

# Basic Modal Logic

**Definition 5.4.** Let  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, L)$  be a model of basic modal logic. Let  $x$  be a world in  $W$  and  $\phi$  a formula. We define  $\phi$  is true in the world  $x$  or  $x$  satisfies  $\phi$  (written  $x \Vdash \phi$ ) by structural induction on formulas.

- 1  $x \Vdash \top$
- 2  $x \not\Vdash \perp$
- 3  $x \Vdash p$  iff  $p \in L(x)$
- 4  $x \Vdash \neg\phi$  iff  $x \not\Vdash \phi$
- 5  $x \Vdash \phi \wedge \psi$  iff  $x \Vdash \phi$  and  $x \Vdash \psi$ .
- 6  $x \Vdash \phi \vee \psi$  iff  $x \Vdash \phi$  or  $x \Vdash \psi$ .
- 7  $x \Vdash \phi \rightarrow \psi$  iff whenever we have  $x \Vdash \phi$ , we also have  $x \Vdash \psi$ .
- 8  $x \Vdash \phi \leftrightarrow \psi$  iff ( $x \Vdash \phi$  iff  $x \Vdash \psi$ ).
- 9  $x \Vdash \Box\psi$  iff for all  $y \in W$  with  $R(x, y)$ , we have  $y \Vdash \psi$ .
- 10  $x \Vdash \Diamond\psi$  iff there is some  $y \in W$  such that  $R(x, y)$  and  $y \Vdash \psi$ .

**Definition 5.5.**  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, L)$  satisfies a formula  $\phi$  if for every world  $x \in W$ ,  $x$  satisfies  $\phi$  (written  $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$ ).

**Definition 5.8.** A formula  $\phi$  of basic modal logic is said to be *valid* if it is true in **every** world of **every** model (written  $\models \phi$ ).

Note: If a formula  $\phi$  holds in propositional logic (i.e.  $\models \phi$  or equivalently  $\vdash \phi$ ), then also  $\models \phi$  in basic modal logic.

**Definition 5.7.** A set of formulas  $\Gamma$  of basic modal logic *semantically entails* a formula  $\phi$  of basic modal logic if, in any world  $x$  of any model  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, L)$ , whenever  $x \Vdash \psi$  for all  $\psi \in \Gamma$ , we have  $x \Vdash \phi$ .

In this case, we write  $\Gamma \models \phi$ .

## Definition

- Let  $\mathbb{L}$  be a set of formula schemes.
- Let  $\mathbb{L}_c$  be the smallest set containing all instances of all formulas in  $\mathbb{L}$ .
- Let  $\Gamma$  be a set of formulas of basic modal logic.
- Let  $\phi$  be a formula of basic modal logic.

We say that  $\Gamma$  *semantically entails*  $\phi$  in  $\mathbb{L}$  and write

$$\Gamma \models_{\mathbb{L}} \phi$$

iff  $\Gamma \cup \mathbb{L}_c \models \phi$  in basic modal logic.