

A THEOREM ON S4.2 AND S4.4

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Theorem. If ML is abbreviated as R , the pure C - N - R -fragment of S4.2 can be axiomatized and contains a model of S4.4.

Proof. (i) The following theses and rule are in S4.2:

- $R1.$ $CRCpqCRpRq$
- $R2.$ $CRpRRp$
- $R3.$ $CNRpRNRp$
- $R4.$ $CRNpNRp$
- $R5.$ From α to infer $R\alpha$

Indeed all but $R1$, $R4$ are in S4. Let PC , C -detachment, substitution, $R1$ - $R5$ be denoted as $\{R\}$. Taking $\{R\}$ as primitive and the definition

Df. L $L\alpha = K\alpha R\alpha$

we can obtain the theses and rule

- $L1.$ $CLp\dot{p}$
- $L2.$ $CLpLLp$
- $L3.$ $CpCNLpLNLp$
- $L4.$ From α to infer $L\alpha$
- $L5.$ $CLCpqCLpLq$
- $L6.$ $CNLNLpRp$
- $L7.$ $CRpNLNLp$.

$L1$ - $L5$ constitute a model of S4.4.

(ii) $\{R\}$ is complete for pure C - N - R -theses in S4.2. For let α be such a thesis; then there is a corresponding ML -thesis provable from PC , $L1$ - $L5$, since S4.4 contains S4.2. But then by $L6$, $L7$ the R -thesis is provable in the L -system, and so from $\{R\}$. (i) and (ii) prove the theorem. It follows that the matrix of S4.2 can be used to decide S4.4—just eliminate L in the expression under test, by Df. L , and see whether the result is provable in S4.2.

It is worth noting that $L1$ - $L6$ follow from $R1$ - $R3$ and $R5$. But $R4$ is independent (take R as Verum) and is needed for $L7$.

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$R1-3, R5$ also contains a model of $S5$, in the sense that $R\alpha$ is provable here if and only if α is provable in $S5$. The key to this is that if $R4$ is replaced by $CR\phi\phi$ we have $S5$, but $RCR\phi\phi$ is provable without $R4$.

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