The first-order theory of canonical calculi (\mathbf{CC}^*) and its language \mathcal{L}^{1*}

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Logical constants, variables (let us write them as $\mathfrak{x}, \mathfrak{x}_1, \ldots$), the syntax of terms and formulas are like in any other first-order language. The intended universe (the domain of the variables) is the class of \mathcal{A}_{cc} -strings.

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Remark: The textbook defines the theorems of \mathbf{CC}^* by a canonical calculus Σ^* . We omit this step; but you can find the axioms of this slide as rules 61-80. of Σ^* on p. 80. of the textbook. The notation is a little bit different.

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The above rules of translation apply to any string derivable in \mathbf{H}_3 . Let us denote the translation on the string f into a \mathcal{L}^{1*} -formula Tr(f).

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Theorem: If $\mathbf{H}_3 \mapsto f$, then Tr(f) is provable in \mathbf{CC}^* . The proof goes by induction following the inductive definition of strings derivable in \mathbf{H}_3 .

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Theorem(Church-Turing-Markov): First-order logic is not decidable.

I. e., there is no algorithm for every first-order language that decides about every formula whether it is a logical truth (consequence of the empty set of formulas) or not. E.g., for \mathcal{L}^{1*} there is no such algorithm. Because otherwise we had an algorithm to decide which formulas of the form $\mathbf{Ax} \supset A(c)$ are logical truths (where \mathbf{Ax} is the conjunction of all axioms of \mathbf{CC}^* and c is a numeral). This would imply the decidability of the class of autonomous numerals again.

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We can apply the truth definition we have specified at the last class. We will show that SUD is true according to this definition, too. Therefore, the theorems of **CC** are all true and the theory is consistent.