

1. Prove that the following axiom of ceteris paribus logic is valid (see slide 22 of lecture 21 on 11/16):

$$(\alpha \wedge \langle \Gamma \rangle^{\leq} (\alpha \wedge \varphi)) \rightarrow \langle \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\} \rangle^{\leq} \varphi$$

Proof. Let \mathcal{M} be a preference model and w a state in \mathcal{M} . Suppose that $\mathcal{M}, w \models \alpha \wedge \langle \Gamma \rangle^{\leq} (\alpha \wedge \varphi)$. Then, $\mathcal{M}, w \models \alpha$ and there is a v such that $w \equiv_{\Gamma} v$ and $w \leq v$ and $\mathcal{M}, v \models \alpha \wedge \varphi$. Now we have for all $\varphi \in \Gamma$, $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$ and $\mathcal{M}, w \models \alpha$ and $\mathcal{M}, v \models \alpha$. Hence, $w \equiv_{\Gamma \cup \{\alpha\}} v$. Since $w \leq v$, we have $\mathcal{M}, w \models \langle \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\} \rangle^{\leq} \varphi$. Since \mathcal{M} and w were arbitrary, $(\alpha \wedge \langle \Gamma \rangle^{\leq} (\alpha \wedge \varphi)) \rightarrow \langle \Gamma \cup \{\alpha\} \rangle^{\leq} \varphi$ is valid. QED

2. Let X, Y be subsets of W and suppose that \leq is a reflexive, connected and transitive order over W . Say $X \leq_{\forall} Y$ provided for all $x \in X$ and for all $y \in Y$, we have $x \leq y$. Assume that \leq is reflexive, transitive and complete, is \leq_{\forall} also reflexive, transitive, and complete? If so, prove it and if not, give a counterexample.

Proof. Suppose that $\leq \subseteq W \times W$ is reflexive, transitive and connected. We show that \leq_{\forall} is transitive but not reflexive nor connected.

\leq_{\forall} is not reflexive: Suppose that $W = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with $1 < 2 < 3 < 4$ (where $i < j$ means $i \leq j$ but $j \not\leq i$). Consider $X = \{1, 2\}$, then $X \not\leq_{\forall} X$ since $2 \not\leq 1$.

\leq_{\forall} is transitive for all nonempty sets: First of all, note that for any sets X and Y , $X \leq_{\forall} \emptyset$ and $\emptyset \leq_{\forall} Y$. Transitivity would imply $X \leq_{\forall} Y$, but it is easy to find counterexamples to this. Suppose that X, Y , and Z are nonempty. Suppose that $X \leq_{\forall} Y$ and $Y \leq_{\forall} Z$, we must show that $X \leq_{\forall} Z$. Let $x \in X$ and $z \in Z$. Since Y is nonempty there is an element $y \in Y$. Since $X \leq_{\forall} Y$, we have $x \leq y$. Since, $Y \leq_{\forall} Z$, we have $y \leq z$. Since \leq is transitive, we have $x \leq z$. Since x and z were arbitrary elements of X and Z , respectively, we have $X \leq_{\forall} Z$.

\leq_{\forall} is not connected: Suppose that $W = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ with $1 < 2 < 3 < 4$ (where $i < j$ means $i \leq j$ but $j \not\leq i$). Let $X = \{1, 3\}$ and $Y = \{2, 4\}$ then $X \not\leq_{\forall} Y$ and $Y \not\leq_{\forall} X$.

QED

Can you think of any other interesting principles that \leq_{\forall} satisfies? One interesting set of principles are downward and upwards monotonicity:

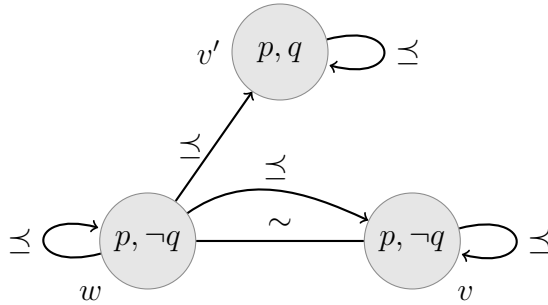
- If $X \leq_{\forall} Y$ and $Z \subseteq X$, then $Z \leq_{\forall} Y$.
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3. Recall the model of knowledge and preference from Lecture 22 (on 11/21): $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \sim, \preceq, V \rangle$ where \sim is an equivalence relation and \preceq is a reflexive, transitive and total preference relation. Truth is defined as follows:

- $\mathcal{M}, w \models K\varphi$ iff for all $v \in W$, if $w \sim v$ then $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi$ iff there is a $v \in W$ with $w \preceq v$ and $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models A\varphi$ iff for all $v \in W$, $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \langle \sim \cap \preceq \rangle \varphi$ iff there is a $v \in W$ such that $w \sim v$ and $w \preceq v$ with $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$

Given an example to show that $K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ and $K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \sim \cap \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ or not equivalent (i.e., find a model and state where one of the formulas is true, but the other is not true). It is easy to see that $A(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi) \rightarrow K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ is valid (this is an instance of the validity $A\varphi \rightarrow K\varphi$), but what is the relationship between $A(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ and $K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \sim \cap \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ (does one imply the other or are the two formulas independent)?

Answer. We can construct a model where $K(p \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle q)$ is true but $K(p \rightarrow \langle \preceq \cap \sim \rangle q)$ is false. The model is drawn below (with the undirected lines denoting the information relation \sim and the arrows denoting the preference relation where an arrow from w to v means $w \preceq v$).



Then, $\mathcal{M}, w \models K(p \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle q)$, but $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models K(p \rightarrow \langle \preceq \cap \sim \rangle q)$

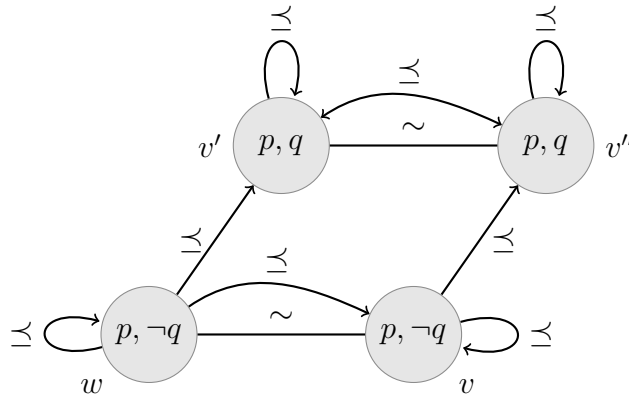
Claim 1 $K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \cap \sim \rangle \varphi) \rightarrow K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ is valid

Proof. Suppose that $\mathcal{M}, w \models K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \cap \sim \rangle \varphi)$. Suppose that there is a v such that $w \sim v$. We must show $\mathcal{M}, v \models \psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi$. Suppose that $\mathcal{M}, v \models \psi$. Since, $\mathcal{M}, w \models K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \cap \sim \rangle \varphi)$ and $w \sim v$, we have $\mathcal{M}, v \models \psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \cap \sim \rangle \varphi$. This implies $\mathcal{M}, v \models \langle \preceq \cap \sim \rangle \varphi$. Hence, there is a v' such that $v(\preceq \cap \sim)v'$ and $\mathcal{M}, v' \models \varphi$. Since, $(\preceq \cap \sim) \subseteq \preceq$, we have $v \preceq v'$. Hence, $\mathcal{M}, v \models \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi$, as desired. Hence, $\mathcal{M}, w \models K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi)$. QED

Claim 2 $A(\psi \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ and $K(\psi \rightarrow \langle \sim \cap \preceq \rangle \varphi)$ are independent

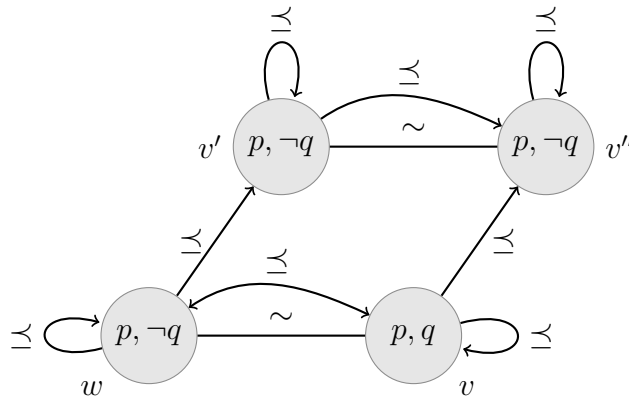
Proof. We can construct two models: one where $A(p \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle q)$ is true but $K(p \rightarrow \langle \sim \cap \preceq \rangle q)$ is false, and vice versa. The models are drawn below (with the undirected lines denoting the information relation \sim and the arrows denoting the preference relation where an arrow from w to v means $w \preceq v$).

Example 1



Then we have $\mathcal{M}, w \models A(p \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle q)$ but $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models K(p \rightarrow \langle \sim \cap \preceq \rangle q)$

Example 2



Then we have $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models A(p \rightarrow \langle \preceq \rangle q)$ but $\mathcal{M}, w \models K(p \rightarrow \langle \sim \cap \preceq \rangle q)$

QED