

# Lawful bicycle riding given the circumstances

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## 1 Circumstantial modal base

Assume  $D_s = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$ . To keep things simple, let's assume that we are focused on world  $w_2$ , where the circumstances are that I crash my bike if I ride with one hand, and I am riding my bike home:

$$(1) \quad \mathbf{mb}(w_2) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \llbracket \text{I crash my bike if I ride with one hand} \rrbracket \\ \llbracket \text{I am riding my bike home} \rrbracket \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{w_2, w_3\} \\ \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\} \end{array} \right\}$$

For later, note that  $\bigcap \mathbf{mb}(w_2) = \{w_2, w_3\} \cap \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\} = \{w_2, w_3\}$ .

## 2 Bicycle laws ordering source

Here are the ideals for bike riding:

$$(2) \quad \mathbf{os} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \llbracket \text{I wear a helmet when biking} \rrbracket \\ \llbracket \text{I signal with my left hand when turning} \rrbracket \\ \llbracket \text{I keep both hands on the handlebars when biking} \rrbracket \\ \llbracket \text{I do not crash my bike} \rrbracket \end{array} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\} \\ \{w_1\} \\ \{w_3, w_4\} \\ \{w_1, w_2, w_3\} \end{array} \right\}$$

These can't all be satisfied at once. In particular, the second and third contradict each other.

## 3 Bicycle laws partial order on worlds

Here are all the pairs for  $<_{\mathbf{os}}$ :

- (3) a.  $w_1 <_{\mathbf{os}} w_2$  # because  $\{\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}, \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}\} \subset \{\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}, \{w_1\}, \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}\}$
- b.  $w_3 <_{\mathbf{os}} w_2$
- c.  $w_3 <_{\mathbf{os}} w_4$

## 4 The best worlds

For world  $w_2$ , the best worlds for our modal base given our ordering source are

$$(4) \quad \text{best}_{\mathbf{os}}(\mathbf{mb}(w_2)) = \{w \in \bigcap \mathbf{mb}(w_2) : \text{there is no } w' \in \bigcap \mathbf{mb}(w_2) \text{ such that } w' <_{\mathbf{os}} w\} \\ = \{w_3\}$$

This is the set of worlds in  $\bigcap \mathbf{mb}(w_2)$  that never appear on the right side of  $<_{\mathbf{os}}$  in (3).

## 5 A modal claim

Given the circumstances and the bicycle laws, I should not signal when riding my bike (in world  $w_2$ ):

$$(5) \quad p = \llbracket \text{I don't signal with my left hand when turning on my bike} \rrbracket = \{w_2, w_3, w_4\}$$

$$(6) \quad \llbracket \mathbf{must} \rrbracket(\mathbf{mb})(\mathbf{os})(p)(w_2) = \text{T if for all } w' \in \text{best}_{\mathbf{os}}(\mathbf{mb}(w_2)), w' \in p \\ = \text{T if } \{w_3\} \subseteq \{w_2, w_3, w_4\}$$