

Proofs for “Expertise and knowledge: a modal logic perspective”

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Appendix A Proofs

Proof of Lemma 7 We first show that R is reflexive and has the *Euclidean property* (xRy and xRz implies yRz). For reflexivity, let $\Gamma \in X_L$. Suppose $A\varphi \in \Gamma$. By (T_A) and closure of maximally consistent sets under modus ponens, $\varphi \in \Gamma$. Hence $\Gamma R\Gamma$.

For the Euclidean property, suppose $\Gamma R\Delta$ and $\Gamma R\Lambda$. We show $\Delta R\Lambda$ by contraposition. Suppose $\varphi \notin \Lambda$. Since $\Gamma R\Lambda$, this means $A\varphi \notin \Gamma$. Hence $\neg A\varphi \in \Gamma$, and by (5_A) we get $A\neg A\varphi \in \Gamma$. Now $\Gamma R\Delta$ gives $\neg A\varphi \in \Delta$, so $A\varphi \notin \Delta$.

To conclude we need to show R is symmetric and transitive. For symmetry, suppose $\Gamma R\Delta$. By reflexivity, $\Gamma R\Gamma$. The Euclidean property therefore gives $\Delta R\Gamma$. For transitivity, suppose $\Gamma R\Delta$ and $\Delta R\Lambda$. By symmetry, $\Delta R\Gamma$. The Euclidean property again gives $\Gamma R\Lambda$. \square

Proof of Lemma 8 Part (1) was shown in the main text. For (2), note that by (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} A(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \in \Sigma &\iff |\varphi \rightarrow \psi|_\Sigma = X_\Sigma \\ &\iff \forall \Gamma \in X_\Sigma : \varphi \rightarrow \psi \in \Gamma \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $A(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \in \Sigma$. Take $\Gamma \in |\varphi|_\Sigma$. Then we have $\varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi \in \Gamma$, so $\psi \in \Gamma$. This shows $|\varphi|_\Sigma \subseteq |\psi|_\Sigma$. Conversely, suppose $|\varphi|_\Sigma \subseteq |\psi|_\Sigma$. Take $\Gamma \in X_\Sigma$. If $\varphi \notin \Gamma$ then $\neg\varphi \in \Gamma$, so $\neg\varphi \vee \psi \in \Gamma$ and thus $\varphi \rightarrow \psi \in \Gamma$. If $\varphi \in \Gamma$ then $\Gamma \in |\varphi|_\Sigma \subseteq |\psi|_\Sigma$, so $\psi \in \Gamma$. Thus $\varphi \rightarrow \psi \in \Gamma$ in this case too. Hence $A(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \in \Sigma$.

For (3) first note that $A(\alpha \wedge \beta) \in \Sigma$ iff both $A\alpha \in \Sigma$ and $A\beta \in \Sigma$. This can be shown using (K_A) , (MP) and instances of the propositional tautologies $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow p$ (for the left-to-right implication) and $p \rightarrow q \rightarrow (p \wedge q)$ (for the right-to-left implication). Recalling that $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ is an abbreviation for $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} A(\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) \in \Sigma &\iff A(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \in \Sigma \text{ and } A(\psi \rightarrow \varphi) \in \Sigma \\ &\iff |\varphi|_\Sigma \subseteq |\psi|_\Sigma \text{ and } |\psi|_\Sigma \subseteq |\varphi|_\Sigma \\ &\iff |\varphi|_\Sigma = |\psi|_\Sigma \end{aligned}$$

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as required. □

Proof of Theorem 5 Soundness was shown in the main text. For completeness, we adopt a roughly similar approach to the general case. Let consistency, maximal consistency and other standard notions and notation be defined as before, but now for L_{int} instead of L . Let $X_{L_{\text{int}}}$ be the set of maximally L_{int} -consistent sets. Define the relation R on $X_{L_{\text{int}}}$ in exactly the same way. Since L_{int} extends L , R is again an equivalence relation, and we have the analogues of Lemma 8 and Corollary 1.

This time, however, the construction of the canonical model for a given $\Sigma \in X_{L_{\text{int}}}$ is much more straightforward. The set of states is simply X_{Σ} , i.e. the equivalence class of Σ in R . Overriding earlier terminology, say $A \subseteq X_{\Sigma}$ is *S-closed* iff $|\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq A$ implies $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq A$ for all $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$. Then set

$$P_{\Sigma} = \{A \subseteq X_{\Sigma} \mid A \text{ is S-closed}\}.$$

Finally, set $V_{\Sigma}(p) = |p|_{\Sigma}$, and write $M_{\Sigma} = (X_{\Sigma}, P_{\Sigma}, V_{\Sigma})$.

First, we have $M_{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{M}_{\text{int}}$, i.e. intersections of S-closed sets are S-closed. Indeed, suppose $\{A_i\}_{i \in I}$ is a collection of S-closed sets, and suppose $|\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$. Then $|\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq A_i$ for each i , so S-closure gives $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq A_i$. Hence $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i$.

Importantly, we have the truth lemma for M_{Σ} : for all $\Gamma \in X_{\Sigma}$ and $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$,

$$M_{\Sigma}, \Gamma \models \varphi \iff \varphi \in \Gamma,$$

i.e. $\|\varphi\|_{M_{\Sigma}} = |\varphi|_{\Sigma}$.

As usual, the proof is by induction on formulas. The case for atomic propositions follows from the definition of V_{Σ} , the cases for conjunctions and negations hold by properties of maximally consistent sets, and the case for $\mathbf{A}\varphi$ holds by an argument identical to the one used in the general case (Lemma 9). The only interesting cases are therefore for $\mathbf{E}\varphi$ and $\mathcal{S}\varphi$ formulas:

(E): First suppose $\mathbf{E}\varphi \in \Gamma$. We claim $|\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ is S-closed. This will give $\|\varphi\|_{M_{\Sigma}} \in P_{\Sigma}$ by the induction hypothesis and definition of P_{Σ} , and therefore $M_{\Sigma}, \Gamma \models \mathbf{E}\varphi$.

So, suppose $|\psi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq |\varphi|_{\Sigma}$. Then $\mathbf{A}(\psi \rightarrow \varphi) \in \Sigma$. Let $\Delta \in |\mathcal{S}\psi|_{\Sigma}$. Since $\Delta, \Gamma, \Sigma \in X_{\Sigma}$, we have $\mathbf{E}\varphi \in \Delta$ and $\mathbf{A}(\psi \rightarrow \varphi) \in \Delta$ too. By (W_E) , $\mathcal{S}\psi \wedge \mathbf{E}\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \in \Delta$. But $\mathcal{S}\psi \in \Delta$, so $\mathcal{S}\psi \wedge \mathbf{E}\varphi \in \Delta$ and thus $\varphi \in \Delta$, i.e. $\Delta \in |\varphi|_{\Sigma}$. This shows $|\mathcal{S}\psi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq |\varphi|_{\Sigma}$, so $|\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ is S-closed as required.

Now suppose $M_{\Sigma}, \Gamma \models \mathbf{E}\varphi$. Then, by the induction hypothesis, $|\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ is S-closed. Since $|\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq |\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ clearly holds, we get $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq |\varphi|_{\Sigma}$. This implies $\mathbf{A}(\mathcal{S}\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \in \Sigma$, and (Red_E) gives $\mathbf{E}\varphi \in \Sigma$. Since $\Gamma \in X_{\Sigma}$, we get $\mathbf{E}\varphi \in \Gamma$ as required.

(S): Suppose $\mathcal{S}\varphi \in \Gamma$. Take any $A \in P_{\Sigma}$ such that $\|\varphi\|_{M_{\Sigma}} \subseteq A$. By the induction hypothesis, $|\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq A$. By S-closure of A , $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq A$. Hence $\Gamma \in |\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq A$. This shows $M_{\Sigma}, \Gamma \models \mathcal{S}\varphi$.

For the other direction we show the contrapositive. Suppose $\mathcal{S}\varphi \notin \Gamma$. First, we claim $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ is S-closed. Indeed, suppose $|\psi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq |\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma}$. Then $\mathbf{A}(\psi \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\varphi) \in \Sigma$. Take any $\Delta \in |\mathcal{S}\psi|_{\Sigma}$. Since $\Delta \in X_{\Sigma}$, $\mathbf{A}(\psi \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\varphi) \in \Delta$ also. By (W_S) , $\mathcal{S}\psi \rightarrow \mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}\varphi \in \Delta$. Now $\mathcal{S}\psi \in \Delta$ implies $\mathcal{S}\mathcal{S}\varphi \in \Delta$, and (4_S) gives $\mathcal{S}\varphi \in \Delta$, i.e. $\Delta \in |\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma}$. This shows $|\mathcal{S}\psi|_{\Sigma} \subseteq |\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma}$, and thus $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ is S-closed.

Hence $|\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ is a set in P_{Σ} not containing Γ . Moreover, $\|\varphi\|_{M_{\Sigma}} \subseteq |\mathcal{S}\varphi|_{\Sigma}$ by the induction hypothesis and (T_S) . Hence $M_{\Sigma}, \Gamma \not\models \mathcal{S}\varphi$.

Strong completeness now follows. If $\Gamma \not\models_{L_{\text{int}}} \varphi$, then $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is consistent, so by Lindenbaum’s Lemma there is $\Sigma \in X_{L_{\text{int}}}$ with $\Sigma \supseteq \Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$. Considering the

model $M_\Sigma \in \mathbb{M}_{\text{int}}$, we have $M_\Sigma, \Sigma \models \Gamma$ and $M_\Sigma, \Sigma \not\models \varphi$ by the truth lemma. Hence $\Gamma \not\models_{\mathbb{M}_{\text{int}}} \varphi$. \square

Proof of Theorem 6 Soundness was shown in the main text. For completeness, we go via relational semantics using the translation $t : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{KA}}$ and Theorem 3. First, let \mathbb{L}_{S4A} be the logic of \mathcal{L}_{KA} formulas formed by the axioms and inference rules shown in Table A1. It is well known that \mathbb{L}_{S4A} is strongly complete with respect to \mathbb{M}_{S4}^* (Blackburn, De Rijke, & Venema, 2002, Theorem 7.2).

Table A1 Axioms and inference rules for \mathbb{L}_{S4A} .

$\text{K}(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\text{K}\varphi \rightarrow \text{K}\psi)$	(K _K)
$\text{K}\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$	(T _K)
$\text{K}\varphi \rightarrow \text{KK}\varphi$	(4 _K)
$\text{A}(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\text{A}\varphi \rightarrow \text{A}\psi)$	(K _A)
$\text{A}\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$	(T _A)
$\neg\text{A}\varphi \rightarrow \text{A}\neg\text{A}\varphi$	(5 _A)
$\text{A}\varphi \rightarrow \text{K}\varphi$	(Inc _K)
From φ infer $\text{A}\varphi$	(Nec _A)
From $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ and φ infer ψ	(MP)

Now, define a translation $u : \mathcal{L}_{\text{KA}} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$ as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 u(p) &= p \\
 u(\varphi \wedge \psi) &= u(\varphi) \wedge u(\psi) \\
 u(\neg\varphi) &= \neg u(\varphi) \\
 u(\text{K}\varphi) &= \neg\text{S}\neg u(\varphi) \\
 u(\text{A}\varphi) &= \text{A}u(\varphi).
 \end{aligned}$$

Recall the translation $t : \mathcal{L} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\text{KA}}$ from Section 4. While u is not the inverse of t (for instance, there is no $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{KA}}$ with $u(\psi) = \text{E}p$), for any $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$ we have that φ is \mathbb{L}_{top} -provably equivalent to $u(t(\varphi))$.

Claim 1 *Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$. Then $\vdash_{\mathbb{L}_{\text{top}}} \varphi \leftrightarrow u(t(\varphi))$.*

Proof By induction on \mathcal{L} formulas. The cases of atomic propositions and propositional connectives are straightforward. For the other cases, first note that the “replacement of equivalents” rule is derivable in \mathbb{L} (and thus in \mathbb{L}_{top}) for S , E and A :

$$\text{From } \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi \text{ infer } \bigcirc \varphi \leftrightarrow \bigcirc \psi \quad (\bigcirc \in \{\text{S}, \text{E}, \text{A}\}).$$

For S this follows from (Nec_A) and (W_S); for E from (Nec_A) and (RE_E), and for A from (Nec_A) and (K_A). Now for the inductive step, suppose $\vdash_{\mathbb{L}_{\text{top}}} \varphi \leftrightarrow u(t(\varphi))$.

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- S: Note that

$$u(t(S\varphi)) = u(\neg K\neg t(\varphi)) = \neg\neg S\neg\neg u(t(\varphi)).$$

By the inductive hypothesis, propositional logic and replacement of equivalents, $\vdash_{L_{top}} S\varphi \leftrightarrow u(t(S\varphi))$.

- E: We have

$$\begin{aligned} u(t(E\varphi)) &= u(A(\neg t(\varphi) \rightarrow K\neg t(\varphi))) \\ &= Au(\neg t(\varphi) \rightarrow K\neg t(\varphi)) \\ &= A(u(\neg t(\varphi)) \rightarrow u(K\neg t(\varphi))) \\ &= A(\neg u(t(\varphi)) \rightarrow \neg S\neg u(\neg t(\varphi))) \\ &= A(\neg u(t(\varphi)) \rightarrow \neg S\neg\neg u(t(\varphi))). \end{aligned}$$

Taking the contrapositive of the implication, and using replacement of equivalents together with the inductive hypothesis, we get

$$\vdash_{L_{top}} u(t(E\varphi)) \leftrightarrow A(S\varphi \rightarrow \varphi).$$

But we have already seen that $\vdash_{L_{int}} E\varphi \leftrightarrow A(S\varphi \rightarrow \varphi)$; since L_{top} extends L_{int} , we get $\vdash_{L_{top}} E\varphi \leftrightarrow u(t(E\varphi))$.

- A: This case is straightforward by the inductive hypothesis and replacement of equivalents, since $u(t(A\varphi)) = Au(t(\varphi))$. □

Next we show that if $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{KA}$ is a theorem of L_{S4A} , then $u(\varphi)$ is a theorem of L_{top} .

Claim 2 *Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{KA}$. Then $\vdash_{L_{S4A}} \varphi$ implies $\vdash_{L_{top}} u(\varphi)$.*

Proof By induction on the length of L_{S4A} proofs. The base case consists of showing that if φ is an instance of an L_{S4A} axiom or a substitution instance of a propositional tautology, then $\vdash_{L_{top}} u(\varphi)$. The case for instances of tautologies is straightforward, since u does not affect the structure of a propositional formula. We take the axioms of L_{S4A} in turn.

- (K_K) : We have

$$\begin{aligned} u(K(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (K\varphi \rightarrow K\psi)) \\ &= \neg S\neg(u(\varphi) \rightarrow u(\psi)) \rightarrow (\neg S\neg u(\varphi) \rightarrow \neg S\neg u(\psi)) \\ &= \hat{S}(u(\varphi) \rightarrow u(\psi)) \rightarrow (\hat{S}u(\varphi) \rightarrow \hat{S}u(\psi)) \end{aligned}$$

which is an instance of (K_S) .

- (T_K) : We have

$$u(K\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) = \neg S\neg u(\varphi) \rightarrow u(\varphi)$$

Taking the contrapositive, this is L_{top} -provably equivalent to $\neg u(\varphi) \rightarrow S\neg u(\varphi)$, which is an instance of (T_S) .

- (4_K) : We have

$$u(K\varphi \rightarrow KK\varphi) = \neg S\neg u(\varphi) \rightarrow \neg S\neg\neg S\neg u(\varphi)$$

This is provably equivalent to $SS\neg u(\varphi) \rightarrow S\neg u(\varphi)$, which is an instance of (4_S) .

- (K_A) : We have

$$u(A(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (A\varphi \rightarrow A\psi)) = A(u(\varphi) \rightarrow u(\psi)) \rightarrow (Au(\varphi) \rightarrow Au(\psi))$$

which is an instance of (K_A) in L_{top} .

- (T_A): We have

$$u(A\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) = Au(\varphi) \rightarrow u(\varphi)$$

which is an instance of (T_A) in \mathbf{L}_{top} .

- (5_A): We have

$$u(\neg A\varphi \rightarrow A\neg A\varphi) = \neg Au(\varphi) \rightarrow A\neg Au(\varphi)$$

which is an instance of (5_A) in \mathbf{L}_{top} .

- (Inc_K): We have

$$u(A\varphi \rightarrow K\varphi) = Au(\varphi) \rightarrow \neg S\neg u(\varphi) = Au(\varphi) \rightarrow \hat{S}u(\varphi)$$

which is an instance of (Inc).

For the inductive step, we show that for each inference rule $\frac{\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n}{\varphi}$, if $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} u(\psi_i)$ for each i then $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} u(\varphi)$.

- (Nec_A): If $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} u(\varphi)$, then from (Nec_A) in \mathbf{L}_{top} we get $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} Au(\varphi)$. But $Au(\varphi) = u(A\varphi)$, so we are done.
- (MP): Similarly, this clear from (MP) for \mathbf{L}_{top} and the fact that $u(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) = u(\varphi) \rightarrow u(\psi)$.

□

Claims 1 and 2 easily imply the following.

Claim 3 *Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$. Then $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S4A}}} t(\varphi)$ implies $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} \varphi$.*

Proof Suppose $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S4A}}} t(\varphi)$. By Claim 2, $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} u(t(\varphi))$. By Claim 1, $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} \varphi \leftrightarrow u(t(\varphi))$. By (MP), $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} \varphi$.

□

We can now show strong completeness. Suppose $\Gamma \subseteq \mathcal{L}$, $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$ and $\Gamma \models_{\mathbf{M}_{\text{top}}} \varphi$. We claim $t(\Gamma) \models_{\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{S4}}^*} t(\varphi)$. Indeed, if $M^* \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{S4}}^*$ and x is a state in M^* with $M^*, x \models t(\psi)$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma$, then with f as in Theorem 3 we have $f^{-1}(M^*), x \models \psi$ for all $\psi \in \Gamma$. Since $f^{-1}(M^*) \in \mathbf{M}_{\text{int}} \cap \mathbf{M}_{\text{unions}} \subseteq \mathbf{M}_{\text{top}}$, $\Gamma \models_{\mathbf{M}_{\text{top}}} \varphi$ gives $f^{-1}(M^*), x \models \varphi$, and thus $M^*, x \models t(\varphi)$.

By (strong) completeness of $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S4A}}$ for $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{S4}}^*$, we get $t(\Gamma) \vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S4A}}} t(\varphi)$. That is, there are $\psi_0, \dots, \psi_n \in \Gamma$ such that $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S4A}}} t(\psi_0) \wedge \dots \wedge t(\psi_n) \rightarrow t(\varphi)$. Since t passes over conjunctions and implications, this means $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S4A}}} t(\psi_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \psi_n \rightarrow \varphi)$. By Claim 3, $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} \psi_0 \wedge \dots \wedge \psi_n \rightarrow \varphi$. Hence $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{top}}} \varphi$, and we are done.

□

Proof of Theorem 7 For soundness, we need to check that (5_S) is valid on $\mathbf{M}_{\text{int-compl}}$. Let $M = (X, P, V)$ be closed under intersections and complements, and suppose $M, x \models S\neg S\varphi$. Note that $\|S\varphi\|_M = \bigcap \{A \in P \mid \|\varphi\|_M \subseteq A\}$ is an intersection from P , so $\|S\varphi\|_M \in P$. By closure under complements, $\| \neg S\varphi \|_M \in P$ too. Hence $M, x \models S\neg S\varphi \wedge E\neg S\varphi$. By Proposition 1 (4), we get $M, x \models \neg S\varphi$.

The completeness proof goes in exactly the same way as Theorem 6. Letting $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S5A}}$ be the extension of $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S4A}}$ with the (5_K) axiom $\neg K\varphi \rightarrow K\neg K\varphi$, it can be shown that $\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S5A}}$ is strongly complete with respect to $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{S5}}^*$. With u as in the proof of Theorem 6, we have that $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{S5A}}} \varphi$ implies $\vdash_{\mathbf{L}_{\text{int-compl}}} u(\varphi)$, for $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{KA}}$ (the only new part to

check there is that $u(\neg K\varphi \rightarrow K\neg K\varphi)$ is a theorem of $\mathbb{L}_{\text{int-compl}}$, but this follows from (5_S). The remainder of the proof goes through as before, this time appealing to the bijection $g : \mathbb{M}_{\text{int-compl}} \rightarrow \mathbb{M}_{\mathbb{S}5}^*$. □

Proof of Proposition 5 Let $M^* = (X, \{R_j\}_{j \in \mathcal{J}}, V)$ be a multi-source relational model. Since $K_J^{\text{com}}\psi \rightarrow K_J^{\text{sh}}\psi$ is valid for any ψ , the left-to-right implication of the above equivalence is straightforward.

For the right-to-left implication, suppose $M^*, x \models A(\neg\varphi \rightarrow K_J^{\text{sh}}\neg\varphi)$. We show by induction that $M^*, x \models A(\neg\varphi \rightarrow K_J^n\neg\varphi)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, from which the result follows.

The base case $n = 1$ is given, since $K_J^1\neg\varphi = K_J^{\text{sh}}\neg\varphi$. For the inductive step, suppose $M^*, x \models A(\neg\varphi \rightarrow K_J^n\neg\varphi)$. Take $y \in X$ such that $M^*, y \models \neg\varphi$. Let $j \in J$. Take $z \in X$ such that yR_jz . From the initial assumption we have $M^*, y \models K_J^{\text{sh}}\neg\varphi$, so $M^*, y \models K_j\neg\varphi$ and thus $M^*, z \models \neg\varphi$. By the inductive hypothesis, $M^*, z \models K_J^n\neg\varphi$. This shows that $M^*, y \models K_jK_J^n\neg\varphi$ for all $j \in J$, and thus $M^*, y \models K_J^{n+1}\neg\varphi$. Hence $M^*, x \models A(\neg\varphi \rightarrow K_J^{n+1}\neg\varphi)$ as required. □

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