

The Finite Axiomatization of Transitive Pretabular Logics of Finite Depths*

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1 Introduction

This paper attempts to resolve the problem—how to axiomatize transitive pretabular logics of finite depth. It is the follow-up work on transitive pretabular logics after the criteria for transitive pretabular logics in [6] and [5]. We use canonical formulas in [11], [12] and [13] to axiomatize each pretabular logic of finite depth in $NExtK4$.

First let's retrospect the history of the work on pretabular logics in $NExtK4$. In 1970s, [9] and [7] independently proves that there are only 5 pretabular logics in $NExtS4$. Later, [1] establishes that $NExtD4$ contains only 10 pretabular logics and that $NExtGL$ contains \aleph_0 pretabular logics (some discrepancies in his proof were corrected in [3]). [1] also proves that $NExtK4$ contains 2^{\aleph_0} pretabular logics but only denumerably many pretabular logics of finite depth. [4] proves that every pretabular logic of finite depth in $NExtK4$ is finitely axiomatizable and decidable. [2] shows how to axiomatize the pretabular logics in $NExtS4$ and $NExtGL$ by finite sets of canonical formulas.

The paper consists of three sections. Section 1 is Introduction Part offering some historical notes on pretabular logics in $NExtK4$. Section 2 is Background Part offering some symbols and known results on pretabular logics in $NExtK4$ that will be used later in this paper. Section 3 is the main result of the paper, offering the way how to axiomatize the pretabular logics of finite depth in $NExtK4$.

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2 Background

A set of modal formulas is a *normal modal logic* (a *normal logic* or simply a *logic*) if it contains all classical tautologies and $\Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\Box p \rightarrow \Box q)$, and is closed under Detachment, Substitution and Necessitation. The smallest normal logic is K , the largest is For , i.e., the set of all modal formulas, and

$$K4 = K \oplus \Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p.$$

Let L be any normal logic. L' is a normal extension of L if L' is a normal modal logic and $L \subseteq L'$. When L' is a normal extension of L and $L \neq L'$, L' is said to be a proper normal extension of L . Let $NExtL$ stands for the set of all normal extensions of L , such as $NExtK$ for the set of all normal logics and $NExtK4$ for the set of all normal extensions of $K4$.

A (Kripke) *frame* and a (Kripke) *model* are pairs $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ and $\mathfrak{M} = \langle \mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{V} \rangle$ respectively, where W is a non-empty set, R is a binary relation on W , and \mathfrak{V} is a valuation of all propositional variables in \mathfrak{F} . For each modal formula φ , the validity of φ in \mathfrak{F} (or the truth in \mathfrak{M}) is defined in the usual way, written as $\mathfrak{F} \models \varphi$ (or $\mathfrak{M} \models \varphi$).

For each frame \mathfrak{F} , $Log\mathfrak{F} = \{\varphi \in For : \mathfrak{F} \models \varphi\}$ is called *the logic characterized by \mathfrak{F}* . When \mathfrak{F} is a finite frame, $Log\mathfrak{F}$ is called a *tabular logic*. Similarly, for each class C of frames, $LogC = \cap\{Log\mathfrak{F} : \mathfrak{F} \in C\}$ is called *the logic characterized by C* . When C is a class of finite frames, $LogC$ is said to be *finitely approximable*.

For each normal modal logic L_0 and each $L \in NExtL_0$, L is a *pretabular logic in $NExtL_0$* if L is not a tabular logic but all of its proper extensions in $NExtL_0$ are tabular logics.

Readers are assumed to be familiar with the following operations and their related theorems: Generation (including Generation by a point), Reduction (also known as p-morphism) and Disjoint Union.

Following the notation in [2], for each frame $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ and $X \subseteq W$, let

$$\begin{aligned} X\uparrow &= \{y \in W : \exists x \in X (xRy)\} \\ X\downarrow &= \{y \in W : \exists x \in X (yRx)\} \end{aligned}$$

and the designations are introduced as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} X\uparrow^- &= X\uparrow \setminus X, & X\uparrow^+ &= X\uparrow \cup X, \\ X\downarrow^- &= X\downarrow \setminus X, & X\downarrow^+ &= X\downarrow \cup X. \end{aligned}$$

When X is a singleton $\{x\}$, we will use $x\uparrow$ ($x\downarrow$), $x\uparrow^-$ ($x\downarrow^-$) and $x\uparrow^+$ ($x\downarrow^+$) to denote $\{x\}\uparrow$ ($\{x\}\downarrow$), $\{x\}\uparrow^-$ ($\{x\}\downarrow^-$) and $\{x\}\uparrow^+$ ($\{x\}\downarrow^+$) respectively. Each point in $x\uparrow$ ($x\downarrow$) is called a *successor* (*predecessor*) of x , each point in $x\uparrow^-$ ($x\downarrow^-$) a *proper successor* (*predecessor*) of x , and each point $y \in x\uparrow^-$ ($x\downarrow^-$) an *immediate successor* (*predecessor*) of x .

(predecessor) of x if for each $z \in W$, $x\vec{R}z\vec{R}y$ ($y\vec{R}z\vec{R}x$) implies $x = z$ or $y = z$, and $x \notin y\uparrow$ ($x \notin y\downarrow$), where $u_1\vec{R}u_2$ are designations of $u_1Ru_2 \wedge \neg u_2Ru_1$.

We will repeatedly appeal to Zakharyashev's results in [11], [12] and [13] concerning "normal modal canonical formulas". Let $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ be a finite rooted transitive frame, where $W = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and x_1 is the root of \mathfrak{F} . Let \mathfrak{D} be a set of antichains¹ in \mathfrak{F} that are not reflexive singletons. The normal modal canonical formula $\alpha(\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{D}, \perp)$ associated with \mathfrak{F} and \mathfrak{D} is as follows:

$$\alpha(\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{D}, \perp) = \bigwedge_{x_i R x_j} \varphi_{ij} \wedge \bigwedge_{i=0}^n \varphi_i \wedge \bigwedge_{\mathfrak{d} \in \mathfrak{D}} \varphi_{\mathfrak{d}} \wedge \varphi_{\perp} \rightarrow p_0$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{ij} &= \Box^+(\Box p_j \rightarrow p_i), \\ \varphi_i &= \Box^+((\bigwedge_{\neg x_i R x_k} \Box p_k \wedge \bigwedge_{j=0, j \neq i}^n p_j \rightarrow p_i) \rightarrow p_i), \\ \varphi_{\mathfrak{d}} &= \Box^+(\bigwedge_{x_i \in W \setminus \mathfrak{d} \uparrow^-} \Box p_i \wedge \bigwedge_{i=0}^n p_i \rightarrow \bigvee_{x_j \in \mathfrak{d}} \Box p_j), \\ \varphi_{\perp} &= \Box^+(\bigwedge_{i=0}^n \Box^+ p_i \rightarrow \perp). \end{aligned}$$

Here $\Box^+\varphi$ abbreviates $\Box\varphi \wedge \varphi$ and $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Let $\mathfrak{D}^\#$ be the set of all antichains in \mathfrak{F} that are not reflexive singletons. Then the canonical formula $\alpha(\mathfrak{F}, \mathfrak{D}^\#, \perp)$ is called the *frame formula* for \mathfrak{F} and is abbreviated by $\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{F}, \perp)$. $\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{F}, \perp)$ is equivalent to Fine's frame formula in [8]. A refutability criterion for a frame formula in [8] and [2] is formulated as follows:

Theorem 1 (Fine). *Let \mathfrak{F} be a finite rooted transitive frame and \mathfrak{G} be a transitive frame. Then $\mathfrak{G} \not\models \alpha^\#(\mathfrak{F}, \perp)$ iff a generated subframe of \mathfrak{G} is reducible to \mathfrak{F} .*

Let $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ be a transitive frame. A \vec{R} -chain of the length n in \mathfrak{F} is a sequence x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n of n distinct points in W such that

$$x_1\vec{R}x_2\vec{R}x_3\vec{R}\dots\vec{R}x_n.$$

If the supremum of lengths of \vec{R} -chains in \mathfrak{F} is n , the depth of \mathfrak{F} is n , in symbols, $\text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}) = n$. \mathfrak{F} is of *finite depth* if $\text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}) = n$ for some $n \in \omega$, and is of *infinite depth* if $\text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}) = \infty$.

¹A set of points $X \subseteq W$ is an antichain in a frame $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ if xRy implies $x = y$ for every $x, y \in X$.

depth otherwise. A transitive frame \mathfrak{F} validates bd_n iff $Dep(\mathfrak{F}) \leq n$, where bd_n is defined inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} bd_1 &= \Diamond \Box p_1 \longrightarrow p_1, \\ bd_{n+1} &= \Diamond(\Box p_{n+1} \wedge \neg bd_n) \longrightarrow p_{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

A transitive logic $L \in NExtK4$ is of *finite depth* if $bd_n \in L$ for some $n \in \omega$.

We need to introduce a pointwise reduction and its related theorem in [6].

Definition 1 (Pointwise Reduction). A reduction f of $\mathfrak{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ to $\mathfrak{G} = \langle U, S \rangle$ is a *pointwise reduction*, if there are at most two distinct points $a, b \in W$ —referred as *chosen points for f* —such that $f(a) = f(b)$, and for other points $x, x' \in W$ at least one of which is not a or b ,

$$f(x) = f(x') \text{ only if } x = x'.$$

In the nontrivial case (i.e., $a \neq b$), it is called a *proper pointwise reduction* (“proper” may be omitted if there is no danger of confusion).

The following theorem in [6] shows that the five types P_1 – P_5 constitute an exhaustive classification of proper pointwise reductions of transitive frames.

Theorem 2 (Theorem 2.3 in [6]). *There are exactly five types P_1 – P_5 of proper pointwise reductions of transitive frames.*

- **Type P_1 (Proper-cluster-contracting):** $f \in P_1$ iff aRb and bRa (obviously both a and b are reflexive)(see Figure 1).
- **Type P_2 (Reflexive-copy-merging):** $f \in P_2$ iff $a\uparrow^- = b\uparrow^-$, neither aRb nor bRa , and a, b are both reflexive(see Figure 1).
- **Type P_3 (Irreflexive-copy-merging):** $f \in P_3$ iff $a\uparrow^- = b\uparrow^-$, neither aRb nor bRa , and a, b are both irreflexive(see Figure 1).
- **Type P_4 (Reflexive-predecessor-eliminating):** $f \in P_4$ iff $a\uparrow^- = b\uparrow$ and a, b are both reflexive(see Figure 2).
- **Type P_5 (Irreflexive-predecessor-eliminating):** $f \in P_5$ iff $a\uparrow^- = b\uparrow$, a is irreflexive and b is reflexive(see Figure 2).

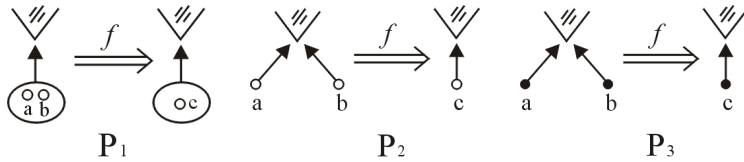


Figure 1

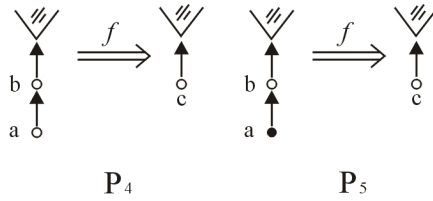


Figure 2

It has been proved in [6] that each pretaublar logic L of finite depth in $NExtK4$ is characterized by a pseudo-tack (see Figure 3 (a) and (b)) or a pseudo-top (see Figure 3 (c) and (d)). A pseudo-tack or a pseudo-top is called the *norm form* of L . In Figure 3, f represents a finite reduced² frame, (b) represents an infinite cluster and S is their common set of successors of those Δ s.³

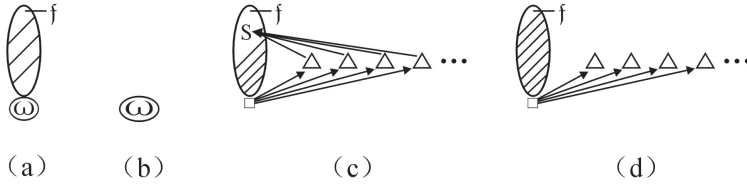


Figure 3

[6] proves that each pseudo-tack or a pseudo-top satisfies Condition $C1$, i.e.,

for each frame $\mathfrak{F}' \in R(G(\mathfrak{F}))$, there is a frame $\mathfrak{G} \in E(\mathfrak{F})$ such that $\mathfrak{F}' \cong \mathfrak{G}$.⁴

Here

$$R(C) = \{\mathfrak{F}' : \mathfrak{F}' \text{ is a reduct of } \mathfrak{G} \in C\}.$$

$$R(\mathfrak{F}) = R(\{\mathfrak{F}\}).$$

$$G(\mathfrak{F}) = \{\mathfrak{F}' : \mathfrak{F}' \text{ is a generated subframe of } \mathfrak{F}\}.$$

$$Su(\mathfrak{F}) = \{\mathfrak{F}' : \mathfrak{F}' \text{ is a subframe of } \mathfrak{F}\}.$$

$$R^{Su}(\mathfrak{F}) = R(\mathfrak{F}) \cap Su(\mathfrak{F}).$$

$$E(\mathfrak{F}) = G(\mathfrak{F}) \cup R^{Su}(\mathfrak{F}).$$

Theorem 4.10 in [6] says that each pseudo-tack or a pseudo-top satisfies Condition $C1$. It is listed as the following Proposition 1.

²A frame \mathfrak{F} is *invariant under reductions* iff each reduct of \mathfrak{F} is isomorphic to \mathfrak{F} under any reduction. A frame *invariant under reductions* is called a *reduced* frame.

³Each Δ or \square represents a reflexive or an irreflexive point. (b) is the special case of (a) as its f doesn't exist and (d) is the special case of (c) as its $S = \emptyset$.

⁴Condition $C1$ says that if a frame \mathfrak{F}' is a reduct of some generated subframe of a frame \mathfrak{F} , then there is a generated subframe \mathfrak{G} of \mathfrak{F} or a subframe \mathfrak{G} of \mathfrak{F} to which \mathfrak{F} can be reduced satisfying that $\mathfrak{F}' \cong \mathfrak{G}$.

Proposition 1 (Theorem 4.10 in [6]). *If a frame \mathfrak{F} is a pseudo-tack or a pseudo-top, then \mathfrak{F} satisfies Condition C1.*

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Let $L \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth. Proposition 2 shows that each finite transitive frame \mathfrak{G} with $\mathfrak{G} \models L$ share some common characteristics with the norm form of L .

Proposition 2. *Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a transitive pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* be the norm form of L , i.e., a pseudo-tack or a pseudo-top. Then for each finite transitive frame \mathfrak{G} , $\mathfrak{G} \models L$ iff each subframe of \mathfrak{G} generated by a point is isomorphic to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point.*

Proof. Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a transitive pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* be the norm form of L . (\Leftarrow) Assume that \mathfrak{G} is a finite transitive frame such that $\mathfrak{G} \not\models L$. Then there exists a formula $\varphi \in L$ and $\mathfrak{G} \not\models \varphi$. So there is a subframe \mathfrak{G}' of \mathfrak{G} generated by a point such that $\mathfrak{G}' \not\models \varphi$. By $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^*$, $\mathfrak{F}^* \models \varphi$. Thus \mathfrak{G}' is not isomorphic to any reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or any subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by point. Otherwise, $\mathfrak{F}^* \not\models \varphi$ holds. (\Rightarrow) Let \mathfrak{H} be a finite transitive frame and there exists a subframe \mathfrak{H}' of \mathfrak{H} generated by a point such that it is not isomorphic to any reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or any subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. By Proposition 1, \mathfrak{F}^* satisfies the following condition:

C1 for each $\mathfrak{F}' \in R(G(\mathfrak{F}^*))$, there is a $\mathfrak{G} \in E(\mathfrak{F}^*)$ such that $\mathfrak{F}' \cong \mathfrak{G}$.

Since \mathfrak{H}' is rooted, our assumption shows that no frame in $E(\mathfrak{F}^*)$ is isomorphic to \mathfrak{H}' . Since \mathfrak{F}^* satisfies C1, it means that $\mathfrak{H}' \notin R(G(\mathfrak{F}^*))$, i.e., no generated subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* can be reducible to \mathfrak{H}' . So by Theorem 1, $\mathfrak{F}^* \models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{H}', \perp)$, i.e., $\alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{H}', \perp) \in \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* = L$. Obviously, according to Theorem 1, $\mathfrak{H}' \not\models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{H}', \perp)$, i.e., $\mathfrak{H}' \not\models L$. Then we have that $\mathfrak{H} \not\models L$. \square

Proposition 3 offers the first step of the finite axiomatization of a transitive pretabular logic of finite depth.

Proposition 3. *Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* be the norm form of L . Let $L^* = K4 \oplus \{\alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) : \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta\}$, where Δ is a set of finite, rooted transitive frames which are not isomorphic to any reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or any subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. Then for each finite transitive frame \mathfrak{H} ,*

$$\mathfrak{H} \models L \text{ iff } \mathfrak{H} \models L^*.$$

Proof. Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* be the norm form of L . Let $L^* = K4 \oplus \{\alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) : \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta\}$, where Δ is defined as the one in Proposition 3. Let \mathfrak{H} be a finite transitive frame. (\Leftarrow) Assume that $\mathfrak{H} \models L^*$. From the definition of L^* , any subframe of \mathfrak{H} generated by a point is isomorphic to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. Otherwise, there exists a subframe \mathfrak{H}' of \mathfrak{H} generated by a point that is not isomorphic to any reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or any subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. Now from the definition of L^* ,

$$\alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{H}', \perp) \in L^*.$$

By Theorem 1, $\mathfrak{H} \not\models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{H}', \perp)$. So we have that

$$\mathfrak{H} \not\models L^*.$$

This is contrary to our assumption. Therefore, any subframe of \mathfrak{H} generated by a point is isomorphic to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. Thus by Proposition 2,

$$\mathfrak{H} \models L.$$

(\Rightarrow) Assume that $\mathfrak{H} \models L$ and $\mathfrak{H} \not\models L^*$. Since \mathfrak{H} is a finite transitive frame, by Proposition 2, from $\mathfrak{H} \models L$ we have that

(1) any subframe of \mathfrak{H} generated by a point is isomorphic to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point.

According to the definition of L^* , from $\mathfrak{H} \not\models L^*$ we have that there is a frame formula $\alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp)$ such that

$$\alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) \in L^*, \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta \text{ and } \mathfrak{H} \not\models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp).$$

From $\mathfrak{H} \not\models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp)$ we have that there is a subframe \mathfrak{H}' of \mathfrak{H} generated by a point such that

$$\mathfrak{H}' \not\models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp).$$

Since \mathfrak{H}' is a subframe of \mathfrak{H} generated by a point, by (1), \mathfrak{H}' is isomorphic to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated a point. Therefore, from $\mathfrak{H}' \not\models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp)$ we have that

$$\mathfrak{F}^* \not\models \alpha^\sharp(\mathfrak{G}, \perp).$$

So by Theorem 1, a generated subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* is reducible to \mathfrak{G} . Since \mathfrak{F}^* is the norm form of L , \mathfrak{F}^* satisfies Condition C1, i.e.,

for each $\mathfrak{F}' \in R(G(\mathfrak{F}^*))$, there exists a $\mathfrak{G}' \in E(\mathfrak{F}^*)$ satisfying that $\mathfrak{F}' \cong \mathfrak{G}'$. It means that \mathfrak{G} is isomorphic to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. So from the definition of Δ , we have that $\mathfrak{G} \notin \Delta$. This is contrary to our assumption that $\mathfrak{G} \in \Delta$. Therefore, $\mathfrak{H} \models L$ implies $\mathfrak{H} \models L^*$. \square

By Theorem 12.6 in [2]⁵ and Exercise 12.10 in [2]⁶, we have that each transitive pretabular logic of finite depth is a finite union-splitting⁷. Then by Theorem 10.51 in [2]⁸ and Corollary 12.12 in [2]⁹, we have Theorem 3.

Theorem 3. *Each transitive pretabular logic of finite depth is strictly Kripke complete and strictly finitely approximable.*¹⁰

By Proposition 3 and Theorem 3, we can prove that $L = L^*$, which is the second step of the finite axiomatization of a transitive pretabular logic of finite depth.

Proposition 4. *Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* be the norm form of L . Let $L^* = K4 \oplus \{\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) : \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta\}$, where Δ is defined as the one in Proposition 3. Then $L = L^*$.*

Proof. Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* is the norm form of L . Let $L^* = K4 \oplus \{\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) : \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta\}$, where Δ is defined as the one in Proposition 3. From Theorem 3 we have that L is strictly finitely approximable. By Proposition 3, for each finite transitive frame \mathfrak{H} ,

$$\mathfrak{H} \models L \text{ iff } \mathfrak{H} \models L^*.$$

Therefore, $L = L^*$. □

Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^*$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth, \mathfrak{F}^* be the norm form of L and L^* be defined as the one in Proposition 4. Since $L = L^*$, by Segberg's Theorem in [10], L^* is characterized by a class of finite transitive frames with their depths $\leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$.

Let Δ be a set of frames defined in Proposition 3. Let $\Delta_1 \subset \Delta$ and each $\mathfrak{G} \in \Delta_1$ is reduced with its depth $\leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$. Let $\Delta_2 \subset \Delta$ and each $\mathfrak{G} \in \Delta_2$ is not reduced but can be completely reducible to the reduced reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a reduced subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point by using a proper pointwise reduction only once.

⁵Theorem 12.6 in [2] says that each finitely axiomatizable logic $L \in \text{NExtK4}$ of finite depth is a finite union-splitting.

⁶Exercise 12.10 in [2] says that the set of pretabular logics in $(\text{N})\text{ExtK4BD}_n$ is finite for every $n < \omega$ and that all of them are finitely axiomatizable.

⁷For reference, see the definition of a union-splitting in Page 360 in [2].

⁸Theorem 10.51 says that every Kripke complete (finitely approximable) union-splitting $L = L_0/F$ is strictly Kripke complete (respectively, strictly finitely approximable) in NExtL_0 .

⁹Corollary 12.12 says that every pretabular logic in NExtK4 is finitely approximable, i.e., the finite frame (model) property.

¹⁰A Kripke complete (finitely approximable) logic L is strictly Kripke complete (respectively, strictly finitely approximable) in a lattice of logics \mathcal{L} if no other logic in \mathcal{L} has the same Kripke (finite) frames as L . For reference, see Page 361 in [2].

By Theorem 2 and the fact that each reduction from a finite frame to a finite frame is a composition of several pointwise reductions¹¹, there are only finitely many frames in Δ_1 and Δ_2 up to isomorphism.

Theorem 4 is the final step of the finite axiomatization of a transitive pretabular logic of finite depth.

Theorem 4. *Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* be the norm form of L . Then $L = K4 \oplus \{\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) : \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2\}$.*

Proof. Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NExtK4}$ be a pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* is the norm form of L . Let $L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2} = K4 \oplus \{\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) : \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2\}$. Let $L^* = K4 \oplus \{\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}, \perp) : \mathfrak{G} \in \Delta\}$, where Δ is defined as the one in Proposition 3. By Proposition 4, we have that $L = L^*$. By the fact that $\Delta_1 \subset \Delta$ and $\Delta_2 \subset \Delta$,

$$L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2} \subseteq L^*.$$

Now we prove that for each finite rooted transitive frame \mathfrak{H} with its depth $\leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$,

$$\mathfrak{H} \models L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2} \text{ iff } \mathfrak{H} \models L^*.$$

Assume the contrary, i.e., there is a finite rooted transitive frame \mathfrak{H}' with $\text{Dep}(\mathfrak{H}') \leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$ such that $\mathfrak{H}' \models L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}$ but $\mathfrak{H}' \not\models L^*$. Then there exists a finite rooted transitive frame \mathfrak{G}' such that $\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}', \perp) \in L^*$ with $\mathfrak{G}' \in \Delta$ but $\mathfrak{H}' \not\models \alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}', \perp)$. So by Theorem 1, we have that

(1) there is a generated subframe of \mathfrak{H}' that is reducible to \mathfrak{G}' .

By $\text{Dep}(\mathfrak{H}') \leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$ and (1), $\text{Dep}(\mathfrak{G}') \leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$. From $\mathfrak{G}' \in \Delta$, \mathfrak{G}' is a finite rooted transitive frame and is not isomorphic to any reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or any subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. There are two cases for such a frame \mathfrak{G}' .

- 1) There is a generated subframe of \mathfrak{G}' that can be completely reduced¹² to a reduced frame in Δ_1 .
- 2) There is no generated subframe of \mathfrak{G}' that can be completely reduced to any frame in Δ_1 . Since each frame can be reduced to a reduced frame, by the definition of Δ_1 , we have that each generated subframe of \mathfrak{G}' is completely reducible to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. Otherwise, there will be a generated subframe of \mathfrak{G}' that can be completely reduced to a frame belonging to Δ_1 . Now We prove that \mathfrak{G}' is not reduced. Assume the contrary, i.e., \mathfrak{G}' is reduced. Then \mathfrak{G}' itself, as one of generated subframes of \mathfrak{G}' , is completely reducible to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of \mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point. Since a reduced frame can only be reducible to a frame that is isomorphic to itself, it means that \mathfrak{G}' is isomorphic to a reduct of \mathfrak{F}^* or a subframe of

¹¹For reference, see Example 2.4 in [6].

¹²A complete reduction is a reduction from a frame to a reduced frame.

\mathfrak{F}^* generated by a point, which is contrary to the assumption that $\mathfrak{G}' \in \Delta$. Therefore, \mathfrak{G}' is not reduced. Since every reduction from a finite frame to a finite frame can be obtained by a composition of several pointwise reductions, by Theorem 2, there is a generated subframe of \mathfrak{G}' that can be reducible to a frame in Δ_2 .

Therefore, by (1), we have that

(2) one of generated subframes of \mathfrak{H}' is reducible to a frame in $\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2$.

Therefore, by Theorem 1, $\mathfrak{H}' \not\models L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}$, which is contrary to our assumption that $\mathfrak{H}' \models L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}$. Thus we have that for each finite rooted transitive frame \mathfrak{H} with its depth $\leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$,

$$\text{if } \mathfrak{H} \models L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}, \text{ then } \mathfrak{H} \models L^*.$$

Now we have completed the proof of the proposition that for each finite rooted transitive frame \mathfrak{H} with its depth $\leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$,

$$(3) \mathfrak{H} \models L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2} \text{ iff } \mathfrak{H} \models L^*.$$

From $L = L^*$ we have that L^* is a transitive pretabular logic of finite depth which is characterized by a class of finite transitive frames with their depths $\leq \text{Dep}(\mathfrak{F}^*)$. From Theorem 3 we have that L^* is strictly finitely approximable. Since $L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2} \subseteq L^*$ and (3) holds, by the fact that L^* is strictly finitely approximable, we have that

$$L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2} = L^*.$$

Therefore, $L = L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}$. □

$L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}$ is finitely axiomatizable since there are only finitely many frames in $\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2$ up to isomorphism and $\alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}_1, \perp) = \alpha^\#(\mathfrak{G}_2, \perp)$ whenever $\mathfrak{G}_1 \cong \mathfrak{G}_2$. So by Theorem 4, each transitive pretabular logic of finite depth can be finitely axiomatized as $L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}$.

Now we use the following example to show how to construct $L^{\Delta_1 \cup \Delta_2}$ for axiomatizing each transitive pretabular logic L of finite depth by canonical formulas. What we need to do is to determine the norm form of the transitive pretabular logic L of finite depth and its related Δ_1 and Δ_2 according to the norm form of L .

Example 1. Let $L = \text{Log}\mathfrak{F}^* \in \text{NextK4}$ be a transitive pretabular logic of finite depth and \mathfrak{F}^* be its norm form given in Figure 4. Now by Theorem 4 we have that

$$L = K4 \oplus \alpha^\#(\circ, \perp) \oplus \alpha^\#(\mathfrak{F}_1, \perp) \oplus \alpha^\#(\mathfrak{F}_2, \perp) \oplus \alpha^\#(\mathfrak{F}_3, \perp) \oplus \alpha^\#(\mathfrak{F}_4, \perp)$$

while $\mathfrak{F}_1, \mathfrak{F}_2, \mathfrak{F}_3$ and \mathfrak{F}_4 are given in Figure 5. Each of the frames $\circ (= \langle x, \{\langle x, x \rangle\} \rangle)$, $\mathfrak{F}_1, \mathfrak{F}_2$ and \mathfrak{F}_3 belongs to Δ_1 and $\mathfrak{F}_4 \in \Delta_2$ according to the definitions of Δ_1 and Δ_2 .

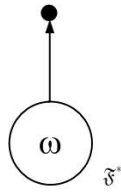


Figure 4

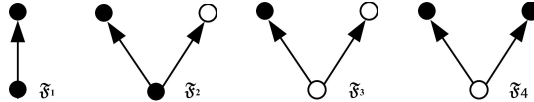


Figure 5

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有穷深度的传递预表格逻辑的有穷公理化问题

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摘 要

本文试图解决有穷深度的传递的预表格逻辑的公理化问题。这是作者之前所解决的传递的预表格逻辑判据工作的后继。本文使用了模态逻辑的先进技术典范公式来解决 $NExtK4$ 格（即传递逻辑格）中的每一个有穷深度预表格逻辑的公理化问题。我们所得到的结论不仅是它们的有穷可公理化，更是如何可公理化的可操作性方法。这种可操作性方法是和模型密切相关的。