

- SATORU NIKI, AND PETER SCHUSTER, *On Scott's semantics for many-valued logic*.

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Scott [2] proposed abstract entailment relations for a semantics in ordered abelian groups of Łukasiewicz's many-valued logic. Urquhart [3] had a similar semantics. By Scott's entailments one can also represent ideal objects in abstract mathematics [1].

We now show that Scott's semantics fails to be sound for the bottom-to-top direction of Scott's rule \rightarrow_2 , which was left out from Scott's proof [2, Theorem 3.1]. Indeed,

$$(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow B \vdash A, B$$

is derivable by Scott's rules but invalid under some interpretation indexed by $[0, \infty)$. Urquhart [4, p. 35] used the same example to show that soundness would fail for his own semantics if one did not require that every formula have a least point of validity. No such request is made by Scott, as it would affect completeness of his semantics.

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