

Connexive Conditional Logic

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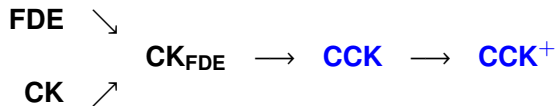
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$\mathfrak{M}, w \models^+ p$	iff	$w \in v^+(p)$ for $p \in \text{PV}$
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$\mathfrak{M}, w \models^+ A \wedge B$	iff	$\mathfrak{M}, w \models^+ A$ and $\mathfrak{M}, w \models^+ B$
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$\mathfrak{M}, w \models^+ A \Box \rightarrow B$	iff	$(\forall w' \in W) wR_{\llbracket A \rrbracket^{\mathfrak{M}}} w' \Rightarrow \mathfrak{M}, w' \models^+ B$
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where the set $\llbracket A \rrbracket^{\mathfrak{M}}$ is defined as $\{w \mid \mathfrak{M}, w \models^+ A\}$. When the context is clear we sometimes write $\llbracket A \rrbracket$ instead of $\llbracket A \rrbracket^{\mathfrak{M}}$.

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- $P \subseteq (\text{Pow}(W) \times \text{Pow}(W))$, where P satisfies the following conditions:
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 B, +i & & & & & & B, -i \\
 \\
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where the symbol \pm is to be read uniformly either as $+$ or as $-$.

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 \downarrow ir_A j & \downarrow & \downarrow ir_A j \\
 B, +j & A \Box \rightarrow \sim B, \pm i & B, -j
 \end{array}$$

The left rule is applied whenever a line $ir_A j$ occurs on the branch; the right rule requires the introduction of a new natural number j not already occurring in the tableau.

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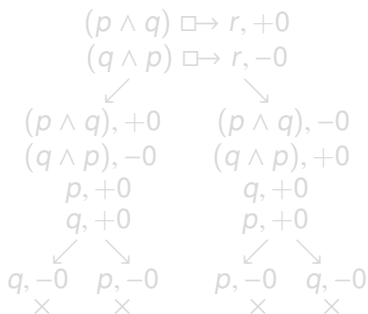
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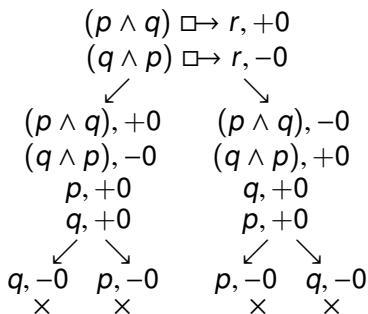
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$$\begin{array}{c} R_{A \Box \rightarrow A} \quad ir_{Aj} \\ \downarrow \\ A, +j \end{array}$$

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Let \mathbf{L} be a logic and let $T\mathbf{L}$ be a tableau calculus for \mathbf{L} . If $\Delta = \{B_1, \dots, B_n, A\}$ is a finite set of \mathcal{L} -formulas, then A is derivable from Δ in $T\mathbf{L}$ (in symbols: $\Delta \vdash_{T\mathbf{L}} A$), iff there exists a closed and complete tableau for $B_1, +0, \dots, B_n, +0, A, -0$ in $T\mathbf{L}$.

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- 3 $w_j \in v_{br}^+(p)$ iff $p, +j$ occurs on br ,
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One can show that \mathfrak{M}_{br} is a model (induced by br).

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Lemma

*(Completeness lemma) Suppose that br is a complete open tableau branch of a tableau in **TCCK**, and let $\langle W_{br}, R_{br}, P_{br}, v_{br}^+, v_{br}^- \rangle = \mathfrak{M}_{br}$ be the general model induced by br . If \mathfrak{M}_{br} is a general model for **CCK**, then*

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The system **CCK** validates Boethius' theses in rule form:

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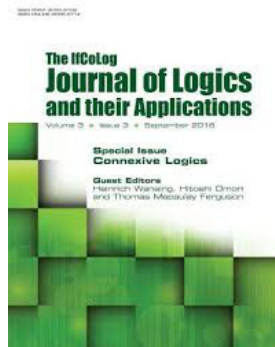
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(Persistence) Let $\mathfrak{M} = \langle W, R, \leq, v^+, v^- \rangle$ be a model for **CCCK**. Then for every $w, w' \in W$ and every $\mathcal{Q}_{\rightarrow}$ -formula A it holds that if $w \leq w'$ and $\mathfrak{M}, w \models^* A$, then $\mathfrak{M}, w' \models^* A$, for $* \in \{+, -\}$.

We next define general frames and general models for **CCCK**.

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