

# The Logic of P-Algebras

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## 1. Introduction

In this paper, I present a modal system called  $\Pi$  (Pi), characterizing it both axiomatically and algebraically, the latter being in terms of structures called  $\pi$ -algebras (pi-algebras). Pi-algebras are a natural generalization of Boolean algebras with operators – a generalization in which equality is replaced by congruence in the characterizing conditions. The resulting system of modal logic is "sub-Lewis", in the sense that it is properly contained in the weakest Lewis system, S1.

## 2. The Basic Modal System $\tilde{\Omega}$ – Axiomatic Characterization

System  $\Pi$  is underwritten by a sentential language  $\mathcal{L}$  whose primitive vocabulary includes two truth-functional connectives [ $\sim$ ,  $\&$ ] and one modal connective [ $\Box$ ]. The remaining logical items [ $\perp$ ,  $\top$ ,  $\vee$ ,  $\rightarrow$ ,  $\leftrightarrow$ ,  $\diamond$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ ,  $\Leftrightarrow$ ] may then be defined in the usual manner.

System  $\Pi$  is axiomatically characterized by the following rules, whose nick-names are given to the right.<sup>1</sup>

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|-------|---|--|-------------------|
| (r1)  | $\vdash \Box \tau$  | where $\tau$ is a tautology (thesis of Sentential Logic) | [SLN]             |
| (r2)  | $\vdash \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \Box \alpha \rightarrow \Box \beta$  |  | [K]               |
| (r3)  | $\alpha ; \alpha \rightarrow \beta \vdash \beta$  |  | [MP]              |
| (r4-) | $\{\vdash \Box \alpha\} \vdash \alpha$  |  | [T-] <sup>2</sup> |
| (r5)  | $\{\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta\} \vdash \Box \alpha \leftrightarrow \Box \beta$ |  | [E]               |

Note that  $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta =_{df} \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$ . Also note that, in rules (r4-) and (r5), the notation ' $\{\vdash \phi\}$ ' means that the prior lines constitute a *proof* of  $\phi$ .

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<sup>1</sup> We present axiom systems exclusively in terms of derivation rules, including zero-place rules which substitute for axiom *schemata*. The rule marker is the broken-arrow ' $\vdash$ '.

<sup>2</sup> The reason for the "minus" notation in (r4-) is that the most natural extension of  $\Pi$ , called  $\Pi+T$ , is obtained by replacing (r4-) [a.k.a. T-] by (r4) [a.k.a. T], which is the characteristic rule of System T.

(r4)  $\vdash \Box \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$  [T]

Given the presence of T and MP in  $\Pi+T$ , it is easy to show that (r4-) is admissible in  $\Pi+T$ . More about  $\Pi+T$  in Section 13.

### 3. Boolean Algebras and Pi-Algebras

The proposed semantics for System  $\Pi$  is based on the notion of a pi-algebra, which is a Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}$  augmented by the following two items.

- (1) a Boolean congruence relation  $\approx$  on  $\mathcal{B}$ ;
- (2) a one-place function  $\square$  on  $\mathcal{B}$ , subject to various restrictions (Section 7).

We regard a Boolean algebra as an algebra whose primitive operations include the following.

- |      |          |                            |                                 |
|------|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| (b1) | $\neg$   | ortho-complement operation | interprets negation ( $\sim$ )  |
| (b2) | $\wedge$ | meet operation             | interprets conjunction ( $\&$ ) |

The remaining Boolean operations are defined in the expected manner.

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|------|-------------------|-------------------------|--|
| (b3) | 0                 | zero-element            | interprets $\perp$                                 |
| (b4) | 1                 | unit-element            | interprets $\top$                                  |
| (b5) | $\vee$            | join operation          | interprets disjunction ( $\vee$ )                  |
| (b6) | $\rightarrow$     | conditional operation   | interprets the conditional ( $\rightarrow$ )       |
| (b7) | $\leftrightarrow$ | biconditional operation | interprets the biconditional ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) |

Additionally, every Boolean algebra admits a two-place *implication relation*  $\leq$  satisfying the following conditions.

- (p1)  $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \vee y = y$
- (p2)  $x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \wedge y = x$

The relation  $\leq$  is a *partial ordering*, which is to say it satisfies the following conditions.

- |      |  |                             |
|------|--|-----------------------------|
| (p3) | $x \leq x$   | [ $\leq$ is reflexive]      |
| (p4) | $x \leq y \ \& \ y \leq z \ .\Rightarrow \ x \leq z$ | [ $\leq$ is transitive]     |
| (p5) | $x \leq y \ \& \ y \leq x \ .\Rightarrow \ x = y$    | [ $\leq$ is anti-symmetric] |

### 4. Boolean Congruences

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a Boolean algebra, and let  $\approx$  be a two-place relation on  $\mathcal{B}$ . Then  $\approx$  is said to be a *congruence relation* on  $\mathcal{B}$  if and only if it is an equivalence relation that "respects" the Boolean operations. In other words,

- |      |   |                                 |
|------|---|---------------------------------|
| (c1) | $x \approx x$   | [ $\approx$ is reflexive]       |
| (c2) | $x \approx y \Rightarrow y \approx x$   | [ $\approx$ is symmetric]       |
| (c3) | $x \approx y \ \& \ y \approx z \ .\Rightarrow \ x \approx z$                       | [ $\approx$ is transitive]      |
| (c4) | $x \approx y \Rightarrow \neg x \approx \neg y$                                     | [ $\approx$ respects $\neg$ ]   |
| (c5) | $x \approx x' \ \& \ y \approx y' \ .\Rightarrow \ x \wedge y \approx x' \wedge y'$ | [ $\approx$ respects $\wedge$ ] |

## 5. Pi-Orderings

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a Boolean algebra, and let  $\approx$  be a congruence on  $\mathcal{B}$ . Define an affiliated order-relation  $\lesssim$  on  $\mathcal{B}$  as follows.

$$(d1) \quad x \lesssim y \quad =_{df} \quad x \approx x \wedge y$$

We call  $\lesssim$  is called a *pi-ordering* ( $\pi$ -ordering), where ‘pi’ is short for ‘para-implication’. Basically, a para-implication relation “hovers” near or around the fundamental implication relation [i.e.,  $\leq$ ].

First, it is easy to show that  $\lesssim$  extends  $\leq$ , and is a quasi-ordering [i.e., reflexive and transitive relation] over  $\mathcal{B}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} (t1) & x \leq y \Rightarrow x \lesssim y & [\lesssim \text{ extends } \leq] \\ (t2) & x \lesssim x & [\lesssim \text{ is reflexive}] \\ (t3) & x \lesssim y \ \& \ y \lesssim z \Rightarrow x \lesssim z & [\lesssim \text{ is transitive}] \end{array}$$

Next, every quasi-ordering gives rise to an affiliated equivalence relation. In the case of a pi-ordering  $\lesssim$ , the affiliated equivalence relation is quite simply the original congruence relation  $\approx$ , as seen in the following theorem.

$$(t4) \quad x \lesssim y \ \& \ y \lesssim x \Rightarrow x \approx y$$

Other simple theorems about  $\lesssim$  are given as follows, along with the parallel theorems about  $\leq$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll} (t5) & x \lesssim y \Leftrightarrow x \vee y \approx y & x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \vee y = y \\ (t6) & x \lesssim y \Rightarrow \neg y \lesssim \neg x & x \leq y \Rightarrow \neg y \leq \neg x \\ (t7) & x \lesssim y \ \& \ x \lesssim z \Rightarrow x \lesssim y \wedge z & x \leq y \ \& \ x \leq z \Rightarrow x \leq y \wedge z \\ (t8) & x \lesssim z \ \& \ y \lesssim z \Rightarrow x \vee y \lesssim z & x \leq z \ \& \ y \leq z \Rightarrow x \vee y \leq z \\ (t9) & x \wedge y \lesssim z \Leftrightarrow x \lesssim y \rightarrow z & x \wedge y \leq z \Leftrightarrow x \leq y \rightarrow z \\ (t10) & x \wedge (x \rightarrow y) \lesssim y & x \wedge (x \rightarrow y) \leq y \\ (t11) & x \lesssim y \Leftrightarrow x \rightarrow y \approx 1 & x \leq y \Leftrightarrow x \rightarrow y = 1 \\ (t12) & x \approx y \Leftrightarrow x \leftrightarrow y \approx 1 & x = y \Leftrightarrow x \leftrightarrow y = 1 \end{array}$$

## 6. Boolean-Filters and Pi-Filters

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be a Boolean algebra. Then a *filter* on  $\mathcal{B}$  is a subset  $\mathbb{F}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfying the following conditions.

$$\begin{array}{ll} (f1) & 1 \in \mathbb{F} \\ (f2) & p \in \mathbb{F} \ \& \ p \leq q \Rightarrow q \in \mathbb{F} \\ (f3) & p \in \mathbb{F} \ \& \ q \in \mathbb{F} \Rightarrow p \wedge q \in \mathbb{F} \end{array}$$

Let  $\langle \mathcal{B}, \lesssim \rangle$  be a pi-ordered Boolean algebra. Then, a *pi-filter* on  $\langle \mathcal{B}, \lesssim \rangle$  is a subset  $\mathbb{F}$  of  $\mathcal{B}$  satisfying the following conditions.

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\pi1) & 1 \in \mathbb{F} \\ (\pi2) & p \in \mathbb{F} \ \& \ p \lesssim q \Rightarrow q \in \mathbb{F} \\ (\pi3) & p \in \mathbb{F} \ \& \ q \in \mathbb{F} \Rightarrow p \wedge q \in \mathbb{F} \end{array}$$

Notice that, since  $x \lesssim y$  if  $x \leq y$ , every  $\pi$ -filter is automatically a filter.

## 7. Box-Functions

In addition to a congruence, and associated pi-ordering, a  $\pi$ -algebra also comes equipped with a one-place "box" function  $\square$ , which interprets the necessity operator. A box-function  $\square$  is postulated to satisfy the following conditions.

- ( $\beta$ 1)  $\square(x) \approx I \Leftrightarrow x = I$
- ( $\beta$ 2)  $\square(x \wedge y) \approx \square(x) \wedge \square(y)$

In this connection, we cite the following simple but important theorems about box-functions.

- (t13)  $\square(x \rightarrow y) \wedge \square(x) \lesssim \square(y)$
- (t14)  $\square(x \rightarrow y) \lesssim \square(x) \rightarrow \square(y)$

## 8. Logical Matrices based on Pi-Algebras

The method of logical matrices is well-known in logic. Given a formal sentential language  $\mathcal{L}$ , a *logical matrix* for  $\mathcal{L}$  is a structure  $\langle \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{D} \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{A}$  is an algebra that is type-appropriate to  $\mathcal{L}$ , and  $\mathbb{D}$  is a subset of  $\mathcal{A}$  of "designated" elements. Where  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{D} \rangle$  is a logical matrix, an  *$\mathcal{M}$ -admissible valuation* on  $\mathcal{L}$  is any *homomorphism* from the algebra of formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  into the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$ . An admissible valuation  $\nu$  is said to *satisfy* a formula  $\phi$  [written:  $\nu \models \phi$ ] precisely if  $\nu(\phi) \in \mathbb{D}$ . Similarly, a matrix  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to *satisfy*  $\phi$  [written:  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$ ] precisely if every  $\mathcal{M}$ -admissible valuation satisfies  $\phi$ , and a class  $\mathcal{K}$  of matrices is said to *satisfy*  $\phi$  [written:  $\mathcal{K} \models \phi$ ] precisely if every matrix in  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies  $\phi$ . Finally, a formula  $\phi$  is said to be *valid* in  $\mathcal{K}$  precisely if  $\mathcal{K}$  satisfies  $\phi$ .

The class  $\mathcal{K}(\pi)$  *pi-matrices* is characterized as follows — a logical matrix  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{A}, \mathbb{D} \rangle$  is a pi-matrix if and only if  $\mathcal{A}$  is a pi-algebra, and  $\mathbb{D}$  is a  $\pi$ -filter on  $\mathcal{A}$ .

## 9. Lemmas About Pi-Matrices

In the present section, we cite some simple theorems about pi-matrices that are useful in proving soundness and completeness results.

- (L1) Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \langle \mathbb{B}, \approx, \square \rangle, \mathbb{D} \rangle$  be a pi-matrix, and let  $\nu$  be an  $\mathcal{M}$ -admissible valuation. Suppose  $\tau$  is a thesis of classical SL. Then  $\nu(\tau) = I$ .
- (L2) Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \langle \mathbb{B}, \approx, \square \rangle, \mathbb{D} \rangle$  be a pi-matrix, and let  $\nu$  be an  $\mathcal{M}$ -admissible valuation. Then, if  $\phi$  is  $\mathcal{M}$ -valid,  $\nu(\phi) \approx I$ . So, *a fortiori*, if  $\phi$  is valid in  $\mathcal{K}(\pi)$ , then  $\nu(\phi) \approx I$ .
- (L3) Let  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \langle \mathbb{B}, \approx, \square \rangle, \mathbb{D} \rangle$  be a pi-matrix, and let  $\nu$  be an  $\mathcal{M}$ -admissible valuation. Suppose  $\nu(\phi) \approx I$ . Then, since  $\mathbb{D}$  is required to contain  $I$ ,  $\nu(\phi) \in \mathbb{D}$ , and so  $\nu \models \phi$ .

## 10. Soundness Theorem

Every thesis of System  $\Pi$  is valid in the class  $\mathcal{K}(\pi)$  of pi-matrices.

**Proof.** A standard proof by strong induction. We suppose, by way of an inductive hypothesis, that every proof of length less than  $m$  produces a valid formula, to show that a proof of length  $m$  produces a valid formula. Consider a proof of  $\phi$  of length  $m$ . Given the formulation of System  $\Pi$ , there are a number of ways in which the last line [i.e.  $\phi$ ] can enter such a proof, which we consider case by case.

**SLN.** In this case,  $\phi$  has the form  $\Box\tau$ , where  $\tau$  is a thesis of SL. Consider an  $\pi$ -admissible valuation  $\nu$ ; we wish to show  $\nu \models \Box\tau$ . Since  $\tau$  is a thesis of SL, by Lemma (L1),  $\nu(\tau) = 1$ . By the homomorphism requirement<sup>3</sup> on  $\nu$ ,  $\nu(\Box\tau) = \Box(\nu(\tau))$ , so  $\nu(\Box\tau) = \Box(1)$ . By condition ( $\beta 1$ ),  $\Box(1) \approx 1$ . So,  $\nu(\Box\tau) \approx 1$ . So by Lemma (L3),  $\nu \models \Box\tau$ .

**K.** In this case,  $\phi$  has the form  $\Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\Box\alpha \rightarrow \Box\beta)$ . Let  $\nu(\alpha) = p$  and  $\nu(\beta) = q$ . Then by the homomorphism requirement,  $\nu\{\Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\Box\alpha \rightarrow \Box\beta)\} = \Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\Box(p) \rightarrow \Box(q))$ . So, in order to show that  $\nu$  satisfies  $\Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\Box\alpha \rightarrow \Box\beta)$ , in virtue of (L3), it suffices to show that  $\Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow [\Box(p) \rightarrow \Box(q)] \approx 1$ . But by (t9), the latter is equivalent to  $\Box(p \rightarrow q) \lesssim \Box(p) \rightarrow \Box(q)$ , which is the content of (t14).

**MP.** In this case, the formula  $\phi$  follows by *modus ponens* from earlier formulas —  $\alpha \rightarrow \phi$  and  $\alpha$ . Consider an admissible valuation  $\nu$ ; we wish to show that  $\nu \models \phi$ , which is to say  $\nu(\phi) \in \mathbb{D}$ . By the inductive hypothesis,  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha \rightarrow \phi$  are both valid; so,  $\nu(\alpha) \in \mathbb{D}$ , and  $\nu(\alpha \rightarrow \phi) \in \mathbb{D}$ . Let  $\nu(\alpha) = p$ , and  $\nu(\phi) = q$ . Then by the homomorphism requirement,  $\nu(\alpha \rightarrow \phi) = p \rightarrow q$ . So  $p \in \mathbb{D}$ , and  $p \rightarrow q \in \mathbb{D}$ . Since  $\mathbb{D}$  is a filter, it is closed under meet ( $\wedge$ ), so  $p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \in \mathbb{D}$ . But by (t10)(b),  $p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \leq q$ . Therefore, since  $\mathbb{D}$  is a filter, it is closed under implication ( $\leq$ ). Therefore,  $q \in \mathbb{D}$ , so  $\nu(\phi) \in \mathbb{D}$ .

**T–** In this case, the formula  $\phi$  follows from an *earlier proof* of  $\Box\phi$ . To show that  $\phi$  is valid, consider an arbitrary valuation  $\nu$ , to show that  $\nu \models \phi$ . Let  $\nu(\phi) = p$ . Then by the homomorphism requirement,  $\nu(\Box\phi) = \Box(p)$ . By the inductive hypothesis,  $\Box\phi$  is valid, so by Lemma (L2),  $\nu(\Box\phi) \approx 1$ , so  $\Box(p) \approx 1$ . So by the box-restriction ( $\beta 1$ ),  $p = 1$ , so  $p \in \mathbb{D}$ , so  $\nu(\phi) \in \mathbb{D}$ , so  $\nu \models \phi$ .

**E.** In this case, the formula  $\phi$  has the form  $\Box\alpha \leftrightarrow \Box\beta$  [ $=_{\text{df}} \Box(\Box\alpha \leftrightarrow \Box\beta)$ ], and there is an *earlier proof* of  $\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$  [ $=_{\text{df}} \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$ ]. To show  $\Box(\Box\alpha \leftrightarrow \Box\beta)$  is valid, consider an arbitrary valuation  $\nu$ ; let  $\nu(\alpha) = p$ , and  $\nu(\beta) = q$ . By the homomorphism requirement,  $\nu(\Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)) = \Box(p \leftrightarrow q)$ . By the inductive hypothesis,  $\Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)$  is valid, so by Lemma (L2),  $\nu(\Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)) \approx 1$ , so  $\Box(p \leftrightarrow q) \approx 1$ . So by the box-restriction ( $\beta 1$ ),  $p \leftrightarrow q = 1$ , so by a BA-theorem,  $p = q$ . From this it immediately follows that  $\Box(p) = \Box(q)$ , and so by (t12)(b),  $\Box(p) \leftrightarrow \Box(q) = 1$ . So by ( $\beta 1$ ),  $\Box(\Box(p) \leftrightarrow \Box(q)) \approx 1$ , and therefore by Lemma (L3),  $\nu$  satisfies  $\Box(\Box(p) \leftrightarrow \Box(q))$ .

<sup>3</sup> The "homomorphism requirement" is the requirement that an admissible valuation is a homomorphism from the algebra of formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  into the algebra  $\mathcal{A}$  of semantic values. In our case, this means the following.

- (1)  $\nu(\Box\alpha) = \Box\{\nu(\alpha)\}$
- (2)  $\nu(\sim\alpha) = \neg\{\nu(\alpha)\}$
- (3)  $\nu(\alpha \& \beta) = \nu(\alpha) \wedge \nu(\beta)$

## 11. Lemmas About Axiom System $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$

Before proving the corresponding completeness theorem, we state some simple but important lemmas about the System  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ .

- (L4)  $\vdash \alpha \ \& \ \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \beta \ .\Rightarrow \ \vdash \beta$
- (L5)  $\vdash \Box \tau$ , for any SL-thesis  $\tau$
- (L6)  $\vdash \Box \alpha \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha$
- (L7)  $\vdash \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \beta$
- (L8)  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \Rightarrow \vdash \Box \alpha \rightarrow \Box \beta$
- (L9)  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \ \& \ \vdash \Box \alpha \ .\Rightarrow \ \vdash \Box \beta$
- (L10)  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \vdash \beta$
- (L11)  $\vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \alpha$
- (L12)  $\vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha$
- (L13)  $\vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta \ \& \ \vdash \beta \Leftrightarrow \gamma \ .\Rightarrow \ \vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \gamma$
- (L14)  $\vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \sim \alpha \Leftrightarrow \sim \beta$
- (L15)  $\vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \alpha' \ \& \ \vdash \beta \Leftrightarrow \beta' \ .\Rightarrow \ \vdash (\alpha \& \beta) \Leftrightarrow (\alpha' \& \beta')$
- (L16)  $\vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \Box \alpha \Leftrightarrow \Box \beta$
- (L17)  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \& \beta) \Leftrightarrow (\Box \alpha \ \& \ \Box \beta)$
- (L18)  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta) \Leftrightarrow \vdash \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \ \& \ \vdash \Box(\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$
- (L19)  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Leftrightarrow \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \beta \ \& \ \vdash \beta \rightarrow \alpha$
- (L20)  $\vdash \alpha \ \& \ \vdash \beta \ .\Leftrightarrow \ \vdash \alpha \& \beta$

## 12. Completeness Theorem

Every formula that is valid in the class  $\mathcal{K}(\pi)$  of  $\pi$ -matrices is a thesis of System  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ .

*Proof.* Given a formula  $\phi$  that is *not* a thesis of system  $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ , we wish to show that at least one  $\pi$ -admissible valuation refutes  $\phi$ . Indeed, we can define a *single*  $\pi$ -admissible valuation that refutes *every* non-thesis. Define the  $\pi$ -matrix and associated valuation as follows.

First, define the equivalence relation  $\equiv$ , and the affiliated equivalence classes, as follows.

- (d2)  $\alpha \equiv \beta \ =_{\text{df}} \ \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \quad [\text{i.e., } \vdash \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \beta)]$
- (d3)  $[[\alpha]] \ =_{\text{df}} \ \{\beta : \alpha \equiv \beta\}$

Define matrix  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \langle \langle \mathcal{A}, \neg, \wedge, \dots \rangle \approx, \Box \rangle, \mathbb{D} \rangle$  as follows.

- (d4)  $\mathcal{A}$  consists of equivalence classes of formulas under the  $\equiv$  relation;  
i.e.,  $\mathcal{A} = \{[[\alpha]] : \alpha \in \mathcal{L}\}$
- (d5)  $1 \ =_{\text{df}} \ [[\top]] \quad [\text{where } \top \ =_{\text{df}} \ \sim(P \& \sim P)]$

- (d6)  $\Box[[\alpha]] \quad =_{df} \quad [[\Box\alpha]]$   
(d7)  $\neg[[\alpha]] \quad =_{df} \quad [[\sim\alpha]]$   
(d8)  $[[\alpha]] \wedge [[\beta]] \quad =_{df} \quad [[\alpha \& \beta]]$   
(d9)  $[[\alpha]] \approx [[\beta]] \quad =_{df} \quad \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$   
(d10)  $\mathbb{D} \quad =_{df} \quad \{[[\alpha]] : \vdash \alpha\}$   
(d11)  $\mathfrak{v}(\alpha) \quad =_{df} \quad [[\alpha]]$

We wish to show that  $\mathfrak{v}$  is a  $\pi$ -admissible valuation that refutes every non-thesis of  $\Pi$ . We divide the proof into several steps, as follows.

- (1)  $\langle \mathcal{A}, \neg, \wedge \rangle$  is a Boolean algebra;  
(2)  $\langle \langle \mathcal{A}, \neg, \wedge \rangle \approx, \Box \rangle$  is a Pi-algebra;  
(3)  $\mathbb{D}$  is a  $\pi$ -filter on  $\langle \langle \mathcal{A}, \neg, \wedge \rangle \approx, \Box \rangle$ ;  
(4)  $\mathfrak{v}$  is a  $\pi$ -admissible valuation;  
(5)  $\mathfrak{v}$  refutes  $\phi$ , if  $\phi$  is not a thesis of  $\Pi$ .

### Proof.

- (1)  $\langle \mathcal{A}, \neg, \wedge \rangle$  is a Boolean algebra;

This requires proving that the operations  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$  are well-defined, which amounts to proving that the  $\equiv$  is an equivalence relation (a-c) that respects both negation (d) and conjunction (e).

- (a)  $\alpha \equiv \alpha$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha$  see (L11)
- (b)  $\alpha \equiv \beta \Rightarrow \beta \equiv \alpha$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \beta \leftrightarrow \alpha$  see (L12)
- (c)  $\alpha \equiv \beta \& \beta \equiv \gamma \Rightarrow \alpha \equiv \gamma$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \& \vdash \beta \leftrightarrow \gamma \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \gamma$  see (L13)
- (d)  $\alpha \equiv \beta \Rightarrow \sim\alpha \equiv \sim\beta$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \sim\alpha \leftrightarrow \sim\beta$  see (L14)
- (e)  $\alpha \equiv \alpha' \& \beta \equiv \beta' \Rightarrow (\alpha \& \beta) \equiv (\alpha' \& \beta')$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha' \& \vdash \beta \leftrightarrow \beta' \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \& \beta \leftrightarrow \alpha' \& \beta'$  see (L15)

This means that the operations  $\neg$  and  $\wedge$  are well-defined. That the operations behave in a Boolean manner — e.g.,  $[[\alpha]] \wedge [[\beta]] = [[\beta]] \wedge [[\alpha]]$  — is shown routinely.

- (2)  $\langle \langle \mathcal{A}, \neg, \wedge \rangle \approx, \Box \rangle$  is a Pi-algebra

This requires proving that  $\approx$  and  $\Box$  are well-defined, which amounts to showing the following.

- (a)  $\alpha \equiv \alpha' \& \beta \equiv \beta' \Rightarrow \alpha \approx \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha' \approx \beta'$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha' \& \vdash \beta \leftrightarrow \beta' \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Leftrightarrow \vdash \alpha' \leftrightarrow \beta'$

Suppose  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha')$ , and  $\vdash \Box(\beta \leftrightarrow \beta')$ . Then by (L6),  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha'$ , and  $\vdash \beta \leftrightarrow \beta'$ . Now by SL,  $\vdash (\alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow [\beta \leftrightarrow \beta' \rightarrow \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \leftrightarrow \alpha' \leftrightarrow \beta']$ , so by two applications of (L4),  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \leftrightarrow \alpha' \leftrightarrow \beta'$ , so by (L10),  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \leftrightarrow \vdash \alpha' \leftrightarrow \beta'$ .

$$(b) \quad \alpha \equiv \beta \Rightarrow \Box \alpha \equiv \Box \beta$$

i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \Box \alpha \leftrightarrow \Box \beta$  see (L16)

We must also show that  $\approx$  is a Boolean congruence, which requires showing the following.

$$(a) \quad \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \approx \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \Rightarrow \neg \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \approx \neg \llbracket \beta \rrbracket$$

i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \sim \alpha \leftrightarrow \sim \beta$

$$(b) \quad \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \approx \llbracket \alpha' \rrbracket \ \& \ \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \approx \llbracket \beta' \rrbracket \Rightarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \approx \llbracket \alpha' \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket \beta' \rrbracket$$

i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \alpha' \ \& \ \vdash \beta \leftrightarrow \beta' \Rightarrow \vdash (\alpha \ \& \ \beta) \leftrightarrow (\alpha' \ \& \ \beta')$

These are both standard theorems about any system that contains SL, so we omit the proofs here.

Finally, we must show that  $\Box$  is a box-operator, which requires showing that it satisfies restrictions ( $\beta 1$ ) and ( $\beta 2$ ).

$$(\beta 1) \quad \Box \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \approx 1 \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket = 1$$

i.e.,  $\Box \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \approx \llbracket \top \rrbracket \Leftrightarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket = \llbracket \top \rrbracket$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \Box \alpha \leftrightarrow \top \Leftrightarrow \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \top$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \Box \alpha \leftrightarrow \top \Leftrightarrow \vdash \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \top)$

[ $\Rightarrow$ ] Suppose  $\vdash \Box \alpha \leftrightarrow \top$ . In virtue of its definition,  $\top$  is an SL-thesis, so by (L5) and (L6),  $\vdash \top$ , so by (L10),  $\vdash \Box \alpha$ . Also,  $\alpha \rightarrow (\top \rightarrow \alpha)$  is an SL-thesis, so by (L5),  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \rightarrow (\top \rightarrow \alpha))$ , so by (L9),  $\vdash \Box(\top \rightarrow \alpha)$ . Similarly,  $\vdash \Box(\top \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \top))$ , so by (L9),  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \top)$ , so by (L17),  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \top)$ . [ $\Leftarrow$ ] Suppose  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \leftrightarrow \top)$ . Then by (L17),  $\vdash \Box(\top \rightarrow \alpha)$ , so by (L8),  $\vdash \Box \top \rightarrow \Box \alpha$ .  $\top$  is an SL-thesis, so by (L5),  $\vdash \Box \top$ , so by (L9),  $\vdash \Box \alpha$ , so by (L7),  $\vdash \top \rightarrow \Box \alpha$ . As in [ $\Leftarrow$ ],  $\vdash \top$ , so by (L7),  $\vdash \Box \alpha \rightarrow \top$ , so by (L19),  $\vdash \Box \alpha \leftrightarrow \top$ .

$$(\beta 2) \quad \Box(\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket \beta \rrbracket) \approx \Box \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \wedge \Box \llbracket \beta \rrbracket$$

i.e.,  $\llbracket \Box(\alpha \ \& \ \beta) \rrbracket \approx \llbracket \Box \alpha \ \& \ \Box \beta \rrbracket$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \Box(\alpha \ \& \ \beta) \leftrightarrow (\Box \alpha \ \& \ \Box \beta)$  see (L17)

(3)  $\mathbb{D}$  is a  $\pi$ -filter on  $\langle \langle \mathcal{A}, \neg, \wedge \rangle \approx, \Box \rangle$

$$(f0) \quad \mathbb{D} \text{ is well-defined}$$

$$(f1) \quad 1 \in \mathbb{D}$$

$$(f2) \quad x \in \mathbb{D} \ \& \ y \in \mathbb{D} \Rightarrow x \wedge y \in \mathbb{D}$$

$$(f3) \quad x \in \mathbb{D} \ \& \ x \preceq y \Rightarrow y \in \mathbb{D}$$

(f0) Since  $\mathbb{D} =_{\text{df}} \{ \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket : \vdash \alpha \}$ , this amounts to proving that  $\alpha \equiv \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \vdash \beta$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow \vdash \beta$   
This is an immediate consequence of (L6) and (L10).

(f1) Since  $1 =_{\text{df}} \llbracket \top \rrbracket$ , and  $\top$  is an SL-thesis; this follows from (L5) and (L6).

(f2)  $\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \in \mathbb{D} \ \& \ \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \in \mathbb{D} \Rightarrow \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \wedge \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \in \mathbb{D}$   
i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \ \& \ \vdash \beta \Rightarrow \vdash \alpha \ \& \ \beta$ . see (L20).

$$(f3) \quad \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \in \mathbb{D} \ \& \ \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket \lesssim \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \ .\Rightarrow \ \llbracket \beta \rrbracket \in \mathbb{D};$$

i.e.,  $\vdash \alpha \ \& \ \vdash \alpha \rightarrow \beta \ .\Rightarrow \ \vdash \beta$  see (L4).

(4)  $\nu$  is  $\pi$ -admissible;

Clearly,  $\nu$  maps the formulas of  $\mathcal{L}$  into elements of the matrix. The only remaining question is whether  $\nu$  satisfies the homomorphism requirement. This comes down to three cases.

$$(h1) \quad \nu(\sim\alpha) = \neg\{\nu(\alpha)\}$$

i.e.,  $\llbracket \sim\alpha \rrbracket = \neg\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket$   
This is immediately true in virtue of the definition of  $\neg$ .

$$(h2) \quad \nu(\Box\alpha) = \Box\{\nu(\alpha)\}$$

i.e.,  $\llbracket \Box\alpha \rrbracket = \Box\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket$   
This is immediately true in virtue of the definition of  $\Box$ .

$$(h2) \quad \nu(\alpha\&\beta) = \nu(\alpha)\wedge\nu(\beta)$$

i.e.,  $\llbracket \alpha\&\beta \rrbracket = \llbracket \alpha \rrbracket\wedge\llbracket \beta \rrbracket$   
This is immediately true in virtue of the definition of  $\wedge$ .

(5)  $\nu$  refutes  $\phi$ , if  $\phi$  is not a thesis of  $\Pi$ .

To say that  $\nu$  refutes  $\phi$  is just to say that  $\nu$  does not satisfy  $\phi$ , which amounts to saying that  $\nu(\phi) \notin \mathbb{D}$ . By definition,  $\mathbb{D} = \{\llbracket \alpha \rrbracket : \vdash \alpha\}$ , and  $\nu(\phi) = \llbracket \phi \rrbracket$ , so the question whether  $\nu(\phi) \in \mathbb{D}$  is just the question whether  $\phi$  is a thesis of  $\Pi$  [i.e.,  $\vdash \phi$ ]. So if  $\phi$  is *not* a thesis of  $\Pi$  [i.e.,  $\not\vdash \phi$ ], then  $\nu(\phi) \notin \mathbb{D}$ , and so  $\nu$  refutes  $\phi$ .

### 13. System $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}$ Is Properly Contained in Lewis' System S1

In the current section, we show that

- (a) every thesis of  $\Pi$  is a thesis of S1;
- (b) not every thesis of S1 is a thesis of  $\Pi$ .

In order to show that every thesis of  $\Pi$  is a thesis of S1, we rely on a result by Lemmon<sup>4</sup> that a system he calls S0.9 is contained in S1. System S0.9 may be axiomatically characterized by the following rules, labeled in direct correspondence with System  $\Pi$ .

(r1)	$\hookrightarrow \Box\tau$ where $\tau$ is a tautology (thesis of Sentential Logic)	[SLN]
(r2)	$\hookrightarrow \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \Box\alpha \rightarrow \Box\beta$	[K]
(r2+)	$\hookrightarrow \Box\{\Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \Box\alpha \rightarrow \Box\beta\}$	[K+]
(r3)	$\alpha ; \alpha \rightarrow \beta \hookrightarrow \beta$	[MP]
(r4)	$\hookrightarrow \Box\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$	[T]
(r4+)	$\hookrightarrow \Box\{\Box\alpha \rightarrow \alpha\}$	[T+]
(r5)	$\{\vdash \alpha \Leftrightarrow \beta\} \hookrightarrow \Box\alpha \Leftrightarrow \Box\beta$	[E]

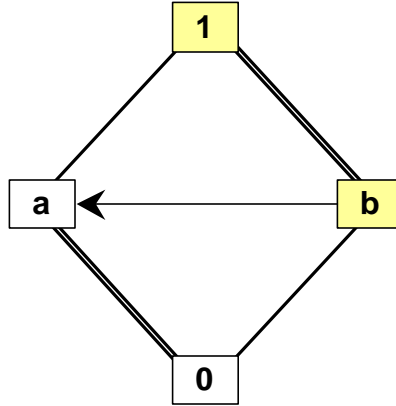
Notice that every schema of the enlarged system  $\Pi+T$  (see footnote 2) is included in the above list. So system  $\Pi+T$ , and hence  $\Pi$ , is contained in S0.9, and hence S1.

<sup>4</sup> *Journal of Symbolic Logic*, 22(1957), 176-186.

To show that S0.9, and hence S1, is not included in  $\Pi$ , we note that neither (r2+) nor (r4+) is a valid schema of System  $\Pi$ . To see this, consider the following instances.

$$\begin{aligned} & \Box\{\Box P \rightarrow Q\} \\ & \Box\{\Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)\} \end{aligned}$$

Consider a  $\pi$ -matrix based on Boolean algebra  $\mathcal{B}_4$ , whose Hasse diagram is given below. In this particular case, the congruence is depicted by the double-lines, and the non-trivial component of the  $\Box$ -function is depicted by the arrow [i.e.,  $\Box(b)=a$ , and  $\Box(x)=x$  if  $x \neq b$ ]. Also,  $\mathbb{D} = \{1, b\}$ .



Consider the following valuation:  $v(P) = b$ ;  $v(Q) = 0$

Then,

$$v(\Box(\Box P \rightarrow P)) = \Box(\Box(b) \rightarrow b)$$

$$\Box\{\Box(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (\Box(b) \rightarrow \Box(0))\}$$

$$\Box(b) = a$$

$$\Box(b) \rightarrow b = a \rightarrow b = b$$

$$\Box(\Box(b) \rightarrow b) = \Box(b) = a$$

But  $a \notin \mathbb{D}$

so,

$$v \neq \Box(\Box P \rightarrow P)$$

Also

$$v(\Box\{\Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)\}) =$$

$$\Box\{\Box(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (\Box(b) \rightarrow \Box(0))\}$$

$$b \rightarrow 0 = a;$$

$$\Box(b \rightarrow 0) = \Box a = a$$

$$\Box(b) = a$$

$$\Box(0) = 0$$

$$\Box(b) \rightarrow \Box(0) = a \rightarrow 0 = b$$

$$\Box(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (\Box(b) \rightarrow \Box(0)) = a \rightarrow b = b$$

$$\Box\{\Box(b \rightarrow 0) \rightarrow (\Box(b) \rightarrow \Box(0))\} = \Box(b) = a$$

But  $a \notin \mathbb{D}$ , so:

$$v \neq \Box\{\Box(P \rightarrow Q) \rightarrow (\Box P \rightarrow \Box Q)\}$$