

# Lessons to be learned from Stone Dualities for Markov Processes

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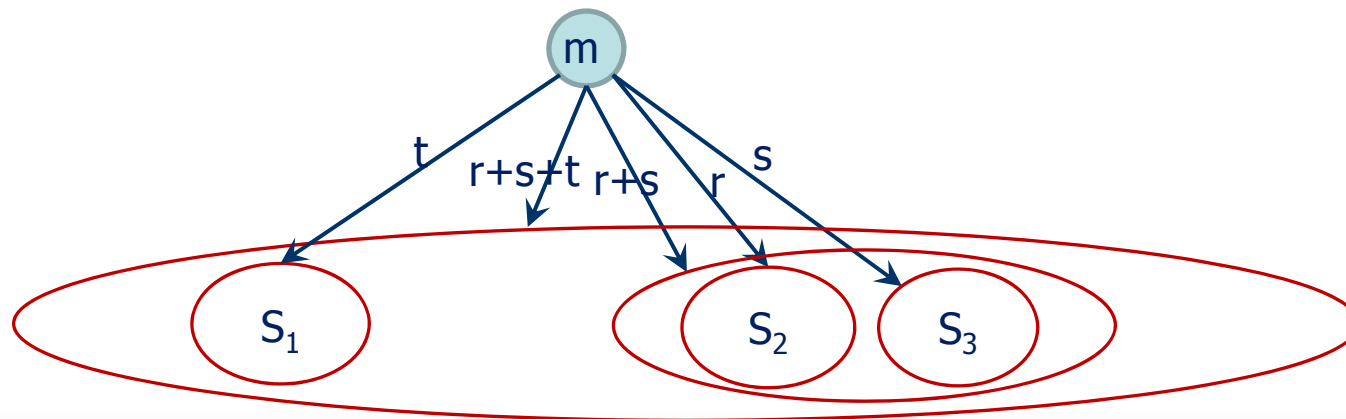
Complex networks/systems are often modelled as stochastic processes

- to encapsulate a lack of knowledge or inherent non-determinism,
- to approximate the complex behaviour of real systems that cannot be modeled exactly since exact data are unknown

A Markov process is a measurable mapping

$$\theta : M \rightarrow \Delta(M, \Sigma)$$

where  $(M, \Sigma)$  is a measurable (analytic) state space,  
and  $\Delta(M, \Sigma)$  is the space of measures on  $(M, \Sigma)$ .



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### Stochastic/probabilistic/subprobabilistic Bisimulation

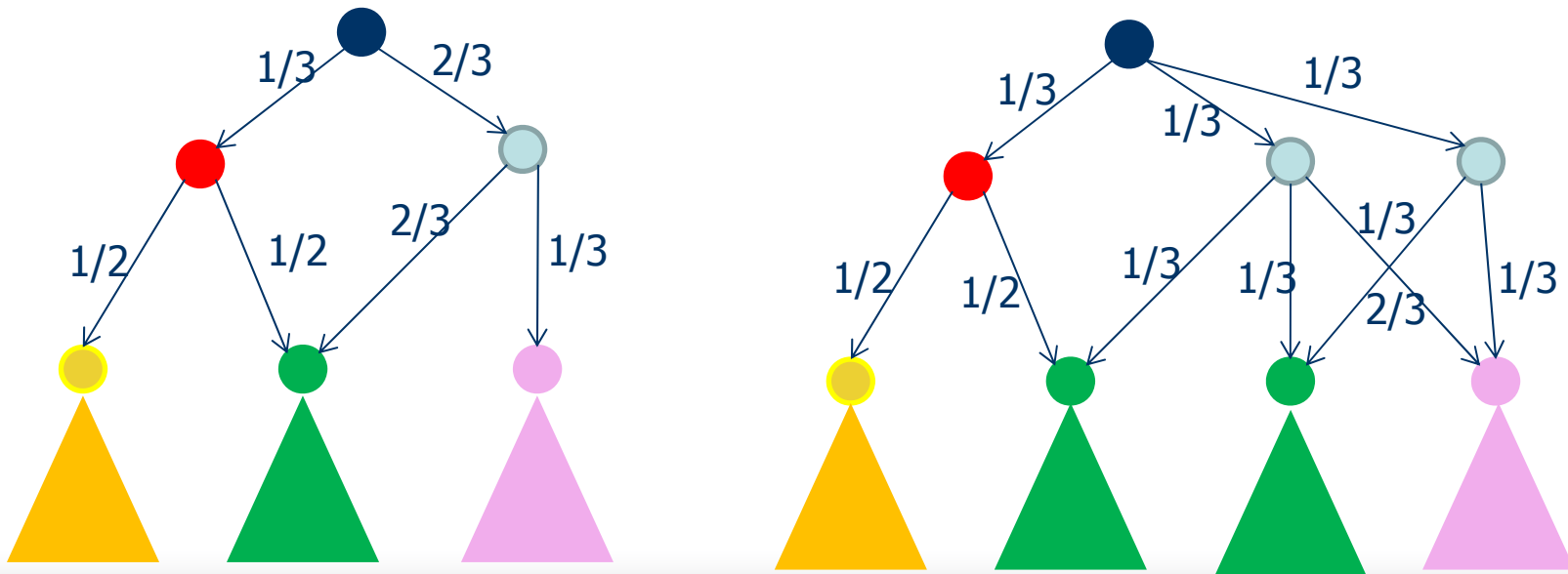
- equates systems with identical (probabilistic) behaviours

Given  $\theta : M \rightarrow \Delta(M, \Sigma)$ , a **bisimulation** is a relation (equivalence)

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### Markovian Logics

Syntax:

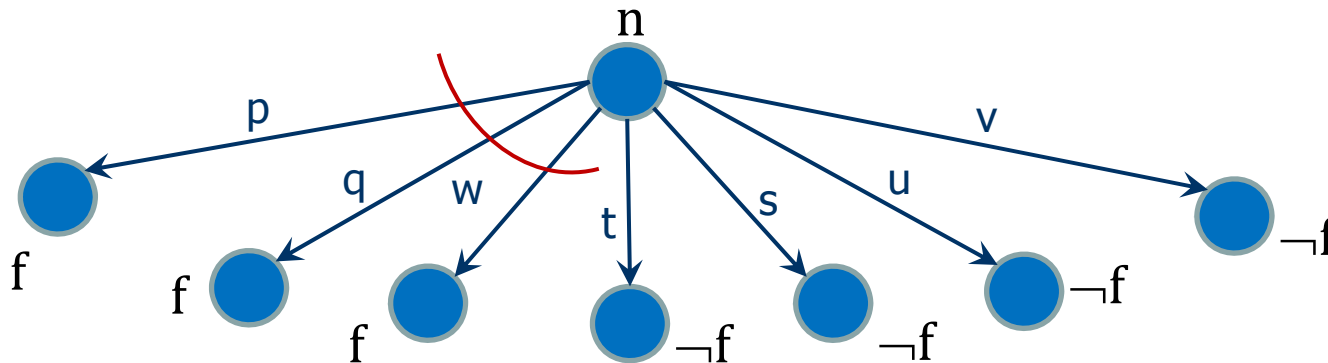
$f := \perp \mid f \rightarrow f \mid L_r f \mid M_r f \quad r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0,1]$

Semantics: Given  $\theta : M \rightarrow \Delta(M, \Sigma)$ ,  $m \in M$

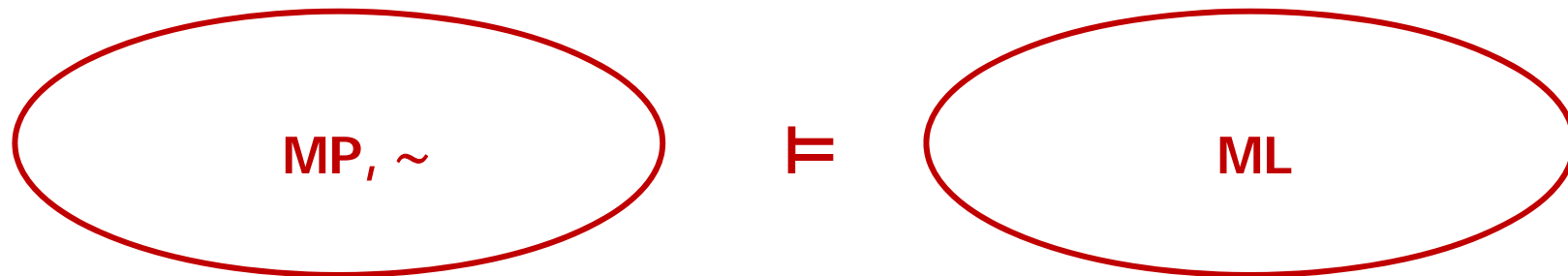
$m \models L_r f$  iff  $\theta(m)([f]) \geq r$

where  $[f] = \{n \in M \mid n \models f\}$

$m \models M_r f$  iff  $\theta(m)([f]) \leq r$



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### Logical characterisation:

Given  $\theta : M \rightarrow \Delta(M, \Sigma)$ ,

$m \sim n$  iff  $[\forall f \in \mathcal{L}, m \models f$  iff  $n \models f]$ .

[Desharnais, Edalat, Panangaden, LICS'98]

Sound and Strongly-complete axiomatization: For any  $F \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  and  $f \in \mathcal{L}$ ,

$F \models f$  iff  $F \vdash f$

Model construction using maximal consistent sets of formulas.

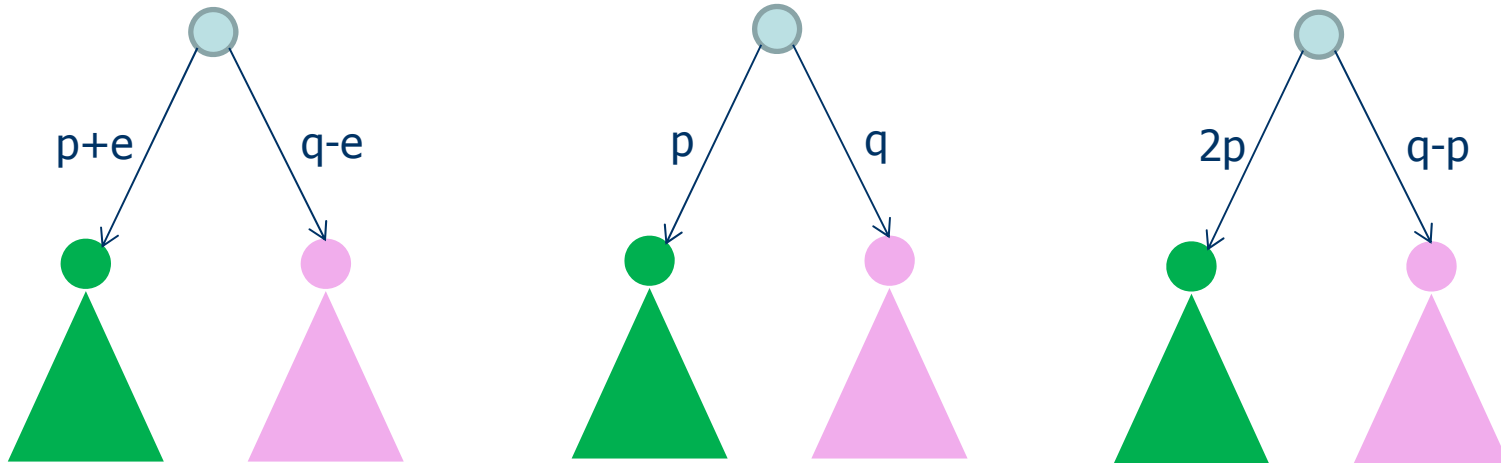
[Cardelli, Larsen, Mardare, CSL2011]

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bisimilarity  $\Rightarrow$  bisimilarity distance (pseudometric)

$$d: M \times M \rightarrow [0,1]$$

P1.  $d(m,n) = d(n,m)$

P2.  $d(m,n) \leq d(m,m') + d(m',n)$

P3.  $d(m,n) = 0$  iff  $m \sim n$

[van Bruegel, Worell, CONCUR'01.]

[van Bruegel, et.al, FOSSACS'03.]

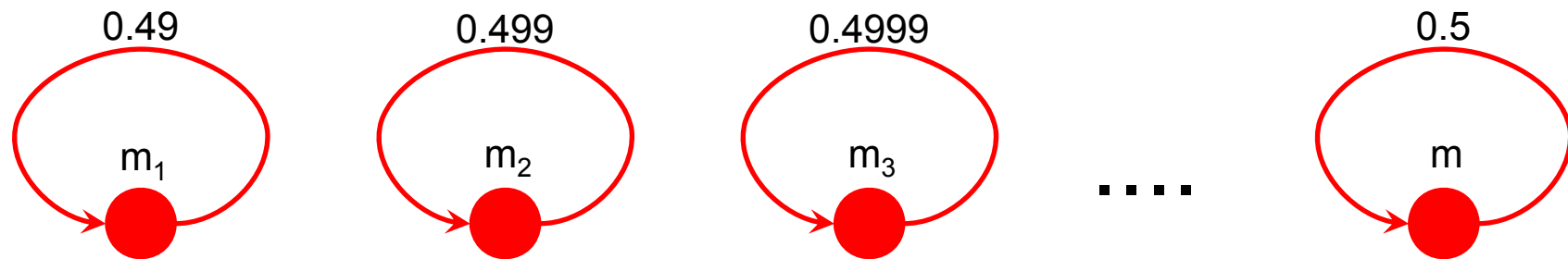
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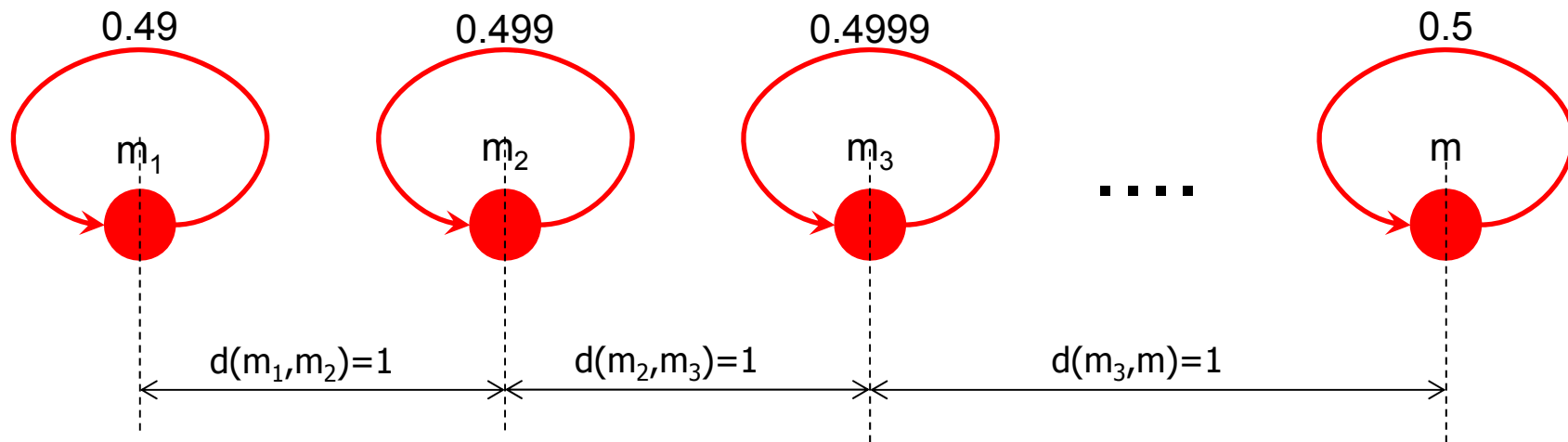
A proper bisimilarity distance must prove such a convergence in the open-ball topology!



## Practical perspective – the second argument

An example of a *not so useful* bisimilarity distance

$$d(m,n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \sim n \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



The sequence is not Cauchy!

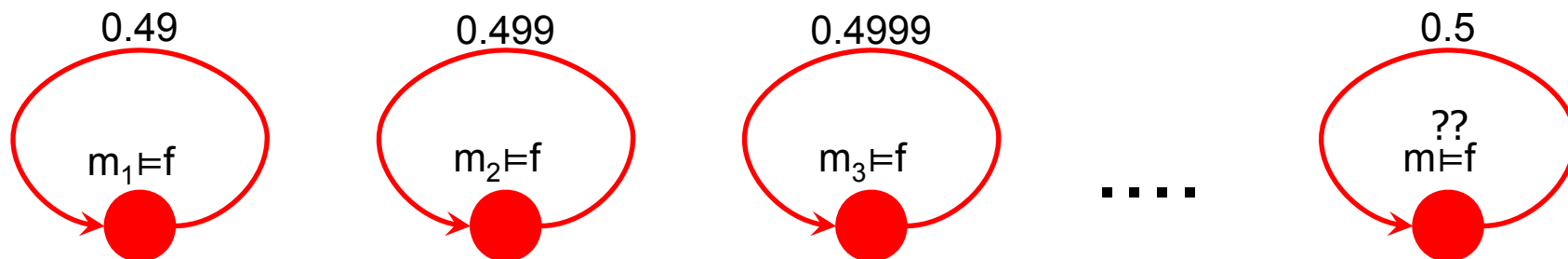
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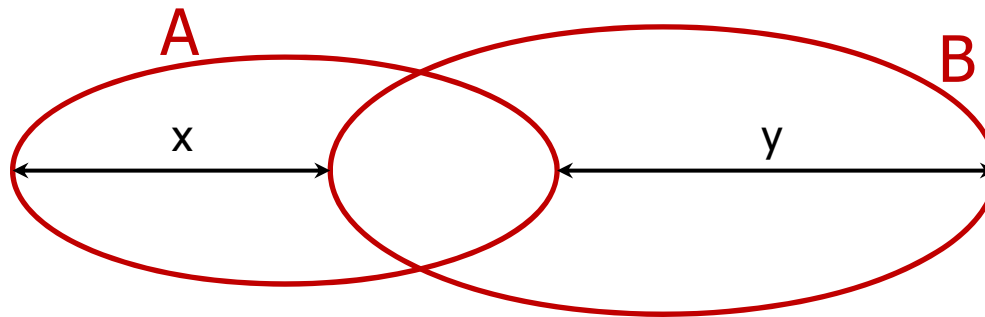


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Any pseudometric  $d:M \times M \rightarrow [0,1]$

induces a Hausdorff pseudometric  $d^H : 2^M \times 2^M \rightarrow [0,1]$

$$d^H(A,B) = \max\{x,y\}$$



$$x = \sup_{a \in A} \inf_{b \in B} d(a,b)$$

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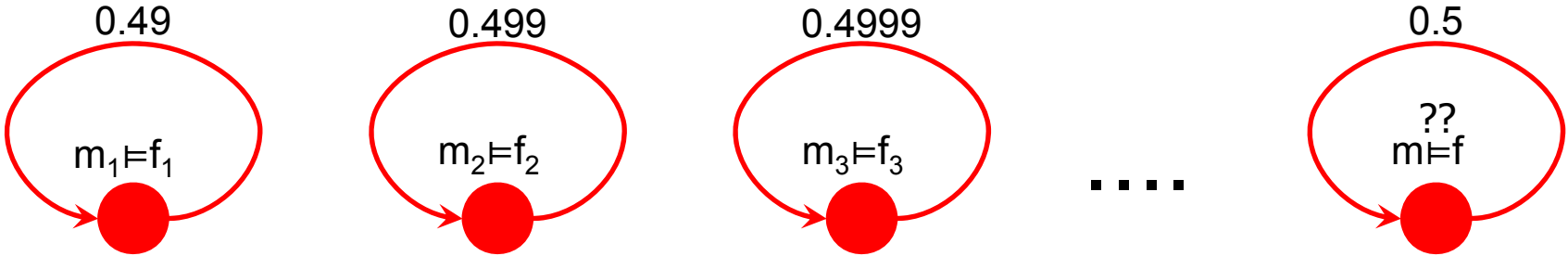
A logical property can be identified with the set of its models.  
Hence, we get a pseudometric

$$d^H : \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{L} \rightarrow [0,1]$$

and a topology over the space of formulas.

A possible convergence in  $\mathcal{L}$ :

$$L_{0.499\dots} T \xrightarrow{d^H} L_{0.5} T$$



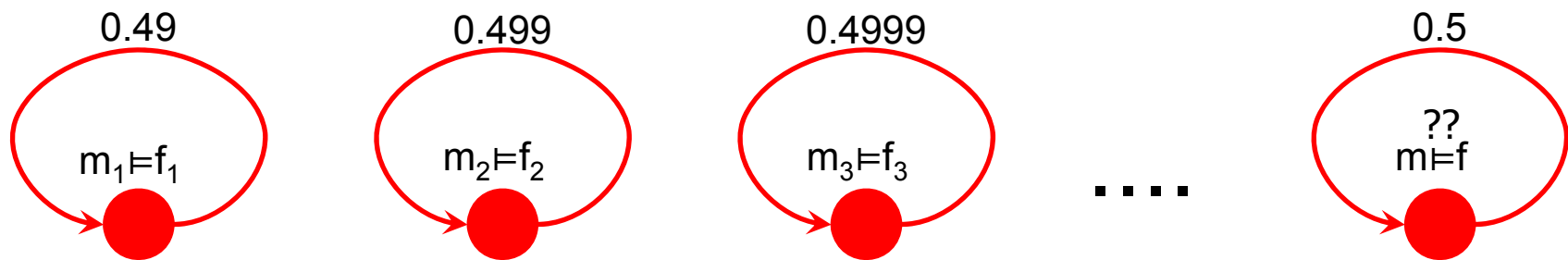
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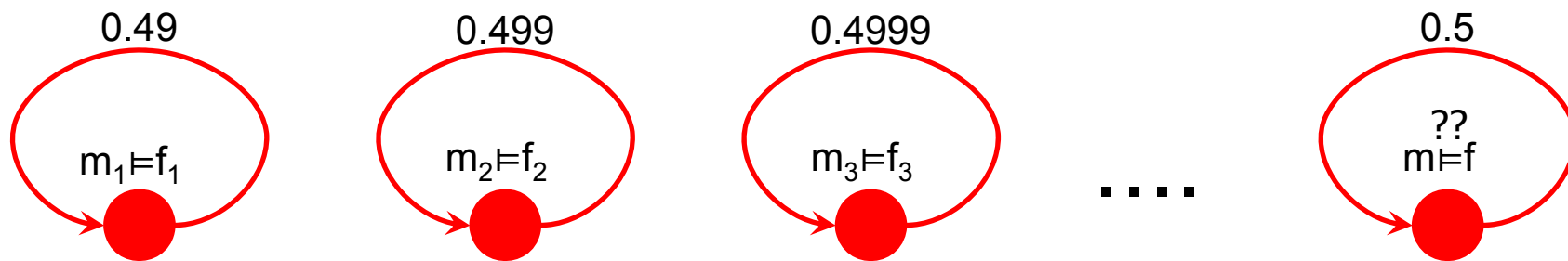
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[Larsen, Mardare, Panangaden MFCS2012]



## The topological space of logical formulas

The probabilistic case:

$\mathcal{L}$ :	$f ::= \perp \mid f \rightarrow f \mid L_r f$	$r \in \mathbb{Q} \cap [0,1]$
$\mathcal{L}^+$	$g ::= \top \mid g \wedge g \mid g \vee g \mid L_r f \mid M_r f$	$f \in \mathcal{L}$
$\mathcal{L}^-$	$\{\neg g \mid g \in \mathcal{L}^+\}$	

Proposition: Let  $d$  be a bisimilarity distance on probabilistic MPs.

1. If  $f \in \mathcal{L}^+$ , then  $[f]$  is a closed set in the open ball topology of  $d$ .
2. If  $f \in \mathcal{L}^-$ , then  $[f]$  is an open set in the open ball topology of  $d$ .

[MFCS 2012]

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The general (subprobabilistic, stochastic) case:

$\mathcal{L}$	$f := \perp \mid f \rightarrow f \mid L_r f \mid M_r f$	$r \in \mathbb{Q}_+$
$\mathcal{L}_0$	$f := \perp \mid f \rightarrow f \mid L_r f$	$r \in \mathbb{Q}_+$
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Proposition: Let  $d$  be a dynamically-continuous bisimilarity distance on DMPs.

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2. If  $f \in \mathcal{L}_0^-$ , then  $[f]$  is an open set in the open ball topology induced by  $d$ .
3. If  $f \in \mathcal{L}^+$ , then  $[f]$  is a  $G_\delta$  set (countable intersection of open sets).
4. If  $f \in \mathcal{L}^-$ , then  $[f]$  is a  $F_\sigma$  set (countable union of closed sets).



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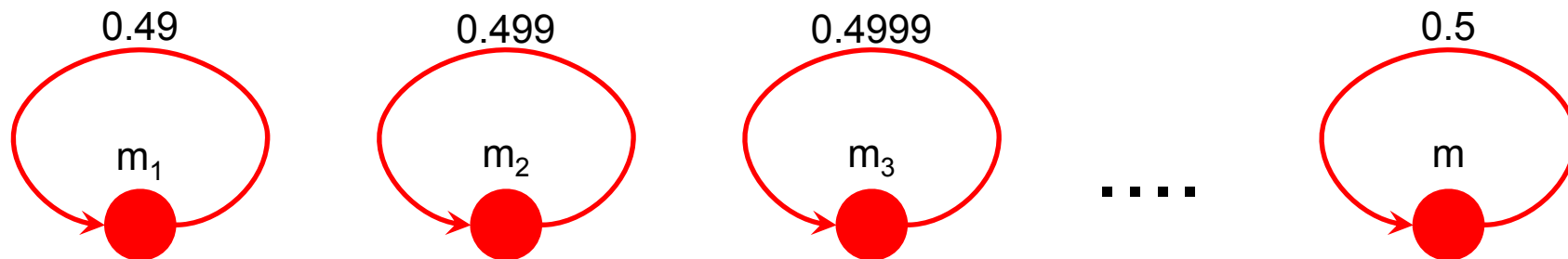
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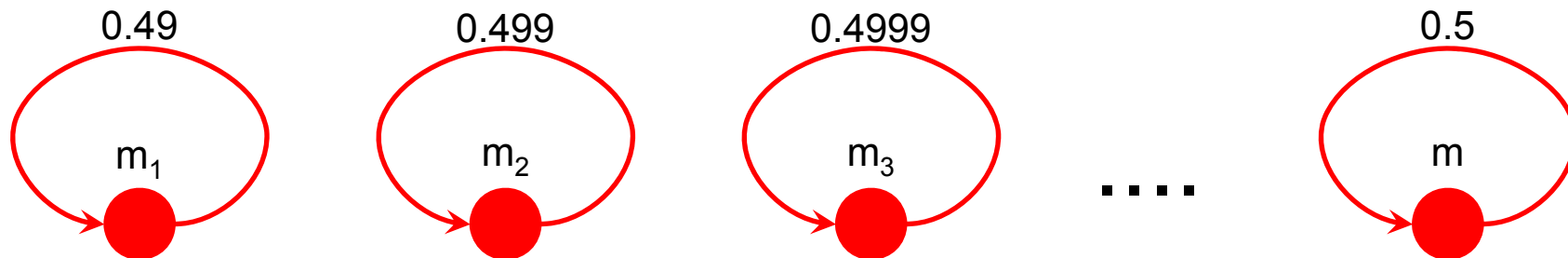
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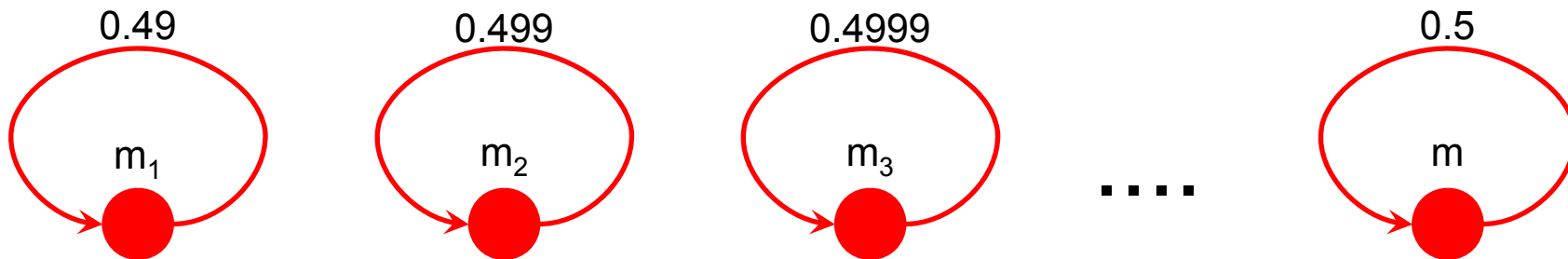
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$$S_1 = S_2 = \dots = S = \{m\}$$

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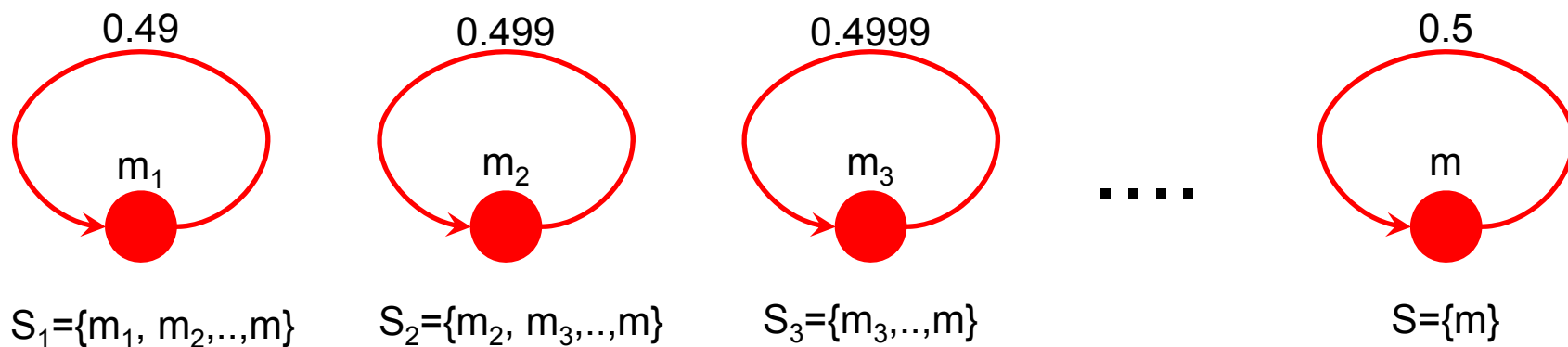
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A “classic” bisimulation is nothing else but a  $(=_{\Sigma}, =_{\mathbb{R}})$ -bisimulation.

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For  $\theta : M \rightarrow \Delta(M, \Sigma)$ ,  $X \subseteq \Sigma^{k+1}$  and  $Y \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{k+1}$  a  $(X, Y)$ -bisimulation is a relation  $R \subseteq M^{k+1}$

s.t.  $(m, m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k) \in R$  implies

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If we take

- $k = \omega$
- $(S, S_1, S_2, \dots) \in X$  iff  $S_i \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}} S$
- $(r, r_1, r_2, \dots) \in Y$  iff  $r_i \xrightarrow{d} r$

then,

$$R = \{(m, m_1, m_2, \dots) \mid m_i \xrightarrow{d} m\}$$

is an  $(X, Y)$ -bisimulation iff  $d$  is dynamic-continuous.

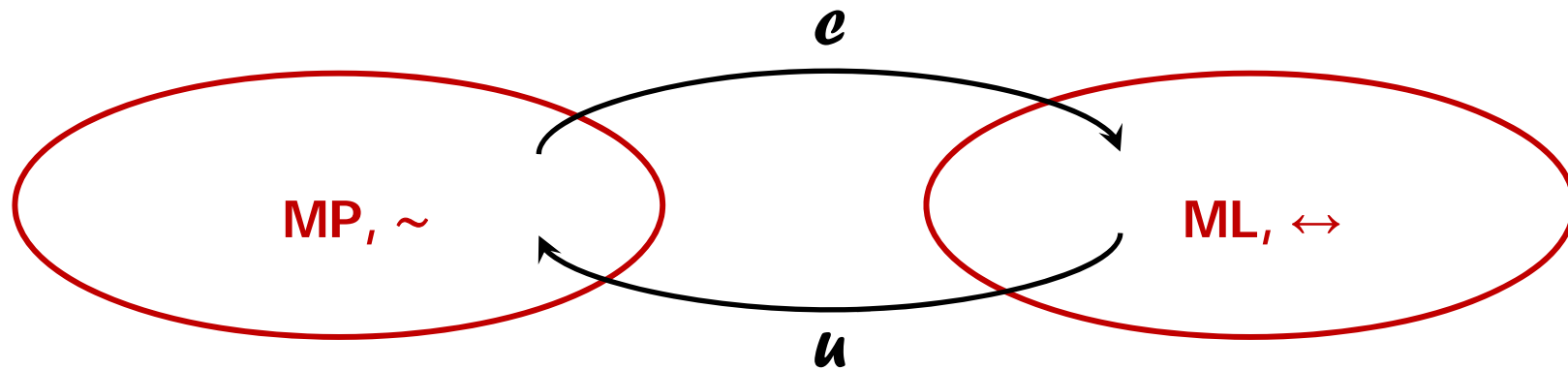
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However, the concept of dynamic-continuity is not sufficient to solve our problem since the following distance

$$d(m,n) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } m \sim n \\ 1 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

is dynamic-continuous!

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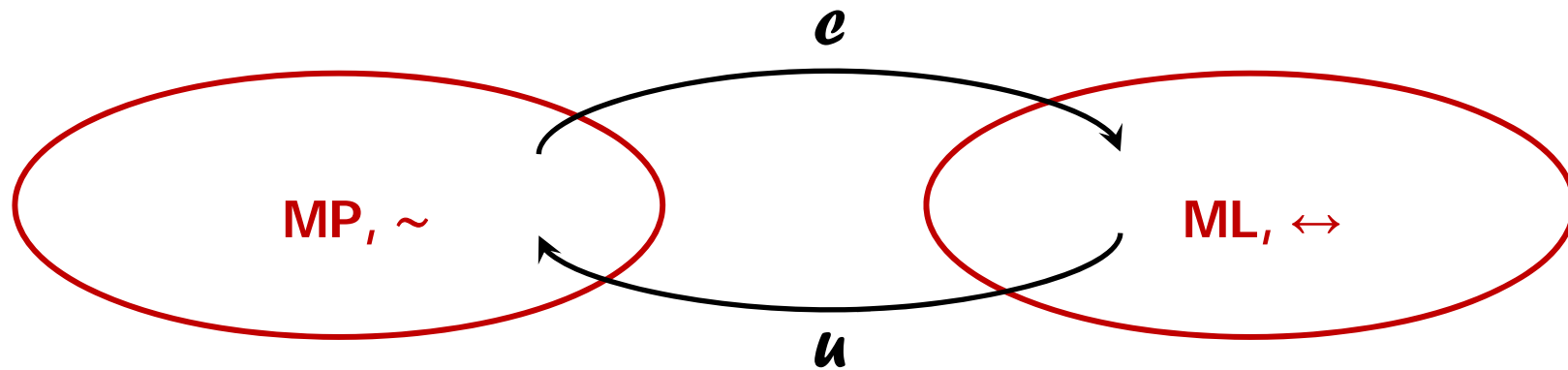
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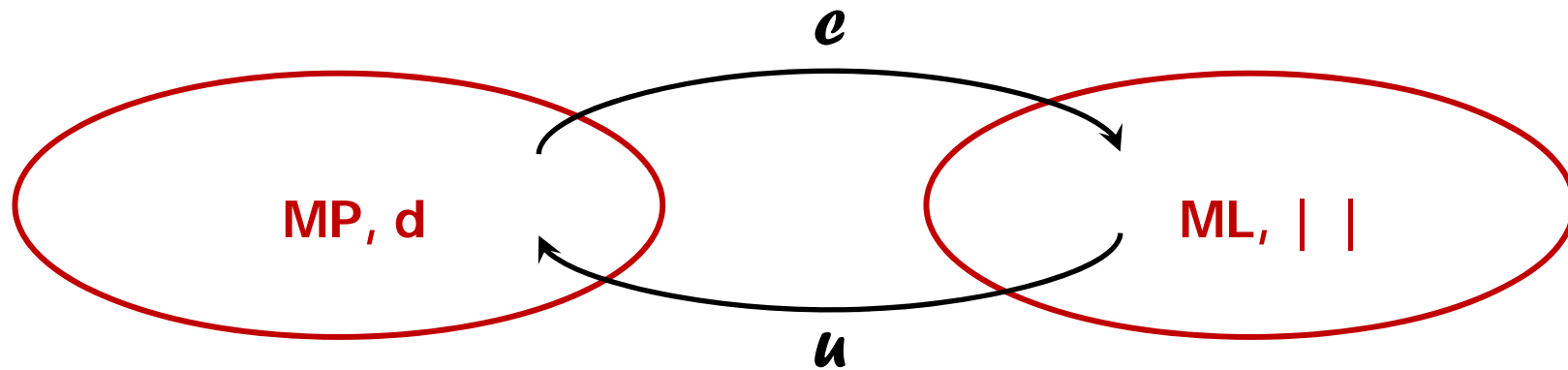
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There exists a complex relationship between  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{L}}$  and  $M^{\sim}$  :

$\sim$  is the separability relation induced by  $\mathfrak{C}_{\mathcal{L}}$

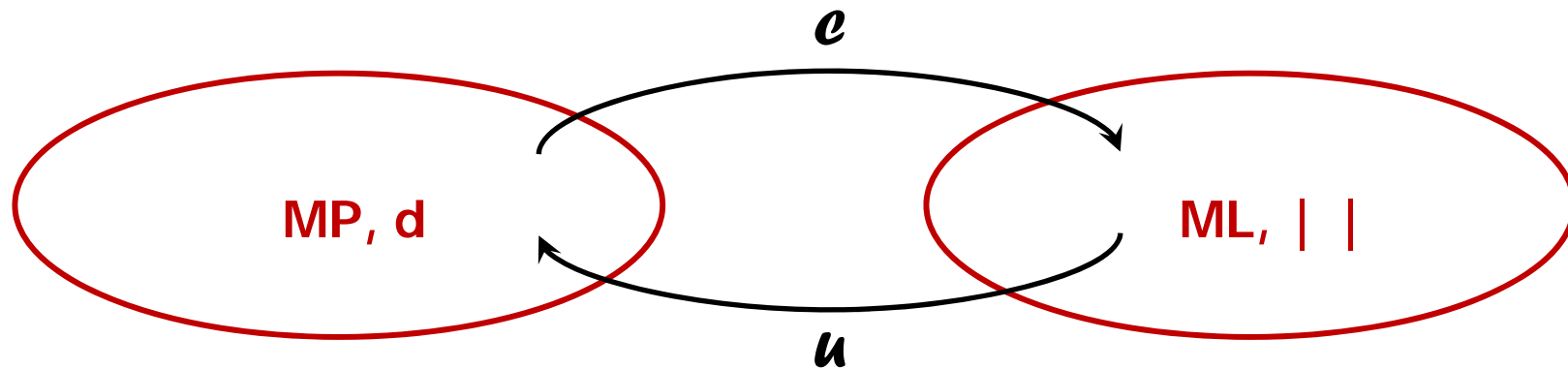
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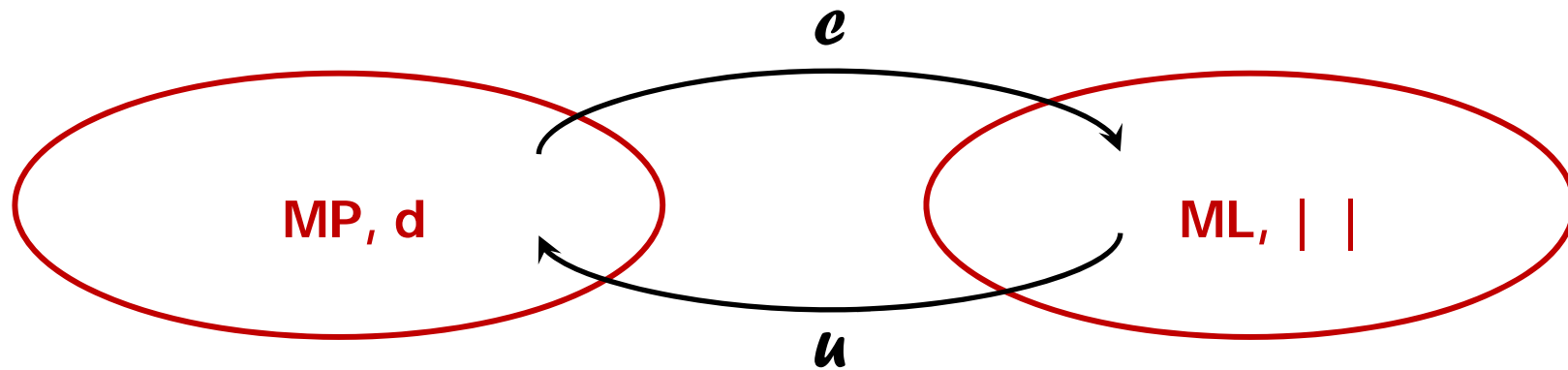
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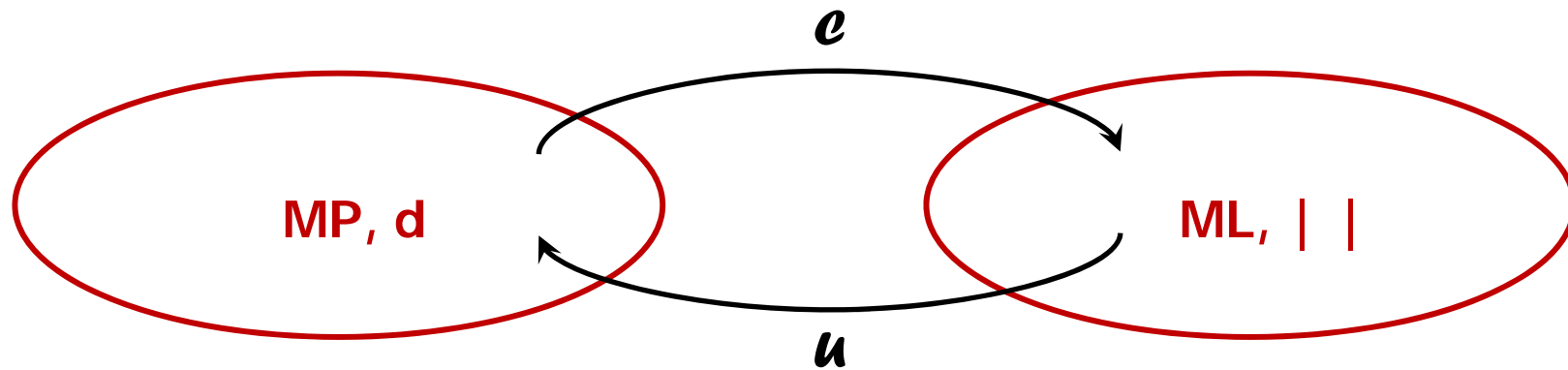
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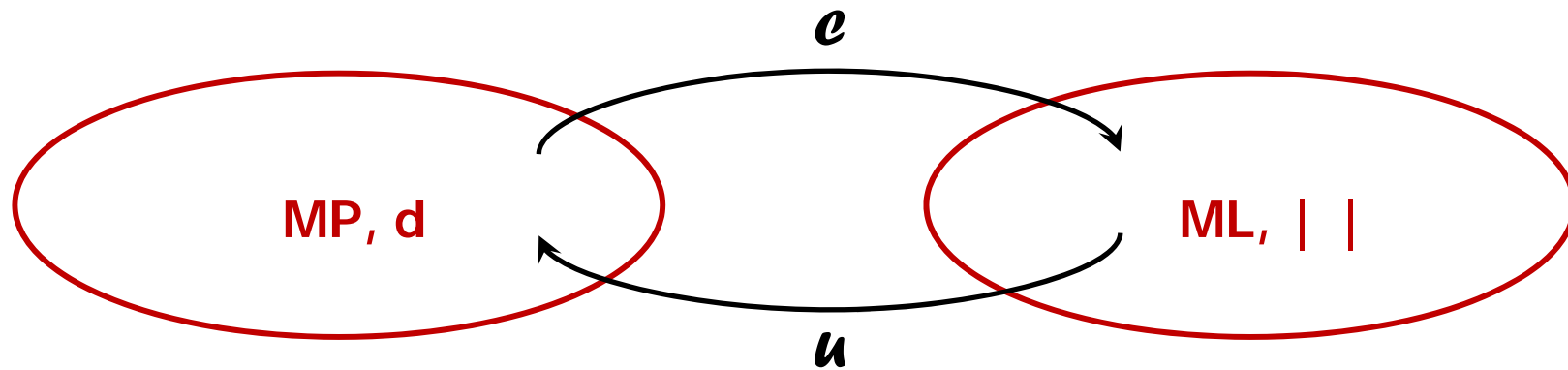
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## The lesson of the extended Stone duality for MPs

### Theorem:

Given an SMP  $(M, B, \theta)$  and a pseudometric  $d: M \times M \rightarrow [0, 1]$ , the following statements are equivalent:

1.  $\forall m, \inf_{c \in B, m \in c} \sup\{d(n, n') \mid n, n' \in c\} = 0$
2.  $\forall m, m' \inf_{c \in B, m, m' \in c} \sup\{d(n, n') \mid n, n' \in c\} = d(m, m')$
3. The topology  $\mathcal{C}_B$  refines the topology  $\mathcal{C}_d$
4. The pseudometric  $d$  is continuous in both arguments with respect to  $\mathcal{C}_B$ .

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The previous conditions enforce the concept of dynamic-continuity.

## Conclusions

- We provide a characterization of the behavioural distances that induce well-behaved topologies.
- The “classic” Stone duality for MPs do not only clarify the relation between MPs, Markovian logics and bisimilarity, but it also provides the right framework for allowing us to extend the bisimilarity-based semantics to a distance-based semantics.
- The relation between bisimilarity classes and the support topology of a (Stone-) MP can be generalized to understand the relation between the same topology and the open-ball topology induced by a behavioral distance.
- The metric duality underlines the importance of a concept of “diameter” for the elements of the Boolean algebra.