

CONTINGENCY AND NON-CONTINGENCY BASES FOR NORMAL MODAL LOGICS

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Contingency and non-contingency bases for modal logics provide direct bases for various logical investigations of philosophical interest. For example: for logics of causation and causal implication, for certain theories of entailment, for syllogistic systems with only contingent propositions, and for theories of future contingents. Furthermore by taking contingency as primitive various new extensions of weak modal logics — extensions which include systems S6 - S8 and provide interpretations of philosophical interest for these neglected systems — are suggested. Contingency and non-contingency bases are also of some formal interest; for instance S5 has a very simple and elegant formulation in terms of non-contingency.

In this paper we present contingency and non-contingency bases for familiar normal modal logics, specifically for T, S4 and S5. As well as the usual symbolism we use the symbol ' ∇ ' read 'it is contingent (that)' and the symbol ' Δ ' read 'it is not contingent (that)'. The bracketing conventions follow Church.

The systems now presented are understood as subjoined to some complete basis for classical sentential logic (SL).

System T

1. Non-contingency bases.

Definition \Box $\Box A =_{Dt} A \& \Delta A$

Rule Δ $A \longrightarrow \Delta A$

Axioms:

- For T_1 :
- T1. $\Delta p \equiv \Delta \sim p$
 - T2. $p \supset, \Delta(p \supset q) \supset, \Delta p \supset \Delta q$

For T₃: T1'': $\Delta p \supset \Delta \sim p$ or T1'
 T4. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \supset . \Delta p \supset \Delta q$
 T5. $\sim p \supset . \Delta p \supset \Delta(p \supset q)$

Some formulation of T plus any one of the following axioms :

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| S51. $\Delta\Delta p$ | or S51a. $\sim\nabla\nabla p$ |
| or S52. $\Delta\Box p$ | or S52a. $\sim\nabla\Box p$ |
| or S53. $\Delta\Diamond p$ | or S53a. $\sim\nabla\Diamond p$ |
| or S54. $\Delta(\Delta p \supset p)$ | or S54a. $\sim\nabla(p \supset \nabla p)$ |

We now prove the deductive equivalence of the above systems to the corresponding normal modal logics. Proofs of the contingency bases, whose axioms are distinguished by a — tags, are not given but may be adapted from the proofs for the corresponding non-contingency bases. That is, theorems about T_4 adapt from results for T_1 , T_5 from T_3 , $T + S4_{1a}$, from $T + S4_1$, etc.

The following abbreviations are used to indicate the justification for steps in proofs :

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| SL | — | Standard results in sentential logic. |
| Feys | — | References preceded by 'Feys' are to results established in R. Feys <i>Modal Logics</i> , Louvain (1965). |
| SE | — | Substitutivity of strict equivalents. This derived rule for Feys' system T follows from Feys 81.122, 82.123. |

Theorem 1. T_1 deductively includes Feys' system T, i.e. every theorem of T is a theorem of T_1

Proof : We derive the postulates of T, namely

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| Axioms : | A1. | $\Box p \supset p$ |
| | A2. | $\Box(p \supset q) \supset . \Box p \supset \Box q$ |
| Rule T : | A | $\longrightarrow \Box A$ |
| Definition Δ : | ΔA | $=_{Df} \Box A \vee \Box \sim A$ |

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| <i>ad</i> A1. | 1. | $\Box p \supset . p \ \& \ \Delta p$ | Df. \Box , SL |
| | 2. | $\Box p \supset p$ | 1, SL |

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| <i>ad</i> A2. | 1. | $\Box(p \supset q) \ \& \ \Box p \supset . (p \supset q) \ \& \ p \ \& \ \Delta(p \supset q) \ \& \ \Delta p$ | Df. \Box , SL |
| | 2. | $\Box(p \supset q) \ \& \ \Box p \supset . q \ \& \ p \ \& \ \Delta p \ \& \ (p \supset . \Delta p \supset \Delta q)$ | 1, T2, SL |

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| 3. $\Box(p \supset q) \& \Box p \supset q \& \Delta q$ | 2, SL |
| 4. A2 | 3, Df. \Box , SL |

ad Rule T.

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| 1. $A \longrightarrow \Delta A$ | Rule Δ |
| 2. $A \longrightarrow A \& \Delta A$ | 1, SL - using $p \supset q \supset p \& q$ |
| 3. $A \longrightarrow \Box A$ | 2, Df. \Box |

ad Definition Δ .

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| 1. $\Box p \vee \Box \sim p \equiv p \& \Delta p \vee \sim p \& \Delta \sim p$ | Df. \Box , SL |
| 2. $\Box p \vee \Box \sim p \equiv p \& \Delta p \vee \sim p \& \Delta p$ | 1, T1, SL |
| 3. $\Box p \vee \Box \sim p \equiv \Delta p$ | 2, SL |

Theorem 2. T deductively includes T₁

Proof : Using T we derive the postulates of T₁

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| 1. $\Delta \sim p \equiv \Box \sim p \vee \Box \sim \sim p$ | Df. Δ . |
| 2. $\Delta \sim p \equiv \Box p \vee \Box \sim p$ | 1, SL, SE |
| 3. T1 | 2, Df. Δ |
- ad* T2.
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| 1. $\sim(\Box \sim p \& p)$ | A1, SL |
| 2. $\Delta(p \supset q) \& \Delta p \& p \supset$
$[\Box(p \supset q) \vee \Box(p \& \sim q)] \& (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p) \& p$ | Df. Δ , SL, SE |
| 3. $\Delta(p \supset q) \& \Delta p \& p \supset$
$[(\Box p \supset \Box q) \vee (\Box p \& \Box \sim q)] \& [(\Box p \& p) \vee$
$(\Box \sim p \& p)]$ | 2, A2, SL |
| 4. $\Delta(p \supset q) \& \Delta p \& p \supset [(\Box p \supset \Box q) \vee \Box p \& \Box \sim q]$
$\& \Box p$ | 3, 1, SL |
| 5. $\Delta(p \supset q) \& \Delta p \& p \supset \Box q \vee \Box \sim q$ | 4, SL |
| 6. $\Delta(p \supset q) \& \Delta p \& p \supset \Delta q$ | 5, Df. Δ |
| 7. T2 | 6, SL |

ad Rule Δ .

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| 1. $\Box p \supset \Delta p$ | SL, Df. Δ |
| 2. $A \longrightarrow \Box A$ | Rule T |
| 3. $A \longrightarrow \Delta A$ | 1, 2, SL |

ad Definition \Box .

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| 1. $\sim(p \& \Box \sim p)$ | A1, SL |
| 2. $p \& \Delta p \equiv p \& (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)$ | SL, Df. Δ |
| 3. $p \& \Delta p \equiv p \& \Box p \vee p \& \Box \sim p$ | 2, SL |
| 4. $p \& \Delta p \equiv \Box p$ | 3, 1, A1, SL |

Theorem 3. T_1 is deductively equivalent to T

By Theorems 1. and 2.

Theorem 4. T_2 is deductively equivalent to T_1 and to T

The proof is almost immediate from a consideration of axioms T_1 , T_1' , T_3 , sentential logic and Theorem 3.

Theorem 5. T_3 deductively includes T

Proof: We first derive certain theorems of T_3

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| T_3 1. | $\Delta(p \equiv q) \supset \Delta p \equiv \Delta q$ | |
| For | 1. $p \equiv q \equiv q \equiv p$ | SL |
| | 2. $\Delta(p \equiv q \equiv q \equiv p)$ | 1, Rule Δ |
| | 3. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \supset \Delta(q \equiv p)$ | 2, T4 |
| | 4. $\Delta(q \equiv p) \supset \Delta q \supset \Delta p$ | T4 |
| | 5. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \supset \Delta q \supset \Delta p$ | 3, 4, SL |
| | 6. T_3 1 | T4, 5, SL |

T_3 2. $\Delta p \equiv \Delta \sim \sim p$

By $p \equiv \sim \sim p$, Rule Δ , and T_3 1.

T_3 3. $\Delta p \equiv \Delta \sim p$

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| For | 1. $\Delta p \supset \Delta \sim p$ | T_1'' . |
| | 2. $\Delta \sim p \supset \Delta \sim \sim p$ | 1 |
| | 3. $\Delta \sim p \supset \Delta p$ | 2, T_3 2, SL |
| | 4. T_3 3 | 1, 3, SL |

T₃4. $\Box p \supset \Box(q \supset p)$

For	1. $\sim p \ \& \ \Delta p \supset \Delta(p \supset q)$	T5, SL
	2. $p \ \& \ \Delta p \supset \Delta(\sim p \supset \sim q)$	1, T ₃ 3, SL
	3. $\Delta(\sim p \supset \sim q) \equiv \Delta(q \supset p)$	SL, Rule Δ , T ₃ 1
	4. $\Box p \supset \Delta(q \supset p)$	2, 3, SL, Df. \Box
	5. $\Box p \supset q \supset p$	SL, Df. \Box
	6. T ₃ 4	4, 5, SL, Df. \Box

T₃5. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box q \supset \Box(p \ \& \ q)$

For	1. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box q \supset \Box p \ \& \ \Delta(p \supset q)$	SL, T ₃ 4, Df. \Box
	2. $\Delta(p \supset q) \equiv \Delta(p \equiv p \ \& \ q)$	SL, T ₃ 1
	3. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box q \supset \Box p \ \& \ \Delta(p \equiv p \ \& \ q) \ \& \ (p \ \& \ q)$	1, 2, Df. \Box , SL
	4. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box q \supset \Delta p \ \& \ [\Delta p \equiv \Delta(p \ \& \ q)] \ \& \ (p \ \& \ q)$	3, Df. \Box , T ₃ 1, SL
	5. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box q \supset \Delta(p \ \& \ q) \ \& \ (p \ \& \ q)$	4, SL
	6. T ₃ 5	5, Df. \Box

T₃6. $\Box(p \supset q) \supset \Box p \supset \Box q$

For	1. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box(p \supset q) \supset \Box p \ \& \ \Box(q \supset p) \ \& \ \Box(p \supset q)$	SL, T ₃ 4
	2. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box(p \supset q) \supset \Box p \ \& \ \Box(p \equiv q)$	1, T ₃ 5, SL, SE
	3. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box(p \supset q) \supset p \ \& \ \Delta p \ \& \ (p \equiv q) \ \& \ \Delta(p \equiv q)$	2, Df. \Box , SL
	4. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box(p \supset q) \supset p \ \& \ \Delta p \ \& \ (p \equiv q) \ \& \ (\Delta p \equiv \Delta q)$	3, T ₃ 1, SL
	5. $\Box p \ \& \ \Box(p \supset q) \supset q \ \& \ \Delta q$	4, SL
	6. T ₃ 6	5, Df. \Box

That T₃ includes T now follows as in the proof of Theorem 1

Theorem 6. T deductively includes T₃

Proof: We derive the postulates of T₃ using known theorems of T

<i>ad</i> T4.	1. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \ \& \ \Delta p \supset [\Box(p \equiv q) \vee \Box \sim(p \equiv q)] \ \& \ (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)$	Df. Δ , SL
	2. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \ \& \ \Delta p \supset \Box(p \equiv q) \ \& \ \Box p \vee \Box(p \equiv q) \ \& \ \Box \sim p \vee \Box \sim(p \equiv q) \ \& \ \Box p \vee \Box \sim(p \equiv q) \ \& \ \Box \sim p$	1, SL

3. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \& \Delta p \supset. \Box[p \& (p \equiv q)] \vee \Box[\sim p \& (p \equiv q)]$
 $\vee \Box[p \& \sim(p \equiv q)] \vee \Box[\sim p \& \sim(p \equiv q)]$
2, Feys44.3, SE
 4. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \& \Delta p \supset. \Box q \vee \Box \sim q \vee \Box \sim q \vee \Box q$
3, SL, SE
 5. $\Delta(p \equiv q) \& \Delta p \supset \Delta q$
4, SL, Df. Δ
 6. T4
5, SL
- ad* T5.
1. $\sim p \& \Delta p \supset. \sim p \& \Delta \sim p$
SL, T1 (Theorem 2.)
 2. $p \& \Delta p \equiv \Box p$
as in Theorem 2.
last line
 3. $\sim p \& \Delta \sim p \equiv \Box \sim p$
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 4. $\sim p \& \Delta p \supset \Box \sim p$
1, 3, SL
 5. $\sim p \& \Delta p \supset \Box(p \supset q)$
4, Feys43.2, SL
 6. $\Box(p \supset q) \supset \Delta(p \supset q)$
2, SL
 7. $\sim p \& \Delta p \supset \Delta(p \supset q)$
5, 6, SL
 8. T5
7, SL

The remaining derivations parallel those in Theorem 2.

Theorem 7. T_3 is deductively equivalent to T_1 , T_2 , and to T

Proof: By Theorems 5., 6., and 4.

We call the system obtained by adding axiom S4j to a non-contingency basis for T , $S4j$; the system obtained by adding S5j to such a basis, $S5j$. We use the Gödel formulations of S4 and S5 with Definition Δ as above. As special postulates S4 has the axiom A3. $\Box p \supset \Box \Box p$, and S5 the axiom A4. $\sim \Box p \supset \Box \sim \Box p$.

Theorem 8. S4 deductively includes S4₁

Proof: S4₁ is a theorem of S4

- For
1. $\Delta p \supset. \Box p \vee \Box \sim p$
Df. Δ
 3. $\Delta p \supset. \Box \Box p \vee \Box \Box \sim p$
1, A3, SL
 3. $\Delta p \supset. \Box(\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)$
2, Feys41.31
SL
 4. $\Delta p \supset \Box \Delta p$
3, Df. Δ
 5. $\Delta p \supset. \Box \Delta p \vee \Box \sim \Delta p$
4, SL
 6. S4₁
5, Df. Δ

The result follows by this and Theorem 7.

Theorem 9. $S4_1$ deductively includes $S4$

Proof : $A3$ is a theorem of $S4_1$

For	1. $\Box p \vee \Box \sim p \equiv \Delta p$	as in Theorem 2., last line
	2. $\Box p \vee \Box \sim p \supset \Delta \Delta p$	1, $S4_1$, SL
	3. $\Box p \supset \Delta \Delta p$	2, SL
	4. $\Box p \supset . \Box \Delta p \vee \Box \sim \Delta p$	3, 1, SL
	5. $\Box p \supset \Delta p$	1, SL
	6. $\Delta p \supset \sim \Box \sim \Delta p$	$A1$, SL (')
	7. $\Box p \supset \sim \Box \sim \Delta p$	5, 6, SL
	8. $\Box p \supset \Box \Delta p$	4, 7, SL
	9. $\Box \Delta p \equiv \Box (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)$	Rule T, 1, Feys 46.22
	10. $\Box p \supset \Box (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)$	8, 9, SL
	11. $\Box p \supset . \Box p \& \Box (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)$	10, SL
	12. $\Box p \supset \Box [p \& (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)]$	9, Feys44.1, SL
	13. $p \& (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p) \supset . p \& \Box p \vee p \& \Box \sim p$	SL
	14. $\sim (p \& \Box \sim p)$	$A1$, SL
	15. $p \& (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p) \supset . \Box p$	13, 14, SL
	16. $\Box [p \& (\Box p \vee \Box \sim p)] \supset . \Box \Box p$	15, Rule T, $A2$, SL
	17. $A3$	12, 16, SL

Theorem 10. $S4_1$ is deductively equivalent to $S4$

Proof : By Theorems 8. and 9.

Theorem 11. $S4_2$ is deductively equivalent to $S4$ and to $S4_1$

Proof : It suffices to show the equivalence of $S4_2$ with $S4$

1. $S4_2$ is a theorem of $S4$ by SL and line 4. of Theorem 8.

2. $A3$ is a theorem of $S4_2$

For	1. $\Box p \supset \Delta p$	as for line 5. Theorem 9.
	2. $\Box \Delta p \supset \Delta \Delta p$	1
	3. $\Delta p \supset \Delta \Delta p$	$S4_2$, 2
	4. $A3$	as in Theorem 9.

(1) By Theorem 7. and the fact that the extensions of T under consideration contain no new primitive connectives, it follows that the theorems, rules of T hold for all these systems.

Those who accept **S4** but object to **S5** may be interested to compare the **S4_{2a}** basis for **S4** with the Gödel basis for **S5**, that is :

the **S4** basis **T** + $\Diamond \nabla p \supset \nabla p$, and
the **S5** basis **T** + $\Diamond \Box p \supset \Box p$.

Theorem 12. **S4₃** is deductively equivalent to each of **S4**, **S4₁** and **S4₂**

Proof : It suffices to show the equivalence of **S4₃** with **S4**

1. **S4₃** is a theorem of **S4**

For	1. $\Box p \supset . \Box \Box p \vee \Box \sim \Box p$	A3, SL
	2. $\Box p \supset . \Delta \Box p$	1, Df. Δ
	3. $p \& \Delta p \equiv \Box p$	as in Theorem 2., last line
	4. S4₃	2, 3, SE

2. **A3** is a theorem of **S4₃**

For	1. $\Box p \supset \Delta \Box p$	S4₃ , Df. \Box
	2. $\Delta \Box p \supset . \Box \Box p \vee \Box \sim \Box p$	as in Theorem 9., line 1
	3. $\Box p \supset . \Box \Box p \vee \Box \sim \Box p$	1, 2, SL
	4. $\Box p \supset \sim \Box \sim \Box p$	A1, SL
	5. A3	3, 4, SL

Theorem 13. **S5₁** is deductively equivalent to **S5**

Proof : It suffices to show that **S5₁** is a theorem of **S5** and that **A4** is a theorem of **S5₁**

1. **S5₁** is a theorem of **S5**

For	1. $\Delta p \vee \sim \Delta p$	SL
	2. $\Delta p \supset \Box \Delta p$	as in Theorem 8., line 4.
	3. $\sim \Delta p \equiv . \sim \Box p \& \sim \Box \sim p$	Df. Δ , SL
	4. $\sim \Box p \supset \Box \sim \Box p$	A4
	5. $\sim \Box \sim p \supset \Box \sim \Box \sim p$	A4
	6. $\sim \Delta p \supset . \Box \sim \Box p \& \Box \sim \Box \sim p$	3, 4, 5, SL
	7. $\sim \Delta p \supset \Box (\sim \Box p \& \sim \Box \sim p)$	6, Feys44.3, SE
	8. $\sim \Delta p \supset \Box \sim \Delta p$	7, 3, SE

9. $\Box \Delta p \vee \Box \sim \Delta p$
10. S51

1, 2, 8, SL
9, Df. Δ

2. A4 is a theorem of S5₁

Eor 1. $\Delta p \equiv \Box p \vee \Box \sim p$

as in Theorem
1., last line

2. $\Delta \Delta p \supset \Box \Delta p \vee \Box \sim \Delta p$

1, SL

3. $\Box \Delta p \supset \Delta p$

A1

4. $\Box \Delta p \supset \Box p \vee \sim \Diamond p$

3, 1, SL

5. $\Box p \supset \Box \Diamond p$

Feys 36.0, A2,
SL

6. $\Box \Delta p \supset \sim \Diamond p \vee \Box \Diamond p$

4, 5, S2

7. $\Box \sim \Delta p \supset \Box (\sim \Box p \& \Diamond p)$

1, SL, Rule T,
A2

8. $\Box \sim \Delta p \supset \Box \sim \Box p \& \Box \Diamond p$

7, Feys 44.3, SE

9. $\Box \sim \Delta p \supset \Box \Diamond p$

8, SL

10. $\Box \sim \Delta p \supset \Diamond p \supset \Box \Diamond p$

9, SL

11. $\Delta \Delta p \supset \Diamond p \supset \Box \Diamond p$

2, 6, 10, SL

12. A4

11, S51, SL

The S5 axiom $\Delta \Delta p$ reveals especially clearly the interpretation of the modalities of S5

Theorem 14. Systems S5, S5₁, S5₂, S5₃ and S5₄ are deductively equivalent

Proof : By Theorem 13. and the following results

1. S52 yields S53 and conversely

- For 1. $\Delta \Box p \leftrightarrow \Delta \sim \Box p$
2. $\Delta \Box p \leftrightarrow \Delta \sim \Box \sim p$
3. $\Delta \Box A \leftrightarrow \Delta \Diamond A$

T1
1, SL, SE
2

2. $\Delta(\Delta p \supset p) \equiv \Delta \Diamond p$ is a theorem of T

- For 1. $\Delta p \supset p \equiv \sim (\Delta p \& \sim p)$
2. $\Delta p \supset p \equiv \sim (\sim p \& \Delta \sim p)$
3. $\Delta p \supset p \equiv \sim \Box \sim p$
4. $\Delta(\Delta p \supset p) \equiv \Delta \Diamond p$

SL
1, T1, SE
2, Theorem 2.
last line, SE
3, Rule Δ , T31,
SL

3. S52 is a theorem of T5

1. $\Box p \vee \sim \Box p$

SL

2. $\Box \Box p \vee \Box \sim \Box p$

1, A3, A4, SL

3. $\Delta \Box p$

2, Df. Δ

4. $\Delta \Diamond p \supset \Diamond p \supset \Box \Diamond p$ is a theorem of T

1. $\Delta \Diamond p \supset \Box \Diamond p \vee \Box \sim \Diamond p$

from Theorem

1., last line

2. $\Box \Diamond p \supset \Diamond p \supset \Box \Diamond p$

SL

3. $\Box \sim \Diamond p \supset \sim \Diamond p$

A1

4. $\Box \sim \Diamond p \supset \Diamond p \supset \Box \Diamond p$

3, SL

5. $\Delta \Diamond p \supset \Diamond p \supset \Box \Diamond p$

1, 2, 4, SL

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