

# Hybrid Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé Games

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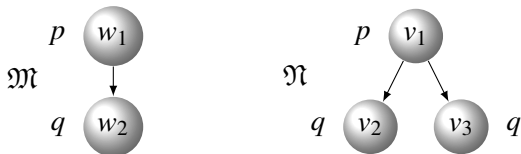
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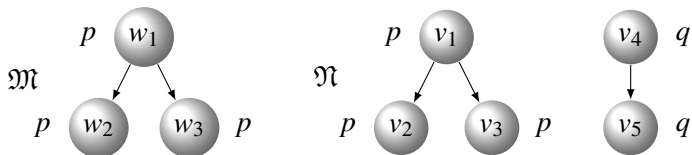
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# Hybrid Propositional Logic (1)



- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, v_1)$  in modal logic with just  $\diamond$
- ▶ For  $\phi = \downarrow z_1 \cdot \diamond \downarrow z_2 \cdot @_{z_1} \diamond \neg z_2$  in hybrid logic with  $\diamond$ ,  $\downarrow$ , and  $@$   
 $(\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \not\models \phi$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v_1) \models \phi$

## Hybrid Propositional Logic (2)



- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, v_1)$  in hybrid logic with  $\diamond$ ,  $\downarrow$ , and  $@$
- ▶ For  $\phi = \exists x \cdot @_x q$  in hybrid logic with  $@$  and  $\exists$   
 $(\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \not\models \phi$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v_1) \models \phi$

# Hybrid Propositional Logic: Signatures and Models

**Signatures**  $\Delta = (\Sigma, \text{Prop})$  with  $\Sigma = (F, P)$

- ▶ **nominals**  $F$  and **relations**  $P$
- ▶  $\Delta[x]$  adds  $x$  as new nominal
- ▶ “usual” signature morphisms  $\chi : (\Sigma_1, \text{Prop}_1) \rightarrow (\Sigma_2, \text{Prop}_2)$

**Models**  $\mathfrak{M} = (W, M) \in \text{Mod}(\Delta)$  over  $\Delta = (\Sigma, \text{Prop})$

- ▶  $W$  first-order structure over  $\Sigma$ 
  - ▶ interpretations  $k^{\mathfrak{M}}$  for nominals and  $\lambda^{\mathfrak{M}}$  for relations
- ▶  $M : |\mathfrak{M}| \rightarrow |\text{Mod}^{\text{PL}}(\text{Prop})|$  with  $|\mathfrak{M}|$  universe of  $W$
- ▶ **reduct**  $\mathfrak{M}|_{\chi} = (W|_{\chi}, M|_{\chi})$  along  $\chi : (\Sigma_1, \text{Prop}_1) \rightarrow (\Sigma_2, \text{Prop}_2)$  with
  - ▶  $W|_{\chi}$  first-order reduct of  $W$
  - ▶  $M|_{\chi}(w) = M(w)|_{\chi} = \{p \in \text{Prop}_1 \mid \chi(p) \in M(w)\}$
- ▶ “usual” proposition-preserving homomorphisms  $h : (W_1, M_1) \rightarrow (W_2, M_2)$

# Hybrid Propositional Logic: Sentences

Sentences  $\text{Sen}(\Delta)$  over  $\Delta = ((F, P), \text{Prop})$

$$\phi ::= p \mid k \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid \neg\phi \mid @_k \phi \mid \langle \lambda \rangle \phi \mid \downarrow x \cdot \phi_x \mid \exists x \cdot \phi_x$$

$p$  proposition,  $k$  nominal,  $x$  variable,  $\lambda \in P$ ,  $\phi_x \in \text{Sen}(\Delta[x])$

Hybrid language features: retrieve  $@$ , store  $\downarrow$ , quantifier  $\exists$

- ▶ “usual” translation  $\chi(\phi)$  for  $\chi : \Delta_1 \rightarrow \Delta_2$

# Hybrid Propositional Logic: Satisfaction

Satisfaction in a pointed model  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$

- ▶ “usual” satisfaction for  $p, \wedge, \neg$
- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models k$  if  $w = k^{\mathfrak{M}}$
- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models @_k \phi$  if  $(\mathfrak{M}, k^{\mathfrak{M}}) \models \phi$
- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \langle \lambda \rangle \phi$  if  $(\mathfrak{M}, v) \models \phi$  for some  $v \in \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}}(w)$ 
  - ▶  $\lambda^{\mathfrak{M}}(w) = \{w' \in |\mathfrak{M}| \mid (w, w') \in \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}}\}$
- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \downarrow x \cdot \phi$  if  $(\mathfrak{M}^{x \leftarrow w}, w) \models \phi$ 
  - ▶  $\mathfrak{M}^{x \leftarrow w}$  unique expansion of  $\mathfrak{M}$  to  $\Delta[x]$  interpreting  $x$  as  $w$
- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \exists x \cdot \phi$  if  $(\mathfrak{M}^{x \leftarrow v}, w) \models \phi$  for some  $v \in |\mathfrak{M}|$

Satisfaction condition  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \chi(\phi)$  iff  $(\mathfrak{M}|\chi, w) \models \phi$  holds.

# Elementary Equivalence

$(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$  **elementarily equivalent**,  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, v)$ , if

$$(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \phi \iff (\mathfrak{N}, v) \models \phi \quad \text{for all } \phi \in \text{Sen}(\Delta)$$

Varies with language fragment  $\mathcal{L}$  offering different language features

- ▶ modal logic when discarding  $@$ ,  $\downarrow$ , and  $\exists$
- ▶ quantifier-free fragment only discarding  $\exists$

**Goal:** Characterising elementary equivalence for different  $\mathcal{L}$   
in terms of **Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games**

## Related Work

**Our goal:** Parametric handling of different hybrid language fragments

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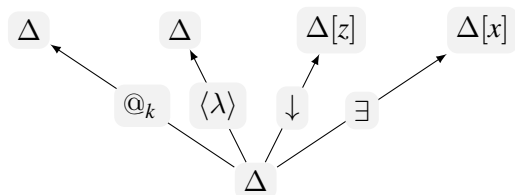


# Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé Games

Two-player game between  $\exists$ loise and  $\forall$ belard

- ▶ played on a (complete) **gameboard tree**  $tr$ 
  - ▶ nodes: finite signatures  $\Delta$
  - ▶ edges: (labelled) signature morphisms  $\Delta \xrightarrow{lb} \Delta'$ 
    - ▶ possible edge labels depend on language fragment  $\mathcal{L}$
- ▶ game starts with pointed models  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$  over  $\Delta = \text{root}(tr)$
- ▶  $\exists$ loise **loses** if **game property** not satisfied
$$(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \phi \iff (\mathfrak{N}, v) \models \phi \quad \text{for all basic sentences } \phi \in \text{Sen}_b(\Delta)$$
  - ▶  $\text{Sen}_b((F, P), \text{Prop})$ : nominal  $k \in F$ , proposition  $p \in \text{Prop}$
- ▶ if game property holds,  $\forall$ belard can **move**  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  or  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$  along one of the outgoing edges of  $tr$ ,  $\exists$ loise has to answer

# Gameboard Trees



**retrieve** for nominal  $k$ :  $\Delta \xrightarrow{@_k} \Delta$  identity (signature morphism)

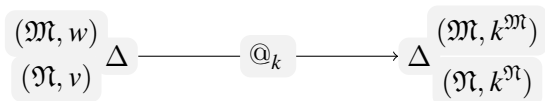
**possibility** for relation  $\lambda$ :  $\Delta \xrightarrow{\langle \lambda \rangle} \Delta$  identity

**store** for variable  $z$ :  $\Delta \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \Delta[z]$  inclusion

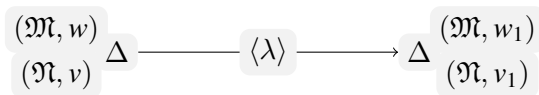
**exists** for variable  $x$ :  $\Delta \xrightarrow{\exists} \Delta[x]$  inclusion

# Moves on a Gameboard Tree (1)

## Retrieve

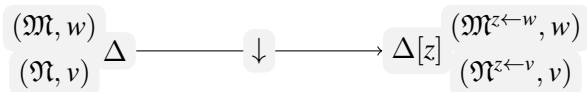


**Possibility** for  $w \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}} w_1$  answered by  $v \lambda^{\mathfrak{N}} v_1$

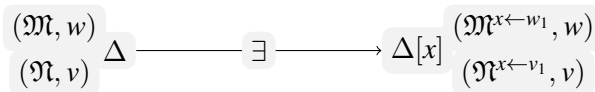


## Moves on a Gameboard Tree (2)

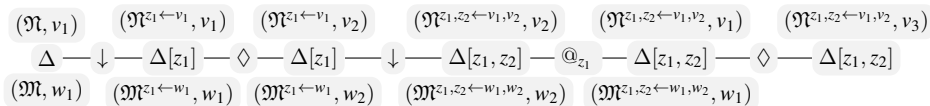
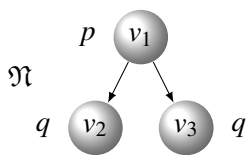
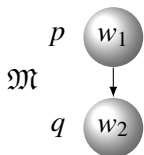
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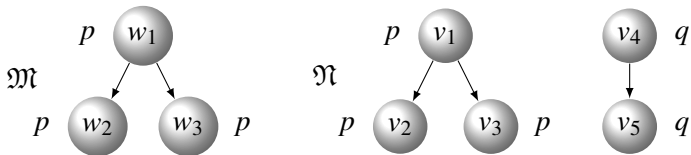
### Exists



# Game Examples (1)



## Game Examples (2)



$$\begin{array}{c}
 (\mathfrak{N}, v_1) \quad (\mathfrak{N}^{x \leftarrow v_4}, v_1) \quad (\mathfrak{N}^{x \leftarrow v_4}, v_4) \\
 \Delta \text{ --- } \exists \text{ --- } \Delta[x] \text{ --- } @_x \text{ --- } \Delta[x]
 \end{array}$$

# Fraïssé-Hintikka Theorem

**Theorem** Let  $\Delta$  be a finite signature.

1. For all  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  over  $\Delta$  and all gameboard trees  $tr$  with  $root(tr) = \Delta$ , there exists a unique game sentence  $\varphi \in \Theta_{tr}$  such that  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \varphi$ .
2. For all  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$  over  $\Delta$  and all gameboard trees  $tr$  with  $root(tr) = \Delta$ , the following are equivalent:
  - (i)  $\exists$ loise has a winning strategy on  $tr$  starting with  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$ .
    - ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \approx_{tr} (\mathfrak{N}, v)$
  - (ii) There is a unique  $\varphi \in \Theta_{tr}$  with  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \varphi$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v) \models \varphi$ .
3. If  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under store, then for each sentence  $\phi$  over  $\Delta$ , there exists a gameboard tree  $tr$  with  $root(tr) = \Delta$  and a  $\Psi_\phi \subseteq \Theta_{tr}$  such that  $\phi \leftrightarrow \bigvee \Psi_\phi$  is a tautology.

# Game Sentences (1)

Games sentences  $\Theta_{tr}$  of gameboard tree  $tr$

For  $tr = \Delta$ :

$$\Theta_{\Delta} = \{\bigwedge_{\rho \in \text{Sen}_b(\Delta)} \rho^{f(\rho)} \mid f : \text{Sen}_b(\Delta) \rightarrow \{0, 1\}\}$$

►  $\rho^0 = \rho$  and  $\rho^1 = \neg\rho$

For  $tr = \Delta(\xrightarrow{lb_1} tr_1 \dots \xrightarrow{lb_n} tr_n)$ : Define  $S_i \subseteq \mathcal{P}(\Theta_{tr_i})$  and for each  $\Gamma \in S_i$  a sentence  $\varphi_{\Gamma}$  over  $\Delta$ ; set of game sentences over  $tr$  is

$$\Theta_{tr} = \{\varphi_{\Gamma_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_{\Gamma_n} \mid \Gamma_1 \in S_1, \dots, \Gamma_n \in S_n\}$$



## Game Sentences (2)

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{@_k} \Delta \quad \mathcal{S}_i = \{\{\phi\} \mid \phi \in \Theta_{tr_i}\}$$
$$\varphi_\Gamma = @_k \gamma \text{ for } \Gamma = \{\gamma\} \in \mathcal{S}_i$$

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\langle \lambda \rangle} \Delta \quad \mathcal{S}_i = \mathcal{P}(\Theta_{tr_i})$$
$$\varphi_\Gamma = (\bigwedge_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \langle \lambda \rangle \gamma) \wedge ([\lambda] \vee \Gamma)$$

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \Delta[z] \quad \mathcal{S}_i = \{\{\phi\} \mid \phi \in \Theta_{tr_i}\}$$
$$\varphi_\Gamma = \downarrow z \cdot \gamma \text{ for } \Gamma = \{\gamma\} \in \mathcal{S}_i$$

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{\exists} \Delta[x] \quad \mathcal{S}_i = \mathcal{P}(\Theta_{tr_i})$$
$$\varphi_\Gamma = (\bigwedge_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \exists x \cdot \gamma) \wedge (\forall x \cdot \vee \Gamma)$$

# Game Characterisation of Elementary Equivalence

- ▶ Gameboard tree construction plays rôle of **quantifier rank** in first-order logic.
- ▶ If  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under possibility, there is **no normal form** of sentences with first quantifiers, then store, retrieve and Boolean connectives.
  - ▶ closure under  $\downarrow$  can be replaced by adding identity possibility

**Corollary** Assume that  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under store. For  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  over a finite signature  $\Delta$  the following are equivalent:

1.  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, v)$
2.  $\exists$ loise has a winning strategy for the Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game starting with  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$ .
  - ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \approx_{tr} (\mathfrak{N}, v)$  for all **finite** gameboard trees  $tr$

# Infinite Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé Games

Gameboard trees of **countably infinite height**

- ▶ Eloise **loses** if game property gets violated
- ▶ Eloise **wins** if she can always match any of  $\forall$ belard's moves

$$(\mathfrak{M}, w) \approx_\omega (\mathfrak{N}, v)$$

- ▶ Eloise has a winning strategy for all gameboard trees of countably infinite height starting with  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$

**Goal:** **Equivalent characterisation** of different  $\mathcal{L}$  in terms of infinite Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games and back-and-forth systems

# Back-and-forth Systems

**Basic partial isomorphism**  $h : \mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  bijection between a subset of  $|\mathfrak{M}|$  and a subset of  $|\mathfrak{N}|$  such that

$$(\mathfrak{M}, w) \models \rho \text{ iff } (\mathfrak{N}, h(w)) \models \rho \quad \text{for all } w \in \text{dom}(h), \rho \in \text{Sen}_b(\Delta)$$

**Back-and-forth system** between  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  over  $\Delta = ((F, P), \text{Prop})$  non-empty family  $\mathcal{F}$  of basic partial isomorphisms  $\mathfrak{M} \rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  satisfying back and forth extension properties depending on the **hybrid language features**

- ▶ @-extension
- ▶  $\langle \lambda \rangle$ -extension
- ▶  $\exists$ -extension

# Back-and-forth Systems: Extensions

## @-extension

- ▶ for all  $h \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $k \in F$ , there exists  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $h \subseteq g$  and  $k^{\mathfrak{M}} \in \text{dom}(g)$

## $\langle \lambda \rangle$ -extension for $\lambda \in P$

- ▶ “forth”: for all  $h \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $w_1 \in \text{dom}(h)$ , and  $w_2 \in |\mathfrak{M}|$  with  $w_1 \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}} w_2$ , there exists  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $h \subseteq g$ ,  $w_2 \in \text{dom}(g)$ , and  $g(w_1) \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}} g(w_2)$ ;
- ▶ “back”: analogous

## $\exists$ -extension

- ▶ “forth”: for all  $h \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $w \in |\mathfrak{M}|$ , there exists  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $h \subseteq g$  and  $w \in \text{dom}(g)$ ;
- ▶ “back”: analogous

# Back-and-forth Systems vs. Partial Isomorphisms

## Back-and-forth equivalence

- ▶  $\mathfrak{M} \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} \mathfrak{N}$  if  $\mathcal{F}$  back-and-forth system between  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$
- ▶  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} (\mathfrak{N}, v)$  if  $\mathfrak{M} \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} \mathfrak{N}$  such that  $h(w) = v$  for some  $h \in \mathcal{F}$

**Partial isomorphism**  $h : \mathfrak{M} \dashrightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  basic partial isomorphism with

$$w_1 \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}} w_2 \text{ iff } h(w_1) \lambda^{\mathfrak{N}} h(w_2) \quad \text{for all } \lambda \in P, w_1, w_2 \in \text{dom}(h)$$

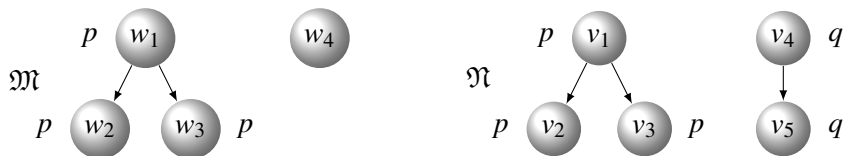
**Lemma** Any basic partial isomorphism belonging to a back-and-forth system closed under possibility-extensions is a partial isomorphism.

# Back-and-forth Systems vs. Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé Games

**Theorem** Assume that  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under store and that  $\mathcal{L}$  is closed under retrieve if it is closed under existential quantifiers. For  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  over a finite signature  $\Delta$  the following are equivalent:

1.  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \approx_\omega (\mathfrak{N}, v)$ 
  - ▶  $\exists$ loise has a winning strategy for the countably infinite Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game starting with  $(\mathfrak{M}, w)$  and  $(\mathfrak{N}, v)$ .
2.  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} (\mathfrak{N}, v)$ 
  - ▶ There is a back-and-forth system  $\mathcal{F}$  between  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  which contains a basic partial isomorphism sending  $w$  to  $v$ .

## Back-and-forth Systems vs. Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé Games: Example



For  $\mathcal{L}$  without nominals and  $@$ , but containing  $\exists$ :

$$(\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \approx_{\omega} (\mathfrak{N}, v_1) \quad \text{and} \quad (\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \not\equiv_{\mathcal{F}} (\mathfrak{N}, v_1)$$

- ▶ non-reachable states **cannot be compared**, but there is no “forth”  $\exists$ -extension for  $w_4$



## From Back-and-forth to Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé

**Lemma** Let  $\mathfrak{M} \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} \mathfrak{N}$  and  $w_1, \dots, w_n, w_{n+1} \in |\mathfrak{M}|$  and  $v_1, \dots, v_n, v_{n+1} \in |\mathfrak{N}|$  with some  $h \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $h(w_i) = v_i$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$ . Then  $\mathfrak{M}^{z_1, \dots, z_n \leftarrow w_1, \dots, w_n} \equiv_{\mathcal{F}'} \mathfrak{N}^{z_1, \dots, z_n \leftarrow v_1, \dots, v_n}$  for some back-and-forth system  $\mathcal{F}'$ .

Given that  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} (\mathfrak{N}, v)$  with  $h \in \mathcal{F}$  such that  $h(w) = v$ , construct winning strategy for  $\exists$ loise along back-and-forth equivalent pairs of pointed models using the extension properties, e. g.

$\Delta \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \Delta[z]$  By lemma,  $\mathfrak{M}^{z \leftarrow w} \equiv_{\mathcal{F}'} \mathfrak{N}^{z \leftarrow v}$ ; thus  $(\mathfrak{M}^{z \leftarrow w}, w) \equiv_{\mathcal{F}'} (\mathfrak{N}^{z \leftarrow v}, v)$ .

$\Delta \xrightarrow{\langle \lambda \rangle} \Delta$   $\forall$ belard has chosen  $w' \in |\mathfrak{M}|$  with  $w \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}} w'$ ; by forth  $\langle \lambda \rangle$ -exten., ex.  $g \in \mathcal{F}$  with  $h \subseteq g$ ,  $w' \in \text{dom}(g)$ ,  $g(w) \lambda^{\mathfrak{N}} g(w')$ .  
 $\exists$ loise can choose  $v' = g(w')$  s. t.  $(\mathfrak{M}, w') \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} (\mathfrak{N}, v')$ .

# From Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé to Back-and-forth (1)

For  $n > 0$ , let  $w_1, \dots, w_n \in |\mathfrak{M}|$ ,  $v_1, \dots, v_n \in |\mathfrak{N}|$  s. t.

$(\mathfrak{M}^{z_1, \dots, z_i \leftarrow w_1, \dots, w_i, w_{i+1}}) \approx_\omega (\mathfrak{N}^{z_1, \dots, z_i \leftarrow v_1, \dots, v_i, v_{i+1}})$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

- ▶ For new variable  $z_n$ , move along  $\Delta[z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}] \xrightarrow{\downarrow} \Delta[z_1, \dots, z_{i-1}, z_i]$  yields  $(\mathfrak{M}^{z_1, \dots, z_i \leftarrow w_1, \dots, w_i, w_i}) \approx_\omega (\mathfrak{N}^{z_1, \dots, z_i \leftarrow v_1, \dots, v_i, v_i})$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .
- ▶ Then  $h : \mathfrak{M} \dashrightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  with  $h(w_i) = v_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ :
  - ▶ **Injectivity:**  $w_i = w_j$  iff  $(\mathfrak{M}^{z_1, \dots, z_j \leftarrow w_1, \dots, w_j, w_j}) \models z_i$   
iff  $(\mathfrak{N}^{z_1, \dots, z_j \leftarrow v_1, \dots, v_j, v_j}) \models z_i$  iff  $v_i = v_j$ .
  - ▶ **Satisfaction of basic sentences:** satisfaction condition

## From Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé to Back-and-forth (2)

- ▶  $h$  can be extended to another basic partial isomorphism  $h \cup \{w \mapsto v\}$  according to back-and-forth extensions such that

$(\mathfrak{M}^{z_1, \dots, z_n \leftarrow w_1, \dots, w_n}, w) \approx_\omega (\mathfrak{N}^{z_1, \dots, z_n \leftarrow v_1, \dots, v_n}, v)$ , e. g.,

$\langle \lambda \rangle$ -extension Let  $w_n \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}} w$  hold. Consider move along

$$\Delta[z_1, \dots, z_n] \xrightarrow{\langle \lambda \rangle} \Delta[z_1, \dots, z_n] \text{ s. t.}$$

$$(\mathfrak{M}^{z_1, \dots, z_n \leftarrow w_1, \dots, w_n}, w) \approx_\omega (\mathfrak{N}^{z_1, \dots, z_n \leftarrow v_1, \dots, v_n}, v).$$

Then  $h \cup \{w \mapsto v\} : \mathfrak{M} \not\rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  by checking injectivity and satisfaction of basic sentences.

Given that  $(\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \approx_\omega (\mathfrak{N}, v_1)$ , start with basic partial isomorphism  $h : \mathfrak{M} \not\rightarrow \mathfrak{N}$  with  $h(w_1) = v_1$  and extend it an arbitrary number of times.

## Reachable and Image-finite Models (1)

$\mathfrak{M}$  **reachable** if all states reachable

- ▶  $w \in |\mathfrak{M}|$  **reachable** if  $w \in (\bigcup_{\lambda \in P} \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}})^*(k^{\mathfrak{M}})$  for some nominal  $k$

$\mathfrak{M}$  **image-finite** if  $\lambda^{\mathfrak{M}}(w)$  finite for each  $w \in |\mathfrak{M}|$  and all  $\lambda \in P$

**Lemma** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be image-finite over  $\Delta$  such that  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, v)$  for some  $w \in |\mathfrak{M}|, v \in |\mathfrak{N}|$ . Then:

1.  $w$  and  $v$  have the same number of  $\lambda$ -successors, for all  $\lambda$  in  $\Delta$ .
2. For all  $\lambda$  in  $\Delta$  and all  $w_1 \in |\mathfrak{M}|$  with  $w \lambda^{\mathfrak{M}} w_1$  there exists a  $v_1 \in |\mathfrak{N}|$  with  $v \lambda^{\mathfrak{N}} v_1$  and  $(\mathfrak{M}, w_1) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, v_1)$ .

## Reachable and Image-finite Models (2)

Consider **quantifier-free fragment**

**Theorem** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be reachable over the finite signature  $\Delta$  with at least one nominal.

1. If  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  are countable and  $\mathfrak{M} \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} \mathfrak{N}$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} \cong \mathfrak{N}$ .
2. If  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  are image-finite and  $(\mathfrak{M}, k^{\mathfrak{M}}) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, k^{\mathfrak{N}})$  for all nominals  $k$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} \equiv_{\mathcal{F}} \mathfrak{N}$  for some back-and-forth system  $\mathcal{F}$ .

**Proof idea**

1. Consider enumeration of states along possibilities and nominals; construct ascending chain of partial isomorphisms.
2. Show that  $\exists$ loise has a winning strategy in any Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé game starting from some nominal:  $\exists$ loise has a winning strategy when starting in  $(\mathfrak{M}, w) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, v)$  by previous lemma.

## Reachable and Image-finite Models (3)

Consider **quantifier-free fragment**

**Corollary** Let  $\mathfrak{M}$  and  $\mathfrak{N}$  be reachable and image-finite over the finite signature  $\Delta$  with at least one nominal. If  $(\mathfrak{M}, k^{\mathfrak{M}}) \equiv (\mathfrak{N}, k^{\mathfrak{N}})$  for all nominals  $k$ , then  $\mathfrak{M} \cong \mathfrak{N}$ .

- ▶ **image-finiteness** necessary, like in modal logic
- ▶ also applicable to **rooted** models (without nominals)

# Conclusions and Future Work

Ehrenfeucht-Fraïssé games for hybrid propositional logic

- ▶ **parametric** in the language features using **gameboard trees**
- ▶ **finite** and **countably infinite** versions
- ▶ characterisation of elementary equivalence and back-and-forth systems

Connection to **bisimulations**

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