Intuitionistic Modal Logic: 15 Years Later...

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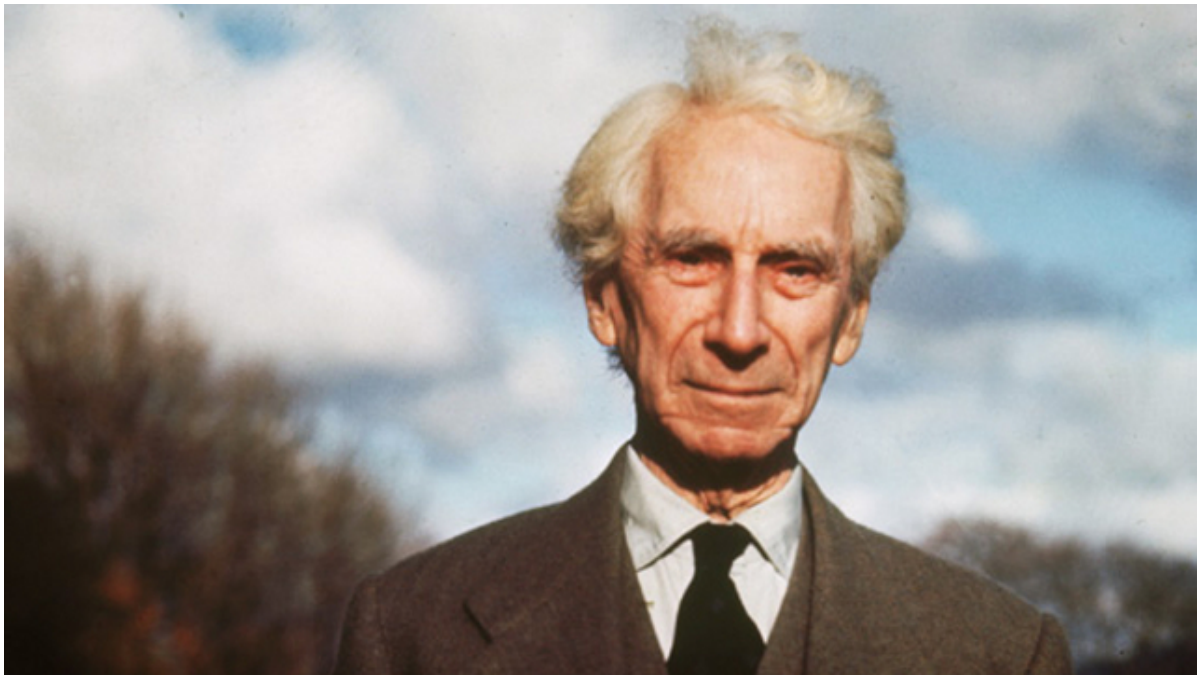

...there is no one fundamental logical notion of necessity, nor consequently of possibility. If this conclusion is valid, the subject of modality ought to be banished from logic, since propositions are simply true or false...

[Russell, 1905]

Intuitionistic Modal Logics

One often hears that modal (or some other) logic is pointless because it can be translated into some simpler language in a first-order way. Take no notice of such arguments. There is no weight to the claim that the original system must therefore be replaced by the new one. What is essential is to single out important concepts and to investigate their properties.

[Scott, 1971]

Anyways

Intuitionistic Modal Logic and Applications (IMLA)
is a loose association of researchers, meetings
and a certain amount of mathematical common ground.
IMLA stems from the hope that
philosophers,
mathematical logicians
and computer scientists
would share information and tools when investigating
intuitionistic modal logics and modal type theories,
if they knew of each other's work.

Intuitionistic Modal Logics and Applications IMLA

Workshops:

- FLoC1999, Trento, Italy, (Pfenning)
- FLoC2002, Copenhagen, Denmark, (Scott and Sambin)
- LiCS2005, Chicago, USA, (Walker, Venema and Tait)
- LiCS2008, Pittsburgh, USA, (Pfenning, Brauner)
- 14th LMPS in Nancy, France, 2011 (Mendler, Logan, Strassburger, Pereira)
- UNILOG 2013, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (Gurevich, Vigano and Bellin)

Intuitionistic Modal Logics and Applications IMLA

Special volumes:

- M. Fairtlough, M. Mendler, Eugenio Moggi (eds.) Modalities in Type Theory, Mathematical Structures in Computer Science, (2001)
- V. de Paiva, R. Goré, M. Mendler (eds.), Modalities in constructive logics and type theories, Journal of Logic and Computation, (2004)
- V. de Paiva, B. Pientka (eds.) Intuitionistic Modal Logic and Applications (IMLA 2008), Inf. Comput. 209(12): 1435-1436 (2011)
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Intuitionistic Modal Logic

Basic idea: Modalities over an Intuitionistic Basis

- which modalities?
- which intuitionistic basis?
- why? how?
- why so many?
- how to choose?
- can relate to others?
- which are the important theorems?
- which are the most useful applications?

Modal Logic

- Modalities: the most successful logical framework in CS
- Temporal logic, knowledge operators, BDI models, denotational semantics, effects, security modelling and verification, natural language understanding and inference, databases, etc..
- Logic used both to create logical representation of information and to reason about it
- But usually only **classical** modalities...

Classical Modalities in Computer Science

- Reasoning about [concurrent] programs
  Pnueli, The Temporal Logic of Programs, 1977.
  ACM Turing Award, 1996.
- Reasoning about hardware; model-checking
  Clarke, Emerson, Synthesis of Synchronization Skeletons for Branching Time Temporal Logic, 1981.
  Bryant, Clarke, Emerson, McMillan; ACM Kanellakis Award, 1999
- Knowledge representation
  From frames to KL-ONE to Description Logics
  MacGregor87, Baader et al03

Thanks Frank Pfenning!

Intuitionistic Modal Logic

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- **why? how?** my take, based on Curry-Howard correspondence...
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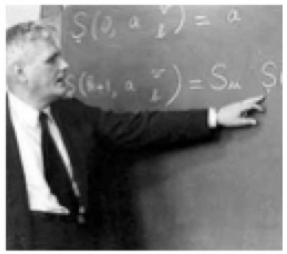
Constructive reasoning in CS

- What: Reasoning principles that are safer
- if I ask you whether "is there an x such that P(x)?",
- I'm happier with an answer "yes, x_0", than with an answer "yes, for all x it is not the case that not $P(x)$".
- Why: want reasoning to be as precise and safe as possible
- How: constructive reasoning as much as possible, classical if need be, but tell me where...

Constructive Logic

- a logical basis for programming via Curry-Howard correspondences
- short digression...
- Modalities useful in CS
- Examples from applications abound (Monadic Language, Separation Logic, DKAL, etc..)
- Constructive modalities ought to be twice as useful?
- But which constructive modalities?
- Usual phenomenon: classical facts can be 'constructivized' in many different ways. Hence constructive notions multiply

+ Curry-Howard Correspondence



1963

Lambda-calculus

1965

Cartesian Closed Categories

Intuitionistic Propositional Logic

Trivial Case of Curry Howard

Add λ terms to Natural Deduction:

$$\frac{\Gamma, x\colon A \vdash t\colon B}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x\colon A.t\colon A \to B}\ (\to I)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t\colon A \to B \quad \Gamma \vdash u\colon A}{\Gamma \vdash tu\colon B}\ (\to E)$$

Works for conjunction, disjunction too.

Constructive Modal Logics

- Operators Box, Diamond (like forall/exists), not interdefinable
- How do these two modalities interact?
- Depends on expected behavior and on tools you want/can accept to use
- Collection of articles on why is the proof theory of modal logic difficult
- child poster of difficulty S5
- Adding to syntax: hypersequents, labelled deduction systems, adding semantics to syntax (many ways...)

Schools of Constructive Modal logic

- Control of Hybrid Systems, Nerode et al, from 1990
- Logic of Proofs, Justification Logics, Artemov, from 1995
- Judgemental Modal Logic, Pfenning et al, from 2001
- Separation Logic, Reynolds and O'Hearn
- Modalities as Monads, Moggi et al, Lax Logic, Mendler et al, from 1990,
- Simpson framework, Negri sequent calculus
- Avron hyper-sequents, Dosen's higer-order sequents, Belnap display calculus, Bruennler/Strassburger, Poggiolesi and others "Nested sequents"

What's the state of play?

- IMLA's goal: functional programmers talking to philosophical logicians and vice-versa
- Not attained, so far
- Communities still largely talking past each other
- Incremental work on intuitionistic modal logics continues, as well as some of the research programmes above
- Does it make sense to try to change this?

What did I expect fifteen years ago?

- Fully worked out Curry-Howard for a collection of intuitionistic modal logics
- Fully worked out design space for intuitionistic modal logic, for classical logic and how to move from intuitionistic modal to classic modal
- Full range of applications of modal type systems
- Fully worked out dualities for desirable systems
- Collections of implementations for proof search/proof normalization

Why did I think it would be easy?

Some early successes. Systems: CS4, Lax, CK

- CS4: On an Intuitionistic Modal Logic (with Bierman, Studia Logica 2000, conference 1992)
  - DIML: Explicit Substitutions for Constructive Necessity (with Neil Ghani and Eike Ritter), ICALP 1998
- Lax Logic: Computational Types from a Logical Perspective (with Benton, Bierman, JFP 1998)
- CK: Basic Constructive Modal Logic. (with Bellin and Ritter, M4M 2001), Kripke semantics for CK (with Mendler 2005),

Constructive S4 (CS4)

- This is the better behaved modal system, used by Gödel and Girard
- CS4 motivation is category theory, because of proofs, not simply provability
- Usual intuitionistic axioms plus MP, Nec rule and

Modal Axioms

$\Box(A \to B) \to (\Box A \to \Box B)$
$\Box A \to A$
$\Box A \to \Box\Box A$
$\Box(A \to \Diamond B) \to (\Diamond A \to \Diamond B)$
$A \to \Diamond A$

CS4 Sequent Calculus

S4 modal sequent rules already discussed in 1957 by Ohnishi and Matsumoto:

$$\frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Box A \vdash B} \qquad \frac{\Box\Gamma \vdash A}{\Box\Gamma \vdash \Box A}$$

$$\frac{\Box\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Box\Gamma, \Diamond A \vdash B} \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \Diamond A}$$

Cut-elimination works, for classical and intuitionistic basis.

CS4 Natural Deduction Calculus

But ND was more complicated.
The rule

$$\frac{\Box\Gamma \vdash A}{\Box\Gamma \vdash \Box A}$$

(called by Wadler *promotion* in Linear Logic, where $\Box =!$) led to some controversy.
As presented in Abramsky's "Computational Interpretation of Linear Logic" (1993), it leads to calculus that does **not** satisfy substitution.

Given proofs $\dfrac{\dfrac{\Box A_1 \quad \Box A_2}{B}}{\Box B}$ and $\dfrac{C \to \Box A_1 \quad C}{\Box A_1}$, should be able to substitute A_1 $\dfrac{\dfrac{C \to \Box A_1 \quad C}{\Box A_1 \qquad \Box A_2}}{B}$ But a problem, as the promotion rule is not applicable, anymore.

Natural Deduction for CS4

Benton, Bierman, de Paiva and Hyland solved the problem for Linear Logic in TLCA 1993.
Bierman and de Paiva (Amsterdam 1992, journal 2000) used the same solution for modal logic.

The solution builds in the substitutions into the rule as

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Box A_1, \ldots, \Gamma \vdash \Box A_k \quad \Box A_1, \ldots, \Box A_k \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash \Box B}(\Box I)$$

Prawitz uses a notion of essentially modal subformula to guarantee substitutivity in his monograph.

Natural Deduction for CS4

Usual Intuitionistic ND rules plus:

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Box A_1, \ldots, \Gamma \vdash \Box A_k \;\; \Box A_1, \ldots, \Box A_k \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash \Box B}(\Box I) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Box A}{\Gamma \vdash A}(\Box E)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \Box A_1, \ldots, \Gamma \vdash \Box A_k, \Gamma \vdash \Diamond B \;\; A_1 \ldots A_k, B \vdash \Diamond C}{\Gamma \vdash \Diamond C}(\Diamond E) \qquad \frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Gamma \vdash \Diamond A}(\Diamond I)$$

CS4: Properties/Theorems

- Axioms satisfy Deduction Thm, are equivalent to sequents,
- Sequents satisfy cut-elimination, sub-formula property
- ND is equivalent to sequents
- ND satisfies normalization, ND assigns λ-terms CH equivalent
- Categorical model: monoidal comonad plus box-strong monad
- Issue with Prawitz formulation: idempotency of comonad not warranted...

Problems with system:

- Impurity of rules?
- Commuting conversions, eek!
- what about other modal logics?

Variations on CS4 I: Dual Intuitionistic and Modal Logic

Following Linear Logic, can define a dual system for $\Box$-only modal logic. DIML, after Barber and Plotkin's DILL, in ICALP 1998.

$$\Gamma, x : A, \Gamma' | \Delta \vdash x_M : A \qquad \Gamma | \Delta, x : A, \Delta' \vdash x_I : A$$

$$\frac{\Gamma | \_ \vdash t : A}{\Gamma | \Delta \vdash \Box t : \Box A}\ (\Box I) \qquad \frac{\Gamma | \Delta \vdash t_i : \Box A_i \ \Gamma, x_i : A_i | \Delta \vdash u : B}{\Gamma | \Delta \vdash \texttt{let}\ t_1, \ldots, t_n\ \texttt{be}\ \Box x_1, \ldots, \Box x_n\ \texttt{in}\ u : B}$$

Less 'impurity' on rules, less commuting conversions, but what about $\Diamond$? what about other modal systems?

Variations on CS4 II: Lax Logic

Computational Types from a Logical Perspective, JFP 1998
Motivation: Moggi's computational lambda calculus, an intuitionistic modal metalanguage for denotational semantics for programming language features: non-termination, differing evaluation strategies, non-determinism, side-effects are examples.
Curry-Howard 'backwards' to get the logic: intuitionistic modal logic with a degenerate possibility, Curry 1952

Modal Axioms

$A \rightarrow \Diamond A$
$\Diamond\Diamond A \rightarrow \Diamond A$
$(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Diamond A \rightarrow \Diamond B)$

Lax Modality Examples

Non-Determinism. Take $T(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \wp(A)$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{val}(e) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{e\} \\ (\mathsf{let}\, x \Leftarrow e\, \mathsf{in}\, f) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigcup_{x \in e} f. \end{aligned}$$

Exceptions. Take $T(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1 + A$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{val}(e) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathsf{inr}_{1+A}(e) \\ (\mathsf{let}\, x \Leftarrow e\, \mathsf{in}\, f) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathsf{case}\, e\, \mathsf{of}\, \mathsf{inl}(*) \rightarrow \mathsf{inl}_{1+A}(*) |\, \mathsf{inr}(x) \rightarrow f. \end{aligned}$$

Continuations. Take $T(A) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (A \to R) \to R$ with

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{val}(e) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda k{:}\, A \to R.k\, e \\ (\mathsf{let}\, x \Leftarrow e\, \mathsf{in}\, f) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda k{:}\, B \to R.e\, (\lambda x{:}\, A.f\, k). \end{aligned}$$

System Lax

- Also called CL-logic (for computational lambda calculus)
- Better behaved typed lambda-calculus
- Definition: the logic CH-equivalent to a strong monad in a CCC
- Semantic distinction: computations and values,
  If A models values of a type, then $T(A)$ is the
  object that models computations of the type A
- T is a curious possibility-like modality, Curry 1952, rediscovered by Fairtlough and Mendler, Propositional Lax Logic, Information and Computation, 1997

Lax logic Properties

- Axioms, sequents and ND are equivalent
- Deduction theorem holds, as does substitution and subject reduction
- The term calculus associated is strongly normalizing
- The reduction system given is confluent
- Cut elimination holds (Curry 1952)
- Lax logic (PLL) categorical models as expected
- Lax logic (PLL) Kripke models as expected
- Fairtlough and Mendler application: hardware correctness, up to constraints

Constructive K: a difficult one

- Constructive K comes from proof-theoretical intuitions provided by Natural Deduction formulations of logic
- Already CS4 does not satisfy distribution of possibiliity over disjunction: $\Diamond(A \vee B) \cong \Diamond A \vee \Diamond B$ and $\Diamond \bot \cong \bot$

Modal Axioms

$\Box(A \to B) \to (\Box A \to \Box B)$
$\Box(A \to B) \to \Diamond A \to \Diamond B$
$(\Box A \times \Diamond B) \to \Diamond(A \times B)$

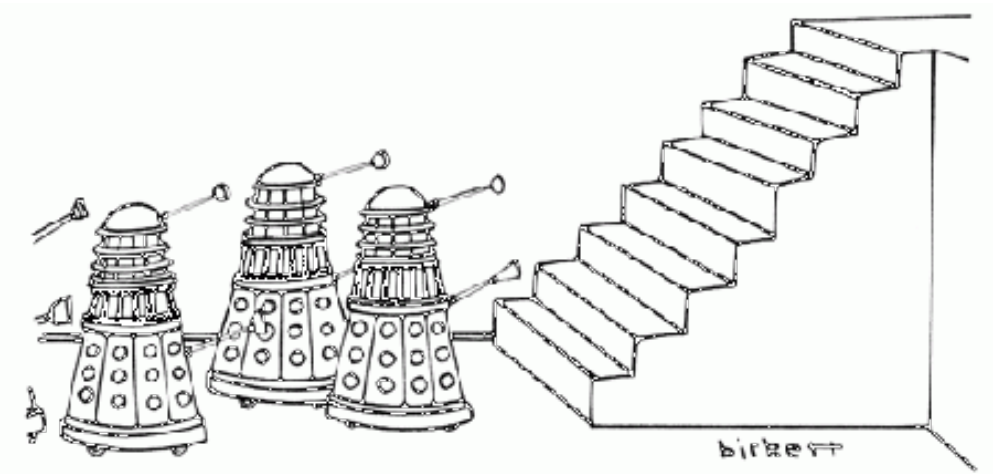
- Sequent rules not as symmetric as in constructive S4, harder to model

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Box\Gamma \vdash \Box A} \qquad \frac{\Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Box\Gamma, \Diamond A \vdash \Diamond B}$$

- Note: only one rule for each connective, also $\Diamond$ depends on $\Box$.

Constructive K Properties

- Dual-context only for Box fragment
- For Box-fragment, OK. Have subject reduction, normalization and confluence for associated lambda-calculus.
- Have categorical models, but too unconstrained?
- Kripke semantics OK
- No syntax in CK style for Diamonds...
- No ideas for uniformity of systems...
- More work necessary here...



"Well, this certainly buggers our plan to conquer the Universe."

What every one else was doing?

- Simpson: *The Proof Theory and Semantics of Intuitionistic Modal Logic* (1994) a great summary of previous work and a very robust system for geometric theories in Natural Deduction for intuitionistic modal logic
- Intuition from "possible world semantics" interpreted in an intuitionistic metatheory
- Justified by faithfulness of translation into intuitionistic first-order, recovers many of the systems already in the literature
- Strong normalization and confluence proved for all the systems
- Normalization used to establish completeness of cut-free sequent calculi and decidability of some of the systems
- Systems that are decidable also satisfy "finite model property"

What every one else was doing?

- Arnon Avron (1996) Hypersequents (based on Pottinger and Mints)
- Martini and Masini 2-sequents (1996)
- Dosen's higher-order sequents (1985)
- Display calculus (Belnap 1982, Kracht, Gore', survey by Wansing 2002)
- multiple-sequent (more than one kind of sequent arrow) Indrejcazk (1998)
- labelled sequent calculus Negri (2005)
- Nested sequents: Bruennler (2009), Hein, Stewart and Stouppa, Strassburger et al,

What I wanted

- constructive modal logics with axioms, sequents and natural deduction formulations
- Satisfying cut-elimination, finite model property, (strong) normalization, confluence and decidability
- with algebraic, Kripke and categorical semantics
- With translations between formulations and proved equivalences/embeddings
- Translating proofs more than simply theorems
- A broad view of constructive and/or modality
- If possible limitative results

Simpson's desiderata

- IML is a conservative extension of IPL.
- IML contains all substitutions instances of theorems of IPL and is closed under modus ponens.
- If $A \vee B$ is a theorem of IML either A is a theorem or B is a theorem too. (Disjunction Property)
- Box $\Box$ and Diamond $\Diamond$ are independent in IML
- Adding excluded middle to IML yields a standard classical modal logic
- (Intuitionistic) Meaning of the modalities, wrt IML is sound and complete

Avron's desiderata

A generic proof-theoretical framework should:

- Be able to handle a great diversity of logics. Expect to get the ones logicians have used already
- Be independent of any particular semantics
- Structures should be built from formulae in the logic and not too complicated, should yield a "real" subformula property
- Rules of inference should have a small fixed number of premisses, and a local nature of application
- Rules for conjunction, disjunction, implication and negation should be as standard as possible
- Proof systems constructed should give us a better understanding of the corresponding logics and the differences between them

Some divergence: Distribution of Diamond over Disjunction

- distribution of possibility over disjunction binary and nullary: CS4 vs. IS4 (Simpson)

Example (Distribution)

$$\Diamond(A \vee B) \rightarrow \Diamond A \vee \Diamond B$$

$$\Diamond \bot \rightarrow \bot$$

- This is canonical for classical modal logics
- Many constructive systems don't satisfy it
- Should it be required for constructive ones or not?
- Consequence: adding excluded middle gives you back classical modal logic or not?

Some divergence: labelled vs. unlabelled systems

- proof system should have semantics as part of the syntax?

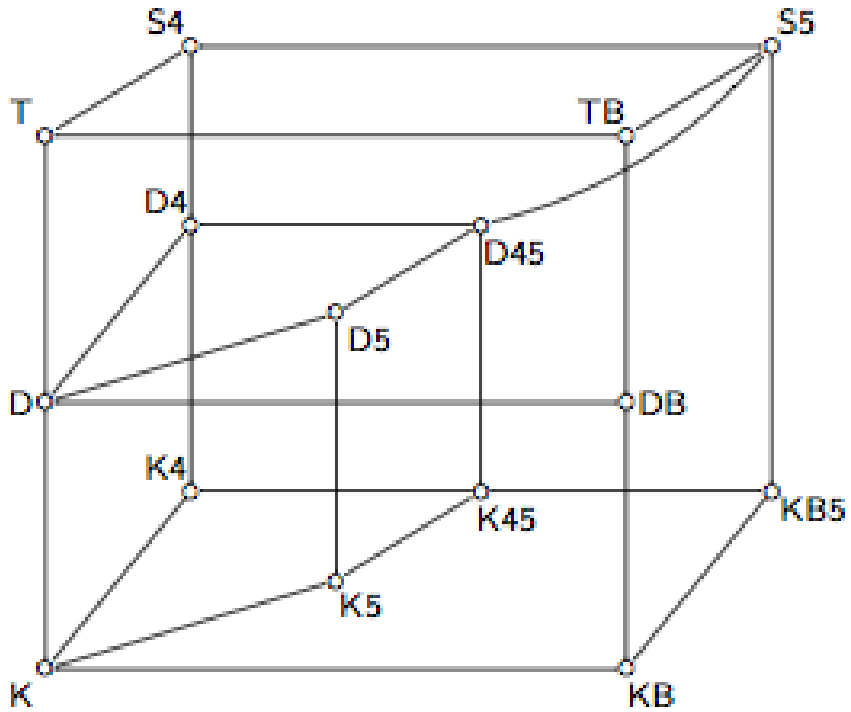
Example (Introduction of Box)

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash A}{\Box\Gamma \vdash \Box A} \text{ vs. } \frac{\Gamma \quad [xRy] \vdash y : A}{\Gamma \vdash x : \Box A}$$

- The introduction rule for $\Box$ must express that if A holds at every world y visible from x then $\Box A$ holds at x.
- if, on the assumption that y is an arbitrary world visible from x, we can show that A holds at y then we can conclude that $\Box A$ holds at x.
- Simpson's systems have two kinds of hypotheses, $x : A$ which means that the modal formula A is true in the world x and xRy, which says that world y is accessible from world x
- How reasonable is it to have your proposed semantics as part of your syntax?
- Proof-theoretic properties there, but no categorical semantics?

More divergence: modularity of framework?

The framework of ordinary sequents is not capable of handling all interesting logics. There are logics with nice, simple semantics and obvious interest for which no decent, cut-free formulation seems to exist... Larger, but still satisfactory frameworks should, therefore, be sought. Avron (1996)



IK and CK cubes

- Hypersequents, 2-sequents, labelled sequents, nested sequents, display calculi are modular
- Cut-elimination for cubes below, syntax works, but very complicated?...Curry-Howard for CK cube, OK!
- Kripke semantics for CK Mendler and Scheele

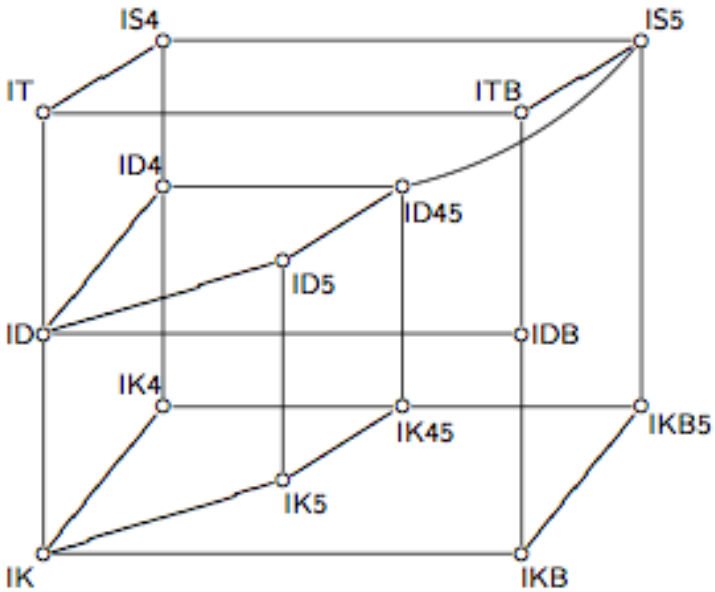
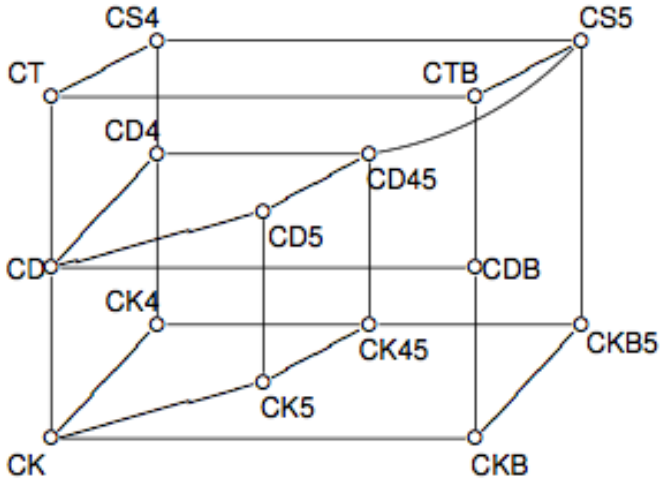


Fig. 2. The intuitionistic "modal cube"



Conclusions

- Panorama of Curry-Howard for constructive modal logics, as I see it.
- Plenty of recent work on pure syntax from Bruennler, Strassburger and many others
- Many applications of the ideas of constructive modal logic
- Many interesting papers on FRP, see Jagadhesan et al, Jeffrey, Sergei Winitzki, etc
- Still lacking an over-arching framework, is it possible?

Summary

- Constructive modal logics are interesting for programmers, logicians and philosophers. Shame they don't talk to each other.
- At least two families CK and IK, different properties. Hard to produce good proof theory for them: many augmentations of sequent systems. S5 (classical or intuitionistic) main example
- So far IK better for model theory, CK better for lambda-calculus, but want both, plus categorical semantics too

- Further work
  - New preprint on fibrational view of CS4.
  - Can extend it to CK? I am sure we can do it for Linear Logic, but gains?

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