

# Logics of Action, Ability, Knowledge and Obligation

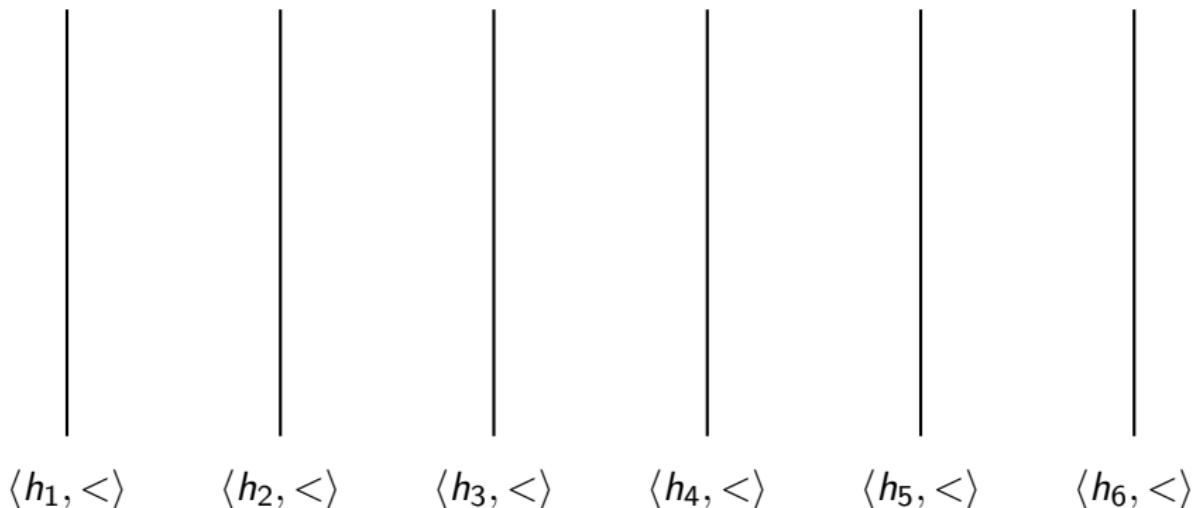
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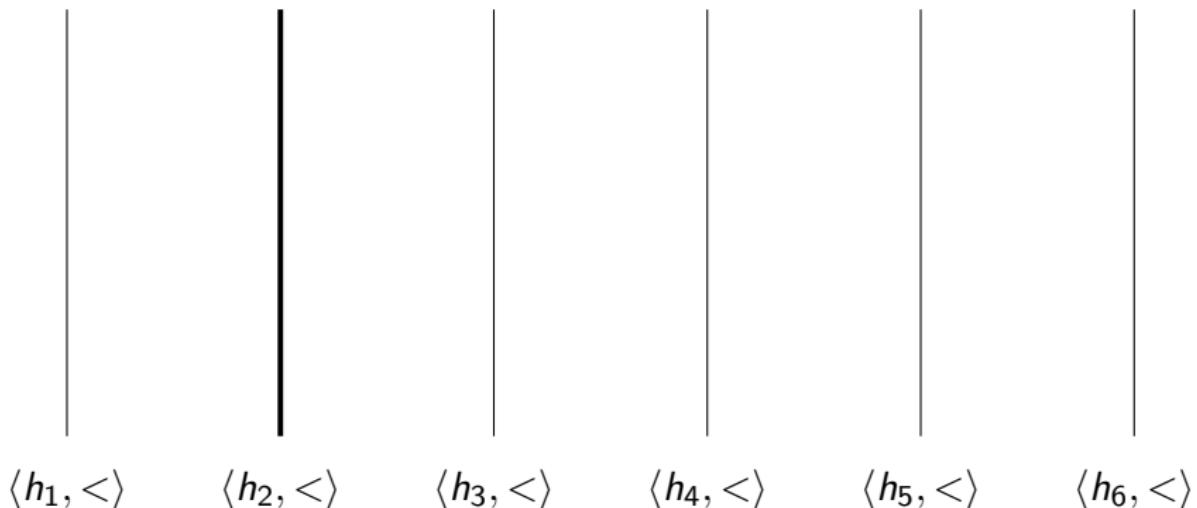
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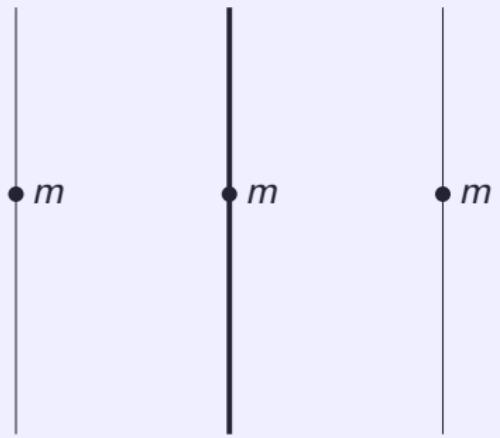
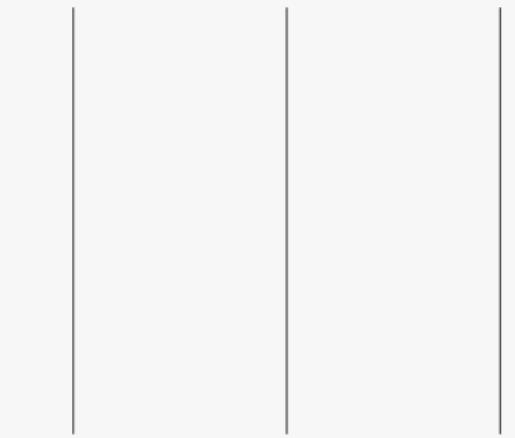
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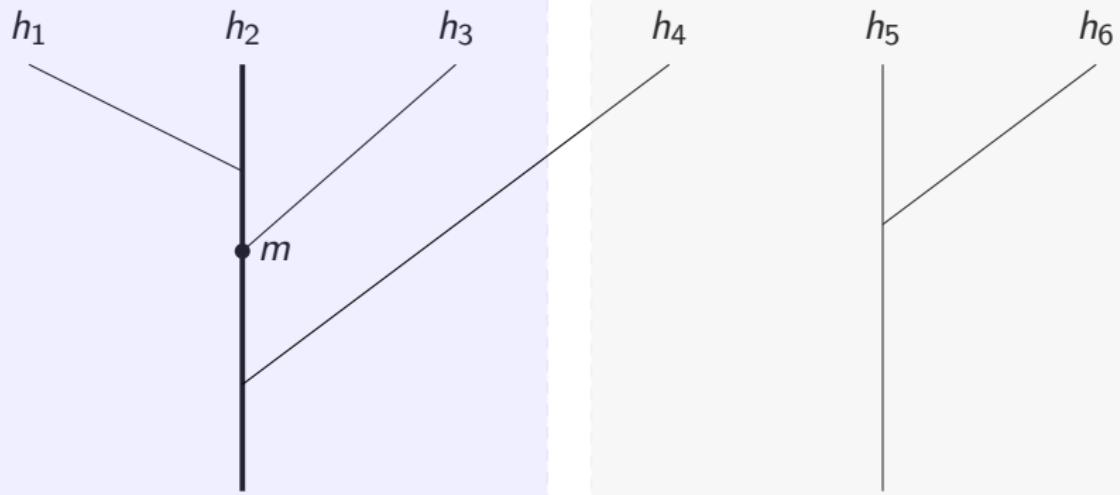
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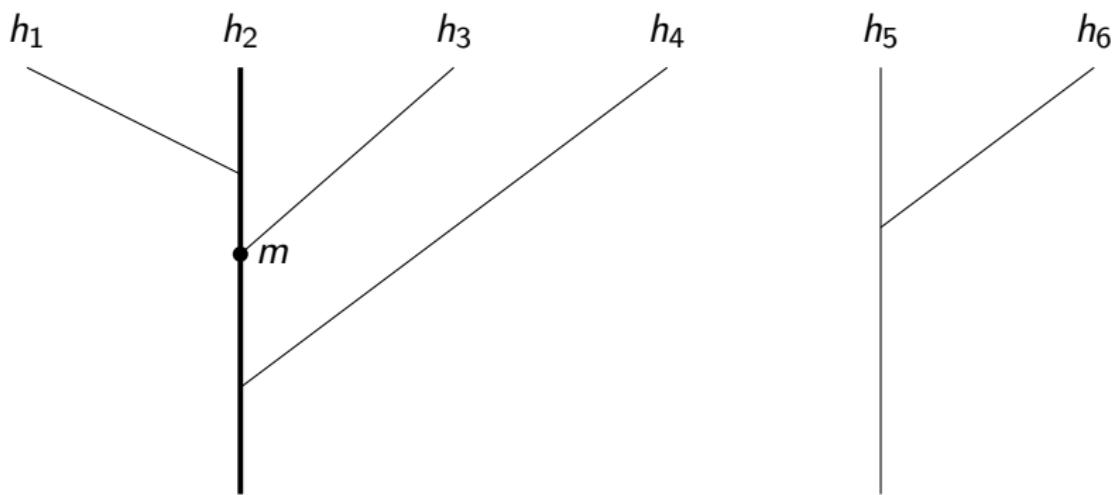
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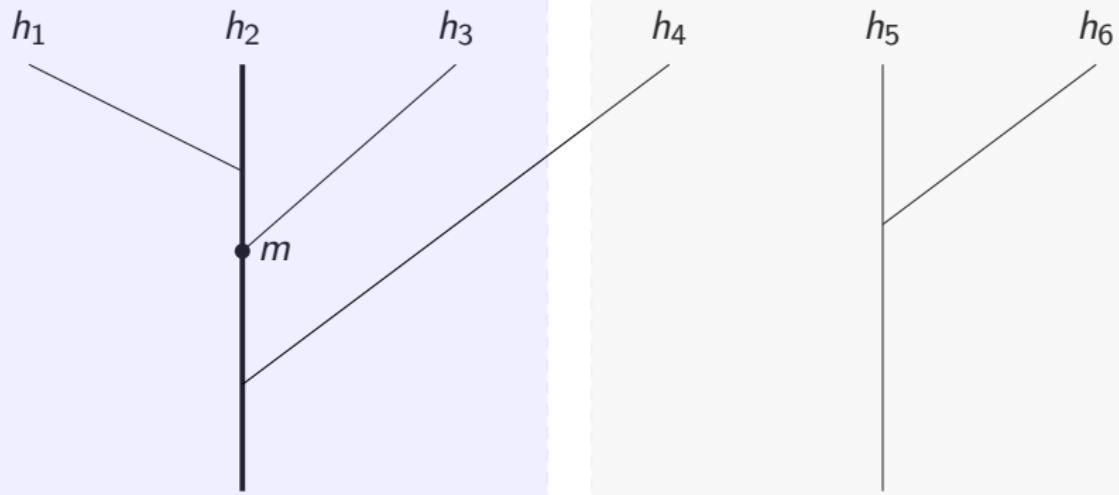
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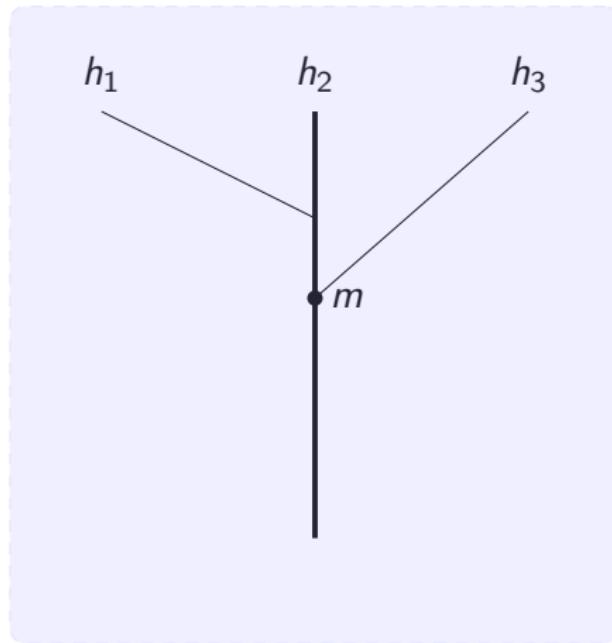
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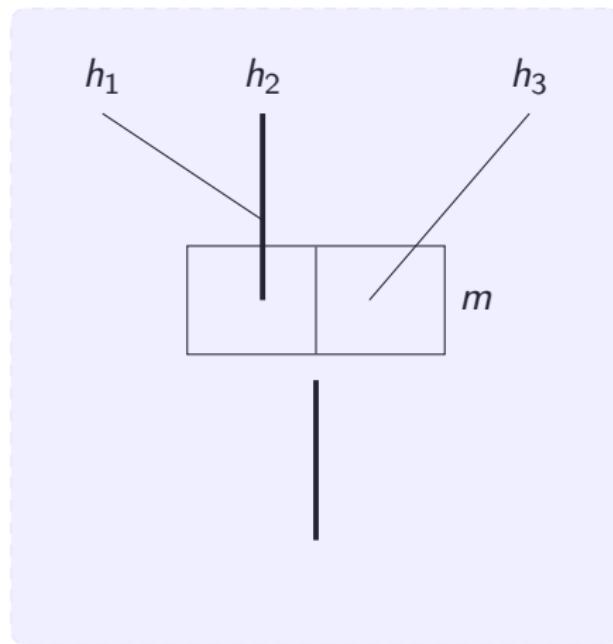
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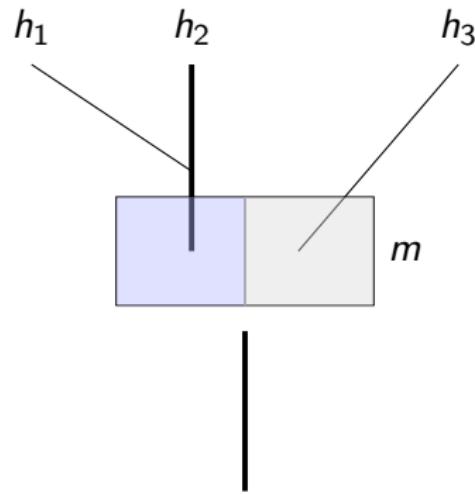
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The modality  $[\alpha \ cstit: \cdot]$  quantifies over histories in a choice cell

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$$[\alpha \text{ dstit}: A] \leftrightarrow ([\alpha \text{ cstit}: A] \wedge \Diamond \neg A)$$

$$[\alpha \text{ cstit}: A] \leftrightarrow ([\alpha \text{ dstit}: A] \vee \Box A)$$

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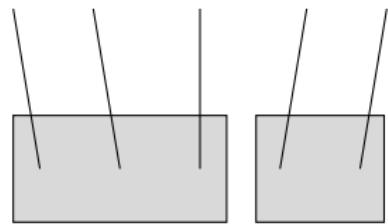
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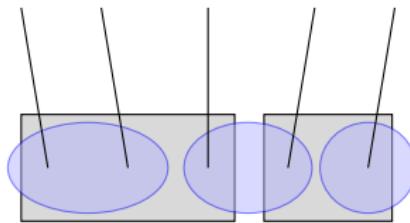
(For all relations  $R, R'$ , if  $R \subseteq R'$ , then  $[R']A \supset [R]A$  is valid)

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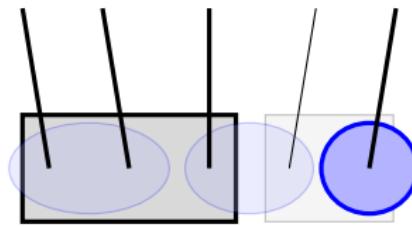
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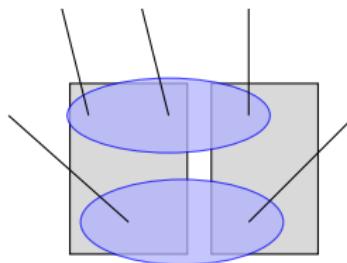
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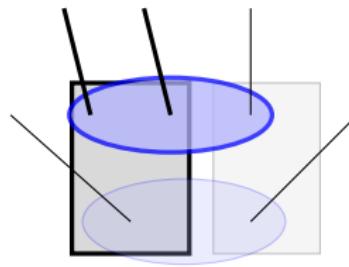
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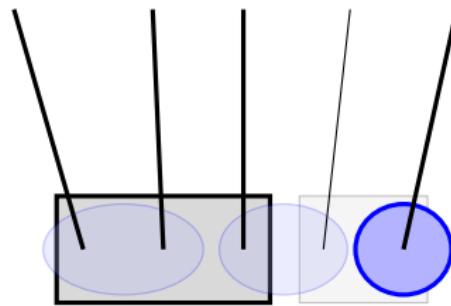
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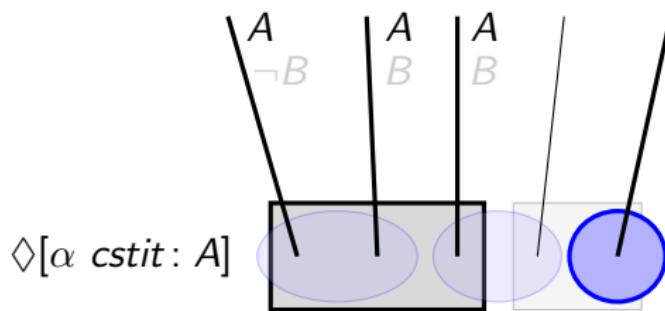
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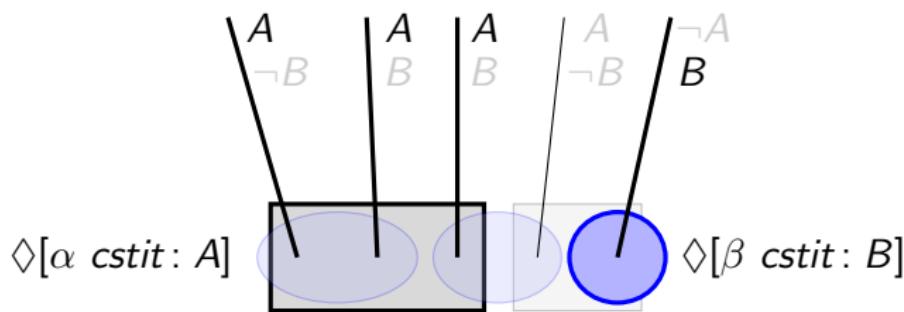
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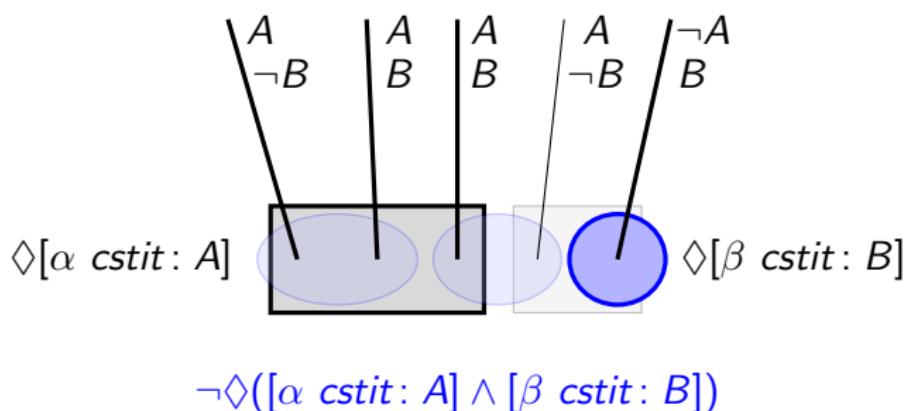
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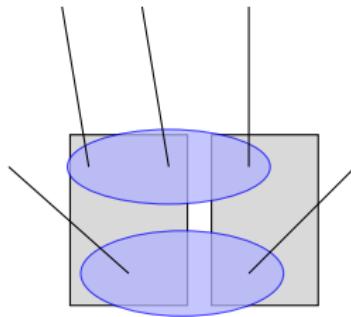


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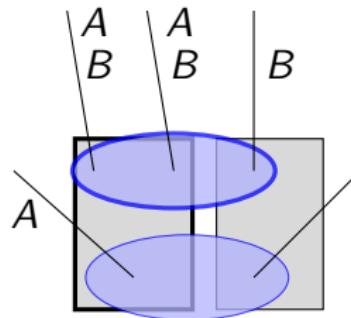


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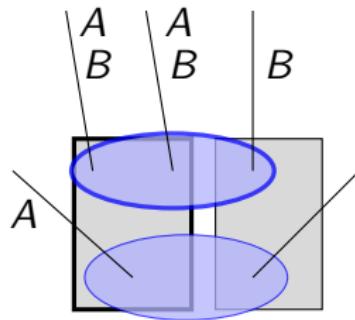
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## Sound and Complete Axiomatization

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- ▶ Modus Ponens and Necessitation for  $\Box$

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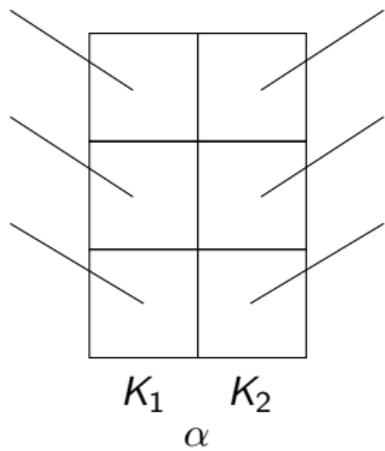
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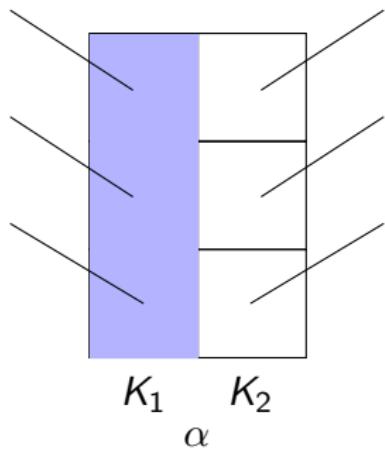
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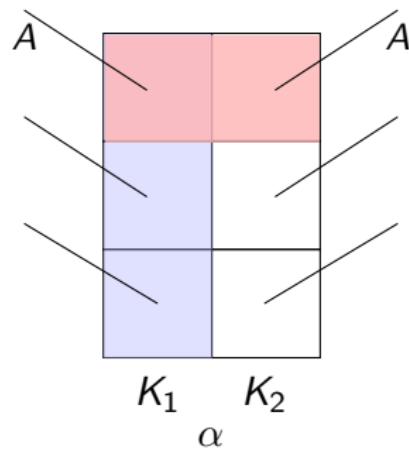
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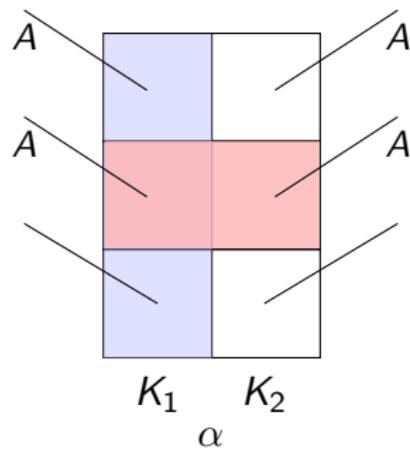
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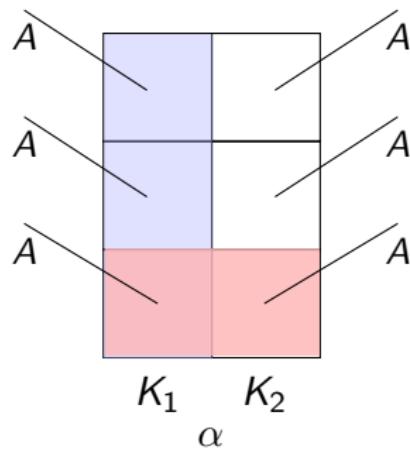
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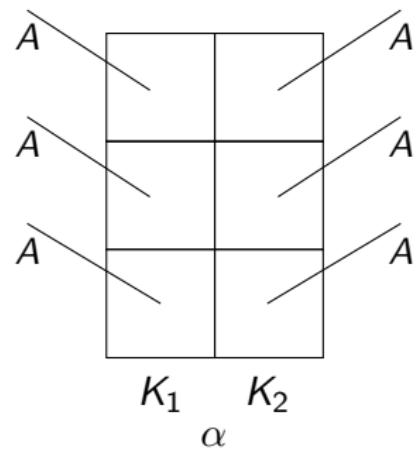
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## Some (non-)theorems

- $\vdash_{\textsf{S5}} (\Diamond\varphi \wedge \Diamond\psi) \supset \Diamond(\Diamond\varphi \wedge \psi)$

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2.  $\Diamond[\beta \text{ cstit: } B] \supset \langle \alpha \text{ cstit: } \langle \beta \text{ cstit: } [\beta \text{ cstit: } B] \rangle \rangle$
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# Alternative Axiomatization

- ▶ S5 for  $\Box$
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- ▶  $\Box A \supset [\alpha \text{ cstit}: A]$
- ▶  $\Diamond A \rightarrow \langle \alpha \text{ cstit}: \bigwedge_{\beta \in \text{Agt}, \beta \neq \alpha} \langle \beta \text{ cstit}: A \rangle \rangle$
- ▶ Modus Ponens and Necessitation for  $\Box$

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## Another Axiomatization

- ▶ **S5** axioms for  $[\alpha \text{ cstit: } \cdot]$
- ▶  $\Box A \equiv [\alpha \text{ cstit: } [\beta \text{ cstit: } A]]$
- ▶  $\langle \alpha \text{ cstit: } \langle \beta \text{ cstit: } A \rangle \rangle \supset \langle \gamma \text{ cstit: } \bigwedge_{\delta \in \mathcal{A} \setminus \{\gamma\}} \langle \delta \text{ cstit: } A \rangle \rangle$  for all  $\mathcal{A} \subseteq \text{Agt}$
- ▶ Modus Ponens and Necessitation for  $[\alpha \text{ cstit: } \cdot]$

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## “Flat” Semantics

$\mathcal{M} = \langle W, R, V \rangle$ , where

- ▶  $W \neq \emptyset$
- ▶  $R$  is a function assigning to each  $\alpha \in \text{Agt}$ ,  $R_\alpha \subseteq W \times W$
- ▶  $V : \text{At} \rightarrow \wp(W)$ .

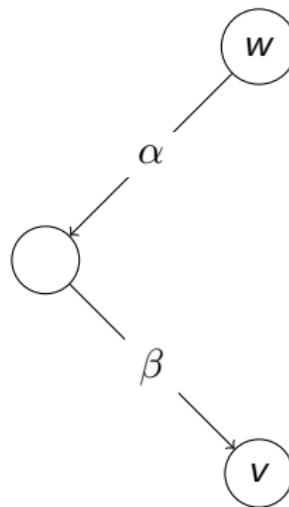
$\mathcal{M}, w \models [\alpha]A$  iff for all  $v \in W$ , if  $wR_\alpha v$ , then  $\mathcal{M}, v \models \varphi$ .

## Generalized Permutation

$R$  satisfies the **general permutation property** iff for all  $w, v \in W$  and for all  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in Agt$ , if  $(w, v) \in R_\alpha \circ R_\beta$  then there is a  $u \in W$  such that  $(w, u) \in R_\gamma$  and  $(u, v) \in R_\delta$  for all  $\delta \in Agt \setminus \{\gamma\}$

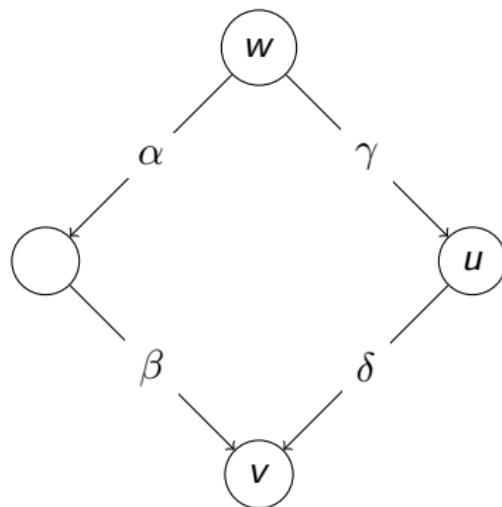
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## “Flat” Semantics

- ▶ The logic of 2-agent stit is the **product** of **S5** (denoted **S5 ⊕ S5**, need to show that the Church-Rosser axiom  $\langle\alpha\rangle[\beta]A \supset [\beta]\langle\alpha\rangle A$  is derivable )
- ▶ The satisfiability problem for stit with more than two agents is NEXPTIME-complete
- ▶ The satisfiability problem for stit with one agent is NP-complete
- ▶ The satisfiability problem for stit with more than two agents and group stit modalities is undecidable.

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