

Modal Logic

Exercise Set 10

To be completed by Thursday 18 July

Recall that $\mathbf{E}(x)$ abbreviates $(\exists y)(y = x)$, where x is a free variable and y is a variable distinct from x .

1. Give variable domain tableau proofs of the following validities:
 - (a) $\Diamond(x = y) \rightarrow (x = y)$.
 - (b) $\neg(x = y) \rightarrow \Box\neg(x = y)$.
 - (c) $((x = y) \wedge (y = z)) \rightarrow (x = z)$.
 - (d) $(x = y) \rightarrow (\varphi(x) \leftrightarrow \varphi(y))$, where $\varphi(x)$ is a formula in which y does not occur, and $\varphi(y)$ is the result of substituting occurrences of y for free occurrences of x in $\varphi(x)$.
 - (e) $((\forall x)\varphi(x) \wedge \mathbf{E}(z)) \rightarrow \varphi(z)$.
 - (f) $((\forall x)\Diamond\mathbf{E}(x) \wedge (\exists x)\Box P(x)) \rightarrow \Diamond(\exists x)P(x)$.
2. Derive the *Parameter Nonexistence Rule*: A branch of a variable domain tableau containing $\sigma \neg\mathbf{E}(p^\sigma)$ closes.
3. Let $F = (W, R, D)$ be a variable domain frame. Prove that the following conditions are equivalent:
 - (a) F is anti-monotonic;
 - (b) $\Diamond\mathbf{E}(x) \rightarrow \mathbf{E}(x)$ is valid in every normal model based on F .