# Relevant Reasoners in a Classical World

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- Logical omniscience is almost completely avoided:

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# Outline

#### 1 From L to CL

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- 4 The axiomatization result
- 5 Conclusion

6 Bonus

#### The basic relevant system

Drawing from (Fuh90), we define the axiom system BM.C:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (a1) & \varphi \to \varphi & (a7) \\ (a2) & \neg(\varphi \land \psi) \to (\neg \varphi \lor \neg \psi) & (a8) \\ (a3) & (\neg \varphi \land \neg \psi) \to \neg(\varphi \lor \psi) & (a9) \\ (a4) & (\varphi \land \psi) \to \varphi & (a10) \\ (a5) & (\varphi \land \psi) \to \psi & (\Box C) \\ (a6) & \varphi \to (\varphi \lor \psi) & (\Box_L C) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{split} \psi &\to (\varphi \lor \psi) \\ ((\varphi \to \psi) \land (\varphi \to \chi)) \to (\varphi \to (\psi \land \chi)) \\ ((\varphi \to \chi) \land (\psi \to \chi)) \to ((\varphi \lor \psi) \to \chi) \\ (\varphi \land (\psi \lor \chi)) \to ((\varphi \land \psi) \lor (\varphi \land \chi) \\ \Box (\varphi \land \psi) \to (\Box \varphi \land \Box \psi) \\ ) & \Box_L (\varphi \land \psi) \to (\Box_L \varphi \land \Box_L \psi) \end{split}$$

$$(\text{MP}) \frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \qquad (\text{Adj}) \frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \land \psi} \qquad (\text{Aff}) \frac{\varphi' \rightarrow \varphi \quad \psi \rightarrow \psi'}{(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi' \rightarrow \psi')} \\ (\text{Con}) \frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\neg \psi \rightarrow \neg \varphi} \qquad (\Box \text{-M}) \frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \psi} \qquad (\Box_L \text{-M}) \frac{\varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\Box_L \varphi \rightarrow \Box_L \psi}$$

#### **Propositional extensions**

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Similar idea in (Lev84)

# 4. The axiomatization result

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*Proof.* One direction by easy induction on the length of proofs, the other by a model transformation (see the paper (SV22)), and soundness (see next slide).

#### Soundness and completeness

#### Theorem 1

For all  $\varphi$  and  $L: \vdash_{\mathsf{CL}} \varphi$  iff  $\varphi \in \mathbf{CL}$ .

*Proof.* Soundness by induction using W-frames conditions and  $W \subseteq \llbracket \Box_L(\varphi \to \psi) \rrbracket_M$  iff  $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_M \subseteq \llbracket \psi \rrbracket_M$ . Completeness by canonical model construction.

#### $M^{\mathsf{CL}}$ is defined as follows:

- $\blacksquare~S^{\rm CL}$  is the set of all prime L-theories ordered by set inclusion
- W<sup>CL</sup> is the set of all non-empty proper prime CL-theories

$$\blacksquare \ R^{\mathsf{CL}}stu \text{ iff } \varphi \to \psi \in s \text{ and } \varphi \in t \text{ imply } \psi \in u$$

$$\bullet s^{*^{\mathsf{CL}}} = \{\varphi \mid \neg \varphi \notin s\}$$

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#### Lemma 6

$$\varphi \in s \text{ iff } (\boldsymbol{M}^{\mathsf{CL}}, s) \models \varphi.$$

Proof. Standard.

# 5. Conclusion

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- Some topics of ongoing or future work:
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  - First-order versions studied by Nick Ferenz
  - Distributed and common knowledge (...build on relevant PDL (TB22))
  - Epistemic dynamics (...build on relevant public update logic (ST21))
  - Algebraic formulation



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- Use neighborhood semantics to model a non-normal modality □! We define BM.E:

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$$(\text{MP}) \frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \qquad (\text{Adj}) \frac{\varphi \quad \psi}{\varphi \land \psi} \qquad (\text{Aff}) \frac{\varphi' \rightarrow \varphi \quad \psi \rightarrow \psi'}{(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi' \rightarrow \psi')}$$
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#### Axiomatisation of CN

- Take an extension of BM.E with a subset of modal and propositional axioms/rules as above;
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2 for each axiom  $\varphi$  of N, an axiom  $\Box_L \varphi$ ;
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4  $\frac{\Box_L (\varphi \to \psi)}{\varphi \to \psi}$  (BR).
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#### Theorem 2

For all  $\varphi$  and  $N: \vdash_{CN} \varphi$  iff  $\varphi \in CN$ .

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