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A weak version of interpolation in extensions of Johansson's minimal logic is defined, and its equivalence to a weak version of Robinson's joint consistency is proved. We find some criteria for validity of WIP in extensions of the minimal logic.

Let L be a logic, \vdash_L deducibility relation in L . *The weak interpolation property WIP* is defined as follows:

WIP. If $A, B \vdash_L \perp$, then there exists a formula C such that $A \vdash_L C$ and $B \vdash_L \neg C$, and all the variables of C are in both A and B .

Let L be any axiomatic extension of the minimal logic. An L -theory is a set T closed with respect to \vdash_L . An L -theory is *consistent* if it does not contain \perp . *The weak Robinson property WRP* is defined as follows:

WRP. Let T_1 and T_2 be two L -theories in the languages \mathcal{L}_1 and \mathcal{L}_2 respectively, $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{L}_1 \cap \mathcal{L}_2$, $T_{i0} = T_i \cap \mathcal{L}_0$. If the set $T_{10} \cup T_{20}$ in the common language is L -consistent, then $T_1 \cup T_2$ is L -consistent.

THEOREM 1. *For any (predicate or propositional) extension L of the minimal logic, WIP is equivalent to WRP.*

The language of the minimal logic J contains $\&, \vee, \rightarrow, \perp$ as primitive; negation is defined by $\neg A = A \rightarrow \perp$. A formula is said to be *positive* if contains no occurrences of \perp . The logic J can be given by the calculus, which has the same axiom schemes as the positive intuitionistic calculus, and the only rule of inference is modus ponens. By a J -logic we mean an arbitrary set of formulas containing all the axioms of J and closed under modus ponens and substitution rules. We denote $\text{Int} = J + (\perp \rightarrow p)$, $\text{Gl} = J + (p \vee \neg p)$. A J -logic is *superintuitionistic* if it contains the intuitionistic logic Int , and *negative* if contains \perp .

THEOREM 2. *For any J -logic L the following are equivalent: (1) L has WIP, (2) $L \cap L_1$ has WIP for any negative logic L_1 , (3) $L \cap \text{Neg}$ has WIP.*

THEOREM 3. *Any propositional J -logic containing $J + \neg\neg(\perp \rightarrow p)$ possesses WIP.*

The problem of weak interpolation is reducible to the same problem over Gl .

THEOREM 4. *For any J -logic L , L has WIP if and only if $L + (p \vee \neg p)$ has WIP.*

THEOREM 5. *There exists a J -logic, which contains $\text{Gl} = J + (p \vee \neg p)$ and does not possess the weak interpolation property.*

To prove that we consider two J -algebras \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} . The universe of \mathbf{B} consists of four elements $\{a, b, \perp, \top\}$, where $a < b < \perp < \top$. The algebra \mathbf{C} consists of five elements $\{c, d, e, \perp, \top\}$, where $e < x < \perp < \top$ for $x \in \{c, d\}$ and the elements c and d are incomparable. Let a J -logic L_1 be the set of all formulas valid in the both algebras \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} . Let

$$A(x, y) = (x \rightarrow y) \& ((y \rightarrow x) \rightarrow x) \& (y \rightarrow \perp) \& ((\perp \rightarrow y) \rightarrow y),$$

$$B(u, w) = ((u \rightarrow w) \rightarrow w) \& ((w \rightarrow u) \rightarrow u) \& ((u \vee w) \leftrightarrow \perp).$$

We prove that $A(x, y), B(u, w) \vdash_{L_1} \perp$, but this formula has no interpolant in L_1 .