

# Formale Systeme II: Theorie

## Dynamic Logic: Propositional Dynamic Logic

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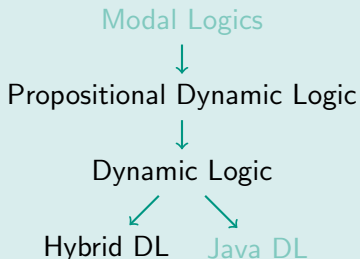
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# Requirements for this topic

- Fundamental knowledge of discrete structures (graphs, (equivalence) relations)
- General understanding of syntax and semantics of propositional and first order Logic
- General understanding of semantical concepts like satisfiability, decidability of logics

for instance from lecture "*Formale Systeme I*"

## Overview – a family of logics



Modal Logics: → Formal Systems I (recap here)

Java DL: Logic used in KeY

→ lecture “Formal Systems II – Applications”

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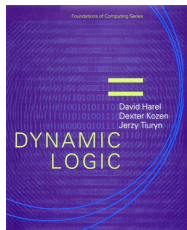
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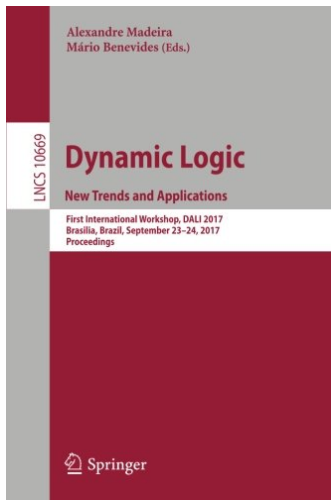
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- logic for verification engines for realworld programming languages

- *Formale Systeme II*  
Vorlesungsskript  
Peter H. Schmitt  
→ Website
  
- *Dynamic Logic*  
Series: Foundations of Computing  
David Harel, Dexter Kozen and Jerzy Tiuryn  
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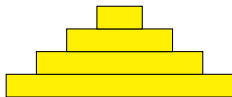


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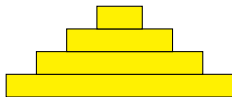
- A Dynamic Logic for Learning Theory (Baltag et al.)
- Axiomatization and Computability of a Variant of Iteration-Free PDL with Fork (Balbiani et al.)
- Dynamic Preference Logic as a Logic of Belief Change (Souza et al.)
- Dynamic Logic: A Personal Perspective (**Vaughan Pratt**)
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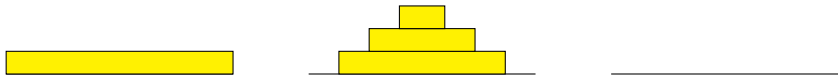
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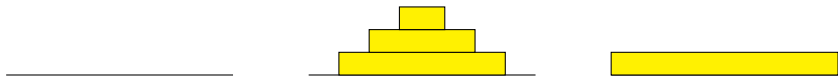
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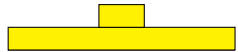
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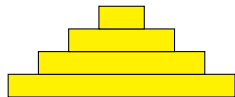
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$$A = \{\alpha, \beta\}, \quad \Sigma = \{P, Q\}$$

$$[\alpha \cup (?P ; \beta)^*]Q$$
$$[\alpha]P \rightarrow [\alpha^*]P$$
$$[\alpha]\langle \beta \rangle (P \rightarrow [\alpha^*]Q)$$
$$[\alpha ; ?\langle \beta \rangle P ; \beta]Q$$



Given a signature  $\Sigma$  and atomic programs  $A$

(multi-modal propositional) Kripke frame  $(S, \rho)$

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Prove by structural induction:  $\rightsquigarrow$  lec. notes or [Harel et al., 6.4]

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Meyer, Streett, Mirkowska:

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Flight booking center: 100s of users, many parallel apps

# Example Rule

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              )  
            OR  
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Fig. 4. Example of a correlation rule.

(taken from [\[SinzEtAl02\]](#))

**when** *cond* **then** *var* = *d*

- **AND, OR, NOT** allowed in conditions
- *var* **E** { *d*<sub>1</sub>, . . . , *d*<sub>2</sub> } – “element of”
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## Verification Technique

- state vector semantics
- translation of PDL to boolean SAT
- solving using SAT solver (Davies-Putnam)

### Experiment:

- $\sim 40$  rules
- resulted in  $\sim 1500$  boolean variables
- SAT solving  $< 1$  sec
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