

Angelic Content

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State Semantics

State Space: $\mathcal{S} = \langle S, \sqsubseteq \rangle$ is a state space, where S is a set of states, and \sqsubseteq is a partial order on S .

Upper Bound: $s \in S$ is an *upper bound* of $T \subseteq S$ iff $t \sqsubseteq s$ whenever $t \in T$.

Least Upper Bound: $\sqcup T \in S$ is the (unique) *least upper bound* of $T \subseteq S$ iff $\sqcup T \sqsubseteq s$ whenever s is an upper bound of T .

\mathcal{S} -Completeness: Any subset of $T \subseteq S$ has a least upper bound $\sqcup T \in S$.

Complete Closure: T^* is the *complete closure* of $T \subseteq S$ iff: (i) $T \subseteq T^*$; and (ii) $\sqcup T' \in T^*$, for every subset $T' \subseteq T$.

Model: $\mathcal{M} = \langle S, \sqsubseteq, |\cdot| \rangle$, where $|\cdot|$ maps each sentence-letter p to a corresponding ordered pair $\langle |p|^+, |p|^- \rangle$ consisting of the exact verifiers and exact falsifiers for p , respectively.

Exact Verification: We define \Vdash recursively, given the verifiers and falsifiers for each sentence letter of the language.

- We have a choice about whether or not \vee^+ and \wedge^- are to be inclusive or non-inclusive.

Exact Verifiers: Let $|A| = \{s \in S : s \Vdash_{ni} A\}$ where \Vdash_{ni} is non-inclusive.

Complete Verifiers: Let $\lceil A \rceil = \{s \in S : s \Vdash_{in} A\}$ where \Vdash_{in} is inclusive.

\mathcal{M} -Completeness: A model \mathcal{M} is *complete* iff $|p|^+$ and $|p|^-$ are complete for each sentence-letter p (see **Lemma 6**).

Question: Is the intended model \mathcal{M}_I complete? (Validity is not of primary interest in speaking about the content of a given collection of sentences.)

Convexity and Containment

Subsumption: $T \supseteq U$ iff $\forall (t \in T) \exists (u \in U)[u \sqsubseteq t]$.

Above: T is above U iff $f: T \rightarrow U$ such that $\forall (t \in T)[f(t) \sqsubseteq t]$.

English: T does not include elements that are irrelevant to U , i.e., elements that do not contain some $u \in U$ as a part.

Subservience: $U \sqsubseteq T$ iff $\forall (u \in U) \exists (t \in T)[u \sqsubseteq t]$.

Below: U is below T iff $g: U \rightarrow T$ such that $\forall (u \in U)[u \sqsubseteq g(u)]$.

English: U does not include elements that are irrelevant to T , i.e., elements that are not part of any $t \in T$.

—Example—

T:	$a \sqcup b, c, c \sqcup d$	e
U:	$a, c, c \sqcup d$	f

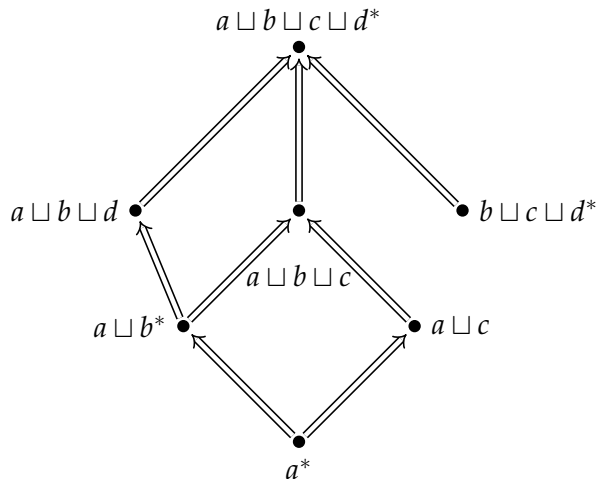
Containment: $T > U$ iff $T \supseteq U$ and $U \sqsubseteq T$.

Convexity: T is convex iff $u \in T$ whenever $s, t \in T$ and $s \sqsubseteq u \sqsubseteq t$.

Convex Closure: Let T_* be the smallest convex set where $T \subseteq T_*$.
 $(T_* = \{u \in S : t \sqsubseteq u \sqsubseteq s, \text{ for some } t, s \in T\})$.

Span: Let $[T, s] = \{u : t \sqsubseteq u \sqsubseteq s \text{ for some } t \in T\}$.

Example: Let $T = \{a, (a \sqcup b), (b \sqcup c \sqcup d), (a \sqcup b \sqcup c \sqcup d)\}$.



$$[T, (a \sqcup b \sqcup c \sqcup d)] = \{a, (a \sqcup c), (a \sqcup b), (a \sqcup b \sqcup d), (a \sqcup b \sqcup c), (b \sqcup c \sqcup d), (a \sqcup b \sqcup c \sqcup d)\}.$$

Lemma 7: When T is complete, $T_* = [T, \sqcup T]$ and is itself complete.

Lemma 8: $T > U$ iff $T_* > U_*$.

Lemma 9: If T and U are convex, then $T = U$ if $T > U$ and $U > T$.

Question: The argument following **Lemma 9** goes: (p) If $U > T$ is genuinely to represent T being *part* of the content U , then we would expect the relation to be antisymmetric. (c) Thus what these results show is that the notion of content with respect to which $>$ is a relation of partial content is the notion of convex containment. But how does (c) follow from (p)?

- Engineering: we want an anti-symmetric relation for partial content, and that is what convex containment gives us. So we should identify convex containment as the partial content relation we are looking for.
- But: it would seem better to be able to prove the converse of **Lemma 9**. This would show that if $>$ is anti-symmetric for some T and U , then T and U are convex, giving us a tighter connection (an equivalence) between partial content and convex containment.

Conclusion: "In particular, the exact semantics from the previous sections provides more information than is strictly necessary for determining partial content; it is the convex closure of the set of exact verifiers, rather than the set of exact verifiers itself, that should be taken to constitute the content of a statement for the purposes of ascertaining whether one statement is analytically entailed by another."

Answer: Presumably this means that, yes, the intended model is complete?

Subject-Matter

Replete Verifiers: Let $[A] = \lceil A \rceil_*$.

Subject-Matter_{df}: When $|A|$ is complete, $\sigma^+(A) = \sqcup(|A|) = \sqcup(\lceil A \rceil)$.

Subject-Matter_R: We define σ recursively, given the verifiers and falsifiers for each sentence letter of the language.

Lemma 10: $\sigma^+(A) = \sqcup(|A|)$ and $\sigma^-(A) = \sqcup(|\neg A|)$.

Bi-Lateral SM: Let $\sigma(A) = \sigma^+(A) \sqcup \sigma^-(A)$.

Theorem 11: $[A] = [|A|, \sigma^+(A)]$ and $[\neg A] = [|A|^\neg, \sigma^-(A)]$.

Analytic Equivalence: $\models_{\mathcal{M}} A \leftrightarrow B$ if $\models_{\mathcal{M}} [A] = [B]$.

English: $A \leftrightarrow B$ will hold in \mathcal{M} if (i) every verifier of A contains and is contained in a verifier of B and (ii) every verifier of B contains and is contained in a verifier of A .