

Subset Space Public Announcement Logic

Corrections and improvements

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1. The axiom C1 should be replaced with a rule “from $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ infer $\text{pre}(\varphi) \leftrightarrow \text{pre}(\psi)$ ”, which is known as “replacement of equivalents”.
2. In the axiomatization **PAL** (Figure 4), add a new reduction axiom

$$[\varphi]\text{pre}(\psi) \leftrightarrow (\text{pre}(\varphi) \rightarrow \text{pre}(\varphi \wedge [\varphi]\psi))$$

Otherwise the proof system is not reducible to **EL**⁺. We thank Philippe Balbiani for raising this question. We give a proof of the validity of this reduction axiom.

Proof. First of all,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{X}, x, \mathcal{O} \models [\varphi]\text{pre}(\psi) \\ \text{iff } & x \in (\varphi)^o \in \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow \mathcal{X}, x, (\varphi)^o \models \text{pre}(\psi) \\ \text{iff } & x \in (\varphi)^o \in \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow x \in (\psi)^{(\varphi)^o} \in \mathcal{O} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathcal{X}, x, \mathcal{O} \models \text{pre}(\varphi) \rightarrow \text{pre}(\varphi \wedge [\varphi]\psi) \\ \text{iff } & \mathcal{X}, x, \mathcal{O} \models \text{pre}(\varphi) \Rightarrow \mathcal{X}, x, \mathcal{O} \models \text{pre}(\varphi \wedge [\varphi]\psi) \\ \text{iff } & x \in (\varphi)^o \in \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow x \in (\varphi \wedge [\varphi]\psi)^o \in \mathcal{O} \end{aligned}$$

It suffices to show that $(\psi)^{(\varphi)^o} = (\varphi \wedge [\varphi]\psi)^o$ under the condition $(\varphi)^o \in \mathcal{O}$. Now,

$$(\psi)^{(\varphi)^o} = \{y \in (\varphi)^o \mid \mathcal{X}, y, (\varphi)^o \models \psi\}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (\varphi \wedge [\varphi]\psi)^o &= \{y \in \mathcal{O} \mid \mathcal{X}, y, \mathcal{O} \models \varphi \wedge [\varphi]\psi\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathcal{O} \mid \mathcal{X}, y, \mathcal{O} \models \varphi \ \& \ \mathcal{X}, y, \mathcal{O} \models [\varphi]\psi\} \\ &= \{y \in \mathcal{O} \mid y \in (\varphi)^o \ \& \ (y \in (\varphi)^o \in \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow \mathcal{X}, y, (\varphi)^o \models \psi)\} \\ &= \{y \in (\varphi)^o \mid (\varphi)^o \in \mathcal{O} \Rightarrow \mathcal{X}, y, (\varphi)^o \models \psi\} \\ &= \{y \in (\varphi)^o \mid \mathcal{X}, y, (\varphi)^o \models \psi\} \text{ under the condition } [(\varphi)^o] \in \mathcal{O} \end{aligned}$$