

# Modal Logic, Winter 2019

## Homework 8

### due Tuesday, March 19

**I know this is after Spring Break. I'll try to make sure that everyone gets a good start this week.**

I also am almost certainly not around on Monday, March 18, until the afternoon sometime. But I will try hard to be in my office in the late afternoon or early evening.

## 1 Sentences from the past

We shall use the following notation at several points later on.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \alpha_1 = \Box F \wedge p & \alpha_5 = \Box \neg p \wedge \neg \Diamond p \wedge p \\
 \alpha_2 = \Box F \wedge \neg p & \alpha_6 = \Box \neg p \wedge \neg \Diamond p \wedge \neg p \\
 \alpha_3 = \Box p \wedge \Diamond p \wedge p & \alpha_7 = \Diamond p \wedge \Diamond \neg p \wedge p \\
 \alpha_4 = \Box p \wedge \Diamond p \wedge \neg p & \alpha_8 = \Diamond p \wedge \Diamond \neg p \wedge \neg p
 \end{array} \tag{1}$$

Check that  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_8$  are satisfiable and hence consistent in  $K$ .

[Hint: it's not hard to do this directly by drawing pictures. But if you wish, you might look back at Homework 2, problem 5.]

Recall the  $\alpha_i$  sentences from Exercise 1 above. Fill in the following chart, putting a  $\checkmark$  in the box if the given sentence is consistent in the given logic, and an  $\times$  if it is not. A few of the entries are given for you.

	$\alpha_1$	$\alpha_2$	$\alpha_3$	$\alpha_4$	$\alpha_5$	$\alpha_6$	$\alpha_7$	$\alpha_8$
$K$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$KT$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$KD$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\checkmark$
$KB$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$K4$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$S4$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
$S5$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\times$	$\times$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$

[Hint: to show that a sentence is consistent in a given logic, it is enough (by soundness) to show that it is satisfiable on a model in the corresponding semantic class. For example to show that a sentence  $\varphi$  is consistent in  $KT$ , it is enough to find a reflexive model with a point  $x$  such that  $x \Vdash \varphi$ . But to show that  $\varphi$  is *inconsistent* in a logic, we should use the logic to get a derivation of  $\vdash \neg \varphi$ . That is, in this problem it is ok to use the soundness of our logics, but not the completeness. That is because this exercise is a step in the completeness proofs.]

## 2 An unprovable sentence

Show that the  $B$  axiom  $p \rightarrow \Box\Diamond p$  is not provable in  $KD45$ . [The way to start is to find a graph which is serial, transitive, and euclidean, and at the same time is not symmetric. Then one needs to find a point and put a valuation on the graph so that the point does not satisfy the given  $B$ -axiom.]

Consider the following model  $M = (\{x, y\}, \{(x, y), (y, y)\}, Val)$  where  $Val(x) = \{p\}$  and  $Val(y) = \emptyset$ . This model is serial, transitive, and euclidean while also not symmetric. At point  $x$ ,  $p$  is true but  $\Box\Diamond p$  is not. By this counter-example, we know the  $B$  axiom is not provable in  $KD45$

## 3 The logics $KB$ and $KB'$

Recall that the  $B$  axioms are the sentences of the form  $\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi$ . Let's call the  $B'$  axioms the sentences of the form  $(\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi) \rightarrow \Diamond(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$ . So we get a logical system  $KB'$  by adding the  $B'$  axioms to  $K$ .

Prove that  $KB' \leq KB$ .

1.	$\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi$	Assume
2.	$\neg\Diamond(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$	Assume
3.	$\neg\neg\Box\neg(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$	$\Diamond \equiv \neg\Box\neg$
4.	$\Box\neg(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$	PR
5.	$\varphi$	$\wedge_e, 1$
6.	$\Box\Diamond\varphi$	$B$ axiom, 5
7.	$F$	$F_i, 4, 6$
8.	$\neg\neg\Diamond(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$	$\neg_i, 2 - 7$
9.	$\Diamond(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$	PR
10.	$(\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi) \rightarrow \Diamond(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$	$\rightarrow_i, 1 - 9$

## 4 The Converse

Continuing with the last problems, show that  $KB \leq KB'$ .

1.	$\varphi$	Assume
2.	$\Box\varphi$	Necessitation
3.	$\neg\Diamond\varphi$	Assume
4.	$\Box\neg\varphi$	Prop
5.	$F$	$F_i, 2, 4$
6.	$\neg\neg\Diamond\varphi$	$\neg_i, 3 - 5$
7.	$\Diamond\varphi$	PR
8.	$\Box\Diamond\varphi$	Necessitation
9.	$\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi$	$\rightarrow_i, 1 - 8$

It follows that the two logical systems  $KB$  and  $KB'$  can prove each other's axioms, and hence prove all the same sentences. That is, if  $\vdash \varphi$  in  $KB$ , then  $\vdash \varphi$  in  $KB'$ ; and vice-versa.

## 5 A result on $KB$

1. Assume that  $\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi$  is inconsistent in  $KB'$ . (This means that in  $KB'$ ,  $\vdash \neg(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi)$ .) Show that in  $KB'$ ,  $\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi$  is also inconsistent. [Hint: you will need to use the following axiom of  $KB'$ :

$$(\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi) \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg(\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi).$$

(I have “unabbreviated the  $\Diamond$  on the right.) ]

2. Using the last part, prove the following: if  $\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi$  is consistent in  $KB'$ , then  $\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi$  is also consistent in  $KB'$ .
3. Show that  $KB$  and  $KB'$  have the same consistent sentences.
4. Putting things together, show that if  $\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi$  is consistent in  $KB$ , then  $\psi \wedge \Diamond\varphi$  is also consistent in  $KB$ .