

K1, K2 AND RELATED MODAL SYSTEMS.

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1. Sobociński refers in [5] to two systems which he calls K1 and K2. If S4 is axiomatised with the rule to infer $\vdash L\alpha$, from $\vdash \alpha$, these systems are axiomatisable by adding $CLMpMLp$ and $ELMpMLp$ respectively to S4. It is obvious that K1 is a subsystem of K2, since $ELMpMLp$ is equivalent to $CLMpMLp$ plus its converse $CMLpLMp$; Sobociński, in conclusion, raises the question whether it is a "proper" subsystem. This question is equivalent to the question whether, given S4, $CMLpLMp$ is independent of $CLMpMLp$. That it is, may be established by the following matrix:—

C	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	N	M	L
* 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	1	1
2	1	1	3	3	5	5	7	7	7	2	6
3	1	2	1	2	5	6	5	6	6	3	7
4	1	1	1	1	5	5	5	5	5	4	8
5	1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4	4	1	5
6	1	1	3	3	1	1	3	3	3	2	6
7	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	7
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8

This verifies S4 and $CLMpMLp$, but falsifies $CMLpLMp$ when $p = 2, 3, 6$ or 7 .

The history of this matrix is worth giving, as it suggests solutions to certain connected problems.

2. In [3], [4] and other papers an interpretation is given for modal functors which may be re-stated, more in the spirit of [2], as follows:— Use p, q, r , etc. for propositional variables and a, b, c , etc. for "worlds" or total states of affairs. Let U represent a certain relation between worlds, and write Tap for "It is the case in world a that p ". Assume, beside quantification theory and identity theory, the following:—

1. $ETANpNTap$
2. $ETaCpqCTapTaq$
3. $ETaLp\Pi bCUabTbp$

From these, given Mp as short for $NLNp$, it is easy to deduce

4. $ETaMp\Sigma bKUabTbp$

It is useful also to have a "world"-constant O (the "actual" world) such that 5. $ETOpp$. In a U -system, nothing but 3 is assumed for L , but there may be added to the above basis various special axioms for U , e.g. that it is reflexive (Uaa), that it is symmetrical ($CUabUba$), that it is transitive ($CUabCUbcUac$), that it is connected ($CNUabUba$). The effects of weakening certain of these special axioms in various ways are considered in [6]; and some effects of weakening the basic axioms 1 and 2 (e.g. the invalidation of the proof of 4 from 3), in [2].

To many ordinary modal calculi there correspond U -systems such that a formula ϕ is a thesis of the modal calculus if and only if $Ta\phi$ is a thesis of the corresponding U -system. Well-known results in this field (most of them obvious by-products of Kripke's [1]) are that the U -system in which the only special assumption about U is its reflexiveness corresponds to the modal system T ; that that in which reflexiveness and transitivity alone are assumed corresponds to $S4$; that in which reflexiveness and symmetry alone are assumed, to the "Brouwersche" system B (i.e. T plus $CpLMp$); reflexiveness, symmetry and transitivity give $S5$; and transitivity and connexity, $S4.3$.

Sobociński has noted (in [5], 3.3 and 4) that the distinctive axiom $CMLpLMp$ of $S4.2$ is derivable in both $S4.3$ and B ; this means, in view of the foregoing, that its U -counterpart should be provable equally from the symmetry and from the connexity of U . The proof from connexity is given in [3]; that from symmetry we give below. $TaCMLpLMp$ expands to

$$C\Sigma bKUab\Pi cCUbcTc p\Pi bCUab\Sigma cKUbcTc p,$$

which quantification theory equates to

$$\Pi b dCKUabK\Pi cCUbcTc pUad\Sigma eKUdeTep,$$

and this may be proved, assuming the symmetry of U , as follows:—

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Pi b dCK & (1) \ Uab \\ K & (2) \ \Pi cCUbcTc p \\ & (3) \ Uad \\ K & (4) \ Uda \quad [3; \text{Symm}] \\ K & (5) \ Uba \quad [1; \text{Symm}] \\ K & (6) \ Tap \quad [2; 5] \\ & (7) \ \Sigma eKUdeTep \ [4; 6]. \end{array}$$

Sobociński's result, incidentally, shows that although the addition of $LCMLpLMp$ to $S3$ results in the same system ($S4.2$) as its addition to $S4$, its addition to T , or the equivalent addition to T , (axiomatized with the rule to infer $\vdash L\alpha$ from $\vdash \alpha$) of $CMLpLMp$, does not yield $S4.2$ but a weaker system. For this system is contained in B , which does not contain $S4$. Whether the addition of the $S4.3$ formula $ALCLpLqLCLqp$ to T yields $S4.3$ or a weaker system will be considered below.

3. Returning to $K1$ and $K2$, what assumption about U would yield the U -counterpart of their distinctive formula $CLMpMLp$? One approach to this problem is via tense-logic. If we take the "world"-variables $a, b, c,$

etc. to represent total states of the world at given moments of time, and Uab to mean that state b either is identical with state a or is one of its temporal successors, the difference between MLp and LMp will be that $TaMLp$ means that, at a , it either is or will be the case that it is and always will be the case that p , while $TaLMp$ means that, at a , it is and always will be the case that it either is or will be the case that p . If p is something which will for ever be the case *intermittently* (being the case for a time and then not being the case for a time), the second of these will be true but not the first. If, however, there is a last moment of time, both $TaMLp$ and $TaLMp$ will be true if and only if p is the case at that last moment, and so will be equivalent. We will therefore verify $CLMpMLp$ as well as its converse if we assume time to have an end. With this intuitive background, it was shown in [3] that the U-counterpart of the system which Sobociński names K2 (or of this at least; in fact we get K3 also this way) will be obtained if we assume for U , beside reflexiveness, transitivity and connexity, the axiom "Fin", i.e.

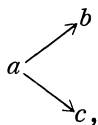
$$\Sigma b \Pi c C U b c I b c,$$

"For some moment b , if any moment c is either identical with c or after it, it is identical with it", i.e. there is a moment which has no *other* moment after it. $TaCLMpMLp$ was, however, only proved from Fin by assuming the connexity of U as well. With the time-series this is a plausible assumption but it is clear that this use of Fin will not help us to distinguish between Sobociński's K1 and K2, since connexity also gives us $TaCMLpLMp$ (and, indeed, $TaALCLpQLCLqp$). If the U-system is not connected but has diverging branches, Fin only asserts that at least one branch has an end, and to prove $TaCLMpMLp$ in a non-connected system, we must replace Fin by an assumption that will guarantee that *every* branch has an end, e.g. the assumption

$$\Pi a \Sigma b K U a b \Pi c C U b c I b c,$$

"For all a , there is some b which is after a but has nothing else after it". And from this assumption, with transitivity, we can prove $TaCLMpMLp$ without using either symmetry or connexity, and without verifying the converse.

A simple system embodying the required assumptions would be one represented by

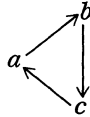


where the arrows plus identity represent the U relation (i.e. the true elementary U-propositions are Uaa , Ubb , Ucc , Uab , Uac). If p is true at b only, MLp is true at a (because Lp is true at b) and LMp false there (because Mp is false at c). To show that this system verifies everything in K1, we translate it into a matrix by representing the possible truth-values of p at a , b , and c by the eight triads

	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
	1,	0,	1,	0,	1,	0,	1,	0,

and working out the values of Mp , Lp , LMp , etc. from these, Mp having 1 at a given point if and only if p has 1 either there or at a point to the right of it, and Lp having 0 at a given point if and only if p has 0 either there or at a point to the right of it. If we number the triads 1 to 8, we have the matrix used at the beginning.

4. Similar methods may be used to show that the addition of $ALCLpqLCLqp$ to T instead of to S4 does not yield S4.3 but a weaker system. The problem here is to show that the connexity of U does not prove its transitivity. A non-transitive but connected system would be



(i.e. we have Uab , Ubc , and Uca beside Uaa , Ubb and Ucc). So we use the same 8 triads as elements of our matrix, but specify Mp as having a 1 at a given point if and only if p has a 1 either at that point or at the next point clockwise round, and similarly with Lp and 0. This, when the triads are numbered in the same order as before, gives us the following valuations for M and L (C and N being as before):—

p :	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mp :	1	1	1	3	1	2	5	8
Lp :	1	4	7	8	6	8	8	8

The matrix verifies $ALCLpqLCLqp$ (and, of course, the postulates of T) but falsifies $CLpLLp$ where $p = 2, 3$ or 5 .

5. Dummett and Lemmon's original axiom for S4.3 was $ALCLpLqLCLqLp$, the $D1$ of Sobociński's [5]. That $ALCLpqLCLqp$, the $D2$ of [5], is equivalent given S4, to $D1$, was first pointed out, so far as I know, by P. T. Geach in the late 1950's. (See [4], p. 139). At about the same time (this is also reported in [4]) yet another axiom was considered by Hintikka and shown to be equivalent, given S4, to $D2$; namely

$$H1. CKMpMqAMKpMqMKqMp.$$

Though longer than $D2$, this axiom, in its tense-logical interpretation, reflects more directly the connexity of the time-series. We show now that it is not only equivalent to $D2$ given S4, but also given the system T. In the first place it is equivalent, by simple transpositions and substitutions, to

$$H2. CLCpLqCLCMpqCMpLq.$$

From this we may prove $D2$ as follows:—

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| 1. $LCLpLCqp$ | [T] |
| 2. $LCKLpNqLCLqp$ | [1 q/Lq ; $LCKpqp$] |
| 3. $LCKLqNpLCLpq$ | [2 p/Nq , q/p] |
| 4. $LCNLCLpqNKLqNp$ | [3] |
| 5. $LCMKLpNqCLqp$ | [4] |
| 6. $CMKLpNqLCLqp$ | [$H2$ $p/KLpNq$, $q/CLpq$; 2; 5] |
| D2. $ALCLpqLCLqp$ | [6] |

Conversely, $D2$ is equivalent by simple transpositions and substitutions to what we may call

$D5. ALCpMqLCqMp,$

from which $H1$ is derivable as follows:—

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| 1. $CLCpMqLCpKpMq$ | [T] |
| 2. $CLCpKpMqCMpMKpMq$ | [T] |
| 3. $CLCpMqCMpMKpMq$ | [1; 2] |
| 4. $CLCqMpCMqMKpMq$ | [3 p/q , q/p] |
| H1. $CKMpMqAMKpMqMKqMp$ | [$D5$; 3; 4; P.C.] |

$H1$ or $H2$ may therefore replace $D2$ not only in axiomatising S4.3 but also in axiomatising the system, which we may call T.3, which was shown in the last section to be a proper subsystem of S4.3.

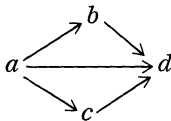
Using $H2$, it is easy to show that T.3 enriched with the “Brouwersche” axiom $CpLMp$ (which with the rule of T to infer $\vdash L\alpha$ from $\vdash \alpha$ is equivalent to $LCpLMp$) is equivalent, like S4 with the same enrichment, to S5. For if in $H2$ we put q/Mp , its first antecedent becomes $LCpLMp$, its second $LCMpMp$, and its consequent $CMpLMp$.

In the U-system, correspondingly, connexity and symmetry together (i.e. $CNUabUba$ and $CUabUba$) turn U into an equivalence relation, since they turn it into the universal relation.

6. E. J. Lemmon has communicated to me a solution to a further problem raised by Sobociński, namely whether K2 contains a further system in which it is certainly contained, namely K3, in which $CLMpMLp$ is added not to S4.2 but to S4.3. This amounts to the question whether the formula $ALCLpqLCLqp$ is independent of the postulates of K2. Lemmon points out that a postulate for U which (added to reflexiveness and transitivity) will verify S4.3 but not S4.2 is that U is “convergent,” i.e. that even if the U-lines diverge at some point they eventually come together. The formula expressing this condition would be $CKUabUac\Sigma dKUbdUcd$. The proof of $CMLpLMp$ from this (for the preliminaries, see its proof from Symm in Section 2) would be

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| $\Pi bdCK$ | (1) Uab | |
| | K | (2) $\Pi cCUbcTcp$ |
| | | (3) Uad |
| ΣeK | (4) Ube | [1, Conv.] |
| | K | (5) Ude |
| | | [3, Conv.] |
| | K | (6) Tep |
| | | [2, 4] |
| | | (7) $KUdeTep$ |
| | | [5, 6]. |

A simple system that is reflexive, transitive, convergent and has an end-point would be



(where the true elementary U-formulae are $Uaa, Ubb, Ucc, Udd, Uab, Ubd, Ucd, Uad$). This suggests a 16-valued matrix in which the elements are such tetrads as

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & & 1 \end{array}$$

and Mp has a 1 where p has a 1 either there or at some point to the right, and Lp has a 0 where p has a 0 either there or at some point to the right. If p and q are respectively assigned the two values just used as illustrations, $ALCLpqLCLqp$ takes the value 0 at the extreme left position.

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