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Exercises for the Course

Logic

Week 10



Exercise 10.1 (Modal Sequent Calculus)

Using the sequent calculus from the lecture, prove

1. $\Box(p \to q) \to (\Box p \to \Box q)$
2. $\Diamond(p \vee q) \to (\Diamond p \vee \Diamond q)$
3. $(\Diamond p \vee \Diamond q) \to \Diamond(p \vee q)$
4. $((p \to \Box p) \wedge (\Diamond \neg p)) \to \neg p$

Exercise 10.2 (Model Semantics)

a) Let A be a *valid* formula of propositional logic, i.e. it is true in all propositional interpretations.

Show that $\Box A$ is valid in modal logic **K**.

Show that $\Diamond A$ is *not* valid in modal logic **K**.

b) Prove (using the model semantics) that the formula $\Box p \to \Box\Box p$ is satisfied at all worlds of any Kripke structure if the accessibility relation R is *transitive*.

Exercise 10.3 (A Logic of Knowledge)

Here is an attempt at formalising the idea of "knowledge."

We assume that our knowledge is determined by what we have *observed* about the world. E.g. the temperature, the colour of a light, etc. Let O be a set of possible observations, W a set of possible states of the world, and $o : W \to O$ an observation function that tells us for each state of the world what we have observed about it.

E.g. in the scenario where we may or may not have looked outside, and it may or may not rain, the set W would contain four worlds, according to the four possibilities. O would contain only three possible observations: NotLooked, LookedAndRain, LookedAndNotRain.

We can now say that two worlds $u, v \in W$ appear the same to us if our observations are the same, $o(u) = o(v)$. E.g. the two worlds where we have not looked outside appear the same because the observation is NotLooked for both of them

Now we can say that we "know" A in a world $w \in W$ if A is true in all worlds that fit our observations i.e., A is true in all worlds v with $o(u) = o(v)$.

a) Define an accessibility relation $R \subseteq W \times W$ such that the modal semantics of $\Box A$ is the same as this notion of knowledge.

b) Which of the properties of frames (reflexive, serial, transitive, etc.) we saw in the lecture does R have? Which of the modal logics listed in the lecture (K, D, T,...) corresponds to this notion of knowledge?