
Problem Set 2
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Exercise 2.1.1, p. 63 Suppose we wanted an operator D with the following satisfaction definition: for any model \mathfrak{M} and any formula ϕ , $\mathfrak{M}, w \Vdash \phi$ iff there is a $u \neq w$ such that $\mathfrak{M}, u \Vdash \phi$. This operator is called the *difference operator*. Is the difference operator definable in the basic modal language?

Exercise 2.1.3, p. 63 Give the simplest possible example which shows that the truth of modal formulas is *not* invariant under homomorphisms, even if condition 1 is strengthened to an equivalence. Is modal truth preserved under homomorphisms? [Condition 1 for $f : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}'$ to be a homomorphism is: for each proposition letter p and each element w from \mathfrak{M} , if $w \in V(p)$, then $f(w) \in V'(p)$.]

Exercise 2.1.4, p. 63 Show that the mapping defined in the proposition 2.15 is indeed a surjective bounded homomorphism. [You should remember the method presented in the previous lecture for unwinding a model \mathfrak{M} into a rooted tree-like model \mathfrak{M}' , with root w . The mapping the exercise refers to is the mapping $f : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{M}'$ where $f(w, u_1, \dots, u_n) \mapsto u_n$.]