

# Model Checking CTLK

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# Outline of this lecture

- interpreted systems and ISPL
- model checking CTLK
- more efficient model checking for CTLK

# Interpreted systems and ISPL

# From interpreted systems to ISPL

- how can we transform an infinite set of infinite runs into something we can model check?
- an interpreted system is essentially a finite state transition system, where the (global) states are tuples of local states of agents (and the environment)
- the state transition system is called the **generator** of the corresponding interpreted system
- the generator implicitly defines an infinite set of infinite paths

## Generator of an interpreted system

- for CTLK, we can evaluate formulas directly in the state transition system (don't need runs, just paths from a state as before)
- indistinguishability relations between global states use local states:

$$\langle q_1, \dots, q_k \rangle \sim_i \langle q'_1, \dots, q'_k \rangle \text{ iff } q_i = q'_i$$

- i.e., two global states  $\langle q_1, \dots, q_k \rangle$  and  $\langle q'_1, \dots, q'_k \rangle$  are indistinguishable by agent  $i$  if  $i$ 's local state is the same in both global states

Model checking CTLK is essentially the same as model checking CTL, but with more complex states

# Model checking CTLK

# Semantics of CTLK knowledge operators

- $\mathcal{M}, q \models E_A \varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, q' \models \varphi$  for every  $q'$  such that  $q \sim_A^E q'$ , where  
 $\sim_A^E = \bigcup_{i \in A} \sim_i$   
this means: **any step from  $q$  along any  $\sim_i, i \in A$  ends in a  $\varphi$ -state**
- $\mathcal{M}, q \models D_A \varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, q' \models \varphi$  for every  $q'$  such that  $q \sim_A^D q'$ , where  
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this means: **every state accessible by all  $\sim_i, i \in A$  satisfies  $\varphi$**
- $\mathcal{M}, q \models C_A \varphi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}, q' \models \varphi$  for **every**  $q'$  such that  $q \sim_A^C q'$ , where  
 $\sim_A^C$  is the transitive closure of  $\sim_A^E$   
i.e.,  $\sim_A^C$  contains **all edges**  $(q, q')$  where there exists a path along  $\sim_A^E$  from  $q$  to  $q'$   
this means: **every path from  $q$  along any relation  $\sim_i, i \in A$  ends in a  $\varphi$ -state**

# Global model checking CTLK

- as in CTL global model checking, we work with sets of states
- for (group) knowledge modalities, we need two pre-images:  
 $pre_{\exists}(rel, Q)$  and  $pre_{\forall}(rel, Q)$ :

$$pre_{\exists}(rel, Q) = \{q \mid \exists q'. q \text{ rel } q' \& q' \in Q\}$$

$$pre_{\forall}(rel, Q) = \{q \mid \forall q'. q \text{ rel } q' \Rightarrow q' \in Q\}$$

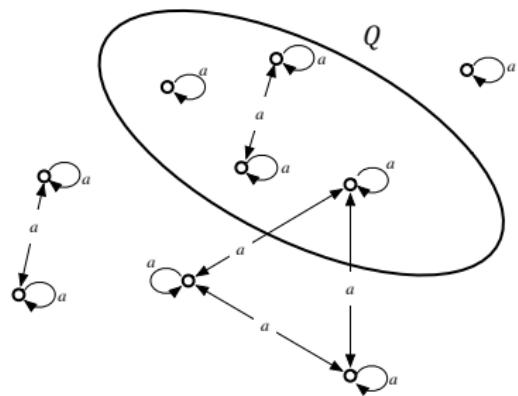
where  $rel \in \{\sim_a, \sim_A^E, \sim_A^C, \sim_A^D\}$

## Aside

- in the lecture on model checking CTL,  $\text{pre}_{\exists}(Q)$  and  $\text{pre}_{\forall}(Q)$  are equivalent to  $\text{pre}_{\forall}(\rightarrow, Q)$  and  $\text{pre}_{\exists}(\rightarrow, Q)$  respectively
- in the reader,  $\text{pre}_{\forall}(\sim_a, Q)$  and  $\text{pre}_{\exists}(\sim_a, Q)$  are denoted  $\text{pre}_{\forall}(a, Q)$  and  $\text{pre}_{\exists}(a, Q)$  respectively

## Existential pre-image for $\sim_a$

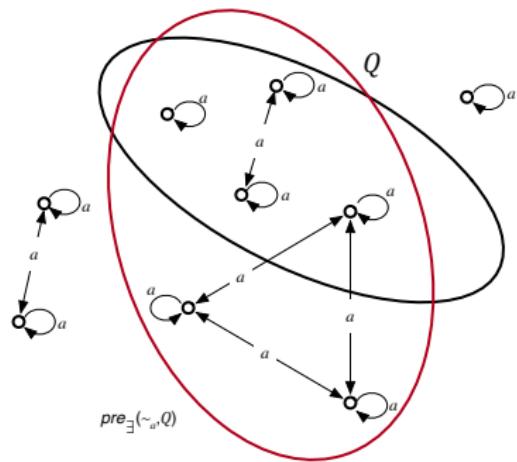
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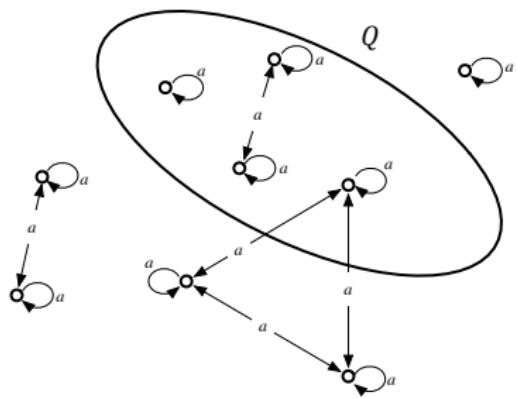
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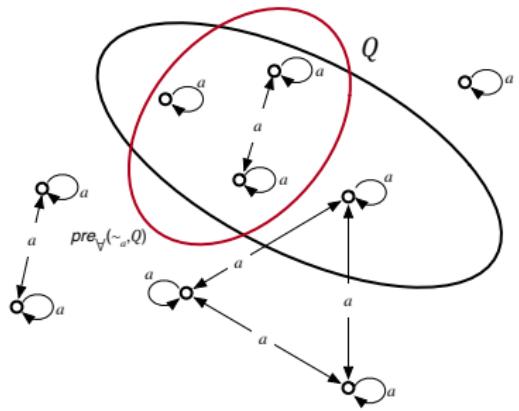
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## Pre-image for $\sim_A^E$ and $\sim_A^D$

- $pre_{\forall}(\sim_A^E, Q)$  is the set of all states  $q$  where for **all** agents  $a \in A$  and **all** states  $q' \sim_a q, q' \in Q$

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where  $\sim_A^E = \bigcup_{i \in A} \sim_i$

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## Pre-image for $\sim_A^C$

- is more complicated, as we need to compute the transitive closure of *rel*

**function** *compute* <sub>$\sim_A^C$</sub> (*M, A*)

$R_1 \leftarrow \emptyset; \quad R_2 \leftarrow \bigcup_{i \in A} \sim_i$  ▷ i.e.,  $R_2$  is initialised to  $\sim_A^E$

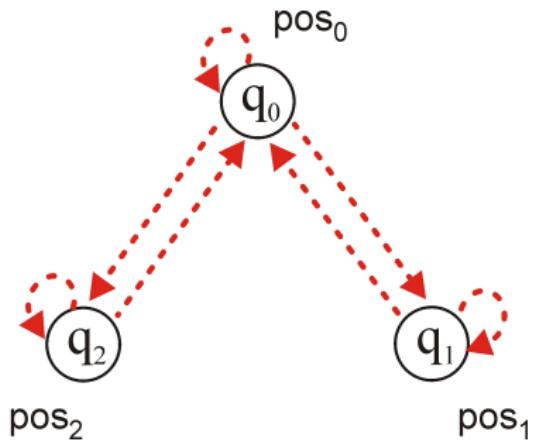
**while**  $R_2 \not\subseteq R_1$  **do**

$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 \cup R_2; \quad R_2 \leftarrow \{(q_1, q_2) \mid \exists q_3. (q_1, q_3), (q_3, q_2) \in R_1\}$

**return**  $R_1$

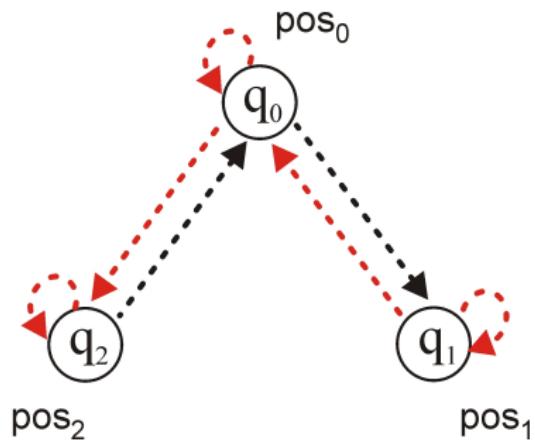
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start with  $\sim_{\{1,2\}}^E$



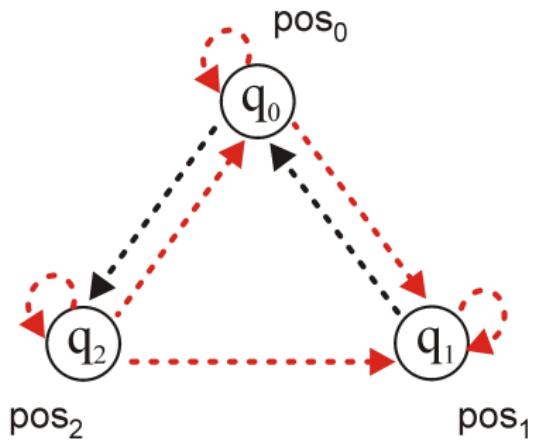
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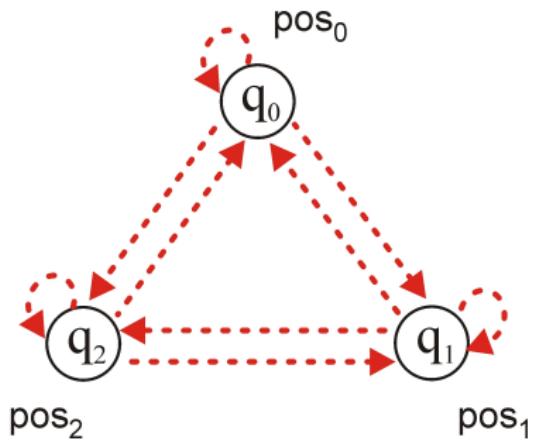
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**function**  $mcheck_{CTLK}(M, \varphi_0)$

**for**  $\varphi' \in Sub(\varphi_0)$  **do**

**case**  $\varphi' = p$

$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow \mathcal{V}(p)$

**case**  $\varphi' = \neg\psi$

$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow St \setminus [\psi]_M$

**case**  $\varphi' = \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$

$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow [\psi_1]_M \cap [\psi_2]_M$

**case**  $\varphi' = \psi_1 \vee \psi_2$

$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow [\psi_1]_M \cup [\psi_2]_M$

**case**  $\varphi' = K_a \psi$

$$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow \text{pre}_\forall(\sim_a, [\psi]_M)$$

**case**  $\varphi' = E_A \psi$

$$\sim_A^E \leftarrow \bigcup_{i \in A} \sim_i$$

$$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow \text{pre}_\forall(\sim_A^E, [\psi]_M)$$

**case**  $\varphi' = D_A \psi$

$$\sim_A^D \leftarrow \bigcap_{i \in A} \sim_i$$

$$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow \text{pre}_\forall(\sim_A^D, [\psi]_M)$$

**case**  $\varphi' = C_A \psi$

$$\sim_A^C \leftarrow \text{compute}_{\sim_A^C}(M, A)$$

$$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow \text{pre}_\forall(\sim_A^C, [\psi]_M)$$

**case**  $\varphi' = EX\psi$

$$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow pre_{\exists}([\psi]_M)$$

**case**  $\varphi' = EG\psi$

$$Q_1 \leftarrow St; \quad Q_2 \leftarrow [\psi]_M$$

**while**  $Q_1 \not\subseteq Q_2$  **do**

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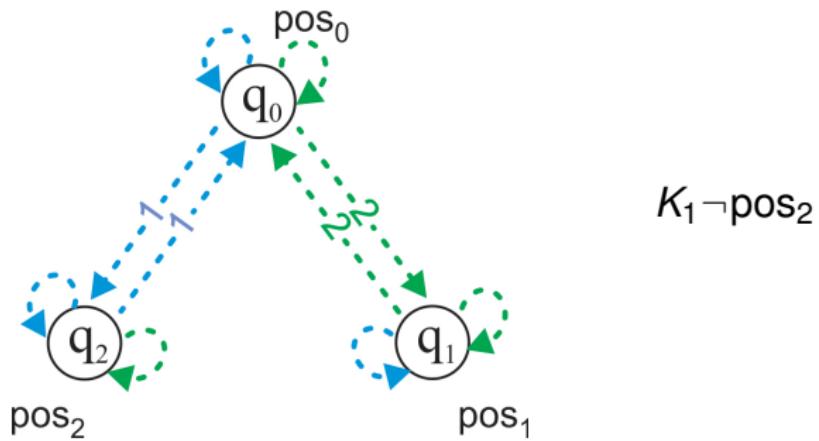
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# Where did the runs go?

- the semantics of  $K_i\varphi$  (and the other epistemic operators) is defined in terms of runs
- the model checker implementation doesn't refer to runs or time points — what's going on?
- the model checker works in terms of the **set of states** in the model
- these are all the states that could appear at **any moment** on **any run**
- the *pre* functions effectively consider **all** the time points that could occur!

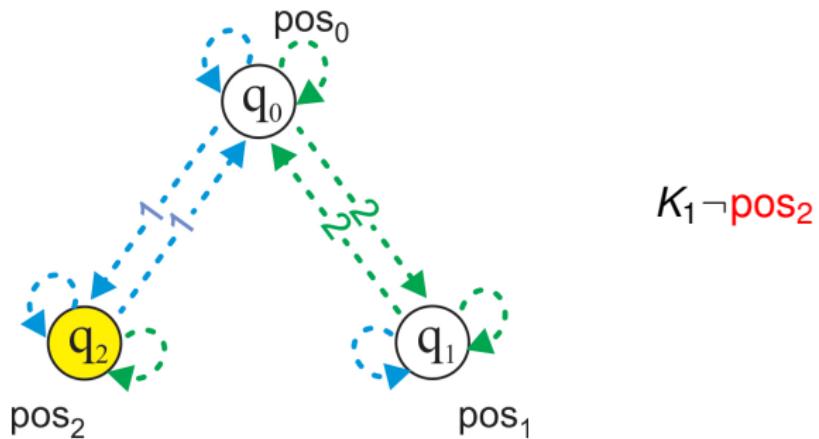
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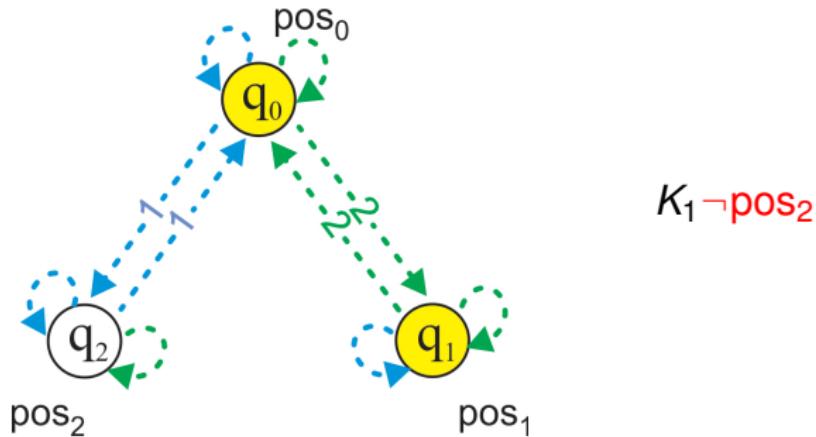
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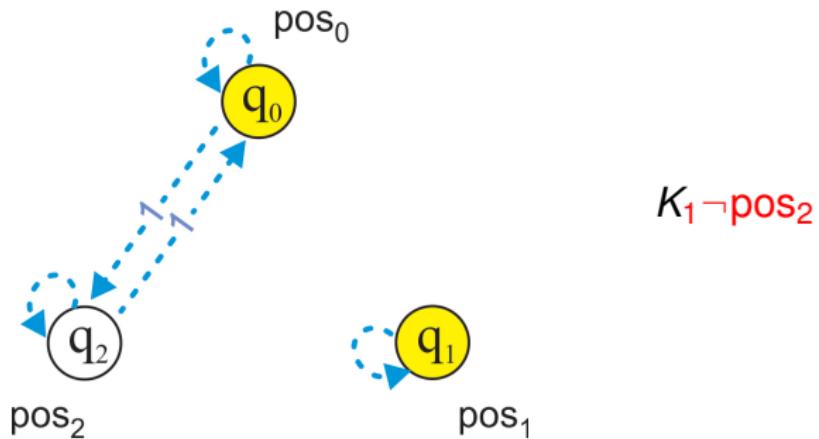
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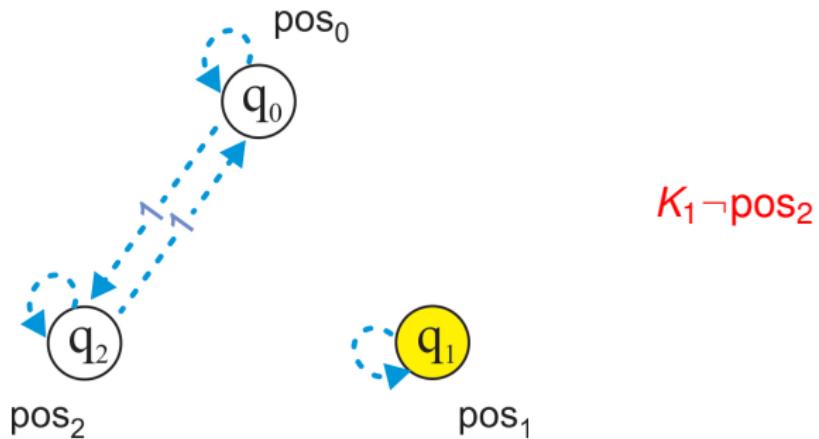
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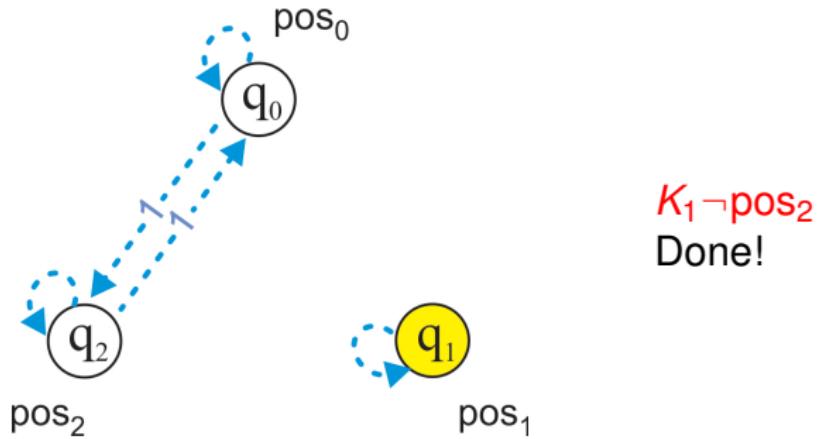
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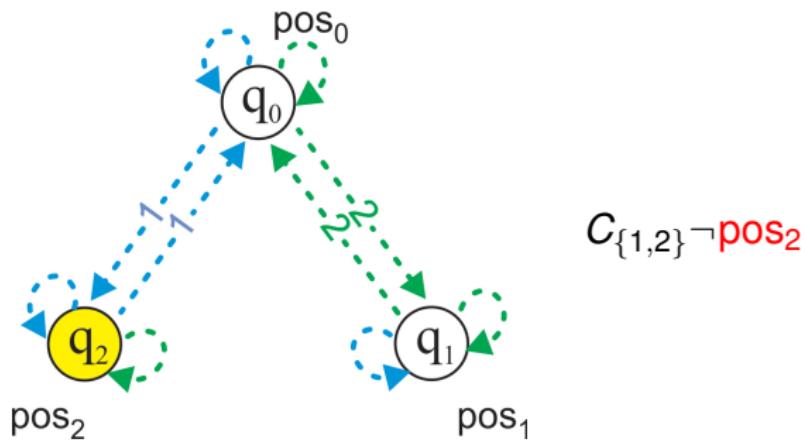
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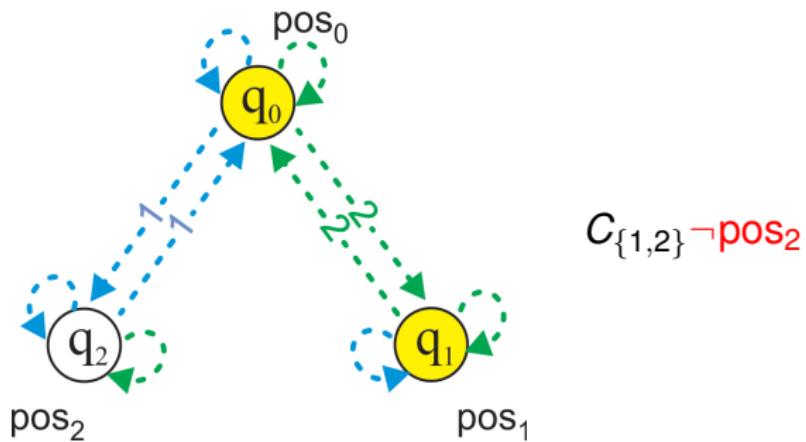
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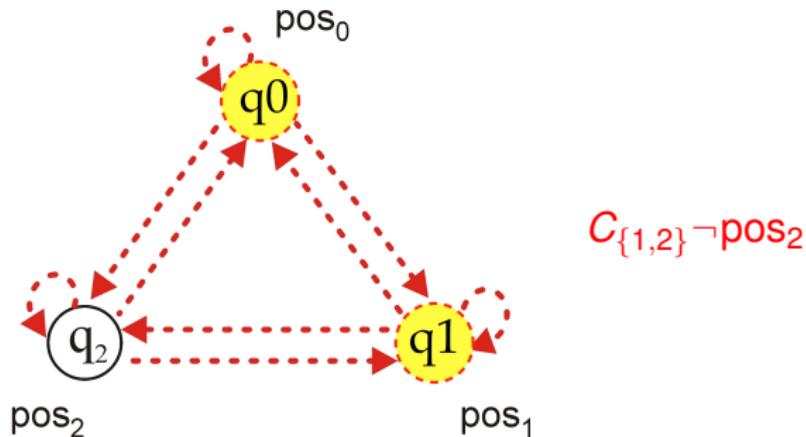
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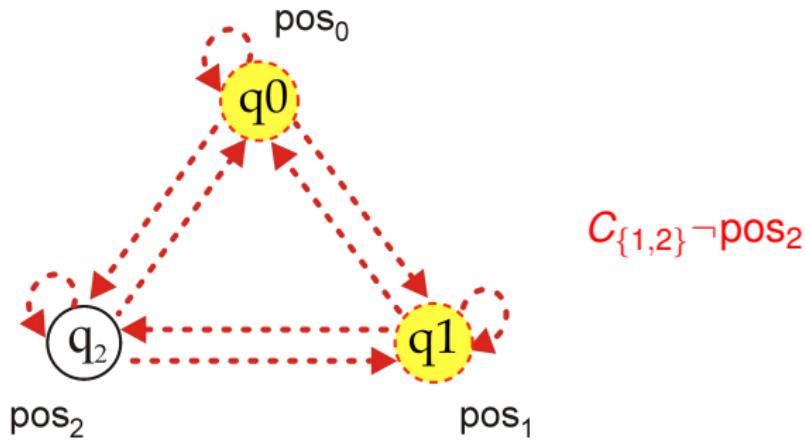
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compute  $\sim_{\{1,2\}}^C$



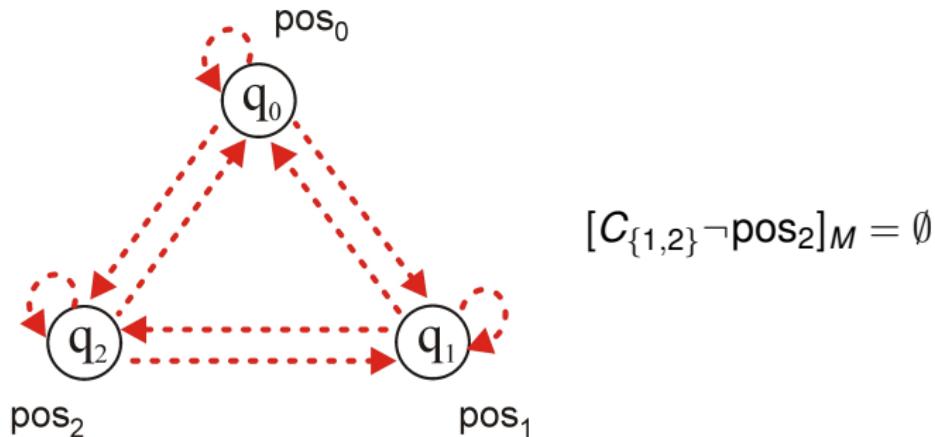
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take  $pre_{\forall}(\sim_{\{1,2\}}^C, \{q_0, q_1\})$



## Example: $mcheck(M, C_{\{1,2\}} \neg \text{pos}2)$

$$\text{pre}_{\forall}(\sim_{\{1,2\}}^C, \{q_0, q_1\}) = \emptyset$$



# More efficient model checking for CTLK

# More efficient model checking with dual operators

- this gives a polynomial time (quadratic) algorithm for model checking CTLK — however we can do better ...
- it is more efficient to model-check **dual versions of (group) knowledge modalities** using only the existential pre-image
- $\overline{K}_i\varphi := \neg K_i\neg\varphi$  translates as ‘agent  $i$  considers  $\varphi$  possible’
- $\mathcal{M}, q \models \overline{K}_i\varphi$  iff exists  $q'$  such that  $q \sim_i q'$  and  $\mathcal{M}, q' \models \varphi$
- i.e., **there is some step from  $q$  along  $\sim_i$  that ends in a  $\varphi$ -state**
- the model-checking algorithm only needs to consider  $\overline{K}_i\varphi$ , because  $K_i\varphi$  is definable as  $\neg\overline{K}_i\neg\varphi$

## Semantics of $\overline{E}_A$

- $\overline{E}_A\varphi := \neg E_A\neg\varphi$  translates as ‘at least one of agents in  $A$  considers  $\varphi$  possible’
- $\mathcal{M}, q \models \overline{E}_A\varphi$  iff exists  $q'$  such that  $q \sim_A^E q'$  and  $\mathcal{M}, q' \models \varphi$  where  $\sim_A^E = \bigcup_{i \in A} \sim_i$
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## Semantics of $\overline{D}_A$

- $\overline{D}_A\varphi := \neg D_A\neg\varphi$  translates as ‘ $\varphi$  is a possibility given distributed knowledge in  $A$ ’ (none of the agents in  $A$  rules  $\varphi$  out)
- $\mathcal{M}, q \models \overline{D}_A\varphi$  iff exists  $q'$  with  $q \sim_A^D q'$  such that  $\mathcal{M}, q' \models \varphi$ , where  $\sim_A^D = \bigcap_{i \in A} \sim_i$
- i.e., some state accessible by all  $\sim_i, i \in A$  satisfies  $\varphi$
- $D_A\varphi$  can be replaced by  $\neg\overline{D}_A\neg\varphi$

## Semantics of $\overline{C}_A$

- $\overline{C}_A\varphi := \neg C_A\neg\varphi$  translates approximately as ‘someone in  $A$  considers possible that someone else in  $A$  considers possible etc. that  $\varphi$
- $\mathcal{M}, q \models \overline{C}_A\varphi$  iff for **some**  $q'$  with  $q \sim_A^C q'$ ,  $\mathcal{M}, q' \models \varphi$ , where  $\sim_A^C$  is the transitive closure of  $\sim_A^E$
- i.e., **some path from  $q$  composed of relations  $\sim_i$  for  $i \in A$  ends in a  $\varphi$ -state**
- again we can replace all occurrences of  $C_A\varphi$  with  $\neg\overline{C}_A\neg\varphi$  and just give a model checking case for  $\overline{C}_A\varphi$

**function**  $\overline{mcheck}_{CTLK}(M, \varphi_0)$

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**case**  $\varphi' = \overline{K}_a\psi$

$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow \text{pre}_{\exists}(\sim_a, [\psi]_M)$

**case**  $\varphi' = \overline{E}_A\psi$

$[\varphi']_M \leftarrow \bigcup_{i \in A} \text{pre}_{\exists}(\sim_i, [\psi]_M)$

**case**  $\varphi' = \overline{D}_A\psi$

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**case**  $\varphi' = \overline{C}_A\psi$

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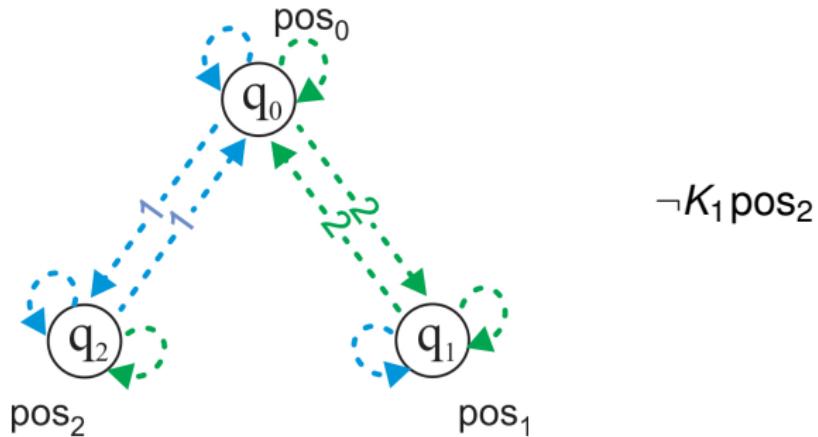
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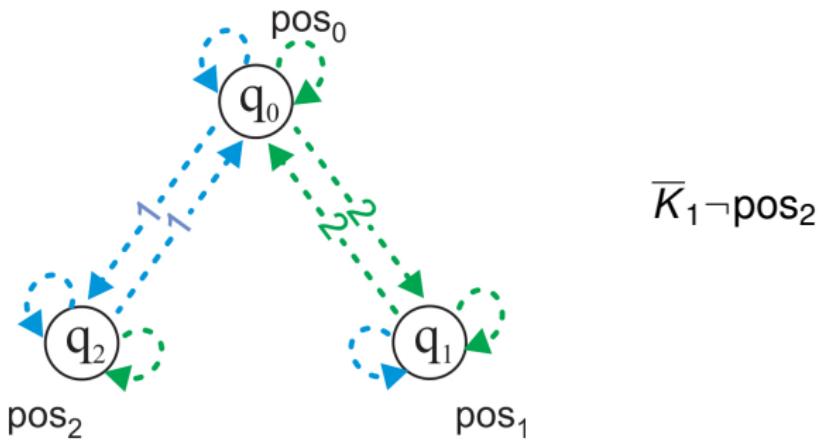
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Compute  $mcheck_{CTLK}(M, \neg K_1 \text{pos}_2)$  using dual  $\overline{K}_1 \neg \text{pos}_2$



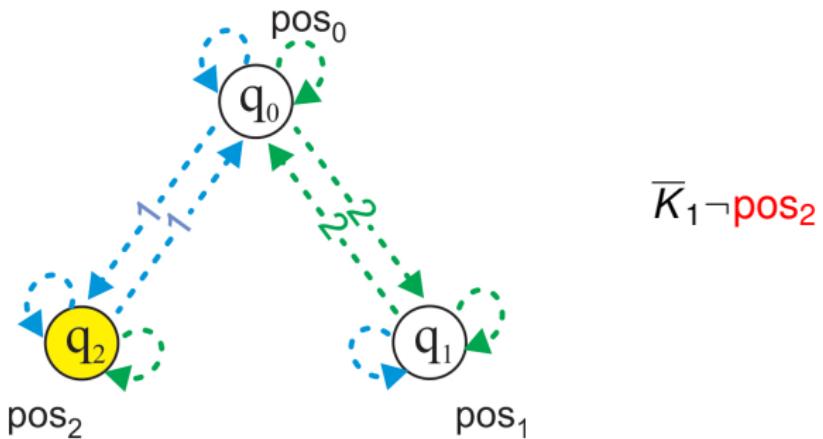
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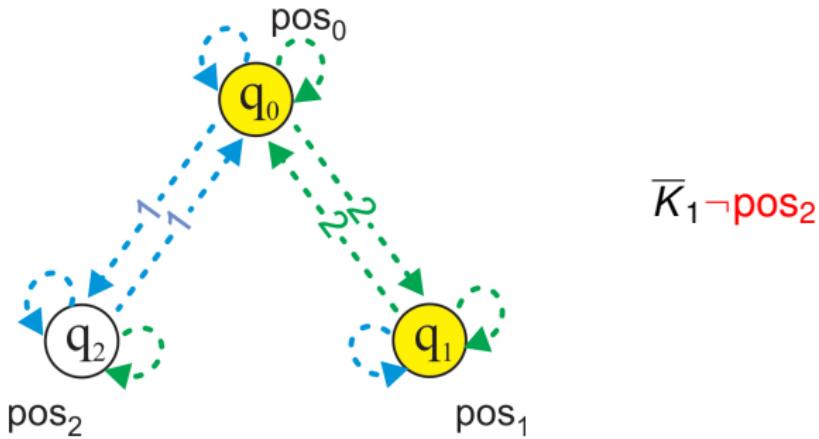
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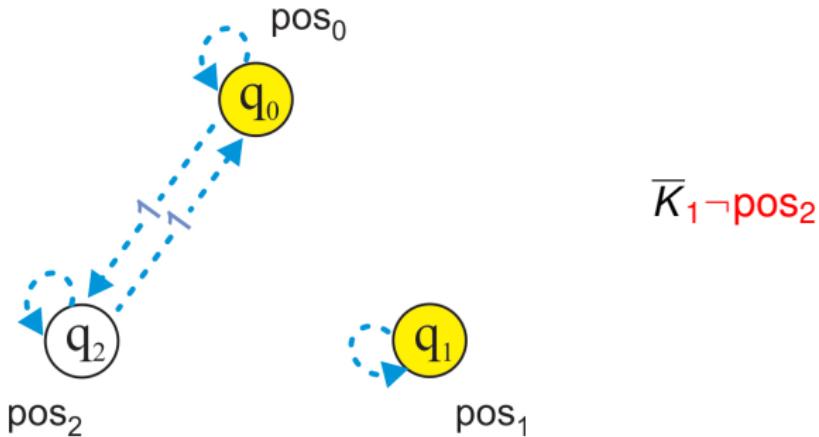
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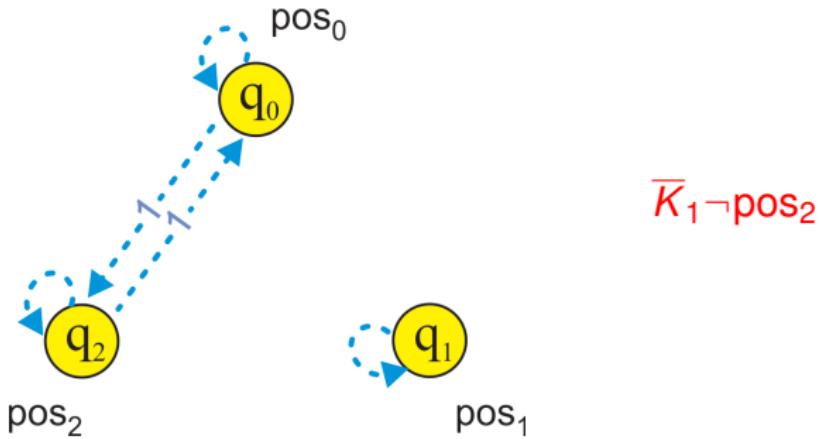
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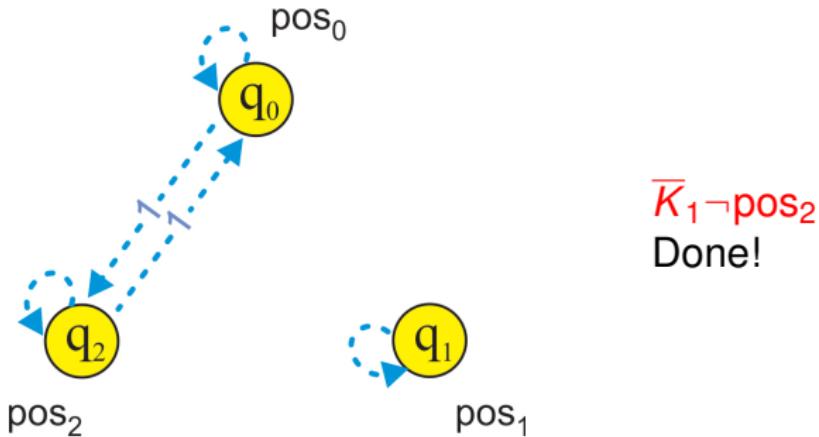
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## Theorem

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