

# Complexity and Expressivity of Propositional Logics with Team Semantics

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## **Preliminary skirmish**

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# Organisational information about the course

Material for the course:

- Lecture notes
- Slides (in advance) and writings into slides (afterwards)

## About the lecturers



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## Prerequisites and requirements

- Complexity theory foundations, e.g., [Pap07; Sip97]
- Propositional Logic foundations, e.g., [EFT94]
- Modal Logic (only relevant for last lecture), e.g., [BRV01]

**Monday, 5th of August** Syntax and Semantics, Properties, Problems.

**Tuesday, 6th of August** Expressivity and succinctness

**Wednesday, 7th of August** Inclusion Logic: P-complete MC, coNP-complete VAL

**Thursday, 8th of August** Dependence. Show MC(PDL) is NP-complete. DQBF, VAL(PDL) is NEXP-complete

**Friday, 9th of August** Hyperproperties, Temporal Aspects. TeamLTL(inclusion, dep) is undecidable.

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## **Lecture 1: Propositional Logics with Team Semantics**

Literature: [YV17]

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**Caution:** (In-)dependence is different. It does not manifest itself in single assignments, but in

- tables or relations
- sets of rounds of a game
- sets of assignments  $\rightsquigarrow$  teams

## (In-)Dependence Logics: Henkin-Quantifiers (1959)

$$\exists x \forall y \exists z \forall u \exists v \varphi(x, y, z, u, v) \text{ in } \mathcal{F}_0$$

$$\varphi = \left( \begin{array}{cc} \forall x & \exists y \\ \forall u & \exists v \end{array} \right) P(x, y, u, v)$$

**Semantics:** over Skolem functions or via games with imperfect information

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Leon A. Henkin  
(1921–2006)

$(A, P) \models \varphi$ , if there are functions  $f, g: A \rightarrow A$  such that for all  $a, c \in A$

$$P(a, f(a), c, g(c))$$

# (In-)Dependence Logics: Independence-friendly logic (1989)

- First logic with quantifiers that are annotated with independence
- **Quantification:**  $\varphi$  formula,  $x$  variable,  $W$  finite set of variables yields expressions  $(\exists x/W)\varphi$  and  $(\forall x/W)\varphi$
- **Game-theoretic Semantics:** In the evaluation game for  $(\exists x/W)\varphi$ , the value  $x$  has to be chosen independent of the values in  $W$
- At two positions  $((\exists x/W)\varphi, s)$  and  $((\exists x/W)\varphi, s')$  with  $s(y) \neq s'(y)$  for all  $y \in W$ , the same value for  $x$  has to be chosen

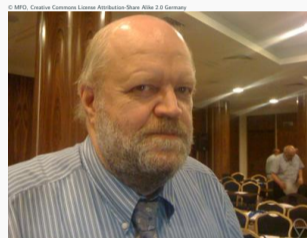
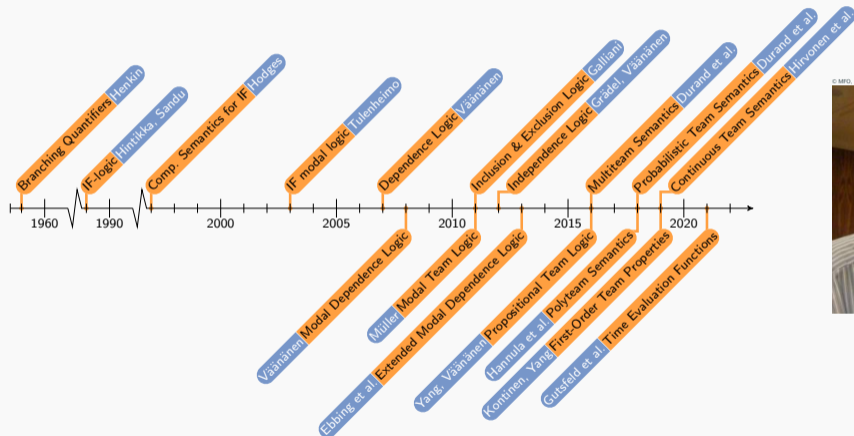


Jaakko Hintikka  
(1929-2005)



Gabriel Sandu  
(\* 1954)

# Dependence Logic: Historically



Jouko Väänänen  
(\* 1950)

## Dependence Logic: A Bit of Motivation

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**Task:** Consistency check of a timetable.

$\{\text{docent}, \text{time}\}$  functionally determines  $\{\text{room}, \text{lecture}\}$ , *where*  $\{\text{room}, \text{time}\}$  does not functionally determine  $\{\text{docent}\}$ .

# Dependence Logic: Applications

## Dependence Atom

- Models functional dependencies in **sets** of assignments
- Semantics:  $y$  depends on  $x$ , i.e.,  $y$  is uniquely determined by  $x$

$x$	$y$	$z$
0	1	0
0	1	1

 $\models \text{dep}(\{x\}; \{y\})$ 

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## Applications: Modelling of...

- database schemes
- deterministic behaviour
- specifications
- ...



# Team-Based Propositional Logic

## Definition 1

Let PROP be a countably infinite set of propositions.

- Propositional Team Logic (PL):

$$\varphi ::= x \mid \neg x \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi$$

*only atomic negation!*

where  $x \in \text{PROP}$  and  $P, Q \subseteq \text{PROP}$

- A **team** over PROP is a set of assignments, i.e., an element of  $\mathcal{P}(2^{\text{PROP}})$

*↓*  
*assignment  $s : \text{PROP} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$*

a set of assignments

For assignmt.  $s: \text{PROP} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  and  $P \subseteq \text{PROP}$ ,  $s|_P$  is assignmt. restricted to  $P$ .

## Definition 2

Let  $T$  be a team and  $\varphi, \psi \in \text{PL}[\text{dep}]$ . We define  $T \models \varphi$  recursively via:

$$T \models x \quad \text{iff} \quad s(x) = 1 \quad \forall s \in T,$$

$$T \models \neg x \quad \text{iff} \quad s(x) = 0 \quad \forall s \in T,$$

$$T \models \varphi \wedge \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad T \models \varphi \text{ and } T \models \psi,$$

$$T \models \varphi \vee \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists T_1 \exists T_2 (T = T_1 \cup T_2) \text{ s.t. } T_1 \models \varphi \text{ and } T_2 \models \psi.$$

Caution: Only atomic negation here.

for team, classically

$$T_1 = T \quad \{s\} \models \varphi \text{ and } \{s\} \not\models \psi \quad T_2 = \emptyset$$

$$\{T_1 = \emptyset \quad \{s\} \not\models \varphi \text{ and } \{s\} \models \psi \quad T_2 = T$$

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classically:  $\{s\} \models \varphi \vee \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad \{s\} \models \varphi \text{ or } \{s\} \models \psi$

# Dependence Atoms

$\mathcal{P}, Q \in \text{PROP}$

$\text{dep}(x_1, \dots, x_n; y)$      $\text{dep}(x_1, \dots, x_n; y_1, \dots, y_m)$   
 $= (x_1, \dots, x_n; y)$

$T \models \text{dep}(P; Q)$     iff     $\forall s, t \in T : s \upharpoonright P = t \upharpoonright P \Rightarrow s \upharpoonright Q = t \upharpoonright Q.$

**Notation:** PL[dep] for propositional logic with dependence atoms.

**Observations:**

$T \models \text{dep}(\cdot; Q)$     iff     $\forall s, t \in T : s \upharpoonright Q = t \upharpoonright Q$  (Constancy Atom),

$T \models \neg \text{dep}(P, Q)$     iff     $T = \emptyset.$

# Team Semantics from the Database Perspective

propositions  $\triangleq$  attributes

assignment  $\triangleq$  entries

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team  $\triangleq$  table

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dep({docent, time}, {room, lecture})

## We only consider Propositional Team Logic here

**Caution:** encode all entries in binary (Propositional Logic vs. FO)

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(Left) Sample database with 4 attributes and universe size 15.

(Right) Encoding with  $\lceil \log_2(3) \rceil + \lceil \log_2(3) \rceil + \lceil \log_2(5) \rceil + \lceil \log_2(4) \rceil$ -many propositions.



# Interesting and Important Properties of such Logics

*Comes a little bit later*

property	definition	dep	$\subseteq$	$\perp$	
Downward closure	$T \models \varphi$ and $T' \subseteq T$ implies $T' \models \varphi$	✓	×	×	✓
Union closure	$T \models \varphi$ and $T' \models \varphi$ implies $T \cup T' \models \varphi$	×	✓	✓	×

All logics considered here are:

$$\text{flat: } T \models \varphi \iff \forall s \in T : \{s\} \models \varphi$$

and satisfy the

$$\text{Empty team property: } \emptyset \models \varphi.$$

# Downward Closure of PL[dep]

## Lemma 3

PL[dep] is downward closed.

Proof. By structural induction over  $\varphi$ . Let  $T$  be any team.

IB 1)  $\varphi = x \in \text{PROP}$ . If  $T \models \varphi$  then  $T \models x$ . Hence  $\forall s \in T : s(x) = 1$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \forall T' \subseteq T : \forall s' \in T' : s'(x) = 1 \Rightarrow T' \models \varphi$ .

2)  $\varphi = \text{dep}(P; Q)$ . Semantics:  $\forall s, t \in T : s \models P = t \models P \Rightarrow s \models Q = t \models Q$ .  
 $\Rightarrow \forall T' \subseteq T : \forall s', t' \in T' : s' \models P = t' \models P \Rightarrow s' \models Q = t' \models Q \Rightarrow T' \models \text{dep}(P; Q)$

IS 1)  $\varphi \Rightarrow x$ ,  $x \in \text{PROP}$ , then similarly to (B 1) we get  $T' \models \varphi$ .

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2)  $\varphi = \alpha \wedge \beta$ . By  $T \models \varphi$  we get  $T \models \alpha$  and  $T \models \beta$  (semantics).

By IH  $\forall T' \subseteq T : T' \models \alpha$ , By IH  $\forall T' \subseteq T : T' \models \beta$   
Hence:  $\forall T' \subseteq T : T' \models \alpha \wedge \beta$ .

3)  $\varphi = \alpha \vee \beta$ . By semantics, we get  $\exists T_1, T_2$  with  $T = T_1 \cup T_2$  s.t.

$T_1 \models \alpha$  and  $T_2 \models \beta$ .

By IH:  $\forall T'_1 \subseteq T_1 : T'_1 \models \alpha$

By IH:  $\forall T'_2 \subseteq T_2 : T'_2 \models \beta$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \forall T' \subseteq T \exists T'_1, T'_2, T_1 \cup T_2 = T \\ T'_1 \models \alpha \vee \beta = \varphi \end{array} \right\}$

□

# Decision Problems

**Problem:** PL[dep]-MC — the model checking problem

**Input:** A PL[dep]-formula  $\varphi$ , a team  $T$  over  $\mathbf{Vars}(\varphi)$

**Question:** Is  $T \models \varphi$  true?

**Problem:** PL[dep]-SAT — the satisfiability problem

**Input:** A PL[dep]-formula  $\varphi$

**Question:** Exists a non-empty team  $T$  over  $\mathbf{Vars}(\varphi)$  with  $T \models \varphi$ ?

**Theorem 4** ([Loh12, Theorem 4.13], **Proof: Thursday**)

PL[dep]-MC is NP-complete.

# Satisfiability Does not Become Harder Than in the Classical Case

## Complexity of Classical SAT

Theorem 5 ([Coo71; Lev73])

PL[dep]-SAT is NP-complete.

We know: PL[dep] is downward closed. This gives:

**Lemma** A PL[dep]-formula is satisfiable iff a singleton team satisfies it.

Note: dependence atoms are always satisfied by singleton teams.

**Lemma** For any  $\varphi \in \text{PL[dep]}$  and singleton team  $\{s\}$ , we have that

$\{s\} \models \varphi$  iff  $\{s\} \models \varphi^*$ , where  $\varphi^*$  is  $\varphi$  but every  $\text{dep}(V_i @)$

is replaced by constant true, e.g.,  $p \vee q$ ,  $p \wedge q$

**Proof of Thm 5**

NP-hardness: follows for singletons w.r.t. classical NP-hardness

NP-membership: two lemmas of above yield reduction to classical SAT.

□

## Inclusion (Wednesday)

$$p_i, q_i \in \text{PROP}$$

$$\bar{p} = p_1 \cdots p_k$$

Inspired by “inclusion dependencies” from database theory.

$$T \models p_1 \cdots p_k \subseteq q_1 \cdots q_k \text{ iff } \forall u \in T \exists v \in T : u(\bar{p}) = v(\bar{q})$$

**Theorem 6 ([Hel+20, Cor. 3.6])**

PL[ $\subseteq$ ]-SAT is EXP-complete.

TIME( $2^{O(n)}$ )

**Theorem 7 ([Hel+19, Thm. 13])**

PL[ $\subseteq$ ]-MC is P-complete.

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“the variables in  $\bar{p}$  are completely independent of  $\bar{q}$  for each constant value of  $\bar{r}$ ”

### **Theorem 8 ([Han+18])**

PL[ $\perp$ ]-SAT and PL[ $\perp$ ]-MC are NP-complete.

$$T \models p_1 \cdots p_k \mid q_1 \cdots q_k \text{ iff } \forall (u, v) \in T \times T : u(\bar{p}) \neq v(\bar{q})$$

**Theorem 9 (by vanilla SAT, [Coo71; Lev73])**

PL[[]]-SAT is NP-complete.

Classical problem is coNP-complete.  
 $\varphi$  is valid iff  $\neg\varphi$  is in IMP.

A formula  $\varphi$  entails a formula  $\psi$  if and only if every team that satisfies  $\varphi$  also satisfies  $\psi$ , written  $\varphi \models \psi$ . A set of formulas  $\Sigma$  entails a formula  $\varphi$  if and only if every team that satisfies all formulas in  $\Sigma$  also satisfies  $\varphi$ , written  $\Sigma \models \varphi$ .

**Problem:** PL[dep]-IMP — the entailment problem for PL[dep]

Eingabe: a set of PL[dep]-formulas  $\Sigma$ , a PL[dep]-formula  $\varphi$

Frage: Is  $\Sigma \models \varphi$  true?

**Theorem 10 ([Han19, Thm. 5.6, Thm. 6.1])**

PL[dep]-IMP is coNEXPTIME<sup>NP</sup>-complete.

Each call is charged (O(1)) time units  
 Base machine is coNEXPTIME, oracle calls to an NP-machine

# Conclusion of Lecture 1

- Team semantics
- Dependence Atoms
- Inclusion, Exclusion, Independence
- Complexity of Satisfiability of PL[dep]
- Properties of PL[dep]    *Downward closure*

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## Lecture 2: Expressive power of team-based logics

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