

Inference Systems for Update Semantics

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1 Introduction

The objective of this report is to provide sound and complete inference systems for the systems of update semantics that were developed by Veltman in [11]. In that paper an update semantics is given for three different languages. Moreover, three more or less natural notions of logical consequence are defined, which make sense for all three semantical systems, and, in fact, make sense for almost any semantical system in which sentence interpretations are functions (or even relations) between information states.

Of the three notions of consequence (details below), two are substructural in the sense that they lack some structural inference rules of classical logic, most prominently Permutation and Monotony. Besides the more language specific details of the three semantical systems, these structural non-validities turn out to be the most problematic part of the completeness theorems.

In section 2 we introduce a general setting of update semantics in which the three notions of consequence can be defined. We determine their interconnections, and review their structural inferential properties (for Update-Test Consequence these structural properties were determined by van Benthem in [7]). We then devote a case study to the notion of Update-Test Consequence (called Mixed Inference in [7] and [3]), the most natural notion of consequence in an update framework. Inspired by work by van Benthem and Kanazawa, we prove a general structural completeness theorem for Update-Test consequence over update systems in which the updates are idempotent relations. All concrete systems of [11] satisfy idempotency. The proof method exploits a connection with Propositional Dynamic Logic that was observed in [3]. We also show that the method can be specialized to the case of idempotent functions. Furthermore we sketch a way in which the method may transfer to systems with connectives, and as an example we treat a variant of Kanazawa's calculus for Update-Test consequence with relational composition (see [3]).

In section 3 the update semantics for *might* is treated. Sound and complete inference systems are given for all three consequence relations.

In section 4 we treat the *normally, presumably* system. We explain the semantics in section 4.1. In section 4.2 we show that for the fragment that only contains the Booleans and *normally* the three consequence relations coincide. Thus the logic of *normaly* is essentially static: a equivalent static semantics for this fragment is developed, and axiomatized.

Finally, in section 5 we discuss some of the remaining problems.

Since the objective of this report is to prove some technical results about the systems of update semantics in [11], we assume the reader to be familiar with that work. Although we will state the necessary definitions, for motivation we also refer to [11].

2 Abstract Update Semantics

What is update semantics? In [11] an update semantics is described as a system that interprets some set of formulae \mathcal{L} as functions over some set of information

states Σ . But as observed by van Benthem in [7], the three notions of consequence that Veltman defines for these update systems are already definable for a larger class of systems, namely those systems that interpret formulae as binary relations. In this section we will take this relational perspective. The functional systems can then be studied as a subclass.

Definition 1 Suppose \mathcal{L} is some set of formulae.

1. A *frame* for \mathcal{L} is a structure $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$, where Σ is a set (of information states), and for each $\phi \in \mathcal{L}$, $[\phi] \subseteq \Sigma \times \Sigma$ is a binary relation on Σ .
2. A *functional frame* is a frame $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$ where each relation $[\phi]$ is a function on Σ . \square

Thus frames are precisely the same structures that are called frames in modal logic (for a family of modalities \mathcal{L}), and that are called labeled transition systems in computer science. And functional frames (called ‘update systems’ in [11]) just are special cases of frames.

2.1 Three Notions of Consequence in Update Semantics

If all you know about \mathcal{L} , Σ , and the interpretations $[\phi]$ is that they form a frame, two of the three notions of consequence introduced in [11] are already definable. We first introduce some notations and terminology.

Definition 2 If \mathcal{L} is some language, a sequent for \mathcal{L} is an expression of the form $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \Rightarrow \psi$, where ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n is a finite sequence of formulae of \mathcal{L} , and ψ is some formula of \mathcal{L} . We allow $n = 0$, in which case the sequence ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n is empty, and use the symbol ϵ to refer to the empty sequence. We use X, Y, Z , possibly with subscripts, as meta variables for finite sequences over \mathcal{L} . \square

Notation 1 Let $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$ be a frame, $\sigma, \tau \in \Sigma$ and $\phi, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \in \mathcal{L}$. Then

1. $\sigma \xrightarrow{\phi} \tau$ means that $(\sigma, \tau) \in [\phi]$
2. $\sigma \xrightarrow{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n} \tau$ means that $(\sigma, \tau) \in [\phi_1] \circ \dots \circ [\phi_n]$; here \circ is relational composition.
3. In a functional frame \mathcal{F} , we will also use the postfix notation $\sigma[\phi]$ for the result of applying the update function $[\phi]$ to the state σ . Thus in functional frames, $\sigma[\phi] = \tau$ means the same as $\sigma \xrightarrow{\phi} \tau$; and $\sigma[\phi_1] \dots [\phi_n] = \tau$ means the same as $\sigma \xrightarrow{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n} \tau$. \square

Definition 3 (Acceptation) Let $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$ be a frame, $\sigma \in \Sigma$, $\phi \in \mathcal{L}$. Then σ accepts ϕ , or ϕ is accepted in σ , whenever $\sigma \xrightarrow{\phi} \sigma$.
Notation: $\sigma \Vdash \phi$. \square

Definition 4 (Truth and Validity of Sequents) Let $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$ be a frame for \mathcal{L} , $\sigma \in \Sigma$ a state of \mathcal{F} . Then we define the truth of a sequent of \mathcal{L} in σ inductively on the number of premisses of the sequent as follows:

- $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models (\epsilon \Rightarrow \psi)$ iff $\sigma \Vdash \psi$
- $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models (\phi, X \Rightarrow \psi)$ iff $\forall \tau \mathcal{F}$: if $\sigma \xrightarrow{\phi} \tau$ then $\mathcal{F}, \tau \models (X \Rightarrow \psi)$

Sequent validity in \mathcal{F} means true in all states of \mathcal{F} ; notation: $\mathcal{F} \models (X \Rightarrow \psi)$. \square

Definition 5 (Update-Test Consequence) Let $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$ be a frame. Then $\models_2^{\mathcal{F}}$, or *Update-Test Consequence*,¹ is defined as: $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2^{\mathcal{F}} \psi$ iff for all σ : $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \Rightarrow \psi)$. \square

Definition 6 (Test Consequence) On any frame \mathcal{F} , the relation $\models_3^{\mathcal{F}}$ is defined as: $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_3^{\mathcal{F}} \psi$ iff for all σ , if $\sigma \Vdash \phi_1$ and ... and $\sigma \Vdash \phi_n$ then $\sigma \Vdash \psi$. This relation is called *Test Consequence*. \square

For the third we need an extra concept, that of a ‘minimal’ information state. This is just the standard notion of generator of a generated frame in modal logic.

Definition 7 A frame $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$ is *generated* if there is a unique state $\mathbf{0} \in \Sigma$ such that for each $\sigma \in \Sigma$, $\sigma = \mathbf{0}$ or there are $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \in \mathcal{L}$ such that $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n} \sigma$.² \square

Now the third consequence relation can now be defined as follows.

Definition 8 (Ignorant Consequence) Let \mathcal{F} be a generated frame with generator $\mathbf{0}$. Then $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_1^{\mathcal{F}} \psi$ if $\mathcal{F}, \mathbf{0} \models (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \Rightarrow \psi)$. \square

In relational frames, our definition of \models_2 is equivalent to

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2 \psi \text{ iff } rge([\phi_1] \circ \dots \circ [\phi_n]) \subseteq fix([\psi])$$

which is the notation of van Benthem (here \circ is relational composition, *rge* is the operation that assigns to each binary relation its range, and *fix* assigns to each binary relation its set of fixed points). And in functional frames, the definition of \models_2 simplifies to

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2 \psi \text{ iff for all } \sigma, \sigma[\phi_1] \dots [\phi_n] \Vdash \psi$$

which is Veltman’s notation in.

The three relations are related as follows.

¹This notion of logical consequence is called ‘Mixed Inference’ by van Benthem and Kanazawa. Here we have chosen for the more informative name that is due to van Eijck and de Vries ([9]). Notice that the subscripts of the consequence relations are chosen in such a way as to agree with the subscripting in [11].

²The functional generated frames are called ‘expressively complete update systems’ in the revised version of [11].

Proposition 1 (Connections)

1. On any any generated frame \mathcal{F} , if $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2^{\mathcal{F}} \psi$ then $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_1^{\mathcal{F}} \psi$.
2. On any frame \mathcal{F} , if $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2^{\mathcal{F}} \psi$ then $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_3^{\mathcal{F}} \psi$.
3. For any other (non-trivial) combination of $i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ there is a *functional* frame \mathcal{F} which distinguishes \models_i from \models_j .

Proof: Straightforward. □

On the other hand, under some special circumstances the three relations do coincide.

Proposition 2 (Restricted Connections) Let $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, ([\phi])_{\phi \in \mathcal{L}})$ be a generated frame. Suppose the following two conditions hold in \mathcal{F} :

- Idempotency: for all σ, τ, ϕ : if $\sigma \xrightarrow{\phi} \tau$ then $\tau \xrightarrow{\phi} \tau$
- Permutation: for all ϕ, ψ , $[\phi] \circ [\psi] = [\psi] \circ [\phi]$

Then the relations \models_1 , \models_2 and \models_3 coincide in \mathcal{F} .

Proof: For functional frames this was proven in [11] (see propositions 1.4 and 1.5 of that paper). But that proof doesn't depend on functionality, as can be seen as follows. By proposition 1.2 above we always have that $X \models_2 \psi$ implies that $X \models_3 \psi$. So we only need to show that $X \models_1 \psi$ implies that $X \models_2 \psi$, and that $X \models_3 \psi$ implies $X \models_1 \psi$. To see the former, suppose that $X \models_1 \psi$ and suppose that $\sigma \xrightarrow{X} \tau$; we want to show that $\tau \xrightarrow{\psi} \tau$. Since \mathcal{F} is generated there must be some finite sequence Y such that $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{Y} \sigma$; so $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{Y} \sigma \xrightarrow{X} \tau$. By Permutation there must be a σ' with $\mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{X} \sigma' \xrightarrow{Y} \tau$. By our assumption, $\sigma' \xrightarrow{\psi} \sigma'$, so $\sigma' \xrightarrow{\psi} \sigma' \xrightarrow{Y} \tau$, so again by Permutation, there is a τ' with $\sigma' \xrightarrow{Y} \tau' \xrightarrow{\psi} \tau$, so by Idempotency, $\tau \xrightarrow{\psi} \tau$, which we were after. The implication from $X \models_3 \psi$ to $X \models_1 \psi$ is proven in a similar vein. □

A kind of converse of this proposition can also be proven. Clearly, if the three consequence relations coincide in \mathcal{F} , then Idempotency holds, since always $\phi \models_3 \phi$, so $\phi \models_2 \phi$, and the latter is just a rephrasal of Idempotency. Permutation will hold 'up to equivalence': it need not hold in \mathcal{F} , but it is possible to construct an equivalent frame \mathcal{F}' (equivalent in the sense that $\models_i^{\mathcal{F}'} = \models_i^{\mathcal{F}}$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$) in which Permutation does hold, but we won't go into the details of this.

Moreover, \models_1 and \models_2 are clearly connected via the construction of generated subframes.

Proposition 3 If \mathcal{K} is a class of frames that is closed under generated subframes, then $\models_1^{\mathcal{K}}$ and $\models_2^{\mathcal{K}}$ are identical.

Proof: This follows from the generated subframe lemma of section 2.3. □

2.2 Structural Properties

The structural properties of Update-Test consequence were determined by van Benthem in [7]³. We produce a variant of his proof below. First notice the following. For any fixed set of formulae \mathcal{L} , consider the class \mathcal{K} of all frames for \mathcal{L} . Then for any $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \psi \in \mathcal{L}$, $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\models_2^{\mathcal{K}} \psi$, which is witnessed by the following counterframe on the natural numbers $\{0, \dots, n\}$:

$$0 \xrightarrow{\phi_1} 1 \longrightarrow \dots \longrightarrow n-1 \xrightarrow{\phi_n} n$$

Here all transitions are shown, so in particular it is not the case that $n \xrightarrow{\psi} n$. Since the frame pictured is generated and refutes the sequent $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \Rightarrow \psi$ at the root 0, this also shows that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\models_1^{\mathcal{K}} \psi$.⁴

Hence \models_1 and \models_2 have no valid sequents, in contrast to \models_3 , for which we do have valid sequents. The latter form a fairly trivial set: $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_3 \phi$ if and only if ϕ is one of the ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n (consider a frame with one state 0 such that $0 \xrightarrow{\psi} 0$ if and only if $\psi \in \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\}$ ⁵).

This is all as it should be: under the perspective that \mathcal{L} is the set of meta variables that refer to the formulae of some concrete language, we don't want that any sequent of the form $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ with different symbols ϕ and ψ is valid, since that would yield a trivial logic. We should of course focus on sequent-rules that preserve validity of structural sequents.

We consider Update-Test consequence first.

Definition 9 (Local and Global Sequent Consequence) Let S_1, \dots, S_n, S be sequents for some language \mathcal{L} and \mathcal{K} a class of frames for \mathcal{L} . Then

1. $\Gamma \models_{2l}^{\mathcal{K}} S$ if for all $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{K}$, and all states σ in \mathcal{F} , if $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models S_1$ and ... and $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models S_n$ then $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models S$. (Local Consequence).
2. $\Gamma \models_2^{\mathcal{K}} S$ if for all $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{K}$, if for all σ in \mathcal{F} : $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models S_1$ and ... and $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models S_n$ then for all σ in \mathcal{F} : $\mathcal{F}, \sigma \models S$. (Global Consequence). \square

The perspective in [7] is global, and that also seems to be the right perspective for actual completeness proofs for some specific system of update semantics. There we are interested in the set of sequents $Val(\mathcal{K}) = \{(X \Rightarrow \phi) \mid \models_2 X \Rightarrow \phi\}$ for some class \mathcal{K} . Of course, \models_{2l} and \models_2 are the same if there are no premiss-sequents, that is, $\models_{2l} X \Rightarrow \phi$ if and only if $\models_2 X \Rightarrow \phi$. But if we use a sequent calculus to axiomatize $Val(\mathcal{K})$, then this calculus will normally consists of axioms that must valid sequents, and rules that must preserve sequent validity, rather than sequent truth. So we take a global perspective.

³Also see [5] and [6] for observations on various other dynamic notions of consequence.

⁴These observations carry over quite easily if we only consider the functional frames. Take the frame of the text and notice that all relations there are partial functions. Then add one new state, say the natural number $n+1$, to the frame, and make the relations functions by adding transitions to this new state.

⁵Again, this argument carries over to functional frames with only a minor variation.

In [7] van Benthem showed that on the class of all frames \models_2 is completely determined by the rules Left Monotony and Cautious Cut:

$$\frac{X \Rightarrow \psi}{\phi X \Rightarrow \psi} \text{ LM}$$

$$\frac{X \Rightarrow \phi \quad X\phi Y \Rightarrow \psi}{XY \Rightarrow \psi} \text{ CC}$$

This was proven as follows. For any set of sequents Γ define a frame $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma) = (S, [\cdot])$ as follows:

- $S = \mathcal{L}^{<\omega}$ (the set of all finite sequences of variables in \mathcal{L})
- $[\phi] = \{(X, X) \mid \Gamma \vdash X \Rightarrow \phi\} \cup \{(X, X\phi) \mid X \in \mathcal{L}^{<\omega}\}$

where $\Gamma \vdash S$ means that S is derivable from Γ with only LM and CC. Completeness then follows from the observation that $\mathcal{F}(\Gamma), X \models Y \Rightarrow \psi$ if and only if $\Gamma \vdash XY \Rightarrow \psi$.

And on the restricted class of functional frames we get one extra rule, Cautious Monotony:

$$\frac{X \Rightarrow \phi \quad XY \Rightarrow \psi}{X\phi Y \Rightarrow \psi} \text{ CM}$$

Completeness can then be proven via the representation

$$[\phi] = \{(X, X) \mid \Gamma \vdash X \Rightarrow \phi\} \cup \{(X, X\phi) \mid \Gamma \not\vdash X \Rightarrow \phi\}$$

along similar lines as the previous case.

It turns out that the reason why van Benthem has different representations for the LM, CC case and the LM, CC, CM case was accidental. If we consider a larger class of frames than just the functions, we can use the same representation.

Definition 10

1. Let \mathcal{F} be a frame, and s and t states in \mathcal{F} . Then $s \leq t$ if for all sequents $X \Rightarrow p$, if $\mathcal{F}, s \models (X \Rightarrow p)$ then $\mathcal{F}, t \models (X \Rightarrow p)$.
2. \mathcal{LC} is the class of models \mathcal{F} that satisfy the following ‘loops condition’, for all variables p : if $s \xrightarrow{p} s$ and $s \xrightarrow{p} t$ then $s \leq t$. \square

Proposition 4 *CM* preserves sequent-truth in \mathcal{F} if and only if $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{LC}$.

Proof: suppose $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{LC}$, and let x be a state of \mathcal{F} such that

1. $\mathcal{F}, x \models X \Rightarrow p$
2. $\mathcal{F}, x \models XY \Rightarrow q$
3. $\mathcal{F}, x \not\models XpY \Rightarrow q$

By the last condition there must be states s, t, y such that

$$x \xrightarrow{X} s \xrightarrow{p} t \xrightarrow{Y} y$$

and not $y \xrightarrow{q} y$. By the first condition, $s \xrightarrow{p} s$, so by the fact that $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{LC}$, $s \leq t$. Since $\mathcal{F}, t \not\models Y \Rightarrow q$ this implies that $\mathcal{F}, s \not\models Y \Rightarrow q$, so $\mathcal{F}, x \not\models XY \Rightarrow q$, but this contradicts the second condition. So no state in \mathcal{F} satisfies all three conditions, so CM is true in \mathcal{F} .

Conversely, suppose $\mathcal{F} \notin \mathcal{LC}$. Then there are states s and t in \mathcal{F} and a variable p such that

$$s \xrightarrow{p} s, \quad s \xrightarrow{p} t, \quad \text{and } s \not\leq t$$

so for some $Y \Rightarrow q$, $\mathcal{F}, s \models Y \Rightarrow q$ but $\mathcal{F}, t \not\models Y \Rightarrow q$. But then we have that: $\mathcal{F}, s \models \epsilon \Rightarrow p$, $\mathcal{F}, s \models Y \Rightarrow q$, but $\mathcal{F}, s \not\models pY \Rightarrow q$, so CM is not true in \mathcal{F} . \square

We can now show that $\{LM, CC, CM\}$ is sound and complete for the \mathcal{LC} -frames. This is a consequence of the following more general proposition.

Proposition 5 Let \mathcal{R} be any set of sequent rules that includes LM and CC. For a set of sequents Δ define the model $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta)$ by

- $|\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta)|$ is the set of all finite sequences of variables
- variables are interpreted by:

$$q^* = \{(Y, Y) \mid \Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} Y \Rightarrow q\} \cup \{(Y, Yq) \mid Y \in |\mathcal{M}(\Delta)|\}$$

Then $\Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} X \Rightarrow p$ iff $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta) \models X \Rightarrow p$.

Proof: We first show that

$$\text{for all } YqX : \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta), X \Vdash Y \Rightarrow q \text{ iff } \Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} XY \Rightarrow q \quad (C)$$

by induction on the number of symbols in Y . If Y is empty this follows from the definition of $*$. So suppose (C) holds for all Y of length n , and all q, X . If $X \Vdash pY \Rightarrow q$ then $Xp \Vdash Y \Rightarrow q$ since $(X, Xp) \in p^*$, so by the IH, $\Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} XpY \Rightarrow q$.

Conversely, suppose $\Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} XpY \Rightarrow q$, then by the IH, $Xp \Vdash Y \Rightarrow q$. If $(X, X) \notin p^*$, then the only p -move from X is the one to Xp , so $X \Vdash pY \Rightarrow q$. If on the other hand $(X, X) \in p^*$, $\Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} X \Rightarrow p$. Since by assumption $\Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} XpY \Rightarrow q$ and $CC \in \mathcal{R}$, $\Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} XY \Rightarrow q$, so by the IH $X \Vdash Y \Rightarrow q$. Since there are only two p -moves from X in this case, to X and Xp , and at both X and Xp , $Y \Rightarrow q$ is true, it follows that $X \Vdash pY \Rightarrow q$.

By (C) we have that for all Y, q

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta), \epsilon \Vdash Y \Rightarrow q \text{ iff } \Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} Y \Rightarrow q$$

Notice that at this stage we already have a sufficiently strong result for completeness for Ignorant Consequence, as well as for local Update-Test consequence. For global consequence, we must use Left Monotonicity, of course. Now it easily follows from LM that

$$\Delta \vdash_{\mathcal{R}} Y \Rightarrow q \text{ iff for all } X : \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta), X \Vdash Y \Rightarrow q$$

so $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta) \models \Delta$. And if $\Delta \not\vdash_{\mathcal{R}} Y \Rightarrow q$ then $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta), \epsilon \not\Vdash Y \Rightarrow q$ so $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{R}}(\Delta) \not\models Y \Rightarrow q$. \square

So this construction is quite general after all: we only need LM and CC in the proof. And also, in the part that is sufficient for Ignorant Consequence, we need only CC.

Corollary 1 The structural rules of Ignorant Consequence are completely determined by Cautious Cut. \square

Now back to our claim about Cautious Monotony. If we now want to show completeness for $\{LM, CC, CM\}$ with respect to the class of frames \mathcal{LC} , the only thing that is left to show is that $\mathcal{M}_{\{LM, CC, CM\}}(\Delta)$ satisfies the loops condition. That is, we have to show that

if $(X, X) \in p^*$ and $(X, Y) \in p^*$ then $\forall Zq$: if $X \Vdash Z \Rightarrow q$ then $Y \Vdash Z \Rightarrow q$

Now by definition of p^* we know that $\Delta \vdash X \Rightarrow p$ and that $Y = Xp$ or $Y = X$. The case $Y = X$ is trivial, so suppose $Y = Xp$. From the truth lemma we've just proven it follows that if $X \Vdash Z \Rightarrow q$ then $\Delta \vdash XZ \Rightarrow q$. So by CM, $\Delta \vdash XpZ \Rightarrow q$, so again by the truth lemma, $Xp \Vdash Z \Rightarrow q$.

It now follows from this, and van Benthem's completeness result, that the class of functional frames and the class \mathcal{LC} have the same Update-Test logic. In the next section we will take a modeltheoretic perspective on this equivalence.

Van Benthem's result on Update Test-Consequence was extended by Kanazawa (in [3]) for a language that contains a binary connective \bullet that is explained semantically as relational composition (we discuss this system in section 2.4.3). Kanazawa also observed that the truth conditions of sequents as given by Update-Test Consequence enable a very simple translation into Propositional Dynamic Logic, namely

$$\mathcal{F}, s \models p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q \text{ iff } \mathcal{F}, s \models_{pdl} [p_1] \cdots [p_n] fix(q)$$

where fix is an operator that maps an action p to its set of fixed points. This may come as no surprise to the reader, since this observation motivated several of the definitions of the present paper, especially the very 'modal' like definition of sequent truth. In fact we will try to take the correspondence with modal logic a bit further, and see the above semantic correspondence with PDL as motivation for a way of proving completeness in a fashion that is similar to the Henkin construction in modal logic. This will be the subject of section 2.4.

2.3 Functional Frames

In this section we pay some special attention to functional frames. As we noted above, there are some much weaker constraints on the relations that nevertheless have the same structural logic as the functional frames. We first introduce some simple and familiar modeltheoretic constructions.

There are two natural notions of subframe in the present setting: the notion of generated subframe from modal logic, and the notion of submodel from first order logic.

Definition 11 Let $\mathcal{F}_1 = (S_1, [\cdot]_1)$ and $\mathcal{F}_2 = (S_2, [\cdot]_2)$ be frames. Then \mathcal{F}_1 is a *generated subframe* of \mathcal{F}_2 provided:

1. $S_1 \subseteq S_2$
2. there is a unique state $0 \in S_1$ such that for all $s \in S_2$, $s \in S_1$ if and only if there are $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \in \mathcal{L}$ such that $0 \xrightarrow{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n} s$ in \mathcal{F}_2
3. for all ϕ , $[\phi]_1 = [\phi]_2 \upharpoonright S_1$. □

So a generated subframe is a generated frame in the sense of section 2.1.

Proposition 6 (Generated Subframe Lemma) Suppose \mathcal{F}_1 is a generated subframe of \mathcal{F}_2 . Then for all states s in \mathcal{F}_1 and all sequents $X \Rightarrow p$:

$$\mathcal{F}_1, s \Vdash X \Rightarrow p \text{ iff } \mathcal{F}_2, s \Vdash X \Rightarrow p$$

Proof: Offers no problems. □

For the right to left direction of the lemma, the conditions on generated subframes can actually be weakened. The reason for this is that the only ‘formulas’ we have to look at are sequents, which are semantically explained by a universal quantification over possible futures. Hence leaving out some of the possible futures cannot make a true sequent false. Thus the notion of submodel from first order logic is also useful.

Definition 12 Let $\mathcal{F}_1 = (S_1, [\cdot]_1)$ and $\mathcal{F}_2 = (S_2, [\cdot]_2)$ be frames. Then \mathcal{F}_1 is a *subframe* of \mathcal{F}_2 provided:

1. $S_1 \subseteq S_2$
2. for all $\phi \in \mathcal{L}$, $[\phi]_1 = [\phi]_2 \upharpoonright S_1$ □

Proposition 7 (Subframe Lemma) Suppose \mathcal{F}_1 is a subframe of \mathcal{F}_2 . Then for all states s in \mathcal{F}_1 and all sequents $X \Rightarrow p$:

$$\text{if } \mathcal{F}_2, s \models X \Rightarrow p \text{ then } \mathcal{F}_1, s \models X \Rightarrow p$$

Proof: straightforward. □

The subframe relation has some useful applications.

Definition 13 Let $\mathcal{F} = (S, [\cdot])$ be a frame. Define the frame $\mathcal{F}_\perp = (S_\perp, [\cdot]_\perp)$ as follows:

1. $S_\perp = S \cup \{\perp\}$, for some object $\perp \notin S$
2. $[p]_\perp = [p] \cup \{(s, \perp) \mid s \notin do[p]\} \cup \{(\perp, \perp)\}$, for all $p \in \mathcal{L}$ □

This is similar to the familiar trick for making a partial function total by adding a value ‘undefined’.

Proposition 8

1. For all s in \mathcal{F} : $\mathcal{F}, s \models X \Rightarrow p$ iff $\mathcal{F}_\perp, s \models X \Rightarrow p$
2. $\mathcal{F} \models X \Rightarrow p$ iff $\mathcal{F}_\perp \models X \Rightarrow p$

Proof: since \mathcal{F} is a subframe of \mathcal{F}_\perp , the right to left direction of (1) is immediate from the Subframe Lemma. For the converse, use induction on the length of the sequent. Suppose $\mathcal{F}, s \models \epsilon \Rightarrow p$, then $s \xrightarrow{p} s$, so $s \xrightarrow{p} \perp s$, so $\mathcal{F}_\perp, s \models \epsilon \Rightarrow p$. Next suppose we have a sequent $qX \Rightarrow p$ with $n+1$ premiss occurrences, and suppose $\mathcal{F}, s \models qX \Rightarrow p$. Suppose $s \xrightarrow{q} \perp t$. If $t \in \mathcal{F}$ then by our assumption $\mathcal{F}, t \models X \Rightarrow p$, so by the induction hypothesis $\mathcal{F}_\perp, t \models X \Rightarrow p$. But if $t = \perp$ then also $\mathcal{F}_\perp, t \models X \Rightarrow p$, since all sequents are true at \mathcal{F}_\perp, \perp . The latter fact also suffices to derive (2) from (1). \square

This proposition has an interesting corollary.

Definition 14

1. LE is the class of frames in which every $[\phi]$ meets the following ‘loops are endpoints’ condition: if $s \xrightarrow{\phi} s$ and $s \xrightarrow{\phi} t$ then $s = t$.
2. $PFnc$ is the class of frames in which each ϕ is interpreted as a partial function.
3. Fnc is the class of functional frames. \square

Corollary 2 \models_2^{Fnc} and \models_2^{PFnc} coincide.

Proof: One direction is immediate from the fact that $Fnc \subseteq PFnc$. For the other direction, observe that if $\mathcal{F} \in PFnc$ then $\mathcal{F}_\perp \in Fnc$, so any counter frame in $PFnc$ can be turned into a counter frame in Fnc , by the previous proposition. \square

The operation of taking subframes also provides a simple technique of finding small counterframes. Suppose $\Delta \not\models_2 p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$, then for some \mathcal{F}, s we have $\mathcal{F}, s \not\models p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$. Then there must be a trace in \mathcal{F} that is a witness of the falsity of $p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$, that is there must be states s_0, \dots, s_n such that $s = s_0 \xrightarrow{p_1} s_1 \dots s_{n-1} \xrightarrow{p_n} s_n$, but not $s_n \xrightarrow{q} s_n$. Take this trace as a separate subframe, then this is a subframe of the original frame, so Δ is still valid, but $p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$ is still false in s .⁶

With minor modification, this idea also enables us to show that the class of partial functions can even be enlarged to LE without any loss:

Proposition 9 \models_2^{PFnc} and \models_2^{LE} coincide.

Proof: Since $PFnc \subseteq LE$, one half of this claim is obvious. We give a sketch of the other half. Suppose $\Gamma \not\models_2^{LE} p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$. Then there is an LE -frame

⁶Thus there are in principle good decidability prospects for \models_2 . By contrast, for the standard modal similarity type $\{\neg, \vee, \Box\}$, \models_2 (‘global frame consequence’) is undecidable. See [4, page 38].

\mathcal{F} with $\mathcal{F} \models \Gamma$, but for some state s in \mathcal{F} , $\mathcal{F}, s \not\models p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$. Consider the subframe \mathcal{F}_s generated by s , then $\mathcal{F}_s \models \Gamma$, but $\mathcal{F}_s, s \not\models p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$. Now use a minor variant of the technique of *unravelling* in modal logic: unravel this subframe in such a way that fixed points are *not* unravelled. Then pick out the falsifying trace in the unraveled frame. This will be a partial functional model: a situation in which $s \xrightarrow{p} t_1$ and $s \xrightarrow{p} t_2$, while both $t_1 \neq s$ and $t_2 \neq s$, cannot occur, since due to the nature of unraveling, one of t_1, t_2 will not be in the falsifying trace; and the fact that the original frame was in LE will make sure that if one of t_1 or t_2 equals s , they in fact both equal s . \square

However, the previous proposition is still not the final answer to the question what the class of *all* frames is for which CM is correct in the sense that it preserve \models_2 . As we saw in proposition 4 of the previous section, CM is also sound on the class \mathcal{LC} .

Proposition 10 $\models_2^{LE} = \models_2^{LC}$.

Proof: As $LE \subseteq LC$ it is clear that $\Gamma \models_2^{LC} S$ implies $\Gamma \models_2^{LE} S$. For the other direction a pure modeltheoretic explanation is yet to be found, but it turns out that our considerations on completeness of the previous section are sufficient: if $\Gamma \not\models_2^{LC} S$, then $\Gamma \not\models_{LM, CC, CM} S$, and it then follows from van Benthem's original proof that $\Gamma \not\models_2^{Fnc} S$, but $Fnc \subseteq LE$, so $\Gamma \not\models_2^{LE} S$. \square

2.4 Update-Test Consequence

2.4.1 Structural Completeness for Idempotent Updates: a General Method

The equivalence between the update-test semantics for sequents $p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q$ and the truth conditions in PDL of $[p_1] \cdots [p_n] fix(q)$ suggest that we set up the structural completeness proofs in the same way as we set up a Henkin completeness proof in modal logic. That is, the states of the canonical frame should be sets of sequents; and the actions should also be treated in the PDL fashion, by the above semantic correspondence: for sets of sequents Γ, Δ , and an action ϕ :

$$\Gamma \xrightarrow{\phi} \Delta \text{ iff for all } X, \psi : \text{if } (\phi X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Gamma \text{ then } (X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta$$

This will in principle only work if it is possible to identify states with the sequents that are true in it. Or in the terminology of modal logic, if it is always possible to pass from a model to an equivalent distinguished model. And the latter happens not be the case in the present setting, at least not in general, as we shall shortly see.

In modal logic, passing to a distinguished model is a special case of filtration. Let's copy the definition of filtration in modal logic (see [1]) to the present setting:

Definition 15 Given a frame $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, [\cdot])$ for some language \mathcal{L} , define a relation $\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}$ on the states of \mathcal{F} by

$$s \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} t \text{ iff for all } X, \phi \in \mathcal{L} : \mathcal{F}, s \models X \Rightarrow \phi \text{ iff } \mathcal{F}, t \models X \Rightarrow \phi$$

For any state s , define $\|s\|_{\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}} = \{t \in \Sigma \mid s \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} t\}$, and define $\Sigma / \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} = \{\|s\|_{\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}} \mid s \in \Sigma\}$. Then a frame $\mathcal{F}' = (\Sigma', [\cdot]')$ is a *filtration* of $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, [\cdot])$ provided $\Sigma' = \Sigma / \equiv_{\mathcal{F}}$, and the relations in \mathcal{F}' satisfy the two conditions:

1. if $s \xrightarrow{\phi} t$ in \mathcal{F} then $\|s\|_{\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}} \xrightarrow{\phi} \|t\|_{\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}}$ in \mathcal{F}'
2. if $\|s\|_{\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}} \xrightarrow{\phi} \|t\|_{\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}}$ in \mathcal{F}' then for all X, ψ : if $\mathcal{F}, s \models (\phi X \Rightarrow \psi)$ then $\mathcal{F}, t \models X \Rightarrow \psi$ □

Now of course we would like to prove the Filtration Lemma:

$$\text{for all } X, \phi : \mathcal{F}, s \models X \Rightarrow \phi \text{ iff } \mathcal{F}', \|s\| \models X \Rightarrow \phi$$

but the following example shows that this is not possible in general. Consider the following frame with two distinct states 1 and 2, and all arrows shown:

A one-state frame either has a reflexive p -arrow or not; if it has then $\epsilon \Rightarrow p$ is true, which is false in the original frame; if it hasn't, $p \Rightarrow p$ is (trivially) true, which is also false in the original frame.

The reason for this failure is clearly the special status that Update-Test Consequence gives to the reflexive arrows in the frames. In fact, there is a special condition on frames, which is only needed in the proof of the filtration lemma for the basic sequents of the form $\epsilon \Rightarrow \phi$, under which filtration is possible:

Definition 16 (Filtration Condition) An \mathcal{L} -frame $\mathcal{F} = (\mathcal{S}, [\cdot])$ satisfies the *Filtration Condition* if for all states $s \in \mathcal{S}$ and all $\phi \in \mathcal{L}$:

$$\text{if for all } X, \psi, \text{ if } \mathcal{F}, s \models \phi X \Rightarrow \psi \text{ then } \mathcal{F}, s \models X \Rightarrow \psi$$

$$\text{then } \mathcal{F}, s \models \epsilon \Rightarrow \phi$$

□

Lemma 1 (Restricted Filtration Lemma) Suppose that $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, [\cdot])$ satisfies the Filtration Condition and that $\mathcal{F}' = (\Sigma', [\cdot]')$ is a filtration of \mathcal{F} . Then

$$\text{for all } X, \phi : \mathcal{F}, s \models X \Rightarrow \phi \text{ iff } \mathcal{F}', \|s\|_{\equiv_{\mathcal{F}}} \models X \Rightarrow \phi$$

Proof: Offers no problems. □

Since Idempotency is equivalent with the validity of all sequents of the form $(X\phi \Rightarrow \phi)$, the following observation is straightforward.

Proposition 11 Idempotency implies the Filtration Condition. □

This suggests that a Henkin style method for proving completeness may work for Idempotent relations. Also, all actual systems of update semantics in [11] have the property of Idempotency, so any technique based on this constraint will be general enough to apply to all those systems.

We start from finitary deduction relations \vdash_d between sequents and show that, provided \vdash_d has some special properties, there exists a cononical frame \mathcal{F}_d . First some definitions.

Definition 17 Suppose d is a set of sequent rules with \vdash_d its associated finitary deduction relation between sequents.

1. d is *normal* if for all $p, X, q, X_1, \dots, X_n, q_1, \dots, q_n$:

$$\frac{X_1 \Rightarrow q_1, \dots, X_n \Rightarrow q_n \vdash_d X \Rightarrow q}{pX_1 \Rightarrow q_1, \dots, pX_n \Rightarrow q_n \vdash_d pX \Rightarrow q}$$

2. The *local part* of d is $d \setminus \{LM\}$.

3. d is *locally normal* if its local part is normal. □

We reflect on the force (or rather weakness) of the constraint of (local) normality later on. At present only notice that under the correspondence with PDL, normality is just the K -rule, which is satisfied by any normal modal operator.

Now define a notion of syntactic update on sets of sequents as follows.

Definition 18 For any set of sequents Γ , and any finite sequence X of \mathcal{L} , $\Gamma[[X]] =_{df} \{(Y \Rightarrow q) \mid (XY \Rightarrow q) \in \Gamma\}$. □

The idea is that $\Gamma[[X]]$ prescribes which sequents must be true after doing X in a state where all sequents in Γ are true.

Lemma 2 Suppose d is locally normal and has local part dl ; let Γ be a dl -theory. Then

1. $\Gamma \vdash_{dl} pX \Rightarrow q$ iff $\Gamma[[p]] \vdash_{dl} X \Rightarrow q$
2. $\Gamma[[p]]$ is a dl -theory

Proof: To see 1, suppose $\Gamma \vdash_{dl} pX \Rightarrow q$; then $(pX \Rightarrow q) \in \Gamma$ since Γ is a dl -theory, so $(X \Rightarrow q) \in \Gamma[[p]]$, so $\Gamma[[p]] \vdash_{dl} X \Rightarrow q$. The converse follows from normality. Now 2 follows from 1 and the assumption that Γ is a dl -theory. □

Lemma 3 Suppose that $LM \in d$, and that Γ is a d -theory. Then $\Gamma[[X]]$ is a local d -theory that extends Γ .

Proof: If dl is the local part of d , then $dl \subseteq d$, which implies that Γ is also a dl -theory. The first claim now follows from lemma 2.2; the second easily follows from LM. □

Next we define the canonical frame:

Definition 19 (Canonical Frame) Let d be a set of sequent rules with local part dl . Let Γ be a d -theory. Then the canonical frame $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma)$ is defined as $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma) = (\Sigma_d(\Gamma), [\cdot]_d)$, where

- $\Sigma_d(\Gamma) = \{\Gamma[[X]] \mid X \in \mathcal{L}^{<\omega}\}$
- $[\phi]_d = \{(\Delta, \Delta') \mid \Delta[[\phi]] \subseteq \Delta'\}$ □

Lemma 4 (Sequent Truth Lemma) Suppose \vdash_d is locally normal, and has Left Monotony, Cautious Cut and Reflexivity. Let dl be the local part of d . Then in $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma)$ the following hold:

1. $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Delta \models X \Rightarrow \phi$ iff $\Delta \vdash_{dl} X \Rightarrow \phi$
2. $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma) \models X \Rightarrow \phi$ iff $\Gamma \vdash_d X \Rightarrow \phi$

Proof: We show 1 with induction on the number of premisses of the sequent. Suppose that $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Delta \models \epsilon \Rightarrow \phi$. Then $\Delta \xrightarrow{\phi} \Delta$ so $\Delta[[\phi]] \subseteq \Delta$. By Reflexivity, $(\phi \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta$, so $(\epsilon \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta[[\phi]]$, so $(\epsilon \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta$. Conversely, suppose $(\epsilon \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta$. Let $(X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta[[\phi]]$, then $(\phi X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta$, so by CC, $(X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta$. This shows that $\Delta[[\phi]] \subseteq \Delta$ and hence that $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Delta \models \epsilon \Rightarrow \phi$.

For the induction step, suppose $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Delta \models \phi X \Rightarrow \psi$. By the previous two lemmas, $\Delta[[\phi]]$ is a dl -theory and in $\Sigma_d(\Gamma)$. Since $\Delta \xrightarrow{\phi} \Delta[[\phi]]$, our assumption implies $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Delta[[\phi]] \models X \Rightarrow \psi$. Hence by the induction hypothesis, $\Delta[[\phi]] \vdash_{dl} X \Rightarrow \psi$, so by lemma 2, $\Delta \vdash_{dl} \phi X \Rightarrow \psi$.

Conversely, if $\Delta \vdash_{dl} \phi X \Rightarrow \psi$ then $\Delta[[\phi]] \vdash_{dl} X \Rightarrow \psi$ by lemma 2. Then for all Δ' with $\Delta \xrightarrow{\phi} \Delta'$, $(X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta'$. But then the induction hypothesis gives that $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Delta \models \phi X \Rightarrow \psi$.

For 2, suppose that $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma) \models X \Rightarrow \phi$, then in particular $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Gamma \models X \Rightarrow \phi$ so $\Gamma \vdash_{dl} X \Rightarrow \phi$ by 1, so also $\Gamma \vdash_d X \Rightarrow \phi$. Conversely, if $\Gamma \vdash_d X \Rightarrow \phi$ then for all Y , $(YX \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Gamma$ by LM and the fact that Γ is a d -theory. Now any Δ in the frame is of the form $\Gamma[[Y]]$ for some Y , so $(X \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta$ for all Δ , so by 1, $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma), \Delta \models X \Rightarrow \phi$ for all Δ , so $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma) \models X \Rightarrow \phi$. □

Lemma 5 (Structure Lemma) All relations $[\phi]_d$ in $\mathcal{C}_d(\Gamma)$ are idempotent.

Proof: since then $(\phi \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta$ for all Δ in the frame, the sequent truth lemma yields idempotency. □

As to the status of the constraint of normality: consider any class of frames \mathcal{K} ; let \mathcal{K}_{gen} be the closure of \mathcal{K} under generated subframes. Since the generation theorem holds for our sequent semantics (see the previous section), we have that the local consequence relations $\models_{2l}^{\mathcal{K}}$ and $\models_{2l}^{\mathcal{K}_{gen}}$ are the same. Now it is simple to show that $\models_{2l}^{\mathcal{K}_{gen}}$ is normal. Thus,

Proposition 12 If a deduction relation \vdash_d is sound and complete for $\models_{2l}^{\mathcal{K}}$, then \vdash_d is normal. □

It is at present not clear whether something similar holds for global consequence:

Conjecture 1 If \vdash_d is sound and complete for $\models_2^{\mathcal{K}}$, then \vdash_d is locally normal.

If the conjecture is true then the assumption of local normality in our completeness construction is quite weak. A possible route of proving the conjecture would be to transform \vdash_d into a normal form consisting of the rule LM plus some set of rules that are sound for local consequence.

2.4.2 Functional Idempotent Updates

The above method can be specialized to the case that also the rule Cautious Monotony:

$$\frac{X \Rightarrow p \quad XY \Rightarrow q}{XpY \Rightarrow q} \text{ CM}$$

is present. Of course the previous method is still available, and it will yield a canonical frame that satisfies the Loops Condition (see section 2.3). But now there is the possibility of making the relations functional in the canonical frame, by letting the relations in the frame coincide with the syntactic updates.

Definition 20 (Functional Canonical Frame) Let d be a set of sequent rules with local part dl . Let Γ be a d -theory. Then the functional canonical frame $\mathcal{F}_d(\Gamma)$ is defined as $\mathcal{F}_d(\Gamma) = (\Sigma_d(\Gamma), [\cdot]_d)$, where

- $\Sigma_d(\Gamma) = \{\Gamma[[X]] \mid X \in \mathcal{L}^{<\omega}\}$
- $[\phi]_d = \{(\Delta, \Delta') \mid \Delta[[\phi]] = \Delta'\}$ □

It is immediately clear that all relations are functions in \mathcal{F}_d , so the question arises where the rule CM actually comes in. This turns out to be only in the atomic case of the sequent truth lemma, where we have to show that

$$\mathcal{F}_d, \Delta \models \epsilon \Rightarrow \phi \text{ iff } \Delta \vdash_{dl} \epsilon \Rightarrow \phi$$

which comes down to proving that

$$\Delta[[\phi]] = \Delta \text{ iff } (\epsilon \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta$$

Now the inclusion $\Delta[[\phi]] \subseteq \Delta$ is proven just as in the general case with RR and CC, but for the converse $\Delta \subseteq \Delta[[\phi]]$ we need CRM. Suppose $(\epsilon \Rightarrow \phi) \in \Delta$, and let $(X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta$, then by CM, $(\phi X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta$, so $(X \Rightarrow \psi) \in \Delta[[\phi]]$.

The rest of the proof remains as before.

Lemma 6 (Functional Sequent Truth Lemma) Suppose \vdash_d is locally normal, and has LM, CC, RR and CM. Let dl be the local part of d . Then in $\mathcal{F}_d(\Gamma)$ the following hold:

1. $\mathcal{F}_d(\Gamma), \Delta \models X \Rightarrow \phi$ iff $\Delta \vdash_{dl} X \Rightarrow \phi$
2. $\mathcal{F}_d(\Gamma) \models X \Rightarrow \phi$ iff $\Gamma \vdash_d X \Rightarrow \phi$

Proof: see the general case for the remaining details. □

2.4.3 Extension to Systems with Connectives

Ideally, we would like to see the methods of the previous two sections to be the basis of completeness theorems for actual semantic systems in which there are also connectives present. We will first treat an example, and then set out a general pattern.

In [3], Kanazawa gives a completeness result for a language with only a binary connective \bullet , which is semantically explained as relational composition.

Definition 21 (Language and Semantics) The language is now complex, and is the closure of some set of atoms \mathcal{A} under the binary connective \bullet . The frames are as before structures $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, [\cdot])$, but with the understanding that $[\cdot]$ now only interprets atomic formulae as arbitrary binary relations over Σ , and that this interpretation is inherited by complex formulae $\phi \bullet \psi$ via the stipulation $[\phi \bullet \psi] =_{df} [\phi] \circ [\psi]$. \square

Now Kanazawa proves that \models_2 over the class of all frames is completely axiomatized by the following sequent calculus $\mathcal{M}(\bullet)$:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{X \Rightarrow \psi}{\phi X \Rightarrow \psi} [LM] \qquad \frac{X \Rightarrow \phi \quad X \phi Y \Rightarrow \psi}{XY \Rightarrow \psi} [CC] \\
\\
\frac{X \phi \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi}{X \phi \bullet \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi} [\bullet \Rightarrow_1] \qquad \frac{X \phi \bullet \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi}{X \phi \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi} [\bullet \Rightarrow_2] \\
\\
\frac{X \Rightarrow \phi \quad X \Rightarrow \psi}{X \Rightarrow \phi \bullet \psi} [\Rightarrow \bullet_1] \qquad \frac{X \phi \Rightarrow \psi \quad X \Rightarrow \phi \bullet \chi}{X \Rightarrow (\phi \bullet \psi) \bullet \chi} [\Rightarrow \bullet_2] \\
\\
\frac{X \Rightarrow \phi[\alpha \bullet (\beta \bullet \gamma)]}{X \Rightarrow \phi[(\alpha \bullet \beta) \bullet \gamma]} [\Rightarrow Assoc \bullet] \quad \downarrow \uparrow \text{ both ways}
\end{array}$$

Now consider a variant $\mathcal{I}(\bullet)$ of this calculus, with Reflexivity added:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\overline{X \phi \Rightarrow \phi} \quad RR \\
\\
\frac{X \Rightarrow \psi}{\phi X \Rightarrow \psi} [LM] \qquad \frac{X \Rightarrow \phi \quad X \phi Y \Rightarrow \psi}{XY \Rightarrow \psi} [CC] \\
\\
\frac{X \phi \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi}{X \phi \bullet \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi} [\bullet \Rightarrow_1] \qquad \frac{X \phi \bullet \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi}{X \phi \psi Y \Rightarrow \chi} [\bullet \Rightarrow_2]
\end{array}$$

From the form of the rules it follows that the calculus $\mathcal{I}(\bullet)$ is locally normal. Also notice that there are only two rules left for \bullet , but that the other \bullet -rules of $\mathcal{M}(\bullet)$ are derivable in $\mathcal{I}(\bullet)$ with the help of Reflexivity and Cautious Cut. We leave the verification of this to the reader.

Since $\mathcal{I}(\bullet)$ is locally normal, and has CC and RR for all formulae we can define the canonical frame just as before, where the atomic relations are defined by

$$\Gamma \xrightarrow{p} \Delta \text{ iff } \Gamma[[p]] \subseteq \Delta$$

Now all constructions and proofs carry over provided we can also show for *all* formulae that

$$\Gamma \xrightarrow{\phi} \Delta \text{ iff } \Gamma[[\phi]] \subseteq \Delta$$

especially for complex formulae involving \bullet . This essentially boils down to proving that

$$\Gamma[[\phi \bullet \psi]] = \Gamma[[\phi]][[\psi]]$$

which is straightforward given the rules for \bullet . We leave the details to the reader.

There is one aspect in which this example of a system with connectives is not representative, and that is the fact that in the semantic explanation of \bullet as relational composition no specific structure of the state space is used. Thus in order to prove that the canonical frame has the right structural properties we only have to show Idempotency of the relations, which simply follows from the fact that the Reflexivity rule holds for all formulae. If on the other hand we have a semantics that uses some algebraic structure over the state space in the semantic explanation of some connectives, the proof that the canonical frame reproduces this algebraic structure may be quite involved.

The general outline of our technique for a system with connectives is as follows. Suppose we have a language \mathcal{L} , which is the closure over a set of atoms \mathcal{A} under the connectives c_1, \dots, c_n which have arity a_1, \dots, a_n , respectively. We want to prove completeness of some calculus \vdash_d for some class \mathcal{K} of frames $\mathcal{F} = (\Sigma, f_1, \dots, f_n, [\cdot])$ that interpret connective c_i by the operation f_i via the stipulation that

$$[c_i(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{a_i})] = f_i([\phi_1], \dots, [\phi_{a_i}])$$

Then it seems that our structural completeness method can be specialized as follows.

The basic assumptions that have to obtain are:

Basic Assumptions:

- Deduction Calculus: \vdash_d is locally normal, and has *LM*, *CC* and *RR*.
- Semantics: in any frame in \mathcal{K} , each $[\phi]$ is an idempotent relation

We define the ‘base’ of the canonical frame as before: Σ_d is the set of all d -theories, and atoms p are interpreted by $[p]_d = \{(\Gamma, \Delta) \mid \Gamma[[p]] \subseteq \Delta\}$.

Then the two essential lemmas that have to be proven are

Structure Lemma: there are operations f_i such that $\mathcal{C}_d = (\Sigma_d, f_1, \dots, f_n, [\cdot]_d)$ is a frame of \mathcal{K} .

Dynamic Valuation Lemma: In the canonical frame \mathcal{C}_d we have for *all* formulae ϕ that

$$\Gamma \xrightarrow{\phi} \Delta \text{ iff } \Gamma[[\phi]] \subseteq \Delta$$

This latter lemma together with the basic assumptions will enable you to prove the Sequent Truth Lemma just as before, and then the Structure Lemma

and standard argumentation yield completeness. The logical rules of \vdash_d for the connectives will of course play a major role in the proofs of the Structure Lemma and the Dynamic Valuation Lemma.

Ideally, the completeness proofs in the next sections of the actual update systems with Update-Test Consequence should be dressed in the above format. Though we presently think that this is a viable way, we have not yet found a smooth way of reproducing the algebraic structure which is needed in the proof of the structure lemma. For this reason we have chosen to give the original proofs of [10], rather than messy proofs in the general format.

3 The *might*-systems

3.1 Semantics

We review the definitions of the update semantics of *might* from [11].

Definition 22 (Language) Given a finite set of atoms \mathcal{A} , $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathcal{A}}$ is the closure of \mathcal{A} under the Boolean connectives \neg, \vee, \wedge . $\mathcal{L}_1^{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{L}_0^{\mathcal{A}} \cup \{\text{might } \phi \mid \phi \in \mathcal{L}_0^{\mathcal{A}}\}$. \square

So *might* only occurs as outermost operator.

Definition 23 (Semantics) Given a finite set of atoms \mathcal{A} , the set of possible worlds for \mathcal{A} is $\mathcal{W} =_{df} Pow(\mathcal{A})$. The set of information states is $\Sigma =_{df} Pow(\mathcal{W})$. The minimal information state is $\mathbf{0} =_{df} \mathcal{W}$. The update functions are inductively defined as functions from states to states as follows:

1. $\sigma[p] = \{w \in \sigma \mid p \in w\}$
2. $\sigma[\neg\phi] = \sigma \setminus \sigma[\phi]$
3. $\sigma[\phi \wedge \psi] = \sigma[\phi] \cap \sigma[\psi]$
4. $\sigma[\phi \vee \psi] = \sigma[\phi] \cup \sigma[\psi]$
5. $\sigma[\text{might } \phi] = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } \sigma[\phi] = \emptyset \\ \sigma & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

\square

So in the terminology of section 2 we have defined one specific functional generated frame $\mathcal{U} = (\Sigma, [\cdot])$. Apply the three definitions of consequence to this frame and what we get is:

Definition 24 (Consequence)

1. $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_1 \psi$ iff $\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] \Vdash \psi$
2. $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2 \psi$ iff for all σ , $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] \Vdash \psi$
3. $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_3 \psi$ iff for all σ , if $\sigma \Vdash \phi_1, \dots, \sigma \Vdash \phi_n$ then $\sigma \Vdash \psi$

3.2 Three sequent calculi

We present the three sequent calculi of [10]. As to the differences between the three logics of *might*, observe that

$$\neg p, \text{might } p \models_2 \perp \text{ and } \text{might } p, \neg p \not\models_2 \perp$$

but

$$\neg p, \text{might } p \models_3 \perp \text{ and } \text{might } p, \neg p \models_3 \perp$$

So \models_2 and \models_3 are different, and Permutation fails for \models_2 . In fact it will be a property of the layout of the sequents systems given below for \models_2 and \models_3 that they only differ in the structural inference rules.

Also, \models_1 is distinct from \models_2 , since

$$p \models_1 \text{might } q, \text{ but } p \not\models_2 \text{might } q$$

In fact it is not hard to show that for \mathcal{L}_0 conclusions ψ , \models_1 and \models_2 behave the same:

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_1 \psi \text{ iff } \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2 \psi$$

This fact will also be reflected in the systems below: the systems for \models_1 and \models_2 will only differ in the right-introducing *might*-rules.

We treat the structural rules first. Consider these five rules:

$$\frac{}{\overline{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi}} \text{RR} \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi \quad \Pi, \phi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} \text{CC} \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi \quad \Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi, \phi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} \text{CM}$$

$$\frac{\Pi, \phi, \psi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \chi}{\Pi, \psi, \phi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \chi} \text{PERM} \quad \frac{\Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi, \phi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} \text{Mon}$$

These are divided over the three systems as follows:

- \vdash_1 : RR, CC, CM, Perm for $\phi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$, Mon for $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$ or $\phi = \text{might } \chi$.
- \vdash_2 : the same as for \vdash_1 .
- \vdash_3 : RR, CC, CM, Perm, Mon.⁷

What may be surprising about the system \vdash_2 is that in this presentation, Left Monotonicity is not a rule, while we have seen in section 2 that it is a characteristic rule for Update-Test Consequence. But it turns out that LM is admissible for \vdash_2 . We will prove this after we have presented the whole system.

All three systems contain the same, classical, rules for the Boolean connectives. In these rules all formulae involved must be \mathcal{L}_0 formulae:

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi \quad \Pi \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi \wedge \psi} \text{R}\wedge \quad \frac{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \chi}{\Pi, \phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \chi} \text{L}\wedge 1 \quad \frac{\Pi, \psi \Rightarrow \chi}{\Pi, \phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \chi} \text{L}\wedge 2$$

⁷Of course, CM is not really needed for \vdash_3 since it follows from Mon; the rule is included to facilitate comparison with the other systems.

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi}{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi \vee \psi} R\vee 1 \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi \vee \psi} R\vee 2 \quad \frac{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \chi \quad \Pi, \psi \Rightarrow \chi}{\Pi, \phi \vee \psi \Rightarrow \chi} L\vee$$

$$\frac{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \perp}{\Pi \Rightarrow \neg\phi} L\neg \quad \frac{}{\Pi, \phi, \neg\phi \Rightarrow \perp} PC \quad \frac{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \chi}{\Pi, \neg\neg\phi \Rightarrow \chi} \neg\neg$$

Actually the condition that all formulae involved must be \mathcal{L}_0 can be weakened in several cases, but for reasons of uniformity we have chosen not to, since these are not the same cases for all three systems. One example of a rule in which the condition is necessary is the left \vee -rule in the case of \vdash_3 : we have both $\neg p, \text{might } p \vdash_3 p$ and $p, \text{might } p \vdash_3 p$; but an unrestricted left \vee -rule would then imply that $p \vee \neg p, \text{might } p \vdash_3 p$, hence $\text{might } p \vdash_3 p$, but $\text{might } p \not\vdash_3 p$.

Finally the *might*-rules. For \vdash_1 these are:

$$\frac{\Delta \Rightarrow \phi_1 \dots \Delta \Rightarrow \phi_n \quad \Delta \Rightarrow \psi}{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi} \Delta \quad \frac{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \perp}{\Pi, \text{might } \phi \Rightarrow \perp} Lm\perp \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \perp}{\Pi \Rightarrow \psi} m - efsq$$

In the first rule, Δ has to be a diagram (a formula that picks out a unique world, see definition 25 below), and $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. The Ex Falso rule is already derivable from the logical rules for $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$, but is also needed for $\psi = \text{might } \chi$.

\vdash_2 and \vdash_3 have the same logical rules for *might*, namely:

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi}{\Pi \Rightarrow \text{might } \phi} Rm \quad \frac{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \perp}{\Pi, \text{might } \phi \Rightarrow \perp} Lm\perp \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \perp}{\Pi \Rightarrow \psi} m - efsq$$

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi \quad \Pi, \psi \Rightarrow \phi}{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi} m - Mon \quad \frac{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi, \text{might } \phi \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi} LRm$$

We leave the verification of soundness to the reader.

Theorem 1 (Soundness) If $\vdash_i \Pi \Rightarrow \phi$ then $\Pi \models_i \phi$, for $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$. \square

We will now show that *LM* is an admissible rule for \vdash_2 . Any instance of *LM* of the form $\Sigma \Rightarrow \psi / \text{might } \phi \Sigma \Rightarrow \psi$ is just a special case of *Mon*. So it remains to prove the case in which we add an \mathcal{L}_0 -premiss.

Lemma 7 If $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$ and $\vdash_2 \Pi \Rightarrow \psi$ then $\vdash_2 \phi, \Pi \Rightarrow \psi$.

Proof: Induction on the length of the derivation. If $\Pi \Rightarrow \psi$ is an axiom (*RR* or *PC*) then $\phi\Pi \Rightarrow \psi$ is also an axiom since $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. For the induction step use the induction hypothesis and the fact that in every rule of \vdash_2 , all sequents involved in that rule have the same left context ‘ Π ’, possibly constrained to be \mathcal{L}_0 ; but since $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$, replacing the context ‘ Π ’ by ‘ $\phi\Pi$ ’ will also yield an instance of the rule. \square

That we have full Left Monotony also implies that for pure \mathcal{L}_0 -sequents we also have full Monotony:

$$\frac{\Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi}{\phi, \Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} LM$$

$$\frac{\phi, \Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi, \phi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} Perm$$

And also for L_0 -sequents we have that the normal Cut rule is derivable:

$$\frac{\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi \quad \frac{\phi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi, \phi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} LM}{\Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} CC}{\Pi, \Pi' \Rightarrow \psi} CC$$

These two facts imply, amongst other things, the following.

Proposition 13 For any \mathcal{L}_0 -sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \phi$ such that $\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \phi$ in classical logic, also $\vdash_i \Pi \Rightarrow \phi$ for $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$.

Proof: Left to the reader. \square

In fact the converse is also true.

In order to make sense of the *might*-rules for \vdash_1 , we must say what a diagram is.

Definition 25 Fix some enumeration p_1, \dots, p_n of the finite set of atoms \mathcal{A} . Then a *diagram* is a sequence $\Delta = \delta_1, \dots, \delta_n$ such that either $\delta_i = p_i$ or $\delta_i = \neg p_i$. If w is a possible world then its associated diagram Δ_w satisfies $\delta_i = p_i$ iff $p_i \in w$. \square

We stated before that the *might*-rules of \vdash_2 are derived rules of \vdash_1 . This can be shown by first observing that

$$\text{if } \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \psi \not\vdash_1 \perp \text{ then } \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi \quad (F)$$

This fact (F) is specific for \vdash_1 and will be proven in section 3.4.

Proposition 14 *Rm*, *LRm* and *m - Mon* are derived rules of \vdash_1 .

Proof: For *Rm*, suppose that $\Pi \vdash_1 \phi$. If $\Pi \vdash_1 \perp$ then by *m-efsq*, $\Pi \vdash_1 \text{might } \phi$. On the other hand, if $\Pi \not\vdash_1 \perp$ then by *CC* and our assumption, $\Pi, \phi \not\vdash_1 \perp$, so by fact (F) above, $\Pi \vdash_1 \text{might } \phi$.

For *LRm*, suppose that $\Pi, \phi \vdash_1 \psi$, and first consider the case that $\Pi, \phi \vdash_1 \perp$. Then by *Lm* \perp and *m-efsq*, $\Pi, \text{might } \phi \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$. next consider the case that $\Pi, \phi \not\vdash_1 \perp$, then by fact (F), $\Pi \vdash_1 \text{might } \phi$. Now consider the following derivation:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Pi, \text{might } \phi, \psi \Rightarrow \perp \quad \Pi \Rightarrow \text{might } \phi}{\Pi, \psi \Rightarrow \perp} CC}{\Pi, \phi, \psi \Rightarrow \perp} Mon \quad \Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi \phi \Rightarrow \perp} CC$$

The application of *Mon* is warranted since \perp is an \mathcal{L}_0 formula. The derivation shows that under our current assumptions, $\Pi, \text{might } \phi, \psi \not\vdash_1 \perp$, so by fact (F), $\Pi, \text{might } \phi \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$, which we were after.

To see that *m - Mon* holds, assume that $\Pi \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$ and $\Pi, \psi \vdash_1 \phi$. In case that $\Pi, \phi, \psi \not\vdash_1 \perp$, the fact (F) proves that $\Pi, \phi \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$. The case that

$\Pi, \phi, \psi \vdash_1 \perp$ is proven by the following derivation:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\Pi, \phi, \psi \Rightarrow \perp}{\Pi, \psi, \phi \Rightarrow \perp} \text{Perm} \quad \Pi, \psi \Rightarrow \phi}{\Pi, \psi \Rightarrow \perp} \text{CC}}{\frac{\Pi, \text{might } \psi \Rightarrow \perp} \text{Lm}\perp} \quad \Pi \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi}{\frac{\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \perp}{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \perp} \text{Mon}}{\Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi} \text{m-efsq}} \text{CC}$$

□

We end this section by proving some lemmas on diagrams that hold for all three systems and that will play a role in the completeness proofs to be given below. Informally, the reason that these lemmas hold for all three systems is that they only involve the Boolean rules (which are the same for all three systems) and the weak forms of the structural rules. In the following four lemmas, \vdash is any of the three consequence relations described above.

Lemma 8 Let Δ be a diagram.

1. $\Delta \not\vdash \perp$
2. for every $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$, $\Delta \vdash \phi$ or $\Delta, \phi \vdash \perp$
3. (a) $\Delta \vdash p$ iff p occurs in Δ
 (b) $\Delta \vdash \phi \wedge \psi$ iff $\Delta \vdash \phi$ and $\Delta \vdash \psi$
 (c) $\Delta \vdash \phi \vee \psi$ iff $\Delta \vdash \phi$ or $\Delta \vdash \psi$
 (d) $\Delta \vdash \neg\phi$ iff $\Delta, \phi \vdash \perp$

Proof: Item 1 follows from the soundness theorem(s). 2 is proven by induction on ϕ ; we do two cases. If ϕ is atomic, say $\phi = p$, then we have that either p or $\neg p$ occurs in Δ ; if p occurs in Δ then $\Delta \vdash p$ by *RR* and *Perm*; and if $\neg p$ occurs in Δ then $\Delta, p \vdash \perp$ by *PC* and *Perm*. Suppose $\phi = \psi \vee \chi$, and assume $\Delta \not\vdash \psi \vee \chi$, then by the right \vee rules, $\Delta \not\vdash \psi$, and $\Delta \not\vdash \chi$, so by the induction hypothesis, $\Delta, \psi \vdash \perp$ and $\Delta, \chi \vdash \perp$, so by the left \vee -rule, $\Delta, \psi \vee \chi \vdash \perp$. The other cases are similar.

Item 3 is also relatively straightforward, and we do only one case by way of illustration. Suppose $\Delta \vdash \phi \vee \psi$, but $\Delta \not\vdash \phi$ and $\Delta \not\vdash \psi$, then by 2, $\Delta, \phi \vdash \perp$ and $\Delta, \psi \vdash \perp$, so by the left \vee rule, $\Delta, \phi \vee \psi \vdash \perp$; but now *CC* and our assumption yield that $\Delta \vdash \perp$ which contradicts 1. □

Lemma 9 Let $\sigma \subseteq \mathcal{W}$ and $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. Then $\sigma[\phi] = \{w \in \sigma \mid \Delta_w \vdash \phi\}$.

Proof: By induction on ϕ and the previous lemma. □

Lemma 10 Suppose $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \in \mathcal{L}_0$ and $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\vdash \perp$. Then there exists a diagram Δ such that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \Delta \not\vdash \perp$, and $\Delta \vdash \phi_i$ for every ϕ_i .

Proof: Assume some enumeration p_1, \dots, p_k of the set of atoms \mathcal{A} . Define $\Delta = \delta_1, \dots, \delta_k$ by

$$\delta_{i+1} = \begin{cases} p_{i+1} & \text{if } \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_i, p_{i+1} \not\vdash \perp \\ \neg p_{i+1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Assume as induction hypothesis $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_i \not\vdash \perp$. Now suppose that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_{i+1} \vdash \perp$. Then $\delta_{i+1} = \neg p_{i+1}$ and both

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_i, p_{i+1} \vdash \perp \text{ and } \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_i, \neg p_{i+1} \vdash \perp$$

so

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_i, p_{i+1} \vee \neg p_{i+1} \vdash \perp$$

Since everything is \mathcal{L}_0 , we have (from classical logic) that

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \delta_1, \dots, \delta_i \vdash p_{i+1} \vee \neg p_{i+1}$$

Hence by Cautious Cut, a contradiction with the induction hypothesis arises.

This establishes that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \Delta \not\vdash \perp$. Now by lemma 8, either $\Delta \vdash \phi_i$ or $\Delta, \phi_i \vdash \perp$. But the latter would imply, with Mon for \mathcal{L}_0 -conclusions and Perm, that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \Delta \vdash \perp$. So $\Delta \vdash \phi_i$. \square

Lemma 11 Suppose $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\vdash \perp$. Then

$$\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] = \{w \mid \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \Delta_w \not\vdash \perp\}$$

where $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$ are the \mathcal{L}_0 -formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n .

Proof: Induction on n . If $n = 0$, we have that $\mathbf{0} = \mathcal{W} = \{w \in \mathcal{W} \mid \Delta_w \not\vdash \perp\}$.

In the case that $n = m + 1$ we consider two cases. Case 1: $\phi_{m+1} \in \mathcal{L}_0$. Let $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j$ be the \mathcal{L}_0 -formulae among ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_m . Suppose that $w \in \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_{m+1}]$. By lemma 9 this is equivalent to

$$w \in \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_m] \text{ and } \Delta_w \vdash \phi_{m+1}$$

By the induction hypothesis this is equivalent to

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j, \Delta_w \not\vdash \perp \text{ and } \Delta_w \vdash \phi_{m+1}$$

By the structural rules CC and CM, the latter is equivalent to

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j, \phi_{m+1}, \Delta_w \not\vdash \perp$$

which we were after.

Case 2: $\phi_{m+1} = \text{might } \psi$. First suppose that $\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_m][\psi] = \emptyset$. Then by lemma 9 there are no worlds w such that $w \in \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_m]$ and $\Delta_w \vdash \psi$. So by the induction hypothesis, there is no w such that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j, \Delta_w \not\vdash \perp$ and $\Delta_w \vdash \psi$. This means that for every diagram Δ we have that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j, \psi, \Delta \vdash \perp$ so by lemma 10, $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j, \psi \vdash \perp$; but then by the *might*-rule $ml\perp$ we have $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_j, \text{might } \psi \vdash \perp$, so by Mon, $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_{m+1} \vdash \perp$, contradiction.

Next suppose that $\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_m][\psi] \neq \emptyset$. Then $\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_m][\text{might } \psi] = \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_1]$, and we can apply the induction hypothesis. \square

3.3 The Update-Test Logic of *might*

3.3.1 Completeness

Theorem 2 If $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_2 \psi$ then $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_2 \psi$.

Proof: Suppose that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\vdash_2 \psi$. Let $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$ be the \mathcal{L}_0 formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n , and distinguish two cases about complexity of ψ .

Case 1: $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. We want to show that for some σ , $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] \not\models \psi$; we will actually show that we can take $\sigma = \mathbf{0}$ in this case. Observe that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \neg\psi \not\vdash_2 \perp$, since otherwise $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \vdash_2 \psi$ and then by monotony for \mathcal{L}_0 conclusions $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_2 \psi$, contrary to our assumption. So $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \neg\psi \not\vdash_2 \perp$, so by lemma 8 and lemma 10, there must be some diagram Δ_w such that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \Delta_w \not\vdash_2 \psi$. But then by lemma 11, $w \in \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n]$, but by lemma 9, $w \notin \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n][\psi]$.

Case 2: $\psi = \text{might } \chi$. Define a state σ by

$$\sigma = \mathbf{0}[\neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi)]$$

We will show that $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] \not\models \text{might } \chi$. This will be true if

1. $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] \neq \emptyset$
2. $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n][\chi] = \emptyset$

It is easy to see that 2 must hold: since $\neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi), \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \chi \vdash_2 \perp$, Mon for \mathcal{L}_0 -conclusions yields that $\neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi), \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \chi \vdash_2 \perp$, and then 2 follows from soundness.

To see 1 we make the following claim: if $j \leq n$, and $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i$ are the \mathcal{L}_0 -formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_j , in the order in which they occur, then

$$\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_j] = \{w \mid \neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi), \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \Delta_w \not\vdash_2 \perp\}$$

We now first show that this is sufficient for 1. Suppose that $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] = \emptyset$; then by the claim and lemma 10, $\neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi), \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \vdash_2 \perp$. But then the negation and conjunction rules imply that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \vdash_2 \chi$, so by Mon for \mathcal{L}_0 -conclusions, $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_2 \chi$, so $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_2 \text{might } \chi$ by *might*-introduction.

Finally we show the claim by induction on j . If $j = 0$ the claim reduces to lemma 11 if we can show that $\neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi) \not\vdash_2 \perp$. But if $\neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi) \vdash_2 \perp$ then $\vdash_2 (\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi)$, so $\vdash_2 \chi$, so $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_2 \chi$, so $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_2 \text{might } \chi$, which contradicts our assumption.

For the induction step distinguish two cases. Case 1: $\phi_{j+1} \in \mathcal{L}_0$. Then by lemma 9,

$$\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_{j+1}] = \{w \in \sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_j] \mid \Delta_w \vdash_2 \phi_{j+1}\}$$

which by the induction hypothesis implies that

$$\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_{j+1}] = \{w \in \mathcal{W} \mid \neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi), \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \Delta_w \not\vdash_2 \perp \text{ and } \Delta_w \vdash_2 \phi_{j+1}\}$$

which by CC and CM yields that

$$\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_{j+1}] = \{w \in \mathcal{W} \mid \neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi), \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \phi_{j+1}, \Delta_w \not\vdash_2 \perp\}$$

Case 2: $\phi_{j+1} = \text{might } \psi$. Suppose that $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_j][\psi] = \emptyset$. Then by the induction hypothesis and lemmas 9 and 10,

$$\neg(\theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi), \theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \psi \vdash_2 \perp$$

But then

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \psi \vdash_2 \theta_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi$$

so

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \psi \vdash_2 \theta_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi$$

so by simultaneous *might*-introduction

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \text{might } \psi \vdash_2 \text{might } (\theta_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi)$$

But then repeated application of the *might*-monotonicity rule $m - Mon$ yields that

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \text{might } \psi, \theta_{i+1}, \dots, \theta_k \vdash_2 \text{might } (\theta_{i+1} \wedge \cdots \wedge \theta_k \wedge \chi)$$

And from this it follows that

$$\theta_1, \dots, \theta_i, \text{might } \psi, \theta_{i+1}, \dots, \theta_k \vdash_2 \text{might } \chi$$

and by hence by *Mon* that

$$\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_2 \text{might } \chi$$

which contradicts our assumption. So $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_j][\psi] \neq \emptyset$. But then we have $\sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_j][\text{might } \psi] = \sigma[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_j]$, and we can apply the induction hypothesis. \square

3.3.2 Cut Elimination

In [8] van der Does gives an alternative calculus for \models_2 , which is equivalent to our calculus \vdash_2 , but allows the elimination of Cautious Cut. His calculus, \mathcal{M}_{gd} , actually arose out of an attempt to prove Cautious Cut elimination for \vdash_2 , which turned out to be problematic due to the various side conditions on syntactic complexity in the rules of \vdash_2 . We present the calculus here, but for the proof of the Cut Elimination theorem refer the reader to the cited paper.

The presentation of the system uses the following notational conventions. The symbols ϕ, ψ, χ, \dots vary over \mathcal{L}_0 formulas, and $\Delta, \Gamma, \Theta, \dots$ over *finite* sequences of \mathcal{L}_0 formulas. \mathcal{L}_1 formulas are denoted by σ, τ, μ, \dots , and finite sequences of such formulas by Π, Λ, \dots .

The deduction system \mathbf{M}_{gd} consists of two parts, one for \mathcal{L}_0 sequents and one for \mathcal{L}_1 sequents.

The Common part consists of two structural rules.

$$\frac{}{\sigma \Rightarrow \sigma} \text{RR} \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \sigma \quad \Pi \sigma \Lambda \Rightarrow \tau}{\Pi \Lambda \Rightarrow \tau} \text{cautiouscut}$$

The Classical part consists of \mathcal{L}_0 -sequents (χ may be the empty string).

Logical rules

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Gamma\phi_i \Rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \Rightarrow \chi} L_{\wedge}^i \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi_1 \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow \phi_2}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2} R_{\wedge} \\
\frac{\Gamma\phi_1 \Rightarrow \chi \quad \Gamma\phi_2 \Rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma\phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \Rightarrow \chi} L_{\vee} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi_i}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi_1 \vee \phi_2} R_{\vee}^i \\
\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi \quad \Gamma\psi \Rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma\phi \Rightarrow \psi \Rightarrow \chi} L_{\Rightarrow} \quad \frac{\Gamma\phi \Rightarrow \psi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi \Rightarrow \psi} R_{\Rightarrow} \\
\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi}{\Gamma\neg\phi \Rightarrow} L_{\neg} \quad \frac{\Gamma\phi \Rightarrow}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg\phi} R_{\neg} \\
\frac{\Gamma\phi \Rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma\neg\neg\phi \Rightarrow \chi} L_{\neg\neg}
\end{array}$$

Structural rules

$$\frac{\Gamma\Delta \Rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma\phi\Delta \Rightarrow \chi} \text{mon} \quad \frac{\Gamma\phi\phi\Delta \Rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma\phi\Delta \Rightarrow \chi} \text{contr} \quad \frac{\Gamma\phi\psi\Delta \Rightarrow \chi}{\Gamma\psi\phi\Delta \Rightarrow \chi} \text{perm}$$

Might logic. This part consists of \mathcal{L}_1 sequents (τ may be the empty string).

Logical rules

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Pi\phi \Rightarrow}{\Pi \text{ might } \phi \Rightarrow} L_{m1} \quad \frac{\Pi\Lambda \Rightarrow \tau}{\Pi \text{ might } \phi\Lambda \Rightarrow \tau} L_{m2} \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \phi}{\Pi \Rightarrow \text{might } \phi} R_m \\
\frac{\Pi\phi \Rightarrow \psi}{\Pi \text{ might } \phi \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi} \text{might}_1 \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \text{might}(\phi \wedge \psi)}{\Pi\phi \Rightarrow \text{might } \psi} \text{might}_2
\end{array}$$

Structural rules

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow}{\Pi\Lambda \Rightarrow} L_{mon} \quad \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow}{\Pi \Rightarrow \sigma} R_{mon}$$

Theorem 3 Cautious Cut can be eliminated in \mathbf{M}_{gd} .

Proof: see [8]. □

3.4 Starting from Ignorance

We first prove a necessary lemma, which is particular for \vdash_1 .

Lemma 12

If $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \psi \not\vdash_1 \perp$ then $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$.

Proof: If there are no *might*-formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n , then by lemma 10 there is some diagram Δ such that $\Delta \vdash_1 \phi_1, \dots, \Delta \vdash_1 \phi_n$ and $\Delta \vdash_1 \psi$, but then the diagram rule Δ gives $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$.

Next suppose that there are *might*-formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n , and let $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$ be the \mathcal{L}_0 -formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n . If $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \psi \not\vdash_1 \perp$ then $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \psi \not\vdash_1 \perp$

by Mon for \mathcal{L}_0 -conclusions. Hence by the above, $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$, but then again by Mon we can put the *might*-premisses back in, so $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_1 \text{might } \psi$.
 \square

Theorem 4 $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_1 \psi$ iff $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vDash_1 \psi$.

Proof: We leave the soundness part to the reader.

Suppose $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\vdash_1 \psi$. Case I: $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. We want to show that $\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n][\psi] \neq \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n]$. Let $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$ be the \mathcal{L}_0 formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n . Then $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \neg\psi \not\vdash_1 \perp$, since otherwise $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \vdash_1 \psi$ and then by monotony for \mathcal{L}_0 conclusions $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_1 \psi$, contrary to our assumption. So $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \neg\psi \vdash_1 \perp$, so by lemma 8 and lemma 10, there must be some diagram Δ_w such that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \Delta_w \not\vdash_1 \psi$. But then by lemma 11, $w \in \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n]$, but by lemma 9, $w \notin \mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n][\psi]$.

Case II: $\psi = \text{might } \chi$. Our assumption implies that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\vdash_1 \perp$, which by lemma 11 and lemma 10 implies that $\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n] \neq \emptyset$. But by lemma 12, $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \chi \vdash_1 \perp$, hence by soundness, $\mathbf{0}[\phi_1] \cdots [\phi_n][\text{might } \chi] = \emptyset$.
 \square

3.5 The Test Logic of *might*

For this case the main work has already been done, because the lemmas 8, 9, and 10 also hold for \vdash_3 .

Theorem 5 $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash_3 \psi$ iff $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vDash_3 \psi$.

Proof: Soundness is left to the reader. Suppose $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\vdash_3 \psi$. We consider two cases. Case I: $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. Let $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$ be the \mathcal{L}_0 formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n , and consider the state

$$\sigma = \{w \mid \Delta_w \vdash_3 \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k\}$$

Then $\sigma \Vdash \phi_i$, since either ϕ_i is one of the $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$, or $\phi_i = \text{might } \chi$. In the latter case, suppose that $\sigma \not\Vdash \text{might } \chi$, then $\sigma[\chi] = \emptyset$, but then by lemma 9, $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \chi \vdash_3 \perp$, so $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \text{might } \chi \vdash_3 \perp$; but then by Permutation and Monotony for \mathcal{L}_0 conclusions, a contradiction with our assumption arises. Finally $\sigma \not\Vdash \psi$: this follows from classical logic and the fact that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \not\vdash_3 \psi$.

Case II: $\psi = \text{might } \chi$. Then consider the state

$$\sigma = \{w \mid \Delta_w \vdash_3 \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \neg\chi\}$$

where again $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k$ are the \mathcal{L}_0 formulae in ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_n . Since $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\vdash_3 \text{might } \chi$, we have that $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k \not\vdash_3 \chi$, so $\sigma \neq \emptyset$. On the other hand $\sigma[\chi] = \emptyset$ by lemma 9, so $\sigma \not\Vdash \text{might } \chi$. So we are done if we can show that $\sigma \Vdash \phi_i$. Again the only interesting case is that ϕ_i is not one of the θ 's, and hence is of the form *might* α . Now if $\sigma \not\Vdash \text{might } \alpha$, $\sigma[\alpha] = \emptyset$, so by lemma 9, $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \alpha, \neg\chi \vdash_3 \perp$; but then $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \alpha, \vdash_3 \chi$ so $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k, \text{might } \alpha, \vdash_3 \text{might } \chi$, which by Monotony contradicts our assumption.
 \square

4 The normally-presumably-system

4.1 Semantics

We repeat the definitions of [11].

Definition 26 (Languages) Let \mathcal{A} be a set of atomic formulae. Then $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathcal{A}}$ is the closure of \mathcal{A} under the Boolean connectives \neg, \vee, \wedge . $\mathcal{L}_2^{\mathcal{A}}$ consists of $\mathcal{L}_0^{\mathcal{A}}$, and of every formula of the form *normally* ϕ for $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0^{\mathcal{A}}$, and every formula of the form *presumably* ϕ for $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0^{\mathcal{A}}$. $n\phi$ and $p\phi$ abbreviate *normally* ϕ and *presumably* ϕ , respectively. \square

The basic idea of the semantics for *normally* ϕ is that a sentence of that form changes expectations rather than factive information. Factive information is still modeled as a set of possible worlds, just as in the semantics of *might*. Expectations are modeled as a binary relation over these worlds. The semantics of a sentence of the form *presumably* ϕ is guided by the idea that these express a property of those worlds in the factive information set that comply best with your expectations.

Definition 27 Let $\mathcal{W} = P(\mathcal{A})$ be the set of possible worlds for an atomic vocabulary \mathcal{A} . Then an *expectation pattern* is a preorder on \mathcal{W} .

Let ϵ be a pattern on \mathcal{W}

1. a world $w \in \mathcal{W}$ is *normal* in ϵ if $(w, v) \in \epsilon$ for all $v \in \mathcal{W}$
2. $\mathbf{n}\epsilon$ is the set of all normal worlds in ϵ
3. ϵ is *coherent* if $\mathbf{n}\epsilon \neq \emptyset$

Let $s \subseteq \mathcal{W}$. Then

1. a world $w \in \mathcal{W}$ is *optimal* in (ϵ, s) if $w \in s$ and for all $v \in s$, if $(v, w) \in \epsilon$ then $(w, v) \in \epsilon$.
2. $\mathbf{m}_{(\epsilon, s)}$ is the set of all optimal worlds of (ϵ, s) \square

The intuitive idea is that if $(w, v) \in \epsilon$, w complies at least as well with your expectations as v . If you learn a sentence *normally* ϕ this has to be preserved, and hence any pair $(w, v) \in \epsilon$ such that ϕ is true in v but not in w has to be removed from the pattern. This process is called refinement.

Definition 28 Let ϵ, ϵ' be patterns on \mathcal{W} , and consider a proposition $p \subseteq \mathcal{W}$.

1. ϵ is a refinement of ϵ' if $\epsilon \subseteq \epsilon'$
2. $\epsilon \circ p =_{df} \{(w, v) \in \epsilon \mid \text{if } v \in p \text{ then } w \in p\}$. $\epsilon \circ p$ is called the refinement of ϵ with p . \square

The refinement operation has the following properties.

Proposition 15

1. $\epsilon \circ \emptyset = \epsilon$
2. $\epsilon \circ \mathcal{W} = \mathcal{W}$

3. $(\epsilon \circ p) \circ p = \epsilon \circ p$
4. $(\epsilon \circ p) \circ q = (\epsilon \circ q) \circ p$
5. if $\epsilon \subseteq \epsilon'$ and $\epsilon' \circ p = \epsilon'$ then $\epsilon \circ p = \epsilon$ □

Definition 29 If ϵ is a pattern on \mathcal{W} , $p \subseteq \mathcal{W}$, then p is a *default* in ϵ if $p \neq \emptyset$ and $\epsilon \circ p = \epsilon$. □

Proposition 16 If ϵ is a pattern on \mathcal{W} then for all $w, v \in \mathcal{W}$:

$$(w, v) \in \epsilon \text{ iff for all defaults } p \text{ in } \epsilon, \text{ if } v \in p \text{ then } w \in p$$

Proof: for the non obvious part, assume $(w, v) \notin \epsilon$ and consider the proposition $p = \{u \in \mathcal{W} \mid (w, u) \notin \epsilon\}$. Then $w \notin p$, $v \in p$, and p is a default in ϵ . □

Finally then we define the set of information states and the semantics.

Definition 30

1. An *information state* is a pair $\sigma = (\epsilon, s)$ such that either ϵ is a coherent pattern on \mathcal{W} and s is a non-empty subset of \mathcal{W} , or $\epsilon = \{(w, w) \mid w \in \mathcal{W}\}$ and $s = \emptyset$.
2. The *minimal state* is the state $\mathbf{0} = (\mathcal{W} \times \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{W})$. The maximal or *absurd* state is the state $\mathbf{1} = (\{(w, w) \mid w \in \mathcal{W}\}, \emptyset)$.
3. $\sigma = (\epsilon, s)$ is at least as strong as $\sigma' = (\epsilon', s')$ if $\epsilon \subseteq \epsilon'$ and $s \subseteq s'$. □

Definition 31 (Semantics) Let $\sigma = (\epsilon, s)$ be an information state. Then for any $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_2^A$, $\sigma[\phi]$ is defined as follows

1. If $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0^A$ then

$$(\epsilon, s)[\phi] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } s \cap \|\phi\| = \emptyset \\ (\epsilon, s \cap \|\phi\|) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Here $\|\phi\| = \mathcal{W}[\phi]$, which we can calculate from the semantics of the *might*-system, since $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. (Put otherwise: $\|\phi\|$ is just the proposition expressed by ϕ , the set of all worlds where ϕ is true.)

2. If $\phi = \textit{normally}\psi$ then

$$(\epsilon, s)[\textit{normally}\psi] = \begin{cases} \mathbf{1} & \text{if } n\epsilon \cap \|\psi\| = \emptyset \\ (\epsilon \circ \|\psi\|, s) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

3. If $\phi = \textit{presumably}\psi$ then

$$(\epsilon, s)[\textit{presumably}\psi] = \begin{cases} (\epsilon, s) & \text{if } m_{(\epsilon, s)} \cap \|\psi\| = m_{(\epsilon, s)} \\ \mathbf{1} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We end this section with some comments on the duality of defaults as propositions and defaults as patterns since this will play a role in the completeness proofs.

Defaults are defined as derivatives of an expectation pattern: they are those consistent propositions that are preserved by the pattern. From proposition 16 it follows that if two patterns have the same defaults, then they are equal. It does not follow that every set of propositions picks out a unique pattern, though this turns out to be true under some simple constraints on the set of propositions.

Definition 32 let \mathcal{W} be a set of possible worlds. Then an *expectation set* is a set of propositions $E \subseteq P(\mathcal{W})$ such that $W \in E$, $\emptyset \notin E$, E is closed under unions, and E is closed under intersections. If E is an expectation set then its associated pattern is defined as $\epsilon(E) =_{df} \{(u, v) \mid \forall q \in E : \text{if } v \in q \text{ then } u \in q\}$. \square

It is not hard to show that $\epsilon(E)$ is a coherent pattern. It is also clear that every $q \in E$ is a default in $\epsilon(E)$. And the converse also holds:

Proposition 17 Let E be an expectation set over W . Then every default of $\epsilon(E)$ is already in E , that is, if

1. $q \neq \emptyset$
2. for all $(u, v) \in \epsilon(E)$, if $v \in q$ then $u \in q$

then $q \in E$.

Proof: Suppose q satisfies 1. and 2. Describe any $v \in W$ by the set of propositions in E that are true of v , as follows:

$$e(v) = \bigcap \{p \in E \mid v \in p\}$$

Since $v \in W$ and $W \in E$, $v \in e(v)$, so $e(v)$ is non-empty. And $e(v) \in E$ by closure under intersections. Moreover, we have that

$$\text{if } u \in e(v) \text{ then } (u, v) \in \epsilon(E)$$

For suppose $u \in e(v)$, and let $p \in E$, and $v \in p$, then by definition of $e(v)$, $u \in p$. Since this holds for arbitrary $p \in E$ the definition of $\epsilon(E)$ gives that $(u, v) \in \epsilon(E)$.

Next define

$$q^+ = \bigcup \{e(v) \mid v \in q\}$$

Then $q^+ \in E$ by closure under union. Moreover $q^+ = q$: if $u \in q$ then $u \in q^+$ since $u \in e(u) \subseteq q^+$; and if $u \in q^+$ then $u \in e(v)$ for some $v \in q$. The former implies that $(u, v) \in \epsilon(E)$ (as we've just shown), which combined with the fact that $v \in q$ and our assumption that q is preserved by $\epsilon(E)$ implies that $u \in q$. \square

From the definition of $\epsilon(E)$ it is also immediate that every $q \in E$ is a default $\epsilon(E)$. Thus by proposition 16, E uniquely determines $\epsilon(E)$. The construction in the proof of proposition 17 will turn out to be a crucial part of the completeness theorems in the next sections.

4.2 The static logic of *normally*

For the fragment with only the Booleans and *normally*, Permutation and Idempotency hold, as is easily seen from proposition 15, so by the results of section 2.1, all three consequence relations collapse to one, essentially static relation.

We determine this consequence relation by developping an alternative static semantics for *normally*, give a complete characterization of consequence in this static semantics, and then show that this static consequence relation is equivalent to the dynamic consequence relations.

The models are the ordinary Kripke models from modal logic:

Definition 33 (Models, Semantics, Validity) Let \mathcal{A} be a set of atomic formulae.

1. A frame is a pair $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R})$ where $\mathcal{W} \neq \emptyset$ and \mathcal{R} is a binary relation over \mathcal{W}
2. An \mathcal{A} -valuation is a function $f : \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$.
3. An \mathcal{A} -model is a triple $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V})$ where $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R})$ is a frame and \mathcal{V} is a function that assigns to each $w \in \mathcal{W}$ an \mathcal{A} -valuation $\mathcal{V}(w)$.
4. The notion of truth in a world in a model is defined as usual for the Boolean connectives; the truth conditions for n are given by

$$w \Vdash n\phi \text{ iff } \exists v : v \Vdash \phi \text{ and } \forall uv : \text{ if } uRv \text{ and } v \Vdash \phi \text{ then } u \Vdash \phi$$

5. $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$ iff for all w in \mathcal{M} , $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \phi$.
6. Validity is defined as preservation of truth: if \mathcal{K} is a class of \mathcal{A} -models and $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n, \psi$ are \mathcal{A} -formulae, then $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_{\mathcal{K}} \psi$ if and only if for all models \mathcal{M} in \mathcal{K} and all worlds w in \mathcal{M} , if $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \phi_i$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$, then $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \psi$. \square

So almost everything is as we are used to in modal logic. The relation \mathcal{R} of a model will play the same role as the expectation pattern in the dynamic semantics. Note that n is not a normal modal operator, since it does not satisfy the K -rule

$$\frac{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \vdash \psi}{n\phi_1, \dots, n\phi_n \vdash n\psi}$$

at least not if we look at the class of all models.

Also note that formulae of the form $n\phi$ are global: if they are true in some world they are true in all worlds; and if they are false somewhere they are false everywhere.

The information states that are used in the update semantics for *normally* are special cases of models. Suppose we have a finite vocabulary of atoms \mathcal{A} . Then an information state can be seen as an \mathcal{A} -model having four special properties:

1. different worlds carry different valuations
2. the relation is a preorder
3. there are minimal ('normal') worlds

A fourth distinction is that

4. the dynamic semantics is defined only for $n\phi$ if ϕ is propositional

that is, formulae in which n can only occur as outermost operator.

So we have allowed ourselves four generalizations. We will show that the first two are inessential. The existence of normal worlds makes a difference but is expressible in the static semantics. Finally, the restriction on the occurrence of n will actually be an issue that we will study: we will prove completeness with and without this restriction.

We will first show that the constraint that the expectation pattern is a preorder is free.

Definition 34 Let $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V)$ be a model. Define the completion of R by

$$R^+ = \{(u, v) \mid \forall \phi : \text{if } \mathcal{M} \models n\phi \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, v \Vdash \phi \text{ then } \mathcal{M}, u \Vdash \phi\}$$

Define the completed model $\mathcal{M}^+ = (W, R^+, V)$. □

Then $R \subseteq R^+$, and clearly R^+ is a preorder. R^+ fills in the 'gaps' of R ; we add any pair which was not in the original pattern, although the pair does in fact comply with all true defaults. In view of proposition 16, it may appear that every model is complete, but this need not be so if the model is not distinguished. All finite distinguished models are complete, as a straightforward adaptation of the proof of proposition 16 will show.⁸

Proposition 18 Let \mathcal{M} be a model and let \mathcal{M}^+ be its completion. Then for all ϕ, w : $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \phi$ iff $\mathcal{M}^+, w \Vdash \phi$

Proof: an induction in which $n\phi$ is the only interesting case. Suppose $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash n\phi$. Then $\mathcal{M} \models n\phi$. Moreover, $\mathcal{M}, v \Vdash \phi$ for some v , so by the induction hypothesis, $\mathcal{M}^+, v \Vdash \phi$. Next suppose xR^+y and $\mathcal{M}^+, y \Vdash \phi$, then by the induction hypothesis, $\mathcal{M}, y \Vdash \phi$. So xR^+y and $\mathcal{M}, y \Vdash \phi$, but since $\mathcal{M} \models n\phi$, the definition of R^+ implies that $\mathcal{M}, x \Vdash \phi$, and then $\mathcal{M}^+, x \Vdash \phi$ follows from the induction hypothesis.

The converse follows from the induction hypothesis and the fact that $R \subseteq R^+$. □

Given any class of models \mathcal{K} , define $\mathcal{K}^+ = \{\mathcal{M}^+ \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K}\}$. Then the previous proposition implies that whatever is valid on \mathcal{K} is valid on \mathcal{K}^+ , and

⁸For the case of infinite distinguished models the proof of proposition 16 does not carry over, since in that case the proposition p that is used in the proof may not be expressible by some formula.

that whatever is satisfiable in \mathcal{K} is satisfiable in \mathcal{K}^+ . Hence \mathcal{K} -validity and \mathcal{K}^+ -validity coincide. This means that from a class of models we can always pass to a class of preorders that has the same logic.

Next we show that we can remove situations in which different worlds carry the same valuation. The idea why this is so is that in a completed model, worlds that carry the same valuation are \mathcal{R} -related to the same worlds, so that we can conceive of them as ‘one’ world.

Lemma 13 Let \mathcal{M} be a model. Then for all formulae ϕ and all worlds $u, v \in \mathcal{W}$, if u, v carry the same valuation then $\mathcal{M}, u \Vdash \phi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, v \Vdash \phi$.

Proof: The case where ϕ is atomic is immediate from the assumption on u, v . The Boolean cases are immediate from the induction hypothesis. The case $\phi = n\psi$ is trivial since *all* worlds satisfy the same norms. \square

Lemma 14 Let $\mathcal{M}^+ = (W, R^+, V)$ be the completion of \mathcal{M} . Let $u, v \in \mathcal{W}$ carry the same valuation. Then for all $w \in \mathcal{W}$, wR^+v iff wR^+u , and vR^+w iff uR^+w .

Proof: Suppose that $u, v \in \mathcal{W}$ carry the same valuation, wR^+v , but not wR^+u . The latter implies that there is some formula $n\phi$ such that $\mathcal{M} \models n\phi$, $\mathcal{M}, u \Vdash \phi$, but $\mathcal{M}, w \not\Vdash \phi$. Then by proposition 18, $\mathcal{M}^+, u \Vdash \phi$ and $\mathcal{M}^+, w \not\Vdash \phi$, so by lemma 13, $\mathcal{M}^+, v \Vdash \phi$ and $\mathcal{M}^+, w \not\Vdash \phi$, but this contradicts the fact that wR^+v . The other cases are similar. \square

The next move is standard now: apply filtration to \mathcal{M}^+ to obtain a distinguished model. We leave the remaining details to the reader.

We will now consider the constraint of the existence of normal worlds, in finite models. To be precise, w is normal in (W, \mathcal{R}) if $w\mathcal{R}v$ for all $v \in \mathcal{W}$. On finite models, the existence of these worlds is equivalent to the condition that (W, \mathcal{R}) is closed under finite meets: for every finite subset X of \mathcal{W} there is a $v \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $v\mathcal{R}u$ for all $u \in X$. And the latter condition is of course equivalent to the existence of binary meets: if $u, v \in \mathcal{W}$ then there is a $w \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $w\mathcal{R}v$ and $w\mathcal{R}u$.

Definition 35 If (W, R) is a frame and $u, v \in W$, then u is a predecessor of v provided $(u, v) \in R^*$, where R^* is the Reflexive-transitive closure of R . \square

Proposition 19 Consider the class of all frames in which every two worlds have a common predecessor. This class is characterised by $np \wedge nq \rightarrow n(p \wedge q)$.

Proof: Suppose $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V)$ is a model of which the frame has the property. Suppose $w \Vdash np \wedge nq$. Then there are u, v with $u \Vdash p$ and $v \Vdash q$. But u, v must have a common predecessor, say z , and since both p and q are downward preserved, $z \Vdash p \wedge q$. That $p \wedge q$ is also preserved downward is straightforward. So $w \Vdash n(p \wedge q)$.

Conversely, suppose we have a frame (W, R) and two worlds $u, v \in W$ that don’t have a common predecessor. Then the frame consists of three disjoint parts:

- $Ru = \{z \in W \mid (z, u) \in R^*\}$

- $Rv = \{z \in W \mid (z, v) \in R^*\}$
- the rest: $W \setminus (Ru \cup Rv)$

Then there are no arrows between Ru and Rv ; moreover there no arrows from the rest to either Ru or Rv . Make a model on this frame where $p, \neg q$ are true in Ru , $\neg p, q$ are true in Rv , and $\neg p, \neg q$ are true in the rest. Then np and nq are true but $n(p \wedge q)$ is false. \square

Notice that the existence of common predecessors is not quite the same as existence of finite meet, though it is of course whenever \mathcal{R} is reflexive and transitive.

We've now shown that two of the four abstractions we made from the update framework are not essential. Thus two remain, which give the following four logics of interest:

- \mathcal{M} , the logic of the class of all models
- \mathcal{N} , the logic of the class of all models with finite meet
- \mathcal{M}_1 , which is \mathcal{M} restricted to \mathcal{L}_1 formulae
- \mathcal{N}_1 , which is \mathcal{N} restricted to \mathcal{L}_1 formulae

Since we've shown that finite meet is expressed by $np \wedge nq \rightarrow n(p \wedge q)$, it would be nice if we can formulate \mathcal{N} as \mathcal{M} with only this axiom added. This turns out to be possible. However we will only treat details of the completeness proofs of \mathcal{N} and \mathcal{N}_1 since these are the logics that have a direct correspondence with the dynamic logic of *normally*.

But before we do this you may want to know what is exactly the connection between the update semantics for *normally* and the truth conditional semantics of this section.

Proposition 20 For the fragment with only the Booleans and *normally*, static consequence coincides with dynamic consequence.

Proof: We sketch the main line of argument and leave the details to the reader. We already know that the three dynamic consequence relations coincide, so it is sufficient to show that static consequence coincides with \models_3 . Let $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ be the set of all possible worlds over a finite set of atoms \mathcal{A} . Then for any state (ϵ, s) , consider the model $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A}), \epsilon, \mathcal{V})$, where \mathcal{V} is of course defined by: $\mathcal{V}(w)(p) = 1$ iff $p \in w$. Then show that

$$(\epsilon, s) \Vdash \phi \text{ iff for all } w \in s : \mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \phi$$

From this it follows that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models \psi$ implies $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_3 \psi$.

For the converse suppose that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\models \psi$, then there is a model $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \mathcal{V})$ and a world $w \in \mathcal{W}$ with $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$, $\mathcal{M}, w \not\Vdash \psi$. Define a pattern ϵ by $\epsilon = \{(u, v) \mid \text{for all } \chi \in \mathcal{L}_0, \text{ if } \mathcal{M} \models n\chi \text{ and } v \models_c l\chi \text{ then } u \models_c l\chi\}$, where $\models_c l$ means 'true in classical logic'. Then check that ϵ is a coherent pattern, and that for the unique $w' \in \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{A})$ with $w' = \{p \in \mathcal{A} \mid \mathcal{V}(w)(p) = 1\}$, we have that $(\epsilon, \{w'\}) \Vdash \phi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \phi$. It follows that $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \not\models_3 \psi$. \square

4.2.1 Unrestricted Version

We first consider \mathcal{N} , the logic of the class of all preorders that have finite meet, without any syntactic restrictions on occurrences of *normally*. We present \mathcal{N} as a sequent calculus where the sequents are of the form $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$ for finite sets of formulae Γ, Δ .

$$\text{Reflexivity} \quad \frac{}{\phi \Rightarrow \phi} [Ref]$$

$$\text{Structural Rules} \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Pi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \Sigma} [Mon]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi, \Delta \quad \Pi, \phi \Rightarrow \Sigma}{\Gamma, \Pi \Rightarrow \Delta, \Sigma} [CUT]$$

Logical rules for \neg, \wedge, \vee

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma, \neg\phi \Rightarrow \Delta} [\neg L] \quad \frac{\Gamma, \phi \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \neg\phi, \Delta} [\neg R]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \phi, \psi \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow \Delta} [\wedge L] \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow \psi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi \wedge \psi, \Delta} [\wedge R]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \phi \Rightarrow \Delta \quad \Gamma, \psi \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \phi \vee \psi \Rightarrow \Delta} [\vee L] \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi, \psi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi \vee \psi, \Delta} [\vee R]$$

Logical Rules for n

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow n\phi, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow n\psi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow n(\phi \wedge \psi), \Delta} [n\wedge] \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow n\phi, \Delta \quad \Gamma \Rightarrow n\psi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow n(\phi \vee \psi), \Delta} [n\vee]$$

In the following four rules Γ, Δ may only contain formulae of the form $n\phi$ or $\neg n\phi$.

$$\frac{\Gamma, \phi \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, n\phi \Rightarrow \Delta} [nL] \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma \Rightarrow n\phi, \Delta} [nR]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, \phi_1, \dots, \psi_k \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, n\phi_1, \dots, n\phi_k \Rightarrow \Delta} [MEET] \quad \frac{\Gamma, \phi \Rightarrow \psi, \Delta \quad \Gamma, \psi \Rightarrow \phi, \Delta}{\Gamma, n\phi \Rightarrow n\psi, \Delta} [REPL]$$

Here a norm is a formula of the form $n\phi$ or of the form $\neg n\phi$. This presentation of \mathcal{N} is not the most economic one, but we've tried to give the system such a form that there is some prospect of proving a Cut Elimination theorem.⁹ Actually \mathcal{N} could be presented as an extension of classical logic with the following rules:

1. $n\phi, n\psi \vdash n(\phi \wedge \psi)$ ($n\wedge'$)
2. $n\phi, n\psi \vdash n(\phi \vee \psi)$ ($n\vee'$)

⁹But these attempts have failed until now.

3. $n\perp \vdash \perp$ ($n\perp$)
4. $\vdash n\top$ ($n\top$)
5.
$$\frac{\mathcal{N}, \phi \vdash \psi \quad \mathcal{N}, \psi \vdash \phi}{\mathcal{N}, n\phi \vdash n\psi} [REPL']$$
 provided that \mathcal{N} is a set of norms

These are the rules for n that are needed in the completeness theorem. We leave it to the reader to verify that these rules are derivable in our sequent calculus.

Definition 36 An \mathcal{N} -derivation is a finite sequence of sequents, in which every sequent is either an axiom, or follows from sequents earlier in the sequence by one of the rules. $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} \Delta$ iff there are finite subsets $\Gamma' \subseteq \Gamma$ and $\Delta' \subseteq \Delta$ and an \mathcal{N} -derivation such that $\Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta'$ is the last sequent. If \mathcal{K} is a class of models, then $\Gamma \models_{\mathcal{K}} \Delta$ if for all $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{K}$ and worlds $w \in \mathcal{M}$, if $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \phi$ for all $\phi \in \Gamma$ then $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \psi$ for some $\psi \in \Delta$. \square

From (nR) it is easy to see that $n\phi \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} nn\phi$ and $\neg n\phi \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} n\neg n\phi$, and likewise (nL) implies that $nn\phi \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} n\phi$ and $n\neg n\phi \vdash_{\mathcal{N}} \neg n\phi$.

Theorem 6 (Soundness) \mathcal{N} is sound with respect to the class of all preorders that have finite meet.

Proof: left to the reader. The existence of finite meets is relevant for the rules ($n\wedge$) and $MEET$. \square

The construction of a canonical model is similar to the standard construction in modal logic. There is one detail that we have to take care of: norms are either true everywhere in a model, or false everywhere. So in the canonical model construction we have to take care that all maximal consistent sets that constitute the model contain the same norms.

Definition 37

1. $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma)$, the norms of Γ , is the set $\{n\phi \mid n\phi \in \Gamma\} \cup \{\neg n\phi \mid \neg n\phi \in \Gamma\}$
2. A norm set \mathcal{C} is norm-maximal if for every formula ϕ either $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$ or $\neg n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$.
3. Γ is consistent if $\Gamma \not\vdash \perp$. Γ is maximal consistent if Γ is consistent and no proper extension of Γ is consistent.
4. Let \mathcal{C} be a norm set. Then Γ is maximal consistent modulo \mathcal{C} if Γ is maximal consistent, and $\mathcal{N}(\Gamma) = \mathcal{C}$. \square

If Γ is maximal consistent modulo \mathcal{C} then \mathcal{C} is norm-maximal.

Lemma 15 (First Saturation Lemma) Suppose $\Gamma \not\vdash \phi$. Then there is a maximal consistent set Γ' such that $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\} \subseteq \Gamma'$.

Proof: Use a standard Lindenbaum argument. \square

Next we need a second form of the saturation lemma. We will frequently need an argument of the form: if \mathcal{C} is a norm set and $\mathcal{C} \cup \Sigma$ is consistent then $\mathcal{C} \cup \Sigma$ can be extended to maximal consistent set modulo \mathcal{C} : for this we have to show that we can saturate in such a way that the resulting set *contains the same n -formulae* as \mathcal{C} . But this easily follows if \mathcal{C} is already maximal with respect to norms.

Lemma 16 (Second Saturation Lemma) Suppose \mathcal{C} is norm-maximal and $\mathcal{C} \cup \Sigma$ is consistent. Then there is a $\Sigma' \supseteq \mathcal{C} \cup \Sigma$ such that Σ' is maximal consistent modulo \mathcal{C} .

Proof: By the first saturation lemma there is a maximal consistent $\Sigma' \supseteq \mathcal{C} \cup \Sigma$. Then clearly $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{N}(\Sigma')$; the converse follows from the norm-maximality of \mathcal{C} . \square

Definition 38 (Canonical Model) Suppose \mathcal{C} is a norm-maximal set in an atomic vocabulary \mathcal{A} . Then the model $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}} = (\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}, V)$ is defined as follows:

- $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ consists of all sets of $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A})$ -formulae that are maximal consistent modulo \mathcal{C}
- $\Sigma R_{\mathcal{C}} \Sigma'$ iff for all $n\psi \in \mathcal{C}$, if $\psi \in \Sigma'$ then $\psi \in \Sigma$
- $V(p, \Sigma) = 1$ iff $p \in \Sigma$ \square

Lemma 17 If \mathcal{C} is norm-maximal in a finite vocabulary \mathcal{A} , then $\mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ is a finite model.

Proof: Suppose Γ_1 and Γ_2 are maximal consistent modulo \mathcal{C} , and suppose they contain the same $\mathcal{L}_0(\mathcal{A})$ formulae. Then prove with induction on the structure of ϕ that $\phi \in \Gamma_1$ iff $\phi \in \Gamma_2$. The atomic case follows from our assumption; the Boolean cases follow from the induction hypothesis and maximal consistency, and the n -case follows from the fact that both are maximal consistent modulo \mathcal{C} , so they must contain the same norms.

So we have shown that two maximal consistent sets are identical if they contain the same norms and the same \mathcal{L}_0 -formulae. Next observe that the $\mathcal{L}_0(\mathcal{A})$ formulae of some maximal consistent set must form a maximal consistent set in classical propositional logic. Hence by our previous observation, there can be at most 2^k different maximal consistent sets modulo \mathcal{C} , where k is the cardinality of \mathcal{A} . \square

Lemma 18 (Valuation Lemma) Let \mathcal{C} be a norm-maximal set in a finite vocabulary \mathcal{A} , and let $\Gamma \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$.

1. $\neg\phi \in \Gamma$ iff $\phi \notin \Gamma$
2. If $\phi \wedge \psi \in \Gamma$ iff $\phi \in \Gamma$ and $\psi \in \Gamma$
3. $\phi \vee \psi \in \Gamma$ iff $\phi \in \Gamma$ or $\psi \in \Gamma$

4. $n\phi \in \Gamma$ iff

- (a) there is a Γ' in $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{C},\Delta}$ such that $\phi \in \Gamma'$
- (b) for all $\Sigma, \Sigma' \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{C},\Delta}$, if $\Sigma R_{\mathcal{C}} \Sigma'$ and $\phi \in \Sigma'$ then $\phi \in \Sigma$

Proof: The Boolean connectives are standard.

We consider the case of $n\phi$. Suppose $n\phi \in \Gamma$. Then $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$. Suppose $\mathcal{C} \cup \{\phi\}$ is inconsistent, that is, $\mathcal{C}, \phi \vdash \perp$. Since also $\mathcal{C}, \perp \vdash \phi$, the Replacement Rule gives $\mathcal{C}, n\phi \vdash n\perp$, so by the rule $(n\perp)$, $\mathcal{C}, n\phi \vdash \perp$, which can't be since $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$ and \mathcal{C} is consistent. So $\mathcal{C} \cup \{\phi\}$ is consistent. By the Second Saturation Lemma there must be a set $\Sigma \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ with $\mathcal{C} \cup \{\phi\} \subseteq \Sigma$; so $\phi \in \Sigma$.

Next suppose that $\Sigma', \Sigma'' \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$, $\Sigma' R_{\mathcal{C}} \Sigma''$ and $\phi \in \Sigma''$. But $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$, so the definition of $R_{\mathcal{C}}$ gives that $\phi \in \Sigma'$.

For the converse, suppose that clauses 4(a) and 4(b) hold, so we have a Σ with $\phi \in \Sigma$ and ϕ is downward preserved by the ordering. Consider any $\Gamma \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$, consider all norms of \mathcal{C} that are true in Γ :

$$T(\Gamma) =_{df} \{\psi \in \Gamma \mid n\psi \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

Notice that the maximality of \mathcal{C} and the rule (nR) imply that $n\top \in \mathcal{C}$, so $\{\psi \in \Gamma \mid n\psi \in \mathcal{C}\} \neq \emptyset$.

Then

$$\text{if } \phi \in \Gamma \text{ then } \mathcal{C}, T(\Gamma) \vdash \phi \tag{1}$$

For suppose $\phi \in \Gamma$ but $\mathcal{C}, T(\Gamma) \not\vdash \phi$, then $\mathcal{C}, T(\Gamma), \neg\phi \not\vdash \perp$ so there is a Γ' that is maximal consistent modulo \mathcal{C} and $\mathcal{C} \cup T(\Gamma) \cup \{\neg\phi\} \subseteq \Gamma'$. But then $\Gamma' R_{\mathcal{C}} \Gamma$, so by the preservation condition on ϕ , $\phi \in \Gamma'$, but then Γ' must be inconsistent.

Now by compactness, if $\mathcal{C}, T(\Gamma) \vdash \phi$ there must be a finite subset T of $T(\Gamma)$ such that $\mathcal{C}, T \vdash \phi$; then put $t(\Gamma) = \bigwedge T$. Use this to describe ϕ by all these finite descriptions of sets of which it is a member:

$$\phi^+ = \bigvee \{t(\Gamma) \mid \phi \in \Gamma \text{ and } \Gamma \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}\}$$

This is welldefined, since $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ is finite because \mathcal{A} is finite. Since ϕ^+ is the disjunction of all $t(\Gamma)$ with $\phi \in \Gamma$ it follows from (1) that

$$\mathcal{C}, \phi^+ \vdash \phi \tag{2}$$

On the other hand, we also have that

$$\mathcal{C}, \phi \vdash \phi^+ \tag{3}$$

since otherwise $\mathcal{C}, \neg t(\Gamma_1), \dots, \neg t(\Gamma_k), \phi \not\vdash \perp$, where $\Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_k$ list all sets with $\phi \in \Gamma_i$. Hence it can be extended to a set Σ with $\phi \in \Sigma$, which means that Σ is one of the Γ_i , so $\Sigma \vdash t(\Gamma_i)$ and $\Sigma \vdash \neg t(\Gamma_i)$, contradiction.

But (2) and (3) and the Replacement Rule imply that

$$\mathcal{C}, n\phi^+ \vdash n\phi$$

So we are done if we can show that

$$C \vdash n\phi^+$$

Well, $t(\Gamma)$ is of the form $\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi_k$ where $n\phi_i \in \mathcal{C}$, so the rule $n\wedge$ gives that $C \vdash n(\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi_k)$, hence $\Gamma \vdash nt(\Gamma)$ so by maximality of Γ , $nt(\Gamma) \in \Gamma$ so $nt(\Gamma) \in \mathcal{C}$. So by the disjunction rule ($n\vee$), $C \vdash n\phi^+$. \square

Finally we show that the frame of the canonical model has the right structural properties. That \mathcal{R}_C is a preorder is immediately clear from its definition. So what is left to show is the existence of meets.

Lemma 19 (Canonical Frame lemma) Suppose \mathcal{C} is norm-maximal in a vocabulary \mathcal{A} , and consider the canonical frame $(W_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}, \mathcal{R}_C)$. If $\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \in W_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ then there is a $\Sigma \in W_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ such that $\Sigma \mathcal{R}_C \Gamma_1$ and $\Sigma \mathcal{R}_C \Gamma_2$.

Proof: Consider the set

$$\mathcal{C} \cup \{\psi \in \Gamma_1 \mid n\psi \in \mathcal{C}\} \cup \{\chi \in \Gamma_2 \mid n\chi \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

Suppose that this set is inconsistent, say (we do a simple case) that $\mathcal{C}, \psi, \chi \vdash \perp$ where $\psi \in \Gamma_1, \chi \in \Gamma_2, n\psi, n\chi \in \mathcal{C}$. Then by the MEET rule, $\mathcal{C}, n\psi, n\chi \vdash \perp$. But $n\psi, n\chi \in \mathcal{C}$, so by Cut, $C \vdash \perp$, contradiction. \square

Now standard argumentation establishes

Theorem 7 (Completeness of \mathcal{N}) \mathcal{N} is complete for the class of all preorders with finite meet. \square

4.2.2 Restricted Version

We will now look again at the class of models with meet, but through the eyes of formulae in which *normally* can only occur as outermost operator.

Definition 39 $\mathcal{L}_1 = \mathcal{L}_0 \cup \{n\phi \mid \phi \in \mathcal{L}_0\}$. \square

Now we don't have negations of the form $\neg n\phi$, so the construction of maximal norm sets does not work here. But this is compensated by the fact that we can exploit some theorems about classical logic, since we now know that whenever we have a formula of the form $n\phi$, ϕ can't contain n , so ϕ behaves purely classical. The following change of terminology is forced upon us by the syntactic restriction.

Definition 40 A norm is any formula of the form $n\psi$ with $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. A set of formulae \mathcal{N} is a norm set if all formulae in \mathcal{N} are norms. The empty set is a norm set. \square

The system $N1$ is simply defined as follows: $\mathcal{N}1$ is the set of \mathcal{L}_1 instances of the schemata that axiomatize \mathcal{N} . It is then immediate from the soundness of \mathcal{N} that $\mathcal{N}1$ is also sound on the class of preorders with finite meet.

The problem that we can't negate formulas $n\phi$ anymore can be illustrated by an example: $n(p \wedge q) \not\vdash np$. But the conclusion that $n(p \wedge q), \neg np \not\vdash \perp$ has become useless, since $\neg np$ is not an \mathcal{L}_1 -formula. However we can do something like the following. The closure Δ of $\{n(p \wedge q), np\}$ is $\{n(p \wedge q), np, (p \wedge q), \neg(p \wedge q), p, q, \neg p, \neg q\}$. Put $\mathcal{C} = \{n(p \wedge q)\}$. This gives four 'finite' maximal consistent subsets of Δ that don't contain np , namely

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{11} &= \{n(p \wedge q), (p \wedge q), p, q\} & \Gamma_{10} &= \{n(p \wedge q), \neg(p \wedge q), p, \neg q\} \\ \Gamma_{01} &= \{n(p \wedge q), \neg(p \wedge q), \neg p, q\} & \Gamma_{00} &= \{n(p \wedge q), \neg(p \wedge q), \neg p, \neg q\} \end{aligned}$$

Now we define $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}$ by exactly those pairs that preserve all norms in \mathcal{C} , that is, that preserve $p \wedge q$, the following model results:

(reflexive and transitive arrows not drawn). The $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}$ -connections between the $\{p, \neg q\}$ set and the $\{\neg p, q\}$ make sure that neither np nor nq is true in the model.

The worlds in the model turn out to correspond exactly to all the finite valuations for p and q , and the relation is just defined to have the right preservation behaviour. This turns out to be possible in general: if \mathcal{C} is a finite consistent set of norms in a finite vocabulary \mathcal{A} , then the set of all \mathcal{A} -valuations can be equipped with a relation \mathcal{R} such that in the resulting model all norms in \mathcal{C} are true. This will be a leading idea in our completeness proof.

Definition 41 (Finite Canonical Model) Let \mathcal{C} be a consistent set of norms. Let \mathcal{A} be a set that contains all atomic formulae that occur in \mathcal{C} . Then the model $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}} = (\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}, V)$ is defined as follows:

- $\mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A}}$ is the set of all \mathcal{A} -valuations
- \mathcal{V} is the identity function
- $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}} = \{(u, v) \mid \text{for all } n\phi \in \mathcal{C} : \text{if } v(\phi) = 1 \text{ then } u(\phi) = 1\}$ □

This definition makes sense: if $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$ then ϕ is a formula that doesn't contain n , and then we know from classical logic how to calculate $w(\phi)$. It would be circular to define $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}$ directly in terms of the forcing relation, since we then would define $M_{\mathcal{C}}$ in terms of itself. Of course, the previous remark shows that after we have defined the model it is no problem to show that in fact

$$\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}} = \{(u, v) \mid \text{for all } n\phi \in \mathcal{C} : \text{if } M_{\mathcal{C}}, v \Vdash \phi \text{ then } M_{\mathcal{C}}, u \Vdash \phi\}$$

We leave this to the reader.

Lemma 20 (Norm Consistency Lemma) Let \mathcal{C} be a consistent norm set in a vocabulary \mathcal{A} . Then $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}} \models \mathcal{C}$.

Proof: . Suppose $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$. Then $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. Since by assumption $\mathcal{C} \not\vdash \perp$, also $n\phi \not\vdash \perp$, so by the MEET rule, $\phi \not\vdash \perp$. Since classical logic is part of $\mathcal{N}1$, the consistency theorem for classical logic implies that there is some valuation v with $v(\phi) = 1$ so $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C},v} \Vdash \phi$. That $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}$ has the right preservation behaviour for ϕ is true by definition of $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}$. So $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}} \models n\phi$. \square

Lemma 21 (Consistency Lemma) Let \mathcal{C} be a consistent norm set in the vocabulary \mathcal{A} , and Σ a consistent set of $\mathcal{L}_0(\mathcal{A})$ -formulae. Then $\mathcal{C} \cup \Sigma$ is satisfied by some world in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$.

Proof: by the consistency theorem for classical logic and the previous lemma. \square

Now the soundness theorem for $\mathcal{N}1$ gives that

Corollary 3 If \mathcal{C} is a consistent norm set, and Σ a consistent set of \mathcal{L}_0 -formulae, then $\mathcal{C} \cup \Sigma$ is consistent. \square

These observations prove a nice philosophical point: norms don't imply facts. To be precise, if a set of norms imply some fact then either the set of norms is inconsistent or the fact is valid.

We now turn to a converse of the Norm Consistency Lemma, for which we will make some finiteness assumptions.

Definition 42

1. Δ is closed if it contains $n\top$ and $n\perp$, is closed under subformulae, negations of non-negated \mathcal{L}_0 -formulae, and furthermore contains $\neg\phi$ whenever it contains $n\phi$.
2. Suppose \mathcal{C} is a norm set. Then \mathcal{C} is a consistent n -theory within Δ if $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \Delta$, \mathcal{C} is consistent, and for every formula $n\psi \in \Delta$, if $\mathcal{C} \vdash n\psi$ then $n\psi \in \mathcal{C}$.

Lemma 22 Let Δ be a finite closed set, and \mathcal{C} a consistent n -theory within Δ . Suppose \mathcal{A} includes all atoms in Δ . Then for all $n\phi \in \Delta$, $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}} \models n\phi$ iff $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$.

Proof: Suppose $n\phi \in \Delta$ and $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}} \models n\phi$; then

$$\exists v \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{C}} : v \Vdash \phi \tag{1}$$

$$\forall u, v \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{C}} : \text{if } u \mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}} v \text{ and } v \Vdash \phi \text{ then } u \Vdash \phi \tag{2}$$

Describe any world w in the model by the norms in \mathcal{C} that are realized by w :

$$t(w) = \bigwedge \{ \psi \mid n\psi \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } w \Vdash \psi \}$$

This is well defined since \mathcal{C} is finite, and $w \Vdash n\top$ and $n\top \in \mathcal{C}$. Notice that $w \Vdash t(w)$. Then 'describe' ϕ by

$$\phi^+ = \bigvee \{t(w) \mid w \Vdash \phi\}$$

This is well-defined because the model consists of all \mathcal{A} -valuations, and \mathcal{A} is finite. Then we have that

$$\mathcal{C} \vdash t(w) \tag{3}$$

by (nR) (which implies that $\vdash n\top$) and $(n\wedge)$ (which implies that $n\phi_1, \dots, n\phi_n \vdash n(\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge n\phi_k)$ for $k \leq n$). So by the disjunction rule $(n\vee)$,

$$\mathcal{C} \vdash n\phi^+ \tag{4}$$

Next we show that

$$\text{if } w \Vdash \phi \text{ then } \mathcal{C}, t(w) \vdash \phi \tag{5}$$

For suppose $w \Vdash \phi$ but $\mathcal{C}, t(w) \not\vdash \phi$. Then $\mathcal{C}, t(w), \neg\phi \not\vdash \perp$, so by the Consistency Lemma there is some world v with $v \Vdash \mathcal{C} \cup \{t(w), \neg\phi\}$, so $v \Vdash \neg\phi$. But by definition of $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}$ and $t(w)$ we must have $v\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}w$, hence by (2) and the assumption that $w \Vdash \phi$, also $v \Vdash \phi$, contradiction.

By (5) and the definition of ϕ^+ ,

$$\mathcal{C}, \phi^+ \vdash \phi \tag{6}$$

Conversely, we also have

$$\mathcal{C}, \phi \vdash \phi^+ \tag{7}$$

for if this is not the case then $\mathcal{C}, \phi, \neg\phi^+ \vdash \perp$ so $\mathcal{C} \cup \{\phi, \neg\phi^+\}$ is true in some world v by the consistency lemma. Since $v \Vdash \phi$, $t(v)$ is one of the disjuncts of ϕ^+ . However, $\mathcal{C} \cup \{\phi, \neg\phi^+\} \vdash \neg t(v)$, so by soundness, $v \Vdash \neg t(v)$, which is impossible.

The Replacement Rule applied to (6) and (7) implies that $\mathcal{C}, n\phi^+ \vdash n\phi$, but then by (4) and Cut, $\mathcal{C} \vdash n\phi$. But $n\phi \in \Delta$ and \mathcal{C} is an n -theory within Δ , so $n\phi \in \mathcal{C}$. \square

Lemma 23 (Frame Lemma) If \mathcal{A} is finite, \mathcal{C} is a finite consistent norm set, then $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}}$ is a preorder that has finite meet.

Proof: That $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{C}}$ is a preorder is immediate from the definition of $R_{\mathcal{C}}$. Let $w, v \in \mathcal{W}_{\mathcal{A}}$; consider

$$\Sigma = \{\psi \mid n\psi \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } w \Vdash \psi\} \cup \{\psi \mid n\psi \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } v \Vdash \psi\}$$

Since $n\Sigma \subseteq \mathcal{C}$, $\Sigma \not\vdash \perp$ by the MEET rule and the consistency of \mathcal{C} . Hence by the consistency theorem for classical logic, $u \Vdash \Sigma$ for some $u \in \mathcal{W}$. But then by the definition of $\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}$ it is immediate that $u\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}w$ and $u\mathcal{R}_{\mathcal{C}}v$. \square

Now we are all set to prove completeness:

Theorem 8 (Completeness) $\mathcal{N}1$ is complete on the class of preorders with finite meet.

Proof: Let Δ be the smallest closed set that extends $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\phi\}$. Consider two cases: (1) $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_0$. Then $\Gamma, \neg\phi \not\vdash \perp$. Define $\Gamma' = \{\psi \in \Delta \mid \Gamma, \neg\phi \vdash \psi\}$ and put $\mathcal{C} = \{n\psi \in \Gamma' \mid n\psi \in \Delta\}$. Then Γ' is satisfied by some world in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$. So $\Gamma \not\models \phi$.

Case (2): ϕ is of the form $n\phi'$. Then define $\Gamma' = \{\psi \in \Delta \mid \Gamma \vdash \psi\}$ and put $\mathcal{C} = \{n\psi \in \Gamma' \mid n\psi \in \Delta\}$. Then $n\phi' \notin \mathcal{C}$, so $n\phi'$ is not true in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ while Γ' is satisfied by some world in $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$. So $\Gamma \not\models \phi$. \square

Since $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{A},\mathcal{C}}$ is finite if \mathcal{A} is, decidability easily follows.

5 Discussion and Further Research

There are two specific problems that remain to be solved. First, there remains the task of providing completeness theorems for the update semantics that contains both the *normally* and *presumably* operators. Second, it would be desirable to reprove the completeness of the Update-Test variant of the *might*-system along the lines of the general method of section 2.4.3. In both cases we feel that we are ‘almost there’, and prefer to tell the real story at a later occasion, rather than face the unrewarding task of explaining what we don’t yet understand.

We have not paid much attention to decidability issues in the present paper. This is largely due to the fact that for the concrete update systems we discussed, decidability is trivial, since in all cases the semantics is entirely framed in terms of finitely many finite objects - thus a simple semantic ‘try out all cases’ procedure will yield a decision procedure.

Finally, a general issue in proof theory for dynamic semantics has to do with the format of the proof system. We have used sequent calculi in this paper. The advantage of sequent systems is not only their prominence in proof-theoretical studies, but also the fact that the semantic definitions of valid consequence we considered are attributions of some semantic property to sequents. Thus sequent calculi neatly fit the semantic definitions of consequence. The Hoare calculi for update semantics developed in [9] actually describe a class of statements about the semantics that covers more than the semantic entailments $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \models_i \psi$, and are less elegant in this respect. On the other hand, our sequent calculi have a lot of side conditions on the rules, and the precise effects of these conditions in terms of proof theoretical properties are not well understood yet.

We started this paper with the contention that the most problematic aspect of the completeness proofs for update semantics consists in the non-validity of the structural rules of Permutation and Monotony. Reconsidering the proofs we have given, we can now say that the failure of Monotony is more problematic than the failure of Permutation, and generates quite a lot of bookkeeping in the proofs. It *might* be so that a proof system tailored as a tableau method offers more opportunities for an elegant bookkeeping of these non-monotonic phenomena. But on our current information, we are not able to assert that this is *presumably* so.

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