

A DEDUCTION THEOREM FOR REJECTION THESES IN  
 ŁUKASIEWICZ'S SYSTEM OF MODAL LOGIC

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In this paper\* I shall present a proof of a deduction theorem for rejection theses of Jan Łukasiewicz's system of modal logic.<sup>1</sup> By "rejection thesis" I mean the last line of any valid deduction in Łukasiewicz's system of the form  $\neg\Delta$ . There are several such theses already proved by Łukasiewicz, e.g., theses 115-122,<sup>2</sup> but surely there are many more which are able to be proved. The theorem

$$\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}, \neg A_m \vdash \neg B \Rightarrow \neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1} \vdash \neg NCBA_m$$

is designed to facilitate the deduction of these latter theses, much as the standard deduction theorem facilitates the deduction of theses of classical logical systems.

My strategy to be used in proving this theorem will be similar to that used in proving the standard deduction theorem. I shall assume that the antecedent of the theorem is true, i.e., that there is a finite sequence of wffs which constitutes a demonstration of  $\neg B$  from the premises  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_m$ , and then indicate how one may construct, from this initial sequence, a second sequence which will constitute a demonstration of  $\neg KNA_m B$  from the premises  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}$ . I shall then show how, once one has obtained this second sequence, one can add several steps to it and further deduce  $\neg NCBA_m$ . Before giving the details of my proof, I shall first introduce some conventions:

$R_1$  = Rule of substitution for assertions: from  $\vdash A$  one may infer the result of substituting a wff  $B$  for a sentential variable  $c$  throughout  $A$ .

$R_2$  = Rule of detachment for assertions: from  $\vdash A$  and  $\neg CAB$  one may infer  $B$ .

$R_3$  = Rule of substitution for rejections: from  $\neg A$ , where  $A$  is a substitution instance of  $B$ , one may infer  $\neg B$ .<sup>3</sup>

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$R_4$  = Rule of detachment for rejections: from  $\lceil \neg CAB \rceil$  and  $\neg B$  one may infer  $\neg A$ .<sup>4</sup>

**Theorem 1**  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}, \neg A_m \vdash \neg B \Rightarrow \neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1} \vdash \lceil \neg KNA_m B \rceil$ .

*Proof:* Assume  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}, \neg A_m \vdash \neg B$  and let  $\Sigma_1, \dots, \Sigma_i, \dots, \Sigma_k$  denote its demonstration. Construct the sequence which for every  $\Sigma_i$  of the form  $\vdash \Gamma$  has a  $\Sigma_j^*$  which is the same as  $\Sigma_i$  and which for every  $\Sigma_i$  of the form  $\neg \Delta$  has a  $\Sigma_j^*$  of the form  $\lceil \neg KNA_m \Delta \rceil$ . We now show how to use this latter sequence to construct a demonstration of  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1} \vdash \lceil \neg KNA_m B \rceil$ . Consider the following cases:

*Case 1:*  $\vdash \Sigma_i$  is an assertion axiom (i.e., an axiom of the form  $\vdash \Gamma$ ) or a variant of such an axiom. Use the following proof to demonstrate  $\vdash \Sigma_i$ :

1.  $\vdash \Sigma_i$
2.  $\vdash \Sigma_i$  1; immediate inference

*Case 2:*  $\vdash \Sigma_i$  is generated by the use of  $R_2$  and two earlier steps in the sequence,  $\vdash \Sigma_a$  and  $\lceil \neg C\Sigma_a \Sigma_i \rceil$ . Use the following proof to demonstrate  $\vdash \Sigma_i$ :

1.  $\vdash \Sigma_a$
2.  $\vdash C\Sigma_a \Sigma_i$
3.  $\vdash \Sigma_i$  1; 2;  $R_2$

*Case 3:*  $\neg \Sigma_i$  is a rejection axiom or  $\neg A_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m - 1$ ). Use the following proof to demonstrate  $\lceil \neg KNA_m \Sigma_i \rceil$ :

1.  $\vdash CKpq$   $PC^5$
2.  $\vdash CKNA_m \Sigma_i \Sigma_i$  1;  $R_1, p/NA_m, q/\Sigma_i$
3.  $\neg \Sigma_i$
4.  $\neg KNA_m \Sigma_i$  2, 3;  $R_4$

*Case 4:*  $\Sigma_a$  is a substitution instance of  $\Sigma_i$ , and  $\neg \Sigma_a$  is either a rejection axiom or  $\neg A_j$  ( $1 \leq j \leq m - 1$ ). Use the following proof to demonstrate  $\lceil \neg KNA_m \Sigma_i \rceil$ :

1.  $\vdash CKpq$   $PC$
2.  $\vdash CKNA_m \Sigma_i \Sigma_i$  1;  $R_1, p/NA_m, q/\Sigma_i$
3.  $\neg \Sigma_a$
4.  $\neg \Sigma_i$  3;  $R_3$
5.  $\neg KNA_m \Sigma_i$  2; 4;  $R_4$

*Case 5:*  $\neg \Sigma_i$  is  $\neg A_m$ . Use the following proof to demonstrate  $\lceil \neg KNA_m \Sigma_i \rceil$ :

1.  $\vdash CKNppq$   $PC$
2.  $\vdash CKNA_m A_m \Delta p$  1;  $R_1, p/A_m, q/\Delta p$ <sup>6</sup>
3.  $\neg \Delta p$  axiom 4 in Łukasiewicz's system<sup>7</sup>
4.  $\neg KNA_m A_m$  2; 3;  $R_4$
5.  $\neg KNA_m \Sigma_i$  4;  $R_3$

*Case 6:*  $\Sigma_a$  is a substitution instance of  $\Sigma_i$  and  $\neg \Sigma_a$  is  $\neg A_m$ . Use the following proof to demonstrate  $\lceil \neg KNA_m \Sigma_i \rceil$ :

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| 1. $\vdash CKNppq$              | PC                              |
| 2. $\vdash CKNA_m A_m \Delta p$ | 1; $R_1, p/A_m, q/\Delta p$     |
| 3. $\neg \Delta p$              | axiom 4 in Łukasiewicz's system |
| 4. $\neg KNA_m A_m$             | 3; 4; $R_4$                     |
| 5. $\neg KNA_m \Sigma a$        | 4; $R_3$                        |
| 6. $\neg KNA_m \Sigma i$        | 4; $R_4$                        |

Case 7:  $\neg \Sigma_i$  is obtained from  $\Sigma_j$ 's of the form  $\vdash C\Sigma_i \Gamma$  and  $\neg \Gamma$  by use of  $R_4$ . Use the following steps to obtain  $\neg KNA_m \Sigma_i$ :

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| 1. $\vdash CCpqCCrsCKprKqs$  | PC   |
| 2. $\vdash CCNA_m NA_m CC\Sigma_i \Gamma CKNA_m \Sigma_i KNA_m \Gamma$ | 1; $R_1, p/NA_m, q/NA_m, r/\Sigma_i, s/\Gamma$ |
| 3. $\vdash Cpp$  | PC   |
| 4. $\vdash CNA_m NA_m$   | 3; $R_1, p/NA_m$                               |
| 5. $\vdash CC\Sigma_i \Gamma CKNA_m \Sigma_i KNA_m \Gamma$             | 4; 2; $R_2$                                    |
| 6. $\vdash C\Sigma_i \Gamma$   |  |
| 7. $\vdash CKNA_m \Sigma_i KNA_m \Gamma$                               | 5; 6; $R_2$                                    |
| 8. $\neg KNA_m \Gamma$   |  |
| 9. $\neg KNA_m \Sigma_i$   | 7; 8; $R_4$                                    |

We shall thus be able to construct a new sequence the last line of which is  $\neg KNA_m B$ . This sequence constitutes a demonstration of this last line from the premises  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}$ .

Theorem 2  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}, \neg A_m \vdash \neg B \Rightarrow \neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1} \vdash \neg KNCBA_m$ .

*Proof:* By Theorem 1 we know that, given  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}, \neg A_m \vdash \neg B$ , we can construct a demonstration of  $\neg KNA_m B$  from the premises  $\neg A_1, \dots, \neg A_{m-1}$ . We shall begin with the last line of that demonstration and from it demonstrate  $\neg KNCBA_m$ .

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| $\Sigma_k \neg KNA_m B$               |                                   |
| $\Sigma_{k+1} \vdash CKpqKqp$         | PC                                |
| $\Sigma_{k+2} \vdash CKBNA_m KNA_m B$ | $\Sigma_{k+1}; R_1, p/B, q/NA_m$  |
| $\Sigma_{k+3} \neg KBNA_m$            | $\Sigma_k; \Sigma_{k+2}; R_4$     |
| $\Sigma_{k+4} \vdash CNCpqKpNq$       | PC                                |
| $\Sigma_{k+5} \vdash CNCBA_m KBNA_m$  | $\Sigma_{k+4}; R_1, p/B, q/A_m$   |
| $\Sigma_{k+6} \neg NCBA_m$            | $\Sigma_{k+5}; \Sigma_{k+3}; R_4$ |

### NOTES

1. I refer to the system developed by Łukasiewicz in [1].
2. *Ibid.*, p. 145.
3. *Ibid.*, p. 114.
4. *Ibid.*
5. I use 'PC' to stand for 'propositional calculus'. I feel free to make use of theses of the propositional calculus, since all of the axioms, and *a fortiori* all of the theses, of that calculus are demonstrable in Łukasiewicz's system. (*cf.* page 124 in [1])

6. ' $\Delta$ ' is Łukasiewicz's possibility functor.

7. Łukasiewicz, [1], p. 137.

#### REFERENCE

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