# consequence operator determined by a class of subsets*

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**Theorem 1.** *Let $L$ be a set and let $K$ be a subset of $\mathcal{P}(L)$. The the mapping $C\colon \mathcal{P}(L) \to \mathcal{P}(L)$ defined as $C(X) = \cap\{Y \in K \mid X \subseteq Y\}$ is a consequence operator.*

*Proof.* We need to check that $C$ satisfies the defining properties.

*Property 1:* Since every element of the set $\{Y \in K \mid X \subseteq Y\}$ contains $X$, we have $X \subseteq C(X)$.

*Property 2:* For every element $Y$ of $K$ such that $X \subseteq Y$, it also is the case that $C(X) \subseteq Y$ because an intersection of a family of sets is a subset of any member of the family. In other words (or rather, symbols),

$$\{Y \in K \mid X \subseteq Y\} \subseteq \{Y \in K \mid C(X) \subseteq Y\},$$

hence $C(C(X)) \subseteq C(X)$. By the first property proven above, $C(X) \subseteq C(C(X))$ so $C(C(X)) = C(X)$. Thus, $C \circ C = C$.

*Property 3:* Let $X$ and $Y$ be two subsets of $L$ such that $X \subseteq Y$. Then if, for some other subset $Z$ of $L$, we have $Y \subset Z$, it follows that $X \subset Z$. Hence,

$$\{Z \in K \mid Y \subseteq Z\} \subseteq \{Z \in K \mid X \subseteq Z\},$$

so $C(X) \subseteq C(Y)$.

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