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A CORRECTION TO MY PAPER "A SOLE SUFFICIENT OPERATOR"

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In an accompanying note, see [1], Professor Gerald J. Massey points out that there is an evident error in a recent article by this author [2]. This writer intended to claim that the operator S, therein discussed, is complete with constants over X(n) for each natural number n. The article gives the distinct impression that the author is claiming completeness. The problem lies in the fact that the syntax for S is never made explicit. Something like the following paragraph should have been included.

Let a set W of well-formed formulas be defined by:

- 1. each propositional variable, e.g., x, y, z, is in W;
- 2. each constant of X(n) is in W;
- 3. if α , β , and γ are in W, then $S\alpha\beta\gamma$ is in W;
- 4. W contains only the expressions formed by 1, 2, and 3.

A set A of functions over X(n) is complete with constants if each element of A is defined by a formula in W.

In the classic definition of completeness, condition 2 above would be omitted. An alternative definition of completeness with constants would be to say that a set A is complete with constants if the union of A and the set of constant functions is complete. With this clarification, the result in the paper is correct.

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