

# Systematic Verification of the Modal Logic Cube in Isabelle/HOL

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# Objective

- ▶ Proof object for expressive strength of different modal logics
- ▶ Two approaches:
  - ▶ Proof-theoretic (*\$100 modal logic challenge* [Rabe, Pudlák, Sutcliffe, Shen])
  - ▶ Model-theoretic (here)
- ▶ Reason with and about modal logic by using an embedding in HOL
- ▶ Employ automated reasoners like *LEO-II* and *Satallax* via *Sledgehammer* as well as *Nitpick*

# Quantified Modal Logic (QML) with Kripke Semantics

Language:

$$F ::= \mathcal{V} \mid \neg F \mid F \wedge F \mid F \vee F \mid (\forall \mathcal{V})F \mid (\exists \mathcal{V})F \mid \Box F \mid \Diamond F$$

Model:  $\langle W, R, \models \rangle$

- ▶ Set of “possible worlds”  $W$
- ▶ Accessibility relation  $R \subseteq W \times W$
- ▶  $\models \subseteq W \times \mathcal{WFF}$  to check if a world satisfies some formula

$$w \models \neg A \text{ iff } w \not\models A$$

$$w \models A \wedge B \text{ iff } w \models A \text{ and } w \models B$$

$$w \models A \vee B \text{ iff } w \models A \text{ or } w \models B$$

$$w \models (\forall v)A \text{ iff } w \models A[a \leftarrow B] \text{ for all } B \in \mathcal{WFF}$$

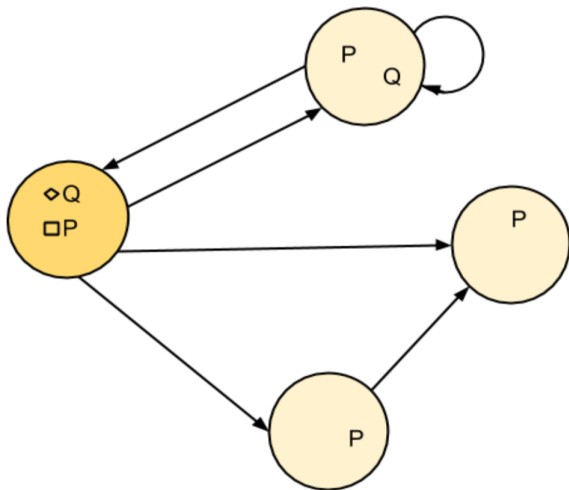
$$w \models (\exists v)A \text{ iff there exists a } B \in \mathcal{WFF} \text{ such that } w \models A[a \leftarrow B]$$

$$w \models \Box A \text{ iff } u \models A \text{ for all } u \text{ such that } wRu$$

$$w \models \Diamond A \text{ iff there exists a } u \text{ such that } wRu \text{ and } u \models A$$

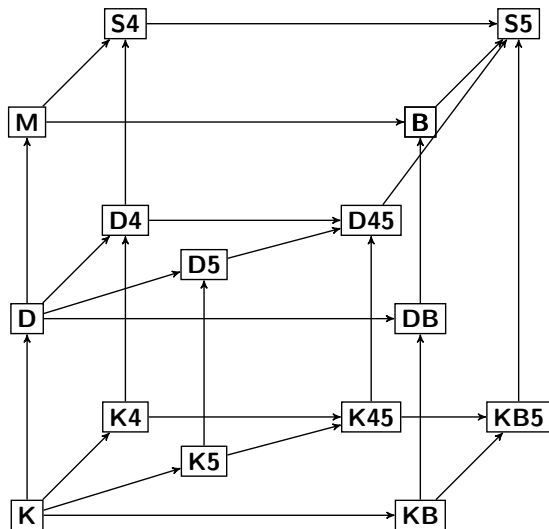
Validity:  $A$  valid in model  $\langle W, R, \models \rangle$  iff  $w \models A$  for all  $w \in W$

# Kripke Structure



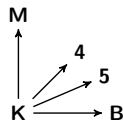
$W = P, Q$

# The Modal Logic Cube



$\equiv$  M5  $\equiv$  MB5  $\equiv$  M4B5  
 $\equiv$  M45  $\equiv$  M4B  $\equiv$  D4B  
 $\equiv$  D4B5  $\equiv$  DB5

**M:**  $\Box P \rightarrow P$   
**B:**  $P \rightarrow \Box \Diamond P$   
**D:**  $\Box P \rightarrow \Diamond P$   
**4:**  $\Box P \rightarrow \Box \Box P$   
**5:**  $\Diamond P \rightarrow \Box \Diamond P$



$\equiv$  K4B5  $\equiv$  K4B

# Embedding of QML in HOL

[Benzmüller, Paulson]

**type\_synonym**  $\sigma = (i \rightarrow bool)$

$\neg^m \quad :: \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$

$\wedge^m \quad :: \sigma \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$

$\vee^m \quad :: \sigma \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$

$\rightarrow^m \quad :: \sigma \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$

$\leftrightarrow^m \quad :: \sigma \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$

$\forall^m \quad :: (a \rightarrow \sigma) \rightarrow \sigma$

$\exists^m \quad :: (a \rightarrow \sigma) \rightarrow \sigma$

$\square \quad :: (i \rightarrow i \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$

$\diamond \quad :: (i \rightarrow i \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \sigma \rightarrow \sigma$

$\neg^m \phi \equiv (\lambda w. \neg(\phi w))$

$\phi \wedge^m \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \phi w \wedge \psi w)$

$\phi \vee^m \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \phi w \vee \psi w)$

$\phi \rightarrow^m \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \phi w \rightarrow \psi w)$

$\phi \leftrightarrow^m \psi \equiv (\lambda w. \phi w \leftrightarrow \psi w)$

$\forall^m \Psi \equiv (\lambda w. \forall x. \Psi x w)$

$\exists^m \Psi \equiv (\lambda w. \exists x. \Psi x w)$

$\square R \phi \equiv (\lambda w. \forall v. R w v \rightarrow \phi v)$

$\diamond R \phi \equiv (\lambda w. \exists v. R w v \wedge \phi v)$

**valid**  $:: \sigma \rightarrow bool$  **where** **valid**  $p \equiv \forall w. p w$

# Correspondence Results

## Sahlqvist formulae

### Axioms

$$M \equiv \lambda R. \text{valid}(\forall^m(\lambda P. (\Box^R P) \rightarrow^m P))$$

$$B \equiv \lambda R. \text{valid}(\forall^m(\lambda P. P \rightarrow^m \Box^R \Diamond^R P))$$

$$D \equiv \lambda R. \text{valid}(\forall^m(\lambda P. (\Box^R P) \rightarrow^m \Diamond^R P))$$

$$4 \equiv \lambda R. \text{valid}(\forall^m(\lambda P. (\Box^R P) \rightarrow^m \Box^R \Box^R P))$$

$$5 \equiv \lambda R. \text{valid}(\forall^m(\lambda P. (\Diamond^R P) \rightarrow^m \Box^R \Diamond^R P))$$

### Model Constraints

$$\text{refl} \equiv \lambda R. \forall S. R S S$$

$$\text{sym} \equiv \lambda R. \forall S T. (R S T \rightarrow R T S)$$

$$\text{ser} \equiv \lambda R. \forall S. \exists T. R S T$$

$$\text{trans} \equiv \lambda R. \forall S T U. (R S T \wedge R T U \rightarrow R S U)$$

$$\text{eucl} \equiv \lambda R. \forall S T U. (R S T \wedge R S U \rightarrow R T U)$$

# Correspondence Results

## Sahlqvist formulae

Axiom  $M$  corresponds to Reflexivity

**theorem** A1 :  $(\forall R.(refl\ R) \leftrightarrow (M\ R))$  **by** (metis M-def refl-def)

Axiom  $B$  corresponds to Symmetry

**lemma** A2-a :  $(\forall R.(sym\ R) \rightarrow (B\ R))$  **by** (metis B-def sym-def)

**lemma** A2-b :  $(\forall R.(B\ R) \rightarrow (sym\ R))$  **by** (simp add:B-def sym-def, force)

**theorem** A2 :  $(\forall R.(sym\ R) \leftrightarrow (B\ R))$  **by** (metis A2-a A2-b)

Axiom  $D$  corresponds to Seriality

**theorem** A3 :  $(\forall R.(ser\ R) \leftrightarrow (D\ R))$  **by** (metis D-def ser-def)

Axiom 4 corresponds to Transitivity

**theorem** A4 :  $(\forall R.(trans\ R) \leftrightarrow (IV\ R))$  **by** (metis IV-def trans-def)



## Alternative Axiomatisations

M5  $\leftrightarrow$  MB5

**theorem** B1 :  $\forall R. (refl\ R \wedge eucl\ R) \leftrightarrow (refl\ R \wedge sym\ R \wedge eucl\ R)$

**by** (metis eucl-def refl-def sym-def)

**theorem** B1-alt :  $\forall R. (M\ R \wedge V\ R) \leftrightarrow (M\ R \wedge B\ R \wedge V\ R)$

**by** (metis A1 A2 A5 B1)

M5  $\leftrightarrow$  D4B

**theorem** B5 :  $\forall R. (refl\ R \wedge eucl\ R) \leftrightarrow (ser\ R \wedge trans\ R \wedge sym\ R)$

**by** (metis eucl-def refl-def ser-def sym-def trans-def)

KB5  $\leftrightarrow$  K4B

**theorem** B9 :  $\forall R. (sym\ R \wedge eucl\ R) \leftrightarrow (trans\ R \wedge sym\ R)$

**by** (metis eucl-def sym-def trans-def)

# Inclusion Relations

## Approach

Investigate relative strength of logics. Say  $A > B$  iff logic  $A$  can prove more theorems than logic  $B$ .

- ▶ Model-theoretic view:  $K4 > K$  says “Not every model is transitive”
- ▶ Showing  $A' \geq A$  is easy if  $A'$  results from adding more axioms to  $A$  (every proof in  $A$  is also a valid proof in  $A'$ )
- ▶ In general, it is difficult for the ATPs to derive proofs for strict relations  $A > B$
- ▶ Use *Nitpick* to generate counter-examples and use their features as hints for the provers
  - ▶ Number of worlds
  - ▶ Complete description of the relation

# Inclusion Relations

Example:  $K4 > K$

- ▶ **Step A:** In order to show  $K4 > K$ , conjecture  $K4 \leq K$ :

$$\forall R. \text{trans } R$$

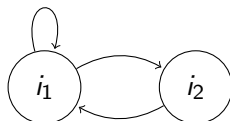
- ▶ Obtain counter model with *Nitpick*:

$$R = (\lambda x. -)$$

$$i_1 := (\lambda x. -)(i_1 := \text{True}, i_2 := \text{True}),$$

$$i_2 := (\lambda x. -)(i_1 := \text{True}, i_2 := \text{False})$$

- ▶ Diagram:



# Inclusion Relations

Example:  $K4 \supset K$  (cont.)

- ▶ **Step B:** Give arity information to prover as a hint ( $\#_2$  is a distinctiveness lemma):

$$\#_2 i1 i2 \rightarrow \forall R. \neg(\text{trans } R)$$

- ▶ **Step C:** In case this is not sufficient, supply the complete counter model ( $r$  constant):

$$\#_2 i1 i2 \wedge r i1 i1 \wedge r i1 i2 \wedge r i2 i1 \wedge \neg r i2 i2 \rightarrow \neg(\text{trans } r)$$

- ▶ **Step D:** Additionally, the counter models can be proven to be minimal in the number of worlds:

$$\#_1 i1 \rightarrow (\forall R. \text{eucl } R)$$

# Inclusion Relations

## Results

- ▶ All but 4 problems can be solved by Satallax and LEO-II if they are supplied arity information
  - ▶ “ATP challenge problems”
- ▶ For 10 of these problems Metis integration fails
  - ▶ “Isabelle challenge problems”
- ▶ 5 of these can also be solved by CVC4 with Metis integration succeeding
- ▶ We can obtain Isar proofs for all problems solved by Satallax and LEO-II with Nik Sultana’s proof translation tool

# Discussion

- ▶ HOL-ATPs handle these sorts of proofs quite well ( $< 1$  min of total computation time for whole cube), in contrast to popular FOL provers
- ▶ Potential for automation: Cooperation of ATPs with counter model finders like *Nitpick*
- ▶ Approach could be used for verifying axiomatisations within other non-classical logics (e.g. conditional logics)
- ▶ We could even automate the whole process!