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## Unification in some polymodal logics

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- Unification, unification types:  $1$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\infty$ ,  $0$ ,
- Poly/multi-modal logics: fusions, Cartesian products,
- Unification in fusions,
- Unification in logics with interacting axioms: weakly transitive, conjugated op., Local Agreement,
- Applications: Tense, Epistemic, Multiagent logic of hypercubes, DALLA,
- Non-classical case - hoops with dual normal operations.

## Unification

- 1930 J. Herbrand - automated deduction 1<sup>st</sup> ord. logic,  
1965 J.A. Robinson - resolution, unification algor., mgu,

### *E*-unification

*E* - equational theory,  $t_1, t_2$  - terms, in var.  $\underline{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ .

$t_1 \stackrel{?}{=} t_2$  - a unification problem, a solution is a substitution  $\sigma : \underline{x} \rightarrow T$

$\vdash_E \sigma t_1 = \sigma t_2$  - is called a *unifier* for  $t_1$  and  $t_2$ ;

$t_1, t_2$  - *unifiable* if such  $\sigma$  exists,

$\sigma$  is *more general* than  $\tau$ ,  $\tau \preceq \sigma$ , if

$\vdash_E \delta(\sigma(x)) = \tau(x)$ , for some substitution  $\delta$ ;  $\preceq$  a pre-order,  
a *mgu* - a most general unifier, not unique.

$E = \emptyset$  -syntactic unification (Robinson): unifiable - mgu,  
 $E \neq \emptyset$  - four types: 1 - unitary ("best"),  $\omega$  - finitary,  $\infty$  -  
infinitary, 0 - nullary, according to a number of  $\preceq$ - maximal  
unifiers of „the worst case" of  $t_1, t_2$ .

**Ex.** unitary - Boolean alg., discriminator var.(Burris 89);  
finitary - Heyting alg. (Ghilardi 99), Abelian groups (Lank-  
ford 79);  
infinitary - groups, rings (Lawrence 89);  
nullary - lattices, distributive lattices (Willard 91, 89).

Unification is basic to Resolution Theorem Provers (Mc-  
Cunne solution to the Robbins problem) and Term Rewrit-  
ing Systems; categorial grammars, generalizing proofs.

## Unification in logic

A logic  $L$ ; a unifier for a formula  $A(\underline{x})$  in  $L$  - a substitution  $\sigma : \underline{x} \rightarrow F$  such that

$$\vdash_L \sigma(A);$$

$\sigma$  - a unifier,  $A$  - unifiable;  $\preceq$  related to  $\vdash_L$ .

Unification is *filtering*:  $\tau_1, \tau_2$  unif for  $A$  there exists  $\sigma$  unif for  $A$  such that  $\tau_1 \preceq \sigma$  and  $\tau_2 \preceq \sigma$ ; unitary or nullary.

**Ex.** CL - classical propositional logic - unitary (best),  
Modal: K4, S4, GL - finitary, Ghilardi (2000),  
S5 -unitary; K4.2, S4.2 - unitary, Ghilardi, Sacchetti (2004).  
Unification - not preserved under extensions/weakenings  
and expansions/reducts.  
Applications: admissibility of rules (decidability).

**Poly/multi-modal logic**;  $m$  unary connectives:

$\Box_1, \dots, \Box_m$ , "necessity",  $\Diamond_1, \dots, \Diamond_m$ , "possibility", where  $\Diamond_i A = \neg \Box_i \neg A$ ,  $i \leq m$ , classical connectives  $\neg, \vee, \wedge, \rightarrow$ .

A *normal poly/multimodal logic* is a set of formulas from  $F$  containing all classical tautologies, the axioms:

$$K_i : \quad \Box_i(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box_i A \rightarrow \Box_i B), \quad i \leq m$$

closed under: Modus Ponens, Necessitation:  $A/\Box_i A$ ,  $i \leq m$  and substitution.

$m$ -frame  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R_1, \dots, R_m \rangle$ ,  $W \neq \emptyset$ ,  $R_1, \dots, R_m$ ,  $R_i \subseteq W^2$

**BAO's**:  $\mathfrak{B} = \langle B, \vee, \wedge, -, \{m_i\}_{i \leq m} \rangle$ ,  $m_i(a \vee b) = m_i a \vee m_i b$  (additive) and  $m_i 0 = 0$  (normal);  $m_i$  corresponds to  $\Diamond_i$ .

Jónsson – Tarski.

## Fusions of unimodal logics

$L_1, \dots, L_m$  with  $m$  distinct  $\Box_1, \dots, \Box_m$ , resp., the *fusion*  $L_1 \otimes \dots \otimes L_m$  is the smallest  $m$ -modal logic containing  $L_1 \cup \dots \cup L_m$ ;  $K_m, S5_m$ , etc. Kripke Cpl, dec., unif.interpol.

**Lemma 1.** *Let  $L_i, i \leq m$  be unimodal logics from the set  $\{K, KD, KT, K4, K4.2, K4.3, KD4, KD45, S4, S4.2, S4.3\}$ .*

*Then the fusion  $L = L_1 \otimes \dots \otimes L_m$  have the following property, for any  $A_i \in F, i \leq m$ :*

$$\vdash_L \Box_1 A_1 \vee \dots \vee \Box_m A_m \Rightarrow \vdash_L A_i, \text{ for some } i \leq m.$$

*Hence unification in  $L$  is not unitary.*

**Lemma 2.** *Unification in  $S5_m = S5 \otimes \dots \otimes S5, m \geq 2$ , is not unitary.*

Unitary unification is not preserved under fusions.

**Ex.** S4.2, K4.2, S5

Cartesian products  $L_1 \times L_2$  of modal logics.

$L_i$  determined by  $\mathcal{C}_i$ ,  $i \leq 2$ ,  $L_1 \times L_2$  - det. by all  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_1 \in \mathcal{C}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_2 \in \mathcal{C}_2$ , where for  $\mathcal{F}_1 = \langle W_1, R_1 \rangle$ ,  $\mathcal{F}_2 = \langle W_2, R_2 \rangle$  the *Cartesian product*  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2$  of frames  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  is the frame:  $\mathcal{F}_1 \times \mathcal{F}_2 = \langle W_1 \times W_2, R_h, R_v \rangle$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} (u_1, v_1) R_h (u_2, v_2) & \text{ iff } u_1 R_1 u_2 \text{ and } v_1 = v_2, \\ (u_1, v_1) R_v (u_2, v_2) & \text{ iff } v_1 R_2 v_2 \text{ and } u_1 = u_2. \end{aligned}$$

$L_1 \otimes L_2 \subset L_1 \times L_2$ , true in  $L_1 \times L_2$  but not in  $L_1 \otimes L_2$ :

*comm*:  $\Box_1 \Box_2 x \leftrightarrow \Box_2 \Box_1 x$  (commutativity),

*con(1, 2)*:  $\Diamond_1 \Box_2 x \rightarrow \Box_2 \Diamond_1 x$  (confluence, or Church-Rosser property), also *con(2, 1)*:  $\Diamond_2 \Box_1 x \rightarrow \Box_1 \Diamond_2 x$ .

Generalize to product of  $n$ -copies.

*con(i, j)*:  $\Diamond_i \Box_j x \rightarrow \Box_j \Diamond_i x$ .



## Weakly transitive $m$ -modal logics

let  $\Box A = \Box_1 A \wedge \cdots \wedge \Box_m A$ ,  $\Diamond A = \Diamond_1 A \vee \cdots \vee \Diamond_m A$ .

$\Box^{(0)} A = A$ ,  $\Box^{(n+1)} A = \Box^{(n)} A \wedge \Box \Box^{(n)} A$ ;

$\Box^{(n)} A = A \wedge \Box A \wedge \Box \Box A \wedge \cdots \wedge \Box^n A$ ,  $\Diamond^{(n)} A$  dually,

$\Box^{(n)} x \rightarrow \Box^{(n+1)} x$  or  $\Diamond^{(n+1)} A \rightarrow \Diamond^{(n)} A$ .

$m$ -modal logic  $L$  is  $n$ -transitive if  $\vdash_L \Box^{(n)} x \rightarrow \Box^{(n+1)} x$ .

$L$  is weakly transitive if it is  $n$ -transitive for some  $n$ .

$L$  is weakly transitive iff the corresponding class of BAO's has Equationally Definable Principal Congruences, EDPC (Blok, Pigozzi).

*n*-confluence axiom or *n*-Church-Rosser axiom

$$2^{(n)} : \quad \diamond^{(n)}\Box^{(n)}x \rightarrow \Box^{(n)}\diamond^{(n)}x.$$

**Theorem 3.** *If a  $m$ -modal logic  $L$  is  $n$ -transitive and  $n$ -confluent for some  $n$ , then unification in  $L$  is filtering, i.e. unitary or nullary (generalization of Ghilardi-Sachetti).*

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $L_i$ ,  $i \leq m$ , be Kripke complete unimodal logics containing S4 and having filtering unification. Then  $L_1 \times \cdots \times L_m$  has filtering unification too.*

Conjugate operations (J-T) Operations  $f$  and  $g$  on a Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $g$  is a *conjugate of  $f$*  if, for  $x, y \in B$ :

$$x \wedge f(y) = 0 \quad \text{iff} \quad g(x) \wedge y = 0.$$

$f$  is *conjugate* if there is  $g$  such that  $g$  is a conjugate of  $f$ .

$A = \langle A, \leq \rangle$ ,  $B = \langle B, \leq' \rangle$ ,  $f : A \rightarrow B$ ,  $h : B \rightarrow A$ , the pair  $(f, h)$  is called *residuated* if  $f(a) \leq' b$  iff  $a \leq h(b)$ .

Given  $f$ , if  $g, h$  exist, then:  $g(y) = h^d(y)$ ,  $h(y) = g^d(y)$ .

1-variable formulas  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are *conjugate* in  $L$  if,

$$\vdash_L M_1 M_2^d x \rightarrow x \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash_L M_2 M_1^d x \rightarrow x;$$

$$\text{where } M^d x = \neg M \neg x.$$

**Theorem 5.** *If  $L$  is a  $n$ -transitive normal  $m$ -modal logic containing  $D_i : \diamond \top$ ,  $i \leq m$  and if either, (A) every  $\diamond_i$  is conjugate, or (B) every  $\diamond_i$  occurs in some self-conjugate formula  $\diamond_{i_1}^{n_1} \dots \diamond_{i_k}^{n_r} x \vee \dots \vee \diamond_{j_1}^{m_1} \dots \diamond_{j_p}^{m_s} x$ , then unification in  $L$  is unitary.*

$B^{(n)} : \quad \diamond^{(n)} \square^{(n)} x \rightarrow x, \quad n\text{-symmetry.}$

**Corollary 6.** *If a  $m$ -modal logic  $L$  contains  $D_i$  and  $4^{(n)} B^{(n)}$ , i.e. it is  $n$ -transitive and  $n$ -symmetric, for some  $n$ , in particular, if  $L$  contains  $S5^m = S5 \times \dots \times S5$ , then unification in  $L$  is unitary.*

## APPLICATIONS - unitary unification:

- Tense logics: linear, weakly future (past) connected, tense logic of **Q**, **R**, **Z** (with infinite time),
- Logic w. Local Agreement:  $\Box_i x \wedge \Box_j x \leftrightarrow \Box_i \Box_j x \wedge \Box_j \Box_i x$ , DALLA = S5<sub>m</sub> + (LA) (Demri, Orłowska),
- Multiagent Logic of Hypercubes (Lomuscio, Ryan),
- Logic of inaccessible worlds of Humberstone,

Here mgu is explicit, effective.

Wolter et al., K, K4 + univ. modality - unif. undecidable

Hoops with dual normal operators

A **hoop**  $\mathbf{A} = (A, \cdot, \rightarrow, 1)$ ,  $(A, \cdot, 1)$  is a commutative *monoid* with the unit 1 satisfying: (1)  $x \rightarrow x = 1$ ,  
(2)  $x \rightarrow (y \rightarrow z) = (x \cdot y) \rightarrow z$ , (3)  $(x \rightarrow y) \cdot x = (y \rightarrow x) \cdot y$ .  
 $x^0 = 1, x^{k+1} = x^k \cdot x$ ; *k-potent* hoop :  $x^{k+1} = x^k$

A hoop with dual normal operators in the sense of Jónsson and Tarski , see Blok and Pigozzi,  $(A, \cdot, \rightarrow, 1, \Box_i)_{i \leq m}$ , a hoop  $(A, \cdot, \rightarrow, 1)$  expanded with  $\{\Box_i\}_{i \leq m}$  such that  $\Box_i(1) = 1$ ;  $\Box_i(a \cdot b) = \Box_i(a) \cdot \Box_i(b)$ ,  $i \leq m$ .

**Theorem 7.** *Let  $L$  be a weakly transitive logic of  $k$ -potent hoops with dual normal operators  $\Box_i$ ,  $i \leq m$ , containing the Beth axiom:  $\Box_i a \rightarrow \Box_i b \leq \Box_i(\Box_i a \rightarrow b)$ ,  $i \leq m$ . Then  $L$  has unitary unification.*

## Summary:

- in fusions unification is bad, unification is not preserved under fusions,
- $n$ -transitive and  $n$ -confluent logics have filtering unification (unitary or nullary),
- $n$ -transitive and  $n$ -symmetric logics have unitary unification,
- filtering unification of unimodal logics over  $S4$  is preserved under Cartesian products.

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