

A Dynamic Logic for Privacy Compliance

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Our scenarios

sender sends messages about a database to *recipient*. *sender* should comply to a privacy policy prescribing messages he is permitted or forbidden to send.

- *recipient* always believes *sender*;
- *sender* is the unique source of information about the database for *recipient*;
- *sender* knows exactly the content of the database.

Dual perspective

Our presentation will oscillate between two perspectives:

- 1 A '*theoretical*' perspective: analysis and formal representation of elementary concepts and their interaction: knowledge, obligation, action.
- 2 An '*applied*' perspective: use of these elementary notions to formalize more complex and 'applied' concepts, such as confidentiality, privacy, permission to disclose, compliance. . .

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Language \mathcal{L}_{EDL}

$$\mathcal{L}_{EDL}^{\phi} : \phi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K\phi \mid O\alpha$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{EDL}^{\alpha} : \alpha ::= K\phi \mid \neg\alpha \mid \alpha \wedge \alpha$$

where p ranges over a set of atomic propositions $_{ATM}$.

Formulas $\mathcal{L}_{EDL}^{\alpha}$ are always in the scope of an obligation operator O .

- $O\alpha$ reads “It is obligatory for the *sender* that α ”.
- $P\alpha$ abbreviates $\neg O\neg\alpha$. It reads “It is permitted for the *sender* that α ”.
- $K\phi$ reads “The *recipient* knows that ϕ ”.

Examples:

- $PK\phi$: “It is permitted for the *sender* that the *recipient* knows that ϕ ”.
- $\neg PK\phi$: “It is forbidden for the *sender* that the *recipient* knows that ϕ ”.
- $OK\phi \rightarrow \phi, \neg PK\phi \rightarrow \phi, \dots$ Note that $OK\phi \rightarrow O\phi$ is not a formula of \mathcal{L}_{EDL} .

Semantics and truth conditions of \mathcal{L}_{EDL}

Definition

An *EDL-model* M is a tuple $M = (W, D, R, V)$, where W is a non-empty set of possible worlds, R is a reflexive accessibility relations and D is a serial accessibility relations on W , and V is a valuation.

The truth conditions are given by:

$M, w \models p$	iff	$w \in V(p)$
$M, w \models \neg\phi$	iff	$M, w \not\models \phi$
$M, w \models \phi \wedge \psi$	iff	$M, w \models \phi$ and $M, w \models \psi$
$M, w \models O\alpha$	iff	for all $v \in D(w)$, $M, v \models \alpha$
$M, w \models K\phi$	iff	for all $v \in R(w)$, $M, v \models \phi$

$M \models \phi$ iff for all $w \in W$, $M, w \models \phi$.

Axiomatization and computational complexity of \mathcal{L}_{EDL}

Logic *EDL*:

A_1 All propositional tautologies based on ATM

A_2 $\vdash O\alpha \rightarrow P\alpha$

A_3 $\vdash K\phi \rightarrow \phi$

A_4 $\vdash O(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha') \rightarrow (O\alpha \rightarrow O\alpha')$

A_5 $\vdash K(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (K\phi \rightarrow K\psi)$

R_1 If $\vdash \alpha$ then $\vdash O\alpha$

R_2 If $\vdash \phi$ then $\vdash K\phi$

R_3 If $\vdash \phi \rightarrow \psi$ and $\vdash \phi$ then $\vdash \psi$

Theorem

- The satisfiability problem of \mathcal{L}_{EDL} is PSPACE-complete.
- Any instance of the model checking problem of \mathcal{L}_{EDL} is solved in time $O(|\phi| \cdot \|M\|)$.

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Epistemic norms and privacy policies

Definition

- An **epistemic norm** is a formula of the form $\phi \rightarrow O\alpha$ or $\phi \rightarrow P\alpha$, where $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{EL}$ and $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}_{EDL}^\alpha$.
- A **privacy policy** \mathcal{P} is a consistent set of epistemic norms.

Website Example: The *privacy policy* \mathcal{P} is:

$$\mathcal{P} = \{PK_{m_1}, PK_{m_2}, \neg PK_m\}$$

It specifies that:

- PK_{m_1} : it is *Permitted to Know* the mapping from users to numbers,
- PK_{m_2} : it is *Permitted to Know* the mapping from numbers to visited websites,
- $\neg PK_m$: it is forbidden to *Know* the mapping from users to visited websites.

More examples of epistemic norms

- $O\neg K_a$: it is not permitted for the *sender* that the *recipient* knows the address (a).
- $K_a \rightarrow OK_{c_a}$: if the *recipient* knows the address (a), then the *sender* is obliged to make the *recipient* know that the address is classified (c_a).
- $\text{Admin}(r) \wedge K_p \rightarrow O(K_{c_p} \vee K\neg c_p)$: if the *recipient* has the role of administrator and *recipient* knows that p , then it is obligatory for the *sender* that the *recipient* knows whether p is classified information (c_p).

Even if policies are about the knowledge of the *recipient*, they regulate the behaviour of the *sender*.

Compliance of a situation with a privacy policy

Let (M, w) be a pointed *EDL*-model and let \mathcal{P} be the following privacy policy:

$$\mathcal{P} = \{\phi_1 \rightarrow O\alpha_{\phi_1}, \dots, \phi_n \rightarrow P\alpha_{\phi_n}\}$$

- (M, w) is **compliant** w.r.t. \mathcal{P} , written $M, w \models_{\text{Cmp}} \mathcal{P}$, iff $M, w \models \phi \rightarrow \alpha$ for all $\phi \rightarrow O\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$.
- (M, w) is **strongly compliant** w.r.t. \mathcal{P} iff $M, w \models O\alpha \rightarrow \alpha$ for all $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}_{EDL}^\alpha$.

Restrictive and permissive policy

$\mathcal{E}(M, w) = \{\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{EL} \mid M, w \models \phi\}$ represents the epistemic state of the *recipient*.

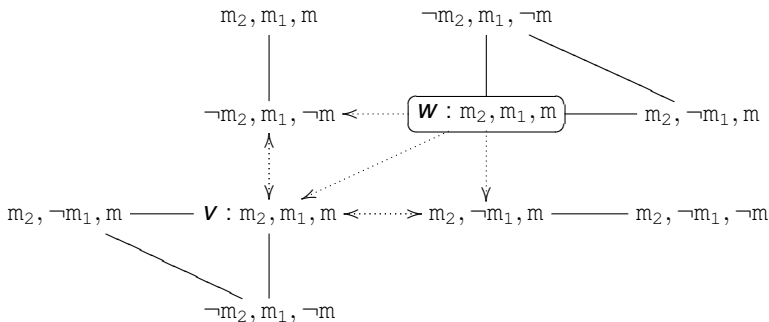
- The privacy policy \mathcal{P} is **restrictive** if for all *EDL*-models (M, w) , if $\mathcal{E}(M, w) \cup \mathcal{P} \not\models P\alpha$, then $M, w \models \neg P\alpha$.
- The privacy policy \mathcal{P} is **permissive** if for all *EDL*-models (M, w) , if $\mathcal{E}(M, w) \cup \mathcal{P} \not\models \neg P\alpha$, then $M, w \models P\alpha$.

Proposition

- If \mathcal{P} is permissive, then compliance coincides with strong compliance.
- The situation (M, w) is strongly compliant w.r.t. \mathcal{P} iff there exists $v \in D(w)$ such that $(M, R(w))$ and $(M, R(v))$ are bisimilar.

Website Example

EDL-model M : R is represented by plain arrows, D by dashed arrows.



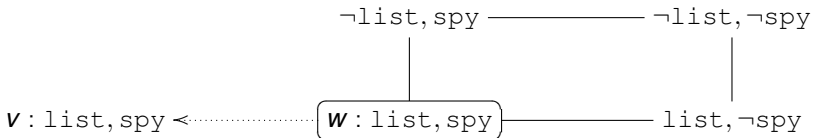
- (M, w) is strongly compliant w.r.t. $\mathcal{P} = \{PK_{m_1}, PK_{m_2}, \neg PK_m\}$.
- $M \models m_1 \wedge m_2 \rightarrow m$.

Spyware Example

- `list` is a list of websites where it is possible to download softwares.
- `spy` represents the fact that such softwares might contain spywares.

If the softwares downloadable on the websites might contain some spywares (`spy`) and the *recipient* knows this list of websites (K_{list}), then the *recipient* should know it (OK_{spy}):

$$\mathcal{P}' = \{spy \wedge K_{list} \rightarrow OK_{spy}\}$$



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Language \mathcal{L}_{DEDL}

Two dynamic operators for two kinds of change:

- $[s \text{ sends } \psi]$ affects knowledge (relation R):
 - $[s \text{ sends } \psi]\phi$ reads ‘after sending ψ , ϕ holds’
- $[s \text{ prom } \alpha]$ affects obligation (relation D):
 - $[s \text{ prom } \alpha]\phi$ reads ‘after the promulgation of α , ϕ holds’.

Definition

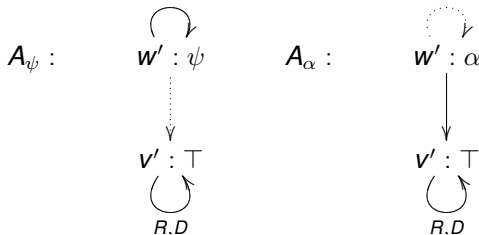
$$\mathcal{L}_{DEDL}^{\phi} : \phi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K\phi \mid O\alpha \mid [s \text{ sends } \phi]\phi \mid [s \text{ prom } \alpha]\phi$$

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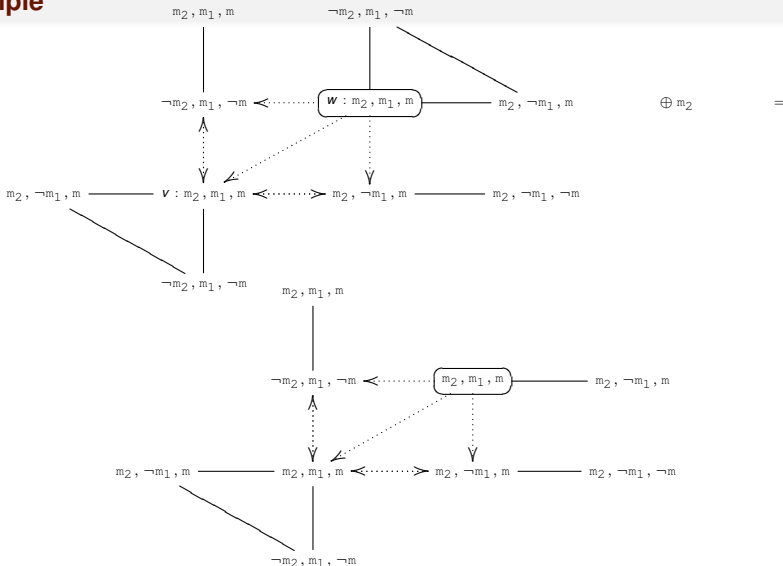
where p ranges over ATM.

Semantics and truth conditions of \mathcal{L}_{DEDL}

- $M, w \models [s \text{ sends } \psi]\phi$ iff $M \oplus \psi, w \models \phi$,
 where $(M, w) \oplus \psi = \begin{cases} (M, w) \otimes (A_\psi, w') & \text{if } M, w \models \psi \\ (M, w) & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$
- $M, w \models [s \text{ prom } \alpha]\phi$ iff $M \odot \alpha, w \models \phi$,
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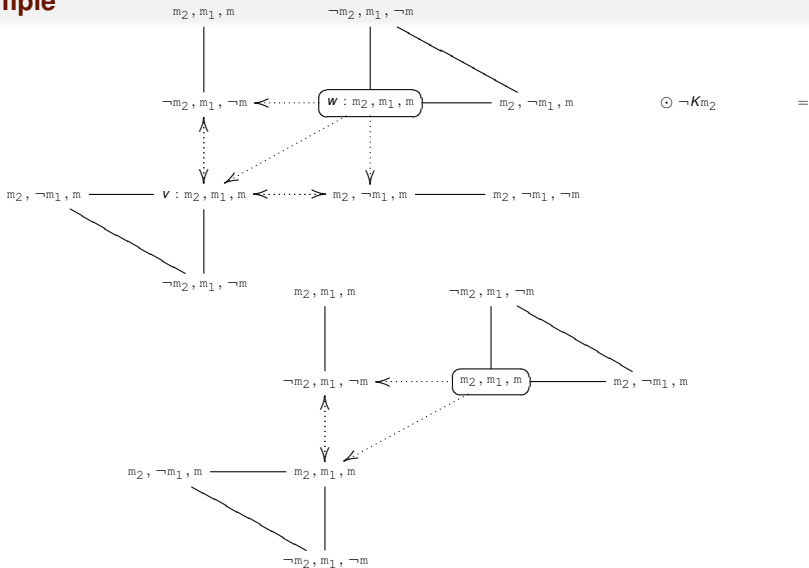


Example



Dynamic Epistemic Deontic Logic (DEDL)

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Axiomatization of \mathcal{L}_{DEDL}

Logic *DEDL*:

EDL All the axiom schemes and inference rules of *EDL*

$$A_6 \quad \vdash \psi \rightarrow ([s \text{ sends } \psi]K\phi \leftrightarrow K(\psi \rightarrow [s \text{ sends } \psi]\phi))$$

$$A_7 \quad \vdash \neg\psi \rightarrow ([s \text{ sends } \psi]\phi \leftrightarrow \phi)$$

$$A_8 \quad \vdash [s \text{ sends } \psi]O\alpha \leftrightarrow O\alpha$$

$$A_9 \quad \vdash [s \text{ prom } \alpha]K\phi \leftrightarrow K\phi$$

$$A_{10} \quad \vdash \alpha \rightarrow ([s \text{ prom } \alpha]O\alpha' \leftrightarrow O(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha'))$$

$$A_{11} \quad \vdash \neg\alpha \rightarrow ([s \text{ prom } \alpha]\phi \leftrightarrow \phi)$$

$$A_{12} \quad \vdash \Box p \leftrightarrow p$$

$$A_{13} \quad \vdash \Box\neg\phi \leftrightarrow \neg\Box\phi$$

$$A_{14} \quad \vdash \Box(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\psi)$$

$$R_4 \quad \text{If } \vdash \phi \text{ then } \vdash \Box\phi$$

where \Box stands for $[s \text{ sends } \psi]$ or $[s \text{ prom } \alpha]$.

Theorems of *DEDL*

- It holds that $\vdash [s \text{ sends } \psi]K\phi \leftrightarrow ((\psi \rightarrow K(\psi \rightarrow \phi)) \wedge (\neg\psi \rightarrow K\phi))$. So, after sending any truthful information ψ , the recipient knows that ψ holds:

$$\vdash \psi \rightarrow [s \text{ sends } \psi]K\psi$$

- Sending messages do not change epistemic norms if these norms do not depend on the epistemic state of the agent:

$$\vdash \chi \rightarrow [s \text{ sends } \psi]\chi$$

where $\chi = \phi_p \rightarrow O\alpha$ or $\chi = \phi_p \rightarrow P\alpha$ with ϕ_p propositional.

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Permitted message

Definition

We say that **it is permitted to send message** ϕ according to \mathcal{P} in (M, w) , written $M, w \models P(s \text{ sends } \phi)$, if $M, w \models \phi$ and $(M \oplus \phi, w)$ is compliant with respect to \mathcal{P} .

Website example:

$$\not\models P(s \text{ sends } \phi) \wedge P(s \text{ sends } \psi) \rightarrow P(s \text{ sends } (\phi \wedge \psi))$$

Instance of the **Inference problem**: the permission to disclose the full names of users also allows to disclose their family names:

$$\text{If } \vdash \phi \rightarrow \psi \text{ then } \vdash_{\text{Comp}} \rightarrow (P(s \text{ sends } \phi) \rightarrow P(s \text{ sends } \psi))$$

Obligatory message

We say that ϕ is **more informative than** ψ for the *recipient* in the situation (M, w) , written $M, w \models \phi \geq \psi$, if $M, w \models K(\phi \rightarrow \psi)$.

We say that ϕ is **strictly more informative than** ψ for the *recipient* in the situation (M, w) , written $M, w \models \phi > \psi$, when $M, w \models \phi \geq \psi$ but not $M, w \models \psi \geq \phi$.

Definition

We say that **it is obligatory to send message** ϕ according to \mathcal{P} in (M, w) , written $M, w \models O(s \text{ sends } \phi)$, if

- ① the situation (M, w) is not compliant w.r.t. \mathcal{P} ,
- ② sending ϕ restores compliance,
- ③ sending a message strictly less informative than ϕ does not restore compliance.

Permitted and obligatory messages

- If ϕ is strictly more informative than ψ , then the obligation to send ϕ entails that sending ψ is not permitted:

$$\vdash \phi > \psi \rightarrow (O(s \text{ sends } \phi) \rightarrow \neg P(s \text{ sends } \psi)).$$

- In the website example, it is prohibited to disclose the mapping from numbers to websites visited but it does not entail that it is obligatory to disclose a modified version of this mapping. So,

$$\not\vdash O(s \text{ sends } \phi) \leftrightarrow \neg P(s \text{ sends } \neg\phi).$$

Website Example

It is permitted to send one of the mappings:

$$M, w \models P(s \text{ sends } m_1) \wedge P(s \text{ sends } m_2)$$

But after sending one (m_2) it is *not* permitted to send the other (m_1):

$$M, w \models [s \text{ sends } m_2] \neg P(s \text{ sends } m_1)$$

$$M, w \models [s \text{ sends } m_1] \neg P(s \text{ sends } m_2)$$

This is because in both cases we would violate the epistemic norm $\neg PK_m$:

$$M, w \models [s \text{ sends } m_2][s \text{ sends } m_1] (K_m \wedge \neg PK_m)$$

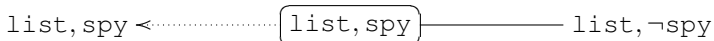
$$M, w \models [s \text{ sends } m_1][s \text{ sends } m_2] (K_m \wedge \neg PK_m).$$

Spyware Example

It is forbidden to disclose `list`:

$$M, w \models \neg P(s \text{ sends } list)$$

But if it is disclose, then we obtain the following situation $M \oplus list$:



In that situation, it is obligatory to disclose `spy`:

$$M \oplus list, w \models O(s \text{ sends } spy)$$

So, we have that

$$M, w \models [s \text{ sends } list] O(s \text{ sends } spy)$$

$$M, w \models \neg P(s \text{ sends } list) \wedge P(s \text{ sends } (list \wedge spy))$$

As it turns out, after sending the message `spy` we reach a compliant situation.

Meta-policy

If the *recipient* knows the privacy policy, he might infer some secret information: if the *recipient* learns that it is prohibited that he knows p , then he might infer that p holds.

Formally, if we extend our language and also our logic with the following axiom schema:

$$\vdash' O(\phi \rightarrow \alpha) \leftrightarrow (\phi \rightarrow O\alpha),$$

then we have that the following holds:

$$\vdash' [s \text{ sends } \neg PK_p] K_p.$$

We can avoid this situation by enforcing the following privacy policy:

$$\mathcal{P}'' = \{\neg PK_p, \neg PK \neg PK_p\}$$

In that case, sending the message $\neg PK_p$ will lead to a violation:

$$\vdash' \mathcal{P}'' \rightarrow \neg P(s \text{ sends } \neg PK_p).$$

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Motivations

Goal of the Security Monitor (SM):

- Decide which actions to execute and which message to send so as to enforce and maintain a privacy policy given by a law/policy maker.

Method:

- Implement an *EDL*-model representing the current state of affairs;
- Check compliance and decide which actions to execute by model checking this *EDL*-model

Problems with the current language \mathcal{L}_{DEDL} :

- The SM could not check whether a situation is compliant;
- The SM could not express that an epistemic norm is added or removed to/from the privacy policy by the law/policy maker;
- The SM could not express that under the current privacy policy he is permitted to disclose information ϕ ;

⇒ We need to define a new language \mathcal{L}_{PL} .

Language \mathcal{L}_{PL}

$$\mathcal{L}_{PL} : \phi ::= \psi \mid (\chi \in \mathcal{P}) \mid \text{Cmp} \mid \text{Cmp}' \mid P(s \text{ sends } \psi) \mid [s \text{ sends } \psi]\phi \mid \\ [s \text{ prom } \alpha]\phi \mid [+ \chi]\phi \mid [- \chi]\phi \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi$$

where $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{DEDL}$ and $\alpha \in \mathcal{L}_{DEDL}^\alpha$. The set of epistemic norms \mathcal{EN} is *finite*.

- $(\chi \in \mathcal{P})$: ‘ χ is an epistemic norm of the current privacy policy’;
- Cmp : ‘the current situation is compliant with respect to the current privacy policy’;
- Cmp' : ‘the current situation is *regulatory* compliant with respect to the current privacy policy’;
- $[+ \chi]\phi$: ‘after adding the epistemic norm χ to the current privacy policy, ϕ holds’;
- $[- \chi]\phi$: ‘after removing the epistemic norm χ from the current privacy policy, ϕ holds’;
- $P(s \text{ sends } \psi)$: ‘sending the message ψ is permitted’.

Semantics and truth conditions of \mathcal{L}_{PL}

A pointed privacy model is a pair $\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\}$ where (M, w) is a pointed *EDL*-model and \mathcal{P} is a privacy policy.

$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models \psi$	iff	$M, w \models \psi$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models (\chi \in \mathcal{P})$	iff	$\chi \in \mathcal{P}$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models \text{Cmp}$	iff	$M, w \models i \rightarrow \alpha$ for all $i \rightarrow O\alpha \in \mathcal{P}$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models \text{Cmp}'$	iff	$M, w \models \chi$ for all $\chi \in \mathcal{P}$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models P(s \text{ sends } \psi)$	iff	$M, w \models \psi$ and $\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models [s \text{ sends } \psi]_{\text{Cmp}}$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models [s \text{ sends } \psi]\phi$	iff	$\{(M \oplus \psi, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models \phi$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models [s \text{ prom } \alpha]\phi$	iff	$\{(M \odot \alpha, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models \phi$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models [+ \chi]\phi$	iff	$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P} \cup \{\chi\}\} \models \phi$
$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P}\} \models [- \chi]\phi$	iff	$\{(M, w), \mathcal{P} - \{\chi\}\} \models \phi$

Axiomatization and computational complexity of \mathcal{L}_{PL}

Axiom schemes and inference rules of *DEDL* together with: $(\chi_o = i \rightarrow O\alpha,$

$\Box = [s \text{ sends } \psi]$ or $[s \text{ prom } \alpha]$, and $[\pm\chi] = [+ \chi]$ or $[- \chi]$)

$$P_1 \quad \vdash \text{Cmp} \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{\chi_o \in \mathcal{EN}} ((\chi_o \in \mathcal{P}) \rightarrow (i_\chi \rightarrow \alpha_\chi)) \quad P_8 \quad \vdash [+ \chi](\chi \in \mathcal{P})$$

$$P_2 \quad \vdash \text{Cmp}' \leftrightarrow \bigwedge_{\chi \in \mathcal{EN}} ((\chi \in \mathcal{P}) \rightarrow \chi) \quad P_9 \quad \vdash [- \chi]\neg(\chi \in \mathcal{P})$$

$$P_4 \quad \vdash P(s \text{ sends } \psi) \leftrightarrow \psi \wedge [s \text{ sends } \psi]_{\text{Cmp}} \quad P_{10} \quad \vdash [\pm\chi](\chi' \in \mathcal{P}) \leftrightarrow (\chi' \in \mathcal{P})$$

$$P_5 \quad \vdash \Box(\chi \in \mathcal{P}) \leftrightarrow (\chi \in \mathcal{P}) \quad P_{11} \quad \vdash [\pm\chi]\psi \leftrightarrow \psi$$

$$P_6 \quad \vdash \Box\neg\phi \leftrightarrow \neg\Box\phi \quad P_{12} \quad \vdash [\pm\chi]\neg\phi \leftrightarrow \neg[\pm\chi]\phi$$

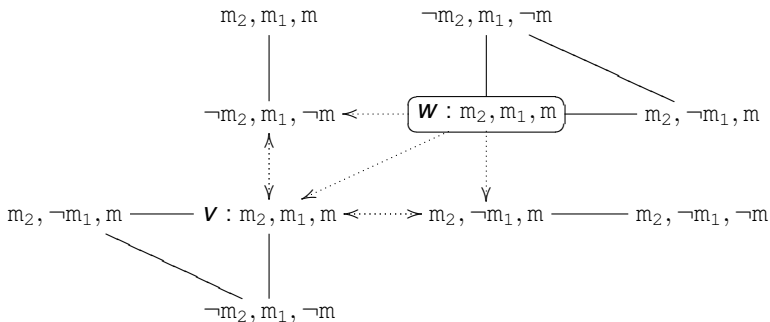
$$P_7 \quad \vdash \Box(\phi \rightarrow \phi') \rightarrow (\Box\phi \rightarrow \Box\phi') \quad P_{13} \quad \vdash [\pm\chi](\phi \rightarrow \phi') \rightarrow ([\pm\chi]\phi$$

$$R_P \quad \text{If } \vdash \phi \text{ then } \vdash [\pm\chi]\phi \rightarrow [\pm\chi]\phi')$$

Theorem

- The satisfiability problem of \mathcal{L}_{PL} is decidable.
- Any instance of the model checking problem of \mathcal{L}_{PL} is solved in time $O((\|M\| + |\mathcal{P}|) \times (|\phi| + |\mathcal{P}|))$.

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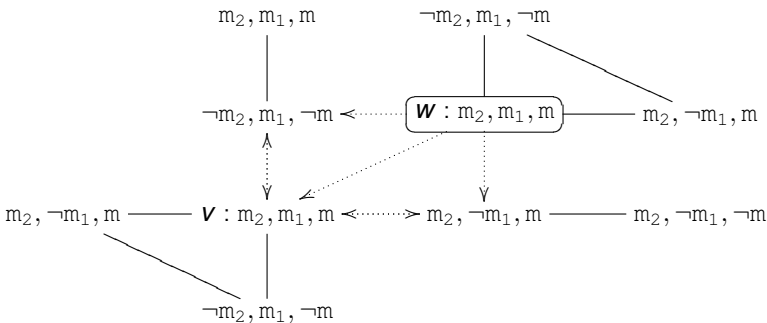


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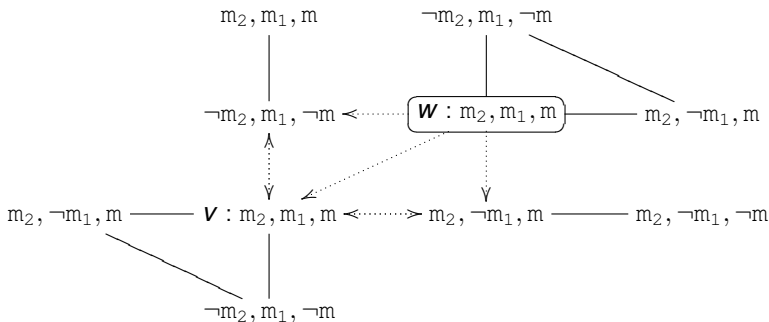
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The law/policy maker asks *sender* to make the policy stricter:



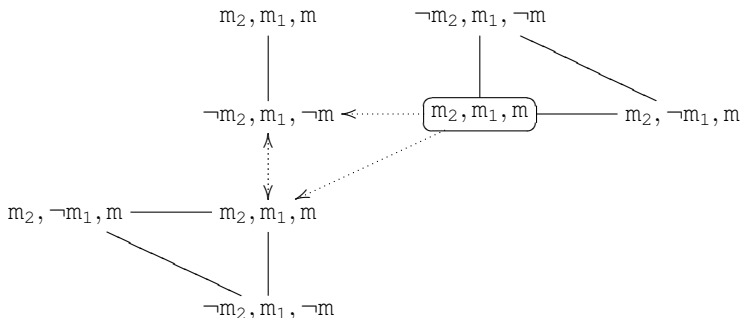
Enforce $\mathcal{P}' = \{PK_{m_1}, \neg PK_{m_2}, \neg PK_m\}$!

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$$\mathcal{P}' = \{PK_{m_1}, \neg PK_{m_2}, \neg PK_m\} \quad \{(M, w), \mathcal{P}'\} \models \neg \text{Cmp}'$$

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Conclusion

- We defined a privacy policy as a set of epistemic norms specifying what a *recipient* is permitted and forbidden to know.
- This allowed us to derive the permitted and prohibited messages in a given situation with much flexibility.
- Our logic is decidable with reasonable complexity and allows to
 - 1 check compliance with respect to a privacy policy,
 - 2 change the privacy policy,
 - 3 determine which action needs to be done to enforce a privacy policy.

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