

SOME PARTIAL SOLUTIONS TO SOME OF THE EXERCISE FROM THE TUTORIAL FRIDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2016

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This is small note providing some sketches of solutions to some of the exercises from last Fridays tutorial. The usual caveats apply. In particular there are quite a few lacunae which you should fill in yourselves. Consequently, this is by no means a model solution which can be used as a guide for your homework solutions¹.

In case there is something which is not clear—or maybe even wrong—then feel free to come by my office (F2.23) with your questions.

1. EXERCISE 1

To show that the set

$$\text{Log}(\mathcal{C}) := \{\varphi : \forall \mathfrak{F} \in \mathcal{C} (\mathfrak{F} \Vdash \varphi)\}$$

is a normal modal logic, for any class of Kripke frames \mathcal{C} , one has simply to verify that

- (i) Every propositional tautology belongs to $\text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$;
- (ii) The (K) axiom $\Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \Box p \rightarrow \Box q$ belongs to $\text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$;
- (iii) The (Dual) axiom $\Diamond p \leftrightarrow \neg \Box \neg p$ belongs to $\text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$;
- (iv) The set $\text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$ is closed under applications of the Modus Ponens rule;
- (v) The set $\text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$ is closed under applications of the Necessitation rule;
- (vi) The set $\text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$ is closed under uniform substitution.

Verifying items (i)–(v) is straightforward; you just check that the relevant formulas (rules) are valid (admissible) on all frames—and so in particular on any frame in \mathcal{C} . For (i) note that the *colour* $c(w) := \{p \in \text{Prop} : \mathfrak{M}, w \Vdash p\}$ is a model of classical propositional logic for any model \mathfrak{M} and any $w \in |\mathfrak{M}|$.

Finally, for item (vi) let $\varphi \in \text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$ be given and let σ be a substitution. We must show that $\varphi[\sigma] \in \text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$ as well. Therefore, let \mathfrak{F} be a Kripke frame from \mathcal{C} and let V be a valuation on \mathfrak{F} . To see that $\mathfrak{F}, V, w \Vdash \varphi[\sigma]$ for any world $w \in |\mathfrak{F}|$ define a valuation V^σ on \mathfrak{F} by

$$V^\sigma(p) = \{w' \in |\mathfrak{F}| : \mathfrak{F}, V, w' \Vdash \sigma(p)\},$$

and prove by induction of the complexity of the formula φ that

$$\mathfrak{F}, V, w \Vdash \varphi[\sigma] \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathfrak{F}, V^\sigma, w \Vdash \varphi.$$

Since $\varphi \in \text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$ and $\mathfrak{F} \in \mathcal{C}$ the right-hand side obtains and so, as $\mathfrak{F} \in \mathcal{C}$, the valuation V on \mathfrak{F} and $w \in |\mathfrak{F}|$ were arbitrary, we may conclude that $\varphi[\sigma] \in \text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$.

To conclude that the normal modal logic \mathbf{K} is sound with respect to the class of all Kripke frames \mathcal{K} we simply have to argue that

$$\mathbf{K} \subseteq \text{Log}(\mathcal{K}).$$

But since \mathbf{K} is the least normal modal logic and we have just shown that for any class of Kripke frames \mathcal{C} the set $\text{Log}(\mathcal{C})$ is a normal modal logic, in particular $\text{Log}(\mathcal{K})$ is a normal modal logic, and so the above inclusion follows immediately from the minimality of \mathbf{K} .

To see that $\text{Th}(\mathcal{C}_{mod}) := \{\varphi : \forall \mathfrak{M} \in \mathcal{C}_{mod} (\mathfrak{M} \Vdash \varphi)\}$ is not necessarily a normal modal logic, simply convince yourself that this set will not necessarily be closed under uniform substitution. In fact you may take \mathcal{C}_{mod} to consist of a single model to obtain a counter example.

¹Unless, of course, the presentation of your homework solutions are usually more sloppy than the presentation at hand.

2. EXERCISE 2

We only provide a solution to item 2 as the the rest of the items are similar.

Let $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi, \psi\}$ be a set of formulas in the language of basic modal logic and suppose that we have $\vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi$ and $\vdash_{\Sigma} \psi$ then we must show that $\vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi \wedge \psi$.

1. $\vdash_{\Sigma} p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow (p \wedge q))$ Prop. tautology;
2. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi))$ Uniform substitution w. 1;
3. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi$ Given by assumption;
4. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \psi \rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi)$ (MP) w. 1 and 3;
5. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \psi$ Given by assumption;
4. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi \wedge \psi$ (MP) w. 5 and 4;

Thus the rule

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi}$$

is *admissible* for any normal modal logic.

3. EXERCISE 3

Again we provide a solution for item 2 only as the rest are similar. Given a set $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi, \psi\}$ of formulas in the language of basic modal logic such that $\vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ we must show that also $\vdash_{\Sigma} \diamond\varphi \rightarrow \diamond\psi$.

1. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ Given by assumption;
2. $\vdash_{\Sigma} (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$ Prop. tautology;
3. $\vdash_{\Sigma} (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi)$ Uni. subst. w. 3;
4. $\vdash_{\Sigma} (\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi)$ (MP) w. 1 and 3;
5. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \Box(\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi)$ (N) to 4;
6. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \Box(\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi) \rightarrow (\Box\neg\psi \rightarrow \Box\neg\varphi)$ Uni. subst. of the (K)-axiom;
7. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \Box\neg\psi \rightarrow \Box\neg\varphi$ (MP) w. 6 and 5;
8. $\vdash_{\Sigma} (\Box\neg\psi \rightarrow \Box\neg\varphi) \rightarrow (\neg\Box\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\psi)$ Uni. subst. on 2;
9. $\vdash_{\Sigma} (\neg\Box\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\psi)$ (MP) w. 8 and 7;
10. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \diamond\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\varphi$ Uni. subst. of (Dual)-axiom and prop. reasoning;
11. $\vdash_{\Sigma} (\diamond\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\varphi) \rightarrow ((\neg\Box\neg\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\psi) \rightarrow (\diamond\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\psi))$ Uni. subst. instance of a propositional tautology;
12. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \diamond\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\psi$ (MP) twice: w. 11 and 10 and then w. 7;
13. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \neg\Box\neg\psi \rightarrow \diamond\psi$ Uni. subst. on (Dual)-axiom and prop. reasoning;
14. $\vdash_{\Sigma} (\diamond\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg\psi) \rightarrow ((\neg\Box\neg\psi \rightarrow \diamond\psi) \rightarrow (\diamond\varphi \rightarrow \diamond\psi))$ Uni. subst. instance of a prop. taut.;
15. $\vdash_{\Sigma} \diamond\varphi \rightarrow \diamond\psi$ (MP) twice: w. 14 and 12 and then w. 13;

In the above we used—among other things—that $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow ((q \rightarrow r) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r))$ is a propositional tautology.

Please note that the above is technically not a derivation in the Hilbert style derivation system \vdash_{Σ} . The above does, however, provided a scaffolding from which a correct derivation may be constructed.

4. EXERCISE 4

The trick is here to show that all the connectives of the language of basic modal logic are *congruent* in the sense that the rules

$$\frac{\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi \quad \varphi' \leftrightarrow \psi'}{\varphi * \varphi' \leftrightarrow \psi * \psi'}$$

for $* \in \{\wedge, \vee, \rightarrow\}$ and

$$\frac{\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi}{\bullet\varphi \leftrightarrow \bullet\psi}$$

for $\bullet \in \{\neg, \Box\}$, are all admissible for every normal modal logic². Having established this, showing the Equivalent Replacement Lemma, i.e, that

$$\vdash_{\Sigma} \psi \leftrightarrow \chi \quad \text{implies} \quad \vdash_{\Sigma} \varphi[\psi] \leftrightarrow \varphi[\chi],$$

for any set $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi, \psi, \chi\}$ of formulas in the language of basic modal logic, is a straightforward induction on the complexity of φ .

5. EXERCISE 5

To show that $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{S4}} p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$ it suffices to show that the normal modal logic **S4** is sound with respect to some class of Kripke frames on which the formula $p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$ is not valid. Recall that **S4** is **K** + $(\Box p \rightarrow p) + (\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p)$. Now prove that these two axioms are valid on all frames where the relation is both transitive and reflexive, i.e., a *pre-order*. From this you may conclude that the normal modal logic **S4** is sound with respect to the class of all pre-ordered Kripke frames. Finally, find a pre-ordered Kripke frames which does not validate the formula $p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$ and conclude that $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{S4}} p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$.

To show that $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Box p \vee \Box \neg p$ you may follow a similar strategy—only we already know a class of Kripke frames with respect to which the normal modal logic **K** is sound.

6. EXERCISE 6

The normal modal logic **K** is not Halldén complete. To see this note that since $\Box \perp \vee \neg \Box \perp$ is a substitution instance of the propositional tautology $p \vee \neg p$ we have that $\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Box \perp \vee \neg \Box \perp$. However, you can easily find Kripke frames \mathfrak{F}_1 and \mathfrak{F}_2 such that $\mathfrak{F}_1 \not\models \Box \perp$ and $\mathfrak{F}_2 \not\models \neg \Box \perp$, showing that $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Box \perp$ and $\not\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg \Box \perp$ since **K** is sound with respect to the class of all Kripke frames.

7. EXERCISE 7

This is rather tricky but also quite a bit of fun. One way to proceed is to observe that $p \rightarrow ((q \wedge r) \rightarrow (r \wedge p))$ is a propositional tautology. You then have to come up with a clever substitution instance of this propositional tautology in which—after a bit of manipulation—you can recognise a substitution instance of the Löb axiom $\Box(\Box p \rightarrow p) \rightarrow \Box p$. From there onwards it is all fairly straightforward.

²In fact, since some of the connectives are inter-definable in terms of each other you can be a bit clever about how you chose the basic connectives.