

COMP0009 Logic and Databases

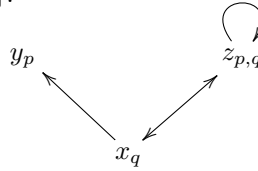
Modal Logic

Robin Hirsch

December 7, 2022

A modal propositional formula is either a proposition p, q, r, \dots , a negated modal formula, a disjunction/conjunction/implication of two formulas, a box formula or a diamond formula. A Kripke frame $\mathcal{F} = (W, R)$ consists of a set W of worlds and a binary relation $R \subseteq W \times W$ of arrows. In other words, a Kripke frame is just a directed graph.

1. Consider the Kripke frame $\mathcal{F} = (\{x, y, z\}, \{(x, y), (x, z), (z, x), (z, z)\})$ and let v be the valuation $v(p) = \{y, z\}$, $v(q) = \{x, z\}$.



Are the following true?

- (a) $\mathcal{F}, v, x \models \Box q$
 - (b) $\mathcal{F}, v, x \models (q \wedge (q \rightarrow \Box p))$
 - (c) $\mathcal{F}, v, x \models \Diamond \Box \perp$, where \perp is any unsatisfiable formula, e.g. $(p \wedge \neg p)$.
2. Write down a modal formula that is true at a world w in a Kripke frame (regardless of the valuation) if and only if there are no outgoing edges from w (or no successors of w).
 3. Let \mathcal{F} be one of the three Kripke Frames: (i) $\mathcal{Q} = (\mathbb{Q}, <)$, (ii) $\mathcal{N} = (\mathbb{N}, <)$, (iii) $\mathcal{N}^- = (\mathbb{N}, >)$, where \mathbb{N} is the set of natural numbers, \mathbb{Q} is the set of rational numbers and $<$ denotes strict inequality (reversed for $>$). For each modal formula below, state whether the formula is valid in the frame \mathcal{F} .
 - (a) $\Box p \rightarrow p$
 - (b) $\Diamond(p \vee \neg p)$
 - (c) $\Diamond \Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond p$
 - (d) $\Box \Box p \rightarrow \Box p$
 - (e) $\Box \perp \vee \Diamond \Box \perp$.
 4. (a) Suppose $\mathcal{F} \models \Diamond \top$ for some Kripke frame \mathcal{F} where \top is any valid formula, e.g. $p \vee \neg p$. What does this tell you about \mathcal{F} ? What if \mathcal{F} is transitive and irreflexive?
 (b) Find a Kripke frame \mathcal{F} such that $\mathcal{F} \models (\Diamond \Box p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p)$. Find a Kripke frame \mathcal{G} such that $\mathcal{G} \not\models (\Diamond \Box p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p)$. Can you describe the frame property that this formula defines?