On some self-referential four-valued languages

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2.Corollary (Kripke, Martin, Woodruff): The Kleene interpreted languages have the fixed-point property.

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- Problem (Gupta-Belnap): Characterize the schemes of interpretation which have the f.p.p.

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► (1) If this sentence is true, then the following sentence is not true.

(2) Either the previous sentence is not true or snow is white $p_1 = p_1 \rightarrow \neg p_2$ $p_2 = \neg p_1 \lor p_3$ $p_3 = \mathbf{1}$

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- ▶ **5.Theorem**: Let *F* be an interpreted three-valued language. Then *F* has the f.p.p. iff every unary operator that can be defined in *F* has a fixed point. The same characterization is valid for two-valued interpreted languages.

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Belnap's logic

$$\blacktriangleright \langle \neg_b, \wedge_b \rangle$$

	$\neg b$	\wedge_{b}	0	1	2	3
0	1	0	0	0	0	0
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2	2	2	0	2	2	0
3	3	3	0	3	0	3

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- ► 7.Corollary: Adding any of the operators ¬_{*}, ↓₁, ↓^{*}₁, ↓₂, ↓^{*}₂, ↓₃, →^{*}_I, ↔^{*}_I or ↔^{*}_{st} to Belnap's language produces paradoxes.



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B.Proposition: ⟨¬_b, ∧_{sw}, ↓₂⟩ does not have the fixed-point property.
 Proof: x = ¬_b ↓₂ (2 ∧_{sw} x).

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- Let f : E_{k+1} → E_{k+1}. The derived set of f, denoted der f, is the set of all functions which can be obtained from f with some (all, none) of its variables replaced by constants. I_A, A ⊆ E_k, is the set of all functions on E_k that preserve the set A. The restriction of f : E_{k+1} → E_{k+1}, denoted re f, is the function re f : E_k → E_{k+1} defined as re f(x₁,...,x_n) = f(x₁,...,x_n), for all x₁,...,x_n ∈ E_k.

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Examples:	f_1	0	1	2	3	f_2	0	1	2	3
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3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

► 12. Theorem: The four-valued interpreted language that contains the constants and the operators ¬_b, ∧_{ww}, ↓₂, ↓₃ has the fixed-point property.

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- Second step: Show that an interpreted language that expresses exactly the functions of $H(G_2)$ has the fixed-point property. Given a stipulation, the valuation that shows that it is consistent is found through a procedure based on the definition of the functions in $H(G_2)$ and the fact that G_2 has the fixed-point.

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