

Subject 24.244. Modal Logic. Answers to the seventh p-set.

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.**

Take a Stalnaker model with two world, @ and w, each of which has access to itself and the other. Let "P" be true in w only, and let "R" be true in @ only, and let "Q" be true in both worlds. The $f(@, "P")$, which in w, is a "Q"-world that isn't an "R"-world $f(@, "Q")$, which is @ itself, in an "R"-world. So " $((P > Q) \wedge (Q > R)) \rightarrow (P > R)$ " is false in @.

2. **Show that this restricted version of the transitivity schema does follow from Stalnaker's axioms: $((\phi > \psi) \wedge (\psi > \perp)) \rightarrow (\phi > \perp)$.**

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| 1. $(\perp \rightarrow \phi)$ | TC |
| 2. $(\psi > (\perp \rightarrow \phi))$ | Conditionalization 1 |
| 3. $((\psi > (\perp \rightarrow \phi)) \rightarrow ((\psi > \perp) \rightarrow (\psi > \phi)))$ | Conditional K |
| 4. $((\phi > \psi) \wedge (\psi > \phi)) \rightarrow ((\phi > \perp) \rightarrow (\psi > \perp))$ | Equivalent antecedents |
| 5. $((\phi > \psi) \wedge (\psi > \perp)) \rightarrow (\phi > \perp)$ | TC 2, 3, 4 |

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.**

No. Take a model with two worlds, @ and w, where @ has access to both worlds and w has access only to itself, and where "P" is true only at w, and "Q" isn't true at either world. Because "Q" is false at w, " $(P > Q)$ " is false at @. Because "P" is false in @, $s(@, \sim p) = @$, so " $(\sim p > (q > p))$ " is false in @, so it's not derivable from Stalnaker's axioms.

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.**

No. Take a model with two worlds, @ and w, each of which has access to both worlds. Suppose "P" is true in w only, and "Q" isn't true in either world. The " $(P > Q)$ " isn't true in either world, so " $((P > Q) > P)$ " is true at @, even though "P" is false in @. " $((P > Q) > P) > P$ " is false in @, so not derivable.

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.**

No. Take a model with three worlds, @, w, and v. "P" is true in @ and v. "Q" is true in w and v. "R" is true in @ and v. The nearest world to @ in which "Q" is true is w, and the nearest world to @ in which "P" and "Q" are both true is v, which is farther from @ than w. " $((P \wedge Q) > R)$ " is true in @ iff "R" is true in $f(@, (P \wedge Q))$, which is v. "R" is true in v, so " $((P \wedge Q) > R)$ " is true in @.

" $(P > (Q > R))$ " is true in @ iff " $(Q > R)$ " is true in $f(@, "P")$, which is @. " $(Q > R)$ " is true in @ iff "R" is true in $f(@, "Q")$, which is w. "R" isn't true in w. So " $((P \wedge Q) > R) \rightarrow (P > (Q > R))$ " is false in @, hence

not derivable.

“(Q > R)” is true in @ iff “R” is true in f(@, “Q”), which is w. “R” is true in w. So “(P > (Q > R))” is true in @.

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.**

No. Take a model with three worlds, @, w, and v. “P” is true in @ and v. “Q” is true in w and v. “R” is true in w only. The nearest world to @ in which “Q” is true is w, and the nearest world to @ in which “P” and “Q” are both true is v, which is farther from @ than w. “((P > (Q > R)))” is true in @ iff “(Q > R)” is true in f(@, “P”), which is @. “(Q > R)” is true in @ iff “R” is true in f(@, “Q”), which is w. “R” is true in w. So “(P > (Q > R))” is true in @.

“((P & Q) > R)” is true in @ iff “R” is true in f(@, “(P & Q)”), which is v. “R” isn’t true in v. Consequently, “((P & Q) > R)” is false in @. It follows that “((P > (Q > R)) → ((P & Q) > R))” is false in @, so not derivable.

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.**

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| 1. $((\phi > \psi) \wedge \phi) \rightarrow \psi$ | Modus ponens |
| 2. $((\phi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow (\phi > \psi))$ | Centering |
| 3. $((\phi > \psi) \wedge \phi) \leftrightarrow (\phi \wedge \psi)$ | TC 1, 2 |

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.**

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| 1. $((\phi \vee \psi) > \phi) \wedge (\phi > (\phi \vee \psi)) \rightarrow (((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta) \leftrightarrow (\phi > \theta))$ | Equivalent antecedents |
| 2. $(\phi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi))$ | TC |
| 3. $(\phi > (\phi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi)))$ | Conditionalization 2 |
| 4. $((\phi > (\phi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi))) \rightarrow ((\phi > \phi) \rightarrow (\phi > (\phi \vee \psi))))$ | Conditional K |
| 5. $(\phi > \phi)$ | Reflexive law |
| 6. $((\phi \vee \psi) > \phi) \vee ((\phi \vee \psi) > \sim \phi)$ | Conditional excluded middle |
| 7. $((\phi \vee \psi) > \sim \phi) \vee (((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta) \rightarrow (\phi > \theta))$ | TC 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 |

9. **Show, by giving a derivation, that the Introduction of Disjunctive Antecedents schema, $((\phi > \theta) \wedge (\psi > \theta)) \rightarrow ((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta)$, is a theorem schema of Stalnaker’s system.**

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| 1. $((\phi > (\phi \vee \psi)) \wedge ((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta)) \rightarrow ((\phi > \theta) \leftrightarrow ((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta))$ | Equivalent antecedent |
| 2. $(\phi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi))$ | TC |
| 3. $(\phi > (\phi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi)))$ | Conditionalization 2 |
| 4. $((\phi > (\phi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi))) \rightarrow ((\phi > \phi) \rightarrow (\phi > (\phi \vee \psi))))$ | Conditional K |
| 5. $(\phi > \phi)$ | Reflexive law |
| 6. $((\phi \vee \psi) > \phi) \rightarrow (((\phi > \theta) \wedge (\psi > \theta)) \rightarrow ((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta))$ | TC 1, 3, 4, 5 |
| 7. $((\psi > (\phi \vee \psi)) \wedge ((\phi \vee \psi) > \psi)) \rightarrow ((\psi > \theta) \leftrightarrow ((\phi \vee \psi) > \theta))$ | Equivalent antecedents |
| 8. $(\psi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi))$ | TC |
| 9. $(\psi > (\psi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi)))$ | Conditionalization 8 |
| 10. $((\psi > (\psi \rightarrow (\phi \vee \psi))) \rightarrow ((\psi > \psi) \rightarrow (\psi > (\phi \vee \psi))))$ | Conditional K |
| 11. $(\psi > \psi)$ | Reflexive law |

12. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > \psi) \rightarrow (((\varphi > \theta \wedge \psi > \theta) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \theta)))$ TC 7, 9, 10, 11
13. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > \varphi) \vee ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \psi) \rightarrow (((\varphi > \theta \wedge \psi > \theta) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \theta)))$ TC 6, 12
14. $((\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow (\sim \varphi \rightarrow \psi))$ TC
15. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > ((\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow (\sim \varphi \rightarrow \psi)))$ Conditionalization 14
16. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > ((\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow (\sim \varphi \rightarrow \psi))) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > (\varphi \vee \psi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > (\sim \varphi \rightarrow \psi))$ Conditional K
17. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > (\varphi \vee \psi))$ Reflexive law
18. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > (\sim \varphi \rightarrow \psi))$ TC 15, 16, 17
19. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > (\sim \varphi \rightarrow \psi)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \sim \varphi) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \psi)$ Conditional K
20. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > \sim \varphi) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \psi)$ TC 18, 19
21. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > \varphi) \vee ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \sim \varphi)$ Conditional excluded middle
22. $((\varphi \vee \psi) > \varphi) \vee ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \psi)$ TC 20, 21
23. $((\varphi > \theta) \wedge (\psi > \theta)) \rightarrow ((\varphi \vee \psi) > \theta)$ 13, 22 TC

