Intermediate logics and their modal companions

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Surprisingly: intuitionistic and modal logic are closely connected!

Overview of today's lecture

- Intuitionistic logic and its Kripke semantics
- Intermediate logics
- Gödel translation
- Modal companions of intermediate logics
- Least and greatest modal companions
- **6** Blok-Esakia theorem: an overview

Intuitionistic logic

One of the cornerstones of classical reasoning is the law of excluded middle $p \lor \neg p$.

On the grounds that the only accepted reasoning should be constructive, the Dutch mathematician L. E. J. Brouwer rejected this law, and hence classical reasoning.



Luitzen Egbertus Jan Brouwer (1881 - 1966)

Intuitionistic logic

This resulted in serious debates between Hilbert and Brouwer. Other leading mathematicians of the time were also involved in this debate.



David Hilbert (1862 - 1943)

Intuitionistic logic

In 30's Brouwer's ideas led his student Heyting to axiomatize intuitionistic logic.



Arend Heyting (1898 - 1980)

In 50's and 60's Kripke discovered a relational (Kripke) semantics for intuitionistic and modal logic and proved completeness of intuitionistic logic wrt this semantics.



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We will consider only rooted frames.

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The satisfaction clause for intuitionistic $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$ resembles the satisfaction clause for modal $\Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$.

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Assuming completeness, this shows that IPC \subsetneq CPC.







Logics in between IPC and CPC are called intermediate logics.



Theorem.

- **IPC** is the logic of all intuitionistic frames.
- **OPC** is the logic of a one-point frame.
- **WC** is the logic of directed intuitionistic frames.
- **UC** is the logic of linear intuitionistic frames.

Gödel translation

In the 30's Gödel defined a translation of intuitionistic logic into the modal logic **S4**.



Kurt Gödel (1906 - 1978)

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Theorem (Gödel-McKinsey-Tarski) For each formula φ in the propositional language we have

IPC $\vdash \varphi$ iff **S4** $\vdash \varphi^*$.

Topological semantics

They also defined topological semantics for modal and intuitonistic logic and proved that **S4** and **IPC** are complete wrt the real line \mathbb{R} .



Alfred Tarski (1901 - 1983)

Generalized Gödel embedding

Dummett and Lemmon in the 50's lifted the Gödel translation to intermediate logics and extensions of **S4**.



Michael Dummett (1925 - 2011)

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In order to regain the intuition of the relational semantics we use a duality between algebras and general frames.

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Esakia and independently Maksimova in the 70's developed the theory of Heyting and closure algebras. Esakia also developed an order-topological duality for closure and Heyting algebras.



Leo Esakia (1934 - 2010)



Larisa Maksimova

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This gives a purely syntactic characterization of the least and greatest modal companions of an intermediate logic.



Andrzej Grzegorczyk (1922 – 2014)

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- **③** (Blok-Esakia) $\sigma : \Lambda(\mathbf{IPC}) \to \Lambda(\mathbf{Grz})$ is an isomorphism from the lattice of intermediate logics onto the lattice of extensions of **Grz**.



Wim Blok (1947 - 2003)

Leo Esakia (1934 - 2010)

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Picture of $\Lambda(\mathbf{IPC})$ and $\Lambda(\mathbf{S4})$



Exercises

- Describe the intermediate logic whose modal companion is
 S4.1 = S4 + (□◊p → ◊□p)?
- Is there a modal logic *M* with S4 ⊆ M ⊆ S5 such that for no intermediate logic *L* we have τ(*L*) = M? Justify your answer.
- How many modal companions does the intermediate logic of the two element chain have? Justify your answer.
- Is there an intermediate logic that has a finite number of modal companions? Justify your answer.

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