

Subject 24.244. Modal Logic. Problem set due Thursday, November 5.

In these problem, $(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$ is the material conditional. It's true if either ϕ is false or ψ is true.

$(\phi > \psi)$ is the Stalnaker conditional. It's true if ψ is true in the closest world (if there is one) where ϕ is true.

1. Show that the transitivity schema, $((\phi > \psi) \wedge (\psi > \theta)) \rightarrow (\phi > \theta)$ doesn't follow from Stalnaker's axioms.
2. Show that this restricted version of the transitivity schema does follow from Stalnaker's axioms:
 $((\phi > \psi) \wedge (\psi > \perp)) \rightarrow (\phi > \perp)$.
3. The law of Duns Scotus is the schema $(\sim \phi > (\phi > \psi))$. Are the instances of the schema derivable in Stalnaker's system? Explain your answer.
4. Peirce's law is the schema $((\phi > \psi) > \phi) > \phi$. Are the instances of the schema derivable in Stalnaker's system? Explain your answer.
5. The law of exportation is the schema $((\phi \wedge \psi) > \theta) \rightarrow (\phi > (\psi > \theta))$. Are the instances of the schema derivable in Stalnaker's system? Explain your answer.
6. The law of importation is the schema $(\phi > (\psi > \theta)) \rightarrow ((\phi \wedge \psi) > \theta)$. Are the instances of the schema derivable in Stalnaker's system? Explain your answer.
7. Show, by giving a derivation, that the Strong Centering schema, $((\phi > \psi) \wedge \phi) \leftrightarrow (\phi \wedge \psi)$ is a theorem schema of Stalnaker's system.
8. Show, by giving a derivation, that the schema $((\phi \vee \psi) > \sim \phi) \vee (((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta) \supset (\phi > \theta))$ is a theorem schema of Stalnaker's system.
9. Show, by giving a derivation, that the Introduction of Disjunctive Antecedents schema, $((\phi > \theta) \wedge (\psi > \theta)) \supset ((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta)$, is a theorem schema of Stalnaker's system.