

Introduction to Logics of Knowledge and Belief

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Knowledge, Questions and Issues

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Every family of questions $Quest \subseteq Quest_W$ can be 'compressed' into one big 'conjunctive' question: this is the least refined partition that refines every question in $Quest$,
 $\approx_{Quest} = \bigcap \{\approx_Q \mid Q \in Quest\}$

For $i \in \mathcal{A}$, let \approx_i represent i 's, *total question*.

“van Benthem and Minica call \approx_i the agent i 's *issue relation*.... it essentially captures agent i 's conceptual indistinguishability relation, since it specifies the finest relevant world-distinctions that agent i makes.... Two worlds $s \approx_i t$ are conceptually indistinguishable for agent i (since the answers to all i 's questions are the same in both worlds): one can say that s and t will correspond to the same world in agent i 's own “subjective model”.”
(Baltag et al.)

Epistemic Issue Model

$\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \{\rightarrow_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, \{\approx_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V \rangle$, where

- ▶ W is a non-empty set of states
- ▶ For $i \in \mathcal{A}$, $\approx_i \subseteq W \times W$ is an equivalence relation (the issue relation)
- ▶ For $i \in \mathcal{A}$, $\rightarrow_i \subseteq W \times W$ is reflexive (the epistemic alternative relation)
- ▶ $V : \text{At} \rightarrow \wp(W)$ is a valuation function

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Suppose that $P \subseteq W$ is a proposition. Then,

$$K_i P = \{s \mid s \in W, s(i) \subseteq P\}$$

$$CP = \{s \mid \text{for all } t, \text{ if } s(\bigcup_i \rightarrow_i)^+ t, \text{ then } t \in P\}$$

$$DP = \{s \mid \text{for all } t, \text{ if } s(\bigcap_i \rightarrow_i) t, \text{ then } t \in P\}$$

$$Q_i P = \{s \mid \text{for all } t, \text{ if } s \approx_i t, \text{ then } t \in P\}$$

Conceptual indistinguishability implies epistemic indistinguishability: For all $i \in \mathcal{A}$, $\approx_i \subseteq \rightarrow_i$.

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To know is to know the answer to a question: For all $i \in \mathcal{A}$, $\rightarrow_i \approx_i \subseteq \rightarrow_i$

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Selective Public Announcement

Principle of Selective Learning. When confronted with information, agents come to know only the information that is relevant for their issues.

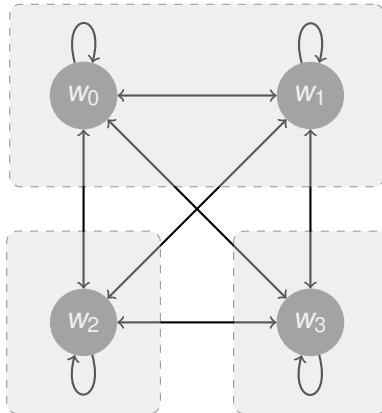
For any proposition $P \subseteq W$ and $i \in \mathcal{A}$, let P_i the *strongest i -relevant proposition entailed by P* :

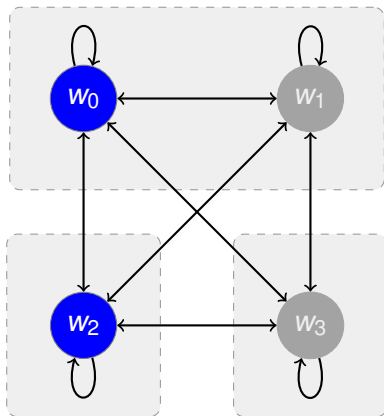
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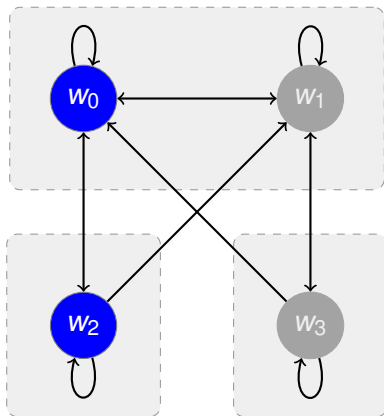
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Suppose that $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \{\rightarrow_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, \{\approx_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V \rangle$ is an epistemic issue model and $P \subseteq W$ is a proposition. A **selective public announcement** $!P$ is an action that changes \mathcal{M} to $\mathcal{M}^P = \langle W^P, \{\rightarrow_i^P\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, \{\approx_i^P\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V \rangle$, where

- ▶ $W^P = W$
- ▶ $\rightarrow_i^P = \rightarrow_i \cap \approx_i^P$
- ▶ $\approx_i^P = \approx_i$
- ▶ For all $p \in \text{At}$, $V^P(p) = V(p)$.







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An **inquisitive model** is a tuple $\langle W, (\Sigma_i)_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V \rangle$ where

- ▶ W is a non-empty set of possible worlds
- ▶ $V : W \rightarrow \wp(\text{At})$ is a valuation function
- ▶ $\Sigma_i : W \rightarrow \Pi$ where $\Sigma_i(w)$ is an issue, satisfying:

Factivity For all $w \in W$, $w \in \sigma_i(w)$

Introspection For any $w, v \in W$ if $v \in \sigma_i(w)$, then $\Sigma_i(v) = \Sigma_i(w)$.

where $\sigma_i(w) := \Sigma_i(w)$ represents the information state of agent i in w .

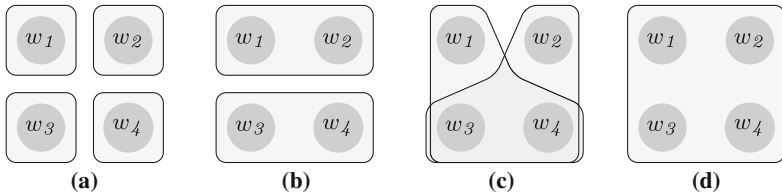


Fig. 1 Issues over the state $\{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4\}$

1. For all $p \in \text{At}$, $p \in \mathcal{L}_!$
2. For all $\perp \in \mathcal{L}_!$
3. If $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathcal{L}_!$, then $\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\} \in \mathcal{L}_?$
4. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$, then $\varphi \wedge \psi \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$
5. If $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}_!$ and $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$, then $\alpha \rightarrow \psi \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$
6. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$, then $E_i \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_!$
7. If $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_\circ$, then $K_i \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_!$

Interrogative: $?\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$.

$?p$ means $?\{p, \neg p\}$

$K_i\varphi$: i knows that φ is true

$E_i\varphi$: i entertains φ being true

$K_i?p$ means “ i knows whether p is true

$K_i?K_j?p$ “ i knows whether j knows whether p is true

The following definition specifies recursively when a sentence is **supported** by a state s . Intuitively, for declaratives being supported amounts to being established, or true everywhere in s , while for interrogatives it amounts to being resolved in s .

1. $\mathcal{M}, s \models p$ iff $p \in V(w)$ for all $w \in s$.
2. $\mathcal{M}, s \models \perp$ iff $s = \emptyset$.
3. $\mathcal{M}, s \models ?\{\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n\}$ iff $\mathcal{M}, s \models \alpha_i$ for some $1 \leq i \leq n$.
4. $\mathcal{M}, s \models \varphi \wedge \psi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, s \models \varphi$ and $\mathcal{M}, s \models \psi$.
5. $\mathcal{M}, s \models \alpha \rightarrow \varphi$ iff for any $t \subseteq s$, if $\mathcal{M}, t \models \alpha$, then $\mathcal{M}, t \models \varphi$.
6. $\mathcal{M}, s \models K_i \varphi$ iff for any $w \in s$, $\mathcal{M}, \sigma_i(w) \models \varphi$.
7. $\mathcal{M}, s \models E_i \varphi$ iff for any $w \in s$, for any $t \in \Sigma_i(w)$, $\mathcal{M}, t \models \varphi$.

Fact 1 (Persistency of support) If $\mathcal{M}, s \models \varphi$ and $t \subseteq s$, then $\mathcal{M}, t \models \varphi$.

Fact 2 (The empty state supports everything) For any \mathcal{M} and any φ , $\mathcal{M}, \emptyset \models \varphi$

Fact 3 (Support for negation, disjunction, and polar interrogatives)

- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, s \models \neg\alpha$ iff for any non-empty $t \subseteq s$, $\mathcal{M}, t \not\models \alpha$
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, s \models \alpha \vee \beta$ iff there are t_1, t_2 such that $s = t_1 \cup t_2$, and $\mathcal{M}, t_1 \models \alpha$ and $\mathcal{M}, t_2 \models \beta$
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, s \models ?\alpha$ iff $\mathcal{M}, t \models \alpha$ or $\mathcal{M}, t \models \neg\alpha$

We say that a sentence φ **entails** ψ , notation $\varphi \models \psi$, just in case for all models \mathcal{M} and states s , if $\mathcal{M}, s \models \varphi$ then $\mathcal{M}, s \models \psi$.

We say that a sentence φ is **valid** in case it is supported by all states in all models.

We say that two sentences φ and ψ are **equivalent**, notation $\varphi \equiv \psi$, just in case for all models \mathcal{M} and states s , $\mathcal{M}, s \models \varphi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, s \models \psi$.

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The **truth set** of a sentence φ in a model \mathcal{M} , denoted $|\varphi|_{\mathcal{M}}$, is defined as the set of worlds in \mathcal{M} where φ is true:

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We have that $|\varphi p|_{\mathcal{M}} = |\varphi q|_{\mathcal{M}}$, but $[\varphi p]_{\mathcal{M}} \neq [\varphi q]_{\mathcal{M}}$

Fact: For any φ and any model \mathcal{M} , $|\varphi|_{\mathcal{M}} = \bigcup [\varphi]_{\mathcal{M}}$

Fact (Truth and support) For any model \mathcal{M} , any state s and any declarative α , the following holds:

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \alpha \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, w \models \alpha \text{ for all } w \in s$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \alpha \rightarrow \varphi \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, s \cap |\alpha|_{\mathcal{M}} \models \varphi$$

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If Ann invites Bill to the party, will he go? ($p \rightarrow ?q$)

Answers:

- ▶ Yes, if Ann invites Bill, he will go. ($p \rightarrow q$)
- ▶ No, if Ann invites Bill, he will not go. ($p \rightarrow \neg q$)

Knowledge

For declaratives α , $K_i\alpha$ boils down to the usual definition of truth of a modality familiar from modal logic.

For interrogatives μ , $K_i\mu$ holds when μ is resolved in $\sigma_i(w)$, which means that $K_i\mu$ expresses the fact that i has sufficient information to resolve μ at w .

For instance, $K_i?p$ is true at w just in case that $\sigma_i(w)$ supports either p or $\neg p$. That is, when i knows whether p is true.

Entertaining

$E_i\varphi$ is true at w just in case φ is supported by any state $t \in \Sigma_i(w)$

Fact. For any φ , $K_i\varphi \models E_i\varphi$

Fact. For any declarative α , $K_i\alpha \equiv E_i\alpha$

$W_i\varphi$ means “ i wonders about φ ”: $W_i\varphi := \neg K_i\varphi \wedge E_i\varphi$

- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, w \models K_i \varphi$ iff $\bigcup \Sigma_i(w) \in [\varphi]_{\mathcal{M}}$
- ▶ $\mathcal{M}, w \models E_i \varphi$ iff $\Sigma_i(w) \subseteq [\varphi]_{\mathcal{M}}$

Public Announcement

Given $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, (\Sigma_i)_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V \rangle$, the public announcement of φ transform \mathcal{M} to $\mathcal{M}^\varphi = \langle W^\varphi, (\Sigma_i^\varphi)_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V^\varphi \rangle$, where

- ▶ $W^\varphi = W \cap [\varphi]_\mathcal{M}$
- ▶ $V^\varphi = V|_{W^\varphi}$
- ▶ For all $w \in W^\varphi$, $\Sigma_i^\varphi(w) = \Sigma_i(w) \cap [\varphi]_\mathcal{M}$

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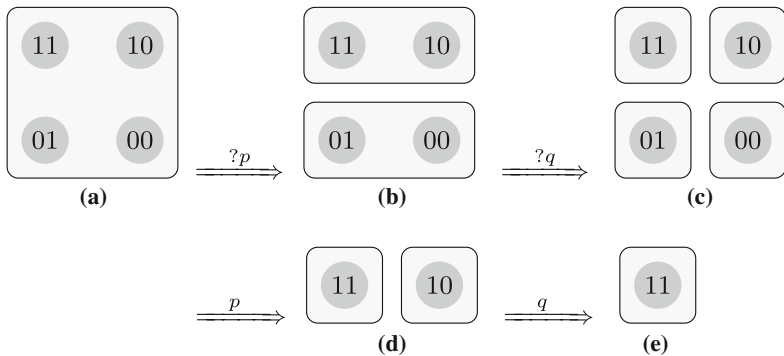


Fig. 2 The effects of a series of simple announcements on a state

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We have been studying “knowing that” expressions, but we often use the verb “know” with an embedded question such as:

- ▶ I know whether the claim is true.
- ▶ I know what your password is.
- ▶ I know how to swim.
- ▶ I know why he was late.
- ▶ I know who proved this theorem.
- ▶ I know where she has been.

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$\Delta\varphi := \Box\varphi \vee \Box\neg\varphi$ means that φ is *not contingent*

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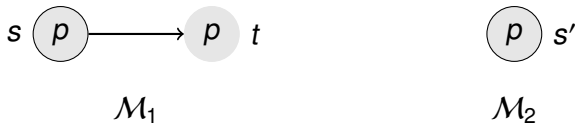
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$$\varphi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\varphi \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid \Delta_i \varphi$$

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iff $\mathcal{M}, v_2 \models \varphi$



\mathcal{M}_1, s and \mathcal{M}_2, s' satisfy the *NCL* formulas, but can be distinguished by formulas of modal logic.

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- ▶ *NCL* is not strictly weaker than modal logic, $\Delta_i \varphi \leftrightarrow \Delta_i \neg \neg \varphi$ is valid.

- ▶ all instances of tautologies
- ▶ $(\Delta_i(q \rightarrow p) \wedge \Delta_i(\neg q \rightarrow p)) \rightarrow \Delta_i p$
- ▶ $(\Delta_i p \rightarrow (\Delta_i(p \rightarrow q) \vee \Delta_i(\neg p \rightarrow q)))$
- ▶ $\Delta_i p \leftrightarrow \Delta_i \neg p$
- ▶ from $\varphi, \varphi \rightarrow \psi$, infer ψ
- ▶ from φ , infer $\Delta_i \varphi$
- ▶ from φ , infer $\varphi[p/\psi]$
- ▶ from $\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$, infer $\Delta_i \varphi \leftrightarrow \Delta_i \psi$

Theorem. (Fan et al (2015)). The above axioms are sound and strongly complete over the class of arbitrary frames.

Public announcement logic is defined as usual.

$$[\varphi] \Delta_i \psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow (\Delta_i[\varphi]\psi \vee \Delta_i[\varphi]\neg\psi))$$

$$[?\varphi]\psi \leftrightarrow ([\varphi]\psi \wedge [\neg\varphi]\psi)$$

Knowing what

i knows what the value of *c*

$$\exists x K_i(c = x)$$

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$$\varphi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\varphi \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid K_i\varphi \mid K v_i c$$

where $p \in \text{At}$ and $c \in \mathbf{C}$ (a set of constant symbols)

$$\mathcal{M} = \langle W, D, (R_i)_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V, V_C \rangle$$

where $W \neq \emptyset$, each R_i is a relation on W , $V : \text{At} \rightarrow \wp(W)$, D is the constant domain and $V_C : \mathbf{C} \times W \rightarrow D$ assigns to each $c \in \mathbf{C}$ and world w a value $d \in D$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}, w \models K v_i c \text{ iff for any } v_1, v_2, \text{ if } w R_i v_1 \text{ and } w R_i v_2, \\ \text{then } V_C(v_1, c) = V_C(v_2, c) \end{aligned}$$

$$K_i K v_j c \wedge \neg K v_j c \quad \text{vs.} \quad K_i K_j p \wedge \neg K_i p$$

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$(\langle p \rangle K_{v_i} c \wedge \langle q \rangle K_{v_i} c) \rightarrow \langle p \vee c \rangle K_{v_i} c$ is not derivable in S5 with recursion axioms.

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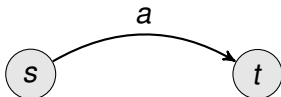
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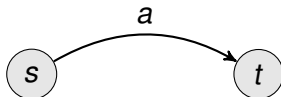
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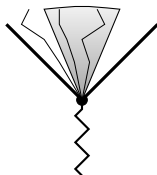


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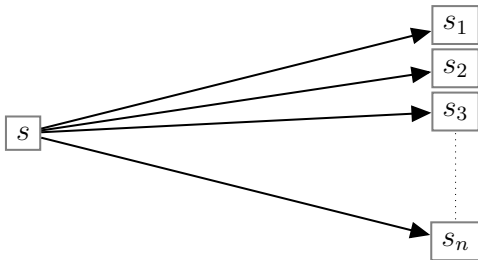
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2. Actions *restrict* the set of possible future histories.



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Language: The language of propositional dynamic logic is generated by the following grammar:

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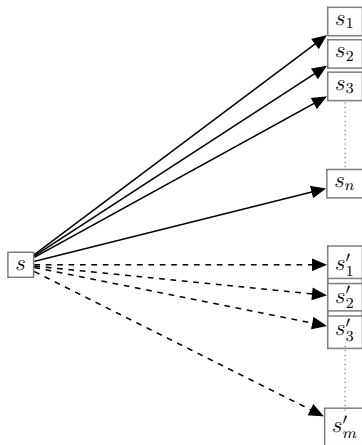
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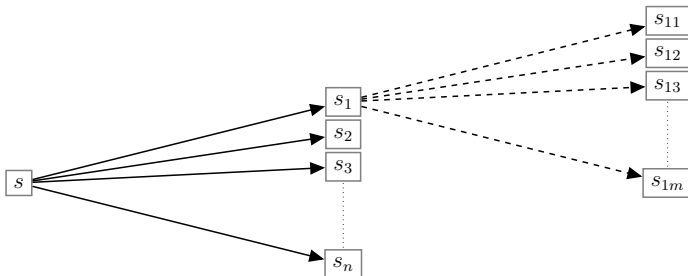
Union

$$R_{\alpha \cup \beta} := R_{\alpha} \cup R_{\beta}$$



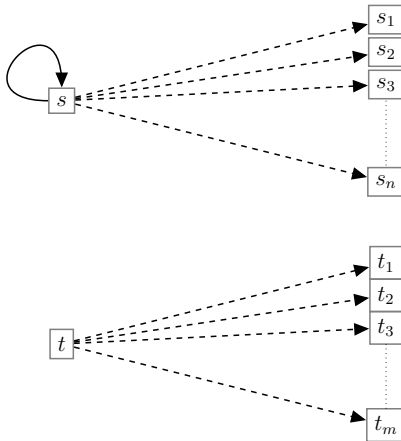
Sequence

$$R_{\alpha;\beta} := R_{\alpha} \circ R_{\beta}$$



Test

$$R_{\varphi?} = \{(w, w) \mid \mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi\}$$



Iteration

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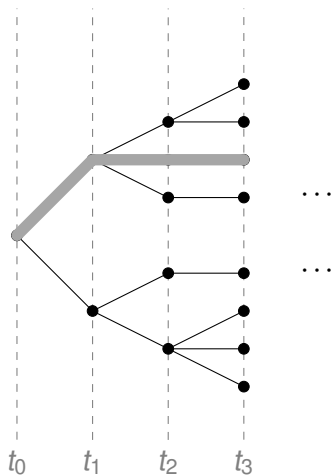
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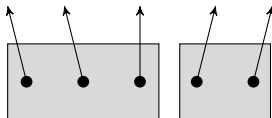
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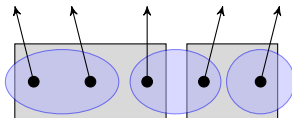
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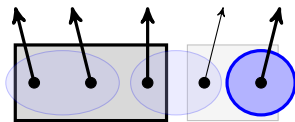
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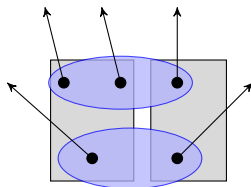
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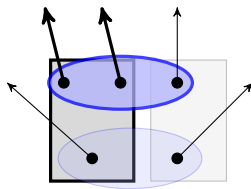
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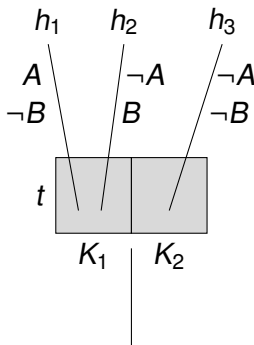
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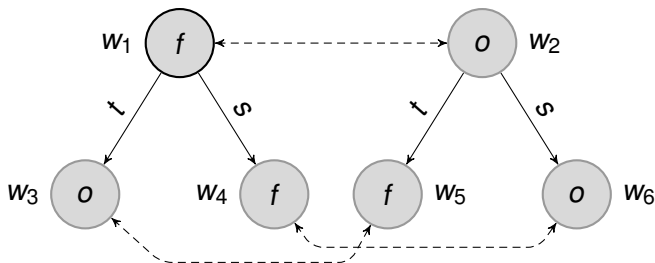
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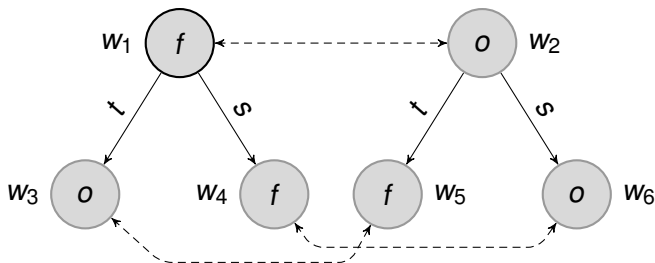
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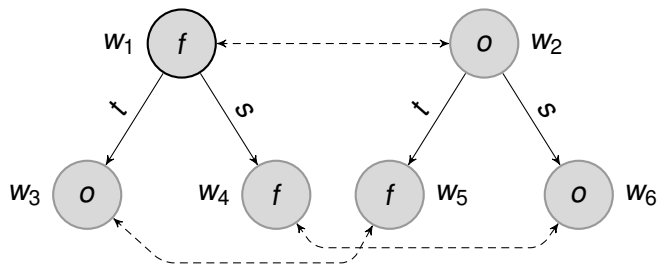
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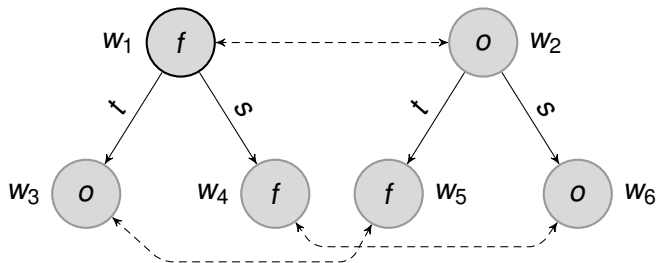
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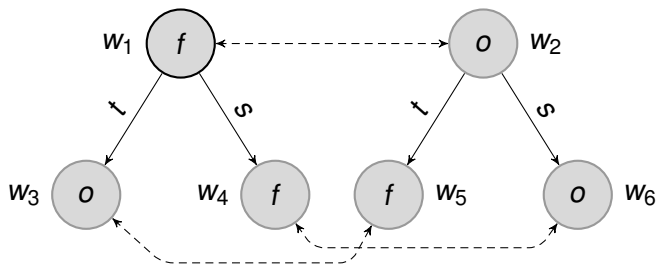
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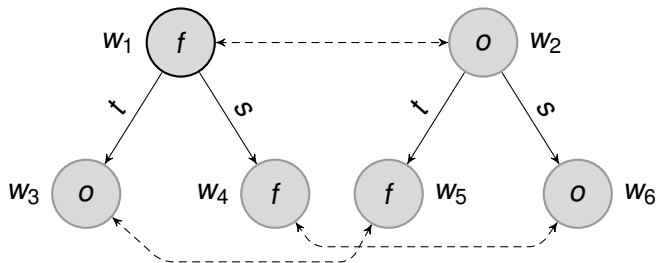
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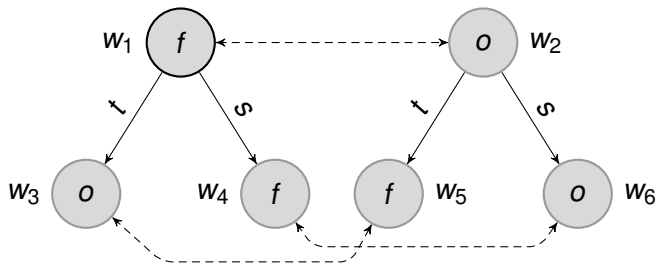
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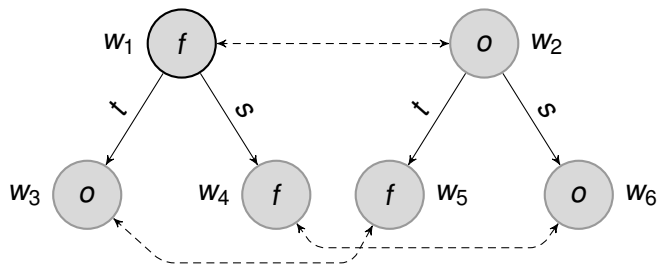
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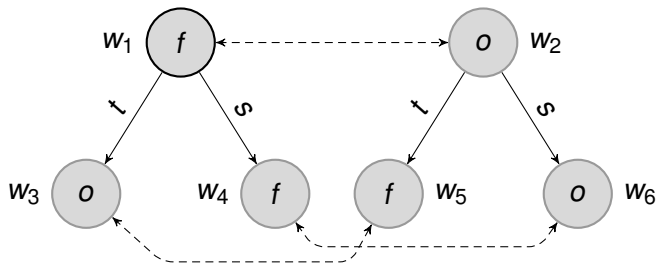
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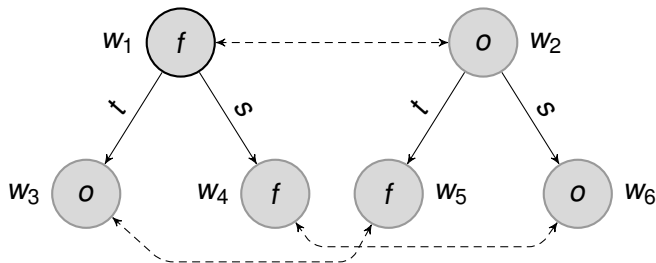
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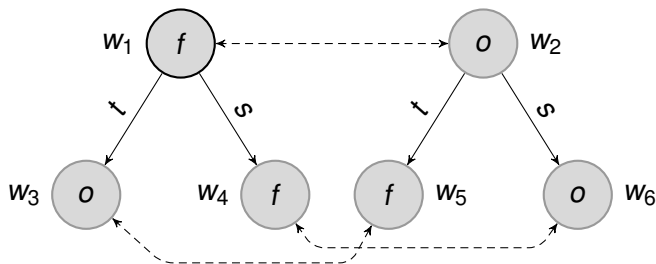
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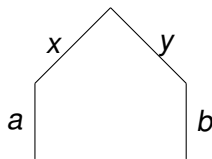
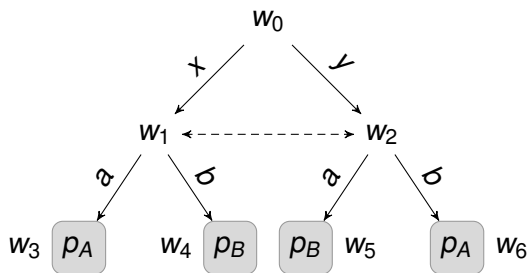
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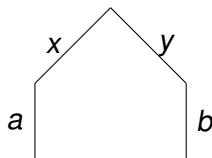
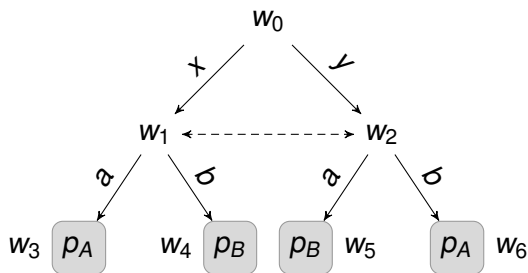
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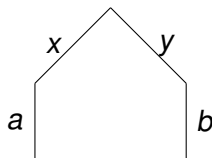
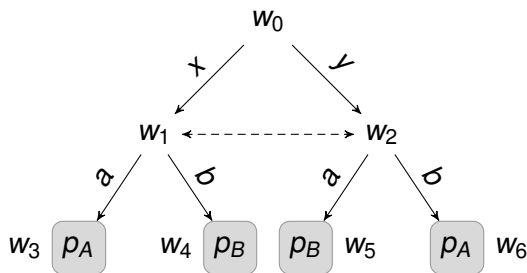
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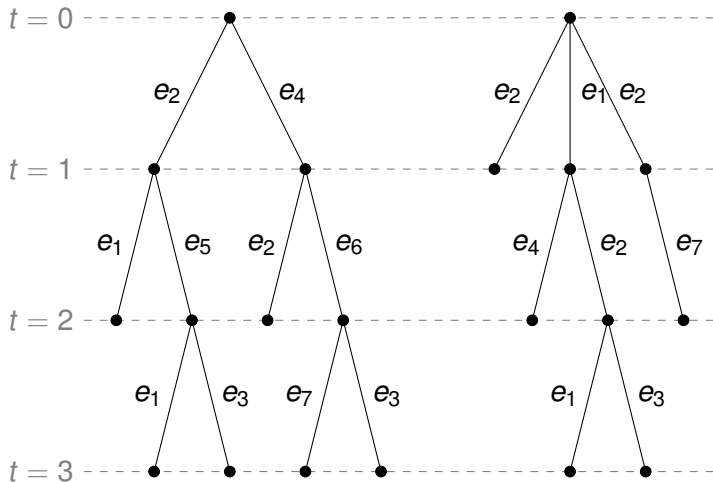
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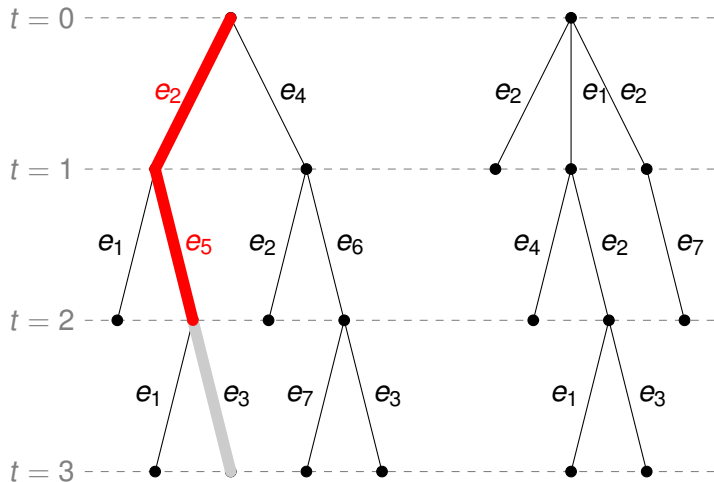
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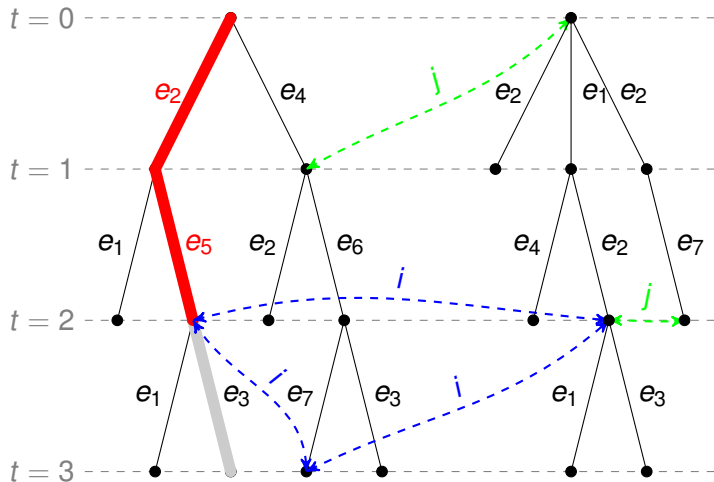
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An ETL **model** is a structure $\langle \mathcal{H}, \{\sim_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}}, V \rangle$ where $\langle \mathcal{H}, \{\sim_i\}_{i \in \mathcal{A}} \rangle$ is an ETL frame and

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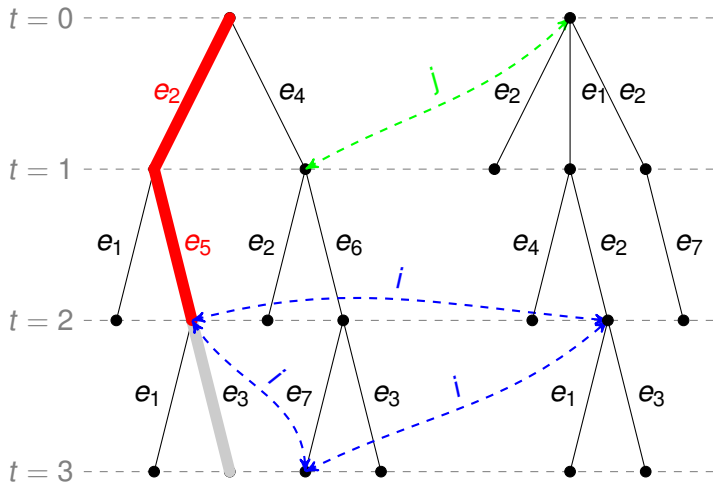
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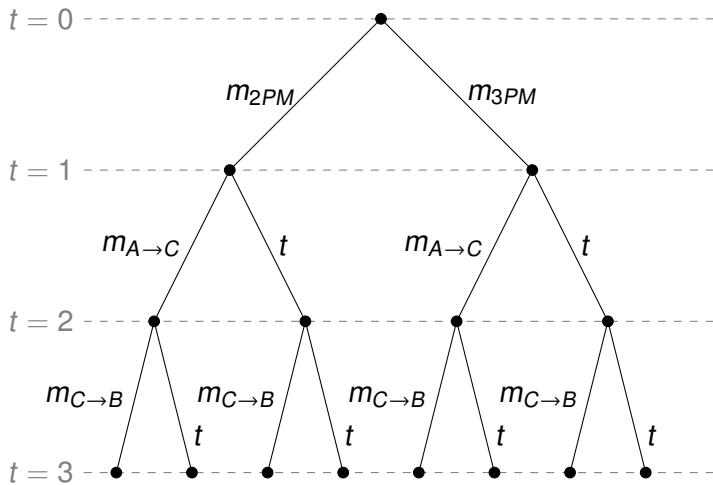
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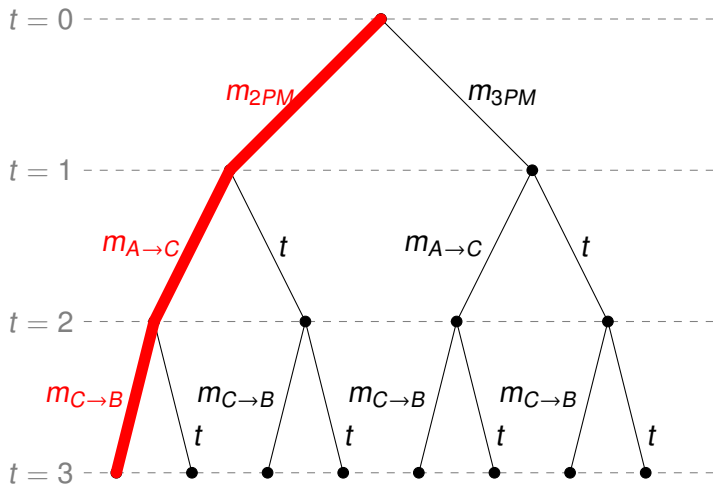
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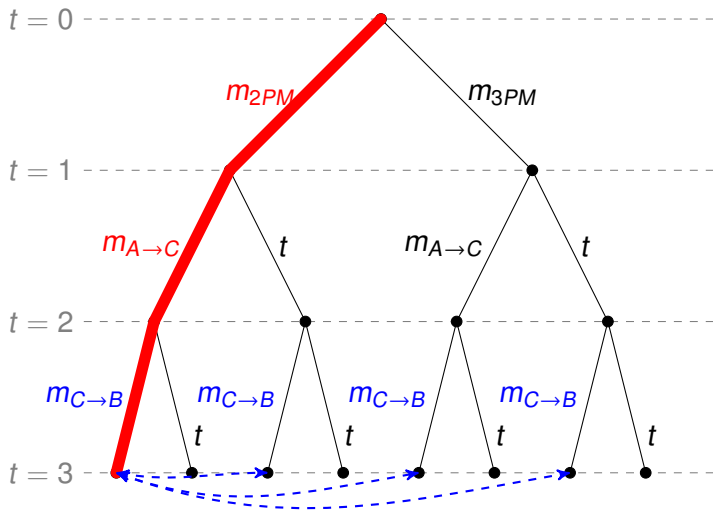
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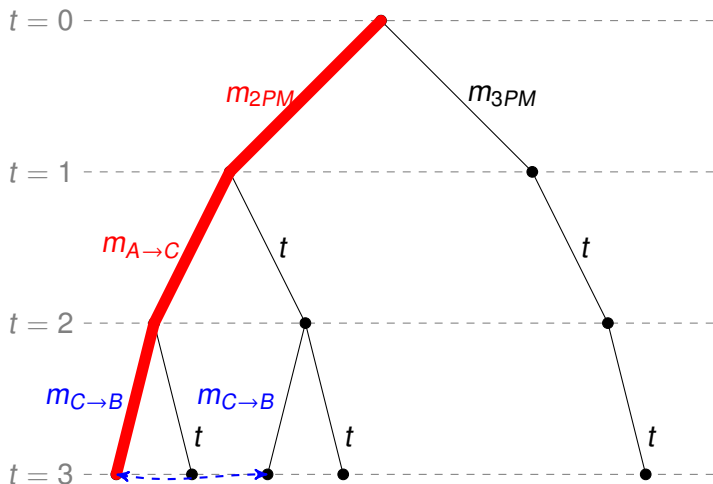




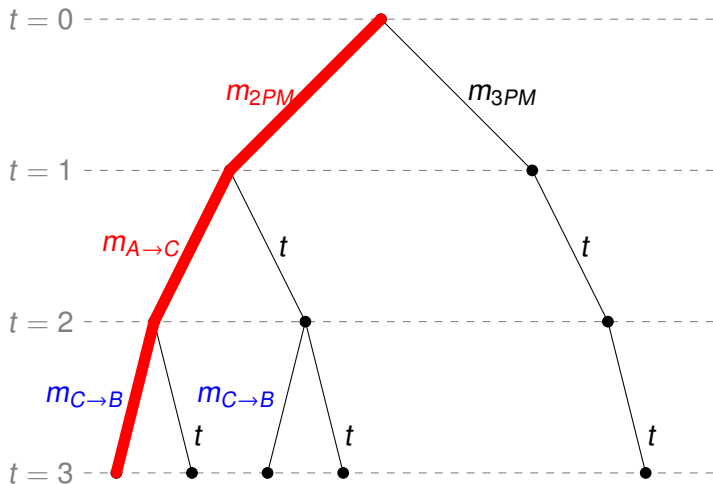
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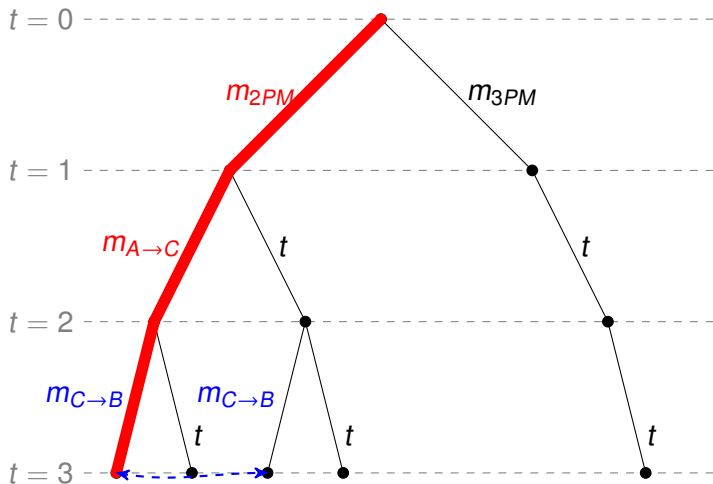


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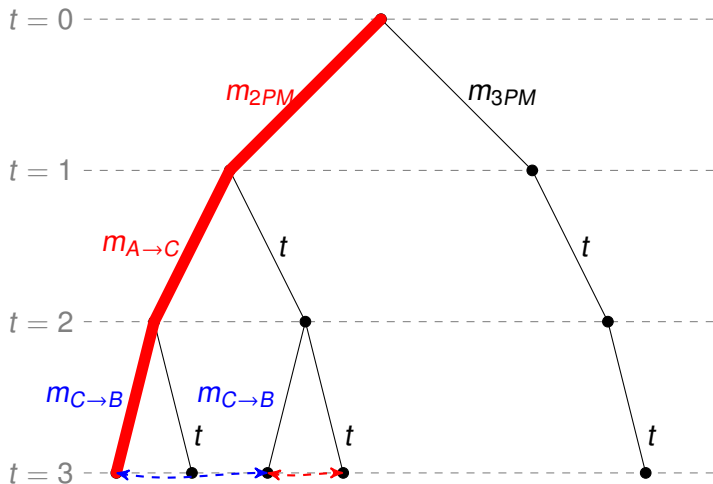
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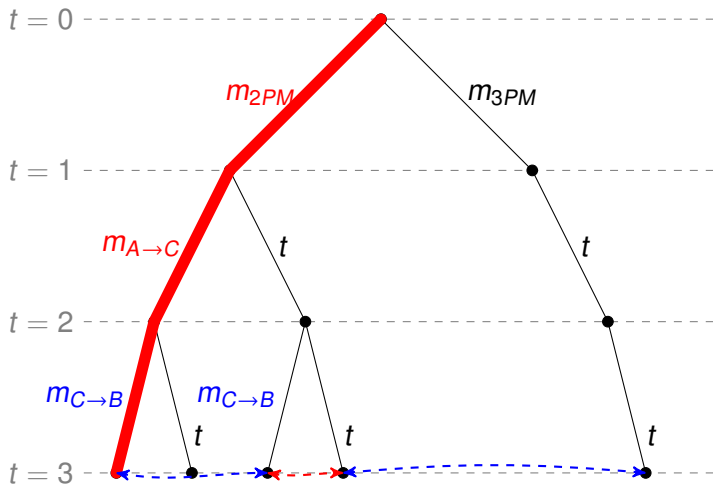
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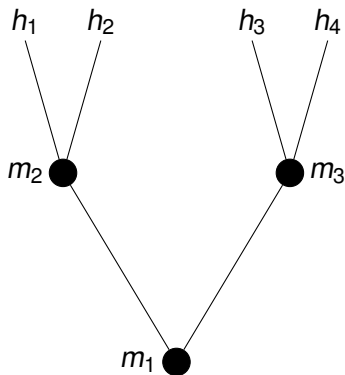
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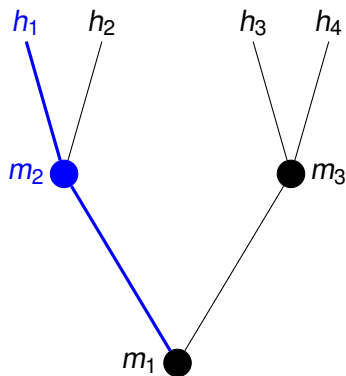
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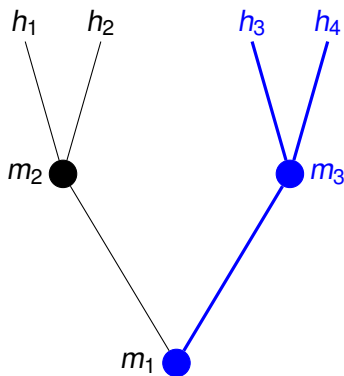
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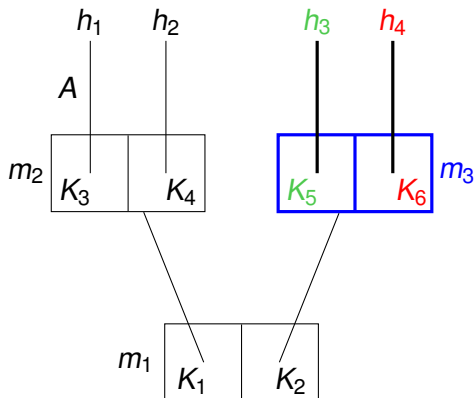


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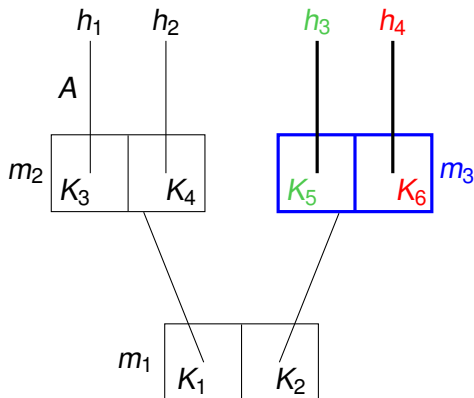
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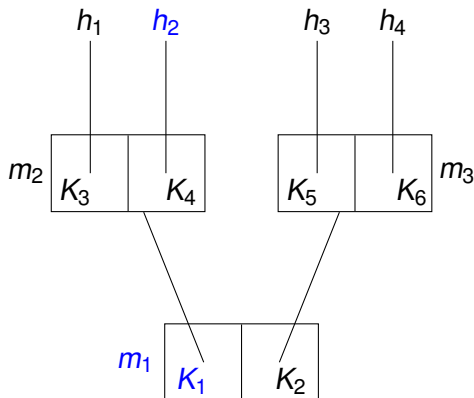
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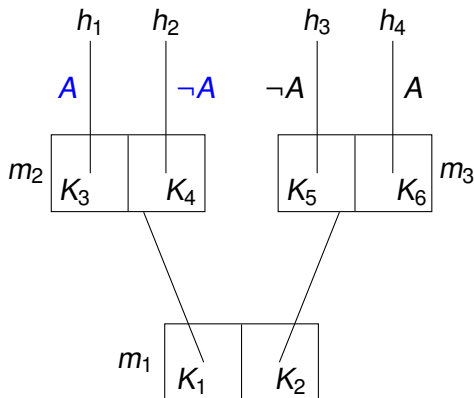


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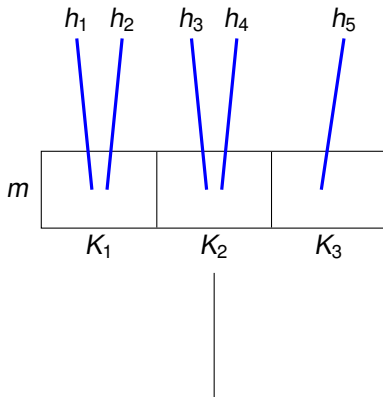
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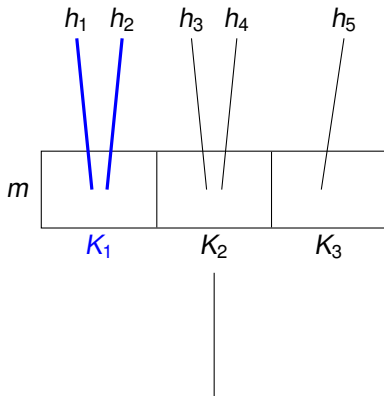


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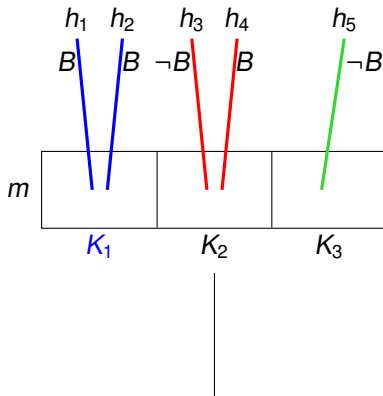
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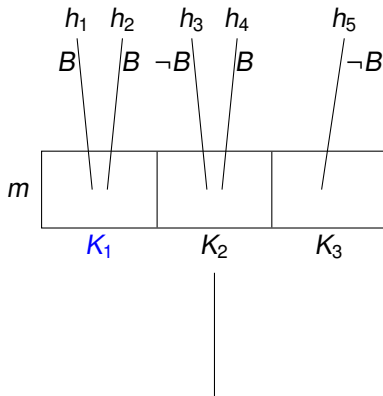
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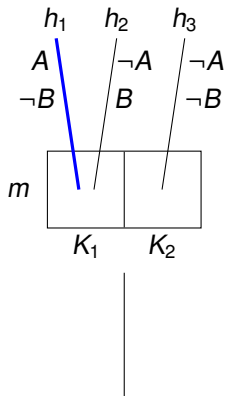


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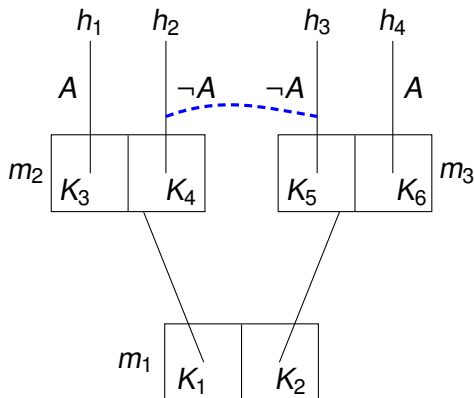
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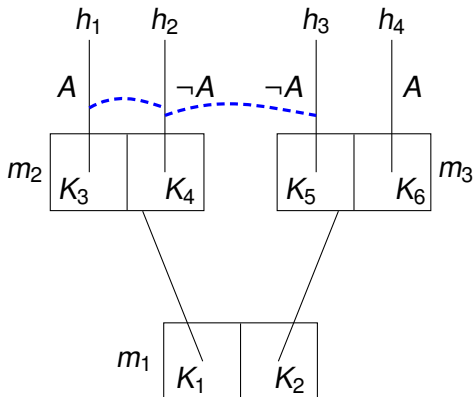


\sim_α is an equivalence relation on indices

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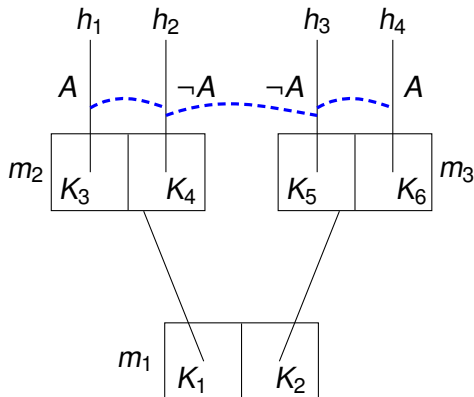


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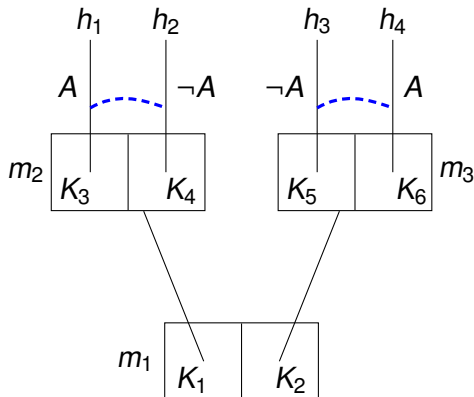


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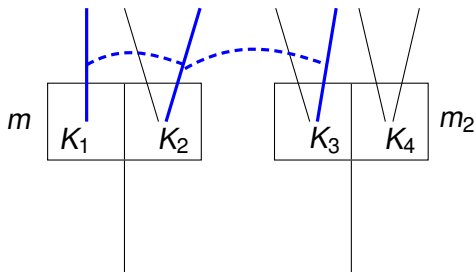
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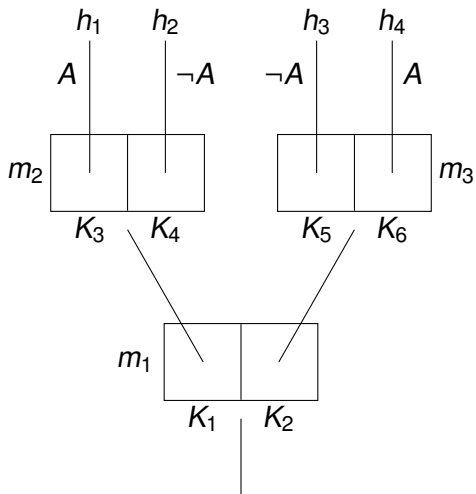
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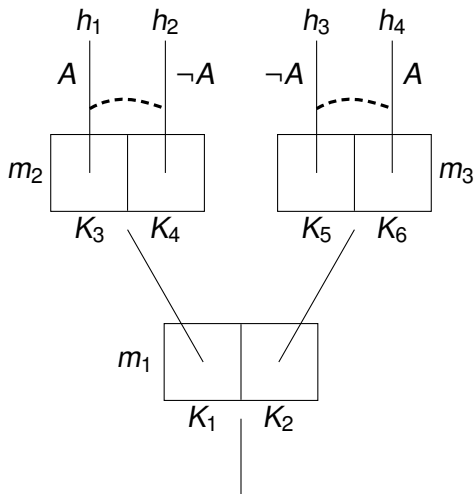


- $\mathcal{M}, m/h \models K_\alpha A$ if and only if, for all m'/h' , if $m/h \sim_\alpha m'/h'$, then $\mathcal{M}, m'/h' \models A$

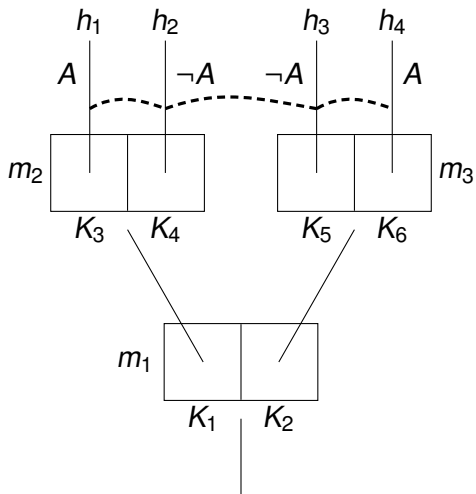
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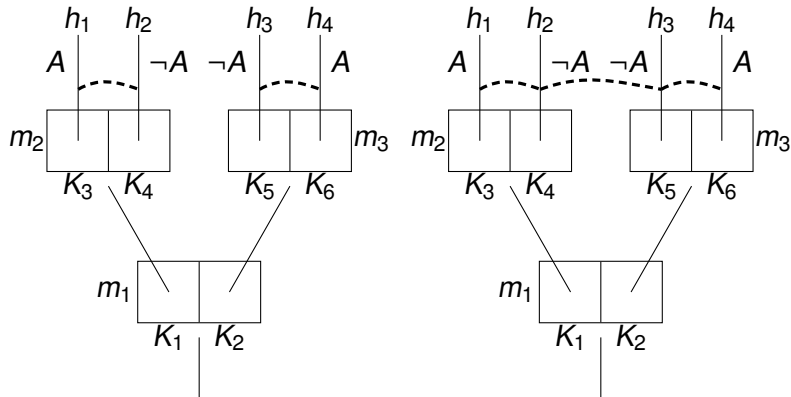
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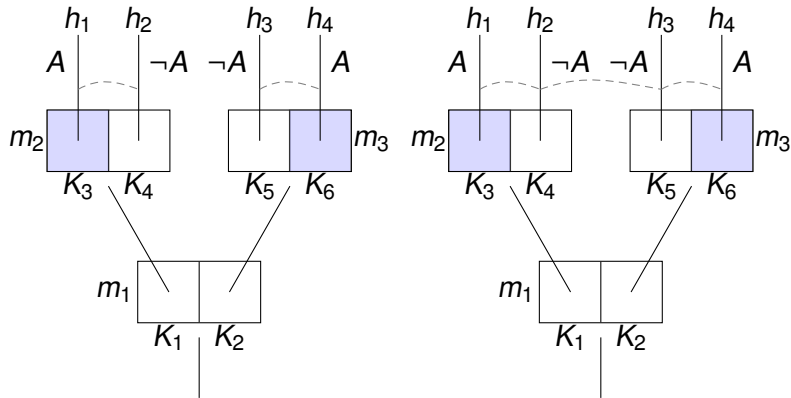
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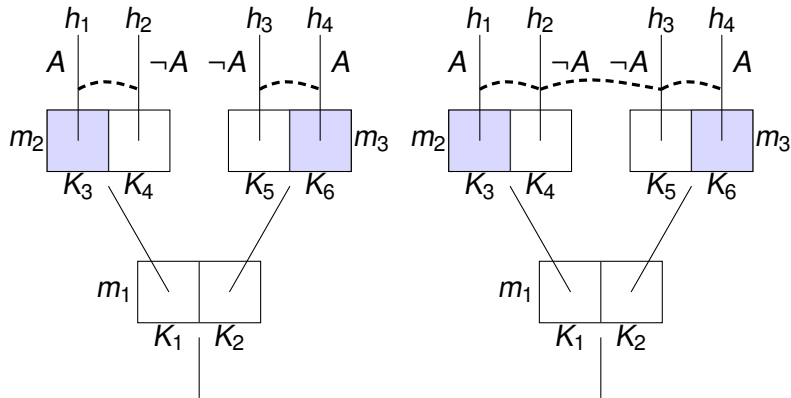


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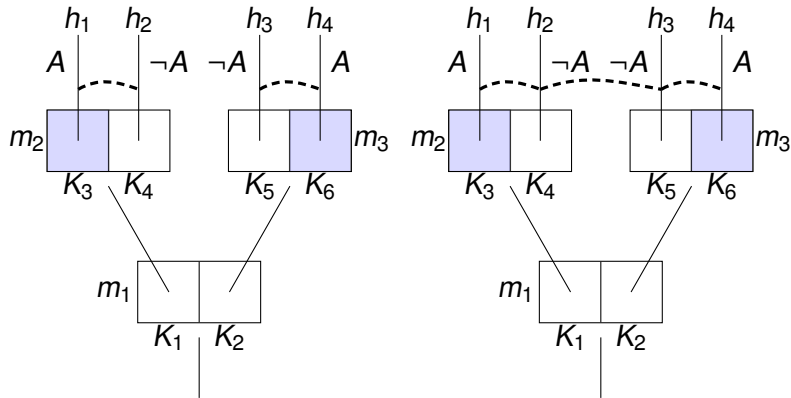
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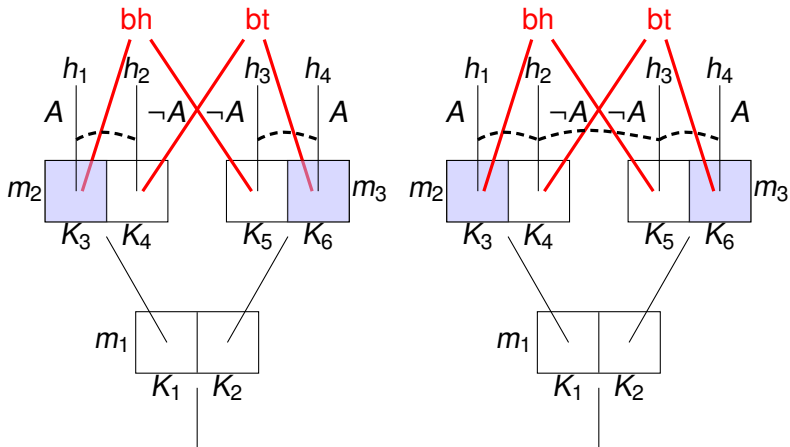


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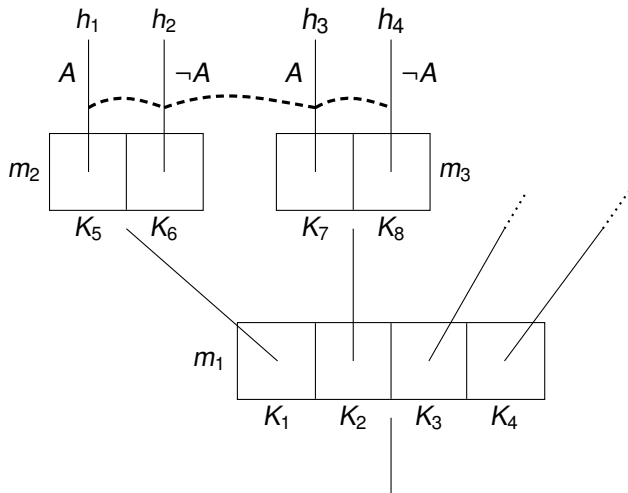
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α has the ability to see to it that A in the epistemic sense just in case there is some action available to α that is known by α to guarantee the truth of A.

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Coin game 3



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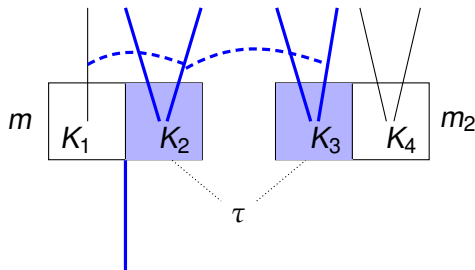
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Labeled stit model, continued

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$$\text{Type}_\alpha^m = \{\text{Label}(K) \mid K \in \text{Choice}_\alpha^m\}$$

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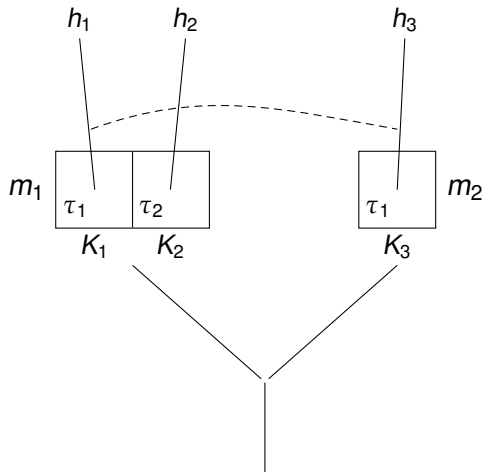
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The difference between C1 and C2

(C1) If $m/h \sim_{\alpha} m'/h'$, then $Type_{\alpha}^m = Type_{\alpha}^{m'}$

(C2) If $m/h \sim_{\alpha} m'/h'$, then $[Type_{\alpha}^m(h)]_{\alpha}^{m'}$ is defined.

Minimal Constraint



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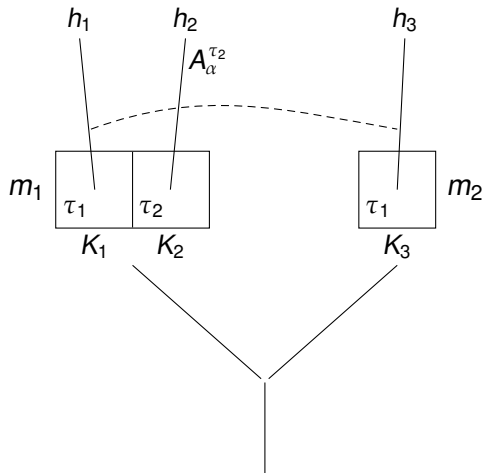
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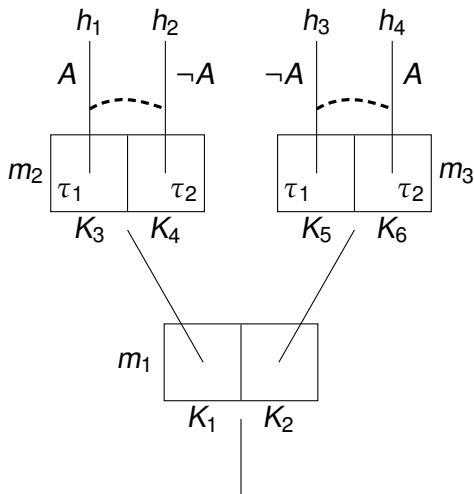
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C2 is satisfied iff $\Diamond A_\alpha^\tau \supset K_\alpha \Diamond A_\alpha^\tau$ is valid.



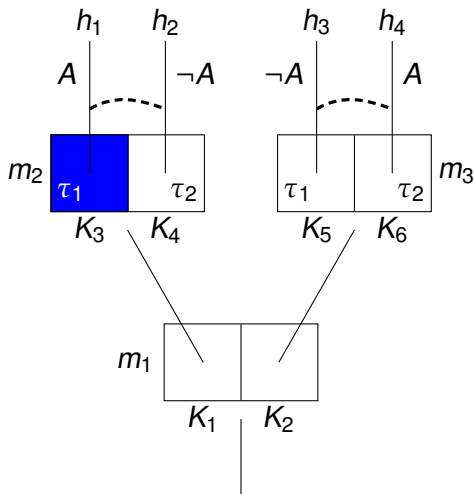
$$m_1/h_1 \models \Diamond A_\alpha^{\tau_2} \quad m_1/h_1 \not\models K_\alpha \Diamond A_\alpha^{\tau_2}$$

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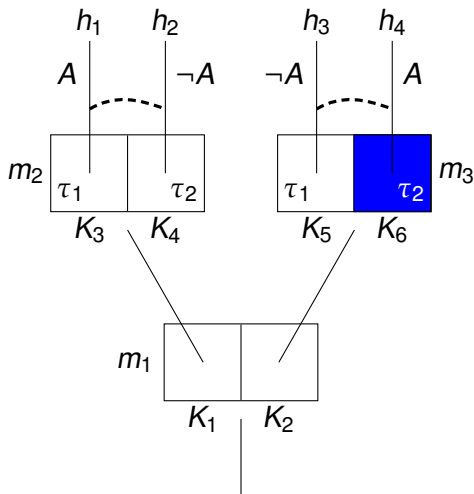
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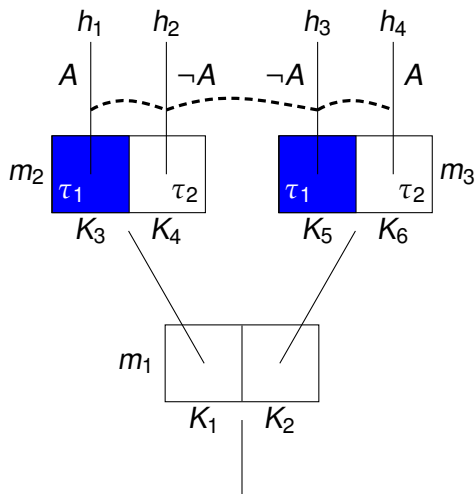
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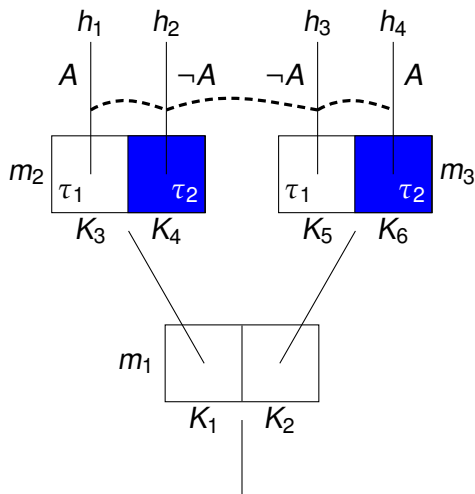
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Constraints

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(C4) If $m/h \sim_{\alpha} m'/h'$, then $Type_{\alpha}^m(h) = Type_{\alpha}^{m'}(h')$

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Deliberative perspective

(C5) If $m/h \sim_{\alpha} m'/h'$, then $m/h'' \sim_{\alpha} m'/h'''$ for all $h'' \in H^m$ and $h''' \in H^{m'}$

Indistinguishability between moments: $m \sim_{\alpha} m'$ iff $m/h \sim_{\alpha} m'/h'$ for all $h \in H^m$ and $h' \in H^{m'}$.

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