

# Introduction to Modal Logic. Exercise class 2

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**Exercise 1.** Show that the roots of the two models<sup>1</sup> in Figure 2.5 of [BdRV] are not bisimilar.

**Exercise 2.** Consider the binary modality U ('until') with the following semantics

$$\mathbb{M}, s \Vdash \phi U \psi \text{ iff } \begin{cases} \text{there is a } t \text{ such that } Rst \ \& \ \mathbb{M}, t \Vdash \phi, \text{ and} \\ \text{for every } u \text{ such that } Rsu \ \& \ Rut \text{ it holds } \mathbb{M}, u \Vdash \psi. \end{cases}$$

Is U expressible in the language of basic modal logic? And in the language of basic temporal logic?

Hint: consider the models in [BdRV, Exercise 2.2.4].

**Exercise 3.** Consider the modality  $\circ$  with the following semantics

$$\mathbb{M}, s \Vdash \circ\phi \iff \exists t \in W \ (sRt \ \& \ \neg(tRt) \ \& \ \mathbb{M}, t \Vdash \phi).$$

Is  $\circ$  expressible in the language of basic modal logic?

**Exercise 4.** Let  $\mathbb{M} = (W, R, V)$  be a Kripke model, and let  $X$  be a subset of  $W$ . We define  $\mathbb{M}_X$  as the restricted model  $(X, R_X, V_X)$ , where  $R_X := R \cap (X \times X)$  and  $V_X(p) := V(p) \cap X$ . We call  $X \subseteq W$  *hereditary* if  $s \in X$  and  $Rst$  imply  $t \in X$ ; in this case we say that  $\mathbb{M}_X$  is a *generated submodel* of  $\mathbb{M}$ .

(1) Show that  $\Delta_X := \{(x, x) \mid x \in X\}$  is a bisimulation between  $\mathbb{M}_X$  and  $\mathbb{M}$  iff  $X$  is hereditary.

(2) Show that if  $f$  is a bounded morphism from  $\mathbb{M}$  to  $\mathbb{M}'$ , then the set  $f[W] := \{f(s) \mid s \in W\}$  is a hereditary subset of  $W'$ .

**Exercise 5.** A *bounded morphism* between two frames  $\mathbb{F} = (W, R)$  and  $\mathbb{F}' = (W', R')$  is a map  $f : W \rightarrow W'$  such that, for all  $s, t \in W$  and  $t' \in W'$ :

(forth)  $Rst$  implies  $R'f(s)f(t)$ ;

(back)  $R'f(s)t'$  implies the existence of a  $t \in W$  with  $Rst$  and  $f(t) = t'$ .

Now let  $f$  be such a bounded morphism.

(1) Show that for any valuation  $V'$  on  $\mathbb{F}'$  one can find a valuation  $V$  on  $\mathbb{F}$  such that  $f$  (or rather, its graph  $\{(s, f(s)) \mid s \in W\}$ ) is a bisimulation between the models  $(\mathbb{F}, V)$  and  $(\mathbb{F}', V')$ .

(2) Show that if  $f$  is surjective, then  $\mathbb{F} \Vdash \phi$  implies  $\mathbb{F}' \Vdash \phi$ , for any modal formula  $\phi$ .

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<sup>1</sup>We take the set of proposition letters to be *empty* here.

- (3) Prove that irreflexivity is not modally definable. That is, show that there is no modal formula  $\phi$  such that  $\phi$  is valid on exactly the frames with an irreflexive accessibility relation.

**Exercise 6.** Which of the following frame properties are preserved (reflected) by the operations of forming generated subframes, p-morphic images, disjoint unions?

- (1) reflexivity;
- (2) transitivity;
- (3) irreflexivity;
- (4) converse seriality ( $\forall x \exists y Ryx$ );
- (5) having cardinality at least  $n$ , for some natural number  $n$ ;
- (6) having cardinality at most  $n$ , for some natural number  $n$ .

**Exercise 7.** Show that the following frame properties cannot be defined in the basic modal language:

- (1) converse seriality;
- (2) having cardinality at least  $n$ , for some natural number  $n$ ;
- (3) having cardinality at most  $n$ , for some natural number  $n$ ;
- (4) acyclicity: ‘there is no finite path (of non-zero length) from any point to itself’.

**Exercise 8** (BdRV, Ex. 2.2.8). Consider a non-empty family  $\{Z_i | i \in I\}$  of bisimulations between two models  $\mathbb{M}$  and  $\mathbb{M}'$ .

- (1) Show that the union  $\bigcup \{Z_i | i \in I\}$  is again a bisimulation;
- (2) Use the previous fact to show that there exists a *greatest bisimulation* between  $\mathbb{M}$  and  $\mathbb{M}'$ .
- (3) Show that, in the case  $\mathbb{M} = \mathbb{M}'$ , this greatest bisimulation is an equivalence relation.
- (4) Can you always find a smallest bisimulation between  $\mathbb{M}$  and  $\mathbb{M}'$ ?

**Exercise 9** (\*). Let  $\mathbb{M} = (W, R, V)$  be a Kripke model; we denote the greatest bisimulation relation on  $\mathbb{M}$  (see Exercise 8(3)) simply as  $\Leftrightarrow$ .

- (1) Show that there is a model  $\mathbb{M}^*$  such that the greatest bisimulation between  $\mathbb{M}$  and  $\mathbb{M}^*$  is in fact (the graph of) a surjective bounded morphism  $\pi$ .  
Hint: take a (suitably defined) *quotient* of  $\mathbb{M}$  under  $\Leftrightarrow$ .
- (2) Show that  $\mathbb{M}^*$  is uniquely determined modulo isomorphism.
- (3) Prove that  $\mathbb{M}, s \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{M}', s'$  if and only if there is an isomorphism from  $\mathbb{M}^*$  to  $(\mathbb{M}')^*$  mapping  $\pi(s)$  to  $\pi'(s')$ .