$

Proof. $NKNKA\dot{p}p\dot{p}p$	Axiom A_1
$CKA\dot{p}p\dot{p}p$	Theorem 1.1
$NKN\dot{p}p$	Rule 1.1

Theorem 1.3. $CNK\dot{p}qNKq\dot{p}$

Proof. $CNKNqpCNKqrNKrp$	Axiom A_3
$CNKN\dot{p}pCNK\dot{p}qNKq\dot{p}$	Rule S with $q/p, r/q$
$NKN\dot{p}p$	Theorem 1.2
$CNK\dot{p}qNKq\dot{p}$	MP rule

Rule 1.2. *If $NKNPQ$ is a theorem, then CQP is also a theorem.*

Proof. $CNK\dot{p}qNKq\dot{p}$	Theorem 1.3
$CNKNPQNKNQNP$	Rule S with $p/NP, q/Q$
$NKNPQ$	Given
$NKQNP$	MP rule
CQP	Definition (d)

Theorem 1.4. $C\dot{p}p$

Proof. $NKN\dot{p}p$	Theorem 1.2
$C\dot{p}p$	Rule 1.2

Rule 1.3. *If CPQ is a theorem, then $NKNQP$ is also a theorem.*

Proof. CPQ	Given
$NKPNQ$	Definition (d)
$CNK\dot{p}qNKq\dot{p}$	Theorem 1.3
$CNKNPQNKNQNP$	Rule S with $p/P, q/NQ$
$NKPNQ$	Line 2
$NKNQP$	MP rule

Rule 1.4. *If CPQ and CQR are theorems, then CPR is a theorem.*

Proof. CPQ	Given
NKNQP	Rule 1.3
CQR	Given
NKNRP	Rule 1.1 on line 2 and 3
CNKpqNKqp	Theorem 1.3
CNKNRPKNPNR	Rule S with p/NR, q/P
NKNRP	Line 4
NKPNR	MP rule
CPR	Definition (d)

Theorem 1.5. *CCpqNKNqp*

Proof. CNKpqNKqp	Theorem 1.3
CNKpNqNKNqp	Rule S with q/Nq
CCpqNKNqp	Definition (d)

Theorem 1.6. *CCpqCNKqrNKrp*

Proof. CNKNqpCNKqrNKrp	Axiom A ₃
CCpqNKNqp	Theorem 1.5
CCpqCNKqrNKrp	Rule 1.4

Theorem 1.7. *CpKAppp*

Proof. CNKpqNKqp	Theorem 1.3
CNKNKAppppNKpNKApppp	Rule S with p/NKAppp, q/p
NKNKApppp	Axiom A ₁
NKpNKApppp	MP rule
CpKAppp	Definition (d)

Theorems 1.7, 1.4, 1.6, and Axiom A₂ are respectively Axioms B₁, B₃, B₄, and B₂. Whence, Axioms A₁ - A₃ implies Axioms B₁ - B₄.

From hereon, we shall assume Axioms B₁ - B₄ together with the two rules of inference.

Theorem 2.1. *CNKpqNKqp*

Proof. CCpqCNKqrNKrp	Axiom B ₄
CCppCNKpqNKqp	Rule S with q/p, r/q
Cpp	Axiom B ₃
CNKpqNKqp	MP rule

Rule 2.1. *If CPQ is a theorem, then CNKQRNKRP is a theorem.*

Proof. CCpqCNKqrNKrp	Axiom B ₄
CCPQCNKQRNKRP	Rule S with p/P, q/Q, r/R
CPQ	Given
CNKQRNKRP	MP rule

Rule 2.2. *If NKQP is a theorem, then so is NKPQ.*

Proof. Cpb	Axiom B_3
CQQ	Rule S with p/Q
$CNKQPNKPQ$	Rule 2.1
$NKQP$	Given
$NKPQ$	MP rule

Rule 2.3. *If CPQ and CQR are theorems, then CPR is also a theorem.*

Proof. CPQ	Given
$CNKQNRNKNRP$	Rule 2.1 with R/NR
CQR	Given
$NKQNR$	Definition (d)
$CNKQNRNKNRP$	Line 2
$NKNRP$	MP rule
$NKPNR$	Rule 2.2
CPR	Definition (d)

Theorem 2.2. $CCpqCNKrqNKrp$

Proof. $CNKpqNKqb$	Theorem 2.1.
$CNKrqNKqr$	Rule S with p/r
$CNKNKqrNNKrpNKNNKrpNKrq$	Rule 2.1. with $P/NKrq,$ $Q/NKqr, R/NNKrp$
$CNKpqNKqb$	Theorem 2.1.
$CNKNNKrpNKrqNKNNKrpNNKrp$	Rule S with $p/NNKrp, q/NKrq$
$CNKNKqrNNKrpNKNNKrpNKrq$	Line 3
$CNKNKqrNNKrpNKNNKrpNNKrp$	Rule 2.3. on line 5 and 6
$CCNKqrNKrpCNKrqNKrp$	Definition (d)
$CCpqCNKqrNKrp$	Axiom B_4
$CCpqCNKrqNKrp$	Rule 2.3. on line 8 and 9

Theorem 2.3. $NKNpp$

Proof. Cpb	Axiom B_3
$NKpNp$	Definition (d)
$NKNpp$	Rule 2.2.

Theorem 2.4. $CNNpp$

Proof. $NKNpp$	Theorem 2.3.
$NKNNpNp$	S rule with p/Np
$CNNpp$	Definition (d)

Theorem 2.5. $CpNNp$

Proof. $CNNpp$	Theorem 2.4.
$CNNpNp$	Rule S with p/Np
$CCpqCNKqrNKrp$	Axiom B_4
$CCNNpNpCNKNppNKpNNNp$	Rule S with $p/NNNp, q/Np, r/p$
$CNNpNp$	Line 2

$CNKNpNpNKpNNNp$	MP rule
$NKNpNp$	Theorem 2.3
$NKpNNNp$	MP rule
$CpNNp$	Definition (d)
Theorem 2.6. $CCpqCNqNp$	
Proof. $CCpqCNKqrNKrp$	Axiom B_4
$CCNNpNpCNKpNqNKNqNNp$	Rule S with $p/NNp, q/p, r/Nq$
$CNNpNp$	Theorem 2.4
$CNKpNqNKNqNNp$	MP rule
$CCpqCNqNp$	Definition (d)
Theorem 2.7. $CCNNpNpCpq$	
Proof. $CCpqCNKrqNKrp$	Theorem 2.2
$CCpNNpCNKNqNNpNKNqNp$	Rule S with $q/NNp, r/Nq$
$CpNNp$	Theorem 2.5
$CNKNqNNpNKNqNp$	MP rule
$CCpqCNqNp$	Theorem 2.6
$CCKpqKqNpCNKqNpNKpNq$	Rule S with $p/Kpq, q/KqNp$
$CNKqNpNKpNq$	Theorem 2.1 with $p/q, q/p$
$CNKNNpNqNKNqNNp$	Rule S with $q/NNp, p/Nq$
$CNKNqNNpNKNqNp$	Line 4
$CNKNNpNqNKNqNp$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines
$CNKpNqNKqNp$	Theorem 2.1
$CNKNqNpNKpNq$	Rule S with $p/Nq, q/p$
$CNKNNpNqNKNqNp$	Line 10
$CNKNNpNqNKpNq$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines
$CCNNpNpCpq$	Definition (d)
Theorem 2.8. $CCNqNpCpNq$	
Proof. $CNKqNpNKpNq$	Theorem 2.1 with $p/q, q/p$
$CNKNqNNpNKNqNpNq$	Rule S with $p/NNp, q/Nq$
$CCNqNpCpNq$	Definition (d)
Theorem 2.9. $CCNqNpCpq$	
Proof. $CCNqNpCpNq$	Theorem 2.8
$CCNNpNpCpq$	Theorem 2.7
$CCNqNpCpq$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines
Theorem 2.10. $CCqrCCpqCpr$	
Proof. $CCpqCNKrqNKrp$	Theorem 2.2
$CCNpNqCNKrNqNKrNp$	Rule S with $p/Np, q/Nq$
$CCNpNqCCrqCpr$	Definition (d)
$CCqNpCNqNp$	Theorem 2.6 with $p/q, q/p$
$CCqNpCCrqCpr$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines
$CCqrCCpqCpr$	Rule S with $p/r, r/p$

Theorem 2.11. $CCpqCCqrCpr$

Proof. $CNKp qNKq p$	Theorem 2.1
$CNKNr pNKpNr$	Rule S with $p/Nr, q/p$
$CNKNr pCpr$	Definition (d)
$CCqrCCpqCpr$	Theorem 2.10
$CCNKNr pCprCCCqrNKNr pCCqrCpr$	Rule S with $q/NKNr p, r/Cpr, p/Cqr$
$CNKNr pCpr$	Line 3
$CCCqrNKNr pCCqrCpr$	MP rule
$CCpqCNKqrNKr p$	Axiom B_4
$CCpqCNKqNrNKNr p$	Rule S with r/Nr
$CCpqCCqrNKNr p$	Definition (d)
$CCCqrNKNr pCCqrCpr$	Line 7
$CCpqCCqrCpr$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines

Theorem 2.12. $CpCqp$

Proof. $CKpqq$	Axiom B_2
$CKqNpNp$	Rule S with $p/q, q/Np$
$CCpqCNqNp$	Theorem 2.6.
$CCKqNpNpCpNNpNKqNp$	Rule S with $p/KqNp, q/Np$
$CKqNpNp$	Line 2
$CNNpNKqNp$	MP rule
$CNNpCqp$	Definition (d)
$CpNNp$	Theorem 2.5
$CpCqp$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines

Theorem 2.13. $CCNNpNpCpNp$

Proof. $CCpqCCqrCpr$	Theorem 2.11
$CCpNNpCCNNpNpCpNp$	Rule S with $q/NNp, r/Np$
$CpNNp$	Theorem 2.5
$CCNNpNpCpNp$	MP rule

Theorem 2.14. $CCCpNp pCCNNpNp p$

Proof. $CCpqCCqrCpr$	Theorem 2.11
$CCCNNpNpCpNpCCCpNp pCCNNpNp p$	Rule S with $p/CNNpNp, q/CpNp, r/p$
$CCNNpNpCpNp$	Theorem 2.13
$CCCpNp pCCNNpNp p$	MP rule

Theorem 2.15. $CCCpNp p p$

Proof. $CpKAp p p$	Axiom B_1
$CpKNKNpNp p$	Definition (e)
$CCpqCNqNp$	Theorem 2.6
$CCpKNKNpNp pCNKNKNpNp pNp$	Rule S with $q/KNKNpNp p$

$CpKNKNpNp$	Line 2
$CNKKNpNpNp$	MP rule
$CNKKNNNpNNpNpNNp$	Rule S with p/Np
$CNKCNNpNpNpNNp$	Definition (d)
$CCCNpNpNpNNp$	Definition (d)
$CNNp$	Theorem 2.4
$CCCNpNpNp$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines
$CCCPNpNpCCCNpNp$	Theorem 2.14
$CCCPNpNp$	Rule 2.3 on last two lines

Theorems 2.12, 2.11, 2.9 and 2.15 are precisely the four axioms of Wajsberg; hence, it follows that Axioms $B_1 - B_4$ and therefore $A_1 - A_3$ imply the axioms of Wajsberg. They are then adequate axiomatizations of the three-valued propositional calculus of Jan Łukasiewicz.

Note. A slight modification of the axiom system $B_1 - B_4$ gives another axiom system of three-valued logic. This is the following:

- $C_1.$ $CpKAp$
- $C_2.$ $CKpqq$
- $C_3.$ $CNKpqNKqp$
- $C_4.$ $CCpqCNKqrNKrp$

To show that this is a good axiomatization, it suffices to prove Cp .

Rule 3.1. *If CPQ and CQR are theorems, CPR is also a theorem.*

Proof. $CCpqCNKqrNKrp$	Axiom C_4
$CCPQCNKQNRNKNRP$	S rule with $p/P, q/Q, r/NR$
CPQ	Hypothesis
$CNKQNRNKNRP$	MP rule
$CCQRNKNRP$	Definition (d)
CQR	Hypothesis
$NKNRP$	MP rule
$CNKpqNKqp$	Axiom C_3
$CNKNRPNKPNR$	S rule with $p/NR, q/P$
$NKPNR$	Line 7
$NKPNR$	MP rule
CPR	Definition (d)

Theorem 3.1. Cp

Proof. $CKpqq$	Axiom C_2
$CKAp$	S rule with $p/Ap, q/p$
$CpKAp$	Axiom C_1
Cp	Rule 3.1

The equivalence of Axiom systems $B_1 - B_4$ and $C_1 - C_4$ is now clear.

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