

On the Functional Completeness of Argumentation Semantics

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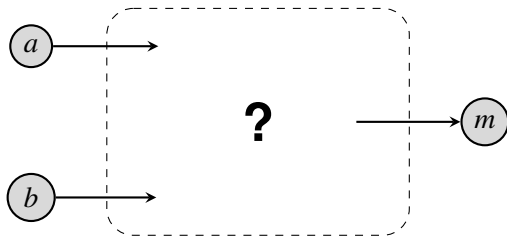
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- ⇒ Is there an argumentation framework such that, under a certain semantics σ , m is accepted if at most one of a and b is accepted and m is not accepted otherwise?



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- Adds to the **systematic comparison** of semantics [Baroni and Giacomin, 2007].
- **Strategic argumentation**: Deciding whether achieving a certain goal is possible and, if yes, how to do so.

- Background
- Realizability
- Input/Output-AFs
- *I/O*-characterization of extension-based semantics
- *I/O*-characterization of labelling-based semantics
- Conclusion

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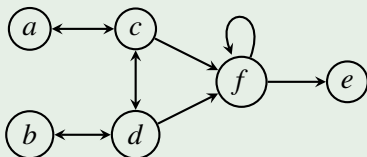
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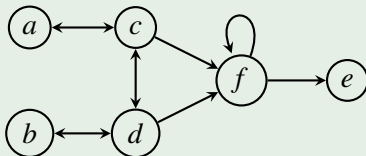
$$F = (\{a, b, c, d, e, f\}, \\ \{(a, c), (c, a), (c, d), (d, c), (d, b), (b, d), (c, f), (d, f), (f, f), (f, e)\})$$

Background (ctd.)

Conflict-free Sets

Given an AF $F = (A, R)$, a set $S \subseteq A$ is **conflict-free** in F , if, for each $a, b \in S$, $(a, b) \notin R$.

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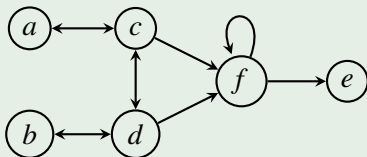
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Admissible Sets

Given an AF $F = (A, R)$, a set $S \subseteq A$ is **admissible** in F , if

- S is conflict-free in F and
- each $a \in S$ is **defended** by S in F , i.e. for each $b \in A$ with $(b, a) \in R$, there exists some $c \in S$, such that $(c, b) \in R$.

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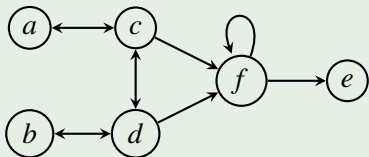
Preferred Semantics

Given an AF $F = (A, R)$, a set $S \subseteq A$ is a **preferred** extension in F , if

- S is admissible in F and
- there is no admissible $T \subseteq A$ with $T \supset S$.

⇒ Maximal admissible sets (w.r.t. set-inclusion).

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Further semantics:

- Complete semantics
- Grounded semantics
- Stage semantics [Verheij, 1996]
- Semi-stable semantic [Caminada et al., 2012]
- Ideal semantics [Dung et al., 2007]

- cf2 semantics [Baroni et al., 2005, Gaggl and Woltran, 2013]
- Resolution-based grounded semantics [Baroni et al., 2011]
- ...

Labelling-based semantics

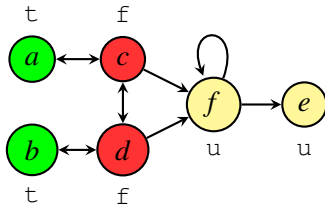
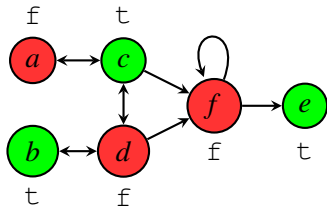
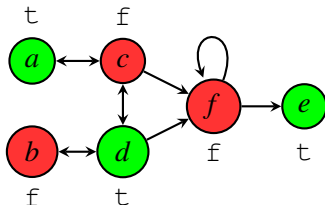
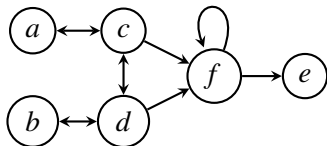
- More fine-grained evaluation of AFs. [Caminada and Gabbay, 2009]
- A labelling is a function assigning each argument one label among t , f , and u .

Definition

The labelling-based version of a semantics σ associates to an AF $F = (A, R)$ a set $\mathcal{L}_\sigma(F)$, where any labelling $L \in \mathcal{L}_\sigma(F)$ corresponds to an extension $E \in \sigma(F)$ as follows:

- $L(a) = \text{t}$ iff $a \in E$;
- $L(a) = \text{f}$ iff $\exists b \in E : (b, a) \in R$;
- $L(a) = \text{u}$ iff neither of the above holds.

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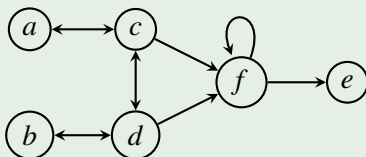
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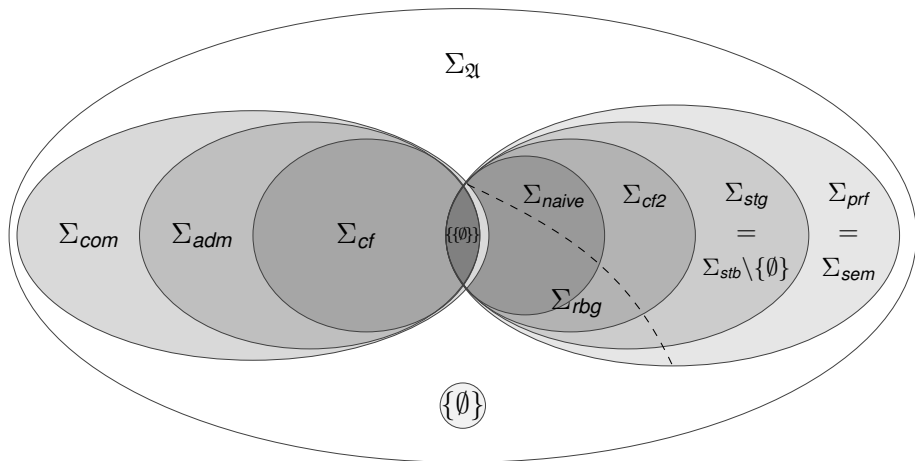
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$\mathbb{S} = \{\{a, b\}, \{a, d, e\}, \{b, c, e\}\}$.



- \mathbb{S} is **realizable under *prf***, since $prf(F) = \mathbb{S}$.
- \mathbb{S} is **not realizable under *stb***.

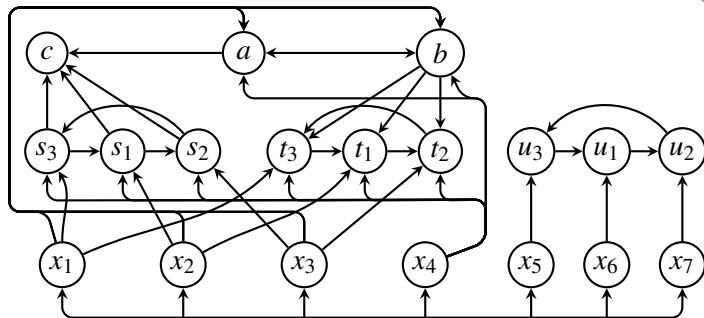
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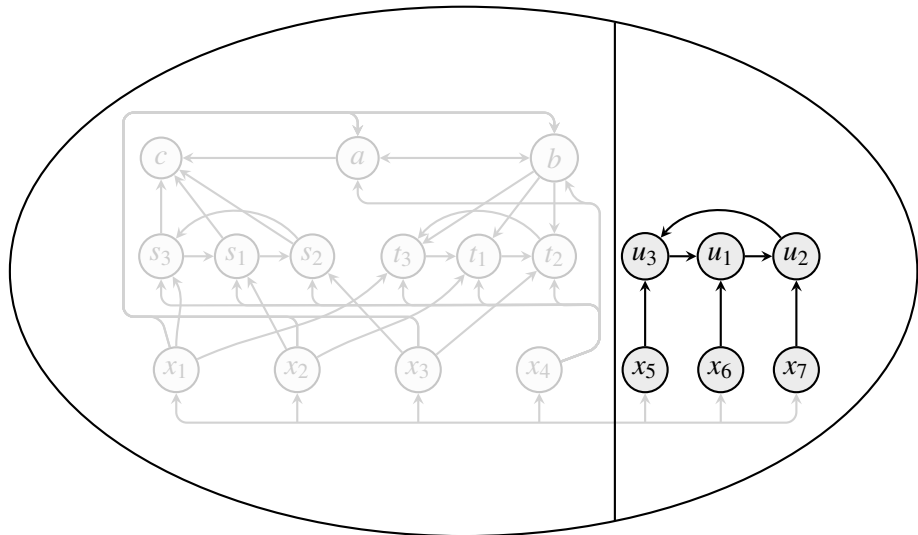
$$\Sigma_{\sigma} = \{\sigma(F) \mid F = (A, R) \text{ is an AF}\}.$$

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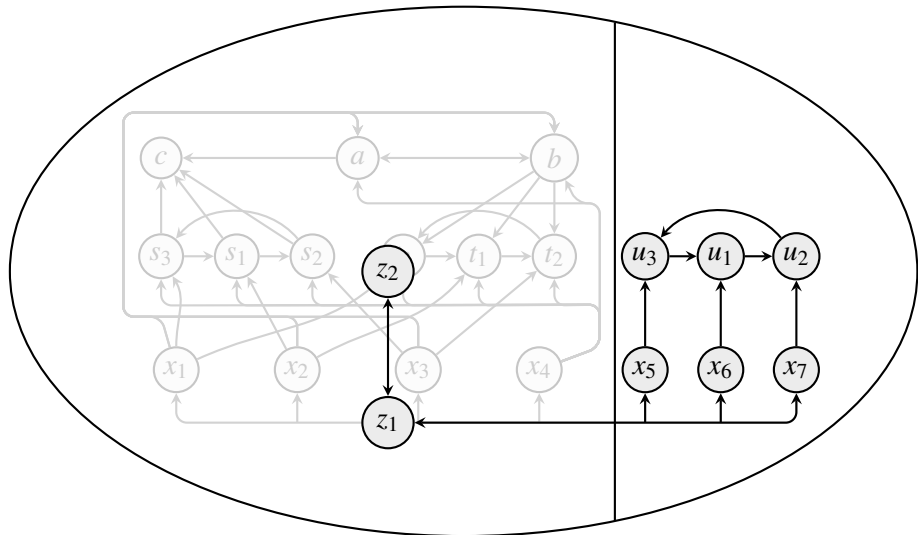
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Decomposability	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No
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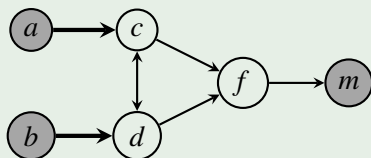
Given an *I/O-specification* $p : 2^I \mapsto 2^{2^O}$, is p **satisfiable**?

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Given input arguments I and output arguments O with $I \cap O = \emptyset$, an *I/O-gadget* is an AF $F = (A, R)$ such that $I, O \subseteq A$ and $I_F^- = \emptyset$.

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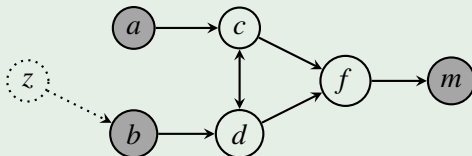
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Given an I/O -gadget $F = (A, R)$ the **injection** of $J \subseteq I$ to F is the AF $\triangleright(F, J) = (A \cup \{z\}, R \cup \{(z, i) \mid i \in (I \setminus J)\})$.

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Injection of $\{a\}$:



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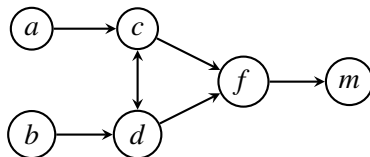
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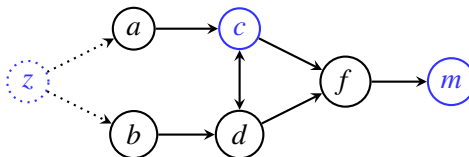
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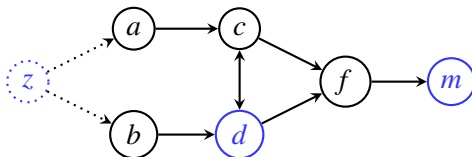
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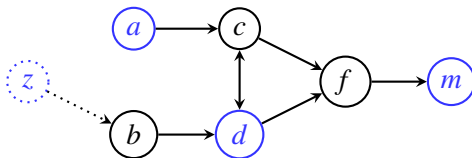
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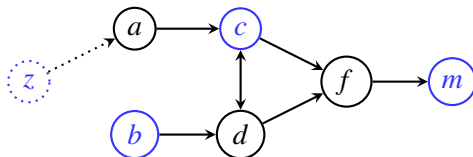
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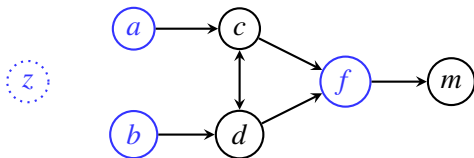
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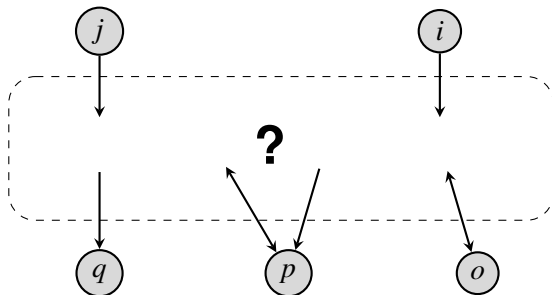
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Given I/O -specification p , let $X = \{x_j^S \mid J \subseteq I, S \in p(J)\}$ and $Y = \{y_i \mid i \in I\}$. The **canonical I/O -gadget** (for p) is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}(p) = & (I \cup O \cup Y \cup X \cup \{w\}, \\ & \{(i, y_i) \mid i \in I\} \cup \\ & \{(y_i, x_j^S) \mid x_j^S \in X, i \in J\} \cup \\ & \{(i, x_j^S) \mid x_j^S \in X, i \in (I \setminus J)\} \cup \\ & \{(x, x') \mid x, x' \in X, x \neq x'\} \cup \\ & \{(x, w) \mid x \in X\} \cup \{(w, w)\} \cup \\ & \{(x_j^S, o) \mid x_j^S \in X, o \in (O \setminus S)\}). \end{aligned}$$

Theorem

An I/O-specification \mathfrak{p} is satisfiable under σ iff

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prf, sem, stg: $\forall J \subseteq I : |\mathfrak{p}(J)| \geq 1$

com: $\forall J \subseteq I : |\mathfrak{p}(J)| \geq 1 \wedge \bigcap \mathfrak{p}(J) \in \mathfrak{p}(J)$

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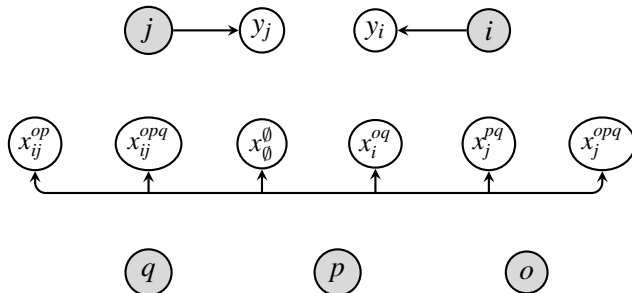
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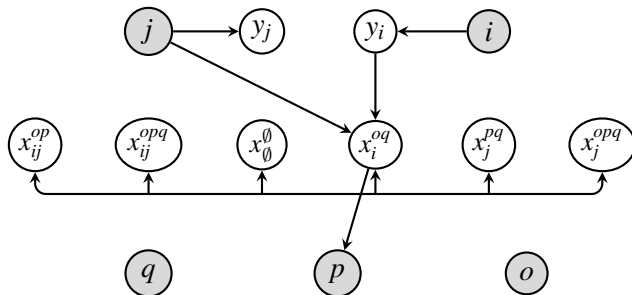
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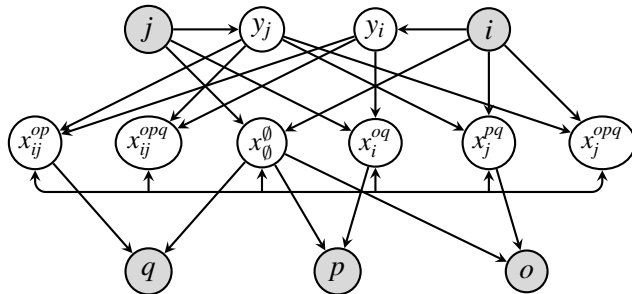
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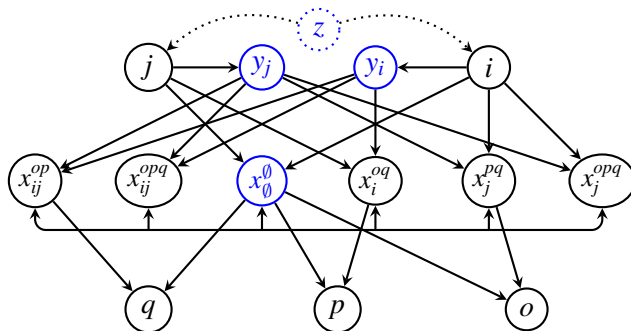
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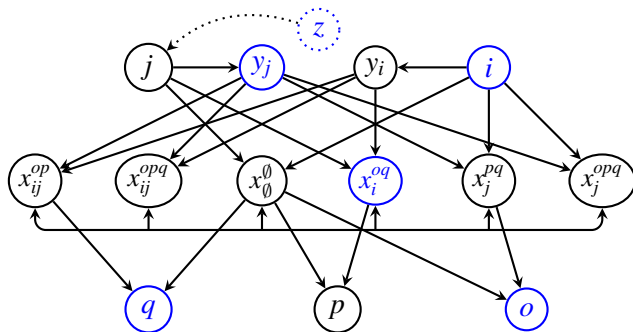
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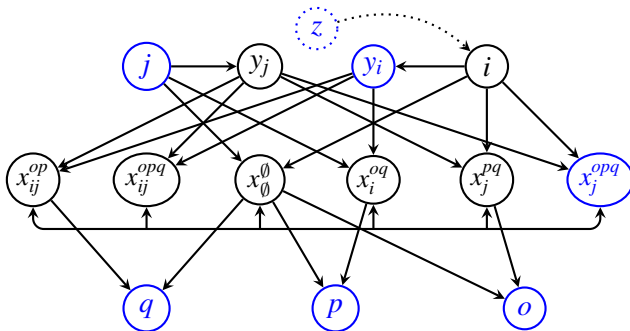
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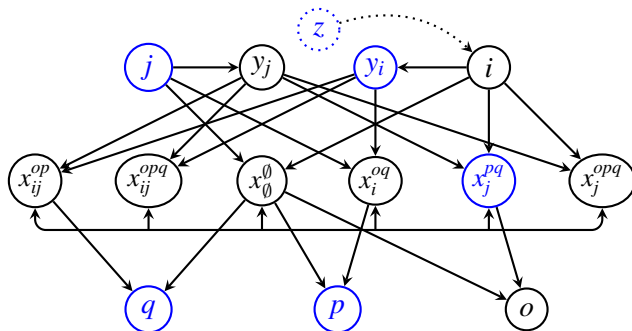
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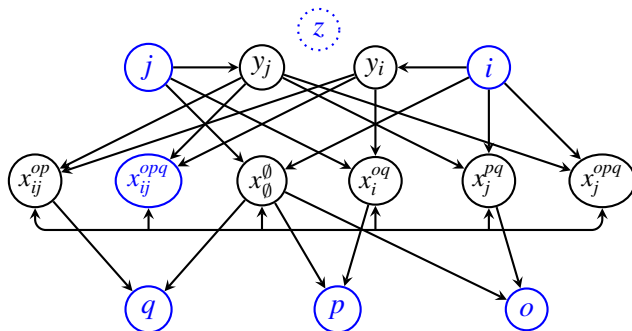
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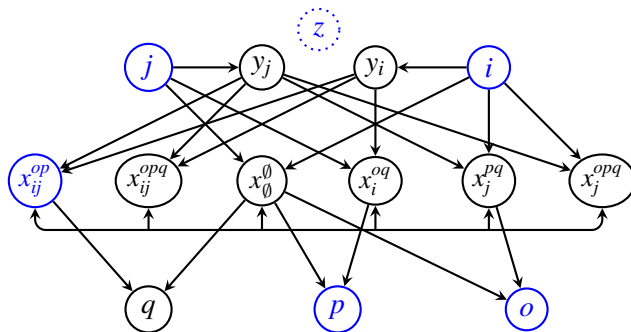
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Input ($I = \{i, j\}$)	Output ($O = \{o, p, q\}$)
\emptyset	$\{\emptyset\}$
$\{i\}$	$\{\{o, q\}\}$
$\{j\}$	$\{\{o, p, q\}, \{p, q\}\}$
$\{i, j\}$	$\{\{o, p, q\}, \{o, p\}\}$



Labelling-based I/O-characterization

Definition

An **3-valued I/O-specification** consists of two sets $I, O \subseteq \mathfrak{A}$ and a total function $\mathfrak{p} : \mathcal{L}(I) \mapsto 2^{\mathcal{L}(O)}$.

Input ($I = \{i, j\}$)	Output ($O = \{o, p\}$)
$\{i \leftarrow u, j \leftarrow u\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow u\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow t, j \leftarrow u\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow t, p \leftarrow u\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow u, j \leftarrow t\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow t\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow f, j \leftarrow u\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow u\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow u, j \leftarrow f\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow f\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow t, j \leftarrow t\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow t, p \leftarrow f\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow t, j \leftarrow f\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow t, p \leftarrow f\}\}$
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$\{i \leftarrow f, j \leftarrow f\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow t, p \leftarrow f\}\}$

Definition

The *I/O-gadget* F **satisfies** the 3-valued I/O-specification \mathfrak{p} under semantics σ iff $\forall L \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I) : \mathcal{L}_\sigma(\blacktriangleright(F, L))|_O = \mathfrak{p}(L)$.

Labelling-based I/O-characterization

Definition

A 3-valued *I/O*-specification p is **monotonic** iff for all L_1 and L_2 such that $L_1 \sqsubseteq L_2$ it holds that $\forall K_1 \in p(L_1) \exists K_2 \in p(L_2) : K_1 \sqsubseteq K_2$.

Example

Input ($I = \{i, j\}$)	Output ($O = \{o, p\}$)
$\{i \leftarrow u, j \leftarrow u\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow u\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow t, j \leftarrow u\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow u\}, \{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow f\}\}$
\vdots	\vdots
$\{i \leftarrow t, j \leftarrow t\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow u, p \leftarrow u\}\}$
$\{i \leftarrow t, j \leftarrow f\}$	$\{\{o \leftarrow t, p \leftarrow f\}, \{o \leftarrow t, p \leftarrow t\}\}$
\vdots	\vdots

Theorem

A 3-valued I/O -specification p is satisfiable under σ iff

stb: $\forall L \in \mathcal{L}(I) \forall K \in p(L) \forall o \in O : K(o) \neq \perp$

prf: p is monotonic

grd: p is monotonic and $\forall L \subseteq \mathcal{L}(I) : |p(L)| = 1$

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Future Work

- 3-valued *I/O*-characterization of **complete semantics**.
- Construction of *I/O*-gadgets from **compact representations** of *I/O*-specifications, such as Boolean (resp. 3-valued) formulas or circuits.
- Identification of **minimal** *I/O*-gadgets.


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