Inductive definitions and canonical calculi

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If our number is $x01$, then the next number divisible by 3 will be $y00$, where y is the *follower* of x. We most now encode the relation of following in the rule. We use an auxiliary letter F to do this:

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x01 \rightarrow xF y \rightarrow y00
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Canonical calculus (formal definition)

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Let C and V alphabets s.t. \rightarrow ' \notin C \cup V. A finite class K of $\mathcal{C} \cup \mathcal{V}$ -rules is called a canonical calculus over \mathcal{C} . The members of K are the <u>rules of K</u> and the members of V (if any) are the variables of K.

Strings derivable in a canonical calculus

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A convention about the use of auxiliary letters: We use them to express predicates of strings. If we want to use P to express a monadic predicate, we write it as a prefix: Px . If it is an n-adic predicate $(n \geq 2)$, we write it infix, on the following way: $x_1Px_2P \ldots Px_n$.

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Some additional remarks

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The first three remarks are trivial. The fourth one is extremely important for metalogic and will be proved (by examples) later.

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- \bullet \rightarrow means negation.

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Prove that it is not possible for the machine to print all true sentences, but only those. (It may print strings that are not sentences, but we are only talking about sentences that the machine can print.) I.e., if it only prints true sentences, then there is at least one true sentence that it never prints. Bonus: If you proved this proposition, you may propose a name for it.

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\n4. $Fx \to F\lnot x$
\n5. $Fx \to Fy \to F(x \supset y)$
\n5^{*}. $Fx \to x$ and $F \circ F$

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- The language of propositional logic could have been defined without using auxiliary letters (see textbook p. 40). But it is not always possible to eliminate the auxiliary letters and they make our work simpler and more transparent even if they (or some of them) are not necessary.

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Propositional logic as calculus (informally)

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\n8. $Fu \to Fv \to L((\neg u \supset \neg v) \supset (v \supset u))$
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This calculus defines the class of provable formulas of propositional logic (shortly: the propositional logic) L_{PL} .