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Modal Logic of Products of Topological Spaces and Neighbourhood Frames

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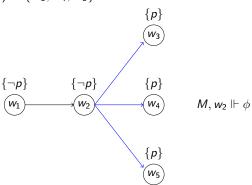
- *W* is a non-empty set of worlds
- $R \subseteq W \times W$ is a binary relation

A model is a pair M = (F, V) where V is a valuation and is of the form $V : Prop \rightarrow 2^W$



Example

• Let $\phi = \Box p$ and M = (W, R, V) with $W = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5\}$, $V(p) = \{w_3, w_4, w_5\}$ and R =





Kripke semantics

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Let M = (F, V) be a model and $w \in W$ a state in M. A formula being true at w is inductively defined as:

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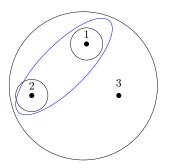
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 iff $\exists U \in \tau$ such that $x \in U$ and $\forall u \in U, M, u \models \phi$

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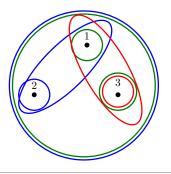
A neighbourhood frame is a pair (X, τ) where τ is a function $\tau: X \to 2^{2^X}$. A neighbourhood model is a structure $M = (X, \tau, v)$, where v is a valuation of the form $v: Prop \to 2^X$



Example

Assume $\phi = \Box p$. Let $X = \{1, 2, 3\}$, $V(p) = \{1, 2\}$ and

$$\tau(x) = \begin{cases} 1 \to \{\{1\}, \{3\}, W\} \\ 2 \to \{\{2\}, \{1, 2\}, W\} \\ 3 \to \{\{3\}, \{1, 3\}\} \end{cases}$$



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A modal logic is normal, if it contains $\Box(p \to q) \to (\Box p \to \Box q)$ (K) and is closed under Generalization $(\frac{\phi}{\Box \phi})$

Definition

$$T = K + \Box p \rightarrow p$$

Multimodal logic and Fusion

• Simultaneously reasoning about knowledge, time etc.

Definition

Let L_1 and L_2 be modal logics with one modality \square . The fusion is defined as:

$$L_1 \otimes L_2 = K_2 + L_{1(\square \rightarrow \square_1)} + L_{2(\square \rightarrow \square_2)}$$

Product of frames

· Reasoning in one dimension via horizontal and vertical relations



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Let $F = (W, R_1)$ and $G = (V, R_2)$. We define the Kripke product on $W \times V$ as :

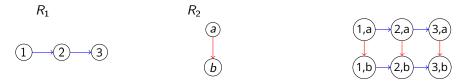
$$(w,v)R'_1(w',v')$$
 iff wR_1w' and $v=v'$ (horizontal)
 $(w,v)R'_2(w',v')$ iff $w=w'$ and vR_2v' (vertical)



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Horizontal and Vertical topology

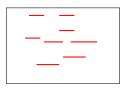
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Let $\mathcal{X} = (X, \chi)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y, v)$ be topological spaces and $N \subseteq X \times Y$

Horizontally open: N is horizontally open iff

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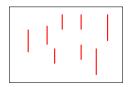
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Vertically open: *N* is vertically open iff

$$\forall (x,y) \in \mathbb{N} \ \exists V \in v \text{ such that } y \in V \text{ and } \{x\} \times V \subseteq \mathbb{N}.$$

 au_2 (vertical topology) is the set of all vertically open sets



Standard topology

• Basis of the standard topology is τ where

$$\tau = \{ U \times V \mid U \in \chi V \in v \}$$



Horizontal, Vertical and Standard functions

Definition

Let $\mathcal{X} = (X, \tau_1)$ and $\mathcal{Y} = (Y, \tau_2)$ be two n-frames. We define the full product as

$$\mathcal{X} \times_n^+ \mathcal{Y} = (X \times Y, \tau_1', \tau_2', \tau) \text{ where}$$

$$\tau_1'(x, y) = \{ U \subseteq X \times Y \mid \exists V \in \tau_1(x) : V \times \{y\} \subseteq U \}$$

$$\tau_2'(x, y) = \{ U \subseteq X \times Y \mid \exists V \in \tau_2(y) : \{x\} \times V \subseteq U \}$$

$$\tau(x, y) = \{ U \mid \exists W \in \tau_1(x) \exists V \in \tau_2(y) : W \times V \subseteq U \}$$

Product of logics

Definition

Let L_1 and L_2 be two unimodal logic. We define the full n-product of them as:

$$L_1 \times_n^+ L_2 = Log(\{\mathcal{X} \times_n^+ \mathcal{Y} \mid \mathcal{X} \Vdash L_1 \text{ and } \mathcal{Y} \Vdash L_2\})$$

where $Log(\mathcal{C}) = \{ \phi \mid F \Vdash \phi \text{ for } F \in \mathcal{C} \}$

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- · Proof is splitted into two parts (ideas are from [1], [2])

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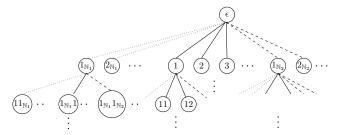
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Use Filtration Theorem

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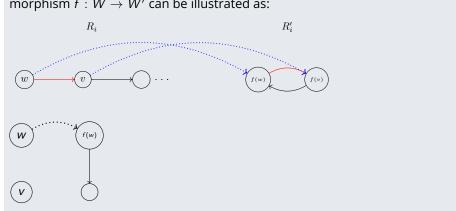
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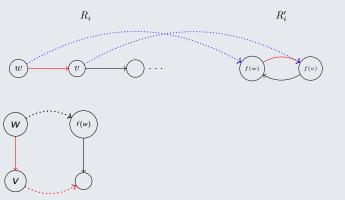
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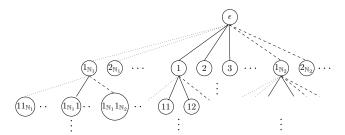




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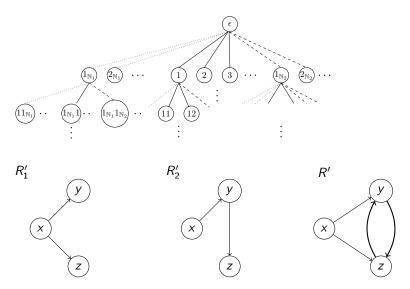
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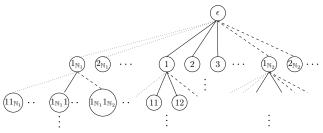


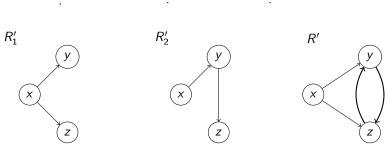


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- Construct a bounded morphism

$$N_{\omega}(T_{\omega[rn]}) \times_{n}^{+} N_{\omega}(T_{\omega[rn]}) \to T_{\omega,\omega,\omega[rn]}$$

With some further steps we can conclude

$$T \times_n^+ T \subseteq T \otimes T \otimes T + \Box p \to \Box_1 p \wedge \Box_2 p$$

Future works

- Many ways to continue the research
- Discover how it works for logic K
- Combine different logics for example $D \times_n^+ K$, $T \times_n^+ K$, ...
- For logic Λ with $T \subseteq \Lambda \subseteq S4$, does the following hold:

$$\Lambda \otimes \Lambda \otimes \Lambda + \Box p \to \Box_1 p \wedge \Box_2 p = \Lambda \times_n^+ \Lambda$$



Conclusion



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