

## On the fundamental conjecture of *GLC* III.

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This paper is a continuation of [1] and [2]. We use the same notions and the notations as in these papers. See in particular [1] as to the meaning of the fundamental conjecture. We have proved this conjecture under several conditions in [1], [2]. In this paper, we shall prove it under some other conditions.

### § 1. Formulation of the theorem.

Until at the end of Appendix, the logical symbols  $\exists$  and  $\forall$  are not used. In this section we introduce some new notions and notations.

1.1. A formula in a proof-figure and a logical symbol in a formula

We shall speak of a 'formula in a proof-figure', when the formula is considered together with the place where it occupies in the proof-figure. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two formulas in a proof-figure  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Then  $A$  is equal to  $B$  if and only if  $A$  is in the same place as  $B$  in  $\mathfrak{P}$ . We shall also speak of logical symbol in a formula or in a proof-figure sequence and inferences etc. in a proof-figure in analogous meanings. We use the symbols  $\#$ ,  $\natural$  etc. as metamathematical variables to represent logical symbols in a formula or in a proof-figure.

1.2. Semi-formula, quasi-formula.

A figure of the form  $H(x, \dots, y, \varphi, \dots, \psi)$  with bound variables  $x, \dots, y$  and bound  $f$ -variables  $\varphi, \dots, \psi$  is called a semi-formula, if and only if  $H(a, \dots, b, \alpha, \dots, \beta)$  obtained from  $H(x, \dots, y, \varphi, \dots, \psi)$  by substituting free variables  $a, \dots, b$  and free  $f$ -variables  $\alpha, \dots, \beta$  for  $x, \dots, y$  and  $\varphi, \dots, \psi$  is a formula and  $x, \dots, y, \varphi, \dots, \psi$  are different from each other and are not contained in  $H(a, \dots, b, \alpha, \dots, \beta)$ .

If  $\{x, \dots, y\}H(x, \dots, y)$  is a formula with argument-places, then  $H(x, \dots, y)$  is clearly a semi-formula.

We use the word ‘quasi-formula’ as the neutral word for ‘semi-formula’ or ‘formula with argument-places’.

1.3.

Let  $\#$  be a logical symbol in a semi-formula  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then we define:

1.3.1. If  $\#$  is the outermost logical symbol of  $\mathfrak{A}$ , then  $\#$  is positive in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

1.3.2. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be of the form  $\mathfrak{B} \wedge \mathfrak{C}$ . If  $\#$  is positive in  $\mathfrak{B}$  or  $\mathfrak{C}$ , then  $\#$  is positive in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . If  $\#$  is negative in  $\mathfrak{B}$  or  $\mathfrak{C}$ , then  $\#$  is negative in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

1.3.3. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be of the form  $\neg \mathfrak{B}$  and  $\#$  be not the outermost logical symbol of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then  $\#$  is positive or negative in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , according as  $\#$  is negative or positive in  $\mathfrak{B}$ .

1.3.4. Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be of the form  $\forall x \mathfrak{B}(x)$  or  $\forall \varphi \mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$  and  $\#$  be not the outermost logical symbol of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . Then  $\#$  is positive or negative in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , according as  $\#$  is positive or negative in  $\mathfrak{B}(x)$  or  $\mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$  respectively.

Let  $\#$  be a logical symbol in a formula with  $i$  argument-places  $\{x, \dots, y\} H(x, \dots, y)$ . Then we say that  $\#$  is positive or negative in  $\{x, \dots, y\} H(x, \dots, y)$  according as  $\#$  is positive or negative in  $H(x, \dots, y)$ .

Let  $\#$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  be two logical symbols in a quasi-formula  $\mathfrak{A}$ . If  $\#$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  are positive in  $\mathfrak{A}$  or  $\#$  and  $\mathfrak{h}$  are negative in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , then we say that  $\#$  is positive to  $\mathfrak{h}$ . If  $\#$  is not positive to  $\mathfrak{h}$ , then we say that  $\#$  is negative to  $\mathfrak{h}$ .

1.4.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a quasi-formula, and  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a semi-formula of the form  $\forall \varphi \mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$  contained in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and, moreover,  $\#$  be the outermost logical symbol of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then all the variables,  $f$ -variables, functions and logical symbols in  $\mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$  are said to be ‘tied by  $\#$  in  $\mathfrak{A}$ ’.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a quasi-formula, and  $\mathfrak{B}$  be a semi-formula of the form  $\forall \varphi \mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$  contained in  $\mathfrak{A}$  and, moreover,  $\mathfrak{h}$  be a  $\forall$  on an  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{C}(\varphi)$  and  $\#$  be the outermost logical symbol of  $\mathfrak{B}$ . Then we say ‘ $\#$  affects  $\mathfrak{h}$ ’, if and only if  $\mathfrak{h}$  ties an  $f$ -variable of the form  $\varphi$ .

1.5.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a quasi-formula and  $\#$  be a logical symbol  $\forall$  on an  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .  $\#$  is called ‘semi-simple in  $\mathfrak{A}$ ’, if and only if the following conditions are fulfilled:

1.5.1. If  $\#$  ties a  $\forall$  on an  $f$ -variable denoted by  $\mathfrak{h}$ , then  $\mathfrak{h}$  is positive to  $\#$ .

1.5.2. Let  $\mathfrak{h}$  be  $\#$  itself or be tied by  $\#$ . Then  $\mathfrak{h}$  does not affect, and is not affected by any  $\forall$  on an  $f$ -variable.

A quasi-formula  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called 'semi-simple' if and only if every  $\forall$  on  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is semi-simple in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Then we prove easily the following lemma by the method of [1].

LEMMA. *The end-sequence of a proof-figure, in which every implicit formula is semi-simple, is provable without cut.*

In fact the lemma can be still generalized. The author has in mind to publish a proof of the lemma in its generalized form in a forth coming paper.

## 1.6.

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a quasi-formula and  $\#$  be a logical symbol  $\forall$  on an  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .  $\#$  is called 'simple in  $\mathfrak{A}$ ', if and only if the following conditions are fulfilled:

1.6.1.  $\#$  is semi-simple in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

1.6.2.  $\#$  ties no free  $f$ -variable.

A quasi-formula  $\mathfrak{A}$  is called 'simple' if and only if every  $\forall$  on  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{A}$  is simple in  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

An inference left on  $f$ -variable of the following form

$$\frac{F(H), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\forall \varphi F(\varphi), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}$$

is called 'simple', if and only if  $H$  is simple.

A proof-figure  $\mathfrak{P}$  is called 'simple', if and only if every implicit inference  $\forall$  left on  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{P}$  is simple.

Now the aim of this paper is to prove the following theorem:

THEOREM. *The end-sequence of a simple proof-figure is provable without cut.*

## 1.7. Grade

Let  $\mathfrak{A}$  be a quasi-formula. The first grade of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is the number of the logical symbols  $\forall$  on  $f$ -variables in  $\mathfrak{A}$ , which are not simple in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . The second grade of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is the number of the logical symbols

in  $\mathfrak{A}$ . The grade of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is the ordinal number  $\omega m + n$ , there  $m$  is the first grade of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $n$  the second grade of  $\mathfrak{A}$ .

Now, we have several propositions concerning the grade.

1.7.1. Let  $H$  be a simple formula with  $i$  argument-places and  $\alpha$  be a free  $f$ -variable with  $i$  argument-places. Then the first grade of  $F(H)$  is not greater than the first grade of  $F(\alpha)$ .

PROOF. Let  $\#$  be a  $\forall$  on an  $f$ -variable in  $F(H)$ . If  $\#$  is contained in  $H$  which is indicated in  $F(H)$ , then clearly  $\#$  is simple. If  $\#$  ties a free  $f$ -variable in  $F(H)$ , then clearly the logical symbol  $\forall$  in  $F(\alpha)$  corresponding to  $\#$  ties also a free  $f$ -variable in  $F(\alpha)$ . If  $\#$  affects  $\mathfrak{h}$ , then the logical symbol  $\forall$  corresponding to  $\#$  in  $F(\alpha)$  affects also the  $\forall$  corresponding to  $\mathfrak{h}$  in  $F(\alpha)$ . Therefore the proposition is clear.

From 1.7.1 follow immediately 1.7.2. and 1.7.3.

1.7.2. Let  $H$  be a simple formula with  $i$  argument-places and  $F(\alpha)$  be a simple formula and, moreover,  $\alpha$  be a free  $f$ -variable with  $i$  argument-places. Then  $F(H)$  is a simple formula.

1.7.3. Let  $H$  be a simple formula with  $i$  argument-places and  $F(\alpha)$  be a not simple formula and, moreover,  $\alpha$  be a free  $f$ -variable with  $i$  argument-places. Then the first grade of  $\forall\varphi F(\varphi)$  is greater than the first grade of  $F(H)$ . Therefore the grade of  $\forall\varphi F(\varphi)$  is greater than the grade of  $F(H)$ .

1.7.4. Let  $A$  be an implicit simple formula in simple proof-figure  $\mathfrak{P}$  and  $B$  be an ancestor of  $A$ . Then  $B$  is a simple formula.

PROOF. Without the loss of generality, we assume that  $A$  is a chief-formula of a logical inference  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $B$  is a subformula of  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

If the outermost logical symbol of  $A$  is  $\neg$ ,  $\wedge$  or  $\vee$  on a variable, then the proposition is clear. If the outermost logical symbol of  $\mathfrak{A}$  is  $\forall$  on an  $f$ -variable, then the proposition follows from 1.7.1.

## §2. Proof of the theorem.

All the proof-figures considered in this section are simple; we shall not mention it further.

Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a (simple) proof-figure and  $\mathfrak{S}$  be a cut in  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{S}$  is called 'simple', if and only if the cut-formula of  $\mathfrak{S}$  is simple. The grade of  $\mathfrak{S}$  is defined as the grade of the cut-formula of  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

The grade of  $\mathfrak{P}$  is defined as the ordinal number  $\sum_{\mathfrak{S}} \omega^{\alpha_{\mathfrak{S}}}$ , where  $\sum$  indicates the natural sum,  $\mathfrak{S}$  runs over all the cuts which are not simple in  $\mathfrak{P}$ , and  $\alpha_{\mathfrak{S}}$  is the grade of  $\mathfrak{S}$ .

If the grade of  $\mathfrak{P}$  is zero, then the theorem holds for  $\mathfrak{P}$  by the lemma and 1.7.4. Therefore we prove the theorem by the transfinite induction on the grade of the proof-figure. Let the grade of a proof-figure  $\mathfrak{P}$  be not zero. Clearly, there exists a cut  $\mathfrak{S}$  in  $\mathfrak{P}$  which is not simple and such that every cut above  $\mathfrak{S}$  is simple. Then, as other cases are easy to treat, we can assume that  $\mathfrak{S}$  is of the form

$$\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \forall \varphi F(\varphi) \quad \forall \varphi F(\varphi), \Pi \rightarrow \Lambda}{\Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda} \mathfrak{S}$$

and the proof-figure to  $\Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda$  is denoted by  $\mathfrak{P}_0$ .

Let  $A$  or  $B$  be the left or the right cut-formula of  $\mathfrak{S}$  respectively. Without the loss of generality, we can assume that every leading formula of  $A$  or  $B$  is not a beginning formula nor a weakening formula, and moreover the predecessor of every leading formula of  $A$  is of the form  $F(\alpha)$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  be obtained from the proof-figure to  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \forall \varphi F(\varphi)$  by substituting  $F(\alpha)$  for each formula equivalent to  $A$ . Then, the end-sequence of  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  is  $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, F(\alpha)$ .

Let  $\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1$  be an arbitrary sequence above the right upper sequence of  $\mathfrak{S}$ . Now, we construct, recursively as follows, a proof-figure, whose end-sequence is of the form  $\Pi_1^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_1$  where  $\Pi_1^*$  is obtained from  $\Pi_1$  by eliminating the formulas equivalent to  $B$ .

2.1. If  $\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1$  is a beginning sequence, then we construct the proof-figure of the form

$$\frac{\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1}{\text{Some weakenings and exchanges}} \Pi_1, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_1$$

2.2. Let  $\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1$  be the lower sequence of an inference  $\mathfrak{S}_1$ , and the construction of the proof-figure be defined for the upper sequence of  $\mathfrak{S}_1$ . We must consider the following three cases.

2.2.1. The case, where  $\mathfrak{S}_1$  is a weakening, a contraction, a exchange or a cut.

As other cases are to be treated similarly, we assume that  $\mathfrak{S}_1$  is of the following form

$$\frac{\Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2, D \quad D, \Pi_3 \rightarrow \Lambda_3}{\Pi_2, \Pi_3 \rightarrow \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3}$$

where  $\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1$  is  $\Pi_2, \Pi_3 \rightarrow \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3$ .

By the assumption, the proof-figure  $\mathfrak{Q}_1$  to  $\Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2, D$  and the proof-figure  $\mathfrak{Q}_2$  to  $D, \Pi_3^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_3$  are defined. Then we construct the proof-figure of the form

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \mathfrak{Q}_1 \\ \downarrow \\ \Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2, D \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \mathfrak{Q}_2 \\ \downarrow \\ D, \Pi_3^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_3 \end{array}}{\frac{\Pi_2^*, \Gamma, \Pi_3^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2, \Delta, \Lambda_3}{\text{Some exchanges and contractions}}}}{\Pi_2^*, \Pi_3^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2, \Lambda_3}$$

2.2.2. The case, where  $\mathfrak{S}_1$  is a logical inference and the chief-formula of  $\mathfrak{S}_1$  is not equivalent to  $B$ .

As other cases are to be treated similarly, we assume that  $\mathfrak{S}_1$  is of the following form

$$\frac{G(X), \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2}{\forall xG(x), \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2}$$

where  $\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1$  is  $\forall xG(x), \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2$ .

By the assumption, the proof-figure  $\mathfrak{Q}_1$  to  $G(X), \Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2$  is defined. Then we construct the proof-figure of the form

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \mathfrak{Q}_1 \\ \downarrow \\ G(X), \Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2 \end{array}}{\forall xG(x), \Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2}$$

2.2.3. The case, where  $\mathfrak{S}_1$  is  $\forall$  left on  $f$ -variable and the chief-formula of  $\mathfrak{S}_2$  is equivalent to  $B$ .

Without the loss of generality, we assume  $\mathfrak{S}_1$  is of the following form

$$\frac{F(H), \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2}{\forall \varphi F(\varphi), \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2}$$

where  $\Pi_1 \rightarrow \Lambda_1$  is  $\forall \varphi F(\varphi), \Pi_2 \rightarrow \Lambda_2$ .

By the assumption, the proof-figure  $\mathfrak{Q}_2$  to  $F(H), \Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2$  is defined. Then we construct the proof-figure of the form

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \mathfrak{Q}_1 \\ \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, F(H) \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \downarrow \mathfrak{Q}_2 \\ F(H), \Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2 \end{array}}{\Gamma, \Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Delta, \Lambda_2}$$

Some exchanges and contractions

$$\Pi_2^*, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda_2$$

where  $\mathfrak{Q}_1$  is obtained from  $\mathfrak{P}_1$  by substituting  $H$  for  $\alpha$  after the necessary changes of eigen-variables in  $\mathfrak{P}_1$ .

By successive constructions 2.2.1, 2.2.2 and 2.2.3, we can form a proof-figure  $\mathfrak{Q}_0$  to  $\Pi, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda$ . Now, we construct the proof-figure  $\mathfrak{Q}'_0$  of the following form

$$\frac{\downarrow \mathfrak{Q}_0}{\Pi, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda}$$

Some exchanges

$$\Gamma, \Pi \rightarrow \Delta, \Lambda$$

Then we see easily by 1.7.3, that the grade of  $\mathfrak{Q}'_0$  is less than the grade of  $\mathfrak{P}_0$ .

Let  $\mathfrak{Q}$  be the proof-figure obtained from  $\mathfrak{P}$  by substituting  $\mathfrak{Q}'_0$  for  $\mathfrak{P}_0$ . Then clearly  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is a simple proof-figure and the grade of  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is less than the grade of  $\mathfrak{P}$ . Therefore the theorem is proved.

## § Appendix

**A.1.** A function  $\gamma(A)$  of the formula or the formula with argument-places taking ordinal numbers as values will be called monotone if it fulfills the following conditions:

- A.1.1.  $\gamma(\neg A) \geq (A)$ .
- A.1.2.  $\gamma(A \wedge B) \geq \max(\gamma(A), \gamma(B))$ .
- A.1.3.  $\gamma(\forall xG(x)) \geq \gamma(G(X))$ .
- A.1.4.  $\gamma(\{x_L, \dots, x_i\}H(x_L, \dots, x_i)) = \gamma(H((X_1, \dots, X_i)))$ .
- A.1.5. If  $A$  is homologous to  $B$ , then  $\gamma(A)$  is equal to  $\gamma(B)$ .
- A.1.6. If  $\gamma(H) = 0$  and  $\gamma(\forall \varphi F(\varphi)) > 0$ , then  $\gamma(\forall \varphi F(\varphi)) > \gamma(F(H))$ .

We say that  $A$  is  $\gamma$ -simple, if and only if  $\gamma(A) = 0$ . An inference  $\forall$  left on  $f$ -variable

$$\frac{F(H), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\forall \varphi F(\varphi), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}$$

is called  $\gamma$ -simple, if  $H$  is  $\gamma$ -simple, it is called strictly  $\gamma$ -simple, if  $H$  and  $\forall \varphi F(\varphi)$  are  $\gamma$ -simple. A proof-figure  $\mathfrak{P}$  is called (strictly)  $\gamma$ -simple, if every implicit inference  $\forall$  left on  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{P}$  is (strictly)  $\gamma$ -simple.

A.2. In the same way as in § 2, we have then the following proposition:

If  $\gamma$  is monotone and the fundamental conjecture is verified for every strictly  $\gamma$ -simple proof-figure, then the fundamental conjecture is verified for every  $\gamma$ -simple proof-figure.

A.3. Let us suppose that a set  $\mathfrak{M}$  of formulas and formulas with argument-places is given, and that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is 'closed' in the following sense.

- A.3.1. If  $\forall xG(x)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $G(X)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .
- A.3.2. If  $B \wedge C$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $B$  and  $C$  belong to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .
- A.3.3. If  $\neg B$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $B$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .
- A.3.4. If  $\forall \varphi F(\varphi)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $F(\alpha)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .
- A.3.5.  $\{x_1, \dots, x_i\}H(x_1, \dots, x_i)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , if and only if  $H(X_1, \dots, X_i)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .
- A.3.6. If  $B$  is homologous to  $C$  and  $B$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $C$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .
- A.3.7. If  $F(\alpha)$  and  $H$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$  and the types of  $\alpha$  and  $H$  are

the same, then  $F(H)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

A.3.8. If  $A$  has no logical symbol, then  $A$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

A.4. Now let us define a function  $\gamma$  recursively as follows, and call it 'the function determined by  $\mathfrak{M}$ ':

A.4.1.  $\gamma(A)$  is equal to zero, if and only if  $A$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

A.4.2. If  $A$  is of the form  $\neg B$  and does not belong to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\gamma(A)$  is equal to  $\gamma(B)+1$ .

A.4.3. If  $A$  is of the form  $B \wedge C$  and does not belong to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\gamma(A)$  is  $n+1$ , where  $n$  is the maximum of  $\gamma(B)$  and  $\gamma(C)$ .

A.4.4. If  $A$  is of the form  $\forall x G(x)$  and does not belong to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\gamma(A)$  is equal to  $\gamma(G(a))+1$ .

A.4.5. If  $A$  is of the form  $\{x_1, \dots, x_i\} H(x_1, \dots, x_i)$ , then  $\gamma(A)$  is equal to  $\gamma(H(a_1, \dots, a_i))$ .

A.4.6. If  $A$  is of the form  $\forall \varphi F(\varphi)$  and does not belong to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $\gamma(A)$  is equal to  $\gamma(F(\alpha))+1$ .

A.5. We shall prove the following proposition:

Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be closed and  $\gamma$  be the function determined by  $\mathfrak{M}$ . If  $H$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$  and has the same type as  $\alpha$ , then  $\gamma(F(\alpha))$  is equal to  $\gamma(F(H))$ .

PROOF. If  $\gamma(F(\alpha))=0$ , the proposition is clear. Let us proceed by the mathematical induction on  $a+b$ , where  $a$  is  $\gamma(F(\alpha))$  and  $b$  is the number of logical symbols in  $F(\alpha)$ . We have several cases according to the kind of the outermost logical symbol of  $F(\alpha)$ , but, as all cases are treated similarly we deal only with the case, where  $F(\alpha)$  is of the form  $\forall \varphi G(\varphi, \alpha)$ . Then, by the hypothesis of the induction,  $\gamma(G(\beta, \alpha))$  is equal to  $\gamma(G(\beta, H))$ , and we see easily that  $\gamma(\forall \varphi G(\varphi, \alpha))$  is equal to  $\gamma(\forall \varphi G(\varphi, H))$ . Q. E. D.

A.6. From the above proposition follows immediately the following proposition:

Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  be closed and  $\gamma$  be the function determined by  $\mathfrak{M}$ . Then  $\gamma$  is monotone.

A.7. Now we shall give several examples of sets of formulas and formulas with argument-places, which are easily seen to be closed.

A.7.1. The first example  $\mathfrak{M}_1$ .

We define that  $A$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}_1$ , if and only if every  $\forall$  on  $f$ -variable in  $A$  affects no  $\forall$  on  $f$ -variable in  $A$ .

A.7.2. The second example  $\mathfrak{M}_2$ .

We define that  $A$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}_2$ , if and only if the following condition is fulfilled:

Let  $\#$  and  $\natural$  be  $\forall$  on  $f$ -variables in  $A$  and let  $\#$  affect  $\natural$ . Then  $\#$  is positive to  $\natural$ , and, moreover, if  $\varphi$  is an arbitrary  $\forall$  on  $f$ -variable, which is tied by  $\#$  and ties  $\natural$ , then  $\varphi$  is positive to  $\#$ .

A.7.3. The third example  $\mathfrak{M}_3$ .

We define that  $A$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}_3$ , if and only if  $A$  contains no logical symbol  $\forall$  on any variable.

Let  $\gamma_3$  be the function determined by  $\mathfrak{M}_3$ . Then from our former paper [2] follows that the fundamental conjecture is verified for the strictly  $\gamma_3$ -simple proof-figure. Therefore by A.2 we have the following theorem:

**THEOREM 2.** *Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a proof-figure satisfying the following condition: If*

$$\frac{F(H), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\forall \varphi F(\varphi), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}$$

*is an implicit  $\forall$  left on  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{P}$ , then  $H$  has no  $\forall$  on variable. Then the end-sequence of  $\mathfrak{P}$  is provable without cut.*

Hereafter, we use the logical symbol  $\exists$  and  $\forall$ . Accordingly, we define that  $\mathfrak{M}$  is closed, if and only if  $\mathfrak{M}$  satisfies A.3.1–A.3.8 and the following conditions:

A.3.9. If  $B \vee C$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $B$  and  $C$  belong to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

A.3.10. If  $\exists x G(x)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $G(X)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

A.3.11. If  $\exists \varphi F(\varphi)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ , then  $F(\alpha)$  belongs to  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

The concept of ‘function determined by  $\mathfrak{M}$ ’ should be also modified accordingly.

A.7.4. The fourth example  $\mathfrak{M}_4$ .

We define that  $A$  belong to  $\mathfrak{M}_4$ , if and only if  $A$  does not contain the logical symbol  $\neg$ .

Let  $\gamma_4$  be the function determined by  $\mathfrak{M}_4$ . We see easily that the fundamental conjecture holds for the strictly  $\gamma_4$ -simple proof-figure. (the author intends to prove a theorem, implying this as a special case in a forth coming paper). Therefore by A.2, we have the following theorem:

**THEOREM 3.** *Let  $\mathfrak{P}$  be a proof-figure satisfying the following condition: If*

$$\frac{F(H), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\forall \varphi F(\varphi), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}$$

*is an implicit  $\forall$  left on  $f$ -variable in  $\mathfrak{P}$ , then  $H$  has no  $\neg$ . Then the end-sequence of  $\mathfrak{P}$  is provable without cut.*

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