

com.1 The Truth Lemma

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Proposition com.1 (Truth Lemma). *For every formula φ , $\mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w \models \varphi$ if and only if $\varphi \in w$.*

Proof. By induction on φ . *Basis:* if φ is a propositional variable, say p , then:

$$\mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w \models p \Leftrightarrow w \in V^\Sigma(p) \Leftrightarrow p \in w.$$

If φ is \perp then both $\mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w \not\models \perp$ and $\perp \notin w$ (by consistency of w). The cases for $\neg\varphi$ and $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ follow from the inductive hypothesis and ??, parts ?? and ??. Here is the case for $\Box\varphi$; in one direction:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w \models \Box\varphi &\Rightarrow \forall w' \in W^\Sigma (R^\Sigma ww' \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w' \models \varphi), && \text{def. } \models; \\ &\Rightarrow \forall w' \in W^\Sigma (\{\psi : \Box\psi \in w\} \subseteq w' \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w' \models \varphi), && \text{def. } R^\Sigma; \\ &\Rightarrow \forall w' \in W^\Sigma (\{\psi : \Box\psi \in w\} \subseteq w' \Rightarrow \varphi \in w'), && \text{ind. hyp.}; \\ &\Rightarrow \Box\varphi \in w, && ?? \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, assume $\Box\varphi \in w$, and let w' be an arbitrary world in W^Σ such that $R^\Sigma ww'$. By definition of R^Σ , we have $\{\psi : \Box\psi \in w\} \subseteq w'$, which immediately gives $\varphi \in w'$. By induction hypothesis, $\mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w' \models \varphi$, and since w' was arbitrary, $\mathfrak{M}^\Sigma, w \models \Box\varphi$. \square

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