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Modal Logics for Language: Alethic, Epistemic, Temporal, Spatial, Doxastic Models of Reasoning

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Applications of *modal logic*

Modal logic is a family of studies of modal notions with a unifying mathematical meta-theory.

- philosophy** logic of possibility and necessity, epistemic (knowledge) and deontic (obligation) logics
- linguistics** tense logic
- economics** game theory
- mathematics** provability logic, relational algebras
- comp. sci.** temporal logic, dynamic logic
automated soft- and hardware verification
- AI** epistemic logic, temporal logic
representing and reasoning about space and time,
modelling complex interactive multi-agent systems



Topics covered in this course

- **Review**: Propositional Logic (PL), Predicate Logic (FOL), Proof Theories
- Syntax and Semantics of **Basic Modal Logic** (PML) for propositions
- **Temporal Modal Logics**: LTL, CTL, Interval Temporal Logic
- **Dynamic/Action Logics**: PDL, DEL, PAL, AL-STIT
- **Spatial Logics**: SML, RCC8
- **Epistemic Logics**: S4, K45, DEL,
- **Deontic Logics**: SDL, Deontic STIT, Multi-agent DL
- **Counterfactual Logics**: Lewi—Stalnaker Logic, Pearl Causal Model
- **Translations**: AMR, AVM, graphs into Modal structures



Learning Goals for the Course

- Understand why Modal Logic is important – it's **everywhere!**
- To encode and interpret linguistic, cognitive, and computational problems as **modal relational structures**
- To identify computational properties of the language used for modeling the problem (decidability, soundness, completeness)

Topics in this class

Slides thanks to: Eric Pacuit, Patrick Blackburn, Valentine Goranko, and the “Logic in Action” course

1. Propositional Modal Logic
2. First-Order Modal Logic
3. Non-Normal Modal Logics
4. Applications: (Dynamic) Epistemic Logic, Epistemic Temporal Logic, Logics of Knowledge and Ability

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First-Order Logic (FOL)

- ▶ Language: $x = y$, $\exists x \forall y (P(x) \wedge Q(x, y))$,
 $\forall x \exists y (F(x) \rightarrow (G(x, y) \wedge \neg R(y)))$, etc.
- ▶ Proof-Theory: Natural Deduction, Hilbert-style Deductions, Tableaux, etc.
- ▶ Semantics: First-order structures

Reasoning with classical logic: pros and cons

Advantages:

- ▶ relatively simple syntax and well-understood semantics
- ▶ well-developed deductive systems and tools for automated reasoning

Disadvantages:

- ▶ cannot adequately represent some aspects natural language
- ▶ cannot adequately capture specific modes of reasoning
- ▶ undecidability of logical consequence and validity (for FOL)

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- ▶ There are a wide variety of modal systems, with different interpretations of the modal operators. Modal logic is an important tool in many disciplines: philosophy, computer science, linguistics, economics

The History of Modal Logic

R. Goldblatt. *Mathematical Modal Logic: A View of its Evolution*. Handbook of the History of Logic, Vol. 7, 2006.

P. Balckburn, M. de Rijke, and Y. Venema. *Modal Logic*. Section 1.7, Cambridge University Press, 2001.

R. Ballarín. *Modern Origins of Modal Logic*. Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, 2010.

What is a modal?

A modality is any word or phrase that can be applied to a statement S to create a new statement that makes an assertion that *qualifies* the truth of S .

Types of Modal Logics

Alethic logic: Necessary and possible truths.

Temporal logic: Temporal reasoning.

Spatial logics: Reasoning about spatial relations.

Epistemic logics: Reasoning about knowledge.

Doxastic logics: Reasoning about beliefs.

Deontic logics: Reasoning about obligations and permissions.

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Logics of multiagent systems: Reasoning about many agents and their knowledge, beliefs, goals, actions, strategies, etc.

Description logics: Reasoning about ontologies.

Logics of programs: Reasoning about program executions.

Logics of computations: Specification of transition systems.

Provability logic: Reasoning about proofs

Introducing Modal Logic

Modern Modal Logic began with C.I. Lewis' dissatisfaction with the material conditional (\rightarrow).

- ▶ Irrelevance/non-causality:
If the Sun is hot, then $2 + 2 = 4$.
- ▶ False antecedents:
If $2 + 2 = 5$ then the Moon is made of cheese.
- ▶ Monotonicity:
If I put sugar in my coffee, then it will taste good. Therefore, if I put sugar and I put oil in my coffee then it will taste good.

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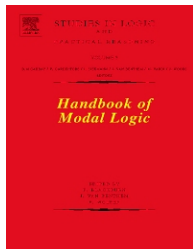
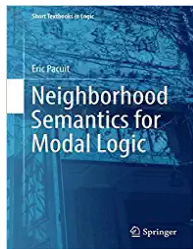
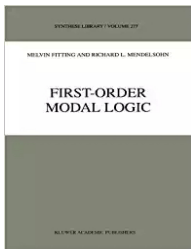
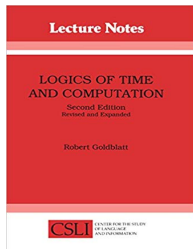
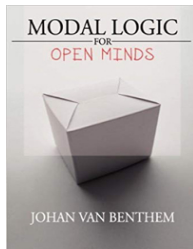
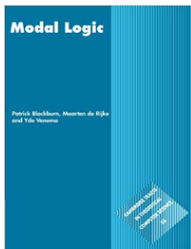
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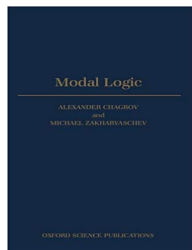
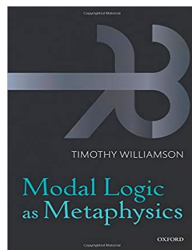
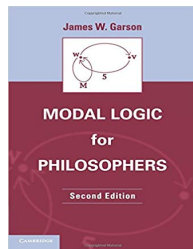
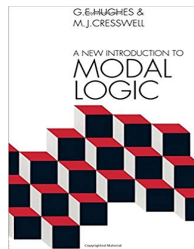
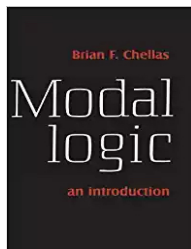
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Gradually, the study of the modalities themselves became dominant, with the study of “conditionals” developing into a separate topic.

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$\square\varphi$: “it is *ought to be* that φ is true”

$\diamond\psi$: “it is *permissible* that ψ is true”

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The symbols ' \Box ' and ' \Diamond ' are *sentential operators* the transform sentences into more complex sentences (similar to the negation operator).

An alternative approach treats modals as *predicates* that apply to terms (that are Gödel numbers of sentences)

J. Stern. *Toward Predicate Approaches to Modality*. Springer, 2016.

Modal Languages

More generally, $\Delta(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)$ is an *n-ary modality*.

Definition 1.11 of [BdRV]: A **modal similarity type** is a pair $\tau = (O, \rho)$ where O is a non-empty set and $\rho : O \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. The elements of O are the modal operators and ρ assigns to each modality an arity.

Narrow vs. Wide Scope

“If you do p , you must also do q ”

- ▶ $p \rightarrow \Box q$
- ▶ $\Box(p \rightarrow q)$

de dicto vs. de re

“I know that someone appreciates me”

- ▶ $\Box\exists xA(x, e)$ (*de dicto*)
- ▶ $\exists x\Box A(x, e)$ (*de re*)

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What about: $\Diamond\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi$, $\Box\Diamond\varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\Box\varphi$, $\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Diamond\varphi$,
 $\Diamond\Box(\varphi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow \Diamond\Box\varphi \wedge \Diamond\Box\psi$, ...?

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A formula of Modal Logic is defined *inductively*:

1. Any element of At (called atomic propositions or propositional variables) is a formula
2. \perp is a formula
3. If φ and ψ are formula, then so are $\neg\varphi$ and $\varphi \vee \psi$
4. If φ is a formula, then so is $\diamond\varphi$
5. Nothing else is a formula

Eg., $\Box(p \rightarrow \diamond q) \vee \Box\diamond\neg r$; $\neg\diamond\neg\perp$

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The other Boolean connectives (\wedge , \rightarrow , and \leftrightarrow) are defined as usual

\top is defined as $\neg\perp$.

$\Box\varphi$ is defined as $\neg\Diamond\neg\varphi$

$\Box p \rightarrow p$ is the formula $\neg\neg\Diamond\neg p \vee p$

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“This practice is not very consistent, but most readers should agree that it is nice to have different clothes to wear, depending on one's mood”
(van Benthem, pg. 11)

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For example, if $\sigma(p) = \square\diamond(p \wedge q)$ and $\sigma(q) = p \wedge \square q$, then

$$(\square(p \wedge q) \rightarrow \square p)^\sigma = \square((\square\diamond(p \wedge q)) \wedge (p \wedge \square q)) \rightarrow \square(\square\diamond(p \wedge q)).$$

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A few questions to keep you up at night...

- ▶ Is $A \rightarrow \Box B$ equivalent to $\Box(A \rightarrow B)$?
- ▶ Is $\Box A \rightarrow A$ valid? What about $\Box A \rightarrow \Box \Box A$?
- ▶ Can we give a truth-table semantics for the basic modal language?
Hint: there are only 4 truth-functions for a unary operator. Suppose we want $\Box A \rightarrow A$ to be valid, but not $A \rightarrow \Box A$ and $\neg \Box A$.

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Mathematical Background: sets, relations, functions, basic logic, etc.

Mathematical Background: Relations

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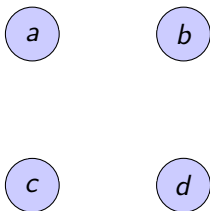
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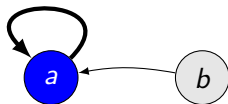
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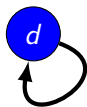
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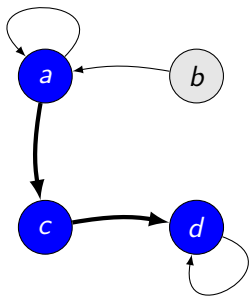


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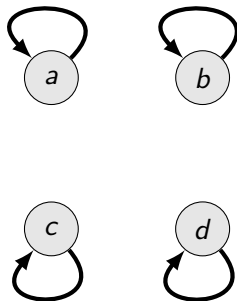
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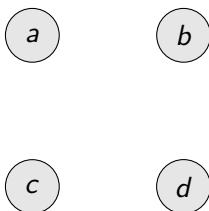
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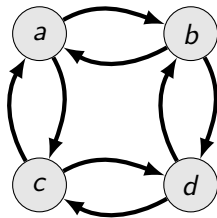
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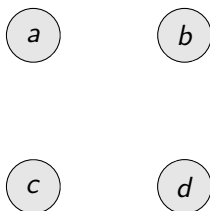
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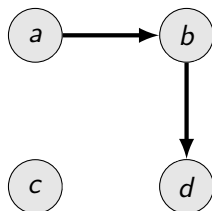


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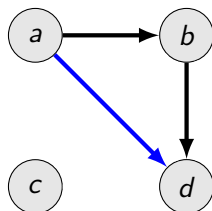


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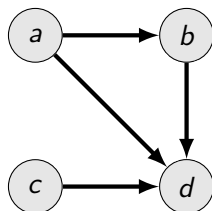


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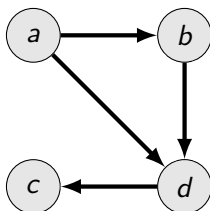


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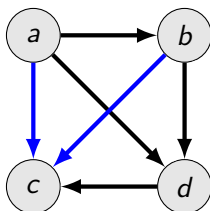


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Relational Structure

A **relational structure** is a tuple $\langle W, R \rangle$ where $W \neq \emptyset$ and $R \subseteq W \times W$ is a relation.

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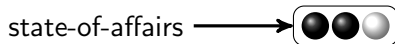
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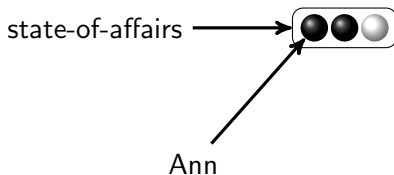
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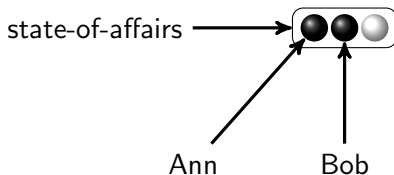
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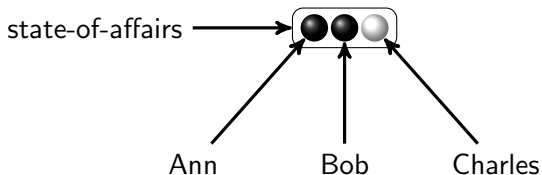
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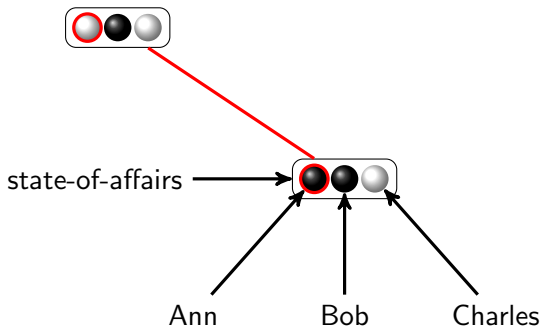
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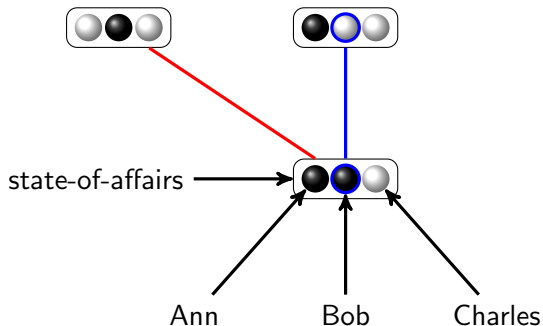
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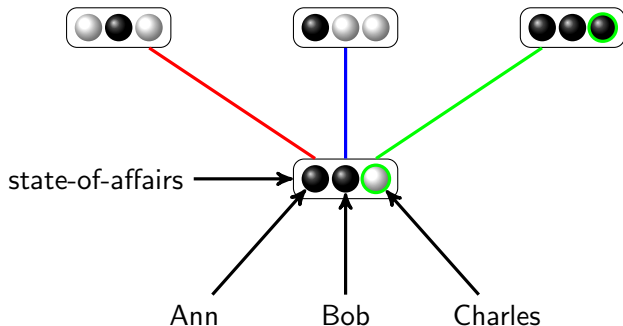
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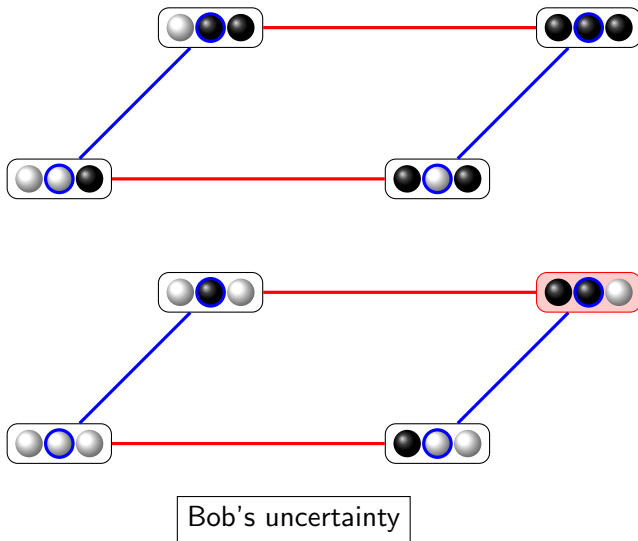
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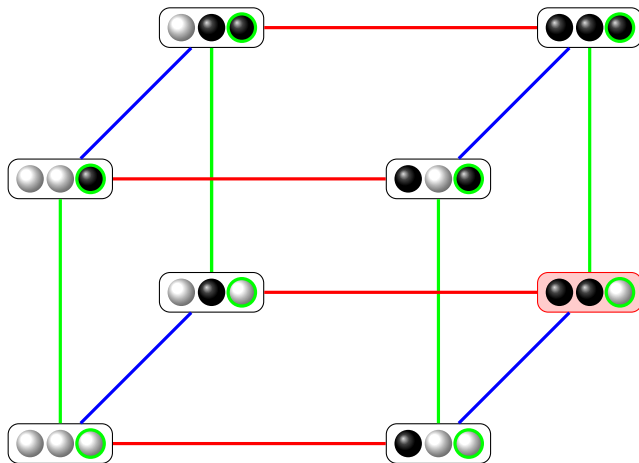


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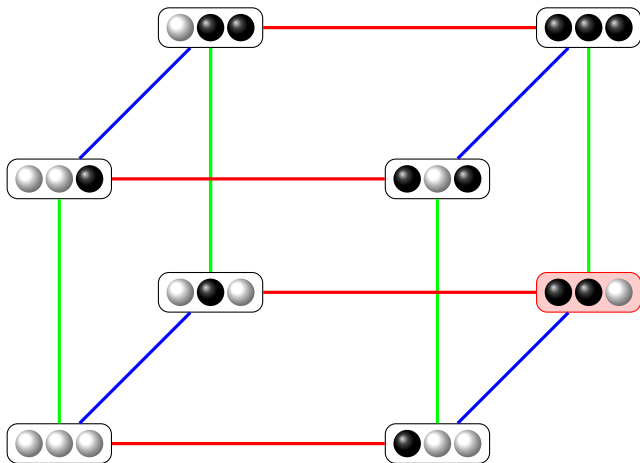


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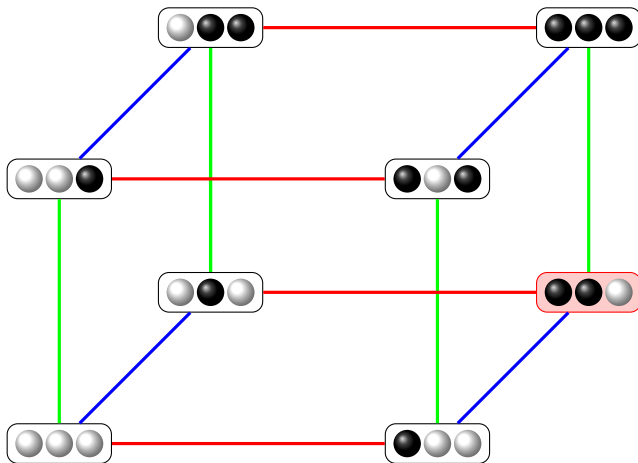


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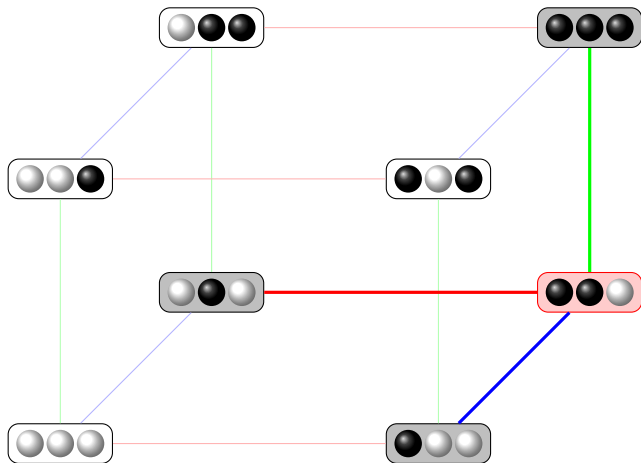


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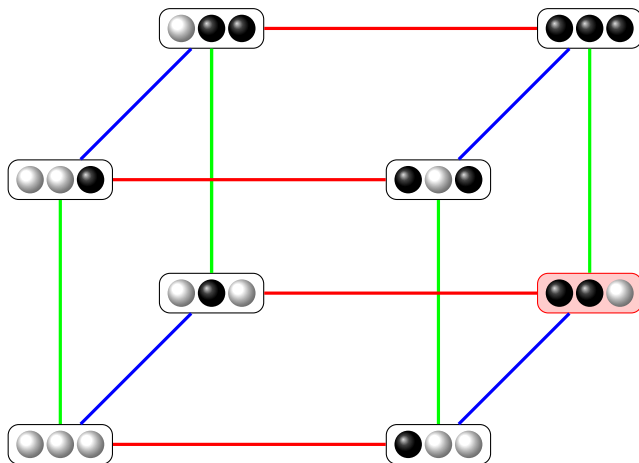
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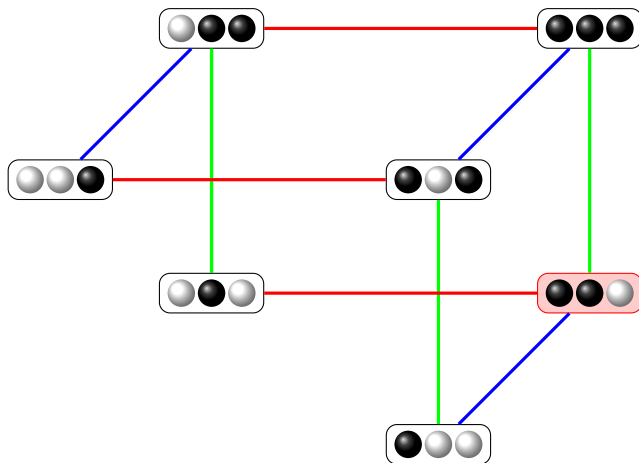
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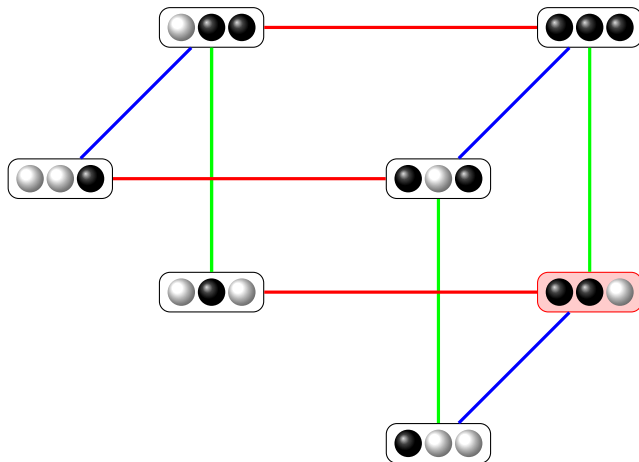
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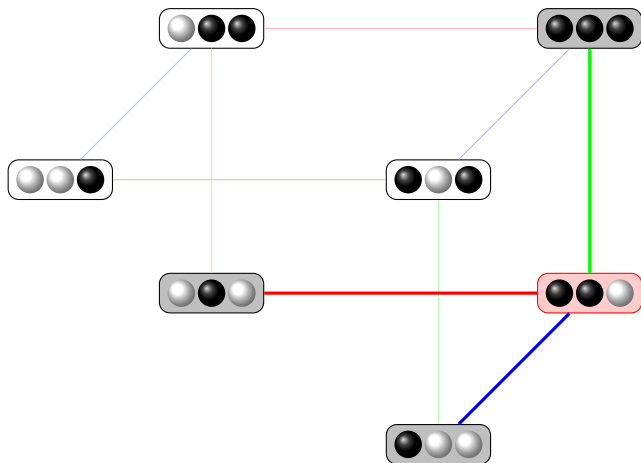
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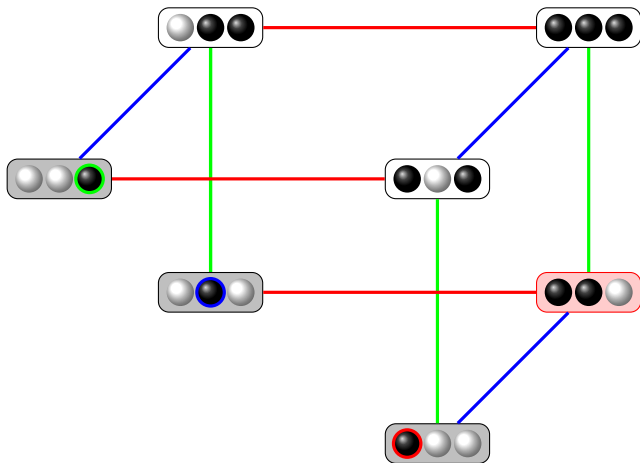
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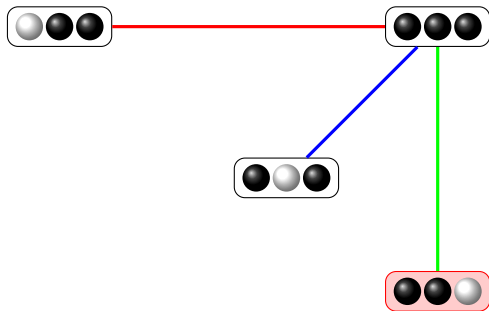
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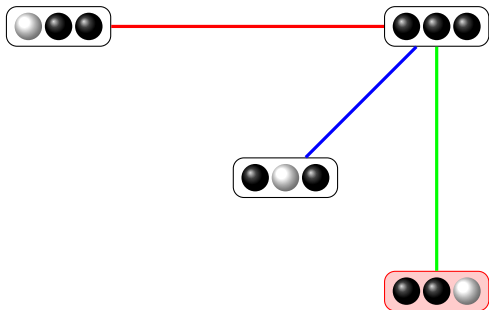
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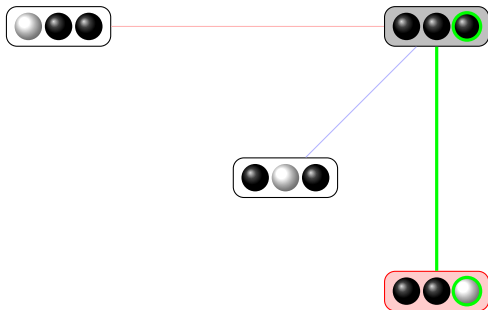
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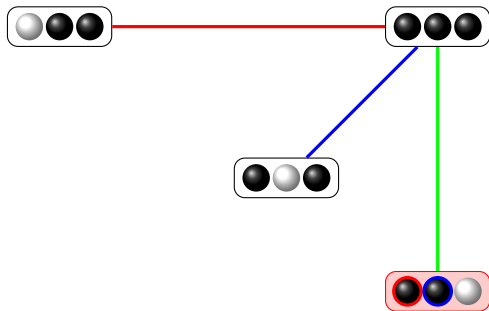
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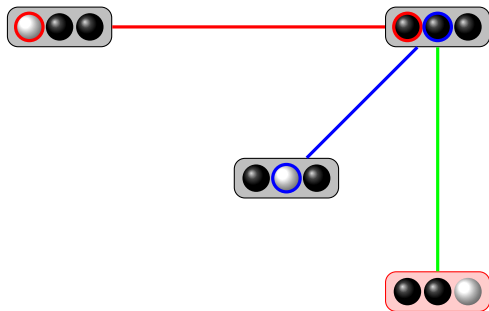
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Examples: $\langle \mathbb{N}, < \rangle$, $\langle \mathbb{Z}, < \rangle$, $\langle \mathbb{Q}, < \rangle$, $\langle \mathbb{R}, < \rangle$

Other properties of $<$

- ▶ **Linearity:** for all $s, t \in T$, $s < t$ or $s = t$ or $t < s$
- ▶ **Past-linear:** for all $s, x, y \in T$, if $x < s$ and $y < s$, then either $x < y$ or $x = y$ or $y < x$
- ▶ **Denseness** for all $s, t \in T$, if $s < t$ then there is a $z \in T$ such that $s < z$ and $z < t$
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Branching Time Logics

A **branch** b in $\langle T, < \rangle$ is a maximal linearly ordered subset of T

$s \in T$ is **on a branch** b of T provided $s \in b$ (we also say “ b is a branch going through t ”).

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Interval Temporal Logics

Let $\mathcal{T} = \langle T, < \rangle$ be a frame and $I(\mathcal{T}) = \{[a, b] \mid a, b \in T \text{ and } a \leq b\}$ be the set of intervals over T

Interval-based relational structure: $\langle I(\mathcal{T}), \{R_X\} \rangle$ where $R_X \subseteq I(\mathcal{T}) \times I(\mathcal{T})$.

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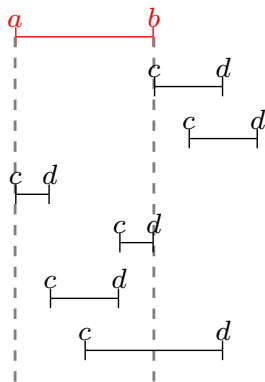
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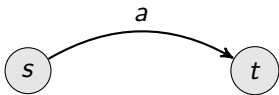


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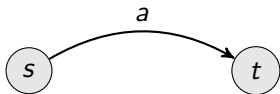
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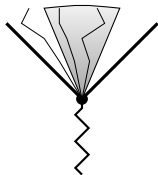


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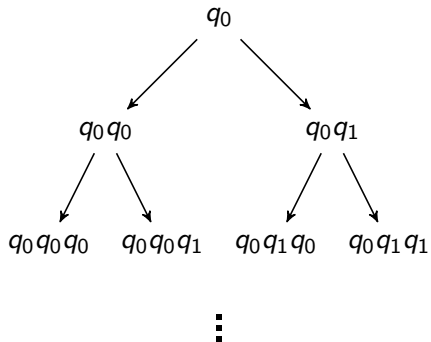
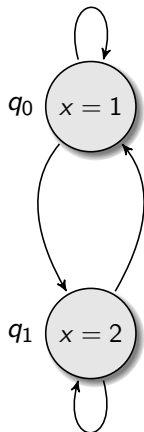
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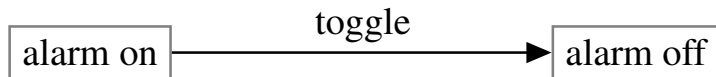
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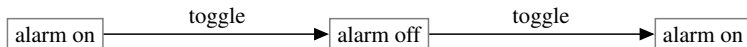
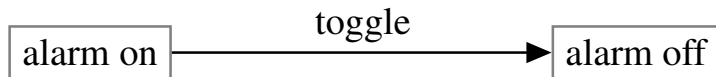
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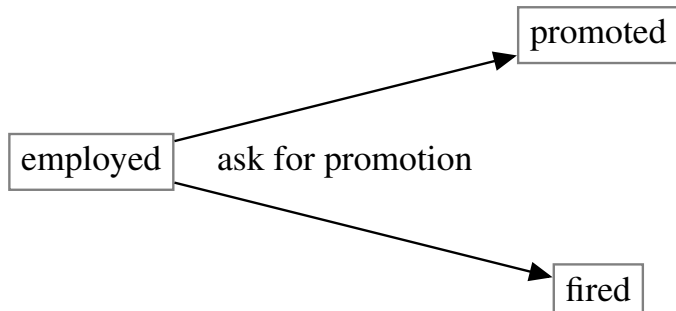
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Programs

Act is a set of *primitive actions*, or *programs*

A program is generated by the following grammar:

$$a \mid \alpha; \beta \mid \alpha \cup \beta \mid \alpha^*$$

- ▶ $\alpha; \beta$: concatenation, do α then β
- ▶ $\alpha \cup \beta$: non-deterministic choice: choose to execute α or β
- ▶ α^* : iteration: execute α some finite number of times.

Propositional Dynamic Logic

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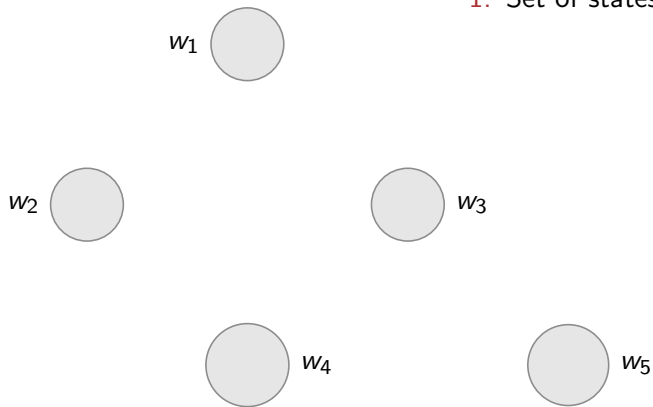
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Examples

- ✓ Epistemic models
- ✓ Temporal models
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 - ▶ Social networks
 - ▶ Other examples (see [ML], Section 1.1)

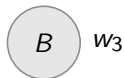
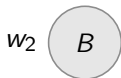
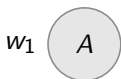
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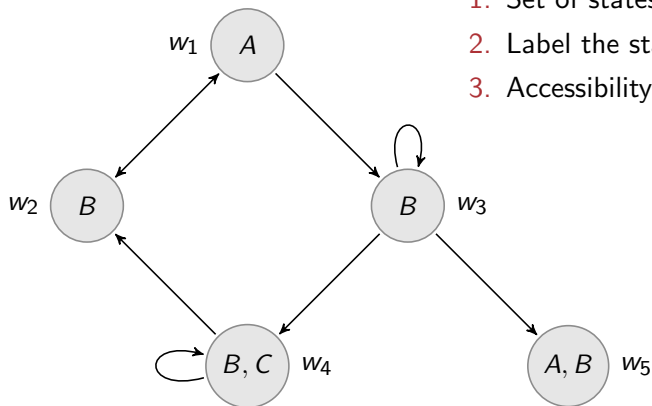


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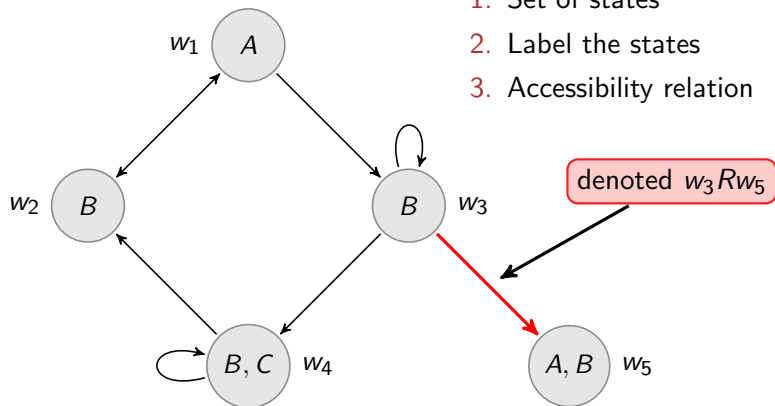


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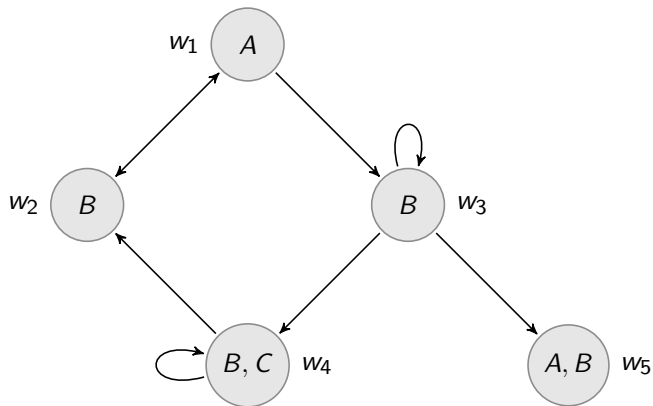
Suppose that $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R, V \rangle$ is a model. Truth of a modal formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}(\text{At})$ at a state w in \mathcal{M} , denoted $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi$, is defined as follows:

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- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, w \not\models \perp$
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- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi \vee \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi$ or $\mathcal{M}, w \models \psi$
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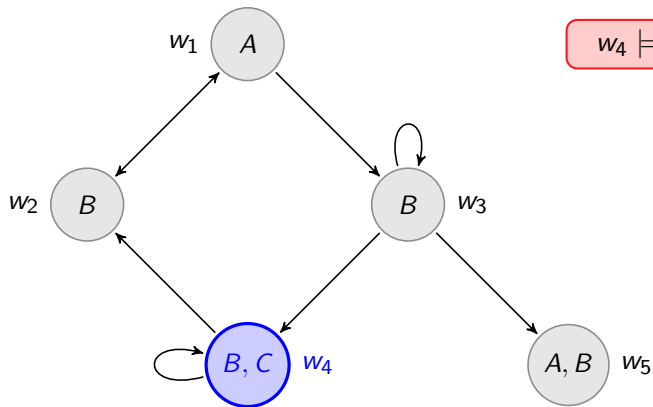
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- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Box\varphi$ iff for all $v \in W$, if wRv then $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$

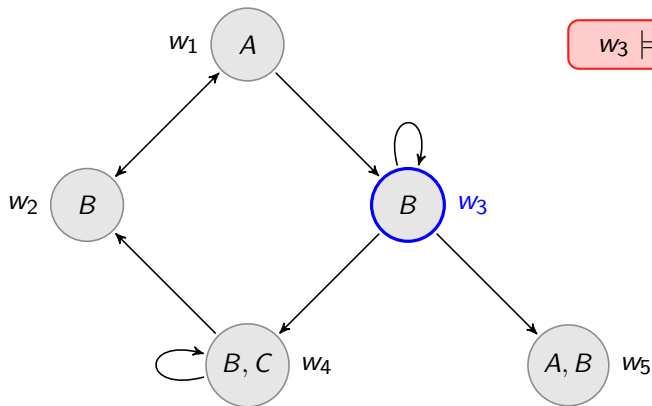
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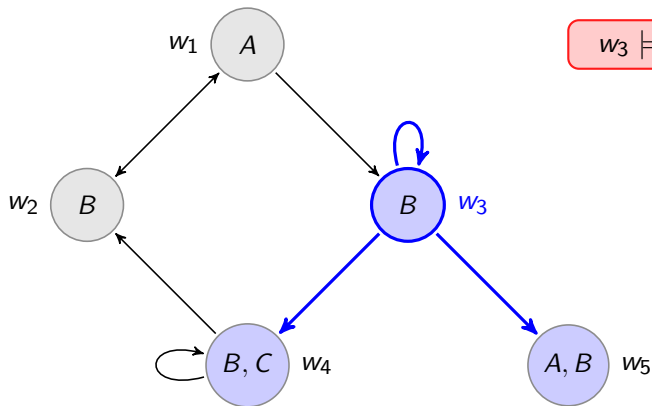


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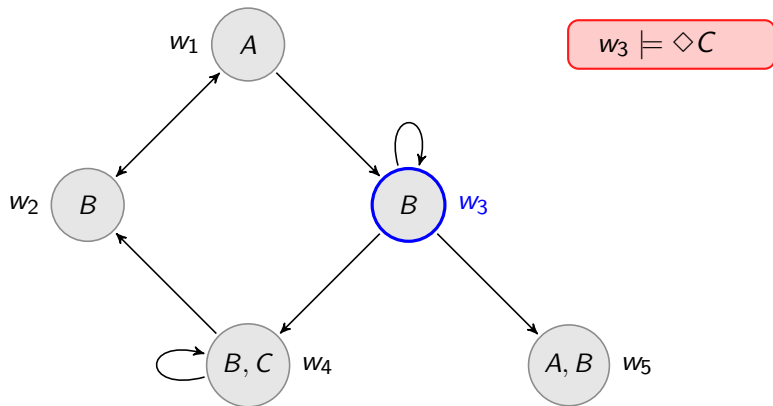


$w_3 \models \Box B$

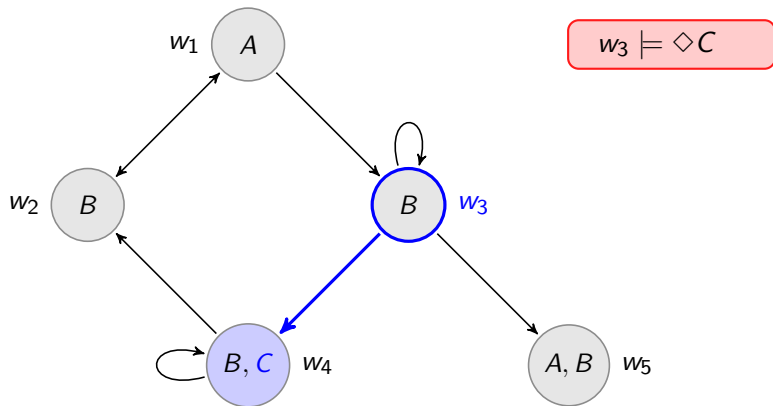
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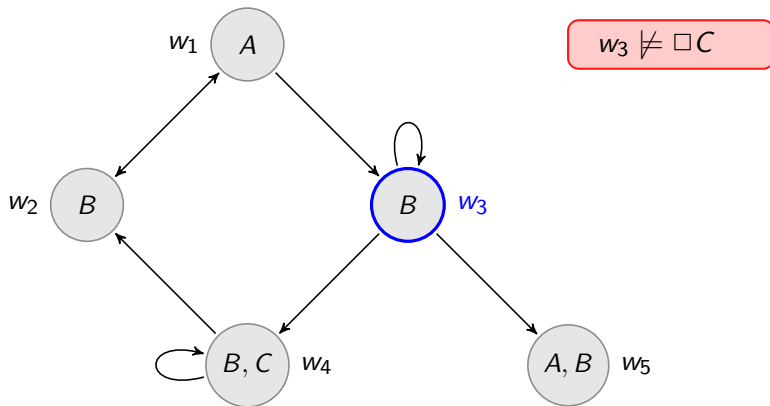
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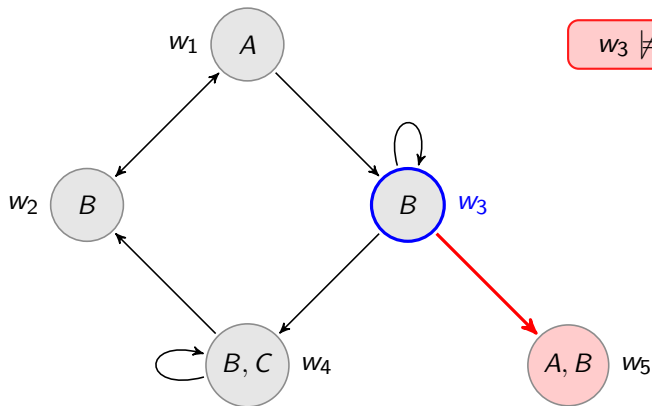
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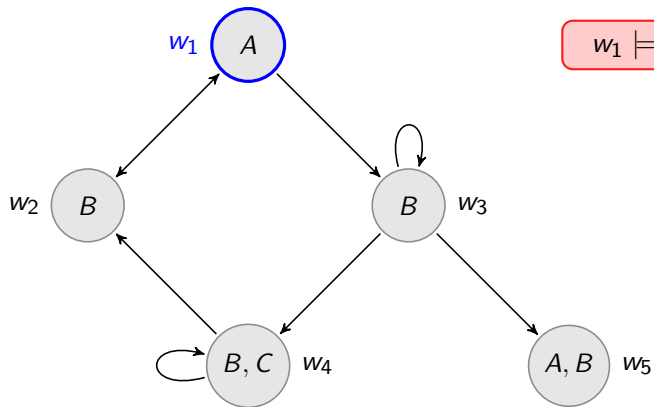
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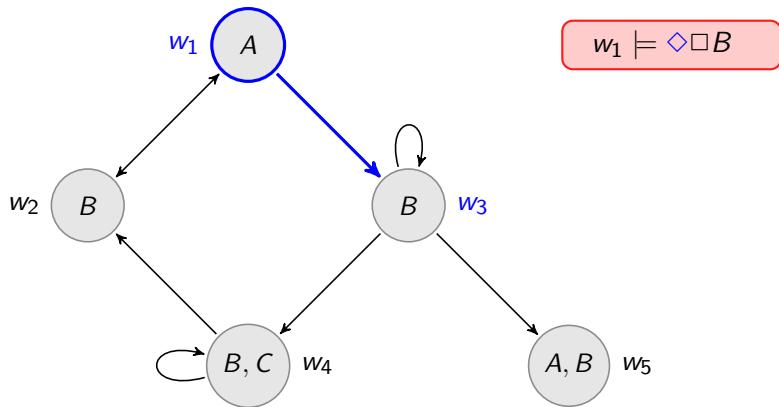


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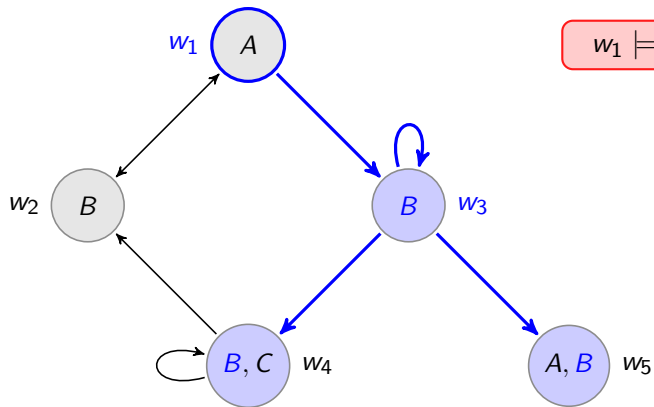


$w_1 \models \diamond \square B$

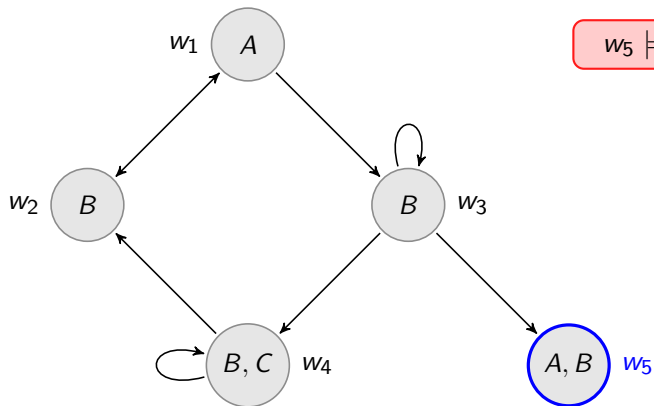
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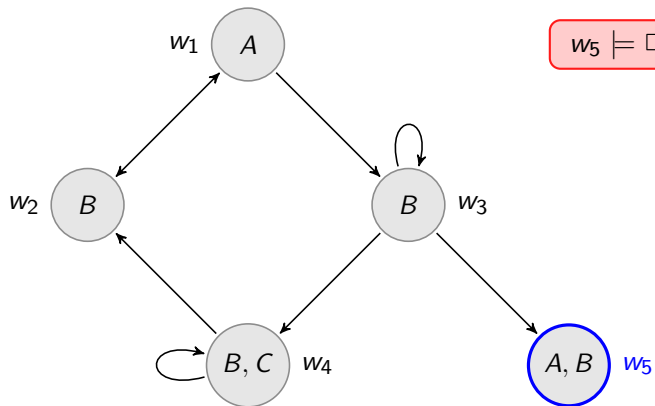


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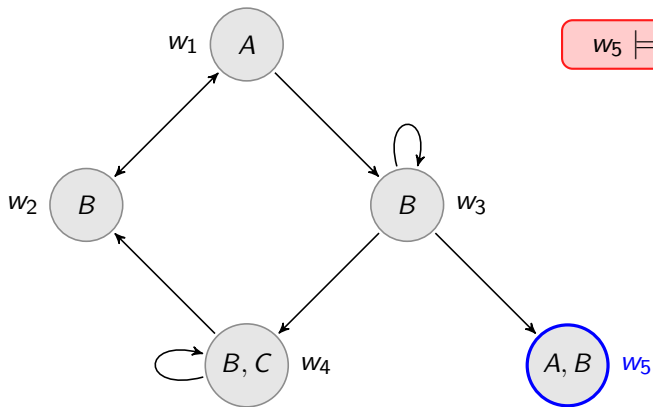
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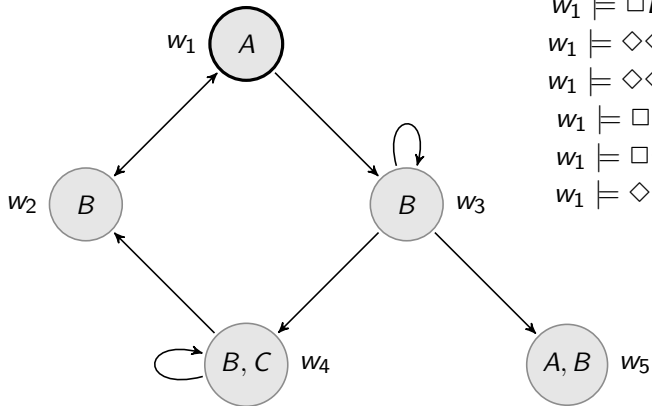


$w_5 \models \Box(B \wedge \neg B)$

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$w_5 \models \neg \diamond B$



$w_1 \models \Box B \wedge B?$

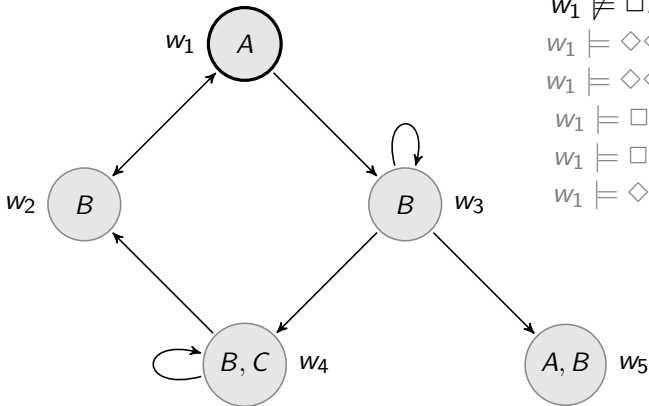
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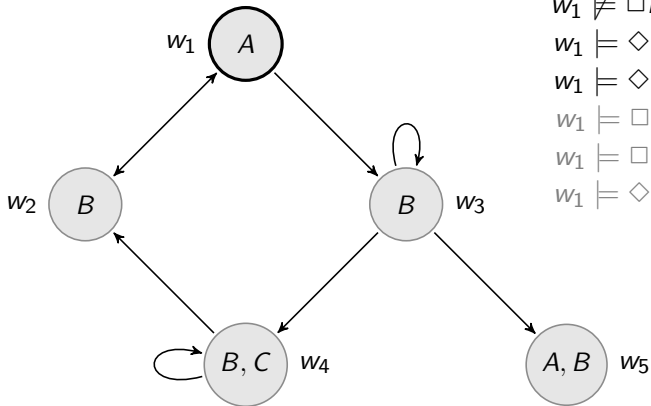
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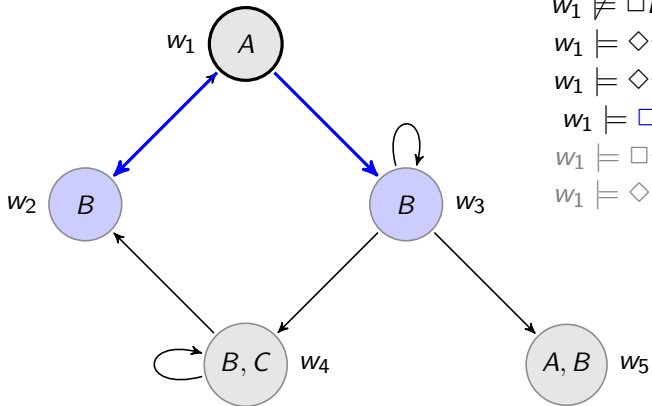
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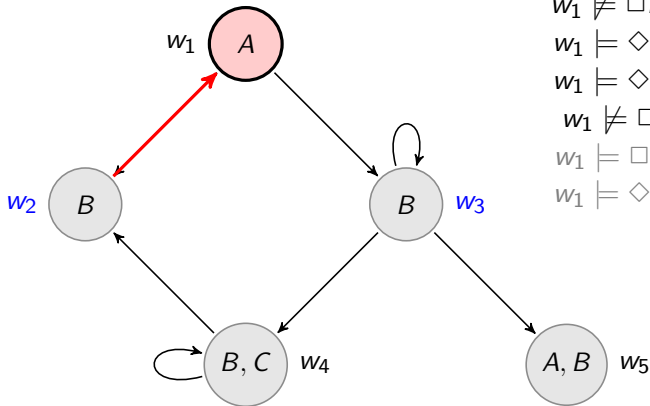
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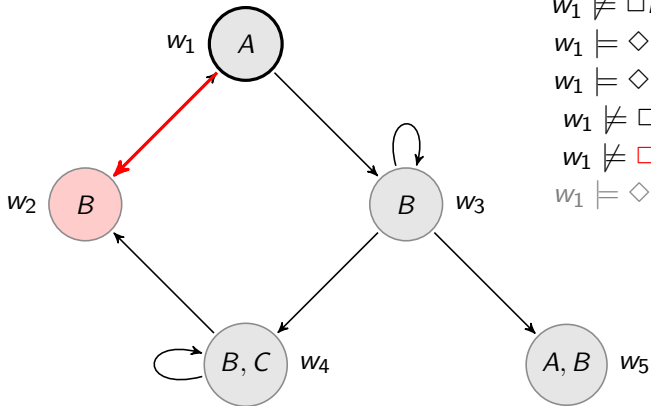
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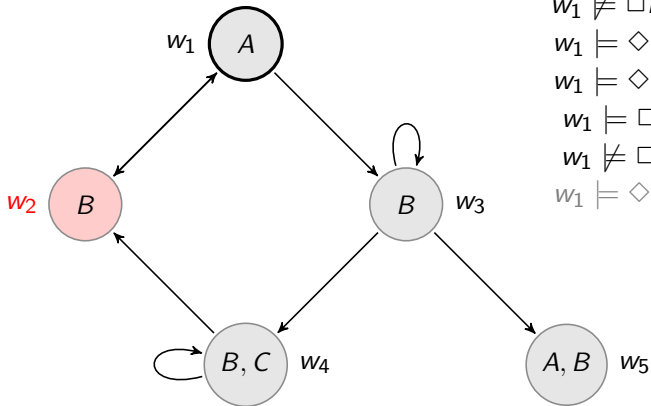
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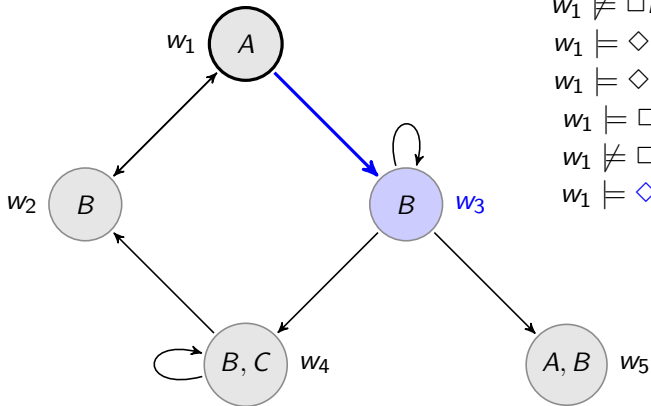
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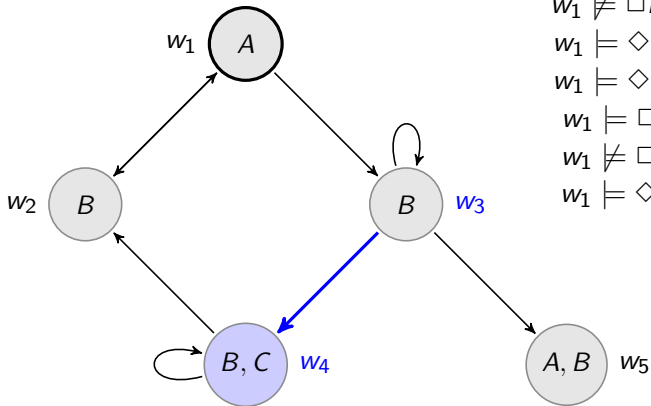
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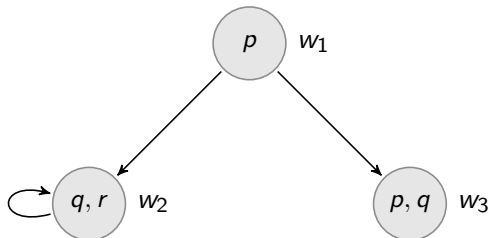
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Valid in a class F of frames:

$\models_F \varphi$: for all $\mathcal{F} \in F$, $\mathcal{F} \models \varphi$

Model validity



$$\mathcal{M} \models \Box q$$

validity on a model is *not* closed under substitution ($\mathcal{M} \not\models \Box p$)

Frame validity

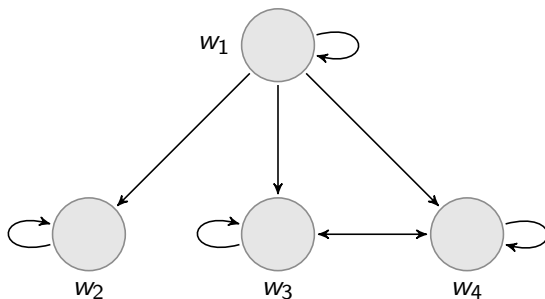
Some frame validities:

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- ▶ $\Box \top$
- ▶ $\Box p \leftrightarrow \neg \Diamond \neg p$
- ▶ $\Box(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\Box p \rightarrow \Box q)$

Some frame non-validities:

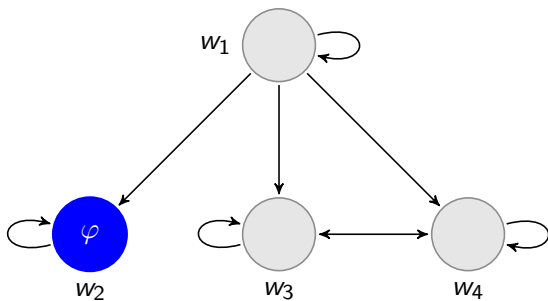
- ▶ $\Box p \vee \Box \neg p$ (compare with the validity $\Box p \vee \neg \Box p$)
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- ▶ $\Box(p \vee q) \rightarrow (\Box p \vee \Box q)$
- ▶ $\Box p \rightarrow p$

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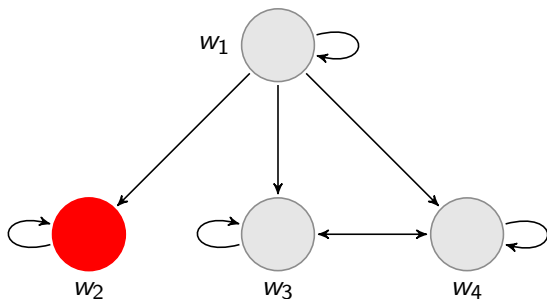
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Propositional Dynamic Logic

Let Act be a set of atomic programs and At a set of atomic propositions.

Formulas of **PDL** have the following syntactic form:

$$\varphi := p \mid \perp \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \psi \mid [\alpha]\varphi$$

$$\alpha := a \mid \alpha \cup \beta \mid \alpha; \beta \mid \alpha^* \mid \varphi?$$

where $p \in \text{At}$ and $a \in \text{Act}$.

$[\alpha]\varphi$ is intended to mean “after executing the program α , φ is true”

Propositional Dynamic Logic

Semantics: $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \{R_a \mid a \in P\}, V \rangle$ where for each $a \in P$, $R_a \subseteq W \times W$ and $V : At \rightarrow \wp(W)$

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- ▶ $R_{\alpha; \beta} := R_\alpha \circ R_\beta$
- ▶ $R_{\alpha^*} := \bigcup_{n \geq 0} R_\alpha^n$
- ▶ $R_{\varphi?} = \{(w, w) \mid \mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi\}$

$\mathcal{M}, w \models [\alpha]\varphi$ iff for each v , if $wR_\alpha v$ then $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$

Propositional Dynamic Logic

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5. $\varphi \wedge [\alpha^*](\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha]\varphi) \rightarrow [\alpha^*]\varphi$ (Induction Axiom)

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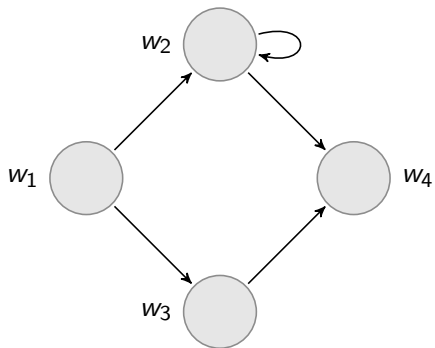
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Defining States



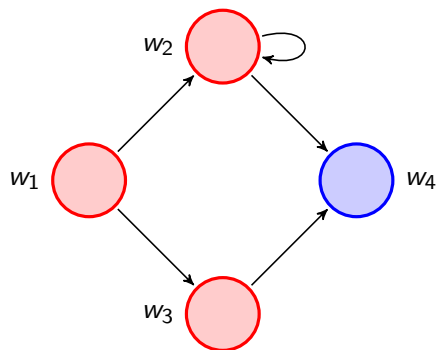
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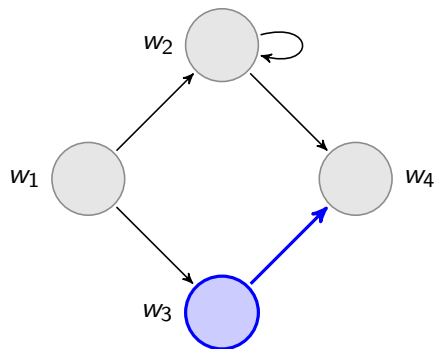
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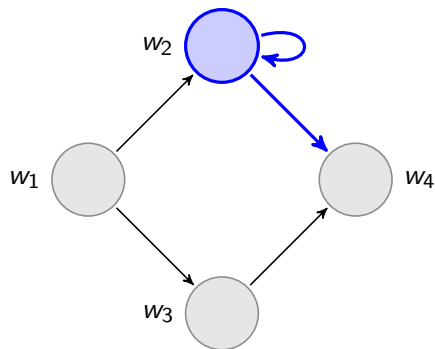
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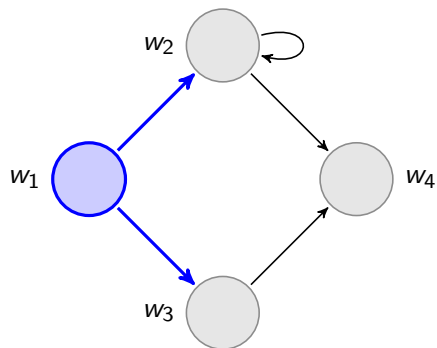
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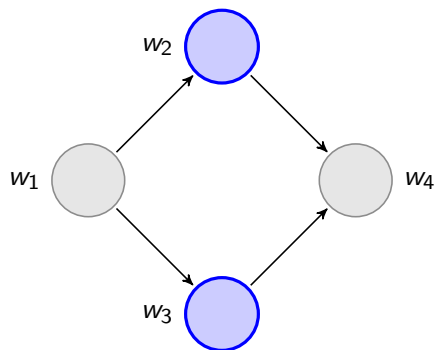
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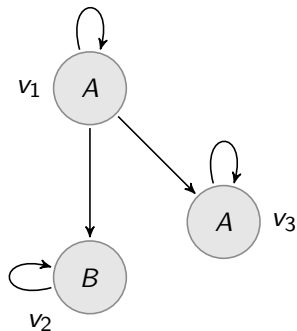
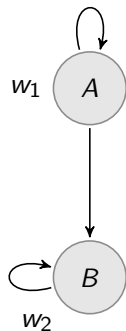
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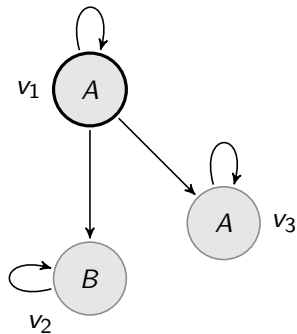
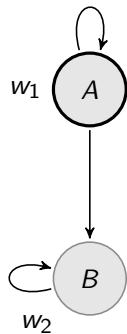
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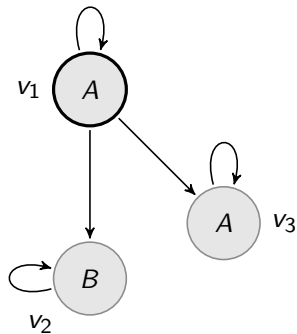
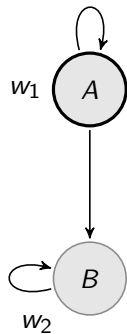
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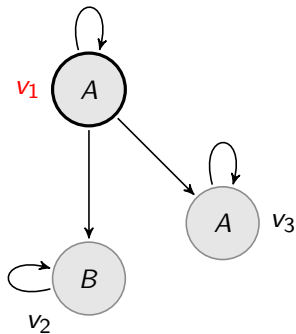
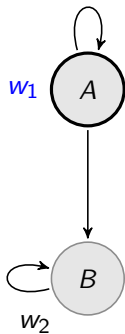
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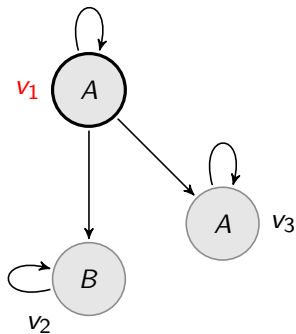
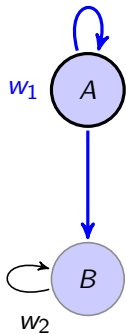
Is there a **modal formula** true at w_1 but not at v_1 ?

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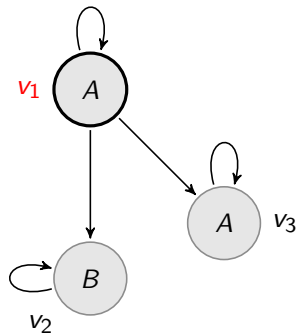
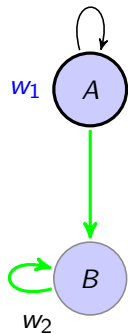
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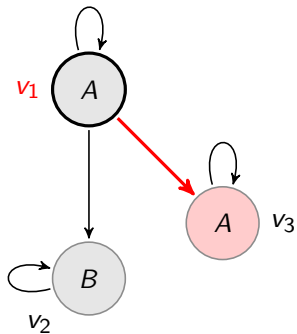
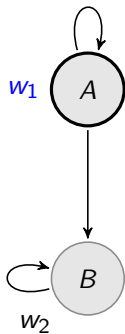
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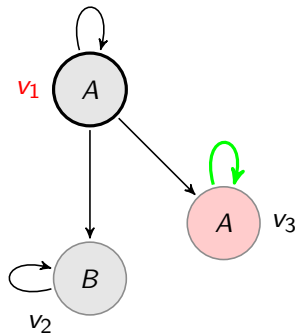
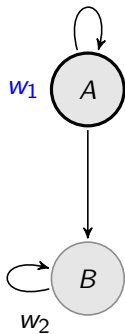
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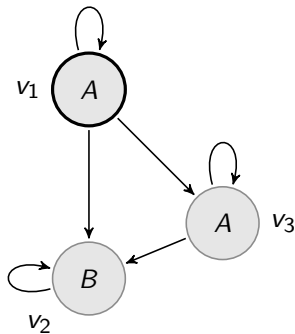
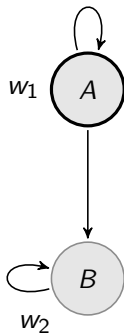
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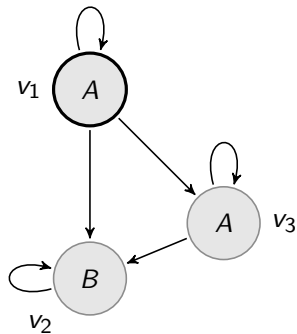
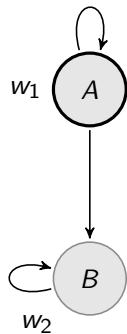
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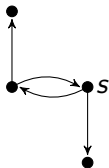
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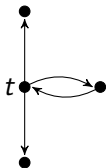
No modal formula can distinguish w_1 and v_1 !

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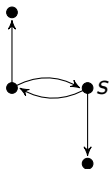
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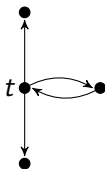
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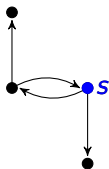


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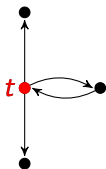
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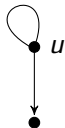
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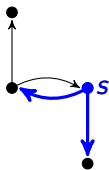


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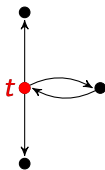
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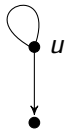
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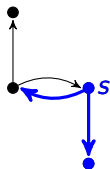


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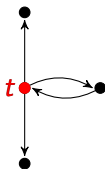
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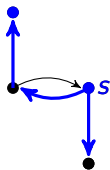


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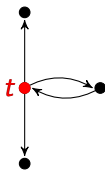
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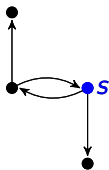


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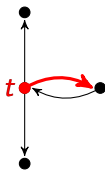
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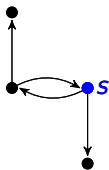


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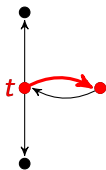
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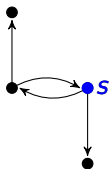


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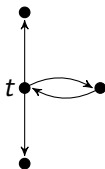
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- ▶ Language extensions: Hybrid logic; First-order extensions; Propositional quantifiers; Fixed-point operators
- ▶ Alternative semantics: Topological models; Neighborhood models; Algebraic models; Possibility semantics
- ▶ Applications: Temporal logic; (Dynamic) Epistemic logic

Conferences/Journals

TARK (www.tark.org): July 17-19, 2019, Toulouse, Deadline: early April

LORI (golori.org/lori2019): October 18-21, 2019, Southwest University, Chongqing, China, Deadline: May 13

LOFT (faculty.econ.ucdavis.edu/faculty/bonanno/loft.html): next conference in 2020

AiML (www.aiml.net): next conference in 2020

ESSLLI (esslli2019.folli.info): Summer school, Riga, Latvia, August 5 - 16 (also see NASSLLI)

Journals: Review of Symbolic Logic; Journal of Philosophical Logic; Journal of Logic, Language and Information; Synthese?; Journal of Symbolic Logic?