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- Functions	-	✓	$\forall f p(f(a))$
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- Functions	-	✓	$(\lambda x x)$
- Predicates/Sets/Rels	-	✓	$(\lambda x x \neq a)$
Statements about			
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- Predicates/Sets/Rels	-	✓	<i>reflexive</i> $(=)$
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Powerful abbreviations	✗	✓	$reflexive_{(l \rightarrow l \rightarrow o) \rightarrow o} =$ $\lambda r_{(l \rightarrow l \rightarrow o)} \forall x_l r(x, x)$

Simple Types: Prevent Some Paradoxes and Inconsistencies

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$\alpha, \beta ::= \iota \mid o \mid (\alpha \rightarrow \beta)$
(we may add further base types, e.g. μ)

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Semantics of HOL is (meanwhile) well understood

- ▶ Origin [Church, J.Symb.Log., 1940]
- ▶ Henkin-Semantics [Henkin, J.Symb.Log., 1950]
[Andrews, J.Symb.Log., 1971, 1972]
- ▶ Extensionality/Intensionality [BenzmüllerEtAl., J.Symb.Log., 2004]
[Muskens, J.Symb.Log., 2007]

HOL with Henkin-Semantics:

semi-decidable & compact & existence of countable models (like FOL)

Recommended Reading: [BenzmüllerMiller, HandbookHistoryOfLogic, Vol.9, 2014]

A Frame D

is a collection $\{D_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in T}$ of nonempty sets D_α , such that

- ▶ D_t can be chosen freely
- ▶ $D_o = \{T, F\}$ (for truth and falsehood), and
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for HOL is a tuple $M = \langle D, I \rangle$, where

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Interpretation/Value of a HOL term

The value $\|s_\alpha\|^{M,g}$ of a HOL term s_α on a model $M = \langle D, I \rangle$ under assignment g is an element $d \in D_\alpha$ defined in the following way:

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5. $\|(\neg_{o \rightarrow o} s_o)_o\|^{M,g} = T$ iff $\|s_o\|^{M,g} = F$
6. $\|((\vee_{o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o} s_o) t_o)_o\|^{M,g} = T$ iff $\|s_o\|^{M,g} = T$ or $\|t_o\|^{M,g} = T$
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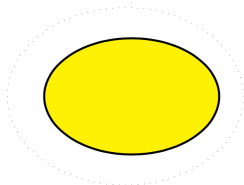
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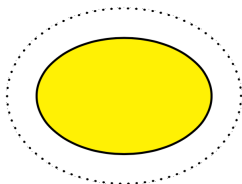
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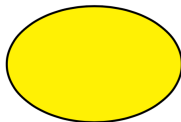
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but elements are still functions!

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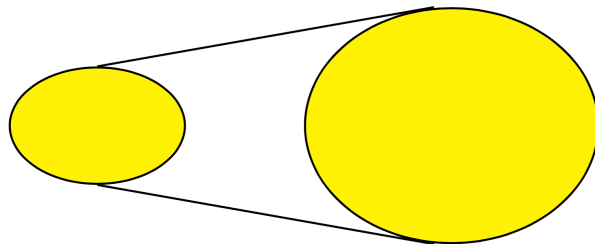
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choose: $\mathcal{D}_\iota$

fixed: $\mathcal{D}_o, \mathcal{D}_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta}$, functions

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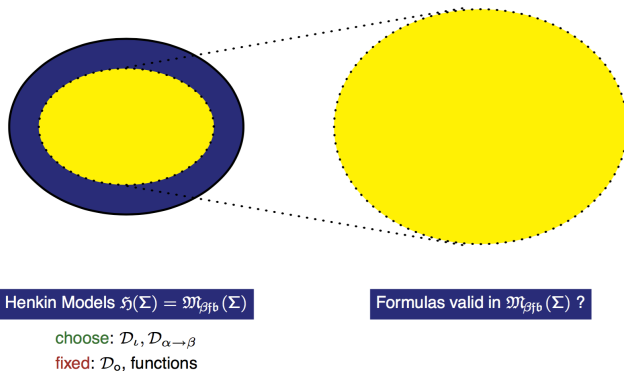
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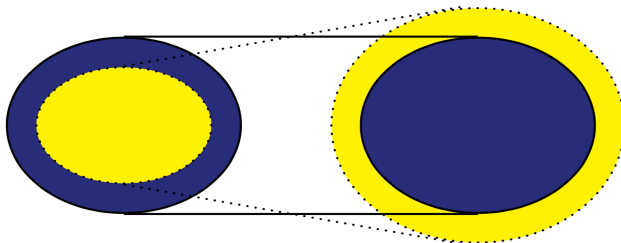
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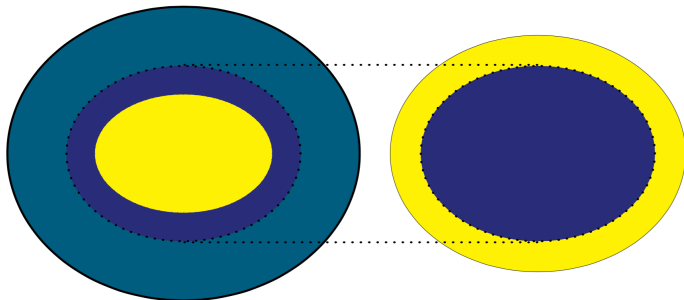
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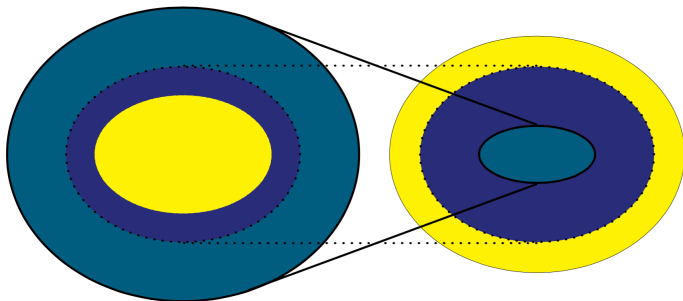
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Non-Extensional Models $\mathfrak{M}_\beta(\Sigma)$

choose: $\mathcal{D}_L, \mathcal{D}_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta}$, also non-functions, $\mathcal{D}_o$

fixed:

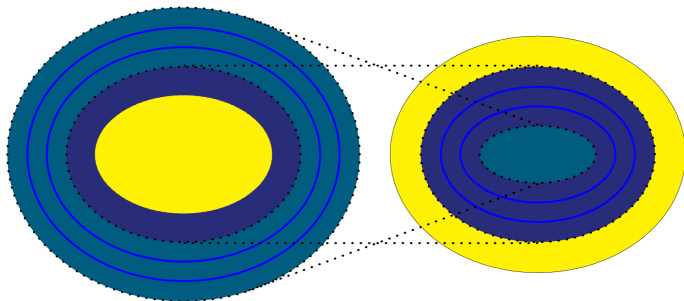
Formulas valid in $\mathfrak{M}_\beta(\Sigma)$?

Ex.: $\forall X. \forall Y. X \vee Y \Leftrightarrow Y \vee X$

vs. $\vee \doteq \lambda X. \lambda Y. Y \vee X$

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We additionally studied different model classes with 'varying degrees of extensionality'

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$$\vee \doteq \lambda X. \lambda Y. Y \vee X$$