

Simplifying a proof in our book

In [0], pp. 66-69, we show how the conditional distribution of \wedge over \forall can be derived from the one-point rule and the other axioms. I dragged sets into the picture, for which misbehaviour I apologize; here is a simpler argument. Representing "the non-empty range" for the dummy x by $r.x \vee [x=y]$ we show

$$\langle \forall x: r.x \vee [x=y]: t.x \wedge Q \rangle \equiv \langle \forall x: r.x \vee [x=y]: t.x \rangle \wedge Q$$

To this end we observe

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \forall x: r.x \vee [x=y]: t.x \wedge Q \rangle \\ = & \text{\{splitting the term\}} \\ & \langle \forall x: r.x \vee [x=y]: t.x \rangle \wedge \langle \forall x: r.x \vee [x=y]: Q \rangle \\ = & \text{\{see (*) below\}} \\ & \langle \forall x: r.x \vee [x=y]: t.x \rangle \wedge Q \end{aligned}$$

(*) We observe

$$\begin{aligned} & \langle \forall x: r.x \vee [x=y]: Q \rangle \\ = & \text{\{splitting the range\}} \\ & \langle \forall x: r.x: Q \rangle \wedge \langle \forall x: [x=y]: Q \rangle \\ = & \text{\{one-point rule\}} \\ & \langle \forall x: r.x: Q \rangle \wedge Q \\ = & \text{\{see (**) below\}} \\ & Q \end{aligned}$$

(**) We observe

$$\begin{aligned} & [Q \Rightarrow \langle \forall x: r.x: Q \rangle] \\ = & \text{\{ \(\Rightarrow\) distributes -like \(\vee\) over \(\forall\) in consequent \}} \end{aligned}$$

$[\langle \forall x: r.x: Q \Rightarrow Q \rangle]$
 = {pred. calc}
 $[\langle \forall x: r.x: \text{true} \rangle]$
 = {pred. calc., e.g. [0], p.66, (90)}
 [true]
 = {pred. calc.}
 true

[0] Edsger W. Dijkstra & Carel S. Scholten "Predicate Calculus and Program Semantics", Springer-Verlag New York Inc., 1990

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