

Tutorial Exercises 2 (mjs)

SOLUTIONS

1. We prove the contrapositive. Suppose $\{\Box A_1, \dots, \Box A_n, \neg B\}$ is S4-inconsistent.

Then either

- (i) $\vdash_{S4} (\Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_k) \rightarrow \perp$
 or (ii) $\vdash_{S4} (\Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_k \wedge \neg B) \rightarrow \perp$

for some $\{\Box A_i, \dots, \Box A_k\} \subseteq \{\Box A_1, \dots, \Box A_n\}$.

If case (i) then $\{\Box A_1, \dots, \Box A_n, \neg \Box B\}$ is also S4-inconsistent.

If case (ii) then $\vdash_{S4} (\Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_k) \rightarrow B$.

And so (S4 is normal) $\vdash_{S4} (\Box \Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box \Box A_k) \rightarrow \Box B$.

But (schema 4, and RPL) $\vdash_{S4} (\Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_k) \rightarrow (\Box \Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box \Box A_k)$

and so $\vdash_{S4} (\Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_k) \rightarrow \Box B$.

Hence $\vdash_{S4} (\Box A_i \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_k \wedge \neg \Box B) \rightarrow \perp$ and so $\{\Box A_1, \dots, \Box A_n, \neg \Box B\}$ is S4-inconsistent.

(Note that this doesn't use schema T.)

2. This is a theorem in the notes relating deducibility (\vdash_Σ) with maxiconsistent sets. We need to prove that:

- (a) $\Gamma \vdash_\Sigma A$ iff $A \in \Delta$ for every Σ -maxi-consistent Δ such that $\Gamma \subseteq \Delta$.
 (b) $\vdash_\Sigma A$ iff $A \in \Delta$ for every Σ -maxi-consistent Δ .

Proof: left to right is easy. Suppose $\Gamma \vdash_\Sigma A$. Suppose $\Gamma \subseteq \Delta$. Then $\Delta \vdash_\Sigma A$ (monotonicity of \vdash_Σ). For the other half: suppose $\Gamma \not\vdash_\Sigma A$. We have to show there is a Σ -maxi-consistent Δ such that $\Gamma \subseteq \Delta$ and $A \notin \Delta$. From $\Gamma \not\vdash_\Sigma A$, it follows that $\Gamma \cup \{\neg A\}$ is Σ -consistent. By Lindenbaum's lemma there is therefore a Σ -maxi-consistent Δ such that $\Gamma \cup \{\neg A\} \subseteq \Delta$. Because $\{\neg A\} \subseteq \Delta$, i.e., $\neg A \in \Delta$, $A \notin \Delta$ as required.

Part (b) is just the special case of part (a) where $\Gamma = \emptyset$, and so follows immediately remembering that $\emptyset \vdash_\Sigma A \Leftrightarrow \vdash_\Sigma A$.

3. We want to prove that for any Σ -maxi-consistent sets Γ and Γ'

$$\{A \mid \Box A \in \Gamma\} \subseteq \Gamma' \Leftrightarrow \{\Diamond A \mid A \in \Gamma'\} \subseteq \Gamma$$

or equivalently

$$\forall A [\Box A \in \Gamma \Rightarrow A \in \Gamma'] \Leftrightarrow \forall A [A \in \Gamma' \Rightarrow \Diamond A \in \Gamma]$$

Assume LHS. Suppose $A \in \Gamma'$. We need to show $\Diamond A \in \Gamma$.

Suppose not. Suppose $\Diamond A \notin \Gamma$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Diamond A \notin \Gamma &\Rightarrow \neg \Diamond A \in \Gamma && (\Gamma \text{ is maxi}) \\ \neg \Diamond A \in \Gamma &\Rightarrow \Box \neg A \in \Gamma \\ \Box \neg A \in \Gamma &\Rightarrow \neg A \in \Gamma' && (\text{assumed LHS}) \\ \neg A \in \Gamma' &\Rightarrow A \notin \Gamma' && (\Gamma' \text{ is } \Sigma\text{-consistent}) \\ A \notin \Gamma' &&& \text{Contradiction (we assumed } A \in \Gamma') \end{aligned}$$

The other direction is similar.

Assume RHS. Suppose $\Box A \in \Gamma$. We need to show $A \in \Gamma'$.

Suppose not. Suppose $A \notin \Gamma'$.

$$\begin{aligned} A \notin \Gamma' &\Rightarrow \neg A \in \Gamma' && (\Gamma' \text{ is maxi}) \\ \neg A \in \Gamma' &\Rightarrow \Diamond \neg A \in \Gamma && (\text{assumed RHS}) \\ \Diamond \neg A \in \Gamma &\Rightarrow \neg \Diamond \neg A \notin \Gamma && (\Gamma \text{ is } \Sigma\text{-consistent}) \\ \neg \Diamond \neg A \notin \Gamma &\Rightarrow \Box A \notin \Gamma \\ \Box A \notin \Gamma &&& \text{Contradiction (we assumed } \Box A \in \Gamma) \end{aligned}$$