

A correction of EWD1112

The final observation of EWD1112 for fresh variables  $x', y'$  from a nontrivial type (i.e. with at least 2 distinct values, so that  $[x'=y']_{x'y'} \equiv \text{false}$ ) should have been as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & [R \wedge \sim R \Rightarrow J]_{xx'y'y'} \\
 = & \{ \text{def. of } J \text{ in extended context} \} \\
 & [R \wedge \sim R \Rightarrow x=y \wedge x'=y']_{xx'y'y'} \\
 = & \{x'y' \text{ fresh}\} \\
 & [R \wedge \sim R \Rightarrow [x=y \wedge x'=y']_{x'y'}]_{xy} \\
 = & \{ \text{type of } x'y' \text{ nonempty} \} \\
 & [R \wedge \sim R \Rightarrow x=y \wedge [x'=y']_{x'y'}]_{xy} \\
 = & \{ \text{type of } x'y' \text{ nontrivial} \} \\
 & [R \wedge \sim R \Rightarrow \text{false}]
 \end{aligned}$$

and as a constraint on  $R$  the last line is more stringent than  $[R \wedge \sim R \Rightarrow J]$ , i.e. Cartesian extension destroys antisymmetry and turns partial orders into preorders.

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