

MODAL SYSTEMS IN WHICH NECESSITY IS ‘FACTORABLE’

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We will say that necessity is ‘factorable’ in a modal system S if there are modal functions $X_1p, \dots, X_n p - L$ itself being none of the X_i — such that in S the conjunction $KX_1pKX_2p \dots X_n p$ is equivalent to Lp . For the systems discussed in this paper, n in the above formulas will be 2 and X_1p will be simply p . An obvious example of a system in which necessity is factorable is the system $S4.4$, which contains as a thesis

$$(1) \quad EKpMLpLp.$$

We shall redirect our attention to $S4.4$ later on in this paper.

1. *S images in the S° systems.* We shall now show that by considering the operator usually read as ‘necessity’ in the systems $S1^\circ - S4^\circ$ to be a factor of necessity rather than necessity itself, we may find in each of these systems an image of its respective (without the ‘ $^\circ$ ’) ordinary Lewis-modal system. As bases for $S1^\circ - S4^\circ$, we may use the *C-N-L* formulations of [1]; for our present purposes, however, let us employ for these systems the letter Q in place of L , and reserve L for the necessity operator in the ‘images’ we will discover in $S1^\circ - S4^\circ$. In all of these systems, then, we will define L and M as follows:

Df. L : $L\varphi$ for $K\varphi Q\varphi$

Df. M : $M\varphi$ for $ANQN\varphi\varphi$

Axioms and rules for the systems will be drawn from the following stock, as in [1], with Q read for L :

J1a. $CQCpCqrQCQpCQqQr$

J1b. $CQCpqCQpQq$

J2. $CKQCpqqCqrQCpr$

Ja. If $\vdash \varphi$, then $\vdash Q\varphi$.

Jb. If φ is an axiom or **PC** theorem, $\vdash Q\varphi$.

Jc. If $\vdash QC\varphi\psi$, then $\vdash QCQ\varphi Q\psi$.

Jd. If $\vdash QC\varphi\psi$ and $\vdash QC\varphi\psi$, then $\vdash QCQ\varphi Q\psi$

Je. If $\vdash Q\varphi$, then $\vdash \varphi$.

With "PC" as the full classical propositional calculus with detachment and substitution for variables, the bases are:

- S1° = PC + J2 + Jb + Jd + Je
- S2° = PC + J1b + Jb + Jc + Je
- S3° = PC + J1a + Jb + Je
- T° = PC + J1b + Ja + Je
- S4° = PC + J1a + Ja + Je.

We first note that in the systems under study, with Df. *L* and *M* as above,

$$(2) \quad EMpNLNp$$

will clearly be a theorem; thus the standard definition of *M* in an *L*-primitive system holds in these systems. Now let φ be a theorem of one of the systems at hand; in particular, if the system in question is S3° or weaker, let φ be an axiom or PC theorem; if the system is T° or stronger, φ may be any theorem. We then have in each of these systems

- (3) $\vdash Q\varphi$ φ, \mathbf{Ja} or \mathbf{Jb}
- (4) $\vdash L\varphi$ (3), $\varphi, \mathbf{PC}, \text{Df. } L$

Rules—call them \mathbf{Ja}_L and \mathbf{Jb}_L —like \mathbf{Ja} and \mathbf{Jb} except for having *L* for *Q* then are derived rules within these systems, with \mathbf{Ja}_L in T° and S4°, and \mathbf{Jb}_L in the others. Further, in all these systems we have

- (5) $CLp\varphi$ $\mathbf{PC}, \text{Df. } L$
- (6) $LCLp\varphi$ $\mathbf{S1}^\circ, \text{Df. } L, \mathbf{Jb}_L$

We may note also that whenever *L* φ is a theorem, so too will be *Q* φ ;

$$(7) \quad CLpQ\varphi \quad \mathbf{PC}, \text{Df. } L$$

is in fact a theorem of S1°. Thus, if we have an S1° theorem of form *LE* $\varphi\psi$, we will also have

$$(8) \quad \vdash QE\varphi\psi \quad \text{Hyp., (7).}$$

Whenever, then, we have an "L-strict" equivalence in S1°, we will also have the same equivalence "Q-strict"; by rule \mathbf{Jd} we will have in S1° the rule—call it \mathbf{Jd}_L —of substitutivity of *L*-strict equivalents.

Easily recognizable as an S1° theorem is

- (9) $CQCpqCQCrsQCKprKqs$ $\mathbf{S1}^\circ$
- (10) $QCKKCbqCqrKQCpbqCqrKCprQCpr$ (9), $\mathbf{S1}^\circ$
- (11) $LCKLCpqLCqrLCpr = J2_L$ (10), $\mathbf{S1}^\circ, \text{Df. } L$.

With (6), (11), PC, and derived rules \mathbf{Jb}_L and \mathbf{Jd}_L , it is evident that there is an S1 image in S1° when we employ the earlier stated definitions of *L* and *M*.

We now assume $S2^\circ$, and further assume

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| (12) | $\vdash LC\varphi\psi$ | Hyp. |
| (13) | $\vdash QCC\varphi Q\psi$ | (12), (7), Jc |
| (14) | $\vdash QCK\varphi Q\varphi K\psi Q\psi$ | (13), (9) |
| (15) | $\vdash LCL\varphi L\psi$ | (14), PC , Df. L . |

Steps (12)-(15) show that there is in $S2^\circ$ a derived rule— Jc_L —which is like rule **Jc** except for having L where the latter rule has Q .

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| (16) | $QCCpqCpq$ | $S1^\circ$ |
| (17) | $QCKCpqQCpqKCCQpQpCpq$ | $J1b$, (16), (9) |
| (18) | $LCLCpqLCLpLq$ | (17), $S1^\circ$, Df. L |

$S2^\circ$ is now seen to contain (6), (18), **PC**, and rules Jb_L and Jc_L ; it therefore contains an image of $S2$ with L defined as earlier.

We now assume $S3^\circ$:

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| (19) | $CQCqrQCQCpqQCpr$ | $S3^\circ$ |
| (20) | $QCQCpqQCQpQq$ | $S3^\circ$ |
| (21) | $QCQCpqQCpq$ | $S1^\circ$ |
| (22) | $QCKQCpqQCrsQCKprKqs$ | $S2^\circ$ |
| (23) | $QCLCpqQCpq$ | (7), $S1^\circ$ |
| (24) | $QCLCpqQCQpQq$ | (19), (23), (20) |
| (25) | $QCQCtKQCpqQCrsQCtQCKprKps$ | (19), (22) |
| (26) | $CQCpqQCQprQCpKqr$ | $S1^\circ$ |
| (27) | $QCLCpqKQCpqQCQpQq$ | (26), (23), (24) |
| (28) | $QCLCpqQCKpQpKqQq$ | (25) $t/LCpq, r/p, s/Lp$, (27) |
| (29) | $QCLCpqLCLpLq$ | (28), $J1b$, $S1^\circ$, (26), Df. L |

It should be clear that even without an application of **Jc** the formula

- (30) $CLCpqLCLpLq$

may be shown to be an $S3^\circ$ thesis by deductions paralleling those leading to (29); we thus have

- (31) $LCLCpqLCLpLq$ (29), (30), **PC**, Df. L

as an $S3^\circ$ thesis; with (31), (6), **PC**, and rule Jc_L , then, we have an $S3$ image in $S3^\circ$. That $S4^\circ$ contains an analogous image of $S4$ follows immediately, for $S4^\circ$ will have the same $S3$ image contained in $S3^\circ$ plus the unrestricted rule Jc_L . In like manner, strengthening $S2^\circ$ to T° will strengthen the $S2$ image in $S2^\circ$ to a T image.

2. *Systems in which Q is definable.* We now consider a number of systems in which $Q\varphi$, although a factor of $L\varphi$, might be defined in terms of L . Noting the following stock of axioms:

- $G1: CMLpLMp$
 $K1: CpCMLpLp$

$K2: CpCLMLpLp$

$K3: CLpLMLp$

and definitions:

$Df_1 Q: Q$ for ML

$Df_2 Q: Q$ for LML

we may formulate the following $C-N-L$ calculi based on standard axiomatizations of the Lewis-modal systems:

$S4.4 = S3 + KI + Df_1 Q$

$S4.0.4 = S4 + K2 + Df_2 Q$

$T.4 = S2 + KI + Df_1 Q$

$T.0.4 = T + K2 + K3 + Df_2 Q$

$T.2 = S2 + G1.$

We observe first that in the field of $S1^\circ$, with KI as an added axiom we have:

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| (32) | $LCNpCMpLMp$ | |
| (33) | $LCNpCMLpLMp$ | (32), $S1$ |
| (34) | $LCpCMLpLMp$ | $KI, S1$ |
| (35) | $LCMLpLMp = LGI$ | (33), (34), $S1^\circ$ |
| (36) | $LLCLpMp$ | (35), $S2^\circ$ |

In the field of $S2$, then, KI yields $G1$ and so (36), and so—as is wellknown—the rule to infer $L\varphi$ from any theorem φ . Therefore, $S3 + KI$ contains $S4$ and so is $S4.4$ [2], and $T.4$ and $T.2$ contain T . Clearly, $S4.4$ contains all the above-mentioned systems; $S4.0.4$ contains $T.0.4$ and $S4$; $T.4$ contains $T.2$. That $S4.4$ contains $S4.0.4$ properly and that $T.4$ is not contained in $T.0.4$ is shown by Matrix I (due to Parry [3]):

$p = 1^*$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$Lp = 1$	6	7	8	5	6	7	8
$Mp = 1$	2	3	4	1	2	3	8

(Matrices referred to in this paper are assumed to include the standard 2 tables for C and N ; designated value is 1.) Matrix I validates $S4$ and $K2$, but fails to validate $G1$ (and so, of course, KI). $T.4$ by the same considerations is seen not to be contained in $T.0.4$.

$T.4$ is clearly not a subsystem of $S4$; that it is independent of $S4$ is shown by Matrix II:

$p = 1^*$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$Lp = 1$	6	3	8	8	8	8	8
$Mp = 1$	1	1	1	1	6	3	8

Matrix II validates T and KI , but fails to do so for $S4$. This matrix also shows that $T.0.4$ is not contained in $T.4$, and so that these systems are independent, for it fails to validate $K3$. We may point out, by the way, that the addition of the Brouwerian formula

C12. $CpLMp$

or its dual

(37) $CMLp\dot{p}$

to T.4 yields S5. The addition of C12 (or (37)) to T, of course, gives the system T⁺, which is independent of S4; in T⁺ we have:

(38) $CLMLpLp$ (37), T

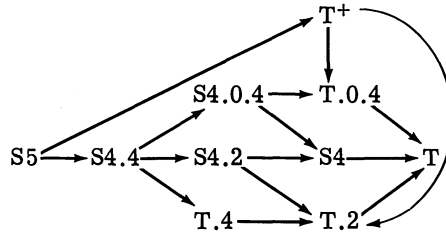
(39) $CpCLMLpLp = K2$ (38), PC

(40) $CLpLMLp = K3$ C12; $\dot{p}/L\dot{p}$;

T⁺ thus includes T.0.4.

(41) $CMLpLMp = G1$ C12, (38), PC;

T⁺ then also includes T.2, which as a subsystem of T.4 not contained in T.0.4 is independent of T.0.4; T⁺ itself is, of course, independent of T.4. We note here, by the way, that S4.0.4 contains S4 properly, for if it did not, S4 and so S4.2 would contain K2, which in the field of S4.2 is deductively equivalent to K1. The relationships between the systems we have been discussing are illustrated in the following diagram; the arrows point from properly containing to properly contained systems.



3. *The above systems with Q primitive.* We shall now present bases for the systems of factorable necessity of section 2 having as primitive modal operator not L or M as is usual, but Q, which might be read as the sign of ‘possible necessity’ or of ‘necessarily possible necessity’ depending on the system involved. In all cases, L and M will be defined as they were in section 1 of this paper, and we will draw from the following stock of axioms, as well as from the axioms and rules of section 1, for our formulations.

- J1c. $CQpQQp$
- J3. $CCpqCQCpQCpCQpQq$
- J4. $CQpp$
- J5. $CQpNQNp$
- J6. $CQCQpNpCQpp$
- J7. $CQpLMLp$
- J8. $CNQNQpQp$
- J9. $CQNQNQpQp$

J10. CNQNLpQp

J11. CLMLpQp

J12. CNQNQpp

Following will be our Q -primitive bases; each system will include the **PC** and rule **Ja**, and in addition, the indicated axioms.

QS5 : *J1b + J4 + J8*

QS4.4 : *J1b + J1c + J5 + J8*

QS4.0.4 : *J1b + J1c + J5 + J9*

QT.4 : *J3 + J6 + J10*

QT⁺ : *J3 + J7 + J11 + J12*

QT.0.4 : *J3 + J7 + J11.*

We shall show in this section that the above Q -systems are equivalent to their respective L -primitive systems described in the previous section. We have here included **S5** and **T⁺** as systems in which necessity is factorable; they do include, respectively, the theses *ELpKpMLp* and *ELpKpLMLp*, but they contain them in a manner different from that in which the other above systems contain them. **S5** contains the law *ELpMLp* and **T⁺** has *ELpLMLp*; from these theorems follows trivially the factorability of necessity in these systems. The p in the conjunctions *KpMLp* and *KpLMLp* contributes nothing whatsoever to the interpretation of these conjunctions as Lp in **S5** and **T⁺** respectively. This is not the case for the other systems discussed above; for them, both of the conjuncts as factors of necessity are needed for the interpretation of the formula as Lp . We may accordingly say that in systems like **S5** and **T⁺** necessity is "improperly factorable," while in systems like **S4.4** and the others, it is "properly factorable."

It should be clear that **PC + Ja + J1b + J1c** is a subsystem of **QS5** as well as of **QS4.4** and **QS4.0.4**. Many formulas will be easily recognizable as provable within this subsystem; such formulas we will justify simply by the words "*J1* base"; processes of deduction clearly permitted by this subsystem will also be so designated. We observe now that in all the above systems, rule **Ja** and **PC** permit us to state "*If $\vdash\varphi$, then $\vdash K\varphi Q\varphi$,*" which with **Df. L** is

Ja_L: *If $\vdash\varphi$, then $\vdash L\varphi$.*"

Also, in all of these systems, by **PC** and **Df. L** we have the following two theses:

(42) *CLpp*

(43) *CpCQpLp .*

In the systems containing the *J1* base, we will have, by methods paralleling those of section 1, formula (31)—*LCLCpqLCLpLq*—as a thesis. By (31), (42), and **Ja_L**, then, systems **QS5**, **QS4.4**, and **QS4.0.4** contain **S4**. So far as the other systems—containing the weaker *J3*—are concerned:

- (44) $CCpqCQCpqCpCQpq$ PC
 (45) $CCpqCQCpqCpCQpKqQq$ (44), J3, PC
 (46) $CLCpqCLpLq$ (45), PC, Df. L

By (46), (42), and \mathbf{Ja}_L the systems $\mathbf{QT.4}$, \mathbf{QT}^+ , and $\mathbf{QT.0.4}$ then contain \mathbf{T} . We now go on to show that the definitions of Q in the L -primitive systems hold in the respective Q -primitive systems. Working in $\mathbf{QS4.4}$, we have:

- (47) $QCQpCpKpQp$ JI base
 (48) $CQpQCpKpQp$ (47), JI base
 (49) $CQpCNQNpNQNKpQp$ (48), JI base
 (50) $CQpNQNLp$ (49), J5, Df. L, PC
 (51) $CQpMLp$ (50), Df. M, PC
 (52) $CNQNLpNQNQp$ Df. L, JI base
 (53) $CNQNLpQp$ (52), J8, PC
 (54) $CANQNpLpLpQp$ (53), Df. L, PC
 (55) $CMLpQp$ (54), Df. M.

Since the interchangeability of even material equivalents holds in the JI base (actually, in all of our systems) by (51) and (55) $\text{Df}_1 Q$ holds in $\mathbf{QS4.4}$. We also have

(56) $CpCMLpLp = KI$ (43), (55), PC;

$\mathbf{S4.4}$ is therefore contained in $\mathbf{QS4.4}$.

Working in the other direction, we have (assuming $\mathbf{S4.4}$)

- (57) $CMLCpqMLCpq$ PC
 (58) $CMLCpqMCMLpMLq$ (57), S4°
 (59) $CMLCpqCLMLpMMLq$ (58), S1°
 (60) $CMLCpqCMLpMLq$ (59), S4.2 .

But with $\text{Df}_1 Q$, (60) is axiom $J1b$. This points up an interesting and indeed characteristic feature of $\mathbf{S4.2}$, by the way—in this system, ML distributes over implication. Easily recognizable as $\mathbf{S4}$ theses are

- (61) $CMLpMLMLp$
 (62) $CNMLNMLpMLp (CLMMLpMLp)$

which with the application of $\text{Df}_1 Q$ become axioms $J1c$ and $J8$, respectively. An obvious $\mathbf{S4.2}$ thesis is

(63) $CMLpNMLNp$

All the axioms of $\mathbf{QS4.4}$, then, are $\mathbf{S4.2}$ theses. Equivalences corresponding to the definitions of L and M in the Q -primitive systems are—in the presence of $\text{Df}_1 Q$ —theorems of $\mathbf{S4.4}$; $\mathbf{QS4.4}$ and $\mathbf{S4.4}$ are then equivalent systems.

If L were written for Q in the axioms and rule of $\mathbf{QS5}$, we would have a basis for L -primitive $\mathbf{S5}$. It is then obvious that the system $\mathbf{QS4.4}$ is contained in $\mathbf{QS5}$; so too then is $\mathbf{S4.4}$ a subsystem of $\mathbf{QS5}$. But by $J4$ and

(55) we then have (37), $CMLp p$, as a thesis of QS5; (37) in the field of S4 yields S5, which is then contained in QS5. S5, containing S4.4, also contains QS4.4; by Df₁ Q, it also contains J4. S5 and QS5 are then equivalent.

We now assume system QS4.0.4; note that the steps leading to the proof of formula (51) may be performed in this system as in S4.4; we have:

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| (64) | $CQpQMLp$ | (51), J1 base |
| (65) | $CQpLMLp$ | (51), (64), PC, Df. L |
| (66) | $CQpNQNQp$ | J5, J1 base |
| (67) | $QCANQNQpQpNQNQp$ | (66), J1 base |
| (68) | $CQMOpQpNQNQp$ | (67), J1 base Df. M |
| (69) | $CQMOpQp$ | (68), J9, PC |
| (70) | $CLMLpQp$ | (69), Df. L, PC |

By (65) and (70), the equivalence corresponding to Df₂ Q holds in QS4.0.4.

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| (71) | $CpCLMLpLp = K2$ | (43), (70), PC |
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As noted previously, QS4.0.4 contains S4; containing K2, then, it also contains S4.0.4. Working in the other direction:

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| (72) | $CLMLCpqlMCLpLq$ | S2° |
| (73) | $CLMLCpqlLCLpMLq$ | S4°, (72) |
| (74) | $CLMLCpqlCMLpMLq$ | (73), S4° |
| (75) | $CLMLCpqlCLMLpLMLq$ | (74), S1°. |

LML then distributes over C in S4; with Df₂ Q, (75) is axiom J1b. We also have

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| (76) | $CLMLpLMLLMLp$ | S4 |
| (77) | $CLMLpNLMLNp (CLMLpMLMp)$ | S4 |
| (78) | $CLMLNLMLNLMLpLMLp (CLMLMLMLpLMLp)$ | S4. |

With Df₂ Q, the above three formulas are respectively axioms J1c, J5, and J9. All the axioms of QS4.0.4 are, then, S4 theses. By K2, the proper axiom of S4.0.4 and Df₂ Q, the equivalences corresponding to the Q-primitive definitions of L and M will be S4.0.4 theses. QS4.0.4 is then contained in S4.0.4, and the two systems are equivalent.

We now assume the system QT.4; we then have:

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| (79) | $CANQNpLpQp$ | J10, PC, Df. L |
| (80) | $CMLpQp$ | (79), Df. M |
| (81) | $CpCMLpLp = K1$ | (43), (80), PC |
| (82) | $CQpCQNKpQpp$ | J6, PC |
| (83) | $CQpQNQNpLp$ | (82), PC, Df. L |
| (84) | $CQpANQNpLpQp$ | PC |
| (85) | $CQpMLp$ | (83), (84), PC, Df. L, M |

Formulas (80) and (85) show that Df₁ Q holds in QT.4; with (81) and the previously established fact that QT.4 contains T, we have T.4 as a subsystem of QT.4.

In the system T.4, on the other hand, we have

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| (86) | $CLCpqCLpMLq$ | S1 |
| (87) | $CKCpqMLCpqCKpMLpMLq$ | (86), T.4 |
| (88) | $CCpqCQCpqCpCQpQq = J3$ | (87), PC, Df ₁ Q |
| (89) | $CLMLpMLp$ | S1 |
| (90) | $CNQNpQp = J10$ | (89), S1, Df ₁ Q. |
| (91) | $CLMpLMp$ | PC |
| (92) | $CKMpMLMpLMp$ | (91), T.4 |
| (93) | $CMLNLpCNLpLMNp$ | (92) p/Np , PC, Df. M |
| (94) | $CMLNLpCMLpLp$ | (93), S1° |
| (95) | $CQNKpQpCQpLp$ | (94), Df ₁ Q, T.4 |
| (96) | $CQCQpNpCQpp = J6$ | (95), S1. |

By (88), (90), and (96), all the axioms of QT.4 are theorems of T.4; the equivalences for the Q-primitive definitions of L and M in QT.4 are characteristic T.4 theses, in the presence of Df₁ Q. QT.4 and T.4 are thus equivalent systems.

We now assume system QT.0.4; here we have immediately with axioms J7 and J11 the formulas needed to prove Df₂ Q; by (43), then, K2 will be a QT.0.4 theorem, and

$$(97) \quad CLpLMLp = K3$$

follows immediately by Df. L and axiom J7. T.0.4 is thus contained in QT.0.4.

Assuming T.0.4, we have

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| (98) | $CLCpqCLpLMLp$ | S1°, K3 |
| (99) | $CKCpqLMLCpqCKpLMLpLMLq$ | (98), T.0.4 |
| (100) | $CCpqCQCpqCpCQpQq = J3$ | (99), Df ₂ Q, PC |

Clearly, J7 and J11 are T.0.4 theorems immediately by Df₂ Q; the definitions of L and M in QT.0.4 are, again, characteristic T.0.4 theses, since T.0.4 employs Df₂ Q. T.0.4 and QT.0.4 are then equivalent.

The addition of J12 to QT.0.4 gives us QT⁺; in the field of QT.0.4, J12 yields:

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| (101) | $CMLMLMLpp$ | |
| (102) | $CMLpMLMLMLp$ | T.0.4 ($CLpLMLp$, $CMpMLMp$) |
| (103) | $CMLpp$ | (101), (102), PC. |

But (103) in the field of T yields T⁺. T⁺ is thus included in QT⁺. In T⁺, we have—by $CLMLpLp$ and $CMLpp$:

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| (104) | $CMLMLMLpp$ | |
| (105) | $CNLMLNLMLpp$ | (104), S1 |
| (106) | $CNQNQpp = J12$ | (105), Df ₂ Q. |

T⁺ thus contains J12 and so—since it also contains T.0.4—it is equivalent to QT⁺.

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