

Zalta's Elementary Object Theory

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Primitive Symbols

1. Primitive object terms

1.1 Constants: $a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots$.¹

1.2 Variables: $x_1, x_2, x_3 \dots$.²

2. Primitive relation terms

2.1 Constants: $P_1^n, P_2^n, P_3^n \dots, (n \geq 1)$,³ $=_E, E!$.

2.2 Variables: $F_1^n, F_2^n, F_3^n, \dots, (n \geq 1)$.⁴

3. Connectives: \neg, \rightarrow .

4. Quantifier: \forall .

5. Lambda: λ .

6. Parentheses and brackets: $(,), [,]$.

Formulas and Terms

We present a simultaneous inductive definition of **(propositional) formula**, **object term**, and **n -place relation term**

1. All primitive object terms are object terms and all primitive n -place relation terms are n -place relation terms.
2. Atomic exemplification: If ρ^n is any n -place relation term, and o_1, \dots, o_n are any object terms, $\rho^n o_1 \dots o_n$ is a (propositional) formula.
3. Atomic encoding: If ρ^1 is any one-place relation term, $o\rho^1$ is a formula.
4. Molecular: If ϕ and ψ are any (propositional) formulas, then $(\neg\phi)$ and $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ are (propositional) formulas.

Formulas and Terms (cont.)

5. Quantified: If ϕ is any (propositional) formula, and α is any (object) variable, then $(\forall\alpha)\phi$ is a (propositional) formula.
6. Complex n -place relation terms: If ϕ is any propositional formula with n -free object variables v_1, \dots, v_n , then $[\lambda v_1 \dots v_n \phi]$ is an n -place relation term.

Some Notations and Definitions

- $(\forall x) x$ is **abstract** $=_{df} [\lambda y \neg E!y]x$
- A formula ϕ is **propositional** iff ϕ has no encoding subformulas and ϕ has no subformulas with quantifiers binding relation variables.
- Rewrite $=_E O_1 O_2$ as $O_1 =_E O_2$
- parentheses
- $\wedge, \vee, \leftrightarrow, \exists$

Some Notations and Definitions (cont.)

- τ is a **term** iff τ is an object term or there is an n such that τ is an n -place relation term.
- All and only formulas and terms are **well-formed expressions**.
- An occurrence of a variable α in a well-formed expression is **bound (free)** iff it lies (does not lie) with a formula of the form $(\forall\alpha)\phi$ or a term of the form $[\lambda v_1 \dots \alpha \dots v_n \phi]$ within the expression.
- A variable is **free (bound)** in an expression iff it does (does not) have a free occurrence in the expression.
- A sentence is a formula having no free variables.

Some Notations and Definitions (cont.)

- A term is **substitutable for** a variable α in a formula ϕ iff for every variable β free in τ , no free occurrence of α in ϕ occurs either in a subformula of the form $(\forall\beta)\psi$ in ϕ or in a term $[\lambda v_1 \dots \beta \dots v_n \psi]$ in ϕ .
- We write $\phi(\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$ to designate a formula which may or may not have $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ occurring free.
- We write $\phi_{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n}^{\tau_1, \dots, \tau_n}$ to designate the formula which results when, for each $i, 1 \leq i \leq n, \tau_i$ is substituted for each free occurrence of α_i in ϕ .

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Interpretations

An interpretation, of our language is any 6-tuple
 $\langle \mathcal{D}, \mathcal{R}, \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}, \mathcal{L}, \text{ext}_{\mathcal{A}}, F \rangle$.

- \mathcal{D} is a non-empty set. It is called the **domain of objects**.
($\mathbf{o} \in \mathcal{D}$)
- \mathcal{R} is a non-empty set. It is called the **domain of relations** and it is the union of a sequence of non-empty set $\mathcal{R}_1, \mathcal{R}_2, \mathcal{R}_3, \dots$; i.e., $\mathcal{R} = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \mathcal{R}_n$. ($v^n \in \mathcal{R}_n$)
- $\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}} : \mathcal{R}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{D}^n)$. We call $\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(v^n)$ the **exemplification extension** of v^n .

Interpretations (cont.)

- \mathcal{L} is a class of logical functions which operate on the members of \mathcal{R}^n and \mathcal{D} to produce the complex relations which serve as the denotations for the λ -expressions.

1. \mathcal{PLUG}_1 maps $(\mathcal{R}_2 \cup \mathcal{R}_3 \cup \dots) \times \mathcal{D}$ into $(\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \dots)$.
 \mathcal{PLUG}_j , for each $j > 1$, maps $(\mathcal{R}_j \cup \mathcal{R}_{j+1} \cup \dots) \times \mathcal{D}$ into $(\mathcal{R}_{j-1} \cup \mathcal{R}_j \cup \dots)$.

\mathcal{PLUG}_i is subject to the following conditions:

$$\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{PLUG}_i(v^n, \mathbf{o})) = \{ \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_{i-1}, \mathbf{o}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \mid \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_{i-1}, \mathbf{o}, \mathbf{o}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \in \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(v^n) \}$$

2. \mathcal{UNIV}_1 maps $(\mathcal{R}_2 \cup \mathcal{R}_3 \cup \dots)$ into $(\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \dots)$.
 \mathcal{UNIV}_j , for each $j > 1$, maps $(\mathcal{R}_j \cup \mathcal{R}_{j+1} \cup \dots)$ into $(\mathcal{R}_{j-1} \cup \mathcal{R}_j \cup \dots)$. \mathcal{UNIV}_i is subject to the condition:

$$\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{UNIV}_i(v^n)) = \{ \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_{i-1}, \mathbf{o}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \mid (\forall \mathbf{o})(\langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_{i-1}, \mathbf{o}, \mathbf{o}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \in \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(v^n)) \}$$

Interpretations (cont.)

- $\mathcal{CONV}_{i,j}$, for each $i, j, 1 \leq i \leq j$, is a function mapping $(\mathcal{R}_j \cup \mathcal{R}_{j+1} \cup \dots)$ into $(\mathcal{R}_j \cup \mathcal{R}_{j+1} \cup \dots)$ subject to the condition: $\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{CONV}_{i,j}(v^n)) = \{ \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_{i-1}, \mathbf{o}_j, \mathbf{o}_{i+1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_{j-1}, \mathbf{o}_i, \mathbf{o}_{j+1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \mid \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_i, \dots, \mathbf{o}_j, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \in \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(v^n) \}$.
- $\mathcal{REFL}_{i,j}$ for each $i, j, 1 \leq i < j$, is a function mapping $(\mathcal{R}_j \cup \mathcal{R}_{j+1} \cup \dots)$ into $(\mathcal{R}_{j-1} \cup \mathcal{R} \cup \dots)$ subject to the condition:
 $\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{REFL}_{i,j}(v^n)) = \{ \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_i, \dots, \mathbf{o}_{j-1}, \mathbf{o}_{j+1}, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \mid \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_i, \dots, \mathbf{o}_j, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \in \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(v^n) \text{ and } \mathbf{o}_i = \mathbf{o}_j \}$
- \mathcal{COND} is a function from $(\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \dots) \times (\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \dots)$ into $(\mathcal{R}_2 \cup \mathcal{R}_3 \cup \dots)$ subject to the condition:
 $\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{COND}(v^n, j^m)) = \{ \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n, \mathbf{o}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}'_m \rangle \mid \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_m \rangle \notin \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(v^n) \text{ or } \langle \mathbf{o}'_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}'_m \rangle \in \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(j^m) \}$.

Interpretations (cont.)

6. $\mathcal{N}\mathcal{E}\mathcal{G}$ is a function from $(\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \dots)$ into $(\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2 \cup \dots)$ subject to the condition:

$$\text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathcal{N}\mathcal{E}\mathcal{G}(i^n)) = \{\langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \mid \langle \mathbf{o}_1, \dots, \mathbf{o}_n \rangle \notin \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(i^n)\}$$

- $\text{ext}_{\mathcal{A}} : \mathcal{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{D})$. We call $\text{ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(i^1)$ the **encoding extension** of i^1
- \mathcal{F} maps the simple names of the language to elements of the appropriate domain. For each object name κ , $\mathcal{F}(\kappa) \in \mathcal{D}$. For each relation name κ^n , $\mathcal{F}(\kappa^n) \in \mathcal{R}_n$.

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We use μ, ξ, ζ as metavariables ranging over λ -expressions. Suppose μ is an arbitrary λ -expression. Then $\mu = [\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_n\phi]$, for some $\phi, \nu_1, \dots, \nu_n$.

Partitioning the λ -expressions (cont.)

1. If $(\exists i)(1 \leq i \leq n$ and ν_i is not the i^{th} free object variable in ϕ and i is the least such number), then where ν_j is the i^{th} free object variable in ϕ , μ is the **i, j^{th} -conversion** of
$$[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_{i-1}\nu_j\nu_{i+1} \dots \nu_{j-1}\nu_i\nu_{j+1} \dots \nu_n\phi]$$
2. If μ is not the i, j^{th} -conversion of any λ -expression, then:
 - 2.1 if $\phi = (\neg\psi)$, μ is the **negation** of $[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_n\phi]$
 - 2.2 if $\phi = (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$, and ψ and χ have no free object variable in common, then where ν_1, \dots, ν_p are the variables in ψ and ν_{p+1}, \dots, ν_n are the variables in χ , ν is the **conditionalization** of $[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_p\psi]$ and $[\lambda\nu_{p+1} \dots \nu_n\chi]$
 - 2.3 if $\phi = (\forall\nu)\psi$, and ν is the i^{th} free object variable in ϕ , then μ is the **i^{th} -universalization** of $[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_{i-1}\nu\nu_i\nu_{i+1} \dots \nu_n\psi]$.

Partitioning the λ -expressions (cont.)

3. If μ is none of the above, then if $(\exists i)(1 \leq i \leq n$ and ν_i occurs free in more than one place in ϕ and i is the least such number), then where:
 - 3.1 k is the number of free object variables between the first and second occurrences of ν_i ,
 - 3.2 ϕ' is the result of replacing the second occurrences of ν_i with a new variable ν , and
 - 3.3 $j = i + k + 1$, μ is the i, j^{th} -reflection of $[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_{i+k}\nu\nu_j \dots \nu_n\phi']$

Partitioning the λ -expressions (cont.)

4. If μ is none of the above, then if o is the left most object term occurring in ϕ , then where:
 - 4.1 j is the number of free variables occurring before o .
 - 4.2 ϕ' is the result of replacing the first occurrence of o by a new variable ν , and
 - 4.3 $i = j + 1$, μ is the i^{th} -**plugging** of $[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_j \nu \nu_{j+1} \dots \nu_n \phi']$ by o
5. If μ is none of the above, then
 - 5.1 ϕ is atomic
 - 5.2 ν_1, \dots, ν_n is the order in which these variables first occur in ϕ
 - 5.3 $\mu = [\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_n \rho^n \nu_1 \dots \nu_n]$, for some relation term ρ^n , and μ is called **elementary**

Assignments

If given an interpretation \mathcal{I} of our language, an \mathcal{I} -**assignment**, \mathbf{f} , will be any function defined on the primitive variables of the language which satisfies the following two conditions:

1. where ν is any object variable, $\mathbf{f}(\nu) \in \mathcal{D}$
2. where π^n is any relation variable, $\mathbf{f}(\pi^n) \in \mathcal{R}_n$

Denotations

If given an interpretation \mathcal{I} of our language, and an \mathcal{I} -assignment \mathbf{f} , we recursively define **the denotation of term π with respect to interpretation \mathcal{I} and \mathcal{I} -assignment \mathbf{f}** (“ $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\pi)$ ”) as follows:

1. where κ is any primitive name, $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\kappa) = \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{I}}(\kappa)$
2. where ν is any object variable, $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\nu) = \mathbf{f}(\nu)$
3. where π^n is any relation variable, $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\pi^n) = \mathbf{f}(\pi^n)$
4. where $[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_n \rho^n \nu_1 \dots \nu_n]$ is any elementary λ -expression, $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}([\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_n \rho^n \nu_1 \dots \nu_n]) = \mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\rho^n)$
5. where μ is the i^{th} -plugging of ξ by o ,
 $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\mu) = \mathcal{P}\mathcal{L}\mathcal{U}\mathcal{G}_i(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\xi), \mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(o))$
6. where μ is the i^{th} -universalization of ξ ,
 $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\mu) = \mathcal{U}\mathcal{N}\mathcal{I}\mathcal{V}_i(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I},\mathbf{f}}(\xi))$

Denotations (cont.)

7. where μ is the i, j^{th} -conversion of ξ ,
 $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\mu) = \mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}\mathcal{N}\mathcal{V}_{i,j}(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\xi))$
8. where μ is the i, j^{th} -reflection of ξ ,
 $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\mu) = \mathcal{R}\mathcal{E}\mathcal{F}\mathcal{L}_{i,j}(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\xi))$
9. where μ is the conditionalization of ξ and ζ ,
 $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\mu) = \mathcal{C}\mathcal{O}\mathcal{N}\mathcal{D}_{i,j}(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\xi), \mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\zeta))$
10. where μ is the negation of ξ , $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\mu) = \mathcal{N}\mathcal{E}\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{F},f}(\xi))$

We define **f satisfies** ϕ , recursively, as follows:

1. If $\phi = \rho^n o_1 \dots o_n$, **f** satisfies ϕ iff $\langle \mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I}, \mathbf{f}}(o_1), \dots, \mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I}, \mathbf{f}}(o_n) \rangle \in \text{ext}_{\mathcal{R}}(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I}, \mathbf{f}}(\rho^n))$
2. If $\phi = o\rho^1$, **f** satisfies ϕ iff $\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I}, \mathbf{f}}(o) \in \text{ext}_{\mathcal{A}}(\mathbf{d}_{\mathcal{I}, \mathbf{f}}(\rho^1))$
3. if $\phi = (\neg\psi)$, **f** satisfies ϕ iff **f** fails to satisfy ψ
4. If $\phi = (\psi \rightarrow \chi)$, **f** satisfies ϕ iff **f** fails to satisfy ψ or **f** satisfies χ
5. If $\phi = (\forall\alpha)\psi$, **f** satisfies ϕ iff $(\forall\mathbf{f}')$ ($\mathbf{f}'_{\bar{\alpha}}\mathbf{f} \rightarrow \mathbf{f}'$) satisfies ϕ , where: $\mathbf{f}'_{\bar{\alpha}}\mathbf{f} =_{df} \mathbf{f}'$ is an \mathcal{I} -assignment just like **f** except perhaps for what is assigns to α .

Truth under an Interpretation

ϕ is **true under** interpretation \mathcal{I} iff every \mathcal{I} -assignment \mathbf{f} satisfies ϕ . ϕ is **false under** \mathcal{I} iff no \mathcal{I} -assignment \mathbf{f} satisfies ϕ . ϕ is **valid** iff ϕ is true under all interpretations.

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The Logical Axioms

1. $\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \phi)$
2. $(\phi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) \rightarrow ((\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \chi))$
3. $(\neg\phi \rightarrow \neg\psi) \rightarrow ((\neg\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \phi)$
4. $(\forall\alpha)\phi \rightarrow \phi_\alpha^\tau$, where τ is substitutable for α
5. $(\forall\alpha)(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow (\forall\alpha)\psi)$, provided α is not free in ϕ
6. $(\forall x_1) \dots (\forall x_n)([\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_n \phi]x_1 \dots x_n \leftrightarrow \phi_{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_n}^{x_1, \dots, x_n})$
7. $[\lambda\nu_1 \dots \nu_n \rho^n \nu_1 \dots \nu_n] = \rho^n$

Rules of Inference

1. From ϕ and $\phi \rightarrow \psi$, we may infer ψ
2. (UI) from ϕ , we may infer $(\forall\alpha)\phi$

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Proper Axioms

1. (*E-IDENTITY*) $x =_E y \leftrightarrow E!x \wedge E!y \wedge (\forall F)(Fx \leftrightarrow Fy)$
2. (*NO-CODER*) $E!x \rightarrow \neg(\exists F)xF$
3. (*IDENTITY*) $\alpha = \beta \rightarrow (\phi(\alpha, \alpha) \leftrightarrow \phi(\alpha, \beta))$, where $\phi(\alpha, \beta)$ is the result of replacing some, but not necessarily all, free occurrences of α by β in $\phi(\alpha, \alpha)$, provided β is substitutable for α in the occurrences of α it replaces.
4. (*A-OBJECTS*) $(\exists x)(A!x \wedge (\forall F)(xF \leftrightarrow \phi))$, for any formula ϕ where x is not free

Two Theorems

Definition

$$1. x = y =_{df} x = y \vee (A!x \wedge A!y \wedge (\forall F)(xF \leftrightarrow yF))$$

$$2. F^1 = G^1 =_{df} (\forall x)(xF^1 \leftrightarrow xG^1)$$

$$3. F^n = G^n =_{df} (\forall x_1 \dots x_{n-1})([\lambda y F^n y x_1 \dots x_{n-1}] = [\lambda y G^n y x_1 \dots x_{n-1}] \wedge [\lambda y F^n x_1 y x_2 \dots x_{n-1}] = [\lambda y G^n x_1 y x_2 \dots x_{n-1}] \wedge \dots \wedge [\lambda y F^n x_1 \dots x_{n-1} y] = [\lambda y G^n x_1 \dots x_{n-1} y]) \text{ (where } n > 1)$$

Theorem (IDENTITY INTRODUCTION, =I)

$\alpha = \alpha$, where α is any variable.

Proof.

(sketch) If α is an object variable x and $E!x$, then since we have $(\forall F)(Fx \leftrightarrow Fx)$ from propositional logic and UI , we may use $(E-IDENTITY)$ to prove $x =_E x$. So $x = x$, by Definition 1. If $\neg E!x \dots$ If α is $F^1 \dots$ If α is $F^n \dots$

Two Theorems (cont.)

Let us use the standard notation $(\exists!x)\psi$ (there is a unique x such that ψ) to abbreviate $(\exists x)(\psi \wedge (\forall y)(\psi_x^y \rightarrow y = x))$.

Theorem (UNIQUENESS)

$(\exists!x)(A!x \wedge (\forall F)(xF \leftrightarrow \phi))$ for any formula ϕ where x is not free.

Proof.

Firstly, we prove the existence by the *A-OBJECTS*. And then we prove the uniqueness by contradiction. There could not be distinct such objects since we cannot give a formula ϕ which give us two different conditions about properties. \square

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An Expansion of the Theory

- Let us stipulate that where ϕ is any formula with one free x -variable, $(\iota x)\phi$ (“the object x such that ϕ ”) is to be a complex object term of our language. Semantically, we interpret descriptions $(\iota x)\phi$ as denoting the unique object which satisfies ϕ , if there is one, and as not denoting anything if there is not one.
- Axiom(*DESCRIPTIONS*)

$$\psi_v^{(\iota x)\phi} \leftrightarrow (\exists! y)\phi_x^y \wedge (\exists y)(\phi_x^y \wedge \psi_v^y)$$

where ψ is any atomic formula or defined object identity formula with one free variable v .

Definition ($\text{Form}(x, G)$)

x is a Form of $G =_{df} \forall x A!x \wedge (\forall F)(xF \leftrightarrow F = G)$

Theorem (1)

$(\forall G)(\exists x)\text{Form}(x, G)$

Proof.

By A-OBJECTS and UI. □

Theorem (2)

$(\forall G)(\exists!x)\text{Form}(x, G)$

Proof.

By UNIQUENESS and UI. □

Plato's Forms (cont.)

So now we know that the description $(\iota x)(A!x \wedge (\forall F)(xF \leftrightarrow F = G))$ (the Form of G) always has a denotation. For convenience, let us use " Φ_G " to abbreviate it.

Theorem (3)

$\Phi_G G$ (the Form of G encodes G)

Proof.

By DESCRIPTIONS, $\Phi_G G \leftrightarrow (\exists!y)(A!y \wedge (\forall F)(yF \leftrightarrow F = G)) \wedge (\exists y)(A!y \wedge (\forall F)(yF \leftrightarrow F = G) \wedge yG)$. The right side of this biconditional is easily obtainable from Theorem(2). \square

Plato's Forms (cont.)

Definition (Part(y, x))

y participates in $x =_{df} (\exists F)(xF \wedge Fy)$

Theorem (4)

$x \neq y \wedge Fx \wedge Fy \rightarrow (\exists u)(u = \Phi_F \wedge Part(x, u) \wedge Part(y, u))$

Proof.

Assume $a \neq b, Pa$, and Pb , where a, b are arbitrary objects and P is an arbitrary property. By $=I$, we have $\Phi_P = \Phi_P$. By Theorem(3) and the above assumptions, we have $\Phi_P P \wedge Pa$. So $(\exists G)(\Phi_P G \wedge G_a)$, i.e., $Part(a, \Phi_P)$. Similarly, $Part(b, \Phi_P)$. So $\Phi_P = \Phi_P \wedge Part(a, \Phi_P) \wedge Part(b, \Phi_P)$. So $(\exists u)(u = \Phi_P \wedge Part(a, u) \wedge Part(b, u))$ □

Theorem (5)

$$Fx \leftrightarrow \text{Part}(x, \Phi_F)$$

Proof.

(\rightarrow) Assume Fx . By Theorem (3), $\text{Part}(x, \Phi_F)$.

(\leftarrow) Assume $\text{Part}(x, \Phi_F)$. Call the property Φ_F encodes G and x exemplified G . Since Φ_F encodes just F , it must be that $G = F$.

So Fx . □

Plato's Forms (cont.)

Definition

We call the property $[\lambda x \rightarrow E!x]$ **Platonic existence** and the notation is $\bar{E}!$

Theorem (6)

$$(\forall x)(\exists F)(x = \Phi_F) \rightarrow \bar{E}!x.$$

Proof.

By the definition of Forms, We have known that Φ_F is abstract, and by the definition of the abstracts we get the theorem. \square

We can call $\Phi_{\bar{E}}$ **Platonic Being**, or **Reality**. From Theorem(5) and (6) it follows that:

Theorem (7)

$$(\forall x)((\exists F)(x = \Phi_F) \rightarrow \text{Part}(x, \Phi_{\bar{E}}))$$

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Thanks!