

# A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO TOPOLOGICAL SEMANTICS FOR MODAL LOGIC

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Put  $xR_\tau y$  iff  $x \in \overline{\{y\}}$

Call  $R_\tau$  the specialization order on  $X$  (generated by  $\tau$ )

### BASIC RESULTS (EXERCISES)

- 1  $R_\tau$  is a quasi-order
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### EXAMPLES: $\tau$ TO $R_\tau$

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# COMPLETENESS IN D-SEMANTICS

## THEOREM

- 1 For a separable metrizable dense-in-itself 0-dimensional space  $X$ ,  $\mathbf{L}_d(X) = \mathbf{K4D}$   
0-dimensional: clopens form basis for  $\tau$
- 2  $\mathbf{L}_d(\mathbb{Q}) = \mathbf{L}_d(\mathbb{C}) = \mathbf{K4D}$
- 3  $\mathbf{L}_d(\mathbb{R}^2) = \mathbf{K4D} + \mathbf{G}_1$  where  
 $\mathbf{G}_1 = (\diamond p \wedge \diamond \neg p) \rightarrow \diamond((p \vee \diamond p) \wedge (\neg p \vee \diamond \neg p))$
- 4  $\mathbf{L}_d(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbf{K4D} + \mathbf{G}_2$

## REMARK

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