# Commonly Knowing Whether

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### Logical Relations over K and KD45-frames

#### Theorem

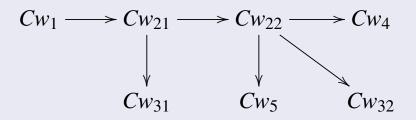


Figure 1: Over K and KD45-frames

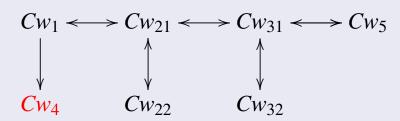


Figure 2: Over T and S5-frames

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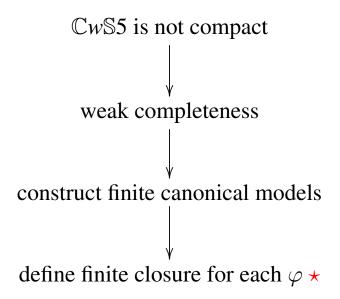
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(Cw-Ind) Cw(\varphi \to Ew\varphi) \to (\varphi \to Cw\varphi)
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(MP)
                    from \varphi and \varphi \to \psi infer \psi
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## Completeness

The basic idea of the completeness proof:



#### Theorem

The logic  $\mathbb{C}w\mathbb{S}5$  is weakly complete with respect to  $\mathbb{S}5$ .

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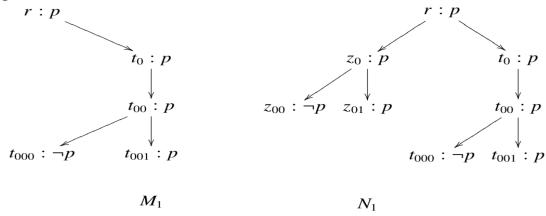
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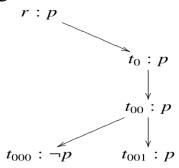
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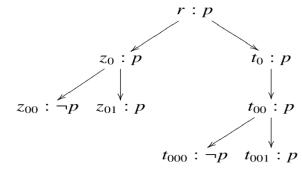
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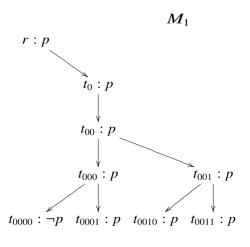


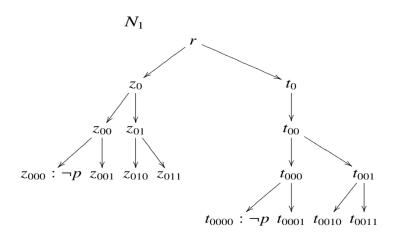
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- **2** Over K,  $Cw_5$  and C are incomparable in expressivity.

### Conclusions

- Five possible notions of 'commonly knowing whether';
- 2 On S5-frames four of the five notions boil down to the same thing;
- **3** Soundness and weak completeness of  $\mathbb{C}w\mathbb{S}5$  over  $\mathcal{S}5$ -frames;
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