

# Quantified Reflection Calculus towards the polymodal case

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The  $\Box_{\text{PA}}(\cdot)$  predicate is  $\Sigma_1^0$ -complete. That is, for each c.e. set  $A$ , there is an arithmetical formula  $\rho_A(x)$  such that

$$A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \mathbb{N} \models \Box_{\text{PA}}(\rho_A(n))\}.$$



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- Characterise all provably structural properties in two steps
  - $\mathcal{L}_{\Box}$  with  $\text{Form}_{\Box} := \perp \mid \text{Prop} \mid \text{Form}_{\Box} \rightarrow \text{Form}_{\Box} \mid \Box \text{Form}_{\Box}$
  - Define a denotation of  $\mathcal{L}_{\Box}$  formulas inside the  $\mathcal{L}_{PA}$  formulas

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Clearly, for any realization  $(\cdot)^*$  we have for example

$$PA \vdash \left( \square(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\square p \rightarrow \square q) \right)^*$$

since

$$PA \vdash \square_{PA}(p^* \rightarrow q^*) \rightarrow (\square_{PA}p^* \rightarrow \square_{PA}q^*)$$

regardless of  $(\cdot)^*$

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## A candidate

- GL is the normal modal logic with axioms
  - All classical logical tautologies in  $\mathcal{L}_{\Box}$  like  $\Box p \vee \neg \Box p$ , etc.
  - All distributions axioms:  $\Box(A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (\Box A \rightarrow \Box B)$ ,
  - All Löb axioms:  $\Box(\Box A \rightarrow A) \rightarrow \Box A$ .
- and rules

- Modus Ponens  $\frac{A \rightarrow B \quad A}{B}$ ,

- Necessitation  $\frac{A}{\Box A}$ .

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Thus, even though  $\text{PL}(\text{PA})$  is *prima facie* of complexity  $\Pi_2^0$ , it allows for a decidable description

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of complexity PSPACE.

# True provability logic

- $\text{PA} \not\vdash \Box_{\text{PA}}(\ulcorner 0 = 1 \urcorner) \rightarrow 0 = 1$
- $\mathbb{N} \models \Box_{\text{PA}}(\ulcorner \varphi \urcorner) \rightarrow \varphi$  for whatever sentence  $\varphi$

For a c.e. theory  $T$  we define

$$\text{TPL}(T) := \{\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\Box} \mid \text{for any } (\cdot)^*, \text{ we have } \mathbb{N} \models (\varphi)^*\}$$

*A priori*, complexity above true arithmetic.

However,

$$\text{TPL}(\text{PA}) = \text{GLS}.$$

Here GLS is axiomatised by all theorems of GL and all reflection axioms  $\Box A \rightarrow A$  with MP as the only rule.

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Example:  $\Box \forall x P(x) \rightarrow \forall x \Box P(x)$

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$$QPL(PA + Incon(PA)) = CQC + \Box\perp$$

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## Theorem (Vardanyan, 1986 and McGee, 1985)

$\{\text{closed } \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{\square, \nabla} \mid \text{for any } (\cdot)^{\bullet}, \text{ we have } \text{PA} \vdash (\varphi)^{\bullet}\}$

is  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete. Thus it is not recursively axiomatisable.

## Theorem (Artemov, 1985)

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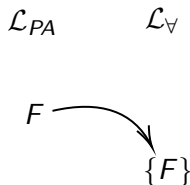
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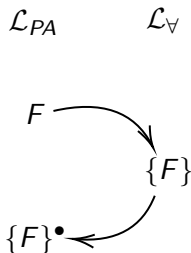
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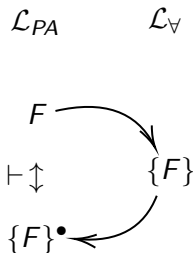




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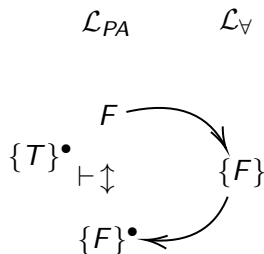


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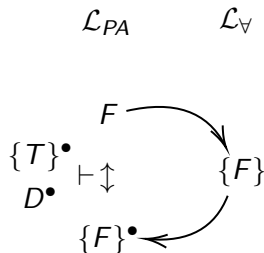


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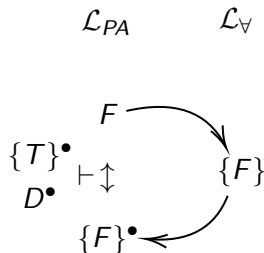
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- By Tennenbaum's Theorem the model induced by  $(\cdot)^{\bullet}$  is standard, hence  $\mathbb{N} \models S \iff (\{T\} \wedge D \rightarrow \{S\}) \in \text{TQPL}(\text{PA})$

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One easily sees that  $\text{QPL}(\text{PA} + \Box_{\text{PA}} \perp)$  is r.e., but it seems that  $\text{QPL}(\text{PA} + \Box_{\text{PA}} \Box_{\text{PA}} \perp)$  is also  $\Pi_2^0$ -complete.

**Theorem (Visser, de Jonge, 2006)**

*QPL( $T$ ) is  $\Pi_2^0$  complete for any  $\Sigma_1$ -sound theory  $T$  extending EA.*

Archive for Mathematical Logic 2006: No Escape from Vardanyan's



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  - Decidability is PSPACE-complete
  - RC is the strictly positive fragment of GLP, with statements of the form  $\varphi \vdash \psi$ , where  $\varphi, \psi$  are in the language built from  $\top, p, \wedge, \langle 0 \rangle, \langle 1 \rangle, \dots$
  - E.g.  $\langle 1 \rangle p \vdash \langle 0 \rangle p$
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- Strictly positive fragments of modal logics (Zakharyashev, Wolter, *et al.*)

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By induction on the  $\text{QRC}_1$ -proof. Here is the case of  $\Diamond\Diamond\varphi \vdash \Diamond\varphi$ :

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- we abuse notation and define  $g(c) := \text{denotation}(c)$  for all assignments  $g$  and constants  $c$

# Satisfaction

Let  $g$  be a  $w$ -assignment.

$$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash^g S(t, u) \iff \langle g(t), g(u) \rangle \in \text{denotation}_w(S)$$

$$\mathcal{M}, w \Vdash^g \Diamond \varphi \iff$$

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Can be extended to any  $n$ : with  $S$   $n$ -ary, let  $\varphi$  be the conjunction of the  $n(n-1)/2$  formulas of the form  $\forall x_0, \dots, x_{n-2} S(\dots, x_0, \dots, x_0, \dots)$ . Now  $\varphi$  does not entail  $\psi := \forall x_0, \dots, x_{n-1} S(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1})$ . Worlds with  $\leq n-1$  elements that satisfies  $\varphi$  must also satisfy  $\psi$ .

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Since QRC<sub>1</sub> has the finite model property (finite number of worlds with finite constant domain), it is decidable.

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- Define the domain and the denotation at  $v_\chi$  like with  $w$
- Repeat until all  $\diamond$ -formulas are witnessed

# Putting it together

## Lemma (Truth lemma)

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be the counter-model we just built. Then for any world  $w$ , assignment  $g$ , and formula  $\chi^g \in \Lambda_C$ :

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# In summary

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- Modal mu calculus to capture infinite dynamics in GLP (Reduction Property, Reflexive points in RC models, etc.)

*Thank you*

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