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Exercises 8

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Problem 1.

The relation $\Sigma \vdash \phi$ between sets of propositions and propositions is defined by: there is derivation with conclusion ϕ and with all hypotheses in Σ .

We say that ϕ is derivable from Σ .

Prove that:

If Σ is maximally consistent, then Σ is closed under derivability (i.e. $\Sigma \vdash \phi \Rightarrow \phi \in \Sigma$).

Problem 2.

Consider the definition of a setup in four-valued logic. Complete the mapping for the case where an atomic formula p is denied.

- *If* the current value of the atomic formula p is **None**, it is mapped **F**.
- *If* the current value of the atomic formula p is **Both**, it is mapped **Both**.
- *If* the current value of the atomic formula p is **T**, it is mapped **Both**.
- *If* the current value of the atomic formula p is **F**, it is mapped **F**.

Problem 3.

Show that * is not commutative, i.e., there are \mathcal{B} , α , β such that:

$$(\mathcal{B} * \alpha) * \beta \neq (\mathcal{B} * \beta) * \alpha \tag{1}$$

Problem 4.

Recall the fourth postulate for contraction:

$$(\mathcal{B} - 4)$$
: If $\varphi \in \mathcal{B}$, then $\mathcal{B} \subseteq (\mathcal{B} - \varphi) + \varphi$. (2)

This so-called recovery postulate can be seen as the most debated postulate of belief change.

- 1. Can you think of an intuitive example that validates the recovery postulate?
- 2. Can you think of an example that illustrates that it does not hold in general?