

If $R$ is ...	then ... is true in $\mathfrak{M}$ :
<i>partially functional</i> : $\forall w \forall u \forall v ((Rwu \wedge Ruv) \rightarrow u = v)$	$\diamond \varphi \rightarrow \Box \varphi$
<i>functional</i> : $\forall w \exists v \forall u (Rwu \leftrightarrow u = v)$	$\diamond \varphi \leftrightarrow \Box \varphi$
<i>weakly dense</i> : $\forall u \forall v (Ruv \rightarrow \exists w (Ruw \wedge Ruv))$	$\Box \Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \varphi$
<i>weakly connected</i> : $\forall w \forall u \forall v ((Rwu \wedge Ruv) \rightarrow (Ruv \vee u = v \vee Rvu))$	$\Box((\varphi \wedge \Box \varphi) \rightarrow \psi) \vee \Box((\psi \wedge \Box \psi) \rightarrow \varphi)$ (L)
<i>weakly directed</i> : $\forall w \forall u \forall v ((Rwu \wedge Ruv) \rightarrow \exists t (Rut \wedge Rvt))$	$\diamond \Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \diamond \varphi$ (G)

Figure 1: Five more correspondence facts.

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fig:anotherfive

## syn.1 Frame Correspondence

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Even though the converse implications of ?? fail, they hold if we replace “model” by “frame”: for the properties considered in ??, it is true that if a formula is valid in a frame then the accessibility relation of that frame has the corresponding property. In fact, even more is true in the case of D.

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ex:D.complete.for.models

**Example syn.1.** Any model where every instance of D is true is serial.

**Problem syn.1.** Prove Example syn.1 (Hint: take  $\varphi = \neg \perp$ ).

Although we will focus on the five classical formulas D, T, B, 4, and 5, we record in Figure 1 a few more correspondences.

**Problem syn.2.** Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle W, R, V \rangle$  be a model. Show that if  $R$  satisfies the left-hand properties of Figure 1, the corresponding right-hand schemas are true in  $\mathfrak{M}$ .

We now proceed to establish the full correspondence results for frames. We will consider T, B, 4 and 5, as the case for D already follows from Example syn.1.

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thm:fullCorrespondence

**Theorem syn.2.**

1. If T, i.e.,  $\Box p \rightarrow p$ , is valid in a frame  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}$  is reflexive.
2. If B, i.e.,  $p \rightarrow \Box \diamond p$ , is valid in a frame  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}$  is symmetric.
3. If 4, i.e.,  $\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p$  is valid in a frame  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}$  is transitive.
4. If 5, i.e.,  $\diamond p \rightarrow \Box \diamond p$ , is valid in a frame  $\mathfrak{F}$ , then  $\mathfrak{F}$  is euclidean.

*Proof.* The strategy is to devise, for each frame  $\mathfrak{F}$ , a valuation that will ensure that the frame has the desired property (provided the corresponding schema is true).

1. Suppose T is valid in  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ , let  $w \in W$  be an arbitrary world; we need to show  $Rww$ . Let  $u \in V(p)$  if and only if  $Rwu$  (when  $q$  is other than  $p$ ,  $V(q)$  is arbitrary, say  $V(q) = \emptyset$ ). Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle W, R, V \rangle$ . By construction, for all  $u$  such that  $Rwu$ :  $\mathfrak{M}, u \models p$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{M}, w \models \Box p$ . But by hypothesis  $\Box p \rightarrow p$  is true at  $w$ , so that  $\mathfrak{M}, w \models p$ , but by definition of  $V$  this is possible only if  $Rww$ .
2. We prove the contrapositive: Suppose  $\mathfrak{F}$  is not symmetric, we show that B is not valid in  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ . If  $\mathfrak{F}$  is not symmetric, there are  $u, v \in W$  such that  $Ruv$  but not  $Rvu$ . Define  $V$  such that  $w \in V(p)$  if and only if not  $Rvw$  (and  $V$  is arbitrary otherwise). Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle W, R, V \rangle$ . Now, by definition of  $V$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}, w \models p$  for all  $w$  such that not  $Rvw$ , in particular,  $\mathfrak{M} \models pu$  since not  $Rvu$ . Also, since  $Rvw$  iff  $p \notin V(w)$ , there is no  $w$  such that  $Rvw$  and  $\mathfrak{M}, w \models p$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{M}, v \not\models \Diamond p$ . Since  $Ruv$ , also  $\mathfrak{M}, u \not\models \Box \Diamond p$ . It follows that  $\mathfrak{M}, u \not\models p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$ , and so B is not valid in  $\mathfrak{F}$ .
3. Suppose 4 is valid in  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ , and let  $u, v, w \in W$  be arbitrary worlds such that  $Ruv$  and  $Rvw$ ; we need to show that  $Ruw$ . Define  $V$  such that  $z \in V(p)$  if and only if  $Ruz$  (and  $V$  is arbitrary otherwise). Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle W, R, V \rangle$ . By definition of  $V$ ,  $\mathfrak{M}, z \models p$  for all  $z$  such that  $Ruz$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{M}, u \models \Box p$ . But by hypothesis 4,  $\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p$ , is true at  $u$ , so that  $\mathfrak{M}, u \models \Box \Box p$ . Since  $Ruv$  and  $Rvw$ , we have  $\mathfrak{M}, w \models p$ , but by definition of  $V$  this is possible only if  $Ruw$ , as desired.
4. We proceed contrapositively, assuming that the frame  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$  is not euclidean, and show that it falsifies 5. Suppose there are worlds  $u, v, w$  such that  $Ruv$  and  $Rvw$  but not  $Ruw$ . Define  $V$  such that for all worlds  $z$ ,  $z \in V(p)$  if and only if it is *not* the case that  $Ruz$ . Let  $\mathfrak{M} = \langle W, R, V \rangle$ . Then by hypothesis  $\mathfrak{M}, v \models p$  and since  $Rvw$  also  $\mathfrak{M}, w \models \Diamond p$ . However, there is no world  $y$  such that  $Ruy$  and  $\mathfrak{M}, y \models p$  so  $\mathfrak{M}, u \not\models \Diamond p$ . Since  $Ruv$ , it follows that  $\mathfrak{M}, u \not\models \Box \Diamond p$ , so that 5,  $\Diamond p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$  fails at  $u$ .

□

**Theorem syn.2** also shows that the properties can be combined: for instance if both B and 4 are valid in  $\mathfrak{F}$  then the frame is both symmetric and transitive, etc. This is useful because the classical systems **S4** and **S5** are, in fact, just the systems characterized as **KT4** and **KTB4**.

We now record some properties of accessibility relations (in fact, these notions apply to arbitrary binary relations).

**Proposition syn.3.** *Let  $R$  be a binary relation on a set  $W$ ; then:*

1. *If  $R$  is reflexive, then it is serial.*

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prop:relation-facts

2. *If  $R$  is symmetric, then it is transitive if and only if it is euclidean.*
3. *If  $R$  is symmetric or euclidean then it is weakly directed (it has the “diamond property”).*
4. *If  $R$  is euclidean then it is weakly connected.*
5. *If  $R$  is functional then it is serial.*

**Problem syn.3.** Prove [Proposition syn.3](#).

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