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## Argumentation framework

## Definition (Argumentation framework)

An argumentation framework, is a graph  $G = (A, \rightarrow)$  where A is a set of arguments and  $\rightarrow \subseteq A^2$  is a set of attacks.



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## Admissible sets

#### Definition (Admissible set)

Let  $G = (A, \rightarrow)$  be an argumentation framework,  $X \subseteq A$  is an admissible set if:

- No two nodes in X attack one another
- For each  $y \in A \setminus X$  such that  $\exists x \in X, (y, x) \in \rightarrow$  then  $\exists z \in X, (z, y) \in \rightarrow$ .



An admissible set is also called a set of credulously acceptable arguments, it corresponds to a semi-kernel in the reverse graph.



## Importance of admissible sets

- Main argumentation semantics<sup>1</sup>: a preferred extension is a maximal admissible set, this semantics generalizes the Reiter's extension semantics of default reasoning
- Graph-theoretic systematization of logic programming and default reasoning<sup>2</sup>: they correspond to partial stable models<sup>3</sup>
- Benchmark semantics for the evaluation of arguments<sup>4</sup>

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#### Links between the Poison Game and Admissible Sets

#### Theorem (Duchet and Meyniel, 1993)

Let (W, R) be a finite directed graph. There exists a non-empty semi-kernel in (W, R) if and only if  $\mathbb{P}$  has a winning strategy in the Poison Game for (W, R).

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▶ P has a winning strategy in the Poison Game for (W, R) if and only if there are credulously acceptable arguments in the argumentation framework  $(W, R^{-1})$ 

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#### Definition (Poison modal language $\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$ )

A formula of the poison modal language  $\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$  is defined accordingly to the following grammar in Backus-Naur Form (BNF):

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}:\varphi::=\boldsymbol{p}\mid\neg\varphi\mid\varphi\wedge\varphi\mid\Diamond\varphi\mid\boldsymbol{\Diamond}\varphi\mid\boldsymbol{\Diamond}\varphi,$$

where  $p \in \mathbf{P} \cup \{\mathfrak{p}\}$  with  $\mathbf{P}$  a countable set of propositional atoms and  $\mathfrak{p}$  a distinguished atom called *poison atom*.

We call  $\mathcal{L}_n^{\mathfrak{p}}$  a multi-modal variant of  $\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$  with *n* distinct pairs  $(\Diamond_i, \blacklozenge_i)$  of modalities each equipped with a distinct poison atom  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ .

Models for PML are Kripke structures of the form  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V)$ with W a set of world,  $R \subseteq W \times W$  an accessibility relation and  $V : \mathbf{P} \cup \{\mathfrak{p}\} \rightarrow 2^W$  a valuation function.

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#### Definition (Poison operator)

We define a poison operator  $\bullet$  on models which modifies the valuation of a model by adding a world to the valuation of the poison atom  $\mathfrak{p}$ . That is for a model  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V)$ :

$$\mathcal{M}^{ullet}_w = (W, R, V)^{ullet}_w = (W, R, V')$$
  
with,  $orall p \in \mathbf{P}, V'(p) = V(p)$   
and  $V'(\mathfrak{p}) = V(\mathfrak{p}) \cup \{w\}.$ 

#### Definition (Poison relation)

The poisoning relation  $\xrightarrow{\bullet}$  between two models is defined as:

$$(\mathcal{M}, w) \stackrel{\bullet}{\rightarrow} (\mathcal{M}', w') \Longleftrightarrow w R^{\mathcal{M}} w' \text{ and } \mathcal{M}' = \mathcal{M}_{w'}^{\bullet}.$$

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#### Semantics

#### Definition (Satisfaction relation)

The satisfaction relation of PML is defined recursively for a given pointed model  $(\mathcal{M}, w)$  as follows:

$$(\mathcal{M}, w) \models p \iff w \in V(p), \forall p \in \mathbf{P} \cup \{\mathfrak{p}\}\$$
$$(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \neg \varphi \iff (\mathcal{M}, w) \not\models \varphi$$
$$(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \varphi \land \psi \iff (\mathcal{M}, w) \models \varphi \text{ and } (\mathcal{M}, w) \models \psi$$
$$(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \Diamond \varphi \iff \exists v \in W, R(w, v), (\mathcal{M}, v) \models \varphi$$
$$(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \phi \varphi \iff \exists v \in W, R(w, v), (\mathcal{M}_{v}^{\bullet}, v) \models \varphi$$

#### Definition (Poison modal equivalence)

We define the poison modal equivalence  $\stackrel{p}{\longleftrightarrow}$  as follow:

$$(\mathcal{M}, w) \stackrel{\mathfrak{p}}{\longleftrightarrow} (\mathcal{M}', w') \Longleftrightarrow (\mathcal{M}, w) \models \varphi \Leftrightarrow (\mathcal{M}', w') \models \varphi.$$

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Let us define the dual poison modality  $\blacksquare \varphi := \neg \blacklozenge \neg \varphi$ .

Let  $p \in \mathbf{P}$  be an atom and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$  and  $\psi \in \mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$  two PML formulas, then the following formulas are valid in PML:



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#### Proposition

Let  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V)$  be a PML model such that  $V(\mathfrak{p}) = \emptyset$ , then for  $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>0}$  there exists  $w \in W$  such that  $(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \blacklozenge(\delta_n)$  if and only if there exists a cycle of length n in the frame (W, R), with:

$$\delta_{1} = \Diamond \mathfrak{p}$$
  

$$\delta_{2} = \Diamond (\neg \mathfrak{p} \land \delta_{1})$$
  
:  

$$\delta_{n} = \Diamond (\neg \mathfrak{p} \land \delta_{n-1})$$

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PML is not bisimulation-invariant, its formulas are not preserved by tree-unravelings and it does not enjoy the tree model property. Introduction Poison Modal Logic (PML) Expressivity of PML Undecidability Discussion Conclusion 15

## Winning strategies for the Poison Game

Winning positions for  ${\mathbb O}$  are defined by the following infinitary  $\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}\text{-}\mathsf{formula}$ :

$$\mathbf{A} \square \mathfrak{p} \lor \mathbf{A} \square \mathbf{A} \square \mathfrak{p} \lor \dots$$
(9)

Dually, winning positions for  $\mathbb P$  are defined by the following infinitary  $\mathcal L^p\text{-}formula:$ 

#### Remark (Credulous acceptability and PML)

By Duchet and Meyniel's theorem, formula (10), interpreted on the inversion of an argumentation framework, expresses the property "there exist credulously acceptable arguments in the framework".

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# First-Order Logic translation

#### Definition (FOL translation)

Let p, p, q, ... be propositional atoms, we call  $\mathfrak{P}, P, Q, ...$  their corresponding first-order predicate.

Let *N* be a finite set of variables, and *x* a designated variable, the translation  $ST_x^N : \mathcal{L}^p \to \mathcal{L}$  is defined inductively as follows:

$$ST_{x}^{N}(p) = P(x), \forall p \in \mathbf{P}$$
  

$$ST_{x}^{N}(\neg \varphi) = \neg ST_{x}^{N}(\varphi)$$
  

$$ST_{x}^{N}(\varphi \wedge \psi) = ST_{x}^{N}(\varphi) \wedge ST_{x}^{N}(\psi)$$
  

$$ST_{x}^{N}(\Diamond \varphi) = \exists y \left( xRy \wedge ST_{y}^{N}(\varphi) \right)$$
  

$$ST_{x}^{N}(\blacklozenge \varphi) = \exists y \left( xRy \wedge ST_{y}^{N \cup \{y\}}(\varphi) \right)$$
  

$$ST_{x}^{N}(\blacklozenge \varphi) = \Re(x) \vee \bigvee_{y \in N} (y = x).$$

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#### Correctness of the translation

#### Theorem

Let  $(\mathcal{M}, w)$  be a pointed model and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$  a formula, we have:  $(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \varphi \iff \mathcal{M} \models ST_{x}^{\emptyset}(\varphi)[x := w].$ 

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#### Definition (p-bisimulation)

Two pointed models  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$  are said to be p-bisimilar, written  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1) \stackrel{\mathfrak{p}}{\rightleftharpoons} (\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$ , if there exists  $Z \subseteq W^{\mathcal{M}_1} \times W^{\mathcal{M}_2}$  such that  $w_1 Z w_2$  and whenever w Z v we have:

- **Atom** For any atom  $p \in \mathbf{P} \cup \{\mathfrak{p}\}$ ,  $w \in V^{\mathcal{M}_1}(p)$  iff  $v \in V^{\mathcal{M}_2}(p)$ .
  - $$\begin{split} \textbf{Zig}_{\Diamond} \quad \text{If there exists } w' \in \mathcal{M}_1 \text{ such that } wR^{\mathcal{M}_1}w' \text{ then there exists} \\ v' \in \mathcal{M}_2 \text{ such that } vR^{\mathcal{M}_2}v' \text{ and } (\mathcal{M}_1, w')Z(\mathcal{M}_2, v'). \end{split}$$
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- $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Zig}_{\blacklozenge} & \text{ If there exists } (\mathcal{M}'_1, w'_1) \text{ such that } (\mathcal{M}_1, w_1) \xrightarrow{\bullet} (\mathcal{M}'_1, w'_1), \text{ then} \\ & \text{ there exists } (\mathcal{M}'_2, w'_2) \text{ such that } (\mathcal{M}_2, w_2) \xrightarrow{\bullet} (\mathcal{M}'_2, w'_2) \text{ and} \\ & (\mathcal{M}'_1, w'_1) Z(\mathcal{M}'_2, w'_2). \end{array}$
- $\begin{array}{ll} \textbf{Zag}_{\blacklozenge} & \text{ If there exists } (\mathcal{M}'_2, w'_2) \text{ such that } (\mathcal{M}_2, w_2) \stackrel{\bullet}{\to} (\mathcal{M}'_2, w'_2), \text{ then there exists } (\mathcal{M}'_1, w'_1) \text{ such that } (\mathcal{M}_1, w_1) \stackrel{\bullet}{\to} (\mathcal{M}'_1, w'_1) \text{ and } (\mathcal{M}'_1, w'_1) Z(\mathcal{M}'_2, w'_2). \end{array}$

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#### Theorem

For two pointed models 
$$(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1)$$
 and  $(\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$ , if  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1) \stackrel{\mathfrak{p}}{\rightleftharpoons} (\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$  then  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1) \stackrel{\mathfrak{p}}{\nleftrightarrow} (\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$ .

#### Theorem

For any two  $\omega$ -saturated models  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$ , if  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1) \stackrel{\mathfrak{p}}{\longleftrightarrow} (\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$  then  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1) \stackrel{\mathfrak{p}}{\rightleftharpoons} (\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$ .

#### Theorem

An  $\mathcal{L}$  formula is equivalent to the translation of an  $\mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$  formula if and only if it is invariant for p-bisimulation.

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#### Remark (Credulous admissibility and p-bisimulation)

Formula (10) expresses the existence of credulous admissible arguments, and is invariant for p-bisimulation.

It directly follows that, given two p-bisimilar pointed models  $(\mathcal{M}_1, w_1)$  and  $(\mathcal{M}_2, w_2)$ , the frame of  $\mathcal{M}_1$  contains credulously admissible arguments if and only if the frame of  $\mathcal{M}_2$  does.

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The satisfaction problem for  $\mathsf{PML}_3$  (PML with 3 modalities) can be defined as follows:

**Data:** A PML<sub>3</sub> formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_3^{\mathfrak{p}}$ .

**Problem:** Is there  $(\mathcal{M}, w)$ , with  $V(\mathfrak{p}) = \emptyset$ , s.t.  $(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \varphi$  ?

#### Theorem

The satisfaction problem for  $PML_3$  is undecidable.

Given a finite set of colors C, a tile is a 4-tuple of colors (its 4 sides). The  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  tilling problem is then defined as follows:

- **Data:** A finite set T of tiles.
- **Problem:** Can the infinite grid  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  be tiled using only tiles in  $\mathcal{T}$  and such that two adjacent tiles share the same color on their common edge ?

This problem is known to be undecidable<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>D. Harel (1983). "Recurring dominoes: Making the highly undecidable highly understandable (preliminary report)". In: *International Conference on Fundamentals of Computation Theory*. Springer, pp. 177–194.



Let T be a finite set of tiles,  $\varphi_T^7$  is satisfiable iff T tiles  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ :



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>B. Ten Cate and M. Franceschet (2005). "On the complexity of hybrid logics with binders". In: *International Workshop on Computer Science Logic*. Springer, pp. 339–354.

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## Failure of the finite model property of PML

#### Proposition

PML does not have the finite model property.

Let us consider  $\varphi_\infty$  such that all its models are infinite chains:



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The simplest memory logic<sup>8</sup>,  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{R})$ , extends modal semantics by considering frames (W, R, M) where  $M \subseteq W$  is a set of states that have been 'memorized'. Its language is defined by:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}}: \varphi ::= p \mid \neg \varphi \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \Diamond \varphi \mid \bigcirc \mid \bigotimes$$

The semantics for the two new operators (r) and (k) is:

$$((W, R, M, V), w) \models (\widehat{r}\varphi \iff ((W, R, M \cup \{w\}, V), w) \models \varphi$$
$$((W, R, M, V), w) \models (\widehat{k} \iff w \in M,$$

where V is a valuation function.

• PML is a proper fragment of  $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k})$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>C. Areces, D. Figueira, and S. Mera (2008). "Expressive power and decidability for memory logics". In: *Proceedings of WoLLIC 2008*. Vol. 5110. LNCS, pp. 56–68.

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# PML and Memory Logic

#### Proposition

 $\mathcal{M}(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{k})$  is strictly more expressive than PML.

#### Proof.

An embedding of PML into  $\mathcal{M}(\mathcal{C}, \mathbb{K})$  can be defined as follow:

$$MT(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathbb{K}$$
$$MT(\blacklozenge \varphi) = \Diamond \mathbb{C}MT(\varphi)$$

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# PML and Memory Logic

#### Proposition

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$$MT(\mathfrak{p}) = \mathbb{K}$$
$$MT(\mathbf{\Phi}\varphi) = \Diamond \mathbb{C}MT(\varphi)$$

Let  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  defined below, we have  $\mathcal{M}' \models \bigcirc \Diamond \Diamond \&$  while  $\mathcal{M}$  falsifies it, but  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $\mathcal{M}'$  are p-bisimilar.



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The Hybrid Logic<sup>9</sup>  $\mathcal{H}(\downarrow)$  is defined by the following grammar:

$$\mathcal{L}^{\mathcal{H}(\downarrow)}:\varphi:=p\mid i\mid \neg\varphi\mid\varphi\wedge\varphi\mid\Diamond\varphi\mid\downarrow x.\varphi,$$

with  $p \in \mathbf{P} \cup \{p\}$  a propositional atom, and  $i \in \mathbf{N}$  a nominal. Given an assignment  $g : \mathbf{N} \to W$ ,  $g_m^x$  is called a *x*-variant of *g* if  $\forall i \in \mathbf{N}, g(i) = g_m^x(i)$  and  $g_m^x(x) = m$ . The semantics is then defined as follows:

$$(M, g, m) \models_{\mathbf{H}} i \Leftrightarrow m = g(i)$$
$$(M, g, m) \models_{\mathbf{H}} \downarrow x.\varphi \Leftrightarrow (M, g_m^x, m) \models_{\mathbf{H}} \varphi$$

• PML can be embedded into  $\mathcal{H}(\downarrow)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>P. Blackburn, J. van Benthem, and F. Wolter (2006). *Handbook of modal logic*. Vol. 3. Elsevier.

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# Hybrid Translation for PML

Let  $HT^S : \mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}} \to \mathcal{L}^{\mathcal{H}(\downarrow)}$ ,  $S \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ , be the translation defined as follows:

$$HT^{S}(p) = p$$
  

$$HT^{S}(p) = p \lor \bigvee_{i \in S} i$$
  

$$HT^{S}(\neg \varphi) = \neg HT^{S}(\varphi)$$
  

$$HT^{S}(\varphi \land \psi) = HT^{S}(\varphi) \land HT^{S}(\psi)$$
  

$$HT^{S}(\Diamond \varphi) = \Diamond HT^{S}(\varphi)$$
  

$$HT^{S}(\blacklozenge \varphi) = \Diamond \left( \downarrow x.HT^{S \cup \{x\}}(\varphi) \right)$$

#### Proposition

Let  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V)$  be a PML-model,  $\mathcal{M} = (W, R, V')$  its hybrid extension, g an assignment and  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$  a PML-formula, we have:

 $(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \varphi \iff (\mathcal{M}, g, w) \models_{\mathsf{H}} HT^{\emptyset}(\varphi).$ 

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## Inclusion between PML and other logics



Figure: Links between PML and other logics

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We introduced and studied a modal logic PML that arises naturally from a game-theoretic approach to a central decision problem in argumentation theory: the existence of credulously acceptable arguments. We presented:

- A First-Order Logic translation
- An adequate bisimulation definition
- The undecidability of PML<sub>3</sub>
- The links between PML and other logics

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Concerning PML, some questions are left open:

- Can it be axiomatized?
- Is PML with one modality decidable?

In a broader view, this logic (like Sabotage Logic) calls for fixpoint extensions which pose interesting challenges<sup>10</sup>.

From the argumentation perspective, it could be interesting to have a look to skeptical semantics, i.e. arguments that belong to all admissible sets of a framework.

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#### Thank you !

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# Proof of the undecidability of $PML_3$ - Grid structure

- w is a q-world, its R-successors are not q and link back to it, and the set of its R-successors is closed under R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub>:
   α = q ∧ □(¬q ∧ ◊q) ∧ □■<sub>1</sub>◊(q ∧ ◊p) ∧ □■<sub>2</sub>◊(q ∧ ◊p)
- For all *R*-successor of *w*, accessibility relations *R*<sub>1</sub> and *R*<sub>2</sub> are total functions:

$$\beta = \bigwedge_{i=1,2} \left( \Box \Diamond_i \top \land \blacksquare \Box (q \to \Box (\Diamond_i \mathfrak{p} \to \Box_i \mathfrak{p})) \right)$$

• Accessibility relations  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  commute:

$$\gamma = \blacksquare \Box \left( q \to \Box (\Box_1 \Box_2 \neg \mathfrak{p} \lor \Box_2 \Box_1 \mathfrak{p}) \right)$$

# Proof of the undecidability of $PML_3$ - Correct tilling

• Only one tile is present at each node:

$$\delta^1_T = \bigvee_{t \in T} \left( p_t \wedge \bigwedge_{t' \in T, t' \neq t} \neg p_{t'} \right)$$

• Horizontal and vertical tilling are correct:

$$\delta_T^2 = \bigwedge_{t \in T} \left[ \left( p_t \to \Box_1 \bigvee_{t' \in T, \mathbf{b}(t') = \mathbf{t}(t)} p_t \right) \land \left( p_t \to \Box_2 \bigvee_{t' \in T, \mathbf{l}(t') = \mathbf{r}(t)} p_t \right) \right]$$

# Failure of the finite model property of PML - $\varphi_\infty$

- α = ¬q ∧ ◊⊤ ∧ □q ∧ □(◊⊤ ∧ □¬q): the current state falsifies q and all its successors (there exists at least one) are q and have in turn successors (at least one) which all falsify q.
- β = ■□◊p: after any poisoning a state is reached whose successors can reach the poisoned state in one step. In other words, all successors of the current state have successors linked via symmetric edges.
- γ = ■□◊(¬q∧◊p)∧□□■□¬p: after any poisoning a state is reached whose successors are not reflexive loops (right conjunct), and can reach a ¬q state which can in turn reach the poison state. In other words, all successors of the current state lay on cycles of length 3.
- δ = □□■□(q → ◊p): all successors of the current state's successors are such that after any poisoning, and further q-successor can reach back to the poisoned state.
- *ϵ* = □ ♦ ¬◊(*q* ∧ ◊(¬*q* ∧ ◊p))): all successors of the current state are such that there is one successor that can be poisoned and such that none of its successors satisfies *q* and can reach the poisoned state in two steps via a ¬*q* state.

**Input:** A formula  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}^{\mathfrak{p}}$ **Output:** A tableau  $\mathcal{T}$  for  $\varphi$  with each branch labeled closed or open. (1) Initiate  $\mathcal{T}$  with a single node (the root) labeled with  $(\varphi, x, \epsilon)$ (2) Repeat as long as there are rules that can be applied: (I) Choose a branch B that is not labeled "close" nor "open". (II) Choose a formula  $(\psi, x, s)$ , or a pair  $(\psi, x, s)$  and  $xRx_1$ , in B that has not been selected before and for which a tableau rule R(Figure ??) can be applied. (A) If  $R = \neg \land$  (resp  $R = \Diamond$  or  $R = \blacklozenge$ ), add 2 (resp. n + 1) successors to B labeled with the denominator of R(B) Else, add a single successor labeled with the denominator of R. (III) Analyze the branches: (A) Label "close" a branch which contains: (i) Either (p, x, s) and  $(\neg p, x, s')$  where  $p \in \mathbf{P} \cup \{\mathfrak{p}\}$ . (ii) Or  $(\mathfrak{p}_{\bullet}, x, s)$  and  $(\neg \mathfrak{p}, x, s')$  where s' is a prefix of s. (B) Label "open" a branch for which no rules can be applied.

# Tableau method for PML

$$\frac{\left(\neg \neg \varphi, x, s\right)}{\left(\varphi, x, s\right)} \neg \neg \qquad \frac{\left(\varphi \land \psi, x, s\right)}{\left(\varphi, x, s\right)} \land \qquad \frac{\left(\neg \left(\varphi \land \psi\right), x, s\right)}{\left(\neg \varphi, x, s\right) \mid \left(\neg \psi, x, s\right)} \neg \land \\
\frac{\left(\Diamond \varphi, x, s\right)}{\left(\varphi, x, s\right)} \qquad \frac{\left(\Diamond \varphi, x, s\right)}{\left(\varphi, x, s\right) \mid \left(\neg \psi, x, s\right)} \neg \land \\
\frac{\left(\Diamond \varphi, x, s\right)}{\left(\varphi, x_{1}, s\right) \mid \cdots \mid \left| \begin{array}{c} RR_{x_{n}} \\ \left(\varphi, x_{n}, s\right) \mid \left(\varphi, x_{n}, s\right) \\ \left(\varphi, x_{n}, s\right) \mid \left(\varphi, x_{n}, s\right) \right| \left(\varphi, x_{n}, s\right)} & \left( \begin{array}{c} \neg \left(\varphi, x, s\right) \\ \left(\neg \varphi, x, s\right) \\ \left(\neg \varphi, x_{1}, s\right) \\ \left(\neg \varphi, x_{1}, s\right) \right| \cdots \left| \begin{array}{c} RR_{x_{n}} \\ \left(\varphi, x_{n}, s\right) \right) & \left( \begin{array}{c} \neg \left(\varphi, x, s\right) \\ \left(\varphi, x_{n}, s\right) \\ \left(\varphi, x_{n}$$

For rules  $\Diamond$  and  $\blacklozenge$ ,  $\{x_1, \ldots, x_n\}$  are all labels occurring in the current branch and  $x_0$  is a fresh label not occurring in the current branch. For rules  $\blacklozenge$  and  $\neg \blacklozenge$ ,  $a \in \Gamma$  is a fresh letter of the alphabet that has never been used before.

# Example of infinite tableau



# Example of finite tableau



Let us consider the following model  $\mathcal{M}$ :



The successive truth-set of  $||\neg \mathfrak{p} \land \blacksquare \Diamond q||_{\mathcal{M}_{[q:=X]}}$  given the different values of X are given in the following table.

We then have  $\forall w \in W$ ,  $(\mathcal{M}, w) \models \nu q$ .  $(\neg \mathfrak{p} \land \blacksquare \Diamond q)$ , whereas no nodes in (W, R) is a winning position for  $\mathbb{P}$ .