

Logic 2: Modal Logic

Lecture 7

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Recap

We have introduced a formal language (\mathcal{L}_M) to reason about possibility, necessity, knowledge, belief, norms, time, and other non-truth-functional matters.

For each application, we need to clarify which \mathcal{L}_M -sentences are valid, or entailed by which others.

- $\Box p \models p$?
- $\Box p \models \Diamond p$?
- $\Box p \models \Box \Box p$?
- $p \models \Box \Diamond p$?
- $\Diamond \Box p \models \Box \Diamond p$?

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Many non-truth-functional operators can be analysed as (restricted) quantifiers over worlds or times.

It is historically necessary that $p \leftrightarrow p$ is true at every possible world that we can bring about.

I know that $p \leftrightarrow p$ is true at every possible world that is compatible with my evidence.

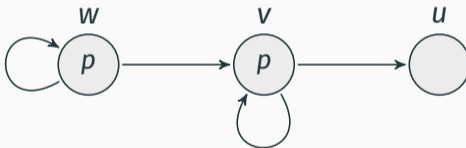
It is required that $p \leftrightarrow p$ is true at every possible world in which the requirements are met.

It is always going to be the case that $p \leftrightarrow p$ is true at every time after the present.

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$\Box p$ is true at $w \Leftrightarrow p$ is true at every world/time that is *accessible from* w .



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We can define a logic by specifying formal properties of the accessibility relation.

If every world is accessible from itself then $\Box p \models p$.

If $\Box p \models p$ then every world is accessible from itself.

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Schema	Condition On R
(T) $\Box A \rightarrow A$	R is reflexive: every world in W is accessible from itself
(D) $\Box A \rightarrow \Diamond A$	R is serial: every world in W can access some world in W
(B) $A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$	R is symmetric: whenever wRv then vRw
(4) $\Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$	R is transitive: whenever wRv and vRu , then wRu
(5) $\Diamond A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$	R is euclidean: whenever wRv and wRu , then vRu
(G) $\Diamond \Box A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$	R is convergent: whenever wRv and wRu , then there is some t such that vRt and uRt

Recap

Some aspects of the logic are the same no matter what we say about accessibility.

- $\Box A, \Box(A \rightarrow B) \models \Box B$
- $\Box(A \wedge B) \models \Box B$
- $\Diamond(A \vee B) \models \Diamond A \vee \Diamond B$
- $A \wedge B \models A$

Proofs

Once we have specified a class of Kripke models (or frames), we have specified a logic.

But we haven't yet specified a method of proof for the logic.

What is a proof of a sentence A ?

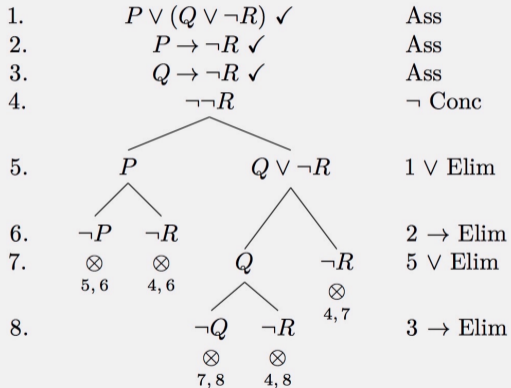
- “A proof is list of sentences each of which is either an axiom or can be deduced from earlier sentences by one of the rules. A proof of A is such a list that ends with A .”
- “A proof is a configuration of nodes – consisting of either an \mathcal{L}_M -sentence with a world label or a sentence of the form $\omega R \nu$ – that conforms to the tree construction rules. A proof of A is such a configuration with starting node $\neg A (w)$ and in which all terminal nodes are marked as closed.”
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Proofs

1. $((P \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P)) \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P)))$ by Ax2
2. $(P \rightarrow ((P \rightarrow P) \rightarrow P))$ by Ax1
3. $((P \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P))$ from 2, 1 by MP
4. $(P \rightarrow (P \rightarrow P))$ Ax1
5. $(P \rightarrow P)$ from 4, 3 by MP

Proofs

$\{P \vee (Q \vee \neg R), P \rightarrow \neg R, Q \rightarrow \neg R\} \vdash \neg R$



Proofs

1	SHØW: $1 : \Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\psi$	$[3, LCOND]$
2	$1 : \Box\varphi$	<i>ass.</i>
3	SHØW: $1 : \Box\psi$	$[k + 1, LRED]$
4	$1 : \neg\Box\psi$	<i>ass.</i>
5	SHØW: $1.1 : \varphi \wedge \neg\psi$	$[i + 1, LE_2]$
6	$1.1 : \neg\varphi \wedge \psi$	<i>ass.</i>
7	$1.1 : \neg\varphi$	$(6, L\alpha E)$
8	$1.1 : \psi$	$(6, L\alpha E)$
9	SHØW: $1.1 : \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$	
	$\mathcal{D}[\sigma/1.\sigma]$	
i	$1.1 : \varphi$	$(8, 9)$
$i + 1$	\perp	$(7, i, L\perp I)$
$i + 2$	$1.1 : \varphi$	$(5, L\alpha E)$
$i + 3$	$1.1 : \neg\psi$	$(5, L\alpha E)$
$i + 4$	SHØW: $1.1 : \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$	
	$\mathcal{D}[\sigma/1.\sigma]$	
k	$1.1 : \psi$	$(i + 2, i + 4)$
$k + 1$	\perp	$(i + 3, k, L\perp I)$

Proofs

1	$p \rightarrow q$	ass.
2	$q \rightarrow r$	ass.
3	p	ass.
4	$p \rightarrow q$	1, (rep.)
5	q	3, 4, ($\rightarrow E$)
6	$q \rightarrow r$	2, (rep.)
7	r	5, 6, ($\rightarrow E$)
8	$p \rightarrow r$	3–7 ($\rightarrow I$)
9	$(q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$	2–8, ($\rightarrow I$)
10	$(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow ((q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$	1–9, ($\rightarrow I$)

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)}{B \rightarrow C}^2 \quad \frac{\frac{A \wedge B}{A}^1}{A \wedge B}^1}{B \rightarrow C} \quad \frac{A \wedge B}{B}^1}{\frac{C}{A \wedge B \rightarrow C}^1}^2$$

$$\frac{\frac{C}{A \wedge B \rightarrow C}^1}{(A \rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)) \rightarrow (A \wedge B \rightarrow C)}^2$$

A proof is a finite syntactic object conforming to strict and mechanically testable rules.

Whatever method we use, we want it to have the following properties:

- **Soundness:** If a sentence is provable, then it is valid.
- **Completeness:** If a sentence is valid, then it is provable.

Soundness of K-trees

We have many concepts of validity, and different trees rules for each.

K-valid	K-rules
T-valid	K-rules + Reflexivity
D-valid	K-rules + Seriality
K4-valid	K-rules + Transitivity
S4-valid	K-rules + Reflexivity + Transitivity
S4.2-valid	K-rules + Reflexivity + Transitivity + Convergence
S5-valid	S5-rules
...	...

Let's show that the K-rules are sound for K-validity:

If a K-tree for a target sentence closes, then that sentence is K-valid.

How could we show this?

Let's try a conditional proof:

- We assume there is a closed K-tree for some sentence A.
- We want to infer that A is K-valid.

Soundness of K-trees

- We assume there is a closed K-tree for some sentence A .
- We want to infer that A is K-valid. We want to infer that A is true at all worlds in all Kripke models.

- We assume there is a closed K-tree for some sentence A .
- We suppose that A is false at some world w in some Kripke model M .
- We want to derive a contradiction.

$$1. \quad \neg A \quad (w)$$

The first node on the tree is a correct statement about M .

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$$1. \neg(B \rightarrow C) (w)$$

$$2. \quad B \quad (w) \quad (1)$$

$$3. \quad \neg C \quad (w) \quad (1)$$

After the first node is expanded, the new nodes are also correct statement about M .

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After node i is expanded, the new node on at least one branch is also correct statement about M .

- We assume there is a closed K-tree for some sentence A .
- We suppose that A is false at some world w in some Kripke model M .
- We want to derive a contradiction.

In general, we can show this:

If all nodes on some branch of a tree are correct statements about M , and the branch is extended by the K-rules, then all nodes on at least one of the resulting branches are still correct statements about M .

It follows that all nodes on some branch of the tree for A are correct statements about M .

Soundness of K-trees

- We assume there is a closed K-tree for some sentence A .
- We suppose that A is false at some world w in some Kripke model M .
- We want to derive a contradiction.
- The first node on the tree is a correct statement about M .
- Whenever a node on the tree is expanded, all nodes on at least one branch are all correct statements about M .
- But the tree is closed: every branch on the tree contains a contradictory pair

n. B (\mathcal{U})

m. $\neg B$ (\mathcal{U})

These two nodes can't both be correct statements about M .

Completeness of K-trees

We have shown

Soundness

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Now we want to show

Completeness

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If a sentence is K-valid, then there is a closed K-tree for the sentence.

We will prove something even stronger:

- If a sentence is K-valid, then any fully expanded K-tree for the sentence is closed.

Equivalently:

- If a fully expanded K-tree does not close, then the target sentence is not K-valid.

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- We assume that a fully expanded K-tree for a target sentence A has an open branch.
- We want to infer that A is false at some world in some model.

We already know how to construct such a model: we can read it off from any open branch!

All we need to show is that our method for reading off a model from open branches always provides a countermodel for the target sentence.

Completeness of K-trees

Suppose there is an open branch on a fully expanded tree.

Let M be the model we read off from that branch.

We show that every node on the branch is a correct statement about M .

- The claim is obvious for sentence letters and negated sentence letters.
- Suppose $p \wedge q (w)$ is on the branch.
- Then $p (w)$ and $q (w)$ are on the branch.
- So p is true at w and q at w in M .
- So $p \wedge q$ is true at w in M .
- And so on.

Completeness

If a sentence is K-valid, then there is a closed K-tree for the sentence.

- We show that if there is a fully expanded but open K-tree for a sentence, then that sentence is not valid.
- We do this by showing that the model we can read off from an open branch on a fully expanded K-tree is always a countermodel for the target sentence.