

Some canonical calculi and logical languages

The concept of hypercalculus

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The (primitive) logical constants of first-order logic are the usual ones. The alphabet of our first-order language:

$$\mathcal{A}_{\text{Language}(FOL)} = \{ (,), \iota, o, x, \varphi, \pi, =, \neg, \supset, \forall \}$$

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Auxiliary letters (with intended meanings in brackets): I (index), A (arity), V (variable), N (name functor), P (predicate), T (term), F (formula). We use calculus variables as needed (not to be changed with object-language variables).

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Homework: How to change $K_{Language(FOL)}$ to define the terms resp. atomic formulas of our language?

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Two informal remarks:

1. Hypercalculi are canonical calculi just as any other calculus. We read the strings they produce as rules, derivability relations or calculi.
2. The calculus deriving the code of any canonical calculus also derives the code of itself – an innocent case of self reference.

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- W (Translation of a word, i.e. variable-free string)
- T (Translation of a term, i.e. string of letters and variables)
- R (Translation of a \mathbf{C} -rule)
- K (Translation of an arbitrary calculus \mathbf{C})

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3. $Ix \rightarrow L\alpha x$
4. $Ix \rightarrow V\xi x$
5. W
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In the above description of the intended meaning, I have dropped the phrase ‘translation of’. But never forget that we speak here not about the letters, variables, etc. of our hypercalculus, but about the strings translating the letters etc. of the original calculus.

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Inductive rule (19.): If the substitution makes v from u and w from z , then from their concatenation uz it makes the concatenation of the results vw .

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