# Notes on filtration of logics containing K5

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#### 1 Preliminaries

**Definition 1.** An n-normal modal logic is a set of formulas that contains all Boolean tautologies, formulas  $\Diamond_i p \lor \Diamond_i q \leftrightarrow \Diamond_i (p \lor q)$  and  $\Diamond_i \bot \leftrightarrow \bot$  for  $i \leqslant n$ , and is closed under modus ponens, substitution, and monotonicity: from  $\varphi \to \psi$  infer  $\Diamond_i \varphi \to \Diamond_i \psi$  for  $i \leqslant n$ .

**Definition 2.** An n-Kripke model is a triple  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R_1, \dots, R_n, \vartheta \rangle$ , where  $R_i \subseteq W \times W$ ,  $\vartheta : PV \to 2^W$ , and the connectives have the following semantics:

- 1.  $\mathcal{M}, w \models p \Leftrightarrow w \in \vartheta(p)$
- 2.  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, w \not\models \varphi$
- 3.  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi \lor \psi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi \text{ or } \mathcal{M}, w \models \psi$
- 4.  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Diamond_i \varphi \Leftrightarrow \exists v \in R_i(w) \mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$

By **K5** we mean the logic  $\mathbf{K} \oplus A5$ , where  $A5 = \Diamond p \to \Box \Diamond p$ . It is known that **K5** is the modal logic of all Euclidean frames. A frame is called Euclidean if for each x, y, z, xRy and xRz implies yRz.

Proposition 1. K5 proves

- 1.  $\Box^3 p \leftrightarrow \Box^2 p$
- 2.  $\Box^2 \Diamond p \leftrightarrow \Box \Diamond p$
- $3. \Box \Diamond \Box p \leftrightarrow \Box \Box p$
- 4.  $\Box \diamondsuit^2 p \leftrightarrow \Box \diamondsuit p$

**Proposition 2.** Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a K5 model, xRy for  $x, y \in W$  then one has

$$\mathcal{M}, x \models \Diamond \Box \varphi \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, y \models \Diamond \Box \varphi.$$

Proof.

- 1. Suppose  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ . One also has  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Diamond \Box \varphi \to \Box \Diamond \Box \varphi$ , so  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Box \Diamond \Box \varphi$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$  since  $y \in R(x)$ .
- 2. Suppose  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ , then  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \Box \varphi$ , so  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ .

#### 1.1 Filtrations: general definitions

Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R_1, \dots, R_n, \vartheta \rangle$  be a Kripke model and  $\Gamma$  a set of formulas closed under subformulas. An equivalence relation  $\sim$  is set to have a finite index if the quotient set  $W/\sim$  is finite. The equivalence relation  $\sim_{\Gamma}$  induced by  $\Gamma$  is defined as

$$w \sim_{\Gamma} v \Leftrightarrow \forall \varphi \in \Gamma (\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi).$$

If  $\Gamma$  is finite, then  $\sim_{\Gamma}$  has a finite index. An equivalence relation  $\sim$  respects  $\sim_{\Gamma}$ , if  $w \sim v$  implies  $w \sim_{\Gamma} v$ .

**Definition 3.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R_1, \dots, R_n, \vartheta \rangle$  be a Kripke model and  $\Gamma$  be a Sub-closed set formulas. A  $\Gamma$ -filtration of  $\mathcal{M}$  is a model  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}} = \langle \widehat{W}, \widehat{R_1}, \dots, \widehat{R_n}, \widehat{\vartheta} \rangle$  such that:

- 1.  $\widehat{W}=W/\sim$ , where  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation having a finite index that respects  $\Gamma$
- 2.  $\hat{\vartheta}(p) = \{ [x]_{\sim} \mid x \in W \& x \in \vartheta(p) \}$
- 3. For each  $i \in I$  one has  $\widehat{R}_i^{min} \subseteq \widehat{R}_i \subseteq \widehat{R}_i^{max}$ .  $\widehat{R}_{i,\sim}^{min}$  is the i-th minimal filtered relation on  $\widehat{W}$  defined as

$$\hat{x}\hat{R}_{i,\sim}^{min}\hat{y} \Leftrightarrow \exists x' \sim x \; \exists y' \sim y \; xR_i y$$

 $\widehat{R}_{\Gamma,i}^{max}$  is the i-th maximal filtered relation on  $\widehat{W}$  induced by  $\Gamma$  defined as

$$\hat{x}\hat{R}_{\Gamma i}^{max}\hat{y} \Leftrightarrow \forall \Box_{i}\varphi \in \Gamma \left(\mathcal{M}, x \models \Box_{i}\varphi \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}, y \models \varphi\right)$$

If  $\Phi$  is finite subset of  $\Gamma$  and  $\sim = \sim_{\Phi}$ , then  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$  is a definable  $\Gamma$ -filtration of  $\mathcal{M}$  through  $\Phi$ . If  $\sim = \sim_{\Gamma}$ , then such a filtration by means of the definition above is called *strict*.

**Lemma 1.** Let  $\Gamma$  be a finite set of formulas closed under subformulas and  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$  a filtration of  $\mathcal{M}$  through  $\Gamma$ , then for each  $x \in W$  and for each  $\varphi \in \Gamma$  one has

$$\mathcal{M}, x \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow \widehat{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{x} \models \varphi$$

**Definition 4.** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a class of Kripke frames and  $\Gamma$  a finite set of formulas closed under subformulas. If for every model  $\mathcal{M}$  over  $\mathcal{F} \in \mathbb{F}$  there exists a model that is a  $\Gamma$ -definable filtration of  $\mathcal{M}$ , then  $\mathbb{F}$  admits definable filtration. A class of models  $\mathbb{M}$  admits definable filtration if for every  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbb{M}$  there exists a model belonging to the same class that is a definable  $\Gamma$ -filtration of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

#### Lemma 2.

- 1. Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be a complete normal modal logic. If Frames( $\mathcal{L}$ ) admits filtration, then  $\mathcal{L}$  has the finite model property.
- 2. If the class of models  $Mod(\mathcal{L})$  admits filtration, then  $\mathcal{L}$  has the finite model property and Kripke complete as well.

# 2 Filtration of Euclidean logics

First of all, let us ensure that a minimal filtration of an Euclidean frame is not necessary Euclidean. Let  $[x] \sim_{\Gamma} [y]$  and  $[x] \sim_{\Gamma} [z]$ . Then for some  $x' \in [x]$   $y' \in [y]$ , one has x'Ry' and x''Rz' for some  $x'' \in [x]$  and  $z' \in [z]$ . Clearly, we cannot claim that x' = x'' in general. Thus, minimal filtration does not preserve the required property.

Lemma 3. K5 admit filtration.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a **K5**-model and  $\Gamma_0$  a finite set of formulas closed under subformulas. Let us put  $\Gamma = \Gamma_0 \cup \operatorname{Sub}(\{\Diamond \Box \psi \mid \Box \psi \in \Gamma_0\}) \cup \Psi$ , where  $\Psi = \nabla_1 \nabla_2 \dots \nabla_n \Box \psi$  for  $\Box \psi \in \Gamma_0$  and  $\nabla_i \in \{\Diamond, \Box\}$ . By Proposition 1, any element of  $\Phi$  has one of the four forms. Thus,  $W \sim_{\equiv_{\Gamma}}$  has a finite index. We put  $\hat{R} = R_{\Gamma}^{\max}$ .

**Definition 5.** A first-order formula is called Horn if it has the following form:

$$\forall x_1, \dots, x_n(x_{i_1}Rx_{j_1} \wedge \dots \wedge x_{i_s}Rx_{j_s} \rightarrow x_kRx_l)$$

**Definition 6.** Let H be a Horn property and  $\langle W, R \rangle$  a Kripke frame. A Horn closure of a binary relation R is the minimal relation  $R^H$  containing R and satisfying H.

**Lemma 4.** 
$$R^H = \bigcup_{n < \omega} R_n$$
 where

- 1.  $R_0 = R$ .
- 2.  $R_{n+1} = R_n \cup \{(a,b) \in W \mid \exists \vec{c} \in W \ P(a,b,\vec{c})\}, \text{ where } P \text{ is a premise of } H.$

E-closure (an Euclidean Horn closure of a binary relation) has the following equivalent definitions:

**Lemma 5.** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$  be a Kripke frame. The following conditions are equivalent:

- 1.  $\mathbb{R}^E$  is the smallest Euclidean relation containing  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- 2.  $R^E = \bigcup_{i < \omega} R_i$ , where
  - $R_0 = R$
  - $R_{n+1} = R_n \cup (R_n^{-1} \circ R_n)$
- 3.  $xR^Ey$  iff there exists  $n < \omega$  such that either xRy or  $\exists z_1, \ldots, z_n$  with  $z_1Rx$  and  $z_{n-1}Ry$  and for each  $1 < i \le n$  one has either  $z_{i-1}Rz_i$  or  $z_iRz_{i-1}$ .

4. 
$$R^E = R \cup \bigcup_{i < \omega} (R^{-1} \circ (R \circ R^{-1})^n \circ R).$$

Proof.

- 1. (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2) Let us show that if  $R^E$  is the smallest Euclidean relation containing R, then  $R^E = \bigcup_{i < \omega} R_i$ . There are two inclusions:
  - $R^E \subseteq \bigcup_{i < i} R_i$ . Recall that  $R^E$  has the form (?):

$$R^E = \bigcap \{ R' \mid R \subseteq R', \forall a, b \in W \ R'(a, b) \Rightarrow \exists x \in W \ R'(x, a) \& R'(x, b) \}$$

- $\bigcup_{i<\omega} R_i \subseteq R^E$ . Let us show that  $xR_ny$  for each  $n<\omega$  implies  $xR^Ey$  by induction on n. If n=0, then xRy, thus,  $xR^Ey$ , since R is a subrelation of  $R^E$ . Suppose n=m+1 and  $xR_{m+1}y$ . Let us show that  $xR^Ey$ . From  $xR_{m+1}y$ , one has  $(x,y) \in R^n \cup (R_n^{-1} \circ R_n)$ . There are two cases:
  - $-xR^ny$ , one needs to merely apply the IH.
  - $-xR_n^{-1}\circ R_ny$ . Then  $\exists z\in W\ xR_n^{-1}z\ \&\ zR_n$ . That is,  $zR_nx$  and  $zR_ny$  for some z.  $R_n$  is already a subrelation of  $R^E$ . Thus,  $zR^Ex$  and  $zR^Ey$ . That implies  $xR^Ey$ .
- 2. (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3) Let  $(x, y) \in R_m$ , let us the statement by induction on m.
  - (a) Suppose m = 0, then xRy, and the statement is shown putting n = 0.
  - (b) Suppose m=p+1 and  $xR_{p+1}y$ . Assume that either xRy or  $\exists z_1,\ldots,z_p$  with  $z_1Rx$  and  $z_{p-1}Ry$  and for each  $1 < i \le p$  one has either  $z_{i-1}Rz_i$  or  $z_iRz_{i-1}$ .  $xR_{p+1}y$  implies  $(x,y) \in R_p \cup (R_p^{-1} \circ R_p)$ . If  $(x,y) \in R_p$ , then we merely apply the IH. Suppose  $(x,y) \in R_p^{-1} \circ R_p$ , then  $(z,x) \in R_p$  and  $(z,y) \in R_p$
- 3. (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (4) Suppose either xRy or there exist  $n \geqslant 1$  and  $z_1, \ldots, z_n$  with  $z_1Rx$  and  $z_{n-1}Ry$  and for each  $1 < i \leqslant n$  one has either  $z_{i-1}Rz_i$  or  $z_iRz_{i-1}$ . If xRy, then we are done. Otherwise there exists  $n \geqslant 1$  with the condition above. Then  $(x,y) \in R_{n+1}$  that follows from the condition.

4.  $(4) \Rightarrow (1)$ 

**Lemma 6.** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$  be a Kripke frame. Let us define  $R^E = \bigcup_{i \leq v} R_i$  where:

1.  $R_0 = R$ 

2.  $R_{n+1} = R_n \cup (R_n^{-1} \circ R_n)$ 

Then  $R^E$  is Euclidean.

*Proof.* Let  $(x,y), (x,z) \in R^E$ , one needs to show that  $(y,z) \in R^E$ . Clearly that  $(x,y) \in R_i$  and  $(x,z) \in R_j$  for some  $i,j < \omega$ . Thus, we need  $(y,z) \in R_m$  for some m depending on i and j. Let us consider the following cases:

- 1. i = 0 and j = 0Suppose  $(x, y), (x, z) \in R_0 = R$ , then  $(y, z) \in R^{-1} \circ R$ . Thus,  $(y, z) \in R_1$
- 2. i=0 and j=k+1Suppose  $(x,y)\in R$  and  $(x,z)\in R_{k+1}=R_k\cup ({R_k}^{-1}\circ R_k)$ . Clearly that  $(x,y)\in R_{k+1}$  as well. It is obviously that  $(y,z)\in R_{k+2}$  since  $(y,x)\in R_{k+1}^{-1}$  and  $(x,z)\in R_{k+1}$ .
- 3. The case with i = k + 1 and j = 0 is similar to the previous one.
- 4. Suppose i = m + 1 and j = k + 1. That is,  $(x, y) \in R_{m+1} = R_m \cup (R_m^{-1} \circ R_m)$  and  $(x, z) \in R_{k+1} = R_k \cup (R_k^{-1} \circ R_k)$ . Consider the following four subcases:
  - (a) Suppose  $(x,y) \in R_m$  and  $(x,z) \in R_k$  and  $m \le k$  without loss of generality.  $m \le k$  implies  $R_m \subseteq R_k$  and  $(x,y) \in R_k$  in particular. Thus,  $(y,z) \in R_k^{-1} \circ R_k$ , so  $(y,z) \in R_{k+1}$ .

(b) The rest of the cases are similar to the first one.

**Lemma 7.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R, \vartheta \rangle$  be an Euclidean model,  $\Gamma$  a set of Sub-closed formulas, and  $\sim$  an equivalence relation having a finite index that respects  $\Gamma$ , then  $\widehat{R} = (R_{\Phi}^{min})^E \subseteq R_{\Gamma}^{max}$ , where  $\Phi = \Gamma \cup \{ \Diamond \Box \varphi \mid \Box \varphi \in \Gamma \}$ .

Thus, K5 admits strict filtrations.

*Proof.* Recall that  $(R_{\Phi}^{min})^E$  has the form  $(R_{\Phi}^{min})^E = \bigcup_{n < \omega} (R_{\Phi}^{min})_n$ , where

- 1.  $(R_{\Phi}^{min})_0 = R_{\Phi}^{min}$
- 2.  $(R_{\Phi}^{min})_{m+1} = (R_{\Phi}^{min})_n \cup (((R_{\Phi}^{min})_n)^{-1} \circ (R_{\Phi}^{min})_n)$

One needs to show that for each  $n < \omega$   $(R_{\Phi}^{min})_n \subseteq R_{\Gamma}^{max}$ . We prove this by induction. Suppose  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Box \varphi$  for  $\Box \varphi \in \Phi$  and  $[x](R_{\Phi}^{min})^E[y]$ . We need  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \varphi$ .

- 1.  $([x],[y]) \in (R_{\Phi}^{min})_0$ , then  $([x],[y]) \in R_{\Phi}^{min}$ . Then there exist  $x' \in [x]$  and  $y' \in [y]$  such that x'Ry'. So  $\mathcal{M}, x' \models \Box \varphi$  and, thus,  $\mathcal{M}, y' \models \varphi$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}, y' \models \varphi$  as well since  $y' \in [y]$ .
- $2. \ ([x],[y]) \in (R_{\Phi}^{min})_{m+1}, \ \text{then} \ ([x],[y]) \in (R_{\Phi}^{min})_m \cup (((R_{\Phi}^{min})_m)^{-1} \circ R_{\Phi}^{min})_m).$

If  $([x], [y]) \in (R_{\Phi}^{min})_m$ , then we apply the IH.

Suppose  $([x],[y]) \in (R_{\Phi}^{min})_m)^{-1} \circ (R_{\Phi}^{min})_m$ , then there exists  $[z] \in W/\sim_{\Phi}$  such that  $([z],[x]) \in (R_{\Phi}^{min})_m$  and  $([z],[y]) \in (R_{\Phi}^{min})_m$ .

Then one has the following picture (using Lemma 5):

$$[z] \stackrel{R_{\Phi}^{min}}{\Leftarrow} [z_1] \stackrel{R'}{-} [z_2] \stackrel{R'}{-} \dots \stackrel{R'}{-} [z_{m-1}] \stackrel{R'}{-} [z_m] \stackrel{R_{\Phi}^{min}}{\Longrightarrow} [x]$$

$$[z] \underset{R_{m}^{min}}{\longleftarrow} [z_{1}^{'}] \xrightarrow{R'} [z_{2}^{'}] \xrightarrow{R'} \dots \xrightarrow{R'} [z_{m-1}] \xrightarrow{R'} [z_{m}^{'}] \xrightarrow{R_{m}^{min}} [y]$$

Where R' is either  $R_{\Phi}^{min}$  or its converse. One has  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Box \varphi$  for  $\Box \varphi \in \Phi$ , where  $\widehat{M}$  is the minimal filtration of  $\mathcal{M}$  through  $\Phi$ . One has  $[z_m]R_{\Phi}^{min}[x]$ , then  $a_mRa$  for some  $a_m \in [z_n]$  and  $a \in [x]$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{M}, a_m \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$  and, thus,  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}, [z_m] \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ .

Applying Proposition 2 several times, one may show that  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}$ ,  $[z_1] \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ . One has  $[z_1]R_{\Phi}^{min}[z]$ , then for some  $a \in [z]$  and  $a_1 \in [z_1]$  we have  $a_1Ra$ .

Then  $\mathcal{M}, a \models \Box \varphi$  and  $\widehat{M}, [z] \models \Box \varphi$ .

We have  $[z_{1}^{'}]R_{\Phi}^{min}[z]$ , thus,  $a_{1}^{'}Ra^{'}$  for some  $a_{1}^{'} \in [z_{1}^{'}]$  and  $a^{'} \in [z]$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}, a_{1}^{'} \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ , and, thus,  $\widehat{M}, [z_{1}^{'}] \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ .

One may show that  $\widehat{M}, [z_m'] \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$  in the same way via Lemma 2. Thus,  $\mathcal{M}, z_m' \models \Diamond \Box \varphi$ . We also have  $\mathcal{M}, z_m' \models \Diamond \Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \varphi$ , and, thus,  $\mathcal{M}, z_m' \models \Box \varphi$ . Then  $\widehat{\mathcal{M}}, [z_m'] \models \Box \varphi$ .

One has  $[z'_m]R_{\Phi}^{min}[y]$ , then  $a'_mRy'$  for some  $a'_m \in [z'_m]$  and  $y' \in [y]$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}, y' \models \varphi$ . But  $y' \sim_{\Phi} y$ , so  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \varphi$ .

## 3 Filtration for K4

**Proposition 3.** Let R be a binary relation on  $W \neq \emptyset$ . Define  $R^+ = \bigcup_{i \in A} R_i$ 

1. 
$$R_0 = R$$

2. 
$$R_{n+1} = R_n \circ R$$

Then  $R^+$  is transitive

**Lemma 8.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R, \vartheta \rangle$  be a transitive model and  $\overline{\mathcal{M}} = \langle \overline{W}, \overline{R}, \overline{\vartheta} \rangle$  its minimal filtration through a finite Sub-closed set of formulas  $\Theta$ .

Then 
$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}^+ = \langle \overline{W}, (\overline{R})^+, \overline{\vartheta} \rangle$$
 is a  $\Theta$ -filtration of  $\mathcal{M}$ .

*Proof.*  $(\overline{R})^+$  obviously contains R. By the previous proposition,  $(\overline{R})^+$  is transitive. Let us show that  $(\overline{R})^+ \subseteq R_{\Theta}^{max}$ .

Let  $\hat{x}, \hat{y} \in \overline{W}$  with  $\hat{x}(\overline{R})^+ \hat{y}$  and  $\Box \varphi \in \Theta$  with  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Box \varphi$ . Let us show that  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \varphi$ . If  $\hat{x}(\overline{R})^+ \hat{y}$ , then there exist equivalence classes  $\hat{x}_1, \ldots, \hat{x}_n$  such that

$$\hat{x}\overline{R}\hat{x}_1\overline{R}\dots\overline{R}\hat{x}_n\overline{R}\hat{y}$$

 $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Box \varphi \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, x \models \Box \Box \varphi. \text{ Thus, } \overline{M}, \hat{x} \models \Box \Box \varphi.$ 

 $\hat{x}\overline{R}\hat{x}_1$ , so there are  $x_1 \in \hat{x}$  and  $x_2 \in \hat{x}_1$  with  $x_1Rx_2$ . In particular,  $\mathcal{M}, x_2 \models \Box \varphi$ , so  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{x}_2 \models \Box \varphi$ , and et cetera.

For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  we have  $\mathcal{M}, x_i \models \Box \varphi$  which is shown inductively:

If  $\mathcal{M}, x_i \models \Box \varphi$  for  $x_i \in \hat{x}_i$ , so  $\mathcal{M}, x_i \models \Box \Box \varphi$ , but there exist  $x_i' \in \hat{x}_i$  and  $x_{i+1} \in \hat{x}_{i+1}$ , so  $\mathcal{M}, x_{i+1} \models \Box \varphi$ .

Finally, we have  $\mathcal{M}, x_n \models \Box \varphi$  for  $x_n \in \hat{x}_n$ , but  $\hat{x}_n \overline{R} \hat{y}$ , so  $\mathcal{M}, y' \models \varphi$  for each  $y' \in \hat{y}$ . Thus,  $\varphi$  is true at y as well.

*Proof.* Let  $\hat{x}, \hat{y} \in \overline{W}$  with  $\hat{x}(\overline{R})^+ \hat{y}$  and  $\Box \varphi \in \Theta$  with  $\mathcal{M}, x \models \Box \varphi$ . Let us show that  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \varphi$ . If  $\hat{x}(\overline{R})^+ \hat{y}$ , then there exist equivalence classes  $\hat{x}_1, \ldots, \hat{x}_n$  such that

$$\hat{x}\overline{R}\hat{x}_1\overline{R}\dots\overline{R}\hat{x}_n\overline{R}\hat{y}$$

Let us show that  $\mathcal{M}, \hat{x}_i \models \Box \varphi$  inductively:

1. n = 1 We have the following sequence:

$$\hat{x}\overline{R}\hat{x}_1\overline{R}\hat{y}$$

 $\hat{x}\overline{R}\hat{x}_1$ , so there are  $x' \in \hat{x}$  and  $x'_1 \in \hat{x}_1$  such that  $x'Rx'_1$ .  $\Box \varphi$  is true at x', so is  $\Box \Box \varphi$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}, x'_1 \models \Box \varphi$  since  $x'_1 \in R(x')$ . So  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{x}_1 \models \Box \varphi$ .

2. n = i + 1 The case is the following:

$$\hat{x}\overline{R}\hat{x}_1\overline{R}\dots\overline{R}\hat{x}_i\overline{R}\hat{x}_{i+1}\overline{R}\hat{y}$$

By IH,  $\Box \varphi$  is true at  $\hat{x}_i$ , so is  $\Box \Box \varphi$ . Hence, we have  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{x}_{i+1} \models \Box \varphi$  since  $\hat{x}_i \overline{R} \hat{x}_{i+1}$ .

That is, for each  $0 < n < \omega$ , if we have a sequence of equivalence classes with  $\hat{x}\overline{R}\hat{x}_1\overline{R}\dots\overline{R}\hat{x}_n\overline{R}\hat{y}$  where  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{x} \models \Box \varphi$ , then  $\overline{\mathcal{M}}, \hat{x}_n \models \Box \varphi$ .

If  $\hat{x}_n \overline{R} \hat{y}$ , then there are  $x'_n \in \hat{x}_n$  and  $y' \in \hat{y}$  with  $x'_n R y'$ .  $\mathcal{M}, x'_n \models \Box \varphi$  implies  $\mathcal{M}, y' \models \varphi$ , but y' and y are  $\Gamma$ -equivalent and  $\varphi \in \Gamma$ , so  $\mathcal{M}, y \models \varphi$ .

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