

## Formale Systeme II: Theorie

#### Dynamic Logic: Propositional Dynamic Logic

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Goals





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#### Dynamic Logic as ...

- abstract reasoning framework for descriptions of actions
- means to formalise and reason about semantics of programs
- vehicle for examining/proving theoretical results on program reasoning
  - what is decidable, what is not?
  - relative completeness
- concept of program verification on a while language
- logic for a verification engine for a realworld programming language

### Literature



 Formale Systeme II Vorlesungsskript Peter H. Schmitt → Website

Dynamic Logic
 Series: Foundations of Computing
 David Harel, Dexter Kozen and Jerzy Tiuryn
 MIT Press
 → Department Library



# **Motivating Example**

## Introductory Example

## The Towers of Hanoi







## The Instructions



- Move alternatingly the smallest disk and another one.
- If moving the smallest disk put it on the stack it did not come from in its previous move.
- If not moving the smallest disk do the only legal move,

## More formally:

sequence of actions

```
moveS; moveO; moveS; moveO;...
```

more concisely:

```
(moveS; moveO)^*
```

improved:

```
moveS ; testForStop ; (moveO ; moveS ; testForStop)*
```





#### Atomic statement: *S*1 true iff smallest piece on first stack

#### Moving away

(1) 
$$S1 \rightarrow \langle moveS \rangle \neg S1$$

 $\ldots$  after moving the smallest, it is no longer on the first stack

#### Moving other

(2) 
$$S1 \rightarrow \langle moveO \rangle S1$$

... after moving something else, it is still on the first stack

#### Conclusions from (1) and (2)

 $S1 \rightarrow \langle moveO ; moveS \rangle \neg S1$  $S1 \rightarrow \langle (moveO)^* ; moveS \rangle \neg S1$ 

## $\Uparrow$ That's dynamic logic $\Uparrow$

# **Dynamic Logic**



- Allows reasoning about properties of composite actions.
- Actions are explicitly part of the language.
- Extends modal logic
- We look at two instances:
  - Propositional Dynamic Logic
  - First Order Dynamic Logic



Syntax/semantics of dynamic logic build on top of modal logic.

Syntax:

• Signature  $\Sigma$ : set of propositional variables

• 
$$Fml_{\Sigma}^{ML}$$
 smallest set with:  
•  $\Sigma \subseteq Fml_{\Sigma}^{mod}$   
•  $true, false \in Fml_{\sigma}^{mod}$   
•  $A, B \in Fml_{\Sigma}^{mod} \Longrightarrow A \land B, A \lor B, A \to B, \neg A \in Fml_{\Sigma}^{mod}$   
•  $A \in Fml_{\Sigma}^{mod} \Longrightarrow \Box A, \Diamond A \in Fml_{\Sigma}^{mod}$ 

pronounced "Box" and "Diamond"

## **Recap: Modal Logic – Semantics**



#### Modal Logics

Logics of *necessity* and *possibility*.

#### Meaning of Modalities:

#### Modal

- $\Box A$  It is necessary that ...
- $\Diamond A$  It is possible that ...

Deontic (from Greek for duty)

- $\Box A$  It is obligatory that ...
- $\Diamond A$  It is permitted that ...

#### Epistemic (logic of knowledge)

- $\Box A \mid \mathsf{I} \mathsf{ know that} \ldots$
- $\Diamond A$  I consider it possible that ...



#### **Unified Semantics**

In late 1950s Saul Kripke defined unified semantics for all "meanings" of modal operators: "worlds" and "accessibility" between them

#### Kripke Frame (S, R):

- Set *S* of *worlds* (or *states*)
- Relation  $R \subseteq S \times S$ , the *accessibility relation*

#### Kripke Structure (S, R, I):

- Given a signature Σ
- Kripke Frame (S, R)
- Interpretation  $I: S \rightarrow 2^{\Sigma}$

## **Recap: Modal Logic – Semantics**

For a signature  $\Sigma$  and Kripke structure (S, R, I)

 $\begin{array}{l} \textit{I}, \textit{s} \models \varphi \iff \textit{Formula } \varphi \textit{ holds in state } \textit{s} \in \textit{S} \\ \textit{I} \models \varphi \iff \textit{Formula } \varphi \textit{ holds in all states } \textit{s} \in \textit{S} \end{array}$ 

Example: Chalkboard Beckert, Ulbrich – Formale Systeme II: Theorie





## More than one modality



#### Multi-modal logic

Have different Box operators with different accessibility relations:

$$\Box_{\alpha}, \Box_{\beta}, \Box_{\gamma}, \ldots$$

 $(\rightarrow$  basic actions ins "Towers of Hanoi")

#### Propositional Dynamic Logic (PDL):

- Signature  $\Sigma$  of propositional variables
- Set  $A = \{\alpha, \beta, \ldots\}$  of atomic actions/programs
- We write  $[\alpha]$  instead of  $\Box_{\alpha}$

## PDL – Regular Programs



#### Compose Programs

Atomic programs can be into composed into larger programs

For a given signature  $\Sigma$  and atomic programs A, the set of programs  $\Pi_{\Sigma,A}$  is the smallest set such that

nondeterministic choice

- indeterminate iteration
  - tests

Regular Programs =

Regular Expressions over atomic programs and tests

## PDL – Formulae



For a given signature  $\Sigma$  and atomic programs A, the set of formulae  $Fml_{\Sigma,A}^{PDL}$  is the smallest set such that

1 true, false 
$$\in Fml_{\Sigma,A}^{PDL}$$

**2** 
$$\Sigma \subseteq Fml_{\Sigma,A}^{PDL}$$

Programs and Formulae are mutually dependent definitions and must be seen simultaneously.

## **PDL Formulas – Examples**



 $\rightarrow$  Towers of Hanoi

$$egin{aligned} \mathcal{A} = \{\textit{moveS}, \textit{moveO}\}, & \Sigma = \{S1\} \ S1 
ightarrow \langle (\textit{moveO})^* \ ; \textit{moveS} 
angle 
eg S1 \end{aligned}$$

#### multi-level and nested modalities

 $A = \{\alpha, \beta\}, \qquad \Sigma = \{P, Q\}$ 

 $[\alpha \cup (?P; \beta)^*]Q$  $[\alpha]P \to [\alpha^*]P$  $[\alpha]\langle\beta\rangle(P \to [\alpha^*]Q)$  $[\alpha; ?\langle\beta\rangle P; \beta]Q$ 

## PDL – Semantics



Given a signature  $\Sigma$  and atomic programs A

(multi-modal propositional) Kripke frame  $(S, \rho)$ 

- set of states S
- function  $\rho: A \to S \times S$  accessibility relations for atomic programs

## Kripke structure $(S, \rho, I)$

- Kripke frame (S, ρ)
- interpretation  $I: S \rightarrow 2^{\Sigma}$
- $\Rightarrow$  same as for modal logic

## **PDL** – **Program Semantics**



#### Extension of $\rho$

from 
$$\rho: A \to S^2$$
 to  $\rho: \Pi_{\Sigma,A} \to S^2$ 

$$\begin{split} \rho(\alpha) & \text{base case for } \alpha \in A \\ \rho(\pi_1 \cup \pi_2) &= \rho(\pi_1) \cup \rho(\pi_2) \\ \rho(\pi_1 ; \pi_2) &= \rho(\pi_1) ; \rho(\pi_2) \\ &= \{(s, s') \mid \text{ex. } t \text{ with } (s, t) \in \rho(\pi_1) \text{ and } (t, s') \in \rho(\pi_2)\} \\ \rho(\pi^*) &= \operatorname{rtcl}(\rho(\pi)) = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \rho(\pi)^n \quad \text{refl. transitive closure} \\ &= \{(s_0, s_n) \mid \text{ex. } n \text{ with } (s_i, s_{i+1}) \in \rho(\pi) \text{ for } 0 \leq i < n\} \\ \rho(?A) &= \{(s, s) \mid I, s \models A\} \end{split}$$



For a signature  $\Sigma$ , basic programs A and Kripke structure  $(S, \rho, I)$ 

$$\begin{array}{lll} I,s\models p & \iff p\in I(s) & \text{for } p\in \Sigma \\ \models \text{ is homomorphic for } \land,\lor,\rightarrow,\neg. \\ I,s\models [\pi]\varphi & \iff I,s'\models \varphi \text{ for all } s'\in S \text{ with } (s,s')\in\rho(\pi) \\ I,s\models \langle \pi\rangle\varphi & \iff I,s'\models\varphi \text{ for some } s'\in S \text{ with } (s,s')\in\rho(\pi) \end{array}$$

## **Tautologies**



#### **Dual operators**

$$\pi]\varphi \; \leftrightarrow \; \neg \langle \pi \rangle \neg \varphi$$

• 
$$[\pi_1; \pi_2]\varphi \leftrightarrow [\pi_1][\pi_2]\varphi$$
  
•  $[\pi_1 \cup \pi_2]\varphi \leftrightarrow [\pi_1]\varphi \wedge [\pi_2]\varphi$   
•  $[?\psi]\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi \rightarrow \varphi$   
•  $[\pi^*]\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi \wedge [\pi; \pi^*]\varphi$   
•  $\langle \pi_1; \pi_2 \rangle \varphi \leftrightarrow \langle \pi_1 \rangle \langle \pi_2 \rangle \varphi$   
•  $\langle \pi_1 \cup \pi_2 \rangle \varphi \leftrightarrow \langle \pi_1 \rangle \varphi \vee \langle \pi_2 \rangle \varphi$   
•  $\langle ?\psi \rangle \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi \wedge \varphi$ 

• 
$$\langle \pi^* \rangle \varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi \lor \langle \pi; \pi^* \rangle \varphi$$

#### $\hfill all tautologies for modal logic <math display="inline">\hfill K$

## A Calculus for Propositional Dynamic Logic

#### Axioms

All propositional tautologies

#### Rules

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$$\frac{\varphi, \varphi \to \psi}{\psi} \tag{MP}$$

$$\frac{\varphi}{[\pi]\varphi} \tag{GEN}$$

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## Theorem



#### Theorem

The presented calculus is sound and complete.

#### Proof

See e.g.,pp. 559-560 in David Harel's article *Dynamic Logic* in the *Handbook of Philosophical Logic*, *Volume II*, published by D.Reidel in 1984.

#### or

D. Harel, D. Kozen and J. Tiuryn Dynamic Logic in Handbook of Philosophical Logic, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, volume 4 by Kluwer Academic Publisher, 2001.

## Higher level program constructors



#### Syntactic Sugar

- PDL syntax has elementary program operators
- Enrich it by defining new operators ("macros")

## More PDL Tautologies



 $[skip]\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi$  $\langle \mathsf{skip} \rangle \varphi \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \varphi$  $[\mathbf{fail}] \varphi \quad \leftrightarrow \quad true$  $\langle fail \rangle \varphi \leftrightarrow false$ [if  $\varphi$  then  $\alpha$  else  $\beta]\varphi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow [\alpha]\varphi) \land (\neg \varphi \rightarrow [\beta]\varphi)$  $\langle \text{if } \varphi \text{ then } \alpha \text{ else } \beta \rangle \varphi \quad \leftrightarrow \quad (\varphi \to \langle \alpha \rangle \varphi) \land (\neg \varphi \to \langle \beta \rangle \varphi)$ 

# Decidability





Is PDL decidable?

 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

Is there an algorithm that terminates on every input and computes whether a PDL-formula  $\phi \in Fml_{\Sigma,A}^{PDL}$  is satisfiable.

 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

Is there an algorithm that terminates on every input and computes whether a PDL-formula  $\phi \in Fml_{\Sigma,A}^{PDL}$  is valid.

#### Answer:

#### YES, PDL is decidable!



#### General Idea:

 $\varphi \in \mathit{Fml}^{\mathit{PDL}}$  has a model  $\iff \varphi$  has a model of bounded size.

For every Kripke structure, a bounded Kripke structure can be defined which is indistinguishable for  $\varphi$ .

Preliminary lemma: Decidability for modal logic

The proof idea is the same, yet simpler.

## **Fischer-Ladner Closure**



#### Reduced syntax

Only connectors  $\rightarrow$ , *false*,  $\Box$  are allowed  $\Rightarrow$  simplifies proofs.

#### Operator

$$FL^{mod}: Fml^{mod} \to 2^{Fml^{mod}}$$
  
assigns to  $\varphi$  the set of subformulas of  $\varphi$ .

$$FL^{mod}(\varphi \to \psi) = \{\varphi \to \psi\} \cup FL^{mod}(\varphi) \cup FL^{mod}(\psi)$$
$$FL^{mod}(false) = \{false\}$$
$$FL^{mod}(p) = \{p\} \qquad p \in \Sigma$$
$$FL^{mod}(\Box \varphi) = \{\Box \varphi\} \cup FL^{mod}(\varphi)$$

#### Observation

$$FL^{mod}(\varphi)| \leq |\varphi|$$

## **Fischer-Ladner Filtration**



#### Filtration

For a Kripke structure S, R, I define a bounded structure  $\tilde{S}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{I}$ with  $S, R, I, s \models \varphi \iff \tilde{S}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{I}, \tilde{s} \models \varphi$ 

#### Central Idea

States are **undistinguishable** for  $\varphi$  if they are equal on  $FL^{mod}(\varphi)$ .

$$s \equiv t \iff (I, s \models \psi \Leftrightarrow I, t \models \psi \text{ for all } \psi \in \mathit{FL}^{mod}(\varphi))$$

$$\widetilde{s} := \{s' \mid s' \equiv s\} \qquad \dots \text{ equivalence classes}$$
$$\widetilde{S} := \{\widetilde{s} \mid s \in S\}$$
$$\widetilde{R} := \{(\widetilde{s}, \widetilde{s'}) \mid (s, s') \in R\}$$
$$\widetilde{I}(p) := \{\widetilde{s} \mid s \in I(p)\}$$

## **Fischer-Ladner Filtration**



$$\widetilde{s} := \{s' \mid s' \equiv s\}$$
$$\widetilde{S} := \{\widetilde{s} \mid s \in S\}$$
$$\widetilde{R} := \{(\widetilde{s}, \widetilde{t}) \mid (s, t) \in R\}$$
$$\widetilde{I}(p) := \{\widetilde{s} \mid s \in I(p)\}$$

Lemma

$$|\widetilde{S}| \leq 2^{|FL^{mod}(\varphi)|} \leq 2^{|\varphi|}$$

Lemma (proved by structural induction)

$$S, R, I, s \models \varphi \iff \tilde{S}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{I}, \tilde{s} \models \varphi$$

#### Theorem

Modal Logic (K) can be decided by inspecting a bounded number of models.

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## **Fischer-Ladner Closure for PDL**



Operator

$$\mathsf{FL}: \mathsf{Fml}^{\mathsf{PDL}} o 2^{\mathsf{Fml}^{\mathsf{PDL}}}$$

#### $FL(\varphi)$ smallest set satisfying

Lemma (not obvious)

$$|FL(\varphi)| \leq |\varphi|$$





#### Lemma

$$S, R, I, s \models \varphi \iff \tilde{S}, \tilde{R}, \tilde{I}, \tilde{s} \models \varphi$$

#### Prove by structural induction:

• If 
$$\psi \in FL(\varphi)$$
 then  $s \models \psi$  iff  $\widetilde{s} \models \psi$ 

• 
$$(s,t) \in \rho(\pi)$$
 implies  $(\widetilde{s},\widetilde{t}) \in \widetilde{\rho}(\pi)$  for all  $\pi \in \Pi_{\Sigma,A}$ 

• If 
$$(\widetilde{s},\widetilde{t}) \in \rho(\pi)$$
 and  $s \models [\pi]\psi$ , then  $t \models \psi$  for  $[\pi]\psi \in FL(\varphi)$ 

full proof: ~> lecture notes or [Harel et al., Lemma 6.4]

## Complexity



#### Naive approach used for proof

- $FL(\varphi) \in O(|\varphi|)$
- $| ilde{S}| \leq 2^{\textit{FL}(arphi)} \in O(2^{|arphi|})$  many states in filtration

• 
$$|\mathsf{models}| \le (2^{\Sigma})^{|S|} \in O(2^{2^{|\varphi|}})$$

 $\Rightarrow$  double exponential complexity

#### One can do better:

### Complexity of Deciding PDL

The decision problem for PDL is in EXPTIME: can be decided by a deterministic algorithm in  $O(2^{p(n)})$  for some polynomial p.

 $\rightsquigarrow$ [Harel et al. Ch. 8]

# Deduction Theorem and Compactness

## **Logical Consequence**



$$M \subseteq Fml^{PDL}, \varphi \in Fml^{PDL}$$

#### Global Consequence

 $\begin{array}{l} M \models^{G} \varphi : \iff \\ \text{for all Kripke structures } (S, \rho, I): \\ I, s \models M \text{ for all } s \in S \quad \text{implies} \quad I, s \models \varphi \text{ for all } s \in S \end{array}$ 

#### Local Consequence

 $\begin{array}{l} M \models^{L} \varphi : \iff \\ \text{for all Kripke structures } (S, \rho, I): \\ \text{for all } s \in S: \qquad I, s \models M \text{ implies } I, s \models \varphi \end{array}$ 

Local consequence is stronger: 
$$M \models^{L} \varphi \stackrel{\Longrightarrow}{\Leftrightarrow} M \models^{G} \varphi$$

## **Deduction Theorem**



#### Recall: In propositional logic:

$$\pmb{M} \cup \{\varphi\} \models \psi \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \pmb{M} \models \varphi \rightarrow \psi$$

#### Not valid for PDL:

$$p \models^{\mathsf{G}} [\alpha] p$$
 but  $\not\models^{\mathsf{G}} p \to [\alpha] p$ 

#### **Problem:**

Decidability has been shown only for  $\models \varphi$ .

#### Questions

**)** Is 
$$\psi \models^{\mathsf{G}} \varphi$$
 decidable for PDL?

**2** Is 
$$M \models^{\mathsf{G}} \varphi$$
 decidable for PDL?

## **Deduction Theorem Revised**



#### Lemma

$$\psi \models^{\mathsf{G}} \varphi \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \models [(\beta_1 \cup \ldots \cup \beta_k)^*] \psi \to \varphi$$

with  $B := \{\beta_1, ..., \beta_k\}$  the atomic programs occurring in  $\psi, \varphi$ .

#### $\iff$ simple $\rightsquigarrow$ Exercise

#### Decidable:

The consequence problem  $\psi \models^{\mathsf{G}} \varphi$  is decidable for PDL.



#### Recall: Compactness Theorem

$$M \models^{G} \varphi \iff$$
 exists finite  $E \subseteq M$  with  $E \models^{G} \varphi$ 

#### Holds for:

Propositional Logic, First Order Logic, not for higher order logic

Counterexample for PDL

$$M := \{ p \to [\alpha; \ldots; \alpha] q \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}, \qquad \varphi := p \to [\alpha^*] q$$

• 
$$M \models^G \varphi$$
 ? yes  
•  $E \subset M, E \models^G \varphi$  ? no

#### PDL is not compact

because it has transitive closure "built in".

## **Deducibility Problem in PDL**



#### Quote:

[T]he problem of whether an arbitrary PDL formula p is deducible from a single fixed axiom scheme is of extremely high degree of undecidability, namely  $\Pi_1^1$ -complete.

Meyer, Streett, Mirkowska: The Deducibility Problem in Propositional Dynamic Logic, 1981

## Variants and Conclusion

## Variant: Converse Programs



#### Idea: Add actions reverting action effects

Add further program constructor  $\cdot^{-1}$ :  $\pi \in \Pi \implies \pi^{-1} \in \Pi$ with  $\rho(\pi^{-1}) = \rho(\pi)^{-1}$ 

Axiom schemes: for all  $\varphi \in Fml^{PDL}$ ,  $\pi \in \Pi$ 

• 
$$\varphi \to [\pi] \langle \pi^{-1} \rangle \varphi$$
  
•  $\varphi \to [\pi^{-1}] \langle \pi \rangle \varphi$ 

#### Complete

Adding the axioms to the known PDL calculus gives a correct and complete calculus for PDL with Converse.



#### Idea: Go beyond regular programs

Instead of regular programs, allow context-free grammar

#### For example:

Produced context-free grammar  $X ::= \alpha X \gamma \mid \beta$ with  $L(X) = \{ \alpha^n \beta \gamma^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \}$ 

#### Undecidability result

Validity is undecidable if instead of regular programs, context-free programs are allowed.

#### Expressiveness

Without fixed semantics of  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{N}}$  , recursion is strictly more expressive than looping.

## **State Vector Semantics**



A propositional Kripke structure  $\mathcal{K} = (S, \rho, I)$  is determined by:

#### the set of states

- $\begin{array}{ll} \rho: A \to S \times S & \text{the accessibility relations for atomic programs } e \\ I: S \to 2^{\Sigma} & \text{evaluation of propositional atoms in states} \end{array}$
- **Choose now:**  $S \subseteq 2^{\Sigma}$  the set of states

We call this the state vector semantics.

- Strictly larger set of tautologies.
- Obviously decidable.
- Evaluation of propositional variables fixes the state (and the accessibility of successor states)

#### Lemma



#### Let

- $A = \{a_1, \ldots, a_k\}$
- $\pi_{all}$  stands for the program  $(a_1 \cup \ldots \cup a_k)^*$ .
- $U \subseteq \Sigma$  be a subset of the set of propositional atoms.
- *state*<sub>U</sub> abbreviate  $\bigwedge_{p \in U} p \land \bigwedge_{p \notin U} \neg p$ .
- F an arbitrary PDL formula.

Then

$$\langle \pi_{\textit{all}} \rangle (\textit{state}_U \land F) \rightarrow [\pi_{\textit{all}}] (\textit{state}_U \rightarrow F)$$

is true in all state vector Kripke structures.

## Theorem



Let H be the set of all formulas

$$\langle \pi_{all} \rangle (state_U \wedge F) \rightarrow [\pi_{all}] (state_U \rightarrow F)$$

with the notation from the previous slide.

Then:

- **(**F)  $\cup$  *H* is satisfiable iff *F* is state vector satisfiable.
- $H \models F \text{ iff } \models_{sv} F.$

## Propositional Dynamic Logic – Summary



- extension of modal logic
- abstract notion of actions / atomic logic statements
- regular programs, with non-deterministic choice and Kleene-interation
- correct and complete calculus for tautologies
- satisfiability is decidable (in EXPTIME)
- logic is not compact
- deducibility is utterly undecidable
- deduction theorem can be rescued

## Detection of dynamic execution errors in IBM system automation's rule-based expert system

# An Application of PDL

## Reference



#### [SinzEtAl02]

Carsten Sinz, Thomas Lumpp, Jürgen Schneider, and Wolfgang Küchlin:

#### Detection of dynamic execution errors in IBM System Automation's rule-based expert system.

*Information and Software Technology*, 44(14):857–873, November 2002.

## Context





## Context



#### IBM zSeries

- z = zero downtime
- high availability: 99.999%
- < 5.3 min/yr downtime

#### System Automation

- full automation of a data center
- starting, stopping, migration of applications
- recovery from system failures
- . . .
- complex, rule-based configuration

#### Example

Flight booking center: 100s of users, many parallel apps

## **Example Rule**



```
correlation set/status/compound/satisfactory :
         status/compound NOT E {Satisfactory}
when
     AND status/startable E {Yes}
     AND ( ( status/observed E {Available, WasAvailable}
             AND status/desired E {Available}
             AND status/automation E {Idle, Internal}
             AND correlation/external/stop/failed E {false}
           OR
           ( status/observed E {SoftDown, StandBy}
             AND status/desired E {Unavailable}
             AND status/automation E {Idle, Internal}
then SetVariable status/compound = Satisfactory
     RecordVariableHistory status/compound
                 Fig. 4. Example of a correlation rule.
```

```
(taken from [SinzEtAl02])
```



#### when cond then var = d

- AND, OR, NOT allowed in conditions
- var  $\mathbf{E} \{ d_1, \ldots, d_2 \}$  "element of"
- the then part can be executed if cond is true

## **Logical Encoding**



• One boolean atom per var/value-pair

• 
$$P_{var,d} = true \iff var = d$$

• Encode that var has exactly one value (of  $d_1, ..., d_k$ )

• 
$$\left(\bigvee_{i=1..k} P_{var,d_i}\right) \land \left(\bigwedge_{i,j=1..k\atop i < j} \neg (P_{var,d_i} \land P_{var,d_j})\right)$$

- Atomic Actions:  $var = d \rightsquigarrow \alpha_{var,d}$
- Axiom  $[\alpha_{var,d}]P_{var,d}$



#### Semantics of a rule as program:

?when ; then

#### Semantics of all rules as program:

 $R := ((?when_1; then_1) \cup \ldots \cup (?when_r; then_r))^*$ 

## **Proof Obligations**



#### Uniqueness of final state:

under assumption of a precondition PRE

 $PRE \rightarrow (\langle R \rangle p \leftrightarrow [R]p)$ 

#### **Confluence:**

$$PRE \rightarrow (\langle R \rangle [R] p \rightarrow [R] \langle R \rangle p)$$

#### Absence of Oscillation:

modelled using an extension of PDL with non-termination operator

## **Verification Experiment**



#### Verification Technique

- state vector semantics
- translation of PDL to boolean SAT
- solving using SAT solver (Davies-Putnam)

#### **Experiment:**

- ~40 rules
- resulted in  ${\sim}1500$  boolean variables
- SAT solving < 1 sec</p>
- !! violations found before deployment