

BSML and Expressive Completeness

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- Convex Team Logic
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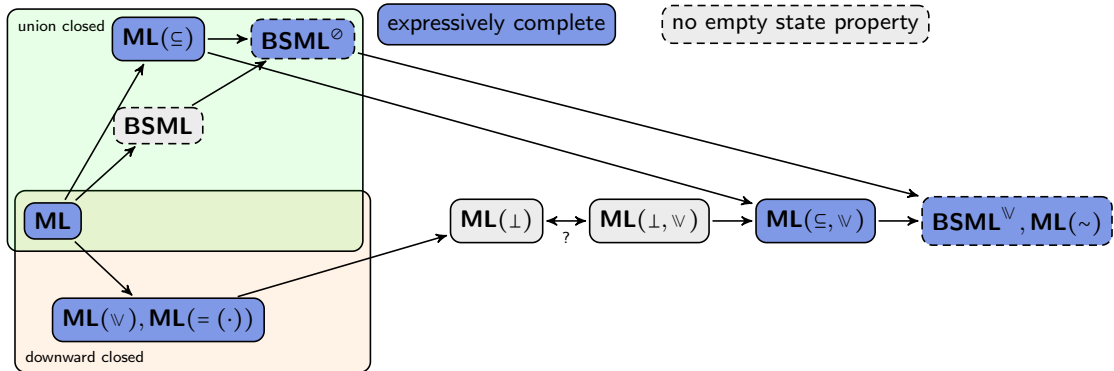
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Expressive powers compared:



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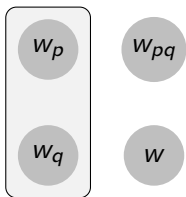
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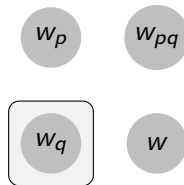
Split disjunction '∨' and the non-emptiness atom 'NE'

$$s \models \phi \vee \psi \iff \exists t, t' : t \cup t' = s, t \models \phi, t' \models \psi$$

$$s \models \text{NE} \iff s \neq \emptyset$$



(a) $s \models (p \wedge \text{NE}) \vee (q \wedge \text{NE})$



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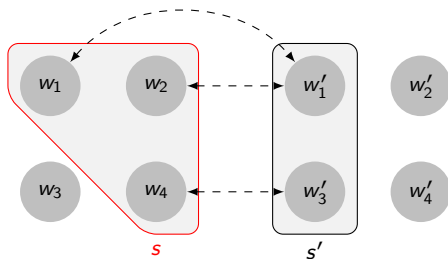
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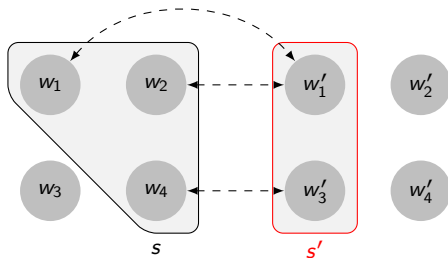
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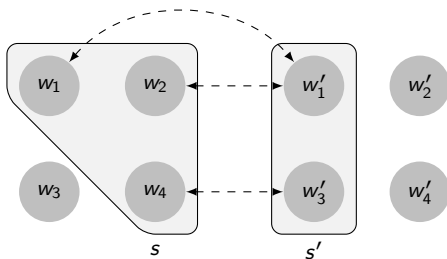
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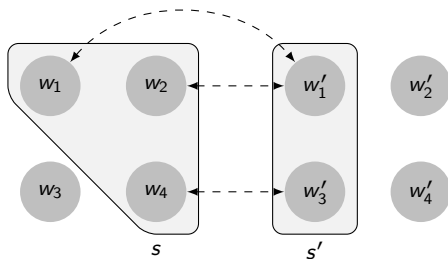
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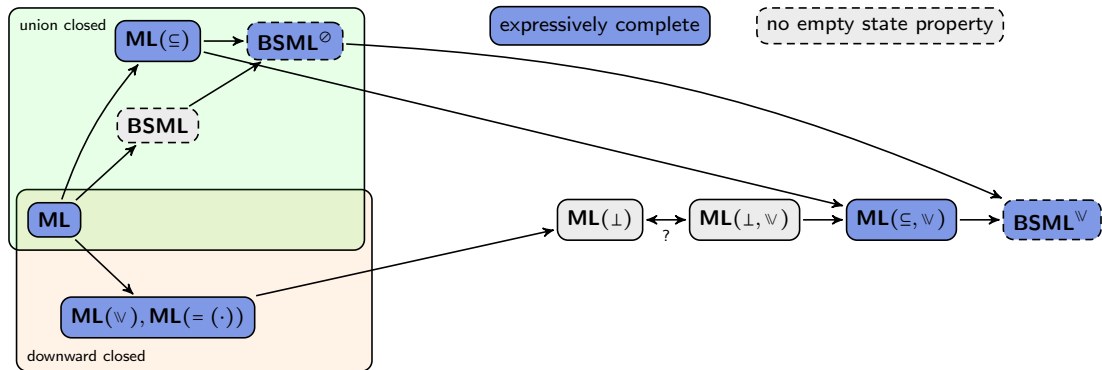
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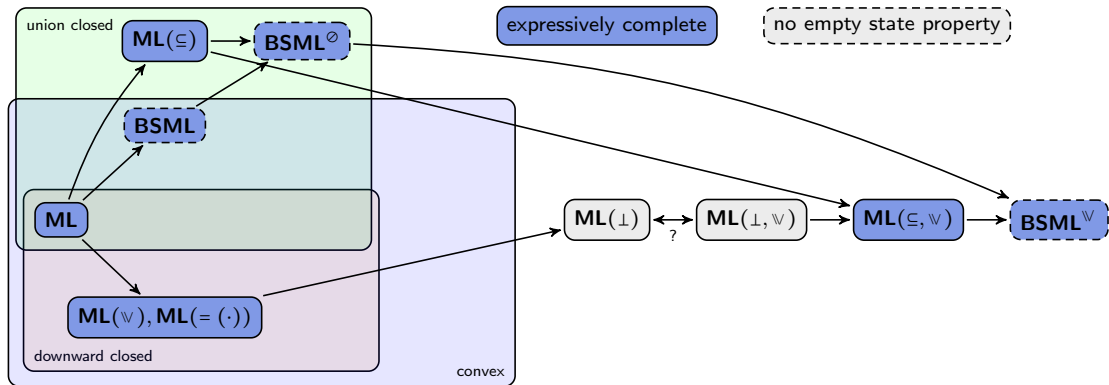
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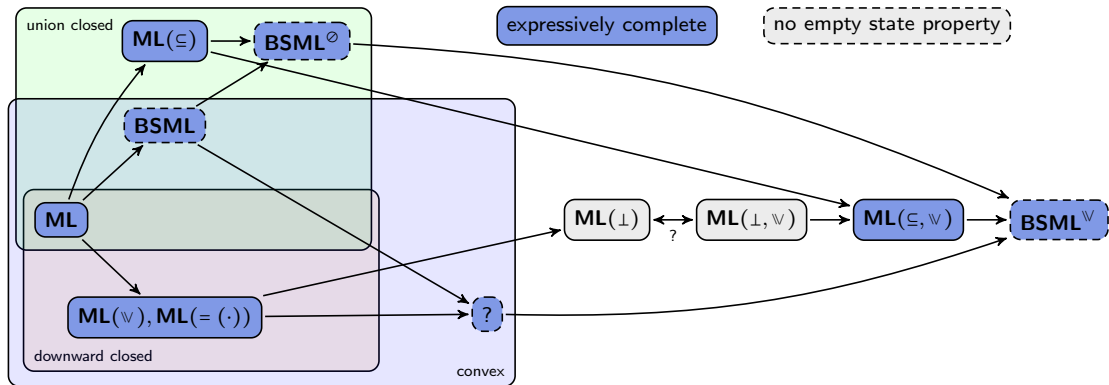
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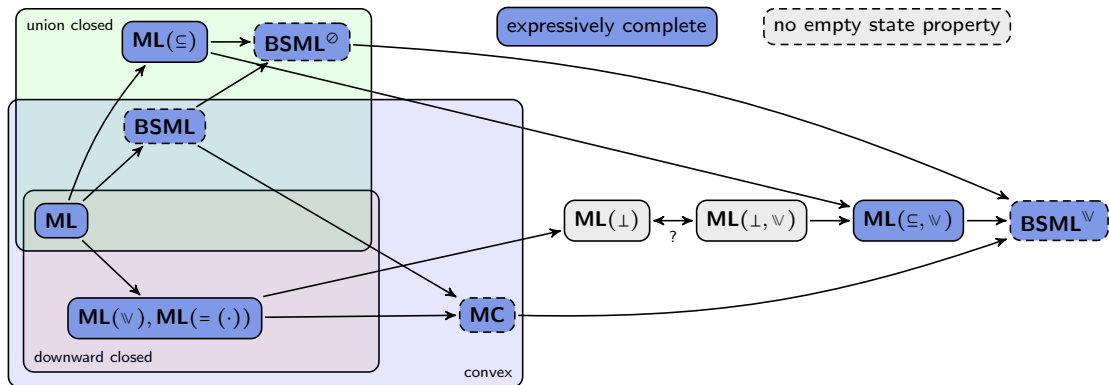
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Theorem

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Updated picture:



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Topics for further investigation:

Over formulas, dependence logic characterizes all downward closed Σ_1^1 -properties. What logic characterizes all convex Σ_1^1 -properties?

Are there any linguistic applications of convex team logic?

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