# Towards a Theory of Hypersequent Calculi for Modal Logics

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- Assume the logic is given as a Hilbert-style axiom system.
- Which framework to choose for the calculus: sequents, hypersequents, nested sequents, display, ...?
- How to construct the calculus?

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Motivation 2: The Zoo of Formalisms

Display

Nested sequents

2-sequents

Hypersequents

Sequents

Hilbert systems / formulae

We need a general theory of derivation systems including results about which frameworks are appropriate for which logics!

















Hypersequent calculi

### Hypersequent Basics

The formulae of normal modal logics are given by

$$\mathcal{F} \ni \varphi ::= \mathbf{p}_i \mid \bot \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \varphi \lor \varphi \mid \varphi \to \varphi \mid \Box \varphi \mid \heartsuit \varphi \mid \ldots$$

Sequents are tuples  $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$  of multisets of formulae read as  $\bigwedge \Gamma \rightarrow \bigvee \Delta$ , and hypersequents are multisets of sequents written

$$\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1 \mid \cdots \mid \Gamma_n \Rightarrow \Delta_n$$

We consider hypersequent calculi with axioms and structural rules:

$$\frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma, \varphi \Rightarrow \varphi, \Delta} \operatorname{Ax} \quad \frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma, \Sigma \Rightarrow \Delta, \Pi} \operatorname{IW} \quad \frac{\mathcal{G}}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \operatorname{EW}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \varphi, \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\mathcal{G} \mid \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \operatorname{IC}_{\mathsf{L}} \qquad \qquad \frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \varphi}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi} \operatorname{IC}_{\mathsf{R}}$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \operatorname{EC} \qquad \frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi \quad \mathcal{G} \mid \varphi, \Sigma \Rightarrow \Pi}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma, \Sigma \Rightarrow \Delta, \Pi} \operatorname{Cut}$$

### Hypersequent rules with restrictions examples

What could the additional rules look like? Two (classic) examples from the literature [Avron 1996]:

$$\frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma, \varphi \Rightarrow \Delta}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma, \Box \varphi \Rightarrow \Delta} \mathsf{T} \qquad \qquad \frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Box \Gamma, \Sigma \Rightarrow \Box \Delta, \Pi}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Box \Delta \mid \Sigma \Rightarrow \Pi} \mathsf{MS}$$

The characteristic features of these rules are:

- They might introduce one layer of connectives in the active part of the conclusion
- One active component per premiss
- Possibly more than one active component in the conclusion
- They copy a restricted part of the contexts of each component to the premisses

How can we make that precise?

### Hypersequent rules with restrictions formally

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.  $\Delta$ ).

Hypersequent rules with context restrictions are of the form

$$\frac{(\Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta_1; \mathcal{C}_1^1 \dots \mathcal{C}_n^1) \dots (\Gamma_m \Rightarrow \Delta_m; \mathcal{C}_1^m \dots \mathcal{C}_n^m)}{\Sigma_1 \Rightarrow \Pi_1 \mid \dots \mid \Sigma_n \Rightarrow \Pi_n}$$

with  $C_j^i$  context restrictions and  $\Gamma_i, \Delta_i \subseteq Var$  and  $\Sigma_i, \Pi_i \subseteq \Box(Var)$ . Simple rules use only  $\langle \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle, \langle \{p\}, \{p\}, \langle \{\Box p\}, \emptyset \rangle$ .

In an application the premiss with restriction  $C_1^i \dots C_n^i$  copies the context of the *j*th component restricted by  $C_i^i$ .

Example:

$$\begin{array}{c|c} (\Rightarrow; \langle \{\Box p\}; \{\Box p\}\rangle \; \langle \{p\}; \{p\}\rangle) \\ \Rightarrow \; | \; \Rightarrow \end{array} \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \begin{array}{c|c} \mathcal{G} \; | \; \Box \Gamma, \Sigma \Rightarrow \Box \Delta, \Pi \\ \overline{\mathcal{G} \; | \; \Omega, \Box \Gamma \Rightarrow \Box \Delta, \Theta \; | \; \Sigma \Rightarrow \Pi} \end{array}$$

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# Decidability and Complexity

Theorem

Derivability in a cut-free, contraction-closed, bounded conclusion and tractable rule set is decidable in EXPSPACE.

Proof idea: Modify the rules to make contraction admissible, e.g.:



# Axioms and Rules

### Axioms and Interpretations

We assume that the specification of a logic is given as a Hilbert system, i.e. by a set A of axioms and the rules

$$\frac{\vdash \varphi}{\vdash \varphi \sigma} \text{ US } \qquad \frac{\vdash \varphi \vdash \varphi \to \psi}{\vdash \psi} \text{ MP } \qquad \frac{\vdash \varphi \to \psi}{\vdash \heartsuit \varphi \to \heartsuit \psi} \text{ Mon}$$

We want to interpret a hypersequent as a formula – but the interpretation for | is not clear! So let's make it a parameter:

An interpretation for a logic  $\mathcal{L}$  is a set  $\{\varphi_n(p_1, \ldots, p_n) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  of formulae such that  $\models_{\mathcal{L}} \psi$  iff  $\models_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi_1(\psi)$  (regularity) and which respects the structural rules:

- $\blacktriangleright \models_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi_n(\xi_1,\xi_2,\vec{\chi}) \text{ iff } \models_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi_n(\xi_2,\xi_1,\vec{\chi})$
- If  $\models_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi_n(\vec{\chi})$  then  $\models_{\mathcal{L}} \varphi_{n+1}(\xi, \vec{\chi})$
- similarly for external contraction, cut, etc.

Example:  $\iota_{\Box} = \{\bigvee_{i \leq n} \Box p_i : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for reflexive normal modal logics or  $\iota_{\boxplus} = \{\bigvee_{i \leq n} (p_i \land \Box p_i) : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for normal modal logics.

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with  $\heartsuit \in \Lambda \cup \{\epsilon\}$  and  $\psi_{\ell} \in \{q_i, \Box q_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}, \psi_r \in \{r_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$ such that every  $\psi_{\ell}, \psi_r$  occurs under  $\varphi_n$  once on the top level and at least once under a modality.

### Caveat

The translations between axioms and rules use the rules for K:

$$rac{\mathcal{G} \mid \mathsf{\Gamma} \Rightarrow q}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Box \mathsf{\Gamma} \Rightarrow \Box q} \; \mathsf{R}_\mathsf{K}$$

But soundness of these is not necessarily preserved in extensions! Theorem If  $K \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  and  $\iota$  is a regular interpretation for  $\mathcal{L}$ , then:

$$R_{\mathsf{K}}$$
 is sound for  $(\mathcal{L}, \iota)$  iff  $\frac{\iota(\mathcal{G}, \varphi)}{\iota(\mathcal{G}, \Box \varphi)}$  is admissible in  $\mathcal{L}$ 

and both hold for  $\iota = \iota_{\Box}$  if  $\mathcal{L}$  is transitive or extensible.

(Here  $\mathcal{L}$  is extensible if given by a class of frames closed under "adding a predecessor to everyone").

This seems to suggest that hypersequent calculi are mainly suited for transitive or extensible logics!

# Applications

## Applications: Simple Frame Properties

All the calculi for logics given by simple frame properties based on K or K4 in [Lahav:2013] fit our framework and satisfy the criteria for cut elimination and decidability. E.g. linearity:

$$\forall w_1, w_2 \exists u(w_1 R u \land w_2 = u) \lor (w_2 R u \land w_1 = u)$$
$$\longrightarrow \quad \frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Sigma, \Gamma' \Rightarrow \Pi}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Gamma, \Box \Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta \mid \Sigma, \Box \Sigma' \Rightarrow \Pi}$$

Thus we purely syntactically reprove cut elimination and have

#### Theorem

*Logics given by simple frame properties are decidable in* EXPSPACE.

The correspondence between simple rules and  $\iota_{\Box}$ -simple axioms also gives (under some conditions) Hilbert systems for these logics.

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Backwards proof search in this calculus runs in coNP.

### Algorithm:

Work on set-based hypersequents; apply nec to obtain a "genuinely new" component; apply Prop and 5 all possible ways (universally guessing the premiss); repeat until you hit axiom or no new components are found.

## Applications: K4.2

Modal logic K4.2 is K plus (4)  $\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p$  plus (.2)  $\Diamond \Box p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p$ . Bad News:  $\iota_{\Box}$  is not regular for K4.2...

Good News: ... but  $\iota_{\boxplus} = \{\bigvee_{i \leq n} (p_i \land \Box p_i) : n \geq 1\}$  is.

#### Lemma

Translating the latter axiom gives the rules:

$$\frac{\mathcal{G} \mid \Omega, \Box \Gamma, \Theta, \Box \Delta \Rightarrow \Xi, \Upsilon}{\mathcal{G} \mid \Omega, \Box \Gamma, \Box \Sigma \Rightarrow \Xi \mid \Theta, \Box \Delta, \Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Upsilon} 2$$

#### Theorem

The calculus K4 + 2 is cut-free complete and sound for (K4.2,  $\iota_{\boxplus}$ ).

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# Thank you for your attention!