

Canonical Form of Answered Modal Logic

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In this paper I introduce the canonical form of Answered Modal Logic.

The canonical form of Answered Modal Logic is the following syntax:

$$(a_0 \wedge a_1 \wedge \dots a_n) \vee (b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge \dots b_n) \vee \dots$$

For brevity, the parantheses can be omitted.

Each term is prefixed with one of members of the modal set `{□, ◇, ¬◇}`.

The inversion rule `¬□ = {◇, ¬◇}` can be used with `{◇, ¬◇}X = ◇X ∨ ¬◇X` to normalize.

This form is used to reduce an expression into one that can be compared with other expressions.

For example:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & \quad \Box A \neg = \Box B \\ \therefore & \quad (\text{not} . \text{eq})(\Box A, \Box B) \\ \therefore & \quad (\text{eq}[\text{not}] . (\text{not} . \text{fst}, \text{not} . \text{snd}))(\Box A, \Box B) \\ \therefore & \quad \text{eq}[\text{not}](\neg \Box A, \neg \Box B) \\ \therefore & \quad \text{xor}(\neg \Box A, \neg \Box B) \\ \therefore & \quad (\neg \Box A \wedge \neg \neg \Box B) \vee (\neg \neg \Box A \wedge \neg \Box B) \\ \therefore & \quad (\neg \Box A \wedge \Box B) \vee (\Box A \wedge \neg \Box B) \\ \therefore & \quad (\{\Diamond, \neg \Diamond\} A \wedge \Box B) \vee (\Box A \wedge \{\Diamond, \neg \Diamond\} B) \\ \therefore & \quad ((\Diamond A \vee \neg \Diamond A) \wedge \Box B) \vee (\Box A \wedge (\Diamond B \vee \neg \Diamond B)) \\ \therefore & \quad ((\Diamond A \wedge \Box B) \vee (\neg \Diamond A \wedge \Box B)) \vee ((\Box A \wedge \Diamond B) \vee (\Box A \wedge \neg \Diamond B)) \\ \therefore & \quad (\Diamond A \wedge \Box B) \vee (\neg \Diamond A \wedge \Box B) \vee (\Box A \wedge \Diamond B) \vee (\Box A \wedge \neg \Diamond B) \end{aligned}$$

After normalizing to the canonical form, the expressions can be extracted to a table:

	¬◇A	◇A	□A
¬◇B	0	0	1
◇B	0	0	1
□B	1	1	0

Another example:

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore & \quad \Box A \Rightarrow \Box B \\ \therefore & \quad \neg \Box A \vee \Box B \\ \therefore & \quad \{\Diamond, \neg \Diamond\} A \vee \Box B \\ \therefore & \quad (\Diamond A \vee \neg \Diamond A) \vee \Box B \\ \therefore & \quad \Diamond A \vee \neg \Diamond A \vee \Box B \end{aligned}$$

	¬◇A	◇A	□A
¬◇B	1	1	0
◇B	1	1	0
□B	1	1	1

When a variable is unmentioned, e.g. `B` is not mentioned in `¬◇A`, one can fill out the row/column.