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# Verified software through Dynamic Logic

Ph.D. trial lecture

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# DNB-kunder belastet dobbelt igjen – omfanget er stort

DNB-kunder opplever torsdag morgen tekniske problemer som gjør at de har blitt trukket dobbelt beløp ved betaling.



PROBLEMER IGJEN: En rekke kunder har opplevd problemer med DNB de siste dagene. DNB sier at de har jobbet gjennom natt, men at problemene fortsetter torsdag morgen.

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## DNB med transaksjonsproblem – kunder får ikke lønn og feriepenger

En datafeil hos banken fører til at mange kunder ikke har fått utbetalte lønn og feriepenger fra DNB. Flere kunder reagerer kraftig, og Finanstilsynet følger med.



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Journalist

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Bankkunder i DNB får ikke utbetalte lønn og feriepenger på grunn av en feil i bankens systemer.

(NRK.no)

## Boeing discovers new software problem in 737 Max

The US aerospace giant said it is "keeping our customers and suppliers informed" about the new software issue. Aviation regulators have grounded the 737 Max across the globe after two deadly crashes.



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## Operasjoner utsatt i Helse Vest på grunn av dataproblemer



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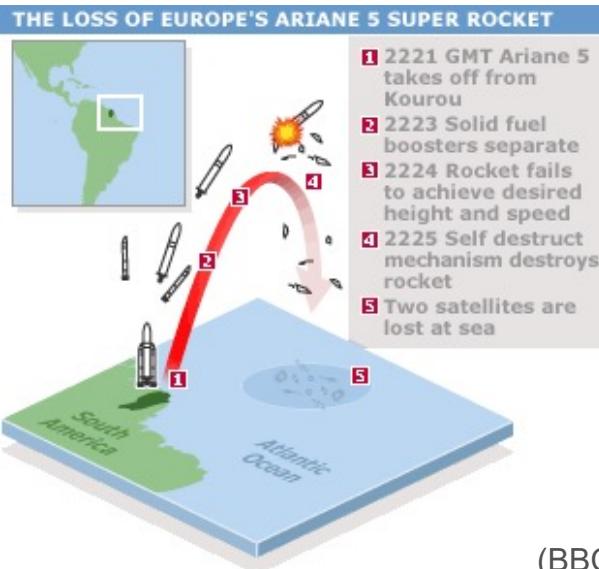


# The Ariane-5 incident (1996)



Ariane 5 rocket launch explosion

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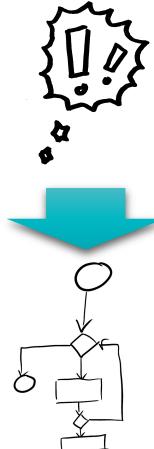
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public static void main(String[] args) {  
    // small values  
    double v1f = 42.0;  
    System.out.println("Small Value as 64bit Floating Point No: " + v1f);  
    short v1i = (short) v1f;  
    System.out.println("Small Value as 16bit Integer No: " + v1i);  
    // big values  
    double v2f = ( 987 * 213 * Math.pow(2, 10) ) / 3;  
    System.out.println("Big Value as 64bit Floating Point No: " + v2f);  
    short v2i = (short) v2f;  
    System.out.println("Big Value as 16bit Integer No: " + v2i);  
}
```



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Small Value as 64bit Floating Point No: 42.0  
Small Value as 16bit Integer No: 42  
Big Value as 64bit Floating Point No: 7.1758848E7  
Big Value as 16bit Integer No: -3072
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# How to write *correct* software?

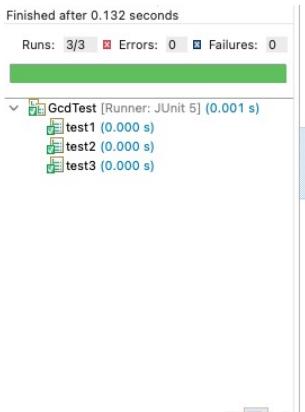
**Problem:**



**Solution:**



Run Testcases



**Verification:**

```
import static org.hamcrest.CoreMatchers.equalTo;
import org.junit.Test;
import static no.hvl.past.traillecture.Gcd.gcd;

public class GcdTest {

    @Test
    public void test1() {
        assertThat(gcd(15,12), equalTo(3));
    }

    @Test
    public void test2() {
        assertThat(gcd(25, 15), equalTo(5));
    }

    @Test
    public void test3() {
        assertThat(gcd(13, 9), equalTo(1));
    }
}
```

E.g. "Write a program that calculates the greatest common divisor of two given numbers!"

```
public static int gcd(int a, int b) {
    if (a % b == 0) {
        return b;
    } else {
        return gcd(b, a % b);
    }
}
```

Prove Correctness



# How to write correct software?

- › There is a whole research discipline behind this: Formal Methods!
- › Starting with
  - › *A Discipline of Programming* by Dijkstra
  - › *An Axiomatic Basis for Computer Programming* by Hoare
- › Conferences: FM, FME, SEFM, ICFM
- › Tools/Technologies: VDM, Z, B method, CASL, Maude, Spin, Alloy, Upaal, CPNtools, ...
- › Two major branches
  - › Formal Specification
  - › **Formal Verification (← today)**



Edsger Dijkstra  
(1930-2002)



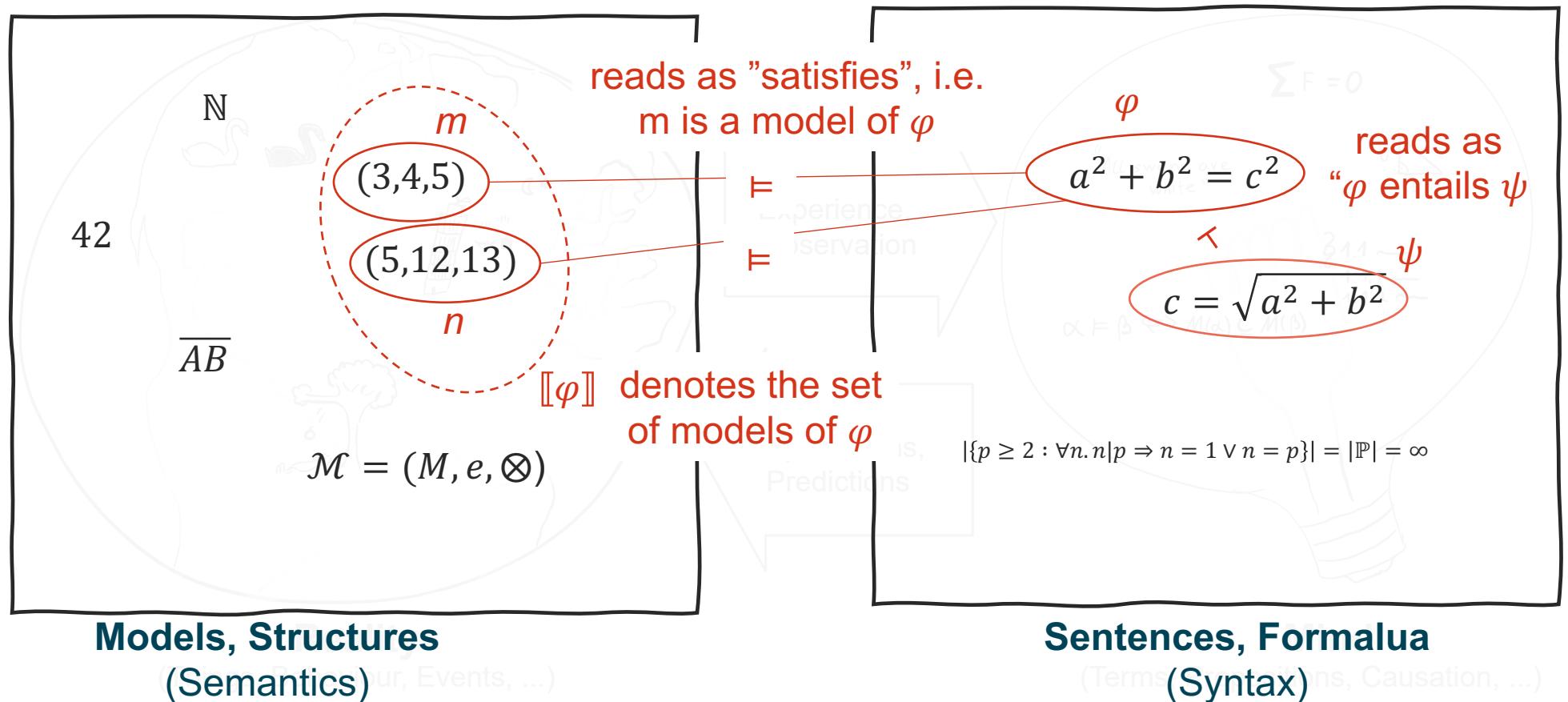
"Tony" Hoare  
(1934-)

# Agenda

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# Logic: Concepts

- › Logic  $\triangleq$  Mathematics  $\cap$  Philosophy
- › «*The study of truth, valid arguments and correct reasoning*»



# Logic: Ingredients & Properties

- › Every «logic» needs at least
  - › a definition of **models** (semantics)
  - › a definition of **sentences** (i.e. a language)
  - › a **satisfaction**-relationship ( $\models$ ) between models and sentences,
- › Optionally, it may further comprise an «**entailment**» ( $\vdash$ ) relation between sentences (i.e. a reasoning system), which is called
  - › *sound* if and only if (abbreviated: “*iff.*”):

$$\varphi \vdash \psi \text{ iff. } [\![\varphi]\!] \subseteq [\![\psi]\!]$$

- › *complete* if and only if every valid sentence is entailed  
(a sentence is valid if every possible model satisfies it, a.k.a. *Tautology*)

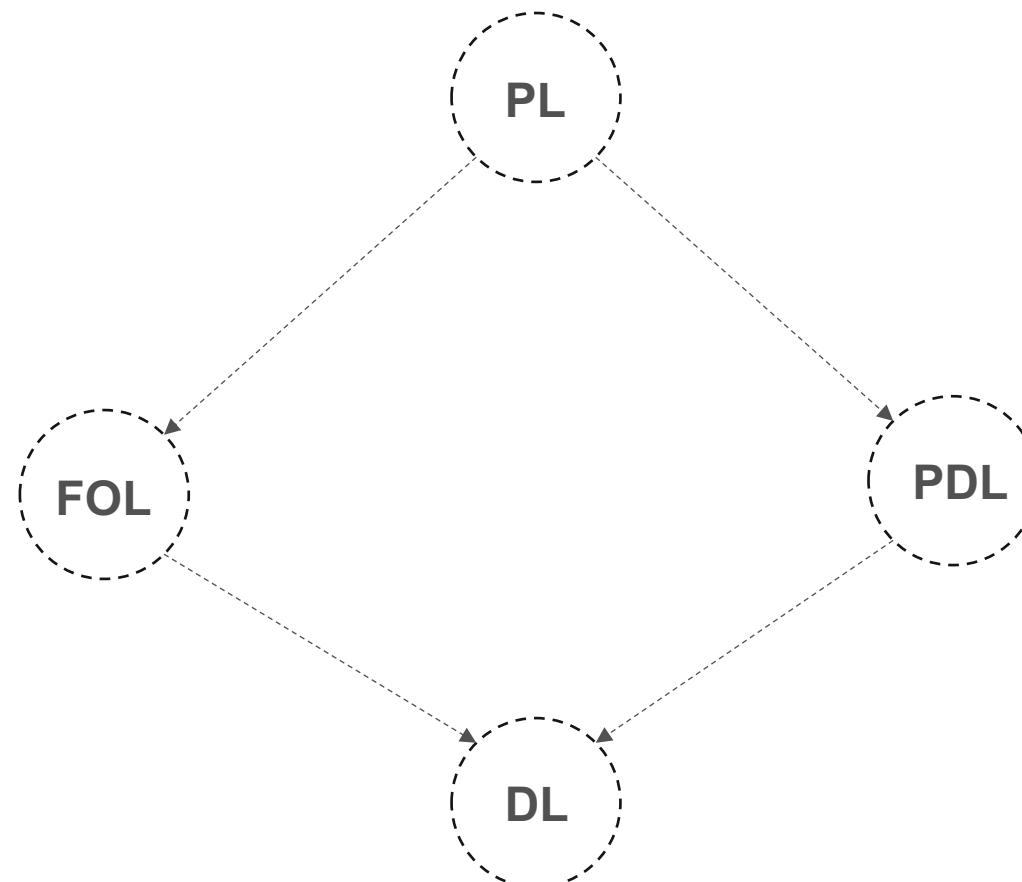
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**Slogan:**

*"Dynamic Logic is a combination of first-order predicate logic, modal logic & the algebra of regular actions"*

# The Destination: Dynamic Logic



# Propositional Logic (Syntax)

- › Let  $\Phi_o$  be a set of **propositional symbols**:

E.g.  $\{P \triangleq \text{"There is pizza today"}, R \triangleq \text{"It is raining today"}, S \triangleq \text{"At least 30 students show up}, W \triangleq \text{"I am soaking wet"}, U \triangleq \text{"I brought my umbrella"}, T \triangleq \text{"It is storming outside"}\}$

- › The language of propositional **formulae**  $\Phi$  is defined via the following rules:

$$\Phi ::= \top \mid \perp$$

$$\Phi ::= P \mid R \mid \dots \quad (\text{for all symbols in } \Phi_o)$$

$$\Phi ::= \neg \Phi$$

$$\Phi ::= \Phi \wedge \Phi \mid \Phi \vee \Phi \mid \Phi \Rightarrow \Phi \mid \Phi \Leftrightarrow \Phi$$

- › Examples of grammatically *correct* sentences:  $P \wedge (R \vee \neg(U \wedge T)), \neg\neg W, \neg R \Rightarrow \perp, \dots$
- › Examples of grammatically *incorrect* sentences:  $PUT, R\neg \wedge W, U \wedge \vee \wedge T, \dots$

# Propositional Logic (Semantics)

- › A **model** in propositional logic is a valuation, assigning either *true* or *false* to every propositional symbol («truth table»)

P	S
<i>false</i>	<i>false</i>
<i>false</i>	<i>true</i>
<i>true</i>	<i>false</i>
<i>true</i>	<i>true</i>

- › To check whether a formula is valid, one may enumerate all possible models and check that it evaluates to true for each of them (this is called *model checking*)

E.g.:  $(A \vee \neg(B \wedge A \wedge C)) \Leftrightarrow (A \Rightarrow D) \wedge (D \Leftrightarrow (E \wedge (B \vee \neg(C \wedge \neg A)))) \wedge (B \Leftrightarrow ((C \vee E) \wedge (B \vee C)))$  valid ?

- › **Exercise:** How many possible models are there for our example with 6 prop. symbols?

# Propositional Logic (Entailment)

- Instead of resorting to models, one may as well stay on the syntactical level!

$\varphi \vdash \psi$  iff.  $\varphi \Rightarrow \psi$  is valid

- Valid sentences (Tautologies) in propositional logic: E.g.:  $\phi \vee \neg\phi$

$$\phi \wedge \psi \Leftrightarrow \psi \wedge \phi$$

$$\phi \vee \psi \Leftrightarrow \psi \vee \phi$$

$$\phi \wedge (\psi \wedge \chi) \Leftrightarrow (\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge \chi$$

$$\phi \vee (\psi \vee \chi) \Leftrightarrow (\phi \vee \psi) \vee \chi$$

$$\neg(\neg\phi) \Leftrightarrow \phi$$

$$(\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\psi \Rightarrow \neg\phi)$$

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$$(\phi \Leftrightarrow \psi) \Leftrightarrow ((\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \wedge (\psi \Rightarrow \phi))$$

$$\neg(\phi \wedge \psi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\phi \vee \neg\psi)$$

$$\neg(\phi \vee \psi) \Leftrightarrow (\neg\phi \wedge \neg\psi)$$

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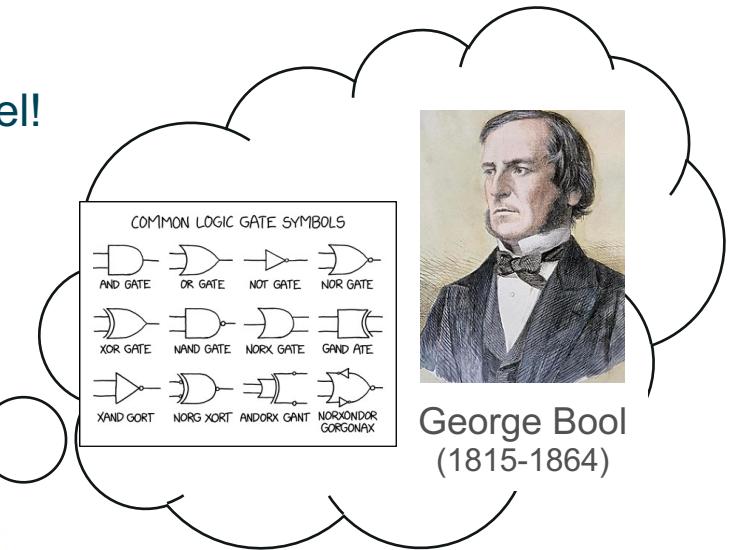
$$(\phi \vee (\psi \wedge \chi)) \Leftrightarrow ((\phi \vee \psi) \wedge (\phi \vee \chi))$$

- When both  $\varphi \vdash \psi$  and  $\psi \vdash \varphi$ , then  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are called **equivalent** (written  $\varphi \equiv \psi$ )

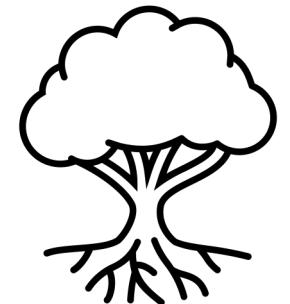
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- Two main **inference rules** in propositional logic:

- (*Modus Ponens*) Knowing that  $\varphi$  and  $\varphi \Rightarrow \psi$  are satisfied, infer that  $\psi$  is satisfied
- (*And Elimination*) Knowing that  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  is satisfied, infer that  $\varphi$  is satisfied



George Boole  
(1815-1864)



# Propositional Logic (Summary)

- › **Sentences:**  
are Built from standard logical connectives ( $\wedge, \vee, \neg, \dots$ ) over propositional symbols  $\Phi_o$
- › **Propositional Logic has an inference system that is sound and complete!**
- › **Models**  
are valuations:  $m: \Phi_o \rightarrow \{\text{true}, \text{false}\}$
- › **Satisfaction**  
is given by the "standard" interpretation of truth tables

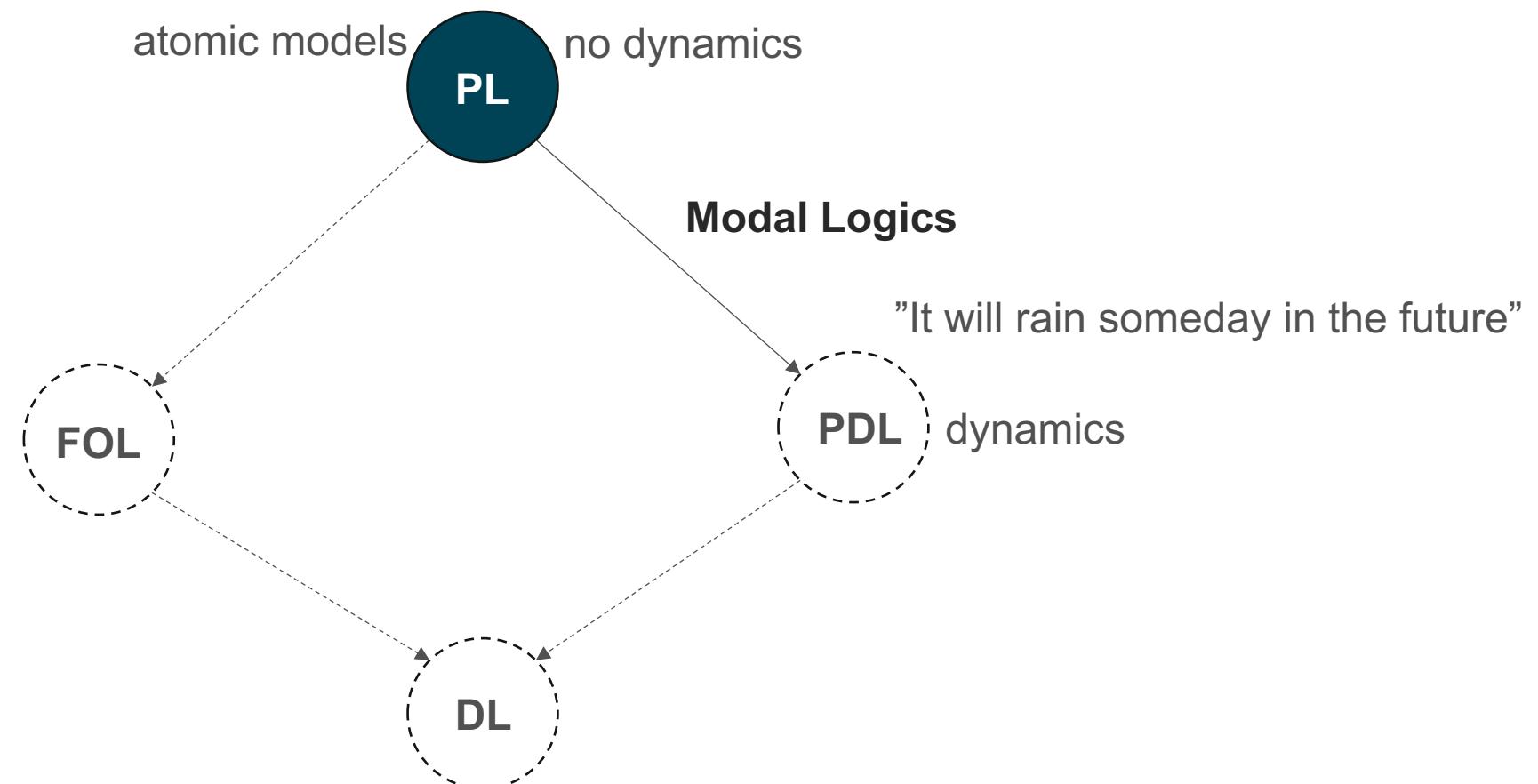
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## Axioms

$\frac{\phi, \phi \Rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$	(Modus Ponens)
$\frac{\phi \wedge \psi}{\phi}$	(And Elimination)

## Inference Rules

# The Destination: Dynamic Logic



# Modal Logic: The general idea

- › Distinguish different «modes» of truth!



Possibility  
(Firstness)



Actuality  
(Secondness)



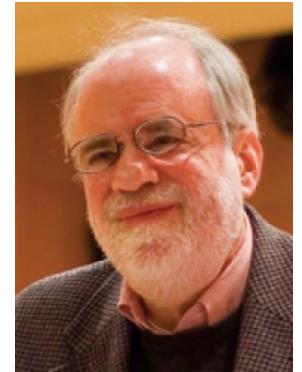
Necessity  
(Thirdness)

- › Thus: New *types* of sentences via connectors  $\diamond$  and  $\square$ 
  - ›  $\diamond\varphi$  means « $\varphi$  possibly holds»
  - ›  $\square\varphi$  means « $\varphi$  necessarily holds»

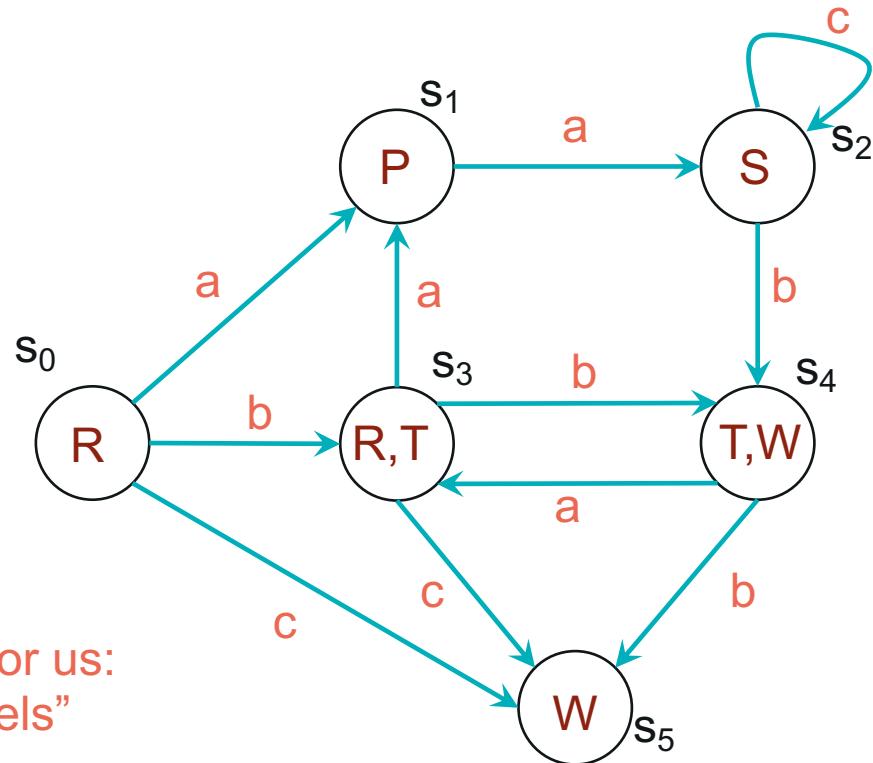
# Models in Modal Logic

- ...thus, models must look a bit differently

A labeled Kripke-structure is defined as follows:  $K = (S, T \subseteq S \times A_0 \times S, L: S \rightarrow 2^{\Phi_0})$



Saul Kripke  
(1940-)



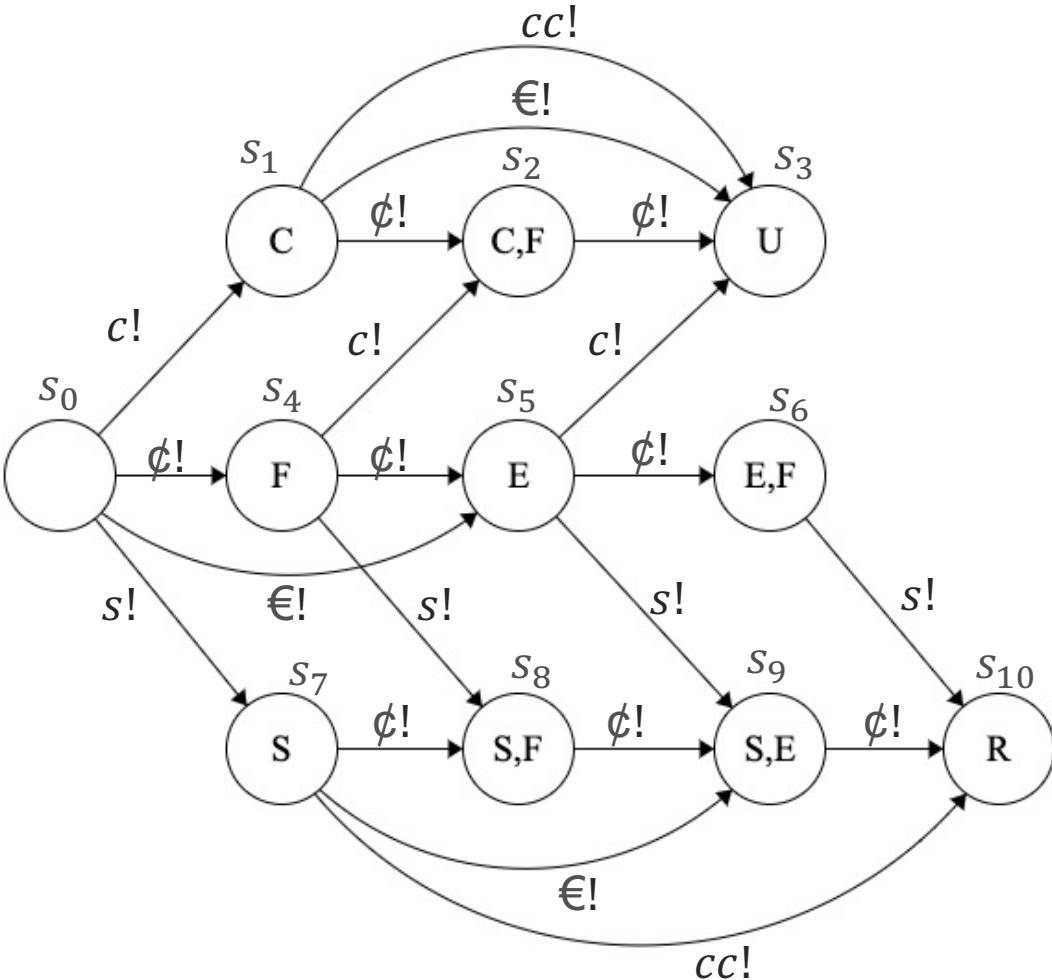
$$S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4, s_5\}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T = \{ & (s_0, a, s_1), (s_0, b, s_3), (s_0, c, s_5), \\ & (s_1, a, s_2), \\ & (s_2, c, s_2), (s_2, b, s_4), \\ & (s_3, a, s_1), (s_3, b, s_4), \\ & (s_4, a, s_3), (s_4, b, s_5) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} L = \{ & s_0 \mapsto \{R\}, s_1 \mapsto \{P\}, s_2 \mapsto \{S\}, \\ & s_3 \mapsto \{R, T\}, s_4 \mapsto \{T, W\}, s_5 \mapsto \{W\} \} \end{aligned}$$

# Action Structures

## Example: Vending Machine $m$



## Proposition Symbols $\Phi_0$ :

$C \triangleq \text{"Coffee selected"}$

$S \triangleq \text{"Snack selected"}$

$U \triangleq \text{"Coffee cup output"}$

$R \triangleq \text{"Snack received"}$

$E \triangleq \text{"1€ coin inserted"}$

$F = \text{"50¢ coin inserted"}$

## Atomic Actions $A_0$ :

$c! \triangleq \text{"select Coffee"}$

$s! \triangleq \text{"select Snack"}$

$€! \triangleq \text{"insert 1€ coin"}$

$¢! \triangleq \text{"insert 50¢ coin"}$

$cc! \triangleq \text{"swipe credit card"}$

## What's new

"Action-specific" modal Connectors:

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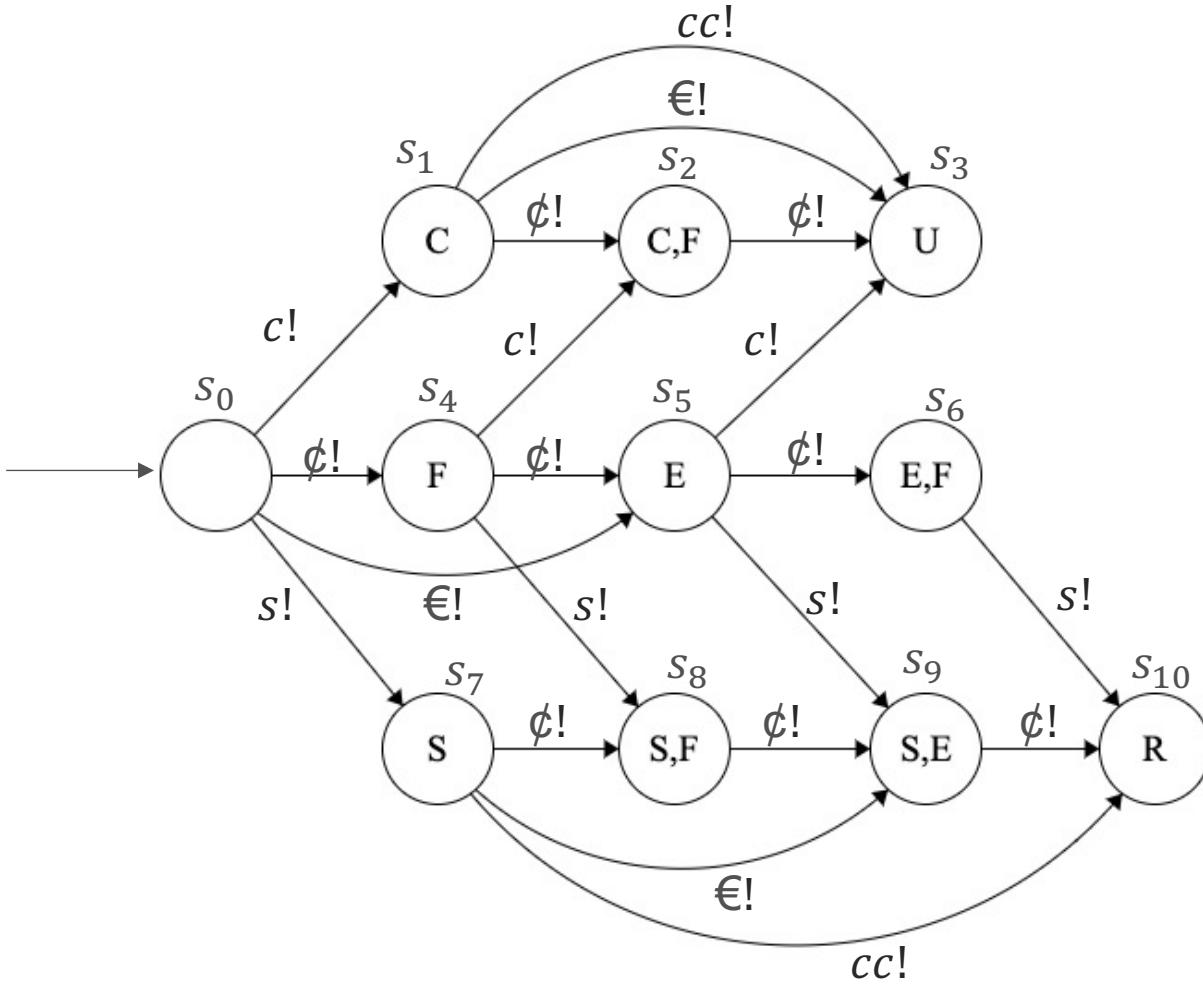
and satisfaction of a formula  $\varphi$  in a model  $m$  depend on the current state  $s$ , i.e. for  $a \in A_0$ ,  $P \in \Phi_0$ ,  $\varphi \in \Phi$ :

- $m, s \models P$  iff.  $P \in L_m(s)$
- $m, s \models \langle a \rangle \varphi$  iff. there exists  $(s, a, s') \in T_m$  such that  $m, s' \models \varphi$
- $m, s \models [a] \varphi$  iff. for all  $(s, a, s') \in T_m$  it holds that  $m, s' \models \varphi$
- $m, s \models \varphi \wedge \psi$  iff.  $m, s \models \varphi$  and  $m, s \models \psi$ , ... (analogous for the other connectives)

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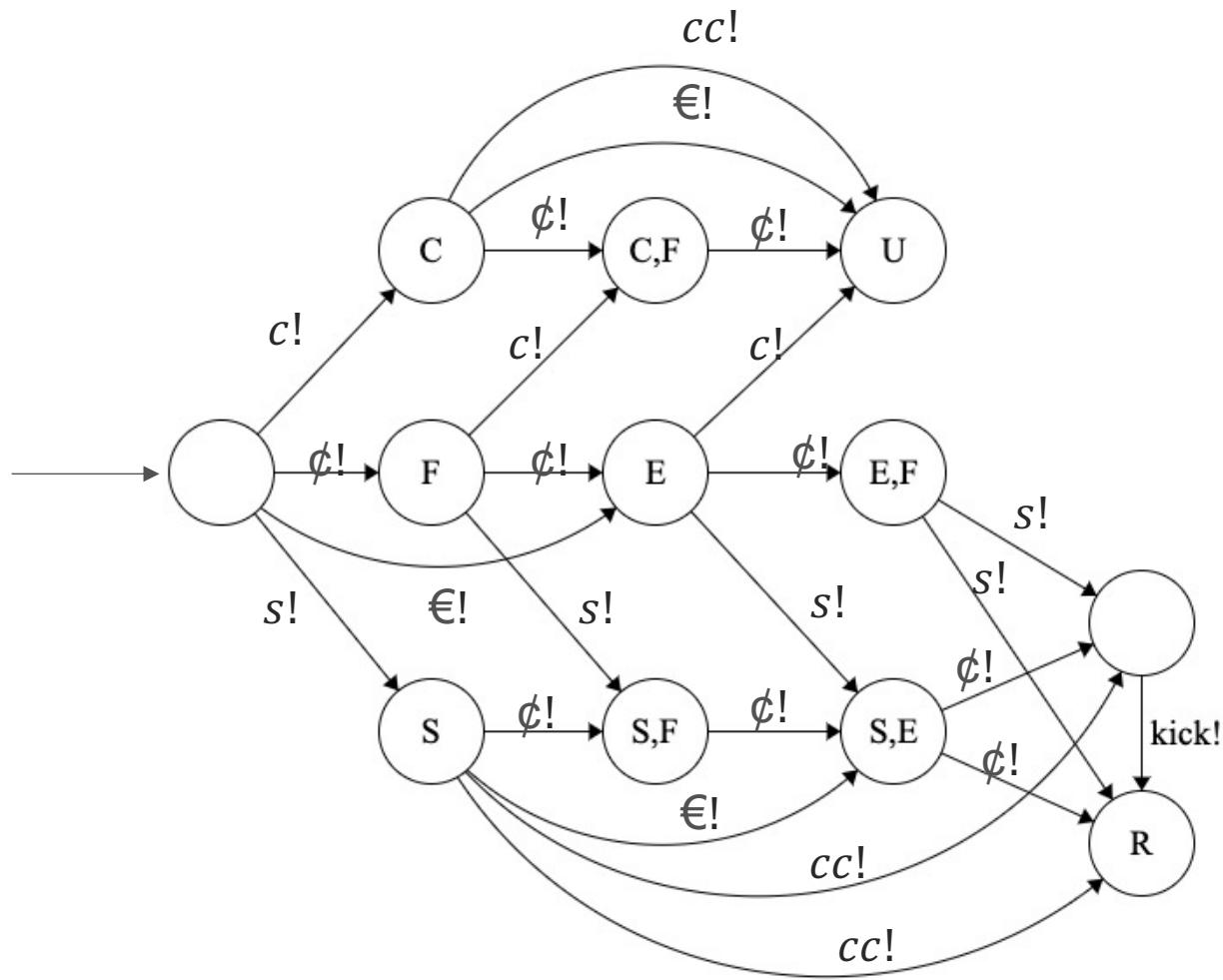
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## Exercise: satisfied or not?

- $m, s_0 \models \langle c! \rangle C \wedge [s!]S$
- $m, s_0 \models [\€!][c!]U$
- $m \models [\€!](E \vee (U \vee R))$
- $m \models \langle \€! \rangle(E \vee (U \vee R))$

# Non-determinism



**Exercise:** satisfied or not?

- $m, s_0 \models [\emptyset!][\emptyset!][s!]R$
- $m, s_0 \models [\emptyset!][\emptyset!][s!][kick!]R$

# Discourse: Relations & their *regular* compositions

› Another way to look at  $T \subseteq S \times A_0 \times S \Rightarrow$  as a family of relations  $T = (R_a)_{a \in A_0}$

› Let's now define combinators for combining actions:

1. **Sequence** (written  $a; b$ ) is defined via *Relation composition*  $\circ$

$$R_b \circ R_a := \{(a, b) \mid \exists c. (a, c) \in R_a \wedge (c, b) \in R_b\}$$

2. **Choice** (written  $a \cup b$ ) is defined via *Union*

$$R_a \cup R_b := \{(a, b) \mid (a, b) \in R_a \vee (a, b) \in R_b\}$$

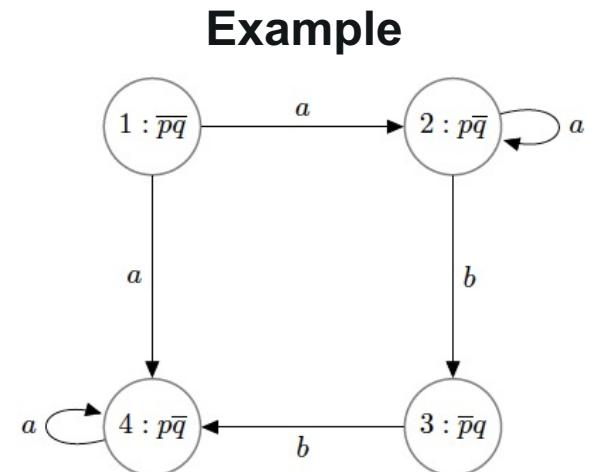
3. **Iteration** (written  $a^*$ ) is defined via *reflexive transitive Closure*

$$R_a^0 := \{(a, a) \mid a \in S\}$$

$$R_a^1 := R_a$$

$$R_a^{n+1} := (R_a^n \circ R_a^{n-1}) \quad (n > 1)$$

$$R_a^* := \bigcup_i R_a^i$$



# Propositional Dynamic Logic (PDL) - Syntax

- › So far, we had:

$$\begin{aligned} A_0 &:= \{a, b, c!, \epsilon! \dots\} && \text{((atomic) action labels)} \\ \Phi_0 &:= \{P, R, S, \dots\} && \text{(propositional symbols)} \\ \Phi^{\text{PL}} &:= \perp \mid \top \mid \Phi_0 \mid \neg \Phi^{\text{PL}} \mid \\ &\quad \Phi^{\text{PL}} \wedge \Phi^{\text{PL}} \mid \Phi^{\text{PL}} \vee \Phi^{\text{PL}} \mid \\ &\quad \Phi^{\text{PL}} \Rightarrow \Phi^{\text{PL}} \mid \Phi^{\text{PL}} \Leftrightarrow \Phi^{\text{PL}} && \text{(propositional Sentences)} \end{aligned}$$

- › First, add a **4.** action combinator: **test** (written  $\varphi?$ ) with  $\varphi \in \Phi$ :

$$R_{\varphi?} := \{(s, s) \mid m, s \models \varphi\}$$

- › Now, define the set of *all actions*  $A$ , and

$$A ::= A_0 \mid A^* \mid A ; A \mid A \cup A \mid \Phi^{\text{PL}} ?$$

Did you notice?

- › the set of all PDL formulae:

$$\Phi^{\text{PDL}} ::= \Phi^{\text{PL}} \mid \langle A \rangle \Phi^{\text{PDL}} \mid [A] \Phi^{\text{PDL}}$$

# There is a “programming language” hidden in PDL!

- › How, would a programmer call the following “actions”? (for  $\varphi \in \Phi^{\text{PL}}, \alpha, \beta \in A$ )

$(\varphi?; \alpha) \cup ((\neg\varphi)?; \beta)$       **if**  $\varphi$  **then**  $\alpha$  **else**  $\beta$

$(\varphi?; \alpha)^* (\neg\varphi)?$       **while**  $\varphi$  **do**  $\alpha$

$\top?$       **skip**

$\perp?$       **fail**

**Exercise:** What is the PDL equivalent of “repeat”

**repeat**  $\alpha$  **until**  $\varphi$

# Propositional Dynamic Logic (PDL) - Entailment

- > PDL has an inference procedure that is *sound and complete!*
- > The axioms are given by:

$\phi \vee \neg\phi$	(Excluded middle)
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+

$[\alpha]\phi \Leftrightarrow \neg\langle\alpha\rangle(\neg\phi)$	(Duality)
$[\alpha](\phi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow ([\alpha]\phi \Rightarrow [\alpha]\psi)$	("K axiom": $[\alpha]$ distributes over $\Rightarrow$ )
$[\alpha](\phi \wedge \psi) \Leftrightarrow [\alpha]\phi \wedge [\alpha]\psi$	(Modal And distribution)
$[\alpha \cup \beta]\phi \Leftrightarrow [\alpha]\phi \wedge [\beta]\phi$	(Choice)
$[\alpha; \beta]\phi \Leftrightarrow [\alpha][\beta]\phi$	(Sequenence)
$[\psi?]\phi \Leftrightarrow (\psi \Rightarrow \phi)$	(Test)
$(\phi \wedge [\alpha][\alpha^*]\phi) \Leftrightarrow [\alpha^*]\phi$	(Mix)
$(\phi \wedge [\alpha^*](\phi \Rightarrow [\alpha]\phi)) \Rightarrow [\alpha^*]\phi$	(Induction)

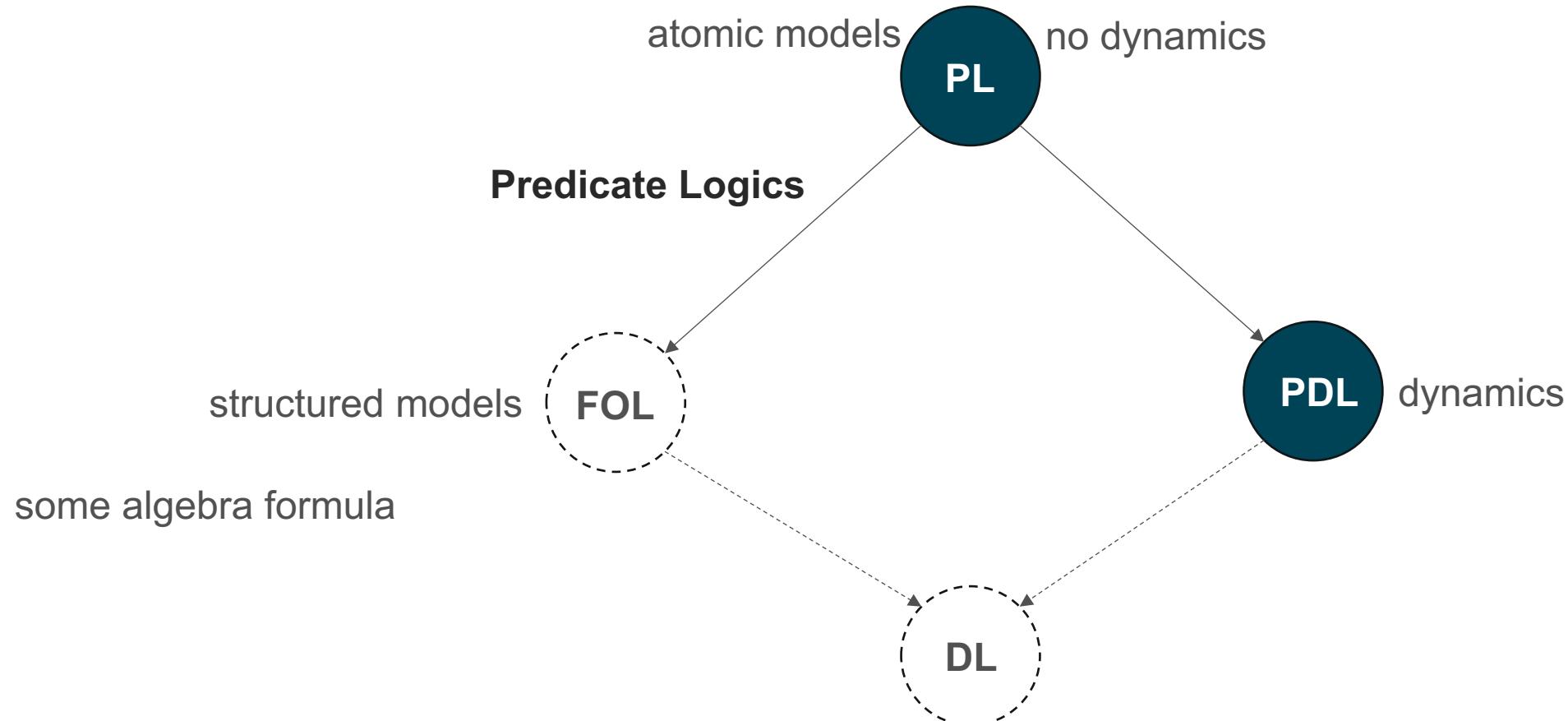
## PDL Tautologies

### Propositional Tautologies

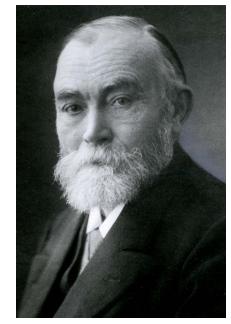
- > The inference rules are:

$\frac{\phi, \phi \Rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$	(Modus Ponens)
$\frac{\phi}{[\alpha]\phi}$	(Modal Generalisation)

# The Destination: Dynamic Logic

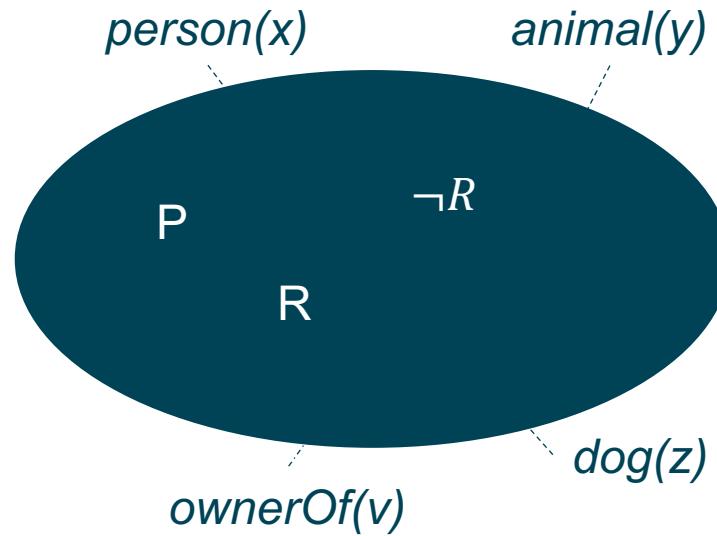


# (First-order) predicate Logic (FOL) - idea



Gottlob Frege  
(1848-1925)

- › So far models (states) have been atomic...



- › now they have internal structure, which is composed of
  - › **objects**
  - › **relations**
  - › **functions**

# (First-order) predicate Logic (FOL) - Syntax

- › First, we need a **signature**  $\Sigma$  comprising
  - › A set of *variable symbols*  $V$
  - › A set of *predicate symbols*  $P$
  - › A set of *function symbols*  $F$
  - › A function  $ar: P \sqcup F \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  assigning an *arity* (number of slots) to each predicate and function symbol

- › The formulae of FOL are defined as follows

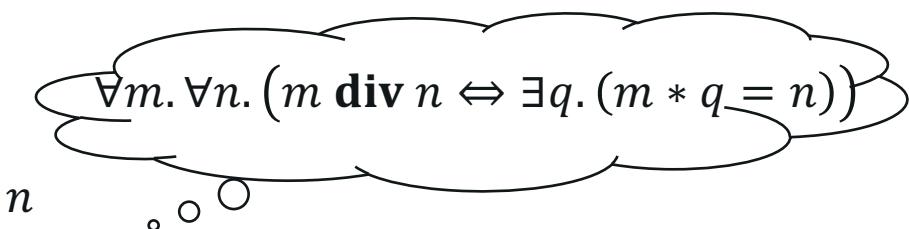
(Terms)  $T_\Sigma ::= V \mid f(\overbrace{T_\Sigma, \dots, T_\Sigma}^{n \text{ times}})$   $f \in F \text{ and } ar(f) = n$

(Atoms)  $\Phi^{\text{FOL}} ::= p(\overbrace{T_\Sigma, \dots, T_\Sigma}^{n \text{ times}})$   $p \in P \text{ and } ar(p) = n$

(Connectives)  $\Phi^{\text{FOL}} ::= \neg \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \mid \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \wedge \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \mid \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \vee \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \mid \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \Rightarrow \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \mid \Phi^{\text{FOL}} \Leftrightarrow \Phi^{\text{FOL}}$

(Quantifiers)  $\Phi^{\text{FOL}} ::= \forall V . \Phi^F \mid \exists V . \Phi^{\text{FOL}}$

$$\Sigma \quad \begin{aligned} V &::= a \mid b \mid c \mid m \mid n \mid p \mid q \mid r \\ P &::= = \mid \leq \mid \text{div} \quad \} \text{ arity} = 2 \\ F &::= 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \quad \} \text{ arity} = 0 \\ &\quad ::= - \quad \} \text{ arity} = 1 \\ &\quad ::= + \mid * \quad \} \text{ arity} = 2 \end{aligned}$$



# (First-order) predicate Logic (FOL) - Models

- › A FOL model  $m$  is an interpretation of the signature, it comprises
  - › a set  $D^m$  (the interpretation domain),
  - › for each function symbol  $f \in F$ , a function  $f^m: \overbrace{D^m \times \cdots \times D^m}^{n \text{ times}} \rightarrow D^m$ ,  $ar(f) = n$
  - › for each predicate symbol  $p \in P$ , a relation  $p^m \subseteq \overbrace{D^m \times \cdots \times D^m}^{n \text{ times}}$ , and  $ar(p) = n$
  - › an assignment of every free variable (i.e. not used in quantifier) to an element in  $D^m$ .
- › This gives rise to function  $eval_m: T_\Sigma \rightarrow D^m$
- › Satisfaction is then defined via
  - ›  $m \models p(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  iff.  $(eval_m(t_1), \dots, eval(t_n)) \in p^m$
  - ›  $m \models \forall v. \varphi$  iff. for all  $x \in D^m$  such that it holds  $m \models \{v/x\}\varphi$
  - ›  $m \models \exists v. \varphi$  iff. there exists a  $x \in D^m$  such that it holds  $m \models \{v/x\}\varphi$
  - › ...

assume that  $\Sigma$  is interpreted in  $\mathbb{Z}$  in the standard way

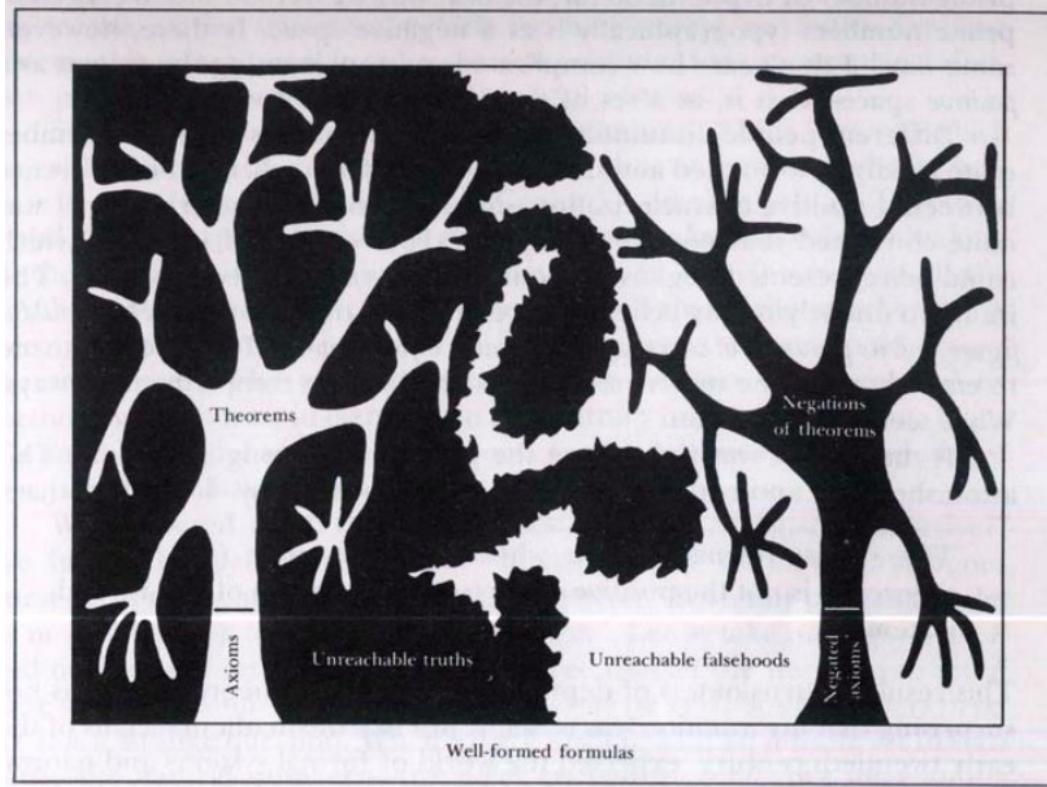
# (First-order) predicate Logic (FOL) - Entailment



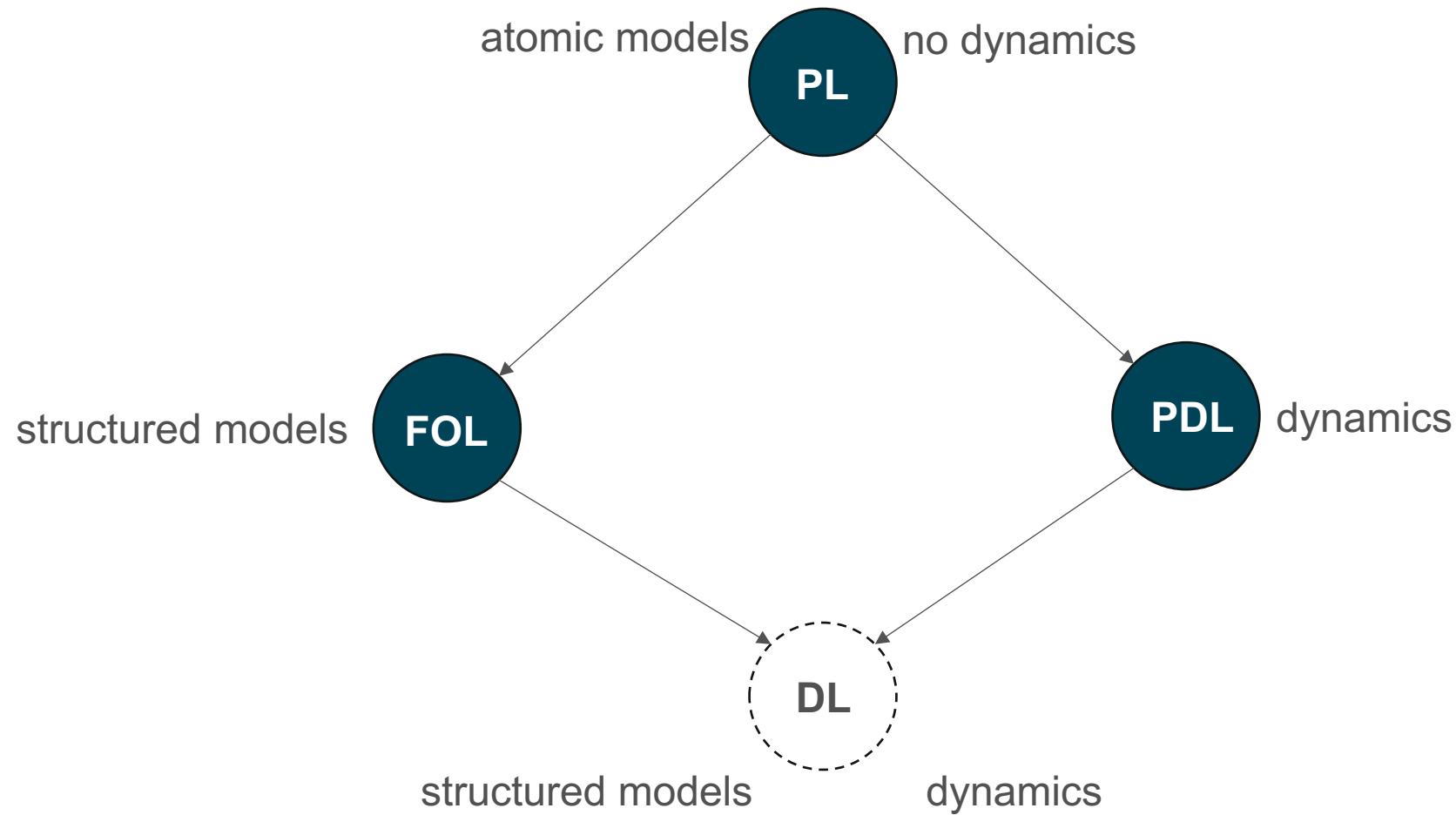
Kurt Gödel  
(1906-1978)

- › **Attention:** The inference procedure in FOL is only *semi-decidable!*
  - › i.e. there are valid sentences that cannot be proven!
  - › invalid sentences (:= contradictions) are always found, though!

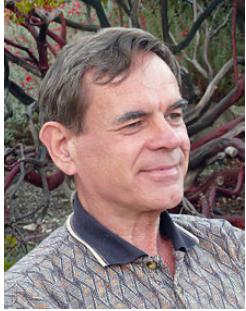
Cut out this one:



# The Destination: Dynamic Logic



# Putting it all together: Dynamic Logic



Vaughan Pratt  
(1944-)

- › General ideas:
  - › First-order signature and models correspond to base data types (**int**, **string**, **float**)
  - › Free variables correspond to program variables
  - › Kripke-structure capture the states in a program execution (current variable values)
  - › The atomic action is variable assignment
- › As a conclusion, I present you the formulae of dynamic logic

(atomic Actions)  $A_0 ::= "V := T_\Sigma"$

(all Actions)  $A ::= A_0 \mid A^* \mid A ; A \mid A \cup A \mid \Phi^{FOL} ?$

$\Phi^{DL} ::= \Phi^{FOL} \mid \langle A \rangle \Phi^{DL} \mid [A] \Phi^{DL}$

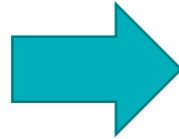
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# Dynamic Logic in Action

(coming back to the start)

```
public static int gcdImpl(int a, int b) {  
    int h = 0;  
    int p = a;  
    int r = b;  
    while (r != 0) {  
        h = p % r;  
        p = r;  
        r = h;  
    }  
    return p;  
}
```



```
α := h := 0;  
p := a;  
r := b;  
(¬(r = 0)?;  
h := p mod r;  
p := r;  
r := h)*;  
r = 0?
```

**Loop Invariant**

$$[h := 0; p := a; r := b] \text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(p, r)$$

⊤

$$\frac{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [\alpha]\phi}{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [\text{while } \psi \text{ do } \alpha]\phi} \equiv \frac{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [\alpha]\phi}{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [(\psi; \alpha)^*; \neg\psi]\phi}$$

$$[h := 0; p := a; r := b; (\neg(r = 0)?; h := p \text{ mod } r; p := r; r := h)^*; r = 0?] r = 0 \wedge \text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(p, r)$$

⊤

$\forall x. \text{gcd}(x, 0) = x$

$$[h := 0; p := a; r := b; (\neg(r = 0)?; h := p \text{ mod } r; p := r; r := h)^*; r = 0?] \text{gcd}(a, b) = p$$

|||

$$[\alpha] \text{gcd}(a, b) = p$$

# Digression: Hoare-Rule & Number theory



"Tony" Hoare  
(1934-)

Hoare Rule:

$$\frac{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [\alpha]\phi}{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [\text{while } \psi \text{ do } \alpha]\phi} \equiv \frac{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [\alpha]\phi}{\phi \wedge \psi \Rightarrow [(\psi; \alpha)^*; \neg\psi]\phi}$$

Proof. As an exercise ;-P

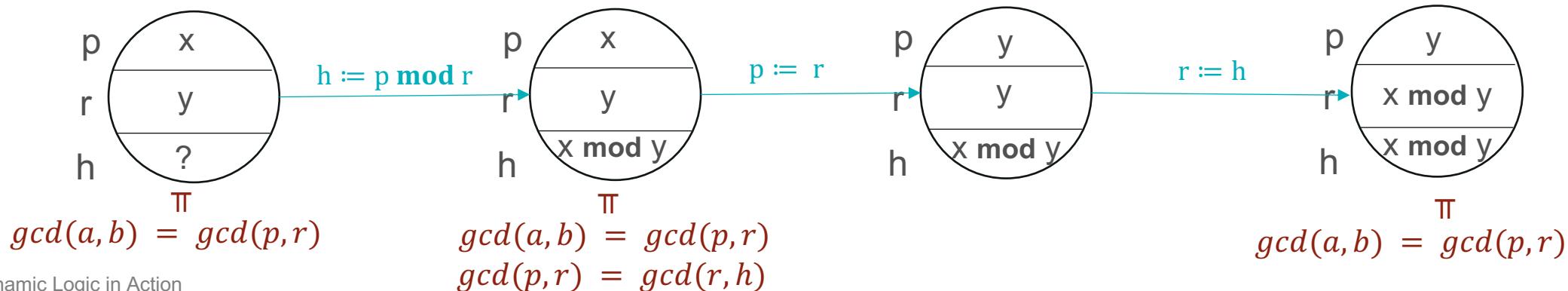
## Number Theory Lemma

(Euclid)  $m = q * n + x \implies \gcd(m, n) = \gcd(n, x)$

(Def. modulo)  $m \bmod n = x \Leftrightarrow \exists q. q * n + x = m$



Euclid  
(~300BC)



# Dynamic Logic in Action

(coming back to the start)

⊤

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$[h := 0]\top$

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$[h := 0; p := a]gcd(a, b) = gcd(p, b)$

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$[h := 0; p := a; r := b]gcd(a, b) = gcd(p, r)$

⊤

“substitution”

$[h := 0; p := a; r := b; (\neg(r = 0)?; h := p \text{ mod } r; p := r; r := h)^*; r = 0?]r = 0 \wedge gcd(a, b) = gcd(p, r)$

⊤

$[h := 0; p := a; r := b; (\neg(r = 0)?; h := p \text{ mod } r; p := r; r := h)^*; r = 0?]gcd(a, b) = p$

|||

$[\alpha]gcd(a, b) = p$

# Dynamic Logic in Action

- › Program verification in DL in general

- › Termination

$$\langle \alpha \rangle T$$

**May not terminate, though!**

- › Determinism

$$\langle \alpha \rangle \varphi \Rightarrow [\alpha] \varphi$$

- › Equivalence

$$\langle \alpha \rangle \varphi \Leftrightarrow \langle \beta \rangle \varphi$$

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# Related (Logic) Work & Outlook

- › Original Program Properties were investigated via Hoare Logic

**Hoare Triple**  $\{\varphi\} \alpha \{\psi\}$

- › Dynamic Logic provides a more classic approach to the same problem. Hoare triples are expressed in Dynamic Logic as via

$$\varphi \Rightarrow [\alpha]\psi$$

- › Dynamic Logic is well-suited to express positive termination criteria but not so much for defining **Liveness** criteria

- › thus, there are temporal logics, which allow modal connectives such as

- › “eventually”

- › “until”

Sentences that cannot be expressed in Dynamic Logic

- › ...

# Summary

- › Takeaways from today:
  - › Formal Verification is an approach/research discipline that seeks to apply mathematical methods to verify the correctness of software
  - › A «System» for mathematical logic must provide definitions for **models**, sentences, their **satisfaction** relationship ( $\models$ ), and **entailment** ( $\vdash$ ) which allows to infer valid sentences from others
  - › Propositional Logic is the «simplest» type of such a system, which comprises **atomic propositions** that can be combined via **logical connectives** ( $\neg, \wedge, \vee, \dots$ ), models are truth tables
  - › Modal Logic extends the definition of models by the concept of **states** (dynamics)
  - › There is a subtype of modal logic (called Propositional Dynamic Logic) where state transitions are labelled with **actions** that can be composed via "regular" **connectors** ( $; , U, *$ ). The latter gives rise to an internal (W-)programming language
  - › First order-logic adds internal structure to models/states comprising **objects**, **relations**, and **functions**. But inference in first-order logic is only semi-decidable
  - › **Dynamic Logic** combines first-order logic and the concepts defined in Propositional Dynamic Logic and can be used to **verify properties of programs**.

# Bibliographic Notes

- › The seminal paper about program verification is [Hoare, 1969].
- › Pratt, defined Dynamic Logic in [Pratt, 1976] in order to express such sentences in a more «classic way» building on another system called “Algorithmic Logic” [Salwicki, 1970].
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Thank you! Any questions?

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