

# Automation of Normative Reasoning – Rule-based Systems and Answer Set Programming

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# Overview

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Motivation: multi-agent systems

Rule Based Systems

Answer Set Programming Systems

Conclusion

# Tasks

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SIMULATE CASE  
OF EMERGENCY



TRUST  
NEGOTIATION



PRICE  
NEGOTIATIONS



SCHEDULING  
DECISIONS

# Why not just logic

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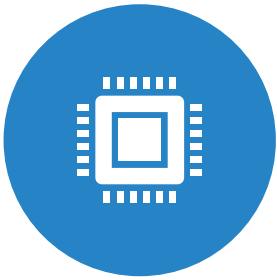
## Norms:

- It is forbidden to cross red lights
- Paying a fine is way of “fixing” it
- Logic – look for a conflict
- Is there a conflict?



# Norms representation:

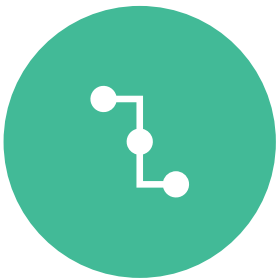
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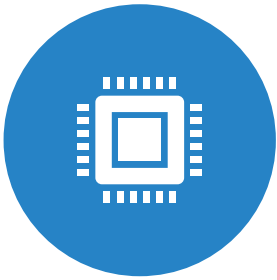
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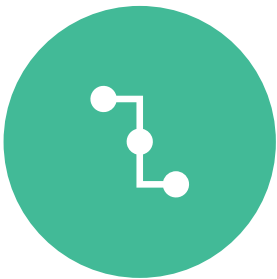
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# Rule Based System

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Norm Negotiation by Guido

Rule Responder by Paschke and Boley

# Norm Negotiation by Guido

## Agent:

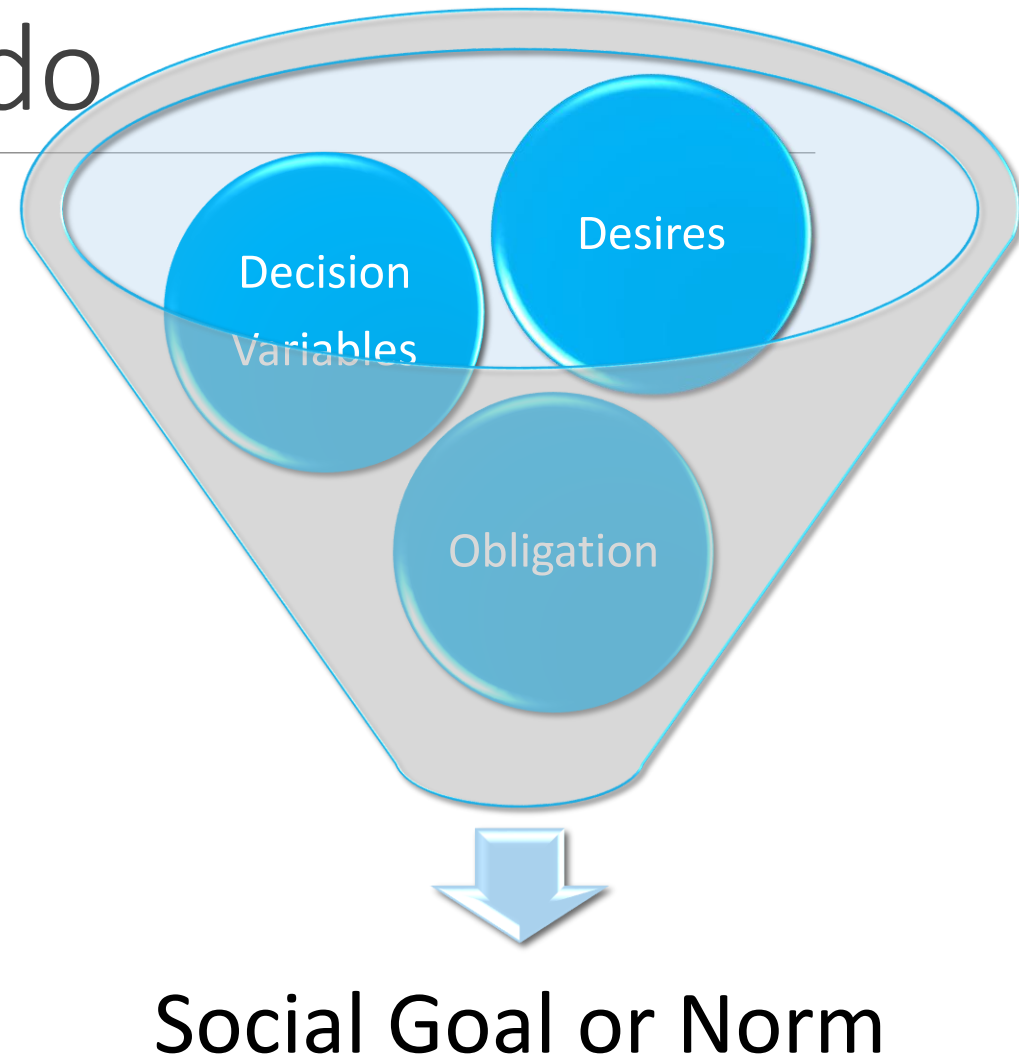
- Decision Variables
- Desires
- Priority relation

## Obligations:

- Obligatory
- Sanction
- Reward

## Negotiation Protocol:

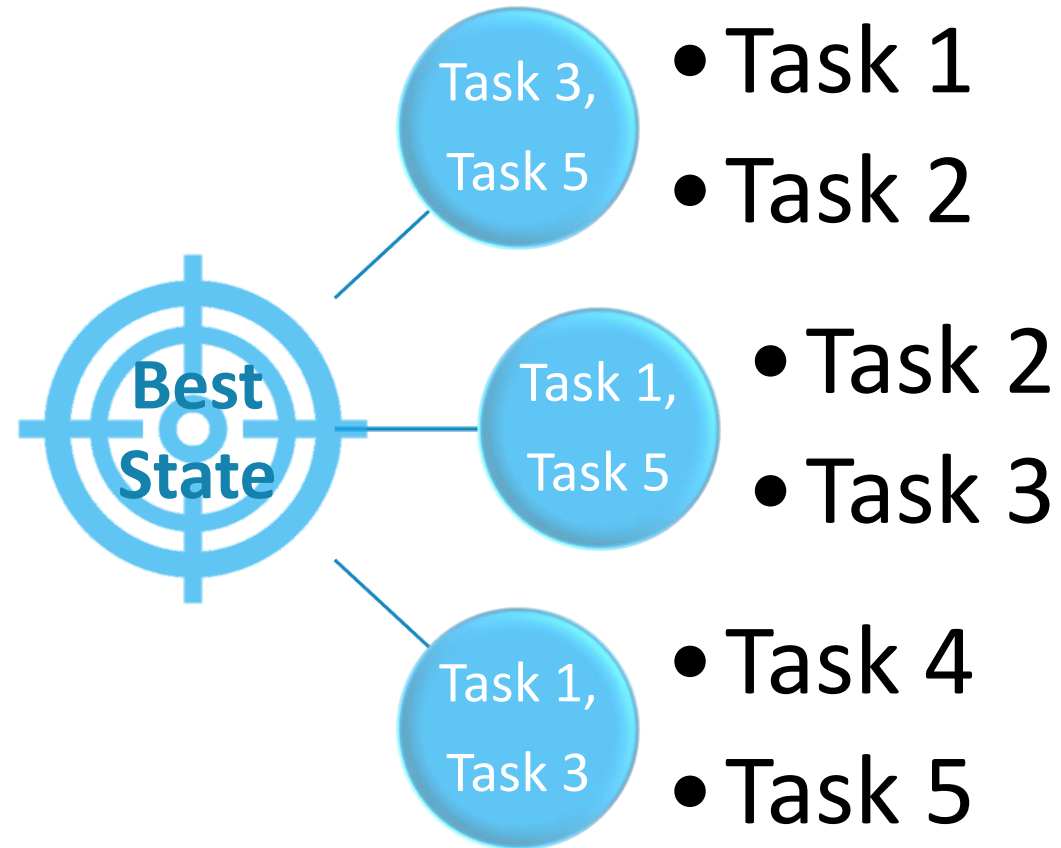
- Negotiation Actions
- Agent proposes a deal
- Others accept or not -> success or failure





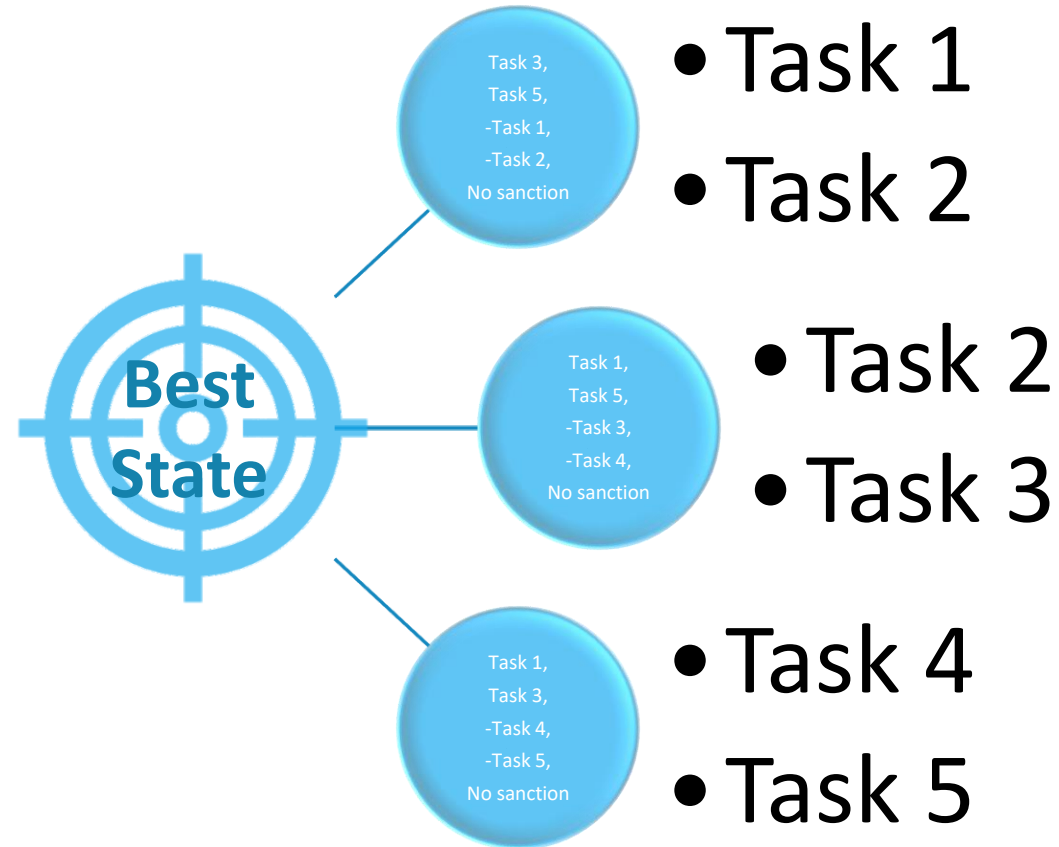
# Example. Social Goal Negotiation

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# Example . Social Norm Negotiation

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# Example

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$action_1 : propose(a_1, d_1 = \langle \tau_\delta, \langle s_1, s_2, s_3 \rangle \rangle)$  where

$\tau_\delta = \{task_1(a_1), task_2(a_2), task_3(a_3), task_4(a_3), task_5(a_3)\}$

$action_2 : accept(a_2, d_1)$

$action_3 : reject(a_3, d_1)$

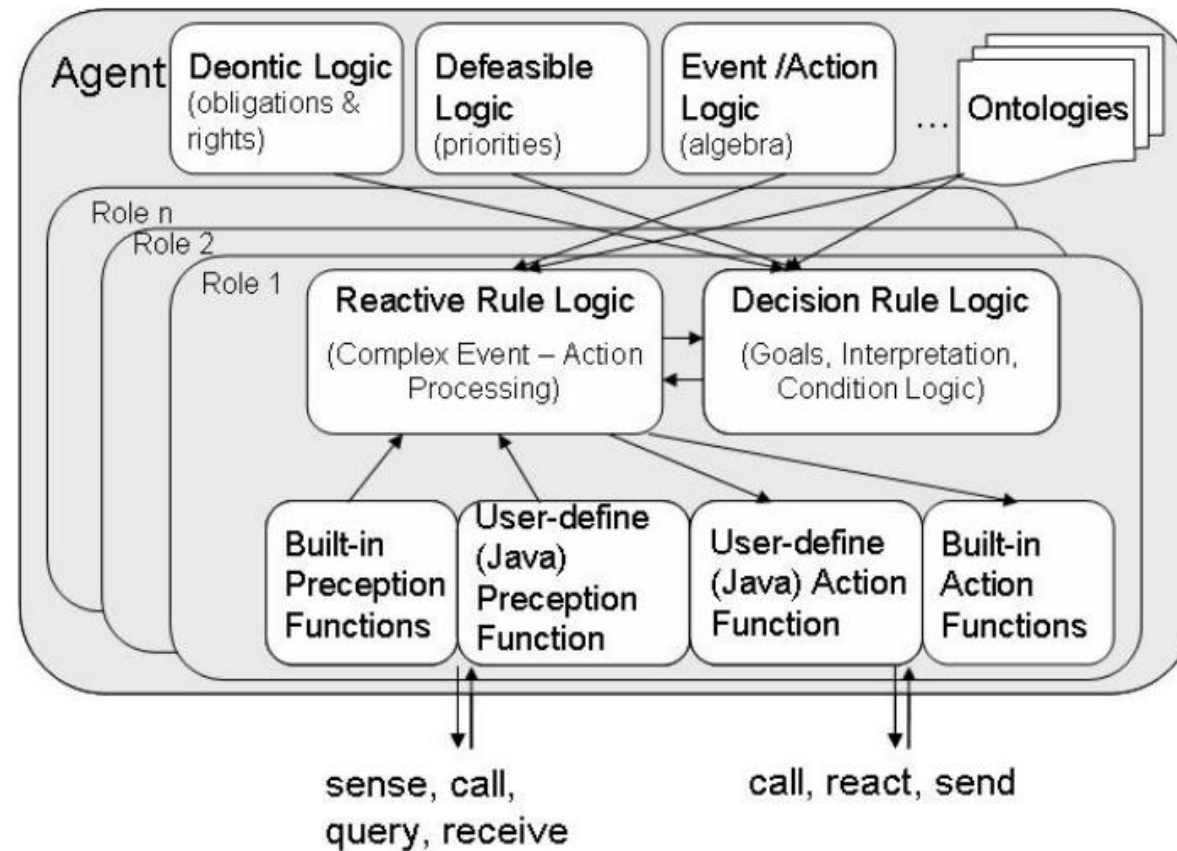
$action_4 : propose(a_2, d_2 = \langle \tau'_\delta, \langle s_1, s_2, s_3 \rangle \rangle)$  where

$\tau'_\delta = \{task_1(a_1), task_2(a_2), task_3(a_2), task_4(a_3), task_5(a_3)\}$

$action_5 : accept(a_3, d_2)$

$action_6 : accept(a_1, d_2)$

# Rule Responder by Paschke and Boley



# Example

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<Rule style="active|messaging|reasoning">

    <meta>    <!-- (semantic) metadata of the rule -->                </meta>
    <evaluation> <!-- intended semantics -->                        </evaluation>
    <qualification> <!-- e.g. qualifying rule declarations, e.g.
                        priorities, validity, strategy -->    </qualification>
    <quantification> <!-- quantifying rule declarations -->    </quantification>
    <scope> <!-- scope of the rule e.g. a local rule module -->    </scope>
    <oid>    <!-- object id of the rule -->                </oid>

    <on>      <!-- event part -->                                </on>
    <if>      <!-- condition part -->                            </if>
    <then>    <!-- (logical) conclusion part -->                </then>
    <do>      <!-- action part -->                                </do>
    <after>   <!-- postcondition part after action,
                        e.g. to check effects of execution -->    </after>
    <else>    <!-- (logical) else conclusion -->                </else>
    <elsedo>  <!-- alternative/else action,
                        e.g. for default handling -->            </elsedo>

</Rule>
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# Answer Set Programming

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Institutions instead of agents

institutional fluent (IF) instead of obligations:

- Institutional Power
- Permission
- Obligation

Institutional state – set of IF

institutional states change due to events

# Example

$$\mathcal{E}_{obs} = \{\text{shoot}, \text{startwar}, \text{declaretruce}, \text{callup}, \text{provoke}\} \quad (1)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{instruct} = \{\text{conscript}, \text{murder}\} \quad (2)$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{viol} = \{\text{viol}(\text{shoot}), \text{viol}(\text{startwar}), \text{viol}(\text{declaretruce}), \\ \text{viol}(\text{callup}), \text{viol}(\text{provoke}), \text{viol}(\text{conscript}), \text{viol}(\text{murder})\} \quad (3)$$

$$\mathcal{D} = \{\text{atwar}\} \quad (4)$$

$$\mathcal{W} = \{\text{pow}(\text{conscript}), \text{pow}(\text{murder})\} \quad (5)$$

$$\mathcal{M} = \{\text{perm}(\text{shoot}), \text{perm}(\text{startwar}), \text{perm}(\text{declaretruce}), \\ \text{perm}(\text{callup}), \text{perm}(\text{provoke}), \text{perm}(\text{conscript}), \text{perm}(\text{murder})\} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathcal{O} = \{\text{obl}(\text{startwar}, \text{shoot}, \text{murder})\} \quad (7)$$

$$\mathcal{C}^\uparrow(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) : \langle \{\neg \text{atwar}\}, \text{startwar} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{atwar}\} \quad (8)$$

$$\langle \{\neg \text{atwar}\}, \text{provoke} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{obl}(\text{startwar}, \text{shoot}, \text{murder})\} \quad (9)$$

$$\langle \emptyset, \text{conscript} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{perm}(\text{shoot})\} \quad (10)$$

$$\langle \emptyset, \text{startwar} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{pow}(\text{conscript})\} \quad (11)$$

$$\mathcal{C}^\downarrow(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) : \langle \{\text{atwar}\}, \text{declaretruce} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{atwar}\} \quad (12)$$

$$\langle \emptyset, \text{declaretruce} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{perm}(\text{shoot})\} \quad (13)$$

$$\langle \emptyset, \text{declaretruce} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{pow}(\text{conscript})\} \quad (14)$$

$$\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E}) : \langle \emptyset, \text{callup} \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{conscript}\} \quad (15)$$

$$\langle \emptyset, \text{viol}(\text{shoot}) \rangle \rightarrow \{\text{murder}\} \quad (16)$$

$$S_0 = \{\text{perm}(\text{callup}), \text{perm}(\text{startwar}), \text{perm}(\text{conscript}), \text{perm}(\text{provoke}), \\ \text{pow}(\text{murder}), \text{perm}(\text{murder})\} \quad (17)$$

# Conclusion

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Normative multi-agent systems have broad application domain

Norm depends on domain

Norm representation depends on norm

Approach for automation depends on norm representation



# Thank you for your attention!

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## Questions?