

# Separation Logics: A Modal Perspective

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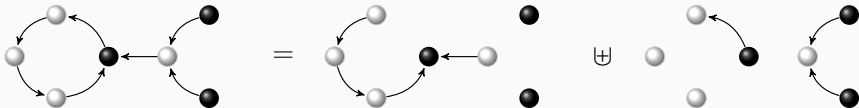
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# Disjoint heaps

- The heaps  $\mathfrak{h}_1$  and  $\mathfrak{h}_2$  are **disjoint** iff  $\text{dom}(\mathfrak{h}_1) \cap \text{dom}(\mathfrak{h}_2) = \emptyset$ .
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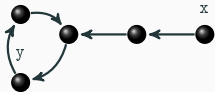
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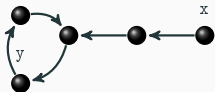
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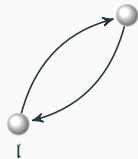
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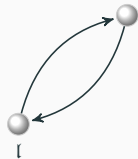
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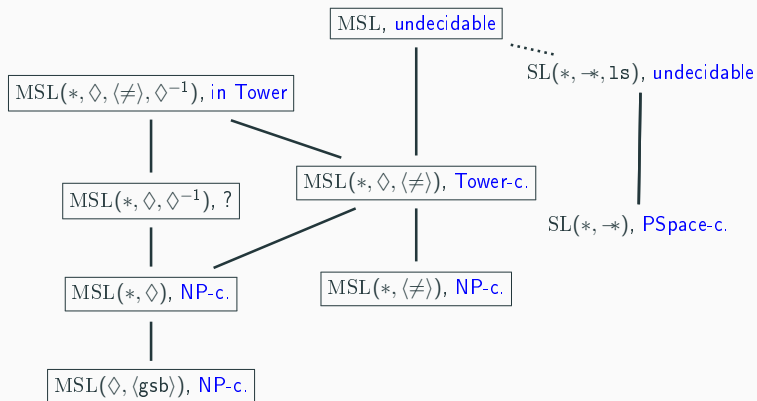
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# Overview about satisfiability problems



- PSpace-C. of  $SL(*, -*)$
- Undec. of  $SL(*, -*, 1s)$
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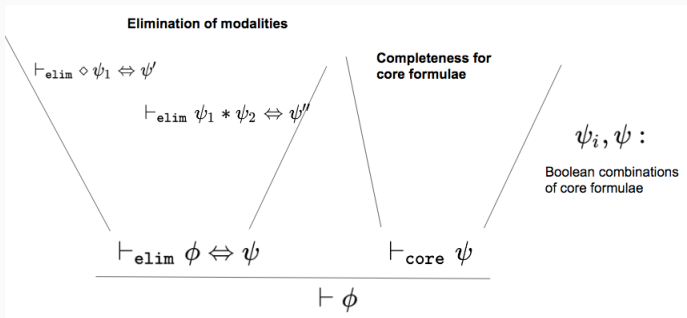
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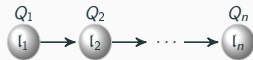


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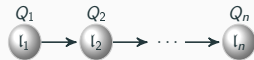


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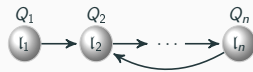
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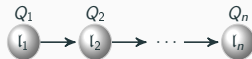


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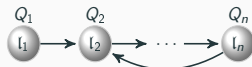
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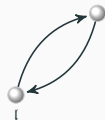
$$p \Leftrightarrow (|p| \vee |p| \vee |\overleftarrow{p}|).$$

[Demri & Fervari & Mansutti, JELIA'19]

## From $\text{MSL}(*, \diamond)$ to core formulae - example

The formula

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{size} \geq 2 \wedge \neg \text{size} \geq 3 \wedge \diamond \diamond \diamond \top \wedge \\ & \neg(\neg \text{emp} * \diamond \diamond \diamond \top) \wedge \neg \diamond(\neg \text{emp} * \diamond \diamond \diamond \top) \end{aligned}$$



can be shown **equivalent** to

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