Types, Tableaus and Gödel's God in Isabelle/HOL

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Abstract

A computer-formalisation of the essential parts of Fitting's textbook *Types, Tableaus and Gödel's God* in Isabelle/HOL is presented. In particular, Fitting's (and Anderson's) variant of the ontological argument is verified and confirmed. This variant avoids the modal collapse, which has been criticised as an undesirable side-effect of Kurt Gödel's (and Dana Scott's) versions of the ontological argument. Fitting's work is employing an intensional higher-order modal logic, which we shallowly embed here in classical higher-order logic. We then utilize the embedded logic for the formalisation of Fitting's argument.

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1 Introduction

We present a study on Computational Metaphysics: a computer-formalisation and verification of Fitting's variant of the ontological argument (for the existence of God) as presented in his textbook *Types, Tableaus and Gödel's God* [12]. Fitting's argument is an emendation of Kurt Gödel's modern variant [15] (resp. Dana Scott's variant [17]) of the ontological argument.

The motivation is to avoid the *modal collapse* [18, 19], which has been criticised as an undesirable side-effect of the axioms of Gödel resp. Scott. The modal collapse essentially states that there are no contingent truths and that everything is determined. Several authors (e.g. [2, 1, 16, 10]) have proposed emendations of the argument with the aim of maintaining the essential result (the necessary existence of God) while at the same time avoiding the modal collapse. Related work has formalised several of these variants on the computer and verified or falsified them. For example, Gödel's axioms [15] have been shown inconsistent [8, 9] while Scott's version has been verified [5]. Further experiments, contributing amongst others to the clarification of a related debate between Hájek and Anderson, are presented and discussed in [6]. The enabling technique in all of these experiments has been shallow semantical embeddings of (extensional) higher-order modal logics in classical higher-order logic (see [6, 3] and the references therein).

Fitting's emendation also intends to avoid the modal collapse. However, in contrast to the above variants, Fitting's solution is based on the use of an intensional as opposed to an extensional higher-order modal logic. For our work this imposed the additional challenge to provide a shallow embedding of this more advanced logic. The experiments presented below confirm that Fitting's argument as presented in his textbook [12] is valid and that it avoids the modal collapse as intended.

The work presented here originates from the *Computational Metaphysics* lecture course held at FU Berlin in Summer 2016 [7].

2 Embedding of Intensional Higher-Order Modal Logic

The object logic being embedded, intensional higher-order modal logic (IHOML), is a modification of the intentional logic developed by Montague and Gallin [14]. IHOML is introduced by Fitting in the second part of his textbook [12] in order to formalise his emendation of Gödel's ontological argument. We offer here a shallow embedding of this logic in Isabelle/HOL, which has been inspired by previous work on the semantical embedding of multimodal logics with quantification [6]. We expand this approach to allow for actualist quantifiers, intensional types and their related operations.

2.1 Type Declarations

Since IHOML and Isabelle/HOL are both typed languages, we introduce a type-mapping between them. We follow as closely as possible the syntax given by Fitting (see p. 86). According to this syntax, if τ is an extensional type, $\uparrow\tau$ is the corresponding intensional type. For instance, a set of (red) objects has the extensional type $\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$, whereas the concept 'red' has intensional type $\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$. In what follows, terms having extensional (intensional) types will be called extensional (intensional) terms.

typedecl i — type for possible worlds
type-synonym $io = (i \Rightarrow bool)$ — formulas with world-dependent truth-value
typedecl e $(\mathbf{0})$ — individuals

Aliases for common unary predicate types:

type-synonym $ie =$	$(i \Rightarrow \mathbf{0})$	$(\uparrow\mathbf{0})$
type-synonym $se =$	$(\mathbf{0} \Rightarrow bool)$	$(\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)$
type-synonym $ise =$	$(\mathbf{0} \Rightarrow io)$	$(\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)$
type-synonym $sie =$	$(\uparrow\mathbf{0} \Rightarrow bool)$	$(\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle)$
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type-synonym $sse =$	$\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle \Rightarrow bool$	$(\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle)$
type-synonym $isse =$	$\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle \Rightarrow io$	$(\uparrow\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle)$

Aliases for common binary relation types:

type-synonym $see =$	$(\mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow bool)$	$(\langle\mathbf{0},\mathbf{0}\rangle)$
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type-synonym $issese =$	$(\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle \Rightarrow \langle\mathbf{0}\rangle \Rightarrow io)$	$(\uparrow\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle,\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle)$

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type-synonym *issee* = $(\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle \Rightarrow \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow io)$ $(\uparrow\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle,\mathbf{0}\rangle)$
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2.2 Definitions

2.2.1 Logical Operators as Truth-Sets

abbreviation *mnot* :: $io \Rightarrow io$ $(\neg\text{-}[52]53)$
  where $\neg\varphi \equiv \lambda w.\ \neg(\varphi\ w)$
abbreviation *negpred* :: $\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle \Rightarrow \langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ $(\rightharpoonup\text{-}[52]53)$
  where $\rightharpoonup\Phi \equiv \lambda x.\ \neg(\Phi\ x)$
abbreviation *mnegpred* :: $\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle \Rightarrow \uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ $(\rightharpoonup\!\!\!\!\rightharpoonup\text{-}[52]53)$
  where $\rightharpoonup\!\!\!\!\rightharpoonup\Phi \equiv \lambda x.\lambda w.\ \neg(\Phi\ x\ w)$
abbreviation *mand* :: $io \Rightarrow io \Rightarrow io$ $(\mathbf{infixr}\wedge 51)$
  where $\varphi\wedge\psi \equiv \lambda w.\ (\varphi\ w)\wedge(\psi\ w)$
abbreviation *mor* :: $io \Rightarrow io \Rightarrow io$ $(\mathbf{infixr}\vee 50)$
  where $\varphi\vee\psi \equiv \lambda w.\ (\varphi\ w)\vee(\psi\ w)$
abbreviation *mimp* :: $io \Rightarrow io \Rightarrow io$ $(\mathbf{infixr}\rightarrow 49)$
  where $\varphi\rightarrow\psi \equiv \lambda w.\ (\varphi\ w)\longrightarrow(\psi\ w)$
abbreviation *mequ* :: $io \Rightarrow io \Rightarrow io$ $(\mathbf{infixr}\leftrightarrow 48)$
  where $\varphi\leftrightarrow\psi \equiv \lambda w.\ (\varphi\ w)\longleftrightarrow(\psi\ w)$
abbreviation *xor*:: $bool \Rightarrow bool \Rightarrow bool$ $(\mathbf{infixr}\oplus 50)$
  where $\varphi\oplus\psi \equiv\ (\varphi\vee\psi)\ \wedge\ \neg(\varphi\wedge\psi)$
abbreviation *mxor* :: $io \Rightarrow io \Rightarrow io$ $(\mathbf{infixr}\oplus 50)$
  where $\varphi\oplus\psi \equiv \lambda w.\ (\varphi\ w)\oplus(\psi\ w)$

2.2.2 Possibilist Quantification

abbreviation *mforall* :: $('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ $(\forall)$
  where $\forall\,\Phi \equiv \lambda w.\forall x.\ (\Phi\ x\ w)$
abbreviation *mexists* :: $('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ $(\exists)$
  where $\exists\,\Phi \equiv \lambda w.\exists x.\ (\Phi\ x\ w)$

abbreviation *mforallB* :: $('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ $(\mathbf{binder}\forall\,[8]9)$ — Binder notation
  where $\forall x.\ \varphi(x) \equiv \forall\,\varphi$
abbreviation *mexistsB* :: $('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ $(\mathbf{binder}\exists\,[8]9)$
  where $\exists x.\ \varphi(x) \equiv \exists\,\varphi$

2.2.3 Actualist Quantification

The following predicate is used to model actualist quantifiers by restricting the domain of quantification at every possible world. This standard technique has been referred to as *existence relativization* ([13], p. 106), highlighting the fact that this predicate can be seen as a kind of meta-logical 'existence predicate' telling us which individuals *actually* exist at a given world. This meta-logical concept does not appear in our object language.

consts $Exists$::$\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ ($existsAt$)

abbreviation $mforallAct$ :: $\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ ($\forall^E$)
  where $\forall^E\Phi \equiv \lambda w.\forall\, x.\ (existsAt\ x\ w)\longrightarrow(\Phi\ x\ w)$
abbreviation $mexistsAct$ :: $\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ ($\exists^E$)
  where $\exists^E\Phi \equiv \lambda w.\exists\, x.\ (existsAt\ x\ w)\wedge(\Phi\ x\ w)$

abbreviation $mforallActB$ :: $\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ (**binder**$\forall^E[8]9$) — binder notation
  where $\forall^E x.\ \varphi(x) \equiv \forall^E\varphi$
abbreviation $mexistsActB$ :: $\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ (**binder**$\exists^E[8]9$)
  where $\exists^E x.\ \varphi(x) \equiv \exists^E\varphi$

2.2.4 Modal Operators

consts $aRel$::$i\Rightarrow i\Rightarrow bool$ (**infixr** r *70*) — accessibility relation r

abbreviation $mbox$ :: $io\Rightarrow io$ ($\Box$-[*52*]*53*)
  where $\Box\varphi \equiv \lambda w.\forall\, v.\ (w\ r\ v)\longrightarrow(\varphi\ v)$
abbreviation $mdia$ :: $io\Rightarrow io$ ($\Diamond$-[*52*]*53*)
  where $\Diamond\varphi \equiv \lambda w.\exists\, v.\ (w\ r\ v)\wedge(\varphi\ v)$

2.2.5 *Extension-of* Operator

According to Fitting's semantics ([12], pp. 92-4) $\downarrow$ is an unary operator applying only to intensional terms. A term of the form $\downarrow\alpha$ designates the extension of the intensional object designated by α, at some *given* world. For instance, suppose we take possible worlds as persons, we can therefore think of the concept 'red' as a function that maps each person to the set of objects that person classifies as red (its extension). We can further state, the intensional term r of type $\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ designates the concept 'red'. As can be seen, intensional terms in IHOML designate functions on possible worlds and they always do it *rigidly*. We will sometimes refer to an intensional object explicitly as 'rigid', implying that its (rigidly) designated function has the same extension in all possible worlds.

Terms of the form $\downarrow\alpha$ are called *relativized* (extensional) terms; they are always derived from intensional terms and their type is *extensional* (in the color example $\downarrow r$ would be of type $\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$). Relativized terms may vary their denotation from world to world of a model, because the extension of an intensional term can change from world to world, i.e. they are non-rigid.

To recap: an intensional term denotes the same function in all worlds (i.e. it's rigid), whereas a relativized term denotes a (possibly) different extension (an object or a set) at every world (i.e. it's non-rigid). To find out the denotation of a relativized term, a world must be given. Relativized terms are the *only* non-rigid terms.

For our Isabelle/HOL embedding, we had to follow a slightly different approach; we model $\downarrow$ as a predicate applying to formulas of the form $\Phi(\downarrow\alpha_1,\ldots\alpha_n)$ (for our treatment we only need to consider cases involving one or two arguments, the first one being a relativized term). For instance, the formula $Q(\downarrow a_1)^w$ (evaluated at world w) is modelled as $\lfloor(Q,a_1)^w$ (or $(Q \lfloor a_1)^w$ using infix notation), which gets further translated into $Q(a_1(w))^w$.

Depending on the particular types involved, we have to define $\downarrow$ differently to ensure type correctness (see *a-d* below). Nevertheless, the essence of the *Extension-of* operator remains the same: a term α preceded by $\downarrow$ behaves as a non-rigid term, whose denotation at a given possible world corresponds to the extension of the original intensional term α at that world.

(*a*) Predicate φ takes as argument a relativized term derived from an (intensional) individual of type $\uparrow\mathbf{0}$:

abbreviation *extIndivArg*::$\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\Rightarrow\uparrow\mathbf{0}\Rightarrow io$ (**infix** $\lfloor$ *60*)
  where $\varphi \lfloor c \equiv \lambda w.\ \varphi\ (c\ w)\ w$

(*b*) A variant of (*a*) for terms derived from predicates (types of form $\uparrow\langle t\rangle$):

abbreviation *extPredArg*::$((' t\Rightarrow bool)\Rightarrow io)\Rightarrow(' t\Rightarrow io)\Rightarrow io$ (**infix** $\downarrow$ *60*)
  where $\varphi \downarrow P \equiv \lambda w.\ \varphi\ (\lambda x.\ P\ x\ w)\ w$

(*c*) A variant of (*b*) with a second argument (the first one being relativized):

abbreviation *extPredArg1*::$((' t\Rightarrow bool)\Rightarrow' b\Rightarrow io)\Rightarrow(' t\Rightarrow io)\Rightarrow' b\Rightarrow io$ (**infix** $\downarrow_1$ *60*)
  where $\varphi \downarrow_1 P \equiv \lambda z.\ \lambda w.\ \varphi\ (\lambda x.\ P\ x\ w)\ z\ w$

In what follows, the '$(\!|$-$|\!)$' parentheses are an operator used to convert extensional objects into 'rigid' intensional ones:

abbreviation *trivialConversion*::$bool\Rightarrow io$ ($(\!|$-$|\!)$) **where** $(\!|\varphi|\!) \equiv (\lambda w.\ \varphi)$

(*d*) A variant of (*b*) where φ takes 'rigid' intensional terms as argument:

abbreviation *mextPredArg*::$((' t\Rightarrow io)\Rightarrow io)\Rightarrow(' t\Rightarrow io)\Rightarrow io$ (**infix** $\downarrow$ *60*)
  where $\varphi \downarrow P \equiv \lambda w.\ \varphi\ (\lambda x.\ (\!|P\ x\ w|\!))\ w$

2.2.6 Equality

abbreviation *meq* :: $' t\Rightarrow' t\Rightarrow io$ (**infix**$\approx$*60*) — normal equality (for all types)
  where $x \approx y \equiv \lambda w.\ x = y$
abbreviation *meqC* :: $\uparrow\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0},\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle$ (**infixr**$\approx^C$*52*) — eq. for individual concepts
  where $x \approx^C y \equiv \lambda w.\ \forall v.\ (x\ v) = (y\ v)$
abbreviation *meqL* :: $\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0},\mathbf{0}\rangle$ (**infixr**$\approx^L$*52*) — Leibniz eq. for individuals
  where $x \approx^L y \equiv \forall \varphi.\ \varphi(x)\rightarrow\varphi(y)$

2.2.7 Meta-logical Predicates

abbreviation *valid* :: $io\Rightarrow bool$ ($\lfloor$-$\rfloor$ [*8*]) **where** $\lfloor\psi\rfloor \equiv\ \forall w.(\psi\ w)$
abbreviation *satisfiable* :: $io\Rightarrow bool$ ($\lfloor$-$\rfloor^{sat}$ [*8*]) **where** $\lfloor\psi\rfloor^{sat} \equiv \exists w.(\psi\ w)$
abbreviation *countersat* :: $io\Rightarrow bool$ ($\lfloor$-$\rfloor^{csat}$ [*8*]) **where** $\lfloor\psi\rfloor^{csat} \equiv\ \exists w.\neg(\psi\ w)$
abbreviation *invalid* :: $io\Rightarrow bool$ ($\lfloor$-$\rfloor^{inv}$ [*8*]) **where** $\lfloor\psi\rfloor^{inv} \equiv \forall w.\neg(\psi\ w)$

2.3 Verifying the Embedding

The above definitions introduce modal logic K with possibilist and actualist quantifiers, as evidenced by the following tests:

Verifying K Principle and Necessitation:

lemma *K*: $\lfloor(\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)) \rightarrow (\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\psi)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *NEC*: $\lfloor\varphi\rfloor \Longrightarrow \lfloor\Box\varphi\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Local consequence implies global consequence (we will use this lemma often):

lemma *localImpGlobalCons*: $\lfloor\varphi \rightarrow \xi\rfloor \Longrightarrow \lfloor\varphi\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor\xi\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

But global consequence does not imply local consequence:

lemma $\lfloor\varphi\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor\xi\rfloor \Longrightarrow \lfloor\varphi \rightarrow \xi\rfloor$ **nitpick** ⟨*proof*⟩

Barcan and Converse Barcan Formulas are satisfied for standard (possibilist) quantifiers:

lemma $\lfloor(\forall x.\Box(\varphi\ x)) \rightarrow \Box(\forall x.(\varphi\ x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\Box(\forall x.(\varphi\ x)) \rightarrow (\forall x.\Box(\varphi\ x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

(Converse) Barcan Formulas not satisfied for actualist quantifiers:

lemma $\lfloor(\forall^E x.\Box(\varphi\ x)) \rightarrow \Box(\forall^E x.(\varphi\ x))\rfloor$ **nitpick** ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\Box(\forall^E x.(\varphi\ x)) \rightarrow (\forall^E x.\Box(\varphi\ x))\rfloor$ **nitpick** ⟨*proof*⟩

Above we have made use of (counter-)model finder *Nitpick* [11] for the first time. For all the conjectured lemmas above, *Nitpick* has found a counter-model, i.e. a model satisfying all the axioms which falsifies the given formula. This means, the formulas are not valid.

Well known relations between meta-logical notions:

lemma $\lfloor\varphi\rfloor \longleftrightarrow \neg\lfloor\varphi\rfloor^{csat}$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\varphi\rfloor^{sat} \longleftrightarrow \neg\lfloor\varphi\rfloor^{inv}$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Contingent truth does not allow for necessitation:

lemma $\lfloor\Diamond\varphi\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor\Box\varphi\rfloor$ **nitpick** ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\Box\varphi\rfloor^{sat} \longrightarrow \lfloor\Box\varphi\rfloor$ **nitpick** ⟨*proof*⟩

Modal collapse is countersatisfiable:

lemma $\lfloor\varphi \rightarrow \Box\varphi\rfloor$ **nitpick** ⟨*proof*⟩

2.4 Useful Definitions for Axiomatization of Further Logics

The best known normal logics (*K4, K5, KB, K45, KB5, D, D4, D5, D45, ...*) can be obtained by combinations of the following axioms:

abbreviation M
  where $M \equiv \forall\, \varphi.\ \Box\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$
abbreviation B
  where $B \equiv \forall\, \varphi.\ \varphi \rightarrow\ \Box\Diamond\varphi$
abbreviation D
  where $D \equiv \forall\, \varphi.\ \Box\varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\varphi$
abbreviation IV
  where $IV \equiv \forall\, \varphi.\ \Box\varphi \rightarrow\ \Box\Box\varphi$
abbreviation V
  where $V \equiv \forall\, \varphi.\ \Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi$

Instead of postulating (combinations of) the above axioms we instead make use of the well-known *Sahlqvist correspondence*, which links axioms to constraints on a model's accessibility relation (e.g. reflexive, symmetric, etc.; the definitions of which are not shown here). We show that reflexivity, symmetry, seriality, transitivity and euclideanness imply axioms M, B, D, IV, V respectively.

lemma *reflexive aRel* $\Longrightarrow\ \lfloor M \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$
lemma *symmetric aRel* $\Longrightarrow \lfloor B \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$
lemma *serial aRel* $\Longrightarrow \lfloor D \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$
lemma *transitive aRel* $\Longrightarrow \lfloor IV \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$
lemma *euclidean aRel* $\Longrightarrow \lfloor V \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$
lemma *preorder aRel* $\Longrightarrow\ \lfloor M \rfloor \wedge \lfloor IV \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$
lemma *equivalence aRel* $\Longrightarrow\ \lfloor M \rfloor \wedge \lfloor V \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$
lemma *reflexive aRel* $\wedge$ *euclidean aRel* $\Longrightarrow\ \lfloor M \rfloor \wedge \lfloor V \rfloor\ \langle proof \rangle$

Using these definitions, we can derive axioms for the most common modal logics (see also [4]). Thereby we are free to use either the semantic constraints or the related *Sahlqvist* axioms. Here we provide both versions. In what follows we use the semantic constraints (for improved performance).

3 Textbook Examples

In this section we provide further evidence that our embedded logic works as intended by proving the examples discussed in the book. In many cases, we consider further theorems which we derived from the original ones. We were able to confirm that all results (proofs or counterexamples) agree with Fitting's claims.

3.1 Modal Logic - Syntax and Semantics (Chapter 7)

Reminder: We call a term *relativized* if it is of the form $\downarrow\alpha$ (i.e. an intensional term preceded by the *extension-of* operator), otherwise it is *non-relativized*. Relativized terms are non-rigid and non-relativized terms are rigid.

3.1.1 Considerations Regarding $\beta\eta$-redex (p. 94)

$\beta\eta$-redex is valid for non-relativized (intensional or extensional) terms:

lemma $\lfloor((\lambda\alpha.\ \varphi\ \alpha)\ \ (\tau::\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow (\varphi\ \ \tau)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor((\lambda\alpha.\ \varphi\ \alpha)\ \ (\tau::\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow (\varphi\ \ \tau)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor((\lambda\alpha.\ \Box\varphi\ \alpha)\ (\tau::\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow (\Box\varphi\ \tau)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor((\lambda\alpha.\ \Box\varphi\ \alpha)\ (\tau::\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow (\Box\varphi\ \tau)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$

$\beta\eta$-redex is valid for relativized terms as long as no modal operators occur inside the predicate abstract:

lemma $\lfloor((\lambda\alpha.\ \varphi\ \alpha)\ \downarrow(\tau::\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow (\varphi\ \downarrow\tau)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$

$\beta\eta$-redex is non-valid for relativized terms when modal operators are present:

lemma $\lfloor((\lambda\alpha.\ \Box\varphi\ \alpha)\ \downarrow(\tau::\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow (\Box\varphi\ \downarrow\tau)\rfloor$ **nitpick** $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor((\lambda\alpha.\ \Diamond\varphi\ \alpha)\ \downarrow(\tau::\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow (\Diamond\varphi\ \downarrow\tau)\rfloor$ **nitpick** $\langle proof\rangle$

Example 7.13, p. 96:

lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \ (P::\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \ P)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \downarrow(P::\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \downarrow P)\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* $'t$=*1*, *card i*=*2*] $\langle proof\rangle$

with other types for P:

lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \ (P::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \ P)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \downarrow(P::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \downarrow P)\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* $'t$=*1*, *card i*=*2*] $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \ (P::\uparrow\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \ P)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \downarrow(P::\uparrow\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \downarrow P)\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* $'t$=*1*, *card i*=*2*] $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \ (P::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \ P)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \downarrow(P::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle) \rightarrow \Diamond((\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \downarrow P)\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* $'t$=*1*, *card i*=*2*] $\langle proof\rangle$

Example 7.14, p. 98:

lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \downarrow(P{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow (\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \downarrow P\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \ (P{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow (\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \ P\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* 't=1, *card* i=2] ⟨*proof*⟩

with other types for P:

lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \downarrow(P{::}\uparrow\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow (\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \downarrow P\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \ (P{::}\uparrow\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow (\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \ P\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* 't=1, *card* i=2] ⟨*proof*⟩
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nitpick[*card* 't=1, *card* i=2] ⟨*proof*⟩
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lemma $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists\, X)\ \ (P{::}\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle) \rightarrow (\lambda X.\ \exists\, X)\ \ P\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* 't=1, *card* i=2] ⟨*proof*⟩

Example 7.15, p. 99:

lemma $\lfloor\Box(P\ (c{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \rightarrow (\exists\, x{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}.\ \Box(P\ x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

with other types for P:

lemma $\lfloor\Box(P\ (c{::}\mathbf{0})) \rightarrow (\exists\, x{::}\mathbf{0}.\ \Box(P\ x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\Box(P\ (c{::}\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)) \rightarrow (\exists\, x{::}\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle.\ \Box(P\ x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Example 7.16, p. 100:

lemma $\lfloor\Box(P\ \downarrow(c{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \rightarrow (\exists\, x{::}\mathbf{0}.\ \Box(P\ x))\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* 't=2, *card* i=2] ⟨*proof*⟩

Example 7.17, p. 101:

lemma $\lfloor\forall\, Z{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}.\ (\lambda x{::}\mathbf{0}.\ \ \Box((\lambda y{::}\mathbf{0}.\ \ x \approx y)\ \downarrow Z))\ \downarrow Z\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* 't=2, *card* i=2] ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\forall\, z{::}\mathbf{0}.\ \ (\lambda x{::}\mathbf{0}.\ \ \Box((\lambda y{::}\mathbf{0}.\ \ x \approx y)\ \ z))\ z\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\forall\, Z{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}.\ (\lambda X{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}.\ \Box((\lambda\, Y{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}.\ X \approx Y)\ \ Z))\ Z\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

3.1.2 Exercises (p. 101)

For Exercises 7.1 and 7.2 see variations on Examples 7.13 and 7.14 above.

Exercise 7.3:

lemma $\lfloor\Diamond\exists\,(P{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow (\exists\, X{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}.\ \Diamond(P\ \downarrow X))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Exercise 7.4:

lemma $\lfloor\Diamond(\exists\, x{::}\mathbf{0}.\ (\lambda\, Y.\ \ Y\ x)\ \downarrow(P{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)) \rightarrow (\exists\, x.\ (\lambda\, Y.\ \Diamond(Y\ x))\ \downarrow P)\rfloor$
nitpick[*card* 't=1, *card* i=2] ⟨*proof*⟩

For Exercise 7.5 see Example 7.17 above.

3.2 Miscellaneous Matters (Chapter 9)

3.2.1 Equality Axioms (Subsection 1.1)

Example 9.1:

lemma $\lfloor((\lambda X.\ \Box(X\ \downarrow(p::\uparrow\mathbf{0})))\ \downarrow(\lambda x.\ \Diamond(\lambda z.\ z \approx x)\ \downarrow p))\rfloor$
  ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor((\lambda X.\ \Box(X\ \downarrow(p::\uparrow\mathbf{0})))\ \downarrow(\lambda x.\ \Diamond(\lambda z.\ z \approx^{L} x)\ \downarrow p))\rfloor$
  ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor((\lambda X.\ \Box(X\ \ (p::\uparrow\mathbf{0})))\ \downarrow(\lambda x.\ \Diamond(\lambda z.\ z \approx^{C} x)\ p))\rfloor$
  ⟨*proof*⟩

3.2.2 Extensionality (Subsection 1.2)

In Fitting's book (p. 118), extensionality is assumed (globally) for extensional terms. While Fitting introduces the following extensionality principles as axioms, they are already implicitly valid in Isabelle/HOL:

lemma *EXT*: $\forall\,\alpha::\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle.\ \forall\,\beta::\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle.\ (\forall\,\gamma::\mathbf{0}.\ (\alpha\ \gamma \longleftrightarrow \beta\ \gamma)) \longrightarrow (\alpha = \beta)$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *EXT-set*: $\forall\,\alpha::\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle.\ \forall\,\beta::\langle\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle.\ (\forall\,\gamma::\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle.\ (\alpha\ \gamma \longleftrightarrow \beta\ \gamma)) \longrightarrow (\alpha = \beta)$
  ⟨*proof*⟩

3.2.3 *De Re* and *De Dicto* (Subsection 2)

De re is equivalent to *de dicto* for non-relativized (extensional or intensional) terms:

lemma $\lfloor\forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ (\tau::\mathbf{0})) \quad \leftrightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \tau)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ (\tau::\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \ \leftrightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \tau)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ (\tau::\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)) \ \leftrightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \tau)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ (\tau::\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)) \leftrightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \tau)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

De re is not equivalent to *de dicto* for relativized terms:

lemma $\lfloor\forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow(\tau::\uparrow\mathbf{0})) \leftrightarrow \Box(\ (\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)\rfloor$
  nitpick[*card 't=2*, *card i=2*] ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow(\tau::\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)) \leftrightarrow \Box(\ (\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)\rfloor$
  nitpick[*card 't=1*, *card i=2*] ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 9.6 - If we can prove one side of the equivalence, then we can prove the other (p. 120):

abbreviation *deDictoImplDeRe*$::\uparrow\mathbf{0}\Rightarrow io$
  where *deDictoImplDeRe* $\tau \equiv \forall\,\alpha.\ \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau) \rightarrow ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)$
abbreviation *deReImplDeDicto*$::\uparrow\mathbf{0}\Rightarrow io$
  where *deReImplDeDicto* $\tau \equiv \forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau) \rightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)$
abbreviation *deReEquDeDicto*$::\uparrow\mathbf{0}\Rightarrow io$
  where *deReEquDeDicto* $\tau \equiv \forall\,\alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau) \leftrightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)$

abbreviation *deDictoImplDeRe-pred*::$('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$
  where *deDictoImplDeRe-pred* $\tau \equiv \forall\, \alpha.\ \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau) \rightarrow ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)$
abbreviation *deReImplDeDicto-pred*::$('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$
  where *deReImplDeDicto-pred* $\tau \equiv \forall\, \alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau) \rightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)$
abbreviation *deReEquDeDicto-pred*::$('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$
  where *deReEquDeDicto-pred* $\tau \equiv \forall\, \alpha.\ ((\lambda\beta.\ \Box(\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau) \leftrightarrow \Box((\lambda\beta.\ (\alpha\ \beta))\ \downarrow\tau)$

We can prove local consequence:

lemma *AimpB*: $\lfloor$*deReImplDeDicto* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}) \rightarrow$ *deDictoImplDeRe* $\tau\rfloor$
  ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *AimpB-p*: $\lfloor$*deReImplDeDicto-pred* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow$ *deDictoImplDeRe-pred* $\tau\rfloor$
  ⟨*proof*⟩

And global consequence follows directly (since local consequence implies global consequence, as shown before):

lemma $\lfloor$*deReImplDeDicto* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0})\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor$*deDictoImplDeRe* $\tau\rfloor$
  ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor$*deReImplDeDicto-pred* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor$*deDictoImplDeRe-pred* $\tau\rfloor$
  ⟨*proof*⟩

3.2.4 Rigidity (Subsection 3)

(Local) rigidity for intensional individuals:

abbreviation *rigidIndiv*::$\uparrow\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle$ **where**
  rigidIndiv $\tau \equiv (\lambda\beta.\ \Box((\lambda z.\ \beta \approx z)\ \downarrow\tau))\ \downarrow\tau$

(Local) rigidity for intensional predicates:

abbreviation *rigidPred*::$('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ **where**
  rigidPred $\tau \equiv (\lambda\beta.\ \Box((\lambda z.\ \beta \approx z)\ \downarrow\tau))\ \downarrow\tau$

Proposition 9.8 - An intensional term is rigid if and only if the *de re/de dicto* distinction vanishes. Note that we can prove this theorem for local consequence (global consequence follows directly).

lemma $\lfloor$*rigidIndiv* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}) \rightarrow$ *deReEquDeDicto* $\tau\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor$*deReImplDeDicto* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\mathbf{0}) \rightarrow$ *rigidIndiv* $\tau\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor$*rigidPred* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow$ *deReEquDeDicto-pred* $\tau\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor$*deReImplDeDicto-pred* $(\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow$ *rigidPred* $\tau\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

3.2.5 Stability Conditions (Subsection 4)

axiomatization where
  S5: *equivalence aRel* — using Sahlqvist correspondence for improved performance

Definition 9.10 - Stability conditions come in pairs:

abbreviation *stabilityA*::$('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ **where** *stabilityA* $\tau \equiv \forall\, \alpha.\ (\tau\ \alpha) \rightarrow \Box(\tau\ \alpha)$
abbreviation *stabilityB*::$('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ **where** *stabilityB* $\tau \equiv \forall\, \alpha.\ \Diamond(\tau\ \alpha) \rightarrow (\tau\ \alpha)$

Proposition 9.10 - In an *S5* modal logic both stability conditions are equivalent.

The last proposition holds for global consequence:

lemma $\lfloor stabilityA\ (\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor stabilityB\ \tau\rfloor\ \langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor stabilityB\ (\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle)\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor stabilityA\ \tau\rfloor\ \langle proof\rangle$

But it does not hold for local consequence:

lemma $\lfloor stabilityA\ (\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow stabilityB\ \tau\rfloor$
  nitpick[*card 't=1*, *card i=2*] $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor stabilityB\ (\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \rightarrow stabilityA\ \tau\rfloor$
  nitpick[*card 't=1*, *card i=2*] $\langle proof\rangle$

Theorem 9.11 - A term is rigid if and only if it satisfies the stability conditions. Note that we can prove this theorem for local consequence (global consequence follows directly).

theorem $\lfloor rigidPred\ (\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle) \leftrightarrow (stabilityA\ \tau \wedge stabilityB\ \tau)\rfloor\ \langle proof\rangle$
theorem $\lfloor rigidPred\ (\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\uparrow\mathbf{0}\rangle) \leftrightarrow (stabilityA\ \tau \wedge stabilityB\ \tau)\rfloor\ \langle proof\rangle$
theorem $\lfloor rigidPred\ (\tau{::}\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle) \leftrightarrow (stabilityA\ \tau \wedge stabilityB\ \tau)\rfloor\ \langle proof\rangle$

4 Gödel's Argument, Formally

"Gödel's particular version of the argument is a direct descendent of that of Leibniz, which in turn derives from one of Descartes. These arguments all have a two-part structure: prove God's existence is necessary, if possible; and prove God's existence is possible." [12], p. 138.

4.1 Part I - God's Existence is Possible

We separate Gödel's Argument as presented in Fitting's textbook (ch. 11) in two parts. For the first one, while Leibniz provides some kind of proof for the compatibility of all perfections, Gödel goes on to prove an analogous result: *(T1) Every positive property is possibly instantiated*, which together with *(T2) God is a positive property* directly implies the conclusion. In order to prove *T1*, Gödel assumes *A2: Any property entailed by a positive property is positive.*

We are currently contemplating a follow-up analysis of the philosophical implications of these axioms, which encompasses some criticism of the notion of *property entailment* used by Gödel throughout the argument.

4.1.1 General Definitions

abbreviation $existencePredicate::\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ $(E!)$
  where $E!\ x\ \equiv \lambda w.\ (\exists^E y.\ y \approx x)\ w$ — existence predicate in object language

lemma $E!\ x\ w \longleftrightarrow existsAt\ x\ w$
  $\langle proof \rangle$

consts $positiveProperty::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ $(\mathcal{P})$ — positiveness/perfection

Definitions of God (later shown to be equivalent under axiom *A1b*):

abbreviation $God::\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ (G) **where** $G \equiv (\lambda x.\ \forall\ Y.\ \mathcal{P}\ Y \rightarrow Y\ x)$
abbreviation $God\text{-}star::\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ $(G*)$ **where** $G* \equiv (\lambda x.\ \forall\ Y.\ \mathcal{P}\ Y \leftrightarrow Y\ x)$

Definitions needed to formalise *A3*:

abbreviation $appliesToPositiveProps::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle\rangle$ (pos) **where**
  $pos\ Z \equiv\ \forall\ X.\ Z\ X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ X$
abbreviation $intersectionOf::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle,\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle\rangle$ $(intersec)$ **where**
  $intersec\ X\ Z \equiv\ \Box(\forall\ x.(X\ x \leftrightarrow (\forall\ Y.\ (Z\ Y) \rightarrow (Y\ x))))$ — quantifier is possibilist

abbreviation $Entailment::\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle,\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ **(infix** $\Rrightarrow$ *60)* **where**
  $X \Rrightarrow Y \equiv\ \Box(\forall^E z.\ X\ z \rightarrow Y\ z)$

4.1.2 Axioms

axiomatization where
$A1a$:$\lfloor \forall\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup X) \rightarrow \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X)\ \rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.3A
$A1b$:$\lfloor \forall\, X.\ \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup X)\rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.3B
$A2$: $\lfloor \forall\, X\ Y.\ (\mathcal{P}\ X \wedge (X \Rrightarrow\ Y)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ Y\rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.5
$A3$: $\lfloor \forall\, Z\ X.\ (pos\ Z \wedge intersec\ X\ Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ X\rfloor$ — axiom 11.10

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma $\lfloor D\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor D\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

4.1.3 Theorems

lemma $\lfloor \exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor \exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \wedge\ \Diamond\exists^{\,E}\ X\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Being self-identical is a positive property:

lemma $\lfloor(\exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \wedge\ \Diamond\exists^{\,E}\ X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ (\lambda x\ w.\ x = x)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 11.6

lemma $\lfloor(\exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ (\lambda x\ w.\ x = x)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma $\lfloor\mathcal{P}\ (\lambda x\ w.\ x = x)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\mathcal{P}\ (\lambda x\ w.\ x = x)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Being non-self-identical is a negative property:

lemma $\lfloor(\exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X\ \wedge \Diamond\exists^{\,E}\ X) \rightarrow\ \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup\ (\lambda x\ w.\ \neg x = x))\rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

lemma $\lfloor(\exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow\ \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup\ (\lambda x\ w.\ \neg x = x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor(\exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow\ \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup\ (\lambda x\ w.\ \neg x = x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 11.7

lemma $\lfloor(\exists\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \neg\mathcal{P}\ ((\lambda x\ w.\ \neg x = x))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor\neg\mathcal{P}\ (\lambda x\ w.\ \neg x = x)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 11.8 (Informal Proposition 1) - Positive properties are possibly instantiated:

theorem $T1$: $\lfloor \forall\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \rightarrow \Diamond\exists^{\,E}\ X\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 11.14 - Both defs (*God*/*God**) are equivalent. For improved performance we may prefer to use one or the other:

lemma *GodDefsAreEquivalent*: $\lfloor \forall\, x.\ G\ x \leftrightarrow\ G{*}\ x\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 11.15 - Possibilist existence of *God* directly implies $A1b$:

lemma $\lfloor\exists\ \ G{*} \rightarrow (\forall\, X.\ \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup X))\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 11.16 - *A3* implies *P(G)* (local consequence):

lemma *A3implT2-local*: $\lfloor(\forall\, Z\; X.\; (pos\; Z \wedge intersec\; X\; Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\; X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\; G\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

A3 implies $P(G)$ (as global consequence):

lemma *A3implT2-global*: $\lfloor\forall\, Z\; X.\; (pos\; Z \wedge intersec\; X\; Z) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\; X\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor\mathcal{P}\; G\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Being Godlike is a positive property. Note that this theorem can be axiomatized directly, as noted by Dana Scott (see [12], p. 152). We will do so for the second part.

theorem *T2*: $\lfloor\mathcal{P}\; G\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.17 (Informal Proposition 3) - Possibly God exists:

theorem *T3*: $\lfloor\Diamond\exists^{E}\; G\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

4.2 Part II - God's Existence is Necessary if Possible

We show here that God's necessary existence follows from its possible existence by adding some additional (potentially controversial) assumptions including an *essentialist* premise and the *S5* axioms. Further results like monotheism and the rejection of free will (*modal collapse*) are also proved.

4.2.1 General Definitions

abbreviation *existencePredicate*::↑⟨**0**⟩ ($E!$) **where**
$E!\; x \equiv (\lambda w.\; (\exists^{E} y.\; y{\approx}x)\; w)$

consts *positiveProperty*::↑⟨↑⟨**0**⟩⟩ ($\mathcal{P}$)

abbreviation *God*::↑⟨**0**⟩ (G) **where** $G \equiv (\lambda x.\; \forall\, Y.\; \mathcal{P}\; Y \rightarrow Y\; x)$
abbreviation *God-star*::↑⟨**0**⟩ ($G*$) **where**
$G* \equiv (\lambda x.\; \forall\, Y.\; \mathcal{P}\; Y \leftrightarrow Y\; x)$

abbreviation *Entailment*::↑⟨↑⟨**0**⟩,↑⟨**0**⟩⟩ (**infix** $\Rrightarrow$ *60*) **where**
$X \Rrightarrow Y \equiv \Box(\forall^{E} z.\; X\; z \rightarrow Y\; z)$

4.2.2 Results from Part I

Note that the only use Gödel makes of axiom A3 is to show that being Godlike is a positive property (*T2*). We follow therefore Scott's proposal and take (*T2*) directly as an axiom:

axiomatization where
A1a:$\lfloor\forall\, X.\; \mathcal{P}\; (\rightharpoonup X) \rightarrow \neg(\mathcal{P}\; X)\rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.3A
A1b:$\lfloor\forall\, X.\; \neg(\mathcal{P}\; X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\; (\rightharpoonup X)\rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.3B
A2: $\lfloor\forall\, X\; Y.\; (\mathcal{P}\; X \wedge (X \Rrightarrow Y)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\; Y\rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.5

T2: $\lfloor \mathcal{P}\ G \rfloor$ — proposition 11.16

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma $\lfloor D \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *GodDefsAreEquivalent*: $\lfloor \forall x.\ G\ x \leftrightarrow G{*}\ x \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

theorem *T1*: $\lfloor \forall X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \rightarrow \Diamond \exists^{E}\ X \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩
theorem *T3*: $\lfloor \Diamond \exists^{E}\ G \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

4.2.3 Axioms

$\mathcal{P}$ satisfies the so-called stability conditions (see [12], p. 124), which means it designates rigidly (note that this makes for an *essentialist* assumption).

axiomatization where
A4a: $\lfloor \forall X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \rightarrow \Box(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rfloor$ — axiom 11.11
lemma *A4b*: $\lfloor \forall X.\ \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \Box\neg(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

abbreviation *rigidPred*::$('t \Rightarrow io) \Rightarrow io$ **where**
rigidPred $\tau \equiv (\lambda\beta.\ \Box((\lambda z.\ \beta \approx z) \downarrow\tau)) \downarrow\tau$

lemma $\lfloor$*rigidPred* $\mathcal{P} \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

4.2.4 Theorems

Remark: Essence is defined here (and in Fitting's variant) in the version of Scott; Gödel's original version leads to the inconsistency reported in [8, 9]

abbreviation *essenceOf*::$\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle,\mathbf{0}\rangle$ $(\mathcal{E})$ **where**
$\mathcal{E}\ Y\ x \equiv (Y\ x) \wedge (\forall Z.\ Z\ x \rightarrow Y \Rrightarrow Z)$
abbreviation *beingIdenticalTo*::$\mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ (id) **where**
$id\ x \equiv (\lambda y.\ y \approx x)$ — note that id is a rigid predicate

Theorem 11.20 - Informal Proposition 5

theorem *GodIsEssential*: $\lfloor \forall x.\ G\ x \rightarrow (\mathcal{E}\ G\ x) \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.21

theorem $\lfloor \forall x.\ G{*}\ x \rightarrow (\mathcal{E}\ G{*}\ x) \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.22 - Something can have only one essence:

theorem $\lfloor \forall X\ Y\ z.\ (\mathcal{E}\ X\ z \wedge \mathcal{E}\ Y\ z) \rightarrow (X \Rrightarrow Y) \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.23 - An essence is a complete characterization of an individual:

theorem *EssencesCharacterizeCompletely*: $\lfloor \forall\, X\ y.\ \mathcal{E}\ X\ y \rightarrow (X \Rrightarrow (id\ y)) \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Definition 11.24 - Necessary Existence (Informal Definition 6):

abbreviation *necessaryExistencePred*::↑⟨**0**⟩ (*NE*)
where $NE\ x \equiv (\lambda w.\ (\forall\, Y.\ \mathcal{E}\ Y\ x \rightarrow \Box\exists^{E}\ Y)\ w)$

Axiom 11.25 (Informal Axiom 5)

axiomatization where
A5: $\lfloor \mathcal{P}\ NE \rfloor$

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.26 (Informal Proposition 7) - Possibilist existence of God implies necessary actualist existence:

theorem *GodExistenceImpliesNecExistence*: $\lfloor \exists\ G \rightarrow\ \Box\exists^{E}\ G \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Modal collapse is countersatisfiable (unless we introduce S5 axioms):

lemma $\lfloor \forall\, \Phi.(\Phi \rightarrow (\Box\ \Phi)) \rfloor$ **nitpick** ⟨*proof*⟩

We postulate semantic frame conditions for some modal logics. Taken together, reflexivity, transitivity and symmetry make for an equivalence relation and therefore an *S5* logic (via *Sahlqvist correspondence*). We prefer to postulate them individually here in order to get more detailed information about their relevance in the proofs presented below.

axiomatization where
refl: *reflexive aRel* **and**
tran: *transitive aRel* **and**
symm: *symmetric aRel*

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

Using an *S5* logic, *modal collapse* ($\lfloor \forall\, \Phi.(\Phi \rightarrow (\Box\ \Phi)) \rfloor$) is actually valid (see 'More Objections' some pages below)

We prove some useful inference rules:

lemma *modal-distr*: $\lfloor \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rfloor \Longrightarrow \lfloor (\Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\psi) \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *modal-trans*: $(\lfloor \varphi \rightarrow \psi \rfloor \wedge \lfloor \psi \rightarrow \chi \rfloor) \Longrightarrow \lfloor \varphi \rightarrow \chi \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.27 - Informal Proposition 8. Note that only symmetry and transitivity for the accessibility relation are used.

theorem *possExistenceImpliesNecEx*: $\lfloor \Diamond\exists\ G \rightarrow \Box\exists^{E}\ G \rfloor$ — local consequence
⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *T4*: $\lfloor \Diamond \exists\ G \rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor \Box \exists^{E}\ G \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Corollary 11.28 - Necessary (actualist) existence of God (for both definitions); reflexivity is still not used:

lemma *GodNecExists*: $\lfloor \Box \exists^{E}\ G \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *God-starNecExists*: $\lfloor \Box \exists^{E}\ G* \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

4.2.5 Monotheism

Monotheism for non-normal models (with Leibniz equality) follows directly from God having all and only positive properties:

theorem *Monotheism-LeibnizEq*: $\lfloor \forall\, x.\ G\ x \rightarrow (\forall\, y.\ G\ y \rightarrow (x\ \approx^{L}\ y)) \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Monotheism for normal models is trickier. We need to consider some previous results (p. 162):

lemma *GodExistenceIsValid*: $\lfloor \exists^{E}\ G \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Proposition 11.29:

theorem *Monotheism-normalModel*: $\lfloor \exists\, x. \forall\, y.\ G\ y \leftrightarrow x \approx y \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Corollary 11.30:

lemma *GodImpliesExistence*: $\lfloor \forall\, x.\ G\ x \rightarrow E!\ x \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

4.2.6 Positive Properties are Necessarily Instantiated

lemma *PosPropertiesNecExist*: $\lfloor \forall\, Y.\ \mathcal{P}\ Y \rightarrow \Box \exists^{E}\ Y \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

4.2.7 More Objections

Fitting discusses the objection raised by Sobel [19], who argues that Gödel's axiom system is too strong: it implies that whatever is the case is so necessarily, i.e. the modal system collapses ($\varphi \longrightarrow \Box\varphi$). The *modal collapse* has been philosophically interpreted as implying the absence of free will.

We start by proving an useful FOL lemma:

lemma *useful*: $(\forall\, x.\ \varphi\ x \longrightarrow \psi) \Longrightarrow ((\exists\, x.\ \varphi\ x) \longrightarrow \psi)$ ⟨*proof*⟩

In the context of our S5 axioms, the *modal collapse* becomes valid (pp. 163-4):

lemma *ModalCollapse*: $\lfloor \forall\, \Phi.(\Phi \rightarrow (\Box\ \Phi)) \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

5 Fitting's Solution

In this section we consider Fitting's solution to the objections raised in his discussion of Gödel's Argument pp. 164-9, especially the problem of *modal collapse*, which has been metaphysically interpreted as implying a rejection of free will. Since we are generally commited to the existence of free will (in a pre-theoretical sense), such a result is philosophically unappealing and rather seen as a problem in the argument's formalisation.

This part of the book still leaves several details unspecified and the reader is thus compelled to fill in the gaps. As a result, we came across some premises and theorems allowing for different formalisations and therefore leading to disparate implications. Only some of those cases are shown here for illustrative purposes. The options we have chosen here are such that they indeed validate the argument (and we assume that they correspond to Fitting's intention.

5.1 General Definitions

The following is an existence predicate for our object-language. (We have previously shown it is equivalent to its meta-logical counterpart.)

abbreviation *existencePredicate*::↑⟨**0**⟩ $(E!)$ **where**
$E!\ x\ \equiv (\lambda w.\ (\exists^{E} y.\ y \approx x)\ w)$

Reminder: The '(|-|)' parenthesis are used to convert an extensional object into its 'rigid' intensional counterpart (e.g. $(\!|\varphi|\!) \equiv \lambda w.\ \varphi$).

consts *positiveProperty*::↑⟨⟨**0**⟩⟩ $(\mathcal{P})$
abbreviation *God*::↑⟨**0**⟩ (G) **where** $G \equiv (\lambda x.\ \forall\ Y.\ \mathcal{P}\ Y \rightarrow (\!|\, Y\ x\,|\!))$
abbreviation *God-star*::↑⟨**0**⟩ $(G*)$ **where** $G* \equiv (\lambda x.\ \forall\ Y.\ \mathcal{P}\ Y \leftrightarrow (\!|\, Y\ x\,|\!))$

abbreviation *Entailment*::↑⟨⟨**0**⟩,⟨**0**⟩⟩ (**infix** $\Rrightarrow$ *60*) **where**
$X \Rrightarrow Y \equiv\ \Box(\forall^{E} z.\ (\!|X\ z|\!) \rightarrow (\!|\, Y\ z\,|\!))$

5.2 Part I - God's Existence is Possible

axiomatization where
A1a:$\lfloor \forall\ X.\ \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup X) \rightarrow \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X)\ \rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.3A
A1b:$\lfloor \forall\ X.\ \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup X) \rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.3B
A2: $\lfloor \forall\ X\ Y.\ (\mathcal{P}\ X \wedge (X \Rrightarrow Y)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ Y \rfloor$ **and** — axiom 11.5
T2: $\lfloor \mathcal{P}\ \downarrow G \rfloor$ — proposition 11.16 (modified)

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma $\lfloor D \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *GodDefsAreEquivalent*: $\lfloor \forall\ x.\ G\ x \leftrightarrow G*\ x \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

T1 (Positive properties are possibly instantiated) can be formalised in two different ways:

theorem *T1a*: $\lfloor \forall\, X{::}\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \rightarrow \Diamond(\exists^{\,E} z.\ (\!|X\ z|\!))\rfloor$
 $\langle proof\rangle$
theorem *T1b*: $\lfloor \forall\, X{::}\uparrow\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle.\ \mathcal{P}\ \downarrow X \rightarrow \Diamond(\exists^{\,E} z.\ X\ z)\rfloor$
 nitpick $\langle proof\rangle$

Some interesting (non-)equivalences:

lemma $\lfloor \Box\exists^{\,E}\ (Q{::}\uparrow\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle) \leftrightarrow \Box(\exists^{\,E}\downarrow Q)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor \Box\exists^{\,E}\ (Q{::}\uparrow\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle) \leftrightarrow ((\lambda X.\ \Box\exists^{\,E}\ X)\ Q)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor \Box\exists^{\,E}\ (Q{::}\uparrow\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle) \leftrightarrow ((\lambda X.\ \Box\exists^{\,E}\downarrow X)\ Q)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
lemma $\lfloor \Box\exists^{\,E}\ (Q{::}\uparrow\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle) \leftrightarrow ((\lambda X.\ \Box\exists^{\,E}\ X)\downarrow Q)\rfloor$ **nitpick** $\langle proof\rangle$

T3 (God exists possibly) can be formalised in two different ways, using a *de re* or a *de dicto* reading.

theorem *T3-deRe*: $\lfloor(\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists^{\,E}\ X)\downarrow G\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$
theorem *T3-deDicto*: $\lfloor\Diamond\exists^{\,E}\downarrow G\rfloor$ **nitpick** $\langle proof\rangle$

From the last two theorems, we think *T3-deRe* should be the version originally implied in the book, since *T3-deDicto* is not valid (*T1b* were valid but it isn't)

lemma assumes *T1b*: $\lfloor \forall\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\downarrow X \rightarrow \Diamond(\exists^{\,E} z.\ X\ z)\rfloor$
 shows *T3-deDicto*: $\lfloor\Diamond\exists^{\,E}\downarrow G\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$

5.3 Part II - God's Existence is Necessary if Possible

In this variant $\mathcal{P}$ also designates rigidly, as shown in the last section.

axiomatization where
 A4a: $\lfloor \forall\, X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \rightarrow \Box(\mathcal{P}\ X)\rfloor$ — axiom 11.11
lemma *A4b*: $\lfloor \forall\, X.\ \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \Box\neg(\mathcal{P}\ X)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] $\langle proof\rangle$

abbreviation *essenceOf*$::\uparrow\langle\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle,\mathbf{0}\rangle$ $(\mathcal{E})$ **where**
 $\mathcal{E}\ Y\ x \equiv (\!|Y\ x|\!) \wedge (\forall\, Z{::}\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle.\ (\!|Z\ x|\!) \rightarrow Y \Rrightarrow Z)$

Theorem 11.20 - Informal Proposition 5

theorem *GodIsEssential*: $\lfloor \forall\, x.\ G\ x \rightarrow ((\mathcal{E}\downarrow_1 G)\ x)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$

Theorem 11.21

theorem *God-starIsEssential*: $\lfloor \forall\, x.\ G{*}\ x \rightarrow ((\mathcal{E}\downarrow_1 G{*})\ x)\rfloor$ $\langle proof\rangle$

abbreviation *necExistencePred*:: $\uparrow\langle \mathbf{0}\rangle$ (NE) **where**
 $NE\ x\ \equiv \lambda w.\ (\forall\, Y.\ \ \mathcal{E}\ Y\ x \rightarrow \Box(\exists^{\,E} z.\ (\!|Y\ z|\!)))\ w$

Informal Axiom 5

axiomatization where
A5: $\lfloor \mathcal{P}\ \downarrow NE \rfloor$

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

Reminder: We use $\downarrow G$ instead of G because it is more explicit. See (non-)equivalences above.

lemma $\lfloor \exists\ G \leftrightarrow \exists\ \downarrow G \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor \exists^E\ G \leftrightarrow \exists^E\ \downarrow G \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor \Box\exists^E\ G \leftrightarrow\ \Box\exists^E\ \downarrow G \rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.26 (Informal Proposition 7) - (possibilist) existence of God implies necessary (actualist) existence.

There are two different ways of formalising this theorem. Both of them are proven valid:

First version:

theorem *GodExImpliesNecEx-v1*: $\lfloor \exists\ \downarrow G \rightarrow\ \Box\exists^E\ \downarrow G \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Second version (which can be proven directly by automated tools using the previous version):

theorem *GodExImpliesNecEx-v2*: $\lfloor \exists\ \downarrow G \rightarrow ((\lambda X.\ \Box\exists^E\ X)\ \downarrow G) \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

In contrast to Gödel's argument (as presented by Fitting), the following theorems can be proven in logic K (the *S5* axioms are no longer needed):

Theorem 11.27 - Informal Proposition 8

theorem *possExImpliesNecEx-v1*: $\lfloor \Diamond\exists\ \downarrow G \rightarrow \Box\exists^E\ \downarrow G \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩
theorem *possExImpliesNecEx-v2*: $\lfloor (\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists^E\ X)\ \downarrow G \rightarrow ((\lambda X.\ \Box\exists^E\ X)\ \downarrow G) \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Corollaries:

lemma *T4-v1*: $\lfloor \Diamond\exists\ \downarrow G \rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor \Box\exists^E\ \downarrow G \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *T4-v2*: $\lfloor (\lambda X.\ \Diamond\exists^E\ X)\ \downarrow G \rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor (\lambda X.\ \Box\exists^E\ X)\ \downarrow G \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

5.4 Conclusion (*De Re* and *De Dicto* Reading)

Version I - Necessary Existence of God (*de dicto*):

lemma *GodNecExists-v1*: $\lfloor \Box\exists^E\ \downarrow G \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *God-starNecExists-v1*: $\lfloor \Box \exists^{E} \downarrow G* \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor \Box(\lambda X.\ \exists^{E}\ X)\ \downarrow G* \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Version II - Necessary Existence of God (*de re*)

lemma *GodNecExists-v2*: $\lfloor (\lambda X.\ \Box \exists^{E}\ X)\ \downarrow G \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *God-starNecExists-v2*: $\lfloor (\lambda X.\ \Box \exists^{E}\ X)\ \downarrow G* \rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

5.5 Modal Collapse

Modal collapse is countersatisfiable even in *S5*. Note that countermodels with a cardinality of one for the domain of individuals are found by *Nitpick* (the countermodel shown in the book has cardinality of two).

lemma $\lfloor \forall \Phi.(\Phi \rightarrow (\Box\ \Phi)) \rfloor$
nitpick[*card 't=1*, *card i=2*] ⟨*proof*⟩

axiomatization where
S5: *equivalence aRel* — assume *S5* logic

lemma $\lfloor \forall \Phi.(\Phi \rightarrow (\Box\ \Phi)) \rfloor$
nitpick[*card 't=1*, *card i=2*] ⟨*proof*⟩

6 Anderson's Alternative

In this final section, we verify Anderson's emendation of Gödel's argument, as it is presented in the last part of the textbook by Fitting (pp. 169-171).

6.1 General Definitions

abbreviation *existencePredicate*::$\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ $(E!)$
where $E!\ x\ \equiv \lambda w.\ (\exists^E y.\ y{\approx}x)\ w$

consts *positiveProperty*::$\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ $(\mathcal{P})$

abbreviation *God*::$\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle$ (G^A) **where** $G^A \equiv \lambda x.\ \forall\ Y.\ (\mathcal{P}\ \ Y) \leftrightarrow \Box(Y\ x)$

abbreviation *Entailment*::$\uparrow\langle\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle,\uparrow\langle\mathbf{0}\rangle\rangle$ (**infix** $\Rrightarrow$ *60*) **where**
$X \Rrightarrow\ Y \equiv\ \Box(\forall^E z.\ X\ z \rightarrow\ Y\ z)$

6.2 Part I - God's Existence is Possible

axiomatization where
A1a:$\lfloor\forall\ X.\ \mathcal{P}\ (\rightharpoonup X) \rightarrow \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X)\ \rfloor$ **and** — Axiom 11.3A
A2: $\lfloor\forall\ X\ Y.\ (\mathcal{P}\ X \wedge (X \Rrightarrow\ Y)) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}\ \ Y\rfloor$ **and** — Axiom 11.5
T2: $\lfloor\mathcal{P}\ \ G^A\rfloor$ — Proposition 11.16

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

theorem *T1*: $\lfloor\forall\ X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \rightarrow \Diamond\exists^E\ X\rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩
theorem *T3*: $\lfloor\Diamond\exists^E\ G^A\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

6.3 Part II - God's Existence is Necessary if Possible

$\mathcal{P}$ now satisfies only one of the stability conditions. But since the argument uses an *S5* logic, the other stability condition is implied. Therefore $\mathcal{P}$ becomes rigid (see p. 124).

axiomatization where
A4a: $\lfloor\forall\ X.\ \mathcal{P}\ X \rightarrow \Box(\mathcal{P}\ X)\rfloor$ — axiom 11.11

We again postulate our *S5* axioms:

axiomatization where
refl: *reflexive aRel* **and**
tran: *transitive aRel* **and**
symm: *symmetric aRel*

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

abbreviation *rigidPred*::$('t{\Rightarrow}io){\Rightarrow}io$ **where**
rigidPred $\tau \equiv (\lambda\beta.\ \Box((\lambda z.\ \beta \approx z)\ {\downarrow}\tau))\ {\downarrow}\tau$

lemma *A4b*: $\lfloor \forall\, X.\ \neg(\mathcal{P}\ X) \rightarrow \Box\neg(\mathcal{P}\ X)\rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩
lemma $\lfloor$*rigidPred* $\mathcal{P}\rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Essence, Anderson Version (Definition 11.34)

abbreviation *essenceOf*::↑⟨↑⟨**0**⟩,**0**⟩ ($\mathcal{E}^A$) **where**
$\mathcal{E}^A\ \ Y\ x \equiv (\forall\, Z.\ \Box(Z\ x) \leftrightarrow\ Y \Rrightarrow Z)$

Necessary Existence, Anderson Version (Definition 11.35)

abbreviation *necessaryExistencePred*::↑⟨**0**⟩ (NE^A)
where $NE^A\ \ x\ \equiv (\lambda w.\ (\forall\, Y.\ \ \mathcal{E}^A\ \ Y\ x \rightarrow \Box\exists^{\,E}\ \ Y)\ \ w)$

Theorem 11.36 - If g is God-like, then the property of being God-like is the essence of g.

As shown before, this theorem's proof could be completely automatized for Gödel's and Fitting's variants. For Anderson's version however, we had to provide Isabelle with some help based on the corresponding natural-language proof given by Anderson (see [2] Theorem 2*, p. 296)

theorem *GodIsEssential*: $\lfloor \forall\, x.\ G^A\ \ x \rightarrow (\mathcal{E}^A\ \ G^A\ \ x)\rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Axiom 11.37 (Anderson's version of 11.25)

axiomatization where
A5: $\lfloor \mathcal{P}\ \ NE^A\rfloor$

lemma *True* **nitpick**[*satisfy*] ⟨*proof*⟩

Theorem 11.38 - Possibilist existence of God implies necessary actualist existence:

theorem *GodExistenceImpliesNecExistence*: $\lfloor \exists\ \ G^A \rightarrow\ \ \Box\exists^{\,E}\ \ G^A\rfloor$
⟨*proof*⟩

Some useful rules:

lemma *modal-distr*: $\lfloor \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)\rfloor \Longrightarrow \lfloor (\Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\psi)\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩
lemma *modal-trans*: $(\lfloor \varphi \rightarrow \psi\rfloor \wedge \lfloor \psi \rightarrow \chi\rfloor) \Longrightarrow \lfloor \varphi \rightarrow \chi\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Anderson's version of Theorem 11.27

theorem *possExistenceImpliesNecEx*: $\lfloor \Diamond\exists\ \ G^A \rightarrow \Box\exists^{\,E}\ \ G^A\rfloor$ — local consequence
⟨*proof*⟩

lemma *T4*: $\lfloor \Diamond\exists\ \ G^A\rfloor \longrightarrow \lfloor \Box\exists^{\,E}\ \ G^A\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

Conclusion - Necessary (actualist) existence of God:

lemma *GodNecExists*: $\lfloor \Box\exists^{\,E}\ \ G^A\rfloor$ ⟨*proof*⟩

6.4 Modal Collapse

Modal collapse is countersatisfiable

lemma $\lfloor \forall\, \Phi.(\Phi \rightarrow (\Box\ \Phi)) \rfloor$ **nitpick** $\langle proof \rangle$

7 Conclusion

We presented a shallow semantical embedding in Isabelle/HOL for an intensional higher-order modal logic (a successor of Montague/Gallin intensional logics) as introduced by M. Fitting in his textbook *Types, Tableaus and Gödel's God* [12]. We subsequently employed this logic to formalise and verify all results (theorems, examples and exercises) relevant to the discussion of Gödel's ontological argument in the last part of Fitting's book. Three different versions of the ontological argument have been considered: the first one by Gödel himself (respectively, Scott), the second one by Fitting and the last one by Anderson.

By employing an interactive theorem-prover like Isabelle, we were not only able to verify Fitting's results, but also to guarantee consistency. We could prove even stronger versions of many of the theorems and find better countermodels (i.e. with smaller cardinality) than the ones presented in the book. Another interesting aspect was the possibility to explore the implications of alternative formalisations for definitions and theorems which shed light on interesting philosophical issues concerning entailment, essentialism and free will, which are currently the subject of some follow-up analysis.

The latest developments in *automated theorem proving* allow us to engage in much more experimentation during the formalisation and assessment of arguments than ever before. The potential reduction (of several orders of magnitude) in the time needed for proving or disproving theorems (compared to pen-and-paper proofs), results in almost real-time feedback about the suitability of our speculations. The practical benefits of computer-supported argumentation go beyond mere quantitative (easier, faster and more reliable proofs). The advantages are also qualitative, since it fosters a different approach to argumentation: We can now work iteratively (by 'trial-and-error') on an argument by making gradual adjustments to its definitions, axioms and theorems. This allows us to continuously expose and revise the assumptions we indirectly commit ourselves everytime we opt for some particular formalisation.

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