D-Structures and their Semantics

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Abstract

In these notes we shall be concerned with a semantic object which is a generalization of classical structures, Kripke structures and the regular *-structures of Ehrenfeuchtde Jongh. We shall start by showing how these different cases can be obtained by imposing different regularly conditions on the basic object (D-structures) and the semantics can then be directly interpreted into the semantics of D-structures. We shall then give a game-theoretic explanation of the semantics of the D-structures from which the finite model property of regular *-sructures can be easily obtained. We go on to look at the proof theory of these objects.

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1 Introduction

In this survey we shall show that a D-structure is a very flexible (but nontrivial) type of object and includes classical structures, intutionistic structures¹, and the regular *-structures of Ehrenfeucht-de Jongh as special cases The intuitive idea is this. At any moment of time, what we know about the world is a finite amount, but as time passes, and if our memory is good, this finite amount increases. In other words, the old information is embedded in the new information. The *way* in which the old information is embedded can be chosen in various possible ways and these different choices lead to different semantics.

In the following, μ will be a finite relational type. Constants are permitte but not function symbols.

Definition 1 A *D*-structure \mathcal{M} of type μ consists of two objects:

- 1. a family \mathcal{F} of finite relational structures (diagrams), all of type μ and
- 2. a family \mathcal{H} of homomorphisms between elements of \mathcal{F} . \mathcal{H} includes all the identity maps. \mathcal{H}^t is the closure of \mathcal{H} under composition and clearly $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}^t \rangle$ will be a category.

Remark: Note that homomorphisms preserve atomic formulae but not necessarily their negations. Members of \mathcal{H} will be called *allowable maps*.

Definition 2 A *D*-structure \mathcal{M} will be said to be *rigid* if all allowable maps are inclusions. It is *directed* if given D_1 , D_2 in \mathcal{F} there is a D_3 and allowable maps $p_1 : D_1 \to D_3$ and $p_2 : D_2 \to D_3$. \mathcal{M} is *weakly* directed if $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}^t \rangle$ is directed.

Definition 3 Let A be a sentence of the language \mathcal{L}_u augmented by constants from a diagram D (we shall take the elements themselves to be these constants) and modal operators \Box and \diamond . We recall that \Box means "necessarily" and \diamond means "possibly". We define $\mathcal{M}, D \models A$ by induction on the complexity c(A) of A.

- 1. c(A) = 0. Then $\mathcal{M}, D \models A$ iff A is true in D.
- 2. $A = B \land C$. Then $\mathcal{M}, D \models B \land C$ iff $\mathcal{M}, D \models B$ and $\mathcal{M}, D \models C$.
- 3. $A = B \lor C$. Then $\mathcal{M}, D \models B \lor C$ iff $\mathcal{M}, D \models B$ or $\mathcal{M}, D \models C$.
- 4. $A = \neg B$. Then $\mathcal{M}, D \models \neg B$ iff $\mathcal{M}, D \not\models B$.

5.
$$A = (\exists x)B(x)$$
. Then
 $\mathcal{M}, D \models (\exists x)B(x)$ iff there exists $a \in |D|$ such that $\mathcal{M}, D \models B(a)$.
6. $A = (\forall x)B(x)$. Then
 $\mathcal{M}, D \models (\forall x)B(x)$ iff for all $a \in |D|$, $\mathcal{M}, D' \models B(a)$.

7. $A = \Box B(a_1, \dots, a_k)$. Then $\mathcal{M}, D \models \Box B(a_1, \dots, a_k)$ iff for all allowable $f : D \to D'$, $\mathcal{M}, D' \models B(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_k))$.

¹ The finiteness requirement on elements of \mathcal{M} has to be dropped in this case, for technical reasons on the diagrams.

8. $A = \diamond B(a_1, \dots, a_k)$. Then $\mathcal{M}, D \models \diamond B(a_1, \dots, a_k)$ iff for some allowable $f : D \to D'$, $\mathcal{M}, D \models B(f(a_1), \dots, f(a_k)).$

In 7, 8 the constants from |D| are explicitly displayed.

Before studying D-structures in general we shall verify the claim made on before Definition 1.

Definition 4 Let A be a formula of the language $\mathcal{L}_{\mu*D}$, i.e. \mathcal{L}_{μ} with constants from |D|. A^c is the formula obtained from A if we replace \exists everywhere by $\diamond \exists$ and \forall everywhere by $\Box \forall$.

Theorem 5 Let \mathcal{A} be a classical μ -structure. $\mathcal{M}^c(\mathcal{A}) = \mathcal{M}$ is th D-structure where \mathcal{F} consists of all finite substructures of \mathcal{A} . \mathcal{H} consists of all inclusion maps. (Thus \mathcal{M} is directed and rigid.) \mathcal{A} is any sentence of $\mathcal{L}_{\mu*D}$. Then

$$\mathcal{A} \models A \qquad iff \qquad \mathcal{M}, D \models A^c,$$

where D contains all constants of A.

PROOF. \neg , \lor , \land and atomic sentences are trivial. Suppose now that A is $(\exists x)B(x, a_1, \ldots, a_k)$ then A^c is $\diamond(\exists x)B^c(x, a_1, \ldots, a_k)$.

[left to right] Suppose $\mathcal{A} \models A$. Then there is an $a \in |\mathcal{A}|$ such that

$$\mathcal{A} \models B(a, a_1, \dots, a_k)$$

Let D' be a substructure containing D and a. Then by induction hypothesis, $\mathcal{M}, D' \models B^c(a, a_1, \ldots, a_k)$ hence $\mathcal{M}, D' \models (\exists x) B^c(x, a_1, \ldots, a_k)$ hence

 $\mathcal{M}, D \models \diamond (\exists x) B^c(x, a_1, \dots, a_k).$

I.e. $\mathcal{M}, D \models A^c$.

[right to left] Suppose

$$\mathcal{M}, D \models \diamond (\exists x) B^c(x, a_1, \dots, a_k)$$

then there is a D' such that $D \subseteq D'$ and $a \in D'$ such that $\mathcal{M}, D' \models B^c(a, a_1, \ldots, a_k)$. But then $\mathcal{A} \models B(a, a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k)$ and hence

$$\mathcal{A}\models(\exists x)B(x,a_1,a_2,\ldots,a_k)$$

The \forall case is similar.

Theorem 6 Let \mathcal{M} be a directed, rigid D-structure. Let

$$\mathcal{A} = \bigcup_{D_a \in \mathcal{F}} D_a.$$

(This union makes sense since \mathcal{M} is directed and rigid.) Then, for sentences A of $\mathcal{L}_{u*\mathcal{A}}$, we have if D contains all constants of A,

$$\mathcal{M}, D \models A^c \quad iff \quad \mathcal{A} \models A.$$

PROOF. Quite similar to above.

Definition 7 Let A be a formula of the intuitionistic predicate calculus with symbols from μ and additional constants. We define A^{i} by induction on c(A).

- 1. $c(A) = 0, A^{i} = A$ 2. $A = B \land C, A^{i} = B^{i} \land C^{i}$ 3. $A = B \lor C, A^{i} = B^{i} \lor C^{i}$ 4. $A = \neg B, A^{i} = \Box \neg B^{i}$
- 5. $A = B \rightarrow C, A^{i} = \Box(B^{i} \rightarrow C^{i})$
- 6. $A = (\forall x)B(x), A^{\mathbf{i}} = \Box(\forall x)B^{\mathbf{i}}(x)$
- 7. $A = (\exists x)B(x), A^{\mathbf{i}} = (\exists x)B^{\mathbf{i}}(x).$

(In cases 2,3,7, we could take $A^i = \Box(\exists x)B^i(x)$ etc. and the next theorem will still hold.)

Definition 8 Let \mathcal{A} be an intuitionistic structure (as in [Fit69] p.46). Let D_{Γ} be the structure with base set $P(\Gamma)$, and in which precisely those atomic \mathcal{A} hold where $\Gamma \models \mathcal{A}$. There is a homomorphism (which comes from set inclusion) from D_{Γ} to $D_{\Gamma'}$ just in case $R(\Gamma, \Gamma')$. Then, $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}^{i}(\mathcal{A})$ is $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H} \rangle$ where $\mathcal{F} = \{D_{\Gamma} : \Gamma \in \mathcal{G}\}$ and \mathcal{H} consists of the homomorphisms just mentioned.

Theorem 9 Let A be a sentence in $\hat{P}(\Gamma)$. Then

$$\mathcal{M}, D_{\Gamma} \models A^i$$
 iff $\Gamma \models A$.

PROOF. The proof is immediate if A is atomic. Also, \land, \lor, \exists will work in a parallel way. Suppose $A = \neg B$. Then, $A^{i} = \Box \neg B^{i}$. We have:

$$\Gamma \models \neg B \quad \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } \Gamma^*, \quad \Gamma^* \not\models B \\ \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } D_{\Gamma^*}, \quad \mathcal{M}, D_{\Gamma^*} \not\models B \text{ (ind. hyp)} \\ \text{iff} \quad \text{for all } D_{\Gamma^*}, \quad \mathcal{M}, D_{\Gamma^*} \models \neg B \\ \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}, D_{\Gamma} \models \Box \neg B^{\mathbf{i}} \\ A = B \to C \text{ and } A = (\forall x) B(x) \text{ are similar.} \end{cases}$$

Suppose now that $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H} \rangle$ is a *D*-structure which is a category. We construct a Kripke structure corresponding to \mathcal{M} . Given $D \in \mathcal{F}$, a selection *S* for *D* is a set of maps into *D* such that if there are any maps $D' \to D$ there is just one such map in *S*. Take $\mathcal{G} =$ the set of all pairs $\langle D, S \rangle$, where $D \in \mathcal{F}$ and *S* in a selection for *D*. For $\Gamma = \langle D, S \rangle \in \mathcal{G}$, take $P(\Gamma) = |D|$ and an atomic sentence *A* in $\mathcal{P}(\Gamma)$ is forced by Γ iff it holds in *D*. We let $\Gamma R \Gamma'$ iff there is a map $g \in S', g : D \to D'$ such that for all $f \in S, f \circ g \in S'$. (We point out that given $g : D \to D'$ there is always such an *S'*.)

Theorem 10 For A in the language of IPC with constants from D, with $\Gamma = \langle D, S \rangle$,

$$\Gamma \models A$$
 iff $\mathcal{M}, D \models A^1$.

PROOF. Quite routine. To check one case, suppose $A = \neg B$. Then, $A^{i} = \Box \neg B^{i}$. Then,

$$\begin{split} \Gamma \models A & \text{iff} & \forall \Gamma^*, \quad \Gamma^* \not\models B \\ & \text{iff} & \forall D' \text{ with allowable } g: D \to D', \quad \mathcal{M}, D' \not\models B^i \\ & \text{iff} & \forall D' \text{ with allowable } g: D \to D', \quad \mathcal{M}, D' \models \neg B^i \\ & \text{iff} & \mathcal{M}, D \models \Box \neg B^i \\ & \text{etc.} \end{split}$$

Definition 11 Let \mathcal{A} be a (classical) structure of type μ and f a permutation o $|\mathcal{A}|$. Then $f(\mathcal{A})$ is the structure with base set $|\mathcal{A}|$ in which

$$f(\mathcal{A})\models R(f(a_1), f(a_2), \dots, f(a_n))$$
 iff $\mathcal{A}\models R(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n),$

where $R \in u$ and $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_n \in |\mathcal{A}|$. A regular *-structure over \mathcal{A} is a family $\{f(\mathcal{A}) \mid f \in G\}$, where G is some group containing all finite permutations of $|\mathcal{A}|$.

Definition 12 Let \mathcal{M} be a family of first order structures all of the same type μ and with the same base set X. If $X_0 \subseteq X$, $M \in \mathcal{M}$ then

$$\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] = \{ N \mid N \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and } N|_{X_0} = M|_{X_0} \}$$

Definition 13 (Ehrenfeucht) Let \mathcal{M} be a regular *-structure on \mathcal{A} . $X_0 \subseteq |\mathcal{A}|$, $M \in \mathcal{M}$. A is a sentence of $\mathcal{L}_{\mu * X_0}$. We define $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A$ by induction on c(A).

- 1. c(A) = 0. Then $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A$ iff $M \models A$. (Note: this depends only on $M|_{X_0}$.)
- 2. $A = B \wedge C$. Then $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A$ iff $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models B$ and $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models C$.
- 3. $A = B \lor C$. Then $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A$ iff $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models B$ or $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models C$.
- 4. $A = \neg B$. Then $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A$ iff $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \not\models B$.
- 5. $A = (\exists x)B(x)$. Then $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A$ iff there exist $a \in X, b \in X_0 \cup \{a\}, N \in \mathcal{M}[X_0, M]$ such that $\mathcal{M}[X_0 \cup \{a\}, N] \models B(b)$.
- 6. $A = (\forall x)B(x)$. Then $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A$ iff for all $a \in X, b \in X_0 \cup \{a\}, N \in \mathcal{M}[X_0, M],$ $\mathcal{M}[X_0 \cup \{a\}, N] \models B(b).$

Theorem 14 Let \mathcal{M} be a regular *-structure on \mathcal{A} . Let $\mathcal{M}_1 = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H} \rangle$ be defined as follows

$$\mathcal{F} = all finite submodels D_i of \mathcal{A}, \\ \mathcal{H} = all monomorphisms D \to D' with \overline{D'} - \overline{D} \leq 1.$$

Let $X_0 = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}, A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \in \mathcal{L}_{u * X_0}, M \in \mathcal{M} \text{ and }$

$$b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in |\mathcal{A}|$$
 such that $\mathcal{A}|_{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n} = M|_{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n}$.

Then

$$\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \quad iff \quad \mathcal{M}_1, D \models A^c(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n),$$

where $\{b_1, b_2, \ldots, b_n\} \subseteq |D|$.

PROOF. Trivial if A is atomic, a negation, conjuction, or disjunction.

Suppose $A = (\forall x)B(x)$. Then, $\mathcal{M}[X_0, M] \models A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ gives, for all N, a, b as provided,

$$\mathcal{M}[X_0 \cup \{a\}, N] \models B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b).$$

Now, let $g: D \to D'$ be an allowable map. We need to show that

$$\mathcal{M}, D' \models B^c(g(b_1), \dots, g(b_n), c), \text{ for all } c \in |D'|.$$

Now, there is a permutation ϕ such that $\phi(g(b_i)) = a_i$. Take $a = \phi(b)$, where $b \in D' - g[D]$, if $D' \neq g[D]$ and let $a \in \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\}$ otherwise. Let $b = \phi(c)$. Let $N = \phi(\mathcal{A})$. Then

$$N|_{\{a_1,...,a_n\}} = M|_{\{a_1,...,a_n\}}$$

$$\simeq \mathcal{A}|_{\{b_1,b_2,...,b_n\}}$$

$$\simeq \mathcal{A}|_{\{g(b_1),g(b_2),...,g(b_n)\}}.$$

and we get

$$\mathcal{M}[X_0 \cup \{a\}, N] \models B(a_1.a_2..., a_n, b)$$

hence

 $\mathcal{M}, D' \models B^c(g(b_1), \ldots, g(b_n), c)$

Thus

$$\mathcal{M}, D' \models (\forall x) B^c(g(b_1), \dots, g(b_n), x)$$

Hence,

$$\mathcal{M}, D \models \Box(\forall x) B^c(g(b_1), \dots, g(b_n), x)$$

which was to be proved.

The backward argument and the \exists case are quite similar.

We now show that a *D*-structure $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H} \rangle$ corresponds to a regular *-structure if

- 1. \mathcal{M} is weakly directed,
- 2. $D \in \mathcal{F}$ and $D' \subseteq D \to D' \in \mathcal{F}$,
- 3. the allowable maps are those monomorphisms $D \to D'$ where

$$\overline{\overline{D'}} = \overline{\overline{D}} \le 1.$$

Theorem 15 Let \mathcal{M} be a D-structure as above. Choose a maximal subfamily $\mathcal{K} \subseteq \mathcal{H}^t$ such that \mathcal{K} is closed under composition and \mathcal{K} contains at most one map from any D to D'. Let \mathcal{A} be the direct limit of \mathcal{F} under \mathcal{K} , and \mathcal{M}_1 a regular *-structure on \mathcal{A} . Suppose $X_0 \subseteq |\mathcal{A}|, M \in \mathcal{M}_1$ and $D, a'_1, a'_2, \ldots, a'_n$ are such that $D \in \mathcal{F}$ and $D|_{\{a'_1, a'_2, \ldots, a'_n\}} \simeq M|_{X_0}$. Then,

$$\mathcal{M}_1[X_0, M] \models A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) \quad iff \quad \mathcal{M}, D \models A^c(a'_1, a'_2, \dots, a'_n).$$

PROOF. The proof is straightforward.

2 A Game Theoretic Characterisation

Let μ be a relational type, \mathcal{M} a D-structure of type μ , $D \in \mathcal{M}$, $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\mu*D}^{\mathcal{M}}$ the language of modal logic (with quantifiers) and nonlogical symbols from μ and |D|, A a closed formula of \mathcal{L} . We define a game $\mathcal{G}_{A,D}$ by induction on the complexity of A. (1), (2) are two players.

- 1. A is atomic. $\mathcal{G}_{A,D}$ is won by (1) iff $D \models A$. Otherwise, it is won by (2).
- 2. $A = B \wedge C$. Player (2) may choose either game $\mathcal{G}_{B,D}$ or $\mathcal{G}_{C,D}$ which is then played.
- 3. $A = B \lor C$. Player (1) may choose either game $\mathcal{G}_{B,D}$ or $\mathcal{G}_{C,D}$ which is then played.
- 4. $A = \neg B$. (1) wins $\mathcal{G}_{A,D}$ iff (s)he loses $\mathcal{G}_{B,D}$.
- 5. $A = (\forall x)B(x)$. Player (2) chooses an $a \in |D|$. The game $\mathcal{G}_{B(a),D}$ is then played.
- 6. $A = (\exists x)b(x)$. Player (1) chooses an $a \in |D|$. The game $\mathcal{G}_{B(a),D}$ is then played.
- 7. $A = \Box B(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$. Player (2) chooses an $f : D \to D', f \in \mathcal{H}$. The game $\mathcal{G}_{D',B(f(a_1),f(a_2),\dots,f(a_n))}$ is then played.
- 8. Like (7) except player (1) chooses the f.

(In 7, the elements of |D| are displayed.)

Theorem 16 $\mathcal{M}, D \models A$ iff player (1) has a winning strategy for $\mathcal{G}_{A,D}$.

Corollary 17 Let $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{G}_M$ be a regular *-structure where M is classical and \mathcal{G} is a group containing all finite permutations of |M|. Let A closed such that, $\mathcal{M}\models A$. There exists a finite $X \subseteq |M|$ such that if $N = M|_X$ and $\mathcal{G}_1 = all$ permutations of X, then $\mathcal{G}, M\models A$. (This can be called the "finite model property".)

PROOF. Let l = c(A). There are only finitely many possible diagrams of type μ and size $\leq l$ (upto isomorphism). Choose $X_i \subseteq M$ such that $M|_{X_i}$ is a representative of the *i*th type occuring inside M. Let X = the union of all the X_i . Let $N = M|_X$.

Let \mathcal{M}_1 be the *D*-structure consisting of all diagrams in *N* with allowable maps being monomorphisms $D \to D'$ with $\overline{\overline{D'}} - \overline{\overline{D}} \leq 1$.

 \mathcal{M}_2 is the analogous *D*-structure for *M*.

Then, clearly, a closed formula of complexity $\leq l$ holds in \mathcal{M}_1, D iff it holds in \mathcal{M}_2, D , where D is the empty diagram. Hence, we get

$$\mathcal{G}_M \models A \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}_2 \models A \\ \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{M}_1 \models A \\ \text{iff} \quad \mathcal{G}, N \models A$$

using theorem 14.

Theorem 18 (Skolem-Lowenheim theorem for *D*-structures) *Let* $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H} \rangle$ be a *D*-structure. Then there exist countable $\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{H}_1, \mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F},$ $\mathcal{H}_1 \subset \mathcal{H}$ such that for all $D \in \mathcal{F}_1, A \in \mathcal{L}^M_{\mu * D}$,

$$\mathcal{M}_1 = \langle \mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{H}_1 \rangle \models A \quad iff \quad \mathcal{M} \models A.$$

Moreover, \mathcal{M}_1 is rigid, directed, weakly directed as a category etc. iff \mathcal{M}_1 is. Thus \mathcal{M}_1 corresponds to an intuitionistic, classical, or regular *-structure iff \mathcal{M} does.

PROOF. Let

$$X = \mathcal{F} \cup \mathcal{H}^t \cup []{|D| | D \in \mathcal{F}}.$$

We look at the classical structure with base set and relations, constants corresponding to these in μ plus some others. Thus for a relation $R(x_1, \ldots, x_n) \in u$ we have a relation $R'(y, x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ which holds iff y is a digram and $R(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$ holds in y. We also have monadic predicates corresponding to $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{H}^t, \bigcup \{|D| \mid D \in \mathcal{F}\}$. In addition we have a function f of two arguments such that

$$f(x,y) = x(y) \qquad \qquad \text{whenever } x \in \mathcal{H}^t \text{ and } y \text{ in some } D,$$

where $x : D \to D',$

= something *not* an element if the conditions are not fulfilled.

Then we have the following. For each formula A of $\mathcal{L}^{M}_{\mu*D}$, there is a formula A' in the language of M with constants from |D|, such that

$$\mathcal{M} \models A$$
 iff $M \models A'$.

Moreover, there are formulae of M expressing various properties of \mathcal{M} mentioned. Now take a countable substructure M_1 of M and take the \mathcal{M}_1 corresponding.

Special cases of this theorem include: classical structures, intuitionistic structures, regular *-structures and rigid D-structures. Note that many properties not explicitly mentioned will be elementary in M (possibly after expanding the language) and will be inherited by M_1 .

Game theoretic arguments can be used to give very direct proofs of many results of [EGGdJ] about regular *-structures.

3 The logic of *D*-structures

We recall the three systems M, M', M'' for modal quantificational logic. M consists of

- 1. the axioms and rules for the predicate calculus,
- 2. the axioms

$$\begin{array}{c} A \to \diamond A \\ \Box A \leftrightarrow \neg \diamond \neg A \\ \diamond (A \lor B) \leftrightarrow \diamond A \lor \diamond B, \end{array}$$

3. the rules

and

if $\vdash A \leftrightarrow B$ then $\diamond A \leftrightarrow \diamond B$ if $\vdash A$ then $\Box A$.

Theorem 19 All theorems of M are valid in all D-structures.

PROOF. It is clear that the axioms are valid and the rules preserve validity.

The system M' is **S4** and is obtained by adding the axiom $\Box A \to \Box \Box A$. The system M'' is **S5** and is obtained by adding, in addition, the axiom $(\diamond \Box A) \to \Box A$.

Definition 20 $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H} \rangle$ is *filtered* if for all allowable maps $f : D \to D'$, $g : D \to D''$ there exist D''', h, k such that the diagram



commutes. \mathcal{M} is weakly filtered if $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{H}^t \rangle$ is filtered.

Theorem 21 If \mathcal{M} is a category then $\mathcal{M}\models$ **S4**.

PROOF. Immediate from the definition.

The converse is not true. Suppose we have a situation



where $g \circ f$ belongs to \mathcal{H} but $g' \circ f'$ does not. However D'_1 is a copy of D_1 as far as D is concerned. Then the structure given above will act logically like a category. We do not know if there are any nontrivial examples.

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