

For $A \subseteq X$ and $B \subseteq Y$, consider the formula:

$$\star \left(\forall p: \Omega. \forall q: \Omega. ((\exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow p)) \Rightarrow (((\exists y: Y. (y \in B \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q) \right)$$

Assertion: this is equivalent to the following:

$$\heartsuit \left(\forall q: \Omega. (((\exists y: Y. (y \in B \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q) \wedge (\exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow q))) \Rightarrow q \right)$$

Alternatively:
 $\forall q: \Omega. (((\exists y: Y. (y \in B \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q) \wedge (\exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow q))) \Rightarrow q$
 $\Leftrightarrow ((\exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q)$

Proof: $\star \Rightarrow \heartsuit$ Assume $(\exists y: Y. (y \in B \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q$
 and $\exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow q)$

By \star for $p=q$ we get q .
 This shows \heartsuit . \square

$\heartsuit \Rightarrow \star$ Assume $\exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow p)$, say $x_0 \in A \Rightarrow p$
 and assume $(\exists y: Y. (y \in B \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q$
 and $p \Rightarrow q$

In particular, $x_0 \in A \Rightarrow q$, so $\exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow q)$
 By \heartsuit we get q . This shows \star . \square

N.B.: Calling $\phi_A(p) := \llbracket \exists x: X. (x \in A \Rightarrow p) \rrbracket$, and noting $(p_1 \Rightarrow p_2) \Rightarrow (\phi_A(p_1) \Rightarrow \phi_A(p_2))$
 the smallest nucleus $\geq \phi_A$ is given by $j_A(p) := \llbracket \forall q: \Omega. (((\phi_A(q) \Rightarrow q) \wedge (p \Rightarrow q)) \Rightarrow q) \rrbracket$
 So \star says $\phi_A \leq j_B$, equivalently $j_A \leq j_B$.
 (Note j_A is also the smallest nucleus j s.t. $\forall x: X. (j(x \in A))$.)

This will be of particular use when applied to $D(A), D(B)$
 given by $x \in D(A) : \Leftrightarrow (x \in A \vee \neg x \in A)$. (instead of A, B)
 So $j_{D(A)}$ is the smallest nucleus deciding A .