

## PROOF THEORY FOR MODAL LOGICS

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## 1. Hilbert-style Proof Theory

For modal logic **K**:

**Classical axioms:** All (classical) tautologies.

**Modal axioms:** All formulas of the form

$$\Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)$$

**Modus Ponens Rule:**  $\frac{P, P \rightarrow Q}{Q}$

**Necessitation Rule (N-rule):**  $\frac{P}{\Box P}$

## Proof Systems

A **proof system** is a (syntactic) calculus to demonstrate that a given formula is valid/a logical consequence from a set of formulas.

A proof system gives a basis for developing automated reasoning techniques.

Possible proof systems:

- Axiomatic (Hilbert-style) proof theory
- Natural deduction
- Tableau methods
- Sequent calculus
- Resolution

## Derivation and Proof

(We first consider the case without any local premises).

**Definition.** A **K-derivation** of a formula  $P$  from a set of formulas  $\Sigma$  is a finite sequence of formulas  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n$  such that  $\phi_n = P$  and for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$

1.  $\phi_i \in \Sigma$  or
2.  $\phi_i$  is some axiom of **K** or
3.  $\phi_i$  is obtained by one of the rules Modus Ponens or Necessitation from earlier formulas in the sequence.

Notation:  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies P$  (or  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} P$ )

A **K-proof** of a formula  $P$  is a **K-derivation** of  $P$  from the empty set of formulas.

Notation:  $\emptyset \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies P$  (or  $\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} P$ )

**Example**

A **K**-proof for  $\top \leftrightarrow \Box\top$ :

1.  $\top$  (Taut)
2.  $\Box\top \rightarrow (\top \rightarrow \Box\top)$  (Taut)
3.  $\Box\top$  (N, 1)
4.  $\top \rightarrow \Box\top$  (MP, 2, 3)
5.  $\top \rightarrow (\Box\top \rightarrow \top)$  (Taut)
6.  $\Box\top \rightarrow \top$  (MP, 1, 5)
7.  $(\Box\top \rightarrow \top) \rightarrow ((\top \rightarrow \Box\top) \rightarrow (\top \leftrightarrow \Box\top))$  (Taut)
8.  $(\top \rightarrow \Box\top) \rightarrow (\top \leftrightarrow \Box\top)$  (MP, 6, 7)
9.  $\top \leftrightarrow \Box\top$  (MP, 4, 8)

**Derived Rules (II)**

**Regularity Rule for  $\Diamond$  (R $\Diamond$ -rule):**  $\frac{P \rightarrow Q}{\Diamond P \rightarrow \Diamond Q}$

1.  $P \rightarrow Q$
2.  $(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P)$  (Taut)
3.  $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$  (MP, 1, 2)
4.  $\Box\neg Q \rightarrow \Box\neg P$  (R, 3)
5.  $(\Box\neg Q \rightarrow \Box\neg P) \rightarrow (\neg\Box\neg P \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg Q)$  (Taut)
6.  $\neg\Box\neg P \rightarrow \neg\Box\neg Q$  (MP, 4, 5)

**Derived Rules (I)**

**Regularity Rule for  $\Box$  (R-rule):**  $\frac{P \rightarrow Q}{\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q}$

1.  $P \rightarrow Q$
2.  $\Box(P \rightarrow Q)$  (N, 1)
3.  $\Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)$  (K)
4.  $\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q$  (MP, 2, 3)

**Generalized R-rule:**  $\frac{P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge P_n \rightarrow Q}{\Box P_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Box P_n \rightarrow \Box Q}$

**2. Soundness**

The **soundness** of a proof system for a logic:

If a formula is derivable in the proof system, it is also a logical consequence in the logic.

**Theorem.** If a formula  $P$  has a **K**-derivation from a set of formulas  $\Sigma$  ( $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies P$ ), then  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies P$  (or in short: if  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} P$ , then  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} P$ ).

**Proof.**

Let  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n (= P)$  be a **K**-derivation for a formula  $P$ .

We show by induction that for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} \phi_i$  holds (i.e.,  $\phi_i$  is valid in every model where  $\Sigma$  is valid).

So we prove by induction that for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\mathbf{C} \models \phi_i$  holds where  $\mathbf{C} = \{M \mid M \models \Sigma\}$ .

**Induction Proof**

- ( $i = 1$ ): If  $\phi_1 \in \Sigma$ , clearly  $\mathbf{C} \models \phi_1$  holds (by the definition of the collection of models  $\mathbf{C}$ ). If  $\phi_1$  is a classical tautology or of the form  $\Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)$ , then  $\mathbf{C} \models \phi_1$  holds for every collection of models  $\mathbf{C}$  by the basic theorem of the possible world semantic [ML-02].
- ( $i > 1$ ): As above, if  $\phi_i \in \Sigma$ , is a classical tautology or of the form  $\Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)$ , then  $\mathbf{C} \models \phi_i$  holds.  
If  $\phi_i$  is derived from earlier formulas in the proof by MP- or N-rules, by the inductive hypothesis the earlier formulas are  $\mathbf{C}$ -valid. As the set of  $\mathbf{C}$ -valid formulas is closed under MP- and N-rules [basic theorem of the possible world semantic],  $\mathbf{C} \models \phi_i$  holds.

Hence, for all  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\phi_i$  is  $\mathbf{C}$ -valid and thus  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} \phi_i$  holds.

Hence,  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} P (= \phi_n)$  holds. ■

**(In)consistent Sets of Formulas**

**Definition.** A finite set of formulas  $\mathbf{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_n\}$  is said  **$\Sigma$ -inconsistent** if  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n)$  holds.

**Remark.** The empty set is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent if  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg\top$  holds.

**Definition.** A set of formulas  $\mathbf{A}$  is said  **$\Sigma$ -consistent** if none of its finite subsets is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent.

As we assumed that the formula  $P$  has not  $\mathbf{K}$ -derivation from  $\Sigma$ , the set  $\{\neg P\}$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

This holds because the only other subset of  $\{\neg P\}$ , the empty set  $\emptyset$ , is also  $\Sigma$ -consistent which can be shown as follows: Assume that  $\emptyset$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent, i.e.,  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg\top$  holds. Then  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} P$  holds as well because  $\neg\top \rightarrow P$  is a tautology, a contradiction.

**3. Completeness****Completeness of a proof systems for a logic:**

If a formula is a logical consequence in the logic, then there is a derivation of it in the proof system.

**Theorem.** If  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} P$ , then  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} P$ .

**The outline of the proof:** Let  $\Sigma \not\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} P$  hold.

We show that then also  $\Sigma \not\models_{\mathbf{K}} P$  holds.

This is done by constructing a **canonical model**  $\mathcal{M}$  where all formulas in  $\Sigma$  are valid and for every  $Q$  such that  $\Sigma \not\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} Q$  holds there is a world  $s$  in  $\mathcal{M}$  where  $\mathcal{M}, s \not\models Q$  holds.

The worlds of the model are **maximally consistent** sets of formulas that are constructed using **Lindenbaum's lemma** from the set of premises  $\Sigma$ .

**Important Lemmas**

**Lemma 1.** If the set  $S$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent, then each of its subsets  $S' \subseteq S$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

**Proof.** Assume that  $S$  has a subset  $S'$  which is not  $\Sigma$ -consistent. Then there is a  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent subset  $A \subseteq S'$  but  $A \subseteq S$  and, thus,  $S$  is not  $\Sigma$ -consistent, a contradiction. ■

**Lemma 2.** If a set of formulas  $\mathbf{A}$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent and  $\neg\Box Z \in \mathbf{A}$ , then  $\mathbf{A}^\# \cup \{\neg Z\}$  is also  $\Sigma$ -consistent where  $\mathbf{A}^\# = \{Q \mid \Box Q \in \mathbf{A}\}$ .

**Proof.** Assume that  $\mathbf{A}^\# \cup \{\neg Z\}$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent.

Then there is a set  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \subseteq \mathbf{A}^\#$  such that  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge \neg Z)$  holds.

(as  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n) \rightarrow \neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge \neg Z)$  is a tautology).

Proof cont'd:

1.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge \neg Z)$
2.  $\neg\top \vee \neg A_1 \vee \dots \vee \neg A_n \vee Z$  (Prop, 1)
3.  $(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n) \rightarrow Z$  (Prop, 2)
4.  $(\Box\top \wedge \Box A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_n) \rightarrow \Box Z$  (GR, 3)
5.  $\Box\top \rightarrow ((\Box A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_n) \rightarrow \Box Z)$  (Prop, 4)
6.  $\top \rightarrow \Box\top$  (See. p. 5)
7.  $\top \rightarrow ((\Box A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_n) \rightarrow \Box Z)$  (Prop, 5, 6)
8.  $(\top \wedge \Box A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_n) \rightarrow \Box Z$  (Prop, 7)
9.  $\neg(\top \wedge \Box A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Box A_n \wedge \neg\Box Z)$  (Prop, 8)

$\implies \mathbf{A}$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent (a contradiction). Hence,  $\mathbf{A}^\# \cup \{-Z\}$   $\Sigma$ -consistent. ■

We establish properties (i-iv) which imply the lemma.

- (i)  $\mathbf{A} \subseteq \Delta$
- (ii) for all  $i = 0, 1, \dots$ , the set  $\Delta_i$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

$\Delta_0$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

Let  $\Delta_{i-1}$  be  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

Assume that  $\Delta_i$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent. Then  $\Delta_i = \Delta_{i-1} \cup \{\neg Q_{i-1}\}$  and  $\Delta_{i-1} \cup \{Q_{i-1}\}$  are  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent.

Hence, there is a set  $\{A_1^+, \dots, A_n^+\} \subseteq \Delta_{i-1}$  such that

$$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^+ \wedge Q_{i-1})$$

and a set  $\{A_1^-, \dots, A_n^-\} \subseteq \Delta_{i-1}$  such that

$$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^- \wedge \neg Q_{i-1}).$$

### Lindenbaum's Lemma

**Definition.**  $\Gamma$  is maximally  $\Sigma$ -consistent if  $\Gamma$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent and all supersets  $\Gamma' \supset \Gamma$  are  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent.

**Lemma 3. (Lindenbaum)** Every  $\Sigma$ -consistent set of formulas can be extended to a maximally  $\Sigma$ -consistent one.

**Proof.** Let  $\mathbf{A}$  be  $\Sigma$ -consistent. Enumerate all modal formulas in a sequence  $Q_0, Q_1, \dots$  and define set  $\Delta_0, \Delta_1, \dots$  and  $\Delta$  as follows:

$$\Delta_0 = \mathbf{A}.$$

$$\Delta_i = \begin{cases} \Delta_{i-1} \cup \{Q_{i-1}\} & \text{if } \Delta_{i-1} \cup \{Q_{i-1}\} \text{ } \Sigma\text{-consistent} \\ \Delta_{i-1} \cup \{\neg Q_{i-1}\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\Delta = \bigcup_{i \geq 0} \Delta_i$$

We can continue the derivations of the two formulas above:

1.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^+ \wedge Q_{i-1})$
2.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^- \wedge \neg Q_{i-1})$
3.  $Q_{i-1} \rightarrow \neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^+)$  (Prop, 1)
4.  $\neg Q_{i-1} \rightarrow \neg(\top \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^-)$  (Prop, 2)
5.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^+) \vee$   
 $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^-)$  (Prop, 3, 4)
6.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^+ \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_n^-)$  (Prop, 5)

$\implies \Delta_{i-1}$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent, a contradiction.

(iii)  $\Delta$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

Assume that  $\Delta$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent.

Hence, there is a set  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \subseteq \Delta$  such that

$$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n).$$

So there is  $i \geq 0$  such that  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \subseteq \Delta_i$ .

$\implies \Delta_i$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent, a contradiction.

(iv)  $\Delta$  is maximally  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

Assume that  $\Delta \cup \{Z\}$   $\Sigma$ -consistent for some  $Z \notin \Delta$ .

As  $Z = Q_i$  for some  $i$ ,  $\Delta \cup \{Q_i\}$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent.

Because  $\Delta_i \cup \{Q_i\} \subseteq \Delta \cup \{Q_i\}$  also  $\Delta_i \cup \{Q_i\}$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent [Lemma 1].

Thus,  $Z \in \Delta_{i+1} \subseteq \Delta$ , a contradiction.

(i-iv)  $\implies \Delta$  is maximally  $\Sigma$ -consistent extension of the set  $\mathbf{A}$ . ■

(ii) Because  $\Gamma$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent,  $\{Z, \neg Z\} \not\subseteq \Gamma$  ( $\neg(\top \wedge Z \wedge \neg Z)$  is a tautology). Assume that  $Z \notin \Gamma$  and  $\neg Z \notin \Gamma$ .

Then there is a set  $\{A_1^+, \dots, A_{n^+}^+\} \subseteq \Gamma$  such that

$$\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^+}^+ \wedge Z)$$

and a set  $\{A_1^-, \dots, A_{n^-}^-\} \subseteq \Gamma$  such that  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^-}^- \wedge \neg Z)$ .

We can continue the two derivations:

1.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^+}^+ \wedge Z)$
2.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^-}^- \wedge \neg Z)$
3.  $Z \rightarrow \neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^+}^+)$  (Prop, 1)
4.  $\neg Z \rightarrow \neg(\top \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^-}^-)$  (Prop, 2)
5.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1^+ \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^+}^+ \wedge A_1^- \wedge \dots \wedge A_{n^-}^-)$  (Prop, 3, 4)

$\implies \Gamma$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent, a contradiction.

Hence, either  $Z \in \Gamma$  or  $\neg Z \in \Gamma$  for all formulas  $Z$ . ■

### Important Lemmas—cont'd

**Lemma 4.** For all maximally  $\Sigma$ -consistent sets  $\Gamma$ ,

(i)  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$  and (ii) either  $Z \in \Gamma$  or  $\neg Z \in \Gamma$  for all formulas  $Z$ .

**Proof.** (i) Assume that  $Z \in \Sigma - \Gamma$ . Then  $\Gamma \cup \{Z\}$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent and there is a set  $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} \subseteq \Gamma$  such that  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge Z)$ . We can continue the derivation:

1.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n \wedge Z)$
2.  $Z \rightarrow \neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n)$  (Prop, 1)
3.  $Z$  (GP)
4.  $\neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n)$  (MP, 2, 3)

Hence,  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n)$  holds.

$\implies \Gamma$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent, a contradiction. Hence,  $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$  holds.

### Canonical Model

We construct the canonical model  $\mathcal{M} = \langle S, R, v \rangle$  as follows:

- $S$  is the collection of all maximally  $\Sigma$ -consistent sets.
- For all  $s, t \in S$ :  $sRt$  iff  $s^\# \subseteq t$ .
- For all atomic propositions  $Q$ :  $v(s, Q) = \text{true}$  iff  $Q \in s$ .

**Lemma 5.** For all formulas  $Q$ , for all  $s \in S$  it holds that

$$\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash Q \text{ iff } Q \in s.$$

**Proof.** We use structural induction.

- The formula  $\perp$ :  $\mathcal{M}, s \not\Vdash \perp$ .

Assume that  $\perp \in s$ . Because  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \neg(\top \wedge \perp)$ , the set of formulas  $s$  is  $\Sigma$ -inconsistent, a contradiction. Hence,  $\perp \notin s$  holds.

- For atomic propositions  $Q$  the claim holds by the definition of  $\mathcal{M}$ .
- For a formula of the form  $\neg Q$ :  $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \neg Q$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, s \not\Vdash Q$  iff [IH]  $Q \notin s$  iff [Lemma 4 (ii)]  $\neg Q \in s$ .
- For a formula of the form  $Q \rightarrow P$  the claim can be proved as above.
- For a formula of the form  $\Box Q$ :  
 ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Let  $\Box Q \in s$  hold. If  $sRt$ , then  $s^\# \subseteq t$ ,  $Q \in t$  and  $\mathcal{M}, t \Vdash Q$  [IH]. Thus,  $\mathcal{M}, s \Vdash \Box Q$ .  
 ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Let  $\Box Q \notin s$  hold. Then  $\neg \Box Q \in s$  [Lemma 4 (ii)].  
 Now  $t_0 = s^\# \cup \{\neg Q\}$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent [Lemma 2] and  $t_0$  has a maximally  $\Sigma$ -consistent extension  $t$  [Lemma 3 (Lindenbaum)].  
 So  $sRt$  because  $s^\# \subseteq t$ . As  $\neg Q \in t_0 \subseteq t$ ,  $Q \notin t$  holds [Lemma 4 (ii)].  
 Hence,  $\mathcal{M}, t \not\Vdash Q$  [IH] and  $\mathcal{M}, s \not\Vdash \Box Q$ .

#### 4. Generalization to Local Premises

**Definition.**  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} Y \implies P$  means that there is a sequence of formulas ending with  $P$  consisting of a **global part**, coming first, and a **local part**, coming last.

In the **global part** every formula is

- an axiom of  $\mathbf{K}$ , belongs to the set  $\Sigma$  or
- is obtained by one of the rules **Modus Ponens or Necessitation** from earlier formulas in the sequence.

In the **local part** every formula is

- an axiom of  $\mathbf{K}$ , belongs to the set  $Y$  or
- is obtained by the **Modus Ponens rule** from earlier formulas in the sequence.

#### Completeness Proof—Summary

- Because  $\Sigma \subseteq s$  for all  $s \in S$  [Lemma 4 (i)], the set  $\Sigma$  is valid in the canonical model  $\mathcal{M}$  [Lemma 5].
  - As the set  $\{\neg P\}$  is  $\Sigma$ -consistent, the set has a maximal  $\Sigma$ -consistent extension  $t \in S$  [Lemma 3] and  $P \notin t$  [Lemma 4 (ii)].  
 Thus,  $\mathcal{M}, t \not\Vdash P$  [Lemma 5].
  - As  $\Sigma$  is valid in  $\mathcal{M} = \langle S, R, v \rangle$  and there is a world  $t \in S$  such that  $\mathcal{M}, t \not\Vdash P$  holds, also  $\Sigma \not\vdash_{\mathbf{K}} P$  holds.
- $\implies$  Hilbert-style proof theory for the modal logic  $\mathbf{K}$  is complete.

#### Example

We show that  $\{P, P \rightarrow Q\} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \{\Box Q \rightarrow R\} \implies R$  holds:

1.  $P$  (GP)
2.  $P \rightarrow Q$  (GP)
3.  $Q$  (MP, 1, 2)
4.  $\Box Q$  (N, 3)

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5.  $\Box Q \rightarrow R$  (LP)
6.  $R$  (MP, 4, 5)

**Note that the N-rule cannot be used in the local part.**

For example,  $\{P, P \rightarrow Q\} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \{\Box Q \rightarrow R\} \implies \Box R$  does not hold.

### Properties of Derivations

- Derivations are finite.  
 $\implies$  **Compactness** ( $\vdash$ ):  
 If  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$  holds, then there are finite sets  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\Upsilon' \subseteq \Upsilon$  such that  $\Sigma' \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon' \implies P$  holds.
- MP- and N-rules are monotonic:  
 $\implies$  **Monotonicity** ( $\vdash$ ):  
 Let  $\Sigma_1 \subseteq \Sigma_2$  and  $\Upsilon_1 \subseteq \Upsilon_2$  hold. Then  
 if  $\Sigma_1 \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon_1 \implies P$ , then  $\Sigma_2 \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon_2 \implies P$ .
- **Local deduction theorem** holds ( $\vdash$ ):  
 $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \cup \{Q\} \implies P$  iff  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies Q \rightarrow P$ .

### Soundness

**Theorem.** If  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$  holds, then  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$  holds.

**Proof.** Let  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$  hold.

- By compactness of  $\vdash$ :  
 there are finite sets  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\Upsilon' = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\} \subseteq \Upsilon$  such that  
 $\Sigma' \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon' \implies P$ .
- By the local deduction theorem for  $\vdash$ :  
 $\Sigma' \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies \phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (\phi_n \rightarrow P) \dots)$ .
- By the soundness of  $\mathbf{K}$ -derivations:  
 $\Sigma' \models_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies \phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \dots \rightarrow (\phi_n \rightarrow P) \dots)$ .
- By the local deduction theorem for  $\models$ :  
 $\Sigma' \models_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon' \implies P$ .
- By the monotonicity of  $\models$ :  
 $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$ . ■

### Completeness

**Theorem.** If  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$ , then  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$  hold.

- By compactness of  $\models$ :  
 there are finite sets  $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$  and  $\Upsilon' = \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\} \subseteq \Upsilon$  such that  
 $\Sigma' \models_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon' \implies P$  holds..
- By the local deduction theorem for  $\models$ :  
 $\Sigma' \models_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies \phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow (\phi_n \rightarrow P) \dots)$ .
- By the completeness of  $\mathbf{K}$ -derivations:  
 $\Sigma' \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \emptyset \implies \phi_1 \rightarrow (\phi_2 \dots \rightarrow (\phi_n \rightarrow P) \dots)$ .
- By the local deduction theorem for  $\vdash$ :  
 $\Sigma' \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon' \implies P$ .
- By monotonicity of  $\vdash$ :  
 $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$ . ■

### 5. Examples of Hilbert-style Proof Systems

- Using the proof system for  $\mathbf{K}$  and formulas characterizing properties of frames we can construct Hilbert-style proof systems for other frame logics.
- As the first example we consider the modal logic  $\mathbf{T}$  where the frames are reflexive.
- The characteristic formula for reflexive frames:  
 $\mathbf{T}: \Box P \rightarrow P$ .

**Proposition.**  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{T}} \Upsilon \implies P$  iff  $\Sigma \cup \{\mathbf{T}\} \models_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$ .

$\implies$  (Soundness and completeness of  $\mathbf{K}$ -derivations)

**Proposition.**  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{T}} \Upsilon \implies P$  iff  $\Sigma \cup \{\mathbf{T}\} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \implies P$ .

**Modal Logic T**

Hence, a sound and complete Hilbert-style proof system for the modal logic **T** is obtained as follows:

**Classical axioms:** All tautologies

**Modal axioms:** All formulas of the form

$$\mathbf{K}: \Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)$$

$$\mathbf{T}: \Box P \rightarrow P$$

**Modus Ponens -rule**

**N-rule**

$\Rightarrow$

**Proposition.**  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{T}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$  iff  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{T}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$ .

**Modal Logic KD45**

**KD45** is the collection of serial, transitive and euclidian frames.

**Proposition.**  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{KD45}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$  iff  $\Sigma \cup \{[\mathbf{D}] \cup [\mathbf{4}] \cup [\mathbf{5}]\} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$ .

A Hilbert-style proof system for **KD45**:

**Modal axioms:** All formulas of the form

$$\mathbf{K}: \Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)$$

$$\mathbf{D}: \Box P \rightarrow \Diamond P$$

$$\mathbf{4}: \Box P \rightarrow \Box \Box P$$

$$\mathbf{5}: \neg \Box P \rightarrow \Box \neg \Box P$$

**Proposition.**  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{KD45}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$  iff  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{KD45}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$ .

**Modal Logic S5**

In a similar way for the frame logic **S5** (equivalence frames):

**Proposition.**  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{S5}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$  iff  $\Sigma \cup \{[\mathbf{T}] \cup [\mathbf{4}] \cup [\mathbf{B}]\} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$  iff  $\Sigma \cup \{[\mathbf{T}] \cup [\mathbf{4}] \cup [\mathbf{5}]\} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$  iff  $\Sigma \cup \{[\mathbf{T}] \cup [\mathbf{5}]\} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$ .

A Hilbert-style proof system for the modal logic **S5** (modal axioms need to extended):

**Modal axioms:** All formulas of the form

$$\mathbf{K}: \Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)$$

$$\mathbf{T}: \Box P \rightarrow P$$

$$\mathbf{4}: \Box P \rightarrow \Box \Box P$$

$$\mathbf{5}: \neg \Box P \rightarrow \Box \neg \Box P$$

**Proposition.**  $\Sigma \models_{\mathbf{S5}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$  iff  $\Sigma \vdash_{\mathbf{S5}} \Upsilon \Rightarrow P$ .

**Summary**

- A proof system of a logic is a syntactic calculus for showing that a formula is valid/a logical consequence from a set of formulas in the logic.
- For modal logics Hilbert-style axiomatic proof systems are common in the literature although they do not lend themselves well to automation.
- The two most important properties of a proof system are soundness and completeness.
- Typically soundness is quite straightforward to establish.
- For many frame logics completeness of Hilbert-style systems can be shown using the canonical model construction which is here demonstrated for the modal logic **K**.
- Using formulas characterizing properties of frames it is straightforward to construct Hilbert-style proof systems for many other frame logics.