

# Multi-Agent Systems

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## Overview



- Recap
  - Situations from various domains (Programs, Knowledge, Belief, Desire, Obligation) can nicely be modeled using [graphical models](#).
  - [Kripke models](#) formalize graphical models.
  - By constraining the [accessibility relations](#) of Kripke frames we obtain [classes](#) that correspond to above concepts (Knowledge, Belief etc.)
- Today
  - Introducing formal languages to talk about Kripke models and thus generally about Knowledge, Belief, Desire, Obligation ...

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## Kripke Models



### Kripke Frame

Given a countable set of edge labels  $\mathcal{I}$ , a [Kripke Frame](#) is a tuple  $(W, R)$  such that:

- $W$  is a non-empty set of possible worlds, and
- $R : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow 2^{W \times W}$  maps each  $I \in \mathcal{I}$  to a binary relation  $R(I)$  on  $W$  (called the [accessibility relation](#) of  $I$ ).

### Kripke Model

$M = (W, R, V)$  is a [Kripke Model](#) where:

- $(W, R)$  is a Kripke frame, and
- $V : \mathcal{P} \rightarrow 2^W$  is called the [valuation](#) of a set of node labels  $\mathcal{P}$ .

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The elements of our language are called **formulas**  $\mathcal{F}$ . These formulas talk about what is true at a given possible world  $w$  in a Kripke model  $M = (W, R : \mathcal{I} \rightarrow 2^{W \times W}, V)$ .

- Remember that  $\mathcal{P}$  are the node labels in Kripke models. They constitute the **atomic formulae** in our language, e.g., *light\_on, sun\_shining*. Thus  $\mathcal{P} \subseteq \mathcal{F}$ .
- $\top, \perp \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}$ , then  $\neg\varphi \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- If  $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{F}$  then  $(\varphi \wedge \psi), (\varphi \vee \psi), (\varphi \rightarrow \psi), (\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi) \in \mathcal{F}$
- If  $\varphi \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $I \in \mathcal{I}$ , then  $[I]\varphi, \langle I \rangle \varphi \in \mathcal{F}$ .

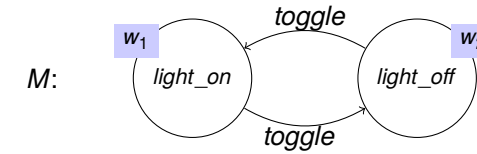
- Alethic logic (Necessity):  $\Box, \Diamond$
- Epistemic logic (Knowledge):  $\mathbf{K}, \hat{\mathbf{K}}$
- Doxastic logic (Belief):  $\mathbf{B}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}$
- Deontic logic (Obligation):  $\mathbf{O}, \mathbf{P}$
- Multi-Agent Epistemic logic: Agent name as subscript, e.g.,  $\mathbf{K}_{\text{mary}} \hat{\mathbf{K}}_{\text{john}} \text{sun\_shining}$

Given a Kripke model  $M$ , a possible world  $w$  of  $M$ , and a formula  $\varphi$ . We define when  $\varphi$  is true at  $w$ , written  $M, w \models \varphi$ :

- $M, w \models p$  iff.  $w \in V(p)$ , for atomic formulae  $p \in \mathcal{P}$ .
- $M, w \not\models \perp$ .
- $M, w \models \top$ .
- $M, w \models \neg\varphi$  iff.  $M, w \not\models \varphi$ .
- $M, w \models (\varphi \wedge \psi)$  iff.  $M, w \models \varphi$  and  $M, w \models \psi$ .
- $M, w \models (\varphi \vee \psi)$  iff.  $M, w \models \varphi$  or  $M, w \models \psi$ .
- $M, w \models (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$  iff.  $M, w \not\models \varphi$  or  $M, w \models \psi$ .
- $M, w \models (\varphi \leftrightarrow \psi)$  iff.  $M, w \models (\varphi \rightarrow \psi)$  and  $M, w \models (\psi \rightarrow \varphi)$ .
- $M, w \models [I]\varphi$  iff. for every  $u$ : if  $(w, u) \in R(I)$  then  $M, u \models \varphi$ .
- $M, w \models \langle I \rangle \varphi$  iff. for some  $u$ :  $(w, u) \in R(I)$  and  $M, u \models \varphi$ .

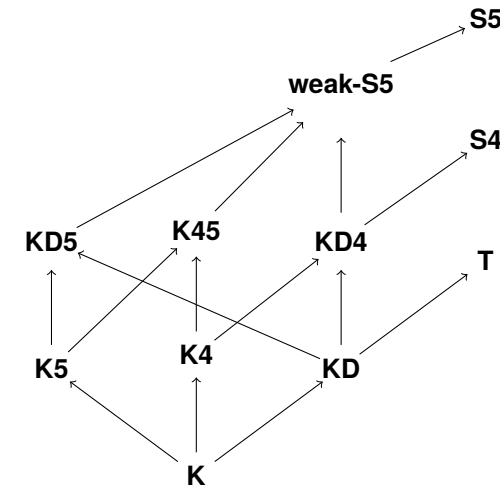
- 1  $M, w \models [I]\varphi$  iff.  $M, w \models \neg \langle I \rangle \neg\varphi$
- 2  $M, w \models \langle I \rangle \varphi$  iff.  $M, w \models \neg [I] \neg\varphi$
- To see that (1):
  - $M, w \models [I]\varphi$
  - iff. for every  $u$ : if  $(w, u) \in R(I)$  then  $M, u \models \varphi$
  - iff. it is not the case that for some  $u$ :  $(w, u) \in R(I)$  and  $M, u \models \neg\varphi$
  - iff. not  $M, w \models \langle I \rangle \neg\varphi$
  - iff.  $M, w \models \neg \langle I \rangle \neg\varphi$

- **Question:** Is a given formula  $\phi$  true in world  $w$  in model  $M$ ?
- **Input:** A Kripke model  $M$ , a world  $w$  in  $M$ , and a formula  $\phi$ .
- **Output:** “Yes” if  $M, w \models \phi$ , “No” else.



- $M, w_1 \models \langle toggle \rangle \top \wedge [toggle][toggle]light\_on$ 
  - 1  $M, w_1 \models \langle toggle \rangle \top$ 
    - 1.1 for some  $u$ :  $(w_1, u) \in R(toggle)$  and  $M, u \models \top$ .
      - 1.1.1 we find  $(w_1, w_2) \in R(toggle)$  and  $M, w_2 \models \top$ . ☺
  - 2  $M, w_1 \models [toggle][toggle]light\_on$ 
    - 2.1 for every  $u$ : if  $(w_1, u) \in R(toggle)$  then  $M, u \models [toggle]light\_on$ 
      - 2.1.1  $M, w_2 \models [toggle]light\_on$ .
        - 2.1.1.1 for every  $u$ : if  $(w_2, u) \in R(toggle)$  then  $M, u \models light\_on$ 
          - 2.1.1.1.1  $M, w_1 \models light\_on$ . ☺

- We say that a formula  $\phi$  is **valid in a class of frames  $\mathbf{C}$**  (one of **K**, **T**, **D**, **4**, **5**, and combinations thereof), written  $\models_{\mathbf{C}} \phi$ , iff.  $(W, R, V), w \models \phi$ 
  - for every frame  $(W, R)$ ,
  - every valuation  $V$  over  $(W, R)$ ,
  - every world  $w$  in  $W$ .
- A formula  $\phi$  **entails**  $\psi$  in the class  $\mathbf{C}$  (written  $\phi \models_{\mathbf{C}} \psi$ ) iff. for every model  $M$  in  $\mathbf{C}$  and every possible world  $w$  of  $M$ :
  - if  $M, w \models_{\mathbf{C}} \phi$  then  $M, w \models_{\mathbf{C}} \psi$
- Entailment can be reduced to validity:
  - $\phi \models_{\mathbf{C}} \psi$  iff.  $\models_{\mathbf{C}} \phi \rightarrow \psi$





- Valid formulas give us an idea of how the classes differ, and thus what is and is not specific to the **general behavior** of our modalities (Knowledge, Belief, Obligation etc.).
- Correspondences between classes of frames and formulas
  - $\Box(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$  (for every formulae  $\phi, \psi$ ) is **K**-valid (valid in the class of all frames)
  - $\Box\phi \rightarrow \phi$  (for every formulae  $\phi$ ) is **T**-valid (only valid in the class of reflexive frames)
  - $\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\Box\phi$  (for every formulae  $\phi$ ) is **D**-valid (only valid in the class of serial frames)
  - $\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\Box\Box\phi$  (for every formulae  $\phi$ ) is **4**-valid (only valid in the class of transitive frames)
  - $\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\Box\Box\Box\phi$  (for every formulae  $\phi$ ) is **5**-valid (only valid in the class of Euclidean frames)

- $\Box(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$  is **K**-valid:
  - 1 Let  $M$  be a arbitrarily chosen Kripke model and  $w$  be a arbitrary world in  $M$ .
    - 1.1 Assume  $M, w \models \Box(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$  (otherwise the formula is true anyway 😊). Thus, for every world  $u$ : if  $(w, u) \in R(I)$  then  $M, u \models \phi \rightarrow \psi$ .
      - 1.1.1 If  $\Box\phi$  is false in  $w$ , then  $(\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$  is true in  $w$ , and the overall formula is true in  $w$ . 😊
      - 1.1.2 If  $\Box\phi$  is true in  $w$ , then both  $\Box\phi \rightarrow \psi$  and  $\Box\phi$  are true in  $w$ . Thus, in every world  $u$  accessible from  $w$ , also  $\psi$  is true, i.e.,  $\Box\psi$  is true in  $w$ . Therefore, the overall formula is true in  $w$ . 😊

- $\Box\phi \rightarrow \phi$  is not **K**-valid:
  - Consider Kripke model  $M = (W, R, V)$  from class **K**:
    - $W = \{w\}$
    - $R(I) = \{\}$
    - $V(p) = \{\}$
  - Check that  $M, w \models \Box p$  and  $M, w \not\models p$ . Thus,  $M, w \not\models \Box p \rightarrow p$ .

- The validity problem can be reduced to the satisfiability problem:
  - Instead of asking whether  $\phi$  is true in all worlds in all Kripke models in a class, we can ask if  $\neg\phi$  is true in some world in some Kripke model in the class.
- Problem formulation:
  - **Input**: A formula  $\phi$ .
  - **Output**: “Yes” if there is a Kripke model  $M$  and a world  $w$  of  $M$  such that  $M, w \models \phi$ , “No” otherwise.
- It turns out that we can systematically search for Kripke models that satisfy some formula. With this tool at hand, we can algorithmically decide the satisfiability and validity problem of (most) modal logics. ➡ On Monday! 😊

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