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# Intensions from instances/extensions to strings/causes

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to strings

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 \cdots A_n \text{ with } A_n &= A \\ A_{n-1} &\approx \text{INTENT}(\{d'\}) \text{ for } d'Sd \\ &\dots \end{aligned}$$

$S$  from top/past for inferences such as

$$\frac{a \in A_i \quad \bar{a} \notin A_{i+1}}{a \in A_{i+1}} \quad 1 \leq i < n$$

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$\text{MSO}_{\mathcal{A}}$ -model = string over the alphabet  $2^{\mathcal{A}}$

$$A_1 \cdots A_n \models \exists x (P_a x \wedge \forall y \neg y S x) \iff a \in A_1$$

MSO-sentence = regular language (BÜCHI ...)

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Base ontology on granularity

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Multiple  $A$ -models — bound search by reducing  $A$   
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