

## ON ŁUKASIEWICZ'S Ł-MODAL SYSTEM

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I want to provide a proof of Łukasiewicz's assertion that his Ł-modal system<sup>1</sup> is characterised by a four-valued matrix. The need for such a proof was pointed out to me by Dr. R. Harrop.

The theorems of the Ł-modal system are the formulae that can be derived from the axioms

$$1. \quad C\delta p C\delta Np\delta q,$$

$$2. \quad Cp\Delta p,$$

by use of the rules of substitution (for propositional and functorial variables) and detachment.

The matrix in question (call it **M**) is the cross-product of a pair of two-valued matrices:

$M_1$ :	*	$C$	$t$	$f$	$N$	$\Delta$	$M_2$ :	*	$C$	$t$	$f$	$N$	$\Delta$
		$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$t$			$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$t$
		$f$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f$			$f$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$

If for convenience we number the elements of the product, writing  $\langle t, t \rangle = 1$ ,  $\langle t, f \rangle = 2$ ,  $\langle f, t \rangle = 3$ ,  $\langle f, f \rangle = 4$ , we can then describe **M** as follows:

*	$C$	$1$	$2$	$3$	$4$	$N$	$\Delta$
	$1$	$1$	$2$	$3$	$4$	$4$	$1$
	$2$	$1$	$1$	$3$	$3$	$3$	$1$
	$3$	$1$	$2$	$1$	$2$	$2$	$3$
	$4$	$1$	$1$	$1$	$1$	$1$	$3$

It is easy to show that every theorem is verified by (never takes an undesignated value in) **M**. We want to prove the converse, that every formula verified by **M** is a theorem. We first observe that the truth-table of  $\Delta$  in the matrix  $M_1$  is such that a formula  $\Delta\alpha$  always takes the same truth-value as  $\alpha$  itself. If then  $\beta$  is any formula, and  $\beta_1$  is got from it by replacing