

# A formalism to specify unambiguous instructions inspired by Mīmāṃsā in computational settings

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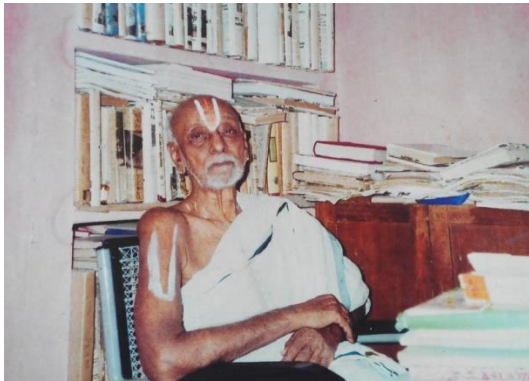
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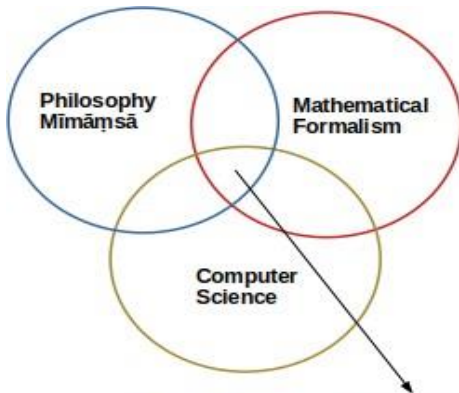
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# Motivation



**Formalism inspired from Mīmāṃsā**

**Mīmāṃsā Inspired Representation of Actions (MIRA)**

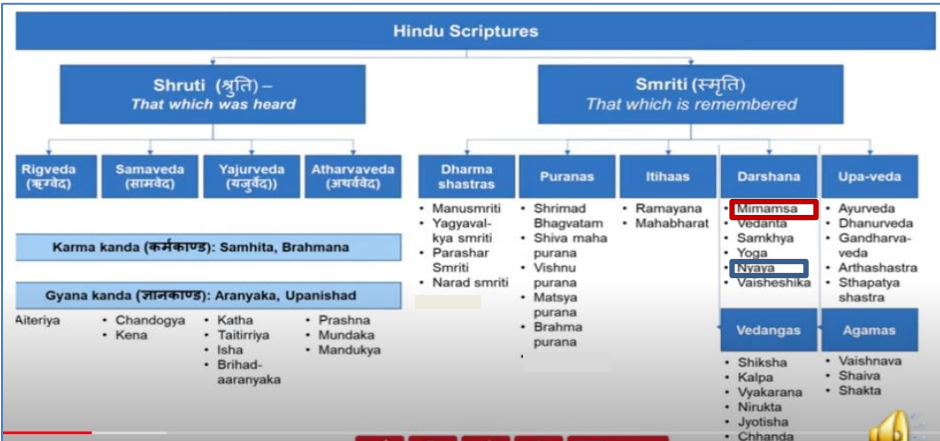


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# Overview of Hindu Scriptures

angāni vedās chatvārah, Mīmāṃsā nyāya vistarah |  
purānam dharma śhāstram cha vidya hyetās chaturdasha | |



# Introduction to Mīmāṃsā


- Vedas (*apauruṣeya*) constitute a body of knowledge revealed and passed on through oral traditions
- Mīmāṃsā by Sage Jaimini deals with the interpretation of Vedic injunctions (for the performance of rituals) that signify right action (dharma)
  - Mīmāṃsā - thinking, reflecting back, investigating, interpreting what is said in the Vedas
- Karma Mīmāṃsā / Pūrva Mīmāṃsā - arranged in 12 chapters deals with rituals and actions





## The concept of Bhāvanā in Mīmāṃsā

- Bhāvanā - '*Bringing into Being*' - Addresses **motivation** at the psychological level and at the actual activity level

Type of bhāvanā	Objective (What?)	Instrument (How?)	Auxiliaries (Through what means?)
Śābdībhāvanā (Psychological level)	Generating āarthībhāvanā	Knowledge of verbal termination	Arthavāda (Eulogy or Criticism)
Ārthībhāvanā (Actual activity level)	Objective of sacrifice	Actual Performance	Procedure that involves instruction interpretation 

## A few interpretation tenets in Mīmāṃsā

- Types of injunctions
- Classification of injunctions
- Connection between injunctive and non-injunctive statements
- Determination of the sequence
- Rules denoting mandatory and optional performance of actions



# Mīmāṃsā - Vidhi, Niṣedha and Arthavāda

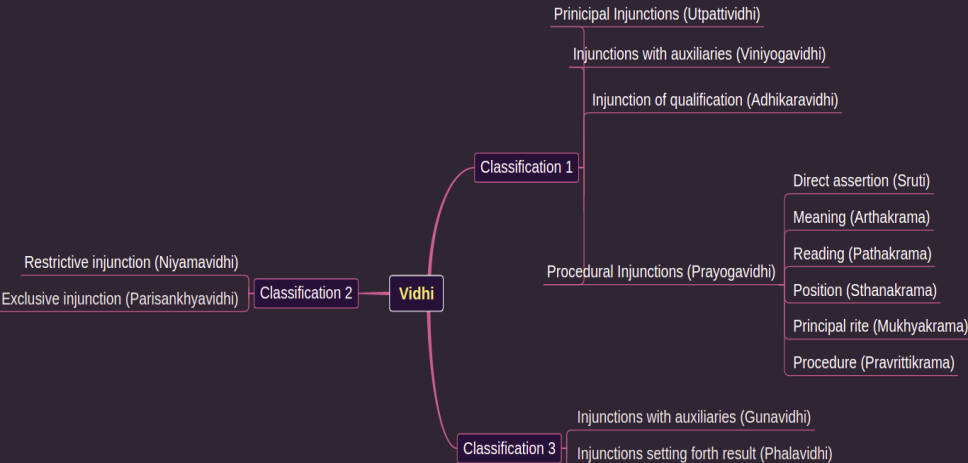
- Injunctive statements (Vidhi): These direct a person to perform actions
  - Example: 'Tell the truth'
- Prohibitory statements (Niṣedha): These prohibit a person from performing an action
  - Example: 'Do not harm others'
- Eulogy and Criticism (Arthavāda): These type of statements support injunctions
  - Example: 'Vāyu being a God of speed will help you achieve the results faster (Vayūr Vai Kshepishtha Devata..')

## Mīmāṃsā – Arthavāda contd.

- Connection between injunctive and non-injunctive statements (hetu-hetumatbhāva)
- Injunctions with conditions or reason
- Example:
  - “If it is raining, take an umbrella”
    - the two parts have different verbal forms
  - “take an umbrella”, is the injunction
  - “If it is raining” expresses ground or reason (hetu) for the injunction



# Various Classifications of Vidhi



# Restrictive and Exclusive Injunctions

- **Restrictive injunction (Niyamavidhi)** : When two or more methods are possible to reach the goal, making one of these mandatory is a restrictive injunction
- Example: “Pound the corn to remove the husk” - the husk can normally be removed in more than one way.
  - But, this injunction mandates that the husk is to be removed only by the action of pounding
- **Exclusive injunction (Parisaṅkhyāvidhi)**: Exclusion of one from two items that are present simultaneously is an exclusive injunction
- “When two alternatives become simultaneously available, the rule which excludes one of them is the injunction of exclusion”
- Example: “Only five animals with five toes may be eaten”, implies that five-toed animals other than the stipulated five must not be eaten

## Mandatory and optional rules

- **Obligatory Rule (samuccayah):** If several accessories in the form of instructions are detailed, leading to several subgoals, which thereby lead to a single goal, Mīmāṃsā mandates performing all those
- Example: 'Take pencil to draw and take pen to write to get good grade in examination'
- **Optional Rule (vikalpa):** If several optional instructions are laid out to achieve the same purpose, Mīmāṃsā suggests choosing one among those instructions.
- Example: 'Go by cycle or go by bus to reach the destination'



## Basis of the formalism

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Ārthībhāvanā (Actual activity level)	Objective of sacrifice	Actual Performance	Procedure that involves instruction interpretation

- **Motivation:** Intention to achieve the goal is identified as the prime requirement of instruction execution
- **Auxiliaries:** Interpretation is carried out according to Mīmāṃsā principles
- **Instruction Execution:** Carried out with three values
  - Satisfaction (S), Violation (V) and no intention to reach the goal (N)





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$$\mathcal{F}_i = i | (i \rightarrow_p p) | (i \rightarrow_p p_1) \wedge (j \rightarrow_p p_2) | (i \rightarrow_p \theta) \oplus (j \rightarrow_p \theta) | (\varphi \rightarrow_i \psi) | (\tau \rightarrow_r \varphi)$$

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$ci$  - conjunction introduction,  $ce$  - conjunction elimination,  $de\_nv$  - Niyamavidhi,  
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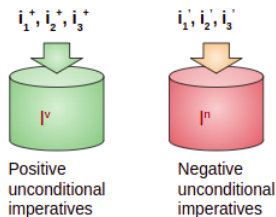


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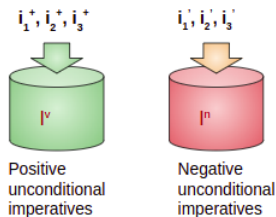


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- Inspired from *vidhi* and *niṣedha*, respectively from Mīmāṃsā.





# Imperative enjoining goal

$\varphi$	$\theta$	$\varphi \rightarrow_p \theta$
S	T	S
S	$\perp$	N
V	T	V
V	$\perp$	N
N	T	N
N	$\perp$	N

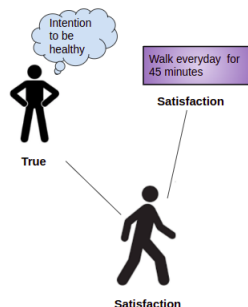
$\varphi$  - Walk everyday for 45 minutes

$\theta$  - To stay healthy

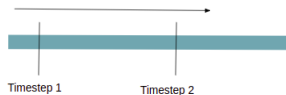
T - True,  $\perp$  - False

S - Satisfaction, V - Violation

N - Disinterest/ No intention in reaching the goal



# Imperative enjoining sequence of actions



$\varphi^1$	$\psi^2$	$\varphi \rightarrow_i \psi$
S	S	S
S	V	V
V	S	V
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N	S/V	N
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$\varphi$  - Take the paper  $\psi$  - Then write

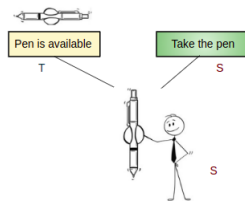
Assumption: At timestep1,  $\varphi$  holds one of the values S, V, N



# Imperative enjoining reason

$\tau$	$\varphi$	$\tau \rightarrow_r \varphi$
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T	N	N
$\perp$	S	N
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$\perp$	N	N

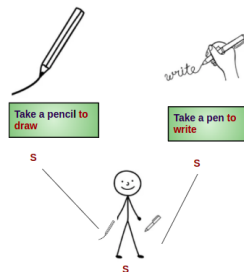
$\varphi$ - imperative formula,  $\tau$  - reason



# Conjunction of imperatives

$i_1 \rightarrow_p p_1$	$i_2 \rightarrow_p p_2$	$(i_1 \rightarrow_p p_1) \wedge (i_2 \rightarrow_p p_2)$
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S	V	V
S	N	N
V	S	V
V	V	V
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$i_1, i_2$  - unconditional imperatives,  $p_1, p_2$  - goal

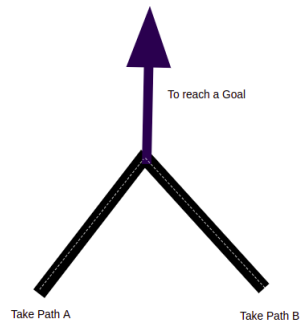


- Take a pencil to draw -  $i_1 \rightarrow_p p_1$
- Take a pen to write -  $i_2 \rightarrow_p p_2$

# Disjunction of Imperatives

$i \rightarrow_p p$	$j \rightarrow_p p$	$(i \rightarrow_p p) \oplus (j \rightarrow_p p)$
<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>V</i>
<i>S</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>S</i>
<i>S</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>S</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>V</i>	<i>V</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>N</i>
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- **Base Case** (Axiom): If  $k = 1$ , then  $\varphi \vdash \varphi$ . From the action performance table, whenever  $\varphi = S$ ,  $\varphi = S$  as well. Therefore,  $\varphi \models \varphi$ .



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Therefore, by induction on the number of lines of proof, when  $(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n) \vdash \psi$ ,  
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This theorem is proved on the basis of induction with the help of action performance tables.

- Let  $\Pi$  be the imperative formula with an associated action performance table with formulas  $\phi_1, \phi_2, \dots, \phi_n$ , leading to  $\psi$
- The proof is with six cases based on action performance tables and deduction rules



# Completeness - 2 contd.

## 1 Case 1: $\Pi$ in the form $i$

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The two formulas in this case are  $i$  and  $p$ , where  $i \in \mathcal{F}_i$  is an imperative and  $p$ , a proposition formula with proposition atoms  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$ . We proceed in two steps through induction hypothesis and deduction rule.

- By induction hypothesis and by Case 1,  $i \vdash i$ . By induction hypothesis and by proposition logic,  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r \vdash p$ .
- By deduction rule *cni* where  $X = i$ ,  $Y = p$  and  $w = p$ ,

$$i, p \vdash (i \rightarrow_p p)$$



# Completeness - 3 contd.

## 3 Case 3: $\Pi$ is of the form $(i_1 \rightarrow_p p_1) \wedge (i_2 \rightarrow_p p_2)$

Here, four formulas are  $i_1, i_2, p_1$  and  $p_2$ .  $i_1, i_2 \in \mathcal{F}_i$  are imperative atoms and  $p_1, p_2$  are goals, represented as proposition formulas with  $p_1 \neq p_2$ .

- By induction hypothesis and by Case 2,

$$i_1, p_1 \vdash (i_1 \rightarrow_p p_1)$$

$$i_2, p_2 \vdash (i_2 \rightarrow_p p_2)$$

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- By deduction rule  $ci$ ,

$$i_1, i_2, p_1, p_2 \vdash (i_1 \rightarrow_p p_1) \wedge (i_2 \rightarrow_p p_2)$$

This rule is applicable when the goals are different, i.e.  $p_1 \neq p_2$ .



# Completeness - 4 contd.

- 4 Case 4:  $\Pi$  is of the form  $(i_1 \rightarrow_p p) \oplus (i_2 \rightarrow_p p)$**  In this case, there are three formulas  $i_1, i_2$  and  $p$ , where  $i_1, i_2 \in I$  are imperative atoms and  $p$  is goal represented as a proposition formula. We proceed with the induction hypothesis and a Lemma.

- By induction hypothesis and Case 2,

$$i_1, p \vdash (i_1 \rightarrow_p p)$$

$$i_2, p \vdash (i_2 \rightarrow_p p)$$

- Let  $i_1 = i_1^+$  and  $i_2 = i_2^+$

**Lemma:**

- If  $(i_1^+ \rightarrow_p p)$  occurs with  $i_2'$ , then  $(i_1^+ \rightarrow_p p) \oplus (i_2^+ \rightarrow_p p)$  can be deduced.
- Similarly, if  $(i_2^+ \rightarrow_p p)$  occurs with  $i_1'$ , then  $(i_1^+ \rightarrow_p p) \oplus (i_2^+ \rightarrow_p p)$  can be deduced.



# Completeness - 5 contd.

## 5 Case 5: $\Pi$ is of the form $(\tau \rightarrow_r \varphi)$

Here,  $\tau$  is a proposition formula and  $\varphi$ , an imperative formula. Let  $\tau$  have proposition atoms  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_r$  and  $\varphi$  have imperative formulas  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_s$ . In this case, the imperative formula can also be of the type  $(\tau \rightarrow_r \varphi)$ . To address this aspect Case 5a and Case 5b are considered.



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- By deduction rule *cni*, where  $X = \tau$  and  $Y = \varphi$  with  $w = r$ ,

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# Completeness - 6 contd.

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- By deduction rule *cni*, where  $X = \varphi$  and  $Y = \psi$  with  $w = i$ ,

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$$\varphi, \psi \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow_i \psi)$$

### ■ Case 6b: Imperative formula of type $(\varphi \rightarrow_i \psi)$

- By induction hypothesis and through Case 6a,  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_s \vdash \varphi$  and  $\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n \vdash \psi$ .
- By deduction rule *cni*, where  $X = \varphi$  and  $Y = \psi$  with  $w = i$ ,

$$\varphi, \psi \vdash (\varphi \rightarrow_i \psi)$$

Therefore, when  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n \models \psi$ , then  $\varphi_1, \varphi_2, \dots, \varphi_n \vdash \psi$

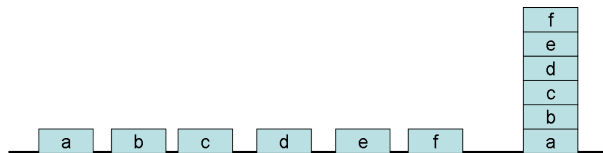


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# AI Planning



**Table:** Result of block world

Initial State: Blocks <i>a, b, c</i> <i>d, e, f</i> on table
Final state: <i>b</i> on <i>a</i> , <i>c</i> on <i>b</i> <i>d</i> on <i>c</i> , <i>e</i> on <i>d</i> , <i>f</i> on <i>e</i>
After step 1 Sequence: <i>move b a</i> , <i>move c b</i>
After step 2 Sequence: <i>move d c</i> , <i>move e d</i>
After step 3 Sequence: <i>move f e</i>

**Table:** Comparison

Number of blocks	Length of optimal plan	Length of Plan using MIRA
20	19	10
25	24	13
30	29	15
35	34	18
40	39	20



# Task Analysis for Special Education

Generates a sequence of tasks from the jumbled sets of task

The screenshot shows a software window titled "MIRATaskGen" with a menu bar containing "File". The main content area has a yellow background and is titled "Task Facilitator using MIRA".

On the left side, there is a form with the following fields and buttons:

- Number of actions :** A text box containing the number "7".
- Title:** A text box containing the text "Preparing a bread sandwich".
- Enter** button.
- Action1:** Spread butter and jam on bread
- Action2:** Take bread
- Action3:** Open the bread bag
- Action4:** Get the bread bag
- Action5:** Get knife
- Action6:** Get jam
- Action7:** Get butter
- Get Sequence** button.

On the right side, the generated sequence is displayed:

**Sequence**

- Step1**
  - Get butter
  - Get jam
  - Get knife
  - Get the bread bag
- Step2**
  - Open the bread bag
- Step3**
  - Take bread
- Step4**
  - Spread butter and jam on bread

At the bottom of the sequence, it says **Goal Reached**.



# Robotics - 1

Running example: A robot moves from the location *hall* to *porch*.

If the robot senses a *person*, it has to switch on the *camera*.

The locations *hall* and *porch* are adjacent to each other and the robot starts in *hall* with *camera* in *off* position.

**Table: LTLMoP specification with equivalent LTL formulas**

Env starts with false	$\pi_{\neg person}$
Robot with false	$\pi_{\neg camera}$
Robot in hall	$\varphi_{hall}$
Do camera if and only if you are sensing the person	$\square(\bigcirc \pi_{camera} \Leftrightarrow \bigcirc \pi_{person})$
go to porch infinitely often	$\square \diamond (\varphi_{porch})$

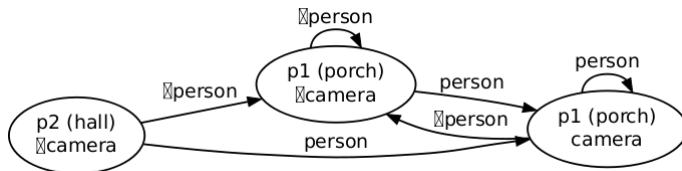
## MIRA specification

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 r_{hall} & \rightarrow_r i_{hgotop} \rightarrow_p r_{porch} \\
 x_{person} & \rightarrow_r i_{on} \\
 x_{\neg person} & \rightarrow_r i_{off}
 \end{array}$$

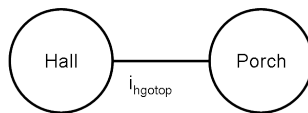


# Robotics - 2

For the same example, mentioned above, automaton generated from LTLMoP:



In MIRA based approach, no state space is involved. But the workspace is described through graph.



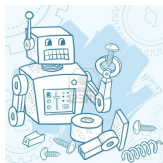


# Robotics - 3

For the example mentioned above, the action of *switching on the camera*, on seeing the person is shown as the transition from *false* value to a *true* value.

Dummy Actuator Handler		
	Time	camera
1	21:10:41	False
2	21:10:49	True

Difficulty with true or false values. If the robot is broken and manually placed in porch, the value is *true*.



**Figure:** Courtesy: <http://www.123rf.com/> (Royalty free photos)

MIRA based approach: If robot could not move, the value is *V*.

# Instruction classification

Sl. No	Type	Inspired from Mīmāṃsā	Zhang et. al (2012)
1	Negative Instruction	<i>Niṣedha</i>	-
2	Mandatory Instruction	<i>saṃuccayaḥ</i>	-
3	Optional Instruction	<i>Vikalpa</i>	-
4	Goal	<i>phalavidhi</i>	Post-condition
5	Reason	<i>Hetu-hetumatbhāva</i>	Precondition
6	Instruction with auxiliaries	<i>Viniyogavidhi</i>	Instrument
7	Object	derived from <i>vidhi</i>	actee
8	Action modifier	-	derived from adjectives



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