

String iconicity & granularity

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$$\llbracket \text{expression} \rrbracket = \text{meaning}$$

$$\llbracket s \rrbracket = \{s\}$$

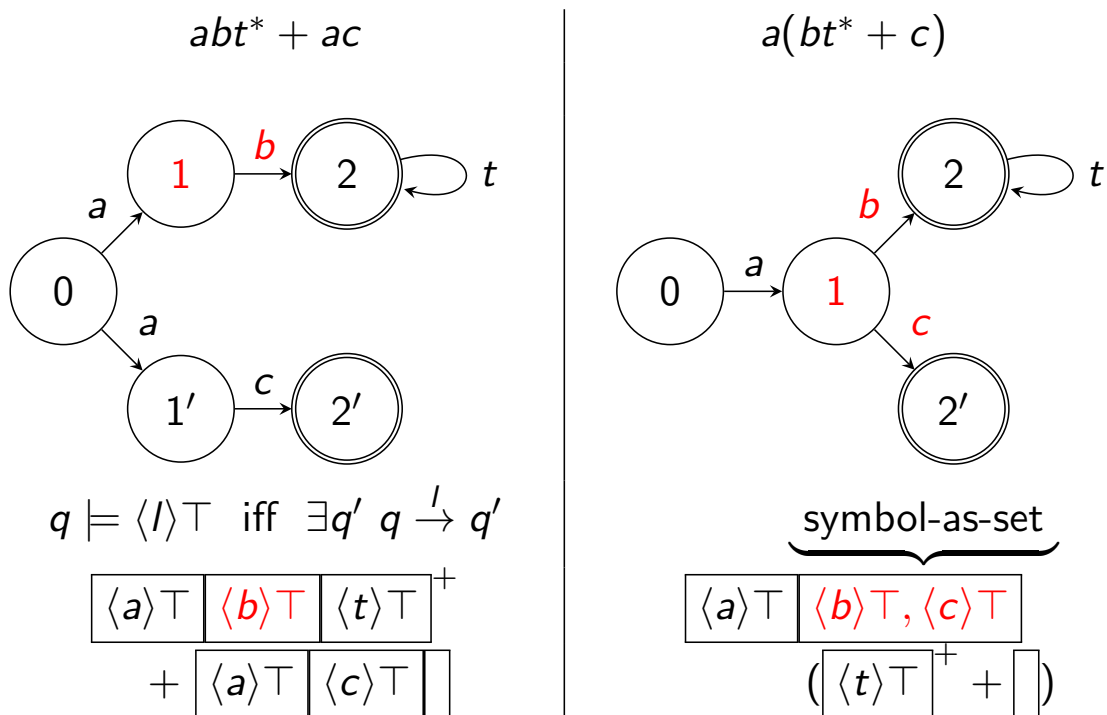
$$q_0 \xrightarrow{a_1} q_1 \xrightarrow{a_2} \dots \xrightarrow{a_n} q_n \quad (a_i \in \Sigma)$$

$$\llbracket (\Sigma, s) \rrbracket_A = \{s' \in \mathcal{L}_A \mid \underbrace{f_\Sigma(s')} = s\} \quad \text{for } \Sigma \subseteq A$$

s Σ -approximates s'

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Non-distributivity: process algebra Dynamic logic



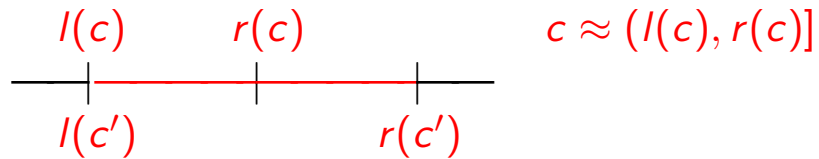
“disjunctions are conjunctive lists of epistemic possibilities”

Zimmermann 2000

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Statives vs transitions

$q \xrightarrow{a} q'$	{	result q'	<i>break</i> /result	BEC	$\neg\varphi$ φ
		action a	<i>hit</i> /manner	DO	ap(a) ef(a)
		Gärdenfors	Fillmore/LevinRH	Dowty	



Transition	$l(c), l(c')$ $r(c)$ $r(c')$	border	<i>Happens</i>
Stative	c, c' c'	interior	<i>Holds</i>

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Strings as models and **reducts**

$$\boxed{b, a} \models \exists x(P_b(x) \wedge \exists y(xSy)) \quad \% b \text{ occurs at a non-final position}$$

String $\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n \in (2^A)^*$ as the model with universe/domain

$$[n] := \{1, \dots, n\}$$

interpreting P_a and S as

$$\llbracket P_a \rrbracket := \{i \in [n] \mid a \in \alpha_i\} \quad (\text{for each } a \in A)$$

$$\llbracket S \rrbracket := \{(1, 2), \dots, (n-1, n)\}.$$

$$\text{B-reduct} \quad \rho_B(\alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n) := (\alpha_1 \cap B) \cdots (\alpha_n \cap B)$$

$$\rho_{\{b\}}(\boxed{b, a}) = \boxed{b}$$

$$M \models \varphi \iff M \upharpoonright \text{vocabulary}(\varphi) \models \varphi$$

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Compression two ways

stative (homogeneous) $bc : s\alpha\alpha s' \rightsquigarrow s\alpha s'$	transition (punctual) $d_{\square} : s\square s' \rightsquigarrow ss'$
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$$\{bc(s) \mid s \in (2^C)^*\} = \{s \in (2^C)^* \mid bc(s) = s\}$$

$$= \llbracket \forall x \forall y (xSy \supset \bigwedge_{c \in C} (P_c(x) \equiv P_c(y))) \rrbracket_C \quad \text{“steps}_S \text{ implies change}_C\text{”}$$

$$\{d_{\square}(s) \mid s \in (2^{\Sigma})^*\} = \{s \in (2^{\Sigma})^* \mid d_{\square}(s) = s\} = (2^{\Sigma} - \{\square\})^*$$

$$= \llbracket \forall x \bigvee_{a \in \Sigma} P_a(x) \rrbracket_{\Sigma} \quad \text{“no time without change}_{\Sigma}\text{”}$$

$$\llbracket (\Sigma, s) \rrbracket_A := \{s' \in \mathcal{L}_A \mid f_{\Sigma}(s') = s\}$$

	stative	transitional
\mathcal{L}_A	$\{bc(s) \mid s \in (2^A)^*\}$	$\{d_{\square}(s) \mid s \in (2^A)^*\}$
f_{Σ}	$\rho_{\Sigma}; bc$	$\rho_{\Sigma}; d_{\square}$

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Border translation

c meets c'	stative (interior) $\boxed{c \mid c'}$	transition (border) $\boxed{l(c) \mid r(c), l(c') \mid r(c')}$
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$$C_{\bullet} := \{l(c) \mid c \in C\} \cup \{r(c) \mid c \in C\}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_C : (2^C)^* \rightarrow (2^{C_{\bullet}})^*, \quad \alpha_1 \cdots \alpha_n \mapsto \beta_1 \cdots \beta_n \text{ where}$$

$$\beta_i := \{l(c) \mid c \in \alpha_{i+1} - \alpha_i\} \cup \{r(c) \mid c \in \alpha_i - \alpha_{i+1}\} \quad \text{for } i < n$$

$$\beta_n := \{r(c) \mid c \in \alpha_n\}$$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbf{b}_{\{c, c'\}}(\boxed{c' \mid c \mid c}) = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline l(c), r(c') & & r(c) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline c' & c \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline l(c), r(c') & & r(c) \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\mathbf{b}_C(bc(s)) = d_{\square}(\mathbf{b}_C(s)) \quad \text{for } s \in (2^C)^* \text{ not ending in } \square$$

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Some iconic string expressions

$$\varphi ::= s \mid \langle \Sigma \rangle \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi' \quad (\dagger)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket s \rrbracket_A &:= \{s\} && \text{for } s \in \mathcal{L}_A \\ \llbracket \langle \Sigma \rangle \varphi \rrbracket_A &:= \mathcal{L}_A \cap f_\Sigma^{-1} \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_A \\ \llbracket \varphi \wedge \varphi' \rrbracket_A &:= \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket_A \cap \llbracket \varphi' \rrbracket_A \end{aligned}$$

We can describe any $L \subseteq \mathcal{L}_A$ by

$$\bigwedge \{ \langle \Sigma \rangle s \mid \Sigma \subseteq A, s \in \mathcal{L}_A \text{ and } f_\Sigma L = \{s\} \}$$

and reformulate each φ from (\dagger) as a record

$$\{(\Sigma_1, s_1), \dots, (\Sigma_n, s_n)\}$$

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A first-order fragment of MSO

$$\varphi ::= P_a(x) \mid x < y \mid x = y \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi' \mid \exists x \varphi \quad (a \in A)$$

For $\langle \Sigma \rangle \varphi$, restrict $\exists x$ to

$$V_\Sigma(x) := \begin{cases} \forall y (xSy \supset \neg \bigwedge_{a \in \Sigma} (P_a(x) \equiv P_a(y))) & \text{for stative } \Sigma \\ \bigvee_{a \in \Sigma} P_a(x) & \text{for transitional } \Sigma \end{cases}$$

relativizing φ to φ_Σ

$$(\exists x \varphi)_\Sigma := \exists x (V_\Sigma(x) \wedge \varphi_\Sigma) \quad (\neg \varphi)_\Sigma := \neg(\varphi_\Sigma) \quad \dots$$

$$\text{for } s \models \varphi_\Sigma \iff f_\Sigma(s) \models \varphi$$

Satisfaction condition (Goguen & Burstall's institution)

\forall is inimical to iconicity, adding spurious possibilities

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One picture followed by another

$p \mid p'$

(and then: default progression)

$p, p' \mid p, p'$

(inertial flow, stutter)

p, p'

(no temporal progression)

No change without *force* - INERTIA

No time without change - ARISTOTLE, *bc*

- ▶ *forces* may intervene + pictures are *not wholly* stative

A picture's worth a thousand words – some stative, some *not*

- ▶ *model*-theoretic interpretation (MSO)
+ projective system sensitive to *stative* - *transitional* divide

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Iconicity of order (Newmeyer)

order of elements in language parallels that in physical experience

J. Greenberg 1966

Experience in time, from a place, by a bounded experiencer

+ $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}$
viewpoint (Hagen ...)

Δ in any contextual dimension \rightsquigarrow multiple pictures at same time

$\dots \boxed{p, p', \dots} \dots$

$\dots \boxed{\text{from}(p, v), \text{from}(p', v'), \dots} \dots$

$$P_p(x) \equiv \bigvee_{v \in V} P_{\text{from}(p, v)}(x)$$

finite classification V of viewpoints (bounded granularity)

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From strings to languages

it seems downright wrong to insist that everything that happens in a possible history, let alone separate possible histories, be mappable onto a single time line.

E. Bach 1986

Simultaneous kick-offs: Sweden vs Mexico || Germany vs sKorea

$$(\Sigma_{swedenVmxico}, s), (\Sigma_{germanyVskorea}, s')$$

- structure around experienter (viewpt trumps global clock)
- don't interleave s and s' unless viewing is simultaneous

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \boxed{a_1} \boxed{b_1} \boxed{} & & \\
 \vdots & \text{vs} & \boxed{a_1, \dots, a_n} \boxed{L} \boxed{} \\
 \boxed{a_n} \boxed{b_n} \boxed{} & & \\
 O(n) & & \Omega(n! \cdot n)
 \end{array}$$

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TAKE-AWAY

$$s \rightsquigarrow \{(\Sigma_1, s_1), \dots, (\Sigma_n, s_n)\} \rightsquigarrow_A \bigcap_{i=1}^n f_{\Sigma_i}^{-1}\{s_i\}$$

$f_{\Sigma} = \Sigma$ -reduct; compress (2 ways)

Thank You

