

Sequential Reflexive Logics with Noncontingency Operator

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Abstract—Hilbert systems L^\triangleright and sequential calculi $[L^\triangleright]$ for the versions of logics $L = \mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{S5}$, and \mathbf{Grz} stated in a language with the single modal noncontingency operator $\triangleright A = \Box A \vee \Box \neg A$ are constructed. It is proved that cut is not eliminable in the calculi $[L^\triangleright]$, but we can restrict ourselves to analytic cut preserving the subformula property. Thus the calculi $[\mathbf{T}^\triangleright], [\mathbf{S4}^\triangleright], [\mathbf{S5}^\triangleright]$ ($[\mathbf{Grz}^\triangleright]$, respectively) satisfy the (weak, respectively) subformula property; for $[\mathbf{B}_2^\triangleright]$, this question remains open. For the noncontingency logics in question, the Craig interpolation property is established.

KEY WORDS: *Hilbert calculi, sequential calculi, cut elimination, noncontingency, Craig interpolation.*

INTRODUCTION

In the construction of logical calculi in modal logic, it is traditional to choose a language with the necessity \Box (and possibility \Diamond) operators. However, systems in which the *noncontingency* operator defined by the equation $\triangleright A = \Box A \vee \Box \neg A$ is chosen as the basis operator are of a certain technical and philosophical interest (see [1, 2]).¹ This equation defines translation of \triangleright -formulas (i.e., formulas of the modal language with the single modal operator \triangleright or, in other words, \triangleright -*language*) into \Box -formulas. If a \Box -logic L is given (i.e., a logic in the \Box -language), then the *noncontingency logic* over L (notation: L^\triangleright) is the set of \triangleright -formulas whose translations are theorems of L .

In [2, 3], various axiomatizations of noncontingency logics over the familiar normal logics \mathbf{T} , $\mathbf{S4}$, and $\mathbf{S5}$ were proposed (see also [4, 5]). Note that in the case in which a logic L contains \mathbf{T} , or more exactly, the reflexivity axiom $\Box A \rightarrow A$, the analysis of the logic L^\triangleright is simplified, because the operator \Box is expressible in terms of \triangleright by means of the equation $\Box A = A \& \triangleright A$. This makes the construction of Hilbert axiomatizations of these logics L^\triangleright automatic (see Lemma 4.5 of this paper), and so this case is not of considerable interest. On the contrary, for L^\triangleright , the construction of sequential calculi with “good” structural properties (cut eliminability, the subformula property, etc.) is quite meaningful. In [6], a nontrivial example of a logic not containing \mathbf{T} in which, however, \Box is expressible in terms of \triangleright is constructed.

Systematic examination of noncontingency logics was started in the paper [7], which contains the first, rather cumbersome axiomatization of the minimal noncontingency logic (i.e., the logic $\mathbf{K}^\triangleright$). In the subsequent paper [8], it was simplified, and the logic $\mathbf{K4}^\triangleright$ was axiomatized. In [9], the axiomatization of the noncontingency logic over the “epistemic” logic $\mathbf{KD45}$ was proposed; in addition,

¹*Editor’s note.* In the Russian literature and in the Russian original of the article, the term “razreshimost’” (literally, “decidability”) is used; recall that the term “noncontingency” stems from the consideration of the provability interpretation of the \Box operator: a sentence is *noncontingent* in a theory if either the sentence or its negation is provable in this theory.

elementary equivalents for certain axioms of noncontingency logics were found. Finally, in [10], the logic $\mathbf{GL}^\triangleright$ was axiomatized and sequential calculi for $\mathbf{K}^\triangleright$, $\mathbf{K4}^\triangleright$, and $\mathbf{GL}^\triangleright$ were constructed.

The paper continues this line of research. After the statement of the required definitions (Sec. 1), in Sec. 2 we present Hilbert axiomatics for L^\triangleright and the sequential calculi $[L_1^\triangleright]$ and $[L_2^\triangleright]$ for the noncontingency logics over $L \in \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{S5}, \mathbf{Grz}\}$. In Sec. 3, we describe a method to prove the completeness of sequential calculi in the \triangleright -language with analytic cut. Sec. 4 is devoted to the proof of completeness of the axiomatics we construct. In Sec. 5, we establish cut ineliminability in the constructed sequential calculi; nonetheless, it follows from the completeness theorem proved in Sec. 4 that the calculi $[\mathbf{T}_2^\triangleright]$, $[\mathbf{S4}_2^\triangleright]$, $[\mathbf{S5}_2^\triangleright]$ ($[\mathbf{Grz}]$, respectively) have (weak, respectively) subformula property (for $[\mathbf{B}_2^\triangleright]$ the question remains open); also, in Sec. 5, the Craig interpolation property for the constructed noncontingency logics is proved.

1. DEFINITIONS AND FACTS

A propositional modal language (\Box -language) contains a denumerable set of variables $\mathbb{P} = \{p_0, p_1, \dots\}$, the Boolean connectives \perp (falshood) and \rightarrow (implication), and a unary operator \Box . Other connectives are introduced as abbreviations; in particular, $\neg A \Leftrightarrow A \rightarrow \perp$, $\Diamond A \Leftrightarrow \neg \Box \neg A$. The set of \Box -formulas \mathbf{Fm}^\Box is defined in the usual way. The *minimal normal logic* \mathbf{K} has the following axioms and inference rules (here $A[B/p]$ is the result of substituting a formula B for all occurrences of a variable p in A):

$$\begin{aligned} &(\mathbf{A}_\top^\Box) \text{ the classical tautologies in the } \Box\text{-language,} \\ &(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{K}^\Box) \text{ distributivity: } \Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\Box p \rightarrow \Box q), \\ &(\mathbf{MP}) \frac{A \quad A \rightarrow B}{B}, \quad (\mathbf{Sub}) \frac{A}{A[B/p]}, \quad (\mathbf{Nec}) \frac{A}{\Box A}. \end{aligned}$$

We shall consider the following normal modal logics:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{T} &= \mathbf{K} + (\mathbf{A}_\top^\Box), & \mathbf{S4} &= \mathbf{T} + (\mathbf{A}_4^\Box), \\ \mathbf{B} &= \mathbf{T} + (\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{B}^\Box), & \mathbf{S5} &= \mathbf{T} + (\mathbf{A}_5^\Box), \\ \mathbf{S4.1} &= \mathbf{S4} + (\mathbf{A}_1^\Box), & \mathbf{Grz} &= \mathbf{K} + (\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{G}^\Box), \end{aligned}$$

where the additional axioms are given by the formulas

$$\begin{aligned} &(\mathbf{A}_\top^\Box) \text{ reflexivity: } \Box p \rightarrow p, \\ &(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{B}^\Box) \text{ symmetry: } p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p, \\ &(\mathbf{A}_4^\Box) \text{ transitivity: } \Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p, \\ &(\mathbf{A}_5^\Box) \text{ euclideaness: } \Diamond p \rightarrow \Box \Diamond p, \\ &(\mathbf{A}_1^\Box) \text{ the McKinsey axiom: } \Box \Diamond p \rightarrow \Diamond \Box p, \\ &(\mathbf{A}_\mathbf{G}^\Box) \text{ the Grzegorzcyk axiom: } \Box(\Box(p \rightarrow \Box p) \rightarrow p) \rightarrow p. \end{aligned}$$

In addition, the modal logics mentioned above satisfy the following embedding diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \mathbf{T} & \subset & \mathbf{S4} & \subset & \mathbf{S4.1} \\ & & \cap & & \cap \\ \mathbf{B} & \subset & \mathbf{S5} & & \mathbf{Grz} \end{array} .$$

A *sequent* is an expression of the form $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$, where Π and Σ are finite multisets² of formulas. Inclusion of multisets of formulas is defined disregarding multiplicities, i.e., the notation $\Pi \subseteq \Sigma$ means that any formula from Π occurs in Σ . We set $\Pi\Sigma := \Pi \cup \Sigma$ and $\Pi A := \Pi \cup \{A\}$. The set of subformulas of a formula A is denoted by $\text{Sb } A$, and if Γ is a (multi)set of formulas, then $\text{Sb } \Gamma := \cup\{\text{Sb } A \mid A \in \Gamma\}$. If the sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ is denoted by w , then its antecedent is denoted by $\langle w \mid := \Pi$, succedent by $\mid w \rangle := \Sigma$, and the set of subformulas by $\text{Sb } w := \text{Sb } \Pi\Sigma$. We write $A \in w$ if $A \in \Pi\Sigma$, $\Gamma \subseteq w$ if $\Gamma \subseteq \Pi\Sigma$, and $w \subseteq \Gamma$ if $\Pi\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$. If \mathcal{L} is a sequential calculus, then the notation $\mathcal{L} \vdash A \Leftrightarrow B$ means that $\mathcal{L} \vdash A \Rightarrow B$ and $\mathcal{L} \vdash B \Rightarrow A$.

The sequential calculus $[L]$ for a logic

$$L \in \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{S5}, \mathbf{Grz}\}$$

is obtained from the sequential propositional calculus (with cut) by adding to it the rules $(\Box \Rightarrow)$ and (\Rightarrow_{\Box}^L) given by the formulas

$$\begin{array}{lll} (\Box \Rightarrow) \frac{A, \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma}{\Box A, \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma}, & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\Box}) \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \Box \Sigma, A}{\Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma, \Box A}, & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{S5}}^{\Box}) \frac{\Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Box \Sigma, A}{\Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Box \Sigma, \Box A}, \\ (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}}^{\Box}) \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow A}{\Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Box A}, & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{S4}}^{\Box}) \frac{\Box \Pi \Rightarrow A}{\Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Box A}, & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\Box}) \frac{\Box(A \rightarrow \Box A), \Box \Pi \Rightarrow A}{\Box \Pi \Rightarrow \Box A}. \end{array}$$

It is known that cut is eliminable in the calculi for \mathbf{T} , $\mathbf{S4}$, and \mathbf{Grz} [11] and not eliminable in the calculi for \mathbf{B} and $\mathbf{S5}$ [12–14]. We can confine ourselves to the *analytic* cut [15] in the last two:

$$\frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma, A \quad A, \Pi' \Rightarrow \Sigma'}{\Pi \Pi' \Rightarrow \Sigma \Sigma'}, \quad A \in \text{Sb}(\Pi \Pi' \Sigma \Sigma').$$

The calculus $[\mathbf{S5}]$ thus obtained has the *subformula property* [14]: any deducible sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ admits a deduction all of whose sequents consist of subformulas of formulas from $\Pi\Sigma$. The rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\Box})$ can violate the subformula property, but it is known [14] that we can confine ourselves only to its applications in which $\Sigma \subseteq \text{Sb}(\Pi A)$, and even to those in which $\Box \Sigma \subseteq \text{Sb}(\Pi A)$. Thus the subformula property holds for $[\mathbf{B}]$ as well. Finally, the calculus $[\mathbf{Grz}]$ satisfies the *weak* subformula property: any deducible sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ admits a deduction consisting of sequents of the form $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$, where $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sb } \Pi\Sigma$ and

$$\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sb}(\Pi\Sigma \cup \{\Box(A \rightarrow \Box A) \mid \Box A \in \text{Sb } \Pi\Sigma\}).$$

To describe noncontingency logics, we introduce the \triangleright -language, which differs from the \Box -language only by the replacement of the \Box symbol by \triangleright , and the set $\mathbf{Fm}^{\triangleright}$ of \triangleright -formulas.

Let us specify a \triangleright -translation $\text{tr}: \mathbf{Fm}^{\triangleright} \rightarrow \mathbf{Fm}^{\Box}$ preserving variables and Boolean connectives such that

$$\text{tr}(\triangleright A) = \Box \text{tr}(A) \vee \Box \neg \text{tr}(A).$$

Instead of $\text{tr}(A)$ we shall often write A_{\triangleright} . By abuse of notation, sometimes we write $\triangleright A$, where A is a \Box -formula, meaning $\Box A \vee \Box \neg A$; this usage of the symbol \triangleright is easily recognizable by the context. We define the *noncontingency logic* over a logic L as the set of \triangleright -formulas whose \triangleright -translations are theorems of the logic L :

$$L^{\triangleright} := \{A \in \mathbf{Fm}^{\triangleright} \mid A_{\triangleright} \in L\}.$$

²A *multiset* is a set with occurrence multiplicities (≥ 0) indicated for each of its elements. Formally, a multiset of \Box -formulas is a mapping $\mathbf{Fm}^{\Box} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

The Kripke semantics for \Box - and \triangleright -languages is introduced in the usual way. The accessibility relation in a frame and its inverse will be denoted by \uparrow and \downarrow , respectively; the quantifiers over points accessible from w are written as $\forall x \downarrow w$ and $\exists x \downarrow w$. In this notation, the modal clause of the truth definition of a \triangleright -formula at a point of the model is of the form

$$w \models \triangleright A \iff (\forall x \downarrow w \ x \models A) \text{ or } (\forall x \downarrow w \ x \not\models A).$$

Obviously, $w \models A \Leftrightarrow w \models A_{\triangleright}$ for any \triangleright -formula A . If Γ is a set of formulas, then a Γ -frame is a frame on which Γ is valid. The validity of a sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ is understood as the validity of the formula $\bigwedge \Pi \rightarrow \bigvee \Sigma$.

2. AXIOMATIC SYSTEMS

The axioms of the minimal reflexive noncontingency logic $\mathbf{T}^{\triangleright}$ are all the classical tautologies in the \triangleright -language and the following axioms:

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{A}_{\triangleright}^{\triangleright}) \text{ reflectivity: } & \triangleright p \leftrightarrow \triangleright \neg p, \\ (\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright}) \text{ weak distributivity: } & p \rightarrow [\triangleright (p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\triangleright p \rightarrow \triangleright q)]; \end{aligned}$$

and its inference rules are

$$(\text{MP}), \quad (\text{Sub}), \quad \text{and} \quad (\text{Dec}) \frac{A}{\triangleright A}.$$

Axioms of other reflexive noncontingency logics are given below (conjecture: the axiom $(\mathbf{A}_4^{\triangleright})$ in the statement of the calculus $\mathbf{Grz}^{\triangleright}$ is superfluous):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B}^{\triangleright} &= \mathbf{T}^{\triangleright} + (\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright}), & (\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright}) \text{ is the axiom } p \rightarrow \triangleright (\triangleright p \rightarrow p), \\ \mathbf{S4}^{\triangleright} &= \mathbf{T}^{\triangleright} + (\mathbf{A}_4^{\triangleright}), & (\mathbf{A}_4^{\triangleright}) \text{ is the axiom } \triangleright p \rightarrow \triangleright \triangleright p, \\ \mathbf{S5}^{\triangleright} &= \mathbf{T}^{\triangleright} + (\mathbf{A}_5^{\triangleright}), & (\mathbf{A}_5^{\triangleright}) \text{ is the axiom } \triangleright \triangleright p, \\ \mathbf{Grz}^{\triangleright} &= \mathbf{S4}^{\triangleright} + (\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{G}}^{\triangleright}), & (\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{G}}^{\triangleright}) \text{ is the axiom } \triangleright (\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \rightarrow p) \rightarrow \triangleright p. \end{aligned}$$

In what follows, L denotes one of the logics \mathbf{T} , \mathbf{B} , $\mathbf{S4}$, $\mathbf{S5}$, \mathbf{Grz} . Representing the deductions schematically, we can write

$$L \vdash A_0 \overset{1}{-} A_1 \overset{2}{-} \dots \overset{n}{-} A_n, \quad \text{where } \overset{k}{-} \in \{\rightarrow, \leftrightarrow\},$$

meaning by that

$$L \vdash A_{k-1} \overset{k}{-} A_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, n.$$

Lemma 2.1. (a) *The calculi L^{\triangleright} are closed with respect to the rule of equivalent replacement*

$$(\text{RE}) \frac{A \leftrightarrow B}{\triangleright A \leftrightarrow \triangleright B}.$$

(b) *We have the deducibility*

$$\mathbf{T}^{\triangleright} \vdash \triangleright p \& \triangleright q \rightarrow \triangleright (p \& q).$$

Proof. (a) By the (Dec) rule and the $(A_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright})$ axiom, from $A \rightarrow B$, we obtain $A \rightarrow (\triangleright A \rightarrow \triangleright B)$, and from $\neg A \rightarrow \neg B$, we first obtain the formula $\neg A \rightarrow (\triangleright \neg A \rightarrow \triangleright \neg B)$, and then, by the axiom $(A_{\neg}^{\triangleright})$, the formula $\neg A \rightarrow (\triangleright A \rightarrow \triangleright B)$. In view of $\vdash A \vee \neg A$, from the two formulas obtained above, we derive $\triangleright A \rightarrow \triangleright B$. The inverse implication is proved in a similar way.

(b) By the axiom $(A_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright})$, the tautology $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p \& q)$ implies $p \& q \rightarrow [\triangleright p \rightarrow (\triangleright q \rightarrow \triangleright (p \& q))]$. By the axioms $(A_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright})$ and $(A_{\neg}^{\triangleright})$, the tautology $\neg p \rightarrow \neg(p \& q)$ implies $\neg p \rightarrow [\triangleright p \rightarrow \triangleright (p \& q)]$ and, all the more, $\neg p \rightarrow [\triangleright p \rightarrow (\triangleright q \rightarrow \triangleright (p \& q))]$. Similarly, we derive

$$\neg q \rightarrow [\triangleright p \rightarrow (\triangleright q \rightarrow \triangleright (p \& q))].$$

Finally, by virtue of the tautology $(p \& q) \vee \neg p \vee \neg q$, we conclude that $\triangleright p \rightarrow (\triangleright q \rightarrow \triangleright (p \& q))$. \square

For each of the logics L in question, let us define two sequential calculi, $[L_1^{\triangleright}]$ and $[L_2^{\triangleright}]$. The calculus $[L_1^{\triangleright}]$ is obtained from the sequential propositional calculus (with cut) by adding to it the rules $(\triangleright_{\neg}^{\Rightarrow})$, $(\Rightarrow_{\neg}^{\triangleright})$, and $(\Rightarrow_L^{\triangleright})$ defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (\triangleright_{\neg}^{\Rightarrow}) \frac{\triangleright A, \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma}{\triangleright \neg A, \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma}, \quad & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright}) \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow A}{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow \triangleright A}, \quad & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright}) \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow (\triangleright \Sigma \& \Sigma), A}{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma, \triangleright A}, \\ (\Rightarrow_{\neg}^{\triangleright}) \frac{\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma, \triangleright A}{\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma, \triangleright \neg A}, \quad & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{S4}}^{\triangleright}) \frac{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow A}{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow \triangleright A}, \quad & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{S5}}^{\triangleright}) \frac{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow \triangleright \Sigma, A}{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow \triangleright \Sigma, \triangleright A}, \\ & & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\triangleright}) \frac{\triangleright (A \rightarrow \triangleright A), \Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow A}{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi \Rightarrow \triangleright A}. \end{aligned}$$

In the statement of the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright})$, we used the notation

$$(\triangleright \Sigma \& \Sigma) := \{(\triangleright \sigma \& \sigma) \mid \sigma \in \Sigma\}.$$

The rules $(\triangleright_{\neg}^{\Rightarrow})$ and $(\Rightarrow_{\neg}^{\triangleright})$ violate the subformula property. Let us introduce the calculus $[L_2^{\triangleright}]$ in which these rules are absorbed by others. To obtain this calculus, we add to the sequential propositional calculus (with cut) the rules $(\Rightarrow_L^{\triangleright r})$, $r \in \{0, 1\}$, defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright r}) \frac{A^{\bar{r}}, \Pi \Rightarrow \Lambda, A^r}{\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright A}, \quad & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright r}) \frac{\{A^{\bar{r}}, \Pi, \Phi' \Rightarrow \Phi, \triangleright (\Psi' \Psi), \Lambda, A^r\}_{\Sigma' = \Phi' \Psi'}}{\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda), \Sigma' \Rightarrow \Sigma, \Lambda, \triangleright A}, \\ (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{S4}}^{\triangleright r}) \frac{A^{\bar{r}}, \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, A^r}{\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright A}, \quad & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\triangleright 0}) \frac{A, \triangleright (A \vee \triangleright A), \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda}{\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright A}, \\ (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{S5}}^{\triangleright r}) \frac{A^{\bar{r}}, \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright \Sigma, A^r}{\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright \Sigma, \triangleright A}, \quad & (\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\triangleright 1}) \frac{\triangleright (A \rightarrow \triangleright A), \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, A}{\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright A}; \end{aligned}$$

in these statements, we used the following notation: $\bar{r} := 1 - r$, $A^0 := \emptyset$, $A^1 := A$. The rules $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright r})$, $r \in \{0, 1\}$, have $2^{|\Sigma|+|\Sigma'|}$ antecedents corresponding to all possible partitions of the multisets $\Sigma = \Phi \Psi$ and $\Sigma' = \Phi' \Psi'$.

In Sec. 4 we shall prove cut ineliminability in the calculi $[L_k^{\triangleright}]$ constructed above. Now denote by $[L_2^{\triangleright}]^-$ the calculi obtained from $[L_2^{\triangleright}]$ by replacing the cut rule by *analytic* cut. It will follow from the Completeness Theorem (Theorem 4.1) that the calculi $[L_2^{\triangleright}]^-$ and $[L_2^{\triangleright}]$ are equivalent. Therefore, the following statement holds.

Lemma 2.2. (a) *The calculi $[L_2^{\triangleright}]$, where $L \in \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{S5}\}$, satisfy the subformula property.*

(b) *The calculus $[\mathbf{Grz}_2^{\triangleright}]$ satisfies the weak subformula property: any deducible sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ admits a deduction consisting of sequents of the form $\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$, where $\Delta \subseteq \text{Sb } \Pi \Sigma$ and*

$$\Gamma \subseteq \text{Sb}(\Pi \Sigma \cup \{\triangleright (A \rightarrow \triangleright A), \triangleright (A \vee \triangleright A) \mid \triangleright A \in \text{Sb } \Pi \Sigma\}).$$

In what follows, we shall need the following fact.

Lemma 2.3. (a) For $L \in \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{S5}, \mathbf{Grz}\}$, the calculus $[L_1^\triangleright]$ is closed with respect to the rule (RE), i.e., $[L_1^\triangleright] \vdash A \Leftrightarrow B$ implies $[L_1^\triangleright] \vdash \triangleright A \Leftrightarrow \triangleright B$.

(b) We have the deducibility $[\mathbf{T}_2^\triangleright]^- \vdash \triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p), p \Rightarrow \triangleright p$.

(c) We have the deducibility $[\mathbf{T}_2^\triangleright]^- \vdash \triangleright (p \vee \triangleright p) \Rightarrow p, \triangleright p$.

Proof. (a) In $[\mathbf{T}_1^\triangleright]$, we have the deduction

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{A \Rightarrow B}{A, \triangleright A \Rightarrow \triangleright B} \quad \frac{B \Rightarrow A}{\neg A \Rightarrow \neg B}}{\triangleright A \Rightarrow \triangleright B, \neg A, \neg A, \triangleright \neg A \Rightarrow \triangleright \neg B}}{\triangleright A, \triangleright \neg A \Rightarrow \triangleright B, \triangleright \neg B}$$

Applying cuts with the sequent $\triangleright A \Rightarrow \triangleright \neg A$ (by the formula $\triangleright \neg A$) and with the sequent $\triangleright \neg B \Rightarrow \triangleright B$ (by the formula $\triangleright \neg B$), and then abbreviations, we obtain $\triangleright A \Rightarrow \triangleright B$. The converse sequent is proved similarly.

(b) Using analytic cut, we deduce $[\mathbf{T}_2^\triangleright]^-$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p \Rightarrow \triangleright p, p}{\Rightarrow (p \rightarrow \triangleright p), p} \quad \frac{p \Rightarrow p \quad \triangleright p \Rightarrow \triangleright p}{(p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \Rightarrow (p \rightarrow \triangleright p), \triangleright p} \quad (p \rightarrow \triangleright p), p \Rightarrow \triangleright p}{\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p), p \Rightarrow \triangleright p, \triangleright p}}{\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p), p \Rightarrow \triangleright p}$$

(c) This item is similar to (b). \square

3. THE CLOSURE METHOD

In this section, we describe the method used to prove the completeness of an arbitrary consistent sequential calculus \mathcal{L} (in the \triangleright -language) with analytic cut.

Definition 3.1. A set of formulas Γ is *closed* if $\text{Sb}\Gamma \subseteq \Gamma$. A sequent w is called *closed* if $\text{Sb}w \subseteq w$, i.e., any subformula of a formula from w is contained in the antecedent or succedent of the sequent w ; the sequent w is called *thin* if its antecedent and succedent are sets, i.e., the formulas in them do not repeat.

Obviously, for any finite (multi)set of formulas there exists the smallest *finite* closed set containing it. Let us construct the finite frame $F_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma := (W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma, \uparrow)$ and the model $M_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma := (F_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma, \models)$, where $\Gamma \neq \emptyset$ is a finite closed set of formulas. Obviously, the set

$$W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma := \{w \subseteq \Gamma \mid w \text{ is a closed thin sequent, } \mathcal{L} \not\vdash w\}$$

is finite.

Lemma 3.2 (The Closure Lemma). *Any sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ not deducible in \mathcal{L} and consisting of formulas from the set Γ can be extended to a thin closed sequent not deducible in \mathcal{L} . Formally, if $\Pi\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ and $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$, then*

$$\exists w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma : \Pi \subseteq \langle w \mid, \Sigma \subseteq \mid w \rangle.$$

Proof. The lemma is proved by the standard closure method: if $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$, $A \notin \Pi\Sigma$, and $A \in \text{Sb } \Pi\Sigma$, then, by analytic cut in \mathcal{L} (and abbreviation), we have $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma A$ or $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash A\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$; therefore, A can be added to the antecedent or succedent of the sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$. The process continues until the sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ becomes closed. \square

Note that since $\Gamma \neq \emptyset$, we have $\perp \in \Gamma$ or $p \in \Gamma$ for a certain variable p . This means that Γ contains the sequent $\Rightarrow \perp$ or $\Rightarrow p$, which, obviously, is not deducible in \mathcal{L} . By the Closure Lemma, it can be embedded in a certain “world” $w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$. Thus, $W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} \neq \emptyset$.

We specify a valuation of variables by setting

$$w \models p \Leftrightarrow p \in \langle w \rangle \quad \text{for any } w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} \quad \text{and } p \in \mathbb{P}.$$

It remains to specify the relation \uparrow . Let us state a condition on \uparrow that will suffice for our purposes:

$$\forall w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} \forall A \in w \quad w \models A \Leftrightarrow A \in \langle w \rangle. \quad \langle 1^{\triangleright} \rangle$$

Lemma 3.3. *If condition $\langle 1^{\triangleright} \rangle$ is satisfied, then for any $\Pi\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$ the formula $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ implies $M_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} \not\models \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$.*

Proof. By the Closure Lemma,

$$\Pi \subseteq \langle w \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad \Sigma \subseteq |w\rangle$$

for a certain $w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$. By $\langle 1^{\triangleright} \rangle$, we have $w \models \bigwedge \Pi$ and $w \models \bigwedge \neg \Sigma$, i.e., $w \not\models \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$. \square

Further, let us show that to satisfy $\langle 1^{\triangleright} \rangle$, it suffices to impose the following condition on \uparrow (the bracket denotes the disjunction of conditions):

$$\forall w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} \forall \triangleright B \in w \quad \triangleright B \in \langle w \rangle \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \downarrow w & B \in \langle x \rangle, \\ \forall x \downarrow w & B \in |x\rangle. \end{cases} \quad \langle 2^{\triangleright} \rangle$$

Lemma 3.4. *We have the implication $\langle 2^{\triangleright} \rangle \implies \langle 1^{\triangleright} \rangle$.*

Proof. The proof will be given simultaneously for all $w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$ by induction on the construction of the formula $A \in w$. For $A \equiv \perp$, the left-hand and right-hand sides of $\langle 1^{\triangleright} \rangle$ are false. For $A \equiv p$, the statement follows from the definition of \models .

Let $A \equiv (B \rightarrow C)$. Since the sequent w is closed, $B, C \in w$, and by the induction hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad w \models B &\Leftrightarrow B \in \langle w \rangle, & w \not\models B &\Leftrightarrow B \in |w\rangle; \\ \text{(c)} \quad w \models C &\Leftrightarrow C \in \langle w \rangle, & w \not\models C &\Leftrightarrow C \in |w\rangle. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$w \models (B \rightarrow C) \stackrel{\text{def} \models}{\Leftrightarrow} \begin{cases} w \not\models B \\ w \models C \end{cases} \stackrel{\text{(b,c)}}{\Leftrightarrow} \begin{cases} B \in |w\rangle \\ C \in \langle w \rangle \end{cases} \stackrel{(?)}{\Leftrightarrow} (B \rightarrow C) \in \langle w \rangle.$$

Let us prove the equivalence marked by the question mark (?).

(\Rightarrow) If $(B \rightarrow C) \in |w\rangle$, then $B \notin |w\rangle$ and $C \notin \langle w \rangle$, since the sequents $\Rightarrow B$, $(B \rightarrow C)$, and $C \Rightarrow (B \rightarrow C)$ are provable in \mathcal{L} .

(\Leftarrow) If $(B \rightarrow C) \in \langle w \rangle$, then the conditions $B \in \langle w \rangle$ and $C \in |w\rangle$ cannot hold simultaneously, because the sequent $(B \rightarrow C), B \Rightarrow C$ is provable in \mathcal{L} .

Finally, suppose that $A \equiv \triangleright B$. By the induction hypothesis, for any $x \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$, if $B \in x$, then

$$\text{(x)} \quad x \models B \Leftrightarrow B \in \langle x \rangle, \quad x \not\models B \Leftrightarrow B \in |x\rangle.$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \triangleright B \in \langle w \rangle &\stackrel{\langle 2^\triangleright \rangle}{\implies} \left[\begin{array}{l} \forall x \downarrow w \quad B \in \langle x \rangle \\ \forall x \downarrow w \quad B \in |x \rangle \end{array} \right] \stackrel{(\mathbf{x})}{\implies} \left[\begin{array}{l} \forall x \downarrow w \quad x \models B \\ \forall x \downarrow w \quad x \not\models B \end{array} \right] \stackrel{\text{def} \models}{\implies} w \models \triangleright B, \\ \triangleright B \in |w \rangle &\stackrel{\langle 2^\triangleright \rangle}{\implies} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists x \downarrow w \quad B \in \langle x \rangle \\ \exists y \downarrow w \quad B \in |y \rangle \end{array} \right\} \stackrel{(\mathbf{x})}{\implies} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists x \downarrow w \quad x \models B \\ \exists y \downarrow w \quad y \not\models B \end{array} \right\} \stackrel{\text{def} \models}{\implies} w \not\models \triangleright B. \end{aligned}$$

Now the completeness of the logic \mathcal{L} with respect to the class of finite frames \mathcal{F} can be proved as follows. Suppose that $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$. We construct a finite closed set $\Gamma \supseteq \Pi \Sigma$ and the relation \uparrow so that $F_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma \in \mathcal{F}$ and condition $\langle 2^\triangleright \rangle$ holds. By Lemma 3.4, this condition implies $\langle 1^\triangleright \rangle$; and by Lemma 3.3, we obtain $F_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma \not\models \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$, which was to be proved. \square

4. COMPLETENESS OF AXIOMATICS

The theorem proved in this section states that the Hilbert and sequential calculi constructed above yield a complete axiomatization of noncontingency logics over **T**, **S4**, **B**, **S5**, and **Grz**. At the end of the section, we axiomatize the logic **S4.1** $^\triangleright$.

Theorem 4.1 (The Joint Completeness Theorem). *For each logic $L \in \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{S5}, \mathbf{Grz}\}$ and any sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ in the \triangleright -language, the following statements are equivalent:*

- (1) $[L_2^\triangleright]^- \vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$,
- (2) $[L_1^\triangleright] \vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$,
- (3) $L^\triangleright \vdash \bigwedge \Pi \rightarrow \bigvee \Sigma$,
- (4) $L \vdash (\bigwedge \Pi \rightarrow \bigvee \Sigma)_\triangleright$,
- (5) $F \models \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ for any finite L -frame F .

Proof. The proof will follow the scheme (1) \implies (2) \implies (3) \implies (4) \iff (5) \implies (1). The implication (2) \implies (3) is proved by induction on the construction of a deduction in $[L_1^\triangleright]$; in so doing, the steps corresponding to the rules $(\triangleright \Rightarrow)$ and $(\Rightarrow \triangleright)$ are obvious, since logics L^\triangleright contain the axiom (A_\triangleright) ; therefore, we only have to verify the steps corresponding to the rule $(\Rightarrow_L^\triangleright)$. Then, it will suffice to prove the implication (3) \implies (4) only for $\Pi = \emptyset$ and $\Sigma = \{A\}$, i.e., to verify the deducibility of \triangleright -translations of the axioms L^\triangleright in L . For the axiom (A_\triangleright) , this verification is trivial, and for $(A_{\mathbf{T}}^\triangleright)$, $(A_{\mathbf{4}}^\triangleright)$, and $(A_{\mathbf{5}}^\triangleright)$, it was carried out in [2, 3]. Further, the equivalence (4) \iff (5) is the familiar completeness theorem for logics L (see [16, 17]). Finally, in the proof of the implication (5) \implies (1), we use the notation $\mathcal{L} := [L_2^\triangleright]^-$.

(1) \implies (2) It will suffice to show that $(\Rightarrow_L^{\triangleright r})$ are derived rules in $[L_1^\triangleright]$. For instance, let us deduce the conclusion of the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright 0})$ from its premise in the calculus $[\mathbf{T}_1^\triangleright]$:

$$\frac{\frac{A, \Pi \Rightarrow \Lambda}{\Pi, \neg \Lambda \Rightarrow \neg A}}{\Pi, \neg \Lambda, \triangleright \Pi, \triangleright \neg \Lambda \Rightarrow \triangleright \neg A}.$$

Applying cut with the sequent $\triangleright \neg A \Rightarrow \triangleright A$ (by the formula $\triangleright \neg A$), and with the sequents $\Rightarrow C, \neg C$ (by $\neg C$) and $\triangleright C \Rightarrow \triangleright \neg C$ (by $\triangleright \neg C$) for all $C \in \Lambda$, we obtain $\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright A$.

The consideration of the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\triangleright 0})$ requires the noncontingency of the sequent

$$\triangleright (\neg A \rightarrow \triangleright \neg A) \Rightarrow \triangleright (A \vee \triangleright A),$$

in $[\mathbf{Grz}_1^\triangleright]$, which follows from Lemma 2.3 (a).

Logic **T**. (2) \implies (3) By Lemma 2.1 (b), $\mathbf{T}^\triangleright \vdash \wedge \triangleright \Pi \rightarrow \triangleright \wedge \Pi$; therefore, we deduce in $\mathbf{T}^\triangleright$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge \Pi \rightarrow B}{\triangleright (\wedge \Pi \rightarrow B)}}{\wedge \Pi \rightarrow [\triangleright \wedge \Pi \rightarrow \triangleright B]}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \triangleright B.}$$

(5) \implies (1) Suppose that $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$. Let us take the finite closed set $\Gamma := \text{Sb} \Pi \Sigma$. On $W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$, define the reflexive relation

$$w \uparrow x \iff \forall C \in \mathbf{Fm}^\triangleright \quad \triangleright C \in \langle w \rangle \Rightarrow \begin{cases} C \in \langle w \rangle \Rightarrow C \in \langle x \rangle, \\ C \in |w \rangle \Rightarrow C \in |x \rangle. \end{cases} \quad \langle 3_{\mathbf{T}}^\triangleright \rangle$$

Then $F_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$ is a finite **T**-frame, and it remains to verify condition $\langle 2^\triangleright \rangle$.

Lemma 4.2. *We have the implication $\langle 3_{\mathbf{T}}^\triangleright \rangle \implies \langle 2^\triangleright \rangle$.*

Proof. Let us prove the equivalence in $\langle 2^\triangleright \rangle$. We take $w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$ and $\triangleright B \in w$.

(\implies) Suppose that $\triangleright B \in \langle w \rangle$. By the closure of w , two cases are possible:

- (1) $B \in \langle w \rangle$; then for all $x \downarrow w$, by $\langle 3_{\mathbf{T}}^\triangleright \rangle$, we obtain $B \in \langle x \rangle$;
- (2) $B \in |w \rangle$; similarly, for all $x \downarrow w$, we obtain $B \in |x \rangle$.

(\impliedby) Suppose that $\triangleright B \in |w \rangle$. Let us construct $x, y \downarrow w$ such that $B \in \langle x \rangle, B \in |y \rangle$.

Case $B \in |w \rangle$. The choice of y is obvious: $y := w$. We set

$$\Pi := \{C \in \langle w \rangle \mid \triangleright C \in \langle w \rangle\}, \quad \Lambda := \{C \in |w \rangle \mid \triangleright C \in \langle w \rangle\}.$$

Then $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash B, \Pi \Rightarrow \Lambda$, because otherwise, by the rule ($\implies_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright 0}$), we would obtain $\mathcal{L} \vdash \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright B$, whence $\mathcal{L} \vdash w$ by weakening. By the Closure Lemma, there exists an $x \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$ such that $\Pi \subseteq \langle x \rangle, B \in \langle x \rangle, \Lambda \subseteq |x \rangle$. Let us prove that $w \uparrow x$. Suppose that $\triangleright C \in \langle w \rangle$. If $C \in \langle w \rangle$, then $C \in \Pi \subseteq \langle x \rangle$; and if $C \in |w \rangle$, then $C \in \Lambda \subseteq |x \rangle$.

Case $B \in \langle w \rangle$. Setting $x := w$ and using ($\implies_{\mathbf{T}}^{\triangleright 1}$), we construct the desired y in a similar way (for the remaining logics, we shall usually consider only the first case). This proves the lemma. \square

Logic **S4**. (2) \implies (3) A deduction in $\mathbf{S4}^\triangleright$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow B}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow [\triangleright \wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \triangleright B]}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \triangleright \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \triangleright B}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \triangleright B.}$$

(5) \implies (1) On $W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$, we introduce the reflexive and transitive relation

$$w \uparrow x \iff \forall C \in \mathbf{Fm}^\triangleright \quad \triangleright C \in \langle w \rangle \Rightarrow \triangleright C \in \langle x \rangle \& \begin{cases} C \in \langle w \rangle \Rightarrow C \in \langle x \rangle, \\ C \in |w \rangle \Rightarrow C \in |x \rangle. \end{cases} \quad \langle 3_{\mathbf{S4}}^\triangleright \rangle$$

In the proof of $\langle 2^\triangleright \rangle$, we have $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash B, \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda$; otherwise, by the rule ($\implies_{\mathbf{S4}}^{\triangleright 0}$), we obtain $\mathcal{L} \vdash w$. For $x \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$ such that $\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \subseteq \langle x \rangle$ and $\Lambda \subseteq |x \rangle$, it is obvious that $w \uparrow x$.

Logic B. (2) \implies (3) Setting $\Omega := \neg\Sigma$ and using the formulas $p \rightarrow (\triangleright p \rightarrow p)$ and $p \rightarrow \triangleright (p \rightarrow p)$ deducible in $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright$, we construct the inference in $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge \Pi \rightarrow \vee \{(\triangleright \Sigma \& \Sigma), B\}}{\wedge \{\Pi, (\triangleright \Omega \rightarrow \Omega)\} \rightarrow B}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, (\triangleright \Omega \rightarrow \Omega), \triangleright (\triangleright \Omega \rightarrow \Omega)\} \rightarrow \triangleright B}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \Omega\} \rightarrow \triangleright B}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \vee \{\Sigma, \triangleright B\}}.$$

(3) \implies (4) Let us deduce the \triangleright -translation of the axiom $(A_{\mathbf{B}}^\triangleright)$ in the logic \mathbf{B} . We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{B} \vdash p \rightarrow \square \diamond p &\longleftrightarrow \square [\diamond p \& (\neg p \rightarrow \diamond \neg p)] \\ &\longleftrightarrow \square [p \vee (\diamond p \& \diamond \neg p)] \longleftrightarrow \square (p \vee \neg \triangleright p) \longrightarrow \triangleright (\triangleright p \rightarrow p). \end{aligned}$$

(5) \implies (1) First, by condition $\langle 3_{\mathbf{T}}^\triangleright \rangle$, we introduce the reflexive relation \uparrow on $W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$, and then we take its symmetrization:

$$w \uparrow x \Leftrightarrow (w \uparrow x) \& (x \uparrow w). \quad \langle 3_{\mathbf{B}}^\triangleright \rangle$$

To prove $\langle 2^\triangleright \rangle$, we take the same Π and Λ as before and set

$$\Sigma := \{C \in |w| \mid \triangleright C \in |w|\}, \quad \Sigma' := \{C \in \langle w \mid \triangleright C \in |w|\}.$$

There exists a partition $\Sigma = \Phi\Psi$, $\Sigma' = \Phi'\Psi'$ such that $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash B, \Pi, \Phi' \Rightarrow \Phi, \triangleright (\Psi'\Psi), \Lambda$; otherwise, starting from all possible sequents of this form by the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright 0})$, we would derive³ the sequent $\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi\Lambda), \Sigma' \Rightarrow \Sigma, \Lambda, \triangleright B$ and further, by weakening, $\mathcal{L} \vdash w$.

It remains to check $w \uparrow x$ for all $x \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^\Gamma$ such that $\Pi\Phi' \subseteq \langle x \mid$ and $\Phi, \triangleright (\Psi'\Psi), \Lambda \subseteq |x\rangle$. Notice that $x \subseteq w$. The condition $w \uparrow x$ is verified as in the case of the logic \mathbf{T} . Let us prove that $x \uparrow w$. Suppose that $\triangleright C \in \langle x \mid$. Then $\triangleright C \in w$ in view of $x \subseteq w$, and $C \in w$ by the closure of w .

Further, suppose that $C \in \langle x \mid$. If $C \in |w\rangle$, then we would have the following cases:

- (1) $\triangleright C \in \langle w \mid$; then $C \in \Lambda \subseteq |x\rangle$, which is not true;
- (2) $\triangleright C \in |w\rangle$; then $C \in \Sigma = \Phi\Psi$. Now we have: if $C \in \Phi$, then $C \in |x\rangle$, which is not true; and if $C \in \Psi$, then $\triangleright C \in \triangleright \Psi \subseteq |x\rangle$, which is not true either.

Now suppose that $C \in |x\rangle$. If we had $C \in \langle w \mid$, then the following cases would be possible:

- (1) $\triangleright C \in \langle w \mid$; then $C \in \Pi \subseteq \langle x \mid$, which is not true;
- (2) $\triangleright C \in |w\rangle$; then $C \in \Sigma' = \Phi'\Psi'$. Now we have: if $C \in \Phi'$, then $C \in \langle x \mid$, which is not true; and if $C \in \Psi'$, then $\triangleright C \in \triangleright \Psi' \subseteq |x\rangle$, which is not true either.

Logic S5. (2) \implies (3) We construct a deduction in $\mathbf{S5}^\triangleright$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \neg \triangleright \Sigma\} \rightarrow B}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \neg \triangleright \Sigma\} \rightarrow [\triangleright \wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \neg \triangleright \Sigma\} \rightarrow \triangleright B]}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \neg \triangleright \Sigma, \triangleright \triangleright \Pi, \triangleright \neg \triangleright \Sigma\} \rightarrow \triangleright B}}{\wedge \{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \neg \triangleright \Sigma\} \rightarrow \triangleright B}.$$

³If, in this application of the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright 0})$, we could confine ourselves to the assumption $\Sigma\Sigma' \subseteq \text{Sb}(\Pi\Lambda B)$, then we would incidentally establish the subformula property for the calculus $[\mathbf{B}_2^\triangleright]$.

(5) \implies (1) First we introduce a reflexive transitive relation \uparrow on $W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$ by the condition $\langle 3_{\mathbf{S4}}^{\triangleright} \rangle$, and then we take its symmetrization:

$$w \uparrow x \Leftrightarrow (w \uparrow x) \& (x \uparrow w). \quad \langle 3_{\mathbf{S5}}^{\triangleright} \rangle$$

To prove $\langle 2^{\triangleright} \rangle$, we take $\Sigma := \{C \mid \triangleright C \in |w|\}$ and chose Π and Λ as before. If we had $\mathcal{L} \vdash B, \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi\Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, \triangleright \Sigma$, then, by the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{S5}}^{\triangleright 0})$, we would deduce $\mathcal{L} \vdash w$. It remains to verify $w \uparrow x$ for $x \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$ such that $\Pi, \triangleright (\Pi\Lambda) \subseteq \langle x|$ and $\Lambda, \triangleright \Sigma \subseteq |x|$. Note that $x \subseteq w$.

Let us prove that $w \uparrow x$. If $\triangleright C \in \langle w|$, then $C \in \Pi\Lambda$ and $\triangleright C \in \langle x|$. Further, if $C \in \langle w|$, then $C \in \Pi \subseteq \langle x|$. And if $C \in |w|$, then $C \in \Lambda \subseteq |x|$.

Let us prove that $x \uparrow w$. Suppose that $\triangleright C \in \langle x|$. Then $\triangleright C \in w$, because $x \subseteq w$, and if we had $\triangleright C \in |w|$, then $C \in \Sigma$ and $\triangleright C \in |x|$, which is not true; therefore, $\triangleright C \in \langle w|$. Further, if $C \in \langle x|$, then $C \in w$, and if we had $C \in |w|$, then, by the inclusion $\triangleright C \in \langle w|$ proved above, we would have $C \in \Lambda \subseteq |x|$, which is not true; therefore, $C \in \langle w|$. And if $C \in |x|$, then $C \in w$, and in the case $C \in \langle w|$, in view of $\triangleright C \in \langle w|$, we would have $C \in \Pi \subseteq \langle x|$, which is not true; therefore, $C \in |w|$.

Logic Grz.

(2) \implies (3) In $\mathbf{Grz}^{\triangleright}$, using the axiom (A_4^{\triangleright}) at the last step, we deduce:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\wedge\{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow (\triangleright (B \rightarrow \triangleright B) \rightarrow B)}{\wedge\{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow [\triangleright \wedge\{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \triangleright (\triangleright (B \rightarrow \triangleright B) \rightarrow B)]}}{\wedge\{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi, \triangleright \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \triangleright B}}{\wedge\{\Pi, \triangleright \Pi\} \rightarrow \triangleright B.}$$

(3) \implies (4) Let us prove the \triangleright -translation of the axiom $(A_{\mathbf{G}}^{\triangleright})$ in \mathbf{Grz} . On the one hand, $\mathbf{Grz} \vdash \Box p \rightarrow p$, and so

$$\mathbf{Grz} \vdash (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \longleftrightarrow (p \rightarrow \Box p).$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Grz} \vdash \Box \neg (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) &\longleftrightarrow \Box \neg (p \rightarrow \Box p) \\ &\longleftrightarrow [\Box p \& \Box \neg \Box p] \longleftrightarrow \neg [\Box p \rightarrow \Diamond \Box p] \longleftrightarrow \perp. \end{aligned}$$

Then we deduce in \mathbf{Grz} :

$$\begin{aligned} &\Box[\Box(p \rightarrow \Box p) \rightarrow p] \rightarrow p \\ &\frac{\Box[\Box(p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \vee \perp \rightarrow p] \rightarrow p}{\Box[\Box(p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \vee \Box \neg (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \rightarrow p] \rightarrow p} \\ &\frac{\Box[\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \rightarrow p] \rightarrow p}{\Box[\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \rightarrow p] \rightarrow \Box p.} \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\mathbf{Grz} \vdash \Box \neg [\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \rightarrow p] \longleftrightarrow [\Box \triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p) \& \Box \neg p] \longrightarrow \Box \neg p \longrightarrow \triangleright p.$$

(5) \implies (1) We shall slightly modify the method of proof described in Sec. 3. Suppose that $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$. Let us take $\Gamma := \text{Sb } \Pi\Sigma$,

$$\widehat{\Gamma} := \Gamma \cup \text{Sb}\{\triangleright (A \rightarrow \triangleright A), \triangleright (A \vee \triangleright A) \mid \triangleright A \in \Gamma\}.$$

The set

$$W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} := \{w \mid w \text{ is a closed thin sequent, } \langle w| \subseteq \widehat{\Gamma}, |w\rangle \subseteq \Gamma, \mathcal{L} \not\vdash w\}$$

is finite.

Lemma 4.3 (The Closure Lemma). *Any sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ not deducible in \mathcal{L} such that $\Pi \subseteq \widehat{\Gamma}$ and $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$, can be extended to a sequent from $W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$. Formally, if $\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$, with $\Pi \subseteq \widehat{\Gamma}$ and $\Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$, then there exists a $w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$ such that $\Pi \subseteq \langle w \rangle$, $\Sigma \subseteq |w\rangle$.*

Proof. In addition to the proof of Lemma 3.2, we must check that if in the process of closure, the sequent $\Pi' \Rightarrow \Sigma'$, nondeducible in \mathcal{L} , is obtained from $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$ by the addition of the formula $A \in \text{Sb } \Pi\Sigma$, $A \notin \Pi\Sigma$, to the antecedent or succedent, then $\Pi' \subseteq \widehat{\Gamma}$ and $\Sigma' \subseteq \Gamma$. The first inclusion is obvious. For $A \in \Gamma$, the second one is as well. And if $A \in (\widehat{\Gamma} \setminus \Gamma)$, then in view of $A \notin \Pi\Sigma$, the formula A is either $(B \vee \triangleright B)$ or $(B \rightarrow \triangleright B)$ for a certain $\triangleright B \in \Pi\Sigma$, with $\triangleright A \in \Pi$. In both cases $\mathcal{L} \vdash \triangleright A \Rightarrow A$, which follows from Lemma 2.3 (b, c), and so $\mathcal{L} \vdash \Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma A$. Therefore, the formula A could not be added to the succedent of the sequent $\Pi \Rightarrow \Sigma$, and hence $\Sigma' = \Sigma \subseteq \Gamma$. \square

As before, for any $w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$ and $p \in \mathbb{P}$, we set $w \models p \Leftrightarrow p \in \langle w \rangle$. The statements and proofs of Lemmas 3.3 and 3.4 are carried over to our case without substantial modifications. First, we introduce a transitive relation \uparrow on $W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$ by the condition $\langle 3_{\mathbf{S4}}^{\triangleright} \rangle$; then, the irreflexive transitive relation

$$w \prec x \Leftrightarrow (w \uparrow x) \& (\exists C \in \mathbf{Fm}^{\triangleright} \triangleright C \notin \langle w \rangle \& \triangleright C \in \langle x \rangle) \quad \langle 3_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\triangleright} \rangle$$

and, finally, the reflexive transitive antisymmetric relation, i.e., a partial order

$$w \preceq x \Leftrightarrow (w \prec x) \vee (w = x).$$

Thus a finite **Grz**-frame $F_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} := (W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}, \preceq)$ is constructed. It remains to check condition $\langle 2^{\triangleright} \rangle$, which now takes the form

$$\forall w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma} \forall \triangleright B \in w \quad \triangleright B \in \langle w \rangle \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \succ w & B \in \langle x \rangle, \\ \forall x \succ w & B \in |x \rangle. \end{cases} \quad \langle 2^{\triangleright} \rangle$$

Lemma 4.4. *We have the implication $\langle 3_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\triangleright} \rangle \implies \langle 2^{\triangleright} \rangle$.*

Proof. Let us prove equivalence in $\langle 2^{\triangleright} \rangle$. Let us take any $w \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$ and $\triangleright B \in w$.

(\implies) Suppose that $\triangleright B \in \langle w \rangle$. The following two cases are possible:

- (1) $B \in \langle w \rangle$; then for all $x \succ w$, we have either $w \prec x$, $w \uparrow x$, and $B \in \langle x \rangle$ by $\langle 3_{\mathbf{S4}}^{\triangleright} \rangle$ or $x = w$ and $B \in \langle w \rangle = \langle x \rangle$;
- (2) $B \in |w \rangle$; similarly, for all $x \succ w$, we obtain $B \in |x \rangle$.

(\impliedby) Suppose that $\triangleright B \in |w \rangle$. Let us take Π, Λ as in the proof of Lemma 4.2.

Case $B \in |w \rangle$. Set $y := w$. Then we have

$$\mathcal{L} \not\vdash B, \triangleright (B \vee \triangleright B), \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda;$$

otherwise, by the rule $(\implies_{\mathbf{Grz}}^{\triangleright 0})$ and the weakening rules, we obtain $\mathcal{L} \vdash w$. Since $\triangleright B \in |w \rangle \subseteq \Gamma$, the antecedent of the sequent written above is contained in $\widehat{\Gamma}$, and the succedent in Γ . By the Closure Lemma, this sequent can be emdedded into a certain sequent $x \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$. It remains to check that $w \prec x$. The condition $w \uparrow x$ is checked as in the case of the logic **S4**. Further, $\triangleright (B \vee \triangleright B) \in \langle x \rangle$. But $\triangleright (B \vee \triangleright B) \notin \langle w \rangle$; otherwise, taking into account that $B, \triangleright B \in |w \rangle$, by Lemma 2.3 (c) we would even obtain $[\mathbf{T}_2^{\triangleright}]^- \vdash w$.

Case $B \in \langle w \rangle$. Now $x := w$, and we similarly have

$$\mathcal{L} \not\vdash \triangleright (B \rightarrow \triangleright B), \Pi, \triangleright (\Pi \Lambda) \Rightarrow \Lambda, B.$$

As before, we embed this sequent into a certain $y \in W_{\mathcal{L}}^{\Gamma}$. Obviously, $w \uparrow y$. Finally, $w \prec y$, since $\triangleright (B \rightarrow \triangleright B) \in \langle y \rangle$; but $\triangleright (B \rightarrow \triangleright B) \notin \langle w \rangle$ by Lemma 2.3 (b). \square

This completes the proof of the theorem. \square

Recall that if reflexivity holds, then the operator \square can be expressed in terms of \triangleright by the equation $\square p = p \& \triangleright p$. We shall use this fact to introduce the translation $\text{Tr}: \mathbf{Fm}^\square \rightarrow \mathbf{Fm}^\triangleright$ which preserves variables and Boolean connectives and acts on formulas of the form $\square A$ as follows:

$$\text{Tr}(\square A) = \text{Tr}(A) \& \triangleright \text{Tr}(A).$$

Further, for an arbitrary \triangleright -logic M , we set

$$M^\square := \{A \in \mathbf{Fm}^\square \mid \text{Tr}(A) \in M\} = \text{Tr}^{-1}(M).$$

It is readily seen that the translations tr and Tr are mutually inverse in the following sense: $\mathbf{T} \vdash \text{tr}(\text{Tr}(\square p)) \leftrightarrow \square p$ and $\mathbf{T}^\triangleright \vdash \text{Tr}(\text{tr}(\triangleright p)) \leftrightarrow \triangleright p$. It follows that $(L^\triangleright)^\square = L$ for any \square -logic L containing axiom $(A_\mathbf{T}^\square)$, and that $(M^\square)^\triangleright = M$ for any \triangleright -logic M containing axiom (A_\triangleright) . Hence the condition $L^\triangleright = M$ is equivalent to the conjunction of conditions $[M \subseteq L^\triangleright$ and $L \subseteq M^\square]$. The last statement makes it possible to construct the axiomatics of noncontingency logic over any normal logic containing \mathbf{T} .

Lemma 4.5. *Suppose that a normal logic L is axiomatized over \mathbf{T} by the set of axioms $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbf{Fm}^\square$. Then the noncontingency logic over L has the following axiomatics:*

$$L^\triangleright = \mathbf{T}^\triangleright + \text{Tr}(\Gamma), \quad \text{where } \text{Tr}(\Gamma) := \{\text{Tr}(A) \mid A \in \Gamma\}.$$

Using this lemma, it is easy to check that $\mathbf{S4.1}^\triangleright = \mathbf{S4}^\triangleright + (A_1^\triangleright)$, where (A_1^\triangleright) is the axiom $\triangleright \triangleright p \rightarrow \triangleright p$. Finally, let us show that the transition $L \mapsto L^\triangleright$ is an injective homomorphism of the lattice of extensions of the logic \mathbf{T} .

Lemma 4.6. *If \square -logics L and M contain \mathbf{T} , then*

$$L \subseteq M \Leftrightarrow L^\triangleright \subseteq M^\triangleright.$$

Proof. It will suffice to verify the preservation of nonstrict inclusion. From $L \subseteq M$, it follows that $L^\triangleright \subseteq M^\triangleright$. Conversely, if $L^\triangleright \subseteq M^\triangleright$, then $L = (L^\triangleright)^\square \subseteq (M^\triangleright)^\square = M$. \square

5. CUT INELIMINABILITY AND INTERPOLATION

Here we shall establish that in all the sequential calculi $[L_k^\triangleright]$, $k = 1, 2$, constructed in Sec. 2 cut is ineliminable, but at the same time, the logics L^\triangleright satisfy the Craig interpolation property.

Theorem 5.1. *In the calculi $[L_k^\triangleright]$, where $L \in \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{S5}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{Grz}\}$, $k = 1, 2$, cut is ineliminable.*

Proof. (1) The sequent $\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p)$, $p \Rightarrow \triangleright p$ is deducible in $[\mathbf{T}_2^\triangleright]^-$ (see Lemma 2.3 (b)), and so, in all the calculi $[L_k^\triangleright]$ in question. Let us show that this sequent is not cut free deducible in $[\mathbf{B}_1^\triangleright]$ and in $[L_k^\triangleright]$ for $L \neq \mathbf{B}$.

Suppose that it can be cut free deduced in one of these calculi. Then the last application of a nonstructural rule in this deduction could only be the application of one of the rules $(\supseteq_\triangleright \Rightarrow)$, $(\Rightarrow \supseteq_\triangleright)$, $(\Rightarrow \supseteq_L)$, or $(\Rightarrow \supseteq_L^r)$; the first two are excluded immediately, because the formulas of the form $\triangleright \neg A$ are inherited in cut free deductions, and in our sequent there are no such formulas or subformulas. The conclusion of this application must be of the form

$$[\triangleright (p \rightarrow \triangleright p)]^l, [p]^m \Rightarrow [\triangleright p]^n, \quad l, m, n \geq 0,$$

since only the weakening and abbreviation rules were applied after it in this deduction. It is readily seen that for $L \neq \mathbf{B}$, the conclusions of the rules $(\Rightarrow \supseteq_L)$ and $(\Rightarrow \supseteq_L^r)$ can be of this form only for

$l = m = 0$ and $n > 0$. However, it is clear from semantic considerations (usind the Completeness Theorem proved above) that the sequent $\Rightarrow [\triangleright p]^n$ is not deducible in the calculi in question.

(2) Let us show that the sequent $\triangleright p \Rightarrow \triangleright \neg p$ is deducible even in $[\mathbf{T}_2^\triangleright]^-$, but is not cut free deducible in $[\mathbf{B}_2^\triangleright]$. We have the following deduction in $[\mathbf{T}_2^\triangleright]^-$:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{p \Rightarrow p}{\Rightarrow p, \neg p} \quad \frac{p \Rightarrow p}{p, \neg p \Rightarrow}}{\triangleright p \Rightarrow p, \triangleright \neg p} \quad \frac{p \Rightarrow p}{p, \triangleright p \Rightarrow \triangleright \neg p}}{\triangleright p \Rightarrow \triangleright \neg p}$$

Suppose that this sequent can be cut free deduced in $[\mathbf{B}_2^\triangleright]$. The last application of a nonstructural rule in this deduction could only be the application of the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright r})$. Its conclusion is of the form: $[\triangleright p]^m \Rightarrow [\triangleright \neg p]^n$, where $m, n \geq 0$. Comparing this sequent with the notations from the statement of the rule $(\Rightarrow_{\mathbf{B}}^{\triangleright r})$, we have: $\Pi = \Lambda = \emptyset$, $\Sigma' = [\triangleright p]^m$, $\Sigma = [\triangleright \neg p]^{n-1}$. The premise of this application that corresponds to the partition $\Phi = \Phi' = \emptyset$, $\Psi = \Sigma$, and $\Psi' = \Sigma'$, will be of the form

$$p^{\bar{r}} \Rightarrow p^r, [\triangleright \triangleright p]^m, [\triangleright \triangleright \neg p]^n, \quad \text{where } r \in \{0, 1\}.$$

Let us show that the last sequent is not deducible in $[\mathbf{B}_2^\triangleright]$. Otherwise, by the Completeness Theorem, $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright \vdash p^{\bar{r}} \rightarrow (p^r \vee \triangleright \triangleright p \vee \triangleright \triangleright \neg p)$. Suppose that $r = 0$ (the case $r = 1$ is considered similarly). Then by the axiom $(A_{\neg}^\triangleright)$ and the rule (RE) , we obtain $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright \vdash p \rightarrow \triangleright \triangleright p$. Substituting $\neg p$ for p , we deduce $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright \vdash \neg p \rightarrow \triangleright \triangleright p$. Hence $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright \vdash \triangleright \triangleright p$, i.e., $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright = \mathbf{S5}^\triangleright$, but by Lemma 4.5, the inclusion $\mathbf{B}^\triangleright \subset \mathbf{S5}^\triangleright$ is strict. \square

Definition 5.2. A logic L has the *Craig (interpolation) property* if $L \vdash A \rightarrow C$ implies the existence of the formula B (*interpolant*) such that

$$L \vdash A \rightarrow B, \quad L \vdash B \rightarrow C \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var } B \subseteq (\text{Var } A \cap \text{Var } C).$$

Lemma 5.3. A logic $L \subseteq \mathbf{Fm}^\square$ that contains \mathbf{T} possesses the Craig property if and only if so does the logic L^\triangleright .

Proof. (\Rightarrow) Let us use the obvious deducibility $\mathbf{T} \vdash A \leftrightarrow \text{tr}(\text{Tr}(A))$ for any \square -formula A . Suppose that $L^\triangleright \vdash A \rightarrow C$, i.e., $L \vdash \text{tr}(A) \rightarrow \text{tr}(C)$. By the Craig property for L , we have

$$\exists B \in \mathbf{Fm}^\square: \text{Var } B \subseteq (\text{Var } A \cap \text{Var } C), \quad L \vdash \text{tr}(A) \rightarrow B, \quad B \rightarrow \text{tr}(C).$$

Then $L \vdash \text{tr}(A) \rightarrow \text{tr}(\text{Tr}(B))$, $\text{tr}(\text{Tr}(B)) \rightarrow \text{tr}(C)$. Hence $L^\triangleright \vdash A \rightarrow \text{Tr}(B)$, $\text{Tr}(B) \rightarrow C$. Thus $\text{Tr}(B)$ is the interpolant of $A \rightarrow C$ in L^\triangleright .

(\Leftarrow) We can repeat the same argument exchanging the roles of the translations Tr and tr . \square

Corollary 5.4. The logics L^\triangleright , where $L \in \{\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{S4}, \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{S5}, \mathbf{Grz}, \mathbf{S4.1}\}$, possess the Craig interpolation property.

Proof. The proof follows from the familiar (see [17, 14]) Craig property for L and Lemma 5.3. \square

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