

Display Calculi for Nominal Tense Logics

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Abstract

We define display calculi for nominal tense logics extending the minimal nominal tense logic (MNTL) by addition of primitive axioms. To do so, we use the natural translation of MNTL into the minimal tense logic of inequality (\mathcal{L}_{\neq}) which is known to be properly displayable by application of Kracht's results. The rules of the display calculus δ MNTL for MNTL mimic those of the display calculus $\delta\mathcal{L}_{\neq}$ for \mathcal{L}_{\neq} . We show that every MNTL-valid formula admits a cut-free derivation in δ MNTL. We also show that a restricted display calculus δ^- MNTL, is not only complete for MNTL, but it enjoys cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents. Finally, we give a weak Sahlqvist-type theorem for two semantically defined extensions of MNTL. Using Kracht's techniques we obtain sound and complete display calculi for these two extensions based upon δ MNTL and δ^- MNTL respectively. The display calculi based upon δ MNTL enjoy cut-elimination for valid formulae only, but those based upon δ^- MNTL enjoy cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents.

1 Introduction

Background. The addition of *names* (also called *nominals*) to modal logics has been investigated recently with different motivations (see e.g. [Orl84, PT85, Gar86, Bla90]). A *name* is usually understood as an atomic proposition that holds true in a unique world of a Kripke model. Usually, the addition of names is intended to increase the expressive power of the initial logics. For instance, although there is no tense formula that characterises the class of irreflexive frames, there is a tense formula with names that characterises this class of frames [Bla93]. Another remarkable breakthrough due to the inclusion of names is the ability to define the intersection operator (see e.g. [PT91]) although it is known that intersection is not modally definable in the standard modal language [GT75]. Names have also been introduced in information logics [Orl84, Kon97b, Kon97a] derived from Pawlak's rough set theory [Paw81] where the motivations concern both definability and axiomatisability. Adding the difference operator $[\neq]$, which allows access to worlds different from the current world, is another way to obtain names (see e.g. [Sai88, Koy92, Rij92, Ven93]). As far as expressive power is concerned, adding $[\neq]$ is more powerful than adding

only names: in [GG93], the relationships between names and $[\neq]$ are fully established with respect to definability. For instance, all universal first-order conditions on the Kripke reachability relation \mathbf{R} (read as a binary predicate symbol) and $=$ (identity) are definable in the bimodal language with the standard necessity operator and the difference operator [Gor90]. In the literature for modal logics with names, much work has been dedicated to the study of their expressive power, decidability, complexity (see e.g. [Bla90, Rij93, GG93, PT91, ABM00]) and to the definition of proof systems [Bla90, PT91, Ven93, Rij93, Sel97, Dem99, Tza99, Are00].

Our contribution. Our main goal is to define cut-free display calculi (see e.g. [Bel82]) for nominal tense logics and therefore to provide a complementary approach to existing proof systems. In particular, we wish to extend previous results for displaying tense logics (see e.g. [Wan94, Kra96, Wan98]) to nominals. Display Logic (abbreviated by **DL**) is a proof-theoretical framework introduced by Belnap [Bel82] that generalises the structural language of Gentzen’s sequents by using multiple structural connectives instead of Gentzen’s comma. A nice property of **DL** is its very general cut-elimination theorem [Bel82]. Furthermore, in the rules introducing logical connectives, the principal formula is *alone* as an antecedent or succedent thereby making the introduction rule a *definition* of that connective. In that sense, interactions between logical connectives are reduced to the minimum. This can be done since any occurrence of a structure in a sequent can be displayed either as the entire antecedent or as the entire succedent of some sequent “structurally equivalent” to the initial sequent.

So, the first contribution of the paper is the definition of display calculi for certain extensions of the minimal nominal tense logic (MNTL) [Bla90], by addition of primitive axioms in the sense of [Kra96]. Our first stage consists in defining the display calculus δMNTL by using the natural translation from MNTL into MTL_{\neq} , the minimal tense logic augmented with the difference operator. Indeed, MTL_{\neq} is properly displayable¹ in the sense of [Kra96] thanks to the Hilbert-style axiomatisation given in [Rij92, Rij93] (see also [Seg81, Koy92]). The powerful and sometimes redundant irreflexivity rule (see e.g. [Gab81, Ven93, Bal99]) is not needed to axiomatise MTL_{\neq} . The rules for δMNTL mimic those of δMTL_{\neq} , the display calculus for MTL_{\neq} . Completeness of δMNTL is first proved by backward translation. The proof also shows that every MNTL-valid formula admits a cut-free derivation in δMNTL . However, to extend δMNTL , the above technique requires Hilbert-style axiomatisations that may contain the irreflexivity rule to appropriately extend MTL_{\neq} . The corresponding rule in **DL** lacks various nice properties of the standard display calculi for tense logics. Furthermore, it is not always known when the irreflexivity rule is really needed. We therefore provide a second completeness proof of δMNTL from the Hilbert-style calculus \vdash_{MNTL} for MNTL given in [Bla90] for which the irreflexivity rule is never needed. The second proof happens to be much more informative since it provides a means to understand the rôle of various structural rules.

Cut-elimination cannot be proved by the technique of the second proof since it relies on the simulation of the *modus ponens* rule. An interesting, and at first glance very unpleasant, feature of δMNTL is that it does not satisfy the condition (C8) [Bel82]. This condition is central in cut-elimination proofs from [Bel82, Wan98]. Nevertheless,

¹This partly answers some open questions stated in [Wan98] and also suggests a general proof-theoretical framework for the $[\neq]$ operator (see also the questions in [Rij93, p.47]).

we prove that a slight variant of δMNTL admits cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents by Belnap’s conditions while preserving completeness.

Finally, although many extensions of MNTL are not canonical [Bla90], we show a weak Sahlqvist-style theorem for nominal tense logics. This paves the way to define cut-free display calculi for any extension of \vdash_{MNTL} by addition of primitive axioms (by using [Kra96]). Furthermore, we can characterise the semantical extensions of MNTL which correspond to these calculi.

Related work. Most of the proof systems for nominal tense logics are Hilbert-style ones [Bla90, Bla93, Gor96a]. The situation is similar for modal logics with the difference operator [Seg81, Koy92, Rij92, Rij93, Ven93]. However, prefixed tableaux for several modal logics with the difference operator have been defined in [Dem96, BD97]. Decision procedures have been designed from these calculi [BD97] but a cut rule present in those calculi is not eliminable in many cases for reasons similar to those that apply to calculi from [dM94]. Sequent-style calculi for modal logics with names have been defined in [Kon97a, Kon97b] for the so-called similarity logics based on Pawlak’s rough set theory [Paw81]. In [Kon97a, Kon97b], the nominals play the rôle of prefixes in an elegant manner, although the calculi have no prefixed formulae and only the language of the logic is used. In [Bla00], sequent calculi for nominal tense logics are given in which the nominals roughly play the role of labels; see also [Sel97, Dem99, Tza99, Are00].

Our treatment of nominals in our **DL** calculi is completely different since we instead use the dual nature of a nominal: as atomic proposition and as necessity formula. In that sense, it is similar to the treatment of atomic propositions in display calculi for intuitionistic logic in [Gor95].

A Sahlqvist theorem for tense logics with the difference operator is given in [Ven93], but the calculi use the irreflexivity rule; see also [Rij93].

Other general proof-theoretical frameworks also exist for non-classical logics: Labelled Deductive Systems [Gab96], Relational Proof Systems [Orlo88, Orlo91, Orlo92] to quote two. But **DL** has already shown its generality since *cut-free* display calculi have been defined for substructural logics [Res98, Gor98b, Gor98a], for modal and polymodal logics [Wan94, Kra96, Wan98], for intuitionistic logics [Gor95], for relation algebras [Gor97, DG98], for logics with relative accessibility relations [DG00a] and for modal provability logics [DG00b, DG01b].

Plan of the paper. The rest of the paper is structured as follows. In Section 2, we recall the definitions of the logics under study [Bla90, Rij92, Ven93]. In Section 3, we introduce the modal logic of inequality MTL_{\neq} [Rij92] and formulate its (cut-free) display calculus δMTL_{\neq} using the methodology of [Kra96]. In Section 4, we define the display calculus δMNTL for MNTL , show its soundness and completeness, and prove it enjoys a weak form of cut-elimination. Section 5 contains a second independent completeness proof that easily extends to extensions of MNTL . In Section 6, we show how cut-elimination can be obtained from Belnap’s conditions for a slight variant of δMNTL . Section 7 establishes a weak Sahlqvist-style theorem and by using [Kra96], defines cut-free display calculi for extensions of MNTL .

This paper is a completed and corrected version of [DG99].

2 Nominal Tense Logics

Given a set $\text{Prp} = \{p_0, p_1, p_2, \dots\}$ of **propositional variables** and a set $\text{Nom} = \{i_0, i_1, \dots\}$ of **names**, the set $\text{NTL}(G, H, [\neq])$ is the smallest set containing all **formulae** ϕ defined as below for all $p_j \in \text{Prp}$ and all $i_k \in \text{Nom}$:

$$\phi ::= \top \mid \perp \mid p_j \mid i_k \mid \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \mid \phi_1 \vee \phi_2 \mid \phi_1 \Rightarrow \phi_2 \mid \neg\phi \mid H\phi \mid G\phi \mid [\neq]\phi.$$

Standard abbreviations include \Leftrightarrow , $\langle \neq \rangle$, F , P . For instance, $F\phi \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg G\neg\phi$. Following standard notation, for any sequence \overline{OP} from $\{H, G, [\neq]\}$ we write $\text{NTL}(\overline{OP})$ to denote the fragment of $\text{NTL}(G, H, [\neq])$ with the unary modal operators from \overline{OP} . Similarly, $\text{TL}(\overline{OP})$ denotes the fragment of $\text{NTL}(\overline{OP})$ with no names. In the rest of the paper, we shall study logics whose languages are strict fragments of $\text{NTL}(G, H, [\neq])$: the whole language contains all that we need. For any $\phi \in \text{NTL}(G, H, [\neq])$, we write $r(\phi)$ to denote the *rank* of ϕ ; that is, the number of occurrences of members of

$$\text{Prp} \cup \text{Nom} \cup \{\top, \perp\} \cup \{\neg, \wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, G, H, [\neq]\}.$$

For example $r(\perp \Rightarrow (i_0 \vee \neg p_1)) = 6$.

Following [Kra96], a formula is **primitive** iff it is of the form $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ where both ϕ and ψ are built from $\text{Prp} \cup \{\top\}$ with the help of \wedge, \vee, F, P and $\langle \neq \rangle$ only, and ϕ contains each propositional variable at most once.

A *modal frame* $\mathcal{F} = (W, R)$ is a pair where W is a non-empty set and R is a binary relation over W . We write Fr for the set of all modal frames and define

$$R(w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v \in W \mid (w, v) \in R\} \qquad R^{-1}(w) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{v \in W \mid (v, w) \in R\}.$$

A **model** \mathcal{M} is a structure $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, m)$ such that (W, R) is a frame and m is a mapping $m : \text{Prp} \cup \text{Nom} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(W)$ where for any $i \in \text{Nom}$, $m(i)$ is a singleton, and where $\mathcal{P}(W)$ is the set of all subsets of W . Let $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, m)$ be a model and $w \in W$. As usual, the formula ϕ is **satisfied by the world** $w \in W$ in \mathcal{M} iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models \phi$ where the satisfaction relation \models is inductively defined as below:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}, w \models p & \quad \text{if } w \in m(p), \text{ for every } p \in \text{Prp} \cup \text{Nom} \\ \mathcal{M}, w \models G\phi & \quad \text{if } \mathcal{M}, v \models \phi \text{ for every } v \in R(w) \\ \mathcal{M}, w \models H\phi & \quad \text{if } \mathcal{M}, v \models \phi \text{ for every } v \in R^{-1}(w) \\ \mathcal{M}, w \models [\neq]\phi & \quad \text{if } \mathcal{M}, v \models \phi \text{ for every } v \neq w. \end{aligned}$$

We omit the standard conditions for the propositional connectives and the logical constants. A formula ϕ is **true in a model** \mathcal{M} (written $\mathcal{M} \models \phi$) iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models \phi$ for every $w \in W$. A formula ϕ is **true in a frame** \mathcal{F} (written $\mathcal{F} \models \phi$) iff ϕ is true in every model based on \mathcal{F} .

By a **logic** \mathcal{L} we mean a pair $\langle L, \mathcal{C} \rangle$ such that $L \subseteq \text{NTL}(H, G, [\neq])$ and $\emptyset \neq \mathcal{C} \subseteq Fr$. A formula $\phi \in L$ is **\mathcal{L} -valid** iff ϕ is true in all the models based on the frames in \mathcal{C} . A formula $\phi \in L$ is **\mathcal{L} -satisfiable** iff $\neg\phi$ is not \mathcal{L} -valid. A class \mathcal{C} of modal frames is **closed under disjoint unions** iff for every $(W, R), (W', R') \in \mathcal{C}$: if $W \cap W' = \emptyset$ then $(W \cup W', R \cup R') \in \mathcal{C}$. A class \mathcal{C} of modal frames is **closed under isomorphic copies** iff for any $(W, R) \in \mathcal{C}$ and for any 1-1 mapping $g : W \rightarrow W'$, the frame $(W', \{(g(w), g(w')) \mid (w, w') \in R\}) \in \mathcal{C}$.

We write **MNTL** to denote the **minimal nominal tense logic**

$$\mathbf{MNTL} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \text{NTL}(H, G), Fr \rangle.$$

Moreover, for any formula ϕ of some language L with names [resp. without names], we write NTL_ϕ [resp. TL_ϕ] to denote the logic $\langle L, \{\mathcal{F} \in Fr : \mathcal{F} \models \phi\} \rangle$.

To conclude this section, we recall the definitions of various Hilbert-style systems for the minimal nominal tense logic from [Bla90]. By a **universal modality** [resp. **existential modality**] σ , we mean a (possibly empty) finite sequence of elements from $\{G, H\}$ [resp. from $\{F, P\}$]. Let $\vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}}$ be the smallest subset of $\text{NTL}(G, H)$ such that $\vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}}$ is closed under the inference rules of *modus ponens* and *necessitation* for G and H ; $\vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}}$ contains the tautologies of the propositional calculus; and $\vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}}$ contains every formula of the forms below:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (G(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge G\phi) \Rightarrow G\psi & (H(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge H\phi) \Rightarrow H\psi \\ \phi \Rightarrow HF\phi & \phi \Rightarrow GP\phi \\ i \wedge \phi \Rightarrow \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \text{ where } i \in \text{Nom} \text{ and } \sigma \text{ is a universal modality.} \end{array}$$

We write $\vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}} \phi$ or $\phi \in \vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}}$ interchangeably. Let $\vdash'_{\mathbf{MNTL}}$ be $\vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}}$ with the last axiom schema replaced by $i \wedge \sigma(i \wedge \phi) \Rightarrow \phi$ where σ is an existential modality.

Theorem 1 Any $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is **MNTL**-valid iff $\vdash_{\mathbf{MNTL}} \phi$ iff $\vdash'_{\mathbf{MNTL}} \phi$ [Bla90].

We write $\vdash + \phi$ to denote the minimal extension of the axiomatic system \vdash by adding all formulae of the form ϕ ; so ϕ is just an axiom schema.

3 A Logic Axiomatised by Primitive Axioms

We now give a Hilbert-style calculus for the **minimal tense logic of inequality** MTL_{\neq} and a cut-free display calculus δMTL_{\neq} for it using Kracht's method [Kra96].

3.1 Hilbert-style Axiomatisation for MTL_{\neq}

In [Rij93], a complete Hilbert-style proof system is given for the logic

$$\mathbf{MTL}_{\neq} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle \text{TL}(G, H, [\neq]), Fr \rangle.$$

Let \vdash_{\neq} be the smallest set of $\text{TL}(G, H, [\neq])$ containing the tautologies of the propositional calculus such that \vdash_{\neq} is closed under *modus ponens*, *necessitation* for G , H and $[\neq]$, and where \vdash_{\neq} contains every formula of the forms:

$$\begin{array}{lll} (G(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge G\phi) \Rightarrow G\psi & \phi \Rightarrow HF\phi & F\phi \Rightarrow \phi \vee \langle \neq \rangle \phi \\ (H(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge H\phi) \Rightarrow H\psi & \phi \Rightarrow GP\phi & P\phi \Rightarrow \phi \vee \langle \neq \rangle \phi \\ ([\neq](\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge [\neq]\phi) \Rightarrow [\neq]\psi & \phi \Rightarrow [\neq]\langle \neq \rangle \phi & \langle \neq \rangle \langle \neq \rangle \phi \Rightarrow \phi \vee \langle \neq \rangle \phi. \end{array}$$

Theorem 2 Any $\phi \in \text{TL}(G, H, [\neq])$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid iff $\vdash_{\neq} \phi$ [Rij93].

$$(\text{Id}) \quad p \vdash p \qquad \frac{X \vdash \phi \quad \phi \vdash Y}{X \vdash Y} \quad (\text{cut})$$

Figure 1: Fundamental logical axioms and cut rule

3.2 A Display Calculus for MTL_{\neq}

There are numerous existing display calculi so we extend Wansing’s [Wan94] formulation since it is tailored for classical modal logics. To follow Kracht’s methodology [Kra96], MTL_{\neq} must be axiomatised by a set of primitive axioms. To do so, we replace the non-primitive axiom $\phi \Rightarrow [\neq]\langle \neq \rangle \phi$ by its primitive equivalent $\phi \wedge \langle \neq \rangle \psi \Rightarrow \langle \neq \rangle (\psi \wedge \langle \neq \rangle \phi)$. By applying [Kra96, Theorem 21], MTL_{\neq} can be “properly displayed”: that is, MTL_{\neq} has a sound and complete display calculus δMTL_{\neq} for which the cut-elimination theorem holds because δMTL_{\neq} satisfies Belnap’s conditions (C1)-(C8) [Bel82]. Moreover, axioms from the definition of \vdash_{\neq} are encoded in δMTL_{\neq} by *structural rules*: rules that involve only *structure variables*. In the rest of this section, we explicitly formulate the display calculus δMTL_{\neq} for MTL_{\neq} obtained by application of Kracht’s results. We also use this opportunity to introduce smoothly various notions and to state basic facts that are used to define the display calculi for nominal tense logics. Hence, this section is mainly included to make the paper self-contained.

On the structural side, we have the structural connectives $*$ (unary), \circ (binary), I (nullary), \bullet (unary) and \bullet_{\neq} (unary). A *structure* $X \in \mathbf{struc}(\delta\text{MTL}_{\neq})$ is inductively defined as below for $\phi \in \text{TL}(G, H, [\neq])$:

$$X ::= \phi \mid I \mid *X \mid \bullet X \mid \bullet_{\neq} X \mid X_1 \circ X_2$$

A *sequent* is an expression $X \vdash Y$, built from two structures X and Y , with X the *antecedent* and Y the *succedent*. Figures 1-5 contain the rules of δMTL_{\neq} .

The *display postulates* (reversible rules) in Figure 2 deal with the manipulation of structural connectives. In what follows, we write

$$\frac{s'}{s} \quad (dp)$$

to denote that the sequent s is obtained from the sequent s' by an unspecified finite number (possibly zero) of applications of display postulates.

In any structure X , the structure Z occurs **negatively** [resp. **positively**] iff Z occurs in the scope of an odd number [resp. an even number] of occurrences of $*$ [Bel82]. In a sequent $X \vdash Y$, an occurrence of Z is an **antecedent part** [resp. **succedent part**] iff it occurs positively in X [resp. negatively in Y] or it occurs negatively in Y [resp. positively in X] [Bel82]. Two sequents $X \vdash Y$ and $X' \vdash Y'$ are **structurally equivalent** iff there is a derivation of the first sequent from the second using the display postulates from Figure 2.

Theorem 3 (Belnap) For every sequent $X \vdash Y$ and every antecedent [resp. succedent] part Z of $X \vdash Y$, there is a structurally equivalent sequent $Z \vdash Y'$ [resp. $X' \vdash Z$] that has

$\frac{\frac{X \circ Y \vdash Z}{\vdash Z \circ *Y}}{\vdash Z \circ *Y}$	$\frac{\frac{X \circ Y \vdash Z}{\vdash *X \circ Z}}{\vdash *X \circ Z}$	$\frac{\frac{X \vdash Y \circ Z}{\vdash *Z \vdash Y}}{\vdash *Z \vdash Y}$	$\frac{\frac{X \vdash Y \circ Z}{\vdash *Y \circ X \vdash Z}}{\vdash *Y \circ X \vdash Z}$		
$\frac{\frac{*X \vdash Y}{\vdash *Y \vdash X}}{\vdash *Y \vdash X}$	$\frac{\frac{X \vdash *Y}{\vdash Y \vdash *X}}{\vdash Y \vdash *X}$	$\frac{\frac{**X \vdash Y}{\vdash X \vdash Y}}{\vdash X \vdash Y}$	$\frac{\frac{X \vdash **Y}{\vdash X \vdash Y}}{\vdash X \vdash Y}$	$\frac{\frac{X \vdash \bullet_{\neq} Y}{\vdash \bullet_{\neq} X \vdash Y}}{\vdash \bullet_{\neq} X \vdash Y}$	$\frac{\frac{X \vdash \bullet Y}{\vdash \bullet X \vdash Y}}{\vdash \bullet X \vdash Y}$

Figure 2: Display postulates

$\frac{}{I \vdash \top} (\top \vdash)$	$\frac{I \vdash X}{\top \vdash X} (\top \vdash)$	$\frac{X \vdash I}{X \vdash \perp} (\perp \vdash)$	$\frac{}{\perp \vdash I} (\perp \vdash)$
$\frac{X \vdash * \phi}{X \vdash \neg \phi} (\vdash \neg)$	$\frac{* \phi \vdash X}{\neg \phi \vdash X} (\neg \vdash)$	$\frac{X \vdash \phi \quad Y \vdash \psi}{X \circ Y \vdash \phi \wedge \psi} (\vdash \wedge)$	$\frac{\phi \circ \psi \vdash X}{\phi \wedge \psi \vdash X} (\wedge \vdash)$
$\frac{X \circ \phi \vdash \psi}{X \vdash \phi \Rightarrow \psi} (\vdash \Rightarrow)$		$\frac{X \vdash \phi \quad \psi \vdash Y}{\phi \Rightarrow \psi \vdash *X \circ Y} (\Rightarrow \vdash)$	
$\frac{X \vdash \phi \circ \psi}{X \vdash \phi \vee \psi} (\vdash \vee)$	$\frac{\phi \vdash X \quad \psi \vdash Y}{\phi \vee \psi \vdash X \circ Y} (\vee \vdash)$	$\frac{\phi \vdash X}{G \phi \vdash \bullet X} (G \vdash)$	$\frac{X \vdash \bullet \phi}{X \vdash G \phi} (\vdash G)$
$\frac{\phi \vdash X}{H \phi \vdash * \bullet * X} (H \vdash)$	$\frac{X \vdash * \bullet * \phi}{X \vdash H \phi} (\vdash H)$	$\frac{\phi \vdash X}{[\neq] \phi \vdash \bullet_{\neq} X} ([\neq] \vdash)$	$\frac{X \vdash \bullet_{\neq} \phi}{X \vdash [\neq] \phi} (\vdash [\neq])$

Figure 3: Operational rules

Z (alone) as its antecedent [resp. succedent]. The structure Z is **displayed** in $Z \vdash Y'$ [resp. $X' \vdash Z$] [Bel82].

In Figure 5, “alio” stands for *alio*transitivity where a binary relation R over W is **alio**transitive iff for any $x, y, z \in W$, $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$ and $x \neq z$ implies $(x, z) \in R$ (see e.g. [Seg81]). The structural rules defined in Figure 5 are translations of the *primitive axioms* of \vdash_{\neq} into *structural rules* following [Kra96]. This is done *modulo* the rule (sym) as shown below.

Lemma 4 Let $X \vdash Y$ and $X' \vdash Y'$ be sequents such that $X' \vdash Y'$ can be obtained from $X \vdash Y$ by replacing some occurrences of $* \bullet_{\neq} *Z$ by $\bullet_{\neq} Z$ and by replacing some occurrences of $\bullet_{\neq} Z'$ by $* \bullet_{\neq} *Z'$. Then, in any display calculus δ containing the display postulates from Figure 2, (sym), (contr_r), (weak_r) and (weak_l), the sequent $X \vdash Y$ is [cut-free] derivable in δ iff $X' \vdash Y'$ is [cut-free] derivable in δ .

Proof Thanks to the display property, it is sufficient to show:

1. If $* \bullet_{\neq} *Z \vdash X$ is [cut-free] derivable in δ , then so is $\bullet_{\neq} Z \vdash X$.

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
\frac{X \vdash Z}{I \circ X \vdash Z} \quad (I_l) & \frac{X \vdash Z}{X \vdash I \circ Z} \quad (I_r) & \frac{I \vdash Y}{*I \vdash Y} \quad (Q_l) & \frac{X \vdash I}{X \vdash *I} \quad (Q_r) \\
\\
\frac{X \vdash Z}{Y \circ X \vdash Z} \quad (weak_l) & \frac{X \vdash Z}{X \circ Y \vdash Z} \quad (weak_r) & & \\
\\
\frac{X_1 \circ (X_2 \circ X_3) \vdash Z}{(X_1 \circ X_2) \circ X_3 \vdash Z} \quad (assoc_l) & \frac{Z \vdash X_1 \circ (X_2 \circ X_3)}{Z \vdash (X_1 \circ X_2) \circ X_3} \quad (assoc_r) \\
\\
\frac{Y \circ X \vdash Z}{X \circ Y \vdash Z} \quad (com_l) & \frac{Z \vdash Y \circ X}{Z \vdash X \circ Y} \quad (com_r) & \frac{X \circ X \vdash Y}{X \vdash Y} \quad (contr_l) & \frac{Y \vdash X \circ X}{Y \vdash X} \quad (contr_r) \\
\\
\frac{I \vdash X}{\bullet I \vdash X} \quad (nec_G^l) & \frac{X \vdash I}{X \vdash \bullet I} \quad (nec_G^r) & \frac{I \vdash X}{\bullet I \vdash X} \quad (nec_{[\neq]}^l) & \frac{X \vdash I}{X \vdash \bullet I} \quad (nec_{[\neq]}^r)
\end{array}$$

Figure 4: Other basic structural rules

$$\begin{array}{cc}
\frac{X \vdash Y \quad \bullet \neq X \vdash Y}{\bullet \neq \bullet \neq X \vdash Y} \quad (alio) & \frac{* \bullet \neq *(Z \circ * \bullet \neq *X) \vdash Y}{X \circ * \bullet \neq *Z \vdash Y} \quad (sym) \\
\\
\frac{X \vdash Y \quad \bullet \neq X \vdash Y}{* \bullet \neq *X \vdash Y} \quad (uni1) & \frac{X \vdash Y \quad \bullet \neq X \vdash Y}{\bullet X \vdash Y} \quad (uni2)
\end{array}$$

Figure 5: Other structural rules

2. If $\bullet \neq Z \vdash X$ is [cut-free] derivable in δ , then so is $* \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X$.

Remember also that the following are derivable using the display postulates:

$$\frac{* \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X}{Z \vdash * \bullet \neq *X} \quad (dp) \qquad \frac{\bullet \neq Z \vdash X}{Z \vdash \bullet \neq X} \quad (dp)$$

We show (1) below left and (2) below right:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
\frac{* \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X}{* \bullet \neq *Z \circ \bullet \neq * \bullet \neq *X \vdash X} \quad (weak_r) \\
\frac{* \bullet \neq *Z \circ \bullet \neq * \bullet \neq *X \vdash X}{* \bullet \neq *(X \circ * \bullet \neq *Z) \vdash \bullet \neq X} \quad (dp) \\
\frac{* \bullet \neq *(X \circ * \bullet \neq *Z) \vdash \bullet \neq X}{Z \circ * \bullet \neq *X \vdash \bullet \neq X} \quad (sym) \\
\frac{Z \circ * \bullet \neq *X \vdash \bullet \neq X}{Z \vdash \bullet \neq X \circ \bullet \neq X} \quad (dp) \\
\frac{Z \vdash \bullet \neq X \circ \bullet \neq X}{\bullet \neq Z \vdash X} \quad (contr_r)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \\
\frac{\bullet \neq Z \vdash X}{Z \vdash \bullet \neq X} \quad (dp) \\
\frac{Z \vdash \bullet \neq X}{\bullet \neq *X \circ Z \vdash \bullet \neq X} \quad (weak_l) \\
\frac{\bullet \neq *X \circ Z \vdash \bullet \neq X}{* \bullet \neq *(Z \circ * \bullet \neq *X) \vdash X} \quad (dp) \\
\frac{* \bullet \neq *(Z \circ * \bullet \neq *X) \vdash X}{*X \circ * \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X} \quad (sym) \\
\frac{*X \circ * \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X}{* \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X \circ X} \quad (dp) \\
\frac{* \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X \circ X}{* \bullet \neq *Z \vdash X} \quad (contr_r)
\end{array}$$

In Lemma 4 we can replace the rule (*sym*) by the rule (*sym'*) shown below left. Lemma 4 is unsurprising since (*sym*) is the structural rule obtained from Kracht's methodology from the axiom schema $F \phi \Leftrightarrow P \phi$ characterising symmetric models. But, Lemma 4 is purely syntactic since it contains no reference to any interpretation of the structures. We make extensive use of the derivable invertible rule (**sym**) shown below right which encapsulates Lemma 4:

$$\frac{\bullet_{\neq}(Z \circ \bullet_{\neq}X) \vdash Y}{X \circ \bullet_{\neq}Z \vdash Y} \text{ (sym')} \qquad \frac{* \bullet_{\neq} *Z \vdash X}{\bullet_{\neq}Z \vdash X} \text{ (sym)}$$

We abuse notation since we also use (**sym**) for the rule that consists of replacing *any* occurrence of \bullet_{\neq} [resp. $* \bullet_{\neq} *$] in a sequent by $* \bullet_{\neq} *$ [resp. \bullet_{\neq}] by displaying the “target”, applying (**sym**), and then “undisplaying”. Such inferences may require the “right-handed” analogues of our structural rules, which are left unspecified, but which are derivable. The correct form of these “right-handed” analogues is not always the rule obtained by simply switching the antecedents and conclusions of the sequents in the “left-handed” version.

Primitivity of the axioms guarantees a sound and complete display calculus satisfying conditions (C1)-(C8) [Bel82] and therefore enjoying cut-elimination.

Theorem 5 (Soundness, Completeness) For any formula $\phi \in \text{NTL}(G, H, [\neq])$, the sequent $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in δMTL_{\neq} iff $\vdash_{\neq} \phi$ [Kra96].

Theorem 6 (Cut-elimination) If there is a derivation of $X \vdash Y$ in δMTL_{\neq} , then there is a cut-free derivation of $X \vdash Y$ in δMTL_{\neq} [Bel82].

We write $\delta + \mathcal{R}$ for display calculus δ augmented with the set \mathcal{R} of rules.

4 A Display Calculus for MNTL

We use a standard embedding of MNTL into MTL_{\neq} to obtain a display calculus δMNTL from the display calculus δMTL_{\neq} . We prove soundness and completeness of δMNTL with respect to MNTL by using the soundness and completeness of δMTL_{\neq} with respect to MTL_{\neq} . We also prove a weak cut-elimination theorem for δMNTL by using the cut-elimination theorem for δMTL_{\neq} . Actually, we show that for every $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$, $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in δMNTL iff $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL . “Weak” because cut-elimination is couched using arbitrary sequents $X \vdash Y$ rather than sequents of the form $I \vdash \phi$. In Section 5 we then prove completeness of δMNTL directly with respect to the Hilbert-style calculus \vdash_{MNTL} .

4.1 Definition of δMNTL

The display calculus δMNTL defined below is composed of axioms and inference rules from δMTL_{\neq} defined in Section 3.2. The set $\text{struc}(\delta\text{MNTL})$ of structures is the same as $\text{struc}(\delta\text{MTL}_{\neq})$ except that only formulae from $\text{NTL}(H, G)$ can occur as substructures although the structural connectives are identical. The fundamental logical axiom and cut rule (Figure 1), the structural rules (Figures 2, 4 and 5) and the operational rules (Figure 3) for δMNTL are by definition those for δMTL_{\neq} except that the rules

$$\frac{i \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * X}{X \vdash i} \quad (\vdash i) \quad \frac{X \vdash i}{i \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * X} \quad (i \vdash) \quad (Id') \quad i \vdash i$$

Figure 6: Axioms and rules for δMNTL

introducing $[\neq]\phi$, as antecedent and succedent, are replaced by the rules introducing the nominals, as antecedent and succedent, described in Figure 6. The fundamental axiom (Id') for nominals is also added.

An easy way to understand the way the rules in Figure 6 work is to observe that the formula from $\text{NTL}([\neq])$ shown below is valid in any model:

$$i \Leftrightarrow [\neq]\neg i.$$

The rules $(i \vdash)$ and $(\vdash i)$ use the intensional nature of a name whereas the fundamental axiom $i \vdash i$ uses its atomic nature.

Using the display postulates and the derived rule (sym), we can alternatively define the “introduction” rules for nominals as follows:

$$\frac{X \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * i}{X \vdash i} \quad \frac{X \vdash i}{X \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * i}$$

Following [Kra96], it is easy to establish that both rules $(* \vdash)$ and $(\vdash *)$ below are admissible in δMNTL :

$$\frac{\neg\psi \vdash X}{*\psi \vdash X} \quad (* \vdash) \quad \frac{X \vdash \neg\psi}{X \vdash *\psi} \quad (\vdash *)$$

In particular, if $\neg\psi \vdash X$ [resp. $X \vdash \neg\psi$] has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL , then $*\psi \vdash X$ [resp. $X \vdash *\psi$] also has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL .

4.2 Soundness and Completeness

To prove soundness of δMNTL with respect to MNTL -validity we use the mappings $a : \text{struc}(\delta\text{MNTL}) \rightarrow \text{TL}(H, G, [\neq])$ and $c : \text{struc}(\delta\text{MNTL}) \rightarrow \text{TL}(H, G, [\neq])$ defined below which are slight variants of standard mappings; see e. g. [Kra96]:

a and c are homomorphic for $\wedge, \vee, \Rightarrow, \neg, H$ and G

	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$		$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	
$a(i_k)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq]\neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq]\neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}$
$a(\mathbf{p}_j)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$\mathbf{P}_{2 \times j}$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$\mathbf{P}_{2 \times j}$
$a(\top)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	\top	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	\perp
$a(\perp)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	\perp	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	\perp
$a(\top)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	\top	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	\top
$a(*X)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$\neg c(X)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$\neg a(X)$
$a(X \circ Y)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$a(X) \wedge a(Y)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$c(X) \vee c(Y)$
$a(\bullet X)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$P a(X)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$G c(X)$
$a(\bullet_{\neq} X)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$\langle \neq \rangle a(X)$	$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$	$[\neq]c(X)$.

For any finite set S of structures, we write $\text{Nom}(S)$ for the set of names from Nom that occur in S . We also define the formula ϕ_S from $\text{TL}(G, H, [\neq])$ below:

$$\varphi_S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bigwedge_{i_k \in \text{Nom}(S)} (\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}) \vee \langle \neq \rangle (\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}).$$

In the case when $\text{Nom}(S)$ is empty, φ_S takes the value \top . For any finite set S and for any MTL_{\neq} -model $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, m)$, $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi_S$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi_S$ for some $w \in W$.

Lemma 7 easily follows from the definition of the formulae of the form φ_S .

Lemma 7 Let S, S' be finite sets of structures, ψ be in $\text{NTL}(G, H)$ and ψ' be in $\text{TL}(G, H, [\neq])$. Then,

1. if $S' \subseteq S$, then $\varphi_S \Rightarrow \varphi_{S'}$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid;
2. if for all $k \in \omega$, the propositional variable $\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}$ occurs in ψ' only if i_k occurs in S , then $\varphi_S \Rightarrow \psi'$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid iff $\varphi_{S \cup \{\psi\}} \Rightarrow \psi'$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid.

Lemma 8 below relates the formulae of the form φ_S with the map $a(\cdot)$.

Lemma 8 For some class of frames \mathcal{C} , let $\mathcal{L} = \langle \text{NTL}(G, H), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the nominal tense logic of \mathcal{C} -frames and let $\mathcal{L}_{\neq} = \langle \text{TL}(G, H, [\neq]), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the tense logic of inequality of \mathcal{C} -frames. Then, for any $\phi \in \text{NTL}(G, H)$, statements (1) and (2) below are equivalent:

- (1) ϕ is \mathcal{L} -valid
- (2) $\varphi_{\{\phi\}} \Rightarrow a(\phi)$ is \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -valid.

Since $a(\neg\phi) = \neg a(\phi)$, it suffices to prove that statements (3) and (4) below are equivalent:

- (3) ϕ is \mathcal{L} -satisfiable
- (4) $\varphi_{\{\phi\}} \wedge a(\phi)$ is \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -satisfiable.

Proof (3) \Rightarrow (4): Suppose ϕ is \mathcal{L} -satisfiable. So there is an \mathcal{L} -model $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, m)$ and $w_0 \in W$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w_0 \models \phi$. Let $\mathcal{M}' = (W, R, m')$ be the \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -model such that for all $k \in \omega$:

$$m'(\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m(\mathbf{p}_k) \qquad m'(\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m(i_k).$$

For $w \in W$ and for $k \in \omega$ it is obvious that:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}, w \models \mathbf{p}_k &\text{ iff } \mathcal{M}', w \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k} \\ \mathcal{M}, w \models i_k &\text{ iff } \mathcal{M}', w \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \\ \mathcal{M}', w \models \varphi_{\{\phi\}} & \end{aligned}$$

These are the base cases to show by induction on the structure of any subformula ψ of ϕ that for any $w \in W$: $\mathcal{M}, w \models \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}', w \models a(\psi)$. Hence, $\mathcal{M}', w_0 \models \varphi_{\{\phi\}} \wedge a(\phi)$.

(4) \Rightarrow (3): Suppose $\varphi_{\{\phi\}} \wedge a(\phi)$ is \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -satisfiable. So there is an \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -model $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, m)$ and $w_0 \in W$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w_0 \models \varphi_{\{\phi\}} \wedge a(\phi)$. Let $\mathcal{M}' = (W, R, m')$ be the \mathcal{L} -model such that for every $k \in \omega$:

$$\begin{aligned}
m'(\mathbf{p}_k) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} m(\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k}) \\
m'(i_k) &= \{x\} \text{ if } i_k \text{ occurs in } \phi \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, x \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \\
m'(i_k) &= \{w_0\} \text{ (arbitrary value) if } i_k \text{ does not occur in } \phi.
\end{aligned}$$

In the second clause above, a unique such $x \in W$ always exists because $\mathcal{M}, w_0 \models \varphi_{\{\phi\}}$. For $w \in W$ and for $k \in \omega$ it is obvious that:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{M}', w \models \mathbf{p}_k &\text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, w \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k} \\
\text{if } i_k \text{ occurs in } \phi &\text{ then: } \mathcal{M}', w \models i_k \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, w \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}.
\end{aligned}$$

These are the base cases to show by induction on the structure of any subformula ψ of ϕ that for any $w \in W$: $\mathcal{M}', w \models \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models a(\psi)$. Hence, $\mathcal{M}', w_0 \models \phi$.

Lemma 9 below allows us to get rid of $\varphi_{\{\phi\}}$ in $\varphi_{\{\phi\}} \Rightarrow a(\phi)$.

Lemma 9 For some class of frames \mathcal{C} which is closed under disjoint unions and isomorphic copies, let $\mathcal{L} = \langle \text{NTL}(G, H), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the nominal tense logic of \mathcal{C} -frames, and let $\mathcal{L}_{\neq} = \langle \text{TL}(G, H, [\neq]), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the tense logic of inequality of \mathcal{C} -frames. For every $\phi \in \text{NTL}(G, H)$, the statements (1) and (2) below are equivalent:

$$(1) \phi \text{ is } \mathcal{L}\text{-valid} \quad (2) a(\phi) \text{ is } \mathcal{L}_{\neq}\text{-valid.}$$

Since $a(\neg\phi) = \neg a(\phi)$, it suffices to prove that the statements (3) and (4) below are equivalent:

$$(3) \phi \text{ is } \mathcal{L}\text{-satisfiable} \quad (4) a(\phi) \text{ is } \mathcal{L}_{\neq}\text{-satisfiable.}$$

Proof (3) \Rightarrow (4): Similar to the part (3) \Rightarrow (4) in the proof of Lemma 8.

(4) \Rightarrow (3): Suppose $a(\phi)$ is \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -satisfiable. So there is an \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -model $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, m)$ and $w_0 \in W$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w_0 \models a(\phi)$. Here, we cannot guarantee that for any i_k occurring in ϕ , the set $U_k = \{x \in W \mid \mathcal{M}, x \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}\}$ is a singleton.

However, to see that U_k is a singleton assume that there are $w_1 \neq w_2 \in W$ such that $\{w_1, w_2\} \subseteq U_k$. Since $\mathcal{M}, w_1 \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}$ and $w_1 \neq w_2$, we must have $\mathcal{M}, w_2 \models \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}$, contradicting the definition of U_k . So, for any i_k occurring in ϕ , either $U_k = \emptyset$ or U_k is a singleton.

Let $\mathcal{M}' = (W', R', m')$ be the triple such that:

1. $W' = W \times \{1, 2\}$
2. $\langle w, j \rangle R' \langle w', j' \rangle \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} j = j' \text{ and } w R w'$
3. $m'(\mathbf{p}_k) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\langle w, j \rangle \mid w \in m(\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k}), j \in \{1, 2\}\}$ for every $k \in \omega$
4. for every $k \in \omega$ such that i_k occurs in ϕ ,

$$m'(i_k) = \begin{cases} \{ \langle x, 1 \rangle \} & \text{if } U_k \neq \emptyset \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, x \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \\ \{ \langle w_0, 2 \rangle \} & \text{if } U_k = \emptyset. \end{cases}$$

5. for $k \in \omega$ where i_k does not occur in ϕ , $m'(i_k) = \{ \langle w_0, 2 \rangle \}$.

In clause 4, such a unique $x \in W$ is guaranteed to exist and in clause 5, the world $\langle w_0, 2 \rangle$ is just an arbitrary value from the second copy of \mathcal{M} .

Since \mathcal{C} is closed under isomorphic copies and disjoint unions, $(W', R') \in \mathcal{C}$ and \mathcal{M}' is an \mathcal{L} -model since the nominals are interpreted as singletons. For $w \in W$ and for $k \in \omega$ it is obvious that:

$$\mathcal{M}', \langle w, 1 \rangle \models \mathbf{p}_k \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, w \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k}$$

if i_k occurs in ϕ , then:

$$\mathcal{M}', \langle w, 1 \rangle \models i_k \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, w \models \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}.$$

These are the base cases to show by induction on the structure of any subformula ψ of ϕ that for any $w \in W$: $\mathcal{M}', \langle w, 1 \rangle \models \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models a(\psi)$. Hence, $\mathcal{M}', \langle w_0, 1 \rangle \models \phi$.

Theorem 10 If $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$ is derivable in δMNTL , then $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}))$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid.

Proof The proof is by induction on the length of the given derivation of $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$. The base case with instances of (Id) and (Id') and $(\vdash \top)$ and $(\perp \vdash)$ are immediate. Assume that the theorem holds for all δMNTL derivations of length less than some natural number $n > 0$, and consider a derivation of length n . We now consider the bottom-most rule application in this derivation.

Cut Rule: Assume $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \phi\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow c(\phi))$ and $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{Y}, \phi\}} \Rightarrow (a(\phi) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}))$ are MTL_{\neq} -valid. By Lemma 7(1), $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \phi\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow c(\phi))$ and $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}, \phi\}} \Rightarrow (a(\phi) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}))$ are also MTL_{\neq} -valid. Since $a(\phi) = c(\phi)$, we obtain $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}))$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid. By Lemma 7(2), $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}))$ is also MTL_{\neq} -valid.

Rule $\frac{\mathbf{X} \vdash \bullet \mathbf{Y}}{\bullet \mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}}$ Let us consider the proof for the direction from top to bottom.

Suppose $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow Gc(\mathbf{Y}))$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid and suppose $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}} \Rightarrow (Pa(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}))$ is not MTL_{\neq} -valid. There exist an MTL_{\neq} -model (W, R, m) and $w \in W$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}} \wedge Pa(\mathbf{X}) \wedge \neg c(\mathbf{Y})$. So there is $w' \in R^{-1}(w)$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w' \models a(\mathbf{X})$, and $\mathcal{M}, w' \models \varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}}$. By supposition, $\mathcal{M}, w' \models Gc(\mathbf{Y})$ and hence $\mathcal{M}, w \models c(\mathbf{Y})$, a contradiction.

($\vdash i$)-rule: Assume $\varphi_{\{i_k, \mathbf{X}\}} \Rightarrow ((\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}) \Rightarrow [\neq] \neg a(\mathbf{X}))$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid and suppose $\varphi_{\{i_k, \mathbf{X}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1}))$ is not MTL_{\neq} -valid. Thus there exists an MTL_{\neq} -model (W, R, m) and $w \in W$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi_{\{i_k, \mathbf{X}\}} \wedge a(\mathbf{X}) \wedge \neg(\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1})$. Let w' be the *unique* element of W such that $\mathcal{M}, w' \models (\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1})$. Such an element $w' \in W$ exists and is unique since $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi_{\{i_k, \mathbf{X}\}}$. Hence, $\mathcal{M}, w' \models \varphi_{\{i_k, \mathbf{X}\}} \wedge (\mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}_{2 \times k+1})$. Obviously $w' \neq w$ and by supposition, $\mathcal{M}, w' \models [\neq] \neg a(\mathbf{X})$. Hence, $\mathcal{M}, w \models \neg a(\mathbf{X})$, a contradiction.

($nec_{[\neq]}^l$)-rule: Assume $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}\}} \Rightarrow (a(I) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{X}))$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid and suppose that $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}\}} \Rightarrow ((\neq)a(I) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{X}))$ is not MTL_{\neq} -valid. There exists an MTL_{\neq} -model (W, R, m) and $w \in W$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}\}} \wedge (\neq) \top \wedge \neg c(\mathbf{X})$. By assumption, $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}\}} \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{X})$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid, so $\mathcal{M}, w \models c(\mathbf{X})$, a contradiction.

(*unil*): Assume (i) $\varphi_{\{X,Y\}} \Rightarrow (a(X) \Rightarrow c(Y))$ and (ii) $\varphi_{\{X,Y\}} \Rightarrow ((\neq)a(X) \Rightarrow c(Y))$ are MTL_{\neq} -valid. Suppose $\varphi_{\{X,Y\}} \Rightarrow (Fa(X) \Rightarrow c(Y))$ is not MTL_{\neq} -valid. There exists an MTL_{\neq} -model (W, R, m) and $w \in W$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi_{\{X,Y\}} \wedge Fa(X) \wedge \neg c(Y)$. So, there is $w' \in R(w)$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w' \models \varphi_{\{X,Y\}} \wedge a(X)$. By validity of (i), $\mathcal{M}, w' \models c(Y)$. So $w \neq w'$. That is, there is $w' \neq w$ such that $\mathcal{M}, w' \models a(X)$. Hence, $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi_{\{X,Y\}} \wedge (\neq)a(X)$. By validity of (ii), $\mathcal{M}, w \models c(Y)$, a contradiction.

Corollary 11 (Soundness) If $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in δMNTL , then ϕ is MNTL -valid.

Proof It is sufficient to observe that any formulae $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is MNTL -valid iff $a(\phi)$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid iff $\varphi_{\{\phi\}} \Rightarrow a(\phi)$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid.

To prove completeness, we define a *partial* function

$$g : \text{struc}(\delta\text{MTL}_{\neq}) \rightarrow \text{struc}(\delta\text{MNTL})$$

as follows:

$g(X)$ is undefined if X contains any formula occurrence $[\neq]\psi$ with ψ not of the form $\neg p_{2 \times k+1}$ for any $k \in \omega$; otherwise

g is homomorphic for the Boolean connectives, for H and for G

$$g(p_{2 \times k+1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} g([\neq]\neg p_{2 \times k+1}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} i_k \text{ for any } k \in \omega$$

$$g(p_{2 \times j}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} p_j \text{ for any } j \in \omega$$

$$g(\perp) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \perp \quad g(\top) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \top \quad g(I) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I$$

g is homomorphic for the structural connectives.

It is easy to check that for any formula $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ the formula $g(a(\phi))$ is MNTL -valid iff ϕ is MNTL -valid. The following lemmata are used later.

Lemma 12 Suppose formulae ϕ' from $\text{NTL}(H, G)$ is obtained from ϕ by replacing some occurrences of the subformula ψ of ϕ by $\psi \wedge \psi$. Then, $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL iff $I \vdash \phi'$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL .

Lemma 13 For any formula ϕ from $\text{NTL}(H, G)$, the sequent $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL iff $I \vdash g(a(\phi))$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL .

Proof It is a routine task to check that $g(a(\phi))$ can be obtained from ϕ by replacing every occurrence of a name i_k by $i_k \wedge i_k$. By Lemma 12, the desired result follows. The extra copy is introduced by the translation $a(\cdot)$.

Theorem 14 (Completeness and Weak Cut-elimination) If a formula ϕ from the language $\text{NTL}(H, G)$ is MNTL -valid, then $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL .

We denote that the sequent s has a derivation Π as shown below:

$$\begin{array}{c} \vdots \\ \Pi \\ \hline s \end{array}$$

Proof Let ϕ be a formula of $\text{NTL}(G, H)$. We must show that if ϕ is MNTL -valid, then $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL . There are five parts to the proof:

1. If ϕ is MNTL -valid, then $a(\phi)$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid by Lemma 9.
2. If $a(\phi)$ is MTL_{\neq} -valid, then $I \vdash a(\phi)$ has a cut-free derivation in δMTL_{\neq} by Theorem 5 and Theorem 6.
3. If $I \vdash a(\phi)$ has a cut-free derivation in δMTL_{\neq} , then $I \vdash g(a(\phi))$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL .
4. $I \vdash g(a(\phi))$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL iff $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL by Lemma 13.
5. Hence, if ϕ is MNTL -valid, then $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in δMNTL .

It remains to prove point (3). We show that in the given cut-free derivation of $I \vdash a(\phi)$, for every sequent $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$ with cut-free derivation Π , the sequent $g(\mathbf{X}) \vdash g(\mathbf{Y})$ admits a cut-free derivation, say $g(\Pi)$, in δMNTL . It is worth observing that thanks to the subformula property of δMTL_{\neq} , $g(\mathbf{X})$ and $g(\mathbf{Y})$ are always defined.

The proof is by induction on the length of the derivations. When $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$ is a fundamental logical axiom, or an instance of $(\vdash \top)$ or $(\perp \vdash)$, the base case is immediate. Similarly, the proof poses no difficulty when the last rule is a structural rule from Figure 2, Figure 4 and Figure 5, or an operational rule introducing a Boolean connective, H or G since g is homomorphic for the Boolean connectives, H , G and the structural connectives.

Now let us treat the case when the last rule is $(\vdash [\neq])$. The derivation shown below left is transformed into the derivation shown below right:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \Pi \\
\frac{\mathbf{X} \vdash \bullet_{\neq} \neg \mathbf{P}_{2 \times k+1}}{\mathbf{X} \vdash [\neq] \neg \mathbf{P}_{2 \times k+1}} (\vdash [\neq])
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{c}
\vdots g(\Pi) \\
\frac{\frac{\frac{g(\mathbf{X}) \vdash \bullet_{\neq} \neg i_k}{\bullet_{\neq} g(\mathbf{X}) \vdash \neg i_k} (dp)}{\bullet_{\neq} g(\mathbf{X}) \vdash * i_k} (\vdash *)}}{\frac{\bullet_{\neq} g(\mathbf{X}) \vdash * i_k}{i_k \vdash * \bullet_{\neq} ** g(\mathbf{X})} (dp)} (\text{sym})} \\
\frac{i_k \vdash * \bullet_{\neq} ** g(\mathbf{X})}{g(\mathbf{X}) \vdash i_k} (\vdash i)
\end{array}$$

Observe that the inference $(\vdash *)$ in the above derivation is correct because by induction hypothesis, $g(\Pi)$ is cut-free; see the proof of admissibility of $(\vdash *)$ and $(* \vdash)$ in [Kra96] which requires cut-free derivations. Note that the proofs from [Gor96b] which derive $(\vdash *)$ and $(* \vdash)$ rather than show them admissible are *not* applicable here, since they *assume* cut-elimination holds.

Similarly, let us treat the case when the last rule is $([\neq] \vdash)$. The derivation shown below left is transformed into the derivation shown below right:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \Pi \\
\frac{\neg \mathbf{P}_{2 \times k+1} \vdash \mathbf{X}}{[\neq] \neg \mathbf{P}_{2 \times k+1} \vdash \bullet_{\neq} \mathbf{X}} (\vdash [\neq])
\end{array}
\qquad
\begin{array}{c}
\vdots g(\Pi) \\
\frac{\frac{\frac{\neg i_k \vdash g(\mathbf{X})}{* i_k \vdash g(\mathbf{X})} (* \vdash)}{* g(\mathbf{X}) \vdash i_k} (dp)}{\frac{i_k \vdash \bullet_{\neq} ** g(\mathbf{X})}{i_k \vdash \bullet_{\neq} g(\mathbf{X})} (dp)} (i \vdash)
\end{array}$$

Corollary 15 For any formula $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$, if Π is a cut-free derivation of $I \vdash a(\phi)$ in δMTL_{\neq} , then $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation Π' in δMNTL of size $\mathcal{O}(|\Pi|)$.

The proof of Corollary 15 also relies on the fact that if $\neg\psi \vdash X$ [resp. $X \vdash \neg\psi$] has a cut-free derivation Π in δMNTL , then $*\psi \vdash X$ [resp. $X \vdash *\psi$] has a cut-free derivation Π' of size $\mathcal{O}(|\Pi|)$ in δMNTL .

The rules $(i \vdash)$ and $(\vdash i)$ are obviously equivalent to the reversible rule below:

$$\frac{X \vdash i}{i \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * X}$$

As for the display postulates, or for any reversible rule, naive backward applications of such rules may lead to loops in proof search. As a corollary of the proof of Theorem 14, if we apply $(i \vdash)$ [resp. $(\vdash i)$] upwards, we never need to apply $(\vdash i)$ [resp. $(i \vdash)$] to the name “introduced” into the premiss by these rules. Thus rules $(i \vdash)$ and $(\vdash i)$ themselves need not lead to loops in proof search.

The natural translation (restriction of a) from MNTL into MTL_{\neq} has led to a relatively easy proof of Theorem 14 using strong existing results from the literature. However, extending this technique to extensions of MNTL by using the appropriate extensions of MTL_{\neq} is problematic because we cannot guarantee that these latter extensions are axiomatisable using a set of primitive axioms. In particular, it is even an open problem to know when the irreflexivity rule is needed (see e.g. [Ven93]). Furthermore, the cut-elimination result of Theorem 14 is restricted to sequents of the form $I \vdash \phi$, rather than the more general $X \vdash Y$. But cut-elimination for such general sequents is not straightforward since δMNTL does not satisfy Belnap’s condition (C8) (see Section 6).

5 Another Completeness Proof for δMNTL

Although Corollary 15 states very satisfactory results, the proofs in Section 4 cannot be easily generalised. In particular, for various extensions of \vdash_{\neq} where the irreflexivity rule shown below is added (see e.g. [Gab81, Rij92, Ven93]):

$$\frac{p \wedge [\neq] \neg p \Rightarrow \phi}{\phi} \quad (\text{IRR}) \text{ provided propositional variable } p \text{ does not occur in } \phi$$

It is unlikely that there is a natural **DL** rule corresponding to (IRR) that satisfies the conditions (C1)-(C8) [Bel82]. In the rest of this section, we give a completeness proof of δMNTL based on the system \vdash_{MNTL} [Bla90] whose extensions do not require the irreflexivity rule.

Lemma 16 $I \vdash \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \Rightarrow \phi_3$ is [cut-free] derivable in δMNTL iff $\phi_1 \circ \phi_2 \vdash \phi_3$ is [cut-free] derivable in δMNTL .

Proof First we derive $I \vdash \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \Rightarrow \phi_3$ from $\phi_1 \circ \phi_2 \vdash \phi_3$ by using the rules $(\vdash \Rightarrow)$, (weak_i) and $(\wedge \vdash)$. Second, by proving that the rule below is admissible (without introducing new cuts), as in the proof of [Kra96, Lemma 9], we get the desired result:

$$\frac{X \vdash \phi \Rightarrow \psi}{X \circ \phi \vdash \psi}$$

Theorem 17 (Completeness) If $\vdash_{\text{MNTL}} \phi$, then $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in δMNTL .

Proof The proof is by induction on the length of the derivation of $\vdash_{\text{MNTL}} \phi$. Actually, most of the cases have been already proved in [Wan94, Kra96, Wan98]. It remains to show that

$$I \vdash i \wedge \phi \Rightarrow \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$$

is derivable in δMNTL where $i \in \text{Nom}$, $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ and σ is a (possibly empty) finite sequence of elements from $\{H, G\}$. To do so, we prove by induction on the length of σ that both

$$(1) i \circ \phi \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \quad \text{and} \quad (2) \bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$$

are derivable in δMNTL , also doing some extra work that will prove useful later. By Lemma 16, we get $I \vdash i \wedge \phi \Rightarrow \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$ is derivable in δMNTL for any universal modality σ .

Base Case $|\sigma| = 0$:

$i \circ \phi \vdash i \Rightarrow \phi$ can be derived by basic manipulations using weakening rules and $(\vdash \Rightarrow)$. Indeed, $\phi \vdash \phi$ has a derivation in δMNTL for any $\phi \in \text{NTL}(G, H)$. The second base case can be solved as follows

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{i \vdash i}{i \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * i} (i \vdash)}{i \circ \phi \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * i} (weak_r)}{\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash *i} (dp)}{\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash *i} (weak_l)}{\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \circ i \vdash \phi} (dp)}{\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash i \Rightarrow \phi} (\vdash \Rightarrow)$$

Induction Step:

As an example let us show that $i \circ \phi \vdash G\sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$ and $\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash H\sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$ are derivable in δMNTL assuming that $i \circ \phi \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$ and $\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$ are derivable in δMNTL . In the derivations below, ‘(IH)’ means induction hypothesis.

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots (IH)}{i \circ \phi \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)} (dp)}{* \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash *(i \circ \phi)} (dp)}{\frac{\frac{\frac{\vdots (IH)}{\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)} (dp)}{* \bullet_{\neq} ** \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash *(i \circ \phi)} (sym)}{\bullet_{\neq} * \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash *(i \circ \phi)} (unil)}{* \bullet ** \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash *(i \circ \phi)} (dp)}{\frac{i \circ \phi \vdash \bullet \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)}{i \circ \phi \vdash G\sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)} (\vdash G)}$$

The other case is solved in the following way:

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots (IH) \\
\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \\
\hline
*\sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash * \bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \quad (dp)
\end{array}
\quad
\begin{array}{c}
\vdots (IH) \quad \vdots (IH) \\
i \circ \phi \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \quad \bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \\
\hline
\bullet_{\neq} \bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \quad (dp) \\
* \bullet_{\neq} * \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash * \bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \quad (sym) \\
\hline
\bullet_{\neq} * \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash * \bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \quad (uni2)
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
\bullet * \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \vdash * \bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \\
\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash * \bullet * \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \\
\hline
\bullet_{\neq}(i \circ \phi) \vdash H\sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi) \quad (\vdash H)
\end{array}$$

Although Theorem 17 is weaker than Corollary 15 (no construction of cut-free derivations), its proof relies only on the completeness of δKt [Kra96] and on the derivability of the axiom schema $i \wedge \phi \Rightarrow \sigma(i \Rightarrow \phi)$. Unlike the completeness proof in Section 4, the proof of Theorem 17 shows how the rules $(uni1)$, $(uni2)$, (sym) and $(alio)$ are essential to get completeness. This is in sharp contrast with the proof in Section 4 where the necessity of the above-mentioned rules is hidden by taking advantage of the results from [Rij92, Kra96]. The completeness proof in Section 4 also gives a weak cut-elimination theorem for $\delta MNTL$ by relying on the fact that MTL_{\neq} enjoys cut-elimination. But as we shall show in Section 6, $\delta MNTL$ does not satisfy the condition (C8), so we cannot prove cut-elimination for $\delta MNTL$ (for sequents of the general form $X \vdash Y$) directly using (C8).

6 Cut Elimination and Belnap's conditions

A very important feature of the proof-theoretical framework **DL** is the existence of a very general cut-elimination theorem [Bel82]. Indeed, any display calculus satisfying Belnap's conditions (C2)-(C8) enjoys cut-elimination [Bel82]. Unfortunately $\delta MNTL$ does not satisfy (C8) recalled below; see e.g. [Wan98]:

(C8) If there are inferences \mathcal{I}_1 and \mathcal{I}_2 with respective conclusions $X \vdash \phi$ and $\phi \vdash Y$ with ϕ *principal* in both inferences, and if cut is applied to obtain $X \vdash Y$, then

- either $X \vdash Y$ is identical to one of $X \vdash \phi$ and $\phi \vdash Y$
- or there is a derivation of $X \vdash Y$ from the premisses of \mathcal{I}_1 and \mathcal{I}_2 in which every cut-formula of any application of cut is a proper subformula of ϕ .

Consider the derivation,

$$\begin{array}{c}
\vdots \Pi_1 \quad \vdots \Pi_2 \\
i \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * X \quad Y \vdash i \\
X \vdash i \quad i \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * Y \quad (\vdash i) \quad (i \vdash) \\
\hline
X \vdash \bullet_{\neq} * Y \quad (cut)
\end{array}$$

Since i has no proper subformulae, $\delta MNTL$ does not satisfy (C8). However, $\delta MNTL$ enjoys a limited cut-elimination theorem by Corollary 15, and (C8) is crucial in the

cut-elimination proofs in [Bel82, Wan98]. The situation may seem even worse since an inference of $(i \vdash)$ [resp. $(\vdash i)$] changes the displayed antecedent [resp. succedent] occurrence of i into a succedent [resp. antecedent] part. This does *not* violate the condition (C4) since the occurrences of a name in some $(i \vdash)$ -rule [resp. $(\vdash i)$] inference are not *parameters*: they are not substructures of some structure obtained by instantiating some *structural* variable.

Surprisingly, the proof of Theorem 17 shows that if $\vdash_{\text{MNTL}} \phi$, then $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in δMNTL minus the rule $(\vdash i)$, say $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$. Indeed, the $(\vdash i)$ -rule is not used. Fortunately, $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$ enjoys cut-elimination. Indeed in $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$, i can be a succedent principal formula in an inference only in the fundamental logical axiom $i \vdash i$, and hence $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$ obeys Belnap’s (C8). Hence we can simply apply Belnap’s proof giving:

Theorem 18 For every set \mathcal{R} of structural rules satisfying Belnap’s conditions (C2)-(C8), the calculus $\delta^-\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}$ satisfies the conditions (C1)-(C8) and hence enjoys cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents of the form $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$ [Bel82].

Whether δMNTL itself enjoys cut-elimination is an open question since all the derivable sequents $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$ are not necessarily of the form $I \vdash \phi$. Moreover, the above result does not guarantee that any reasonable extension of δMNTL enjoys cut-elimination.

A preliminary version of this paper contained a strong normalisation theorem for any display calculi obtained from δMNTL by addition of structural rules satisfying the conditions (C2)-(C7). But more recent work [DG01a] has shown that the proof of strong normalisation requires more work. We have therefore relegated strong normalisation to the further work category.

7 Pseudo Displayable Nominal Tense Logics

Theorem 14 tells us that δMNTL is complete for MNTL , and that it enjoys cut-elimination for sequents of the form $I \vdash \phi$. But its proof does not give us cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$ in δMNTL .

Theorem 17 tells us that δMNTL is complete for MNTL , and its proof shows that a slightly restricted variant $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$ is also complete for MNTL . Since $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$ satisfies all of Belnap’s conditions, it is not only complete for MNTL , but it enjoys cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$. Theorem 18 then simply extends this cut-elimination result to extensions of $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$ obtained via addition of structural rules that satisfy Belnap’s conditions (C2)-(C7). By Kracht’s results we know that these rules arise naturally from primitive axioms. But since our logics are defined semantically, an obvious task is to characterise these rules (or the associated primitive axioms) semantically. Without nominals, we already know the answer by Sahlqvist’s theorem [Sah75].

In this section, we address this problem using techniques and results from [Bla90, Kra96] for both δMNTL and $\delta^-\text{MNTL}$ while preserving the cut-elimination theorems that they respectively enjoy.

Definition 19 For some class of frames \mathcal{C} , let $\mathcal{L} = \langle \text{NTL}(H, G), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the nominal tense logic of \mathcal{C} -frames. Logic \mathcal{L} is **pseudo displayable** if:

- (i) There is a display calculus $\delta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \delta_{\text{MNTL}} + \mathcal{R}$ such that \mathcal{R} is a set of structural rules satisfying Belnap's conditions (C2)-(C7), and
- (ii) Any formula $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is \mathcal{L} -valid iff $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in δ .

We need the following notion of Sahlqvist tense formula in order to study the nominal tense logics characterised by classes of frames modally definable by a Sahlqvist tense formula. We recall that a formula is **positive** [resp. **negative**] iff every propositional variable occurs under an even [resp. odd] number of negation symbols when every implication $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ is rewritten as $\neg\phi \vee \psi$.

Definition 20 A **simple Sahlqvist tense formula** (see e.g. [Rij93]) from $\text{TL}(H, G)$ is an implication $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ such that:

- ψ is positive
- ϕ is built up from negative formulae, formulae without occurrences of propositional variables, formulae of the form $\sigma \mathbf{p}$ with σ a universal modality and $\mathbf{p} \in \text{Prp}$, using only \wedge, \vee and the existential modalities.

A **Sahlqvist tense formula** is a conjunction of formulae of the form $\sigma(\phi \Rightarrow \psi)$ with σ a universal modality and $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ a simple Sahlqvist tense formula.

Theorem 21 If ϕ is a Sahlqvist tense formula and $\vdash \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \vdash_{\text{MNTL}} + \phi$, then any formula $\psi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is NTL_ϕ -valid iff $\vdash \psi$.

Before proving the theorem, an aside is in order.

As usual, a set $X \subseteq \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is **\vdash -consistent** $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ there is no finite subset $\{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\} \subseteq X$ such that $\vdash \neg(\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi_n)$. A set $X \subseteq \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is called a **maximal \vdash -consistent** set $\stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff}$ X is \vdash -consistent and for all $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$, either $\phi \in X$ or $\neg\phi \in X$. We write X_G to denote the set $\{\phi \mid G\phi \in X\}$. We use the standard construction of the **canonical model** (see e.g. [LS77, Mak66]).

For any Sahlqvist tense formula ϕ , if $\{\mathcal{F} \in Fr \mid \mathcal{F} \models \phi\}$ contains a frame $\mathcal{F}_1 = (W_1, R_1)$ with a reflexive $w_1 \in W_1$ and a frame $\mathcal{F}_2 = (W_2, R_2)$ with an irreflexive $w_2 \in W_2$ (for instance take ϕ to be $\mathbf{p} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p}$), NTL_ϕ is non *canonical* [Bla90, Proof of Theorem 4.3.1.]. That is, there is no NTL_ϕ -model $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, m)$ such that for every \vdash -consistent set X there is $w \in W$ such that for all $\psi \in X$, $\mathcal{M}, w \models \psi$. The arguments go as follows. $\mathcal{F}_1 \not\models \neg(i \wedge Fi)$ since $(W_1, R_1, m_1), w_1 \models i \wedge Fi$ with $m_1(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{w_1\}$ and $\mathcal{F}_2 \not\models \neg(i \wedge \neg Fi)$ since $(W_2, R_2, m_2), w_2 \models i \wedge \neg Fi$ with $m_2(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{w_2\}$. So neither $\neg(i \wedge Fi)$ nor $\neg(i \wedge \neg Fi)$ is NTL_ϕ -valid and neither is derivable in $\vdash_{\text{MNTL}} + \phi$ (by soundness). Thus both $(i \wedge Fi)$ and $(i \wedge \neg Fi)$ are $(\vdash_{\text{MNTL}} + \phi)$ -consistent. But in any NTL_ϕ -model \mathcal{M} , i is true at exactly one point, so it is impossible to have both formulae true in \mathcal{M} .

Proof The proof of Theorem 21 follows developments from the second completeness proof of \vdash_{MNTL} in [Bla90]. Our contribution is merely to check that it also works with $\vdash_{\text{MNTL}} + \phi$ when ϕ is a Sahlqvist tense formula.

The canonical model for \vdash is the triple $\mathcal{M}^c \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (W^c, R^c, m^c)$ where:

W^c is the family of all maximal \vdash -consistent sets

for all $X, Y: (X, Y) \in R^c \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} X_G \subseteq Y$
 $m^c(\mathbf{p}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{X \in W^c \mid \mathbf{p} \in X\}$ for every $\mathbf{p} \in \text{Prp}$
 $m^c(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{X \in W^c \mid i \in X\}$ for every $i \in \text{Nom}$.

The usual Fundamental Theorem holds: for any $X \in W^c$, a formula $\psi \in X$ iff $\mathcal{M}^c, X \models \psi$. Since ϕ is a Sahlqvist tense formula, (W^c, R^c) belongs to the frames of NTL_ϕ (see e.g. [Sah75, Ben84, Kra96]). As in the completeness proof of \vdash_{MNTL} in [Bla90], for any name i , there is no guarantee that $m^c(i)$ is a singleton. Following [Bla90, Lemma 4.3.7.], we can show that given $X \in W^c$, the (temporal) *generated subframe* $\mathcal{M}_X^c \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (W_X^c, R_X^c, m_X^c)$ of X satisfies:

for all $Y, Y' \in W_X^c$, if some nominal i belongs to $Y \cap Y'$, then $Y = Y'$.

We recall that for any $Y \in W^c$: $Y \in W_X^c \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow}$ there is a finite sequence $\langle Y_0, \dots, Y_l \rangle$ such that $(R^c)^{-1}$ is the converse of R^c and:

$Y_0 = X$ and $Y_l = Y$ and for any $j \in \{0, \dots, l-1\}, (Y_j, Y_{j+1}) \in R^c \cup (R^c)^{-1}$.

Moreover, \mathcal{M}_X^c is a frame for NTL_ϕ . Indeed, $(W^c, R^c) \models \phi$ and by [Bla90, Corollary 3.2.1], $(W_X^c, R_X^c) \models \phi$ (see also [GT75]). By [Bla90, Theorem 3.2.1], for any $\psi \in X$: $\mathcal{M}_X^c, X \models \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}^c, X \models \psi$.

Our proof is almost finished since m_X^c behaves better than m^c but $m_X^c(i)$ may be the empty set for some name i . Let S be the set

$$S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i \in \text{Nom} \mid m_X^c(i) = \emptyset\}$$

Let $\mathcal{M} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (W, R, m)$ be the model such that:

$W \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{1, 2\} \times W_X^c$
 $(\langle j_1, Y_1 \rangle, \langle j_2, Y_2 \rangle) \in R \stackrel{\text{def}}{\Leftrightarrow} j_1 = j_2 \text{ and } (Y_1, Y_2) \in R_X^c$
 $m(\mathbf{p}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\langle j, Y \rangle \in W \mid \mathbf{p} \in Y, 1 \leq j \leq 2\}$ for any $\mathbf{p} \in \text{Prp}$
 $m(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\langle 1, Y \rangle\}$ for any $i \in \text{Nom} \setminus S$ with $m_X^c(i) = \{Y\}$
 $m(i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\langle 2, X \rangle\}$ for any $i \in S$.

A similar construction is used in the proof of Lemma 9. The structure \mathcal{M} is a disjoint union of \mathcal{M}_X^c with itself, except for the restriction of the valuation function to nominals, and therefore (W, R) is a frame of NTL_ϕ . Indeed, every class of frames definable by a formula $\phi \in \text{TL}(H, G)$ is closed under disjoint union; see e.g. [Bla90, Section 3.2.2] or [GT75]. Moreover, m is a correct valuation and for any $\psi \in X$: $\mathcal{M}, \langle 1, X \rangle \models \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}_X^c, X \models \psi$.

If instead of nominals, we allow the difference operator $[\neq]$ in the language, things get worse. Indeed, the constraints relative to the nominals affect only the valuation function, whereas with the difference operator the constraints affect the relationships between relations. This partly explains why the powerful irreflexivity rule is often needed (see e.g. [Ven93, Rij92, Bal99]).

Recall that a primitive formula is of the form $\phi \Rightarrow \psi$ where both ϕ and ψ are built from propositional variables from Prp and \top with the help of \wedge, \vee, F, P and $\langle \neq \rangle$ only, and ϕ contains each propositional variable at most once [Kra96].

Theorem 22 For some class of frames \mathcal{C} , let $\mathcal{L} = \langle \text{NTL}(H, G), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the nominal tense logic of \mathcal{C} -frames, and ϕ be a conjunction of primitive axioms in $\text{TL}(G, H)$ such that $\mathcal{C} = \{\mathcal{F} \in Fr : \mathcal{F} \models \phi\}$. Then, \mathcal{L} is pseudo displayable.

Proof Using the effective procedure from [Kra96, Section 5], to each primitive axiom ϕ' , conjunct of ϕ , we associate a finite set of structural rules. This provides a constructive way to find a set \mathcal{R} of structural rules such that for any $\psi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ with $\vdash \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \vdash_{\text{MNTL}} + \phi: \vdash \psi$ iff $I \vdash \psi$ is derivable in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}$. By Theorem 21, \vdash axiomatises \mathcal{L} since every primitive formula in $\text{TL}(G, H)$ is a Sahlqvist tense formula and therefore \mathcal{L} is pseudo displayable.

Note that for soundness and completeness, the proof of Theorem 22 only requires the calculus $\delta\text{-MNTL} + \mathcal{R}$. Moreover, by Theorem 18, $\delta\text{-MNTL} + \mathcal{R}$ satisfies Belnap's conditions and enjoys cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents. As a consequence, for every $\psi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$, $I \vdash \psi$ is derivable in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}$ iff $I \vdash \psi$ has a cut-free derivation in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}$.

Corollary 23 Let \mathcal{L} be a logic defined in Theorem 22. Then, every formula $\phi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is \mathcal{L} -valid iff $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in $\delta\text{-MNTL} + \mathcal{R}$, where \mathcal{R} is the set of structural rules defined in the proof of Theorem 22.

Another class of pseudo displayable nominal tense logics can be identified by considering the first completeness proof of δMNTL from Section 4.

Theorem 24 For some class of frames \mathcal{C} which is closed under disjoint unions and isomorphic copies, let $\mathcal{L} = \langle \text{NTL}(H, G), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the nominal tense logic of \mathcal{C} -frames, let $\mathcal{L}_{\neq} = \langle \text{TL}(H, G, [\neq]), \mathcal{C} \rangle$ be the tense logic of inequality of \mathcal{C} -frames, and let γ be a conjunction of primitive axioms over the language $\text{TL}(H, G, [\neq])$ such that $\vdash_{\neq} + \gamma$ axiomatises \mathcal{L}_{\neq} . Then, \mathcal{L} is pseudo displayable.

The careful reader might observe that the irreflexivity rule is not present in $\vdash_{\neq} + \gamma$. Moreover, unlike Theorem 22, the primitive axioms in Theorem 24 are built from the language that *does* admit $[\neq]$.

Proof (sketch) By [Kra96, Lemma 13], $\vdash_{\neq} + \gamma$ is pseudo displayable in the sense defined in [Kra96]. Let $\delta\text{MTL}_{\neq} + \mathcal{R}_{\gamma}$ be the display calculus for $\vdash_{\neq} + \gamma$ with \mathcal{R}_{γ} the set of structural rules obtained from γ using the effective procedure of [Kra96, Section 5]. The proof of Theorem 14 can be adapted to prove that $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_{\gamma}$ pseudo displays $\mathcal{L} = \langle \text{NTL}(H, G), \mathcal{C} \rangle$.

Indeed one can show that if ϕ is \mathcal{L} -valid, then $a(\phi)$ is \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -valid and therefore $I \vdash a(\phi)$ has a cut-free derivation in $\delta\text{MTL}_{\neq} + \mathcal{R}_{\gamma}$. By adapting the proof of Theorem 14, we can obtain that $I \vdash \phi$ has a cut-free derivation in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_{\gamma}$. Observe that any formula $\psi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ is \mathcal{L} -valid iff $a(\psi)$ is \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -valid since \mathcal{C} is closed under disjoint unions and isomorphic copies (see Lemma 9). For the soundness part, we show that if $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_{\gamma}$, then ϕ is \mathcal{L} -valid. To do so, we prove that if $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$ is derivable in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_{\gamma}$, then $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Y}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{X}))$ is \mathcal{L}_{\neq} -valid. We use the two lemmas below:

1. Let r be an inference rule in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_\gamma$ such that for any inference

$$\frac{\mathbf{X}_1 \vdash \mathbf{Y}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{X}_n \vdash \mathbf{Y}_n}{\mathbf{X}_{n+1} \vdash \mathbf{Y}_{n+1}}(r) \ (n \geq 0)$$

if for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $a(\mathbf{X}_i) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_i)$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid, then $a(\mathbf{X}_{n+1}) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_{n+1})$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid. Then, if for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_i\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}_i) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_i))$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid, then $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{Y}_{n+1}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}_{n+1}) \Rightarrow s(\mathbf{Y}_{n+1}))$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid.

2. For all the rules r in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_\gamma$ except the $(\vdash i)$ -rule, for any inference

$$\frac{\mathbf{X}_1 \vdash \mathbf{Y}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{X}_n \vdash \mathbf{Y}_n}{\mathbf{X}_{n+1} \vdash \mathbf{Y}_{n+1}}(r) \ (n \geq 0)$$

if for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $a(\mathbf{X}_i) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_i)$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid, then so is $a(\mathbf{X}_{n+1}) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_{n+1})$.

Proof of (1): For $i \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$, there is $\phi_i \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$ such that $a(\phi_i) = a(\mathbf{X}_i) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_i)$ and $\varphi_{\{\phi_i\}} = \varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_i\}}$. So, for $i \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$, $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_i\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}_i) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_i))$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid iff $\varphi_{\{\phi_i\}} \Rightarrow a(\phi_i)$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid iff $a(\phi_i)$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid (by Lemma 8 and Lemma 9) iff $a(\mathbf{X}_i) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_i)$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid. This suffices to get the desired result.

Proof of (2): The proof follows from [Kra96] and by observing that $\phi \Rightarrow (\mathbf{p} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p})$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid implies $(\mathbf{p} \wedge [\neq] \neg \mathbf{p}) \Rightarrow [\neq] \neg \phi$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid for the $(i \vdash)$ -rule.

Let us conclude the soundness proof. By (1) and (2), for any inference rule r in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_\gamma$ minus $(\vdash i)$, for any inference

$$\frac{\mathbf{X}_1 \vdash \mathbf{Y}_1 \ \dots \ \mathbf{X}_n \vdash \mathbf{Y}_n}{\mathbf{X}_{n+1} \vdash \mathbf{Y}_{n+1}}(r) \ (n \geq 0)$$

if for $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Y}_i\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}_i) \Rightarrow c(\mathbf{Y}_i))$ is \mathcal{L}_\neq -valid, then so is $\varphi_{\{\mathbf{X}_{n+1}, \mathbf{Y}_{n+1}\}} \Rightarrow (a(\mathbf{X}_{n+1}) \Rightarrow s(\mathbf{Y}_{n+1}))$. The proof of Theorem 10 gives a similar property for $(i \vdash)$. By Lemma 9: $I \vdash \phi$ is derivable in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_\gamma$ implies ϕ is \mathcal{L} -valid.

As a consequence of Theorem 24:

Corollary 25 For every $\psi \in \text{NTL}(H, G)$, $I \vdash \psi$ is derivable in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_\gamma$ iff $I \vdash \psi$ has a cut-free derivation in $\delta\text{MNTL} + \mathcal{R}_\gamma$.

Unlike the proof of Theorem 22, the proof of Theorem 24 does *not* allow us to deduce an analogous completeness result for primitive extensions of $\delta^- \text{MNTL}$ since the latter is based upon the proof of Theorem 14 where we explicitly need to use *both* introduction rules for nominals.

8 Concluding Remarks

We have defined display calculi for a large class of nominal tense logics. All our calculi enjoy cut-elimination for restricted sequents of the form $I \vdash \phi$. A simple observation on the use of the rules for introducing nominals shows that a slight variant of all our calculi also enjoy cut-elimination for arbitrary sequents $\mathbf{X} \vdash \mathbf{Y}$.

The following open problems are worth investigating:

1. How to extend the completeness result for primitive extensions of δ MNTL to primitive extensions of δ -MNTL for the class of nominal tense logics from Theorem 24?
2. How to define structural rules in **DL** from axioms containing names?
3. We have proposed a way to formalise proof systems for nominal tense logics within **DL**. Numerous nominal tense logics are known to be decidable (see e.g. [Bla90, Bla93, PT91]). How to design uniform decision procedures based on our calculi?
4. Theorem 22 and Theorem 24 establish two classes of pseudo displayable nominal tense logics. Are they really different classes?
5. A possible answer to (1) is to characterise the class of Sahlqvist tense formulae ϕ such that $\vdash_{\neq} + \phi$ axiomatises $\langle \text{TL}(H, [\neq], G), \{\mathcal{F} \mid \mathcal{F} \models \phi\} \rangle$. This is roughly equivalent to determining when the irreflexivity rule is superfluous (see e.g. [Ven93]). A partial answer can be found in [Bal99].

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