

Propositional Logic Interpretation of Answered Modal Logic

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In this paper I show that Answered Modal Logic can be interpreted, in part, with Propositional Logic. This model can only be fully developed under Higher Order Operator Overloading.

For `n` variables, the semantic model of canonical expressions in Answered Modal Logic form an n-dimensional cube, where each dimension represents a variable in a modal set `{!◇, ¬!◇, □}`.

The corners of this n-dimensional cubes naturally can model propositions:

$\Box X$	X is true
$!\Diamond X$	X is false

The generalized Propositional Logic gate NOT is defined as following:

$\text{not}(!\Diamond X) = \Box X$	$\neg !\Diamond X = \neg !\Diamond X$
$\text{not}(\Box X) = !\Diamond X$	$\neg \Box X = \neg \Box X$
$\text{not}(\neg !\Diamond X) = \neg \Box X$	$\neg \neg !\Diamond X = !\Diamond X$
$\text{not}(\neg \Box X) = \neg !\Diamond X$	$\neg \neg \Box X = \Box X$

This is also consistent with:

$\text{not}[\neg] \Leftrightarrow \text{not}$

To derive a full Propositional Logic interpretation, it is sufficient to construct a NAND gate. Since NOT is already defined, the remaining work is to construct a AND gate:

$\text{and}(!\Diamond X, !\Diamond X) = !\Diamond X$	Carries over from Propositional Logic
$\text{and}(!\Diamond X, \neg !\Diamond X) = !\Diamond X$	See proof D (next page)
$\text{and}(!\Diamond X, \neg \Box X) = !\Diamond X$	See proof A (next page)
$\text{and}(!\Diamond X, \Box X) = !\Diamond X$	Carries over from Propositional Logic
$\text{and}(\neg !\Diamond X, !\Diamond X) = !\Diamond X$	See proof D (next page)
$\text{and}(\neg !\Diamond X, \neg !\Diamond X) = \neg !\Diamond X$	See proof C (next page)
$\text{and}(\neg !\Diamond X, \neg \Box X) = \neg !\Diamond X$	See proof A (next page)
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$\text{and}(\Box X, \neg !\Diamond X) = \neg !\Diamond X$	See proof B (next page)
$\text{and}(\Box X, \neg \Box X) = \neg \Box X$	See proof B (next page)
$\text{and}(\Box X, \Box X) = \Box X$	Carries over Propositional Logic

Notice that this is an operator on the functions of a variable `X`, which is permitted by using Higher Operator Overloading (HOOO) semantics.

The NAND gate is constructed by using `nand <=> not . and`.

For functions of different variables, one can not use the semantics of HOOO. However, in some cases there exists a model in Propositional Logic.

$\text{and}(\Box X, \Box Y)$	Undefined, but has a model in propositional logic (corners of the cube)
$\text{and}(\Box X, \neg !\Diamond Y)$	Undefined, no model

The proofs of AND are as following.

Since `and` is commutative:

$\text{and}(!\Diamond X, \neg \Box X) = \text{and}(\neg \Box X, !\Diamond X)$
$\text{and}(\Box X, \neg \Box X) = \text{and}(\neg \Box X, \Box X)$

The following cases are somewhat intuitive, since $\neg \Box X = \{!\Diamond, \neg !\Diamond, \Box\}X$:

$\text{and}(!\Diamond X, \neg \Box X) = !\Diamond X$	Proof A
$\text{and}(\neg !\Diamond X, \neg \Box X) = \neg !\Diamond X$	

The second case is a bit trickier:

$\therefore \text{and}(\Box X, \neg \Box X)$	Proof B
$\therefore \text{and}(\Box X)(\neg \Box X)$	
$\therefore \text{id}(\neg \Box X)$	Using `and(true)(x) => id(x)`
$\therefore \neg \Box X$	

The same trick can be used here:

$$\text{and}(\Box X, \neg !\Diamond X) = \neg !\Diamond X$$

Two trivial cases are the following:

$\text{and}(\neg \Box X, \neg \Box X) = \neg \Box X$	Proof C
$\text{and}(\neg !\Diamond X, \neg !\Diamond X) = \neg !\Diamond X$	

The only case left (two commutative) is the following, which I define using intuition:

$\text{and}(!\Diamond X, \neg !\Diamond X) = !\Diamond X$	Proof D
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Q.E.D.