Modal Logic

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Logics: Soundness and Completeness

A **logic** is a set of formulas **L** satisfying certain closure conditions. We write $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi$ iff $\varphi \in \mathbf{L}$.

Rule of inference: "From $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n$ infer φ ", denoted $\frac{\varphi_1 \ \varphi_2 \ \cdots \ \varphi_n}{\varphi}$, where $n \ge 0$. A logic is closed under a rule of inference means that if $\{\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \ldots, \varphi_n\} \subseteq \mathbf{L}$, then $\varphi \in \mathbf{L}$

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A modal formula φ is called a **(propositional) tautology** if $\varphi = (\alpha)^{\sigma}$ where σ is a substitution, α is a formula of propositional logic and α is a tautology.

For example, $\Box p \rightarrow (\Diamond (p \land q) \rightarrow \Box p)$ is a tautology because $a \rightarrow (b \rightarrow a)$ is a tautology in the language of propositional logic and

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where $\sigma(a) = \Box p$ and $\sigma(b) = \Diamond (p \land q)$.

Propositional Calculus (PC)

RPL
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \varphi_1 & \varphi_2 & \cdots & \varphi_n \\ \varphi & & \varphi \end{array}$$
, where φ is a tautological consequence of $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_n$ (i.e., $(\varphi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \varphi_n) \rightarrow \varphi$ is a propositional tautology).

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- 4. Let **K** be the smallest normal modal logic: The smallest set of formulas containing all propositional tautologies, all instances of *K*, all instances of *Dual*, closed under Modus Ponens, and closed under Necessitation.

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What is the relationship between **GL** and **K4**? **K4** \subseteq **GL** $\Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \Box \varphi$ is a *consequence* of $\Box (\Box \varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \Box \varphi$

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