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PAPER C499

MODAL AND TEMPORAL LOGIC

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*Answer THREE questions*

Paper contains 4 questions  
Calculators not required

1 a Let  $A$  be a modal formula, and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a class of Kripke frames. Define the following italicised terms:

- i)  $A$  is *valid over  $\mathcal{C}$* ,
- ii)  $A$  is *satisfiable*,
- iii)  $A$  is *valid*.

State and prove

- iv) a relationship between the satisfiability of  $A$  and the validity of  $\neg A$ .
- b Let  $p, q$  be propositional atoms. Which of the following formulas are valid? Give reasons in each case.
- i)  $\Box p \rightarrow \Diamond p$
  - ii)  $\Box(p \vee q) \rightarrow \Box p \vee \Box q$
  - iii)  $\Box p \wedge \Diamond q \rightarrow \Diamond(p \wedge q)$
- c Briefly outline a ‘bulldozing’ argument to show that for any modal formula  $A$ , if  $A$  is valid over the class of *irreflexive frames* (those frames  $(W, R)$  such that  $R(w, w)$  is false for all  $w \in W$ ) then  $A$  is valid. You may use facts about p-morphisms without proof, so long as you state them clearly.
- d Let  $A, B$  be modal formulas.
- i) Show that if  $A$  is satisfiable, then so is  $\Diamond A$ .
  - ii) Show that if  $\Diamond A$  and  $\Diamond B$  are satisfiable then so is  $\Diamond A \wedge \Diamond B$ .

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- 2a Express the following in temporal logic. Use suitable atoms and the connectives  $U, S, F, P, G, H$  as you wish. If you feel the English is ambiguous then explain what additional assumptions your logic translation makes.
- i) The UK joined the European Monetary Union, but later left it.
  - ii) Whenever the yen fell in the past, it always rose again later.
  - iii) As soon as the UK joins the Euro (if ever), the Euro will fall and will continue to fall ever after.
  - iv) While B. remains in office, the UK will never join the Euro.
- b The connective  $W$  ('weak until') is defined as follows. For a temporal model  $\mathcal{M} = (T, <, h)$  and a time  $t \in T$ , we define  $\mathcal{M}, t \models (X \ W \ Y)(t)$  iff either  $\mathcal{M} \models X(u)$  for all  $u > t$ , or  $\mathcal{M} \models Y(u)$  for some  $u > t$  such that  $\mathcal{M} \models X(v)$  for all  $v$  with  $t < v < u$ .
- i) Using a similar style, define a connective  $B$  ('before'), where  $X \ B \ Y$  means 'every future time when  $Y$  is true is after a future time when  $X$  is true'.
  - ii) Show that each of  $W, B$ , and  $U$  (Until) can express the other two. For example, you could show that  $U$  can express  $W$  by writing a formula using only  $U$  that is equivalent to  $X \ W \ Y$  (you need not prove the equivalence).
- c Let  $Z$  be the formula  $F(q \wedge Gq) \wedge F\neg q \rightarrow F(Gq \wedge H\neg Gq)$ .
- i) Show that  $Z$  is valid in the flow of time  $(\mathbb{N}, <)$  (where  $\mathbb{N}$  is the natural numbers).
  - ii) Give an example of a linear flow of time in which  $Z$  is not valid. Explain your answer.

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3a A set  $\Sigma$  of formulas is a system of modal logic iff it contains all propositional tautologies ( $PL$ ) and is closed under the rules of modus ponens and uniform substitution. Define each of the following terms:

- i) A formula  $A$  is a *theorem* of  $\Sigma$  (denoted  $\vdash_{\Sigma} A$ ).
- ii) A formula  $A$  is  $\Sigma$ -*deducible* from a set  $\Gamma$  of formulas (denoted  $\Gamma \vdash_{\Sigma} A$ ).
- iii) A set  $\Gamma$  of formulas is  $\Sigma$ -*inconsistent*.
- iv)  $\Sigma$  is a *normal* system of modal logic.

b  $KD$  is the smallest normal system of modal logic containing the schema  $D (\Box A \rightarrow \Diamond A)$ . Show that the following set of formulas is  $KD$ -inconsistent.

$$\{\Box p, \Box(p \rightarrow q), \neg p \rightarrow \Box \neg q, \neg p\}$$

c What is a *canonical model* for a *normal* system of modal logic  $\Sigma$ ? How can such a model be used to prove completeness of  $\Sigma$  with respect to a given class of Kripke models? Identify the key properties clearly. It is not necessary to provide proofs.

d  $KD45$  is the smallest normal system of modal logic containing the schemas  $D$ ,  $4 (\Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A)$  and  $5 (\Diamond A \rightarrow \Box \Diamond A)$ .

The ‘proper canonical model’ for  $KD45$  is the canonical model whose accessibility relation  $R_c^{KD45}$  is defined as follows:

$$w R_c^{KD45} w' \text{ iff } \{A \mid \Box A \in w\} \subseteq w'$$

Equivalently:  $w R_c^{KD45} w' \text{ iff } \{\Diamond A \mid A \in w'\} \subseteq w$ .

Prove *completeness* of  $KD45$  with respect to the class of serial, transitive, and euclidean Kripke models. (You do not need to prove that the proper canonical model for  $KD45$  is a canonical model for  $KD45$ .)

For the purposes of the question, assume without proof that the relation  $R_c^{KD45}$  is serial.

A relation  $R$  is *euclidean* iff for all  $w, w'$ , and  $w''$ ,  $w R w'$  and  $w R w''$  implies  $w' R w''$ .

You may find it helpful to note that schema 5 is equivalent to the schema  $\Diamond \Box A \rightarrow \Box A$ .

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- 4a A set  $\Sigma$  of formulas is a system of modal logic iff it contains all propositional tautologies ( $PL$ ) and is closed under the rules of modus ponens and uniform substitution.
- i) What is a *classical* system of modal logic?
  - ii) What is the structure of *neighbourhood models* for classical systems? State the associated truth conditions for  $\Box A$  and  $\Diamond A$  both in terms of the neighbourhood function  $\nu$  and its 'inverse'  $f$ .
- b
- i) Identify suitable model conditions for a neighbourhood model to validate schemas M, D, and P, respectively.  
(M is  $\Box(A \wedge B) \rightarrow (\Box A \wedge \Box B)$ . D is  $\Box A \rightarrow \Diamond A$ . P is  $\Diamond \top$ .)
  - ii) Construct a model containing two worlds such that schemas M and P are valid but D is not.
- c Suppose  $\mathcal{M}$  is a canonical model for a classical system  $\Sigma$  of modal logic. Explain briefly, but carefully, why each of the following statements is true, for all worlds  $w$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  and all formulas  $A$ . The last part requires an outline of the proof by induction.
- i)  $\perp \notin w$
  - ii) if  $\vdash_{\Sigma} A$  then  $A \in w$
  - iii)  $\top \in w$
  - iv)  $w \in |A|_{\Sigma}$  iff  $A \in w$
  - v)  $\|A\|^{\mathcal{M}} = |A|_{\Sigma}$ , given that in a canonical model  $|\Box B|_{\Sigma} = \{w : |B|_{\Sigma} \in \nu(w)\}$  for all formulas  $B$ .
- $\|A\|^{\mathcal{M}}$  denotes the set of worlds of  $\mathcal{M}$  at which  $A$  is true.  $|A|_{\Sigma}$  is the 'proof set' of  $A$ : the set of  $\Sigma$ -maxiconsistent sets that contain  $A$ .
- You may assume without proof that  $\|\neg A\|^{\mathcal{M}} = W - \|A\|^{\mathcal{M}}$ ,  $\|A \wedge B\|^{\mathcal{M}} = \|A\|^{\mathcal{M}} \cap \|B\|^{\mathcal{M}}$ ,  $|\neg A|_{\Sigma} = |\top|_{\Sigma} - |A|_{\Sigma}$ ,  $|A \wedge B|_{\Sigma} = |A|_{\Sigma} \cap |B|_{\Sigma}$ , and similarly for other truth-functional connectives.

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