

1. Generalizations of the G schema

◆ DEFINITION: Where any modality ( $\neg, \diamond, \text{or } \Box$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } n=0 & \quad \Box^n A = A \\ \text{if } n = k+1 & \quad \Box^n A = \Box^k A \end{aligned}$$

◆ FACT: Consider the schema

$$\mathbf{G}^{k,l,m,n} = \diamond^k \Box^l A \quad \Box^m \diamond^n A$$

Then:

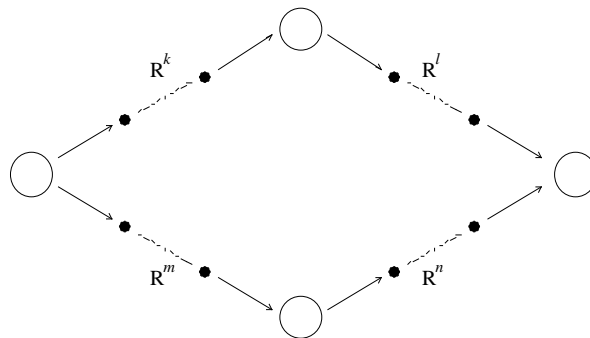
|          |   |   |         |                        |
|----------|---|---|---------|------------------------|
| <b>G</b> | = | $\diamond \Box A \quad \Box \diamond A$ | is just | $\mathbf{G}^{1,1,1,1}$ |
| <b>D</b> | = | $\Box A \quad \diamond A$               | is just | $\mathbf{G}^{0,1,0,1}$ |
| <b>T</b> | = | $\Box A \quad A$                        | is just | $\mathbf{G}^{0,1,0,0}$ |
| <b>B</b> | = | $A \quad \Box \diamond A$               | is just | $\mathbf{G}^{0,0,1,1}$ |
| <b>4</b> | = | $\Box A \quad \Box \Box A$              | is just | $\mathbf{G}^{0,1,2,0}$ |
| <b>5</b> | = | $\diamond A \quad \Box \diamond A$      | is just | $\mathbf{G}^{1,0,1,1}$ |

◆ DEFINITION

$$\begin{aligned} \text{if } n=0 & \quad \mathbf{R}^n = \\ \text{if } n = k+1 & \quad \mathbf{R}^n = \mathbf{R} \text{ for some } W \text{ such that } \mathbf{R}^k \end{aligned}$$

◆ DEFINITION

A standard model  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R, P \rangle$ , is  $k,l,m,n$ -incentual iff  $\mathbf{R}^k \ \& \ \mathbf{R}^m \quad ( \mathbf{R}^l \ \& \ \mathbf{R}^n )$



So in particular:

- $\mathcal{M}$  is incestual iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is 1111-incestual
- $\mathcal{M}$  is serial iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is 0101-incestual
- $\mathcal{M}$  is reflexive iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is 0100-incestual
- $\mathcal{M}$  is symmetric iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is 0011-incestual
- $\mathcal{M}$  is transitive iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is 0120-incestual
- $\mathcal{M}$  is euclidean iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is 1011-incestual

(The proofs of these equivalences se are just derivations in first order logic with identity.)

◆ EXAMPLE:  $\mathcal{M}$  is serial iff  $\mathcal{M}$  is 0101-incestual

Proof:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \mathcal{M} \text{ is 0101-incestual} & \begin{array}{l} [ R^0 \ \& \ R^0 \quad ( R^1 \ \& \ R^1 ) ] \\ [ = \ \& \ = \quad ( R \ \& \ R ) ] \\ = \ \& \ = \quad ( R \ \& \ R ) \\ = \quad ( R ) \\ \quad ( R ) \\ \mathcal{M} \text{ is serial} \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \text{def.} \\ \text{def.} \\ \text{elim} \\ \& \ \text{idem} \\ \text{since } = \\ \text{intro} \\ \text{def.} \end{array} \\
 \\
 \mathcal{M} \text{ is serial} & \begin{array}{l} ( R ) \\ ( R ) \\ ( R \ \& \ R ) \\ = \ \& \ = \quad ( R \ \& \ R ) \\ [ = \ \& \ = \quad ( R \ \& \ R ) ] \\ [ R^0 \ \& \ R^0 \quad ( R^1 \ \& \ R^1 ) ] \\ \mathcal{M} \text{ is 0101-incestual} \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} \text{def.} \\ \text{elim} \\ \& \ \text{idem} \\ = \ \text{laws} \\ \text{intro} \\ \text{def.} \\ \text{def.} \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

◆ FACT

The schema  $\mathbf{G}^{k,l,m,n}$  is valid in the class of all  $k,l,m,n$ -incestual standard models

◆ COROLLARY

- The schema **G** is valid in the class of all **incestual** standard models
- The schema **D** is valid in the class of all **serial** standard models
- The schema **T** is valid in the class of all **reflexive** standard models
- The schema **B** is valid in the class of all **symmetric** standard models
- The schema **4** is valid in the class of all **transitive** standard models
- The schema **5** is valid in the class of all **euclidean** standard models

◆  $G^{k,l,m,n}$  is not the most general schema.

For instance, the following are not instances of  $G^{k,l,m,n}$ :

$$\begin{array}{ll} G_c & \Box \Diamond A \quad \Diamond \Box A \\ Gr & \Box (\Box A \rightarrow A) \quad \Box A \end{array}$$

◆ Indeed there are more general schemes with interesting properties—e.g.

$$\mathbf{Sahl} \Box^n (A \rightarrow B) \quad (\text{with restrictions on the form of } A \text{ and } B)$$

But Gr and Gc are still not covered by such a schema.

## 2. Characterizability (for Kripkean modal logics)

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◆ QUESTION 1:

Does every modal formula correspond to some first-order definable R?

i.e., given a formula A, is there always a first-order sentence  $\phi$  so that, for every  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R, P \rangle$

$$\mathcal{M} \models A \text{ (modally)} \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M} \models \phi \text{ (quantificationally)} \quad ?$$

ANSWER IS NO

- $G^{k,l,m,n}$  YES  $[ R^k \ \& \ R^m \quad ( R^l \ \& \ R^n ) ]$
- **Sahl** YES complicated condition
- **Gr** NO there is a condition on R (see test), but not first-order definable
- **G<sub>c</sub>** NO not first-order definable (though **G<sub>c</sub> 4** is)

◆ QUESTION 2:

What about the other way around? Does every R correspond to a modal formula?

ANSWER IS NO

- E.g. *Reflexivity*  $( R ) \quad \Box A \rightarrow A$
- Irreflexivity*  $( \neg R ) \quad$  no characteristic wff  
i.e., if a wff is true in every irreflexive model, then it is true in every model
- Ditto for
  - Asymmetry*  $( R \rightarrow \neg R )$
  - Antisymmetry*  $( R \ \& \ R \rightarrow = )$
  - Intransitivity*  $( R \ \& \ R \rightarrow \neg R )$

### 3. Axiomatic systems (for Kripkean modal logics)

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◆ A system of modal logic is normal iff it contains every instance of

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{Df}\diamond \quad \diamond A \quad \neg \Box \neg A \\ \mathbf{K} \quad \Box(A \supset B) \quad (\Box A \supset \Box B) \end{array}$$

and is closed under the rule

$$\mathbf{RN} \quad \frac{A}{\Box A}$$

◆ Theorem: Every normal system of modal logic satisfies the *Principle of Duality*:

$$\vdash \Box A \quad \vdash \diamond A^* \quad \vdash \Box A^*$$

where  $\Box$  and  $\diamond$  are any modalities (sequences of  $\neg$ ,  $\Box$  and  $\diamond$ ) and  $\Box^*$  and  $\diamond^*$  are obtained from  $\Box$  and  $\diamond$  by interchanging  $\Box$  and  $\diamond$ .

◆ Main normal systems:

—  $K$  = the smallest system

— The main extensions are obtained by adding one or more of the following:

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{D} \quad \Box A \supset \diamond A \\ \mathbf{T} \quad \Box A \supset A \\ \mathbf{B} \quad A \supset \Box \diamond A \\ \mathbf{4} \quad \Box A \supset \Box \Box A \\ \mathbf{5} \quad \diamond A \supset \Box \diamond A \end{array}$$

— Naming conventions:

$$KS_1 \dots S_n$$

is the (smallest) extension of  $K$  obtained by taking the schemas  $S_1 \dots S_n$  as axioms. (The order of the  $S_i$  does not matter.)

— E.g.,  $KT5$  is the smallest system of modal logic obtained by adding  $T$  and  $5$ —etc.

◆ Facts:

— There are  $2^5=32$  possible combinations

— Only **15** of these are distinct

— General picture: Chellas [figure 4.1](#) on p. 132.

◆ Example:

$$KTD = KT$$

Proof: Obviously

$$KT \vdash KTD.$$

So we only show that

$$KTD \vdash KT.$$

To this end it is sufficient to show that every instance of  $D$  is a theorem of  $KT$

1.  $\vdash_{KT} \Box A \rightarrow A$  T
2.  $\vdash_{KT} A \rightarrow \Diamond A$  duality principle
3.  $\vdash_{KT} \Box A \rightarrow \Diamond A$  1,4 PL

◆ Other examples:

$$KT5 = KTD5 = KTB5 = KT45 = KTDB5 = KTD45 = KTB45 = KTDB45 \quad (\text{This is } \mathbf{S5})$$

— Every instance of  $D$  is a theorem of  $KT5$ : obvious from above

— Every instance of  $B$  is a theorem of  $KT5$ :

1.  $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$  5
2.  $\vdash_{KT5} A \rightarrow \Diamond A$  dual of T
3.  $\vdash_{KT} A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$  1,2 PL

— Every instance of  $4$  is a theorem of  $KT5$ :

1.  $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A$  5
2.  $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond \Box A \rightarrow \Box A$   $5\Diamond$  (duality principle)
3.  $\vdash_{KT5} \Box \Diamond \Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$  2, RM
4.  $\vdash_{KT5} \Box A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond \Box A$  B (which is a theorem of  $KT5$ )
5.  $\vdash_{KT5} \Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$  3,4, PL

#### 4. Reduction laws for modalities

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◆ Definition: two modalities  $\Box$  and  $\Diamond$  are equivalent (in system  $\mathcal{S}$ ) iff for all sentences

$$\vdash_{\mathcal{S}} \Box A \leftrightarrow A \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash_{\mathcal{S}} \Diamond A \leftrightarrow A$$

◆ Example: in  $KT5$  there are at most 6 distinct modalities:  $A, \Diamond A, \Box A, \neg A, \neg \Diamond A, \neg \Box A$ .

|    |  |    |  |             |
|----|--|----|--|-------------|
| a) | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Box A \quad \Box A$             | 1. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Box A \quad \Box A$             | T           |
|    |  | 2. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box A \quad \Box\Box A$             | 4           |
|    |  | 3. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box A \quad \Box\Box A$             | 1,2, PL     |
| b) | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Diamond A \quad \Diamond A$ | 1. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Diamond A \quad \Diamond A$ | $4\Diamond$ |
|    |  | 2. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond A \quad \Diamond\Diamond A$ | $T\Diamond$ |
|    |  | 3. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Diamond A \quad \Diamond A$ | 1,2, PL     |
| c) | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Diamond A \quad \Diamond A$     | 1. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Diamond A \quad \Diamond A$     | T           |
|    |  | 2. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond A \quad \Box\Diamond A$     | 5           |
|    |  | 3. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Diamond A \quad \Diamond A$     | 1,2, PL     |
| d) | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box A \quad \Box A$         | 1. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box A \quad \Diamond\Box A$         | $T\Diamond$ |
|    |  | 2. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box A \quad \Box A$         | $5\Diamond$ |
|    |  | 3. | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box A \quad \Box A$         | 1,2, PL     |

◆ Example:

|   |   |               |
|---|---|---------------|
| $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box\Box\neg\Box\Diamond\neg\Box\Diamond\Box A$ | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box\Box\neg\Box\neg\Box\neg\neg\Box\Diamond\Box A$ | Df $\Diamond$ |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box\Box\neg\Box\neg\Box\Box\Diamond\Box A$         | PL + REP      |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box\Box\Diamond\Box\Box\Diamond\Box A$             | Df $\Diamond$ |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Box\Diamond\Box\Box\Diamond\Box A$                     | d) above      |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Diamond\Box\Box\Diamond\Box A$                         | a) above      |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box\Box\Diamond\Box A$                             | c) above      |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Box\Diamond\Box A$                                     | d) above      |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box\Diamond\Box A$   | a) above      |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Diamond\Box A$   | c) above      |
|   | $\vdash_{KT5} \Box A$   | d) above      |

◆ In fact, you can just drop all modalities except for the last (plus negation, if necessary)

◆ Remarks:

1) These reduction laws fix an upper bound; a lower bound (to the effect that there are no further reduction laws) follows from completeness.

2) Only 7 of the 15 basic systems in the picture have finitely many distinct modalities:

KT4 K5 KD5 K45 KB4 KD45 KT5

3) Two systems may have the same modalities, but differ with respect to the patterns of implication among them (though not the other way around).

— e.g. KT5 and KD45 have the same six modalities, but T is only provable in KT5.