

The Modal Logic of Cluster-Decomposable Kripke Interpretations

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Abstract We deal with the modal logic of cluster-decomposable Kripke interpretations, present an axiomatization, and prove some additional results regarding this logic.

1 Introduction

A Kripke interpretation $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$ is called *cluster-decomposable* if its set of possible worlds U can be partitioned into two (disjoint) sets U' and $U'' \neq \emptyset$ such that the accessibility relation R is of the form

$$R = (R \cap (U' \times U')) \cup (U \times U''),$$

where $\langle U'', U'' \times U'', I|_{U''} \rangle$ is called the *terminal cluster* of \mathfrak{M} . In what follows we denote by \mathcal{CD} the class of all cluster-decomposable Kripke interpretations. Propositional modal logics characterized by subclasses of \mathcal{CD} play a very important role in semantics of nonmonotonic logics. This is because cluster-decomposable Kripke interpretations are tightly connected to *minimal knowledge* and *maximal ignorance* (see [4]; [3], Section 9.3; and [1]). Typical examples of such logics are rather strong logics S5, Sw5, KD45, and S4F (see [1]). Additional lesser-known logics can be found in [5]. In this paper, we describe the modal logic characterized by \mathcal{CD} . This logic is denoted by C.¹

The paper is organized as follows. In the next section we recall the Kripke semantics of modal logic. In Section 3 we list the axioms of C and derive some of their basic consequences. Finally, in Section 4 we prove completeness of C with respect to \mathcal{CD} .

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2 Propositional Modal Logic

We start with the language of classical propositional logic that contains propositional variables and only two classical propositional connectives, \perp (a logical constant *false*) and \supset (implication). Connectives \top (*truth*), \neg (negation), \wedge (conjunction), \vee (disjunction), and \equiv (equivalence) are defined in a usual manner; for example, $\neg\varphi$ is $\varphi \supset \perp$. The language of propositional modal logic is obtained from the language of classical propositional logic by extending it with a modal connective L (necessary). As usual, the dual connective M (possibly) is defined by $\neg L\neg$.

The weakest *normal* modal logic K results from the classical propositional logic by adding the inference rule,

$$\text{NEC} \quad \varphi \vdash L\varphi,$$

called *necessitation* and the axiom scheme,

$$\mathbf{k} \quad L(\varphi \supset \psi) \supset (L\varphi \supset L\psi).$$

The *normal* modal logics are obtained by adding to K all instances of some axiom schemes, for example,

$$\mathbf{t} \quad L\varphi \supset \varphi,$$

$$\mathbf{d} \quad L\varphi \supset M\varphi,$$

$$\mathbf{4} \quad L\varphi \supset LL\varphi,$$

$$\mathbf{5} \quad M\varphi \supset LM\varphi.$$

Adding \mathbf{t} to K results in T, adding $\mathbf{4}$ to T results in S4, and so on (see [3], p. 197, or [5] for a more complete description).

For a modal logic S and a set of formulas Γ , called (proper) *axioms*, we write $\Gamma \vdash_S \varphi$, if there exists a proof of φ from Γ in S. The unsubscribed \vdash denotes derivability in K.

The Kripke semantics of propositional modal logics is as follows. A *Kripke interpretation* is a triple $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$, where U is a nonempty set of *possible worlds*, $R \subseteq U \times U$ is an *accessibility* relation on U , and I is an assignment to each world in U of a set of propositional variables. We assume that the reader is familiar with the standard definitions of “ (\mathfrak{M}, u) satisfies a formula φ ,” denoted $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \models \varphi$, and “ \mathfrak{M} satisfies φ ,” or “ \mathfrak{M} is a model of φ ,” denoted $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi$, which appear in [2] or [3].

The Kripke semantics is sound and complete for K. That is, $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ if and only if φ is satisfied by all Kripke interpretations which satisfy Γ . In particular, a set of formulas is consistent if and only if it has a Kripke model. Kripke interpretations with a reflexive accessibility relation are sound and complete for T, and Kripke interpretations with a reflexive and transitive accessibility relation are sound and complete for S4 (see [3], Corollary 7.51, p. 214).

For the proof of the completeness theorem in Section 3 we shall need the notion of the *canonical* Kripke model (see [2], Section 6, or [3], Sections 7.2 and 7.3, say). In what follows, S and Γ are a modal logic and a set of formulas, respectively.

Definition 2.1 A set of formulas Δ is said to be *S, Γ -consistent* if, for no finite subset Δ' of Δ , $\Gamma \vdash_S \neg \bigwedge_{\varphi \in \Delta'} \varphi$.

Definition 2.2 Maximal (with respect to inclusion) S, Γ -consistent sets of formulas are called *S, Γ -maximal*.

Proposition 2.3 ([2], Theorem 6.3, p. 115, or [3], Lemma 7.29, p. 204) *Each S, Γ -consistent set of formulas can be extended to an S, Γ -maximal set.*

To define the S, Γ -canonical Kripke model we need one more bit of notation. For a set of formulas Δ we define the set of formulas Δ^- by

$$\Delta^- = \{\varphi : L\varphi \in \Delta\}.$$

Definition 2.4 The S, Γ -canonical Kripke model $\mathfrak{M}_S^\Gamma = \langle U_S^\Gamma, R_S^\Gamma, I_S^\Gamma \rangle$ is defined as follows.

1. U_S^Γ is the set of all S, Γ -maximal sets of formulas.
2. $R_S^\Gamma = \{(u, v) : u, v \in U_S^\Gamma, u^- \subseteq v\}$.
3. $I_S^\Gamma(u)$ is the set of all propositional variables which belong to u .

Theorem 2.5 ([2], Theorem 6.5, p. 118, or [3], Theorem 7.32, p. 206) *For any formula φ and any $u \in U_S^\Gamma$, $(\mathfrak{M}_S^\Gamma, u) \models \varphi$ if and only if $\varphi \in u$.*

3 The Logic C

Let C result in adding to K the following three axiom schemes.

G1 $ML\varphi \supset LM\varphi$.

tL $L\varphi \supset ML\varphi$.

M4 $ML\varphi \supset MLL\varphi$.

Scheme **G1** is well studied in the literature. It belongs to the set \mathbf{G}' consisting of all axiom schemes of the form

$$M^m L^n \varphi \supset L^j M^k \varphi,$$

where $L^0\varphi$ is φ ($M^0\varphi$ is φ) and $L^{i+1}\varphi$ is $LL^i\varphi$ ($M^{i+1}\varphi$ is $MM^i\varphi$) (see [2], p. 182). Modal logics containing **G1** are characterized by classes of Kripke interpretations with *convergent* accessibility relation, that is, Kripke interpretations $\langle U, R, I \rangle$ such that R satisfies the following condition ([2], p. 134).

If $(u, v'), (u, v'') \in R$, then for some $w \in U$, $(v', w), (v'', w) \in R$.²

It is easy to verify that C is sound with respect to \mathcal{CD} ,³ which together with Theorem 3.1 below implies that C is characterized by \mathcal{CD} .

Theorem 3.1 (Completeness) *If each cluster-decomposable Kripke model of Γ satisfies φ , then $\Gamma \vdash_C \varphi$.*

We postpone the proof of the theorem to Section 4 and first establish a number of properties of C. Some of them, such as the independence of axioms and *nonequivalence of modalities* (see [2], pp. 55–56) are of interest in their own right, and the others are needed for the proof of Theorem 3.1.

In the proofs below we shall use the following two *derived* “modal” rules of inference and two theorems of K. This is in addition to NEC and a number of well-known derived propositional rules.

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| DR1 | $\varphi \supset \psi \vdash L\varphi \supset L\psi$ | (cf. a similar rule in [2], p. 30) |
| DR3 | $\varphi \supset \psi \vdash M\varphi \supset M\psi$ | (it is dual to DR1, cf. [2], p. 35) |
| K3 | $(L\varphi \wedge L\psi) \supset L(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ | (see [2], p. 28) |
| K6 | $M(\varphi \vee \psi) \supset (M\varphi \vee M\psi)$ | (see [2], p. 34) |

We shall also use the schemes

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathbf{tL}_d \quad LM\varphi \supset M\varphi \\ \mathbf{M4}_d \quad LMM\varphi \supset LM\varphi \end{array}$$

which are dual to \mathbf{tL} and $\mathbf{M4}$, respectively, and the axiom

$$\mathbf{d1} \quad M\top$$

which is equivalent to \mathbf{d} (see [2], pp. 43–44).

Below we shall use the following notation. We write

$$\varphi_1 \equiv \varphi_2 \equiv \varphi_3 \equiv \cdots \equiv \varphi_{n-1} \equiv \varphi_n$$

instead of

$$\bigwedge_{i=1}^{n-1} \varphi_i \equiv \varphi_{i+1}.$$

Proposition 3.2 $C \vdash MML\varphi \equiv MLL\varphi \equiv LML\varphi \equiv ML\varphi$.

Proof

1.	$ML\varphi \supset MLL\varphi$	$\mathbf{M4}$	
2.	$MML\varphi \supset MMLL\varphi$	DR3	1
3.	$MLL\varphi \supset LML\varphi$	$\mathbf{G1}$	
4.	$MMLL\varphi \supset MLML\varphi$	DR3	3
5.	$LML\varphi \supset ML\varphi$	\mathbf{tL}_d	
6.	$MLML\varphi \supset MML\varphi$	DR3	5
7.	$MML\varphi \equiv MMLL\varphi \equiv MLML\varphi$	implication cycle	2, 4, 6
8.	$ML\varphi \supset MLL\varphi$	$\mathbf{M4}$	
9.	$MLL\varphi \equiv LML\varphi \equiv ML\varphi$	implication cycle	3, 5, 8

Thus, we have

$$MML\varphi \equiv ML(ML\varphi) \equiv LML(ML\varphi) \equiv LMM(L\varphi) \equiv LM(L\varphi) \equiv ML\varphi,$$

where the first equivalence is by 7, the second equivalence is by 9, the third equivalence is by 7 and DR1, the fourth equivalence is dual to 9, and the last equivalence is again by 9. \square

Proposition 3.3 $\mathbf{tL} \vdash \mathbf{d}$.

Proof We shall prove $\mathbf{d1}$ instead of \mathbf{d} .

1.	$L\top$	a theorem of K	
2.	$L\top \supset ML\top$	\mathbf{tL}	
3.	$ML\top \supset M\top$	a theorem of K	\square
4.	$M\top$	modus ponens (twice)	1, 2, 3

For the proof of independence of $\mathbf{G1}$, \mathbf{tL} , and $\mathbf{M4}$ we need the following trivial observation.

Proposition 3.4 $\mathbf{t} \vdash \mathbf{tL}$ and $\mathbf{4} \vdash \mathbf{M4}$.

Proof Scheme \mathbf{tL}_d is an instance of \mathbf{t} for $M\varphi$, and scheme $\mathbf{M4}$ is obtained from $\mathbf{4}$ by DR3. \square

Proposition 3.5

1. $G1, M4 \not\vdash tL$.
2. $tL, M4 \not\vdash G1$.
3. $G1, tL \not\vdash M4$.

Proof Let \mathfrak{M} be a Kripke interpretation with the empty accessibility relation. Then $\mathfrak{M} \models G1, M4$ and $\mathfrak{M} \not\models d1$. Thus, by Proposition 3.3, $\mathfrak{M} \not\models tL$.

Consider a Kripke interpretation $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$, where $U = \{u, v, w\}$, R is the reflexive and transitive closure of $\{u\} \times \{v, w\}$, and $I(u) = I(v) = \{p\}$, and $I(w) = \emptyset$ (see Figure 1). Then $\mathfrak{M} \models S4$ and, therefore, $\mathfrak{M} \models tL, M4$. However, $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \not\models MLp \supset LMp$.

Consider a Kripke interpretation $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$, where $U = \{u, v, w\}$, R is the reflexive closure of $\{(u, v), (v, w)\}$, $I(u) = I(v) = \{p\}$, and $I(w) = \emptyset$ (see Figure 2). Then $\mathfrak{M} \models G1$, because R is convergent and, by Proposition 3.4, $\mathfrak{M} \models tL$, because R is reflexive. However, $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \not\models MLp \supset MLLp$. \square

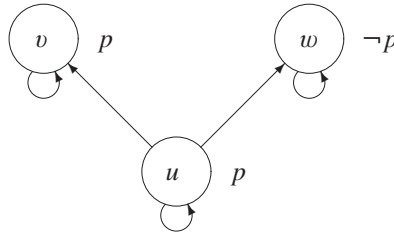


Figure 1 $tL, M4 \not\vdash MLp \supset LMp$.

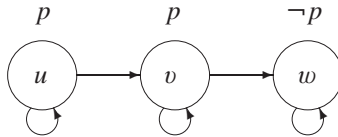


Figure 2 $G1, tL \not\vdash MLp \supset MLLp$.

Next we shall classify modalities in C (cf. *nonequivalence of modalities* [2], pp. 55–56).

Theorem 3.6 In C each formula of the form $M^{i_1} L^{j_1} M^{i_2} L^{j_2} \dots M^{i_n} L^{j_n} \phi$, where $\sum_{k=1}^n (i_k + j_k) > 0$ is equivalent to one of the following:

1. $L^i \phi, i = 1, 2, \dots,$
2. $ML\phi,$
3. $LM\phi,$ or
4. $M^i \phi, i = 1, 2, \dots$

Each formula on “level” i implies in C each formula on the level $i + 1, i = 1, 2, 3$. Neither formula implies a different formula on the same or upper level.

Proof Note that we prove that some of these modalities are not equivalent even in the presence of t .

Nonequivalence of modalities on level 1 First, we show that for $0 \leq k < i$, $\mathbf{G1}, \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{M4} \not\vdash L^k \varphi \supset L^i \varphi$ and $\mathbf{C} \not\vdash L^i \varphi \supset L^k \varphi$. Let $\mathfrak{M}_i = \langle U_i, R_i, I_i \rangle$ and $\mathfrak{M}'_i = \langle U_i, R'_i, I'_i \rangle$ be the following Kripke interpretations (see Figures 3 and 4, respectively).

$$U_i = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{i+2}\}.$$

$$R_i = \{(u_j, u_{j+1}) : j = 1, 2, \dots, i\} \cup U_i \times \{u_{i+2}\},$$

and R'_i is the reflexive closure of R_i .

$$I_i(u_j) = \{p\} \text{ if } j \leq i, \text{ and } I_i(u_{i+1}) = I_i(u_{i+2}) = \emptyset.$$

$$I'_i(u_j) = \{p\} \text{ if } j \neq i+1, \text{ and } I'_i(u_{i+1}) = \emptyset.$$

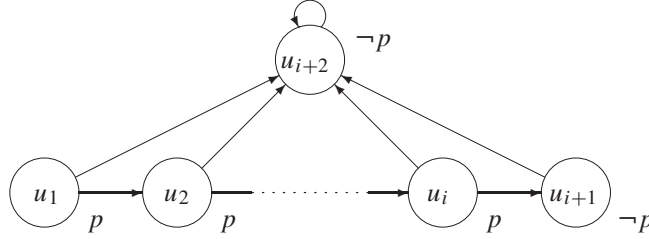


Figure 3 $\mathfrak{M}_i \models \mathbf{C}$, but $\mathfrak{M}_i \not\models L^i \neg p \supset L^k \neg p$ for $k < i$.

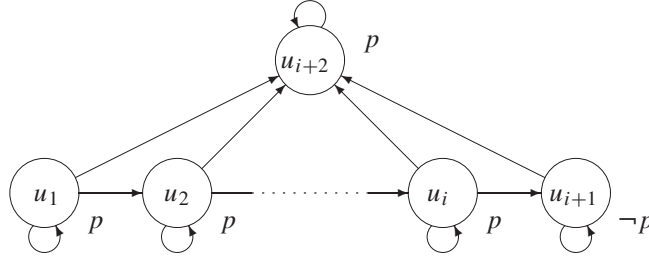


Figure 4 $\mathfrak{M}'_i \models \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{t}$, but $\mathfrak{M}'_i \not\models L^k p \supset L^i p$ for $k < i$.

Both \mathfrak{M}_i and \mathfrak{M}'_i are cluster-decomposable, with the cluster $\{u_{i+2}\}$. Thus, by soundness, $\mathfrak{M}_i \models \mathbf{C}$ and $\mathfrak{M}'_i \models \mathbf{C}$, and, since R'_i is reflexive, $\mathfrak{M}'_i \models \mathbf{t}$. It is easy to see that $(\mathfrak{M}_i, u_1) \not\models L^i \neg p \supset L^k \neg p$ and $(\mathfrak{M}'_i, u_1) \not\models L^k p \supset L^i p$ for $k = 0, \dots, i-1$.

Relations between modalities on levels 1 and 2 For each $i = 1, 2, \dots$, a formula of the form $L^i \varphi \supset ML^i \varphi$ is an instance of \mathbf{tL} , and, by Proposition 3.2, $\mathbf{C} \vdash ML^i \varphi \supset ML \varphi$. Therefore, $\mathbf{C} \vdash L^i \varphi \supset ML \varphi$.

We proceed to show that for no $i = 0, 1, \dots$, $\mathbf{C} \vdash ML \varphi \supset L^i \varphi$. Consider a Kripke interpretation $\mathfrak{M}' = \langle U', R', I' \rangle$, where $U' = \{u, v\}$, R' is the reflexive closure of $\{(u, v)\}$, $I'(u) = \emptyset$, and $I'(v) = \{p\}$ (see Figure 5). \mathfrak{M}' is cluster-decomposable; however, $(\mathfrak{M}', u) \not\models ML p \supset L^i p$ for any i .

Relations between modalities on levels 2 and 3 By $\mathbf{G1}$, $\mathbf{C} \vdash ML \varphi \supset LM \varphi$, and we need to show that the converse implication is not derivable in \mathbf{C} . Consider a Kripke interpretation $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$, where $U = \{u, v, w\}$, R is the reflexive closure of $\{(u, v), (u, w), (v, w), (w, v)\}$, $I(u) = I(v) = \{p\}$, and $I(w) = \emptyset$ (see Figure 6). \mathfrak{M} is cluster-decomposable: its terminal cluster is $\{v, w\}$. Since R is reflexive, $\mathfrak{M} \models \mathbf{t}$. However, $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \not\models LMP \supset MLP$.

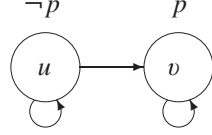


Figure 5 $G1, t, M4 \not\vdash MLP \supset L^i p$.

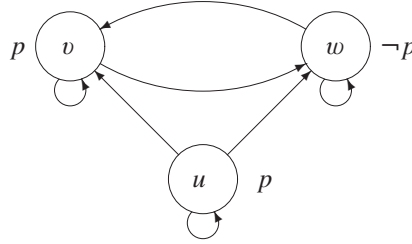


Figure 6 $C, t \not\vdash LMP \supset MLP$.

Relations between modalities on levels 3 and 4, and nonequivalence of modalities on level 4 This follows by duality between levels i and $5 - i$.

In order to complete the proof we note that, by Proposition 3.2, each formula of the form $M^{i_1} L^{j_1} M^{i_2} L^{j_2} \dots M^{i_n} L^{j_n} \varphi$, where $i_n, j_n > 0$, is equivalent in C to $ML\varphi$. The case of the modal prefix ending with M is dual to the above. \square

The following proposition is needed for the proof of Theorem 3.1 in Section 4.

Proposition 3.7 $C \vdash (ML\varphi \wedge ML\psi) \supset ML(\varphi \wedge \psi)$.

Proof Note that $(MLL\varphi \wedge LML\psi) \supset MML(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ is a theorem of K . Therefore, $((ML\varphi) \wedge ML\psi) \supset ML(\varphi \wedge \psi)$ propositionally follows from the first formula and Proposition 3.2. \square

Now consider the logic $S4.2$ that contains $S4$ (t and 4) and $G1$ (see [2]). We can easily prove that this logic is equivalent to C with $S4$.

Proposition 3.8 *The logic $S4.2$ and the logic C with $S4$ are equivalent; that is, $S4.2 \vdash C, S4$, and $C, S4 \vdash S4.2$.*

Proof The first part trivially follows from Proposition 3.4, and the second part follows from the fact that C with $S4$ contains $S4.2$. \square

It is easy to see that $S4.2$ is sound with respect to \mathcal{CD} for reflexive and transitive Kripke interpretations; that is, if $\Gamma \vdash_{S4.2} \varphi$, then each cluster-decomposable, reflexive, and transitive Kripke model of Γ satisfies φ . This observation, together with Proposition 3.9 below, implies that $S4.2$ is characterized by \mathcal{CD} restricted to reflexive and transitive Kripke interpretations.

Proposition 3.9 (\mathcal{CD} completeness for $S4.2$) *If each cluster-decomposable, reflexive, and transitive Kripke model of Γ satisfies φ , then $\Gamma \vdash_{S4.2} \varphi$.*

The proof of Proposition 3.9 is very similar to the proof of Theorem 3.1, and we postpone this proof to Section 4 which contains the proof of Theorem 3.1.

3.1 An alternative axiomatization of C In this section we present a “shorter” axiomatization of C which consists of only two axiom schemes.

Let the logic AC result in adding to K the following axiom schemes.

tL $L\varphi \supset ML\varphi$.

C2 $ML\varphi \supset LMLL\varphi$.

We shall also use the scheme **C2_d** below which is dual to **C2**.

C2_d $MLMM\varphi \supset LM\varphi$.

Note that the axiom scheme **C2** is obtained by adding an additional modality *L* to the consequent of the scheme **M4**.

First, we show that AC is derivable in C.

Proposition 3.10 $C \vdash AC$.

Proof *tL* belongs to C, and **C2** follows from **M4** and Proposition 3.2. □

Now we shall show that C is derivable from AC and, therefore, these logics are equivalent.

Proposition 3.11 $AC \vdash M4$.

Proof

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| 1. $ML\varphi \supset LMLL\varphi$ | C2 | |
| 2. $LMLL\varphi \supset MLL\varphi$ | tL_d | |
| 3. $ML\varphi \supset MLL\varphi$ | syllogism | 1, 2 |
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Proposition 3.12 $AC \vdash G1$.

Proof

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|---|
| 1. $LMLL\varphi \supset MLMM\varphi$ | follows from d | Proposition 3.3 | |
| 2. $MLMM\varphi \supset LM\varphi$ | C2_d | | |
| 3. $LMLL\varphi \supset LM\varphi$ | syllogism | 1, 2 | |
| 4. $MLL\varphi \supset LMLL\varphi$ | M4 | | □ |
| 5. $ML\varphi \supset MLL\varphi$ | M4 | | |
| 6. $ML\varphi \supset LM\varphi$ | a “long” syllogism | 5, 4, 3 | |

4 Proof of Theorem 3.1

For a Kripke interpretation $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$ and a world $u \in U$ we define the set of formulas $\Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)}$ by

$$\Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)} = \{\varphi : (\mathfrak{M}, u) \models ML\varphi\}.$$

Lemma 4.1 *Let $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$ be a Kripke interpretation satisfying C. Then for each world $u \in U$ and each set of formulas Γ satisfied by \mathfrak{M} , the set of formulas $\Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)}$ is C, Γ -consistent.*

Proof Let Δ' be a finite subset of $\Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)}$. Then, by Proposition 3.7, $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \models ML \bigwedge_{\varphi \in \Delta'} \varphi$. That is, for some $v \in U$ such that $(u, v) \in R$, $(\mathfrak{M}, v) \models L \bigwedge_{\varphi \in \Delta'} \varphi$. Since $\mathfrak{M} \models C$, by Proposition 3.3, $\mathfrak{M} \models M\top$. Thus, there exists a world w such that $(v, w) \in R$, which implies $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \bigwedge_{\varphi \in \Delta'} \varphi$. Now, $\Gamma \not\vdash_C \neg \bigwedge_{\varphi \in \Delta'} \varphi$ follows from the fact that $\mathfrak{M} \models C, \Gamma$. □

Lemma 4.2 *Let $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$ be a Kripke interpretation satisfying C and let the worlds $u, v \in U$ belong to the same connected component of \mathfrak{M} . Then $\Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)} = \Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, v)}$.*

Proof Assume that $(u, v) \in R$.

Let $\varphi \in \Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)}$. Then $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \models ML\varphi$. By Proposition 3.2, $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \models LML\varphi$, implying $(\mathfrak{M}, v) \models ML\varphi$. Thus, $\varphi \in \Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, v)}$.

Similarly, let $\varphi \in \Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, v)}$. Then $(\mathfrak{M}, v) \models ML\varphi$, implying $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \models MML\varphi$. By Proposition 3.2, $(\mathfrak{M}, u) \models ML\varphi$ and, therefore, $\varphi \in \Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)}$.

Now the proof follows by induction on the path between u and v . \square

Finally, we shall prove a “partial completeness” result.

Lemma 4.3 *Each connected component of \mathfrak{M}_C^Γ belongs to \mathcal{CD} .*

Proof Let $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$ be a connected component of \mathfrak{M}_C^Γ , $u \in U$ and let $\Delta = \Delta_{(\mathfrak{M}, u)}$. By Lemma 4.2, Δ does not depend on a particular choice of u , and, by Lemma 4.1, it is C, Γ -consistent. Let $U_\Delta = \{u \in U_C^\Gamma : \Delta \subseteq u\}$. By Proposition 2.3, $U_\Delta \neq \emptyset$.

Next we observe that for each $u \in U$ and each $v \in U_\Delta$, $u^- \subseteq v$; that is, $(u, v) \in R$. Let $\varphi \in u^-$. Then $L\varphi \in u$, and, by **tL**, $ML\varphi \in u$. Therefore, $\varphi \in \Delta$, implying $\varphi \in v$.

Note that the above observation implies $U_\Delta \subseteq U$ and $R|_{U_\Delta} = U_\Delta \times U_\Delta$.

To complete the proof, we shall show that for each $u \in U_\Delta$ and $v \in U$, if $(u, v) \in R$ then $v \in U_\Delta$. Let $u \in U_\Delta$, $v \in U$, and $(u, v) \in R$; that is, $u^- \subseteq v$. Let $\varphi \in \Delta$. By **M4**, $L\varphi \in \Delta$ and, therefore, $L\varphi \in u$, implying $\varphi \in v$. \square

Now we are ready for the proofs of Theorem 3.1 and Proposition 3.9.

Proof of Theorem 3.1 Assume that $\Gamma \not\vdash_C \varphi$. Then $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is C, Γ -consistent, and, by Proposition 2.3 and Theorem 2.5, for some $u \in U_C^\Gamma$, $(\mathfrak{M}_C^\Gamma, u) \models \neg\varphi$. By Lemma 4.3, the connected component of \mathfrak{M}_C^Γ containing u is cluster-decomposable, and it does not satisfy φ . \square

Proof of Proposition 3.9 In the case of $S4 \subseteq \Gamma$, each connected component $\mathfrak{M} = \langle U, R, I \rangle$ of \mathfrak{M}_C^Γ is reflexive and transitive (cf. the proofs of [2], Theorem 6.7, p. 120, and [2], Theorem 6.9, p. 120), and the proof follows from Lemma 4.3. \square

Notes

1. It easily follows that C is contained in every logic characterized by a subclass of \mathcal{CD} .
2. Cluster-decomposable Kripke interpretations are convergent.
3. That is, if $\Gamma \vdash_C \varphi$, then each cluster-decomposable Kripke model of Γ satisfies φ .

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