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# A4M33MAS - Multiagent Systems

## Agents and their behaviour modeling by means of formal logic

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- Can be used for practical things (also in MAS):
  - automatic verification of multi-agent systems
  - and/or executable specifications of multi-agent systems

# Best logic for MAS?

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# Modal logic

Modal logic is an extension of classical logic by new connectives  $\Box$  and  $\Diamond$ : necessity and possibility.

- $\Box\varphi$  means that  $\varphi$  is necessarily true
- $\Diamond\varphi$  means that  $\varphi$  is possibly true

Independently of the precise definition, the following holds:

$$\Diamond\varphi \leftrightarrow \neg\Box\neg\varphi$$



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Note that the modal operators can be nested:

$$(\Box_1\Box_2\Diamond_1p) \vee \Box_3\neg p$$

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More precisely, necessity/possibility is interpreted as follows:

- $p$  is necessary  $\Leftrightarrow p$  is true in all possible scenarios
- $p$  is possible  $\Leftrightarrow p$  is true in at least one possible scenario

$\rightsquigarrow$  possible worlds semantics

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## Definition 1.2 (Kripke Structure)

A **Kripke structure** is a tuple  $\langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R} \rangle$ , where  $\mathcal{W}$  is a set of **possible worlds**, and  $\mathcal{R}$  is a binary relation on worlds, called **accessibility relation**.

## Definition 1.3 (Kripke model)

A **possible worlds model**  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{S}, \pi \rangle$  consists of a Kripke structure  $\mathcal{S}$ , and a valuation of propositions  $\pi : \mathcal{W} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{p, q, r, \dots\})$ .

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Remarks:

- $\mathcal{R}$  indicates which worlds are relevant for each other;  $w_1 \mathcal{R} w_2$  can be read as “world  $w_2$  is relevant for (reachable from) world  $w_1$ ”
- $\mathcal{R}$  can be any binary relation from  $\mathcal{W} \times \mathcal{W}$ ; we do not require any specific properties (yet).

## Definition 1.4 (Semantics of modal logic)

The truth of formulae is relative to a Kripke model  $\mathcal{M} = \langle \mathcal{W}, \mathcal{R}, \pi \rangle$ , and a world  $w \in \mathcal{W}$ . It can be defined through the following clauses:

- $\mathcal{M}, w \models p$  iff  $p \in \pi(w)$ ;
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \neg\varphi$  iff not  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi$ ;
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi \wedge \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \varphi$  and  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \psi$ ;
- $\mathcal{M}, w \models \Box\varphi$  iff, for every  $w' \in \mathcal{W}$  such that  $w\mathcal{R}w'$ , we have  $\mathcal{M}, w' \models \varphi$ .

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- Note:
  - most modal logics can be translated to classical logic
    - ... but the result looks horribly ugly,*
    - ... and in most cases it is much harder to automatize anything*

# Axiom in Modal logic

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## Definition 1.5 (System K)

System **K** is an extension of the propositional calculus by the axiom

Distribution axiom

$$\mathbf{K} \quad (\Box\varphi \wedge \Box(\varphi \rightarrow \psi)) \rightarrow \Box\psi$$

and the inference rule

Generalization axiom  $\frac{\varphi}{\Box\varphi}$ .

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## Theorem 1.6 (Soundness/completeness of system K)

*System  $K$  is sound and complete with respect to the class of all Kripke models.*

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## Definition 1.7 (Extending K with axioms D, T, 4, 5)

System **K** is often extended by (a subset of) the following axioms (called as below for historical reasons):

- T:  $\Box\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$
- D:  $\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Diamond\varphi$
- 4:  $\Box\varphi \rightarrow \Box\Box\varphi$
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- Therefore knowledge is a KTD45 system.



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- $\varphi$  can be true in  $\mathcal{M}$  and  $q$  ( $\mathcal{M}, q \models \varphi$ )
- $\varphi$  can be valid in  $\mathcal{M}$  ( $\mathcal{M}, q \models \varphi$  for all  $q$ )
- $\varphi$  can be valid ( $\mathcal{M}, q \models \varphi$  for all  $\mathcal{M}, q$ )
- $\varphi$  can be satisfiable ( $\mathcal{M}, q \models \varphi$  for some  $\mathcal{M}, q$ )
- $\varphi$  can be a theorem (it can be derived from the axioms via inference rules)

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- **model checking (local)**: “given  $\mathcal{M}$ ,  $q$ , and  $\varphi$ , is  $\varphi$  true in  $\mathcal{M}, q$ ?”
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- Model checking is a technique for automatically verifying correctness properties of finite-state systems. Given a model of a system, exhaustively and automatically check whether this model meets a given specification (such as the absence of deadlocks and similar critical states that can cause the system to crash).

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- **satisfiability**: “given  $\varphi$ , is  $\varphi$  true in at least one model and state?”
- **validity**: “given  $\varphi$ , is  $\varphi$  true in all models and their states?”
- **theorem proving**: “given  $\varphi$ , is it possible to prove (derive)  $\varphi$ ?”

# Model of Belief

Modal logic is a **generic** framework.

Various modal logics:

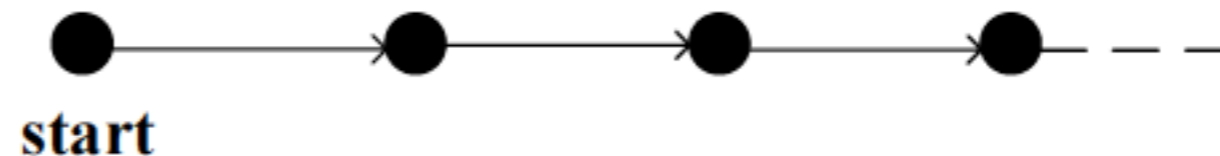
- knowledge  $\rightsquigarrow$  epistemic logic,
- beliefs  $\rightsquigarrow$  doxastic logic,
- obligations  $\rightsquigarrow$  deontic logic,
- actions  $\rightsquigarrow$  dynamic logic,
- time  $\rightsquigarrow$  temporal logic,
- ability  $\rightsquigarrow$  strategic logic,
- and combinations of the above

# Model of Time

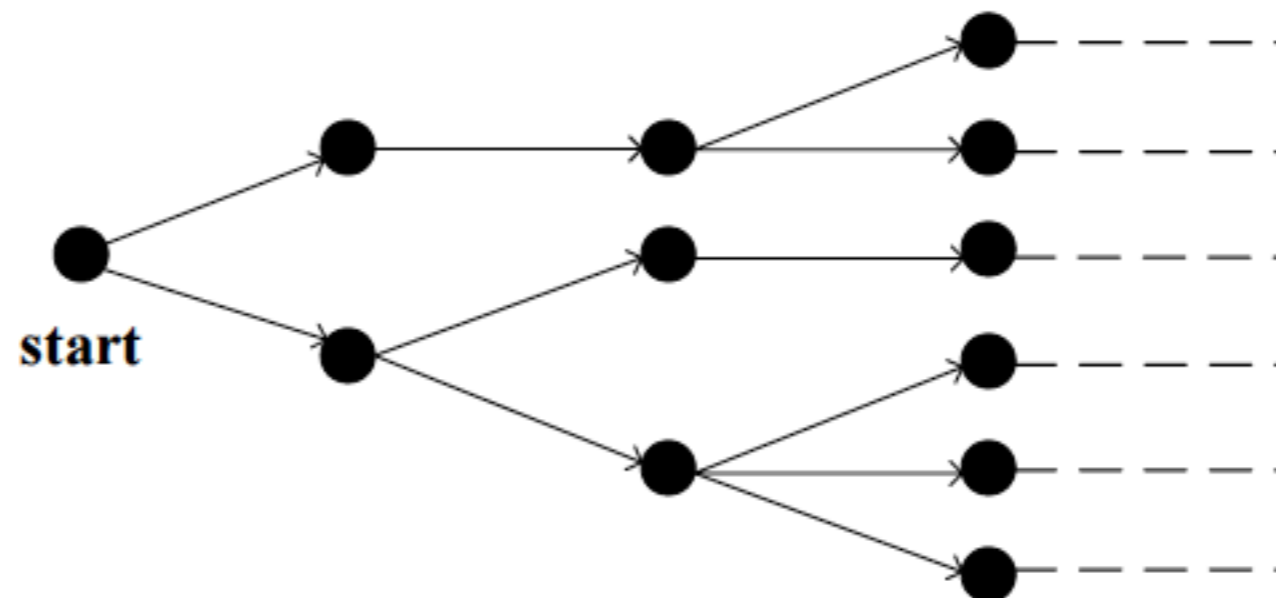
- Modeling time as an instance of modal logic where the **accessibility relation** represents the relationship between the past, current and future time moments.

- Time:

- linear



- branching



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$\mathcal{G}((\neg\text{passport} \vee \neg\text{ticket}) \rightarrow \mathcal{X}\neg\text{board\_flight})$

$\text{send}(\text{msg}, \text{rcvr}) \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\text{receive}(\text{msg}, \text{rcvr})$

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- *Useful when scheduling processes, responding to messages, etc.*
- *Good for specifying interaction properties of the environment*

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- **Strong Fairness:**

*if something is attempted/requested, then it will be successful*

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$$\mathcal{G}(\text{attempt} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}\text{success})$$

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# Linear Temporal Logic - LTL

- Reasoning about a particular computation of a system where time is linear - just one possible future path is included.

## Definition 3.4 (Models of LTL)

A model of LTL is a sequence of time moments. We call such models **paths**, and denote them by  $\lambda$ .

Evaluation of atomic propositions at particular time moments is also needed.

Notation:

- $\lambda[i]$ :  $i$ th time moment
- $\lambda[i \dots j]$ : all time moments between  $i$  and  $j$
- $\lambda[i \dots \infty]$ : all timepoints from  $i$  on

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## Definition 3.5 (Semantics of LTL)

$\lambda \models p$	iff $p$ is true at moment $\lambda[0]$ ;
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Note that:

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- **CTL\***: no syntactic restrictions
- Reasoning in Vanilla CTL can be automatized.

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## Definition 3.8 (Semantics of CTL\*: state formulae)

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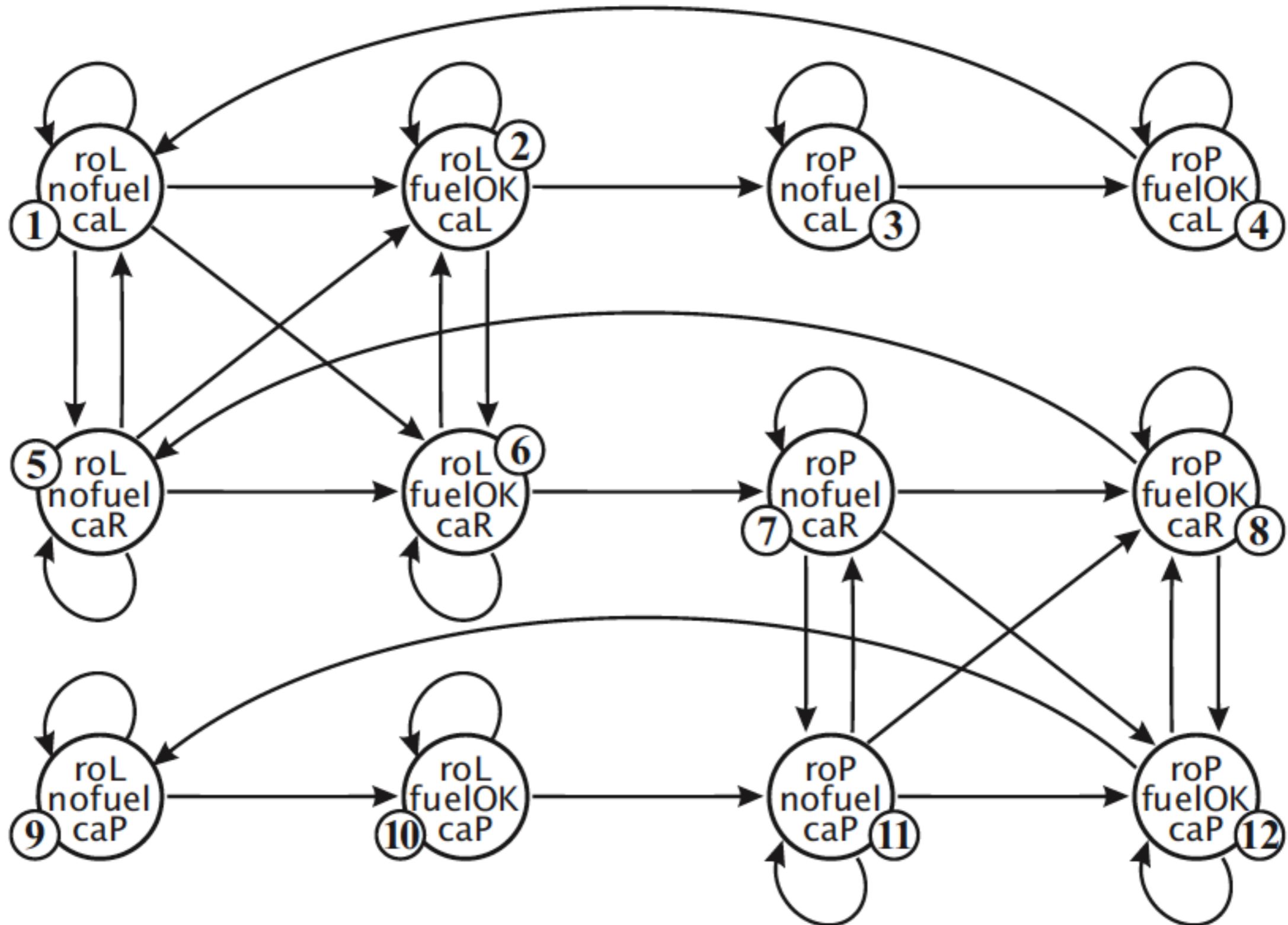
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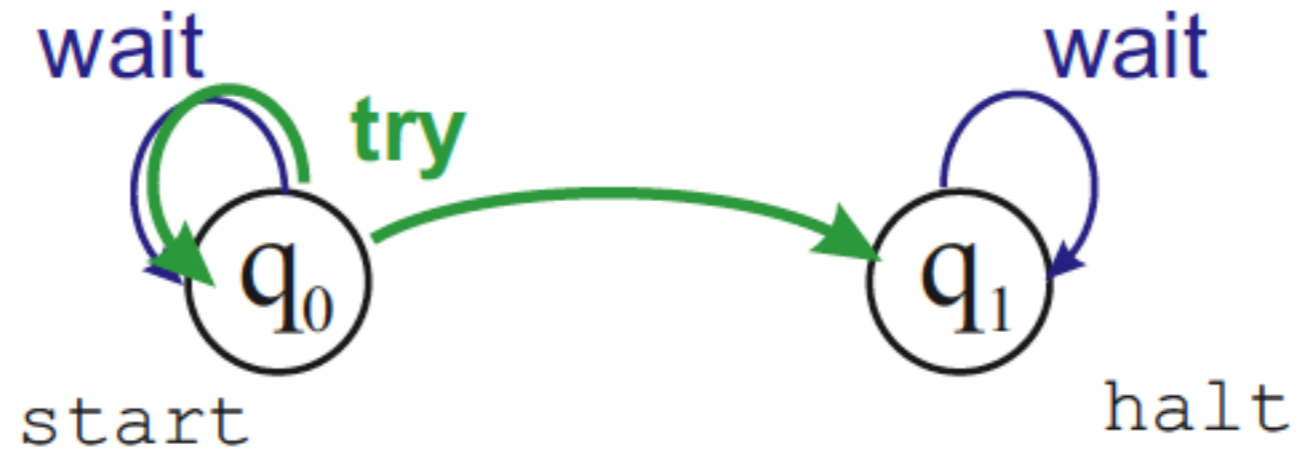
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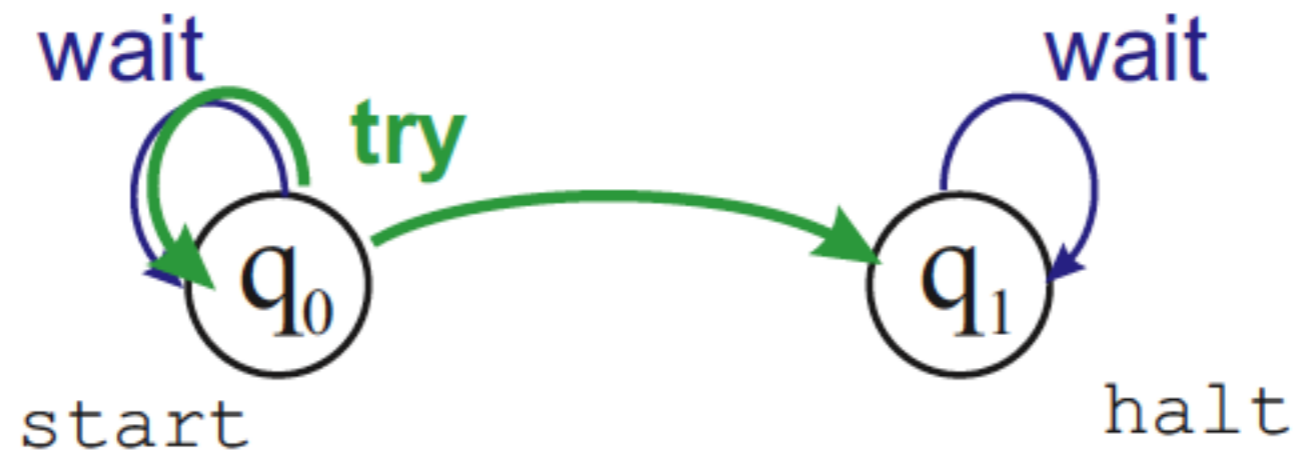
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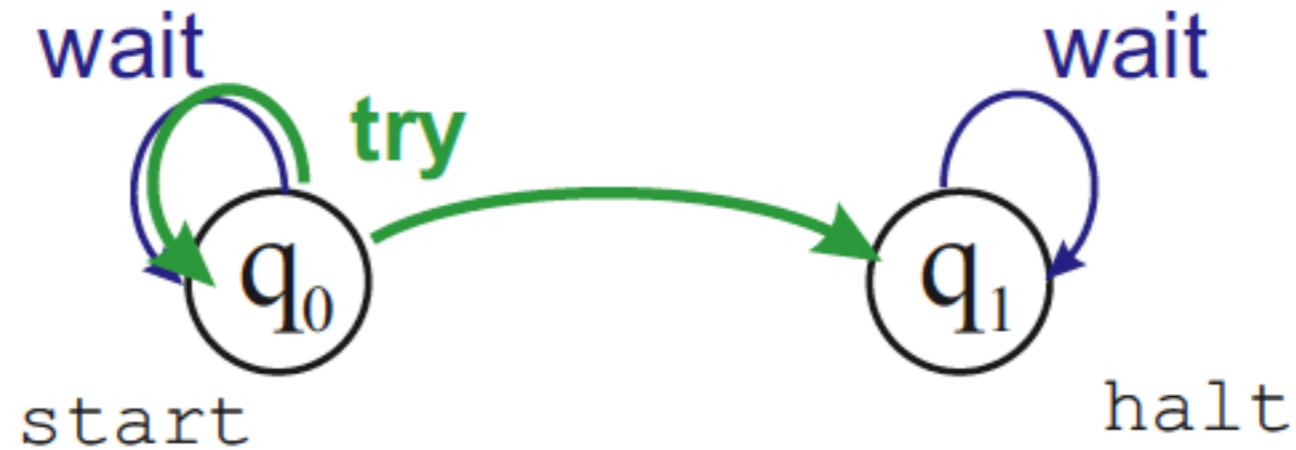


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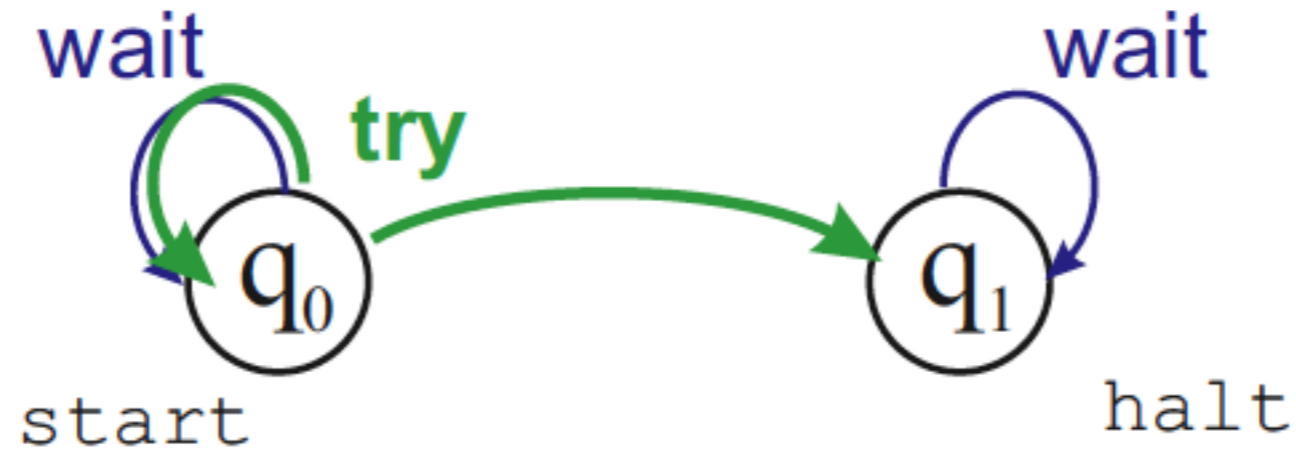
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# Concluding Remarks

- Practical Importance of Temporal and Dynamic Logics:
  - Automatic verification in principle possible (model checking).
  - Can be used for automated planning.
  - Executable specifications can be used for programming.
- Note:

When we combine **time** and **actions** with **knowledge** (beliefs, desires, intentions, obligations...), we finally obtain a fairly realistic model of MAS.



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