

# Large cardinals and topological completeness of polymodal provability logics

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# The Logic GLP

**Recall:** For any ordinal  $\xi \geq 2$ , we consider the language of propositional logic with additional modal operators  $[\alpha]$ , for each  $\alpha < \xi$ . The corresponding dual operators  $\neg[\alpha]\neg$  are denoted by  $\langle \alpha \rangle$ . The logic system **GLP** $_{\xi}$  has the following axioms and rules:

## Axioms:

- 1 Boolean tautologies.
- 2  $[\alpha](\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ([\alpha]\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha]\psi)$ , for all  $\alpha < \xi$ .
- 3  $[\alpha]([\alpha]\varphi \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow [\alpha]\varphi$ , for all  $\alpha < \xi$ .
- 4  $[\beta]\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha]\varphi$ , for all  $\beta < \alpha < \xi$ .
- 5  $\langle \beta \rangle\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha]\langle \beta \rangle\varphi$ , for all  $\beta < \alpha < \xi$ .

## Rules:

- 1  $\vdash \varphi, \vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi \Rightarrow \vdash \psi$  (Modus Ponens)
- 2  $\vdash \varphi \Rightarrow \vdash [\alpha]\varphi$ , for all  $\alpha < \xi$  (Necessitation)

# Ordinal semantics

We are interested in topological semantics for **GLP** $_{\xi}$ , in the case the spaces are ordinal numbers with the canonical interval topology.

**Recall:** For  $\delta$  an ordinal, the **interval topology** on  $\delta$  is the topology generated by the set  $\mathcal{B}_0$  consisting of  $\{0\}$  and the intervals  $(\alpha, \beta)$ . This is the **canonical topology** on  $\delta$ , i.e., the limit points are precisely the limit ordinals.

**Note:** This is a Hausdorff scattered topology in which 0 and all successor ordinals less than  $\delta$  are isolated points. Hence if  $\delta \leq \omega$ , then the interval topology on  $\delta$  is discrete.

# Ordinal semantics

Thus, we consider polytopological spaces  $(\delta, (\tau_\alpha)_{\alpha < \xi})$ , where  $\delta$  is an ordinal and the  $\tau_\alpha$  are topologies on  $\delta$  that contain the interval topology.

For the **GLP** $_\xi$  axioms to be valid in  $(\delta, (\tau_\alpha)_{\alpha < \xi})$ , the topologies  $\tau_\alpha$  have to satisfy:

- 1  $\tau_\alpha$  is scattered, all  $\alpha < \xi$ .
- 2  $\tau_\beta \subseteq \tau_\alpha$ , for all  $\beta \leq \alpha < \xi$ .
- 3 If  $d_\alpha : \mathcal{P}(\delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\delta)$  is the derived set operator for  $\tau_\alpha$  (i.e.,  $d_\alpha(A)$  is the set of limit points of  $A$  in the  $\tau_\alpha$  topology), then  $d_\alpha(A)$  is an open set in  $\tau_{\alpha+1}$ , for all  $A \subseteq \delta$ .

# Ordinal semantics

**Recall:** A **valuation** on  $\delta$  is a map  $v : \text{Form} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\delta)$  of formulas of  $\text{GLP}_\xi$  to subsets of  $\delta$  such that:

- 1  $v(\neg\varphi) = \delta - v(\varphi)$
- 2  $v(\varphi \wedge \psi) = v(\varphi) \cap v(\psi)$
- 3  $v(\langle\alpha\rangle\varphi) = d_\alpha(v(\varphi))$ , for all  $\alpha < \xi$ . (Hence,  
 $v([\alpha]\varphi) = \delta - d_\alpha(\delta - v(\varphi))$ , for all  $\alpha < \xi$ .)

A formula is **valid** in  $\delta$  if  $v(\varphi) = \delta$ , for every valuation  $v$  on  $\delta$ .

# Topologies on ordinals

Since we want  $(\delta, (\tau_\alpha)_{\alpha < \xi})$  to satisfy all **GLP** $_\xi$  axioms, by the previous remarks we don't have much choice on how to define the  $\tau_\alpha$  topologies.

First of all, the topologies must form an increasing chain  $\tau_0 \subseteq \tau_1 \subseteq \dots \tau_\alpha \subseteq \dots$  on  $\delta$ , with  $\tau_0$  being the interval topology.

The other topologies are determined by the  $d_\alpha$  operators.

# Topologies on ordinals

Given  $\tau_\alpha$ , let  $d_\alpha : \mathcal{P}(\delta) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\delta)$  be the Cantor derivative operator, defined by:

$$d_\alpha(A) = \{\beta < \delta : \beta \text{ is a limit point of } A \text{ in the } \tau_\alpha \text{ topology}\}.$$

Then let  $\tau_{\alpha+1}$  be the topology generated by

$$\mathcal{B}_{\alpha+1} := \mathcal{B}_\alpha \cup \{d_\alpha(A) : A \subseteq \delta\}.$$

If  $\alpha$  is a limit ordinal, then we let  $\tau_\alpha := \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \tau_\beta$  and  $\mathcal{B}_\alpha := \bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \mathcal{B}_\beta$ .



# Topologies on ordinals

Notice that  $d_0(A)$  is the set of limit points of  $A$  in the ordinal ordering. Thus, if the cofinality of  $\alpha$  is uncountable and  $\alpha \in d_0(A)$ , then  $d_0(A) \cap \alpha$  is a club (closed and unbounded) subset of  $\alpha$ .

The set  $\mathcal{B}_1 := \mathcal{B}_0 \cup \{d_0(A) : A \subseteq \delta\}$  is a base for the topology  $\tau_1$  on  $\delta$ , known as the **club topology**.

Note that every  $\alpha < \delta$  of countable cofinality is an isolated point of  $\tau_1$ . So, if  $\delta \leq \omega_1$ , then  $\tau_1$  is discrete.

What is  $d_1(A)$ ?

Recall that for  $\alpha$  of uncountable cofinality,  $S \subseteq \alpha$  is **stationary** in  $\alpha$  if  $S \cap C \neq \emptyset$ , for all club  $C \subseteq \alpha$ .

For every  $A \subseteq \delta$ ,

$$d_1(A) = \{\alpha : A \cap \alpha \text{ is stationary in } \alpha\}.$$

# Topologies on ordinals

As a warm-up for the general case, let us look at the conditions under which the topology  $\tau_2$ , generated by  $\mathcal{B}_2 := \mathcal{B}_1 \cup \{d_1(A) : A \subseteq \delta\}$ , is non-discrete.

If  $\alpha < \delta$  and some stationary subset  $S$  of  $\alpha$  does not reflect (i.e.,  $d_1(S) = \{\alpha\}$ ), then  $\alpha$  is an isolated point of  $\tau_2$ . So, for  $\tau_2$  to be non-discrete we need at least that some  $\alpha < \delta$  is **stationary-reflecting**, i.e.,  $d_1(S) \cap \alpha \neq \emptyset$ , for all stationary  $S \subseteq \alpha$ .

It is well-known that the first stationary-reflecting cardinal, if it exists, must be either weakly inaccessible or the successor of a singular cardinal.

So if, e.g.,  $\delta \leq \aleph_{\omega+1}$ , then  $\tau_2$  is discrete.

# Topologies on ordinals

But for  $\tau_2$  to be non-discrete we need more than just the existence of a stationary-reflecting cardinal  $\alpha < \delta$ . What we need is some  $\alpha < \delta$  such that every pair  $A, B$  of stationary subsets of  $\alpha$  **simultaneously reflect**, that is, there exists  $\beta < \alpha$  with  $\beta \in d_1(A) \cap d_1(B)$ . Let us call such an  $\alpha$  **simultaneously stationary-reflecting**, or **s-reflecting** for short.

# Topologies on ordinals

## Proposition

*$\mathcal{B}_2$  is a sub-base for a topology on  $\delta$  such that for every  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha$  is not isolated if and only if it is  $s$ -reflecting. Hence,  $\tau_2$  is a non-discrete topology on  $\delta$  if and only if some  $\alpha < \delta$  is  $s$ -reflecting.*

# On discreteness

We have seen that for the topologies  $\tau_\alpha$  on  $\delta$  to be non-discrete,  $\delta$  has to be large. E.g.,  $\tau_0$  is non-discrete if and only if  $\delta$  is greater than  $\omega$ ;  $\tau_1$  is non-discrete if and only if  $\delta$  is greater than  $\omega_1$ ; and for  $\tau_2$  to be non-discrete,  $\delta$  has to be greater than  $\aleph_{\omega+1}$ .

**Question:** How large must  $\delta$  be for  $\tau_2$  to be non-discrete?

Before we answer this, let's pause for a second and ask:

Why do we care about the  $\tau_\alpha$  being non-discrete?

# On discreteness

## Fact

*For the system  $\mathbf{GLP}_\xi$  to be complete with respect to canonical ordinal semantics we need some  $(\delta, (\tau_\alpha)_{\alpha < \xi})$  in which all the  $\tau_\alpha$  are non-discrete.*

Why? If, say,  $\tau_\alpha$  is discrete on every  $\delta$  (equivalently, if no ordinal is  $\alpha$ -s-reflecting), then the non-provable formula  $[\alpha] \perp$  is valid.

# Second-order indescribable cardinals

Back to our question:

**Question:** How large must  $\delta$  be for  $\tau_2$  to be non-discrete?

What we are really asking is: How large is a  $s$ -reflecting ordinal?

Recall that a second-order formula  $\varphi$  of the language of set theory is  $\Pi_n^1$  if it is of the form

$$\forall X_1 \exists X_2 \forall X_3 \dots Q X_n \psi$$

where  $Q$  is  $\forall$  if  $n$  is odd, and  $\exists$  if  $n$  is even, and  $\psi$  is first-order.

A cardinal  $\kappa$  is called  **$\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable** if for every  $A \subseteq V_\kappa$  and every  $\Pi_n^1$ -sentence  $\varphi(A)$ , if  $\langle V_\kappa, \in, A \rangle \models \varphi(A)$ , then there is  $\lambda < \kappa$  such that  $\langle V_\lambda, \in, A \cap V_\lambda \rangle \models \varphi(A \cap V_\lambda)$ .

A cardinal is **weakly compact** if and only if it is  $\Pi_1^1$ -indescribable.

## Second-order indescribable cardinals

Weakly-compact cardinals  $\kappa$  are **inaccessible** (i.e., regular and strong limit), hence they cannot be proved to exist in ZFC because  $V_\kappa \models ZFC$ .

Weakly-compact cardinals  $\kappa$  are also **Mahlo** (i.e., regular and the set of inaccessible cardinals below  $\kappa$  is stationary).

However, weakly-compact cardinals, and even  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable cardinals, all  $n$ , are much smaller than, say, measurable cardinals. In fact, if  $\kappa$  is  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable, then it is  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable in  $L$ .



# Weakly compact cardinals reflect stationary sets

It is easy to see that every weakly compact cardinal is  $s$ -reflecting. Thus, in every model of set theory where there exists a weakly compact cardinal less than some limit ordinal  $\delta$ ,  $\tau_2$  is a non-discrete topology on  $\delta$ .

And Jensen<sup>1</sup> showed that in the constructible universe  $L$  a cardinal  $\kappa$  is stationary-reflecting if and only if it is weakly compact, hence if and only if it is  $s$ -reflecting.

Thus, in  $L$ , the  $\tau_2$  topology on an ordinal  $\delta$  is non-discrete if and only if there exists a weakly compact cardinal less than  $\delta$ .

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<sup>1</sup>R. Jensen, The fine structure of the constructible hierarchy. *Annals of Math. Logic* 4 (1972).

# $\xi$ -stationary sets

Let us see next what are the general conditions under which the topologies  $\tau_\xi$  are non-discrete. We begin with some definitions that generalize the notions of stationary set and stationary reflection.

## Definition

Let  $\delta$  be a limit ordinal. We say that  $A \subseteq \delta$  is **0-stationary in  $\alpha$**  if and only if  $A \cap \alpha$  is unbounded in  $\alpha$ .

For  $\xi > 0$ , we say that  $A$  is  **$\xi$ -stationary in  $\alpha < \delta$**  if and only if for every  $\zeta < \xi$ , every subset  $S$  of  $\alpha$  that is  $\zeta$ -stationary in  $\alpha$   **$\zeta$ -reflects** to some  $\beta \in A$ , i.e.,  $S \cap \beta$  is  $\zeta$ -stationary in  $\beta$ .

# $\xi$ -stationary sets

Note that  $A$  is 1-stationary in  $\alpha$  if and only if  $A \cap \alpha$  is stationary in  $\alpha$ .

Clearly, if  $A$  is  $\xi$ -stationary in  $\alpha$ , then  $A$  is also  $\zeta$ -stationary in  $\alpha$ , for all  $\zeta < \xi$ .

We have that for every  $\xi$ ,

$$d_\xi(A) = \{\alpha : A \cap \alpha \text{ is } \xi\text{-stationary in } \alpha\}.$$

# $\xi$ -stationary reflection

## Definition

We say that a limit ordinal  $\alpha$  is  **$\xi$ -stationary-reflecting** ( **$\xi$ -reflecting**, for short) if and only if  $d_\zeta(S)$  is  $\zeta$ -stationary in  $\alpha$ , for every  $\zeta < \xi$  and every  $S \subseteq \alpha$  that is  $\zeta$ -stationary in  $\alpha$ .

It is easy to see that  $\alpha$  is 0-reflecting if and only if it is a limit ordinal; it is 1-reflecting if and only if it has uncountable cofinality; and it is 2-reflecting if and only if it is stationary-reflecting.

# $\xi$ -stationary reflection

## Definition

We say that an ordinal  $\alpha$  is

**$\xi$ -simultaneously-stationary-reflecting** ( **$\xi$ -s-reflecting**, for short) if and only for every  $\zeta < \xi$ , every pair of  $\zeta$ -stationary subsets  $A, B \subseteq \alpha$  **simultaneously  $\zeta$ -reflect** at some  $\beta < \alpha$ , i.e.,  $A \cap \beta$  and  $B \cap \beta$  are  $\zeta$ -stationary in  $\beta$ .

Note that  $\alpha$  is 1-s-reflecting if and only if it has uncountable cofinality; and it is 2-s-reflecting if and only if it is s-reflecting.

One can show that  $\alpha$  is  $\xi$ -s-reflecting if and only if  $d_\zeta(A) \cap d_\zeta(B)$  is  $\zeta$ -stationary in  $\alpha$ , for every  $\zeta < \xi$  and every  $\xi$ -stationary  $A, B \subseteq \alpha$ .

# Characterizing non-discreteness

The following theorem characterizes the conditions under which  $\tau_\xi$  is non-discrete.

## Theorem

*For every  $\xi$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_\xi$  is a sub-base for a topology on  $\delta$  such that for every  $\alpha < \delta$ ,  $\alpha$  is not isolated if and only if it is  $\xi$ -s-reflecting. Hence,  $\tau_\xi$  is a non-discrete topology on  $\delta$  if and only if some  $\alpha < \delta$  is  $\xi$ -s-reflecting.*

# $\Pi_n^1$ -Indescribable cardinals

$\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable cardinals give an upper bound on the largeness of  $\delta$  for the topologies  $\tau_\alpha$  on  $\delta$  to be non-discrete.

## Proposition

*Every  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable cardinal is  $(n+1)$ -s-reflecting.*

Thus, if there exists a  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable cardinal below some ordinal  $\delta$ , then  $\tau_{n+1}$  is a non-discrete topology on  $\delta$ .

# $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable cardinals in $L$

It is possible (or even likely) that, as shown by Jensen<sup>2</sup> in the case of  $\Pi_1^1$ -indescribable cardinals and stationary-reflection, in the constructible universe  $L$  a cardinal is  $(n + 1)$ -reflecting if and only if it is  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable, and therefore if and only if it is  $(n + 1)$ -s-reflecting.

If this turns out to be the case, then in  $L$  the  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable cardinals would be precisely the non-isolated points of the  $\tau_{n+1}$  topology.

This is still an open conjecture.

The so-called  $\xi$ -indescribable cardinals, introduced by Jensen, may be used for the general case.

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<sup>2</sup>R. Jensen, The fine structure of the constructible hierarchy. Annals of Math. Logic 4 (1972)



# $\xi$ -indescribable cardinals

For  $\xi > 0$ , a cardinal  $\kappa$  is called  **$\xi$ -indescribable** if for every formula  $\varphi(x)$  of the first-order language of set theory, and any subset  $A \subseteq V_\kappa$ , if

$$\langle V_{\kappa+\xi}, \in, A \rangle \models \varphi(A)$$

then for some  $\lambda < \kappa$ ,

$$\langle V_{\lambda+\xi}, \in, A \cap V_\lambda \rangle \models \varphi(A \cap V_\lambda).$$

Observe that  $\kappa$  is 1-indescribable if and only if it is  $\Pi_n^1$ -indescribable for every  $n$ .

Jensen showed that if  $\kappa$  is the  $\omega$ -Erdős cardinal, then there are cardinals  $\lambda$  below  $\kappa$  that are  $\lambda$ -indescribable. Further, if  $\kappa$  is  $\xi$ -indescribable, then  $L \models$  " $\kappa$  is  $\xi$ -indescribable".

# $\xi$ -indescribable cardinals

## Theorem

*For  $\xi > 0$ , every  $\xi$ -indescribable cardinal  $\kappa$  is  $\xi$ -s-reflecting.*

So, if there exists a  $\xi$ -indescribable cardinal below some ordinal  $\delta$ , then the topology  $\tau_\xi$  on  $\delta$  is non-discrete.

## Theorem

*$CON(\exists \kappa < \lambda (\kappa \text{ is } \xi\text{-indescribable} \wedge \lambda \text{ is inaccessible}))$  implies  $CON(\tau_\xi \text{ is non-discrete} \wedge \tau_{\xi+1} \text{ is discrete})$ .*

# The ideal of non- $\xi$ -stationary sets

For each limit ordinal  $\alpha$  and each  $\xi$ , let  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha^\xi$  be the set of non- $\xi$ -stationary subsets of  $\alpha$ , and let

$$\mathcal{F}_\alpha^\xi = (\mathcal{I}_\alpha^\xi)^* := \{A \subseteq \alpha : \alpha - A \in \mathcal{I}_\alpha^\xi\}.$$

Thus, if  $\alpha$  has uncountable cofinality, then  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha^1$  is the ideal of non-stationary subsets of  $\alpha$  and  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha^1$  is the club filter over  $\alpha$ .

## Proposition

*For every  $\xi$ , an ordinal  $\alpha$  is  $\xi$ -s-reflecting if and only if  $\mathcal{I}_\alpha^\xi$  is an ideal, hence if and only if  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha^\xi$  is a filter.*

# The ideal of non- $\xi$ -stationary sets

We say that  $A \subseteq \alpha$  has **positive  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha^\xi$  measure** if  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  for every  $B \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha^\xi$ .

Let us denote by  $(\mathcal{F}_\alpha^\xi)^+$  the set of all subsets of  $\alpha$  of positive  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha^\xi$ -measure, that is, the set of all  $\xi$ -stationary subsets of  $\alpha$ .

Notice that for every valuation  $v : \text{Form} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\delta)$  (for the language of **GLP** $_\xi$ ),

$$v(\langle \beta \rangle \varphi) = \{\alpha < \delta : v(\varphi) \cap \alpha \in (\mathcal{F}_\alpha^\beta)^+\}.$$

$$v([\beta] \varphi) = \{\alpha < \delta : v(\varphi) \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha^\beta\}.$$

# Completeness

Let us address now the question of completeness for **GLP $_{\xi}$**  (under canonical ordinal semantics).

The case  $\xi = 1$  was proved, independently, by M. Abashidze (1985) and A. Blass (1990).

The case  $\xi = 2$  has been proved by Beklemishev<sup>3</sup>. The proof uses a result of Blass (1990)<sup>4</sup>, which holds under the assumption of a set-theoretic principle known as **square**.

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<sup>3</sup>Beklemishev, L., Ordinal Completeness of Bimodal Provability Logic GLB. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 2011, Volume 6618/2011, 1-15. Springer.

<sup>4</sup>Blass, A. (1990) *Infinitary Combinatorics and Modal Logic*. The Journal of Symbolic Logic, Vol. 55, No. 2, 761-778.

# Jensen's Square principle

For  $\kappa$  an uncountable cardinal, the principle  $\square_\kappa$  asserts that there exists a sequence  $\langle C_\alpha : \alpha \in \text{Lim} \cap \kappa^+ \rangle$  such that:

- 1  $C_\alpha$  is a club subset of  $\alpha$ .
- 2 If  $\text{cof}(\alpha) < \kappa$ , then  $|C_\alpha| < \kappa$ .
- 3 If  $\beta$  is a limit point of  $C_\alpha$ , then  $C_\beta = C_\alpha \cap \beta$ .

Jensen<sup>5</sup> showed that  $\square_\kappa$  holds in  $L$ , for every uncountable cardinal  $\kappa$ .

$\square_\kappa$  implies that some stationary subset of  $\kappa^+$  does not reflect.

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<sup>5</sup>Op. cit.

# Blass' Embedding Theorem

## Theorem (Blass' Embedding Theorem)

Assume  $\square_{\aleph_n}$ , for every  $n < \omega$ . For every finite tree  $(T, <)$  of height  $n$  there is a map  $S : T \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\aleph_n) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  such that

- 1  $\{S_x : x \in T\}$  is pairwise disjoint.
- 2 If  $x < y$ , then  $S_x \subseteq d_1(S_y)$ . That is, if  $\alpha \in S_x$ , then  $S_y \cap \alpha$  is stationary, i.e., it belongs to  $(\mathcal{F}_\alpha^1)^+$ .
- 3  $S_x \subseteq -d_1(-\bigcup_{x < y} S_y)$ . That is, if  $\alpha \in S_x$ , then  $\bigcup_{x < y} S_y$  contains a club, i.e., it belongs to  $\mathcal{F}_\alpha^1$ .

# Completeness

What about completeness for **GLP**<sub>3</sub>?  
Or for **GLP** <sub>$\xi$</sub> , for arbitrary  $\xi$  ?

The strategy for proving completeness for **GLP** <sub>$\xi$</sub> , with canonical ordinal semantics, is similar to the strategy used by Beklemishev in the case  $\xi = 2$ . Namely, use the completeness of Beklemishev's system **J**, with respect to **J** trees, and transfer it, via a suitable Embedding Theorem, to **GLP** <sub>$\xi$</sub> .

To keep things reasonably simple, let's consider the case  $\xi = \omega$ .



# The system J

Beklemishev<sup>6</sup> introduces a subsystem **J** of  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$ , obtained by weakening axiom (iv) of  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$  to the two axioms

(vi)  $[m]\varphi \rightarrow [n][m]\varphi$ , for  $m \leq n$

(vii)  $[m]\varphi \rightarrow [m][n]\varphi$ , for  $m < n$

which are consequences of  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$ .

Beklemishev shows that  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$  is reducible to **J** in the following sense: For each formula  $\varphi$ , there is a formula  $M^+(\varphi)$  that is provable in  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$ , hence if  $\mathbf{J} \vdash M^+(\varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$ , then  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega \vdash \varphi$ , and conversely: if  $\mathbf{GLP} \vdash \varphi$ , then  $\mathbf{J} \vdash M^+(\varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$  and **J** are equivalent.

The point is that **J** is complete with respect to a nice class of finite frames, the so-called **J**-frames.

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<sup>6</sup>Beklemishev, L. (2010) *Kripke semantics for provability logic GLP*. *Annals of Pure and Applied Logic*, 161, 756-774.

# J<sub>n</sub>-trees

The notion of **J**-tree<sup>7</sup> is a special case of the notion of **J**-frame<sup>8</sup>.

Recall that a **frame**  $\langle T, R_0, R_1, \dots \rangle$  consists of a non-empty set  $T$ , together with binary relations  $R_0, R_1, \dots$  on  $T$ . For each  $m$ , let  $E_m$  be the reflexive, symmetric, and transitive closure of  $R_m \cup R_{m+1} \cup \dots$ . Notice that  $E_{m+1}$  refines  $E_m$ .

An  $E_m$ -equivalence class is called an  **$m$ -plane**. Each  $R_m$  can be naturally extended to a relation  $R_m^+$  on  $m+1$ -planes by:  $XR_m^+Y$  iff  $xR_my$  for some  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$ .

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<sup>7</sup>Beklemishev, L. and Gabelaia, D. *Topological completeness of the provability logic GLP*. Preprint.

<sup>8</sup>Beklemishev, L. (2010) *Kripke semantics for provability logic GLP*. *Annals of Pure and Applied Logic*, 161, 756-774.

# J-trees

## Definition

A **finite J-tree** is a frame  $\langle T, R_0, \dots, R_n \rangle$ , where  $T$  is finite, and

- 1  $R_m$  is irreflexive and transitive, all  $m \leq n$ .
- 2 All elements in an  $m$ -plane are  $R_{m'}$ -incomparable, for all  $m' < m$ .
- 3 If  $XR_m^+Y$ , then  $xR_my$  for all  $x \in X$  and all  $y \in Y$ .
- 4 The set of  $m+1$ -planes contained in an  $m$ -plane is a rooted tree under  $R_m^+$ .
- 5 Each  $n$ -plane is a rooted tree under  $R_n$ .

Thus, a finite **J-tree** may be seen as a finite collection of 0-planes, each one of them being a finite rooted tree under  $R_0^+$  whose nodes are 1-planes, each one of them being a finite rooted tree under  $R_1^+$  whose nodes are 2-planes, and so on.

# $\mathbf{J}$ -trees

The following Completeness Theorem is due to Beklemishev.<sup>9</sup>

## Theorem

*$\mathbf{J}$  is complete with respect to the class of finite  $\mathbf{J}$ -trees. That is, if  $\varphi$  is valid in all finite  $\mathbf{J}$ -trees, then  $\varphi$  is provable in  $\mathbf{J}$ .*

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<sup>9</sup>Beklemishev, L. (2010) *Kripke semantics for provability logic GLP*. Annals of Pure and Applied Logic, 161, 756-774.

# Completeness

The Theorem we would like to prove is the following:

## Theorem (Completeness)

*Under suitable (necessary) set-theoretic assumptions (e.g., there exists an  $\omega$ -s-reflecting cardinal  $\kappa$ , and  $\square_\lambda$  holds for all  $\lambda < \kappa$ ), every valid formula of the language of  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$  is provable from the  $\mathbf{GLP}_\omega$  axioms.*

By a result of Blass, assuming only large cardinals is not enough.

This Completeness Theorem follows from the following (still unproved) Embedding Theorem.

# The Embedding Theorem

Let us write  $R_i(x) := \{y : xR_iy\}$  and  $\bar{R}_i(x) := \bigcup_{i \leq j \leq n} R_j(x)$ .

## Theorem (Embedding Theorem)

*Under the same set-theoretic assumptions of the Completeness Theorem, if  $\langle T, R_0, \dots, R_n \rangle$  is a finite J-tree, then there is an ordinal  $\delta < \kappa$  and a map  $S : T \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\delta) \setminus \{\emptyset\}$  such that*

- 1  $\{S_x : x \in T\}$  is pairwise disjoint, and  
for every  $i \leq n$ ,
- 2 If  $xR_iy$ , then  $S_x \subseteq d_i(S_y)$ . That is, if  $\alpha \in S_x$ , then  $S_y \cap \alpha \in (\mathcal{F}_\alpha^i)^+$ .
- 3  $S_x \subseteq -d_i(-\bigcup_{y \in \bar{R}_i(x)} S_y)$ . That is, if  $\alpha \in S_x$ , then  $\bigcup_{y \in \bar{R}_i(x)} S_y \cap \alpha \in \mathcal{F}_\alpha^i$ .