

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 $\{\Box, \Diamond, \neg\Diamond\}$.

The inversion rule $\neg\Box = \{\Diamond, \neg\Diamond\}$ can be used with $\{\Diamond, \neg\Diamond\}X = \Diamond X \vee \neg\Diamond X$ to normalize.

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

For example:

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

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

	$\neg\Diamond A$	$\Diamond A$	$\Box A$
$\neg\Diamond B$	0	1	1
$\Diamond B$	1	0	0
$\Box B$	1	0	0

Another example:

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

	$\neg\Diamond A$	$\Diamond A$	$\Box A$
$\neg\Diamond B$	1	1	0
$\Diamond B$	1	1	0
$\Box B$	1	1	1

When a variable is unmentioned, e.g. $\neg B$ is not mentioned in $\neg\Diamond A$, one can fill out the row/column.