

# Relating Axioms and Rules for Modal Logics

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# Motivation

## Fact:

There are a many modal logics:

$K, KT, K4, S4, \dots, \mathbb{V}, \mathbb{VA}, \dots, CK, CS4, \dots, CL, IL, \dots$

... and their number is growing every day!

For syntactically specifying these logics we have 2 big formalisms:

- ▶ axioms for a **Hilbert system** (good for capturing intuitions)
- ▶ rules for a **sequent system** (good for deciding the logic)

$$\begin{array}{l} T_{\Box} \quad \Box p \rightarrow p \\ 4_{\Box} \quad \Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p \end{array} \quad \frac{\Gamma, p \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \Box p \Rightarrow \Delta} R_{T_{\Box}} \quad \frac{\Box \Gamma \Rightarrow p}{\Sigma, \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Box p, \Delta} R_{4_{\Box}}$$

- Question:**
- ▶ How do we get rules from axioms?
  - ▶ Which axioms can be captured by rules?

# Examples

Question:

What is the relationship between axioms and rules?

Plan:

- ▶ What is a sequent rule?
- ▶ General properties of such systems: Cut elimination and decidability
- ▶ What is the relation between axioms and sequent rules?
- ▶ What are the applications?

What is a **sequent system** for a modal logic?

## Basics

In this talk we consider intuitionistic propositional modal logics with unary monotone modalities.

(But everything works in the classical /  $n$ -ary case as well!)

**Formulae** are defined as usual:

$$A, B \in \mathcal{F} ::= p \mid \perp \mid A \wedge B \mid A \vee B \mid A \rightarrow B \mid \Box A \mid \heartsuit A \mid \dots$$

We use asymmetric **sequents**  $\Gamma \Rightarrow \delta$  with  $\Gamma$  a multiset of formulae and  $\delta$  empty or a formula. Intended interpretation:  $\bigwedge \Gamma \rightarrow \delta$ .

Our sequent systems have **axioms**  $\overline{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow A}$ , the structural rules

$$\frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow \delta}{A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \delta} W, \quad \frac{\Gamma, A, A \Rightarrow \delta}{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \delta} \text{Con}_L, \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad A, \Sigma \Rightarrow \pi}{\Gamma, \Sigma \Rightarrow \pi} \text{Cut},$$

the propositional rules, the **monotonicity rules** for all operators  $\heartsuit$ :

$$\frac{A \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma, \heartsuit A \Rightarrow \heartsuit B}$$

and additional rules of a specific format.

## Rules with Context Restrictions

A **context restriction** is a tuple  $\langle F_\ell; F_r \rangle$  of sets of formulae. It restricts a sequent  $\Gamma \Rightarrow \delta$  by allowing only substitution instances of formulae from  $F_\ell$  (resp.  $F_r$ ) in  $\Gamma$  (resp.  $\delta$ ).

A **rule with context restrictions** is of the form

$$\frac{(\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \delta_1; \mathcal{C}_1) \quad \dots \quad (\Gamma_n \Rightarrow \delta_n; \mathcal{C}_n)}{\Sigma \Rightarrow \pi}$$

with principal formulae  $\Sigma \Rightarrow \pi \in \text{Seq}(\text{Mod}(\text{Var}))$  and premisses  $\Gamma_i \Rightarrow \delta_i \in \text{Seq}(\text{Var})$  with associated context restrictions  $\mathcal{C}_i$ .

In an **application** of such a rule a premiss with associated restriction  $\mathcal{C}_i$  carries over only the context restricted according to  $\mathcal{C}_i$  from the conclusion.

## Examples of Rules with Context Restrictions

Our rule format captures many standard rules for modal logics, e.g. the rules for  $CK_{\Box}$  and  $CS4_{\Box}$ :

$$\frac{A_1, \dots, A_n \Rightarrow B}{\Gamma, \Box A_1, \dots, \Box A_n \Rightarrow \Box B} R_{K_n} \qquad \frac{(p_1, \dots, p_n \Rightarrow q ; \langle \emptyset ; \emptyset \rangle)}{\Box p_1, \dots, \Box p_n \Rightarrow \Box q}$$
$$\frac{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \delta}{\Gamma, \Box A \Rightarrow \delta} R_{T_{\Box}} \qquad \frac{(p \Rightarrow ; \langle \{q\} ; \{q\} \rangle)}{\Box p \Rightarrow}$$
$$\frac{\Box \Gamma \Rightarrow A}{\Sigma, \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Box A} R_{4_{\Box}} \qquad \frac{(\Rightarrow p ; \langle \{ \Box q \} ; \emptyset \rangle)}{\Rightarrow \Box p}$$

We often use the more suggestive notation on the left.

Rules  $K_n$  and  $T_{\Box}$  are **shallow**: they use only restrictions  $\langle \emptyset ; \emptyset \rangle$  or  $\langle \{q\} ; \{q\} \rangle$ . Rule  $K_n$  is **one-step**: it only uses restriction  $\langle \emptyset ; \emptyset \rangle$ .

General **properties** of such sequent systems



# Cut Elimination

The structural rules  $\text{Con}_L$  and Cut are bad for backwards proof search, since they give rise to infinite search trees. Also, Cut sabotages the subformula property.

$$\frac{\Gamma, A, A \Rightarrow \delta}{\Gamma, A \Rightarrow \delta} \text{Con}_L, \quad \frac{\Gamma \Rightarrow A \quad A, \Sigma \Rightarrow \pi}{\Gamma, \Sigma \Rightarrow \pi} \text{Cut}$$

Thus in a good sequent system these rules should be **admissible**: the system should derive the same sequents if we drop these rules.

Idea:

Extract general conditions on the rule sets from the standard proofs which guarantee admissibility of Cut and  $\text{Con}_L$ .

# The General Conditions: Saturation

A set  $\mathcal{R}$  of rules is

- ▶ **principal-cut closed** if “cuts between rules” from  $\mathcal{R}$  are  $\mathcal{R}$ ConW-derivable;
- ▶ **context-cut closed** if whenever context restrictions of  $R$  and  $Q$  overlap on  $A$  (i.e. if  $A \in F_r^R \sigma \cap F_\ell^Q \tau$ ), then the principal formulae and all restrictions of one rule satisfy all restrictions of the other rule overlapping on  $A$ ;
- ▶ **mixed-cut closed** if whenever a principal formula  $A$  of  $R$  satisfies a context restriction of  $Q$  then all restrictions and principal formulae of  $R$  satisfy this restriction;
- ▶ **contraction closed** if “contractions of rules” from  $\mathcal{R}$  are in  $\mathcal{R}$ ;
- ▶ **saturated** if it is all of the above.

Examples:

The standard rule sets for the standard modal logics built from  $K, T, D, 4$  and the rules for propositional logic are all saturated.

# Generic Cut Elimination by Permutation of Rules

## Theorem (Generic Cut Elimination)

*In saturated rule sets the cut rule can be eliminated.*

### Proof Sketch.

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# Decidability

Copying all formulae obeying the associated context restriction into the premisses, yields admissibility of Contraction. For **tractable** rule sets (codes of applicable rules / their premisses can be computed in pspace from the conclusion / the rule code) we also have

## Theorem (Complexity)

*For saturated and tractable sets of rules with restrictions the derivability problem is in EXPTIME. If all rules are shallow, then the problem is in PSPACE.*

## Idea of Proof.

1. Eliminate Cuts
2. Eliminate Contraction
3. Use subformula property in a fixed-point argument for EXPTIME
4. Use set-sequents and backwards proof search for PSPACE.

What is the **relation** between axioms and rules?

# Translating Axioms

Often modal logics are given as a **Hilbert-system**, i.e. a set  $\mathcal{A}$  of **axioms** closed under modus ponens and uniform substitution:

$$\frac{\vdash A \quad \vdash A \rightarrow B}{\vdash B} \text{ MP} \qquad \frac{\vdash A}{\vdash A \left[ \frac{B}{p} \right]} \text{ US}$$

Examples:

- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_{CK\Box} = \text{IL} \cup \{\Box p \wedge \Box q \leftrightarrow \Box(p \wedge q), \Box \top\}$
- ▶  $\mathcal{A}_{CS4\Box} = \mathcal{A}_{CK} \cup \{\Box p \rightarrow p, \Box p \rightarrow \Box\Box p\}$

**Question:** How can we turn these axioms into sequent rules?

**Idea:**

- ▶ find a translation
- ▶ extract criteria ensuring translatability of axioms
- ▶ show that the criteria are necessary by translating rules



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But  $\Box p$  is **normal** for CK: we have  $\bigwedge_{i \leq n} \Box p_i \leftrightarrow \Box \bigwedge_{i \leq n} p_i$ .  
Thus replacing  $\Box p$  with context  $\Box\Gamma$  gives the well-known rule  $R_{4\Box}$ :

$$\frac{\Box\Gamma \Rightarrow q}{\Box\Gamma \Rightarrow \Box q} R_{4\Box} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, p \Rightarrow \delta}{\Gamma, \Box p \Rightarrow \delta} R_{T\Box}$$

Similarly, axiom T  $\Box p \rightarrow p$  translates into rule  $R_{T\Box}$ .

This gives a purely syntactic construction of the rules for CS4.

## Translating Axioms: Translatable Axioms

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### Theorem

If  $(A, (\heartsuit_p P_p)_p)$  is fit for translation and  $C_{c^\ell}$  normal (for  $\mathcal{R}$ ), then  $A[\frac{\heartsuit_p P_p}{\mathbf{p}}][\frac{C_c}{\mathbf{c}}]$  is equivalent (over  $\mathcal{R}$ ) to a rule with restrictions.

Where  $C$  is **normal** if  $\bigwedge C(\mathbf{q}) \equiv C(\mathbf{D}(\mathbf{q}))$ .

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Examples:

$$(\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p) \equiv (c^\ell \rightarrow p^r) \left[ \frac{\Box c^\ell}{p^r} \right] \left[ \frac{\Box p}{c^\ell} \right]$$

$$\bigcirc(p \rightarrow \bigcirc q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow \bigcirc q) \equiv (p^\ell \wedge c^\ell \rightarrow c^r) \left[ \frac{\bigcirc(c^\ell \rightarrow c^r)}{p^\ell} \right] \left[ \frac{p \bigcirc q}{c^\ell \quad c^r} \right]$$

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## Idea of Proof.

1. take a **context instance**  $\widehat{R}$  (fixed number of context formulae)
2. turn premisses and conclusion of  $\widehat{R}$  into formulae  $\varphi_{\widehat{R}}$  and  $\psi_{\widehat{R}}$
3. construct substitution  $\sigma$  witnessing **projectivity** of  $\varphi_{\widehat{R}}$   
[Ghilardi 1999]:
  - ▶  $\vdash_{Gi} \Rightarrow \varphi_{\widehat{R}}\sigma$
  - ▶  $\vdash_{Gi} \varphi_{\widehat{R}} \Rightarrow p \leftrightarrow p\sigma$  for all  $p$
4. then  $\widehat{R}$  is equivalent to  $\psi_{\widehat{R}}\sigma$
5. thus  $R$  is equivalent to  $\{\psi_{\widehat{R}}\sigma \mid \widehat{R} \text{ context instance of } R\}$



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## Example:

The context instance of  $R_{4\Box}$  below gives formulae  $\varphi_{\widehat{R_{4\Box}}}$  and  $\psi_{\widehat{R_{4\Box}}}$ :

$$\frac{\Box c_1, \Box c_2 \Rightarrow p}{\Box c_1, \Box c_2 \Rightarrow \Box p} \widehat{R_{4\Box}} \quad \varphi_{\widehat{R_{4\Box}}}: \Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2 \rightarrow p$$
$$\psi_{\widehat{R_{4\Box}}}: \Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2 \rightarrow \Box p$$

For substitution  $\sigma$  with  $\sigma(p) = \varphi_{\widehat{R_{4\Box}}} \rightarrow p$  and  $\sigma(c_i) = c_i$  we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{\widehat{R_{4\Box}}} \sigma &= \Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2 \rightarrow \Box((\Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2 \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p) \\ &\equiv \Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2 \rightarrow \Box((\Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2) \vee p) \end{aligned}$$

which as axiom is equivalent to  $\Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2 \rightarrow \Box(\Box c_1 \wedge \Box c_2)$ .

Since  $\Box c$  is normal this is equivalent to axiom 4  $\Box c \rightarrow \Box \Box c$ .

# Correspondence between Axioms and Rules

This gives correspondences for logics with monotone modalities:

translatable rank-1	$\longleftrightarrow$	one-step rule
translatable non-nested	$\longleftrightarrow$	shallow rule
normal translatable	$\longleftrightarrow$	rule with normal restrictions
translatable scheme	$\longleftrightarrow$	rule with restrictions

where a **translatable scheme** is a set

$$\left\{ A \left[ \frac{\heartsuit_{\mathbf{p}} P_{\mathbf{p}}}{\mathbf{p}} \right] \left[ \frac{\bigwedge_{i \leq n_{c^l}} C_{c^l} \quad \bigvee_{i \leq n_{c^r}} C_{c^r}}{\mathbf{c}^l \quad \mathbf{c}^r} \right] \mid n_{\mathbf{c}} \geq 0 \right\}$$

of axioms with  $(A, (\heartsuit_{\mathbf{p}} P_{\mathbf{p}})_{\mathbf{p}})$  fit for translation.

What are the **applications**?

# Applications

Use the translation to **construct sequent systems** from axioms (e.g. for conditional logics based on  $\mathbb{V}$ , [L.-Pattinson, 2012])

Use the correspondence to show **limitative results** for rule formats:

## Corollary (classically)

- ▶  $\top \Box p \rightarrow p$  is not equivalent over  $K$  to a set of one-step rules
- ▶  $\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p$  is not equivalent over  $K$  to a set of shallow rules

**Question:** Do we get limitative results for **cut-free** sequent systems?

Perhaps - so far we only have results for sequent systems admitting a proof of cut-elimination by permutation of rules...

## Applications: S5 and Cut Elimination

**S5** is K plus the axioms T, 4 and 5  $\neg\Box p \rightarrow \Box\neg\Box p$ .

The standard set of rules with restrictions for this is

$$\frac{\Gamma, p \Rightarrow \Delta}{\Gamma, \Box p \Rightarrow \Delta} R_T \qquad \frac{\Box\Gamma \Rightarrow p, \Box\Delta}{\Sigma, \Box\Gamma \Rightarrow \Box p, \Box\Delta, \Pi} R_5$$

### Theorem

*There is no set  $\mathcal{R}$  of rules such that  $Gc\mathcal{R}$  is mixed-cut closed and sound and cut-free complete for S5.*

### Idea of Proof.

- ▶ show that the translations of such rules have the form

$$\bigwedge \vec{p} \wedge c_1^\ell \wedge \Box c_2^\ell \wedge \bigwedge_{i \leq n} \Box P_i \rightarrow \bigvee_{j \leq m} \Box Q_j \vee c^r \vee \bigvee \vec{q}$$

- ▶ show that such axioms are not strong enough to capture S5.

# Summary

- ▶ A rule format capturing most standard systems
- ▶ General (sufficient) conditions for Cut Elimination
- ▶ Correspondences between classes of axioms and rules
- ▶ All results for both classical and intuitionistic frameworks
- ▶ There is no rule set for S5 with “standard” proof of cut elimination

Thank you!