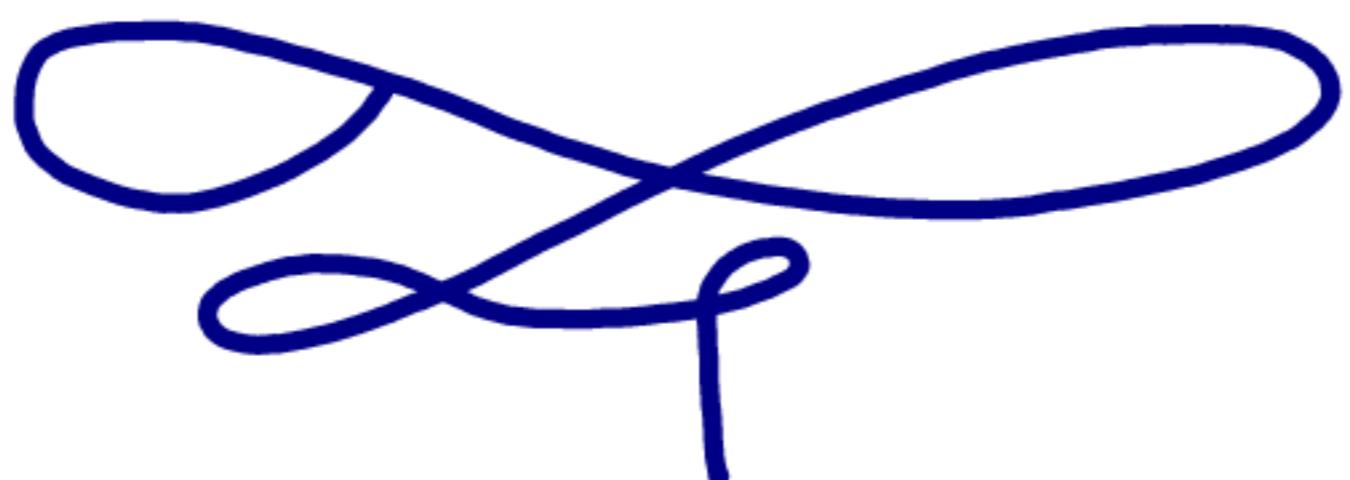


# Bluebell



An alliance of  
Relational Lifting and Independence  
for Probabilistic Reasoning



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## GOAL

Unify and generalize Proof principles for  
Unary & Relational Probabilistic Reasoning

## Long Term:

Build an “Iris Core Logic” for  
Probabilistic Reasoning

# PROBABILISTIC PROGRAMS

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## BIG STEP SEMANTICS

$$[\![ t ]\!] : \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) \rightarrow \mathbb{D}(\text{Store})$$

↑  
Program term

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Simple? Yes, but already hard enough to keep us busy for a while!

# REASONING STYLES

## UNARY

- Goal involves one program  $t$
- Example properties:
  - Output distribution of  $x$  is  $\mu$
  - Probability of  $x \geq 10$  is  $1/2$
  - Expected value of  $x$  is  $1/3$
  - By the end,  $m$  and  $c$  are probabilistically independent
    - $m$  could be a plaintext message
    - $c$  its ciphertext

## RELATIONAL

- Goal involves two programs  $[t_1 : t_2]$
- Example properties:
  - $t_1$  and  $t_2$  induce the same distribution on  $x$ 
    - ↳  $t_2$  could be an optimization of  $t_1$
    - ↳  $t_1$  could be a cryptographic protocol and  $t_2$  its idealized perfect version
  - Starting from similar input,  $t_1$  and  $t_2$  will produce "similar" distributions
    - ↳ differential privacy

## UNARY EXAMPLE

```
// Encryption of 1 bit  
k := Ber(1/2) // New random key (1 bit)  
m := Ber(p) // Message to encrypt (arbitrary bias p)  
c := m XOR k // Compute ciphertext
```

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Reasoning (informally)

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$$P(k=v, m=w) = P(k=v) \cdot P(m=w)$$

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$$(I \xrightarrow{m \rightarrow v} (k \sim \text{Ber}(1/2)) * \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \Gamma_c = k \text{ if } v=0 \\ \Gamma_c = \neg k \text{ if } v=1 \end{array} \right.)$$

↑  
Deterministic value

case analysis

Predicate over stores  
holds with probability 1

Idea ① : Separation = Independence [PSL] [LILAC]

Idea ② : Conditioning via 2 modality [LILAC]

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$$d : \approx \text{unif}(-1, 1)$$

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$$2: \quad x : \approx \mu$$

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GOAL:  $y^{<1>} \approx y^{<2>}$

UNARY PROOF STRATEGY: Characterize the exact distribution of  $y$  in the two programs, then compare.

↳ Can be prohibitively hard to do!

RELATIONAL STRATEGY: Execute programs in lockstep showing that whatever the steps might be computing, the two sides remain the same

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A world of pure imagination

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1:  $x := \alpha$

$d := \text{unif}(-1, 1)$

$y := x - d$

$$\alpha \sim \mu$$

"coupling"

2:  $x := \alpha$

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[pRHL]

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[P RHL]      = Relational lifting [R]

FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF RELATIONAL LIFTING: (Meta)

If  $[y_{<1>} = y_{<2>}]$  then  $y_{<1>}$  is distributed like  $y_{<2>}$

## RELATIONAL REASONING (LIMITATIONS)

$$\frac{1: \underline{x : \approx \mu}}{d : \approx \text{unif}(-1, 1)} \quad \vdots \quad \underline{? ? ? ?} \quad \vdash \quad 2: \underline{d : \approx \text{unif}(-1, 1)}$$
$$x : \approx \mu$$
$$y := x - d$$
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Only asserting via Relational lifting  
is too limiting!

GOAL: Improve expressivity while  
retaining the relational "spirit"

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Can we unify and generalize?

(spoiler: YES)

# BLUEBELL

First observation We can harmonize all these features by:

- Using  $\text{Assrt} := \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) \times \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ 
  - Unary assertions just ignore one of the two distributions  $x_{<1>} \sim \text{Ber}(1/2)$
  - Relational lifting as a construct

$$R \subseteq \text{Store} \times \text{Store} \Rightarrow [R] : \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) \times \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) \rightarrow \text{Prop}$$

- Multi-ary wp from [LHC] :  $\text{wp} \uparrow \{Q\}$  partial map Indices  $\rightarrow$  Terms

$$\text{wp}[1:t_1, 2:t_2]\{Q\} \equiv \text{wp}[1:t_1]\{\text{wp}[2:t_2]\{Q\}\}$$

Can have unary triples, binary triples, switch back & forth.

## SMALL EXAMPLE

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$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} x_{(1)} \sim \mathcal{U} * x_{(2)} \sim \mathcal{U} * d_{(1)} \sim \text{unif}(-1,1) * d_{(2)} \sim \text{unif}(-1,1) \\ \boxed{x_{(1)} = x_{(2)} \wedge d_{(1)} = -d_{(2)}} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$y := x - d$$

$$y := x + o$$

$$\{ Ly<1> = y<2> \}$$

# QUESTIONS :

- - 1) Can entailment  $\otimes$  be proven in the logic?
  - 2) Are there useful interactions between  $*$ ,  $C$  and  $[LR]$ ?

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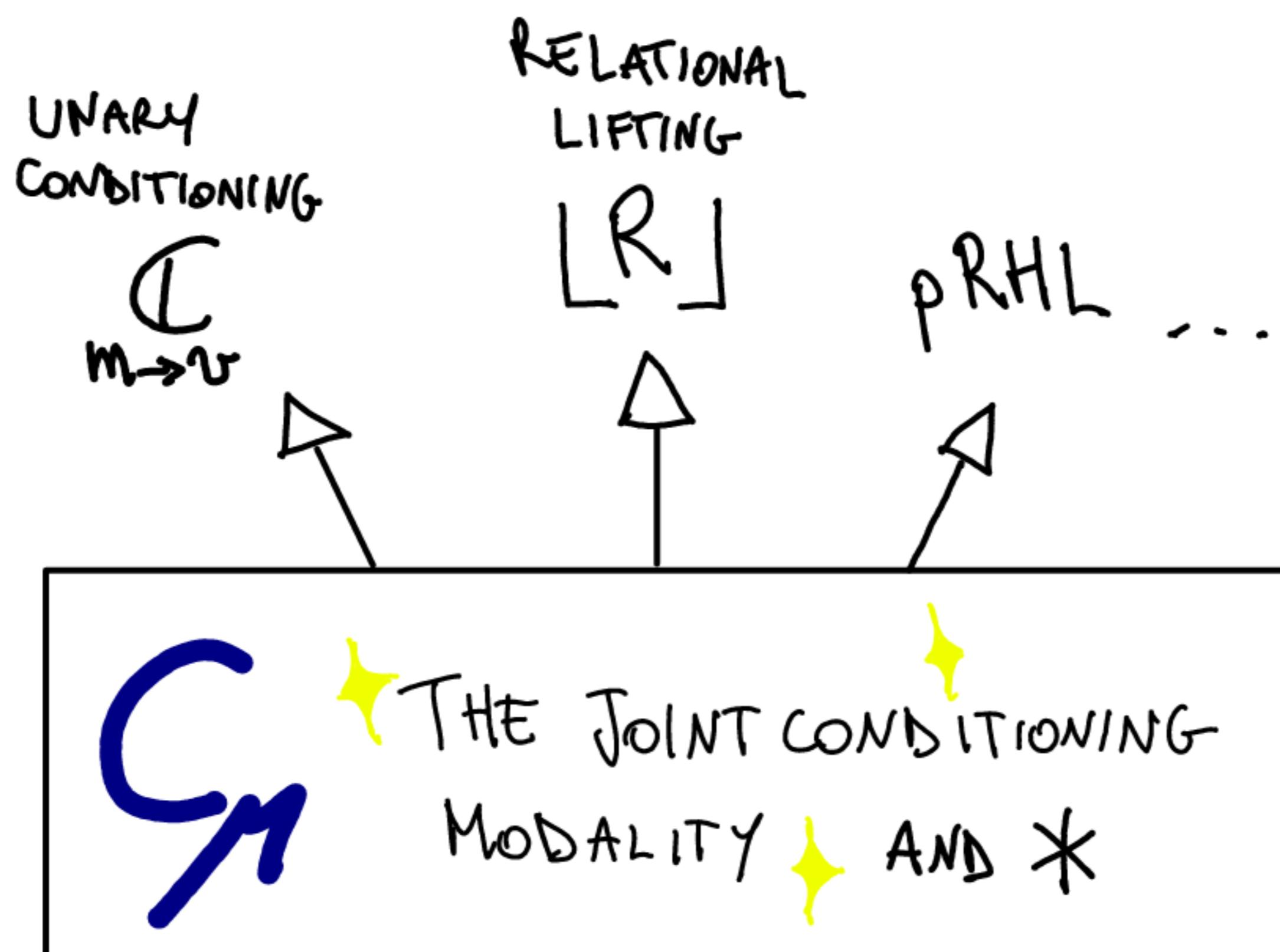
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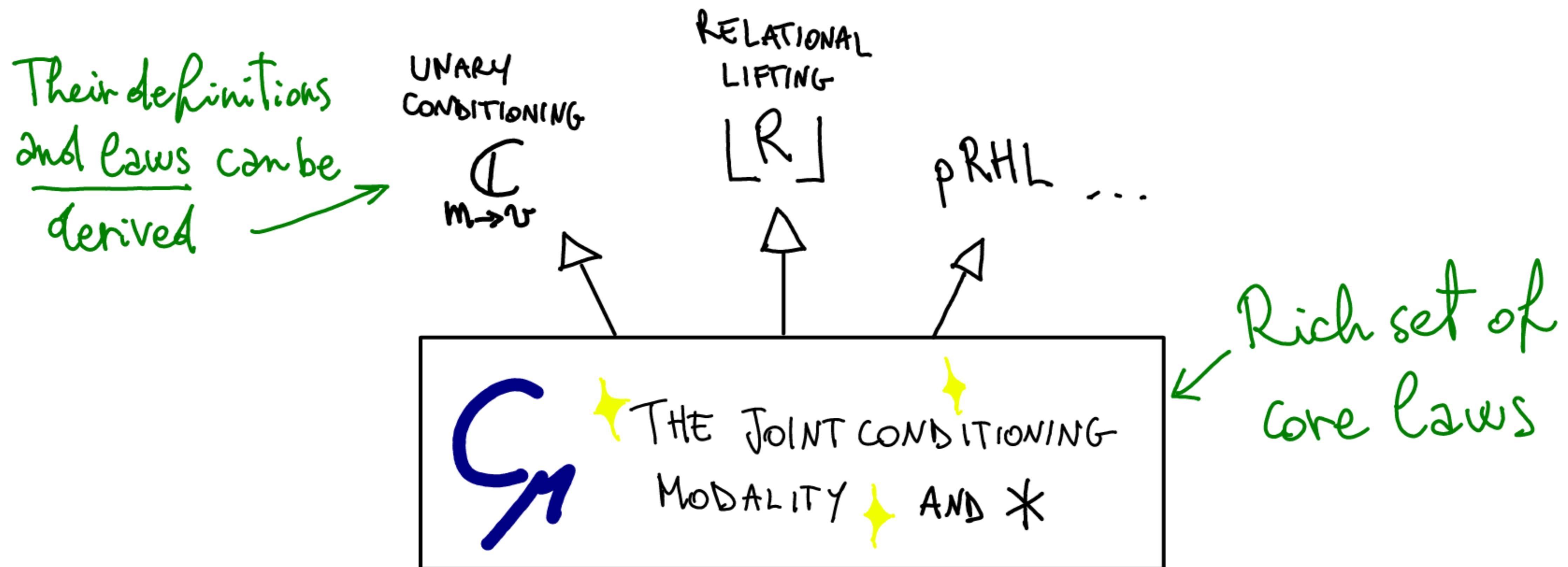


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# RELATIONAL LIFTING AS CONDITIONING

Usual picture:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) \times \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) & \supseteq & [R] \\ \uparrow \text{Lift} & & \uparrow \\ \text{Store} \times \text{Store} & \supseteq & R \end{array}$$

Analog of

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) & \supseteq & \mathbb{P}(A) = 1 \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow \\ \text{Store} & \supseteq & A \end{array}$$

Bluebell's view:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) \times \mathbb{D}(\text{Store}) & \supseteq & [R] \\ \downarrow \text{Conditioning} & & \downarrow \\ \text{Store} \times \text{Store} & \supseteq & R \end{array}$$

If you condition  
jointly on the two  
distributions, you  
get a pair of stores  
satisfying R

So, what is "joint conditioning"?

## JOINT CONDITIONING

Def Given  $\mu : \mathbb{D}(A)$  and  $k : A \rightarrow \mathbb{D}(\text{Store})$  define

$$\text{bind}(\mu, k) := \lambda s. \sum_{a \in A} \mu(a) k(a)(s)$$

Example  $A = \{0, 1\}$   $\mu = \text{Ber}(1/3)$

$$\text{bind}(\mu, k) = \frac{1}{3} k(0) + \frac{2}{3} k(1)$$

[This is actually the bind of  
the monad  $\mathbb{D}(\cdot)$ !]

## JOINT CONDITIONING

Def Given  $\mu : \mathbb{D}(A)$  and  $P : A \rightarrow \text{Assrt}$

define  $C_\mu v. P(v) : \text{Assrt}$  by

$(\mu_1, \mu_2) \models C_\mu v. P(v)$  iff

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \exists K_1, K_2 : A \rightarrow \mathbb{D}(\text{store}) . \\ \mu_1 = \text{bind}(\mu, K_1) \wedge \\ \mu_2 = \text{bind}(\mu, K_2) \wedge \\ \forall a \in \text{supp}(\mu) . \\ (K_1(a), K_2(a)) \models P(a) \end{array} \right\}$$

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$P(0)$
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$P(1)$
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$$x_{\langle 1 \rangle} \sim \text{Ber}(\frac{1}{3}) \quad \Gamma_{x_{\langle 1 \rangle} = 0} \quad \Gamma_{x_{\langle 1 \rangle} = 1}$$

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[C-UNIT-R]

$x_{\langle 1 \rangle} \sim M \dashv C_M v. (\Gamma x_{\langle 1 \rangle} = v)$

[This reflects the right unit law of  
the underlying monad!]

## ENCODING LIFTING AS CONDITIONING

Unary Conditioning:  $C_M v. ([x=v] * P(v))$

Relational Lifting:

$[R(x<1>, x<2>)] :=$

$\exists \mu: \mathbb{D}(\text{Val} \times \text{Val}). C_\mu (v_1, v_2). ([x<1>=v_1] * [x<2>=v_2] * R(v_1, v_2))$

pure  
↓

# JOINT COND. RULES

[C-UNIT-R]

$$x\langle i \rangle \sim \mu \vdash \text{C}_\mu v. [\Gamma x\langle i \rangle = v]$$

[C-FRAME]

$$P * \text{C}_\mu v. Q(v) \vdash \text{C}_\mu v. (P * Q(v))$$

[C-CONS]

$$\frac{\forall v \in \text{supp}(\mu). P(v) \vdash P'(v)}{\text{C}_\mu v. P(v) \vdash \text{C}_\mu v. P'(v)}$$

$$\text{C}_\mu v. P(v) \vdash \text{C}_\mu v. P'(v)$$

$$x\langle 1 \rangle \sim \mu * y\langle 1 \rangle \sim \mu' * [\Gamma z = x + y]$$

$$\vdash (\text{C}_\mu v. [\Gamma x\langle 1 \rangle = v]) * y\langle 1 \rangle \sim \mu' * [\Gamma z = x + y]$$

$$\vdash \text{C}_\mu v. ([\Gamma x\langle 1 \rangle = v] * y\langle 1 \rangle \sim \mu' * [\Gamma z = x + y])$$

$$\vdash \text{C}_\mu v. (\text{C}_{\mu' v^1} ([\Gamma x\langle 1 \rangle = v] * [y\langle 1 \rangle = v^1] * [\Gamma z = x + y]))$$

$$\vdash \text{C}_\mu v. \text{C}_{\mu' v^1}. [\Gamma x\langle 1 \rangle = v \wedge y\langle 1 \rangle = v^1 \wedge z = x + y]$$

[c-ASSOC]

$$C_{\mu} v. C_{K(v)} v'. P(v, v') \vdash C_{bind'(\mu, K)}. P(v, v')$$

$bind'(\mu, K) = \text{do } v \leftarrow \mu; v' \leftarrow K(v); \text{return } (v, v')$

[c-UNASSOC]

$$C_{bind(\mu, K)} v! P(v') \vdash C_{\mu} v. C_{K(v)} v'. P(v')$$

## SOME DERIVABLE RULES

$$C_R \vdash [R] \vdash LR \quad (\text{Convexity of Rel Lifting})$$

$$[R_1] * [R_2] \vdash [R_1 \wedge R_2]$$

NOTE

$$[R_1] \wedge [R_2] \not\vdash [R_1 \wedge R_2]$$

## CHALLENGES

- Generalization to Iris-style user-defined ghost resources
- [C-wp-SWAP]

$$\frac{\text{ownVars } \Lambda}{\text{C}_\mu v. \text{ wp} t \{ Q(v) \} \vdash \text{ wp} t \{ \text{C}_\mu v. Q(v) \}}$$

↑ Bluebell needs this for soundness

OPEN QUESTION: Can we find a model that validates  
the rule without ownVars?

Thanks

