

# EXPRESSIVE POWER.

## BSML AND THE PROPOSITIONAL INDEPENDENCE LOGIC $\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \vee)$

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# Plan for the talk

- Background and Motivation
- Preliminaries
- Expressive Completeness of **BSML**
- Expressive Completeness of **PL**( $\perp, \wp$ )
- Conclusion

# Background and Motivation

- Aloni (2022) introduced **BSML**, a modal team logic for modeling linguistic phenomena.
- Aloni, Anttila and Yang (2023) considered two extensions:

- $\|\mathbf{BSML}(\forall)\| = \{\text{All properties}\}$
- $\|\mathbf{BSML}(\emptyset)\| = \{\text{Union-closed properties}\}$
- $\|\mathbf{BSML}\| = ?$

- The expressive power of **BSML**'s propositional analogue **PL**(NE) an open problem (Yang and Väänänen 2017).
- As is the expressive power of **PL**( $\perp, \forall$ ).
- Today, we show that:
  1. **BSML** and **PL**(NE) are expressively complete for all **convex, union-closed** properties.
  2. **PL**( $\perp, \forall$ ) is expressively complete for all properties that are (i) **<4-closed**, (ii)  **$\downarrow$ -singleton closed**, and (iii) contains the **empty team**.

For the sake of simplicity, we only consider the propositional versions; i.e.,  $PL(\mathcal{NE})$  instead of  $BSML$ .

# PL(NE): Definition

## Definition (PL(NE): Syntax and team-semantic clauses)

Syntax of **PL(NE)**:

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg p \mid (\varphi \wedge \varphi) \mid (\varphi \vee \varphi) \mid \text{NE}$$

Semantics: Let  $X := \{v \mid v : \mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\}$ . For  $t \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ , we define

$t \models p$	iff	$\forall v \in t : v(p) = 1,$
$t \models \neg p$	iff	$\forall v \in t : v(p) = 0,$
$t \models \varphi \wedge \psi$	iff	$s \models \varphi$ and $s \models \psi,$
$t \models \varphi \vee \psi$	iff	there exist $t', t'' \in \mathcal{P}(X)$ such that $t' \models \varphi;$ $t'' \models \psi;$ and $t = t' \cup t'',$
$t \models \text{NE}$	iff	$t \neq \emptyset.$

OBS: From here on out, we fix a *finite* set of propositional letters  $\mathbf{Prop}$ , considering teams over  $X := \{v \mid v : \mathbf{Prop} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\}$ .

# PL(NE): Expressive Power

## Definition (Expressive completeness)

- A **(team) property** is a set of teams  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ .
- Observe that the ‘truthset’ of a formula  $\varphi$ , defines a property:

$$\|\varphi\| := \{t \in \mathcal{P}(X) \mid t \models \varphi\} \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X).$$

- And that a set of formulas  $\Gamma$  defines a set of properties

$$\|\Gamma\| := \{\|\varphi\| \mid \varphi \in \Gamma\} \subseteq \mathcal{PP}(X).$$

- A logic (or language)  $\mathcal{L}$  is **expressively complete** for a set of properties  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{PP}(X)$  :iff

$$\|\mathcal{L}\| = \mathcal{S}$$

## Theorem (expressive completeness of PL(NE))

$$\|\mathbf{PL(NE)}\| = \{\text{property } S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \mid S \text{ is convex and union closed}\}$$

# PL(NE): Proof of Expressive Power

**Useful fact:** **PL** is expressively complete for all downward- and union-closed properties containing the empty team.

## Theorem (expressive completeness of PL(NE))

$$\|\mathbf{PL}(\mathbf{NE})\| = \{ \text{property } S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \mid S \text{ is convex and union closed} \}$$

### Proof.

' $\subseteq$ ':

- Union closure: By induction, already known ✓
- Convexity: By induction, \*see blackboard\*

' $\supseteq$ ': Let  $S$  be a convex, union-closed set of teams.

- If  $\emptyset \in S$ , then by convexity, it is downward closed, so done ✓
- If  $\emptyset \notin S = \{t_1, \dots, t_n\}$ , we claim that  $\|\phi_S\| = S$  where

$$\phi_S := \bigvee \{ \mathbf{NE} \wedge (\chi_{v_1} \vee \dots \vee \chi_{v_n}) \mid (v_1, \dots, v_n) \in (t_1 \times \dots \times t_n) \}$$

\*See blackboard\*





# Summary so far

Modal case:

- $\|\mathbf{BSML}(\forall)\| = \{\text{All properties}\}$
- $\|\mathbf{BSML}(\emptyset)\| = \{\text{Union-closed properties}\}$
- $\|\mathbf{BSML}\| = \{\text{Convex and union-closed properties}\}$

Propositional case:

- $\|\mathbf{PL}(\text{NE}, \forall)\| = \{\text{All properties}\}$
- $\|\mathbf{PL}(\text{NE}, \emptyset)\| = \{\text{Union-closed properties}\}$
- $\|\mathbf{PL}(\text{NE})\| = \{\text{Convex and union-closed properties}\}$

**Question:** *Can we find a logic/language expressively complete for all convex properties simpliciter?*

**Answer:** *Yes! Aleksi Anttila has found such!*

What about  $\|\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \mathbb{V})\|$ ?

# $\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \bowtie)$ : Definition and Expressive Power

Definition ( $\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \bowtie)$ : Syntax and team-semantic clauses)

Syntax of  $\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \bowtie)$ :

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg p \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \varphi \bowtie \varphi \mid \alpha \perp \beta,$$

where  $\alpha, \beta$  are  $\perp$ -free.

Additional semantic clauses:

$$t \models \varphi \bowtie \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad t \models \varphi \text{ or } t \models \psi.$$

$$t \models \alpha \perp \beta \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall v, v' \in t \exists v'' \in t : [v(\alpha) = v''(\alpha)] \text{ and } [v'(\beta) = v''(\beta)].$$

Theorem (expressive completeness of  $\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \bowtie)$ )

$$\|\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \bowtie)\| = \{\text{property } S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \mid S \text{ contains } \emptyset, \text{ is } <4\text{-closed} \\ \text{and } \downarrow\text{-singleton closed}\}$$

# PL( $\perp, \vee$ ): Proof of Expressive Power

## Theorem (expressive completeness of PL( $\perp, \vee$ ))

$\|\mathbf{PL}(\perp, \vee)\| = \{\text{property } S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X) \mid S \text{ contains } \emptyset, \text{ is } <4\text{-closed and } \downarrow\text{-singleton closed}\}$

### Proof.

' $\subseteq$ ' follows by induction.

For ' $\supseteq$ ', given  $S \subseteq \mathcal{P}(X)$ , let

$$\phi'_S := \bigvee_{t \in S} \phi'_t,$$

where

$$\phi'_t = \begin{cases} \chi_t & \text{if } |t| < 4 \\ \chi_t \wedge \bigwedge_{t' \subsetneq t, |t'| \geq 2} [(\chi_v \vee \chi_{v_1}) \perp (\chi_v \vee \chi_{v_2})] & \text{if } |t| \geq 4 \end{cases},$$

where  $v \in t \setminus t'$ ,  $v_1 \neq v_2$  and  $\{v_1, v_2\} \subseteq t'$ .

One can then show that  $\|\phi'_S\| = S$ . □

## What we have done:

- Characterized the expressive power of **PL**(NE) (and **BSML**) and **PL**( $\perp, \vee$ )
- Obtained normal forms the logics of concern

## What (might) come next:

- Writing paper with Aleksi Anttila on the convex logics
- Perhaps, trying to find a FO team logic expressively complete for all convex properties
  - Let us (me and Aleksi) know if you are interested in working on this! :)

Thank you!