

ON THE EXTENSION OF S4 WITH $CLMpMLp$

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Over the last few years various logicians have considered the modal system obtained by extending $S4^1$ with

$$CLMpMLp,$$

but no demonstration that the system is decidable, or description of a characteristic model for it, has been published.² The purpose of this paper is to fill this gap by showing the system to have the finite model property—so that it is decidable (by [2], Lemma 4) and characterized by order closure models (by [1], Lemma 1)—and obtaining a characteristic order closure model for it. I assume familiarity with closure algebras (see [3] and [4]), with the order closure models of [1], and with the finite model property (see [2]). I do not distinguish between a closure algebra and the model obtained from it by designating the unit element; a closure algebra can be regarded as a Boolean algebra with a closure operator defined on it, and this representation is the most convenient for my purposes. I use the symbol $-$ for relative complement, instead of in its normal role of complement proper; and I use the interior operator \downarrow (complement of closure of complement).

(It may be of interest that the system can also be obtained by extending $S4$ with either of the rules

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash M\alpha &\implies \vdash ML\alpha \\ \vdash M\alpha, \vdash M\beta &\implies \vdash MK\alpha\beta. \end{aligned}$$

To prove this I derive them in rotation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a) Given } CLMpMLp, \\ \vdash M\alpha &\implies \vdash LM\alpha \\ &\implies \vdash LM\alpha, \vdash CLM\alpha ML\alpha \\ &\implies \vdash ML\alpha. \\ \text{(b) Given } \vdash M\alpha &\implies \vdash ML\alpha, \text{ since } \vdash_{S4} CLMLpCLMLqMKpqq, \end{aligned}$$