

The Sound and Complete R -Calculi with Respect to Pseudo-Revision and Pre-Revision*

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ABSTRACT

The AGM postulates ([1]) are for the belief revision (revision by a single belief), and the DP postulates ([2]) are for the iterated revision (revision by a finite sequence of beliefs). Li [3] gave an R -calculus for R -configurations $\Delta|\Gamma$, where Δ is a set of literals, and Γ is a finite set of formulas. We shall give two R -calculi such that for any consistent set Γ and finite consistent set Δ of formulas in the propositional logic, in one calculus, there is a pseudo-revision Θ of Γ by Δ such that $\Delta|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable and $\Theta \subseteq \Delta \cup \Gamma$; and in another calculus, there is a pre-revision Ξ of Γ by Δ such that $\Delta|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable, $\Xi \vdash \Delta$ and $\Delta, \Theta \vdash \Xi$ for some pseudo-revision Θ ; and prove that the deduction systems for both the R -calculi are sound and complete with the pseudo-revision and the pre-revision, respectively.

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1. Introduction

The AGM postulates ([1],[4-6]) are for the revision $K \circ \varphi$ of a theory K by a formula φ ; and the DP postulates ([2]) are for the iterated revision $(\dots(K \circ \varphi_1) \circ \dots) \circ \varphi_n$.

The R -calculus ([3]) gave a Gentzen-type deduction system to deduce a consistent theory $\Gamma' \cup \Delta$ from any theory $\Gamma \cup \Delta$, where $\Gamma' \cup \Delta$ should be a maximal consistent subtheory of $\Gamma \cup \Delta$ which includes Δ as a subset, where $\Delta|\Gamma$ is an R -configuration, Γ is a consistent set of formulas, and Δ is a consistent sets of literals (atomic formulas or the negation of atomic formulas). It was proved that if $\Delta|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta|\Gamma'$ is deducible and $\Delta|\Gamma'$ is an R -termination, *i.e.*, there is no R -rule to reduce $\Delta|\Gamma'$ to another R -configuration $\Delta|\Gamma''$, then $\Delta \cup \Gamma'$ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ .

The R -calculus has the following features:

- Δ is a finite set of literals (propositional variables or the negation of propositional variables);

- Γ is a set of formulas;
- $R^-, R^+, R^\vee, R^\rightarrow$ are not sufficient for pseudo-revision, and R^{cut} is introduced to deduce $\Delta|\Gamma$ into a consistent set Θ of formulas including Δ ;
- the soundness theorem holds, that is, if $\Delta|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable then Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ ; and
- the completeness theorem holds, that is, if Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ then $\Delta|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable.

Because each rule in the R -calculus consists of the statements of form

$$\Delta|\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta|\Gamma,$$

the R -calculus is based on pseudo-revision, *i.e.*, to contract φ from $\Delta \cup \Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ if $\Delta \cup \Gamma \cup \{\varphi\}$ is inconsistent, which makes the R -calculus not preserve the minimal change principle.

Given two theories Δ and Γ , a pseudo-revision Θ of Γ by Δ is a consistent subset of $\Gamma \cup \Delta$ including Δ (if $\Delta \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent; otherwise, $\Theta = \Delta \cup \Gamma$).

We shall give two R -calculi such that

- in one R -calculus, say R_1 , for any consistent formula set Δ and finite formula set Γ , there is a

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consistent formula set $\Theta \subseteq \Delta \cup \Gamma$ such that $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable and Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ (the soundness theorem); and conversely, given any pseudo-revision Θ of Γ by Δ , $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable (the completeness theorem);

- in another R -calculus, say R_2 , for any consistent formula set Δ and finite formula set Γ , there are consistent formula sets Θ and Ξ such that
 - $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable,
 - Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ ,
 - $\Xi \vdash \neg \Theta$ and
 - there is no subformula ξ of Ξ contradictory to Δ (the soundness theorem);

and conversely, given any pseudo-revision Θ of Γ by Δ , there is a consistent formula set Ξ such that $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable, $\Theta \vdash \neg \Xi$ and Ξ is contradictory to no subformula ξ of Ξ (the completeness theorem).

The R -calculi are different from the R -calculus in [3] as follows:

- ◊ Δ is any set of formulas;
- ◊ The cut-rule in the R -calculus is eliminated in the R -calculus;
- ◊ Because (\wedge) -rule in the R -calculus is not sufficient for reducing

$$\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$$

to either $\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ or $\Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ the R -calculus is not complete with respect to the pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ . In the new R -calculi, we split (\wedge) into two deduction rules (R_1^\wedge) and (R_2^\wedge) according to whether φ_1 is consistent with $\Delta \cup \Gamma$ or not. The reason is given as follows.

Given a consistent theory Δ and formulas

$\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent if and only if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\}$ are inconsistent; and if either $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ or $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent then $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent; and if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent then we cannot deduce that either $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ or $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent, and what we have is that $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent if and only if either $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ is inconsistent or $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent. Formally,

$$\frac{\text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi_1) \text{ or } \text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi_2)}{\text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2)} \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi_1) \text{ incon}(\Delta, \varphi_2)}{\text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2)} \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{\text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi_1) \text{ or } \text{incon}(\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}, \varphi_2)}{\text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2)} \quad (3)$$

where $\text{con}(\Delta, \varphi)$ and $\text{incon}(\Delta, \varphi)$ denote that $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\}$ is consistent and inconsistent, respectively. Therefore, we use

$$(R_1^\wedge) \frac{\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma},$$

$$(R_2^\wedge) \frac{\Delta, \varphi_1 | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi_1 | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}$$

in R_1 and R_2 instead of

$$\frac{\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma} \quad \frac{\Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}$$

in the R -calculus.

In R_1 we use a rule

$$(R^{\text{con}}) \frac{\Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash \neg \varphi}{\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \Gamma}$$

to deduce $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma$ to Δ, φ, Γ if Δ, φ, Γ are consistent. In R_2 , we shall give a deduction rule to reduce $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma$ to the atomic cases where

$$\frac{\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg p}{\Delta | p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}, \quad \frac{\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash p}{\Delta | \neg p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma},$$

$$\frac{\Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash \neg p}{\Delta | p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, p, \Gamma}, \quad \frac{\Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash p}{\Delta | \neg p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \neg p, \Gamma},$$

with a cost that we cannot prove that if $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable then Ξ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ . Instead we shall prove that if $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable then Ξ is a pre-revision of Γ by Δ , that is, there is a consistent theory $\Theta \subseteq \Delta \cup \Gamma$ such that 1) $\Theta \supseteq \Delta$ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ ; 2) $\Theta \vdash \neg \Xi$; and 3) no subformula ξ of Ξ is contradictory to Δ .

The paper is organized as follows: the next section gives the R -calculus in [3] and basic definitions; the third section defines an R -calculus R_1 for the pseudo-revision and proves that R_1 is sound and complete with respect to the pseudo-revision; the fourth section defines another R -calculus R_2 for the pre-revision and prove that R_2 is sound and complete with respect to the pseudo-revision, and the last section concludes the whole paper.

2. The R -Calculus

The R -calculus is defined on a first-order logical language. Let L' be a logical language of the first-order logic; $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \varphi_3$ formulas and Γ, Δ sets of formulas (theories), where Δ is a set of atomic formulas or the negations of atomic formulas, and $\Delta | \Gamma$ is called an R -configuration.

The R -calculus consists of the following axiom and inference rules:

$$\begin{aligned}
(A^-) \quad & \Delta, \varphi_1 | \neg \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \varphi_1, \Delta | \Gamma \\
(R^{\text{cut}}) \quad & \frac{\Gamma_1, \varphi_1 \vdash \varphi_2 \quad \varphi_1 \mapsto_T \varphi_2}{\Gamma_2, \varphi_2 \vdash \varphi_3 \quad \Delta | \varphi_3, \Gamma_2 \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma_2} \\
(R^\wedge) \quad & \frac{\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma} \\
(R^\vee) \quad & \frac{\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma \quad \Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma} \\
(R^\rightarrow) \quad & \frac{\Delta | \neg \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma \quad \Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma} \\
(R^\forall) \quad & \frac{\Delta | \varphi[t/x], \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}{\Delta | \forall x \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma}
\end{aligned}$$

where in R^{cut} , $\varphi_1 \mapsto_T \varphi_2$ means that φ_1 occurs in the proof tree T of φ_2 from Γ_1 and φ_1 ; and in R^\vee , t is a term, and is free in φ for x .

The R -calculus is in the first-order logic. In the following we discuss the R -calculi in the propositional logic.

Let L be a logical language of the propositional logic which contains the following symbols:

- propositional variables: p_0, p_1, \dots ;
- logical connectives: \neg, \wedge, \vee .

Formulas are defined as follows:

$$\varphi = p \mid \neg p \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2.$$

Definition 2.1. Given a consistent set Δ of formulas and a finite consistent set Γ of formulas, a consistent set Θ of formulas is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ if $\Theta = \Delta \cup \Gamma$ (if $\Delta \cup \Gamma$ is consistent), or (if $\Delta \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent then) Θ satisfies the following conditions:

- 1) $\Theta \subseteq \Delta \cup \Gamma$,
- 2) $\Delta \subseteq \Theta$, and
- 3) there is a $\varphi \in \Gamma$ such that $\Theta \cup \{\varphi\}$ is inconsistent.

Each pseudo-revision Θ can be generated by the following procedure: given any consistent set Δ and finite consistent set Γ , assume that $\Gamma = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$ is ordered by a linear ordering \preceq (without loss of generality, assume that $\varphi_1 \preceq \varphi_2 \preceq \dots \preceq \varphi_n$), define

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta_0 &= \Gamma \cup \Delta; \\
\Theta_i &= \begin{cases} \Theta_{i-1} - \{\varphi_i\} & \text{if } \Theta_{i-1} \vdash \neg \varphi_i \\ \Theta_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Let $\Theta = \Theta_n$. Then, Θ is a subset of $\Delta \cup \Gamma$ such that $\Theta \supseteq \Delta$, and Θ is consistent.

Lemma 2.2. Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ . Moreover, Let i_0 be the least i such that

$\Theta_{i-1} - \{\varphi_i\} \not\vdash \neg \varphi_i$. Then, $\Theta = \Delta \cup \{\varphi_{i_0}, \varphi_{i_0+1}, \dots, \varphi_n\}$.

Definition 2.3. Given a consistent set Δ of formulas and a finite consistent set Γ of formulas, a consistent set Ξ of formulas is a pre-revision of Γ by Δ if there is a pseudo-revision Θ of Γ by Δ such that

- 1) $\Theta \vdash \neg \Xi$,
- 2) $\Delta \subseteq \Xi$, and
- 3) no subformula ξ of Ξ is contradictory to Δ .

Each pre-revision Ξ can be generated by the following procedure: given any consistent set Δ and finite consistent set Γ , assume that $\Gamma = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$, define

$$\Xi_i = \begin{cases} \Xi_{i-1} - \{\varphi_i\} & \text{if } \Xi_{i-1} \vdash \neg \varphi_i \\ (\Xi_{i-1} - \{\varphi_i\}) \cup \{\varphi'_i\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

$$\varphi'_i = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } \varphi_i = l \text{ and } \Xi_i \vdash \neg l \\ l & \text{if } \varphi_i = l \text{ and } \Xi_i \not\vdash \neg l \\ \varphi'_1 \wedge \varphi'_2 & \text{if } \varphi_i = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \\ \varphi'_1 \vee \varphi'_2 & \text{if } \varphi_i = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \text{ and } \text{con}(\Xi_i, \varphi_1), \\ & \text{con}(\Xi_i, \varphi_2) \\ \varphi'_2 & \text{if } \varphi_i = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \text{ and } \text{incon}(\Xi_i, \varphi_1), \\ & \text{con}(\Xi_i, \varphi_2) \\ \varphi'_1 & \text{if } \varphi_i = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \text{ and } \text{con}(\Xi_i, \varphi_1), \\ & \text{incon}(\Xi_i, \varphi_2) \end{cases}$$

where λ is the empty string.

Let $\Xi = \Xi_n$, and Θ be the pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ in the same ordering as Ξ . Then, we have the following

Lemma 2.4. Let i_0 be the least i such that $\Theta_{i-1} \not\vdash \neg \varphi_i$. Then, for any $j < i_0$, $\Theta_j = \Xi_j$; and for any $j \geq i_0$, φ'_j is a subformula of φ_j .

Lemma 2.5. Ξ is a pre-revision of Γ by Δ such that $\Xi \vdash \neg \Theta$, and no subformula of Ξ is contradictory to Δ .

Proof. Let i_0 be the least i such that $\Theta_{i-1} \not\vdash \neg \varphi_i$. Then,

$$\Xi = \Delta \cup \{\varphi'_{i_0}, \varphi'_{i_0+1}, \dots, \varphi'_n\}.$$

We prove that for any i with $i_0 \leq i \leq n$, $\Xi_i \vdash \Theta_i$ and $\Theta_i \vdash \Xi_i$ by induction on i .

Let $\Omega = \Theta_{i_0-1} - \{\varphi_{i_0}\}$ and $\psi = \varphi_{i_0}$. Then,

$\Xi_{i_0} = \Omega \cup \{\psi'\}$. We prove by induction on the structure of ψ that $\Omega, \psi \vdash \psi'$ and $\Omega, \psi' \vdash \psi$.

If $\psi = l$ and $\Omega \vdash \neg l$ then $\Omega \cup \{\psi'\}$ is inconsistent, a contradiction to the choice of i_0 ;

If $\psi = l$ and $\Omega \not\vdash \neg l$ then $\psi' = \psi$, and

$\Omega, \psi \vdash \Omega, \psi'$;

If $\psi = \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ and $\Omega \cup \psi$ is consistent then $\Omega \cup \{\psi_1\}$ and $\Omega \cup \{\psi_2\}$ are consistent, and by the induction assumption,

$$\Omega, \psi_1 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_1;$$

$$\Omega, \psi_2 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_2,$$

and hence,

$$\Omega, \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_1 \wedge \psi'_2;$$

If $\psi = \psi_1 \vee \psi_2$ and $\Omega \cup \psi$ is consistent then either $\Omega \cup \{\psi_1\}$ or $\Omega \cup \{\psi_2\}$ is consistent.

If $\Omega \cup \{\psi_1\}$ and $\Omega \cup \{\psi_2\}$ are consistent. then by the induction assumption,

$$\Omega, \psi_1 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_1;$$

$$\Omega, \psi_2 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_2,$$

and hence, $\Omega, \psi_1 \vee \psi_2 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_1 \vee \psi'_2$;

If $\Omega \cup \{\psi_1\}$ is inconsistent and $\Omega \cup \{\psi_2\}$ is consistent. then $\Omega \cup \psi_1 \Rightarrow \Omega, [\lambda]$ and by the induction assumption, $\Omega, \psi_2 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_2$, and hence, $\Omega, \psi_1 \vee \psi_2 \vdash \Omega, \psi'_2$, because $\Omega, \psi_2 \vdash \psi'_2$, and $\Omega, \psi_1 \vdash \psi'_2$ ($\Omega \cup \{\psi_1\}$ is inconsistent, and hence, for any formula $\theta, \Omega, \psi_1 \vdash \theta$).

Similar for the case that $\Omega \cup \{\psi_1\}$ is consistent and $\Omega \cup \{\psi_2\}$ is inconsistent.

Similarly we can prove that for any i with $i_0 < i \leq n, \Xi_i \vdash \Theta_i$.

3. The R -Calculus R_1

In this section we give an R -calculus R_1 which is sound and complete with respect to the pseudo-revision, where the decision of whether $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent is needed so that if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent then $\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \Gamma$ is provable; otherwise, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is provable.

Let Δ, Γ be any consistent sets of formulas.

Definition 3.1. $t = \Delta \cup \{\varphi\}$ is a term; and $t \Rightarrow t'$ is a statement, where $t = \Delta \cup \{\varphi\}$ and $t' = \Delta \cup \{\varphi'\}$; and $\frac{S_1, \dots, S_n}{S}$ is a deduction rule, where S_1, \dots, S_n, S are statements.

R_1 has the following deduction rules:

$$(R^{\text{con}}) \frac{\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \not\vdash \neg \varphi}{\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \Gamma}$$

$$(R_1^-) \frac{\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash p}{\Delta \cup \{\neg p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma}$$

$$(R_2^-) \frac{\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \vdash \neg p}{\Delta \cup \{p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma}$$

$$(R_1^\wedge) \frac{\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma}{\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma}$$

$$(R_2^\wedge) \frac{\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma}{\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma}$$

$$(R^\vee) \frac{\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma, \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma}{\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma}$$

Definition 3.2. $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable if there is a sequence

$$\{\Delta_1 \cup \{\varphi_1\} \Rightarrow \Delta'_1 \cup \{\varphi'_1\}, \dots, \Delta_n \cup \{\varphi_n\} \Rightarrow \Delta'_n \cup \{\varphi'_n\}\}$$

of statements such that

$$1) \Delta_1 \cup \{\varphi_1\} = \Delta \cup \{\varphi\};$$

$$2) \Delta'_n \cup \{\varphi'_n\} = \Theta, \text{ and}$$

3) for each $i \leq n, \Delta_i \cup \{\varphi_i\} \Rightarrow \Delta'_i \cup \{\varphi'_i\}$ is either an axiom or deduced from the previous statements by the deduction rules.

For example, the following

$$(1) \neg p \vee \neg q, p \vdash \neg q$$

$$(2) \neg p \vee \neg q, p \mid q \Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q, p \mid \quad ((1), R_2^-)$$

$$(3) \neg p \vee \neg q \mid p \wedge q \Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q \mid \quad ((2), R_2^\wedge)$$

is a proof and so $\neg p \vee \neg q \mid p \wedge q \Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q$ is provable.

Also, the following

$$(1) \neg p \wedge \neg q \vdash \neg p$$

$$(2) \neg p \wedge \neg q \mid p \Rightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q \mid \quad (R_1^-)$$

$$(3) \neg p \wedge \neg q \vdash \neg q$$

$$(4) \neg p \wedge \neg q \mid q \Rightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q \mid \quad (R_1^-)$$

$$(5) \neg p \wedge \neg q \mid p \vee q \Rightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q \mid \quad ((2), (4), R_1^\wedge)$$

is a proof and so $\neg p \wedge \neg q \mid p \vee q \Rightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q$ is provable.

Theorem 3.3. For any consistent sets Γ, Δ of formulas and formula φ , if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is provable then $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent; and if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \Gamma$ is provable then $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent.

Proof. If $\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \Gamma$ is provable then (R^{con}) is used and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent.

If $\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is provable then we prove that $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi$, i.e., $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent, by the induction on the length of a proof of $\Delta \cup \{\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ and the cases that the last inference rule is used.

If the last rule used is R_1^- then $\varphi = \neg p$, and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma \vdash p$, i.e., $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi$;

If the last rule used is R_2^- then $\varphi = p$, and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg p$, i.e., $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi$;

If the last rule used is R_1^\wedge then $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$, and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma, \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$. By the induction assumption, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi_1$, and hence, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi_1 \vee \neg \varphi_2$, i.e., $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi$;

If the last rule used is R_2^\wedge then $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$, and

$\Delta, \varphi_1 | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi_1 | \Gamma$. By the induction assumption, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \cup \{\varphi_1\} \vdash \neg \varphi_2$, and hence, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi_1 \vee \neg \varphi_2$, *i.e.*, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi$;

If the last rule used is R_1^\vee then $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$, and

$$\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma,$$

$$\Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma.$$

By the induction assumption, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi_1$, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi_2$, and hence, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi_1 \wedge \neg \varphi_2$, *i.e.*, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg \varphi$.

Theorem 3.4. For any consistent sets Γ, Δ of formulas and formula φ , if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent then $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable; and if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent then $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \Gamma$ is provable.

Proof. If φ is consistent with $\Delta \cup \Gamma$ then by (R^{con}) , $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi, \Gamma$ is provable;

Assume that φ is inconsistent with Δ . We prove by the induction on the structure of φ that $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable.

If $\varphi = p$ then $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash \neg p$ and by (R_1^-) , $\Delta | p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable.

If $\varphi = \neg p$ then $\Delta \cup \Gamma \vdash p$ and by (R_2^-) , $\Delta | \neg p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable.

If $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ then there are two subcases: φ_1 is inconsistent with $\Delta \cup \Gamma$, or φ_2 is consistent with $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$. In the first subcase, by the induction assumption, $\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable, and by (R_1^\wedge) , $\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable; and in the second subcase, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1, \varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent. By the induction assumption, $\Delta, \varphi_1 | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \varphi_1 | \Gamma$ is provable, and by

$$(R_2^\wedge), \Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, \Gamma.$$

If $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ then both $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$ and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ are inconsistent. By the induction assumption, both $\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ and $\Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ are provable, and by (R^\vee) , $\Delta | \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable.

Theorem 3.5. For any consistent sets Γ, Δ of formulas, if Γ is finite then there is a set $\Theta \subseteq \Gamma$ of formulas such that $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable

$$\textit{Proof.} \text{ Let } \Gamma = \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}.$$

We prove the theorem by the induction on n .

If $n = 1$ then by theorem 3.3, let

$$\Theta = \begin{cases} \Delta & \text{if } \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \text{ is inconsistent} \\ \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and Θ satisfies the theorem.

Assume that the theorem holds for $n = k$, that is, there is a set Θ such that $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable. Let $n = k + 1$.

If φ_{k+1} is consistent with Θ then $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta'$ is provable, where $\Theta' = \Theta \cup \{\varphi_{k+1}\}$;

If φ_{k+1} is inconsistent with Θ then

$\Delta | \Gamma \cup \{\varphi_{k+1}\} \Rightarrow \Theta$, because the last formula φ_{k+1} is inconsistent with Θ .

Theorem 3.6 (The soundness theorem for Γ). If $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable then Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ .

Proof. Firstly we prove that if $\Delta | \varphi \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable then Θ is a pseudo-revision of φ by Δ .

Assume that $\Delta | \varphi \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable.

If $\Theta = \Delta \cup \{\varphi\}$ then Δ is consistent with φ , and Θ is a pseudo-revision of φ by Δ .

If $\Theta = \Delta$ then Δ is inconsistent with φ , $\Delta | \varphi \Rightarrow \Delta$ is provable, and Θ is a pseudo-revision of φ by Δ .

Similarly, by the induction on the number of formulas in Γ , we can prove that if $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ then Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ .

Theorem 3.7 (The completeness theorem for Γ). If Θ is a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ then $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable.

Proof. Let Θ be a pseudo-revision of Γ by Δ under the ordering $\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n$ of Γ .

We prove by induction on $i < n$ that there is a formula set Θ_i such that $\Theta_i | \varphi_i, \Gamma_{i+1} \Rightarrow \Theta_{i+1} | \Gamma_{i+1}$ is provable, where $\Theta_0 = \Delta$, and $\Gamma_{i+1} = \{\varphi_{i+1}, \dots, \varphi_n\}$.

If $\Theta_i \cup \{\varphi_i\} \cup \Gamma_{i+1}$ is consistent then let $\Theta_{i+1} = \Delta \cup \{\varphi_i\}$, and $\Theta_i | \varphi_i, \Gamma_{i+1} \Rightarrow \Theta_{i+1} | \Gamma_{i+1} \Rightarrow \Theta_{i+1}, \Gamma_{i+1} \equiv \Theta$ is provable, where $\Theta' = \Theta_{i+1} \cup \Gamma_{i+1}$.

Assume that $\Theta_i \cup \{\varphi_i\} \cup \Gamma_{i+1}$ is inconsistent. Then, $\Theta_i \cup \Gamma_{i+1} \vdash \neg \varphi_i$, and let $\Theta_{i+1} = \Theta_i$, by theorem 3.4, $\Theta_i | \varphi_i, \Gamma_{i+1} \Rightarrow \Theta_{i+1} | \Gamma_{i+1}$ is provable.

Let $\Theta = \Theta_n$. Then, $\Delta, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Theta$ is provable.

4. The R -Calculus R_2

In this section we give an R -calculus R_2 which is sound and complete with respect to the pre-revision, where the decision of whether $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent is deduced by a set of λ -rules.

R_1 is used to reduce $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma$ to $\Delta | \Gamma$ when $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent. When $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent, there are subformulas in φ which is inconsistent with Δ , we hope to reduce those subformulas into the empty string. For example, let

$$\Delta = \{\neg p, \neg q\},$$

$$\Gamma = \{p, (q \wedge r) \vee s\}.$$

Then, by R_1 we have the following reduction:

$$\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \neg p, \neg q | (q \wedge r) \vee s$$

$$\Rightarrow \neg p, \neg q, (q \wedge r) \vee s;$$

and by R_2 we shall have the following one:

$$\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \neg p, \neg q | (q \wedge r) \vee s$$

$$\Rightarrow \neg p, \neg q, r \vee s.$$

For the two reductions, we have

$$\neg p, \neg q, r \vee s \vdash \neg p, \neg q, (q \wedge r) \vee s.$$

Let Δ be a consistent set of formulas and Γ a finite consistent set of formulas.

R_2 consists of two parts: R_1 , which we use to decompose formula φ in Γ if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent; and λ -deduction rules, which we use to decompose φ if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent.

R_2 has the following λ -deduction rules to reduce $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma$ when $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent:

$$\begin{aligned} & (\lambda_1^{\text{con}}) \frac{\Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash \neg p}{\Delta | p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [p], \Gamma} \\ & (\lambda_2^{\text{con}}) \frac{\Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash p}{\Delta | \neg p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\neg p], \Gamma} \\ & (\lambda^\wedge) \frac{\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1] | \Gamma \quad \Delta, [\theta_1] | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1], [\theta_2] | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2] | \Gamma} \\ & (\lambda^\vee) \frac{\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1] | \Gamma \quad \Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_2] | \Gamma}{\Delta | \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1 \vee \theta_2] | \Gamma} \end{aligned}$$

where if θ is consistent then

$$\lambda \vee \theta \equiv \theta \vee \lambda \equiv \theta, \lambda \wedge \theta \equiv \theta \wedge \lambda \equiv \theta, \Delta, \lambda \equiv \Delta;$$

and if θ is inconsistent then

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \vee \theta &\equiv \theta \vee \lambda \equiv \lambda \\ \lambda \wedge \theta &\equiv \theta \wedge \lambda \equiv \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

The deductions for the inconsistent $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ are the same as in R_1 minus (R^{con}) .

Definition 4.1. $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable if there is a sequence

$$\{\Delta_1 | \Gamma_1 \Rightarrow \Delta'_1 | \Gamma'_1, \dots, \Delta_n | \Gamma_n \Rightarrow \Delta'_n | \Gamma'_n\}$$

of statements such that

- 1) $\Delta_1 | \Gamma_1 = \Delta | \Gamma$;
- 2) $\Delta'_n | \Gamma'_n = \Xi$, and
- 3) for each $i \leq n$, $\Delta_i | \Gamma_i \Rightarrow \Delta'_i | \Gamma'_i$ is either an axiom or deduced from the previous statements by the deduction rules.

We call the sequence a proof of statement $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$.

For example, the following

- (1) $\neg p \wedge \neg q \vdash \neg p$
- (2) $\neg p \wedge \neg q | p \Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q, [\lambda] \quad ((1), (\lambda_1^{\text{con}}))$
- (3) $\neg p \wedge \neg q \not\vdash \neg r$
- (4) $\neg p \wedge \neg q | r \Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q, [r] \quad ((3), (\lambda_2^{\text{con}}))$
- (5) $\neg p \wedge \neg q | p \vee r \Rightarrow \neg p \vee \neg q, [\lambda \vee r] \quad ((4), (\lambda^\vee))$

is a proof and $\neg p \wedge \neg q | p \vee r \Rightarrow \neg p \wedge \neg q, r$ is provable.

Theorem 4.2. For any consistent sets Γ, Δ of formulas and formula φ , if $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable then $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent; and if there is a formula $\theta \neq \lambda$ such that $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta] | \Gamma$ is provable then $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent.

Proof. If $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable then similar to the proof of theorem 3.3, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent.

Assume that there is a formula $\theta \neq \lambda$ such that $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta] | \Gamma$ is provable. We prove by the induction on the length of a proof of $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta] | \Gamma$ and the cases that the last inference rule is used that $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent.

If the last rule used is λ_1^{con} then $\varphi = p, \Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash \neg p$, and $\Delta | p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [p], \Gamma$ is provable, where $\theta = p \neq \lambda$. Hence, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \cup \{p\}$ is consistent.

If the last rule used is λ_2^{con} then $\varphi = \neg p, \Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash p$, and $\Delta | \neg p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\neg p], \Gamma$ is provable, where $\theta = \neg p = \varphi$. Hence, $\Delta \cup \Gamma \cup \{\neg p\}$ is consistent.

If the last rule used is λ^\wedge then $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$, and there are formulas θ_1, θ_2 such that

$$\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1] | \Gamma,$$

and

$$\Delta, [\theta_1] | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1], [\theta_2] | \Gamma.$$

By the induction assumption, if $\theta_1 \neq \lambda$ and $\theta_2 \neq \lambda$ then $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent and $\Delta \cup \{\theta_1, \varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent, and therefore, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent.

If the last rule used is λ^\vee then $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$, and

$$\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1] | \Gamma,$$

$$\Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_2] | \Gamma,$$

where either $\theta_1 \neq \lambda$ or $\theta_2 \neq \lambda$.

If $\theta_1 \neq \lambda$ and $\theta_2 \neq \lambda$ then by the induction assumption, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$ and $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ are consistent, and so is $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$.

If $\theta_1 \neq \lambda$ and $\theta_2 \neq \lambda$ then by the induction assumption, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent, and so is $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$.

If $\theta_1 \neq \lambda$ and $\theta_2 \neq \lambda$ then by the induction assumption, $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent, and so is $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$.

By the proof of the theorem, we have

$$\theta = \begin{cases} \lambda & \text{if } \varphi = l \text{ and } \Delta, \Gamma \vdash \neg l \\ l & \text{if } \varphi = l \text{ and } \Delta, \Gamma \not\vdash \neg l \\ \theta_1 \wedge \theta_2 & \text{if } \varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \\ \theta_1 \vee \theta_2 & \text{if } \varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \text{ and } \begin{cases} \text{con}(\Delta, \Gamma, \varphi_1), \\ \text{con}(\Delta, \Gamma, \varphi_2) \end{cases} \\ \theta_2 & \text{if } \varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \text{ and } \begin{cases} \text{incon}(\Delta, \Gamma, \varphi_1), \\ \text{con}(\Delta, \Gamma, \varphi_2) \end{cases} \\ \theta_1 & \text{if } \varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \text{ and } \begin{cases} \text{con}(\Delta, \Gamma, \varphi_1), \\ \text{incon}(\Delta, \Gamma, \varphi_2) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 4.3. For any formula sets Γ, Δ and formula φ , if $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi\}$ is consistent then $\Delta, \varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta, \Gamma$.

Proof. We prove the theorem by the induction on the structure of φ . Assume that $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash \neg\varphi$.

If $\varphi = l$ then $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash l$, and $\theta = l$. Hence,

$$\Delta, \varphi, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta, \Gamma.$$

If $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ then $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash \neg\varphi_1$, and $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash \neg\varphi_2$. By the induction assumption,

$$\Delta, \varphi_1, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_1, \Gamma,$$

$$\Delta, \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_2, \Gamma.$$

Hence, we have

$$\Delta, \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_1 \wedge \theta_2, \Gamma.$$

If $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ then either $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ is consistent or $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\}$ is consistent.

If $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ and $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\}$ are consistent then $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash \neg\varphi_1$, and $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash \neg\varphi_2$. By the induction assumption,

$$\Delta, \varphi_1, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_1, \Gamma,$$

$$\Delta, \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_2, \Gamma.$$

Hence, we have

$$\Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_1 \vee \theta_2, \Gamma.$$

If $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ is inconsistent and $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\}$ is consistent then $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash \neg\varphi_2$. By the induction assumption, $\Delta, \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_2, \Gamma$. Hence, by Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \lambda \vee \theta_2, \Gamma$$

$$\vdash \Delta, \theta_2, \Gamma$$

$$\vdash \Delta, \theta, \Gamma.$$

$$\Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \lambda \vee \theta_2, \Gamma.$$

If $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\}$ is consistent and $\Gamma \cup \Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\}$ is inconsistent then $\Gamma \cup \Delta \not\vdash \neg\varphi_1$. By the induction assumption, $\Delta, \varphi_1, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_1, \Gamma$. Hence, by Lemma 2.5, we have

$$\Delta, \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \vdash \Delta, \theta_1 \vee \lambda, \Gamma$$

$$\vdash \Delta, \theta_1, \Gamma$$

$$\vdash \Delta, \theta, \Gamma.$$

Theorem 4.4. For any consistent sets Γ, Δ of formulas and formula φ , if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is inconsistent then $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable; and if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent then there is a formula $\theta \neq \lambda$ such that $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta] | \Gamma$ is provable.

Proof. If φ is inconsistent with $\Delta \cup \Gamma$ then similar to theorem 3.5, $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta | \Gamma$ is provable.

Assume that φ is consistent with $\Delta \cup \Gamma$. We prove the theorem by the induction on the structure of φ .

If $\varphi = p$ then $\Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash \neg p$ and by $(\lambda_1^{\text{con}}), \Delta | p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [p], \Gamma$ is provable, where $\theta = p$.

If $\varphi = \neg p$ then $\Delta \cup \Gamma \not\vdash p$ and by $(\lambda_2^{\text{con}}), \Delta | \neg p, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\neg p], \Gamma$ is provable, where $\theta = \neg p$.

If $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ then φ_1 is consistent with $\Delta \cup \Gamma$, and φ_2 is consistent with $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$. By the induction assumption, there are formulas θ_1, θ_2 such that $\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1] | \Gamma$ and $\Delta, [\theta_1] | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1], [\theta_2] | \Gamma$ are provable. By (λ^\wedge) , we have

$$\Delta | \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1 \wedge \theta_2] | \Gamma$$

is provable, where $\theta = \theta_1 \wedge \theta_2$.

If $\varphi = \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$ then either $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$ or $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent. By the induction assumption, if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_1\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent then there is a formula $\theta_1 \neq \lambda$ such that $\Delta | \varphi_1, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_1] | \Gamma$; and if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi_2\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent then there is a formula $\theta_2 \neq \lambda$ such that $\Delta | \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta_2] | \Gamma$. Then, by $(\lambda^\vee), \Delta | \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta'_1 \vee \theta'_2], \Gamma$ is provable, where

$$\theta'_1 \vee \theta'_2 =$$

$$\begin{cases} \theta_1 \vee \theta_2 & \text{if both } \varphi_1, \varphi_2 \text{ are consistent with } \Delta \cup \Gamma \\ \theta_1 \vee \lambda & \text{if only } \varphi_1 \text{ is consistent with } \Delta \cup \Gamma \\ \lambda \vee \theta_2 & \text{if only } \varphi_2 \text{ is consistent with } \Delta \cup \Gamma \end{cases}$$

Remark. In fact, in theorem 4.3, if $\Delta \cup \{\varphi\} \cup \Gamma$ is consistent then there is a formula $\theta \neq \lambda$ such that $\Delta | \varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta, [\theta], \Gamma$ is provable.

By Theorem 4.3, we have the following

Theorem 4.5. (The soundness theorem for Γ). If $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable then Ξ is a pre-revision of Γ by Δ .

Proof. We only prove that no subformula ζ of Ξ is contradictory to Δ .

Assume that there is a subformula ζ of some formula θ in Ξ such that $\Delta \vdash \neg\zeta$. Let $\Gamma' = \{\varphi_{i+1}, \dots, \varphi_n\} \subseteq \Gamma$ such that $\varphi_i = \varphi$.

If $\Delta \cup \Gamma' \cup \{\varphi\}$ is inconsistent then $\theta = \lambda$, a contradiction.

If $\Delta \cup \Gamma' \cup \{\varphi\}$ is consistent then by Lemma 3.5,

$$\Delta, \varphi, \Gamma' \vdash \Delta, \theta, \Gamma',$$

and for any subformula ζ of θ , if $\Delta, \Gamma' \vdash \neg\zeta$ then, by the definition of θ , ζ is replaced by λ in θ , a contradiction to the assumption that ζ is a subformula of θ .

Theorem 4.6. (The completeness theorem for Γ). If Ξ is a pre-revision of Γ by Δ then $\Delta | \Gamma \Rightarrow \Xi$ is provable.

Proof. The proof is similar to theorem 3.7 and omitted.

5. Conclusion

This paper gave two R -calculi which are sound and

complete with respect to the pseudo-revision and pre-revision, respectively. The calculi are of Gentzen-type, in which each statement is of form $\Delta|\varphi, \Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta|\Gamma'$. Different orderings of Γ give different results of revision $\Delta|\Gamma$. Correspondingly, if $\Delta|\Gamma'$ is irreducible, that is, no deduction rule can be used to reduce $\Delta|\Gamma'$, then Γ' may be a minimal change of Γ by Δ . A further work is to give an R -calculus such that if $\Delta|\Gamma \Rightarrow \Delta|\Gamma'$ is irreducible then $\Delta \cup \Gamma'$ is consistent and Γ' is a minimal change of Γ by Δ , that is, for any Γ'' with $\Gamma' \subset \Gamma'' \subseteq \Gamma, \Delta \cup \Gamma''$ is inconsistent.

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