

MODAL LOGIC MEETS SIMPLICIAL SETS

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Simplicial semantics for modal and superintuitionistic predicate logics was introduced by Dmitry Skvortsov in the early 1990s as a “maximal” Kripke-type semantics. The proofs of basic results on this semantics — soundness and “maximality” theorems (sketchy) and completeness theorem (for a certain class of logics) were given in [1]. The book [2] (Chapter 5) contains a detailed proof of soundness for metaframe semantics, which is a particular case of simplicial semantics*. In this note we state some further results on completeness and incompleteness.

Let us briefly recall the main definitions.

Modal (predicate) formulas are constructed from predicate letters P_k^n (countably many for each arity $n \geq 0$), a countable set of individual variables, classical propositional connectives, quantifiers, and the modal operator \Box . Individual constants, function letters and equality are not used.

A *modal predicate logic* is a set of modal predicate formulas containing classical predicate axioms, the axiom of **K** and closed under Modus Ponens, Generalization, \Box -introduction, and predicate substitutions. **QA** denotes the smallest predicate logic containing the propositional logic **A**.

A *predicate Kripke frame* over a propositional frame $F = (W, R)$ is a pair (F, D) , in which $D = (D_u)_{u \in W}$, $D_u \neq \emptyset$, and $D_u \subseteq D_v$ whenever uRv . The notion of validity for Kripke frames is standard and well-known. By soundness theorem, the set of formulas valid in a certain class of frames is always a modal predicate logic. Logics of this form are called *Kripke complete*.

Many modal predicate logics are known to be Kripke incomplete, so other Kripke-type semantics were proposed, in particular, Kripke sheaf semantics, Ghilardi’s functor semantics, metaframe semantics, and simplicial semantics — the strongest of them. It is defined as follows.

Let $I_n = \{1, \dots, n\}$, $I_0 = \emptyset$, and let Σ_{mn} be the set of all maps from I_m to I_n (Σ_{0n} consists of a single map \emptyset_n , and $\Sigma_{m0} = \emptyset$ for $m > 0$). Also let $\Sigma = \bigcup_{m \geq 0, n > 0} \Sigma_{mn}$. There are specific maps:

$\delta_i^n \in \Sigma_{n-1, n}$ sends $1, \dots, n-1$ respectively to $1, \dots, i-1, i+1, \dots, n$;

*The name ‘simplicial semantics’ was introduced in [2] as an allusion to algebraic topology. ‘Simplicial frames’ from [2] correspond to ‘metaframes’ from [1], and ‘metaframes’ from [2] correspond to ‘Cartesian metaframes’ from [1].

$\sigma^+ \in \Sigma_{m+1, n+1}$ prolongs $\sigma \in \Sigma_{mn}$ with $\sigma^+(m+1) = n+1$.

A *simplicial frame* based on a propositional Kripke frame F is a tuple $\mathbb{F} = (F, \vec{D}, \vec{R}, \pi)$, where $\vec{D} = (D^n)_{n \geq 0}$ is a family of (non-empty) sets, $\vec{R} = (R^n)_{n \geq 0}$ is a family of relations $R^n \subseteq D^n \times D^n$, with $F = (D^0, R^0)$; $\pi = (\pi_\sigma)_{\sigma \in \Sigma}$ is a family of maps $\pi_\sigma : D^n \longrightarrow D^m$ for $\sigma \in \Sigma_{mn}$.

If D^n is the Cartesian power of a set $D (= D^1)$, and $\pi_\sigma(a_1, \dots, a_n) = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \cdot \sigma := (a_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, a_{\sigma(m)})$ for $n > 0$, \mathbb{F} is called a *metaframe*.

Remark. *Simplicial sets* are mathematical structures closely related to simplicial frames. By definition [3], a simplicial set consists of non-empty sets $(D^n)_{n \geq 1}$ and maps $\pi_\sigma : D^n \longrightarrow D^m$ corresponding to $\sigma : I_m \longrightarrow I_n$ that are monotonic w.r.t. \leq . π_σ should also preserve composition and identity as in sound simplicial frames (cf. Theorem 1 below). So a sound simplicial frame (without level 0) can be regarded as a simplicial set with extra maps π_σ corresponding to permutations $I_n \longrightarrow I_n$ and with extra relations R_n .

A *valuation* in a simplicial frame \mathbb{F} is a function ξ sending every predicate letter P_k^n to a subset $\xi(P_k^n) \subseteq D^n$. An *assignment* of length n in \mathbb{F} is a pair (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) , where $\mathbf{a} \in D^n$, \mathbf{x} is a list of different variables of length n . For a formula A , an assignment (\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{a}) involving all its parameters and a model $M = (\mathbb{F}, \xi)$ the *truth relation* $M, \mathbf{a}/\mathbf{x} \models A$ is defined by induction, in particular

- $M, \mathbf{a}/\mathbf{x} \models P_k^m(\mathbf{x} \cdot \sigma)$ iff $\pi_\sigma \mathbf{a} \in \xi(P_k^m)$ (for $\sigma \in \Sigma_{mn}$);
- $M, \mathbf{a}/\mathbf{x} \models \Box B$ iff $\forall \mathbf{b} \in D^n$ $M, \mathbf{b}/\mathbf{x} \models B$;
- $M, \mathbf{a}/\mathbf{x} \models \exists y B$ iff $\exists \mathbf{c} \in D^{n+1}$ $(\pi_{\delta_{n+1}^{n+1}} \mathbf{c} = \mathbf{a} \ \& \ M, \mathbf{c}/\mathbf{x}y \models B)$,
where y does not occur in \mathbf{x} ;
- $M, \mathbf{a}/\mathbf{x} \models \exists x_i B$ iff $M, \pi_{\delta_i^n} \mathbf{a}/(\mathbf{x} \cdot \delta_i^n) \models \exists x_i B$.

A formula is called *valid* in a simplicial frame if it is true under every valuation and variable assignment (for its parameters); a formula is *strongly valid* if all its substitution instances are valid.

Theorem 1 ([1]). *Let $\mathbb{F} = (F, \vec{D}, \vec{R}, \pi)$ be a simplicial frame such that:*

- π_{\emptyset_1} is surjective;
- every π_σ for $\sigma \in \Sigma_{mn}$ is a p -morphism from (D^n, R^n) to (D^m, R^m) , i.e., $\pi_\sigma(R^n(\mathbf{a})) = R^m(\pi_\sigma(\mathbf{a}))$ for every \mathbf{a} ;
- π preserves composition and sends identity maps to identity maps;
- if $\pi_{\delta_{m+1}^{m+1}}(\mathbf{b}) = \pi_\sigma(\mathbf{a})$, $\sigma \in \Sigma_{mn}$, then there exists $\mathbf{c} \in D^{n+1}$ such that $\pi_{\sigma^+}(\mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{b}$, $\pi_{\delta_{n+1}^{n+1}}(\mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a}$.

Then the set of formulas strongly valid in \mathbb{F} is a modal predicate logic.

A simplicial frame satisfying these conditions is called *sound*. Note that metaframes always satisfy the fourth condition.

A modal logic of some class of sound simplicial frames (respectively, metaframes) is called *simplicially complete* (respectively, *metaframe complete*).

Theorem 2 ([1]). *If Λ is a canonical (d -persistent) propositional modal logic, then $\mathbf{Q}\Lambda$ is simplicially complete.*

Now consider the propositional modal logics

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{D4.1} &:= \mathbf{K} + \Box p \rightarrow \Box\Box p + \Diamond \top + \Box\Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond\Box p, \\ \mathbf{S4.1} &:= \mathbf{K} + \Box p \rightarrow \Box\Box p + \Box p \rightarrow p + \Box\Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond\Box p, \\ \mathbf{SL4} &:= \mathbf{K} + \Box p \leftrightarrow \Diamond p + \Box p \rightarrow \Box\Box p. \end{aligned}$$

Theorem 3. *Let Λ be a propositional modal logic between $\mathbf{D4.1}$ and $\mathbf{SL4}$. Then $\mathbf{Q}\Lambda$ is metaframe incomplete.*

The crucial formula for the proof is

$$\Box\Diamond\forall x\forall y(\Box\Diamond P(x, y) \rightarrow \exists x'\exists y'(P(x', y') \wedge \Diamond P(x, y'))).$$

It is strongly valid in sound metaframes strongly validating $\mathbf{QD4.1}$. However, it is not provable in $\mathbf{QSL4}$, because it can be refuted in a simplicial frame strongly validating $\mathbf{QSL4}$.

Corollary 4. *The logics $\mathbf{QD4.1}$, $\mathbf{QS4.1}$, $\mathbf{QSL4}$ are simplicially complete, but metaframe incomplete.*

In fact, completeness follows from Theorem 2 and incompleteness from Theorem 3.

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