Decidability of Modal System S5: A Recursive Algorithm.

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Abstract.- The decidability method, given in [6], for modal system S5 uses the reduced modal normal form. In this paper we present a recursive algorithm for computing the reduced modal normal form and use this algorithm as a subroutine for an algorithm deciding validity of formulas of system S5.

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0.- Introduction

Modal logics ([6]) have found a variety of uses in Artificial Intelligence and in Computer Science (cfr. [8], [2], [9]). For such applications, efficient automated proof systems are very desirable. There are some decision procedures for modal logics (e.g. [1], [3], [4], [5], [7]). In this paper, we present a recursive algorithm for deciding validity of formulas of system S5.

1.- Notations and terminology

We shall denote by $X_1, X_2,...$ the propositional variables, and for primitive connectives, we shall use the symbols \neg (negation), \lor (disjunction), \Box (necessarity).

Definition 1.1. We define the set of formulas \mathbf{P} inductively as follows:

- (a) The propositional variables are formulas.
- (b) If P is a formula, then $\neg P$ and $\Box P$ are formulas.
- (c) If P and Q are formulas, then $P \lor Q$ is a formula.

We shall use capital letters P, Q, R, \dots for metavariables about the formulas.

Definition 1.2. We define new connectives writting:

$$P \wedge Q = \neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q) \qquad (P \text{ and } Q)$$

$$P \rightarrow Q = \neg P \vee Q \qquad (\text{if } P, \text{ then } Q)$$

$$P \leftrightarrow Q = (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P) \qquad (P \text{ iff } Q)$$

$$\Diamond P = \neg(\Box \neg P) \qquad (P \text{ is possible})$$

Definition 1.3. The set of **axioms** in S5 are:

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{AX1:} \ P \lor P \to P \\ \mathrm{AX2:} \ P \to P \lor Q \\ \mathrm{AX3:} \ P \lor Q \to Q \lor P \\ \mathrm{AX4:} \ (Q \to R) \to (P \lor Q \to P \lor R) \\ \mathrm{AX5:} \ \Box P \to P \\ \mathrm{AX6:} \ \Box (P \to Q) \to (\Box P \to \Box Q) \\ \mathrm{AX7:} \ \Diamond P \to \Box \Diamond P \end{array}$

Definition 1.4. The **theorems** in S5 are defined inductively as follows:

- (a) The axioms are theorems.
- (b) If $P \to Q$ and P are theorems, then Q is a theorem (Modus-Ponens Rule).
- (c) If P is a theorem, $\Box P$ is a theorem (Necessarity Rule).

If P is a theorem in S5, we put $\vdash P$.

Theorem 1.5. If P is a tautology in classical propositional calculus, then $\vdash P$.

Corollary 1.6. The following formulas are theorems in S5:

 $\begin{array}{ll} (1) & \neg(\neg Q) \leftrightarrow Q \\ (2) & \neg(Q \land R) \leftrightarrow \neg Q \lor \neg R \\ (3) & \neg(Q \lor R) \leftrightarrow \neg Q \land \neg R \\ (4) & (Q \land R) \lor S \leftrightarrow (Q \lor S) \land (R \lor S) \\ (5) & Q \lor (R \land S) \leftrightarrow (Q \lor R) \land (Q \lor S) \\ (6) & (Q \lor R) \land S \leftrightarrow (Q \land S) \lor (R \land S) \\ (7) & Q \land (R \lor S) \leftrightarrow (Q \land R) \lor (Q \land S) \end{array}$

Theorem 1.7. If $\vdash P_1, \ldots, \vdash P_m$ and Q is a tautological consequence of P_1, \ldots, P_m , then $\vdash Q$.

Theorem 1.8. The following formulas are theorems in S5:

$$(1) \neg (\Diamond P) \leftrightarrow \Box (\neg P)$$

$$(2) \neg (\Box P) \leftrightarrow \Diamond (\neg P)$$

$$(3) \Box (\Box P) \leftrightarrow \Box P$$

$$(4) \Box (\Diamond P) \leftrightarrow \Diamond P$$

$$(5) \Box (P \land Q) \leftrightarrow (\Box P) \land (\Box Q)$$

$$(6) \Box ((\Box P) \lor Q) \leftrightarrow \Box (\Box P) \lor (\Box Q)$$

$$(7) \Box ((\Diamond P) \lor Q) \leftrightarrow \Box (\Diamond P) \lor (\Box Q)$$

$$(7) \Box ((\Diamond P) \leftrightarrow \bigcirc P$$

$$(9) \Diamond (\Diamond P) \leftrightarrow \bigcirc P$$

$$(9) \Diamond (\Diamond P) \leftrightarrow \Diamond P$$

$$(10) \Diamond (P \lor Q) \leftrightarrow (\Diamond P) \lor (\Diamond Q)$$

$$(11) \Diamond ((\Box P) \land Q) \leftrightarrow \Diamond (\Box P) \land (\Diamond Q)$$

$$(12) \Diamond (P \lor Q) \leftrightarrow (\Diamond P) \lor (\Diamond Q)$$

$$(13) \Diamond ((\Box P) \land Q) \leftrightarrow \Diamond (\Box P) \land (\Diamond Q)$$

$$(14) \Diamond ((\Diamond P) \land Q) \leftrightarrow \Diamond (\Diamond P) \land (\Diamond Q)$$

$$(15) \Box (P \lor \Diamond P)$$

The proofs of these theorems are in [6].

2.-Extended normal forms

Definition 2.1.

- (a) A **literal** is either a propositional variable X_i , or the negation $\neg X_i$ of an propositional variable.
- (b) A formula P is an **extended clause** if P is a disjunction where each disjunct is either a literal, or $\Box Q$, or $\Diamond Q$.
- (c) A formula *P* is in **extended conjunctive normal form** (**E.C.N.F.**) if it is of the form:

$$C_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge C_m$$
,

where $m \ge 1$ and each C_i is an extended clause.

- (d) A formula P is an **extended cube** if P is a conjunction where each conjunct is either a literal, or $\Box Q$, or $\Diamond Q$.
- (c) A formula *P* is in **extended disjunctive normal form** (**E.D.N.F.**) if it is of the form:

 $C_1 \lor \cdots \lor C_m,$

where $m \ge 1$ and each C_i is an extended cube.

Definition 2.2. Let $f_1 : \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{P}$ be the map defined inductively as follows:

$$f_1(P) = \begin{cases} P, & \text{if } P \text{ is a propositional variable;} \\ \neg f_1(Q) \lor f_1(R), & \text{if } P \text{ is } Q \to R; \\ f_1(Q \to R) \land f_1(R \to Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } Q \leftrightarrow R; \\ kf_1(Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } kQ, \text{ where } k \text{ is } \neg, \Box \text{ or } \diamondsuit; \\ f_1(Q)kf_1(R), & \text{if } P \text{ is } QkR, \text{ where } k \text{ is } \lor \text{ or } \land. \end{cases}$$

Let us write $\mathbf{P_1} = f_1(\mathbf{P})$.

Theorem 2.3. Let P be an element of \mathbf{P} . Then:

(a) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_1(P)$.

(b) In $f_1(P)$ the connectives \rightarrow , \leftrightarrow do not appear.

Proof: Is a consequence of 1.2. \blacksquare

Definition 2.4. Let $f_2 : \mathbf{P}_1 \to \mathbf{P}$ be the map defined inductively as follows:

$$f_2(P) = \begin{cases} P, & \text{if } P \text{ is a literal;} \\ f_2(Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } \neg(\neg Q); \\ f_2(\neg Q) \lor f_2(\neg R), & \text{if } P \text{ is } \neg(Q \land R); \\ f_2(\neg Q) \land f_2(\neg R), & \text{if } P \text{ is } \neg(Q \lor R); \\ \Box f_2(\neg Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } \neg(\Diamond Q); \\ \Diamond f_2(\neg Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } \neg(\bigcirc Q); \\ kf_2(Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } \neg(\Box Q); \\ kf_2(Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } kQ, \text{ where } k \text{ is } \Box \text{ or } \diamond; \\ f_2(Q)kf_2(R), & \text{if } P \text{ is } QkR, \text{ where } k \text{ is } \land \text{ or } \lor \end{cases}$$

Let us put $\mathbf{P}_2 = f_2(\mathbf{P}_1)$.

Theorem 2.5. Let P be an element of \mathbf{P}_1 . Then:

- (a) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_2(P)$.
- (b) In $f_2(P)$ the connectives \rightarrow , \leftrightarrow do not appear.
- (c) In $f_2(P)$, \neg appears only immediately before propositional variables.

Proof: Is a consequence of 1.6.(1) - (3) and 1.8.(1) - (2).

Definition 2.6. Let $f_3 : \mathbf{P}_2 \to \mathbf{P}$ be the map defined as follows:

- (1) If P is in ECNF, then $f_3(P) = P$.
- (2) If P is not in ECNF, then:
 - (2.1) if P is $Q \wedge R$, then $f_3(P) = f_3(Q) \wedge f_3(R)$;
 - (2.2) if P is $(Q \land R) \lor S$, then $f_3(P) = f_3(Q \lor S) \land f_3(R \lor S)$;
 - (2.3) if P is $Q \lor (R \land S)$, then $f_3(P) = f_3(Q \lor R) \land f_3(Q \lor S)$;
 - (2.4) Otherwise, P is $Q \vee R$, then $f_3(P) = f_3(Q) \vee f_3(R)$.

Theorem 2.7. Let P be an element of \mathbf{P}_2 . Then:

- (a) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_3(P)$.
- (b) $f_3(P)$ is in ECNF.

Proof: Is a consequence of 1.6.(4) - (5).

- Corollary 2.8. Let P be a formula of \mathbf{P} . Then
 - (a) $f_3(f_2(f_1(P)))$ is in ECNF.
 - (b) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_3(f_2(f_1(P)))).$

Definition 2.9. Let $f_4: \mathbf{P}_2 \to \mathbf{P}$ be the map defined inductively as follows:

- (1) If P is in EDNF, then $f_4(P) = P$.
- (2) If P is not in EDNF, then:
 - (2.1) if *P* is $Q \vee R$, then $f_4(P) = f_4(Q) \vee f_4(R)$;
 - (2.2) if P is $(Q \lor R) \land S$, then $f_4(P) = f_4(Q \land S) \lor f_4(R \land S)$;
 - (2.3) if P is $Q \wedge (R \vee S)$, then $f_4(P) = f_4(Q \wedge R) \vee f_4(Q \wedge S)$;
 - (2.4) Otherwise, P is $Q \wedge R$, then $f_4(P) = f_4(Q) \wedge f_4(R)$.

Theorem 2.10. Let P be an element of \mathbf{P}_2 . Then:

- (a) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_4(P)$.
- (b) $f_4(P)$ is in EDNF.

Proof: Is a consequence of 1.6.(6) - (7).

- Corollary 2.11. Let P be a formula of \mathbf{P} . Then (a) $f_4(f_2(f_1(P)))$ is in EDNF.
 - (b) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_4(f_2(f_1(P)))$

3.- Normal forms

Definition 3.1. We define the **degree** of a formula P, deg (P), inductively as follows:

$$\deg (P) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } P \text{ is a propositional variable;} \\ \deg (Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } \neg Q; \\ 1 + \deg (Q), & \text{if } P \text{ is } kQ, \text{ where } k \text{ is } \Box \text{ or } \diamondsuit; \\ \max(\deg (Q), \deg (R)), & \text{if } P \text{ is } QkR, \text{ where } k \text{ is } \lor, \land, \to \text{ or } \leftrightarrow \end{cases}$$

Definition 3.2.

- (a) A formula P is a **clause** if P is a disjunction where each disjunct is either a literal, or $\Box Q$, or $\Diamond Q$, where deg (Q) = 0.
- (b) A clause P is **basic** if deg(P) = 0.
- (c) A formula P is in **conjuctive normal form** (C.N.F.) if P is a conjunction of clauses.

Definition 3.3. Let $f_5: \mathbf{P}_2 \to \mathbf{P}$ be the map defined inductively as follows:

- (1) If deg $(P) \le 1$, then $f_5(P) = P$.
- (2) If $\deg(P) > 1$, then:
 - (2.1) if P is $Q \wedge R$, then $f_5(Q) \wedge f_5(R)$;
 - (2.2) if *P* is $Q \vee R$, then $f_5(P) = f_5(Q) \vee f_5(R)$;
 - (2.3) if P is $\Box (Q \land R)$, then $f_5(P) = f_5(\Box Q) \land f_5(\Box R)$;
 - (2.4) if P is $\Box (Q \lor R)$, then:

(2.4.1) if $Q \vee R$ is in ECNF, then P is

$$\Box(P_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge P_n)$$

and

$$f_5(P) = f_5(P_{i_1} \wedge \dots \wedge P_{i_k}) \wedge \Box(P_{i_{k+1}} \wedge \dots \wedge P_{i_n})$$

where P_{i_1}, \ldots, P_{i_k} $(1 \le i_1 < \cdots < i_k \le n)$ are the P_i that begins with \Box or \diamondsuit , and $P_{i_{k+1}}, \ldots, P_{i_n}$ $(1 \le i_{k+1} < \ldots < i_n \le n)$ are the other ones;

- (2.4.2) if $Q \vee R$ is not in EDNF, then $f_5(P) = f_5(\Box f_3(P));$
- (2.5) if P is $\Box(kQ)$, where k is \Box or \diamondsuit , then $f_5(P) = f_5(kQ)$;
- (2.6) if P is $\Diamond (Q \lor R)$, then $f_5(P) = f_5(\Diamond Q) \lor f_5(\Diamond R)$;
- (2.7) if P is $\Diamond (Q \land R)$, then:

(2.7.1) if $Q \wedge R$ is in EDNF, then P is

$$\Diamond (P_1 \lor \cdots \lor P_m)$$

and

$$f_5(P) = f_5(P_{i_1} \vee \cdots \vee P_{i_k}) \vee P_{i_{k+1}} \vee \cdots \vee P_{i_k}$$

where P_{i_1}, \ldots, P_{i_k} $(1 \le i_1 < \ldots < i_k \le n)$ are the P_i that begins with \Box or \diamondsuit , and $P_{i_{k+1}}, \ldots, P_{i_n}$ $(1 \le i_{k+1} < \cdots < i_n \le n)$ are the other ones; (2.7.2) if $Q \land R$ is not in ECNF, then $f_5(P) = f_5(\diamondsuit f_4(P))$;

(2.8) if P is $\Diamond(kQ)$, where k is \Diamond or \Box , then $f_5(P) = f_5(kQ)$;

Theorem 3.4. Let P be an element of \mathbf{P}_2 , then

(a)
$$\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_5(P)$$
.

(b) $\deg(f_5(P)) \le 1$.

Proof: Is a consequence of 1.8.(3) - (14).

Theorem 3.5. Let P be a formula of \mathbf{P}_2 . Then (a) deg $(f_5(f_2(f_1(P)))) \leq 1$.

(b) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_5(f_2(f_1(P)))$.

Theorem 3.6. Let P be a formula of \mathbf{P} . Then (a) $f_3(f_5(f_2(f_1(P))))$ is in CNF.

(b) $\vdash P \leftrightarrow f_3(f_5(f_2(f_1(P))))).$

4.- The vadility in S5

Definition 4.1.

(a) A **model M** of S5 is a pair (M, V), where M is a non-empty set (of 'possible worlds') and

 $V: \{X_1, X_2, \dots\} \times M \to \{0, 1\}.$

(b) Let (\mathbf{M}, V) a model of S5. We define the map $V : \mathbf{P} \times M \to \{0, 1\}$ inductively as follows:

(b.1) $V(X_i, m) = V(X_i, m).$

- (b.2) $V(\neg P, m) = 1$ iff V(P, m) = 0.
- (b.3) $V(P \lor Q, m) = 0$, iff V(P, m) = V(Q, m) = 0.
- (b.4) $V(\Box P, m) = 1$ iff V(P, m') = 1, for every $m' \in M$.

Lemma 4.2. Let (M, V) be a model of S5, and let P, Q be elements of $\mathbf{P}, m \in M$. Then:

- (a) $V(P \land Q, m) = 1$, iff V(P, m) = V(Q, m) = 1.
- (b) $V(P \to Q, m) = 0$, iff V(P, m) = 1 and V(Q, m) = 0.
- (c) $V(P \leftrightarrow Q, m) = 1$, iff V(P, m) = V(Q, m).
- (d) $V(\Diamond P, m) = 1$, iff there exists an element $m' \in M$ such that V(P, m') = 1.

Definition 4.3.

- (a) A formula P is valid in a model $\mathbf{M} = (M, V)$ of S5, $\mathbf{M} \models P$, if V(P, m) = 1, for every $m \in M$.
- (b) P is valid, $\models P$, if P is valid in any model **M** of S5.

Example 4.4. The formula $X \to \Box X$ is not valid: let us consider $M = \{m_1, m_2\}$ and the map V such that $V(X, m_1) = 1$ and $V(X, m_2) = 0$. Then $V(\Box X, m_1) = 0$ and $V(X \to \Box X, m_1) = 0$, so $X \to \Box X$ is not valid.

Theorem 4.5. $\vdash P \iff \models P$

Proof: In [6]. ∎

5.- Description of the algorithm

Lemma 5.1. Let P_1, \ldots, P_k be elements of **P**. The following conditions are equivalent:

(a) $\vdash P_1 \land \dots \land P_k$. (b) $\vdash P_1, \dots, \vdash P_k$.

Proof: Is a consequence of 4.5 and 4.3.

Lemma 5.2. Let C be a clause. Then there exist a clause C' such that:

(a) C' has the following form:

$$P \vee \Box Q_1 \vee \cdots \vee \Box Q_n \vee \Diamond R,$$

where $\deg(P) = \deg(Q_1) = \cdots = \deg(Q_n) = \deg(R) = 0.$ (b) $\vdash C \leftrightarrow C'.$

Proof: It is clear using that the disjunction is associative and commutative, and 1.8(10).

Theorem 5.3. Let C be the formula

$$P \lor \Box Q_1 \lor \cdots \lor \Box Q_k \lor \diamondsuit R$$

where $\deg(P) = \deg(Q_1) = \cdots = \deg(Q_n) = \deg(R) = 0$. The following conditions are equivalent:

- (a) C is a theorem in S5.
- (b) Some of the formulas $P \vee R, Q_1 \vee R, \ldots, Q_k \vee R$ is a theorem in the classical propositional calculus.

Proof:

(a) \implies (b) Let us assume that the formulas $P \lor R, Q_1 \lor R, \ldots, Q_k \lor R$ are not theorems in the propositional calculus. Then, there exists valuations v_0, v_1, \ldots, v_k such that

$$v_0(P \lor R) = v_1(Q_1 \lor R) = \dots = v_k(Q_k \lor R) = 0.$$

Let us consider the following model (M, V):

 $M = \{m_0, m_1, \dots, m_k\},\$ $V : \mathbf{P} \times M \to \{0, 1\}$ is the map defined by:

$$V(X_i, m_j) = v_j(X_i), \ 1 \le i, \ 0 \le j \le k.$$

It is clear that $V(C, m_0) = 0$, so C is not valid, and, by 4.6, C is not a theorem of S5.

(b) \implies (a) Let us assume that $P \lor R$ is a theorem in the propositional calculus,

then

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\mathbf{i}) \vdash P \lor R & [1.5] \\ (\mathbf{i}) \vdash R \to (\Diamond R) & [1.8.(16)] \\ (\mathbf{i}) \vdash P \lor (\Diamond R) & [1.7, (\mathbf{i}) \text{ and } (\mathbf{i})] \\ (\mathbf{i}) \vdash P \lor (\Box Q_1) \lor \cdots \lor (\Box Q_k) \lor (\Diamond R) & [1.7 \text{ and } (\mathbf{i})] \end{array}$$

Let us assume, now, that there exists an $i, 1 \leq 1 \leq k$, such that $Q_i \vee R$ is a theorem in the propositional calculus, then

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\mathbf{i}) \vdash Q_i \lor R & [1.5] \\ (\mathbf{i}i) \vdash R \to (\Diamond R) & [1.8.(15)] \\ (\mathbf{i}ii) \vdash Q_i \lor (\Diamond R) & [1.7, (\mathbf{i}) \text{ and } (\mathbf{i}i)] \\ (\mathbf{i}v) \vdash \Box(Q_i \lor (\Diamond R)) & [\text{necessarity rule and } (\mathbf{i}ii)] \\ (\mathbf{v}) \vdash (\Box Q_i) \lor (\Diamond R) & [\text{modus ponens, } 1.8.(15) \text{ and } (\mathbf{i}v)] \\ (\mathbf{v}) \vdash P \lor (\Box Q_1) \lor \cdots \lor (\Box Q_k) \lor (\Diamond R) & [1.7 \text{ and } (\mathbf{v})] \end{array}$$

6.- Implementation and examples

In this section we give an algorithm for S5. Its correctness is an immediate consequence of the preceedings results. It is directly implementable in Lisp.

Algorithm 6.1. (proof)

Input: A formula P of S5. Output: "yes", if $\vdash P$; "not", otherwise. Procedure: proof(P)

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begin

Q := f_3(f_5(f_2(f_1(P))))

C_1, \ldots, C_n are clauses such that Q = C_1 \land \cdots \land C_n

i := 1

while i \le n do

begin

if proof-clause(C_i) = "yes" then i := i + 1

else return "not"

end

return "yes"

end
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Algorithm 6.2. (proof-clause) Input: A clause $C = P_1 \lor \cdots \lor P_n$. Output: "yes", if $\vdash C$; "not", otherwise. Procedure: proof-clause(C)

begin

 $\{P_1, \dots, P_s\} := \{P \in \{P_1, \dots, P_n\} : P \text{ is a literal}\}$ $P := P_1 \lor \dots \lor P_s$ $\{R_1, \dots, R_u\} := \{R : \diamondsuit R \in \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}\}$ $R := R_1 \lor \dots \lor R_u$ if $tautology(P \lor R) =$ "yes" then return "yes" else $\{Q_1, \dots, Q_t\} := \{Q : \Box Q \in \{P_1, \dots, P_n\}\}$ i := 1while $i \le t$ do begin if $tautology(R \lor Q_i) =$ "yes" then return "yes" else i := i + 1end return "not"

end

Algorithm 6.3. (tautology)Input: A formula P of \mathbf{P}_2 with degree 0. Output: "yes", if $\vdash P$; "not", otherwise. Procedure: tautology(P)

begin

 $Q := f_3(P)$ $C_1, \dots, C_n \text{ are basic clauses such that } Q := C_1 \land \dots \land C_n$ i := 1while $i \le n$ do
begin
if basic-proof-clause(C_i) = "yes" then i := i + 1else return "not"
end
return "yes"
end

Algorithm 6.4. (basic-proof-clause) Input: A basic clause $C = P_1 \lor \cdots \lor P_n$. Output: "yes", if $\vdash C$; "not", otherwise. Procedure: basic-proof-clause(C)

begin

$$\begin{split} LP &:= \{Q \in \{P_1, \dots, P_n\} : Q \text{ is a propositional variable} \}\\ LN &:= \{R : \neg R \in \{P_1, \dots, P_n\} \}\\ \text{if } LP \cap LN = \emptyset \text{ then return "not"}\\ \text{ else return "yes"}\\ \text{end} \end{split}$$

Example 6.5. We are going to apply the preceedings algorithms to the following formula:

$$\Box\Box(p \to (q \land \Diamond r)) \to \neg \Diamond (p \land \neg q \land \neg \Diamond r)$$

Using 6.1 we compute

$$proof(\Box\Box(p \to (q \land \Diamond r)) \to \neg \Diamond (p \land \neg q \land \neg \Diamond r))$$

$$f_{3}(f_{5}(f_{2}(f_{1}(\Box\Box(p \to (q \land \Diamond r)) \to \neg \Diamond (p \land \neg q \land \neg \Diamond r))))) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(f_{2}(\neg \Box\Box(\neg p \lor (q \land \Diamond r)) \lor \neg \Diamond (p \land \neg q \land \neg \Diamond r)))) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(\Diamond (p \land (\neg q \lor \Box \neg r)) \lor (\Box (\neg p \lor q \lor \Diamond r)))) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(\Diamond (p \land (\neg q \lor \Box \neg r))) \lor f_{5}(\Box(\neg p \lor q \lor \Diamond r))) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(\Diamond (p \land (\neg q \lor \Box \neg r))) \lor f_{5}(\Diamond r) \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(\Diamond (p \land (\neg q \lor \Box \neg r))) \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor (p \land \Box \neg r))) \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor (p \land \Box \neg r))) \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

$$= f_{3}(f_{5}(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor (p \land \Box \neg r)) \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

$$= f_{3}(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor (\Diamond p \land f_{5}(\Box \neg r)) \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

$$= f_{3}(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor (\Diamond p \land f_{5}(\Box \neg r)) \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

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$$= f_{3}(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor (\Diamond p \land \Box \neg r) \lor \land r \lor \Box(\neg p \lor q)) =$$

Using 6.2 we compute

$$proof-clause(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor \Diamond p \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box (\neg p \lor q))$$

$$\{R_1, R_2, R_3\} := \{p \land \neg q, p, r\}$$

$$R := (p \land \neg q) \lor p \lor r$$

$$tautology((p \land \neg q) \lor p \lor r) = \text{``not''}$$

$$\{Q_1\} = \{\neg p \lor q\}$$

$$tautology((p \land \neg q) \lor p \lor r \lor \neg p \lor q) = \text{``yes''}$$

Then,

$$proof-clause(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor \Diamond p \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box (\neg p \lor q)) = "yes"$$

Using 6.2 we compute

$$proof-clause(\diamondsuit(p \land \neg q) \lor \Box \neg r \lor \diamondsuit r \lor \Box (\neg p \lor q))$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \{R_1,R_2\} := \{p \land \neg q,r\} \\ R := (p \land \neg q) \lor r \\ tautology((p \land \neg q) \lor r) = \text{``not''} \end{array}$

 $\begin{aligned} \{Q_1, Q_2\} &:= \{\neg r, \neg p \lor q\} \\ tautology((p \land \neg q) \lor r \lor \neg r) = \text{``yes''} \\ tautology((p \land \neg q) \lor r \lor \neg p \lor q) = \text{``yes''} \\ \text{Then,} \end{aligned}$

$$proof-clause(\Diamond (p \land \neg q) \lor \Box \neg r \lor \Diamond r \lor \Box (\neg p \lor q)) = "yes"$$

Therefore,

$$proof(\Box\Box(p \to (q \land \Diamond r)) \to \neg \Diamond (p \land \neg q \land \neg \Diamond r)) = "yes"$$

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