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Abstract. We construct the m -universal model $\langle W, R, P \rangle$ for the modal logic $\mathbf{S4}$, using an induction on the depth of the modal connective \Box . Main difference from the construction given by Shehtman [She78] is that our construction gives an effective description of the image of the valuation P , $\{P(A) \mid A \in \mathbf{S}\} (\subsetneq 2^W)$, where \mathbf{S} is the set of formulas constructed from \perp and propositional variables p_1, \dots, p_m . Also this description gives the formulas in $\mathbf{S4}$ that behave like principal disjunctive normal forms in (non-modal) classical propositional logic; and clarifies a relation between the model and the depth of \Box of formulas.

1. Introduction

In this paper, we treat the formulas constructed from \perp (contradiction) and the propositional variables p_1, \dots, p_m , by using logical connectives \wedge (conjunction), \vee (disjunction), \supset (implication) and \Box (necessitation); and study mutual provability for modal logic $\mathbf{S4}$. The set of these propositional variables is denoted by \mathbf{V} and the set of these formulas is denoted by $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V})$. We use upper case Latin letters, A, B, C, \dots , possibly with suffixes, for formulas.

A Kripke model is a structure $\langle W, R, P \rangle$, where W is a non-empty set, R is a binary relation on W , and P is a mapping from the set of propositional variables to 2^W . We extend, as usual, the domain of P to the set of formulas, and call P a valuation.

The m -universal model for $\mathbf{S4}$ is the Kripke model such that the dual of it is the free interior algebra of rank m , and is isomorphic to the algebra $\langle \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V}) / \equiv, \wedge, \vee, \supset, \perp, \Box \rangle$, the restriction from Tarski-Lindenbaum algebra for $\mathbf{S4}$ into $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V})$. So, the m -universal model has most complete information of behavior of formulas in $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V})$ in $\mathbf{S4}$, and treated in several articles (cf. [She78], Bellissima [Bel85], Chagrov and Zakharyashev [CZ97]). The dual m -universal model $\langle W, R, P \rangle$ is $\langle \{P(A) \mid A \in \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V})\}, \cap, \cup, \supset, \emptyset, \Box \rangle$. So, to know the restriction of Tarski-Lindenbaum algebra in detail, we need to clarify the universe $\{P(A) \mid A \in \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V})\}$. It is known that W is not finite. So, the universe is not 2^W since the quotient set $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V}) / \equiv$ is countable, while 2^W is not. From this it seems difficult to clarify the universe.

Our purpose is to clarify the algebra $\langle \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V}) / \equiv, \wedge, \vee, \supset, \perp, \Box \rangle$, especially its universe $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V}) / \equiv$. In the next three sections, we consider the finite parts of $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V}) / \equiv$. More precisely, we consider the quotient set from the set

$$\mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{V}) = \{A \in \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V}) \mid d(A) \leq n\},$$

for any n , where $d(A)$, the depth of \Box of A , is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} d(p_i) &= d(\perp) = 0, \\ d(B \wedge C) &= d(B \vee C) = d(B \supset C) = \max\{d(B), d(C)\}, \\ d(\Box B) &= d(B) + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Also we give a list of formulas such that each two of them are non-equivalent and each equivalent class in $\mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{V}) / \equiv$ has one of such formulas as a representative. In section 5, using the list, we construct m -universal model, and give an effective description of the image of valuation. In section 6, we show that the result in section 5 gives the formulas in $\mathbf{S4}$ that behave like principal disjunctive normal forms in (non-modal) classical propositional logic; and clarifies a relation between the model and the depth of \Box of formulas.

In the following notations, we use a sequent system for the modal logic $\mathbf{S4}$. We introduce it following Ohnishi and Matsumoto [OM57]. We use Greek letters, Γ and Δ , possibly with suffixes, for finite sets of

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formulas. The expressions $\Box\Gamma$ and Γ^\Box denote the sets $\{\Box A \mid A \in \Gamma\}$ and $\{\Box A \mid \Box A \in \Gamma\}$, respectively. By a sequent, we mean the expression $(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta)$. We often write $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ instead of the expression with the parenthesis. For brevity's sake, we write

$$A_1, \dots, A_k, \Gamma_1, \dots, \Gamma_\ell \rightarrow \Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_m, B_1, \dots, B_n$$

instead of

$$\{A_1, \dots, A_k\} \cup \Gamma_1 \cup \dots \cup \Gamma_\ell \rightarrow \Delta_1 \cup \dots \cup \Delta_m \cup \{B_1, \dots, B_n\}.$$

We use upper case Latin letters $X, Y, Z, \dots, X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$ for sequents. For a sequent $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$, we define $\mathbf{ant}(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta)$ and $\mathbf{suc}(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta)$ as follows:

$$\mathbf{ant}(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta) = \Gamma, \quad \mathbf{suc}(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta) = \Delta.$$

By **S4**, we mean the system obtained from the sequent system **LK** for classical propositional logic by adding

$$\frac{A, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta}{\Box A, \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta} (\Box \rightarrow) \quad \frac{\Box \Gamma \rightarrow A}{\Box \Gamma \rightarrow \Box A} (\rightarrow \Box).$$

By [OM57], this system enjoys a cut-elimination theorem:

LEMMA 1.1 ([OM57]). *If $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}$, then there exists a cut-free proof figure for $\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta$ in **S4**.*

Also we use the following. Let **ENU** be an enumeration of the formulas. For a non-empty finite set S of formulas, the expressions

$$\bigwedge S \quad \text{and} \quad \bigvee S$$

denote the formulas

$$(\dots ((A_1 \wedge A_2) \wedge A_3) \dots \wedge A_n) \quad \text{and} \quad (\dots ((A_1 \vee A_2) \vee A_3) \dots \vee A_n),$$

respectively, where $\{A_1, \dots, A_n\} = S$ and A_i occurs earlier than A_{i+1} in **ENU**. Also the expressions

$$\bigwedge \emptyset \quad \text{and} \quad \bigvee \emptyset$$

denote the formulas $\perp \supset \perp$ and \perp , respectively. Also for a sequent X and for a set \mathcal{S} of sequents, we define $\mathbf{for}(X)$ and $\mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S})$ as follows:

$$\mathbf{for}(X) = \begin{cases} \bigwedge \mathbf{ant}(X) \supset \bigvee \mathbf{suc}(X) & \text{if } \Gamma \neq \emptyset \\ \bigvee \Delta & \text{if } \Gamma = \emptyset, \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}) = \{\mathbf{for}(X) \mid X \in \mathcal{S}\}.$$

2. A construction of non-equivalent formulas

In section 2, section 3 and section 4, we consider the quotient set $\mathbf{S}^n(\{p_1 \dots, p_m\})$. It is known the algebra $\langle \mathbf{S}^n(\{p_1 \dots, p_m\}), \wedge, \vee, \supset, \perp, \Box \rangle$ is Boolean. So, we have only to consider its generators. First, we define a list of formulas, which will be proved to be representatives of the generators.

DEFINITION 2.1. The sets $\mathbf{G}(n)$ and $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) of sequents, and the mappings \mathbf{next}^+ , \mathbf{prov} , \mathbf{next} are defined inductively as follows:

$$\mathbf{G}(0) = \{(\mathbf{V} - V_1 \rightarrow V_1) \mid V_1 \subseteq \mathbf{V}\},$$

$$\mathbf{G}^*(0) = \emptyset,$$

$\mathbf{next}^+(X) = \{(\Box \Gamma, \mathbf{ant}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X), \Box \Delta) \mid \Gamma \cup \Delta = \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(k)), \Gamma \cap \Delta = \emptyset, \mathbf{for}(X) \in \Delta\}$, for $X \in \mathbf{G}(k)$,

$$\mathbf{prov}(X) = \{Y \in \mathbf{next}^+(X) \mid Y \in \mathbf{S4}\}, \text{ for } X \in \mathbf{G}(k),$$

$$\mathbf{next}(X) = \mathbf{next}^+(X) - \mathbf{prov}(X), \text{ for } X \in \mathbf{G}(k),$$

$$\mathbf{G}(k+1) = \bigcup_{X \in \mathbf{G}(k) - \mathbf{G}^*(k)} \mathbf{next}(X),$$

$$\mathbf{G}^*(k+1) = \{X \in \mathbf{G}(k+1) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box \text{ implies } (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box, \text{ for any } Y \in \mathbf{G}(k+1)\}.$$

Here we use the provability of **S4**, but in section 4, this provability will be replaced another conditions concerning only the structure of sequents.

DEFINITION 2.2. We define \mathbf{G}^n as follows:

$$\mathbf{G}^n = \mathbf{G}(n) \cup \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k).$$

In the following theorem, it is shown that the above \mathbf{G}^n is the set of representatives for the generators of the Boolean.

THEOREM 2.3.

- (1) $\mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{V}) / \equiv = \{[\bigwedge \text{for}(\mathcal{S})] \mid \mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbf{G}^n\}$.
- (2) For subsets \mathcal{S}_1 and \mathcal{S}_2 of \mathbf{G}^n , $\mathcal{S}_1 = \mathcal{S}_2$ iff $[\bigwedge \text{for}(\mathcal{S}_1)] = [\bigwedge \text{for}(\mathcal{S}_2)]$.

(1) will be proved in the next section, Here we prove (2). To prove (2), we need some lemmas.

LEMMA 2.4.

- (1) $\mathbf{G}(n) \subseteq \mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{V}) - \mathbf{S}^{n-1}(\mathbf{V})$.
- (2) every member of $\mathbf{G}(n)$ is not provable in **S4**.

Proof. By an induction on n . ◻

LEMMA 2.5. For any $X, Y \in \mathbf{G}^n$, $X \neq Y$ implies $\text{for}(X) \vee \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$.

PROOF. We use an induction on n .

Basis($n = 0$). We have $X, Y \in \mathbf{G}^0 = \mathbf{G}(0)$. So, there exist subsets V_1, V_2 of \mathbf{V} such that $X = (\mathbf{V} - V_1 \rightarrow V_1)$, $Y = (\mathbf{V} - V_2 \rightarrow V_2)$ and $V_1 \neq V_2$. By $V_1 \neq V_2$, we have either $V_1 \cap (\mathbf{V} - V_2) \neq \emptyset$ or $V_2 \cap (\mathbf{V} - V_1) \neq \emptyset$. Hence either $\text{succ}(X) \cap \text{ant}(Y) \neq \emptyset$ or $\text{succ}(Y) \cap \text{ant}(X) \neq \emptyset$, and so, we obtain the lemma.

Induction step($n \geq 1$). We divide the cases.

The case that $\{X, Y\} \subseteq \mathbf{G}(n)$. There exist sequents $X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that $X \in \text{next}(X_0)$ and $Y \in \text{next}(Y_0)$. So, there exist sets $\Gamma_X, \Gamma_Y, \Delta_X, \Delta_Y$ of formulas such that

- (1) $X = (\Box \Gamma_X, \text{ant}(X_0) \rightarrow \text{succ}(X_0), \Box \Delta_X)$, $Y = (\Box \Gamma_Y, \text{ant}(Y_0) \rightarrow \text{succ}(Y_0), \Box \Delta_Y)$,
- (2) $\Gamma_X \cup \Delta_X = \Gamma_Y \cup \Delta_Y = \text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))$,
- (3) $\Gamma_X \cap \Delta_X = \Gamma_Y \cap \Delta_Y = \emptyset$,
- (4) $\text{for}(X_0) \in \Delta_X, \text{for}(Y_0) \in \Delta_Y$.

If $X_0 \neq Y_0$, then by the induction hypothesis, $\text{for}(X_0) \vee \text{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{S4}$, and so, we obtain the lemma. Suppose that $X_0 = Y_0$. Then by $X \neq Y$, we have either $\Gamma_X \neq \Gamma_Y$ or $\Delta_X \neq \Delta_Y$, and using (2) and (3), we have both. Without loss of generality, we can suppose that $\Gamma_X \not\subseteq \Gamma_Y$. So, there exists a formula $A \in \Gamma_X - \Gamma_Y$, and using (2) and (3), $A \in \Gamma_X \cap \Delta_Y$. So, we have $\Box \Gamma_X \rightarrow \Box \Delta_Y \in \mathbf{S4}$. We note $\Box \Gamma_X, \text{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}$ and $\Box \Delta_Y \rightarrow \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$. Using (*cut*), possibly several times, we obtain $\rightarrow \text{for}(X), \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$, and hence we obtain the lemma.

The case that $\{X, Y\} \not\subseteq \mathbf{G}(n)$. There exists $Z \in \{X, Y\} - \mathbf{G}(n)$. Without loss of generality, we can suppose that $Z = Y \notin \mathbf{G}(n)$, and then $Y \in \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k) \subseteq \mathbf{G}(n-1)$. If $X \notin \mathbf{G}(n)$, then $X \in \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k) \subseteq \mathbf{G}(n-1)$. Using the induction hypothesis, we obtain the lemma. So, we assume that $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$. Then there exist $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that $X \in \text{next}(X_0)$. By $Y \in \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ and Lemma 2.4(1), we have $Y \neq X_0$. By the induction hypothesis, we have $\text{for}(X_0) \vee \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$. We note that $\text{for}(X_0) \vee \text{for}(Y) \rightarrow \text{for}(X) \vee \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$. Using (*cut*), we obtain the lemma. ■

Proof of Theorem 2.3(2). The “if part” is clear. We show the “only if” part. Suppose that $\mathcal{S}_1 \not\subseteq \mathcal{S}_2$. Then there exists a sequent $X \in \mathcal{S}_1 - \mathcal{S}_2$. By Lemma 2.5, we have $\mathbf{for}(X) \vee \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_2) \in \mathbf{S4}$. By Lemma 2.4(2), we have $\mathbf{for}(X) \notin \mathbf{S4}$. Also we have $\bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_1) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}$. Hence considering the figure we obtain $\bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_2) \rightarrow \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_1) \notin \mathbf{S4}$. Similarly, we can show that $\mathcal{S}_2 \not\subseteq \mathcal{S}_1$ implies $\bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_1) \rightarrow \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_2) \notin \mathbf{S4}$. \dashv

3. Representatives of the equivalent classes in $\mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{V})/\equiv$

Here we prove the following theorem.

THEOREM 3.1. *For any $A \in \mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{V})$, there exists a subset \mathcal{S} of \mathbf{G}^n such that $A \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S})$.*

From the above theorem, we obtain Theorem 3.1(1), and that every equivalent class in $\mathbf{S}^n(\mathbf{V})/\equiv$ has a representative $\bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S})$ for some subset \mathcal{S} of \mathbf{G}^n . To prove Theorem 3.1, we need some lemmas.

LEMMA 3.2. *For any subsets \mathcal{S}_1 and \mathcal{S}_2 of \mathbf{G}^n ,*

- (1) $\bigwedge \mathcal{S}_1 \wedge \bigwedge \mathcal{S}_2 \equiv \bigwedge (\mathcal{S}_1 \cup \mathcal{S}_2)$,
- (2) $\bigwedge \mathcal{S}_1 \vee \bigwedge \mathcal{S}_2 \equiv \bigwedge (\mathcal{S}_1 \cap \mathcal{S}_2)$.

Proof. (1) is clear. By Lemma 2.5, we have (2). \dashv

LEMMA 3.3. *Let $\Sigma, \Gamma, \Gamma_1, \Delta, \Delta_1$ be finite sets of formulas. Then for any subset $\Sigma' \subseteq \Sigma$,*

$$\Box \Sigma', \{\mathbf{for}(\Box \Gamma, \Box \Phi, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Psi, \Box \Delta) \mid \Phi \cup \Psi = \Sigma, \Phi \cap \Psi = \emptyset\}, \Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Proof. We define \mathcal{S} as follows:

$$\mathcal{S} = \{\mathbf{for}(\Box \Gamma, \Box \Phi, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Psi, \Box \Delta) \mid \Phi \cup \Psi = \Sigma, \Phi \cap \Psi = \emptyset\},$$

and prove

$$\Box \Sigma', \mathcal{S}, \Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

We use an induction on $\#(\Sigma - \Sigma')$.

Basis($\Sigma' = \Sigma$). We note that

$$\mathbf{for}(\Box \Gamma, \Box \Sigma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta) \in \mathcal{S}$$

and

$$\Box \Sigma, \mathbf{for}(\Box \Gamma, \Box \Sigma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta), \Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using weakening rule, we obtain the lemma.

Induction step($\Sigma' \neq \Sigma$). By the induction hypothesis, for any $A \in \Sigma - \Sigma'$,

$$\Box(\Sigma' \cup \{A\}), \mathcal{S}, \Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\vee \rightarrow)$, possibly several times,

$$\Box \Sigma', \bigvee (\Box(\Sigma - \Sigma')), \mathcal{S}, \Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\vee \rightarrow)$, possibly several times,

$$\Box \Sigma', \bigvee (\Delta_1 \cup \Box \Delta \cup \Box(\Sigma - \Sigma')), \mathcal{S}, \Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\supset \rightarrow)$, possibly several times,

$$\Box \Sigma', \mathbf{for}(\Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1, \Box \Sigma' \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta, \Box(\Sigma - \Sigma')), \mathcal{S}, \Box \Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box \Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

We note that

$$\mathbf{for}(\Box\Gamma, \Gamma_1, \Box\Sigma' \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box\Delta, \Box(\Sigma - \Sigma')) \in \mathcal{S},$$

and so,

$$\Box\Sigma', \mathcal{S}, \Box\Gamma, \Gamma_1 \rightarrow \Delta_1, \Box\Delta \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

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COROLLARY 3.4. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ and let Y be a sequent in \mathbf{G}_ℓ . Then*

- (1) $\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(X)) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}$,
- (2) $\bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(X)) \equiv \mathbf{for}(X)$,
- (3) $\{\mathbf{for}(Z) \mid Z \in \mathbf{next}(X), \Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(Z)\} \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X), \Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$.

DEFINITION 3.5. We define \mathbf{BG}_ℓ as follows:

$$\mathbf{BG}_\ell = \mathbf{V} \cup \bigcup_{i=0}^{\ell-1} \Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(i)).$$

LEMMA 3.6. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then*

- (1) $\mathbf{ant}(X) \cup \mathbf{suc}(X) = \mathbf{BG}_n$,
- (2) $\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{suc}(X) = \emptyset$.

Proof. By Lemma 2.4(1) and an induction on n . ⊢

LEMMA 3.7. *Let X and Y be sequents in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then*

$$(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box \text{ implies } (\rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X), \Box\mathbf{for}(Y)) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Proof. By $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$, there exists a formula $\Box A \in (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box - (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$. Using Lemma 3.6, we have $\Box A \in (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \cap (\mathbf{suc}(Y))^\Box$. So,

$$\Box A \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Hence

$$\Box A \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\rightarrow \Box)$,

$$\Box A \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using weakening rule,

$$\mathbf{ant}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X), \Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Hence we obtain the lemma. ⊢

LEMMA 3.8. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and let Y be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ satisfying $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$. Then*

$$\Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Proof. If $n = 0$, then the lemma is clear from $\mathbf{G}^*(0) = \emptyset$. Also, if $X = Y$, then the lemma is clear. So, we assume $n > 0$ and $X \neq Y$. By $X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n)$, there exist sequents $X_0, Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that $X \in \mathbf{next}(X_0)$ and $Y \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0)$. So, there exist four sets $\Gamma_X, \Gamma_Y, \Delta_X$ and Δ_Y such that

- (1) $X = (\Box\Gamma_X, \mathbf{ant}(X_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X_0), \Box\Delta_X)$, $Y = (\Box\Gamma_Y, \mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y_0), \Box\Delta_Y)$,
- (2) $\Gamma_X \cup \Delta_X = \Gamma_Y \cup \Delta_Y = \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n))$,
- (3) $\Gamma_X \cap \Delta_X = \Gamma_Y \cap \Delta_Y = \emptyset$,
- (4) $\mathbf{for}(X_0) \in \Delta_X$, $\mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \Delta_Y$.

Also we have

(5) $X \notin \mathbf{S4}$, $Y \notin \mathbf{S4}$.

By $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ and Corollary 3.4(1),

$$\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Y_0)) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\Box \rightarrow)$ and $(\rightarrow \Box)$,

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Y_0)) \rightarrow \Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

By $\mathbf{ant}(X)^\Box = \mathbf{ant}(Y)^\Box$, (1) and Lemma 2.4(1), we have $\Gamma_X = \Gamma_Y$. Using (2),(3) and (4), we have $\Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \Box \Delta_Y = \Box \Delta_X$, and so, $\Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}$. Using (cut),

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Y_0)) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4},$$

that is,

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box \text{ or } (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

By $X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$, we have that $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box$ if and only if $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box$, and so,

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box \text{ or } (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

By $\mathbf{ant}(X)^\Box = \mathbf{ant}(Y)^\Box$, (1) and Lemma 3.6, we have $\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\} = \{Y\}$, and so,

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(Y), \Box \mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\vee \rightarrow)$, possibly several times,

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(Y), \{\mathbf{for}(X) \vee \Box \mathbf{for}(Z) \mid Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0), (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\} \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using Lemma 3.7, and (cut), possibly several times, we obtain the lemma. \dashv

LEMMA 3.9. *Let X and Y be sequents in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ satisfying $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$. Then $X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ if and only if $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$.*

Proof. From the definition of $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$,

$X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ if and only if $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box$ implies $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box$, for any $Z \in \mathbf{G}(n)$,
 $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ if and only if $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box$ implies $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box$, for any $Z \in \mathbf{G}(n)$.

Using $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$, we obtain the lemma. \dashv

DEFINITION 3.10. We define a mapping \mathbf{cf} as follows:

$$\mathbf{cf}(X) = \begin{cases} \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\{Y \in \mathbf{G}(n) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box\}) & \text{if } X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n) \\ \perp \supset \perp & \text{if } X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n) \end{cases}$$

LEMMA 3.11. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ and let Σ be a subset of $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box$. Then*

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{cf}(X), \Phi \rightarrow \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

where $\Phi = \{\mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box\}$.

Proof. We use an induction on $\omega n + \#((\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box - \Sigma)$.

Basis ($n = 0$). We note that $\mathbf{ant}(X)^\Box = \emptyset$ and for any $Y \in \mathbf{G}(0) - \mathbf{G}^*(0) = \mathbf{G}^*(0)$, $\mathbf{ant}(Y)^\Box = \emptyset$. Hence $\Phi = \mathbf{G}(0)$. So, it is not hard to see that $\Phi \rightarrow \in \mathbf{S4}$. Hence we obtain the lemma.

Induction step ($n > 0$). By $n > 0$, there exists a sequent $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that $X \in \mathbf{next}(X_0)$. By the induction hypothesis,

$$\perp \supset \perp, \{\mathbf{for}(Y_0) \mid Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1), (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X_0))^\Box\} \rightarrow \Box \mathbf{for}(X_0) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Since $(\Box\mathbf{for}(X_0) \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X)), (\perp \rightarrow \perp) \in \mathbf{S4}$, using (*cut*), twice,

$$\{\mathbf{for}(Y_0) \mid Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1), (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X_0))^\square\} \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using weakening rule,

$$\Sigma, \Phi, \{\mathbf{for}(Y_0) \mid Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)\} \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}. \quad (\text{i})$$

On the other hand, by the induction hypothesis,

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{cf}(X), \Phi, A \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}, \quad (\text{ii})$$

for any formula $A \in (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square - \Sigma$. (ii) also holds for any $A \in (\mathbf{suc}(X))^\square$, and so, for any $A \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \Sigma$. Let Y be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ such that $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = \Sigma$. Then (ii) holds for any $A \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = (\mathbf{suc}(Y))^\square$. We note that $\mathbf{suc}(Y) = \{\mathbf{for}(Y_0)\} \cup (\mathbf{suc}(Y))^\square$ if $Y \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0)$, so using (1) and $(\vee \rightarrow)$, possibly several times,

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{cf}(X), \Phi, \{\bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y) \mid Y \in \bigcup_{Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)} \mathbf{next}(Y_0), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = \Sigma\} \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Also we have that $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = \Sigma$ implies $\Sigma \rightarrow \bigwedge \mathbf{ant}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$, for any $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n)$; so using $(\supset \rightarrow)$,

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{cf}(X), \Phi, \{\mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = \Sigma\} \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(w \rightarrow)$, possibly several times,

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{cf}(X), \Phi, \{\mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square\} \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using the definition of Φ ,

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{cf}(X), \Phi, \{\mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square\} \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using the definition of $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$,

$$\Sigma, \mathbf{cf}(X), \Phi, \{\mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square\} \rightarrow \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}. \quad (\text{iii})$$

If $X \notin \mathbf{G}^*(n)$, then by Lemma 3.9, $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square$ implies $Y \notin \mathbf{G}^*(n)$, and so,

$$\{\mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square\} = \emptyset \subseteq \mathbf{cf}(X).$$

If $X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$, then from Definition 3.10, we also have

$$\{\mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square\} \subseteq \mathbf{cf}(X).$$

So, the above condition also holds in any case. Using (iii), we obtain the lemma. \dashv

LEMMA 3.12. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then*

$$\Box\mathbf{for}(X) \equiv \mathbf{cf}(X) \wedge \bigwedge \{\mathbf{for}(X_1) \mid X_1 \in \mathbf{G}(n+1), \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)\}.$$

Proof. By Lemma 3.8 and $(\rightarrow \wedge)$, possibly several times,

$$\Box\mathbf{for}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{cf}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Also we note that

$$\Box\mathbf{for}(X) \rightarrow \bigwedge \{\mathbf{for}(X_1) \mid X_1 \in \mathbf{G}(n+1), \Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)\} \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\rightarrow \wedge)$,

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{cf}(X) \wedge \bigwedge \{\mathbf{for}(X_1) \mid X_1 \in \mathbf{G}(n+1), \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{succ}(X_1)\} \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

We show the converse. By Corollary 3.4(3), for any $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$,

$$\{\mathbf{for}(Y_1) \mid Y_1 \in \mathbf{next}(Y), \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{succ}(Y_1)\} \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y), \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\rightarrow \wedge)$, possibly several times,

$$\{\mathbf{for}(Y_1) \mid Y_1 \in \bigcup_{Y \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)} \mathbf{next}(Y), \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{succ}(Y_1)\} \rightarrow \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)), \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 3.11,

$$\mathbf{cf}(X), \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)) \rightarrow \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using (cut) ,

$$\mathbf{cf}(X), \{\mathbf{for}(Y_1) \mid Y_1 \in \bigcup_{Y \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)} \mathbf{next}(Y), \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{succ}(Y_1)\} \rightarrow \Box \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Hence we obtain the lemma. +

LEMMA 3.13.

$$\perp \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}^n).$$

Proof. By an induction on n and Corollary 3.4(2). +

LEMMA 3.14. For a subset \mathcal{S} of \mathbf{G}^n

$$\bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}) \supset \perp \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}^n - \mathcal{S}).$$

Proof. By Lemma 3.13 and Lemma 2.5. +

Proof of Theorem 3.1. We use an induction on n .

Basis($n = 0$). The theorem follows from the results in Classical propositional logic.

Induction step($n > 0$). We use an induction on A .

If $A = \perp$, then from Lemma 3.13, we obtain the lemma.

If A is a propositional variable p_i , then by the induction hypothesis, there exists a subset $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathbf{G}^{n-1}$ such that $p_i \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S})$. So,

$$p_i \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}((\mathcal{S} \cap (\mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1))) \cup (\mathcal{S} \cap (\bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k)))).$$

Using Corollary 3.4(2),

$$p_i \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}((\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{S} \cap (\mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1))} \mathbf{next}(X)) \cup (\mathcal{S} \cap (\bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k)))).$$

We note that

$$(\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{S} \cap (\mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1))} \mathbf{next}(X)) \cup (\mathcal{S} \cap (\bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k))) \subseteq \mathbf{G}^n.$$

If $A = B \wedge C$, then by the induction hypothesis, there exist subsets \mathcal{S}_B and \mathcal{S}_C of \mathbf{G}^n such that

$$B \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_B), \quad \text{and} \quad C \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_C).$$

Using Lemma 3.2,

$$B \wedge C \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_B) \wedge \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_C) \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_B \cup \mathcal{S}_C).$$

Similarly, if $A = B \vee C$, then

$$B \vee C \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}_B \cap \mathcal{S}_C).$$

Also, if $A = B \supset C$, then using Lemma 3.13,

$$B \supset C \equiv (B \supset \perp) \vee C \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}((\mathbf{G}^n - \mathcal{S}_B) \cap \mathcal{S}_C).$$

If $A = \square B$, then $B \in \mathbf{S}^{n-1}(\mathbf{V})$, using the induction hypothesis, there exists a subset \mathcal{S} of \mathbf{G}^{n-1} such that

$$B \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S}).$$

Hence

$$A = \square B \equiv \left(\bigwedge \square \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S} \cap \mathbf{G}(n-1)) \right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge \square \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S} \cap \left(\bigcup_{k=0}^{n-2} \mathbf{G}^*(k) \right)) \right).$$

By Lemma 3.12 and Lemma 3.9,

$$\begin{aligned} \bigwedge \square \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S} \cap \mathbf{G}(n-1)) &\equiv \bigwedge \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{S} \cap \mathbf{G}(n-1)} (\mathbf{cf}(X) \wedge \bigwedge \{\mathbf{for}(X_1) \mid X_1 \in \mathbf{G}(n), \square \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{succ}(X_1)\}). \\ &\equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{S}_1 \cup \mathbf{S}_2), \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_1 &= \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{S} \cap \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)} \{Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n-1) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square = (\mathbf{succ}(Y))^\square\}, \\ \mathbf{S}_2 &= \bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{S} \cap \mathbf{G}(n-1)} \{X_1 \in \mathbf{G}(n) \mid \square \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{succ}(X_1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by the induction hypothesis, there exists a subset \mathcal{T} of \mathbf{G}^{n-1} such that

$$\bigwedge \square \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S} \cap \left(\bigcup_{k=0}^{n-2} \mathbf{G}^*(k) \right)) \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{T}).$$

Using Corollary 3.4(2),

$$\bigwedge \square \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{S} \cap \left(\bigcup_{k=0}^{n-2} \mathbf{G}^*(k) \right)) \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathcal{T}) \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{S}_3),$$

where

$$\mathbf{S}_3 = \left(\bigcup_{X \in \mathcal{T} \cap (\mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1))} \mathbf{next}(X) \right) \cup \left(\mathcal{T} \cap \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbf{G}^*(k) \right).$$

Hence

$$A = \square B \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{S}_1 \cup \mathbf{S}_2 \cup \mathbf{S}_3)$$

and we note that $\mathbf{S}_1 \cup \mathbf{S}_2 \cup \mathbf{S}_3 \subseteq \mathbf{G}^n$. +

4. Provability of formulas in $\text{next}(X)$

In Definition 4.1, we use the provability of **S4** to define $\mathbf{prov}(X)$ for $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$. In this section, we give the set without using the provability of **S4**.

DEFINITION 4.1. For $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$, we define $\mathbf{prov}_1(X)$, $\mathbf{prov}_2(X)$ and $\mathbf{prov}_3(X)$ as follows:

$$\mathbf{prov}_1(X) = \{(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Box\mathbf{for}(Y)) \in \mathbf{next}^+(X) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}(n), (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box\},$$

$$\mathbf{prov}_2(X) = \{(\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Box\mathbf{for}(\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Y_0))) \in \mathbf{next}^+(X) \mid Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1), \\ (\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Y_0)) \in \mathbf{G}(n), \Box\mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid \Gamma_0^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}) \subseteq \Gamma \cap \Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n))\},$$

$$\mathbf{prov}_3(X) = \{(\Box\mathbf{for}(Y), \Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Box\mathbf{for}(Z)) \in \mathbf{next}^+(X) \mid Y, Z \in \mathbf{G}^*(n), (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}.$$

The purpose in this section is to prove

THEOREM 4.2. For $X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$,

$$\mathbf{prov}(X) = \mathbf{prov}_1(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_2(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_3(X).$$

To prove the theorem above, we need some lemmas.

LEMMA 4.3. For $X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$,

$$\mathbf{prov}_1(X) \subseteq \mathbf{prov}(X).$$

Proof. Let X_1 be in $\mathbf{prov}_1(X)$. Then $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}^+(X)$ and there exist finite sets Γ and Δ and a sequent $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ such that

- (1) $X_1 = (\Box\Gamma, \mathbf{ant}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X), \Box\Delta, \Box\mathbf{for}(Y))$,
- (2) $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$.

Using Lemma 3.7, we have $X_1 \in \mathbf{S4}$, and hence, we obtain the lemma. \dashv

LEMMA 4.4. For $X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$,

$$\mathbf{prov}_2(X) \subseteq \mathbf{prov}(X).$$

Proof. Let X_1 be in $\mathbf{prov}_2(X)$. Then $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}^+(X)$ and there exist finite sets Γ , Δ , Γ_0 and Δ_0 and a sequent $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that

- (1) $X_1 = (\Gamma \rightarrow \Delta, \Box\mathbf{for}(\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Y_0)))$,
- (2) $(\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Y_0)) \in \mathbf{G}(n)$,
- (3) $\Box\mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid \Gamma_0^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}) \subseteq \Gamma \cap \Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n))$.

By Corollary 3.4(1), we have

$$\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Y_0)) \rightarrow Y_0 \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\Box \rightarrow)$ and $(\rightarrow \Box)$, possibly several times,

$$\Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Y_0)) \rightarrow \Box Y_0 \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

We define Y as $Y = (\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Y_0))$. Then $\mathbf{ant}(Y) = \Gamma_0$ and

$$\Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Y_0)) \rightarrow Y \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

So,

$$\Box\mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid \Gamma_0^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}), \Box\mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box\}) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using (3),

$$\Gamma, \Box \text{for}(\{Z \in \text{next}(Y_0) \mid (\text{ant}(Y))^\Box \not\subseteq (\text{ant}(Z))^\Box\}) \rightarrow \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\vee \rightarrow)$, possibly several times,

$$\Gamma, \{\text{for}(Y) \vee \Box \text{for}(Z) \mid Z \in \text{next}(Y_0), (\text{ant}(Y))^\Box \not\subseteq (\text{ant}(Z))^\Box\} \rightarrow \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using Lemma 3.7 and (cut) , possibly several times,

$$\Gamma \rightarrow \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

So, we have $X_1 \in \mathbf{S4}$, and hence, we obtain the lemma. \dashv

LEMMA 4.5. For $X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$,

$$\text{prov}_3(X) \subseteq \text{prov}(X).$$

Proof. By Lemma 3.8, we obtain the lemma. \dashv

LEMMA 4.6. Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n+1)$ and let X_0 be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then

$$X \in \text{next}(X_0) \text{ if and only if } X_0 = (\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n).$$

Proof. By Lemma 3.6 and Definition 2.1, we obtain the lemma. \dashv

LEMMA 4.7. Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n+k)$. Then

- (1) for any $k \geq 0$, $(\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \mathbf{G}(n)$,
- (2) for any $k \geq 1$, $\Box \text{for}(\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \text{suc}(X)$.
- (3) for any $k \geq 1$ and for any $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n)$, $\text{ant}(X_0) \subseteq \text{ant}(X)$ and $\text{suc}(X_0) \subseteq \text{suc}(X)$ imply $\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = \text{ant}(X_0)$, $\text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = \text{suc}(X_0)$ and $\Box \text{for}(X_0) \in \text{suc}(X)$.

Proof. For (1). We use an induction on k .

Basis($k=0$). By $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ and Lemma 3.6, $(\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) = X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$.

Induction step($k > 0$). By $X \in \mathbf{G}(n+k)$, there exists a sequent $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n+k-1)$ such that $X \in \text{next}(X_0)$. By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$(\text{ant}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \mathbf{G}(n).$$

On the other hand, by Lemma 4.6,

$$\text{ant}(X_0) = \text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{n+k-1} \text{ and } \text{suc}(X_0) = \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{n+k-1}.$$

So,

$$(\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{n+k-1} \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{n+k-1} \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \mathbf{G}(n).$$

Since $k \geq 1$, $\mathbf{BG}_{n+k-1} \supseteq \mathbf{BG}_n$. Hence we obtain (1).

For (2). We use an induction on k .

Basis($k=1$). By (1),

$$(\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \mathbf{G}(n).$$

Using Lemma 4.6,

$$X \in \text{next}(\text{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n),$$

and using Definition 2.1, we obtain (2).

Induction step($k > 1$). By $X \in \mathbf{G}(n+k)$, there exists a sequent $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n+k-1)$ such that $X \in \text{next}(X_0)$. By the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\Box \text{for}(\text{ant}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \text{suc}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \text{suc}(X_0).$$

Similarly to (1), we have

$$\mathbf{ant}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{n-k-1} \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n,$$

$$\mathbf{suc}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{n-k-1} \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n,$$

and so,

$$\Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_0).$$

By $X \in \mathbf{next}(X_0)$, we have $\mathbf{suc}(X_0) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X)$, and so, we obtain (2).

For (3). By $\mathbf{ant}(X_0) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X)$ and $\mathbf{suc}(X_0) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X)$, we have

$$\mathbf{ant}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \text{ and } \mathbf{suc}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n.$$

Using $X_1 \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ and Lemma 3.6, we have

$$\mathbf{ant}(X_0) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \text{ and } \mathbf{suc}(X_0) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n.$$

On the other hand, by (1) and Lemma 3.6, we have

$$\mathbf{ant}(X_0) \cup \mathbf{suc}(X_0) = (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \cup (\mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) = \mathbf{BG}_n,$$

$$\mathbf{ant}(X_0) \cap \mathbf{suc}(X_0) = (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \cap (\mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) = \emptyset.$$

Hence

$$\mathbf{ant}(X_0) = \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \text{ and } \mathbf{suc}(X_0) = \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n.$$

Using (2), we obtain $\Box \mathbf{for}(X_0) = \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$. +

DEFINITION 4.8. For $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$, the saturation of X , write $\mathbf{sat}(X)$, is defined as follows:

(1) if $n = 0$, then

$$\mathbf{sat}(X) = X,$$

(2) if $n > 0$, then

$$\mathbf{sat}(X) = (\Gamma_d, \Gamma_c, \mathbf{ant}(X), \{A \mid \Box A \in \mathbf{ant}(X)\}) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X), \Delta_c, \Delta_d, \Delta_f),$$

where

$$\Gamma_c = \{\bigwedge S \mid S \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1)), \#(S) > 1\},$$

$$\Gamma_d = \{\bigvee S \mid S \cap (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset, S \subseteq \mathbf{BG}_{n-1}, \#(S) > 1\},$$

$$\Delta_c = \{\bigwedge S \mid S \cap (\mathbf{suc}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset, S \subseteq \mathbf{BG}_{n-1}, \#(S) > 1\},$$

$$\Delta_d = \{\bigvee S \mid S \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1)), \#(S) > 1\},$$

$$\Delta_f = \{\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_\ell \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_\ell) \mid \ell \leq n-1, \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_\ell \neq \emptyset\}.$$

REMARK 4.9. Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then

$$\mathbf{ant}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X)) \text{ and } \mathbf{suc}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(\mathbf{sat}(X)).$$

LEMMA 4.10. Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then

$$\mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X)) \cap \mathbf{suc}(\mathbf{sat}(X)) = \emptyset.$$

Proof. We use $\Gamma_c, \Gamma_d, \Delta_c, \Delta_d, \Delta_f$ as in Definition 4.8. We call a formula of the form $C \wedge D$ a \wedge -formula. Similarly, we use \vee -formula, \supset -formula and \Box -formula. We note that

- (1) every member of $\Gamma_c \cup \Delta_c$ is a \wedge -formula,
- (2) every member of $\Gamma_d \cup \Delta_d$ is a \vee -formula,
- (3) every member of Δ_f is a \supset -formula.

Also by Lemma 3.6,

(4) every member of $\mathbf{ant}(X) \cup \mathbf{suc}(X)$ is either a \Box -formula or a member of \mathbf{V} .

Suppose that $A \in \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X)) \cap \mathbf{suc}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$. Then

(5) $A \in \Gamma_d \cup \Gamma_c \cup \mathbf{ant}(X) \cup \{C \mid \Box C \in \mathbf{ant}(X)\}$,

(6) $A \in \mathbf{suc}(X) \cup \Delta_c \cup \Delta_d \cup \Delta_f$.

By (5), we divide the cases.

The case that $A \in \Gamma_c$. By (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6), we have $A \in \Gamma_c \cap \Delta_c$. So, there exist sets S and S' such that $A = \bigwedge S = \bigwedge S'$, $S \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X)$ and $S' \cap \mathbf{suc}(X) \neq \emptyset$. By $A = \bigwedge S = \bigwedge S'$, we have $S = S'$. Using the other conditions, there exists a formula $B \in S' \cap \mathbf{suc}(X) = S \cap \mathbf{suc}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{suc}(X)$. This is in contradiction with Lemma 3.6.

The case that $A \in \Gamma_d$ can be shown similarly.

The case that $A \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$. By (1),(2),(3),(4) and (6), we have $A \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{suc}(X)$, which is in contradiction with Lemma 3.6.

The case that $A \in \{C \mid \Box C \in \mathbf{ant}(X)\}$. We have $\Box A \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$, and using Lemma 3.6, $n > 0$. If $A \in \Delta_f$, then by Lemma 4.7(2), $\Box A \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$, which is in contradiction with Lemma 3.6. So, using (6), $A \in \mathbf{suc}(X) \cup \Delta_c \cup \Delta_d$. On the other hand, by $\Box A \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$ and Lemma 3.6, there exist $\ell \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ and $Y \in \mathbf{G}(\ell)$ such that $A = \mathbf{for}(Y)$. By $A \in \mathbf{suc}(X) \cup \Delta_c \cup \Delta_d$, (1), (2) and (4), A is not a \supset -formula, and we have, $\mathbf{ant}(Y) = \emptyset$ and $A = \mathbf{for}(Y) = \bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y)$.

If $\#\mathbf{suc}(Y) = 1$, then $\mathbf{BG}_\ell \supseteq \mathbf{suc}(Y) = \{\mathbf{for}(Y)\} = \{A\}$, and using (6), $\mathbf{suc}(Y) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X)$. If $\#\mathbf{suc}(Y) > 1$, then $\mathbf{for}(Y)$ is a \vee -formula, and using (1) and (4), we have $A = \mathbf{for}(Y) = \bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y) \in \Delta_d$, and so, $\mathbf{suc}(Y) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X)$. Hence in any case, $\mathbf{suc}(Y) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(X)$. Also we note that $\mathbf{ant}(Y) = \emptyset \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X)$. So, using Lemma 4.7(3), we have $\Box A = \Box \mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$. This is in contradiction with $\Box A \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$ and Lemma 3.6. \dashv

LEMMA 4.11. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ and let be that $\Phi \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$ and $\Psi \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$. If I is an inference rule in $\mathbf{S4}$ except $(\rightarrow \Box)$ and (cut) whose lower sequent is $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$, then $\Phi_1 \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$ and $\Psi_1 \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$, for some upper sequent $\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Psi_1$ of I .*

Proof. We use $\Gamma_c, \Gamma_d, \Delta_c, \Delta_d, \Delta_f$ as in Definition 4.8. If I is a weakening rule, then the lemma is clear, and so, we assume that I is not a weakening rule. Let A be the principal formula of I . We divide the cases.

The case that $A \in \Gamma_d$. There exist a set S and a formula B such that

(1.1) $A = (\bigvee S) \vee B$,

(1.2) $(S \cup \{B\}) \cap (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset$,

(1.3) $S \cup \{B\} \subseteq \mathbf{BG}_{n-1}$,

(1.4) $\#(S) > 0$.

Also I is

$$\frac{\bigvee S, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi \quad B, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi},$$

where $\Phi^* \in \{\Phi, \Phi - \{A\}\}$. By (1.2), we have either $S \cap (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset$ or $\{B\} \cap (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset$. If $\{B\} \cap (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset$, then $B \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$, and so, the left upper sequent satisfies the conditions. If $S \cap (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset$ and $\#(S) = 1$, then $\bigvee S \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$, and so, the left upper sequent satisfies the conditions. If $S \cap (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \neq \emptyset$ and $\#(S) > 1$, then using (1.3), $\bigvee S \in \Gamma_d \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$, and so, the left upper sequent satisfies the conditions.

The case that $A \in \Delta_c$ can be shown similarly.

The case that $A \in \Gamma_c$. There exist a set S and a formula B such that

- (2.1) $A = (\bigwedge S) \wedge B$,
- (2.2) $S \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X) - \square\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))$,
- (2.3) $\{B\} \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X) - \square\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))$,
- (2.4) $\#(\mathbf{S}) > 0$.

Also I is either

$$\frac{\bigwedge S, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{B, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi},$$

where $\Phi^* \in \{\Phi, \Phi - \{A\}\}$. By (2.3), $B \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$. So, the upper sequent $B, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi$ satisfies the conditions. By (2.2), if $\#(S) = 1$, then $\bigwedge S \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$; if not, $\bigwedge S \in \Gamma_c \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$. So, the upper sequent $\bigwedge S, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi$ satisfies the conditions.

The case that $A \in \Delta_d$ can be shown similarly.

The case that $A \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \cup \mathbf{suc}(X)$. None of the member of \mathbf{V} is principal formula. So, by Lemma 3.6, $A = \square B \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$. Since I is not $(\rightarrow \square)$, I is

$$\frac{B, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi},$$

where $\Phi^* \in \{\Phi, \Phi - \{A\}\}$. By $A = \square B \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$, we have $B \in \{C \mid \square C \in \mathbf{ant}(X)\} \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(X))$. So, the upper sequent satisfies the conditions.

The case that $A \in \{C \mid \square C \in \mathbf{ant}(X)\}$. We note that $n > 0$. By Lemma 3.6, there exist $i \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$ and $Y \in \mathbf{G}(i)$ such that $A = \mathbf{for}(Y)$. We note that $\square A = \square\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$. We define Z as $Z = (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_i \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_i)$. Then by Lemma 4.7, $Z \in \mathbf{G}(i)$ and $\square\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$. Using $\square\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$ and Lemma 3.6, we have $Y \neq Z$. Using Lemma 3.6, we have $\mathbf{ant}(Y) \neq \mathbf{ant}(Z)$. In other words, $\mathbf{ant}(Y) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Z)$ or $\mathbf{ant}(Z) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y)$. We divide the subcases.

The subcase that $\mathbf{ant}(Y) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Z)$. We note that $\mathbf{ant}(Y) \neq \emptyset$. So, I is

$$\frac{\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Psi_1, \bigwedge \mathbf{ant}(Y) \quad \bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y), \Phi_2 \rightarrow \Psi_2}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi},$$

where $\Phi_1 \cup \Phi_2 \in \{\Phi, \Phi - \{A\}\}$ and $\Psi_1 \cup \Psi_2 = \Psi$. On the other hand, by $\mathbf{ant}(Y) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Z)$, there exists a formula $B \in \mathbf{ant}(Y) - \mathbf{ant}(Z)$. Using Lemma 3.6,

$$B \in \mathbf{ant}(Y) \cap \mathbf{suc}(Z) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y) \cap (\mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_i) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y) \cap (\mathbf{suc}(X) - \square\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))).$$

So, if $\#(\mathbf{ant}(Y)) = 1$, then $\bigwedge \mathbf{ant}(Y) = \{B\} \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$; if not, $\bigwedge \mathbf{ant}(Y) \in \Delta_c$. Hence the left upper sequent of I satisfies the conditions.

The subcase that $\mathbf{ant}(Z) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y) \neq \emptyset$. By $\mathbf{ant}(Y) \neq \emptyset$, I is

$$\frac{\Phi_1 \rightarrow \Psi_1, \bigwedge \mathbf{ant}(Y) \quad \bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y), \Phi_2 \rightarrow \Psi_2}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi},$$

where $\Phi_1 \cup \Phi_2 \in \{\Phi, \Phi - \{A\}\}$ and $\Psi_1 \cup \Psi_2 = \Psi$. On the other hand, by $\mathbf{ant}(Z) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y)$, there exists a formula $B \in \mathbf{ant}(Z) - \mathbf{ant}(Y)$. Using Lemma 3.6,

$$B \in \mathbf{ant}(Z) \cap \mathbf{suc}(Y) \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_i) \cap \mathbf{suc}(Y) \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \square\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \cap \mathbf{suc}(Y).$$

So, if $\#(\mathbf{suc}(Y)) = 1$, then $\bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y) = \{B\} \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$; if not, $\bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y) \in \Gamma_d$. Hence the right upper sequent satisfies the conditions.

The subcase that $\mathbf{ant}(Z) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y) = \emptyset$. By $\mathbf{ant}(Y) = \emptyset$ and Lemma 3.6, we have $\mathbf{suc}(Y) = \mathbf{BG}_i$. If $\#(\mathbf{suc}(Y)) = \#(\mathbf{BG}_i) = 1$, then $\mathbf{suc}(Y) = \{A\} \subseteq \mathbf{V}$, and so, A is not a principal formula. So, we assume that $\#(\mathbf{suc}(Y)) > 1$. Then I is

$$\frac{\bigvee (\mathbf{suc}(Y) - \{C\}), \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi \quad C, \Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi},$$

where $\Phi^* \in \{\Phi, \Phi - \{A\}\}$ and $\bigvee \mathbf{succ}(Y) = (\bigvee(\mathbf{succ}(Y) - \{C\})) \vee C$. On the other hand, we note by $\mathbf{ant}(Z) \not\subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y)$, there exists a formula $B \in \mathbf{ant}(Z) - \mathbf{ant}(Y)$. Using Lemma 3.6,

$$B \in \mathbf{ant}(Z) \cap \mathbf{succ}(Y) \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_i) \cap \mathbf{succ}(Y) \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X) - \square \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n-1))) \cap \mathbf{succ}(Y).$$

So, if $C = B$, then $C \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$, and so, the right upper sequent satisfies the conditions. If $C \neq B$, then $B \in \mathbf{succ}(Y) - \{C\}$ and $\bigvee(\mathbf{succ}(Y) - \{C\}) \in \Gamma_d$. So, the left upper sequent satisfies the conditions.

The case that $A \in \Delta_f$. There exists $\ell \leq n-1$ such that $A = \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{S}_\ell \rightarrow \mathbf{succ}(X) \cap \mathbf{S}_\ell)$ and $\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{S}_\ell \neq \emptyset$. So, I is

$$\frac{\bigwedge(\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{S}_\ell), \Phi \rightarrow \Psi^*, \bigvee(\mathbf{succ}(X) \cap \mathbf{S}_\ell)}{\Phi \rightarrow \Psi},$$

where $\Psi^* \in \{\Psi, \Psi - \{A\}\}$. We note that $\bigwedge(\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{S}_\ell) \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \cup \Gamma_c$ and $\bigvee(\mathbf{succ}(X) \cap \mathbf{S}_\ell) \in \mathbf{succ}(X) \cup \Gamma_d$. So, the upper sequent of I satisfies the conditions. \dashv

LEMMA 4.12. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n+k)$ and let Y be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$. If $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \neq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_n$. Then*

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y), \square \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Proof. We use an induction on k .

Basis ($k=0$). By $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ and Lemma 3.6, $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \neq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square$. Also by $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$, we have

$$(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square \text{ implies } (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square, \text{ for any } Z \in \mathbf{G}(n).$$

Hence we have $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square$. Using Lemma 3.7, we obtain the lemma.

Induction step ($k > 0$). By $X \in \mathbf{G}(n+k)$, there exists $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n+k-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n+k-1)$ such that $X \in \mathbf{next}(X_0)$. By Lemma 4.6,

$$(\mathbf{ant}(X_0))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_{n+k-1} \cap \mathbf{BG}_n = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \neq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square.$$

So, by the induction hypothesis, we have

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y), \square \mathbf{for}(X_0) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

On the other hand, we note that $\square \mathbf{for}(X_0) \rightarrow \square \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S4}$, and using (*cut*), we obtain the lemma. \dashv

COROLLARY 4.13. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n+k)$ and let Y be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$. If $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \neq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_n$. Then*

$$(\square \mathbf{for}(X) \supset \mathbf{for}(Y)) \equiv \mathbf{for}(Y).$$

Proof. By Lemma 4.12 and (*cut*), we obtain the corollary. \dashv

LEMMA 4.14. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ and let Y_1 be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}^*(k)$ ($k \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$). If $\square \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \in \mathbf{succ}(X)$, then*

$$\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(X)^\square \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y_1)) \equiv \mathbf{for}(Y_1).$$

Proof. We define X_1 as follows:

$$X_1 = (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{succ}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k).$$

Then

$$(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k)^\square \cup (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \bigcup_{i=k}^{n-1} \square \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(i)))$$

$$= \mathbf{ant}(X_1)^\square \cup (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \bigcup_{i=k}^{n-1} \square \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(i))).$$

So, it is sufficient to show the following two:

- (1) for any $A \in \mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \bigcup_{i=k}^{n-1} \square \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(i))$, $A \supset \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \equiv \mathbf{for}(Y_1)$,
- (2) $\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(X_1)^\square \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y_1)) \equiv \mathbf{for}(Y_1)$.

For (1). There exist a number $i \in \{k, k+1, \dots, n-1\}$ and a sequent $Z \in \mathbf{G}(i)$ such that $A = \square \mathbf{for}(Z)$. If $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square \neq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_k$, then by Corollary 4.13, we obtain (1). So, we assume $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_k$. We divide the cases.

The case that $i = k$. Then by Lemma 3.8, we have

$$\square \mathbf{for}(Z) \rightarrow \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Using $(\rightarrow \square)$, we have

$$\square \mathbf{for}(Z) \rightarrow \square \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

So, using $\square \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$ and $\square \mathbf{for}(Z) = A \in \mathbf{ant}(X)$, we have $X \in \mathbf{S4}$. Using Lemma 2.4(2), $X \notin \mathbf{G}(n)$, which is in contradiction with $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$.

The case that $i > k$. We define Z_1 and Z_2 as follows:

$$Z_1 = (\mathbf{ant}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k) \text{ and } Z_2 = (\mathbf{ant}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+1}).$$

Then by Lemma 4.7, we have $Z_1 \in \mathbf{G}(k)$ and $Z_2 \in \mathbf{G}(k+1)$. Also by the assumption, we have $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_k = (\mathbf{ant}(Z_1))^\square$, and using Lemma 3.9, $Z_1 \in \mathbf{G}^*(k)$. On the other hand, by $Z_2 \in \mathbf{G}(k+1)$, there exists a sequent $Z'_1 \in \mathbf{G}(k) - \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ such that $Z_2 \in \mathbf{next}(Z'_1)$. Using Lemma 4.6,

$$\begin{aligned} Z'_1 &= (\mathbf{ant}(Z_2) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Z_2) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k) \\ &= (\mathbf{ant}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+1} \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+1} \cap \mathbf{BG}_k) \\ &= (\mathbf{ant}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Z) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k) = Z_1 \in \mathbf{G}^*(k), \end{aligned}$$

which is in contradiction with $Z'_1 \in \mathbf{G}(k) - \mathbf{G}^*(k)$.

For (2). Suppose that $(\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square$. Then by Lemma 3.7, we have

$$\mathbf{ant}(X_1) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X_1), \square \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

So,

$$\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k, \square \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \in \mathbf{S4}.$$

Hence $X \in \mathbf{S4}$, which is in contradiction with Lemma 2.4(2) and $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$. So, we have $(\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square$, and so,

$$(\bigwedge (\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square) \supset \mathbf{for}(Y_1) \equiv (\bigwedge (\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square \cup \mathbf{ant}(Y_1)) \supset \bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y_1) \equiv \bigwedge \mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \supset \bigvee \mathbf{suc}(Y_1).$$

Hence we obtain (2). \(\dashv\)

LEMMA 4.15. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n+k)$ and let Y_0 be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$. Let X_1 be a sequent in $\mathbf{next}(X)$. If $\square \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$, then there exists a sequent $Y \in \mathbf{G}^{n+k}$ such that $\square \mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$, $\mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y)$ and $\mathbf{suc}(Y_0) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(Y)$.*

Proof. We use an induction on k .

Basis ($k = 0$). The lemma is clear from $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ and $\square \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$.

Induction step ($k > 0$). By $X \in \mathbf{G}(n+k)$, there exists a sequent $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n+k-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n+k-1)$ such that $X \in \mathbf{next}(X_0)$. Also by $k > 0$ and Lemma 3.6, $\square \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1) \cap \square \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)) = \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \square \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n))$. Using the induction hypothesis, there exists a sequent $Y_2 \in \mathbf{G}^{n+k-1}$

such that $\Box\text{for}(Y_2) \in \text{suc}(X)$, $\text{ant}(Y_0) \subseteq \text{ant}(Y_2)$ and $\text{suc}(Y_0) \subseteq \text{suc}(Y_2)$. If $Y_2 \in \bigcup_{i=0}^{n+k-1} \mathbf{G}^*(i)$, then $Y_2 \in \mathbf{G}^{n+k}$, and we obtain the lemma. So, we assume that $Y_2 \in \mathbf{G}(n+k-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n+k-1)$. On the other hand, by Lemma 2.4 and Lemma 4.4, we have $X_1 \notin \text{prov}_2(X)$. Using the four conditions

$$\begin{aligned} & \Box\text{for}(X) \in \text{suc}(X_1), \\ & \Box\text{for}(Y_2) \in \text{suc}(X), \\ & Y_2 \in \mathbf{G}(n+k-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n+k-1) \text{ and} \\ & X \in \mathbf{G}(n+k), \end{aligned}$$

we have

$$\Box\text{for}(\{Z \in \text{next}(Y_2) \mid (\text{ant}(X))^\square \subseteq (\text{ant}(Z))^\square\}) \not\subseteq \text{ant}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n+k)).$$

So, there exists a sequent $Y \in \text{next}(Y_2)$ such that $(\text{ant}(X))^\square \subseteq (\text{ant}(Y))^\square$ and $\Box\text{for}(Y) \notin \text{ant}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n+k))$. By $Y \in \text{next}(Y_2)$, we have $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n+k) \subseteq \mathbf{G}^{n+k}$. Using $\Box\text{for}(Y) \notin \text{ant}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n+k))$ and Lemma 3.6, we have $\Box\text{for}(Y) \notin \text{ant}(X_1)$ and $\Box\text{for}(Y) \in \text{suc}(X_1)$. Also by $Y \in \text{next}(Y_2)$, we have $\text{ant}(Y_2) \subseteq \text{ant}(Y)$ and $\text{suc}(Y_2) \subseteq \text{suc}(Y)$. Hence we have $\text{ant}(Y_0) \subseteq \text{ant}(Y)$ and $\text{suc}(Y_0) \subseteq \text{suc}(Y)$. \dashv

LEMMA 4.16. *Let X and Y be sequents in $\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and let X_1 be a sequent in $\text{next}^+(X) - (\text{prov}_2(X) \cup \text{prov}_1(X) \cup \text{prov}_3(X))$. If $\Box\text{for}(Y) \in \text{suc}(X_1)$, then*

$$(\Gamma_Y, \text{ant}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)), \text{ant}(Y) \rightarrow \text{suc}(Y), \Delta_Y) \in \text{next}^+(X) - (\text{prov}_2(X) \cup \text{prov}_1(X) \cup \text{prov}_3(X)),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_Y &= \{\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \text{suc}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)) \mid \text{ant}(Y)^\square \subseteq \text{ant}(Z)^\square\} \text{ and} \\ \Gamma_Y &= \{\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \text{suc}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)) \mid \text{ant}(Y)^\square \not\subseteq \text{ant}(Z)^\square\}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof. we define the sequent Y_1 as follows:

$$Y_1 = (\Gamma_Y, \text{ant}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)), \text{ant}(Y) \rightarrow \text{suc}(Y), \Delta_Y).$$

It is not hard to see that $Y_1 \in \text{next}^+(Y)$. So, it is sufficient to show the following three:

- (1) $Y_1 \notin \text{prov}_1(Y)$,
- (2) $Y_1 \notin \text{prov}_2(Y)$,
- (3) $Y_1 \notin \text{prov}_3(Y)$.

For (1). Suppose that $Y_1 \in \text{prov}_1(Y)$. Then there exists a sequent $Z \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ such that $\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \text{suc}(Y_1)$, $(\text{ant}(Y))^\square \not\subseteq (\text{ant}(Z))^\square$. By Lemma 3.6, we have $\Box\text{for}(Z) \notin \text{BG}_n \supseteq \text{suc}(Y)$, and using $\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \text{suc}(Y_1) = \text{suc}(Y) \cup \Delta_Y$, we have $\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \Delta_Y$. So, $(\text{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq (\text{ant}(Z))^\square$. This is in contradiction with $(\text{ant}(Y))^\square \not\subseteq (\text{ant}(Z))^\square$.

For(2). Suppose that $Y_1 \in \text{prov}_2(Y)$. Then there exist sequents $Z \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ and $Z_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that

- (2.1) $\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \text{suc}(Y_1)$,
- (2.2) $\Box\text{for}(Z_0) \in \text{suc}(Z)$,
- (2.3) $\Box\text{for}(\{Z' \in \text{next}(Z_0) \mid (\text{ant}(Z))^\square \subseteq (\text{ant}(Z'))^\square\}) \subseteq \text{suc}(Y_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n))$.

Similarly to (1), by (2.1), we have

$$(2.4) \Box\text{for}(Z) \in \text{suc}(X_1),$$

Also by Lemma 3.6, we have $\text{suc}(Y_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)) = \Delta_Y$, and using (2.3), we have

$$(2.5) \Box\text{for}(\{Z' \in \text{next}(Z_0) \mid (\text{ant}(Z))^\square \subseteq (\text{ant}(Z'))^\square\}) \subseteq \Delta_Y \subseteq \text{suc}(X_1) \cap \mathbf{G}(n).$$

By (2.4), (2.2), (2.5) and $X_1 \in \text{next}^+(X)$, we obtain $X_1 \in \text{prov}_2(X)$, which is in contradiction with $X_1 \notin \text{prov}_2(X)$.

For (3). Suppose that $Y_1 \in \text{prov}_3(Y)$. Then there exist sequents $Z, Z' \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ such that

$$(3.1) \Box\text{for}(Z) \in \text{ant}(Y_1),$$

- (3.2) $\Box\text{for}(Z') \in \text{succ}(Y_1)$
(3.3) $(\text{ant}(Z))^\square = (\text{ant}(Z'))^\square$.

Similarly to (1), by (3.2), we have

- (3.4) $\Box\text{for}(Z') \in \Delta_Y \subseteq \text{succ}(X_1)$.

By $\Box\text{for}(Z') \in \Delta_Y$, we have $(\text{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq (\text{ant}(Z'))^\square$. Using (3.3), $(\text{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq (\text{ant}(Z))^\square$. So, we have $\Box\text{for}(Z') \notin \Gamma_Y$. Using (3.1), we have $\Box\text{for}(Z') \in \text{ant}(X_1) \cup \text{ant}(Y)$. Similarly to (1), we have

- (3.5) $\Box\text{for}(Z') \in \text{ant}(X_1)$.

By (3.4), (3.5), (3.3) and $X_1 \in \text{next}^+(X)$, we obtain $X_1 \in \text{prov}_3(X)$, which is in contradiction with $X_1 \notin \text{prov}_3(X)$. \dashv

LEMMA 4.17. *Let \mathcal{P} be a cut-free proof figure in $\mathbf{S4}$ whose end sequent is $\Phi \rightarrow \Psi$. Then for any $X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and for any $X_1 \in \text{next}^+(X) - (\text{prov}_2(X) \cup \text{prov}_1(X) \cup \text{prov}_3(X))$,*

$$(\Phi \rightarrow \Psi) \notin \{(\Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi^*) \mid \Phi^* \subseteq \text{ant}(\text{sat}(X_1)), \Psi^* \subseteq \text{succ}(\text{sat}(X_1))\}.$$

Proof. We use an induction on \mathcal{P} .

Basis(\mathcal{P} consists of an axiom). Suppose that

$$(\Phi \rightarrow \Psi) \in \{(\Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi^*) \mid \Phi^* \subseteq \text{ant}(\text{sat}(X_1)), \Psi^* \subseteq \text{succ}(\text{sat}(X_1))\}.$$

Then by Lemma 4.10, $\Phi \cap \Psi = \emptyset$, which is not an axiom.

Induction step (\mathcal{P} has the inference rule introducing the end sequent). Suppose that

$$(\Phi \rightarrow \Psi) \in \{(\Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi^*) \mid \Phi^* \subseteq \text{ant}(\text{sat}(X_1)), \Psi^* \subseteq \text{succ}(\text{sat}(X_1))\}.$$

and let I be the inference rule introducing the end sequent in \mathcal{P} .

If I is not $(\rightarrow \Box)$, then by Lemma 4.11, an upper sequent I belongs to

$$\{(\Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi^*) \mid \Phi^* \subseteq \text{ant}(\text{sat}(X_1)), \Psi^* \subseteq \text{succ}(\text{sat}(X_1))\}.$$

This is in contradiction with the induction hypothesis.

So, we assume that I is $(\rightarrow \Box)$. Then there exist a set Γ and a sequent Y_0 such that

- (1) $\Gamma \subseteq \text{ant}(X_1)^\square$,
- (2) $\Box\text{for}(Y_0) \in \text{succ}(X_1)^\square$,
- (3) $(\Phi \rightarrow \Psi) = (\Gamma \rightarrow \Box\text{for}(Y_0))$,
- (4) I is $\frac{\Gamma \rightarrow \text{for}(Y_0)}{\Gamma \rightarrow \Box\text{for}(Y_0)}$.

We divide the cases.

The case that $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ for some $k \leq n$. By Lemma 4.14, (1) and (2),

$$\text{for}(\Gamma \rightarrow \text{for}(Y_0)) \equiv \text{for}(\text{ant}(X_1)^\square \rightarrow \text{for}(Y_0)) \equiv \text{for}(Y_0).$$

Using (4), we have $Y_0 \in \mathbf{S4}$, which is in contradiction with $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ and Lemma 2.4(2).

The case that $Y_0 \notin \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ for any $k \leq n$. Then by Lemma 3.6, $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(k) - \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ for some $k \leq n$. Using (2) and Lemma 4.15, there exists a sequent $Y \in \mathbf{G}^n$ such that

- (5) $\Box\text{for}(Y) \in \text{succ}(X_1)$,
- (6) $\text{ant}(Y_0) \subseteq \text{ant}(Y)$ and $\text{succ}(Y_0) \subseteq \text{succ}(Y)$.

By (6), we have $\text{for}(Y_0) \rightarrow \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$, and using (4), we have $\Gamma \rightarrow \text{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{S4}$. If $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(i)$ for some $i \leq n$, then using (1), (5) and Lemma 4.14, we obtain a contradiction similarly to the above case. So, by $Y \in \mathbf{G}^n$ we can assume that $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$. Then by (5) and Lemma 4.16,

$$Y_1 = (\Gamma_Y, \text{ant}(X_1) \cap \Box\text{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)), \text{ant}(Y) \rightarrow \text{succ}(Y), \Delta_Y) \in \text{next}^+(X) - (\text{prov}_2(X) \cup \text{prov}_1(X) \cup \text{prov}_3(X)),$$

where Δ_Y and Γ_Y are as in Lemma 4.16. By (6), we have $\mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y_1)$ and $\mathbf{suc}(Y_0) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)$. Using Lemma 4.7(3),

$$\mathbf{for}(Y_0) = \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y_0)) = \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y_1) \cap \mathbf{BG}_k) \in \mathbf{suc}(\mathbf{sat}(Y_1)).$$

On the other hand, by $\square \mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$ and $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n)$, we have

$$(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \text{ implies } X_1 \in \mathbf{prov}_1(X).$$

So, using $X_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}_1(X)$, we have

$$\Gamma \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(Y_1)).$$

So, the upper sequent of I belongs to

$$\{(\Phi^* \rightarrow \Psi^*) \mid \Phi^* \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(\mathbf{sat}(Y_1)), \Psi^* \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(\mathbf{sat}(Y_1))\}$$

for $Y_1 \in \mathbf{next}^+(X) - (\mathbf{prov}_2(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_1(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_3(X))$. This is in contradiction with the induction hypothesis. \dashv

By the above lemma and Lemma 1.1(2), we obtain

COROLLARY 4.18. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$. Then*

$$\mathbf{prov}_2(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_1(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_3(X) \supseteq \mathbf{prov}(X).$$

From Lemma 4.3, Lemma 4.4, Lemma 4.5 and Corollary 4.18, we obtain Theorem 4.2.

5. m -universal model

Here we construct n -universal model $\langle W, R, P \rangle$ and clarify the image of P , $\{P(A) \mid A \in \mathbf{S}(V)\}$.

DEFINITION 5.1. The Kripke model **UM** is defined as

$$\mathbf{UM} = \langle W_u, R_u, P_u \rangle,$$

where

$$W_u = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \mathbf{G}^*(n),$$

R_u is the transitive closure of $\{(X, Y) \mid \square \mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{suc}(Y) \text{ or } (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square\}$,

$$P_u(p_i) = \{X \mid p_i \in \mathbf{ant}(X)\}.$$

DEFINITION 5.2. For a sequent $X \in \mathbf{G}^n$, we define the sets \vec{X} and \overleftarrow{X} inductively as follows:

$$(1.1) X \in \vec{X},$$

$$(1.2) Y \in \vec{X} \text{ and } Y \notin W_u \text{ imply } \mathbf{next}(Y) \subseteq \vec{X},$$

$$(2.1) X \in \overleftarrow{X},$$

$$(2.2) X \in \mathbf{next}(Y) \text{ implies } Y \in \overleftarrow{X}.$$

We note that

$$\overleftarrow{X} = \{\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_\ell \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_\ell \mid 0 \leq \ell \leq n\}$$

and

$$Y \in \vec{X} \text{ if and only if } X \in \overleftarrow{Y}.$$

THEOREM 5.3.

(1) **UM** is the n -universal model.

(2) $\{W_u - P(A) \mid A \in \mathbf{S}(V)\}$ is the union of finite number of sets in $\{\vec{X} \cap W_u \mid X \in \mathbf{G}(n), n \geq 0\}$.

(3) $\{P(A) \mid A \in \mathbf{S}(V)\}$ is the intersection of finite number of sets in $\{W_u - \overleftarrow{X} \mid X \in \mathbf{G}(n), n \geq 0\}$.

To prove the above theorem, we need some lemmas.

LEMMA 5.4. *Let X and Y be sequents in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ and let X_1 be a sequent in $\mathbf{next}(X) \cap \mathbf{G}^*(n+1)$. If $\Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$, then either $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ or $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square$.*

PROOF. Suppose that

- (1) $\Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$,
- (2) $Y \notin \mathbf{G}^*(n)$,
- (3) $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \neq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square$.

By (1), $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}(X)$ and Theorem 4.2, we have $X_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}(X) \supseteq \mathbf{prov}_1(X)$, and so,

- (4) $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square$.

Let be that

$$\mathbf{S}_Y = \Box\mathbf{for}(\{Z \in \mathbf{G}(n) \mid (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square\})$$

and

$$Y_1 = (\mathbf{ant}(X_1) \cap \mathbf{G}(n), \mathbf{S}_Y, \mathbf{ant}(Y) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y), (\mathbf{suc}(X_1) \cap \mathbf{G}(n)) - \mathbf{S}_Y).$$

By (4), we note $\Box\mathbf{for}(X) \in \mathbf{S}_Y$, $(\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square$ and $(\mathbf{suc}(Y_1))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{suc}(X_1))^\square$. So, if $Y_1 \in \mathbf{next}(Y)$, then it is in contradiction with $X_1 \in \mathbf{G}^*(n+1)$. Using Theorem 4.2, we have only to show $Y_1 \in \mathbf{next}(Y)$, the following four:

- (5) $Y_1 \in \mathbf{next}^+(Y)$,
- (6) $Y_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}_1(Y)$,
- (7) $Y_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}_2(Y)$,
- (8) $Y_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}_3(Y)$.

For (5). By (4), we have $Y \notin \mathbf{S}(Y)$, and using (1), $\Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)$. Clearly $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \cup \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)) \cap \mathbf{G}(n) = \mathbf{G}(n)$ and $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \cap \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)) \cap \mathbf{G}(n) = \emptyset$.

For (6). By $\mathbf{S}_Y \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_1)$, we have $Y_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}_1(Y)$.

For (7). Suppose that $Y_1 \in \mathbf{prov}_2(Y)$. Then there exist sets Γ_0 and Δ_0 and a sequent $Z_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that

- (7.1) $\Box\mathbf{for}(\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Z_0)) \in \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)$,
- (7.2) $(\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Z_0)) \in \mathbf{G}(n)$,
- (7.3) for any $Z \in \mathbf{next}(Z_0)$ $\Gamma_0 \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square$ implies $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \cap \Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n))$.

By (7.1), we have

$$(7.4) \quad \Box\mathbf{for}(\Gamma_0 \rightarrow \Delta_0, \Box\mathbf{for}(Z_0)) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1).$$

Also by (5) and (7.1), we have $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq \Gamma_0^\square$. Using (7.3), for any $Z \in \mathbf{next}(Z_0)$, if $\Gamma_0 \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square$, then $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \cap \Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n))$ and $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\square \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square$, and so,

$$(7.5) \quad \Box\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \cap \Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)) - \mathbf{S}_Y \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X_1) \cap \Box\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(n)).$$

By (7.4), (7.2), (7.5) and $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}^+(X)$, we obtain $X_1 \in \mathbf{prov}_2(X)$, which is in contradiction with Theorem 4.2 and $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}(X)$.

For (8). Suppose that $Y_1 \in \mathbf{prov}_3(Y)$. Then there exist two sequents $Z, Z' \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ such that $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_1)$, $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z') \in \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)$ and $(\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Z'))^\square$. By $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z') \in \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)$, we have $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z') \notin \mathbf{S}_Y$. Using $(\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Z'))^\square$, we have $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z) \notin \mathbf{S}_Y$. Using $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_1)$, we have $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{ant}(X_1)$. Also by $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z') \in \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)$, we have we have $\Box\mathbf{for}(Z') \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$. Using $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}^+(X)$, we obtain $X_1 \in \mathbf{prov}_3(X)$, which is in contradiction with Theorem 4.2 and $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}(X)$. \blacksquare

LEMMA 5.5. *Let X_1 be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}^*(n+1)$ and let Y_0 be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(k)$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots, n$). If $\Box\mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$ and $(\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \subsetneq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\square$, then there exists a sequent $Y \in W_u$ such that $\Box\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$ and $\Box\mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \{\Box\mathbf{for}(Y)\} \cup \mathbf{suc}(Y)$.*

PROOF. We use an induction on $n - k$.

Basis ($k = n$). We note that $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \subsetneq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\square$. Using Lemma 5.4, we have $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}^*(n) \subseteq W_u$.

Induction step ($k < n$). If $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}^*(k)$, then the lemma is clear. We assume that $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(k) - \mathbf{G}^*(k)$. By Lemma 4.7(1), we have

$$Y = (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+1} \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+1}) \in \mathbf{G}(k+1)$$

and $\Box\text{for}(\Box Y_0)$ belongs to the succedent of the above sequent. Also by Lemma 4.6

$$Y_1 = (\mathbf{ant}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+2} \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X) \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+2}) \in \mathbf{next}(Y)$$

Using Theorem 4.2, $Y_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}_2(Y)$. So, there exists a sequent $Z \in \mathbf{next}(Y_0)$ such that $(\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box$ and $\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_1) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(X_1)$. We note that

$$(\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_{k+1} \subsetneq ((\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\Box \cap \mathbf{G}(k+1)) \cup (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\Box.$$

So, using the induction hypothesis, then there exists a sequent $Z_1 \in W_u$ such that $\Box\text{for}(Z_1) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$ and $\Box\text{for}(Z) \in \{\Box\text{for}(Z_1)\} \cup \mathbf{suc}(Z_1)$. Using $\Box\text{for}(Y_0) \rightarrow \Box\text{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{S4}$, we have $\Box\text{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(Z_1)$. Hence we obtain the lemma. \blacksquare

LEMMA 5.6. *Let X_1 be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$ and let Y_0 be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(k) - \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ ($k = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$). Then $\Box\text{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1)$ and $(\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_k = (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box$ imply*

$$((\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\Box, \mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V}, (\mathbf{suc}(X_1))^\Box) \in \mathbf{G}(n).$$

PROOF. We use an induction on n . Basis($n = 0$) is clear. We show Induction Step($n > 0$). By $n > 0$, there exists a sequent $X \in \mathbf{G}(n-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n-1)$ such that $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}(X)$. Using $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_k$, we have $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_k$. We define Y as

$$Y = ((\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box, \mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V}, (\mathbf{suc}(X))^\Box) \in \mathbf{G}(n).$$

So, if $\Box\text{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$, then by the induction hypothesis, we have $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n)$; if not, we have $\Box\text{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_1) \cap \mathbf{G}(n-1)$, and using $(\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_k = (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box$, we also have $Y = Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n)$. So, in any case, we have $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n)$. Using $X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and Lemma 3.9, we have $Y \notin \mathbf{G}^*(n)$. So,

$$((\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\Box, \mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V}, (\mathbf{suc}(X_1))^\Box) \in \mathbf{next}^+(Y).$$

Also it is not hard to see that the above sequent belongs to none of $\mathbf{prov}_1(Y)$, $\mathbf{prov}_2(Y)$ and $\mathbf{prov}_3(Y)$, and so, it belongs to $\mathbf{next}(Y) \subseteq \mathbf{G}(n)$. \blacksquare

LEMMA 5.7. *Let X and Y be sequents in W_u . If $R_u(X, Y)$, then either one of the following two holds:*

- (1) $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$,
- (2) $\Box\text{for}(\{Z \in W_u \mid (\mathbf{suc}(Y))^\Box = (\mathbf{suc}(Z))^\Box\}) \cup (\mathbf{suc}(Y))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{suc}(X))^\Box$.

PROOF. By $R_u(X, Y)$, there exist sequent $X_1, \dots, X_\ell \in W_u$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} X &= X_1, \\ \Box\text{for}(X_{i+1}) &\in \mathbf{suc}(X_i) \text{ or } (\mathbf{ant}(X_i))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(X_{i+1}))^\Box, \\ X_\ell &= Y. \end{aligned}$$

We use an induction on ℓ . If $\ell = 1$, then $X = X_1 = X_\ell = Y$, and so, (1) holds. Suppose that $\ell > 1$. By the induction hypothesis, we have either one of the following two:

- (3) $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(X_{\ell-1}))^\Box$,
- (4) $\Box\text{for}(\{Z \in W_u \mid (\mathbf{suc}(X_\ell))^\Box = (\mathbf{suc}(Z))^\Box\}) \cup (\mathbf{suc}(X_\ell))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{suc}(X))^\Box$.

Also either one of the following two holds:

- (5) $(\mathbf{ant}(X_{\ell-1}))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box$,
- (6) $\Box\text{for}(\{Z \in W_u \mid (\mathbf{suc}(Y))^\Box = (\mathbf{suc}(Z))^\Box\}) \cup (\mathbf{suc}(Y))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{suc}(X_{\ell-1}))^\Box$.

Using Lemma 3.6, we have

- (3) and (5) imply (1),
- (3) and (6) imply (2),
- (4) and (5) imply (2),
- (4) and (6) imply (2). \blacksquare

LEMMA 5.8. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$. If $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\vdash \text{for}(X)$, then for any $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n+k)$ ($k \geq 0$).*

$$(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\vdash Y \text{ if and only if } X = Y.$$

PROOF. If $k = 0$, then by Lemma 3.6, we obtain the lemma. Suppose that $k > 0$. We define Z_0 as

$$Z_0 = (\mathbf{ant}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n).$$

By sketching the proof of Lemma 4.7(1), we have

$$Y \in \mathbf{G}(n+k) - \mathbf{G}^*(n+k) \text{ implies } Z_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n).$$

Also by $k > 0$ considering the fact that $Z \in \mathbf{next}(Z'_0)$ for some $Z'_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n+k-1) - \mathbf{G}^*(n+k-1)$, we have

$$Z_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n).$$

By $X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$, we have $X \neq (\mathbf{ant}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n)$. So, similarly to the case that $k = 0$, $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \models \mathbf{ant}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n$, and so $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \models Y$. \blacksquare

LEMMA 5.9. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and let A be a formula in \mathbf{BG}_k . Then $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\models A$ if and only if either one of the following two holds:*

- (1) $A \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$,
- (2) $A \in \{\Box \mathbf{for}(Y) \mid Y \in \mathbf{G}(n), (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y))^\Box\}$.

PROOF. We use an induction on $n\omega + k$.

Basis ($n = 0$). Clear from $\mathbf{G}_0^* = \emptyset$.

Induction step ($n > 0$).

If $A \in \mathbf{V}$ ($k = 0$), then from the definition of P_u , we obtain

$$(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\models A \text{ if and only if } A \in \mathbf{suc}(X).$$

So, we assume that $A \notin \mathbf{V}$. Then there exists a sequent $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(k')$ such that $k' < k$ and $A = \Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$.

We show the ‘‘only if’’ part. Suppose that $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\models \Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$. Then there exists a sequent $X_0 \in W_u$ such that $R_u(X, X_0)$ and $(\mathbf{UM}, X_0) \not\models \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$. Using Lemma 5.7, either one of the following two holds:

- (3) $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(X_0))^\Box$,
- (4) $\Box \mathbf{for}(\{Z \in W_u \mid (\mathbf{suc}(X_0))^\Box = (\mathbf{suc}(Z))^\Box\}) \cup (\mathbf{suc}(X_0))^\Box \subseteq (\mathbf{suc}(X))^\Box$.

We divide the cases.

The case that (3) holds. We note that $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$. If $k' \geq n$, then by Lemma 5.8 and $(\mathbf{UM}, X_0) \not\models \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$, we have $X_0 = Y_0$, and using (3), we obtain (2). So, we assume that $k' < n$. Then by Lemma 3.6(1), $\Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{ant}(X_0) \cup \mathbf{suc}(X_0)$. Using Lemma 2.4, $X_0 \notin \mathbf{S4}$, and so, $\Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_0)$. Using (3) and Lemma 3.6(1), we obtain (1).

The case that (4) holds. By $\Box \mathbf{for}(X_0) \in (\mathbf{suc}(X))^\Box$, we have $X_0 \in \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ for some $k < n$. Also by $(\mathbf{UM}, X_0) \not\models \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$, we have $(\mathbf{UM}, X_0) \not\models \Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$. Using the induction hypothesis, either one of the following two holds:

- (5) $\Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X_0)$,
- (6) $\Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \Box \mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(k))$ and $(\mathbf{ant}(X_0))^\Box = (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box$.

Using (4), we obtain (1).

We show the ‘‘if’’ part.

Suppose that (1) holds. Then $A = \Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$. If $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \not\subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box$, then $X \in \mathbf{S4}$, which is in contradiction with $X \in \mathbf{G}(n)$. So, we assume that $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box$ and divide the cases.

The case that $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box \cap \mathbf{BG}_k = (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\Box$. By Lemma 5.6,

$$Y = ((\mathbf{ant}(X))^\Box, \mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V} \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y_0) \cap \mathbf{V}, (\mathbf{suc}(X))^\Box) \in \mathbf{G}(n).$$

Using Lemma 3.9, $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$. Also we have $\mathbf{ant}(Y_0) \subseteq \mathbf{ant}(Y)$ and $\mathbf{suc}(Y_0) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(Y)$. Using the induction hypothesis, for any $B \in \mathbf{BG}_{k'}$,

$B \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_0)$ implies $(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \models B$,

$B \in \mathbf{suc}(Y_0)$ implies $(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models B$.

Hence $(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$. By the definition of R_u , we have $R_u(X, Y)$. Hence $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\models \Box \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$.

The case that $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square \cap \mathbf{BG}_k \subsetneq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\square$. By Lemma 5.5, there exists a sequent $Y \in W_u$ such that $\square\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$ and $\square\mathbf{for}(Y_0) \in \{\square\mathbf{for}(Y)\} \cup \mathbf{suc}(Y)$. By $\square\mathbf{for}(Y) \in \mathbf{suc}(X)$, we have $R_u(X, Y)$ and $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(\ell)$ for some $\ell < n$. Using the induction hypothesis, $(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \square\mathbf{for}(Y_0)$. By $R_u(X, Y)$ and the transitivity of R_u , we obtain $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\models \square\mathbf{for}(Y_0)$.

Suppose that (2) holds. Then by Lemma 3.9, we have $Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and $(\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Y_0))^\square$, and so, $Y_0 \in W_u$ and $R_u(X, Y_0)$. By the induction hypothesis, for any $B \in \mathbf{BG}_{k'}$,

$B \in \mathbf{ant}(Y_0)$ implies $(\mathbf{UM}, Y_0) \models B$,

$B \in \mathbf{suc}(Y_0)$ implies $(\mathbf{UM}, Y_0) \not\models B$.

Hence $(\mathbf{UM}, Y_0) \not\models \mathbf{for}(Y_0)$. Using $R_u(X, Y_0)$, $(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\models \square\mathbf{for}(Y_0)$. ■

COROLLARY 5.10. *Let X be a sequent in W_u . Then*

$$(\mathbf{UM}, X) \not\models \mathbf{for}(X).$$

PROOF. By Lemma 5.9 and Lemma 3.6, we obtain the corollary. ■

LEMMA 5.11. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then for any $Y \in W_u$,*

$$(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \mathbf{for}(X) \text{ if and only if } Y \in \vec{X}.$$

PROOF. By Corollary 5.10, we have

$$(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \mathbf{for}(Y).$$

If $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ for some $k \leq n$, then by Lemma 5.8,

$$(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \mathbf{for}(X) \text{ if and only if } Y = X,$$

and so,

$$(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \mathbf{for}(X) \text{ if and only if } Y \in \vec{X}.$$

So, we assume that $Y \in \mathbf{G}^*(k)$ for some $k > n$. Also we define the sequent Y_0 as

$$Y_0 = (\mathbf{ant}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(Y) \cap \mathbf{BG}_n).$$

We note that

$$Y \in \vec{X} \text{ if and only if } X = Y_0,$$

and

$$(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \mathbf{for}(Y_0).$$

Using $X, Y_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n)$,

$$(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \not\models \mathbf{for}(X) \text{ if and only if } X = Y_0.$$

Hence we obtain the lemma. ■

LEMMA 5.12. *Let X be a sequent in $\mathbf{G}(n)$. Then there exists a sequent $Y \in W_u \cap \vec{X}$.*

PROOF. If $X \in \mathbf{G}^*(n)$, then $X \in W_u \cap \vec{X}$, and so, we obtain the lemma. If $X \in \mathbf{G}^*(0)$, then using Theorem 2.3, the sequent

$$\square\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{G}(0) - \{X\}), \mathbf{ant}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X), \square\mathbf{for}(X)$$

belongs to $\mathbf{next}(X) \cap W_u$, and so, we obtain the lemma.

So, we assume that $X \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and $n > 0$. Let X_1 be the sequent in $\mathbf{next}^+(X)$ defined as

$$X_1 = (\mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{C}(X), \mathbf{ant}(X) \rightarrow \mathbf{suc}(X), \mathbf{C}(X),)$$

where $\mathbf{C}(X) = \{\square\mathbf{for}(Z) \mid Z \in \mathbf{G}(n), (\mathbf{ant}(X))^\square = (\mathbf{ant}(Z))^\square\}$. It is not hard to see that

$$X_1 \notin \mathbf{prov}_1(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_2(X) \cup \mathbf{prov}_3(X).$$

Hence using Theorem 4.2, we obtain $X_1 \in \mathbf{next}(X) \subseteq \mathbf{G}(n+1)$.

We show $X_1 \in \mathbf{G}^*(n+1)$. Suppose that $X_1 \notin \mathbf{G}^*(n+1)$. Then there exist sequents $Y \in \mathbf{G}(n) - \mathbf{G}^*(n)$ and $Y_1 \in \mathbf{next}(Y)$ such that $(\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square \subsetneq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square$. Using Lemma 3.6, there exists a sequent $Z \in \mathbf{G}(n)$ such that $\square\mathbf{for}(Z) \in \mathbf{C}(X) \cap (\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square$. Also by $n > 0$, there exists a sequent $Z_0 \in \mathbf{G}(n-1)$ such that $Z \in \mathbf{next}(Z_0)$. Using Lemma 3.6, we have $\square\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Z_0)) \cap \mathbf{C}(X) = \{\square\mathbf{for}(Z)\}$. Hence

$$\square\mathbf{for}(\mathbf{next}(Z_0)) \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(X_1))^\square \cup \{\square\mathbf{for}(Z)\} \subseteq (\mathbf{ant}(Y_1))^\square$$

Also by $Z \in \mathbf{next}(Z_0)$, we have $\square\mathbf{for}(Z_0) \notin \mathbf{ant}(Z)$, using $Z \in \mathbf{C}(X)$, $\square\mathbf{for}(Z_0) \notin \mathbf{ant}(X)$, and so, $\square\mathbf{for}(Z_0) \in \mathbf{suc}(X) = \mathbf{suc}(Y) \subseteq \mathbf{suc}(Y_1)$. Using Corollary 3.4(1), we have $Y_1 \in \mathbf{S4}$, which is in contradiction with $Y_1 \in \mathbf{next}(Y)$. ■

LEMMA 5.13. *Let A be a formula. Then*

$$A \in \mathbf{S4} \text{ if and only if } \mathbf{UM} \models A.$$

PROOF. It is easily seen that \mathbf{UM} is a reflexive and transitive Kripke model. So, we have the “only if” part.

Suppose that $A \in [\bigwedge \mathbf{for}(S)]$ for some $S \in 2^{\mathbf{G}^n} - \{\emptyset\}$. Let be that $X \in S$. By Lemma 5.12 and Lemma 5.11, there exists $Y \in W_u$ such that $(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \models \square\mathbf{for}(X)$. Hence $(\mathbf{UM}, Y) \models A$. ■

From Theorem 2.3 and Lemma 5.11, we obtain Theorem 5.3(2), and so, we have Theorem 5.3 (3). Using Theorem 5.13, we obtain Theorem 5.3(1).

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