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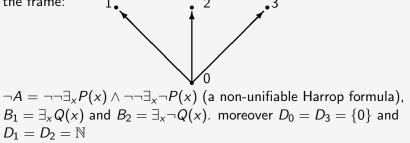
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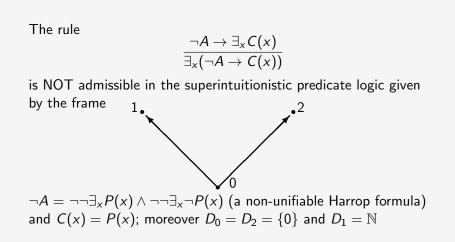
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Conjecture: some predicate logics have infinitary unification.

Thank you for your attention !

Unification in Predicate Modal Logics

Theorem

The rules $P_{\Diamond \exists}$:

$$\frac{\Diamond A \land \Diamond \neg A}{\bot}, \frac{\Diamond \exists_z A(z) \land \Diamond \exists_z \neg A(z)}{\bot}, \frac{\Diamond \exists_u \exists_v A(u,v) \land \Diamond \exists_u \exists_v \neg A(u,v)}{\bot}, \dots$$

form a basis for all passive rules over Q–S4 and its extensions. No sublogic of Q-CL is structurally complete (too strong property).

A unifier ε for predicate variables is *projective* for a formula A (or formula A is *projective*) in a logic L if

$$\vdash_{L} \Box A \to \forall_{x_{1}} \cdots \forall_{x_{k}} \big(\varepsilon(P_{j}(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k})) \leftrightarrow P_{j}(x_{1}, \ldots, x_{k}) \big), \text{ for each } P_{j}.$$

Theorem

For any L-projective formula A and any formulas $B_1, B_2, \exists_x C(x)$, (i) if $\vdash_L A \to \Box B_1 \lor \Box B_2$, then $\vdash_L \Box (\Box A \to B_1) \lor \Box (\Box A \to B_2)$; (ii) if $\vdash_L A \to \exists_x \Box C(x)$, then $\vdash_L \exists_x \Box (\Box A \to C(x))$. the disjunction property (DP): $\vdash_L \Box B_1 \lor \Box B_2 \Rightarrow \vdash_L B_1$, or $\vdash_L B_2$. the existence property (EP): $\vdash_L \exists_x \Box C(x) \Rightarrow \vdash_L C(t)$, for some term t (free variable) Parisons Silvership O. SA enjage (DP) and (ED).

Rasiowa-Sikorski: Q-S4 enjoys (DP) and (EP);

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Formulas which are not projective (in Q-S4):

- any $\Box B_1 \lor \Box B_2$ which does not reduce to any its disjunct, or
- any $\exists_x \Box C(x)$ which does not collapse to any its instance $\Box C(t)$.

Projective unification, ASC in Predicate Modal Logics

Corollary

If L enjoys projective unification, then $P.Q-S4.3 \subseteq L$, where $P : \exists_x \Box (\exists_x \Box P(x) \rightarrow P(x))$. (The converse - if = is in the language).

Q–S5 has projective unification. P.Q–S4.3 is Kripke incomplete. BF : $\forall_x \Box A \rightarrow \Box \forall_x A \notin P.Q-S4.3$;

- P \notin BF.Q–S4.3 and .3 \notin P.Q–S.4.

Corollary

If L has projective unification, then L is Almost Structurally Complete (ASC). Q–S5 is ASC.

Filtering unification in Predicate Modal Logics

Let $\Box^+ A = A \land \Box A$ and $\Diamond^+ A = A \lor \Diamond A$. Ghilardi and Sacchetti (JSL68,2004): For L a prop. modal logic L \subseteq K4, unification in L is filtering iff : 2^+ : $\Diamond^+ \Box^+ A \to \Box^+ \Diamond^+ A$.

Theorem

Let L be a predicate modal logics extending Q–K4. Unification in L is filtering iff L contains 2^+ : $\Diamond^+\Box^+A \rightarrow \Box^+\Diamond^+A$.

Corollary

(i) For every predicate modal logic L constaining Q–K4 if 2^+ : $\Diamond^+\Box^+A \rightarrow \Box^+\Diamond^+A$ is in L, then unification in L is unitary or nullary. Moreover, if L enjoys unitary unification, then $\Diamond^+\Box^+A \rightarrow \Box^+\Diamond^+A$ is in L, i.e. Q–K4.2⁺ \subseteq L. (ii) For every predicate modal logic L containing Q–S4 if 2: $\Diamond\Box A \rightarrow \Box\Diamond A$ is in L, then unification in L is unitary or nullary. Moreover, if L enjoys unitary unification, then $\Diamond\Box A \rightarrow \Box\Diamond A$ is in L, i.e. Q–S4.2 \subseteq L. a predicate modal logic L constaining Q–S4 have the *weak* existence property, (WEP), if $\exists_x \Box A(x) \in L$ implies $\Box A(t_1) \lor \cdots \lor \Box A(t_n) \in L$, for some terms t_1, \ldots, t_n .

Theorem

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Corollary

Unification in Q-S4.3 and in Q-S4.2 is nullary.

In contrast to S4.3 unification in some extensions of Q–S4.3 can be unitary or nullary.

Corollary

The unification type of Q–K4 and Q–S4 is either 0 or ∞ .