

*Prolegomena zu einer jeden künftigen Modallogik, die als
Wissenschaft wird auftreten können*

Intuitionistic strict implication, sharply and flatly

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The basis of this talk

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Roots, bloody roots

What's in a name?

- We could call our subject today **the implication/calculus of**
 - **Heyting-Lewis**
 - Heyting-Lewis-Visser
 - Heyting-Lewis-Visser-Iemhoff
 - Heyting-Lewis-Visser-Iemhoff-Celani-Jansana
 - *any of the above options, but with **Brouwer** replacing Heyting and possibly permuting names*
 - Heyting-weak-Heyting (HwH)
- or just simply **constructive/intuitionistic strict implication**
- iP (Iemhoff and coauthors): because **preservativity** in HA
- iA (L. + Visser), also because **arrows** in FP

But... why Lewis?

- As we all know (or do we?) the following is the original syntax of modern modal logic :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rightarrow} \quad \varphi, \psi ::= \top \mid \perp \mid p \mid \varphi \rightarrow \psi \mid \varphi \vee \psi \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \mid \varphi \rightarrow \psi$$

- $\rightarrow$ is the **strict implication** of **Clarence Irving Lewis**

who is **not** C.S. Lewis, David Lewis or Lewis Carroll

His earliest series of papers on the subject: 1912–1915

1918: *A Survey of Symbolic Logic*, University of California Press

1932 (with C. H. Langford): *Symbolic Logic*, Dover

- $\Box\varphi$ is then definable as $\top \rightarrow \varphi$
- Over the **Classical Propositional Calculus** (CPC) and in the presence of **an additional axiom (di)**, the converse holds too:
 $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ is $\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$, i.e., $\top \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$

- Lewis' early system with classical negation developed in *A Survey of Symbolic Logic* (1918) just collapsed $\neg$ to $\rightarrow$
- Lewis' later summary:
In developing the system, I had worked for a month to avoid this principle, which later turned out to be false. Then, finding no reason to think it false, I sacrificed economy and put it in.
- In Appendix II to *Symbolic Logic* (1932), Lewis was more cautious, creating several *lines of retreat* (Parry): S1–S3
- Interestingly, C.I. Lewis was curious about non-classical logics
 mostly the Łukasiewicz logic: possible implication connectives in finite valued logics
 - A detailed discussion in *Symbolic Logic*, 1932
 - A paper on “Alternative Systems of Logic”, *The Monist*, same year
- We found just one reference where he mentions (favourably!) Brouwer's criticism of excluded middle
- But found no indication he was aware of Kolmogorov, Heyting, Glivenko ...

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- Lewis rules are

$$\frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \wedge \psi} \qquad \frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \dot{\rightarrow} \psi}{\psi} \qquad \frac{\varphi \varepsilon \dot{\rightarrow} \psi}{\chi(\varphi) \varepsilon \dot{\rightarrow} \chi(\psi)}$$

plus uniform substitution, of course

- Among B1–B7 only B7 underivable in HLC^b (defined below)
- Curry-Howardly, it's the axiom of **higher-order arrows/classical arrows with apply**, i.e., **(strong) monads!**

Axiomatization for $\neg$: HLC^b vs. $\text{HLC}^\#$

Axioms and rules of IPC:

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi &\rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \varphi) \\ (\varphi \rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \chi)) &\rightarrow ((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \chi))\end{aligned}$$

$$\perp \rightarrow \varphi$$

$$\begin{aligned}(\varphi \wedge \psi) &\rightarrow \varphi \\ (\varphi \wedge \psi) &\rightarrow \psi \\ \varphi &\rightarrow (\psi \rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi))\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi &\rightarrow (\varphi \vee \psi) \\ \psi &\rightarrow (\varphi \vee \psi) \\ (\varphi \rightarrow \chi) &\rightarrow ((\psi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow \chi))\end{aligned}$$

Axioms and rules of the minimal system HLC^b :

(a.k.a. iA^- or iP^- or HL^-)

Those of IPC plus:

$$(\text{tra}) \quad (\varphi \multimap \psi) \wedge (\psi \multimap \chi) \rightarrow (\varphi \multimap \chi)$$

transitivity of $\multimap$

$$(\text{k}_a) \quad (\varphi \multimap \psi) \wedge (\varphi \multimap \chi) \rightarrow (\varphi \multimap (\psi \wedge \chi))$$

normality=normality in the second coördinate

$$(\text{n}_a) \quad \frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\varphi \multimap \psi}.$$

binary generalization of necessitation

not only implies congruentiality, but also anti-monotonicity in the first coördinate

Axioms and rules of the full system $\text{HLC}^\sharp$:

(a.k.a. iA or iP or HL)

All the axioms and rules of IPC and HLC^b and

$$(\text{di}) \quad ((\varphi \multimap \chi) \wedge (\psi \multimap \chi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) \multimap \chi).$$

should implication be anti-multiplicative in the first coördinate?

Running this axiom system via the AAL machinery yields

flat Heyting-Lewis algebras:

(Lewisian Heyting Algebra Expansions, i.e., L-HAES?)

Heyting algebras plus:

$$\text{CTra} \quad (\varphi \multimap \psi) \wedge (\psi \multimap \chi) \leq \varphi \multimap \chi$$

$$\text{CK}_a \quad (\varphi \multimap \psi) \wedge (\varphi \multimap \chi) = \varphi \multimap (\psi \wedge \chi)$$

$$\text{CId} \quad \varphi \multimap \varphi = \top$$

The class of **sharp Heyting-Lewis algebras:**

(Lewisian Heyting Algebra with Operators, i.e., L-HAO? Lewis-Brouwer algebras? Heyting-weak-Heyting algebras?)

all the equalities above plus

$$\text{CDi} \quad (\varphi \multimap \chi) \wedge (\psi \multimap \chi) = (\varphi \vee \psi) \multimap \chi.$$

The $\multimap$ -free reduct: Heyting algebras

The $\rightarrow$ -free reduct:

weak Heyting algebras of Celani and Jansana

Thinking outside the $\Box$

- Recall $\Box\varphi$ is defined as $\top \multimap \varphi$
- We have $\vdash^b \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \multimap \psi)$
- But also $\vdash^b (\varphi \multimap \psi) \rightarrow (\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$
- This yields the two extreme $\Box$ -interpretations of $\multimap$
- The first one inspires the sharp Kripke semantics
- The second one inspires the flat Kripke semantics
- Note: it does not mean that either of these semantics turns either implication into equivalence!

Special cases

- Normal modal logics over CPC
= varieties of **modal algebras** (**MA**s, **BA**O's)
(Boolean algebras with a single unary operator)
Too many applications and references to discuss
- Normal modal logics over IPC (with $\Box$ only!)
= varieties of **HAM**s or **HA(d)**O's
(Heyting algebras with a modality =
Heyting algebras with a single unary (dual) operator)
Again, too many applications and references to discuss
- superintuitionistic (intermediate) propositional logics
= varieties of Heyting algebras

But there is much else ...

Intuitionistic $\neg\exists$

- Metatheory of arithmetic

(Σ_1^0-) preservativity for a theory T extending HA

(or any foundational theory of your choice)

Generalizes classical **interpretability**/ (Π_1^0-) **conservativity**, contrapositively

- Functional programming: (**Haskell**) **arrows** of John Hughes
(versus **applicative functors/idioms** of McBride/Patterson)

A series of papers (Lindley & Wadler & Yallop, Atkey, Jacobs & Heunen & Hasuo ...) and numerous Haskell libraries

- Proof theory of guarded (co)recursion

Nakano and more recently Clouston&Goré

- Analysis of intuitionistic Kripke frames

sharply: generalizing defining conditions of **profunctors/weakening relations**

flatly: “global” $\neg\exists$ -clause, with no constraints on the modal relation

- Intuitionistic Epistemic Logic of Entailments (**IELE**)

Generalizing Artemov& Protopopescu’s IEL: recently with Jim de Groot

Sharp systems? Handle with care

- **Arithmetically:** (di) holds in the preservativity logic of HA, but not in its PA-counterpart

A sufficient condition to hold: closure under q-realisability

Recall $\varphi \triangleright \psi$ is $\neg\psi \rightarrow \neg\varphi$, classically

- **Computationally:** (di) models arrows with choice, while arrows obtained using automata or functions on infinite streams do not have choice
- **Kripke-style:** (di) prevents the combination of $\rightarrow$ with a meaningful $\Diamond$ à la Fischer-Servi/Simpson
- **Philosophically:** sharp $\rightarrow$ models necessarily true entailments, while flat $\rightarrow$ models entailments of necessities

Sharp frames and an amazing Curry-Howard coincidence

Sharp semantics

- A **sharp frame** is a tuple $(W, \leq, R)$ s.t.

$$w \leq vRu \quad \implies \quad wRu$$

modal accessibility closed under precomposing with intuitionistic order

Necessary to ensure persistence: see the next slide

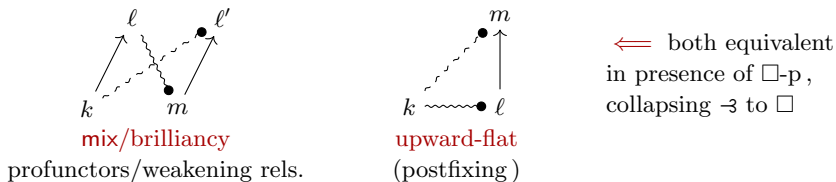
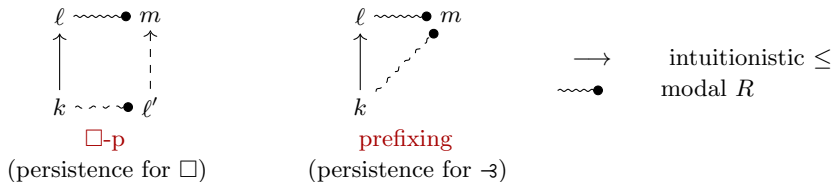
- A **sharp model** is a tuple $(W, \leq, R, V)$ consisting of a sharp frame and an upward-closed valuation of atoms

$$w \Vdash \varphi \multimap \psi \iff \text{for all } v \in W \text{ (if } wRv \text{ and } v \Vdash \varphi \text{ then } v \Vdash \psi)$$

- It is a “**world-by-world**” or “**local**” interpretation
- Classical-looking: no need to mention $\leq$ in $\multimap$ -clause
- When $\leq$ is the identity relation (discrete), this yields

$$\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \leftrightarrow \varphi \multimap \psi$$

Four frame conditions (occurring since the 1980's)



- brilliancy obtains naturally in, e.g., Stone-Jónsson-Tarski for $\Box$
- ...but $\neg\exists$ can feel it! $\implies$ collapse of $\neg\exists$ to $\Box$
- Over prefixing (or $\neg\exists$ -frames) $\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ implies $\varphi \neg\exists \psi$, but not the other way around

Idioms are oblivious, arrows are meticulous, monads are promiscuous

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Abstract

We revisit the connection between three notions of computation: Moggi's *monads*, Hughes's *arrows* and McBride and Paterson's *idioms* (also called *applicative functors*). We show that idioms are equivalent to arrows that satisfy the type isomorphism $A \rightsquigarrow B \simeq 1 \rightsquigarrow (A \rightarrow B)$ and that monads are equivalent to arrows that satisfy the type isomorphism $A \rightsquigarrow B \simeq A \rightarrow (1 \rightsquigarrow B)$. Further, idioms embed into arrows and arrows embed into monads.

Keywords: applicative functors, idioms, arrows, monads

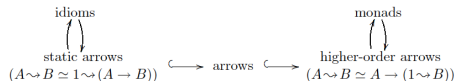


Fig. 1. Idioms, arrows and monads

$\rightsquigarrow$ here is our $\rightarrow$
ENTCS 2011, proceedings of MSFP 2008

Many programs and libraries involve components that are “function-like”, in that they take inputs and produce outputs, but are not simple functions from inputs to outputs ... Such “notions of computation” define a common interface, called “arrows”. ... Monads ... serve a similar purpose, but arrows are more general. In particular, they include notions of computation with static components, independent of the input, as well as computations that consume multiple inputs.

Ross Paterson

- I'd suggest calling FP arrows **strong arrows**
- They satisfy in addition the axiom

$$(s_a) \quad (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \multimap \psi)$$

- ...or, equivalently, $(s_{\Box}) \quad \varphi \rightarrow \Box \varphi$
- Why “equivalently”?

After all, many $\Box$ -principles not equivalent to $\multimap$ -counterparts

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi \rightarrow \psi &\leq \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \\ &\leq \varphi \multimap \psi \end{aligned}$$

- $(s_{\Box})$ forces R to be contained in $\leq$:

- rather degenerate in the classical case

only three consistent logics of (disjoint unions of) singleton(s)

- and yet intuitionistically you have a whole CS zoo

type inhabitation of idioms, arrows, strong monads/PLL ...

plus superintuitionistic logics as a degenerate case

also a recent proposal for Intuitionistic Epistemic Logic (IEL) by Artemov and Protopopescu, which we generalize to IELE

Haskell arrows as proposed by John Hughes

```
class Arrow a where
  arr    :: (b -> c) -> a b c
  (>>>) :: a b c -> a c d -> a b d
  first :: a b c -> a (b, d) (c, d)
```

$$(s_a) \quad (\beta \rightarrow \gamma) \rightarrow (\beta \multimap \gamma)$$

$$(tra) \quad (\beta \multimap \gamma) \wedge (\gamma \multimap \delta) \rightarrow (\beta \multimap \delta)$$

$$(k'_a) \quad (\beta \multimap \gamma) \rightarrow ((\beta \wedge \delta) \multimap (\gamma \wedge \delta))$$

Where's (di) ?

```
class Arrow arr => ArrowChoice arr where
  (|||) :: arr a c -> arr b c ->
    arr (Either a b) c
```

$$(di) \quad ((\alpha \multimap \gamma) \wedge (\beta \multimap \gamma)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \vee \beta) \multimap \gamma)$$

Arrows with choice?

- + function spaces
- + applicative functors/ arrows with delay
- + monads (see the next slide)
- + Kleisli arrows
- + co-Kleisli arrows if monad distributes over coproducts
- + list processors
 - the interleaving pattern in the output is modelled on the interleaving of the input
- automata transforming elements of type a to elements of type b that satisfy the isomorphism
$$\mathbf{A} \, a \, b \cong a \rightarrow b \times (\mathbf{A} \, a \, b)$$
- functions on infinite streams

Monads

(recall they allow decomposing $\beta \multimap \gamma$ as $\beta \rightarrow \Box\gamma$)

```
class Arrow => ArrowApply a where  
  app :: a (a b c, b) c
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$$(\text{app}_a) \quad ((\beta \multimap \gamma) \wedge \beta) \multimap \gamma$$

Recall it's precisely Lewis's B7!
The only S2 axiom underivable in $\text{HLC}^\sharp \dots$

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Sharp results for sharp systems

- Extensive investigation of semantics for extensions of $\text{HLC}^\sharp$

A very Dutch affair, especially at the turn of the century: Visser, Iemhoff, de Jongh, Zhou ...
an early overview in L. & Visser 2018

- Originally in the context of preservativity logic

hence the name iP^-/iP

- **Esakia-style duality**: based on Celani & Jansana

- **Gödel-McKinsey-Tarski translation and transfer results**

de Groot, L., Pattinson, LiCS 2021

- **An analogue of Fine's subframe fmp** over $(\mathbf{p}_a) : (p \multimap q) \rightarrow \Box(p \multimap q)$

- GMT works quite well, allowing **transfer of completeness, fmp, decidability** ...

- Blok-Esakia less so

A mistake in our LiCS 2021, found by Cheng Liao and Nick Bezhanishvili, corrected on arXiv only

- In the presence of Löb-like axioms, **uniform interpolation with strength** ...

With Albert Visser, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2404.11969>

Gödel-McKinsey-Tarski and (not-quite) Blok-Esakia

- Generalize the Wolter-Zakharyashev (1997-98) strategy for unimodal intuitionistic logics with $\Box$
- We extend the Gödel-(McKinsey-Tarski) translation to $\mathcal{L}_{\rightarrow}$:

$$t_{\rightarrow}(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) := \Box_i \Box_m (t_{\rightarrow} \varphi \rightarrow t_{\rightarrow} \psi)$$

- The translation reflects decidability, completeness, fmp. Above

$$(hl) \quad \Box_m \varphi \rightarrow \Box_i \Box_m \varphi$$

it also reflects canonicity.

enough to find one **S4HL**-counterpart with the desired property!

Note that in **S4HL** we can also simplify $t_{\rightarrow}(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$ to $\Box_m(t_{\rightarrow} \varphi \rightarrow t_{\rightarrow} \psi)$

- We can use classical modal metatheory
e.g., the Sahlqvist/SQEMA algorithm for canonicity and completeness
- ... via a suitable notion of “descriptive frames”
can be casted as an Esakia-style duality, or as a Priestley-style duality

The GMT result in the bimodal syntax

Theorem

Suppose Θ is a canonical extension of $S4 \otimes K4$ containing (hl) that is closed under forming (R_m -cofinal) subframes. Then:

- 1. Θ has the finite model property.*
- 2. If moreover Θ contains the classical strength axiom*

$$(s_c) \quad \Box_i p \rightarrow \Box_m p.$$

then for any (R_m -cofinal) subframe logic $\Gamma \subseteq \mathcal{L}_m$, the logic $\Theta \oplus \Gamma$ has the finite model property.

Corollary

Let Λ be a $\rightarrow$ -logic extending the axiom of transitivity of R

$$(p) \quad (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$$

- 1. If its S4HL-counterparts include a canonical logic preserved by forming (cofinal) subframes, Λ itself has the fmp.*
- 2. Furthermore, if Λ extends $(s_{\Box})$ and its S4HL-counterparts include a logic obtained by extending a canonical (cofinal) subframe logic with a collection of $\mathcal{L}_m$ -axioms preserved by R_m -subframes, Λ has the fmp.*

In either case, Λ is decidable whenever finitely axiomatizable.

This covers the (p) axiom itself, the strength axiom, a strong variant of the Löb axiom, the axiom of monads ($\mathbf{app}_a$) ...

However, some creativity is needed ...

Come flatten my world(s)

Flat semantics

A **flat model** is a tuple $(W, \preceq, R, V)$ such that

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- R is a relation on W
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Exactly what I promised:

“**global**” or “successor-state-by-successor-state” $\rightarrow$ -clause,
but **with no constraints on R !**

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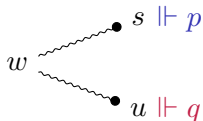
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Example:



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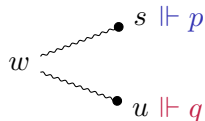
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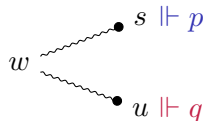
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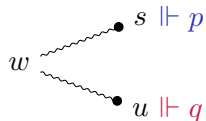
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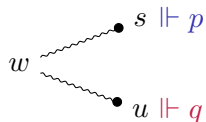
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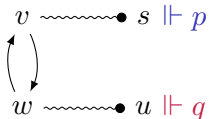
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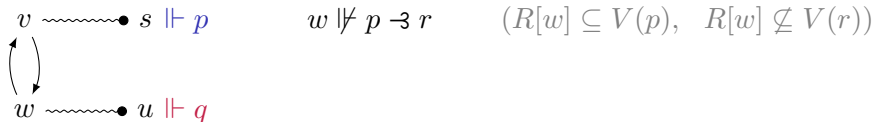
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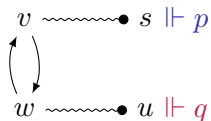
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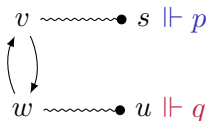
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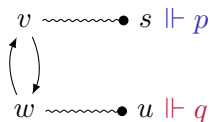
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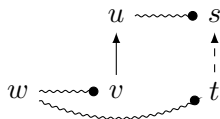
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Easier correspondence:

- A flat frame validates (4_a) $\varphi \multimap \Box \varphi$ iff



- An upward flat frame validates (4_a) iff R is transitive

Lemma

If a flat frame $\mathfrak{F} = (W, \preceq, R)$ is pointwise downward directed, then it validates (di)

Definition

Let $\mathfrak{M} = (W, \leq, R, V)$ be a sharp model and $\bullet$ a symbol such that $\bullet \notin W$. Define $\mathfrak{M}^b = (W^b, \preceq, \mathcal{R}, V^b)$, where

$$\begin{aligned} W^b &:= \{(w, v) \mid w \in W \text{ and } wRv\} \cup \{(w, \bullet) \mid w \in W \text{ and } R[w] = \emptyset\} & (w, v) \preceq (w', v') &\text{ iff } w \leq w' \\ V^b(p) &:= \{(w, v) \in W^b \mid w \in V(p)\} & (w, v)\mathcal{R}(w', v') &\text{ iff } v \leq w' \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

Let $\mathfrak{M} = (W, \leq, R, V)$ be a sharp model, Then for all $(w, v) \in W^b$ and all formulas φ , we have $\mathfrak{M}, w \Vdash^\# \varphi$ if and only if $\mathfrak{M}^b, (w, v) \Vdash \varphi$.

Theorem

The logic $\text{HLC}^\#$ is sound and complete with respect to the class of pointwise downward directed flat frames.

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Does not work:

- Not enough points
- We crucially rely on the intuitionistic preorder

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$$(\Gamma, U) \preceq (\Gamma', U') \quad \text{iff} \quad \Gamma \subseteq \Gamma', \quad (\Gamma, U) R (\Gamma', U') \quad \text{iff} \quad \Gamma' \in U$$

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Excluded middle

$$p \vee \neg p$$

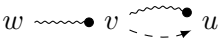
- Corresponds to $\preceq$ being symmetric
- No collapse to (classical) Kripke semantics (recall the example?)
- Opportunity to use our semantics for completeness results for subsystems of standard interpretability logics such as ILM and ILP

Theorem

Let $Ax \subseteq \{(\mathbf{s}\Box), (\mathbf{em})\}$, then $\mathbf{HLC}^b \oplus Ax$ is strongly complete w.r.t. (upward-)flat frames and has FMP

Transitivity, two ways

	(upward-)flat correspondent	sharp correspondent
$(4_a) \ p \rightarrow \Box p$	R is transitive	R is gathering
$(p_a) \ (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \Box(p \rightarrow q)$	something complicated	R is transitive

Gathering: 

With the same canonical model construction we get:

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But not for (4_a) ! We may have $(\Gamma, U)R(\Gamma', U')R(\Gamma'', U'')$ while $\Gamma'' \notin U$.

Using a “pruned” version of the canonical model construction we get:

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S4 our way

$$(4_a) \quad p \rightarrow \Box p \qquad (t_{\Box}) \quad \Box p \rightarrow p$$

Then

$$\Box p \leftrightarrow \Box \Box p$$

and using the pruned canonical model we can prove:

Theorem

$\text{HLC}^b \oplus (4_a) \oplus (t_{\Box})$ is strongly complete w.r.t. (upward-)flat frames and has the FMP

Future flat work

Extensions

- More extensions, especially those related to interpretability logics
- Sahlqvist-style correspondence and canonicity

Additional flat modalities

- A diamond modality (as in CK)
- A binary dual of $\neg$ and other related connectives
- Definability over “cartesian” frames

Gödel-McKinsey-Tarski translation in the flat setting

- There is an obvious translation into $S4 \otimes K$
- The descriptive frames of both logics seem to differ too much for a Blok-Esakia style theorem

More todos

- Developing further IELE
- Curry-Howard, especially in the flat setting
- Adapting existing formalizations (mostly Rocq in Birmingham)
- Developing further the dialgebraic perspective ...

Bonus slides

That pro-Brouwer quote from Lewis

[T]he mathematical logician Brouwer has maintained that the law of the Excluded Middle is not a valid principle at all. The issues of so difficult a question could not be discussed here; but *let us suggest a point of view at least something like his. . . . The law of the Excluded Middle is not writ in the heavens: it but reflects our rather stubborn adherence to the simplest of all possible modes of division, and our predominant interest in concrete objects as opposed to abstract concepts.* The reasons for the choice of our logical categories are not themselves reasons of logic any more than the reasons for choosing Cartesian, as against polar or Gaussian coördinates, are themselves principles of mathematics, or the reason for the radix 10 is of the essence of number.

“Alternative Systems of Logic”, *The Monist*, 1932

Collapsing $\neg\exists$ to $\Box$, sharply and classically

On the one hand,

$$\varphi \multimap \psi \leq \varphi \multimap (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned}\top &= (\neg\varphi) \rightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \\ &= (\neg\varphi) \multimap (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)\end{aligned}$$

Putting both hands together

$$\varphi \multimap \psi \leq (\varphi \multimap (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)) \wedge ((\neg\varphi) \multimap (\varphi \rightarrow \psi))$$

Now using (di)

$$\varphi \multimap \psi \leq (\varphi \vee \neg\varphi) \multimap (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$$

In the opposite direction,

$$\alpha \multimap (\beta \rightarrow \gamma) \leq (\alpha \wedge \beta) \rightarrow \gamma$$

is another variant of (k_a) . Thus

$$(\varphi \vee \neg\varphi) \multimap (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \leq ((\varphi \vee \neg\varphi) \wedge \varphi) \multimap \psi = \varphi \multimap \psi$$

Putting both slides together

$$\varphi \multimap \psi = (\varphi \vee \neg\varphi) \multimap (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$$

Note no other classical tautology would work as the strict antecedent!

Provability and preservativity in Heyting Arithmetic

Schematic logics: a framework for arithmetical interpretations

- Extend $\mathcal{L}_{\text{IPC}}$ to $\mathcal{L}_{\odot_0, \dots, \odot_k}$ with operators $\odot_0, \dots, \odot_k$
where $\odot_i$ has arity n_i
- F assigns to every $\odot_i$ an arithmetical formula $A(v_0, \dots, v_{n_i-1})$
where all free variables are among the variables shown
- We write $\odot_{i,F}(B_0, \dots, B_{n_i-1})$ for $F(\odot_i)(\ulcorner B_0 \urcorner, \dots, \ulcorner B_{n_i-1} \urcorner)$
Here $\ulcorner C \urcorner$ is the numeral of the Gödel number of C
- f maps $Vars$ to arithmetical sentences. Define $(\varphi)_F^f$:
 - $(p)_F^f := f(p)$
 - $(\cdot)_F^f$ commutes with the propositional connectives
 - $(\odot_i(\varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_{n_i-1}))_F^f := \odot_F((\varphi_0)_F^f, \dots, (\varphi_{n_i-1})_F^f)$

- Let T be an arithmetical theory

An extension of i-EA, the intuitionistic version of Elementary Arithmetic, in the arithmetical language

- A modal formula in $\mathcal{L}_{\odot_0, \dots, \odot_k}$ is **T -valid** w.r.t. F iff,
for all assignments f of arithmetical sentences to $Vars$,
we have $T \vdash (\varphi)_F^f$.
- Write $\Lambda_{T,F}$ for the set of $\mathcal{L}_{\odot_0, \dots, \odot_k}$ -formulas that are T -valid w.r.t. F .
- Of course, $\Lambda_{T,F}$ interesting only for well-chosen F

- Consider first empty set of $\odot$'s
- ...i.e., our language is pure $\mathcal{L}_{\text{IPC}}$
- If T is **Heyting Arithmetic** (HA), then Λ_T is precisely IPC
- The property of theories that $\Lambda_T = \text{IPC}$ is called *the de Jongh property*.
- There are theories for which Λ_T is an intermediate logic strictly between IPC and CPC.
- In fact, if you pick any intermediate logic Θ with the fmp, just extend HA with the corresponding scheme

- Now consider a single unary $\odot = \Box$ and any arithmetical theory $T \dots$
- $\dots$ which comes equipped with a $\Delta_0(\text{exp})$ -predicate α_T encoding its axiom set.
- Let provability in T be arithmetised by prov_T .
- Set $\mathbf{F}_{0,T}(\Box) := \text{prov}_T(v_0)$. Let $\Lambda_T^* := \Lambda_{T, \mathbf{F}_{0,T}}$.
- Intuitionistic Löb's logic **i-GL** is given by the following axioms over **IPC**.

$$\mathbf{N} \vdash \varphi \Rightarrow \vdash \Box \varphi$$

$$\mathbf{K} \vdash \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \psi)$$

$$\mathbf{L} \vdash \Box(\Box \varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \Box \varphi$$

The theory **GL** is obtained by extending **i-GL** with classical logic

If T is a Σ_0^1 -sound classical theory, then $\Lambda_T^* = \mathbf{GL}$ (Solovay)

In contrast, the logic **i-GL** is not complete for **HA**. For example, the following principles are valid for **HA** but not derivable in **i-GL**.

- $\vdash \Box \neg \neg \Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \Box \varphi$.
- $\vdash \Box (\neg \neg \Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \varphi) \rightarrow \Box \Box \varphi$
- $\vdash \Box (\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow \Box (\varphi \vee \Box \psi)$.

Still unknown what the ultimate axiomatization is

- Many possible interpretations of a binary connective
not all of them validating Lewis-Heyting axioms!
- Interpretability
- Π_1^0 -conservativity
- Σ_1^0 -preservativity

classically, the last two intertranslatable, like $\Box$ and $\Diamond$

- The notion of Σ_1^0 -preservativity for a theory T (Visser 1985) is defined as follows:
- $A \dashv_3_T B$ iff, for all Σ_1^0 -sentences S , if $T \vdash S \rightarrow A$, then $T \vdash S \rightarrow B$
- This actually validates Lewis-Heyting axioms!
- And more curious axioms are valid under this interpretation too ...

Examples of valid principles

- All theorems of $\mathbf{HLC}^b$

Di $(\varphi \multimap \chi \wedge \psi \multimap \chi) \rightarrow (\varphi \vee \psi) \multimap \chi$

“provable closure under q-realizability”: holds for the Heyting Arithmetic or Markov Arithmetic, but not for all extensions

4_a $\varphi \multimap \Box \varphi$

M_a $(\varphi \multimap \psi) \rightarrow (\Box \chi \rightarrow \varphi) \multimap (\Box \chi \rightarrow \psi)$