# Non-classical logics 

Lecture 11: Modal logics (Part 1)

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## History and Motivation

Extensions of classical logic by means of new logical operators Modal logic

- modal operators $\square, \diamond$

| meaning of $\square A$ | meaning of $\diamond A$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $A$ is necessarily true | $A$ is possibly true |
| An agent believes $A$ | An agent thinks $A$ is possible |
| $A$ is always true | $A$ is sometimes true |
| $A$ should be the case | $A$ is allowed |
| $A$ is provable | $A$ is not contradictory |

## History and Motivation

Logics related to modal logic
Dynamic logic of programs
Operators:
$\alpha A$ : $A$ holds after every run of the (non-deterministic) process $\alpha$

人) A: $A$ holds after some run of the (non-deterministic) process $\alpha$

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Logics related to modal logic
Temporal logic
$\square A: \quad A$ holds always (in the future)
$\diamond A$ : $\quad A$ holds at some point (in the future)
$\circ A$ : $\quad A$ holds at the next time point (in the future)
$A$ until $B \quad A$ must remain true at all following time points
until $B$ becomes true

## History and Motivation

Extensions of classical logic: Modal logic and related logics
Very rich history.

## Antiquity and middle ages

John Duns Scotus (1266-1308)


Reasoned informally in a modal manner, mainly to analyze statements about possibility and necessity.

## William of Ockham (1288-1348)



In addition to his work on De Morgan's Laws and ternary logic, he also analyzed statements about possibility and necessity.

## Beginning of modern modal logic

Clarence Irving Lewis (1883-1964)

founded modern modal logic in his 1910 Harvard thesis.

Saul Kripke (1940-)


In 1959, Saul Kripke (then a 19-year old Harvard student) introduced the possible-worlds semantics for modal logics.

Ruth C. Barcan, later Ruth Barcan Marcus (1921-)


Developed the first axiomatic systems
of quantified modal logic.

## Temporal logic and dynamic logic

Arthur Norman Prior (1914-1969)


Created modern temporal logic in 1957

Vaughan Pratt (1944- )


Introduced dynamic logic in 1976.

Amir Pnueli (1941-2009)


In 1977, proposed using temporal logic to
formalise the behaviour of continually operating concurrent programs.

## Modal logic

In classical logic, it is only important whether a formula is true In modal logic, it is also important in which

- way
- mode
- state
a formula is true


## Modal logic

A formula (a proposition) is

- necessarily / possibly true
- true today / tomorrow
- believed / known
- true before / after an action / the execution of a program

New operator $\square / \diamond$
(or families of such operators)

## Propositional modal logic

- Syntax
- Inference systems and proofs
- Semantics

Soundness and completeness
Decidability

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Modal and temporal logic

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## Syntax

- propositional variables
- logical symbols: $\{\vee, \wedge, \neg, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, \square, \diamond\}$


## Propositional Variables

Let $\Pi$ be a set of propositional variables.
We use letters $P, Q, R, S$, to denote propositional variables.

## Propositional Formulas

$F_{\Pi}$ is the set of propositional formulas over $\Pi$ defined as follows:

| $F, G, H$ | $:=$ | $\perp$ | (falsum) |
| ---: | :--- | :--- | ---: |
|  | $\mid$ | $\top$ | (verum) |
|  | $\mid$ | $P, P \in \Pi$ | (atomic formula) |
|  | $\mid$ | $\neg F$ | (negation) |
|  | $(F \wedge G)$ | (conjunction) |  |
|  | $\mid$ | $(F \vee G)$ | (disjunction) |
|  | $(F \rightarrow G)$ | (implication) |  |
|  | $(F \leftrightarrow G)$ | (equivalence) |  |
|  |  | $\square F$ |  |
|  |  |  |  |

## Informal Interpretations of $\square$

$\square F$ can mean:

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- $F$ is always true (in future states/words)
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Notation: If necessary write

$$
\square_{a} F, \square_{p} F,[a] F,[p] F
$$

instead of $\square F$.

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| $A$ is always true | $A$ is sometimes true |
| Agent a believes $A$ | Agent $A$ thinks $A$ is possible |
| Agent $a$ believes $A$ | $A$ is consistent with a's beliefs |
| Agent $a$ knows $A$ | $a$ does not know $\neg A$ |
| $A$ should be the case | $A$ is allowed |
| $A$ is provable | $A$ is not contradictory |
| $A$ holds after every run of the <br> (non-deterministic) program $p$ | $A$ is true after at least one <br> possible execution of program $p$ |

## The Wise-Men Puzzle

There are three wise men, three red hats, and two white hats. The king puts a hat on each of the wise men in such a way that they are not able to see their own hat.

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- if there is only one red hat, he will answer "red"
- if there are two red hats, the wearers will know this after the question is repeated
- if there are three red hats, the question has to be is repeated once more


## The Muddy-Children Puzzle

Three children are playing in the garden and some of the children get mud on their foreheads.

Each child can see the mud on others only.
Now consider two scenarios:

- The father repeatedly asks "Does any of you know whether you have mud on your forehead?".
All children answer "no" the first time, and continue to answer "no" to repetitions of the same question.
- The father tells the children that at least one of them is muddy and repeatedly asks "Does any of you know whether you have mud on your forehead?". After the question has been asked $\leq 3$ times, the muddy children will answer "yes."


## The Muddy-Children Puzzle

Consider the second scenario.
$\mathbf{k}=\mathbf{1}$. There is only one muddy child, which will answer "yes" because of the father's statement.
$\mathbf{k}=2$. If two children, call them $a$ and $b$, are muddy, they both answer "no" the first time. But both $a$ and $b$ then reason that the other muddy child must have seen someone with mud, and hence answer "yes" the second time.
$\mathbf{k}=3$. Let $a, b$, and $c$ be the muddy children. Everybody answers "no" the first two times. But then $a$ reasons that if $b$ and $c$ are the only muddy children they would have answered "yes" the second time (based on the argument for the case $k=2$ ). Since they answered "no," a further reasons, they must have seen a third child with mud, which must be me. Children $b$ and $c$ reason in the same way, and all three children answer "yes" the third time.

## The Muddy-Children Puzzle

Note that the father's announcement makes it common knowledge among the children that at least one child is muddy.

## Generalization

A group of children is playing in the garden and some of the children, say $k$ of them, get mud on their foreheads. Each child can see the mud on others only. Note that if $k>1$, then every child can see another with mud on its forehead.

The father tells the children that at least one of them is muddy and repeatedly asks "Does any of you know whether you have mud on your forehead?".

After the question has been asked $k$ times, the $k$ muddy children will answer "yes".

## Formalizing the Wise-Men Puzzle

Notation:
$r_{i}$ means "man $i$ wears a red hat"
$w_{i}$ means "man $i$ wears a white hat"
The situation can be described by the following formulae:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \left\{\left(r_{1} \vee r_{2} \vee r_{3}\right), \neg\left(r_{1} \wedge w_{1}\right), \neg\left(r_{2} \wedge w_{2}\right), \neg\left(r_{3} \wedge w_{3}\right), \neg w_{1} \leftrightarrow r_{1}, \neg w_{2} \leftrightarrow r_{2}, \neg w_{3} \leftrightarrow r_{3}\right. \\
& \left(r_{1} \rightarrow \square_{2} r_{1}\right),\left(w_{1} \rightarrow \square_{2} w_{1}\right),\left(r_{1} \rightarrow \square_{3} r_{1}\right),\left(w_{1} \rightarrow \square_{3} w_{1}\right), \\
& \left(r_{2} \rightarrow \square_{1} r_{2}\right),\left(w_{2} \rightarrow \square_{1} w_{2}\right),\left(r_{2} \rightarrow \square_{3} r_{2}\right),\left(w_{2} \rightarrow \square_{3} w_{2}\right), \\
& \left.\left(r_{3} \rightarrow \square_{1} r_{3}\right),\left(w_{3} \rightarrow \square_{1} w_{3}\right),\left(r_{3} \rightarrow \square_{2} r_{3}\right),\left(w_{3} \rightarrow \square_{2} w_{3}\right)\right\}
\end{aligned}
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Facts:

$$
\neg \square_{1} r_{1}, \neg \square_{2} r_{2}
$$

## Formalization

- Formalize the properties of $\square_{i}$
- Entail the truth of certain formulae


## Proof Calculi/Inference systems and proofs

Inference systems 「 (proof calculi) are sets of tuples

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\left(F_{1}, \ldots, F_{n}, F_{n+1}\right), n \geq 0
$$

called inferences or inference rules, and written


Inferences with 0 premises are also called axioms.

## Proofs

A proof in $\Gamma$ of a formula $F$ from a a set of formulas $N$ (called assumptions) is a sequence $F_{1}, \ldots, F_{k}$ of formulas where
(i) $F_{k}=F$,
(ii) for all $1 \leq i \leq k: F_{i} \in N$, or else there exists an inference $\left(F_{i_{1}}, \ldots, F_{i_{n_{i}}}, F_{i}\right)$ in $\Gamma$, such that $0 \leq i_{j}<i$, for $1 \leq j \leq n_{i}$.

## Provability

Provability $\vdash_{\Gamma}$ of $F$ from $N$ in $\Gamma$ :
$N \vdash_{\Gamma} F: \Leftrightarrow$ there exists a proof $\Gamma$ of $F$ from $N$.

## Inference system for modal logic

Acceptable axioms:

- All axioms of propositional logic (e.g. $p \vee \neg p$ )
- $(\square A \wedge \square(A \rightarrow B)) \rightarrow \square B$
- $\square(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow(\square A \rightarrow \square B)$


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Acceptable inference rules
$A \quad A \rightarrow B$
$B$
$\frac{A}{\square A}$
[Necessitation]

Remark: Accepting the last inference rule is not the same with accepting $A \rightarrow \square A$ as an axiom!

## Example of proof

Task: Check whether the following can be proved the inference system of modal logic indicated on page 33:
$\{\square(A \wedge B)\} \vdash \square A \wedge \square B$

## Example of proof

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1. \(\square(A \wedge B)\)
2. \(A \wedge B \rightarrow A\)
3. \(A \wedge B \rightarrow B\)
4. \(\square(A \wedge B \rightarrow A)\)
5. \(\square(A \wedge B \rightarrow B)\)
6. \(\square(A \wedge B) \wedge \square(A \wedge B \rightarrow A)\)
7. \(\square(A \wedge B) \wedge \square(A \wedge B \rightarrow B)\)
8. \(\square(A \wedge B) \wedge \square(A \wedge B \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \square A\)
9. \(\square A\)
\(10 \square(A \wedge B) \wedge \square(A \wedge B \rightarrow B) \rightarrow \square B\)
\(11 \square B\)
\(12 \square A \wedge \square B\)
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premise
theorem prop. logic theorem prop. logic necessitation 2.
necessitation 3.
theorem prop. logic $(1,5)$
theorem prop. logic $(1,6)$
A×1
MP $(6,8)$
A×1
MP (7, 9)
theorem prop. logic

## The modal system $K$

## Axioms:

- All axioms of propositional logic (e.g. $p \vee \neg p$ )
- $(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow(\square A \rightarrow \square B)$

Inference rules
$A \quad A \rightarrow B$
$B$

## Some systems of modal logic

| System | Description |
| :--- | :--- |
| $T$ | $K+\square A \rightarrow A$ |
| $D$ | $K+\square A \rightarrow \diamond A$ |
| $B$ | $T+\neg A \rightarrow \square \neg \square A$ |
| $S 4$ | $T+\square A \rightarrow \square \square A$ |
| $S 5$ | $T+\neg \square A \rightarrow \square \neg \square A$ |
| $S 4.2$ | $S 4+\diamond \square A \rightarrow \square \diamond A$ |
| $S 4.3$ | $S 4+\square(\square(A \rightarrow B)) \vee \square(\square(B \rightarrow A))$ |
| $C$ | $K+\frac{A \rightarrow B}{\square(A \rightarrow B)}$ instead of $(G)$. |

## Semantics of modal logic

Two classes of models have been studied so far.

- Modal algebras
- Kripke models


## Semantics of modal logic

Modal algebras $(B, \vee, \wedge, \neg, \rightarrow, \leftrightarrow, 0,1, \square, \diamond)$ where

- ( $B, \vee, \wedge, \neg, 0,1$ ) Boolean algebra, i.e. satisfies the following conditions:

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
x \wedge y=y \wedge x & x \vee y=y \vee x \\
x \wedge(y \wedge z)=(x \wedge y) \wedge z & x \vee(y \vee z)=(x \vee y) \vee z \\
x \wedge(y \vee z)=(x \wedge y) \vee(x \wedge z) & x \vee(y \wedge z)=(x \vee y) \wedge(x \vee z) \\
x \wedge x=x & x \vee x=x \\
x \wedge(x \vee y)=x & x \vee(x \wedge y)=x \\
x \wedge 1=x & x \vee 0=x \\
x \wedge 0=0 & x \vee 1=1 \\
x \vee \neg x=1 & x \wedge \neg x=0 \\
\bullet \quad \rightarrow, \leftarrow \text { derived operations: } & x \rightarrow y:=\neg x \vee y ; \quad x \leftrightarrow y:=(x \rightarrow y) \wedge(y \rightarrow x) \\
& \diamond x=\neg \square \neg x
\end{array}
$$

- $\square$ has additional properties e.g. $\square(x \wedge y)=\square x \wedge \square y$


## Kripke Frames and Kripke Structures

Introduced by Saul Aaron Kripke in 1959.

Much less complicated and better suited to automated reasoning than modal algebras.

## Saul Aaron Kripke



| Born | 1940 in Omaha (US) <br> First |
| :--- | :--- |
| A Completeness Theorem in Modal Logic |  |
| publication: | The Journal of Symbolic Logic, 1959 |
| Studied at: | Harvard, Princeton, Oxford <br> and Rockefeller University |
| Positions: | Harvard, Rockefeller, Columbia, <br> Cornell, Berkeley, UCLA, Oxford <br> since 1977 Professor at Princeton University <br> since 1998 Emeritus at Princeton University |

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Definition. A Kripke structure $K=(S, R, \mathcal{I})$ consists of

- a Kripke frame $F=(S, R)$
- an interpretation $\mathcal{I}: \Pi \times S \rightarrow\{1,0\}$

Example of Kripke frame


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Set of possible worlds (states): $S=\{A, B, C, D\}$

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## Example of Kripke structure



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Interpretation: $\mathcal{I}: \Pi \times S \rightarrow\{0,1\}$
$\mathcal{I}(P, A)=1, \mathcal{I}(P, B)=0, \mathcal{I}(P, C)=1, \mathcal{I}(P, D)=0$

