

Timothy Williamson

A RELATION BETWEEN NAMESAKES IN MODAL LOGIC

Abstract

The closure under a certain rule of the modal system usually called “ $K4$ ” is shown to be the modal system called “ $K4$ ” by Sobociński.

A modal system S provides double cancellation iff for all sentences A and B , if $\vdash_S LA \equiv LB$ and $\vdash_S MA \equiv MB$ then $\vdash_S A \equiv B$. It is of course not required that $\vdash_S ((LA \equiv LB) \& (MA \equiv MB)) \supset (A \equiv B)$. If S is any modal system, there is a smallest normal extension $S+$ of S providing double cancellation (terminology as in [1]). For reasons given in [3], the double cancellation rule may be of some philosophical interest. This note extends the results of [3] and [4] on double cancellation in normal systems.

The name “ $K4$ ” is ambiguous. It is now customarily used for the smallest normal system containing the schema $LA \supset LLA$; this practice is followed here. Sobociński used the same name for the smallest system containing $KT4$ ($= S4$) and the schemata $A \supset (MLA \supset LA)$ and $MLA \equiv LMA$ ([2]); this normal system is here referred to as $K4_{Sob}$. The relation to be established between these namesakes is that $K4+ = K4_{Sob}$; it will also be shown that $K4_{Sob}$ is the only normal extension of $K4$ providing double cancellation in which there is not modal collapse. This extends the results of [3], in which it was shown that $KD4!+ = K4_{Sob}$, where $KD4!$ is the smallest normal system containing the formula MT (T being a constant tautology) and the schema $LLA \equiv LA$, and [4], in which it is shown that $KW+$ is inconsistent, where KW is “provability logic”, the smallest normal system containing $L(LA \supset A) \supset LA$, an extension of $K4$.

LEMMA A. $\vdash_{K4+} (A \& M(A \& LA)) \supset LA$.

PROOF. For any formula A , the following are theorems of $K4+$ (where on the right a subsystem of $K4+$ is given in any normal extension of which the reasoning can be carried out; e.g. “ K ” means that the reasoning can be carried out in any normal system):

- | | | |
|------|--|--------------|
| (1) | $(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))) \supset A$ | PC |
| (2) | $L(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))) \supset L A$ | $1, K$ |
| (3) | $M(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))) \supset M A$ | $1, K$ |
| (4) | $L A \supset (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))$ | PC |
| (5) | $L L A \supset L(L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))$ | $4, K$ |
| (6) | $L A \supset L L A$ | $K4$ |
| (7) | $L A \supset L(L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))$ | $5, 6, PC$ |
| (8) | $L A \supset L(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | $7, K$ |
| (9) | $L A \equiv L(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | $2, 8, PC$ |
| (10) | $A \supset (M(A \& L A) \vee (A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))))$ | PC |
| (11) | $M A \supset (M M(A \& L A) \vee M(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A))))$ | $10, K$ |
| (12) | $M M(A \& L A) \supset M(A \& L A)$ | $K4$ |
| (13) | $(A \& L A) \supset (A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | PC |
| (14) | $M(A \& L A) \supset M(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | $13, K$ |
| (15) | $M M(A \& L A) \supset M(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | $12, 14, K$ |
| (16) | $M A \supset M(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | $11, 15, K$ |
| (17) | $M A \equiv M(A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | $3, 16, PC$ |
| (18) | $A \equiv (A \& (L A \vee \sim M(A \& L A)))$ | $9, 17, K4+$ |
| (19) | $(A \& M(A \& L A)) \supset L A$ | $18, PC$ |

LEMMA B. $\vdash_{K4+} (A \& LMA) \supset LA$.

PROOF. The following are theorems of $K4+$:

- | | |
|--|--------------|
| (1) $L(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \supset (LA \& LM(\sim A \& MA))$ | K |
| (2) $LA \supset \sim M(\sim A \& MA)$ | K |
| (3) $(LA \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \supset (\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $2, PC$ |
| (4) $(LLA \& LM(\sim A \& MA)) \supset L(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $3, K$ |
| (5) $(LA \& LM(\sim A \& MA)) \supset L(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $4, K4$ |
| (6) $L(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \supset L(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $1, 5, PC$ |
| (7) $L(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A)) \supset L(A \& M(\sim A \& MA))$ | Like 6 |
| (8) $L(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \equiv L(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $6, 7, PC$ |
| (9) $(A \& \sim LA) \supset \sim M(A \& LA)$ | Lemma A |
| (10) $(A \& M \sim A) \supset L(\sim A \vee M \sim A)$ | $9, K$ |
| (11) $(A \& M \sim A) \supset LL(\sim A \vee M \sim A)$ | $10, K4$ |
| (12) $M(\sim A \& MA) \supset M \sim A$ | K |
| (13) $(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \supset LL(\sim A \vee M \sim A)$ | $11, 12, PC$ |
| (14) $(M(\sim A \& MA) \& LL(\sim A \vee M \sim A)) \supset$
$M(\sim A \& MA \& L(\sim A \vee M \sim A))$ | K |
| (15) $(\sim A \& MA) \& L(\sim A \vee M \sim A) \supset$
$(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | K |
| (16) $M(\sim A \& MA \& L(\sim A \vee M \sim A)) \supset$
$M(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $15, K$ |
| (17) $(M(\sim A \& MA) \& LL(\sim A \vee M \sim A)) \supset$
$M(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $14, 15, PC$ |
| (18) $(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \supset M(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ | $13, 17, PC$ |

- (19) $M(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \supset MM(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ 18, *K*
- (20) $M(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \supset M(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ 19, *K4*
- (21) $M(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A)) \supset M(A \& M(\sim A \& MA))$ Like 20
- (22) $M(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \equiv M(\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ 20, 21, *PC*
- (23) $(A \& M(\sim A \& MA)) \equiv (\sim A \& M(A \& M \sim A))$ 8, 21, *K4+*
- (24) $\sim (A \& M(\sim A \& MA))$ 23, *PC*
- (25) $((\sim M \sim A \& MA) \& LMA) \supset LA$ *K*
- (26) $(A \& LMA) \supset LA$ 24, 25, *PC*

LEMMA C. $\vdash_{K4+} LLA \equiv LA$.

PROOF. The following are theorems of *K4+*:

- (1) $(LA \& \sim LA) \supset A$ *K*
- (2) $(LLA \& L \sim LA) \supset LA$ 1, *K*
- (3) $LLA \supset (MLA \vee LA)$ 2, *K*
- (4) $MLLA \supset (MMLA \vee MLA)$ 3, *K*
- (5) $MMLA \supset MLA$ *K4*
- (6) $MLLA \supset MLA$ 4, 5, *PC*
- (7) $LA \supset LLA$ *K4*
- (8) $MLA \supset MLLA$ 7, *K*
- (9) $MLLA \equiv MLA$ 6, 8, *PC*
- (10) $((LA \vee \sim LLA) \& LM(LA \vee \sim LLA)) \supset L(LA \vee \sim LLA)$ Lemma B
- (11) $((LA \vee \sim LLA) \& LLA) \supset LA$ *PC*
- (12) $(L(LA \vee \sim LLA) \& LLLA) \supset LLA$ 11, *K*
- (13) $(LM(LA \vee \sim LLA) \& LLLA) \supset LLA$ 10, 12, *PC*

- (14) $((LAV \sim LLA) \& M((LAV \sim LLA) \& L(LAV \sim LLA))) \supset$
 $L(LAV \sim LLA)$ Lemma A
- (15) $(M((LAV \sim LLA) \& L(LAV \sim LLA)) \& LLLA) \supset LLA$ 12, 14, PC
- (16) $MLA \supset M(LAV \sim LLA)$ K
- (17) $LMLA \supset LM(LAV \sim LLA)$ 16, K
- (18) $(LMLA \& LLLA) \supset LLA$ 13, 17, PC
- (19) $(\sim LA \& LA) \supset (A \& (LAV \sim LLA))$ PC
- (20) $(\sim MLA \& LLA) \supset (LA \& L(LAV \sim LLA))$ 19, K
- (21) $(\sim MLA \& LLA) \supset ((LAV \sim LLA) \& L(LAV \sim LLA))$ 20, PC
- (22) $M(\sim MLA \& LLA) \supset$
 $M((LAV \sim LLA) \& L(LAV \sim LLA))$ 21, K
- (23) $(M(\sim MLA \& LLA) \& LLLA) \supset LLA$ 15, 22, PC
- (24) $(\sim LMLA \& LLLA) \supset M(\sim MLA \& LLA)$ K
- (25) $(\sim LMLA \& LLLA) \supset LLA$ 23, 24, PC
- (26) $LLLA \supset LLA$ 18, 25, PC
- (27) $LLA \supset LLLA$ K4
- (28) $LLLA \equiv LLA$ 26, 27, PC
- (29) $LLA \equiv LA$ 9, 28, K4+

LEMMA D. $\vdash_{K4+} MT$.

PROOF. The following are theorems of K4+:

- (1) $LLMT \equiv LMT$ Lemma C
- (2) $LL \sim T \equiv L \sim T$ Lemma C
- (3) $MMT \equiv MT$ 2, K

- | | | |
|------|--|--------------|
| (4) | $MLMT \supset MT$ | K |
| (5) | $MLMT \supset MMT$ | $3, 4, PC$ |
| (6) | $L \sim T \supset LMT$ | K |
| (7) | $ML \sim T \supset MLMT$ | $6, K$ |
| (8) | $(MMT \& LLMT) \supset MLMT$ | K |
| (9) | $(MMT \& LMT) \supset MLMT$ | $8, K4$ |
| (10) | $(MMT \& \sim ML \sim T) \supset MLMT$ | $9, K$ |
| (11) | $MMT \supset MLMT$ | $7, 10, PC$ |
| (12) | $MLMT \equiv MMT$ | $5, 11, PC$ |
| (13) | $LMT \equiv MT$ | $1, 12, K4+$ |
| (14) | $\sim MT \supset LMT$ | K |
| (15) | MT | $13, 14, PC$ |

LEMMA E. $K4+ = K4_{Sob}$.

PROOF. It is shown in [3] that $KD4!+ = K4_{Sob}$. By Lemmas C and D, $KD4! \subseteq K4+$, so $KD4!+ \subseteq K4++ = K4+$. But $K4 \subseteq KD4!$, so $K4+ \subseteq KD4!+$.

LEMMA F. *The only normal proper extensions of $K4_{Sob}$ are $Triv$ (K plus $A \equiv LA$) and the inconsistent system.*

PROOF. Let S be any normal extension of $K4_{Sob}$. By results noted in [3], the frame of any generated submodel of the canonical model of $K4_{Sob}$ consists of either a single reflexive point or two non-symmetrically related reflexive points, and $K4_{Sob}$ is valid on all and only such frames. Since any non-theorem of S is falsified in a generated submodel of the canonical model of $K4_{Sob}$ that is a model of S , S has the finite model property, and so by Corollary 8.14 of [1] is characterized by a class C of frames, each of must be of one of the two mentioned kinds (else it would not be a frame for $K4_{Sob}$, and so not for S). If C contains a two-point frame, $S = K4_{Sob}$.

If C is non-empty but contains only one-point frames, $S = Triv$. If C is empty, S is inconsistent.

THEOREM. *The normal extensions of $K4$ providing double cancellation are $K4_{Sob}$, $Triv$ and the inconsistent system.*

PROOF. Any normal extension of $K4$ providing double cancellation is one of the three mentioned systems by Lemmas E and F. $K4_{Sob}$ provides double cancellation by Lemma E. $Triv$ and the inconsistent system provide it trivially.

References

- [1] G. E. Hughes and M. J. Cresswell, **A Companion to Modal Logic**, (London: Methuen, 1984).
- [2] B. Sobociński, *Family $\mathcal{K}$ of the non-Lewis systems*, **Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic**, vol. 5 (1964), pp. 313–318.
- [3] T. Williamson, *Assertion, denial and some cancellation rules in modal logic*, **Journal of Philosophical Logic**, vol. 17 (1988), pp. 299–318.
- [4] T. Williamson, *Verification, falsification, and cancellation in KT* , **Notre Dame Journal of Formal Logic**, vol. 31 (1990), pp. 286–290.

*University College
Oxford OX1 4BH
United Kingdom*