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Revisiting Translations

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Abstract:

The aim of the present paper is to examine the following ideas and results concerning translations between logics and theories:

[1] The first result establishes that given two logics L_1 and L_2 and a translation of L_2 into L_1 , then, given any intermediate logic L_3 between L_1 and L_2 , the same translation can be used to translate L_2 into L_3 . It is also shown that this translation cannot be used to translate L_3 into L_1 .

[2] The second group of results and ideas discusses the constructive behavior of different fragments of classical logic.

[3] In 1979, R. Statman showed a translation from intuitionistic propositional logic into its implicational fragment. This reduction is polynomial and proves that the implicational fragment of minimal Logic is PSPACE-complete. The methods that Statman used are based on proof-theory and Natural Deduction in Prawitz Style. The sub-formula principle for a propositional Natural Deduction system NL for a logic L states that whenever α is provable from Γ in L, there is a derivation of α from a set of assumptions $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k\} \subseteq \Gamma$ built up only with sub-formulas of α and/or $\{\delta_1, \dots, \delta_k\}$. We show that any propositional logic L, with a Natural Deduction system that satisfies the sub-formula principle has a translation to purely minimal implicational logic.

[4] The fourth group of results and ideas aims to discuss a view proposed by Dag Prawitz on the relation between intuitionistic and classical logic.

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