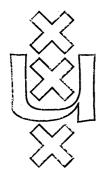
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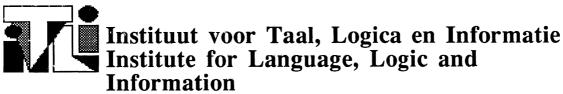
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#### Abstract

We consider some modal languages with a modal operator D whose semantics is based on the relation of inequality. Basic logical properties such as definability, expressive power and completeness are studied. Also, some connections with a number of other recent proposals to extend the standard modal language are pointed at.

### 1 Introduction

As is well-known standard (propositional) modal and temporal logic cannot define all the natural assumptions one would like to make on the accessibility relation. One obvious move to try and overcome this lack of expressive power, is to extend the languages of modal and temporal logic with new operators. One particular such extension consists in adding an operator D whose semantics is based on the relation of inequality. The proposal to consider the D-operator is due to several people independently, including Koymans [15], and Gargov, Passy and Tinchev [10]. This particular extension of the standard modal language is of interest for a number of reasons. First of all, it shows that some of the most striking deficiencies in expressive power may be removed with relatively simple means. Secondly, several recent proposals to enhance the expressive power of the standard language naturally give rise to considering the D-operator; thus the language with the operators  $\diamondsuit$  and D appears as a kind of fixed point amongst the wide range of recently introduced extensions of the standard language. And thirdly, many of the interesting logical phenomena that one encounters in the study of enriched modal languages are illustrated by this particular extension.

Applications of the *D*-operator can be found in [9], where it has been used in the study of various enriched modal languages, and in [15], where it is applied in the specification of message passing and time-critical systems.

The main subject of this paper is the modal language  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  whose operators are  $\diamondsuit$  and D. The remainder of §1 introduces the basic notions, and examines which of the (anti-) preservation results known from standard modal logic remain valid in the extended formalism. Next, §2 compares the expressive powers of modal languages that contain the D-operator with a number of other modal languages. In §3 we present the basic logics in some languages with the D-operator, and we give complete axiomatizations for several special structures; in it we also prove an analogue of the Sahlqvist Theorem for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . §4 then deals with definability—both of classes of frames and of classes of models.

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#### 1.1 Basics

The (multi-) modal languages we consider have an infinite supply of proposition letters  $(p, q, r, \ldots)$ , propositional constants  $\bot$ ,  $\top$  and the usual Boolean connectives. Furthermore, they contain one or more unary modal operators. The standard language  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  has operators  $\diamondsuit$  and  $\square$ — $\diamondsuit$  being regarded as primitive, and  $\square$  being defined as  $\neg \diamondsuit \neg$ . (In general,  $\mathcal{L}(O_1,\ldots,O_n)$  denotes the (multi-) modal language with operators  $O_1,\ldots,O_n$ .) We use  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$ ,  $\chi$ ,... to denote (multi-) modal formulas. The semantic structures are frames, i.e. ordered pairs  $\langle W, R \rangle$  consisting of a non-empty set W with a binary relation R on W. To save words, we assume that  $\mathcal{F}$  denotes the frame  $\langle W, R \rangle$ . In addition to these frames, structures called models will be used, consisting of a frame  $\mathcal{F}$  together with a valuation V on  $\mathcal{F}$  assigning subsets of W to proposition letters. We assume that  $\mathcal{M}$  denotes the model  $\langle \mathcal{F}, V \rangle$ .

 $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[w]$  is defined as usual—the important case being:  $\mathcal{M} \models \Diamond \varphi[w]$  iff for some  $v \in W$ , Rwv and  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[v]$ . For temporal logic the clause for  $\diamondsuit$  is replaced by two clauses for F and F:  $\mathcal{M} \models F\varphi[w]$  iff for some  $v \in W$ , Rwv and  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[v]$ ;  $\mathcal{M} \models F\varphi[w]$  iff for some  $v \in W$ , Rvw and  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[w]$ . The semantics of the D-operator is given by  $\mathcal{M} \models D\varphi[w]$  iff for some  $v \neq w$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[v]$ . From this, notions like  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi[w]$ , and  $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi$  are defined as usual.

G and H are short for  $\neg F \neg$  and  $\neg P \neg$ , respectively. Ds dual  $\neg D \neg$  is denoted by  $\overline{D}$ . Using the D-operator some useful abbreviations can be defined:  $E\varphi := \varphi \lor D\varphi$  (there exists a point at which  $\varphi$  holds);  $A\varphi := \varphi \land \overline{D}\varphi$  ( $\varphi$  holds at all points);  $U\varphi := E(\varphi \land \neg D\varphi)$  ( $\varphi$  holds at a unique point).

The fact that some notions are sensitive to the language we are working with, is reflected in our notation: e.g. we write  $\mathcal{F} \equiv_{\diamondsuit,D} \mathcal{G}$  for  $\mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathcal{G}$  validate the same  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit,D)$ , and  $\text{Th}_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathcal{F})$  for the set of formulas in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit,D)$  that are valid on  $\mathcal{F}$ .

We will sometimes refer to the first-order languages  $\mathcal{L}_0$  and  $\mathcal{L}_1$ :  $\mathcal{L}_0$  has one binary predicate symbol R as well identity;  $\mathcal{L}_1$  extends  $\mathcal{L}_0$  with unary predicate symbols  $P_1, P_2, \ldots, P$ ,  $Q, \ldots$  corresponding to the proposition letters of the (multi-) modal language. First-order formulas will be denoted by  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \ldots, \alpha$  is called locally definable in  $\mathcal{L}(O_1, \ldots, O_n)$  if for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(O_1, \ldots, O_n)$ , for all  $\mathcal{F}$ , and all  $w \in W$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \models \alpha[w]$  iff  $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi[w]$ ; it is called (globally) definable in  $\mathcal{L}(O_1, \ldots, O_n)$  if for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(O_1, \ldots, O_n)$ , for all  $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F} \models \alpha$  iff  $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi$ .

#### 1.2 (Anti-) preservation and filtrations

It is well-known that standard modal formulas are preserved under surjective p-morphisms, disjoint unions and generated subframes:

**Definition 1.1** 1. A surjective function f from a frame  $\mathcal{F}_1$  to a frame  $\mathcal{F}_2$  is called a p-morphism if (i) for all  $w, v \in W_1$ , if  $R_1wv$  then  $R_2f(w)f(v)$ ; and (ii) for all  $w \in W_1$ ,  $v \in W_2$ , if  $R_2f(w)v$  then there is a  $u \in W_1$  such that  $R_1wu$  and f(u) = v.

- 2.  $\mathcal{F}_1$  is called a generated subframe of a frame  $\mathcal{F}_2$  if (i)  $W_1 \subset W_2$ ; (ii)  $R_1 = R_2 \cap (W_2 \times W_2)$ ; and (iii) for all  $w \in W_1$ ,  $v \in W_2$ , if  $R_2wv$  then  $v \in W_1$ .
- 3. Let  $\mathcal{F}_i$   $(i \in I)$  be a collection of disjoint frames. Then the disjoint union  $\biguplus_{i \in I} \mathcal{F}_i$  is the frame  $\{ \cup \{ W_i : i \in I \}, \cup \{ R_i : i \in I \} \}$ .

Here are some examples showing that adding the *D*-operator to  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  gives an increase in expressive power:

- 1.  $\Diamond p \to Dp$  defines  $\forall x \neg Rxx$ ;
- 2.  $Dp \rightarrow \Diamond p$  defines  $R = W^2$ ;
- 3.  $\diamondsuit \top \lor D \diamondsuit \top$  defines  $R \neq \emptyset$ .

Using the above preservation results it is easily verified that none of these three conditions is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ . And conversely, the fact that they are definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  implies that we no longer have these preservation results in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . Moreover, they can be restored only at the cost of trivializing the constructions concerned.

A fourth important construction in standard modal logic is the following:

**Definition 1.2** Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a frame, and  $X \subseteq W$ . Then  $M_R(X) = \{w \in W : \forall v \in W (Rwv \to v \in X)\}$ . The ultrafilter extension  $ue(\mathcal{F})$  is the frame  $\langle W_{\mathcal{F}}, R_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle$ , where  $W_{\mathcal{F}}$  is the set of ultrafilters on W, and  $R_{\mathcal{F}}U_1U_2$  holds if for all  $X \subseteq W$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_R(X) \in U_1$  implies  $X \in U_2$ .

Standard modal formulas are anti-preserved under ultrafilter extension, i.e. if  $ue(\mathcal{F}) \models \varphi$  then  $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi$ . (Cf. [4, Lemma 2.25].) Perhaps surprisingly, for formulas  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  this results still holds good—as one easily deduces from the following result.

**Proposition 1.3** Let V be a valuation on  $\mathcal{F}$ . Define the valuation  $V_{\mathcal{F}}$  on  $ue(\mathcal{F})$  by putting  $V_{\mathcal{F}}(p) = \{U : V(p) \in U\}$ . Then, for all ultrafilters U on W, and all formulas  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  we have  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \models \varphi[U]$  iff  $V(\varphi) \in U$ .

Proof. This is by induction on  $\varphi$ . The cases  $\varphi \equiv p, \neg \psi, \psi \land \chi, \diamondsuit \psi$  are proved in [4, Lemma 2.25]. The only new case is  $\varphi \equiv D\psi$ . Suppose  $V(D\psi) = \{w : \exists v \neq w \, (v \in V(\psi))\} \in U$ . We must find an ultrafilter  $U_1 \neq U$  such that  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \models \psi[U_1]$ . First assume that U contains a singleton—say,  $U = \{X \subseteq W : X \supseteq \{w_0\}\}$ . Then  $w_0 \in V(D\psi)$ , so there exists a  $v \neq w_0$  with  $v \in V(\psi)$ . Since  $v \neq w_0$ , we must have  $\{v\} \notin U$ . Let  $U_1$  be the ultrafilter generated by  $\{v\}$ ; then  $U \neq U_1$ . Furthermore,  $v \in V(\psi)$  implies  $V(\psi) \in U_1$ , and hence  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \models \psi[U_1]$ , by the induction hypothesis. It follows that  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \models D\psi[U]$ . Next, suppose that U does not contain a singleton. Since  $V(D\psi) \in U$ , we find some  $w_0 \in V(D\psi)$ . Let v be a point such that  $v \neq w_0$  and  $v \in V(\psi)$ . Then  $\{v\} \notin U$ —and we can proceed as in the previous case.

Conversely, assume that  $V(D\psi) \notin U$ . We have to show that  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \not\models D\psi[U]$ . Since  $V(D\psi) \notin U$ , we have that  $X = \{w : \forall v (v \neq w \to v \notin V(\psi))\} \in U$ , and hence  $X \neq \emptyset$ . Let  $w_0 \in X$ . Clearly, if  $w_0 \notin V(\psi)$ , then X = W and  $V(\psi) = \emptyset$ . Consequently, for all ultrafilters  $U_1 \neq U$  we have  $V(\psi) \notin U_1$ . So, by the induction hypothesis,  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \not\models \psi[U_1]$ , and hence  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \not\models D\psi[U]$ —as required. If, on the other hand  $w_0 \in V(\psi)$ , then  $X = \{w_0\} = V(\psi)$ , and U is generated by X. It follows that for any ultrafilter  $U_1 \neq U$ ,  $X = V(\psi) \notin U_1$ . So by the induction hypothesis  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \not\models \psi[U_1]$ , for such  $U_1$ . This implies  $\langle ue(\mathcal{F}), V_{\mathcal{F}} \rangle \not\models D\psi[U]$ . QED.

**Corollary 1.4** For any frame  $\mathcal{F}$  and all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , if  $ue(\mathcal{F}) \models \varphi$  then  $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi$ .

Corollary 1.5  $\exists x \ Rxx \ is \ not \ definable \ in \ \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ .

*Proof.* Evidently,  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \mathbb{N}, < \rangle \not\models \exists x \ Rxx$ . Some elementary reasoning shows that for any principal ultrafilter U on  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $R_{\mathcal{F}}UU$ . Hence,  $ue(\mathcal{F}) \models \exists x \ Rxx$ . Now apply 1.4. QED.

Another important notion from standard modal logic is that of a filtration. It has a straightforward adaptation to  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ :

**Definition 1.6** Let  $\mathcal{M}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_2$  be models, and let  $\Sigma$  be a set of formulas  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  closed under subformulas. A surjective function  $g: \mathcal{M}_1 \to \mathcal{M}_2$  is an extended filtration with respect to  $\Sigma$ , if

- 1. for all  $w, v \in W_1$ , if  $R_1wv$  then  $R_2g(w)g(v)$ ,
- 2. for all  $w \in W_1$ , and all proposition letters p in  $\Sigma$ ,  $w \in V_1(p)$  iff  $g(w) \in V_2(p)$ ,
- 3. for all  $w \in W_1$ , and all  $\Delta \varphi \in \Sigma$ , if  $\mathcal{M}_1 \models \Delta \varphi[w]$  then  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models \Delta \varphi[g(w)]$ , where  $\Delta \in \{\diamondsuit, D\}$ .

**Proposition 1.7** If g is an extended filtration w.r.t.  $\Sigma$  from  $\mathcal{M}_1$  to  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , then for all  $w \in W_1$ , and all  $\varphi \in \Sigma$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_1 \models \varphi[w]$  iff  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models \varphi[g(w)]$ .

Recall that the standard example of a filtration in ordinary modal logic is the *modal* collapse: given a model  $\mathcal{M}$  and a set  $\Sigma$  that is closed under subformulas, it is defined as the model  $\mathcal{M}'$ , where for  $g(w) = \{ \varphi \in \Sigma : \mathcal{M} \models \varphi[w] \}, W' = g[W], R'g(w)g(v)$  holds iff for all  $\Box \varphi \in \Sigma, \Box \varphi \in g(w)$  implies  $\varphi \in g(v)$ , and  $V'(p) = \{ g(w) : p \in g(w) \}$ . To obtain an analogue of the modal collapse for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , take the ordinary modal collapse and double points that correspond to more than one point in the original model. A simple inductive proof then shows that corresponding (doubled) points verify the same formulas.

Using the extended collapse one may show in a standard way that formulas  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  satisfy the finite model property, and that the validities in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  form a recursive set.

## 2 Some comparisons

In this section we compare modal languages with the *D*-operator to some languages without it. It is not our aim to give a complete description of all the aspects in which languages of the former kind differ from, or are the same as, languages of the latter kind, but merely to highlight some of the features of the former languages.

#### 2.1 The language $\mathcal{L}(D)$

**Proposition 2.1** All formulas  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(D)$  define first-order conditions.

*Proof.* Using the ST-translation as defined in §4.2, such formulas can be translated into equivalent second-order formulas containing only monadic predicate variables. By a result in [1, Chapter IV] these formulas are in turn equivalent to first-order ones. QED.

Proposition 2.1 marks a considerable difference with  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ : as is well-known, not all  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ -formulas correspond to first-order conditions. In the opposite direction, there are also some natural conditions undefinable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  that are definable in  $\mathcal{L}(D)$ . For example, using the preservation of standard modal formulas under generated subframes and disjoint unions, it is easily verified that no finite cardinality is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ ; on the other hand, although 2.1 implies that 'infinity' is not definable in  $\mathcal{L}(D)$ , we do have

**Proposition 2.2 (Koymans)** All finite cardinalities are definable in  $\mathcal{L}(D)$ .

*Proof.* For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $|W| \leq n$  is defined by  $\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n+1} Up_i \longrightarrow \bigvee_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} E(p_i \wedge p_j)$ , while |W| > n is defined by  $A(\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} p_i) \longrightarrow E\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} (p_i \wedge Dp_i)$ . QED.

**Theorem 2.3 (Functional Completeness)** On frames  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  is equivalent with the language of first-order logic over =.

*Proof.* All first-order formulas over identity can be defined as a Boolean combination of formulas expressing the existence of at least a certain number of elements. By 2.2 these formulas are definable in  $\mathcal{L}(D)$ . The converse follows from 2.1. QED.

## **2.2** The languages $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ and $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$

One way to compare the expressive powers of two languages is to examine their ability to discriminate between special (read: well-known) structures. For example, in contrast to  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit,D)$  is able to distinguish  $\mathbb{Z}$  from  $\mathbb{N}$ :  $\langle \mathbb{N}, < \rangle \not\equiv_{\diamondsuit,D} \langle \mathbb{Z}, < \rangle$ . This follows from the fact that the existence of a (different) predecessor is expressible in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit,D)$  by means of the formula  $p \to D \diamondsuit p$ .

So  $\forall x \exists y \ (x \neq y \land Ryx)$  is an  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -condition on frames which is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , but not in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ . Other well-known  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -conditions undefinable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  are irreflexivity and anti-symmetry. By the next result, these conditions do have an  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ -equivalent:

**Proposition 2.4** All  $\Pi_1^1$ -sentences in R, = of the purely universal form

$$\forall P_1 \ldots \forall P_m \forall x_1 \ldots \forall x_n BOOL(P_i x_i, R x_i x_i, x_i = x_i)$$

are definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $p_1, \ldots, p_m, q_1, \ldots, q_n$  be proposition letters such that each of  $p_1, \ldots, p_m$  is different from each of  $q_1, \ldots, q_n$ . Now take  $Uq_1 \wedge \ldots \wedge Uq_n \to BOOL(E(q_i \wedge p_j), E(q_i \wedge \Diamond q_j), E(q_i \wedge Q_i))$ . QED.

It is well-known that two finite, rooted frames that validate the same formulas  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ , are isomorphic. This is improved upon in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ :

Corollary 2.5 If  $\mathcal{F}_1$  and  $\mathcal{F}_2$  are finite frames, then  $\mathcal{F}_1 \equiv_{\diamondsuit,D} \mathcal{F}_2$  iff  $\mathcal{F}_1 \cong \mathcal{F}_2$ .

*Proof.* Finite frames are isomorphic iff they have the same universal first-order theory. So from 2.4 the result follows. Alternatively, one may give, for each finite frame  $\mathcal{F}$ , a 'characteristic formula'  $\chi_{\mathcal{F}}$  such that for all  $\mathcal{G}$ ,  $\mathcal{G} \not\models \neg \chi_{\mathcal{F}}$  iff  $G \cong \mathcal{F}$  (cf. §4.1). QED.

Let us call a set T of (multi-) modal formulas (frame) categorical if, up to isomorphism, there is only one frame validating T; T is called  $\lambda$ -categorical if, up to isomorphism, T has only one frame of power  $\lambda$  validating it. ( $\lambda$ -) categoricity is an important notion in first-order logic that is meaningless in standard modal languages: by some elementary manipulations one easily establishes that if  $\mathcal{F} \models T$ , where T is a theory in either  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  or  $\mathcal{L}(F,P)$ , and if I is a set of indices, then for each  $i \in I$  there is a frame  $\mathcal{F}_i \models T$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_i \not\cong F_j$  if  $i \neq j$ . In contrast, for any finite frame  $\mathcal{F}$  the complete  $\diamondsuit$ , D-theory  $\mathrm{Th}_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathcal{F})$  is easily seen to be categorical by 2.4.

The classical example of an  $\omega$ -categorical theory in first-order logic is the complete theory of the rationals. By standard techniques one can show that Th $_{\Diamond}(\mathbb{Q})$  is not  $\omega$ -categorical; but Th $_{\Diamond}(\mathbb{Q})$  is  $\omega$ -categorical:

**Proposition 2.6** The complete  $\diamondsuit$ , D-theory of  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $\omega$ -categorical.

*Proof.* It suffices to give formulas  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  which are equivalent to the axioms for the theory of dense linear order without endpoints:

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\forall xyz (x < y \land y < z \rightarrow x < z)
                                                               \Box\Box p \to \Box p
                                                               Up \wedge Uq \rightarrow E(p \wedge q)
\forall xyz \, (x < y \land y < x \rightarrow x = y)
                                                               \Diamond p \to Dp
\forall x \neg (x < x)
                                                               Up \wedge Uq \rightarrow E(p \wedge q) \vee E(p \wedge \Diamond q) \vee E(q \wedge \Diamond p)
\forall xy (x = y \lor x < y \lor y < x)
\forall xy \exists z (x < y \rightarrow x < z \land z < y)
                                                               \Box p \to \Box \Box p
                                                               DT
\exists xy (x \neq y)
                                                                \Diamond T
\forall x \exists y (x < y)
                                                               Up \to D \diamondsuit p. QED.
\forall x \exists y (y < x)
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Recall that a modal sequent is a pair  $\sigma = \langle \Gamma_0, \Theta_0 \rangle$  where  $\Gamma_0$  and  $\Theta_0$  are finite sets of (multi-) modal formulas;  $\mathcal{F} \models \sigma$  if for every V, if  $\langle \mathcal{F}, V \rangle \models \Gamma_0$  then there is a  $\theta \in \Theta_0$  with  $\langle \mathcal{F}, V \rangle \models \theta$ . A class K of frames is sequentially definable if there is a set L of modal sequents such that  $K = \{\mathcal{F} : \forall \sigma \in L(\mathcal{F} \models \sigma)\}$ . Kapron [14] shows that in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  sequential definability is strictly stronger than ordinary definability. By our remarks in §1.2 and the fact that validity of sequents is preserved under p-morphisms (cf. [14]), it follows that definability in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is still stronger. Furthermore, in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  the notions of ordinary and sequential definability coincide; as is pointed out in [13] this is due to the fact that we can define the 'universal modality' A in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ :

**Proposition 2.7** Let K be a class of frames. K is sequentially definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  iff it is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ .

*Proof.* One direction is clear. To prove the other one, assume that K is defined by a set L of sequents. For each  $\sigma = \langle \{ \varphi_0, \dots, \varphi_n \}, \{ \psi_0, \dots, \psi_m \} \rangle \in L$  put  $\sigma^* := \bigwedge_{0 \le i \le n} A \varphi_i \to \bigvee_{0 \le i \le m} A \psi_i$ . Then K is defined by  $\{ \sigma^* : \sigma \in L \}$ . QED.

It should be clear by now that adding the D-operator to  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  greatly increases the expressive power. Limitations are easily found, however. As we have seen,  $\exists x \, Rxx$  is still not definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . And just as with the standard modal language we find that on well-orders a sort of 'stabilization of discriminatory power' occurs at a relatively early stage (cf. [5] for a proof of this result for the standard modal language). To prove this we recall that the clusters of a transitive frame  $\mathcal{F}$  are the equivalence classes of W under the relation  $x \sim y$  iff  $(Rxy \land Ryx) \lor x = y$ . Clusters are divided into three kinds: proper, with at least two elements, all reflexive; simple, with one reflexive element; and degenerate, with one irreflexive element.

**Theorem 2.8** If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a well-ordered frame with  $\mathcal{F} \not\models \varphi$ , then there is a well-ordered frame  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $\mathcal{G} < \omega^2$  and  $\mathcal{G} \not\models \varphi$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that for some  $V, w \in W$ ,  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, V \rangle \models \neg \varphi[w]$ . Let  $\Sigma^-$  be the set of subformulas of  $\neg \varphi$ , and define  $\Sigma := \Sigma^- \cup \{ \diamondsuit \psi : D\psi \in \Sigma^- \}$ . Let  $\mathcal{M}_1$  be the (extended) collapse of  $\mathcal{M}$  w.r.t.  $\Sigma$ . Then  $\mathcal{M}_1$  is transitive and linear. Consequently,  $\mathcal{M}_1$  may be viewed as a finite linear sequence of clusters.

Next,  $\mathcal{M}_1$  will be blown up into a well-ordered model  $\mathcal{M}_2$  by replacing each cluster with an appropriate well-order. If  $C = \{w\}$  is a degenerate cluster, then C is itself a well-order, and we do nothing. Non-degenerated clusters  $\{w_1, \ldots, w_k\}$  are replaced with

a copy of  $\omega$ ; the valuation is adapted by verifying p in a newly added n iff  $n = i \mod k$  and  $w_i \in V_1(p)$ . The resulting model is a well-order, and since  $\mathcal{M}_1$  is finite it will have order type  $< \omega^2$ .

If  $w \in W_1$ , we write  $\overline{w}$  for (a) point(s) corresponding to w in  $\mathcal{M}_2$ . Then, for all  $\psi \in \Sigma$ , and  $w \in W_1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_1 \models \psi[w]$  iff  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models \psi[\overline{w}]$ . This equivalence is proved by induction on  $\psi$ . The only non-trivial case is when  $\psi \equiv D\chi$ , and  $\mathcal{M}_2 \models D\chi[\overline{w}]$ . In that case one uses the fact that  $D\chi \in \Sigma$  implies  $\Diamond \chi \in \Sigma$ . QED.

From 2.8 and [5, Theorem 5.2] it follows that the well-orders of type  $< \omega \cdot k + n \ (k \le \omega, n < \omega)$  all have distinct  $\diamondsuit$ , D-theories, while for  $k \ge \omega$ ,  $\omega \cdot k + n \equiv_{\diamondsuit, D} \omega \cdot \omega + n$ .

## **2.3** The languages $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ and $\mathcal{L}(F, P)$

On strict linear orders the D-operator becomes definable in  $\mathcal{L}(F,P)$ : on such frames we have  $\mathcal{F} \models (P\varphi \lor F\varphi) \leftrightarrow D\varphi$ . In fact, this may be generalized somewhat; call a frame  $\mathcal{F}$  n-connected (n>0) if for any  $w, v \in W$  with  $w \neq v$ , there exists a sequence  $w_1, \ldots, w_k$  such that  $w_1 = w, w_k = v$  and for each j  $(1 \leq j < k)$  either  $Rw_jw_{j+1}$  or  $Rw_{j+1}w_j$ . Then, using a suitable translation, one may show that on irreflexive, n-connected frames every  $\diamondsuit$ , D-formula is equivalent to one in  $\mathcal{L}(F,P)$ . This shows that new results about standard modal languages may be obtained by studying extended ones: for it follows from 2.4 that on the class of irreflexive, n-connected frames every purely universal  $\Pi_1^1$ -sentence in R, = is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(F,P)$ .

By the next result there is no converse to our previous remarks: P is not definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ —not even on strict linear orders.

**Theorem 2.9** 1. 
$$\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle \not\equiv_{F,P} \langle \mathbb{R}, < \rangle$$
, 2.  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle \equiv_{\diamondsuit,D} \langle \mathbb{R}, < \rangle$ .

*Proof.* The first part is well-known. To prove the second part, assume first that for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  and valuation  $V, \langle \mathbb{R}, <, V \rangle \not\models \varphi$ . Using the ST-translation as defined in §4.2 we find that  $\langle \mathbb{R}, <, V \rangle \models \exists x \, ST(\neg \varphi)$ . Hence by the Löwenheim-Skolem Theorem,  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, <, V' \rangle \models \exists x \, ST(\neg \varphi)$ , where  $V'(p) = V(p) \upharpoonright \mathbb{Q}$ , for all proposition letters p. It follows that  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle \not\models \varphi$ .

Conversely, assume that for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  and a valuation V,  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \langle V \rangle \not\models \varphi$ . Define  $\Sigma$  and  $\mathcal{M}_1$  as in the proof of 2.8. Then  $\mathcal{M}_1$  is transitive, linear and successive—both to the right and to the left. A model  $\mathcal{M}_2$  may then be constructed by replacing each cluster with an ordering of type  $\lambda$  if it is the left-most cluster, and otherwise, if it is degenerated it and its non-degenerated successor (by [18, Lemma 1.1]  $\mathcal{M}_1$  does not contain adjacent degenerated clusters) are replaced in one go with an ordering of type  $1 + \lambda$ ; after that, the remaining non-degenerated clusters are also replaced by  $1 + \lambda$ . The valuation may then be extended to newly added points in such a way that an induction similar to the one in the proof of 2.8 yields  $\mathcal{M}_2 \not\models \varphi$ . QED.

#### 2.4 The language $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ and some other enriched languages

In [6] a simple method of incorporating reference into modal logic is presented by introducing a new sort of atomic symbols—nominals—to the modal language. These new symbols combine with other symbols of the language in the usual way to form formulas. Their only

non-standard feature is that they are true at exactly *one* point in a model. Let  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$  denote the language  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  with nominals added to it. From [6] we know that  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$  is much more expressive than  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ : important classes of frames undefinable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  become definable in  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$ . But it turns out that  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is even more expressive than  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$ . To see this, let  $n_0, n_1, n_2, \ldots$  range over nominals; let  $p_0, p_1, p_2, \ldots$  denote the proposition letters in  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , and define  $\tau : \mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit) \to \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  by putting  $\tau(p_i) = p_{2i}$  and  $\tau(n_i) = p_{2i+1}$ , and by letting  $\tau$  commute with the connectives and operators. Given a formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$ , let  $n_1, \ldots, n_k$  be the nominals occurring in  $\varphi$ , and define  $(\varphi)^* \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  to be  $U\tau(n_1) \land \ldots \land U\tau(n_k) \to \tau(\varphi)$ .

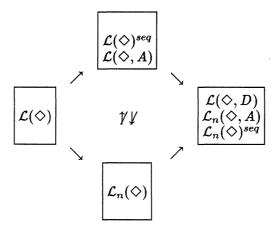
**Proposition 2.10** Every class of frames that is definable in  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$  is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , but not conversely.

*Proof.* The first part follows from the observation that for any formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$ , and any model  $\langle W, R, V \rangle$ ,  $\langle W, R, V \rangle \models \varphi[w]$  iff  $\langle W, R, V^* \rangle \models \varphi^*[w]$ , where  $V^*(p) = V(\tau^{-1}(p))$ . The second part follows from 2.2 and the fact that 1 is the only cardinality definable in  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$  (cf. [6]). QED.

In [6] and [9] the extension  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit, A)$  of  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$  is studied—here A is the operator defined in §1.1, whose semantics is given by  $\mathcal{M} \models A\varphi[w]$  iff for all  $v \in W$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[v]$ ; it is sometimes called the *shifter* (in [6]), or the *universal modality* (in [9]). By the above observations  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit, A)$  is no more expressive than  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . Moreover, by a nice result in [9] the converse holds as well:

**Theorem 2.11 (Gargov and Goranko)** A class of frames is definable in  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit, A)$  iff it is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ .

Combining results from this section and earlier ones together with results from [9] and [13], we arrive at the following picture:



(Here,  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)^{seq}$  is  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  with sequential definability; each box contains languages that are equivalent w.r.t. definability of frames, and arrows point to more expressive languages.)

## 3 Axiomatics

Starting from the basic logic K in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  some obvious questions concerning its extensions in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  may be asked. The following such questions will be considered in this section:

What is the basic logic in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ ? What are the logics (in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ ) of structures like N or  $\mathbb{Z}$ ? Is there a general completeness theorem in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  for a wide class of extensions of the basic logic—like the Sahlqvist Theorem for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ ? And, given a logic  $K + \varphi$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  with property P, does its minimal extension in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  have P?

### 3.1 The basic logic

**Definition 3.1**  $DL^-$  is propositional logic plus the following schemata:

- $(A1) \quad \overline{D}(p \to q) \to (\overline{D}p \to \overline{D}q),$
- (A2)  $p \to \overline{D}Dp$  (symmetry),
- (A3)  $DDp \rightarrow (p \lor Dp)$  (pseudo-transitivity).

As rules of inference it has Modus Ponens, Substitution, and a 'Necessitation Rule' for  $\overline{D}$ :  $\vdash \varphi \Rightarrow \vdash \overline{D}\varphi$ .

**Theorem 3.2 (Koymans)** Let  $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(D)$ . Then  $\Sigma \vdash_{DL^{-}} \varphi$  iff  $\Sigma \models \varphi$ .

Proof. Soundness is immediate. To prove completeness, assume  $\Sigma \not\vdash_{DL^-} \varphi$ , and let  $\Delta \supseteq \Sigma \cup \{ \neg \varphi \}$  be a maximal  $DL^-$ -consistent set. Consider  $W_{\Delta} := \{ \Gamma : \exists n \, (R_D)^n \Delta \Gamma \}$ , where  $\Gamma$  ranges over maximal  $DL^-$ -consistent sets and  $R_D$  is the canonical relation defined by:  $R_D\Gamma_1\Gamma_2$  iff for all  $\overline{D}\psi \in \Gamma_1$ ,  $\psi \in \Gamma_2$ . Then  $\forall xy \, (R_Dxy \to R_Dyx)$  and  $\forall xyz \, (R_Dzy \land R_Dyz \to R_Dxz \lor x = z)$ . If there are any  $R_D$ -reflexive points, let c be such a point; replace it with two points  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$ , and adapt  $R_D$  by putting  $R_Dc_1c_2$ , and conversely, and by putting  $R_Dc_iw \, (R_Dwc_i)$  if  $R_Dcw \, (R_Dwc) \, (i=1,2)$ . In the resulting structure  $R_D$  is real inequality, and  $\varphi$  is refuted somewhere. QED.

Hence, one may be inclined to think that  $DL^-$  is the basic logic in  $\mathcal{L}(D)$ —just like K is the basic logic in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ . However,  $DL^-$  is, so to speak, not as stable as K: in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  incompleteness phenomena occur only with more exotic extensions of K (cf. [2]); in contrast, here's a very simple incomplete extension of  $DL^-$ :

**Example 3.3** Consider the system  $DL^- + (\varphi \to D\varphi)$ . Then  $DL^- + (\varphi \to D\varphi) \models \bot$ , since no frame validates  $DL^- + (\varphi \to D\varphi)$ . On the other hand,  $DL^- + (\varphi \to D\varphi) \not\vdash \bot$ . To see this, recall that a general frame is a triple  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R, W \rangle$ , where  $W \subseteq P(W)$  contains  $\emptyset$ , and is closed under the Boolean operations as well as the operator  $M_R$  (cf. 1.2); valuations on a general frame should take their values inside W. Now, let  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R, W \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{F} = \langle \{0,1\},\emptyset \rangle$  and  $\mathcal{W} = \{\emptyset,\{0,1\}\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{F} \models DL^- + (\varphi \to D\varphi)$ . Therefore,  $DL^- + (\varphi \to D\varphi)$  is incomplete.

By the Sahlqvist Theorem for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  (cf. [17])  $K + \Box^m(\varphi \to \psi)$  is complete for any m and for  $\varphi$ ,  $\psi$  that satisfy certain requirements. Any obvious adaptation of this result to  $\mathcal{L}(D)$  would imply that  $DL^- + (\varphi \to D\varphi)$  is complete—hence, by the above example there is no such adaptation. To avoid incompleteness phenomena as those sketched above, we follow some suggestions by Yde Venema and Valentin Goranko, and add the following rule of inference to  $DL^-$ :

(IR) if for all proposition letters p not occurring in  $\varphi, \vdash p \land \overline{D} \neg p \rightarrow \varphi$  then  $\vdash \varphi$ .

Let DL denote  $DL^-$  plus the rule IR. Notice that, given the Substitution Rule, IR is in fact equivalent to a finitary rule: if for *some* proposition p letter not occurring in  $\varphi$ ,  $\vdash p \land \overline{D} \neg p \rightarrow \varphi$  then  $\vdash \varphi$ . Our next aim is to prove that in terms of general consequence, DL has no effects over  $DL^-$ . To this end it suffices to show that DL precisely axiomatizes the basic logic in  $\mathcal{L}(D)$ . In doing so we will closely follow the proof of the completeness of the basic logic in  $\mathcal{L}_n(\diamondsuit)$  as presented in [10].

Let  $L \supseteq DL$  be a logic. A set of formulas  $\Delta$  is L-closed if it contains all theorems of L and is closed under MP and IR;  $cl_L(\Delta)$  (or  $cl(\Delta)$  when L is clear) denotes the smallest L-closed set containing  $\Delta$ .

**Theorem 3.4** Let  $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(D)$ . Then  $\Sigma \vdash_{DL} \varphi$  iff  $\Sigma \models \varphi$ .

Proof. Soundness is immediate. To prove completeness, assume that  $\Sigma \not\vdash_{DL} \varphi$ . We construct, for each consistent set  $\Delta$  a maximal DL-consistent set  $\Delta' \supseteq \Delta$  such that  $\Delta'$  is  $R_D$ -irreflexive. Let  $\{\varphi_i\}_{i\in\omega}$  enumerate all D-formulas. Put  $\Delta_0 = cl(\Delta)$ . Assume that the consistent closed set  $\Delta_n$  has been defined. If  $\Delta_n \cup \{\varphi_n\}$  is consistent, put  $\Delta_{n+1} := cl(\Delta_n \cup \{\varphi_n\})$ . Otherwise, the rule IR yields a proposition letter p not occurring in  $\varphi_n$  such that  $\Delta_n \cup \{\neg(p \land \overline{D} \neg p \to \varphi_n)\}$  is consistent; put  $\Delta_{n+1} = cl(\Delta_n \cup \{\neg(p \land \overline{D} \neg p \to \varphi_n)\})$ . Finally, put  $\Delta' = \bigcup_n \Delta_n$ . Since  $\Delta' \not\vdash \bot$ , IR yields a proposition letter p with  $p \land \overline{D} \neg p \in \Delta'$ —hence  $\Delta'$  is  $R_D$ -irreflexive.

Now, let  $\Sigma'$  be an  $R_D$ -irreflexive maximal DL-consistent set extending  $\Sigma \cup \{ \neg \varphi \}$ . Put  $W = \{ \Gamma : \exists n (R_D)^n \Sigma' \Gamma \}$ , where  $\Gamma$  ranges over  $R_D$ -irreflexive maximal DL-consistent sets. Then, on W,  $R_D$  is real inequality. Define  $V(p) = \{ \Gamma \in W : p \in \Gamma \}$ . Then  $\langle W, \neq, V \rangle \models \neg \varphi[\Sigma]$ . QED.

It follows from 3.2 and 3.4 that the rule IR is superfluous in the basic logic. However, it does yield new consequences in extensions of DL:  $DL + (\varphi \to D\varphi)$  is inconsistent, and thus complete. (To see that it's inconsistent, notice first that for any proposition letter p,  $DL + (\varphi \to D\varphi) \vdash (p \land \overline{D} \neg p \to \bot)$ , hence by the rule IR,  $DL + (\varphi \to D\varphi) \vdash \bot$ .) A further justification for adding IR to  $DL^-$  may be found in §3.3, where a Sahlqvist Theorem for the basic logic in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  (which contains IR) is proved.

**Definition 3.5** The basic logic  $DL_m$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is  $DL + K + (\diamondsuit p \to p \lor Dp)$ ; its rules of inference are those of DL plus those of K. The basic logic  $DL_t$  in  $\mathcal{L}(F, P, D)$  is  $DL + K_t + (Fp \to p \lor Dp) + (Pp \to p \lor Dp)$ ; its rules of inference are those of DL plus those of  $K_t$ .

**Theorem 3.6** 1. Let  $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . Then  $\Sigma \vdash_{DL_m} \varphi$  iff  $\Sigma \models \varphi$ . 2. Let  $\Sigma \cup \{\varphi\} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(F, P, D)$ . Then  $\Sigma \vdash_{DL_t} \varphi$  iff  $\Sigma \models \varphi$ .

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of 3.4. Notice that by the additional axiom  $\Diamond p \to p \lor Dp$  any set W of maximal  $DL_m$ -consistent sets that is closed under  $R_D$ , is also closed under the canonical relation  $R_{\Diamond}$ , defined by  $R_{\Diamond}\Gamma_1\Gamma_2$  iff for all  $\Box \psi \in \Gamma_1$ ,  $\psi \in \Gamma_2$ . Analogous remarks hold for  $DL_t$  and the canonical relations  $R_F$  and  $R_P$ . QED.

#### 3.2 Some extensions of $DL_m$

We present axioms in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  for some familiar classes of frames; we also axiomatize the  $\diamondsuit$ , D-theories of some special structures. For a start, here's a list of axioms together with the corresponding conditions on frames:

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(A4) \quad \Diamond \Diamond p \to \Diamond p
                                                           transitivity
  (A5)
            p \to \Diamond p
                                                           reflexivity
 (A6) \quad p \to \overline{D}p \lor \Box(\Diamond p \to p)
                                                           anti-symmetry
          \Diamond p \to Dp
  (A7)
                                                           irreflexivity
 (A8) \quad p \to \Diamond q \lor \overline{D}(q \to \Diamond p)
                                                           linearity
 (A9)
                                                           successiveness to the right
                                                           successiveness to the left
(A10)
          p \to D \diamondsuit p
            \Box(\Box p \to p) \to (\Diamond \Box p \to p)
                                                           discreteness
(A11)
(A12)
            \Diamond p \to \Diamond \Diamond p
                                                           denseness.
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**Theorem 3.7** 1.  $DL_m + A4-A6$  is complete w.r.t. partial orders.

- 2.  $DL_m + A4 + A7$  is complete w.r.t strict partial orders.
- 3.  $DL_m + A4 + A8$  is complete w.r.t. linear orders.
- 4.  $DL_m + A4 + A7 + A8$  is complete w.r.t. strict linear orders.

Proof. Assume that  $\Sigma \not\vdash \varphi$  in  $DL_m + A4-A6$ . As in the proof of 3.4 we can use an appropriate notion of a closed set to construct a canonical model consisting of  $R_D$ -irreflexive maximal consistent sets. We then take a submodel  $\mathcal{M}$  of the canonical model, which is  $R_D$ -generated by some  $\Delta$  extending  $\Sigma \cup \{ \neg \varphi \}$ . Using the characteristic axioms it's a routine matter to check that  $\mathcal{M}$  is a partial order. Cases 2, 3, 4 of the theorem may be proved in a similar way. QED.

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Theorem 3.8 1. DL_m + A4 + A7 - A9 + A11 axiomatizes Th_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathbb{N}).
2. DL_m + A4 + A7 - A11 axiomatizes Th_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathbb{Z}).
3. DL_m + A4 + A7 - A9 + A12 axiomatizes Th_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathbb{Q}) (= Th_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathbb{R}) by 2.9).
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*Proof.* To prove 1, 2 and 3, start by constructing an  $R_D$ -generated submodel of the canonical model as in the proof of 3.4. In the case of 3 the resulting structure will be isomorphic to  $\langle \mathbb{Q}, \langle \rangle$ . In the case of 1 or 2 one may apply an appropriate version of the techniques of [18] to turn the model into a model based on  $\mathbb{N}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}$ . QED.

What about decidability of the above logics? Using extended filtrations (cf. 1.7) one easily establishes that both  $DL_m + A4 - A6$  and  $DL_m + A4 + A8$  have the finite frame property (f.f.p.); from this their decidability follows in a standard way.

As for  $DL_m + A4 + A7$ , notice that it does not have the f.f.p.: any frame  $\mathcal{F}$  with  $\mathcal{F} \models DL_m + A4 + A7$  and  $\mathcal{F} \not\models \neg \Box \diamondsuit \top$  must be infinite. However,  $DL_m + A4 + A7$  does have the finite model property (f.m.p.)—thus showing that Segerberg's Theorem (which says that the f.f.p. and the f.m.p. are equivalent in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ ) fails in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . In fact,  $DL_m + A4 + A7$  may be shown to be complete w.r.t. the class of finite models  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, V \rangle$  which satisfy  $\mathcal{F} \models DL_m + A4$ , and for any  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , if  $\{w : Rww\} \cap V(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$  then  $|V(\varphi)| \geq 2$ . Soundness is immediate. The easy proof of the completeness is to lengthy to be included here, so we only mention some steps in it. By 3.7 there is a model  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, V \rangle$  with  $\mathcal{F} \models DL_m + A4 + A7$  and  $\mathcal{M} \not\models \varphi[w]$ , for some  $w \in \mathcal{M}$ . Let  $\Sigma \ni \neg \varphi$  be some finite set of formulas that is closed under subformulas, and that satisfies  $\diamondsuit\psi \in \Sigma \Rightarrow D\psi \in \Sigma$ . We define a non-standard model  $\mathcal{M}'$  as follows; let g, W', R', V' be as in our remarks following 1.7; define  $R_D$  by  $R_D g(v) g(u)$  iff for all  $\overline{D}\psi \in g(v)$ ,  $\psi \in g(u)$ . Then, using  $R_D$  as the interpretation of  $D, \mathcal{M}' \not\models \varphi$ , and moreover, R' is transitive,  $R' \subseteq R_D$ ,  $R_D$  holds between any two different points, and  $\mathcal{M}'$  is finite. Next, one may use the 'doubling-points'

technique of 3.2 to obtain a model  $\mathcal{M}'' \not\models \varphi$  in which  $R_D$  is real inequality, and which satisfies all our requirements.

Using the fact that  $DL_m + A4 + A7$  has the f.m.p. one may establish the decidability of this logic. The decidability of  $DL_m + A4 + A7 + A8$  and of  $Th_{\diamondsuit,D}$  may be proved in a similar fashion. To obtain decidability results for  $Th_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathbb{N})$  and  $Th_{\diamondsuit,D}(\mathbb{Z})$  one may apply Rabin-Gabbay techniques (cf. [6, Chapter 5] for a similar move in  $\mathcal{L}_n(F, P)$ ).

### 3.3 A Sahlqvist Theorem for $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$

We start with some preliminary remarks. The canonical general frame  $\langle W_L, R_L, W_L \rangle$  of a logic L in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  is defined as follows:  $W_L$  is the set of all maximal L-consistent sets,  $R_L\Gamma\Delta$  holds if for all  $\Box \varphi \in \Gamma$ ,  $\varphi \in \Delta$ , and

$$\mathcal{W}_L = \{ X \subseteq W_L : \exists \varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit) \forall \Delta \in W_L (\varphi \in \Delta \leftrightarrow \Delta \in X) \}.$$

A canonical general frame for  $DL^-$  has as its domain a set  $W_L$  of points that correspond (possibly not uniquely) to maximal  $DL^-$ -consistent sets; on  $W_L$  the canonical relation  $R_D$  holds between any two different points, and only between those (cf. the proof of 3.2);  $W_{DL^-}$  is defined like  $W_L$ . The canonical general frame for a logic  $L \supseteq DL_m$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  has as its domain a set of  $(R_D$ -irreflexive) maximal L-consistent sets that is  $R_D$ -generated by a single set (as in the proof of 3.6);  $R_L$  and  $W_L$  are defined as usual.

Next we introduce some notation. For the remainder of this section we use  $T(T_0, T_1, \ldots)$  as a binary relation symbol to stand for either identity, R or inequality. The set operators  $P_T$  and  $M_T$  are defined by  $P_T(S) = \{w : \exists v (wTv \land v \in S)\}$ , and  $M_T(S) = (P_T(S^c))^c$ . T may be associated with (modal) operators  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{t}}$  in the following way. If T is the identity both  $\mathbf{t}$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{t}}$  are the identity function; if T = R then  $\mathbf{t} = \Diamond$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{t}} = \Box$ ; if T is inequality then  $\mathbf{t} = D$  and  $\overline{\mathbf{t}} = \overline{D}$ .

In the sequel we consider propositional functions that are built up using the following basic ones:

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projections: \pi_i^n(\varphi_1, \dots \varphi_n) = \varphi_i;
falsity: \bot^n(\varphi_1, \dots \varphi_n) = \bot;
truth: \top^n(\varphi_1, \dots \varphi_n) = \top;
\lor, \land, \diamondsuit, \Box, D, \overline{D}, \top, \bot.
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(Cf. [17].) For each propositional function  $\varphi$  and frame  $\langle W, R \rangle$  we define a function  $F^{\varphi}: \mathcal{P}(W)^n \to \mathcal{P}(W)$ . For non-modal  $\varphi$ ,  $F^{\varphi}$  is the obvious Boolean set operation, while  $F^{\varphi\varphi}(S_1,\ldots,S_n) = P_R(F^{\varphi}(S_1,\ldots,S_n))$ , and  $F^{D\varphi}(S_1,\ldots,S_n) = P_{\neq}(F^{\varphi}(S_1,\ldots,S_n))$ . The functions  $F^{\Box\varphi}$  and  $F^{\overline{D}\varphi}$  are defined dually.

Define a general frame  $\langle W, R, \mathcal{W} \rangle$  to be refined if  $\forall S \in \mathcal{W} (y \in S \to x \in P_T(S)) \to xTy$  (cf. [19]). For the proof of the original Sahlqvist Theorem it is essential that canonical general frames for logics L in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  are refined. Due to the fact that the canonical general frame for  $DL^-$  may contain doubled (hence indistinguishable) points, it need not satisfy the refinedness condition when T is the identity relation. Refinedness is restored when we add the rule IR to  $DL^-$ : the canonical general frame for any logic  $L \supseteq DL_m$  is refined. To see this, let denote T the identity relation, and assume  $x \neq y$ ; then for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ ,  $\varphi \in x$  but  $\varphi \notin y$ ; so  $x \in \{\Delta : \varphi \in \Delta\}$  ( $\in \mathcal{W}$ ), but  $y \notin \{\Delta : \varphi \in \Delta\}$ . Next, let T denote T (the case that T is the inequality relation is similar); assume that  $\neg Rxy$ ,

then there is a  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  such that  $\Box \varphi \in x$  with  $\varphi \notin y$ . So  $y \notin \{\Delta : \varphi \in \Delta\}$ , and  $x \in M_R(\{\Delta : \varphi \in \Delta\})$ .

Now that we have restored refinedness, we may proceed to give a proof of a Sahlqvist Theorem for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ ; this proof is a more or less straightforward generalization of the proof of the original Sahlqvist Theorem.

Suppose that we want to prove a logic  $L \supseteq DL_m$  in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  complete. Let  $\not\vdash_L \psi$ . Then there is a general frame  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R, \mathcal{W} \rangle$  with  $\mathfrak{F} \models L$ , but  $\mathfrak{F} \not\models \psi$ . To establish completeness we want to find an ordinary frame  $\mathcal{F}$  with this property. Below we indicate how one may show that under certain restrictions  $\mathcal{F}$  can be taken to be the frame  $\langle W, R \rangle$  underlying the above general frame  $\mathfrak{F}$ . First, we need to restrict our general frames to so-called simple frames which form a subclass of the refined frames; second, the logic L needs to be of the form  $DL_m + \varphi$  for some so-called Sahlqvist formula  $\varphi$ .

**Definition 3.9** A general frame  $\langle W, R, W \rangle$  is *simple* if for all  $l, m, n_1, \ldots, n_m$ , and positive  $\varphi_1, \ldots, \varphi_l$  it satisfies

$$\forall S \in \mathcal{W}\Big(\bigwedge_{i=1}^{m} x_{i} \in M_{T_{n_{i}}}(\dots(M_{T_{1_{i}}}(S))\dots) \to \bigvee_{j=1}^{l} u_{j} \in F^{\varphi_{j}}(\dots,S,\dots)\Big)$$

$$\to \bigvee_{j=1}^{l} u_{j} \in F^{\varphi_{j}}\Big(\dots,\bigcup_{i=1}^{m} P_{\check{T}_{1_{i}}}(\dots(P_{\check{T}_{n_{i}}}\{x_{i}\})\dots),\dots\Big). \tag{1}$$

To see that each simple general frame is refined, choose  $m = l = n_1 = 1$ , and  $\varphi_1$  an appropriate projection in (1).

**Theorem 3.10** Let  $L \supseteq DL_m$  be any logic in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . Then the canonical general frame for L is simple.

*Proof.* This is a generalization of [17, Theorems 16 and 18]. QED.

**Definition 3.11** A formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is said to be *positive* if it is built up using  $\bot$ ,  $\top$ , proposition letters,  $\lor$ ,  $\land$ ,  $\diamondsuit$ ,  $\Box$ , D,  $\overline{D}$  only. A formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is called a *Sahlqvist formula* if it is (a conjunction) of formulas of the form  $\overline{\mathbf{t}}_1 \dots \overline{\mathbf{t}}_m(\psi \to \chi)$ , where each  $\overline{\mathbf{t}}_i$  is either  $\Box$  or  $\overline{D}$ ,  $\chi$  is a positive formula, and in  $\psi$  projections are brought outermost, negations are brought inside all other connectives ( $\to$  is eliminated), and each proposition letter in  $\psi$  occurs only under sequents of connectives where no  $\Box$  or  $\overline{D}$  precedes any  $\lor$ ,  $\land$ ,  $\diamondsuit$  or D.

**Theorem 3.12** Let  $\varphi$  be a Sahlqvist formula in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . Then  $\varphi$  corresponds to a first-order condition on frames, effectively obtainable from  $\varphi$ .

*Proof.* Similar to the proof of [4, Theorem 9.10] or [17, Theorem 8]. For future reference we mention a few steps in the latter proof. Let  $\varphi \equiv \overline{\mathbf{t}}_1 \dots \overline{\mathbf{t}}_m(\psi \to \chi)$ , and let  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  be all the proposition letters occurring in  $\varphi$ . Having  $\langle W, R \rangle \models \varphi$  means having

$$\forall S_1 \dots S_k, v, u \left( v T_1 \circ \dots \circ T_m u \land u \in F^{\psi}(S_1, \dots, S_k) \to u \in F^{\chi}(S_1, \dots, S_k) \right), \quad (2)$$

where  $T_1, \ldots, T_m$  are the relations corresponding to  $\overline{\mathbf{t}}_1 \ldots \overline{\mathbf{t}}_m$  respectively. This may be rewritten as a conjunction of formulas of the form

$$\forall \cdots \Big( \Phi \land \bigwedge_{j=1}^k \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m_j} x_i \in M_{T_{n_i}}(\dots(M_{T_{1_i}}(S_j))\dots) \to \bigvee_{j=1}^k u_j \in F^{\chi_j}(S_1,\dots,S_k) \Big), \qquad (3)$$

where  $\Phi$  is a quantifier free formula in  $\mathcal{L}_0$  ordering its variables in a certain way (each variable occurs to the right of an R or  $\neq$  only once). Such formulas may in turn be rewritten as a first-order formula of the form

$$\forall \cdots \left( \Phi \to \bigvee_{j=1}^{k} u_{j} \in F^{\chi_{j}}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{m_{1}} P_{\tilde{T}_{1_{i}}}(\dots(P_{\tilde{T}_{n_{i}}}(\{x_{1_{i}}\}))\dots),\dots\right)$$

$$\dots, \bigcup_{i=1}^{m_{k}} P_{\tilde{T}_{1_{i}}}(\dots(P_{\tilde{T}_{n_{i}}}(\{x_{k_{i}}\}))\dots). \quad \text{QED}.$$
(4)

**Theorem 3.13** Let  $\varphi$  be a Sahlqvist formula in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . Then  $L = DL_m + \varphi$  is complete with respect to the class of frames that satisfy the first-order condition corresponding to  $\varphi$ .

*Proof.* Soundness follows from 3.12. To prove completeness, assume that  $\not\vdash_L \psi$ . Let  $\mathfrak{F}_L = \langle W_L, R_L, \mathcal{L}_L \rangle$  be a canonical general frame for L with  $\mathfrak{F}_L \models L$  and  $\mathfrak{F}_L \not\models \psi$ . So  $\langle W_L, R_L \rangle \not\models \psi$ . By 3.10  $\mathfrak{F}_L$  is simple, and so it has the property

$$orall S_1, \ldots S_k \in \mathcal{W} \Big( \Phi \wedge igwedge_{i=1}^k igwedge_{i=1}^{m_j} x_{i,j} \in M_{T_{n_{i,j}}}(\ldots(M_{T_{1_{i,j}}}(S_j))\ldots) 
ightarrow igvee_{j=1}^l u_j \in F^{arphi_j}(S_1, \ldots, S_k) \Big)$$

$$\to \Big(\Phi \to \bigvee_{i=1}^l u_i \in F^{\chi_j}(\bigcup_{i=1}^{m_1} P_{\check{T}_{1_{i,1}}}(\dots(P_{\check{T}_{n_{i,k}}}(\{x_{i,1}\}))\dots),\dots,\bigcup_{i=1}^{m_k} P_{\check{T}_{1_{i,k}}}(\dots(P_{\check{T}_{n_{i,k}}}(\{x_{i,k}\}))\dots\Big)\Big).$$

for any formula  $\Phi$  not containing  $S_1, \ldots, S_k$ . Moreover,  $\mathfrak{F}_L \models (2)$  implies  $\mathfrak{F}_L \models (4)$ . Hence  $\mathfrak{F}_L \models (4)$ . But then  $\langle W_L, R_L \rangle \models (4)$ , and also  $\langle W_L, R_L \rangle \models L$ . QED.

#### 3.4 Transferring properties of logics

Let L extend K in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  with schemas  $\{\varphi_i : i \in I\}$ . The minimal extension of L in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is  $DL_m$  plus the schemas  $\varphi_i$  read as schemas over  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . Gargov and Goranko [9] formulate the following Transfer Problem: if L has property P does its minimal extension have P? Here we will consider two of the many obvious properties one may study in this context: completeness and incompleteness.

It is still open whether in general completeness is transferred. However, if  $\varphi$  is a Sahlqvist formula in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ , then the minimal extension of  $K+\varphi$  is complete by 3.13. To obtain a more general result we adopt an argument from [9]. Recall that a logic L in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  is canonical if its validity is preserved in passing from a descriptive general frame (cf. [4]) to its underlying full frame. From [8] we know that all complete and elementary (i.e first-order definable) logics in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  are canonical. Hence by the Sahlqvist Theorem for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ , if  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  is a Sahlqvist formula then  $K+\varphi$  is canonical. (Since canonical logics need not be elementary, they form a wider class then the 'Sahlqvist logics'.)

**Proposition 3.14** If  $L \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  is canonical then its minimal extension L' in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is complete.

Proof. Let  $\langle W, R, V \rangle$  be (an  $R_D$ -generated submodel of) the canonical model for L' (as in 3.4). Then  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R, \{ V(\varphi) : \varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D) \} \rangle$  is a descriptive general frame. Since  $\mathfrak{F} \models L'$ , we have  $\mathfrak{F} \models L$ , thus by assumption  $\langle W, R \rangle \models L$ , so  $\langle W, R \rangle \models L'$ . QED.

Incompleteness is an example of a property for which we always have transfer. By an easy argument, if L' is the minimal extension of a logic L in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$ , then L' is conservative over L. Therefore, if L is incomplete, so is L'. Hence all of the well-known incomplete logics in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  re-occur as incomplete systems in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ . (As an aside, new and fairly simple incomplete logics occur as well: let X be  $DL_m + (\diamondsuit\varphi \to D\varphi) + (\diamondsuit\diamondsuit\varphi \to \diamondsuit\varphi) + (\Box\diamondsuit\varphi \to \diamondsuit\Box\varphi)$ . Then  $X \models \bot$  since  $\diamondsuit\varphi \to D\varphi$  defines irreflexivity of R; and given  $\diamondsuit\diamondsuit\varphi \to \diamondsuit\varphi$ ,  $\Box\diamondsuit\varphi \to \diamondsuit\Box\varphi$  defines  $\forall x\exists y\,(Rxy\to\forall z\,(Ryz\to z=y))$ . However, by a routine argument involving general frames,  $X\not\vdash\bot$ .)

## 4 Definability

We first make a remark or two about definability of classes of frames. After that we give a characterization of the  $\mathcal{L}_0$ -formulas that are equivalent to a  $\diamondsuit$ , D-formula on models, and apply this result to obtain a model-theoretic characterization of the definable classes of models.

### 4.1 Definability of classes of frames

The study of definability of classes of frames in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  in the spirit of [11] has been undertaken in [9] and [12]. For the sake of completeness we repeat the main definability result from the latter papers.

A general ultraproduct of frames  $\mathcal{F}_i$  is an ultraproduct of the full general frames  $\langle \mathcal{F}_i, 2^{W_i} \rangle$ . (Cf. [4].)

**Definition 4.1**  $\mathcal{F}'$  is a collapse of the general frame  $\mathfrak{F} = \langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{W} \rangle$  if  $\mathcal{F}'$  is a subframe of  $\mathcal{F}$  and if there exists a subframe  $\mathfrak{G}$  of  $\mathfrak{F}$  such that  $(\mathcal{F}')^+ \cong (\mathfrak{G})^+$  and for each  $x \in W'$ ,  $\{y : Rxy\} \subseteq [R'(x)]_{\mathfrak{G}^+}$ , where  $[X]_{\mathfrak{G}^+}$  is the least element of  $(\mathfrak{G})^+$  containing X, and  $(\cdot)^+$  is the mapping defined in [4, Chapter 4], that takes (general) frames to modal algebras.

**Theorem 4.2 (Gargov and Goranko)** A class of frames is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  iff it is closed under isomorphisms and collapses of general ultraproducts of frames.

Gargov and Goranko arrive at 4.2 by using an appropriate kind of modal algebras. For an important special case a purely modal proof may be given:

**Proposition 4.3** A class K of finite frames is definable in  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  iff it is closed under isomorphisms.

*Proof.* Let  $\mathcal{F}$  be a finite frame with  $W = \{w_1, \ldots, w_n\}$ , and  $\mathcal{F} \models \operatorname{Th}_{\diamond,D}(K)$ . Assume  $p_1, \ldots, p_n$  are different proposition letters. Define  $\chi_{\mathcal{F}}$  by

$$\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} Ep_i \wedge A\Big(\bigvee_{1 \leq i \leq n} (p_i \wedge \neg Dp_i)\Big) \wedge A\Big(\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \neq j \leq n} (p_i \rightarrow \neg p_j)\Big) \wedge A\Big(\bigwedge_{1 \leq i, j \leq n} (p_i \rightarrow Op_j)\Big),$$

where  $O \equiv \diamondsuit$  if  $Rw_iw_j$  holds, and  $O \equiv \neg \diamondsuit$  otherwise. Then for any frame  $\mathcal{G}$ , there is a valuation V with  $\langle \mathcal{G}, V \rangle \not\models \neg \chi_{\mathcal{F}}$  iff  $\mathcal{G} \cong \mathcal{F}$ . In particular  $\mathcal{F} \not\models \neg \chi_{\mathcal{F}}$ . Hence  $\neg \chi_F \notin \operatorname{Th}_{\diamondsuit,D}(K)$ . Thus for some  $\mathcal{G} \in K$ ,  $\mathcal{G} \not\models \neg \chi_{\mathcal{F}}$ . So  $\mathcal{F} \in K$ . QED.

### 4.2 Definability of classes of models

Standard modal formulas, when interpreted in models, are equivalent to a special kind of first-order formulas. Adding the D-operator does not change this.

**Definition 4.4** Let x be a fixed variable. The standard translation  $ST(\varphi)$  of a formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  is defined as follows: it commutes with the Boolean connectives, and ST(p) = Px,  $ST(\diamondsuit\psi) = \exists y (Rxy \land ST(\psi)[x := y])$ , and  $ST(D\psi) = \exists y (x \neq y \land ST(\psi)[x := y])$ , where y is a variable not occurring in  $ST(\psi)$ .

Since the equivalences  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi[w]$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models ST(\varphi)[w]$ , and  $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models \forall x \, ST(\varphi)$  hold, well-known facts about  $\mathcal{L}_1$  become applicable for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ .  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formulas of the form  $ST(\varphi)$  for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  can be described independently in the following way:

**Definition 4.5** The set of *MD-formulas* is the least set X of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formulas such that  $Px \in X$ , for unary predicate symbols P and all variables x; if  $\alpha \in X$  then  $\neg \alpha \in X$ ; if  $\alpha, \beta \in X$  have the same free variable, then  $\alpha \land \beta \in X$ ; and if  $\alpha \in X$ , x, y are distinct variables, and y is  $\alpha$ s free variable, then  $\exists y (Rxy \land \alpha), \exists y (x \neq y \land \alpha) \in X$ .

The semantic characterization of MD-formulas we give generalizes a corresponding result for  $\mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit)$  in [4]. However, whereas the proof given there uses an elementary chain construction, the proof we present uses saturated models. Clearly, the characterization will also be a characterization of the (translations of the)  $\diamondsuit$ , D-formulas in  $\mathcal{L}_1$ .

**Definition 4.6** A binary relation Z is called a p-relation between two models  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$  if the following holds (for  $i \neq j \in \{1, 2\}$ ):

- 1. Zwv then w, v verify the same proposition letters,
- 2. if Zwv,  $w' \in W_i$  and  $R_iww'$  then Zw'v' for some  $v' \in W_i$  with  $R_ivv'$ ,
- 3. if Zwv,  $w' \in W_i$  and  $w \neq w'$  then Zw'v' for some  $v' \in W_j$  with  $v \neq v'$ ,
- 4.  $dom(Z) = W_1, ran(Z) = W_2$ .

An  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula  $\alpha(x_1,\ldots,x_n)$  is invariant for p-relations if, for all models  $\mathcal{M}_1$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , all p-relations Z between  $\mathcal{M}_1$  and  $\mathcal{M}_2$ , and all  $w_1,\ldots,w_n\in W_1,\,w_1',\ldots,w_n'\in W_2$  such that  $Zw_1w_1',\ldots,Zw_nw_n'$ , we have  $\mathcal{M}_1\models\alpha[w_1,\ldots,w_n]$  iff  $\mathcal{M}_2\models\alpha[w_1',\ldots,w_n']$ .

**Theorem 4.7** An  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula containing exactly one free variable x is equivalent to an MD-formula iff it is invariant for p-relations.

*Proof.* A simple induction proves that every MD-formula is invariant for p-relations.

Conversely, assume that the  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formula  $\alpha$  has this property, and suppose x is  $\alpha$ s free variable. Define  $MD(\alpha) := \{ \beta : \beta \text{ is an MD-formula, } \alpha \models \beta, FV(\beta) \subseteq \{ x \} \}$ . We will prove that  $MD(\alpha) \models \alpha$ . Then, by compactness, there is a  $\beta \in MD(\alpha)$  with  $\models \alpha \leftrightarrow \beta$ . Assume  $\mathcal{M} \models MD(\alpha)[w]$ ; we have to show that  $\mathcal{M} \models \alpha[w]$ . Introduce a new constant w

to stand for the object w, and define  $\mathcal{L}^* = \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \{\underline{w}\}$ . Expand  $\mathcal{M}$  to an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -model  $\mathcal{M}^*$  by interpreting  $\underline{w}$  as w. In the remainder of this proof we use the following notation: if  $\beta \in \mathcal{L}_1$  then  $\beta^* \equiv \beta[x := \underline{w}]$ ; and if T is a set of  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -formulas then  $T^* := \{\beta^* : \beta \in T\}$ .

Let  $T:=\{\beta:\mathcal{M}\models\beta[w],\beta \text{ is an MD-formula, }FV(\beta)\subseteq\{x\}\}$ . By compactness we find an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -model  $\mathcal{N}^*$  with  $\mathcal{N}^*\models T^*\cup\{\alpha^*\}$ . By [7, Theorem 6.6.1] there are  $\omega$ -saturated elementary extensions  $\mathcal{M}_1^*=:\langle W_1,R_1,w_1,V_1\rangle\succ\mathcal{M}^*$  and  $\mathcal{N}_1^*=:\langle W_2,R_2,w_2,V_2\rangle\succ\mathcal{N}^*$  such that both  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  realize T, and such that  $\mathcal{N}_1^*\models\alpha^*$ .

Define a relation  $Z \subseteq W_1 \times W_2$  between (the  $\mathcal{L}_1$ -reducts of)  $\mathcal{M}_1^*$  and  $\mathcal{N}_1^*$  by putting Zwv iff for all  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ ,  $\langle W_1, R_1, V_1 \rangle \models \varphi[w]$  iff  $\langle W_2, R_2, V_2 \rangle \models \varphi[v]$ . We verify that Z is in fact a p-relation by checking the conditions of 4.6. Condition 1 is trivial. We only check half of condition 2: assume that  $R_1ww'$  and Zwv, with  $w, w' \in W_1$  and  $v \in W_2$ . We have to prove  $\exists v' \in W_2 (R_2vv' \wedge Zwv')$ . Define  $\Psi := \{\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D) : \mathcal{M}_1^* \models \varphi[w']\}$ . Then  $ST(\Psi) \cup \{R\underline{v}y\}$  is finitely satisfiable in  $(\mathcal{N}_1^*, v)$ . Hence, by saturation  $(\mathcal{N}_1^*, v) \models ST(\Psi) \cup \{R\underline{v}y\}[v']$ , for some  $v' \in W_2$ . But then we have Zw'v'. Condition 3 is similar to condition 2, and condition 4 is immediate from condition 3 and the fact that  $Zw_1w_2$ .

Finally, by invariance for p-relations  $\mathcal{N}_1^* \models \alpha^*$  yields  $\mathcal{M}_1^* \models \alpha^*$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}^* \prec \mathcal{M}_1^*$  it follows that  $\mathcal{M}^* \models \alpha^*$ , and so  $\mathcal{M} \models \alpha[w]$ . QED.

Next we apply 4.7 to obtain a definability result for classes of models. To this end we find it convenient to take frames  $\langle \mathcal{F}, w \rangle$  with a distinguished world w (as in Kripke's original publications) as the basic notion of frame. Similarly, the basic notion of model is taken to be  $\langle \mathcal{F}, w, V \rangle$ .

**Theorem 4.8** Let M be a class of models. Then  $M = \{ \mathcal{M} \ (= \langle W, R, w, V \rangle) : \mathcal{M} \models \varphi[w] \}$ , for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$  iff M is closed under p-relations and ultraproducts, while its complement is closed under ultraproducts.

*Proof.* Introduce a new constant  $\underline{w}$  to stand for the object w, and define  $\mathcal{L}^* := \mathcal{L}_1 \cup \{\underline{w}\}$ . As before we write  $\beta^*$  for  $\beta[x := w]$ .

If  $M = \{ \mathcal{M} \ (= \langle W, R, w, V \rangle) : \mathcal{M} \models \varphi[w] \}$ , for some  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, D)$ , then M is closed under p-relations and ultraproducts. The complement of M is defined by  $\{\neg ST(\varphi)^*\}$ , hence closed under ultraproducts.

For the other direction, suppose that  $\mathcal{M}$  and its complement satisfy the stated conditions. Since  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under p-relations, it and its complement are closed under isomorphisms. So by [7, Corollary 6.1.16] there is an  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -sentence  $\alpha^*$  such that for all  $\mathcal{L}^*$ -models  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{M}$  iff  $\mathcal{M} \models \alpha^*$ . From the fact that  $\mathcal{M}$  is closed under p-relations one easily derives that  $\alpha$  is closed under p-relations between 'ordinary' models. Therefore, by 4.7  $\alpha$  is equivalent to an MD-formula with the same free variable. Hence  $\alpha$  is equivalent to  $ST(\varphi)$  for some formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\diamondsuit, \mathcal{D})$ . QED.

Remark 4.9 In [16] Piet Rodenburg uses a proof similar to the one we gave for 4.7 to characterize the definable classes of models of intuitionistic propositional logic. A reading of this characterization led to 4.8.

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