# A correspondence between logical translations and semantic transformations

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- ► At the beginning of the last century non-classical logics arose for mathematical, philosophical, and linguistic motivations.
- ▶ Intuitionistic logic IPC, motivated by constructivism in mathematics, is obtained removing  $\neg \neg x \rightarrow x$  from the axiomatization of classical logic:

$$(x \to (y \to x))$$

$$(x \to (y \to z)) \to ((x \to y) \to (x \to z))$$

$$(x \land y) \to x$$

$$(x \land y) \to y$$

$$x \to (y \to (x \land y))$$

$$x \to (x \lor y)$$

$$y \to (x \lor y)$$

$$(x \to y) \to ((z \to y) \to ((x \lor z) \to y))$$

$$0 \to x$$

and the rule of Modus Ponens

$$x, x \rightarrow y \vdash y$$
.

► Classical logic CPC is axiomatized the following axioms

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$$(x \land y) \to x$$

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$$x \to (y \to (x \land y))$$

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Classical logic is the logic of Boolean reasoning.

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Modal logic K expands the language of classical logic with a unary connective □, whose intended to meaning is:

$$\Box \varphi \equiv \text{ it is necessary that } \varphi.$$

► K is axiomatized by the axioms and rules of classical logic plus the axiom

$$\Box(x\to y)\to(\Box x\to\Box y)$$

and the Necessitation rule

$$x \vdash \Box x$$
.

- Recap: Several logic flourished in the early 20th century, e.g. intuitionistic logic IPC, modal logic K, their axiomatic extensions etc. (and of course classical logic CPC).
- Our understanding of this increasing variety of logics depends on the possibility of drawing comparisons between them, typically though logical translations.

# Kolmogorov's translation of CPC into IPC.

▶ In 1925 Kolmogorov defined a double-negation translation of the formulas  $\varphi$  of CPC into formulas  $\varphi^K$  of IPC as follows:

$$x^{\mathsf{K}} := \neg \neg x \text{ for variables } x$$

$$0^{\mathsf{K}} := 0$$

$$(\alpha \land \beta)^{\mathsf{K}} := \neg \neg (\alpha^{\mathsf{K}} \land \beta^{\mathsf{K}})$$

$$(\alpha \lor \beta)^{\mathsf{K}} := \neg \neg (\alpha^{\mathsf{K}} \lor \beta^{\mathsf{K}})$$

$$(\alpha \to \beta)^{\mathsf{K}} := \neg \neg (\alpha^{\mathsf{K}} \to \beta^{\mathsf{K}})$$

$$(\neg \alpha)^{\mathsf{K}} := \neg (\alpha^{\mathsf{K}})$$

where in **IPC** we define  $\neg \varphi := \varphi \to 0$ .

▶ Kolmogorov's translation is logically faithful in the sense that for every set of formulas  $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ ,

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathsf{IPC}} \varphi \Longleftrightarrow \Gamma^{\mathsf{K}} \vdash_{\mathsf{CPC}} \varphi^{\mathsf{K}}.$$

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## Semantic dual of Kolmogorov's translation

▶ The algebraic semantics of **CPC** are Boolean algebras, i.e. algebras  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge, \vee, \neg, 0, 1 \rangle$  such that  $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded distributive lattice such that

$$a \vee \neg a = 1$$
 and  $a \wedge \neg a = 0$ , for all  $a \in A$ .

▶ The algebraic semantic of **IPC** are Heyting algebras, i.e. algebras  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, 0, 1 \rangle$  such that  $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a bounded (distributive) lattice and

$$a \land b \le c \iff a \le b \to c$$
, for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .

► Kolmogorov's translation of IPC into CPC has a semantic dual, i.e. the transformation

$$\label{eq:Reg} \begin{split} \mathsf{Reg} \colon \mathsf{HA} &\to \mathsf{BA} \\ \boldsymbol{A} &\mapsto \mathsf{Reg}(\boldsymbol{A}) \coloneqq \langle \mathsf{Reg}(\boldsymbol{A}), \wedge, \sqcup, \neg, 0, 1 \rangle \\ \end{split} \\ \text{where } \mathsf{Reg}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \{a \in A : \neg \neg a = 1\} \text{ and } a \sqcup b \coloneqq \neg \neg (a \vee b). \end{split}$$

## Gödel's translation of IPC into S4.

One of the most important axiomatic extension of the modal logic K is the system S4 obtained adding the axioms

$$\Box x \to x \equiv \text{ if } \varphi \text{ is necessary, then it holds}$$
  
 $\Box x \to \Box \Box x \equiv \text{ if } \varphi \text{ is necessary, then it is necessarily so.}$ 

▶ In 1933 Gödel defined a translation of IPC into S4 as follows:

$$x^{\mathsf{G}} := \neg \Box x \text{ for variables } x$$

$$0^{\mathsf{G}} := 0$$

$$(\alpha \land \beta)^{\mathsf{G}} := \alpha^{\mathsf{G}} \land \beta^{\mathsf{G}}$$

$$(\alpha \lor \beta)^{\mathsf{G}} := \alpha^{\mathsf{G}} \lor \beta^{\mathsf{G}}$$

$$(\alpha \to \beta)^{\mathsf{G}} := \Box(\alpha^{\mathsf{G}} \to \beta^{\mathsf{G}}).$$

► Gödel's translation is logically faithful:

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathsf{IPC}} \varphi \Longleftrightarrow \Gamma^{\mathsf{G}} \vdash_{\mathsf{S4}} \varphi^{\mathsf{G}}.$$

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## Semantic dual of Gödel's translation

▶ The algebraic semantics of **S4** are interior algebras, i.e. algebras  $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \wedge, \neg, \vee, \Box, 0, 1 \rangle$  such that  $\langle A, \wedge, \vee, \neg, 0, 1 \rangle$  is a Boolean algebra and  $\Box$  is an interior operator such that

$$\square(a \wedge b) = \square a \wedge \square b$$
 and  $\square 1 = 1$ , for all  $a, b \in A$ .

► Gödel's translation of IPC into S4 has a semantic dual, i.e. the transformation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Op} \colon \mathsf{IA} &\to \mathsf{HA} \\ \boldsymbol{A} &\mapsto \mathbf{Op}(\boldsymbol{A}) \coloneqq \langle \mathsf{Op}(\boldsymbol{A}), \wedge, \vee, \multimap, 0, 1 \rangle \\ \text{where } \mathsf{Op}(\boldsymbol{A}) = \{a \in A : \Box a = a\} \text{ and } a \multimap b \coloneqq \Box (a \to b). \end{aligned}$$

► Recap: Kolmogorov and Gödel's logic translations correspond to semantics transformations in the reverse direction:

$$(\cdot)^{\mathsf{K}} \colon \mathsf{CPC} \to \mathsf{IPC} \text{ and } \mathsf{Reg} \colon \mathsf{HA} \to \mathsf{BA}$$
  
 $(\cdot)^{\mathsf{G}} \colon \mathsf{IPC} \to \mathsf{S4} \text{ and } \mathsf{Op} \colon \mathsf{IA} \to \mathsf{HA}.$ 

# Adjoint Functors

► The semantic transformations, dualizing Kolmogorov and Gödel's translations, are special instances of the following:

## Definition

A pair of functors  $\mathcal{F} \colon \mathsf{X} \longleftrightarrow \mathsf{Y} \colon \mathcal{G}$  is an adjunction if there is a pair of natural transformation  $\eta \colon \mathsf{1}_\mathsf{X} \to \mathcal{G}\mathcal{F}$  and  $\epsilon \colon \mathcal{F}\mathcal{G} \to \mathsf{1}_\mathsf{Y}$  such that

$$1_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{B})} = \mathcal{G}(\epsilon_{\mathbf{B}}) \circ \eta_{\mathcal{G}(\mathbf{B})} \text{ and } 1_{\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{A})} = \epsilon_{\mathcal{F}(\mathbf{A})} \circ \mathcal{F}(\eta_{\mathbf{A}}).$$

for every  $\mathbf{A} \in X$  and  $\mathbf{B} \in Y$ .

- ▶ In this case  $\mathcal{F}$  is left adjoint to  $\mathcal{G}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  right adjoint to  $\mathcal{F}$ .
- ► Under the identification right adjoints = semantic transformations, proving the equivalence

logical translations  $\equiv$  semantic transformations amounts to find a syntactic description of right adjoints.

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## Compatible Equations

### Definition

Let X be a class of algebras of language  $\mathcal{L}_X$  and  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{L}_X$ . A set of equations  $\theta$  in one variable is compatible with  $\mathcal{L}$  in X if for every n-ary operation  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$  we have that:

$$\theta(x_1) \cup \cdots \cup \theta(x_n) \vDash_{\mathsf{X}} \theta(\varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n)).$$

▶ For every  $\mathbf{A} \in X$ , we let  $\mathbf{A}(\theta, \mathcal{L})$  be the algebra of type  $\mathcal{L}$  with universe

$$A(\theta, \mathcal{L}) = \{ a \in A : \mathbf{A} \models \theta(a) \}$$

equipped with the restriction of the operations in  $\mathscr{L}$ .

► We obtain a functor

$$\theta_{\mathscr{L}} \colon \mathsf{X} \to \mathbb{I}\{\boldsymbol{A}(\theta, \mathscr{L}) : \boldsymbol{A} \in \mathsf{X}\}.$$

## Matrix powers with infinite exponents

- ▶ Let X be a class of similar algebras and  $\kappa > 0$  be a cardinal.
- ▶ Consider the language  $\mathcal{L}_{\mathsf{X}}^{\kappa}$  whose *n*-ary operations are the  $\kappa$ -sequences

 $\langle t_i : i < \kappa \rangle$  where each  $t_i$  is a term of X in variables  $\vec{x_1}, \dots, \vec{x_n}$ .

### Definition

Given  $\mathbf{A} \in X$ , let  $\mathbf{A}^{[\kappa]}$  be the  $\mathscr{L}_X^{\kappa}$ -algebra with universe  $A^{\kappa}$  s.t.

$$\langle t_i : i < \kappa \rangle^{\mathbf{A}^{[\kappa]}}(\vec{a}_1, \ldots, \vec{a}_n) = \langle t_i^{\mathbf{A}}(\vec{a}_1/\vec{x}_1, \ldots, \vec{a}_n/\vec{x}_n) : i < \kappa \rangle.$$

The  $\kappa$ -th matrix power of X is the class

$$\mathsf{X}^{[\kappa]} := \mathbb{I}\{\boldsymbol{A}^{[\kappa]} : \boldsymbol{A} \in \mathsf{X}\}.$$

▶ This construction extends to a functor  $[\kappa]: X \to X^{[\kappa]}$ .

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# Logical description of right adjoints

- ► It turns out that, among quasi-varieties, right adjoints admit a syntactic/logical description.
- ▶ More precisely, we have the following:

## Theorem

Let X and Y be quasi-varieties.

1. For every non-trivial right adjoint

$$\mathcal{G}\colon Y \to X$$

there is a (generalized) quasi-variety K and functors

$$[\kappa] \colon \mathsf{Y} \to \mathsf{K} \text{ and } \theta_{\mathscr{S}} \colon \mathsf{K} \to \mathsf{X}$$

such that  $\mathcal{G}$  is naturally isomorphic to  $\theta_{\mathscr{L}} \circ [\kappa]$ .

2. Every functor of the form  $\theta_{\mathscr{L}} \circ [\kappa] \colon Y \to X$  is a right adjoint.

► This syntactic description of right adjoints (inspired by work of McKenzie and others) allows to establish a precise correspondence

right adjoints  $\equiv$  logical translations

where the precise meaning of logical translations come from the syntactic canonical form  $\theta_{\mathscr{L}} \circ [\kappa]$  of right adjoints.

► This new notion of logical translation embraces most known examples, e.g. Kolmogorov and Gödel's ones.

### Recap:

- ▶ One can state a precise correspondence between semantic transformations (understood as right adjoints) and translations between logics (understood as equational consequences).
- ▶ This yields an algebraic canonical form for right adjoints.
- ➤ Some computational results follows, e.g. the problem of determining whether two finite algebras are related by an adjunction is decidable.

Finally...

...thank you for coming!

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