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Modal Sequent Calculus

Draft chapter on sequent calculi for modal logic. Needs more examples, soundness and completeness proofs.

seq.1 Introduction

nml:seq:int: sec The sequent calculus for propositional logic can be extended by additional rules that deal with $\Box$ and $\Diamond$. For instance, for **K**, we have **LK** plus:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}{\Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta, \Box \varphi} \Box \quad \frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Diamond \varphi, \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta} \Diamond$$

For extensions of **K**, additional rules have to be added as well.

Not every modal logic has such a sequent calculus. Even **S5**, which is semantically simple (it can be defined without using accessibility relations at all) is not known to have a sequent calculus that results from **LK** which is complete without the rule Cut. However, it has a cut-free complete *hypersequent* calculus.

seq.2 Rules for K

nml:seq:rul: sec The rules for the regular propositional connectives are the same as for regular sequent calculus **LK**. Axioms are also the same: any sequent of the form $\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi$ counts as an axiom.

For the modal operators $\Box$ and $\Diamond$, we have the following additional rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}{\Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta, \Box \varphi} \Box \quad \frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Diamond \varphi, \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta} \Diamond$$

Here, $\Box \Gamma$ means the sequence of **formulas** resulting from Γ by putting $\Box$ in front of every **formula** in Γ and $\Diamond \Delta$ is the sequence of **formulas** resulting from Δ by putting $\Diamond$ in front of every **formula** in Δ . Γ and Δ may be empty; in that

case the corresponding part $\Box\Gamma$ and $\Diamond\Delta$ of the conclusion sequent is empty as well.

The restriction of adding a $\Box$ on the right and $\Diamond$ on the left to a single formula φ is necessary. If we allowed to add $\Box$ to any number of formulas on the right or to add $\Diamond$ to any number of formulas on the left we would be able to derive:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\Rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi} \neg R}{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi, \Box\neg\varphi} \Box*}{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi \vee \Box\neg\varphi} \vee R \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\neg\varphi, \varphi \Rightarrow} \neg L}{\Diamond\neg\varphi, \Diamond\varphi \Rightarrow} \Diamond*}{\Diamond\varphi \Rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \neg R}{\Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \rightarrow R$$

But $\Box\varphi \vee \Box\neg\varphi$ and $\Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi$ are not valid in **K**.

If we allowed side formulas in addition to φ in the premise, and allowed the $\Box$ rule to add $\Box$ to only φ on the right, or allowed the $\Diamond$ rule to add $\Diamond$ to only φ on the left (but do nothing to the side formulas) we would be able to derive:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\Rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi} \neg R}{\Rightarrow \neg\varphi, \varphi} XR}{\Rightarrow \neg\varphi, \Box\varphi} \Box*}{\Rightarrow \neg\varphi \vee \Box\varphi} \vee R \quad \frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\neg\varphi, \varphi \Rightarrow} \neg L}{\Diamond\neg\varphi, \varphi \Rightarrow} \Diamond*}{\varphi \Rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \neg R}{\Rightarrow \varphi \rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \rightarrow R$$

But $\neg\varphi \vee \Box\varphi$ (which is equivalent to $\varphi \rightarrow \Box\varphi$) and $\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi$ are not valid in **K**.

seq.3 Sequent Derivations for K

Example seq.1. We give a sequent calculus derivation that shows $\vdash (\Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi) \rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)$.

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$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\psi, \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}}{\psi, \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi \wedge \psi} \wedge R}{\Box\psi, \Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)} \Box}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\psi \Rightarrow \psi}{\psi, \varphi \Rightarrow \psi}}{\Box\psi, \Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)} \wedge L}{\Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi, \Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)} \wedge L}{\Box\varphi, \Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi \Rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)} \wedge L}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi, \Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi \Rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)} \wedge L}{\Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi \Rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)} \wedge L}{\Rightarrow (\Box\varphi \wedge \Box\psi) \rightarrow \Box(\varphi \wedge \psi)} \rightarrow R} CL$$

Example seq.2. We give a sequent calculus derivation that shows $\vdash \Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow (\Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi)$.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi, \psi} \quad \frac{\psi \Rightarrow \psi}{\psi \Rightarrow \varphi, \psi} \quad \text{VL} \\
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\varphi \vee \psi \Rightarrow \varphi, \psi \\
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\frac{\varphi \vee \psi \Rightarrow \varphi, \psi}{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi, \Diamond\psi} \Diamond \\
\hline
\frac{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi, \Diamond\psi}{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi, \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi} \text{VR} \\
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\frac{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi, \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi}{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi, \Diamond\varphi} \text{XR} \\
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\frac{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi, \Diamond\varphi}{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi, \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi} \text{VR} \\
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\frac{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi}{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi} \text{CR} \\
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\frac{\Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi}{\Rightarrow \Diamond(\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow (\Diamond\varphi \vee \Diamond\psi)} \rightarrow\text{R}
\end{array}$$

Here is a [derivation](#) of DUAL.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\neg\varphi, \varphi \Rightarrow} \neg\text{R} \\
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\frac{\neg\varphi, \varphi \Rightarrow}{\Diamond\neg\varphi, \Box\varphi \Rightarrow} \Diamond \\
\hline
\frac{\Diamond\neg\varphi, \Box\varphi \Rightarrow}{\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \neg\text{R} \\
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\frac{\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi}{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \rightarrow\text{R} \\
\hline
\frac{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi \rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi}{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi \leftrightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \rightarrow\text{R}
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\Rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi} \neg\text{R} \\
\hline
\frac{\Rightarrow \varphi, \neg\varphi}{\Rightarrow \neg\varphi, \varphi} \text{XR} \\
\hline
\frac{\Rightarrow \neg\varphi, \varphi}{\Rightarrow \Diamond\neg\varphi, \Box\varphi} \Box \\
\hline
\frac{\Rightarrow \Diamond\neg\varphi, \Box\varphi}{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi, \Diamond\neg\varphi} \text{XR} \\
\hline
\frac{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi, \Diamond\neg\varphi}{\neg\Diamond\neg\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\varphi} \neg\text{R} \\
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\frac{\neg\Diamond\neg\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\varphi}{\Rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi \rightarrow \Box\varphi} \rightarrow\text{R} \\
\hline
\frac{\Rightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi \rightarrow \Box\varphi}{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi \leftrightarrow \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi} \wedge\text{R}
\end{array}$$

Problem seq.1. Find sequent calculus proofs in **K** for the following [formulas](#):

1. $\Box\neg p \rightarrow \Box(p \rightarrow q)$
2. $(\Box p \vee \Box q) \rightarrow \Box(p \vee q)$
3. $\Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond(p \vee q)$
4. $\Box(p \wedge q) \rightarrow \Box p$

seq.4 Rules for Other Accessibility Relations

[nml:seq:mr:sec](#) In order to deal with logics determined by special accessibility relations, we consider the additional rules in [Table seq.1](#).

Adding these rules results in systems that are sound and complete for the logics given in [Table seq.2](#).

Example seq.3. We give a sequent [derivation](#) that shows $\mathbf{K4} \vdash 4$, i.e., $\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Box\varphi$.

$$\begin{array}{c}
\frac{\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\varphi}{\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\Box\varphi} 4\Box \\
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\frac{\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\Box\varphi}{\Rightarrow \Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Box\varphi} \rightarrow\text{R}
\end{array}$$

Example seq.4. We give a sequent [derivation](#) that shows $\mathbf{S5} \vdash 5$, i.e., $\Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi$.

$\frac{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Box \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \text{T}\Box$	$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi}{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \Diamond \varphi} \text{T}\Diamond$
$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta} \text{D}$	
$\frac{\Gamma, \Diamond \Pi \Rightarrow \Box \Delta, A, \varphi}{\Box \Gamma, \Pi \Rightarrow \Delta, \Diamond A, \Box \varphi} \text{B}\Box$	$\frac{\varphi, \Diamond \Gamma, \Pi \Rightarrow \Box A, \Delta}{\Diamond \varphi, \Gamma, \Box \Pi \Rightarrow A, \Diamond \Delta} \text{B}\Diamond$
$\frac{\Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta, \varphi}{\Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta, \Box \varphi} 4\Box$	$\frac{\varphi, \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta}{\Diamond \varphi, \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta} 4\Diamond$
$\frac{\Box \Gamma, \Diamond \Pi \Rightarrow \Box \Delta, \Diamond A, \varphi}{\Box \Gamma, \Diamond \Pi \Rightarrow \Box \Delta, \Diamond A, \Box \varphi} 5\Box$	$\frac{\varphi, \Diamond \Gamma, \Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta, \Box A}{\Diamond \varphi, \Diamond \Gamma, \Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Diamond \Delta, \Box A} 5\Diamond$

Table seq.1: More modal rules.

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Logic	R is ...	Rules
T = KT	reflexive	$\Box, \text{T}\Box, \text{T}\Diamond$
D = KD	serial	$\Box, \text{D}$
K4	transitive	$\Box, 4\Box, 4\Diamond$
B = KTB	reflexive, symmetric	$\Box, \text{T}\Box, \text{T}\Diamond$ $\text{B}\Box, \text{B}\Diamond$
S4 = KT4	reflexive, transitive	$\Box, \text{T}\Box, \text{T}\Diamond$ $4\Box, 4\Diamond$
S5 = KT5	reflexive, transitive, euclidean	$\Box, \text{T}\Box, \text{T}\Diamond$ $5\Box, 5\Diamond$

Table seq.2: Sequent rules for various modal logics.

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$$\frac{\frac{\Diamond\varphi \Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi}{\Diamond\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi} 5\Box}{\Rightarrow \Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi} \rightarrow R$$

Example seq.5. The sequent calculus for **S5** is not complete without the Cut rule; e.g., $\Diamond\Box\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$, which is valid in **S5**, has no proof without Cut. Here is a derivation using Cut:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\varphi}{\Diamond\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \Box\varphi} 5\Diamond}{\Diamond\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi} \text{Cut} \quad \frac{\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi}{\Box\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi} T\Box}{\Rightarrow \Diamond\Box\varphi \rightarrow \varphi} \rightarrow R$$

Problem seq.2. Give sequent derivations that show the following:

1. **KT5** $\vdash$ B;
2. **KT5** $\vdash$ 4;
3. **KDB4** $\vdash$ T;
4. **KB4** $\vdash$ 5;
5. **KB5** $\vdash$ 4;
6. **KT** $\vdash$ D.

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