# Model Theory 290B: Interpolation in Classic Predicate Logic and Quantified Modal Logic S5(S5B)

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#### Abstract

Interpolation theorem has an important role in classic predicate logic. Two prominent applications are Robinson's joint consistency theorem and Beth's definability theorem (though both were proved originally in different ways). It also have close relation to cut-elimination of sequent calculus. However, interpolation theorem fails in quantified modal logic S5 and related extensions. In this term paper we compare the positive and negative results. In Section 1, we prove interpolation theorem in classic logic and in Section 2 we show the failure of interpolation theorem in S5 and S5B respectively. This work is based on [1, 2].

### 1 Interpolation Theorem in Classic Predicate Logic

Throughout this paper we treat equality as a logical constant.

**Theorem 1.1** (Interpolation Theorem). Let  $\phi_1$ ,  $\phi_2$  be two first-order sentences. If  $\phi_1 \models \phi_2$ , then there exists a sentence  $\theta$  such that  $\phi_1 \models \theta$ ,  $\theta \models \phi_2$  and  $\theta$  only contains nonlogical parameters that appear both in  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ . In this situation  $\theta$  is called the interpolant of  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ .

*Proof.* We prove it by showing that if there is no interpolant for  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$ , then  $\phi_1 \wedge \neg \phi_2$  is consistent. Let  $\Sigma_i$  denote signatures of  $\phi_i$  (i = 1, 2). Let  $\Sigma = \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$  and  $\Sigma_0 = \Sigma_1 \cap \Sigma_2$ . Let  $\mathscr{L}_1$ ,  $\mathscr{L}_2$ ,  $\mathscr{L}_0$  and  $\mathscr{L}$  be languages in corresponding signatures. We also assume that each language is augmented with an set C of infinite new constant symbols.

Let  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_2$  be sentences in  $\mathscr{L}_1$ ,  $\mathscr{L}_2$  respectively. We say  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$  are *inseparable* if there is no sentence  $\varphi$  in  $\mathscr{L}_0$  such that  $\varphi_1 \models \varphi$  and  $\varphi_2 \models \neg \varphi$ . If  $\phi_1$  and  $\phi_2$  don't have interpolant then  $\phi_1$  and  $\neg \phi_2$  are inseparable. For suppose there is  $\theta$  such that  $\phi_1 \models \theta$  and  $\neg \phi_2 \models \neg \theta$ . Then  $\phi_1 \models \theta$ and  $\theta \models \phi_2$ , i.e.,  $\theta$  is an interpolant.

Let  $\delta_0, \delta_1, \ldots, \psi_0, \psi_1, \ldots$  enumerate all sentences in  $\mathscr{L}_1$  and  $\mathscr{L}_2$  respectively. Construct increasing sequences of theories  $T_0, T_1, \ldots$  and  $U_0, U_1, \ldots$  as follows. Let  $T_0 = \{\phi_1\}$  and  $U_0 = \{\neg \phi_2\}$ . At each step first set

$$X = \begin{cases} T_i \cup \{\delta_i\} & \text{if } T_i \cup \{\delta_i\} \text{ is inseparable from } U_i \\ T_i & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

$$Y = \begin{cases} U_i \cup \{\psi_i\} & \text{if } U_i \cup \{\psi_i\} \text{ is inseparable from } T_{i+1} \\ U_i & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then let

$$T_{i+1} = \begin{cases} X \cup \{\sigma(c)\} & \text{for some } c \in C, \text{ if } \delta_i = \exists x \sigma(x) \in X \\ X & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$
$$U_{i+1} = \begin{cases} Y \cup \{\lambda(d)\} & \text{for some } d \in C, \text{ if } \psi_i = \exists x \lambda(x) \in Y \\ Y & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Note that each time we use a fresh constant as the witness. Finally let  $T_{\omega} = \bigcup_{i < \omega} T_i$  and  $U_{\omega} = \bigcup_{i < \omega} U_i$ . As  $\phi_1 \in T_{\omega}$  and  $\phi_2 \in U_{\omega}$  it suffices to show that  $T_{\omega} \cup U_{\omega}$  is consistent. We proceed in the following steps.

- (1)  $T_i$  and  $U_i$  are inseparable for  $i < \omega$ . This is obvious from the construction.
- (2)  $T_{\omega}$  and  $U_{\omega}$  are inseparable.

Suppose there exists  $\theta$  such that  $T_{\omega} \models \theta$  and  $U_{\omega} \models \neg \theta$ . By compactness there is  $j < \omega$  such that  $T_j \models \theta$  and  $U_j \models \neg \theta$ . Then  $T_j$  and  $U_j$  are separable.

(3)  $T_{\omega}$  and  $U_{\omega}$  are both consistent.

If  $T_{\omega}$  is not consistent, then  $T_{\omega} \models x \neq x$  while  $U_{\omega} \models x = x$ . Then  $T_{\omega}$  and  $U_{\omega}$  are separable. Similarly we have contradiction if  $U_{\omega}$  is not consistent.

(4)  $T_{\omega}$  and  $U_{\omega}$  are both complete.

Suppose neither  $T_{\omega} \models \theta$  nor  $T_{\omega} \models \neg \theta$  for some  $\theta \in \mathscr{L}_1$ . Without loss assume  $\theta$  is  $\delta_i$  and  $\neg \theta$  is  $\delta_j$ . Certainly  $\theta \notin T_{i+1}$  and  $\neg \theta \notin T_{j+1}$ . By the construction there exists  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  in  $\mathscr{L}$  respectively such that

$$T_i \cup \{\delta_i\} \models \theta_1 \text{ and } U_i \models \neg \theta_1$$
$$T_j \cup \{\delta_j\} \models \theta_2 \text{ and } U_j \models \neg \theta_2$$

Then we have

 $T_{\omega} \models \theta_1 \lor \theta_2$  and  $U_{\omega} \models \neg \theta_1 \land \neg \theta_2$ 

So  $T_{\omega}$  and  $U_{\omega}$  are separable, a contradiction. Similarly  $U_{\omega}$  is complete.

(5)  $T_{\omega} \cap U_{\omega}$  is complete.

Since both  $T_{\omega}$  and  $U_{\omega}$  are complete. Let  $\theta$  be a sentence in  $\mathscr{L}$ . We have

$$\theta \in T_{\omega} \text{ or } \neg \theta \in T_{\omega}$$

and

 $\theta \in U_{\omega}$  or  $\neg \theta \in U_{\omega}$ 

Since  $T_{\omega}$  and  $U_{\omega}$  are inseparable, either  $\theta \in T_{\omega} \cap U_{\omega}$  or  $\neg \theta \in T_{\omega} \cap U_{\omega}$ .

(6)  $T_{\omega} \cup U_{\omega}$  is consistent.

Let  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle A; c_0, c_1, \ldots \rangle$ ,  $\mathfrak{B} = \langle B; c_0, c_1, \ldots \rangle$  be models of  $T_\omega$  and  $U_\omega$  respectively. Because we add one witness for each existential sentence we can assume that every element in domain A and B is named by a constant. Let  $\mathfrak{A}', \mathfrak{B}'$  be  $\mathscr{L}$ -reduct of  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$  respectively. Since  $T_\omega \cap U_\omega$  is complete, diag(A) = diag(B). So  $\mathfrak{A}'$  and  $\mathfrak{B}'$  are isomorphic under mapping  $f: c_i^{\mathfrak{A}'} \to c_i^{\mathfrak{B}'}$  for  $i < \omega$ . Hence we can "paste"  $\mathfrak{A}'$  and  $\mathfrak{B}'$  together to have a model  $\mathfrak{C}$  of  $T_\omega \cup U_\omega$  such that  $\mathfrak{A}'$  and  $\mathfrak{B}'$  are  $\mathscr{L}_1$ -reduct and  $\mathscr{L}_2$ -reduct of  $\mathfrak{C}$  respectively.

## **2** Failure of Interpolation in Quantified S5 and S5B

### 2.1 Semantics of Quantified Modal Logics

We briefly review some relevant concepts of quantified modal logic. We follow Fine's notation in [2]. By S5B we mean S5 with constant domain. A structure  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle W, A, \overline{A}, R, \nu \rangle$  is defined as follows:

- (1) W is a nonempty set of worlds.
- (2) A is a nonempty domain.
- (3)  $\overline{A}$  assigns an individual domain  $\overline{A}_w$  to each  $w \in W$ .
- (4) R is an accessibility relation on  $W \times W$ .
- (5)  $\nu$  is an interpretation of nonlogical parameters on W and A. More precisely,  $\nu(c) \in A$  for each constant c,  $\nu(P) \subseteq W \times A^n$  for each *n*-ary predicate symbol P,  $\nu(c) \in A$  and  $\nu(F) : W \times A^n \to A$  for each *n*-ary function symbol F.

Semantics is defined as usual. For simplicity we assume that we have a set of constants each of which names an element in A.

- (1)  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models c = d$  iff  $\nu(c) = \nu(d)$ .
- (2)  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models P(c_0, \ldots, c_{n-1})$  iff  $\langle w, \nu(c_0), \ldots, \nu(c_{n-1}) \rangle \in \nu(P)$ .
- (3)  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \forall x \phi(x) \text{ iff } (\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \phi(c) \text{ for all } c \text{ such that } \nu(c) \in \overline{A}_w.$
- (4)  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \Box \phi$  iff  $(\mathfrak{A}, v) \models \phi$  for all v such that Rwv.

#### 2.2 Isomorphisms Between S5 Structures

Let  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle W, A, \overline{A}, R, \nu \rangle$  be a S5-structure and w a world of  $\mathfrak{A}$ . A projection  $\mathfrak{A}_w$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  on w is the structure  $\langle A, \overline{A}_w, \nu_w \rangle$ , where

$$\nu_w(F) = \{ \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in A^n : \langle w, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in \nu(F) \}$$

for every nonlogical parameter F. Similarly, a *inner projection*  $\overline{\mathfrak{A}}_w$  of  $\mathfrak{A}$  on w is the structure  $\langle \overline{A}_w, \overline{\nu}_w \rangle$ , where

$$\bar{\nu}_w(F) = \{ \langle a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in A_w^n : \langle w, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle \in \nu(F) \}$$

for every nonlogical parameter F. Note that for the inner projection, interpretations of nonlogical symbols are completely confined to the corresponding individual domain. Since projections (of both types) are first-order structures, we have standard notion of isomorphism and them.

Let  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle W, A, \overline{A}, R, \nu \rangle$  and  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle V, B, \overline{B}, S, \mu \rangle$  be two S5-structures. We say a one-to-one function  $\sigma$  from A to B is an *isomorphism* between  $\mathfrak{A}$  and  $\mathfrak{B}$ , written  $\sigma : \mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B}$ , if

- (1)  $\forall w \in W \exists v \in V(\sigma : \mathfrak{A}_w \cong \mathfrak{B}_v)$ , and
- (2)  $\forall v \in V \exists w \in W(\sigma : \mathfrak{A}_w \cong \mathfrak{B}_v)$

#### 2.3 Two Easy Lemmas

**Lemma 2.1.** Suppose that: (i)  $\sigma : \mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B}$  and (ii) for  $w \in W$ ,  $v \in V$ ,  $\sigma : \mathfrak{A}_{\mathfrak{w}} \cong \mathfrak{B}_{\mathfrak{v}}$ . Then for any formula  $\phi(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  with free variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  and for any tuple  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in A$ ,

$$(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \phi[a_1, \dots, a_n] iff (\mathfrak{B}, v) \models \phi[\sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_n)]$$

*Proof.* (1) 
$$\phi(x_1, ..., x_n) = P(x_1, ..., x_n).$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{A},w) &\models P[a_1,\ldots,a_n] &\Leftrightarrow \langle w,a_1,\ldots,a_n\rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{A}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle a_1,\ldots,a_n\rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{A}_{\mathfrak{W}}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle \sigma(a_1),\ldots,\sigma(a_n)\rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{B}_{\mathfrak{V}}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle v,\sigma(a_1),\ldots,\sigma(a_n)\rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{B}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\mathfrak{B},v) \models P[a_1,\ldots,a_n] \end{aligned}$$

(2)  $\phi(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \Box \varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n).$ 

Assume that  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \Box \varphi[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$ . Then for any  $w' \in W$ ,  $(\mathfrak{A}, w') \models \varphi[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$ . Since  $\sigma : \mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B}$ , for any  $v' \in V$  there is  $w' \in W$  such that  $\sigma : \mathfrak{A}_{\mathfrak{w}'} \cong \mathfrak{B}_{\mathfrak{v}'}$ . By induction hypothesis  $(\mathfrak{B}, v') \models \varphi[\sigma(a_1), \ldots, \sigma(a_n)]$  for any  $v' \in V$ . That is,  $(\mathfrak{B}, v) \models \Box \varphi[\sigma(a_1), \ldots, \sigma(a_n)]$ . By symmetry,  $(\mathfrak{B}, v) \models \Box \varphi[\sigma(a_1), \ldots, \sigma(a_n)]$  implies  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \Box \varphi[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$ .

(3) 
$$\phi(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \forall x_0 \varphi(x_0,x_1,\ldots,x_n)$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{A},w) &\models \forall x_0 \varphi[x_0, a_1, \dots, a_n] &\Leftrightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{A},w) \models \varphi[a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n] \text{ for all } a_0 \in \bar{A}_w \\ &\Leftrightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{B},v) \models \varphi[\sigma(a_0), \sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_n)] \text{ for all } \sigma(a_0) \in \bar{B}_v \\ &\Leftrightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{B},v) \models \forall x_0 \varphi[x_0, \sigma(a_1), \dots, \sigma(a_n)] \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.2.** Suppose that: (i)  $\rho : \bar{\mathfrak{A}}_w \cong \bar{\mathfrak{B}}_v$  and (ii)  $(\forall \text{ finite } \rho' \subseteq \rho)(\exists \sigma \supseteq \rho')(\sigma : \mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B})$ . Then for any formula  $\phi(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  with free variables  $x_1, \ldots, x_n$  and for any tuple  $a_1, \ldots, a_n \in \bar{A}_w$ ,

$$(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \phi[a_1, \dots, a_n] iff (\mathfrak{B}, v) \models \phi[\rho(a_1), \dots, \rho(a_n)]$$

*Proof.* (1)  $\phi(x_1, ..., x_n) = P(x_1, ..., x_n).$ 

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{A},w) &\models P[a_1,\ldots,a_n] &\Leftrightarrow \langle w, a_1,\ldots,a_n \rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{A}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle a_1,\ldots,a_n \rangle \in P^{\bar{\mathfrak{A}}_{\mathfrak{W}}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle \rho(a_1),\ldots,\rho(a_n) \rangle \in P^{\bar{\mathfrak{B}}_{\mathfrak{V}}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow \langle v,\rho(a_1),\ldots,\rho(a_n) \rangle \in P^{\mathfrak{B}} \\ &\Leftrightarrow (\mathfrak{B},v) \models P[a_1,\ldots,a_n] \end{aligned}$$

(2)  $\phi(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \Box \varphi(x_1,\ldots,x_n).$ 

Assume that  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \Box \varphi[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$ . Then for any  $w' \in W$ ,  $(\mathfrak{A}, w') \models \varphi[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$ . Since  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  are finite, by the assumption there is  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma : \mathfrak{A} \cong \mathfrak{B}$  and  $\sigma \upharpoonright \{a_1, \ldots, a_n\} = \rho'$ . So for any  $v' \in V$  there is  $w' \in W$  such that  $\sigma : \mathfrak{A}_{w'} \cong \mathfrak{B}_{v'}$  By Lemma 2.1  $(\mathfrak{B}, v') \models \varphi[\sigma(a_1), \ldots, \sigma(a_n)]$  for all  $v' \in V$ . Since  $\sigma$  and  $\rho$  agree on  $a_1, \ldots, a_n$  we have  $(\mathfrak{B}, v') \models \varphi[\rho(a_1), \ldots, \rho(a_n)]$ . Hence  $(\mathfrak{B}, v) \models \Box \varphi[\rho(a_1), \ldots, \rho(a_n)]$ . As  $\rho$  is one-to-one, by symmetry,  $(\mathfrak{B}, v) \models \Box \varphi[\rho(a_1), \ldots, \rho(a_n)]$  implies  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \Box \varphi[a_1, \ldots, a_n]$ . (3)  $\phi(x_1,\ldots,x_n) = \forall x_0 \varphi(x_0,x_1,\ldots,x_n).$ 

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathfrak{A},w) &\models \forall x_0 \varphi[x_0, a_1, \dots, a_n] &\Leftrightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{A},w) \models \varphi[a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n] \text{ for all } a_0 \in \bar{A}_w \\ &\Leftrightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{B},v) \models \varphi[\rho(a_0), \rho(a_1), \dots, \rho(a_n)] \text{ for all } \rho(a_0) \in \bar{B}_v \\ &\Leftrightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{B},v) \models \forall x_0 \varphi[x_0, \rho(a_1), \dots, \rho(a_n)] \end{aligned}$$

#### 2.4 Failure of Interpolation Theorem in Quantified S5

To show the failure of interpolation theorem it suffices to construct a counterexample.

Lemma 2.3. Let

$$\varphi_1 = p \land \Box \forall x \Box (p \to \exists y(y = x)) \text{ and } \varphi_2 = q \to \Box \forall x \diamondsuit (q \land \exists y(y = x))$$

Then  $\varphi_1 \models_{S5} \varphi_2$ .

Proof. Let  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle W, A, \overline{A}, \nu \rangle$  be any S5-structure. Let  $w \in W$ .  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_1$  iff p is true in w and for any world  $w' \in W$  if p is true in w', then  $\overline{A}_{w'} = A$ . Also  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_2$  iff either q is not true in w or there exists a world  $w' \in W$  such that q is true in w' and  $\overline{A}_{w'} = A$ . Now suppose  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_1$ . Then  $\overline{A}_w = A$ . If q is not true in w, then  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_2$ . If q is true in w, since  $\overline{A}_w = A$ ,  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_2$ . Therefore  $\varphi_1 \models_{S5} \varphi_2$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_2$  as above. There is no interpolant between  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{N}$  denote the set of natural numbers. Define a S5-structure  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle W, A, \overline{A}, p, q \rangle$  as follows:

- (1)  $A = \mathbb{N},$
- (2)  $W = \{w_i : i < \omega\},\$
- (3)  $\bar{A}_{w_0} = \mathbb{N}, \ \bar{A}_{w_i} = \mathbb{N} \{i\} \text{ for } 0 < i < \omega,$
- (4)  $V(w_i, p) = 1$  iff i = 0 and  $V(w_i, q) = 1$  iff i = 1.

Since p is only true at  $w_0$  and  $\bar{A}_{w_0} = A$ ,

$$(\mathfrak{A}, w_i) \models p \land \Box \forall x \Box (p \to \exists y (y = x)) \text{ iff } i = 0$$

Similarly since q is only true at  $w_1$  yet  $\bar{A}_{w_1} \neq A$ ,

$$(\mathfrak{A}, w_i) \models q \rightarrow \Box \forall x \diamond (q \land \exists y(y = x)) \text{ iff } i \neq 1$$

Let  $\mathfrak{A}'$  be the reduct of  $\mathfrak{A}$  with no nonlogical parameters. Define  $\rho : A \to A$  by  $\rho(0) = 0$  and  $\rho(i) = i+1$  for i > 0. Obviously  $\rho : \overline{\mathfrak{A}'}_{w_0} \cong \overline{\mathfrak{A}'}_{w_1}$ . Also since  $\mathfrak{A}'$  is equational,  $\rho$  is an automorphism of  $\mathfrak{A}'$ . Let  $\sigma = \rho$  and quote Lemma 2.2 we have

$$(\mathfrak{A}', w_0) \models \theta[i_1, \dots, i_n] \text{ iff } (\mathfrak{A}', w_1) \models \theta[\rho(i_1), \dots, \rho(i_n)]$$

where  $\theta(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  is a formula without nonlogical parameters. Now suppose there is a sentence  $\theta$  such that  $\varphi_1 \models \theta$  and  $\theta \models \varphi_2$ . Then

$$(\mathfrak{A}, w_0) \models \varphi_1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{A}, w_0) \models \theta \Rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}', w_0) \models \theta \\ \Rightarrow \quad (\mathfrak{A}', w_1) \models \theta \Rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}, w_1) \models \theta \Rightarrow (\mathfrak{A}, w_1) \models \varphi_2$$

A contradiction. Note that though we used propositional letters in the above proof, it doesn't put essential restriction on the applicability of this theorem. We can encode the properties of propositional letters using unary predicates. More precisely, let

$$\varphi_1 = \Box \forall u \forall v (P(u) \leftrightarrow P(v)) \land \forall z (P(z) \land \Box \forall x \Box (P(z) \to \exists y (y = x)))$$
$$\varphi_2 = \Box \forall u \forall v (Q(u) \leftrightarrow Q(v)) \to \forall z (Q(z) \to \Box \forall x \diamondsuit (Q(z) \land \exists y (y = x)))$$

The proof still go through.

### 2.5 Failure of Interpolation Theorem in Quantified S5B

Surprisingly, interpolation theorem even fails in quantified S5B. As before, we circumvent the Beth's theorem and construct a counterexample directly using the same idea in [2]. This time we work with a language whose nonlogical parameters are proposition symbols p, q and a unary predicate symbol P. The motivation to introduce P is to fake variable "inner domains" in order to save the previous counterexample.

Lemma 2.4. Let

$$\varphi_1 = p \land \Box \forall x \Box (p \to P(x)) \text{ and } \varphi_2 = q \to \Box \forall x \diamondsuit (q \land P(x))$$

Then  $\varphi_1 \models_{S5B} \varphi_2$ .

Proof. Let  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle W, A, \overline{A}, \nu \rangle$  be any S5-structure. Let  $w \in W$ .  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_1$  iff p is true in w and for any world  $w' \in W$  if p is true in w', then  $P_{w'}^{\mathfrak{A}} = A$ . Also  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_2$  iff either q is not true in w or there exists a world  $w' \in W$  such that q is true in w' and  $P_{w'}^{\mathfrak{A}} = A$ . Now suppose  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_1$ . Then  $P_w^{\mathfrak{A}} = A$ . If q is not true in w, then clearly  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_2$ . If q is true in w, since  $P_w^{\mathfrak{A}} = A$ ,  $(\mathfrak{A}, w) \models \varphi_2$ . Therefore  $\varphi_1 \models_{S5B} \varphi_2$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** Let  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi_2$  as above. There is no interpolant between  $\varphi_1$  and  $\varphi_2$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathbb{O}$  be the set of natural numbers and the set of odd natural numbers respectively. We say a permutation  $\tau$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  is *essentially finite* if the set  $\{a : \tau(a) \neq a\}$  is finite. Let I denote the identity permutation. Define a S5-structure  $\mathfrak{A} = \langle W, A, \overline{A}, p, q, P \rangle$  as follows.

- (1)  $A = \mathbb{N}$ .
- (2)  $W = \{w_{\langle k,\tau \rangle} : k = 0, 1; \tau \text{ is a essentially finite permutation } \}$
- (3) For any  $w_{\langle k,\tau\rangle} \in W$ , let

$$P^{\mathfrak{A}}_{w_{\langle k,\tau\rangle}} = \begin{cases} \tau[\mathbb{N}] & \text{ if } k = 0\\ \tau[\mathbb{O}] & \text{ if } k = 1 \end{cases}$$

(4) V(w,p) = 1 iff  $w = w_0$  and V(w,q) = 1 iff  $w = w_1$ , where  $w_0$  and  $w_1$  abbreviates  $w_{\langle 0,I \rangle}$  and  $w_{\langle 1,I \rangle}$  respectively.

Since p is only true at  $w_0$  and  $P_{w_1}^{\mathfrak{A}} = \mathbb{N} = A$ ,

$$(\mathfrak{A}, w_0) \models p \land \Box \forall x \Box (p \to P(x))$$

Similarly since q is only true at  $w_1$  yet  $P_{w_1}^{\mathfrak{A}} = \mathbb{O} \neq \mathbb{N} = A$ ,

$$(\mathfrak{A}, w_1) \not\models q \to \Box \forall x \diamondsuit (q \land P(x))$$

Let  $\mathfrak{A}'$  be the reduct of  $\mathfrak{A}$  with only the unary predicate P. Let  $\rho : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$  be a permutation such that  $P[\mathbb{N}] = \mathbb{O}$ . Then clearly  $\rho : \mathfrak{A}'_{w_0} \cong \mathfrak{A}'_{w_1}$ . Since any finite  $\rho' \subseteq \rho$  is an essentially finite permutation, there always exists an essentially finite permutation  $\sigma$  such that  $\rho' \subseteq \sigma$ . It is easily to verify that

$$\sigma:\mathfrak{A}'_{\langle k,\tau\rangle}\cong\mathfrak{A}'_{\langle k,\sigma\circ\tau\rangle} \text{ and } \sigma:\mathfrak{A}'_{\langle k,\sigma^{-1}\circ\tau\rangle}\cong\mathfrak{A}'_{\langle k,\tau\rangle}$$

Hence two conditions in the premise of Lemma 2.2 are satisfied. It follows that

$$(\mathfrak{A}', w_0) \models \theta[i_1, \dots, i_n] \text{ iff } (\mathfrak{A}', w_1) \models \theta[\rho(i_1), \dots, \rho(i_n)]$$

where  $\theta(x_1, \ldots, x_n)$  is a formula with P as the only nonlogical parameters. The rest of the proof remains unchanged. As before propositional letters can be replaced by predicate symbols.

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