

Modal weak Kleene logics: axiomatizations and relational semantics

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Abstract

Weak Kleene logics are three-valued logics characterized by the presence of an infectious truth-value. In their external versions, as they were originally introduced by Bochvar [4] and Halldén [30], these systems are equipped with an additional connective capable of expressing whether a formula is classically true. In this paper we further expand the expressive power of external weak Kleene logics by modalizing them with a unary operator. The addition of an alethic modality gives rise to the two systems $B_e^\square$ and $PWK_e^\square$, which have two different readings of the modal operator. We provide these logics with a complete and decidable Hilbert-style axiomatization w.r.t. a three-valued possible worlds semantics. The starting point of these calculi are new axiomatizations for the non-modal bases B_e and PWK_e , which we provide using the recent algebraization results about these two logics. In particular, we prove the algebraizability of PWK_e . Finally some standard extensions of the basic modal systems are provided with their completeness results w.r.t. special classes of frames.

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1 Introduction

Modal logics are formalisms originally devised to speak about necessity and possibility of formulas belonging to classical propositional, or first-order, logic. They have been successfully extended to non-classical logics, namely modalities can be applied to formulas obeying rules of non-classical propositional (or first-order) logics. The process has involved a large variety of non-classical logics, including (but not limited to) intuitionistic logic [22], [23], [27], strong Kleene logic [24], [25], Belnap–Dunn [35], various fuzzy logics [29], [31], [3], [13], [40] and, more in general, the realm of substructural logics [11].

This tendency has only marginally involved weak Kleene logics. These (three-valued) logics, originally introduced by Bochvar [4], and subsequently investigated by Kleene [32], to deal with mathematical paradoxes and formulas possibly referring to non-existing objects and/or incorrectly written computer programs, have attracted much attentions in the recent past from several points of view: semantical [17], algebraic [7], [9], epistemic [38], [5], computer-theoretic [15], [18], topic-theoretic [1] and belief revision [14]. To the best of our knowledge, the only existing proposals of modal logics based on (some) weak Kleene logics are due to the works of Correia [19] and Segerberg [37]. Both papers focus on the modalized extension of Paraconsistent weak Kleene.¹ While Correia’s work introduces an axiomatization and a relational semantics for the modal version

¹ Actually, Correia [19] introduces also the idea of a modalized version of Bochvar logic, but gives no axiomatization nor semantical analysis for that.

of PWK, Segerberg's [37] is based on the external version of Paraconsistent Weak Kleene and takes in consideration the existing difference between truth and non-falsity, within the three-valued realm, only with reference to establishing the semantical interpretation of modal formulas in a three-valued relational settings, while forgetting that such distinction is already made clear in the choice of the designated truth-values, leading either to Bochvar logic (whose consequence relation preserves truth only) or to Paraconsistent weak Kleene (or, Halldén logic, preserving non-falsity). Segerberg [37] essentially defines two different necessity operators on the external version of Paraconsistent weak Kleene. In the present work, inspired by Segerberg's intuitions but guided by the above explained distinction, we will introduce modal logics, with a unique necessity operator, on both (the external versions of) Bochvar and Paraconsistent weak Kleene. Remarkably, the work of Segerberg relies on the *external* version of (a) weak Kleene logic. External weak Kleene logics are defined in an extended language from that of (propositional) classical logic, usually adopted also for weak Kleene, which we may now refer to as 'internal Kleene logics'. The founding fathers of these formalisms—Bochvar and Halldén [4], [30]—actually defined their logics in the external language, which allows for a significant enrichment in expressiveness and the chance of recovering (propositional) classical logic, for a fragment of language, still working within a three-valued semantics. External Kleene logics turn out to be mathematically more interesting (than weak Kleene logics, as usually intended) as they are algebraizable in the sense of Blok and Pigozzi (see e.g. [26], Definition 3.11). This is part of our motivation to study modal Kleene logics in the external language: although the present work does not take in consideration the global version of modal logics over a certain relational structure, but only their local versions, we still expect to provide a modal basis on which algebraizability can be carried over from the propositional level (if one considers the global consequence relations instead of the local ones). Moreover, as weak Kleene logics turned out to be a particular case of a more general phenomenon, that of the 'logics of variable inclusion' [9]—'internal' modal Kleene logics are indeed examples of logics of variable inclusion. As described in details in [9], these logics could be approached, syntactically, by imposing certain constraints on the inclusion of variables to standard modal logics and, semantically, by considering the construction of the Płonka sum of modal algebras or of its subvarieties 'corresponding' to the extension of the modal logic K .

The main contribution of the present work is to introduce two different modal logics whose propositional bases are Bochvar external logic and the external version of Paraconsistent weak Kleene logic, respectively. For both of them, we provide Hilbert-style axiomatizations that are sound and complete with respect to a relational semantics, consisting of Kripke frames where the necessity operator is interpreted according to the choices of truth and non-falsity preservation imposed by the propositional basis of each logic. Finally, our work tries to shade a light on some extensions of weak Kleene modal logics, in particular, to those whose semantics is based on reflexive, transitive and euclidean frames. The aim of this choice is that of providing useful tools for the analysis of epistemic concepts, such as knowledge, beliefs or ignorance, via non-classical logics (a tendency that has already been started e.g. in [6], [33]).

The paper is organized into six Sections (including this Introduction) plus an Appendix. In Section 2, we recall several important notions related to external Kleene logics that are needed to go through the paper. We also establish the algebraizability of PWK external logic, and use the algebraizability of both logics to provide new Hilbert-style axiomatizations, which we will argue have some advantages over the existing ones. In Section 3, we introduce, via a Hilbert-style axiomatization, a modal logic based on Bochvar external logic, for which we prove completeness and decidability with respect to the relational semantics. In Section 4, we proceed analogously for PWK external logic. We dedicate Section 5 to introduce some axiomatic extensions of both modal Bochvar logic and modal PWK and show their completeness with respect to reflexive, transitive and euclidean

	$\neg$	$\vee$	0	$1/2$	1	φ	$J_2\varphi$
1	0	0	0	$1/2$	1	1	1
$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	0
0	1	1	1	$1/2$	1	0	0

FIGURE 1. The algebra $\mathbf{WK}^e$.

relational models. Finally, in the Appendix (section 7), we prove the algebraizability of PWK external logic (with respect to the quasi-variety of Bochvar algebras as equivalent algebraic semantics).

2 External weak Kleene logics

Kleene three-valued logics are traditionally divided into two families, depending on the meaning given to the connectives: *strong Kleene* logics—counting strong Kleene [32] and the logic of paradox [34]—and *weak Kleene* logics, namely Bochvar logic and paraconsistent weak Kleene [7] (sometimes referred to as Halldén’s logic [30]). All the mentioned four logics are traditionally intended, and thus defined, over the (algebraic) language of classical logic. However, the intent of the first developer of the *weak Kleene* formalism, D. Bochvar, was to work within an enriched language allowing to express all classical ‘two-valued’ formulas—which he referred to as *external formulas*—beside the genuinely ‘three-valued’ ones. The result of this choice is the following language.

DEFINITION 2.1

Let us fix the language $\mathcal{L}$: $\langle \neg, \vee, J_2, 0, 1 \rangle$ of type $(1, 2, 1, 0, 0)$, which is obtained by enriching the classical language by an additional unary connective J_2 (and the constants 0, 1), where the formula $J_2\varphi$ is to be read as ‘ φ is true’. The language $\mathcal{L}$ will be referred to as *external language*, while its J_2 -reduct will be called *internal*. Let us refer to $\mathbf{Fm}$ as the formula algebra over $\mathcal{L}$, and to Fm as its universe. More explicitly, formulas are inductively defined as follows:

$$p \in Var | 0 | 1 | \neg\varphi | \varphi \vee \psi | J_2\varphi.$$

We will employ the following abbreviations: $\varphi \wedge \psi := \neg(\neg\varphi \vee \neg\psi)$, $\varphi \rightarrow \psi := \neg\varphi \vee \psi$, $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi := (\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$, $J_0\varphi := J_2\neg\varphi$, $J_1\varphi := \neg(J_2\varphi \vee J_2\neg\varphi)$, $+\varphi := \neg J_1\varphi$ and $\varphi \equiv \psi := (J_2\varphi \leftrightarrow J_2\psi) \wedge (J_0\varphi \leftrightarrow J_0\psi)$.

The (algebraic) interpretation of the language $\mathcal{L}$ is given via the three-element algebra $\mathbf{WK}^e = \langle \{0, 1, \frac{1}{2}\}, \neg, \vee, J_2, 0, 1 \rangle$ displayed in Figure 1.

The third value $\frac{1}{2}$ is traditionally read as ‘meaningless’ (see e.g. [20] and [39]) due to its infectious behavior. The defined connectives of conjunction and material implication have the expected tables:

$\wedge$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\rightarrow$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1

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Via J_2 one can define other external connectives: J_0 expressing the falseness of a formula, and J_1 expressing its non-classicality. Moreover, $\equiv$ is the proper logical equivalence for the external language. Their interpretation in $\mathbf{WK}^e$ is displayed in the following tables.²

φ	$J_0\varphi$	φ	$J_1\varphi$	$\equiv$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	0
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1

In the interpretation of the language $\mathcal{L}$ some formulas are evaluated into $\{0, 1\}$ *only* (which is the universe of a Boolean subalgebra of $\mathbf{WK}^e$), by any homomorphism $h: \mathbf{Fm} \rightarrow \mathbf{WK}^e$: these are called *external* formulas (see Definition 2.4, for a syntactic definition).

2.1 Bochvar external logic

We recall that a logic $\mathbf{L}$ is induced by a matrix $\langle \mathbf{M}, F \rangle$ (of the same language) when

$$\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{L}} \varphi \text{ iff for all homomorphisms } h: \mathbf{Fm} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}, \\ h[\Gamma] \subseteq F \text{ implies } h(\varphi) \in F.$$

DEFINITION 2.2

Bochvar *external* logic $\mathbf{B}_e$ is the logic induced by the matrix $\langle \mathbf{WK}^e, \{1\} \rangle$. PWK *external* logic $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ is the logic induced by the matrix $\langle \mathbf{WK}^e, \{1, \frac{1}{2}\} \rangle$.

Therefore, $\mathbf{B}_e$ is the logic preserving only the value 1 (for truth), while $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ preserves both 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ (thus, non-falsity). The latter, originally introduced by Halldén [30], has been later on studied by Segerberg [36], who named it H_0 . Both $\mathbf{B}_e$ and $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ are finitary logics, as they are defined by a finite set of finite matrices.

Hilbert-style axiomatizations of the two logics are given by Finn–Grigolia [21] and Segerberg [36], respectively. In order to introduce them, some technicalities are needed.

DEFINITION 2.3

An occurrence of a variable x in a formula φ is *open* if it does not fall under the scope of J_k , for every $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. A variable x in φ is *covered* if all of its occurrences are not open, namely if for every occurrence of x in φ falls under the scope of J_k , for some $k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$.

The intuition behind the notion of external formula is made precise by the following.

DEFINITION 2.4

A formula $\varphi \in \mathbf{Fm}$ is called *external* if all its variables are covered.

²We are adopting here the notation due to Finn and Grigolia [21]; Bochvar [4] and Segerberg [36] instead used $t, f, -$ for J_2, J_0, J_1 , respectively.

The following axioms (and rule) define Finn and Grigolia's Hilbert-style axiomatization³ of $\mathbf{B}_e$ [21].

Axioms

- (A1) $(\varphi \vee \varphi) \equiv \varphi$;
- (A2) $(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv (\psi \vee \varphi)$;
- (A3) $((\varphi \vee \psi) \vee \chi) \equiv (\varphi \vee (\psi \vee \chi))$;
- (A4) $(\varphi \wedge (\psi \vee \chi)) \equiv ((\varphi \wedge \psi) \vee (\varphi \wedge \chi))$;
- (A5) $\neg(\neg\varphi) \equiv \varphi$;
- (A6) $\neg 1 \equiv 0$;
- (A7) $\neg(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv (\neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi)$;
- (A8) $0 \vee \varphi \equiv \varphi$;
- (A9) $J_2\alpha \equiv \alpha$;
- (A10) $J_0\alpha \equiv \neg\alpha$;
- (A11) $J_1\alpha \equiv 0$;
- (A12) $J_i\neg\varphi \equiv J_{2-i}\varphi$, for any $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$;
- (A13) $J_i\varphi \equiv \neg(J_j\varphi \vee J_k\varphi)$, with $i \neq j \neq k \neq i$;
- (A14) $(J_i\varphi \vee \neg J_i\varphi) \equiv 1$, with $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$;
- (A15) $((J_i\varphi \vee J_k\psi) \wedge J_i\varphi) \equiv J_i\varphi$, with $i, k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$;
- (A16) $(\varphi \vee J_i\varphi) \equiv \varphi$, with $i \in \{1, 2\}$;
- (A17) $J_0(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv J_0\varphi \wedge J_0\psi$;
- (A18) $J_2(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv (J_2\varphi \wedge J_2\psi) \vee (J_2\varphi \wedge J_2\neg\psi) \vee (J_2\neg\varphi \wedge J_2\psi)$.

Let α, β, γ denote external formulas only:

- (A19) $\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$;
- (A20) $(\alpha \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \gamma)) \rightarrow ((\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\alpha \rightarrow \gamma))$;
- (A21) $(\neg\alpha \rightarrow \neg\beta) \rightarrow (\beta \rightarrow \alpha)$.

Deductive rule

$$[\text{MP}] \frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$$

Notice that there is nothing special about the choice of axioms (A19)–(A21): it is only important that, together with *modus ponens*, yield a complete axiomatization for classical logic, but only relative to external formulas.⁴

The fact that $\mathbf{B}_e$ coincides with the logic induced by the above introduced Hilbert-style axiomatization has been proved in [6] (Finn and Grigolia [21, Theorem 3.4] only proved a weak completeness theorem for $\mathbf{B}_e$). We will henceforth indicate by $\vdash_{\mathbf{B}_e}$ both the consequence relation induced by the matrix $\langle \mathbf{WK}^e, \{1\} \rangle$ and the one induced by the above Hilbert-style axiomatization.

The logic $\mathbf{B}_e$ is algebraizable with the quasi-variety of Bochvar algebras as its equivalent algebraic semantics.⁵ This means that there exists maps $\tau: Fm \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Eq)$, $\rho: Eq \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Fm)$ from formulas to

³To be precise, in [21] the following definition of the connective is given: $\varphi \equiv \psi := \bigwedge_{i=0}^2 J_i\varphi \leftrightarrow J_i\psi$. Nonetheless, since the operator J_1 is entirely determined by J_2 and J_0 , Finn and Grigolia's definition can be safely substituted with ours, obtaining an equivalent calculus (see e.g. [10]).

⁴Actually the original presentation in [21] contains a much longer axiomatization.

⁵This quasi-variety has been introduced by Finn and Grigolia [21], while its structural properties are studied in [10].

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sets of equations and from equations to sets of formulas such that

$$\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \vdash_{\mathbf{B}_e} \varphi \iff \tau(\gamma_1), \dots, \tau(\gamma_n) \models_{\mathbf{BCA}} \tau(\varphi)$$

and

$$\varphi \approx \psi \models_{\mathbf{BCA}} \tau\rho(\varphi \approx \psi).$$

The algebraizability of $\mathbf{B}_e$ is witnessed by the transformers $\tau(\varphi) := \{\varphi \approx 1\}$ and $\rho(\varphi \approx \psi) := \{\varphi \equiv \psi\}$ (see [6] for details) and allows to provide a ‘standard’ Hilbert-style axiomatization, whose axioms and rules make no difference between external and non-external formulas. Recall that for a class $\mathcal{C}$ of algebras (of a certain type), the equational consequence relation $\Theta \models_{\mathcal{C}} \phi \approx \psi$ holds iff for all $\mathbf{A} \in \mathcal{C}$ and all homomorphisms (from the formulas in the same type) $h : \mathbf{Fm} \rightarrow \mathbf{A}$, if $h(\delta) = h(\epsilon)$ for all $\delta \approx \epsilon \in \Theta$, then $h(\phi) = h(\psi)$.

Using the equational description of the quasi-variety of Bochvar algebras presented in [10] (see in particular [10, Theorem 7]), we can apply the algorithm described in [26, Proposition 3.47], obtaining the following Hilbert-style calculus.

DEFINITION 2.5

A Hilbert-style axiomatization of $\mathbf{B}_e$ is given by the following Axioms and Rules.

Axioms

- (ρ -B1) $\varphi \vee \varphi \equiv \varphi$;
- (ρ -B2) $\varphi \vee \psi \equiv \psi \vee \varphi$;
- (ρ -B3) $(\varphi \vee \psi) \vee \chi \equiv \varphi \vee (\psi \vee \chi)$;
- (ρ -B4) $\varphi \vee 0 \equiv \varphi$;
- (ρ -B5) $\neg\neg\varphi \equiv \varphi$;
- (ρ -B6) $\neg(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi$;
- (ρ -B7) $\neg 1 \equiv 0$;
- (ρ -B8) $\varphi \wedge (\psi \vee \chi) \equiv (\varphi \wedge \psi) \vee (\varphi \wedge \chi)$;
- (ρ -B9) $J_0 J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow \neg J_2 \varphi$;
- (ρ -B10) $J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow \neg(J_0 \varphi \vee J_1 \varphi)$;
- (ρ -B11) $J_2 \varphi \vee \neg J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow 1$;
- (ρ -B12) $J_2(\varphi \vee \psi) \leftrightarrow (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi) \vee (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_0 \psi) \vee (J_0 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi)$.

Deductive rules

- (ρ -B13) $J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_2 \psi, J_0 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_0 \psi \vdash \varphi \equiv \psi$;
- (BA1g3) $\varphi \dashv\vdash J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow 1$.

The axiomatization is equivalent to Finn and Grigolia’s calculus; moreover, it consists of a proper set of axiom schemata. In fact Finn and Grigolia impose a syntactic restriction on axioms (A19)–(A21), as a result those are not schemata, instead each point represents a countable set of schemata. On the contrary, the above axiomatization makes no distinction between external and non-external formulas, hence it enjoys a proper closure under substitution.

The following results recaps some basic properties of $\mathbf{B}_e$, which will be used in the following sections.

LEMMA 2.6

The following facts hold in $\mathbf{B}_e$:

- (1) $\varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi \vdash \psi$;

- (2) $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow J_2 \alpha$, for α external formula;
- (3) $\varphi \dashv\vdash J_2 \varphi$;
- (4) If α is an external formula and a classical theorem then $\vdash \alpha$;
- (5) $\neg \varphi \dashv\vdash J_0 \varphi$;
- (6) $\vdash J_0 \varphi \rightarrow \neg J_2 \varphi$;
- (7) $\vdash J_0 \varphi \wedge J_2 \varphi \rightarrow 0$;
- (8) $\vdash \neg J_2 \varphi \rightarrow J_1 \varphi \vee J_0 \varphi$;
- (9) $\vdash J_1 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_1 \neg \varphi$;
- (10) $\vdash J_1 \alpha \rightarrow 0$ for α external formula;
- (11) $\neg J_2 \neg \varphi \vdash J_2 \varphi \vee J_1 \varphi$.

where $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$ is an abbreviation for $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$.

Finally, let us recall that B_e has a deduction theorem, in the following form.

THEOREM 2.7 ((Deduction Theorem for B_e).)

It holds that $\Gamma \vdash_{B_e} \varphi$ iff there exist some formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $\vdash_{B_e} J_2 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2 \gamma_n \rightarrow J_2 \varphi$.

2.2 External paraconsistent weak Kleene logic

The Hilbert-style axiomatization for PWK_e , introduced by Segerberg [36] is the following.

Axioms

- (A1) $(\varphi \vee \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$;
- (A2) $\varphi \rightarrow (\varphi \vee \psi)$;
- (A3) $(\varphi \vee \psi) \rightarrow (\psi \vee \varphi)$;
- (A4) $(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ((\gamma \vee \varphi) \rightarrow (\gamma \vee \psi))$;
- (A5) $(\varphi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow \neg(\neg \varphi \vee \neg \psi)$;
- (A6) $\neg(\neg \varphi \vee \neg \psi) \rightarrow (\varphi \wedge \psi)$;
- (A7) $\varphi \rightarrow 1$;
- (A8) $0 \rightarrow \varphi$;
- (A9) $\varphi \rightarrow J_2 \varphi$;
- (A10) $J_2 \varphi \rightarrow \neg J_0 \varphi$;
- (A11) $J_2(\varphi \wedge \psi) \leftrightarrow J_2 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi$;
- (A12) $J_2(\varphi \vee \psi) \leftrightarrow (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi) \vee (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_0 \psi) \vee (J_0 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi)$.

Deductive rule

$$[\text{RMP}] \frac{\varphi \quad \varphi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi} \quad \text{provided that no variable is open in } \varphi \text{ and covered in } \psi.$$

As before, there is nothing special behind the choice of the axioms (A1) to (A8): one can simply choose any set of axioms that, together with the (usual) rule of Modus Ponens, yields an axiomatization of (propositional) classical logic. Observe that the rule [RMP] consists of a linguistic restriction of the standard rule of Modus Ponens: a fact that shall not surprise, as a very similar restricted rule has been introduced for an axiomatization of PWK (in the language of classical logic) [7]. However, providing the same logic with a ‘standard’ calculus presenting no linguistic restriction is preferable (for instance, for internal PWK , such Hilbert-style axiomatizations can be found in [28], [8]). As in the case of Bochvar, also for PWK_e , we will indicate by $\vdash_{PWK_e}$ both

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the consequence relation induced by the matrix $\langle \mathbf{WK}^e, \{1, \frac{1}{2}\} \rangle$ and the one induced by the above Hilbert-style axiomatization.

Like $\mathbf{B}_e$, also the logic $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ is algebraizable with quasi-variety of Bochvar algebras as its equivalent algebraic semantic. The transformers that witness the algebraizability are $\tau(\varphi) := \{\neg J_0 \varphi \approx 1\}$ and $\rho(\varphi \approx \psi) := \{\varphi \equiv \psi\}$. We leave the proof of this result in the Appendix (see Section 7). Observe that, although it is not very common (see [26, pp. 121–122]), the same class of algebras can play the role of equivalent algebraic semantics for different logics (clearly, the algebraizability is given by different transformers).

This algebraizability allows us to apply the algorithm of [26] already employed for $\mathbf{B}_e$, obtaining a Hilbert-style axiomatization alternative to Segerberg's.

DEFINITION 2.8

A Hilbert-style axiomatization of $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ is given by the following Axioms and Rules.

Axioms

- (ρ -B1) $\varphi \vee \varphi \equiv \varphi$;
- (ρ -B2) $\varphi \vee \psi \equiv \psi \vee \varphi$;
- (ρ -B3) $(\varphi \vee \psi) \vee \chi \equiv \varphi \vee (\psi \vee \chi)$;
- (ρ -B4) $\varphi \vee 0 \equiv \varphi$;
- (ρ -B5) $\neg \neg \varphi \equiv \varphi$;
- (ρ -B6) $\neg(\varphi \vee \psi) \equiv \neg \varphi \wedge \neg \psi$;
- (ρ -B7) $\neg 1 \equiv 0$;
- (ρ -B8) $\varphi \wedge (\psi \vee \chi) \equiv (\varphi \wedge \psi) \vee (\varphi \wedge \chi)$;
- (ρ -B9) $J_0 J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow \neg J_2 \varphi$;
- (ρ -B10) $J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow \neg(J_0 \varphi \vee J_1 \varphi)$;
- (ρ -B11) $J_2 \varphi \vee \neg J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow 1$;
- (ρ -B12) $J_2(\varphi \vee \psi) \leftrightarrow (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi) \vee (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_0 \psi) \vee (J_0 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi)$.

Deductive rules

- (ρ -B13) $J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_2 \psi, J_0 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_0 \psi \vdash \varphi \equiv \psi$;
- (PWKAlg3) $\varphi \dashv\vdash \neg J_0 \varphi \leftrightarrow 1$.

The only difference between the new axiomatizations proposed for $\mathbf{B}_e$ and $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ relies on the rules (PWKAlg3) and (BAlg3), which is expected since the two logics have the same equivalent algebraic semantics and differ only for the τ transformer.

LEMMA 2.9

The following facts hold for the logic $\mathbf{PWK}_e$:

- (1) $\alpha, \alpha \rightarrow \beta \vdash \beta$, for every α, β external formulas;
- (2) $\varphi \dashv\vdash \neg J_0 \varphi$;
- (3) every theorem of classical logic is a theorem of $\mathbf{PWK}_e$;
- (4) $\vdash \neg J_0 0 \rightarrow 0$;
- (5) $\vdash \neg \varphi \rightarrow J_0 \varphi$;
- (6) $\vdash \alpha \leftrightarrow J_2 \alpha$, for α external formula;
- (7) $\varphi \vdash J_2 \varphi \vee J_1 \varphi$;
- (8) $\vdash J_2 \neg \varphi \leftrightarrow J_0 \varphi$;
- (9) $\vdash J_1 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_1 \neg \varphi$;

- (10) $\vdash \neg J_0 1$;
- (11) $\vdash \varphi \rightarrow J_2 \varphi$;
- (12) $\vdash J_2 \varphi \rightarrow +\varphi$.

PWK_e has a Deduction Theorem very similar to B_e , by just adapting the statement of Theorem 3.4 (from truth) to non-falsity, in the obvious way suggested by external connectives.

THEOREM 2.10 ((Deduction Theorem for PWK_e).)

It holds that $\Gamma \vdash_{\text{PWK}_e} \varphi$ iff there exist some formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $\vdash_{\text{PWK}_e} \neg J_0 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0 \gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_0 \varphi$.

3 Modal Bochvar logic

From now on, by **Fm** we will denote the formula algebra constructed over a denumerable set of propositional variables Var in the language $\mathcal{L} : \neg, \vee, J_2, \Box, 0, 1$ of type $\langle 1, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0 \rangle$. The connectives $\wedge, \rightarrow$ are defined as usual, while recall that $J_0 \varphi$ and $J_1 \varphi$ are abbreviations for $J_2 \neg \varphi$ and $\neg(J_2 \varphi \vee J_2 \neg \varphi)$, respectively. Let, moreover, $\diamond \varphi$ be an abbreviation for $\neg \Box \neg \varphi$. Our aim with the above introduced language is to define a (local) modal logic whose propositional basis is Bochvar external logic and whose interpretation of formulas $\Box \varphi$, in a relational semantics, is that $\Box \varphi$ holds in a state when φ holds (is equal to 1) in all related states.

We introduce the logic $\langle \text{Fm}, \vdash_{\text{B}_e^\Box} \rangle$ as induced by the following Hilbert-style axiomatization.

Axioms

- the axioms of B_e in Definition 2.5;
- $\Box(J_2 \varphi \rightarrow J_2 \psi) \rightarrow (\Box J_2 \varphi \rightarrow \Box J_2 \psi)$;
- $+\varphi \leftrightarrow +\Box \varphi$;
- $J_2 \Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box J_2 \varphi$;
- $J_0 \Box \varphi \rightarrow \neg \Box J_0 \neg \varphi$.

Deductive rules

- (ρ -B13) $J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_2 \psi, J_0 \varphi \leftrightarrow J_0 \psi \vdash \varphi \equiv \psi$;
- (BAI3) $\varphi \Vdash J_2 \varphi \leftrightarrow 1$;
- (N): if $\vdash \varphi$ then $\vdash \Box \varphi$.

Throughout this Section, for ease of notation, we will write $\vdash$ instead of $\vdash_{\text{B}_e^\Box}$ and refer to the above introduced logic simply as $\text{B}_e^\Box$. The axiom (B1) can be generalized to all external formulas, as follows.

LEMMA 3.1

For α, β external formulas, the following is a theorem of $\text{B}_e^\Box$:

(BK) $\Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\Box \alpha \rightarrow \Box \beta)$

PROOF. Consider arbitrary external formulas α, β . Let us start by instantiating (B1) as $\vdash \Box(J_2 \alpha \rightarrow J_2 \beta) \rightarrow (\Box J_2 \alpha \rightarrow \Box J_2 \beta)$. Recalling Lemma 2.6, for γ external it holds $\vdash \gamma \leftrightarrow J_2 \gamma$, therefore we can substitute equivalent formulas and obtain $\vdash \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\Box \alpha \rightarrow \Box \beta)$. $\square$

REMARK 3.2

The rule of Modus Ponens (MP) obviously holds for $\text{B}_e^\Box$ (see Lemma 2.6).

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LEMMA 3.3

In the logic $\mathbf{B}_e^\square$ the following facts hold:

- (1) $J_2 \Box \varphi \vdash J_2 \Box J_2 \varphi$;
- (2) $\Box(J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi) \leftrightarrow \Box J_i \varphi \wedge \Box J_k \psi$ for every $i, k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$;
- (3) $\Diamond(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi) \leftrightarrow \Diamond J_i \varphi \vee \Diamond J_k \psi$ for $i, k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$;
- (4) $\vdash J_2 \Diamond \varphi \rightarrow \Diamond J_2 \varphi \vee \Diamond J_1 \varphi$.

PROOF. Since $\mathbf{B}_e^\square$ contains all axioms from $\mathbf{B}_e$, we will freely make use of theorems and rules holding in the latter logic. In particular, notice that classical logic can always be employed on external formulas (by Lemma 2.6 and the fact that MP is a rule of $\mathbf{B}_e$).

- (1) By (B3) and (MP), $J_2 \Box \varphi \vdash \Box J_2 \varphi$; by Lemma 2.6 (and the transitivity of $\vdash$) we get $\Box J_2 \varphi \vdash J_2 \Box J_2 \varphi$.
- (2) By classical logic, $\vdash J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi \rightarrow J_i \varphi$, by (N) $\vdash \Box(J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi \rightarrow J_i \varphi)$. Applying (BK) and (MP), $\vdash \Box(J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Box J_i \varphi$. By the same reasoning, $\vdash \Box(J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Box J_k \psi$ as well. We conclude $\vdash \Box(J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Box J_i \varphi \wedge \Box J_k \psi$. For the other direction: $\vdash J_i \varphi \rightarrow (J_i \psi \rightarrow J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi)$ by classical logic. By (N), $\vdash \Box(J_i \varphi \rightarrow (J_k \psi \rightarrow J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi))$, and by (BK) and (MP) twice, we have $\vdash \Box J_i \varphi \rightarrow (\Box J_k \psi \rightarrow \Box(J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi))$. Again by classical logic $\vdash \Box J_i \varphi \wedge \Box J_k \psi \rightarrow \Box(J_i \varphi \wedge J_k \psi)$.
- (3) By classical logic, $\vdash \neg J_i \varphi \wedge \neg J_k \psi \rightarrow \neg J_i \varphi$, by (N) $\vdash \Box(\neg J_i \varphi \wedge \neg J_k \psi \rightarrow \neg J_i \varphi)$. Applying (BK) and (MP), $\vdash \Box(\neg J_i \varphi \wedge \neg J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Box \neg J_i \varphi$. By contraposition and de Morgan, $\vdash \neg \Box \neg J_i \varphi \rightarrow \neg \Box \neg(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$, which is the definition of $\vdash \Diamond J_i \varphi \rightarrow \Diamond(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$. By the same reasoning, $\vdash \Diamond J_k \psi \rightarrow \Diamond(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$ as well. We conclude $\vdash \Diamond J_i \varphi \vee \Diamond J_k \psi \rightarrow \Diamond(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$. For the other direction, $\vdash \neg J_i \varphi \wedge \neg J_k \psi \rightarrow \neg(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$ by classical logic. By (N), $\vdash \Box(\neg J_i \varphi \wedge \neg J_k \psi \rightarrow \neg(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi))$, and by (BK) and (MP) twice we have $\vdash \Box(\neg J_i \varphi \wedge \neg J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Box \neg(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$. By point (2) we can distribute box, $\vdash (\Box \neg J_i \varphi \wedge \Box \neg J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Box \neg(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$. By classical logic, $\vdash \neg(\Box \neg J_i \varphi \vee \Box \neg J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Box \neg(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi)$. By contraposition we conclude $\vdash \Diamond(J_i \varphi \vee J_k \psi) \rightarrow \Diamond J_i \varphi \vee \Diamond J_k \psi$.
- (4) By (B4) $\vdash J_0 \Box \neg \varphi \rightarrow \neg \Box J_0 \varphi$. For the linguistic abbreviations introduced, we have that the antecedent $J_0 \Box \neg \varphi = J_2 \neg \Box \neg \varphi = J_2 \Diamond \varphi$; while the consequent $\neg \Box J_0 \varphi = \neg \Box \neg(J_2 \varphi \vee J_1 \varphi) = \Diamond(J_2 \varphi \vee J_1 \varphi) = \Diamond J_2 \varphi \vee \Diamond J_1 \varphi$. $\square$

THEOREM 3.4 (Deduction Theorem).

For the logic $\mathbf{B}_e^\square$, it holds that $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ iff there exist some formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $\vdash J_2 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2 \gamma_n \rightarrow J_2 \varphi$.

PROOF. The right to left direction is obvious. The other direction is proved by induction on the length of the derivation of φ from Γ . We just show the inductive case of the rule (N). Let $\varphi = \Box \psi$, for some $\psi \in Fm$, and $\Gamma \vdash \Box \psi$, and the last deduction rule applied is (N), hence it holds $\vdash \psi$. By the latter fact, we have $\vdash \Box \psi$, hence $\vdash J_2 \Box \psi$ (by Lemma 2.6). By induction hypothesis, there exists some formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $\vdash J_2 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2 \gamma_n \rightarrow J_2 \psi$. Since the axioms (and rule) of classical logic hold for external formulas (Lemma 2.6), we have $\vdash J_2 \Box \psi \rightarrow (J_2 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2 \gamma_n \rightarrow J_2 \Box \psi)$, hence, by (MP), $\vdash J_2 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2 \gamma_n \rightarrow J_2 \Box \psi$. $\square$

3.1 Semantics

The intended semantics of this modal logic consists of a relational (Kripke-style) structure where formulas, in each world, are evaluated into $\mathbf{WK}^e$ (this has been already implemented for instance

in [6]). We introduce these structures according to the current terminology adopted in many-valued modal logics.

DEFINITION 3.5

A *weak three-valued Kripke model* $\mathcal{M}$ is a structure $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ such that:

- (1) W is a non-empty set (of possible worlds);
- (2) R is a binary relation over W ($R \subseteq W \times W$);
- (3) v is a map, called *valuation*, assigning to each world and each variable, an element in $\mathbf{WK}^e$ ($v: W \times \mathbf{Fm} \rightarrow \mathbf{WK}^e$).

Non-modal formulas will be interpreted as in $\mathbf{B}_e$, i.e. we assume that v is a homomorphism, in its second component, with respect to $\neg, \vee, J_2, 1, 0$. The reduct $\mathcal{F} = \langle W, R \rangle$ of a model $\mathcal{M}$ is called *frame*.

Notation: for ordered pairs of related elements, we equivalently write $(w, s) \in R$ or wRs .

The semantical interpretation of the modality $\Box$ is what characterize a special family of weak three-valued Kripke models:

DEFINITION 3.6

A *Bochvar-Kripke model* is a weak three-valued Kripke model $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ such that v evaluates formulas of the form $\Box\varphi$ according to:

- (1) $v(w, \Box\varphi) = 1$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and $v(s, \varphi) = 1$ for every $s \in W$ such that wRs .
- (0) $v(w, \Box\varphi) = 0$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and there exists $s \in W$ such that wRs and $v(s, \varphi) \neq 1$.
- ($\frac{1}{2}$) $v(w, \Box\varphi) = \frac{1}{2}$ iff $v(w, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2}$.

To simplify, within this Section by *model* we intend *Bochvar-Kripke model*.

REMARK 3.7

Observe that, in every model $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ with $w \in W$, it holds that $v(w, \Diamond\varphi) = 1$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and there exists $s \in W$ such that wRs and $v(s, \varphi) \neq 0$, while $v(w, \Diamond\varphi) = 0$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and $v(s, \varphi) = 0$ for every $s \in W$ such that wRs .

As usual in modal logic, one can opt to study the local or the global consequence relation related to a class of frame. In this paper, we will always deal with the former. Accordingly, we denote by $\models_{\mathbf{B}_e}^l$ the *local* modal Bochvar external logic on the class of all frames obtained by taking $\{1\}$ as designated value, i.e.:

DEFINITION 3.8

$\Gamma \models_{\mathbf{B}_e}^l \varphi$ iff for all models $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ and all $w \in W$, if $v(w, \gamma) = 1, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$, then $v(w, \varphi) = 1$.

In the following we omit the subscript and write simply $\models$, instead of $\models^l$. The following semantic notions are standard.

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DEFINITION 3.9

A formula φ is satisfied (valid) in a model $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ if $v(w, \varphi) = 1$, for some (all) $w \in W$. A formula φ is valid in a frame $\mathcal{F}$ (notation $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi$) if it is valid in $\langle \mathcal{F}, v \rangle$, for all valuations v . A formula φ is valid in a class of frames $\mathcal{K}$ (notation $\mathcal{K} \models \varphi$) if it is valid in every frame $\mathcal{F} \in \mathcal{K}$.

3.2 Completeness and decidability

DEFINITION 3.10

A set $\Gamma \subset Fm$ is *consistent* if $\Gamma \not\vdash \varphi$, for some $\varphi \in Fm$. It is inconsistent if it is not consistent.

REMARK 3.11

Equivalently, a set $\Gamma \subset Fm$ is consistent if there is no formula $\varphi \in Fm$, such that $\Gamma \vdash J_2\varphi$ and $\Gamma \vdash \neg J_2\varphi$. Observe that this is equivalent to say that $\Gamma \not\vdash 0$.

DEFINITION 3.12

A consistent set Γ is *maximally consistent* (or *complete*) whenever $\Gamma \subset \Gamma'$ implies that Γ' is inconsistent. Equivalently, Γ is maximally consistent iff, for every $\varphi \in Fm$ exactly one of the following holds:

- i) $\varphi \in \Gamma$;
- ii) $\neg\varphi \in \Gamma$;
- iii) $J_1\varphi \in \Gamma$;

DEFINITION 3.13

A formula φ is *meaningful* in a maximally consistent set w if $x \in w$ or $\neg x \in w$, for every open variable $x \in \varphi$.

Observe that the definition of meaningful formulas implies, semantically, that such formulas are those evaluated, in a state, into the two-elements Boolean algebra $\mathbf{B}_2$ only. The definition of meaningful formula obviously apply to variables as well.

LEMMA 3.14

Let w be a maximally consistent set of formulas, then:

- (1) if $\neg\varphi \notin w$ and all the variables occurring in φ are meaningful in w , then $\varphi \in w$;
- (2) if all the variables of φ are covered, then φ is meaningful in w ;
- (3) if $\vdash \varphi$ then $\varphi \in w$.

PROOF. We just show (3) (as the other claims can be found also in [37, Lemma 4.6]). Suppose that $\vdash \varphi$ and, by contradiction, that either $\neg\varphi \in w$ or $J_1\varphi \in w$. Let us assume that $\neg\varphi \in w$. From $\vdash \varphi$ it follows $\varphi \in w$. By Lemma 2.6 we have $w \vdash J_2\varphi$ and $w \vdash J_0\varphi$. Applying the same lemma, the latter yields $w \vdash \neg J_2\varphi$, in contradiction with the assumption that w is (maximally) consistent (see Remark 3.11). One can reason similarly for the case $J_1\varphi \in w$. $\square$

LEMMA 3.15

[37, Lemma 4.7] Let w be a maximally consistent set of formulas, t.f.a.e.

- (1) φ is meaningful in w ;
- (2) either $\varphi \in w$ or $\neg\varphi \in w$;
- (3) $+\varphi \in w$;
- (4) $\Box\varphi$ is meaningful in w ;
- (5) $\Diamond\varphi$ is meaningful in w .

LEMMA 3.16

[37, Lemma 4.8] For every maximally consistent set w the following hold:

- (1) If $\varphi \rightarrow \psi \in w$ and $\varphi \in w$ then $\psi \in w$;
- (2) $\varphi \wedge \psi \in w$ if and only if $\varphi, \psi \in w$;
- (3) $\varphi \vee \psi \in w$ if and only if $\varphi \in w$ or $\psi \in w$;
- (4) $\varphi \in w$ if and only if $J_2\varphi \in w$;
- (5) $J_2\varphi \in w$ if and only if $\neg J_2\varphi \notin w$.

LEMMA 3.17

Let Γ be a consistent set of formulas. $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ is inconsistent if and only if $\Gamma \vdash \neg\varphi$ or $\Gamma \vdash J_1\varphi$.

PROOF. Let Γ be a consistent set of formulas. ($\Rightarrow$) Let $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ be inconsistent and $\Gamma \not\vdash \neg\varphi$. By assumption, $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash 0$. By Theorem 3.4, there exist formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Sigma$ such that $\vdash J_2\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2\gamma_n \wedge J_2\varphi \rightarrow J_20$, hence $\vdash J_2\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2\gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_2\varphi$, thus $\Gamma \vdash \neg J_2\varphi$. Since $\vdash \neg J_2\varphi \rightarrow J_1\varphi \vee J_0\varphi$ by Lemma 2.6, $\Gamma \vdash J_1\varphi \vee J_0\varphi$. By assumption, $\Gamma \not\vdash \neg\varphi$, which implies $\Gamma \not\vdash J_0\varphi$, hence $\Gamma \vdash J_1\varphi$. ($\Leftarrow$) Let $\Gamma \vdash \neg\varphi$ or $\Gamma \vdash J_1\varphi$. Suppose $\Gamma \vdash \neg\varphi$ is the case, hence $\Gamma \vdash J_0\varphi$ (by Lemma 2.6). On the other hand, $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash J_2\varphi$, hence $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash J_0\varphi \wedge J_2\varphi$, and since by Lemma 2.6 it is a theorem that $\vdash J_0\varphi \wedge J_2\varphi \rightarrow 0$, then $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ is inconsistent. The proof is analogue in case $\Gamma \vdash J_1\varphi$. $\square$

LEMMA 3.18 ((Lindenbaum's Lemma).)

Let Γ be a consistent set of formulas such that $\Gamma \not\vdash \varphi$, for some $\varphi \in Fm$, then there exists a maximally consistent set of formulas w such that $\Gamma \subseteq w$ and such that $\varphi \notin w$.

PROOF. Consider an enumeration $\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \dots$ of the formulas in Fm . Define:

$$\Gamma_0 = \begin{cases} \Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\} & \text{if consistent,} \\ \Gamma \cup \{J_1\varphi\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$\Gamma_{i+1} = \begin{cases} \Gamma_i \cup \{\psi_i\} & \text{if consistent, else} \\ \Gamma_i \cup \{\neg\psi_i\} & \text{if consistent, else} \\ \Gamma_i \cup \{J_1\psi_i\}. & \end{cases}$$

$$w = \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \Gamma_i.$$

Observe that, by construction, w is maximal. We want to show that w is also consistent. We first claim that Γ_0 is consistent. If $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ then it is consistent by construction. Differently, $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma \cup \{J_1\varphi\}$, which means that $\Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is inconsistent. Hence, by Lemma 3.17, $\Gamma \vdash \neg\neg\varphi$ or $\Gamma \vdash J_1\neg\varphi$. However, $\Gamma \not\vdash \neg\neg\varphi$ (since, by assumption, $\Gamma \not\vdash \varphi$ and $\vdash_{B_e} \varphi \leftrightarrow \neg\neg\varphi$), so $\Gamma \vdash J_1\neg\varphi$, which implies $\Gamma \vdash J_1\varphi$ (as $\vdash_{B_e} J_1\varphi \leftrightarrow J_1\neg\varphi$). By Lemma 3.17, $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma \cup \{J_1\varphi\}$ is consistent if and only if $\Gamma \not\vdash \neg J_1\varphi$ and $\Gamma \not\vdash J_1J_1\varphi$. Now, since Γ is consistent and $\Gamma \vdash J_1\varphi$, then $\Gamma \not\vdash \neg J_1\varphi$. Moreover, since Γ is consistent $\Gamma \not\vdash J_1J_1\varphi$ (as $\vdash J_1J_1\varphi \rightarrow 0$). This shows that Γ_0 is consistent. We

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claim that Γ_{i+1} is consistent, given that Γ_i is. So, suppose that $\Gamma_i \cup \{\varphi\}$ and $\Gamma_i \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ are inconsistent. Then, by Lemma 3.17, $\Gamma_i \vdash \neg\varphi$ or $\Gamma_i \vdash J_1\varphi$, and, $\Gamma_i \vdash \neg\neg\varphi$ or $\Gamma_i \vdash J_1\neg\varphi$. By consistency of Γ_i , the only possible case is that $\Gamma_i \vdash J_1\varphi$ and $\Gamma_i \vdash J_1\neg\varphi$, from which follows the consistency of $\Gamma \cup \{J_1\varphi\}$ (indeed, if it is not consistent then, by Lemma 3.17, $\Gamma_i \vdash \neg J_1\varphi$, in contradiction with the consistency of Γ_i). This shows that w is maximal and consistent and, by construction, $\neg\varphi \in w$ or $J_1\varphi \in w$, therefore $\varphi \notin w$. $\square$

As a first step to introduce canonical models, let us define the *canonical relation*.

DEFINITION 3.19

Let $\mathcal{W}$ be the set of all maximally consistent set of formulas. Then the *canonical relation* $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathcal{W} \times \mathcal{W}$ for $\mathbf{B}_e^\square$ is defined, for every $w, s \in \mathcal{W}$ as:

$$w\mathcal{R}s \text{ iff } \forall \varphi \in Fm \text{ s.t. } \square\varphi \in w \text{ then } \varphi \in s.$$

LEMMA 3.20 (Existence Lemma).

For every maximally consistent set of formulas $w \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $\diamond\varphi \in w$ (for some $\varphi \in Fm$) then φ is meaningful in w and there exists a maximally consistent set $s \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $w\mathcal{R}s$ and either $\varphi \in s$ or $J_1\varphi \in s$.

PROOF. Suppose that $\diamond\varphi \in w$, for some w maximally consistent set of formulas. Consider the set

$$s^- = \{J_2\psi \mid \square J_2\psi \in w\}.$$

Observe that $s^- \neq \emptyset$, as for every formula ψ such that $\vdash \psi$, then $\vdash J_2\psi$, hence $\vdash \square J_2\psi$, which implies $\square J_2\psi \in w$, by Lemma 3.14-(3). Let us show that s^- is consistent. Suppose, by contradiction, that s^- is inconsistent, then $s^- \vdash \gamma$, for every $\gamma \in Fm$, thus, in particular, $s^- \vdash \neg\varphi$. By Deduction Theorem there are formulas $J_2\psi_1, \dots, J_2\psi_n \in s^-$ such that $\vdash J_2J_2\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2J_2\psi_n \rightarrow J_2\neg\varphi$. Recall that $\vdash_{\mathbf{B}_e} J_2J_2\gamma \leftrightarrow J_2\gamma$, for every $\gamma \in Fm$, thus $\vdash J_2\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2\psi_n \rightarrow J_2\neg\varphi$. By applying (N), we get $\vdash \square(J_2\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge J_2\psi_n \rightarrow J_2\neg\varphi)$ and by distributing box ((BK) and Lemma 3.3), $\vdash \square J_2\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \square J_2\psi_n \rightarrow \square J_2\neg\varphi$. Observe that, by construction of s^- , $\square J_2\psi_i \in w$, for every $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, hence $\square J_2\neg\varphi \in w$, i.e. $\neg\diamond\neg J_2\neg\varphi \in w$. By Lemma 2.6, $\vdash \neg J_2\neg\varphi \leftrightarrow J_2\varphi \vee J_1\varphi$, thus $\neg\diamond(J_2\varphi \vee J_1\varphi) \in w$, which implies (by distributivity of diamond, Lemma 3.3), $\neg(\diamond J_2\varphi \vee \diamond J_1\varphi) \in w$. On the other hand, $\diamond\varphi \in w$, hence $J_2\diamond\varphi \in w$, which implies $\diamond J_2\varphi \vee \diamond J_1\varphi \in w$, by Lemma 3.3, giving raise to a contradiction with the fact that w is consistent. Observe that we have also proved that $s^- \not\vdash \neg\varphi$, hence by Lindenbaum Lemma there exists a maximally consistent set s such that $s^- \subseteq s$ and $\neg\varphi \notin s$. By maximality, we have that either $\varphi \in s$ or $J_1\varphi \in s$. To show that $w\mathcal{R}s$, suppose $\square\gamma \in w$, for some $\gamma \in Fm$, then by Lemma 3.16 $J_2\square\gamma \in w$, hence, by (M3), $\square J_2\gamma \in w$, and by construction $J_2\gamma \in s^- \subseteq s$, thus $\gamma \in s$ (by Lemma 3.16), showing that $w\mathcal{R}s$. Finally, let us show that φ is meaningful in w . Since $\varphi \in w$, then $J_2\varphi \in w$ and $\vdash \varphi$ (as $\vdash_{\mathbf{B}_e} J_2\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$), namely that $\diamond\varphi$ is meaningful in w and so is φ (Lemma 3.15). $\square$

We are ready to define the concept of *canonical model*.

DEFINITION 3.21

The *canonical model* for $\mathbf{B}_e^\square$ is a model $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, v \rangle$ where $\mathcal{W}$ is the set of all maximally consistent sets of formulas, $\mathcal{R}$ is the canonical relation for $\mathbf{B}_e^\square$ and v is defined as follows:

- $v(w, x) = 1$ if and only if $x \in w$;

- $v(w, x) = 0$ if and only if $\neg x \in X$;
- $v(w, x) = \frac{1}{2}$ if and only if $J_1 x \in w$,

for every $w \in \mathcal{W}$ and propositional variable x .

LEMMA 3.22 (Truth Lemma).

Let $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, v \rangle$ be the canonical model. Then, for every formula $\varphi \in Fm$ and every $w \in \mathcal{W}$, the following hold:

- (1) $v(w, \varphi) = 1$ if and only if $\varphi \in w$;
- (2) $v(w, \varphi) = 0$ if and only if $\neg\varphi \in w$;
- (3) $v(w, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2}$ if and only if $J_1 \varphi \in w$.

PROOF. By induction on the length of the formula φ . We just show (1) for the inductive step when $\varphi = \Box\psi$, for some $\psi \in Fm$. Observe that $v(w, \Box\psi) = 1$ iff ψ is meaningful in w (i.e. $v(w, \psi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$) and $\forall s$ s.t. $w\mathcal{R}s$, $v(s, \psi) = 1$, thus, by induction hypothesis, iff $J_1 \psi \notin w$ and $\psi \in s \forall s$ s.t. $w\mathcal{R}s$. ($\Rightarrow$) Suppose, by contradiction, that $v(w, \Box\psi) = 1$ but $\Box\psi \notin w$, hence, by maximality of w , $J_1 \Box\psi \in w$ or $\neg\Box\psi \in w$. Since ψ is meaningful in w , so is $\Box\psi$ (Lemma 3.15), thus $J_1 \Box\psi \notin w$. So, $\neg\Box\psi \in w$, i.e. $\Diamond\neg\psi \in w$, hence, by Existence Lemma 3.20, there exists $s' \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $w\mathcal{R}s'$ such that $\neg\psi \in s'$ or $J_1 \psi \in s'$, which implies, by induction hypothesis, that $v(s', \psi) = 0$ or $v(s', \psi) = \frac{1}{2}$, a contradiction. ($\Leftarrow$) Let $\Box\psi \in w$. Then $J_2 \Box\psi \in w$ (by Lemma 3.16) and $+\Box\psi \in w$ (since $\vdash_{B_e} J_2 \gamma \rightarrow +\gamma$). This means that $\Box\psi$ is meaningful in w , hence so is ψ . Moreover, for every $s \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $w\mathcal{R}s$, we have that $\psi \in s$ (by definition of $\mathcal{R}$), hence, by induction hypothesis, $v(s, \psi) = 1$, from which $v(w, \psi) = 1$. $\square$

THEOREM 3.23 (Completeness).

$\Gamma \vdash_{B_e} \varphi$ if and only if $\Gamma \models_{B_e}^l \varphi$.

PROOF. ($\Rightarrow$) It is easily checked that all the axioms are sound and the rules preserve soundness. ($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $\Gamma \not\models \varphi$. Then Γ is a consistent set of formulas, therefore, by the Lindenbaum Lemma 3.18, there exist a maximally consistent set s such that $\Gamma \subseteq s$ and $\varphi \notin s$, hence, by Truth Lemma 3.22, there exists a canonical countermodel, namely $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, v)$, with $v(s, \gamma) = 1$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $v(s, \varphi) \neq 1$. $\square$

In order to prove decidability for $B_e^\Box$, we employ the filtration technique (see [2, pp. 77–80]). First we need to provide an extended notion of closure under subformulas.

DEFINITION 3.24

A set of formulas Σ is closed under subformulas if $\forall \varphi, \psi \in \Sigma$:

- (1) if $\varphi \circ \psi \in \Sigma$ for any binary connective $\circ$, then $\varphi, \psi \in \Sigma$;
- (2) if $\neg\varphi \in \Sigma$ or $J_2 \varphi \in \Sigma$, then $\varphi \in \Sigma$;
- (3) if $\Box\varphi \in \Sigma$, then $\varphi \in \Sigma$ and $+\varphi \in \Sigma$;

Notice that if a set of formulas is finite, its closure under subformulas is still finite.

DEFINITION 3.25

Let $\langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, v \rangle$ be a model and Σ be a finite set of formulas closed under subformulas. This set induces an equivalence relation over $\mathcal{W}$ defined as follows: $w \equiv_\Sigma s$ iff $\forall \varphi \in \Sigma (v(w, \varphi) = 1 \text{ iff } v(s, \varphi) = 1)$.

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When the reference set Σ is clear from the context, we denote the equivalence class $[w]_{\equiv_\Sigma}$ simply by $[w]$.

DEFINITION 3.26

Let $M = \langle W, R, v \rangle$ be a model and Σ be a finite set of formulas closed under subformulas. The filtration of M through Σ is the model $\langle W^f, R^f, v^f \rangle$ defined as:

- (1) $W^f = W / \equiv_\Sigma$;
- (2) $[w]R^f[s]$ iff $\exists w' \in [w], s' \in [s]$ s.t. $w'R s'$;
- (3) $v^f([w], p) = 1$ iff $v(w, p) = 1$, for all variables $p \in \Sigma$.

LEMMA 3.27

Let $\langle W^f, R^f, v^f \rangle$ be a filtration of $M = \langle W, R, v \rangle$ through Σ . For all $\varphi \in \Sigma, w \in W$, it holds $v(w, \varphi) = 1$ iff $v^f([w], \varphi) = 1$.

PROOF. By induction on the complexity of $\varphi \in \Sigma$. The Boolean cases are straightforward. Let $\varphi = J_2\psi$, for some $\psi \in Fm$. $v(w, J_2\psi) = 1$ iff $v(w, \psi) = 1$ iff, by induction hypothesis, $v^f([w], \psi) = 1$ iff $v^f([w], J_2\psi) = 1$. Notice that by closure $\psi \in \Sigma$.

Let $\varphi = \Box\psi$, for some $\psi \in Fm$. Suppose $v(w, \Box\psi) = 1$, which means that $v(w, \psi) = 1$ and for all $s \in W$ s.t. wRs , $v(s, \psi) = 1$. Now $\psi := J_2\psi \vee J_2\neg\psi$, by the Boolean cases and the previous one we conclude $v^f([w], \psi) = 1$. By definition of filtration, $[w]R^f[s]$, and by induction hypothesis $v^f([s], \psi) = 1$. Since this covers all the successors of $[w]$, then $v^f([w], \Box\psi) = 1$. Notice that by closure of ψ under subformula, $J_2\psi \vee J_2\neg\psi \in \Sigma$. The other direction follows similarly. $\square$

THEOREM 3.28

If a formula φ is satisfiable in a model, it is satisfiable in a finite model.

PROOF. Let φ be satisfied by a model $M = \langle W, R, v \rangle$, and let Σ be the closure under subformulas of $\{\varphi\}$. Σ is finite. Now consider the filtration $M_\Sigma^f = \langle W^f, R^f, v^f \rangle$ of M through Σ . By theorem 3.27, M_Σ^f satisfies φ . Consider the mapping $g : W^f \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\Sigma)$ s.t. $g([w]) = \{\psi \mid v(w, \psi) = 1\}$. By definition of $\equiv_\Sigma$, g is well-defined and injective. Denoting by $\text{card}(X)$ the cardinality of a set X , we have $\text{card}(W^f) \leq \text{card}(\mathcal{P}(\Sigma)) = 2^{\text{card}(\Sigma)}$. $\square$

COROLLARY 3.29 (Decidability).

The logic $\mathbf{B}_e^\Box$ is decidable.

4 Modal $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ logic

The modal extension of the propositional logic $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ is defined over the same formula algebra $\mathbf{Fm}$ of $\mathbf{B}_e^\Box$. The substantial (semantical) difference between $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\Box$ and $\mathbf{B}_e^\Box$ concern the interpretation of the modal formulas $\Box\varphi$, which follows the choice of the different truth-set in $\mathbf{PWK}_e$: namely a modal formula $\Box\varphi$ will hold in a state w iff it will also hold in all the related states s , namely in those the formula is not false.

The logic $\langle \mathbf{Fm}, \vdash_{\mathbf{PWK}_e^\Box} \rangle$ is the consequence relation induced by the following Hilbert-style axiomatization.

Axioms

- the axioms for $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ introduced in Definition 2.8;
- $\Box(J_2\varphi \rightarrow J_2\psi) \rightarrow (\Box J_2\varphi \rightarrow \Box J_2\psi)$;

- $\Box\varphi \leftrightarrow \Box\neg J_0\varphi$;
- $+\varphi \leftrightarrow +\Box\varphi$.

Deductive rules

- (ρ -B13) $J_2\varphi \leftrightarrow J_2\psi, J_0\varphi \leftrightarrow J_0\psi \vdash \varphi \equiv \psi$;
- (PWKAlg3) $\varphi \dashv\vdash \neg J_0\varphi \leftrightarrow 1$.
- (N): if $\vdash \varphi$ then $\vdash \Box\varphi$.

In this Section, by $\vdash$ we will mean $\vdash_{\text{PWK}_e^\Box}$.

LEMMA 4.1

For α, β external formulas, the following is a theorem of $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$:

$$(BK) \quad \Box(\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (\Box\alpha \rightarrow \Box\beta)$$

PROOF. It is the same of Lemma 3.1. □

The Deduction theorem holding for PWK_e can be actually extended to its modal version.

THEOREM 4.2 (Deduction Theorem).

For the logic $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$, it holds that $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ iff there exist some formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $\vdash \neg J_0\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_0\varphi$.

PROOF. ($\Rightarrow$). By induction on the length of the derivation of φ from Γ . *Basis.* If φ is an axiom ($\vdash \varphi$), then by Lemma 2.9 we have $\vdash \neg J_0\varphi$. *Inductive step.* We just show the case of the rule (N). Let $\varphi = \Box\psi$, for some $\psi \in Fm$, and $\Gamma \vdash \Box\psi$, and the last deduction rule applied is (N), hence it holds $\vdash \psi$. Therefore we have $\vdash \Box\psi$, hence $\vdash \neg J_0\Box\psi$, by Lemma 2.9. By induction hypothesis, there exist some formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ such that $\vdash \neg J_0\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_0\psi$. Observe that (by classical logic, Lemma 2.9) $\vdash \neg J_0\Box\psi \rightarrow (\neg J_0\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_0\Box\psi)$, hence, by modus ponens (on external formulas, see Lemma 2.9), $\vdash \neg J_0\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_0\Box\psi$. ($\Leftarrow$). Suppose $\vdash \neg J_0\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_0\varphi$. By Lemma 2.9, we have $\Gamma \vdash \neg J_0\gamma, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$, therefore $\Gamma \vdash \neg J_0\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\gamma_n$, thus applying modus ponens (on external formulas by Lemma 2.9), we get $\Gamma \vdash \neg J_0\varphi$. Again, by Lemma 2.9 we have $\Gamma \vdash \varphi$ (as $\neg J_0\varphi \vdash \varphi$). □

LEMMA 4.3

In the logic $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$ it holds:

$$(BK) \quad \Box(J_i\varphi \wedge J_k\psi) \leftrightarrow \Box J_i\varphi \wedge \Box J_k\psi \text{ for } i, k \in \{0, 1, 2\}.$$

PROOF. The proof is identical to that of Lemma 3.3. Observe that even though $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$ does not possess a full modus ponens, in this proof we are dealing exclusively with external formulas for which full modus ponens holds (see Lemma 2.9). □

4.1 Semantics

The semantics for $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$ employs the weak three-valued Kripke models of Definition 3.5. In particular we consider the following subclass:

DEFINITION 4.4

A *PWK-Kripke* model is a weak three-valued Kripke model $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ such that v evaluates formulas of the form $\Box\varphi$ according to:

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- (1) $v(w, \Box\varphi) = 1$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and $v(s, \varphi) \neq 0$ for every $s \in W$ such that wRs .
- (0) $v(w, \Box\varphi) = 0$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and there exists $s \in W$ such that wRs and $v(s, \varphi) = 0$.
- $(\frac{1}{2})$ $v(w, \Box\varphi) = \frac{1}{2}$ iff $v(w, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Within this Section by model we intend PWK-Kripke model.

REMARK 4.5

Observe that, in every model $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ with $w \in W$, it holds that $v(w, \Diamond\varphi) = 1$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and there exists $s \in W$ such that wRs and $v(s, \varphi) = 1$, $v(w, \Diamond\varphi) = 0$ iff $v(w, \varphi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$ and $v(s, \varphi) \neq 1$ for every $s \in W$ such that wRs .

We denote by $\models_{\text{PWK}_e^\Box}^l$ the *local* modal PWK external logic on the class of all frames obtained by taking $\{1, \frac{1}{2}\}$ as designated values, i.e.:

DEFINITION 4.6

$\Gamma \models_{\text{PWK}_e^\Box}^l \varphi$ iff for all models $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ and all $w \in W$, if $v(w, \gamma) \neq 0, \forall \gamma \in \Gamma$, then $v(w, \varphi) \neq 0$.

In the following we omit both the subscript $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$ and the superscript l , simply writing $\models$ (hopefully with no danger of confusion, since we will not deal with *global* modal logics in the present paper). Notice that the notion of satisfiability in $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$ differs from $\text{B}_e^\Box$, according to the difference at the propositional level between PWK_e and B_e .

DEFINITION 4.7

A formula φ is satisfied (valid) in a model $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ if $v(w, \varphi) \neq 0$, for some (all) $w \in W$.

Validity in a frame and in a class of frames follow Definition 3.9, with the exception that we consider only PWK-Kripke models built on a frame.

4.2 Completeness and decidability

The notion of consistency has to be changed for $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$, because the sublogic PWK is paraconsistent. Therefore we substitute consistent (and maximally consistent) sets with non-trivial ones.

REMARK 4.8

A set $\Gamma \subset \text{Fm}$ is *non-trivial* if there is no formula $\varphi \in \text{Fm}$, such that $\Gamma \vdash J_i\varphi$ and $\Gamma \vdash \neg J_i\varphi$, for any $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$. It is called trivial otherwise.

DEFINITION 4.9

A non-trivial set Γ is *maximally non-trivial* whenever $\Gamma \subset \Gamma'$ implies that Γ' is trivial.

A *meaningful* formula is the same of Definition 3.13) for modal Bochvar logic, by just considering that $\vdash$ here refers to $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$ (and not to $\text{B}_e^\Box$).

The following is the analogous of Lemma 3.14, for $\text{PWK}_e^\square$ (indeed, the first claims coincide).

LEMMA 4.10

Let w be a maximally non-trivial set of formulas, then:

- (1) if $\neg\varphi \notin w$ and all the variables occurring in φ are meaningful in w , then $\varphi \in w$;
- (2) if all the variables of φ are covered, then φ is meaningful in w ;
- (3) if $\vdash \varphi$ then $\neg\varphi \notin w$;
- (4) if $\vdash \varphi$ and every variable in φ is meaningful then $\varphi \in w$.

PROOF. (3). Suppose that $\vdash \varphi$ and, by contradiction, that $\neg\varphi \in w$. By Lemma 2.9 $\vdash \neg J_0 \varphi$, thus $w \vdash J_0 \varphi$. On the other hand $w \vdash J_0 \varphi$ (by Lemma 2.9). But this implies that w is trivial (by Remark 4.8). (4) follows from the previous. $\square$

LEMMA 4.11

Let Γ be a non-trivial set of formulas. If $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ is trivial then $\Gamma \vdash \neg\varphi$.

PROOF. Let Γ be a non-trivial set of formulas. Suppose $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ is trivial. Therefore $\Gamma \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash 0$; by Theorem 4.2, there exist formulas $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_n \in \Gamma$ s.t. $\vdash \neg J_0 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0 \gamma_n \wedge \neg J_0 \varphi \rightarrow \neg J_0 0$, where the non-triviality of Γ assures that $J_2 \varphi$ actually appears in the antecedent. We have $\vdash_{\text{PWK}_e} \neg J_0 0 \leftrightarrow 0$ by Lemma 2.9, hence $\vdash \neg J_0 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0 \gamma_n \wedge \neg J_0 \varphi \rightarrow 0$, therefore $\vdash \neg J_0 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0 \gamma_n \rightarrow J_0 \varphi$. Since $\vdash J_0 \varphi \rightarrow \neg J_0 \neg\varphi$, by classical logic $\vdash \neg J_0 \gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0 \gamma_n \rightarrow \neg J_0 \neg\varphi$. Thus, by Theorem 4.2, $\gamma_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \gamma_n \vdash \neg\varphi$, hence by monotonicity $\Gamma \vdash \neg\varphi$. $\square$

Lindenbaum's lemma for $\text{PWK}_e^\square$ has a slightly different form from that of $\text{B}_e^\square$.

LEMMA 4.12 (Lindenbaum's Lemma for $\text{PWK}_e^\square$).

Let Γ be a non-trivial set of formulas such that $\Gamma \not\vdash \varphi$, for some $\varphi \in Fm$, then there exists a maximally non-trivial set of formulas w such that $\Gamma \subseteq w$ and $\neg\varphi \in w$.

PROOF. Suppose $\Gamma \not\vdash \varphi$. Let $\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, \dots$ be an enumeration of the formulas of $\text{PWK}_e^\square$. We define the sets inductively:

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_0 &= \Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}. \\ \Gamma_{i+1} &= \begin{cases} \Gamma_i \cup \{\psi_i\}, & \text{if non-trivial} \\ \Gamma_i \cup \{\neg\psi_i\}, & \text{if non-trivial} \\ \Gamma_i \cup \{J_1 \psi_i\}, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ w &= \bigcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \Gamma_i. \end{aligned}$$

By construction w is maximal, $\Gamma \subseteq w$ and $\neg\varphi \in w$. We prove the non-triviality of w by induction on $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For the base step, since $\Gamma \not\vdash \varphi$, by Lemma 4.11 $\Gamma_0 = \Gamma \cup \{\neg\varphi\}$ is non-trivial. For the inductive step, suppose Γ_i is non-trivial, while both $\Gamma_i \cup \{\psi_i\}$ and $\Gamma_i \cup \{\neg\psi_i\}$ are trivial. Therefore $\Gamma_{i+1} = \Gamma_i \cup \{J_1 \psi_i\}$. By the same lemma the previous facts yield $\Gamma_i \vdash \neg\psi_i$ and $\Gamma_i \vdash \psi_i$. By Lemma 2.9 we obtain $\Gamma_i \vdash J_2 \neg\psi_i \vee J_1 \neg\psi_i$ and $\Gamma_i \vdash J_2 \psi_i \vee J_1 \psi_i$, of which the former can be rewritten by the same lemma as $\Gamma_i \vdash J_0 \psi_i \vee J_1 \psi_i$. Since $J_0 \psi_i, J_1 \psi_i, J_2 \psi_i$ are pairwise contradictory, by classical logic we conclude $\Gamma_i \vdash J_1 \psi_i$. Since Γ_i is taken as non-trivial, this implies $\Gamma_i \not\vdash \neg J_1 \psi_i$. By Lemma 4.11, we conclude that $\Gamma_i \cup \{J_1 \psi_i\} = \Gamma_{i+1}$ is non-trivial. $\square$

DEFINITION 4.13

Let $\mathcal{W}$ be the set of all maximally non-trivial set of formulas. Then the *canonical relation* $\mathcal{R} \subset \mathcal{W} \times \mathcal{W}$ for $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\square$ is defined, for every $w, s \in \mathcal{W}$ as:

$$w\mathcal{R}s \text{ iff } \forall \varphi \in Fm \text{ s.t. } \square\varphi \in w \text{ then } \neg\varphi \notin s.$$

LEMMA 4.14 (Existence Lemma).

For every maximally non-trivial set of formulas w such that $\diamond\varphi \in w$ (for some $\varphi \in Fm$) then φ is meaningful in w and there exists a maximally non-trivial set $s \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $w\mathcal{R}s$ and $\varphi \in s$.

PROOF. Let $\diamond\varphi \in w$ and consider the set

$$s^- = \{\psi \mid \square\neg J_0\psi \in w\}.$$

Observe that $s^- \neq \emptyset$, in fact by Lemma 2.9, $\vdash \neg J_0 1$, therefore by (N) $\vdash \square\neg J_0 1$. Since w is maximally non-trivial, $\square\neg J_0 1 \in w$, hence $1 \in s^-$. Suppose by contradiction that s^- is trivial. Therefore s^- derives every formula, in particular $s^- \vdash \neg\varphi$. By Theorem 4.2, there are $\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n \in s^-$ s.t. $\vdash \neg J_0\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\psi_n \rightarrow \neg J_0\neg\varphi$. By (N) $\vdash \square(\neg J_0\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\psi_n \rightarrow \neg J_0\neg\varphi)$, and using (BK) and modus ponens (since the formulas considered here are external) we get $\vdash \square(\neg J_0\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\psi_n) \rightarrow \square\neg J_0\neg\varphi$. Now Lemma 4.3 can be generalized to $\vdash \square\neg J_0\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \square\neg J_0\psi_n \rightarrow \square(\neg J_0\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg J_0\psi_n)$, obtaining, by transitivity, $\vdash \square\neg J_0\psi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \square\neg J_0\psi_n \rightarrow \square\neg J_0\neg\varphi$. Observe that $\square\neg J_0\psi_1, \dots, \square\neg J_0\psi_n \in w$, therefore $\square\neg J_0\neg\varphi \in w$ (as w is maximally non-trivial). By (P2) $\square\neg\varphi \in w$, which can be rewritten as $\neg\diamond\varphi \in w$, contradicting the non-triviality of w .

Notice that we have also proved that in particular $s^- \not\vdash \neg\varphi$. We can now apply Lindembaum's lemma and extend s^- to a maximally non-trivial $s \supseteq s^-$ s.t. $\varphi \in s$, hence φ is meaningful in s . Finally we show that $w\mathcal{R}s$ according to the canonical relation: let for arbitrary $\chi \in Fm, \square\chi \in w$, then by (P2) $\square\neg J_0\chi \in w$, so $\chi \in s^- \subseteq s$ and by non-triviality $\neg\chi \notin s$. $\square$

We now adapt the definition of canonical model to $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\square$:

DEFINITION 4.15

The *canonical model* for $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\square$ is a weak three-valued Kripke model $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, v \rangle$ where $\mathcal{W}$ is the set of all maximally non-trivial sets of formulas, $\mathcal{R}$ is the canonical relation for $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\square$ and v is defined as follows:

- $v(w, x) = 1$ if and only if $x \in w$;
- $v(w, x) = 0$ if and only if $\neg x \in w$;
- $v(w, x) = \frac{1}{2}$ if and only if $J_1x \in w$,

for every $w \in \mathcal{W}$ and propositional variable x .

LEMMA 4.16 (Truth Lemma).

Let $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, v \rangle$ be the canonical model. Then, for every formula $\varphi \in Fm$ and every $w \in \mathcal{W}$, the following hold:

- (1) $v(w, \varphi) = 1$ if and only if $\varphi \in w$;
- (2) $v(w, \varphi) = 0$ if and only if $\neg\varphi \in w$;
- (3) $v(w, \varphi) = \frac{1}{2}$ if and only if $J_1\varphi \in w$.

PROOF. By induction on the length of the formula φ . We just show (1) for the inductive step when $\varphi = \Box\psi$, for some $\psi \in Fm$. Observe that $v(w, \Box\psi) = 1$ iff ψ is meaningful in w (i.e. $v(w, \psi) \neq \frac{1}{2}$) and $\forall s$ s.t. $w\mathcal{R}s$, $v(s, \psi) \neq 0$, thus, by induction hypothesis, iff $J_1\psi \notin w$ and $\neg\psi \notin s \forall s$ s.t. $w\mathcal{R}s$. ($\Rightarrow$) Suppose, by contradiction, that $v(w, \Box\psi) = 1$ but $\Box\psi \notin w$, hence, by maximality of w , $J_1\Box\psi \in w$ or $\neg\Box\psi \in w$. Since ψ is meaningful in w , so is $\Box\psi$ (Lemma 4.10), thus $J_1\Box\psi \notin w$. So, $\neg\Box\psi \in w$, i.e. $\Diamond\neg\psi \in w$, hence, by Existence Lemma 4.14, there exists $s' \in \mathcal{W}$ such that $w\mathcal{R}s'$ such that $\neg\psi \in s'$, which implies, by induction hypothesis, that $v(s', \psi) = 0$, a contradiction. ($\Leftarrow$) The proof is similar to one of the Truth Lemma 3.22 for $B_e^\Box$. Observe that $\vdash_{PWK_e} \varphi \rightarrow J_2\varphi$ and $\vdash_{PWK_e} J_2\varphi \rightarrow +\varphi$; moreover, maximally non-trivial sets are closed under unrestricted modus ponens. $\square$

THEOREM 4.17 (Completeness).

$\Gamma \vdash_{PWK_e^\Box} \varphi$ if and only if $\Gamma \models_{PWK_e^\Box}^I \varphi$.

PROOF. ($\Rightarrow$) It is easily checked that all the axioms are sound and the rules preserve soundness. ($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $\Gamma \not\models \varphi$. Then Γ is a non-trivial set of formulas, therefore, by the Lindenbaum Lemma 4.12, there exist a maximally non-trivial set s such that $\Gamma \subseteq s$ and $\neg\varphi \in s$, hence, by Truth Lemma 3.22, there exists a canonical countermodel, namely $(\mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, v)$, with $v(s, \gamma) = 1$ for all $\gamma \in \Gamma$ and $v(s, \varphi) = 0$. $\square$

The decidability of $PWK_e^\Box$ is proved similarly to the case for $B_e^\Box$. Once again we make use of filtrations. The notion of closure under subformulas is the same given in Definition 3.24. The only essential change concerns the equivalence relation that induces the partition.

DEFINITION 4.18

Let $\langle W, R, v \rangle$ be a model and Σ be a finite set of formulas closed under subformulas. This set induces an equivalence relation over W such that: $w \equiv_\Sigma s$ iff $\forall \varphi \in \Sigma (v(w, \varphi) = 1 \text{ iff } v(s, \varphi) \neq 0)$.

Again, when there is no risk of confusion we omit the reference set Σ and denote the equivalence class $[w]_{\equiv_\Sigma}$ as $[w]$. We can adopt Definition 3.26 for filtration.

THEOREM 4.19

Let $\langle W^f, R^f, v^f \rangle$ be a filtration of $M = \langle W, R, v \rangle$ through Σ . For all $\varphi \in \Sigma, w \in W$, it holds $v(w, \varphi) \neq 0$ iff $v^f([w], \varphi) \neq 0$.

PROOF. By induction on the complexity of $\varphi \in \Sigma$. The Boolean cases and the case for $\varphi = J_2\psi$ follows Lemma 3.27.

Let $\varphi = \Box\psi$, for some $\psi \in Fm$. When $v(w, \Box\psi) = 1$ the proof is similar to the case covered in Lemma 3.27. Suppose $v(w, \Box\psi) = \frac{1}{2}$: this holds iff $v(w, \psi) = \frac{1}{2}$ iff (by induction hypothesis) $v([w], \psi) = \frac{1}{2}$ iff $v([w], \Box\psi) = \frac{1}{2}$. $\square$

In accordance with the notion of satisfiability in $PWK_e^\Box$ we reobtain the main theorem:

THEOREM 4.20

If a formula φ is satisfiable in a model, it is satisfiable in a finite model.

PROOF. Identical to Theorem 3.28. $\square$

COROLLARY 4.21 (Decidability).

The logic $\text{PWK}_e^\square$ is decidable.

5 Extensions of modal weak Kleene logics

The aim of this Section is to axiomatize some extensions of both the modal logics $\text{B}_e^\square$ and $\text{PWK}_e^\square$. In particular, we focus on those extensions whose semantical counterpart is given by reflexive, transitive and/or Euclidean models (clearly, the properties refer all to the relational part of models). To this end, consider the following formulas:

$$(T_e) \quad \Box J_2 \varphi \rightarrow J_2 \varphi,$$

$$(4_e) \quad \Box J_2 \varphi \rightarrow \Box \Box J_2 \varphi,$$

$$(5_e) \quad \Diamond J_2 \varphi \rightarrow \Box \Diamond J_2 \varphi,$$

which substantially consist of ‘external versions’⁶ of the standard modal formulas (T), (4) and (5). The formulas introduced above allows to capture some frame properties within $\text{B}_e^\square$, as shown by the following.

PROPOSITION 5.1

Let $\mathcal{F} = (W, R)$ be a frame. Then

- (1) $\mathcal{F} \models_{\text{B}_e^\square} T_e$ iff R is reflexive;
- (2) $\mathcal{F} \models_{\text{B}_e^\square} 4_e$ iff R is transitive;
- (3) $\mathcal{F} \models_{\text{B}_e^\square} 5_e$ iff R is euclidean.

PROOF. (1) $(\Rightarrow)$ Suppose $\mathcal{F} \models T_e$ and, for arbitrary $w \in W$, let $X = \{s \in W \mid wRs\}$. Consider the valuation $v(s, p) = 1$ iff $s \in X$, for any propositional variable p . It follows that $v(s, J_2 p) = 1$, and since X is the set of successors of w , we have $v(w, \Box J_2 p) = 1$. By assumption $\mathcal{F} \models T_e$, therefore in particular $v(w, \Box J_2 p \rightarrow J_2 p) = 1$. It follows that $v(w, J_2 p) = 1$, thus $v(w, p) = 1$, so, by definition, $w \in X$, i.e. wRw , showing that R is reflexive. $(\Leftarrow)$ It is immediate to check that T_e is valid in every reflexive frame.

(2) $(\Rightarrow)$ Assume $\mathcal{F} \models 4_e$, let $w \in W$ such that wRs' and $s'Rt$, for some $s', t \in W$. Consider the valuation $v(s, p) = 1$ iff wRs , for every $s \in W$ and any propositional variable p . This implies that $v(s, J_2 p) = 1$ for every wRs , thus $v(w, \Box J_2 p) = 1$ (observing that $v(w, J_2 p) \neq \frac{1}{2}$. Since $\mathcal{F} \models 4_e$ then $v(w, \Box \Box J_2 p) = 1$. Since wRs' , then $v(s', \Box J_2 p) = 1$, therefore $v(t, J_2 p) = 1$ (since $s'Rt$), thus $v(t, p) = 1$. This implies that wRt , i.e. R is transitive as desired.

$(\Leftarrow)$ It is immediate to check that 4_e is valid in every transitive frame.

(3) $(\Rightarrow)$ Suppose $\mathcal{F}$ to be non-euclidean, therefore for some $w, s', s'' \in W$, wRs' , wRs'' but $\langle s', s'' \rangle \notin R$. Define the valuation v such that for an arbitrary variable p , $v(w, p) = v(s'', p) = 1$, while $v(s', p) = 0$ and for all t s.t. $s'Rt$, $v(t, p) = 0$. It follows that $v(w, \Diamond J_2 p) = 1$ but $v(s', \Diamond J_2 p) = 0$, therefore

⁶The problem with standard modal formulas is the same with Bochvar (non-external) propositional logic, which is well-known as a logic without theorems, since every formula can be evaluated into $\frac{1}{2}$. Similarly, in the modal context using the internal formulas (T), (4) or (5) would provide an unsound axiomatization.

$v(w, \Box \diamond J_2 p) = 0$, hence $v(w, \diamond J_2 p \rightarrow \Box \diamond J_2 p) = 0$. This countermodel proves $\mathcal{F} \not\models 5_e$. ($\Leftarrow$) It is immediate to check that 5_e is valid in every euclidean frame. $\square$

In the case of the logic $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$, the same frame properties are expressed by the standard modal formulas:

$$(T) \Box \varphi \rightarrow \varphi$$

$$(4) \Box \varphi \rightarrow \Box \Box \varphi$$

$$(5) \diamond \varphi \rightarrow \Box \diamond \varphi$$

PROPOSITION 5.2

Let $\mathcal{F} = (W, R)$ be a frame. Then

- (1) $\mathcal{F} \models_{\text{PWK}_e^\Box} (T)$ iff R is reflexive;
- (2) $\mathcal{F} \models_{\text{PWK}_e^\Box} (4)$ iff R is transitive;
- (3) $\mathcal{F} \models_{\text{PWK}_e^\Box} (5)$ iff R is euclidean.

PROOF. The proofs runs similarly as Proposition 5.1. $\square$

The correspondences established by Propositions 5.1 and 5.2 allow us to immediately prove completeness for some extensions of $\text{B}_e^\Box$ and $\text{PWK}_e^\Box$. For an axiomatic calculus L , let $L\text{Ax}_1 \dots \text{Ax}_n$ be the logic obtained by adding $(\text{Ax}_1), \dots, (\text{Ax}_n)$ to L . Moreover we use the following abbreviations: $\text{S4} := T + 4$, $\text{S5} := T + 5$, $\text{S4}_e := T_e + 4_e$, $\text{S5}_e := T_e + 5_e$.

THEOREM 5.3

The relation $\mathcal{R}$ of the canonical models⁷ for the following logics have the properties:

- In $\text{B}_e^\Box T_e$ and $\text{PWK}_e^\Box T$ $\mathcal{R}$ is reflexive;
- In $\text{B}_e^\Box 4_e$ and $\text{PWK}_e^\Box 4$ $\mathcal{R}$ is transitive;
- In $\text{B}_e^\Box 5_e$ and $\text{PWK}_e^\Box 5$ $\mathcal{R}$ is euclidean;
- In $\text{B}_e^\Box \text{S4}_e$ and $\text{PWK}_e^\Box \text{S4}$ $\mathcal{R}$ is reflexive and transitive;
- In $\text{B}_e^\Box \text{S5}_e$ and $\text{PWK}_e^\Box \text{S5}$ $\mathcal{R}$ is an equivalence relation.

PROOF. It follows from Propositions 5.1 and 5.2. $\square$

That the accessibility relation of the canonical model has the desired properties is enough to obtain the following completeness results:

COROLLARY 5.4

The following hold:

- $\text{B}_e^\Box T_e$ is complete with respect to the class of reflexive frames;
- $\text{B}_e^\Box 4_e$ is complete with respect to the class of transitive frames;

⁷The canonical model for a certain extension $\text{B}_e^\Box \text{Ax}$ of $\text{B}_e^\Box$ differs from Definition 3.21 only for the set of worlds, which now consist not of all maximal consistent sets (w.r.t. $\text{B}_e^\Box$), but only of the maximal consistent theories of $\text{B}_e^\Box \text{Ax}$. The canonical model for $\text{PWK}_e^\Box \text{Ax}$ is adapted from Definition 4.15 in a similar fashion.

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- $B_e^\square 5_e$ is complete with respect to the class of euclidean frames;
- $B_e^\square S4_e$ is complete with respect to the class of reflexive and transitive frames;
- $B_e^\square S5_e$ is complete with respect to the class of frames whose relation is an equivalence.

COROLLARY 5.5

The following hold:

- $PWK_e^\square T$ is complete with respect to the class of reflexive frames;
- $PWK_e^\square 4$ is complete with respect to the class of transitive frames;
- $PWK_e^\square 5$ is complete with respect to the class of euclidean frames;
- $PWK_e^\square S4$ is complete with respect to the class of reflexive and transitive frames;
- $PWK_e^\square S5$ is complete with respect to the class of frames whose relation is an equivalence.

Notice that depending on the choice of the basic logic we obtain a different notion of completeness: in the case of $B_e^\square$ the completeness is w.r.t. the logical consequence relation $\models_{B_e^\square}$, in the case of $PWK_e^\square$ the relation is $\models_{PWK_e^\square}$.

The decidability of $B_e^\square$ and $PWK_e^\square$ established by Corollaries 3.29 and 4.21 immediately follows for their (finitely axiomatizable) axiomatic extensions.

THEOREM 5.6

For $E \in \{T_e, 4_e, 5_e, S4_e, S5_e\}$, the logic $B_e^\square E$ is decidable. For $E \in \{T, 4, 5, S4, S5\}$, the logic $PWK_e^\square E$ is decidable.

PROOF. We give the proof for $B_e^\square T_e$, the others cases employs the same strategy. Using the same definitions of set closed under subformulas and filtration from Definitions 3.24 and 3.26, we have that Lemma 3.27 still holds. Suppose that φ is satisfiable in a reflexive model M , therefore by Proposition 5.1 T_e is valid in M . Let $\Gamma = \{T_e, \varphi\}$, Σ its closure under subformulas, and consider the filtration M^Σ of M through Σ . By Lemma 3.27, T_e is valid in M^Σ , hence by Proposition 5.1 M^Σ is reflexive. Now we repeat Theorem 3.28 using the filtration M^Σ to prove that if φ is satisfiable in reflexive model, it is satisfiable in a finite reflexive model of cardinality at most $2^{card(\Sigma)}$. We have the desired finite model property, which, together with the completeness theorem stated in Corollary 5.4, gives the decidability of $B_e^\square T_e$. $\square$

6 Conclusions and future work

In this work we have studied two modal expansions of the external weak Kleene logics B_e and PWK_e . The modalization yields two different operators $\square$, which, without further inquiry, can be intended as generic necessary (in the alethic sense) operators. The distinction between the two is motivated by the difference in designated values within the propositional bases. Moreover, the logics B_e and PWK_e have been first provided with new axiomatizations, which differ from their ones (by Finn–Grigolia and Segerberg, respectively) since they are obtained thanks to the recent results that state the algebraizability of B_e ([6]) and PWK_e (see Section 7).

The introduction of modalities to B_e and PWK_e adds further expressive power to a language already capable of expressing a (sort of) truth predicate (J_2), allowing to speak about the ‘truth’ of a formula. The interplay between J_2 and $\square$ makes these logics able to express some interactions between the notion of necessity and truth. Let us observe that, at first glance, external connectives

could look very much like the ‘stability’ operators introduced by Correia in [19] for the (internal) modal version of PWK. However, the substantial difference is that stability operators are actually modal operators, while external connectives work at the propositional level. Nevertheless, the language of our logics is rich enough to allow the definition of (at least) one of them, namely Correia’s stability operator $\mathcal{S}$ can be defined as $\mathcal{S}(\varphi) := \Box + \varphi$.

The logics $\mathbf{B}_e^\Box$ and $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\Box$ have been presented syntactically via Hilbert-style systems and provided with a possible worlds semantics in terms of three-valued Kripke models. Completeness and decidability of the axiomatic calculi have been established, the former via Henkin-style proofs, the latter by the filtration technique.

As it is customary in modal logic, some standard axiomatic extensions of the logics have been presented. In the case of $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\Box$ this is done proving that the well-known formulas T, 4, and 5 correspond to their usual properties on the accessibility relation. On $\mathbf{B}_e$ we introduced the counterparts of those formulas in the external language and prove their correspondence with frame properties. The idea of considering these extensions goes in the direction of exploring *epistemic* logics that could be useful to formalize notions such as knowledge and ignorance in a non-classical context (see e.g. [33], [6]). A more general question about if and how standard modal formulas defining frame properties can be transferred (see [12]) to $\mathbf{B}_e^\Box$ and $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\Box$ obtaining classes of frames characterized by the same properties is an interesting topic yet to be explored.

In the paper the algebraizability of $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ has been proved as well. This seemingly side result is the starting point for a further work on the algebraic semantics for $\mathbf{B}_e^\Box$ and $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\Box$. Together with the algebraizability of $\mathbf{B}_e$, the result of the current paper completes the strong correspondence between external weak Kleene logics and their algebraic counterpart, the class of Bochvar algebras.

The next step is to explore the equivalent algebraic semantics of the global⁸ versions of $\mathbf{B}_e^\Box$ and $\mathbf{PWK}_e^\Box$, which will result in a class of modal Bochvar algebras. These global logics together with the structure and properties of modal Bochvar algebras will be the focus of a future paper.

Finally, let us emphasize that we deliberately chose to work with weak Kleene logics as they are ‘traditionally’ intended, namely the consequence relations defined via either truth or non-falsity preservation. A different choice to be explored in the future consists in modalizing logics of ‘mixed’ nature, such as those where a non-false consequence can follow from true (only) premises (see e.g. [16]), a possibility that is briefly discussed at the end of [19].

7 Appendix: algebraizability of $\mathbf{PWK}_e$

Recall from Definition 2.2 that $\mathbf{PWK}_e$ is the logic induced by the matrix $\langle \mathbf{WK}^e, \{1, \frac{1}{2}\} \rangle$. A Bochvar algebra is an algebra $\mathbf{A} = \langle A, \vee, \wedge, \neg, J_2, 0, 1 \rangle$ of type $\langle 2, 2, 1, 1, 0, 0 \rangle$ satisfying the following identities and quasi-identities.⁹

- (1) $\varphi \vee \varphi \approx \varphi$;
- (2) $\varphi \vee \psi \approx \psi \vee \varphi$;

⁸We move from the local logics introduced in this paper to the global ones because it is a well-known result that the local normal modal logics based on S5 and weaker systems are not algebraizable, while their global versions are not only algebraizable but even implicative (see e.g. [26], Example 3.61).

⁹Bochvar algebras were originally introduced by Finn and Grigolia [21] in an extended language including J_1 and J_0 . These two operations are term-definable in the language $\langle A, \vee, \wedge, \neg, J_2, 0, 1 \rangle$, as already explained in Section 2. Besides, we are using here the much shorter equivalent axiomatization introduced in [10, Theorem 7].

- (3) $(\varphi \vee \psi) \vee \delta \approx \varphi \vee (\psi \vee \delta)$;
- (4) $\varphi \wedge (\psi \vee \delta) \approx (\varphi \wedge \psi) \vee (\varphi \wedge \delta)$;
- (5) $\neg(\neg\varphi) \approx \varphi$;
- (6) $\neg 1 \approx 0$;
- (7) $\neg(\varphi \vee \psi) \approx \neg\varphi \wedge \neg\psi$;
- (8) $0 \vee \varphi \approx \varphi$;
- (9) $J_0 J_2 \varphi \approx \neg J_2 \varphi$;
- (10) $J_2 \varphi \approx \neg(J_0 \varphi \vee J_1 \varphi)$;
- (11) $J_2 \varphi \vee \neg J_2 \varphi \approx 1$;
- (12) $J_2(\varphi \vee \psi) \approx (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_2 \psi) \vee (J_2 \varphi \wedge J_2 \neg\psi) \vee (J_2 \neg\varphi \wedge J_2 \psi)$;
- (13) $J_0 \varphi \approx J_0 \psi \ \& \ J_2 \varphi \approx J_2 \psi \Rightarrow \varphi \approx \psi$.

Bochvar algebras form a proper quasi-variety, which we denote by **BCA**, and that is generated by **WK^e**. It plays the role of equivalent algebraic semantics of both Bochvar external logic [6, Theorem 35] and PWK external logic, as we show in Theorem 7.1. Recall that a logic $\vdash_{\mathcal{L}}$ is algebraizable ([26, Definition 3.11, Proposition 3.12]) with respect to a certain class of algebras **K** if there exist two maps $\tau: Fm \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Eq)$, $\rho: Eq \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(Fm)$ from formulas to sets of equations and from equations to sets of formulas such that:

$$(ALG1) \quad \Gamma \vdash \varphi \iff \tau[\Gamma] \models_{\mathbf{K}} \tau(\varphi),$$

and

$$(ALG4) \quad \varphi \approx \psi \models_{\mathbf{K}} \tau \circ \rho(\varphi \approx \psi).$$

As a notational convention, in the following proof we will indicate by $Hom(\mathbf{Fm}, \mathbf{WK}^e)$ the set of homomorphisms from the formula algebra (in the language of **BCA**) in **WK^e**.

THEOREM 7.1

PWK_e is algebraizable w.r.t. **BCA** with transformers $\tau(\varphi) := \{\neg J_0 \varphi \approx 1\}$ and $\rho(\epsilon \approx \delta) := \{\epsilon \equiv \delta\}$.

PROOF. In our case (ALG1) and (ALG4) translate into:

$$(ALG1) \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{PWK}_e} \varphi \Leftrightarrow \tau[\Gamma] \models_{\mathbf{BCA}} \tau(\varphi),$$

$$(ALG4) \quad \epsilon \approx \delta \models_{\mathbf{BCA}} \tau(\rho(\epsilon \approx \delta)).$$

Moreover, since **BCA** is the quasi-variety generated by **WK^e**, the above claims amount to the following:

$$(ALG1) \quad \Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{PWK}_e} \varphi \Leftrightarrow \tau[\Gamma] \models_{\mathbf{WK}^e} \tau(\varphi),$$

$$(ALG4) \quad \epsilon \approx \delta \models_{\mathbf{WK}^e} \tau(\rho(\epsilon \approx \delta)).$$

(ALG1) ($\Rightarrow$) Suppose $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{PWK}_e} \varphi$. Take $h \in Hom(\mathbf{Fm}, \mathbf{WK}^e)$ s.t. $h(\neg J_0 \gamma) = h(1) = 1$ for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$, which implies $\neg J_0 h(\gamma) = 1$, i.e. $h(\gamma) \neq 0$. Since $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbf{PWK}_e} \varphi$, by Definition 2.2 it holds $h(\varphi) \neq 0$, hence $h(\neg J_0 \varphi) = 1 = h(1)$. Thus, we have shown that $\tau[\Gamma] \models_{\mathbf{WK}^e} \tau(\varphi)$.

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $\tau[\Gamma] \models_{\mathbf{WK}^e} \tau(\varphi)$ and let $h \in Hom(\mathbf{Fm}, \mathbf{WK}^e)$ be s.t. $h(\gamma) \neq 0$ for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$. Therefore, by the hypothesis, $h(\neg J_0 \varphi) = h(1) = 1$, which implies $h(\varphi) \neq 0$, giving the desired conclusion.

(ALG4) ($\Rightarrow$) Consider an arbitrary identity $\epsilon \approx \delta$ in the language of **BCA**. A simple calculation shows that $\tau(\rho(\epsilon \approx \delta))$ is $\neg J_0(\epsilon \equiv \delta) \approx 1$. Let $h \in Hom(\mathbf{Fm}, \mathbf{WK}^e)$ be s.t. $h(\epsilon) = h(\delta)$, therefore $h(\epsilon \equiv \delta) = 1$. This implies $h(\neg J_0(\epsilon \equiv \delta)) = 1 = h(1)$, so we conclude $\epsilon \approx \delta \models_{\mathbf{WK}^e} \tau(\rho(\epsilon \approx \delta))$.

($\Leftarrow$) Suppose $h(\neg J_0(\varepsilon \equiv \delta)) = \neg J_0(h(\varepsilon) \equiv h(\delta)) = 1$, for $h \in \text{Hom}(\mathbf{Fm}, \mathbf{WK}^e)$. Now $J_0(h(\varepsilon) \equiv h(\delta)) = 0$ implies $(J_2h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_2h(\delta)) \wedge (J_0h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_0h(\delta)) \in \{1, \frac{1}{2}\}$, but since $(J_2h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_2h(\delta)) \wedge (J_0h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_0h(\delta))$ is an external formula it must be that $(J_2h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_2h(\delta)) \wedge (J_0h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_0h(\delta)) = 1$. The fact that $J_2h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_2h(\delta) = 1$ and $J_0h(\varepsilon) \leftrightarrow J_0h(\delta) = 1$ implies $J_2h(\varepsilon) = J_2h(\delta)$ and $J_0h(\varepsilon) = J_0h(\delta)$. Applying the quasi-equation (13), we conclude $h(\varepsilon) = h(\delta)$. $\square$

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