

Logics of Rational Agency

Lecture 5

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Questions

How should we represent and reason about the underlying *protocol* (or *plans*) that governs the agents' interactions in a particular social situation?

1. What do agents “know” about the protocol, or plans?
2. Which dynamic operations change the protocol or plans over time?
3. Logical issues: language design, axiomatization issues

Two Methodologies

ETL methodology: when describing a social situation, first write down all possible sequences of events, then at each moment write down the agents' uncertainty, from that infer how the agents' knowledge changes from one moment to the next.

Alternative methodology: describe an initial situations, provide a method for how events change a model that can be described in the formal language, then construct the event tree as needed.

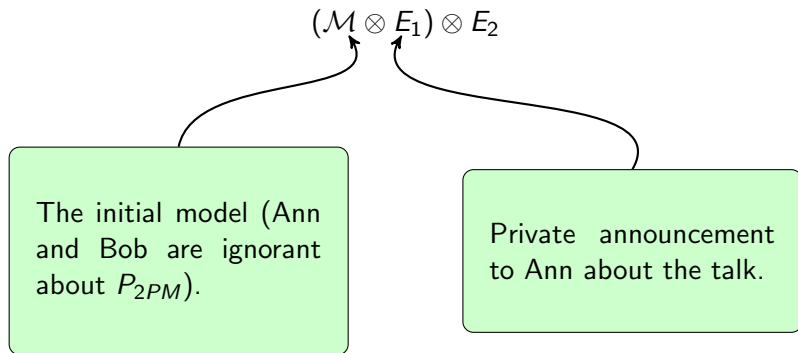
Dynamic Epistemic Logic

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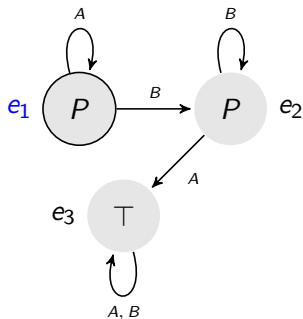


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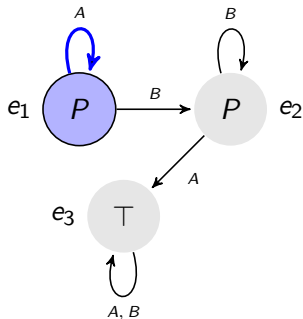
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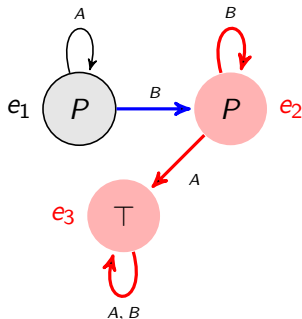
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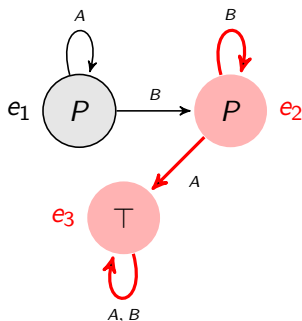
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Bob thinks a different event took place.

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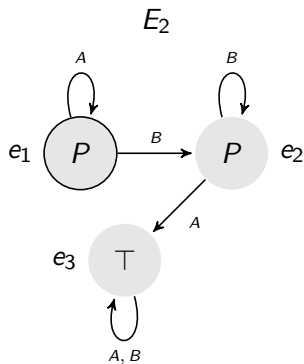
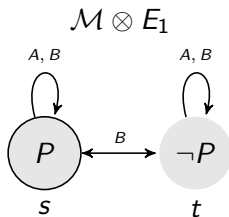
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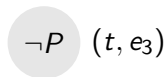
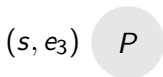
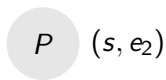
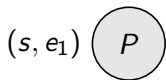
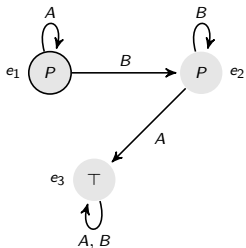
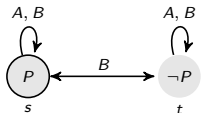
That is, Bob learns the time of the talk, but Ann learns nothing.

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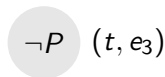
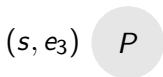
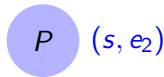
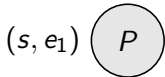
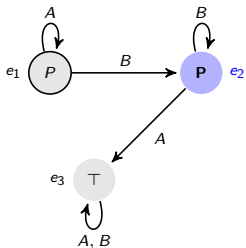
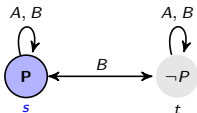
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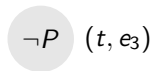
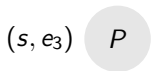
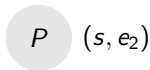
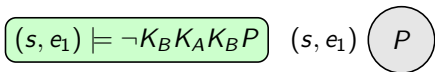
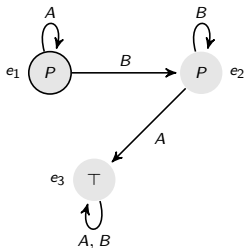
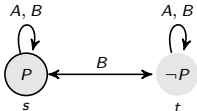
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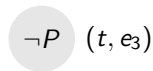
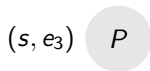
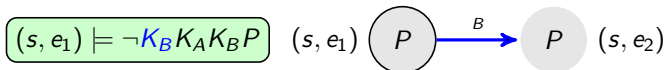
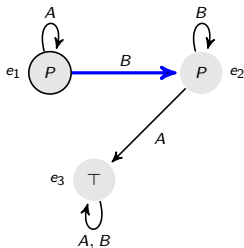
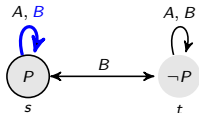
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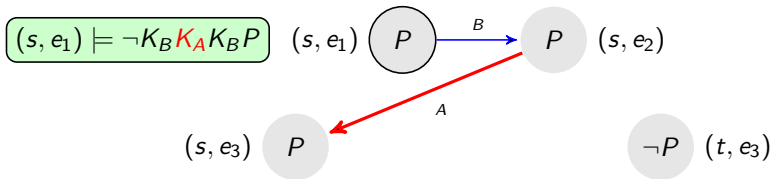
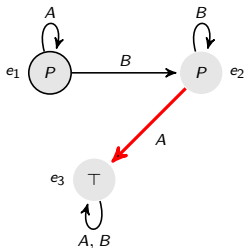
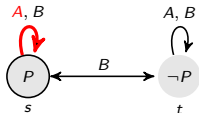
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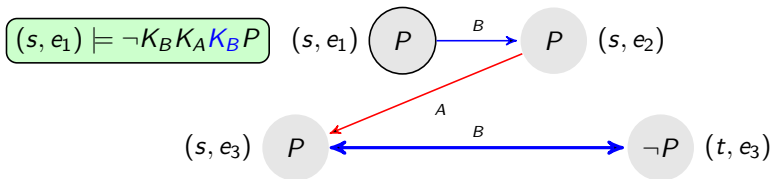
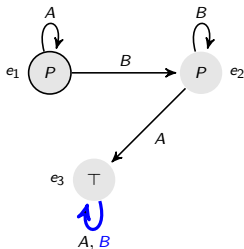
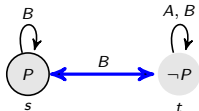
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$\mathcal{M}, w \models [A, a]\varphi$ iff $\mathcal{M}, w \models Pre(a)$ implies $\mathcal{M} \otimes A, (w, a) \models \varphi$.

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DEL *and* ETL

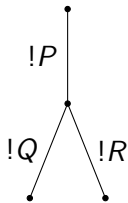
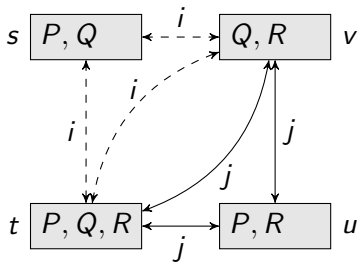
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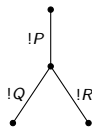
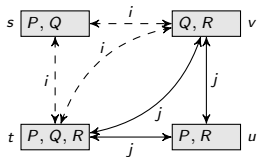
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Let M be an epistemic model, and P a DEL protocol (tree of event models). The ETL model generated by M and P , $\text{forest}(M, P)$, represents all possible evolutions of the system obtained by updating M with sequences from P .

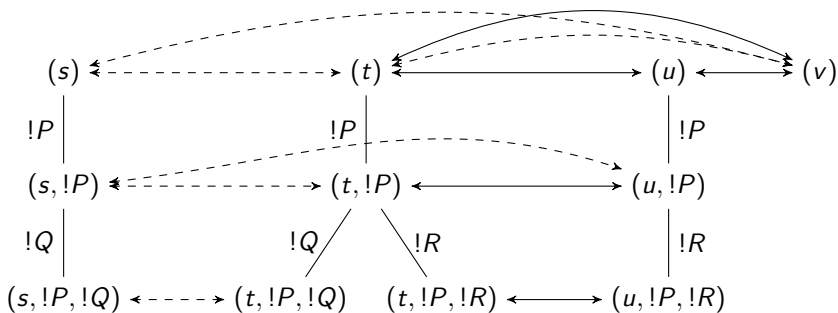
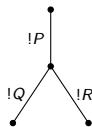
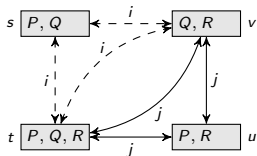
Example: Initial Model and Protocol



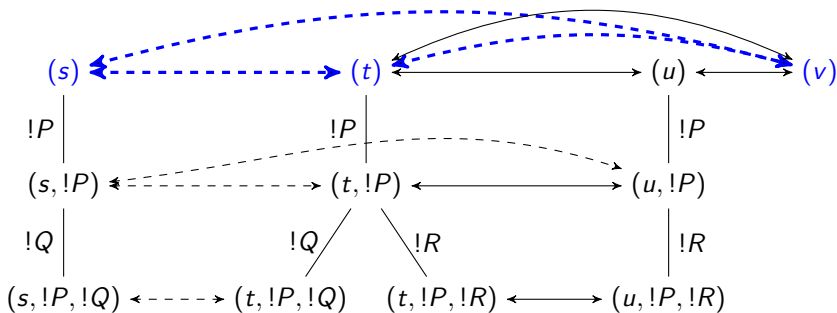
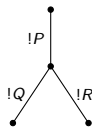
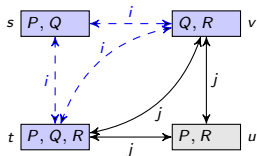
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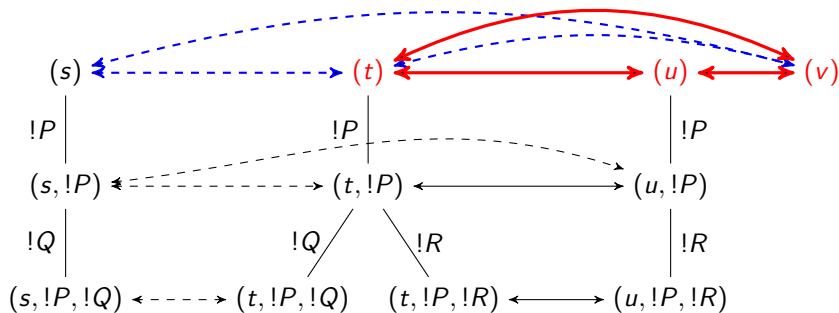
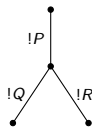
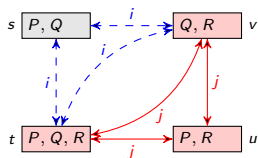
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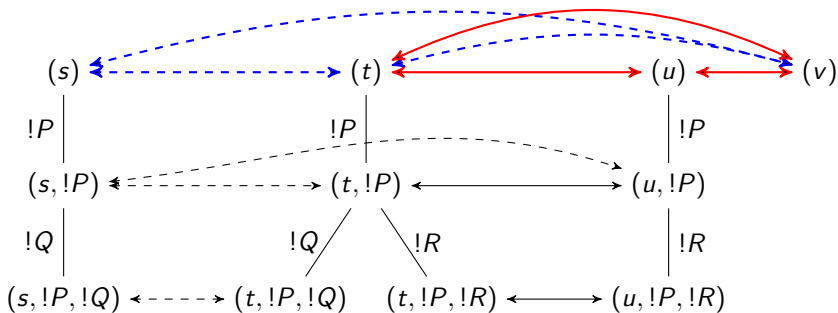
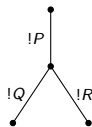
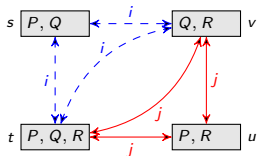
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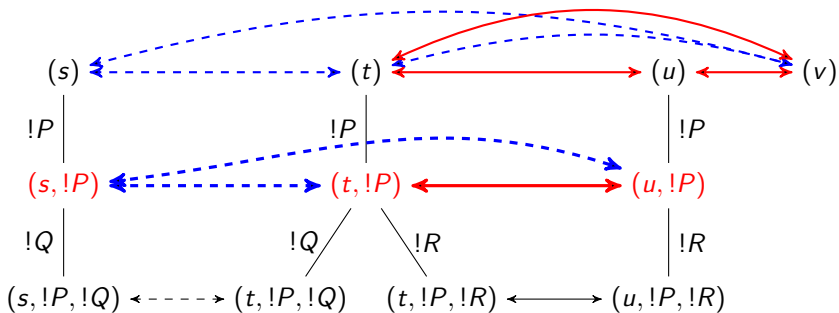
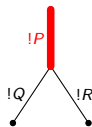
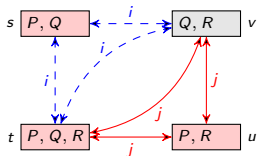
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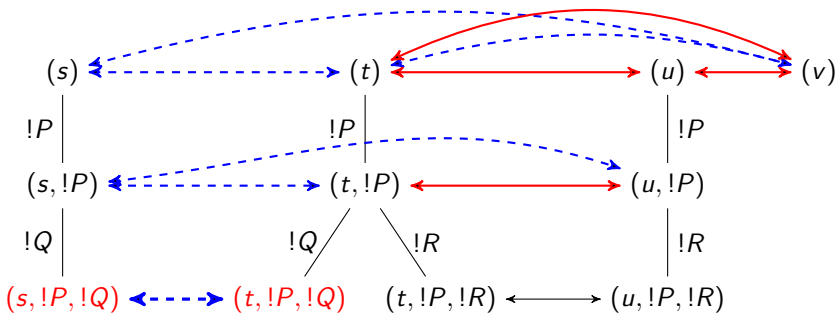
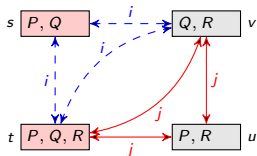
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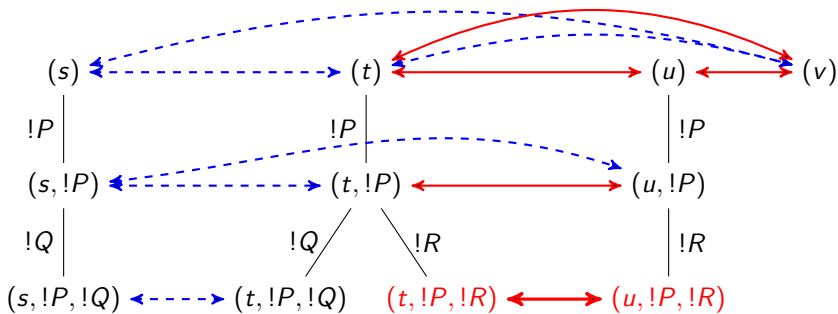
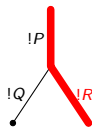
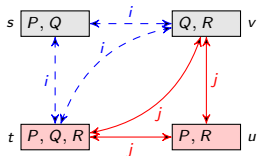
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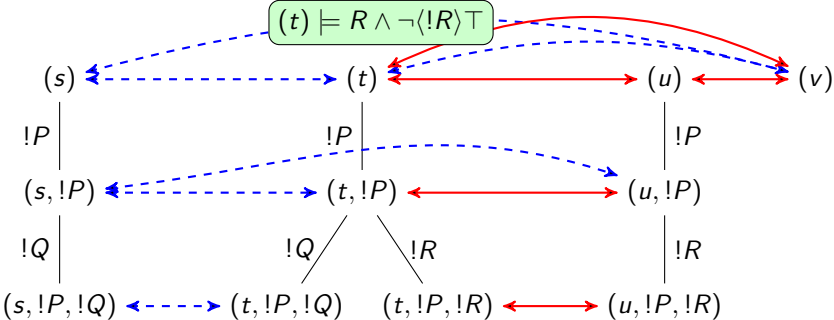
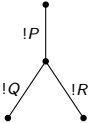
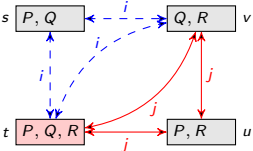
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- ▶ Can we characterize the class of ETL models $\mathbb{F}(\mathbf{X})$?
- ▶ Can we axiomatize interesting classes of DEL-generated ETL models?

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A Characterization Theorem

Let Σ be a finite set of events and suppose \mathbf{X}_{DEL}^{uni} is the class of uniform DEL protocols (with a finiteness condition).

Characterization Theorem A model is in $\mathbb{F}(\mathbf{X}_{DEL}^{uni})$ iff it satisfies propositional stability, synchronicity, perfect recall, local no miracles, and local bisimulation invariance.

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Questions

1. A public announcement is one specific type of event model, can we axiomatize classes of ETL models generated by other types of event models?
2. Which formal languages are best suited to describe these DEL generated ETL models?

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The logical playground: Decidability of MSO over trees (Rabin);
combinations of *PDL* and *S5*; high undecidability just around the
corner (Halpern & Vardi, Miller & Moss)

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Returning to the original questions

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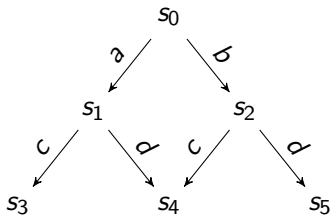
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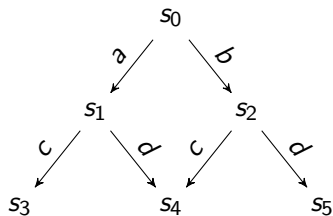


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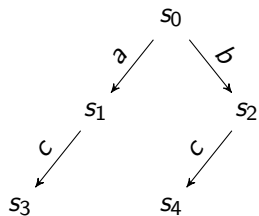


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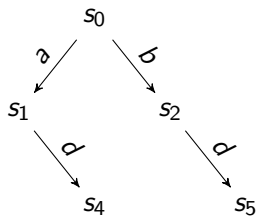
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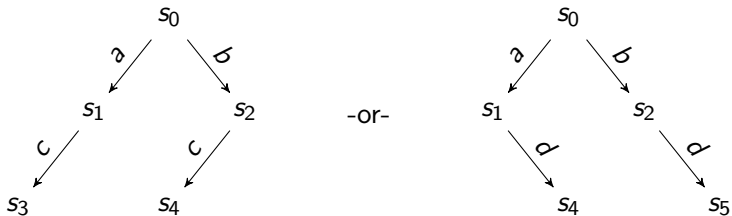
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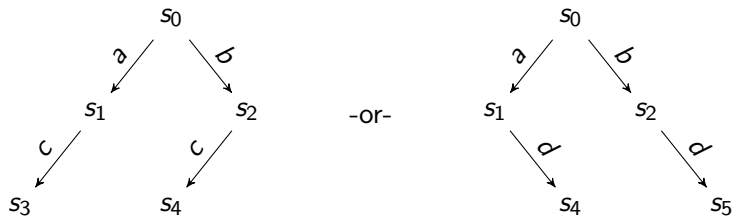
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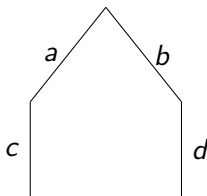
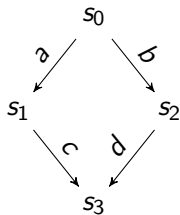
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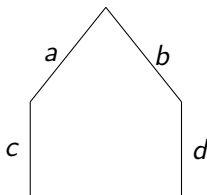
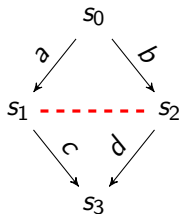
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An **arena with imperfect information** is a structure $G^I = (W, \{\Rightarrow_a\}_{a \in \Sigma}, \rightsquigarrow)$ where $\rightsquigarrow \subseteq W \times W$.

For each position u in an arena, let $\mathcal{I}(u) = \{w \mid u \rightsquigarrow w\}$ be the agent's "*point-of-view*".

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- ▶ **No Miracles:** for all $a \in \Sigma$ and all $w, v, w', v' \in W$, if $w \rightsquigarrow v$, $w \xrightarrow{a} w'$, and $v \xrightarrow{a} v'$, then $w' \rightsquigarrow v'$.
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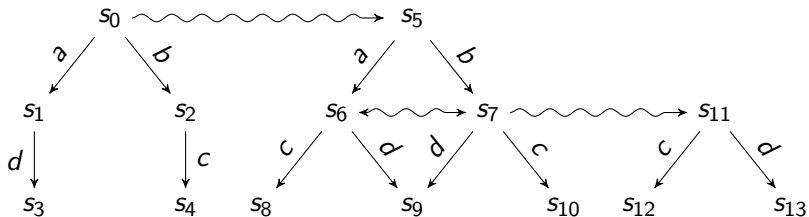
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Subjectively Enabled: The Idea



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Merging Logics of Rational Agency

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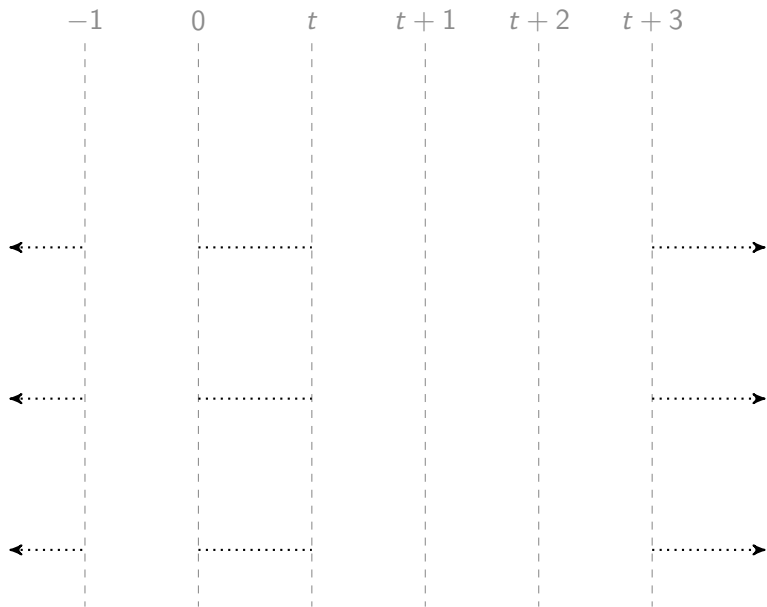
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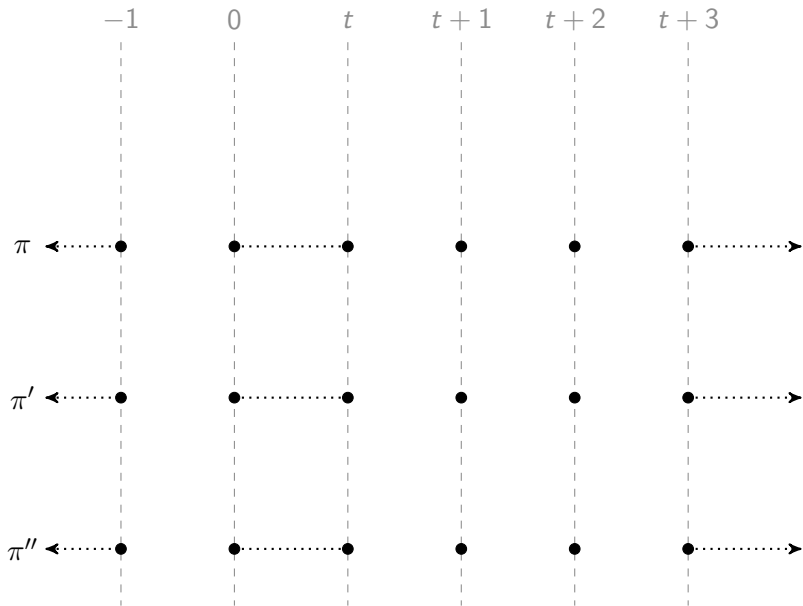
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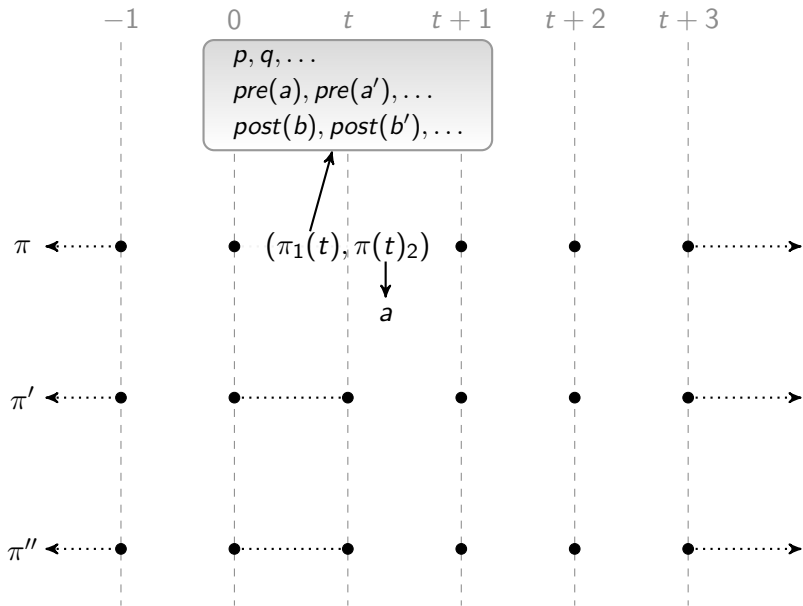
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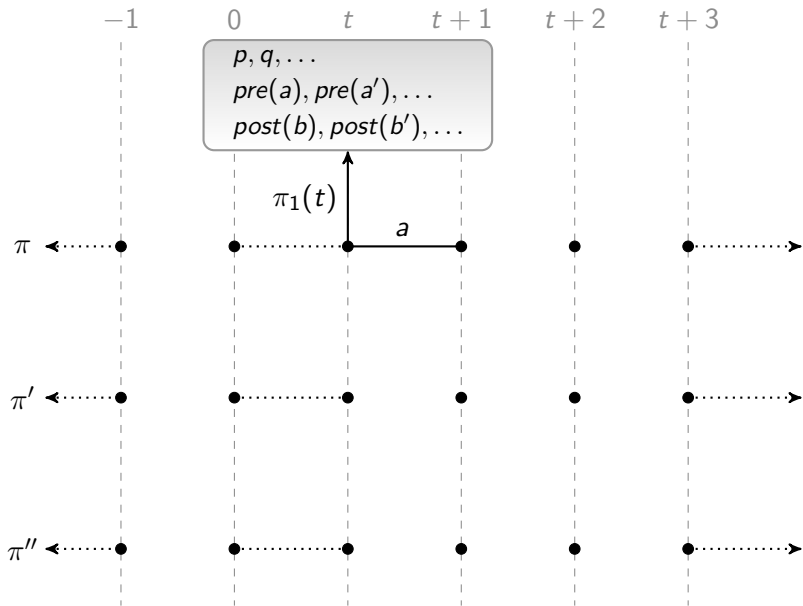
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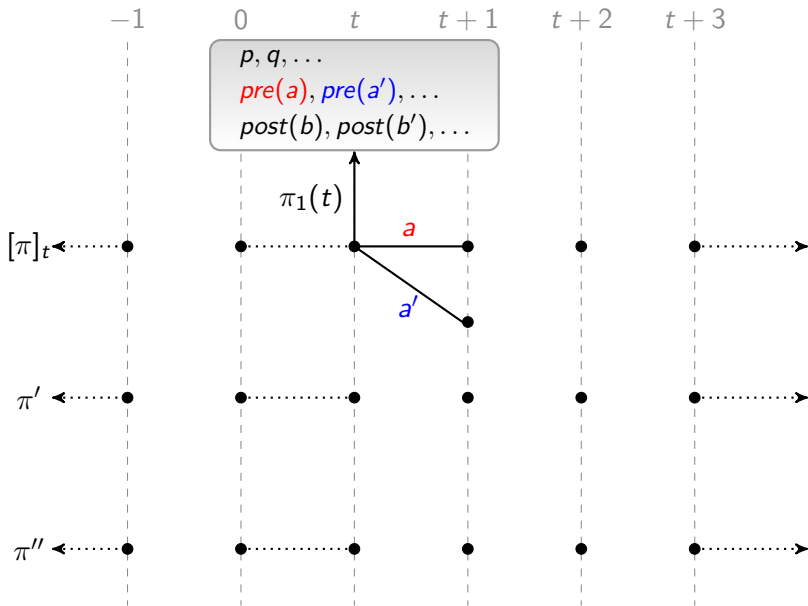
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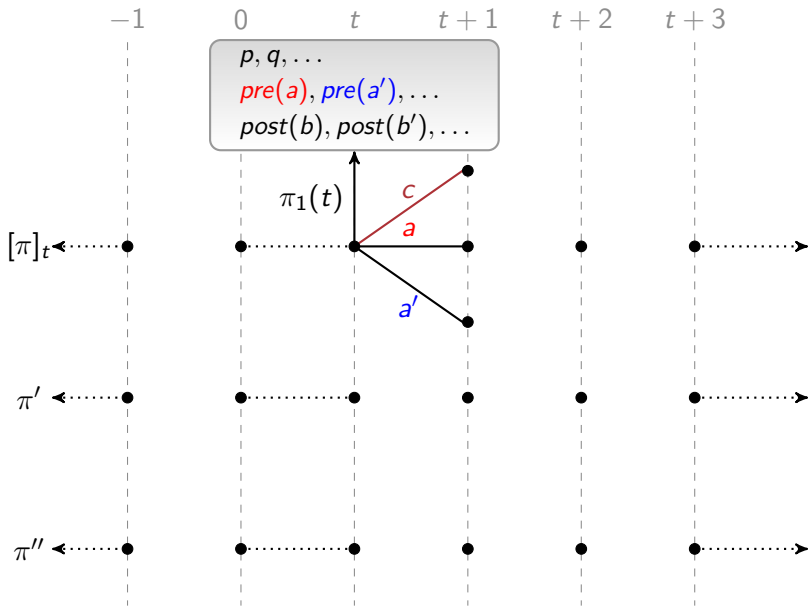
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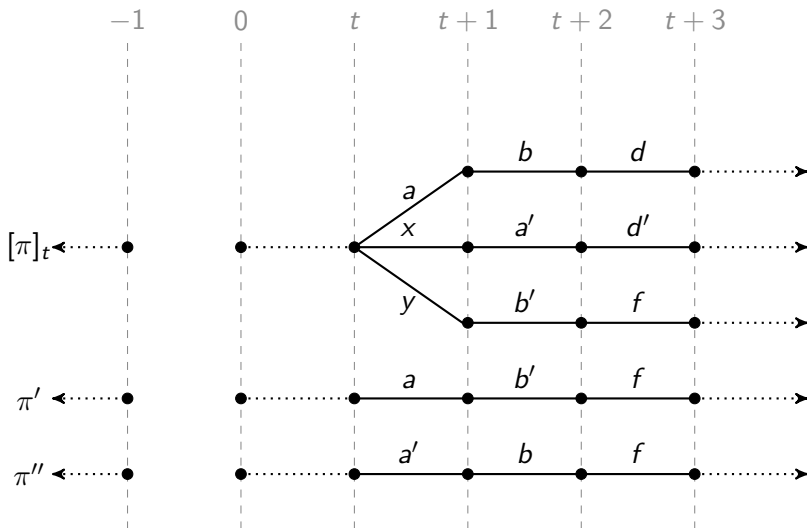
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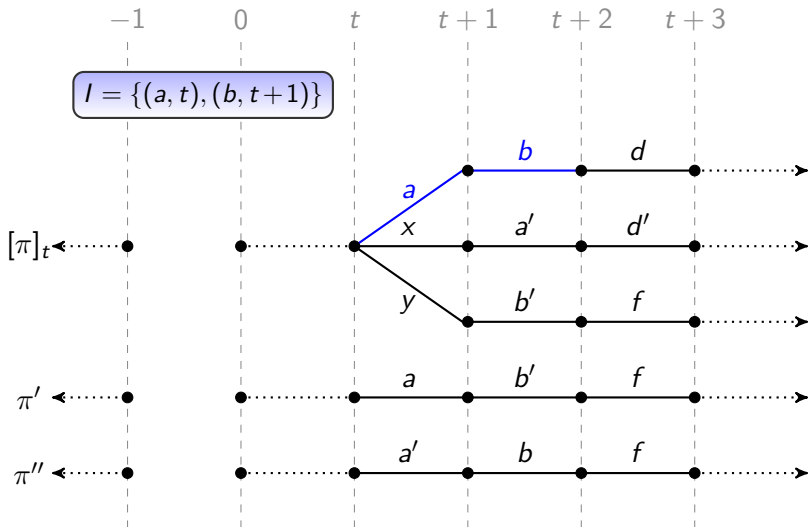
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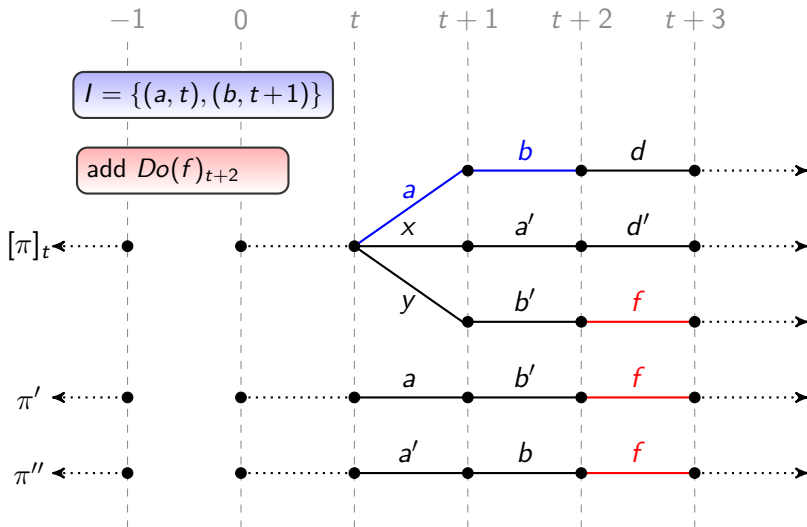
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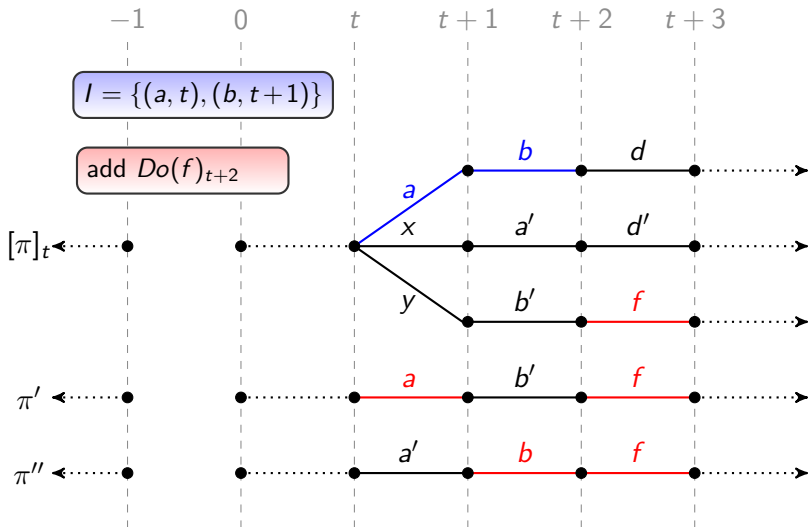
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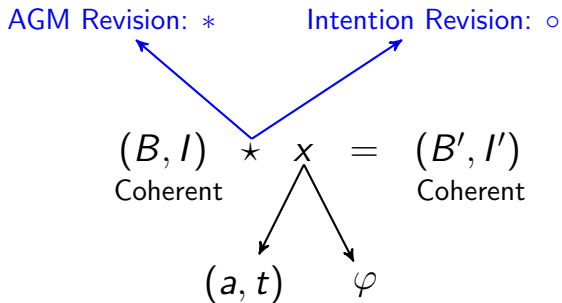
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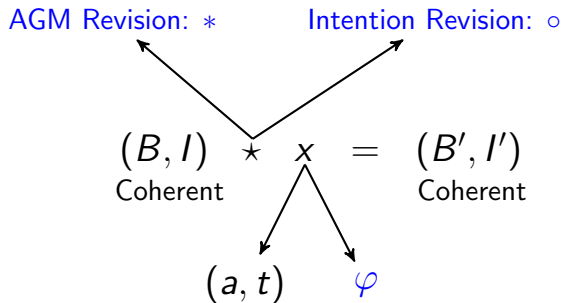
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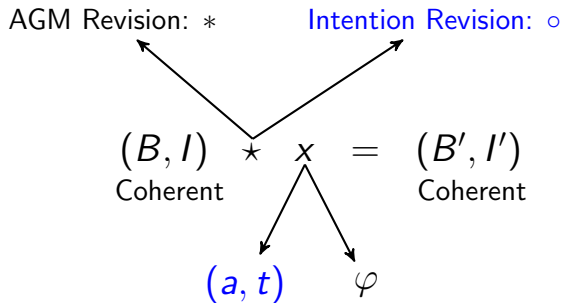
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