

Intuitionistic S4 is decidable!

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In a nutshell

Is IS4 decidable? [Simpson, 1994]

Yes!

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.12094>



Intuitionistic modal logics

[Fischer Servi, 1984], [Plotkin & Stirling, 1986], [Simpson, 1994]

\mathcal{A} set of propositional variables, $p \in \mathcal{A}$

$\mathcal{L} ::= p \mid \perp \mid A \wedge B \mid A \vee B \mid A \supset B \mid \Box A \mid \Diamond A \quad \neg A \equiv A \supset \perp$

nec : if A is provable, so is $\Box A$

$k_1 : \Box(A \supset B) \supset (\Box A \supset \Box B)$

$k_2 : \Box(A \supset B) \supset (\Diamond A \supset \Diamond B)$

$k_3 : \Diamond(A \vee B) \supset (\Diamond A \vee \Diamond B)$

$k_4 : (\Diamond A \supset \Box B) \supset \Box(A \supset B)$

$k_5 : \Diamond \perp \supset \perp$

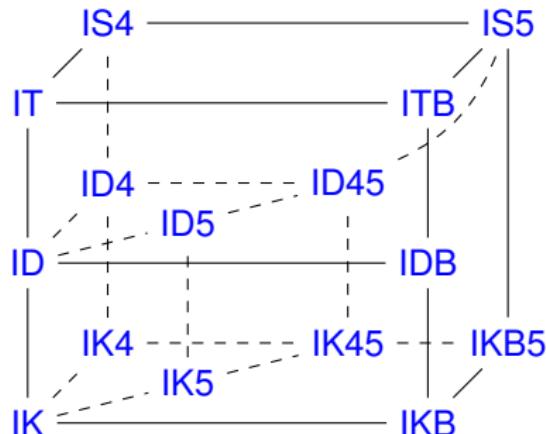
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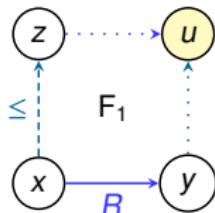
b : $A \supset \Box \Diamond A \quad \wedge \quad \Diamond \Box A \supset A$

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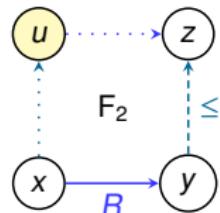
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Bi-relational models for IS4 [Fischer Servi, 1984]



$$\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R, \leq, V \rangle$$



- ▷ W non-empty set
- ▷ R reflexive and transitive relation (S4 models)
- ▷ \leq reflexive and transitive relation (IPL models)
- ▷ $V : W \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{A}}$ s.t. if $x \leq y$ then $V(x) \subseteq V(y)$ (IPL models)

$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \perp$;

$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash p$ iff $p \in V(w)$;

$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A \wedge B$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A$ and $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash B$;

$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A \vee B$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A$ or $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash B$;

$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A \supset B$ iff for all w' with $w \leq w'$, if $\mathcal{M}, w' \Vdash A$, then $\mathcal{M}, w' \Vdash B$;

$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \Diamond A$ iff there exists u such that wRu and $\mathcal{M}, u \Vdash A$;

$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash \Box A$ iff for all w', u with $w \leq w'$ and $w'Ru$, we have $\mathcal{M}, u \Vdash A$.

Monotonicity: if $\mathcal{M}, x \Vdash A$ and $x \leq y$, then $\mathcal{M}, x \Vdash A$

A is valid iff for all \mathcal{M} and W it holds that $\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash A$

Fully labelled sequent calculus [Marin, Morales, Straßburger, 2021]

Enriching the language: given countably many variables (**labels**), define:

- ▷ Relational atoms $xRy, x \leq y$
- ▷ Labelled formulas $x:A$

A **labelled sequent** \mathcal{G} is a triple $\mathcal{R}, \Gamma \implies \Delta$ with:

- ▷ \mathcal{R} multiset of relational atoms, and
- ▷ Γ, Δ multiset of labelled formulas

Shorthands: for a sequent \mathcal{G} , we write

- ▷ $x \leq_{\mathcal{G}} y$ iff $x \leq y$ occurs in \mathcal{R} ;
- ▷ $x R_{\mathcal{G}} y$ iff xRy occurs in \mathcal{R} ;
- ▷ $\mathcal{G}, x:A^\bullet$ iff $x:A$ occurs in Γ ;
- ▷ $\mathcal{G}, x:A^\circ$ iff $x:A$ occurs in Δ .

Labels x and y are **equivalent**, written $x \sim y$, iff, for all formulas A ,

- ▷ $\mathcal{G}, x:A^\bullet \iff \mathcal{H}, y:A^\bullet$, and
- ▷ $\mathcal{G}, x:A^\circ \iff \mathcal{H}, y:A^\circ$.

Rules of labIS4 \leq

$$\text{id} \frac{}{\mathcal{R}, x \leq y, \Gamma, x:a \implies \Delta, y:a}$$

$$\wedge^\bullet \frac{\mathcal{R}, \Gamma, x:A, x:B \implies \Delta}{\mathcal{R}, \Gamma, x:A \wedge B \implies \Delta}$$

$$\vee^\bullet \frac{\mathcal{R}, \Gamma, x:A \implies \Delta \quad \mathcal{R}, \Gamma, x:B \implies \Delta}{\mathcal{R}, \Gamma, x:A \vee B \implies \Delta}$$

$$\supset^\bullet \frac{\mathcal{R}, x \leq y, x:A \supset B, \Gamma \implies \Delta, y:A \quad \mathcal{R}, x \leq y, \Gamma, y:B \implies \Delta}{\mathcal{R}, x \leq y, \Gamma, x:A \supset B \implies \Delta}$$

$$\Box^\bullet \frac{\mathcal{R}, x \leq y, y R z, \Gamma, x:\Box A, z:A \implies \Delta}{\mathcal{R}, x \leq y, y R z, \Gamma, x:\Box A \implies \Delta}$$

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$$F_1 \frac{\mathcal{R}, x R y, y \leq z, x \leq u, u R z, \Gamma \implies \Delta}{\mathcal{R}, x R y, y \leq z, \Gamma \implies \Delta} \quad u \text{ fresh}$$

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A proof theoretic approach to decidability

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Proof search for $\Rightarrow \alpha : F$

loopcheck

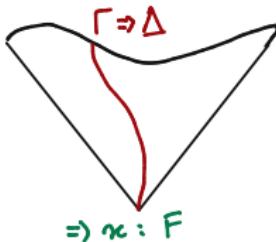


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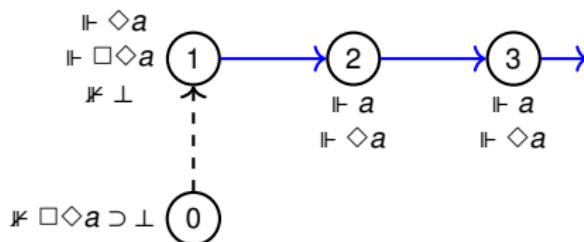
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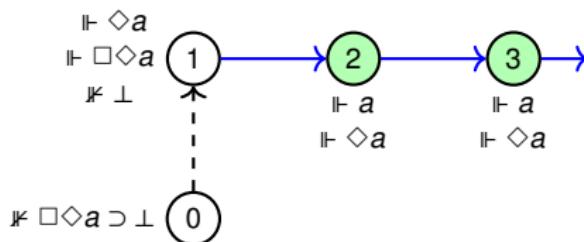


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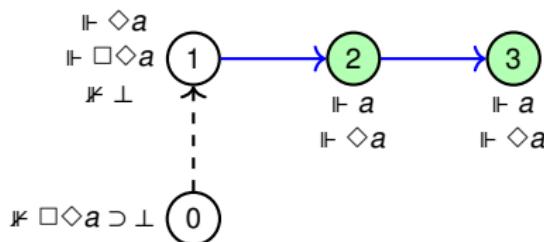
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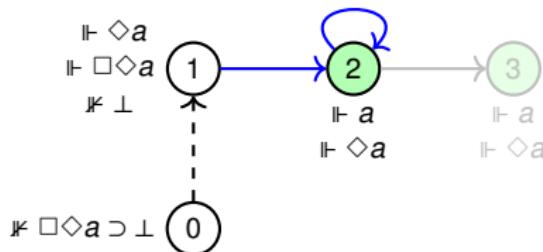
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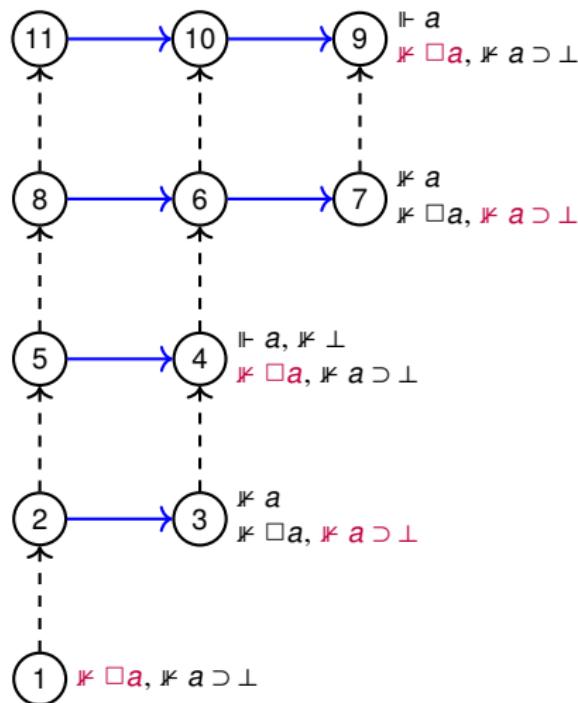
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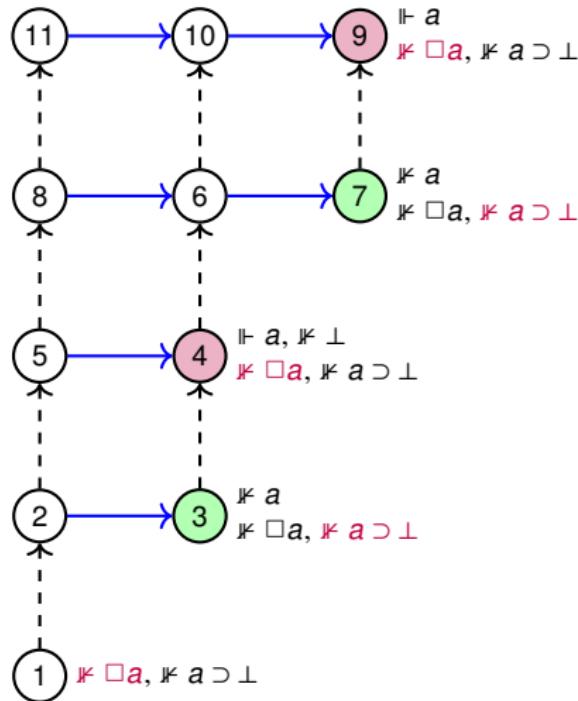
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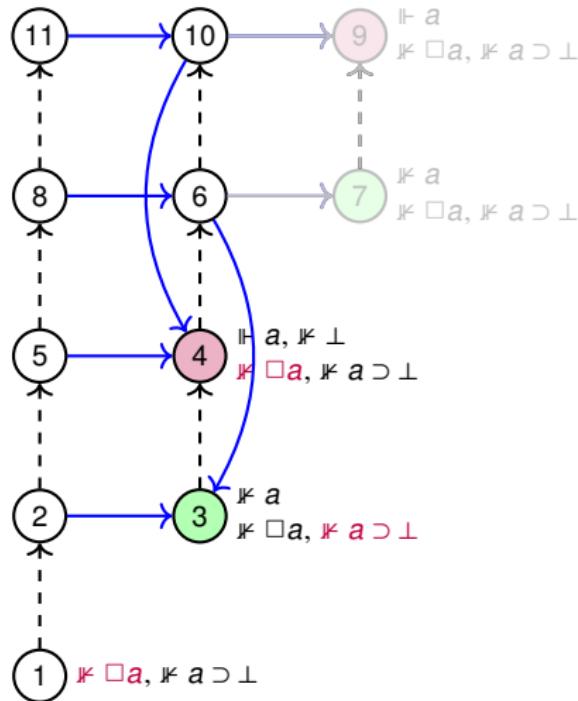
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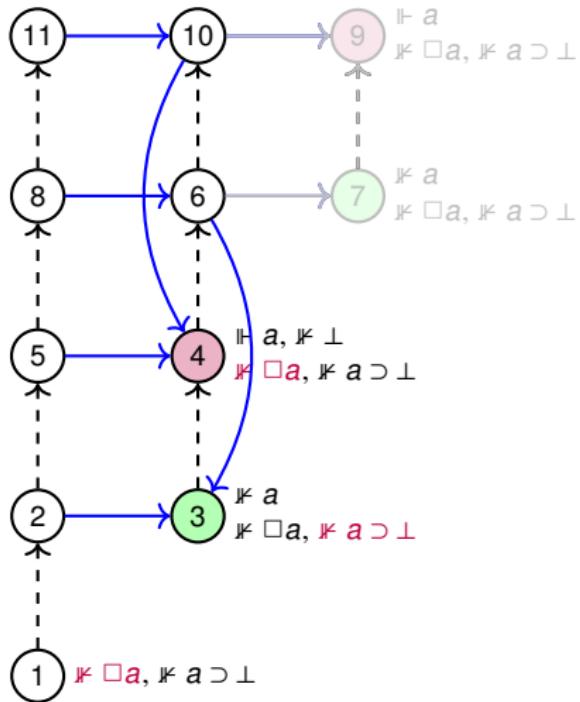
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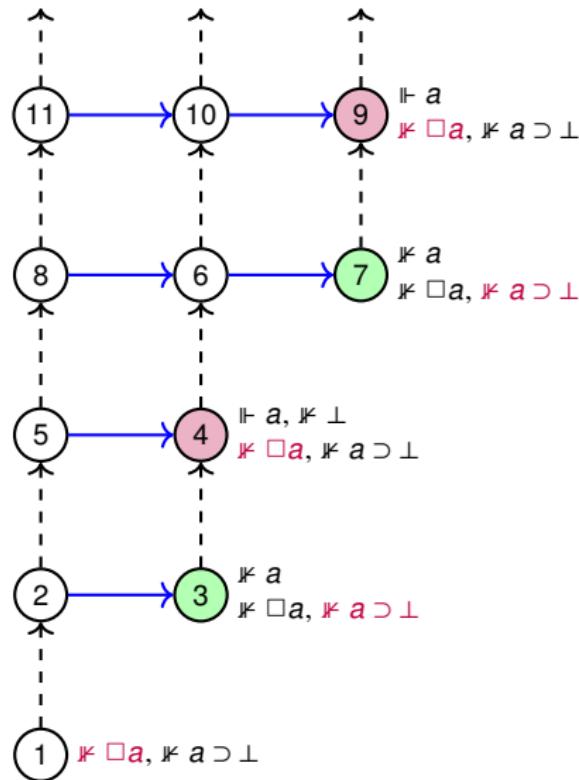
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Our approach to decidability

Is formula F valid in ISH ?



Proof search for $\Rightarrow \infty : F$

loopcheck_{K₃}
R-loops



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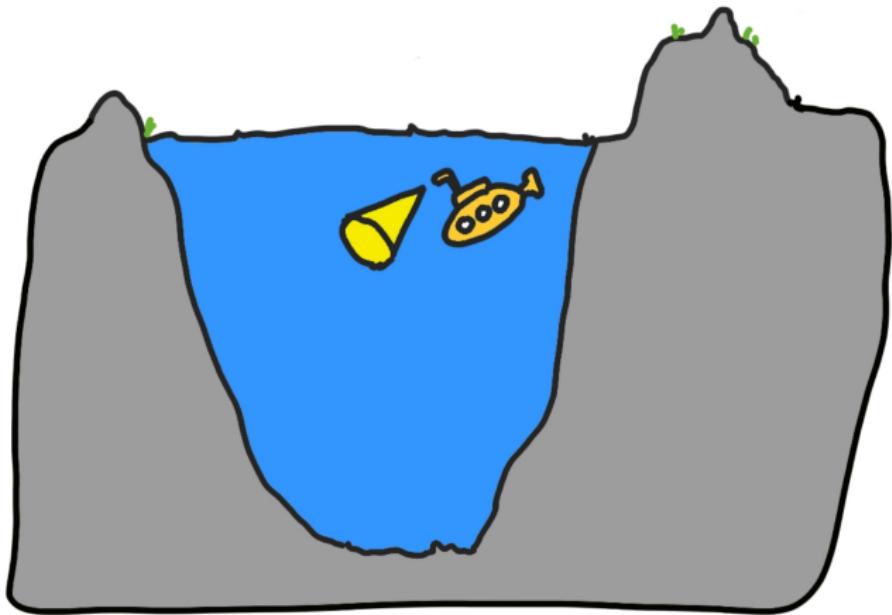


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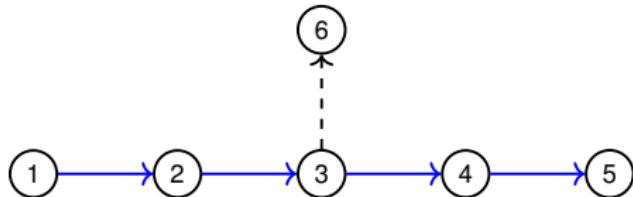


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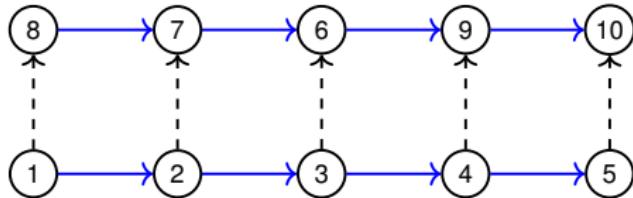
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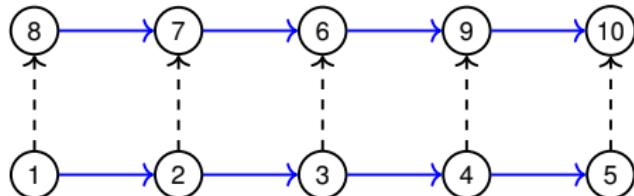
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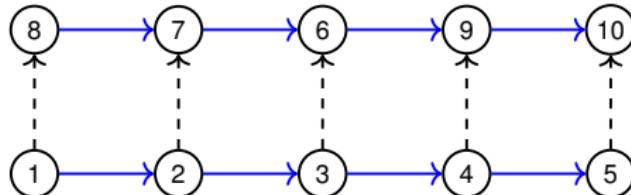


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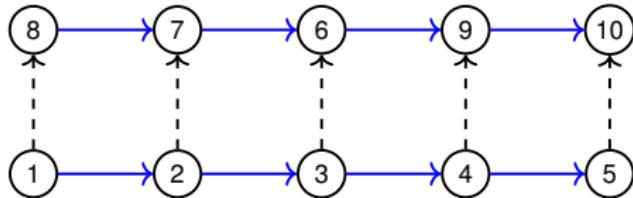


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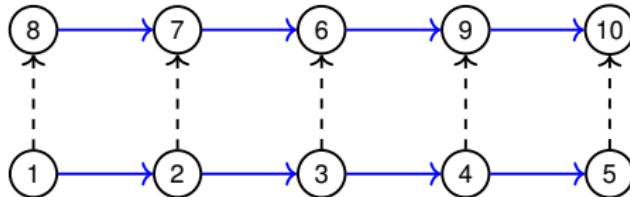
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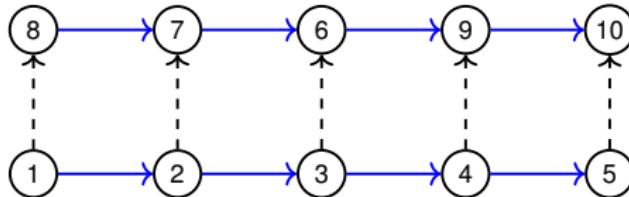
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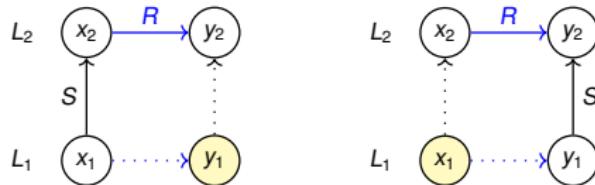
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Layer L_1 **simulates** layer L_2 iff there is a relation $S \subseteq (L_1 \times L_2) \cap \sim$ s.t.:



We introduce **clusters** (equivalence classes of $R_G \cap R_G^{-1}$).



The Algorithm

Is formula F valid in IS4?

0. Let $\mathcal{G}_0(F)$ be the sequent $r \leq r \implies r : F$ and let $\mathfrak{S}'_0 = \{\mathcal{G}_0(F)\}$.

1. For the set \mathfrak{S}'_i , calculate a **saturation** \mathfrak{S}_i .

2. If all sequents in \mathfrak{S}_i are axiomatic, then terminate. $\leadsto F$ is valid

3. Otherwise pick a non-axiomatic sequent $\mathcal{G}_i \in \mathfrak{S}_i$.

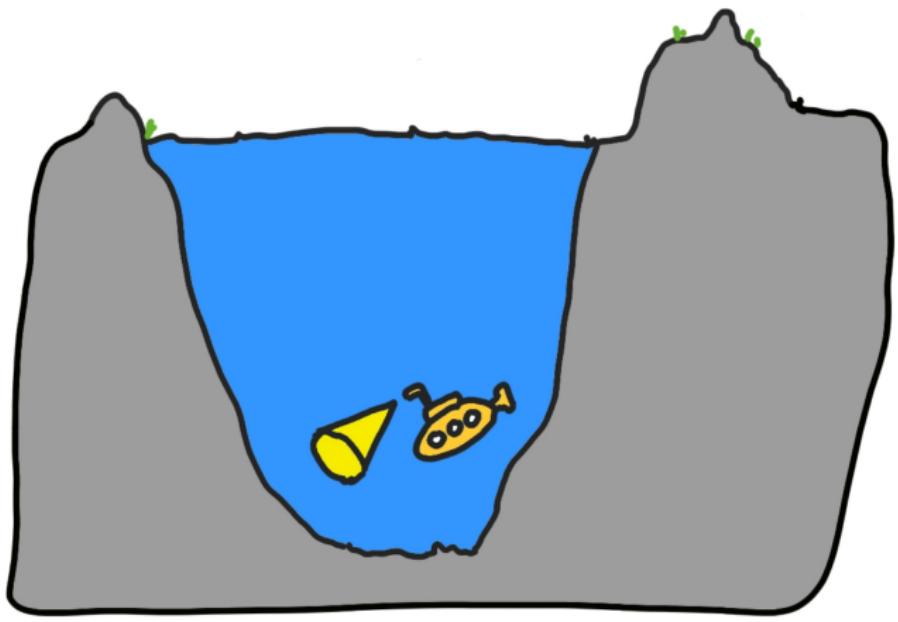
- 3.1 Pick an allowed formula $x : A^\circ$ in \mathcal{G}_i , compute the **lifting** $\mathcal{G}_i \uparrow^{x:A^\circ}$, and let $\mathfrak{S}'_{i+1} = (\mathfrak{S}_i \setminus \{\mathcal{G}_i\}) \cup \{\mathcal{G}_i + \mathcal{G}_i \uparrow^{x:A^\circ}\}$.
Go to Step 1.

- 3.2 Otherwise, if there are no more allowed formulas in \mathcal{G}_i , then terminate. $\leadsto F$ is not valid

to formulas occurring in layers which are not simulated

Apply $\wedge^\circ, \wedge^\circ, \vee^\circ, \vee^\circ, \supset^\circ, \Box^\circ, \Diamond^\circ$ and \Diamond° "as much as possible"; introduce R-loops

Apply one of $\supset^\circ, \Box^\circ$



Saturation

1. For the set \mathfrak{S}'_i , calculate its **saturation** \mathfrak{S}_i .
 - a. For the set \mathfrak{S}'_i , calculate its **semi-saturation** \mathfrak{S}_i .
Apply “as much as possible” rules \wedge^* , \wedge° , \vee^* , \vee° , \supset^* , \square^* , \diamond° .
 - b. If there are \diamond^\bullet -formulas in some non-axiomatic sequent $\mathcal{G}_i \in \mathfrak{S}_i$ to which the \diamond^\bullet rule can be applied, then pick one such formula, $y:\diamond A^\bullet$. Compute the **4-saturation** $\mathcal{G}_i^{\diamond^\bullet}$ of \mathcal{G}_i and let $\mathfrak{S}'_{i+1} = (\mathfrak{S}_i \setminus \{\mathcal{G}_i\}) \cup \{\mathcal{G}_i^{\diamond^\bullet}\}$.
[Go to Step a.](#)
 - c. If there are no such formulas, calculate the **loop saturation** of \mathfrak{S}'_{i+1} .

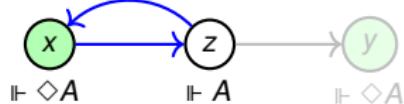
4-saturation

Let \mathcal{G} be a sequent containing a formula $y:\diamond A^\bullet$ to which the \diamond^\bullet rule can be applied (and such that, for all the labels u with $u R_{\mathcal{G}} x$ and $u \neq x$, no rule can be applied to $u:B^\bullet$, $u:B^\circ$, except for \supset° , \Box°).

The \diamond -saturation $\mathcal{G}^{\diamond^\bullet}$ of \mathcal{G} is obtained by either:

- If there is a label $x \neq y$ with $x R_{\mathcal{G}} y$ and $x \sim y$ (and every label w with $x R_{\mathcal{G}} w$ has no past in \mathcal{G}), substitute each occurrence of y with x and close under $\mathcal{R}\text{tr}$;

$$\mathcal{R}\text{tr} \frac{xRx, xRz, \mathcal{R}'', x:\diamond A, z:A, x:\diamond A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{xRx, xRz, \mathcal{R}', x:\diamond A, z:A, x:\diamond A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta} \quad \dots \quad xRy, xRz, \mathcal{R}, x:\diamond A, z:A, y:\diamond A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta$$

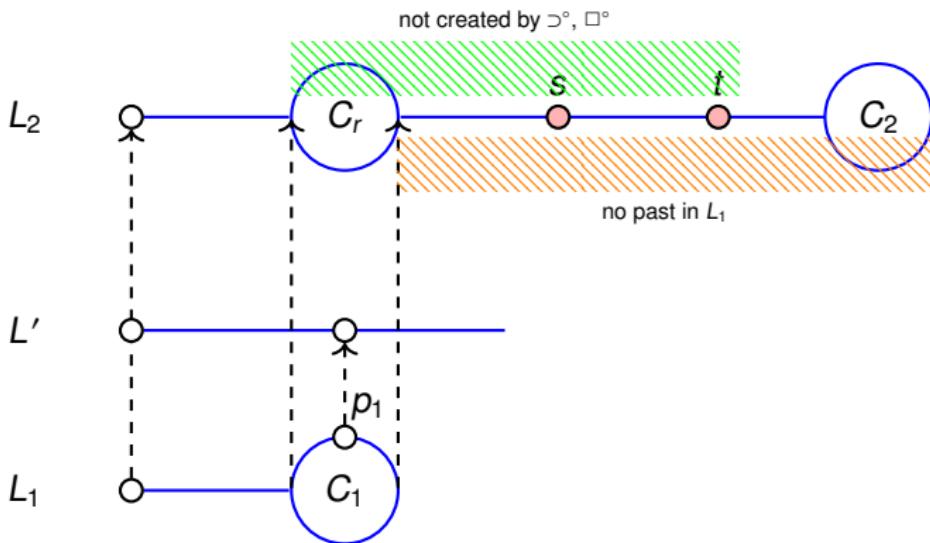


- Otherwise, apply rule \diamond^\bullet and close under structural rules.

$$\text{struc } \frac{z \leq z, yRz, \mathcal{R}, z:A, y:\diamond A, \Gamma' \Rightarrow \Delta}{\diamond^\bullet \frac{yRz, \mathcal{R}, z:A, y:\diamond A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}{\mathcal{R}, y:\diamond A, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta}}$$

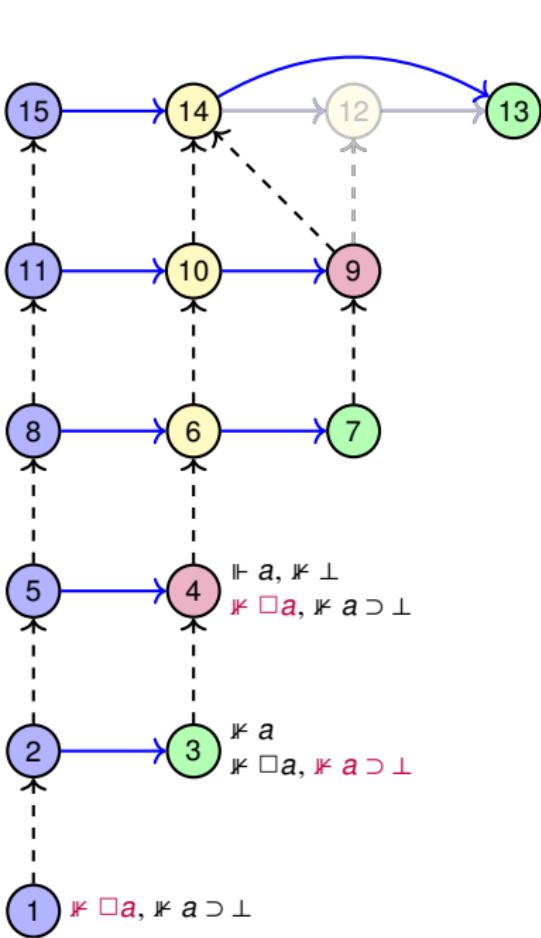
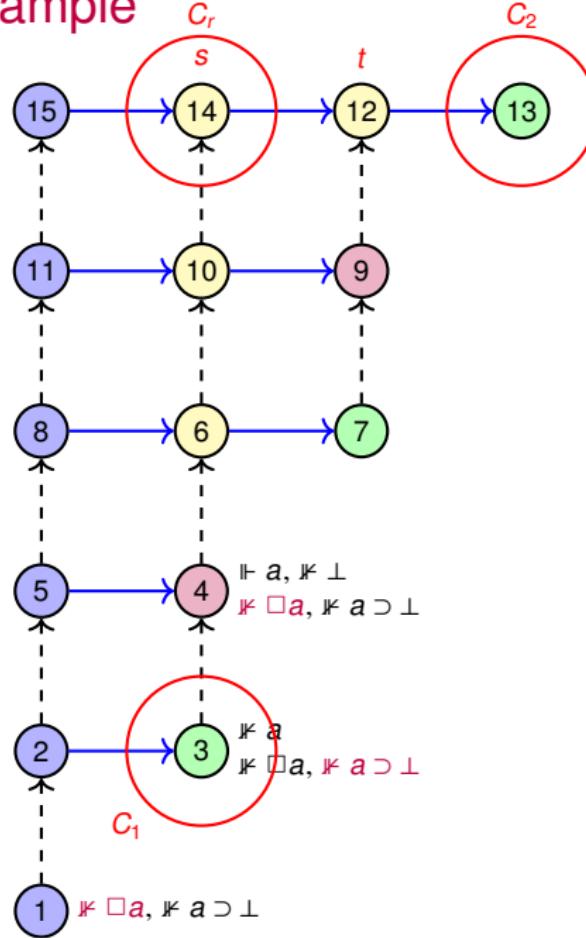
Loop saturation

Let \mathcal{G} be the following sequent, where $C_1 \sim C_2$ and $s \sim t$:

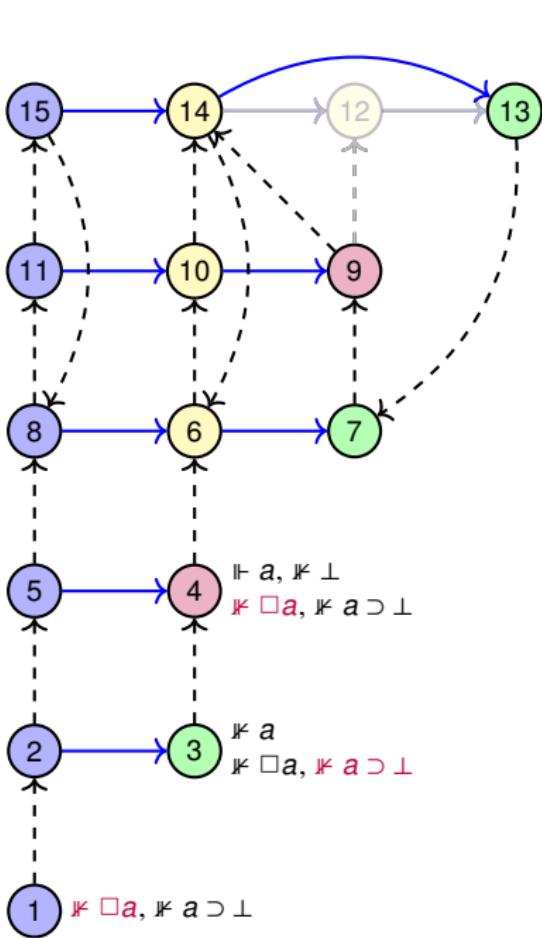
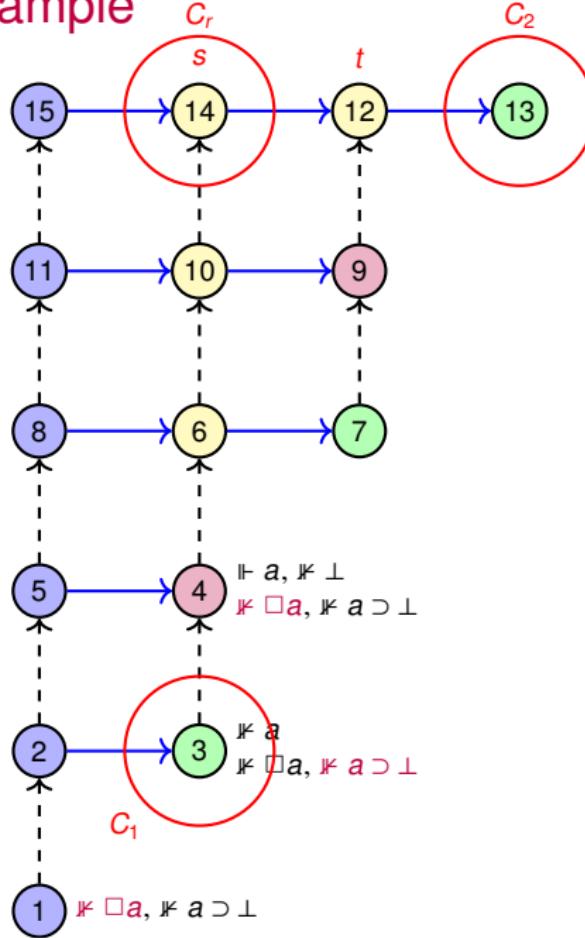


The **loop saturation** \mathcal{G}^\cup of \mathcal{G} is obtained by substituting each occurrence of t with s and closing under \mathcal{R}_{tr} .

Example



Example



To prove

Termination The Algorithm is terminating.

Completeness If the Algorithm terminates in Step 4, then formula F is not a theorem of IS4.

This is easy!

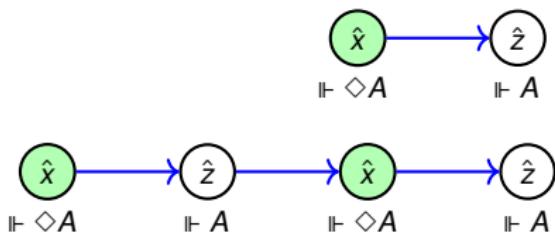
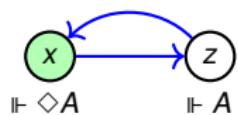
Soundness If the Algorithm terminates in Step 2, then the formula F is a theorem of IS4.

Here we need to use unfoldings.

Unfoldings

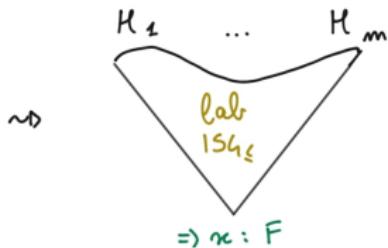
Goal: proof with only of **proper sequents** (only singleton clusters)

n -Unfolding of \mathcal{G} : proper sequent $\hat{\mathcal{G}}$ together with $U \subseteq \ell(\mathcal{G}) \times \ell(\hat{\mathcal{G}})$, obeying some conditions, unwinding clusters in \mathcal{G} n times.

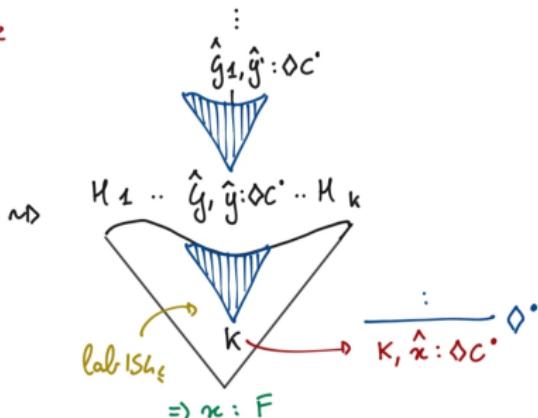
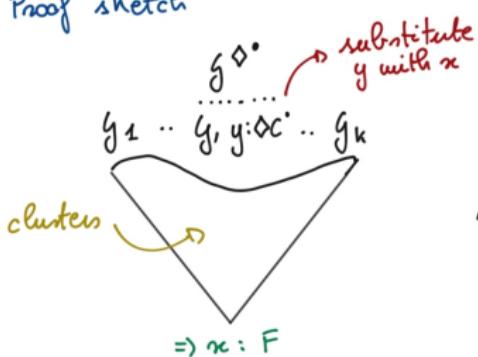


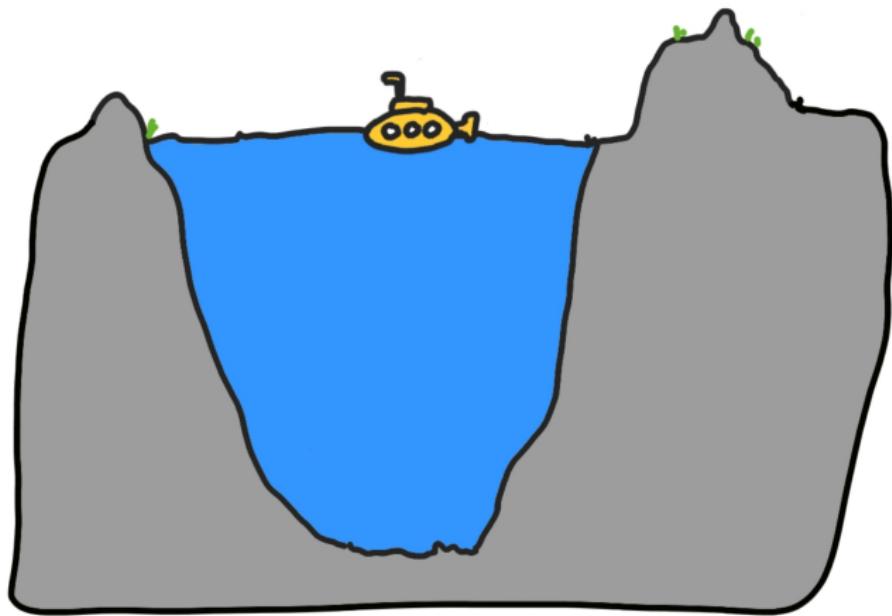
Unfolding Theorem

Given a set of sequents $\mathcal{G}_1, \dots, \mathcal{G}_k$ produced by the algorithm, for every $n \geq 1$ there is a labIS4 $_{\leq}$ derivation of premisses $\mathcal{H}_1, \dots, \mathcal{H}_m$, such that each \mathcal{H}_j , for $j \in \{1..m\}$, is an n -unfolding of some \mathcal{G}_i , for $i \in \{1..k\}$.



Proof Sketch





Thank you!