

# Logic 2: Modal Logic

## Lecture 19

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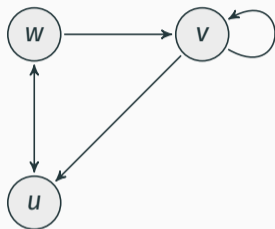
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## **Models for modal predicate logic**

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Where is  $Fa$  true?

Where is  $Fa \wedge Fb$  true?

Where is  $\diamond Fa$  true?

Where is  $\forall x Fx$  true?

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## Models for modal predicate logic

A model contains just enough information to tell us which sentences of  $\mathcal{L}_P$  are true at any world.

A model consists of

- a set  $W$  of worlds,
- an accessibility relation  $R$  on  $W$ ,
- for each world  $w$  a domain  $D_w$  of individuals,
- an interpretation function  $V$  that
  - assigns to every name an individual and
  - to every predicate and world a set of (tuples of) individuals.

A sentence is **valid** iff it is true at all worlds in all models.

We can define different concepts of validity (different logics) by imposing constraints on the models.

- Every world has access to some world.
- Every world is accessible from itself.
- ...
- Every world has the same domain of individuals.

Let's explore this last option.

## **Modal predicate logic with constant domains**

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## Modal predicate logic with constant domains

A sentence is **CK-valid** iff it is true at all worlds in all models in which the domain of individuals is constant across worlds.

If we combine the tree rules for classical predicate logic with those of K we get a sound and almost complete proof method for CK-validity.

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| 8.  | $Fa \rightarrow Fb$   | (v) | (2,6)  |
| 9.  | $Fa$  | (v) | (4,6)  |
| 10. | $\neg Fa$   | (v) | (8)    |
| 11. | $Fb$  | (v) | (8)    |
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| 7. | $\Box Fa$   | (w) | (2)    |

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| 8. | $Fa$  | (v) | (7,4)  |
|    | x   |     |        |

$$(BF) \quad \forall x \Box A \rightarrow \Box \forall x A$$

$$(CBF) \quad \Box \forall x A \rightarrow \forall x \Box A$$

The **Barcan Formula** (BF) and the **Converse Barcan Formula** (CBF) are CK-valid.

(BF) corresponds to the assumption that if  $wRv$  then every member of  $D_v$  is a member of  $D_w$ .

1. Suppose unicorns could have existed, but nothing that actually exists could have been a unicorn.
2. Then  $\forall x \Box \neg Ux$  is true.
3. But  $\Box \forall x \neg Ux$  is false.

$$\text{(BF)} \quad \forall x \Box A \rightarrow \Box \forall x A$$

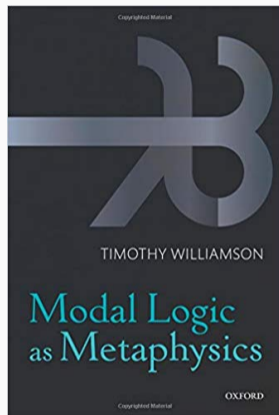
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1. Suppose you could have failed to exist. Let  $E$  be a property that applies to  $d$  at  $w$  iff  $d \in D_w$ .
2. Then  $\Box \forall x Ex$  is true.
3. But  $\forall x \Box Ex$  is false.



### Necessitism:

- Everything necessarily exists.
- Nothing could have failed to exist.
- If your parents had never met, you would still have existed, but you would not have been a person.

### Permanentism:

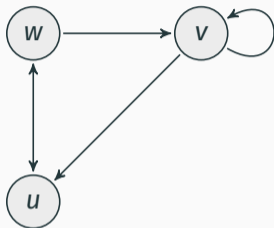
- Everything has always existed and will always exist.
- Anything that ever existed or will exist exists now.
- The dinosaurs still exist, but they are no longer dinosaurs.

## Modal predicate logic with variable domains

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Is  $\Diamond Fa$  true at  $w$ ?

Is  $\Box Fa$  true at  $w$ ?

Is  $Fa$  true at  $u$ ?

Is  $\forall xFx$  true at  $u$ ?

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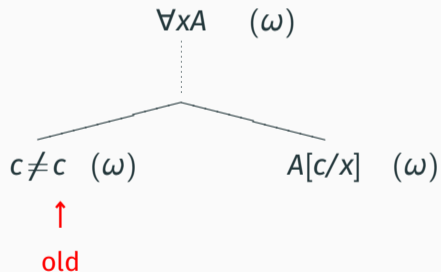
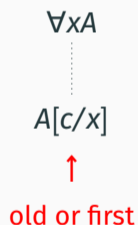
$D_v = \{\text{Alice}, \text{Bob}, \text{Carol}\}$

$D_u = \{\text{Bob}\}$

## Modal predicate logic with variable domains

The rule of **Universal Instantiation** appears to be invalid in variable-domain models.

Revised rule:



## Modal predicate logic with variable domains

If we have variable domains, we effectively allow for **empty names**.

Logics with empty names are called **free logics**.

In free logic,  $\forall xFx$  does not entail  $Fa$ .

Some free logics are three-valued: neither  $Fb$  nor  $\neg Fb$  may be true.