

# Non-distributive logics as evidential logics

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**Proposal (Graph-based semantics):** Interpreting  $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}$  as sentences under **other circumstances** (e.g. filtered through informational entropy)

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## Examples

- ▶ Distributive Modal Logic:  $\mathcal{F} := \{\diamond, \triangleleft\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} := \{\square, \triangleright\}$
- ▶ Bi-intuitionistic modal logic:  $\mathcal{F} := \{\diamond, \succ\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} := \{\square, \rightarrow\}$
- ▶ Full Lambek calculus:  $\mathcal{F} := \{\circ\}$  and  $\mathcal{G} := \{/, \backslash\}$
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(compare with intuitionistic interpretation of  $\rightarrow$ )

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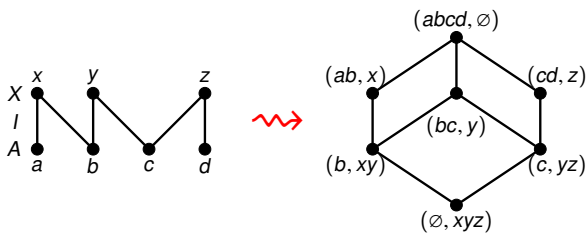
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truth  $\rightsquigarrow$  provability  $\rightsquigarrow$  **evidential reasoning**

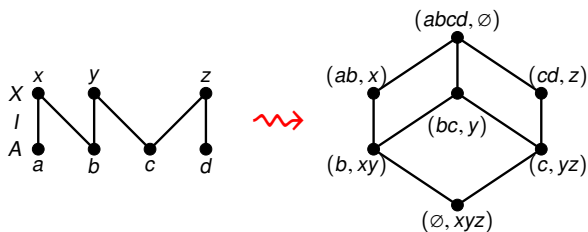
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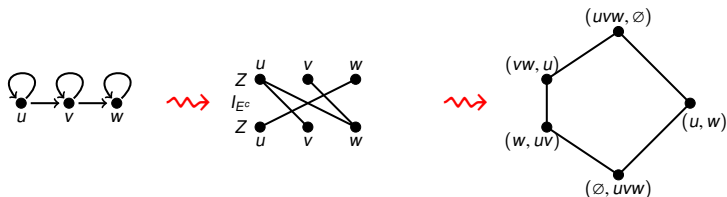


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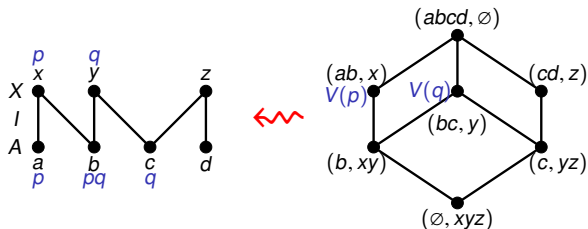


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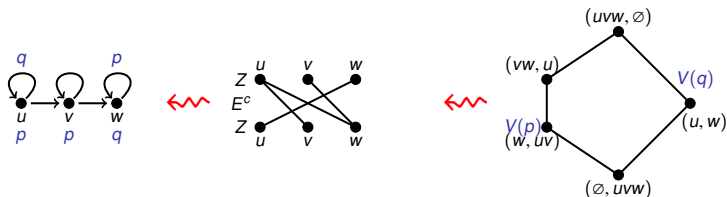


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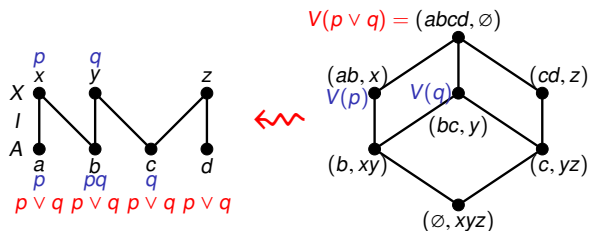


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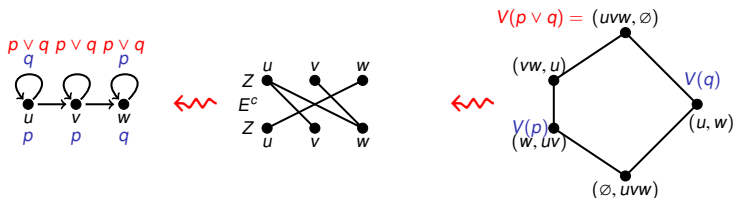
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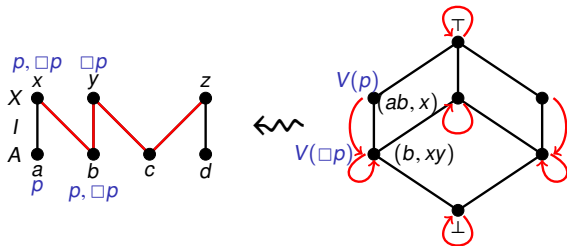


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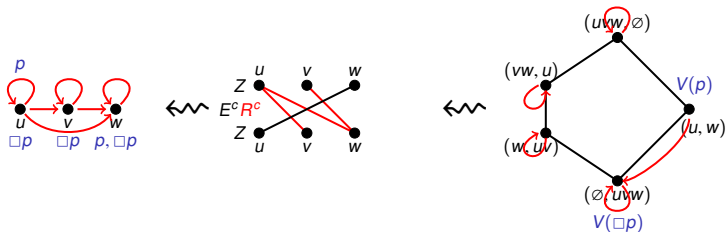
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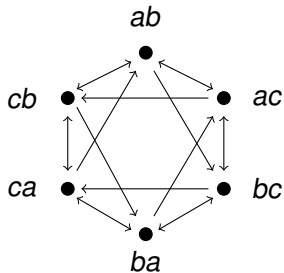
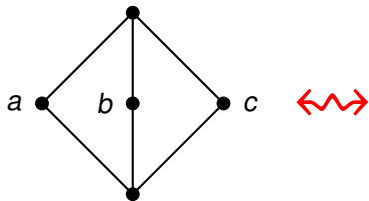
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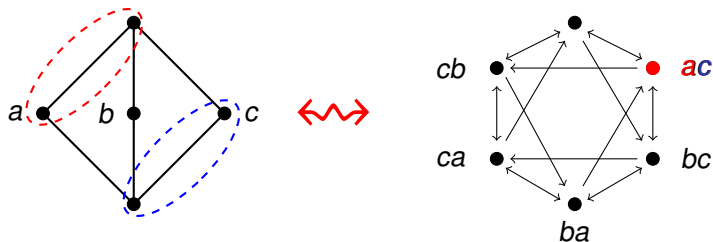


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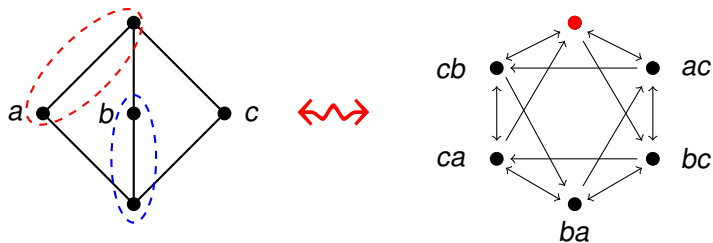


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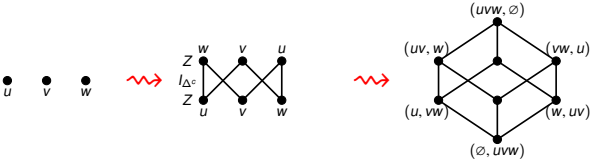
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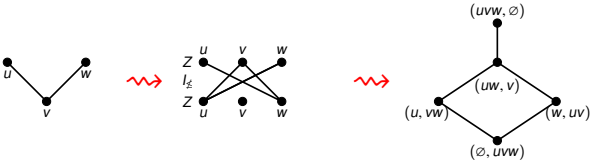
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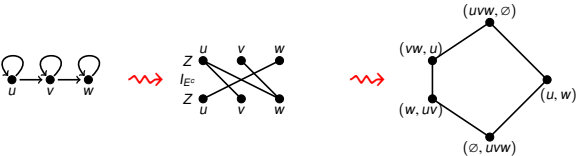
## Sets



## Posets



## Reflexive graphs



## Summary of the definitions

$z \models \varphi \wedge \psi$	iff	$z \models \varphi$ and $z \models \psi$
$z > \varphi \wedge \psi$	iff	for all $z'$ , if $zEz'$ then $z' \not\models \varphi \wedge \psi$
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# Evidential logic as hyper-constructivism

If  $z \Vdash \varphi$  is interpreted as

‘In  $z$  we have evidence to **accept**  $\varphi$ ’,

and  $z > \varphi$  is interpreted as

‘In  $z$  we have evidence to **refute**  $\varphi$ ’,

then  $\varphi$  denote propositions in a **hyper-constructivist** context:

$z \nVdash \varphi$  does **not** imply  $z > \varphi$

meta-linguistic failure of ‘excluded middle’.

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$$\forall p[\Box p \leq p]$$

iff  $\forall j[j \leq \blacklozenge j]$

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- iff  $R \circ_E R \subseteq R$

$$x(R \circ_E S)a \quad \text{iff} \quad \exists b(xRb \ \& \ E^{(1)}[b] \subseteq S^{(0)}[a]).$$

## Epistemic interpretation of modal axioms

Axiom	Kripke frames	Graph-based frames
$\Box p \rightarrow p$ <b>Factivity:</b> if agent knows $p$ then $p$ true	$\Delta \subseteq R$ agent can tell apart only non-identical states	$E \subseteq R$ agent can tell apart only non-inher. indist. states
$\Box p \rightarrow \Box \Box p$ <b>Positive introspection:</b> if agent knows $p$ then agent knows of knowing $p$	$R \circ R \subseteq R$ if agent tells apart $x, y$ then agent can distinguish $y$ from any $z$ agent cannot tell apart from $x$	$R \circ_E R \subseteq R$ positive introspection + inherent indistinguishab.



## A last example

$p$ : 'the defendant has not willingly caused harm to her friend'

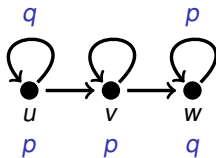
$q$ : 'the defendant acted in self-defence'

The defendant is not guilty if and only if  $p \vee q$ .

$u$ : "I saw her grabbing a tennis racket and hitting her friend. She looked terrified."

$v$ : "I saw her grabbing a tennis racket and hitting her friend. She looked frightened, but not necessarily by her friend."

$w$ : "I heard her scream that there was a poisonous spider on her friend's shoulder, so she killed the spider."



There is no witness that provides enough evidence to refute both  $p$  and  $q$ , hence, all testimonies lead to the acceptance of a not guilty verdict.