

Logic 2: Modal Logic

Lecture 13

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Temporal logic

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F: at some point in the future

P: at some point in the past

Temporal operators:

- F: It will (at some point) be the case that
- P: It was (at some point) the case that
- G: It is always going to be the case that
- H: It has always been the case that

Temporal Model

A **temporal model** consists of

- a non-empty set T (of “times”),
- a binary relation $<$ on T (the **precedence relation**),
- a function V that assigns to each sentence letter of \mathcal{L}_T a subset of T .

Temporal models are Kripke models.

Standard Temporal Semantics

- (a) $M, t \models \rho$ iff t is in $V(\rho)$.
- (b) $M, t \models \neg A$ iff $M, t \not\models A$.
- (c) $M, t \models A \wedge B$ iff $M, t \models A$ and $M, t \models B$.
- (d) $M, t \models A \vee B$ iff $M, t \models A$ or $M, t \models B$.
- (e) $M, t \models A \rightarrow B$ iff $M, t \models B$ or $M, t \not\models A$.
- (f) $M, t \models A \leftrightarrow B$ iff $M, t \models (A \rightarrow B)$ and $M, t \models (B \rightarrow A)$.
- (g) $M, t \models FA$ iff $M, s \models A$ for some s in T such that $t < s$.
- (h) $M, t \models GA$ iff $M, s \models A$ for all s in T such that $t < s$.
- (i) $M, t \models PA$ iff $M, s \models A$ for some s in T such that $s < t$.
- (j) $M, t \models HA$ iff $M, s \models A$ for all s in T such that $s < t$.

Which of these should be valid?

(T) $GA \rightarrow A$

(D) $GA \rightarrow FA$

(4) $GA \rightarrow GGA$

(5) $FA \rightarrow GFA$

(G) $FGA \rightarrow GFA$

The flow of time

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The dashed arrows represent the “next point in time” relation.

$t < r$ iff some path along the dashed arrows leads from t to r .

In this frame, $<$ is

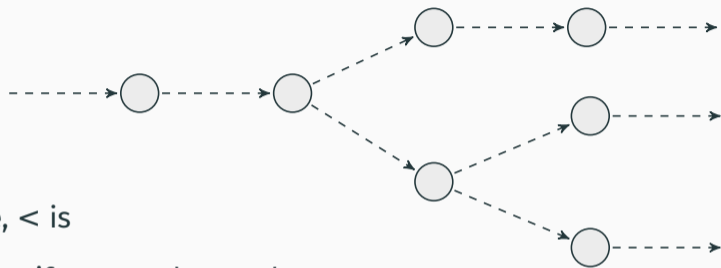
- **transitive:** if $t < s$ and $s < r$ then $t < r$.
- **asymmetric:** if $t < s$ then $s \not< t$.
- **irreflexive:** for no time, $t < t$.
- **discrete:** if $t < s$ then there is an r such that $t < r$ and for no x , $t < x < r$.
- **connected:** for every t, s , either $t < s$ or $t = s$ or $s < t$.

The flow of time



- Transitivity corresponds to (4): $GA \rightarrow GGA$.
- Asymmetry corresponds to **nothing**.
- Irreflexivity corresponds to **nothing**.
- Discreteness corresponds to $(A \wedge HA) \rightarrow FHA$.
- Connectedness corresponds to **nothing**.

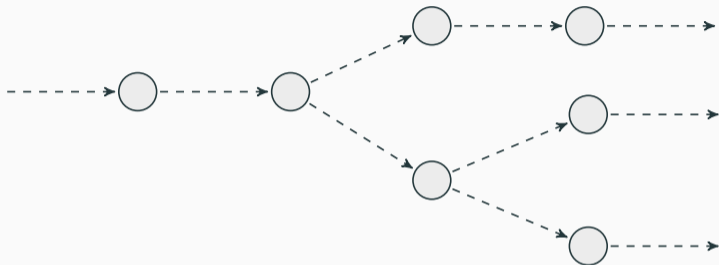
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- **transitive:** if $t < s$ and $s < r$ then $t < r$.
- **asymmetric:** if $t < s$ then $s \not< t$.
- **discrete:** if $t < s$ then there is an r such that $t < r$ and for no x , $t < x < r$.
- **left-linear:** if $t < r$ and $s < r$ then either $t < s$ or $t = s$ or $s < t$.
- **right-branching:** for some $r < t$ and $r < s$, neither $t < s$ or $t = s$ or $s < t$.

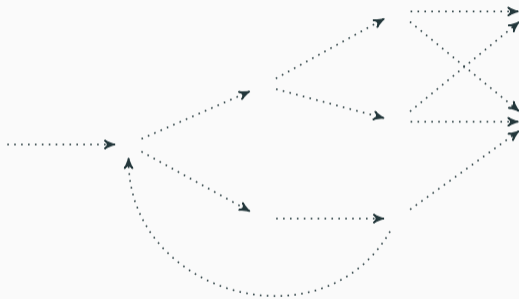
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- Left-linearity corresponds to $FPA \rightarrow (FA \vee A \vee PA)$.
- Right-branchingness corresponds to **nothing**.

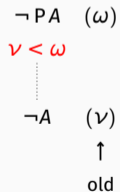
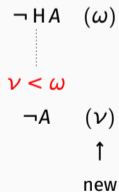
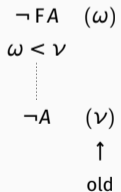
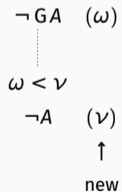
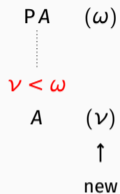
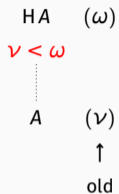
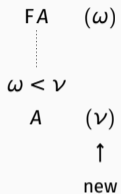
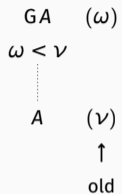
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Relativistic time:



Trees

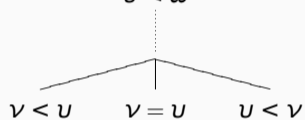
Trees



Left-linearity

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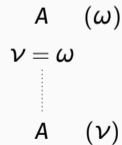
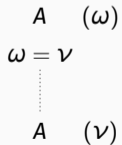
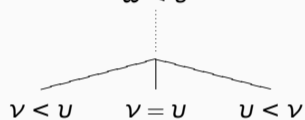
$$u < \omega$$



Right-linearity

$$\omega < \nu$$

$$\omega < u$$



A puzzle

Operators

- PA it was once the case that A
FA it will once be the case that A
 $\diamond A$ we can bring it about that A

Assumptions

- (i) $FA \models PFA$
(ii) $\neg PA \models \neg \diamond PA$
(iii) If $A \models B$ then $\diamond A \models \diamond B$

1. Suppose q neither is, nor was, nor will ever be the case.
2. So $\neg PFq$.
3. Then $\neg \diamond PFq$, by (ii).
4. But Fq entails PFq , by (i).
5. So $\diamond Fq$ entails $\diamond PFq$, by (iii).
6. So $\neg \diamond Fq$, by (3), (5), and Modus Tollens.