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Open Reading for Free Choice Permission

A Perspective from Substructural Logics

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Our Strategy

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2 FCP inference

$$A \multimap B \vdash PB \supset PA$$

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Why Substructural Logic?

To achieve a systematic view of semantic variety in the landscape of logics for FCP.

Language

Definition (Formulas)

The set \mathcal{L} of well-formed formulas of normality is defined as follows:

$$A := p \mid \perp \mid \neg A \mid (A \uplus A) \mid (A \circ A) \mid (A \multimap A) \mid P(A)$$

where $p \in Act_0$ where Act_0 is the set of all atomic propositions with regards to actions.

$$A \supset B =_{def} \neg A \uplus B.$$

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$$X := A \mid 1 \mid (X; X) \mid (X, X).$$

where $A \in \mathcal{L}$ is a well-formed formula.

$X[Y]$ means a structure X with a substructure Y , while $X[Z/Y]$ means a structure X with replacing the occurrences of the substructure Y by Z .

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A frame for normality is a tuple $\mathcal{F} = \langle W, M, OK \rangle$ where

- W is a non-empty set of events
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Models

Let a tuple $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{F}, V \rangle$ be a model based on a frame \mathcal{F} for normality, a function $V : Act_0 \rightarrow \wp(W)$ assigning a set of events such that $V(p) \subseteq W$ for all $p \in Act_0$, where $p \in Act_0$. A well-formed formula $A \in$ is *true* at event w in model \mathcal{M} , written $\mathcal{M}, w \models A$, and a structure X is true at w in \mathcal{M} , written $\mathcal{M}, w \models X$, are defined as follows:

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|--|--------------------|--|
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models p$ | iff | $w \in V(p)$ |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models \perp$ | for all $w \in W$ | |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models \neg A$ | iff | $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models A$ |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models A \uplus B$ | iff | $\mathcal{M}, w \models A$ or $\mathcal{M}, w \models B$ |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models A \multimap B$ | iff | $\forall y, z \in W. (\mathcal{M}, y \models A \text{ & } \textcolor{red}{Mwyz} \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}, z \models B)$ |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models A \circ B$ | iff | $\exists y, z \in W. (\mathcal{M}, y \models A, \mathcal{M}, z \models B \text{ & } \textcolor{red}{Myzw})$ |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models PA$ | iff | $\forall y, z \in W. (\mathcal{M}, y \models A \Rightarrow \textcolor{red}{OK}(y, w))$ |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models 1$ | for each $w \in W$ | |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models X; Y$ | iff | $\exists y, z \in W. (\mathcal{M}, y \models X, \mathcal{M}, z \models Y \text{ & } \textcolor{red}{Myzw})$ |
| $\mathcal{M}, w \models X, Y$ | iff | $\mathcal{M}, w \models X$ and $\mathcal{M}, w \models Y$ |

A Basic Logic

A basic sequent calculus N^0 of normality:

$$(\circ R) \quad \frac{X \vdash A \quad Y \vdash B}{X; Y \vdash A \circ B}$$

$$(\circ L) \quad \frac{X[A; B] \vdash C}{X[A \circ B] \vdash C}$$

$$(\neg R) \quad \frac{X; A \vdash B}{X \vdash A \neg B}$$

$$(\neg L) \quad \frac{X \vdash A \quad Y[B] \vdash C}{Y[A \neg B; X] \vdash C}$$

$$(\text{Id}) \quad p \vdash p \text{ where } p \in \text{Act}_0$$

$$(\text{Cut}) \quad \frac{X \vdash A \quad Y[A] \vdash B}{Y[X/A] \vdash B}$$

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One Extension N^{RaM}

$$(RaM) \quad \frac{X \vdash A \multimap C}{X \vdash \neg(A \circ B) \multimap \perp \supset (A \circ B) \multimap C}$$

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An Example

An acceptable rational monotonic case:

- (1) $Order \multimap Order \vdash Order \multimap Order$ (Id)
- (2) $Order \multimap Order \vdash \neg(Order \circ Pay \multimap \perp) \supset (Order \circ Pay) \multimap Order$ (1), (RaM)
- (3) $Order \multimap Order, \neg(Order \circ Pay \multimap \perp) \vdash P(Order) \supset P(Order \circ Pay)$ (2), (OR)

where $Order, Pay \in Act_0$.

Conclusions and Future Works

- 1 The logics N^0 and N^{RaM} can avoid the undesired FCP results. In addition, N^{RaM} can implies the desired FCP by applying (RaM).
- 2 Define obligation in this substructural framework, and check the interaction of obligation and permission.
- 3 Compare this ternary framework with the binary framework proposed by van Benthem (1979).

Thank you!