

# Model Checking DEL for Guessing Games and Cryptography

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## Guessing Games

## What does it mean to know a number?

JAN: “I have a number in mind, in the range from one to ten.  
You may take turns guessing. Whoever guesses the  
number first wins.”

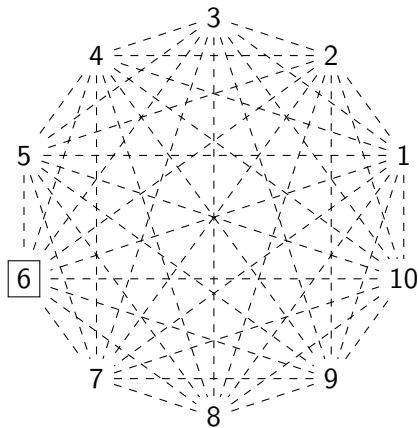
GAIA: “But how can we know you are not cheating?”

ROSA: “Please write down the number before we start  
guessing, so you can show it afterwards as a proof.”

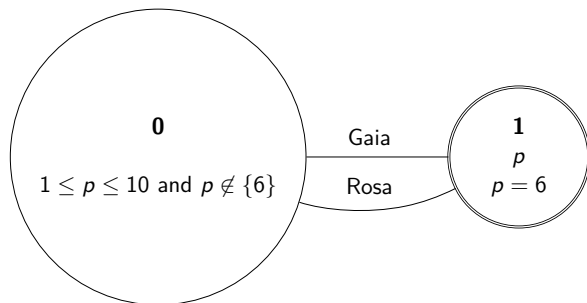
JAN: “Okay.”

*[Jan writes 6 on a piece of paper, hidden from Gaia and Rosa.]*

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Agents: Jan, Gaia, Rosa

# Models

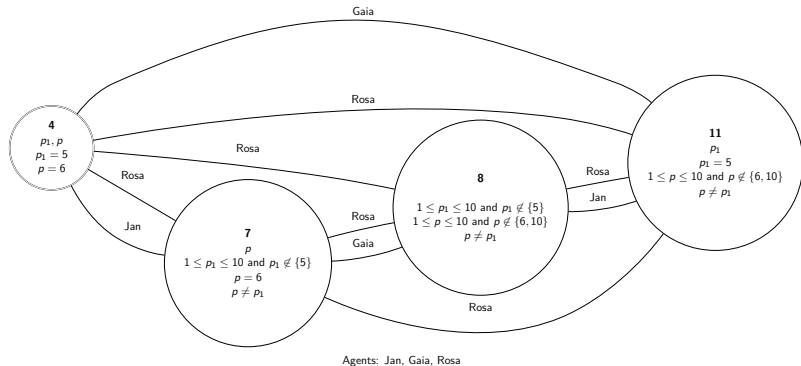
## Definition (Guessing Game Models)

$\mathcal{M} = (W, \mathcal{R}, V)$  where

- $(W, \mathcal{R})$  is a multi-agent S5 frame,
- $V : w \mapsto (P_w, f_w, C_w^+, C_w^-)$  is a valuation:
  - $P_w \subseteq \mathbf{P}$  are the basic propositions true at  $w$ ,
  - $f_w$  is a function that assigns to some propositions  $q \in Q$  triples  $(n, m, X)$ , meaning that the value of  $q$  is between  $n$  and  $m$  but not in  $X$ . We also demand that
    - (i) whenever  $q \in P_w$  then  $n = m$  and  $X = \emptyset$
    - (ii) whenever  $q \in P_v \cap P_w$  for  $v, w \in W$  then  $f_v(q) = f_w(q)$
  - $C_w^+, C_w^- \subseteq Q^2$  are in/equality constraints in the following sense:
    - $(p, q) \in C_w^+$  expresses that  $p$  and  $q$  have the same values and
    - $(p, q) \in C_w^-$  expresses that  $p$  and  $q$  have different values at  $w$ .

# Models

## Example





## Updates (two examples)

**Register Creation**  $p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N$ : Create secret variable  $p$  for agent  $i$  with value  $N$ .

- $p$  must be globally false before.
- Copy all worlds, let  $p = N$  at the new worlds and let  $p$  have any other value at the others.
- Connect the worlds for everyone but  $i$ .

**Announcement**  $!p = q$ : Tell everyone that  $p = q$ .

- $p = q$  must be true at the current world.
- Where  $p$  and  $q$  are false, add  $p = q$  to the constraints.

Exact definitions: Action structures as in [BMS98] and [BEK06].

# Syntax

## Definition (Language)

The language  $\mathcal{L}_{GG}$  consists of formulas, commands and expressions:

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid p = E \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K_i\phi \mid G\phi \mid \langle C \rangle\phi$$

$$C ::= !p = E \mid !p \neq E \mid p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \mid C; C$$

$$E ::= p \mid N$$

# Assignments

## Definition (Assignments and Agreement)

An assignment is a function  $h : \text{Prop} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ .

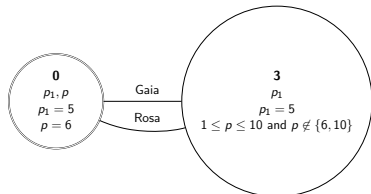
It agrees with a world  $(h \circ - w)$  iff

- for all  $q \in Q$ :  $f_w^0(q) \leq h(q) \leq f_w^1(q)$  and  $h(q) \notin f_w^2(q)$
- positive constraints  $C_w^+$ : if  $(p, q) \in C_w^+$  then  $h(p) = h(q)$
- negative constraints  $C_w^-$ : if  $(p, q) \in C_w^-$  then  $h(p) \neq h(q)$ .

## Example

$h = \{p \mapsto 6, p_1 \mapsto 5\}$

agrees with **0**, but not with **3**.



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## Semantics

### Definition (Truth with regard to assignments)

$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \top$	always
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models p$	iff $p \in P_w$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models p_1 = p_2$	iff $h(p_1) = h(p_2)$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models p = N$	iff $h(p) = N$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \neg\phi$	iff not $\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$	iff $\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \phi_1$ and $\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \phi_2$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models K_i\phi$	iff $wR_iw' \Rightarrow \forall h' \circlearrowleft w' : \mathcal{M}, w', h' \models \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models G\phi$	iff $\forall w' \in W \forall h' \circlearrowleft w' : \mathcal{M}, w', h' \models \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \langle ! p = E \rangle \phi$	iff $\mathcal{M}, w, h \models p = E$ and $\mathcal{M}^{!p=E}, w, h \models \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \langle ! p \neq E \rangle \phi$	iff $\mathcal{M}, w, h \models p \neq E$ and $\mathcal{M}^{!p \neq E}, w, h \models \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle \phi$	iff $\mathcal{M}, w, h \models G\neg p$ and $\mathcal{M}^{p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N}, w, (h \cup \{(p, N)\}) \models \phi$
$\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \langle A_1; A_2 \rangle \phi$	iff $\mathcal{M}, w, h \models \langle A_1 \rangle \langle A_2 \rangle \phi$

# Semantics

## Definition (World Level Truth)

$$\mathcal{M}, w \models \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall h \text{ with } w \multimap h : \mathcal{M}, w, h \models \phi.$$

A formula  $\phi$  is *valid* iff for all  $\mathcal{M}, w$  we have  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \phi$ .

We then write  $\models \phi$ .

This leaves some formulas undecided on the world level.

But we still have:

### Theorem

For all  $\mathcal{M}, w, i$  and  $\phi$  we have either  $\mathcal{M}, w \models K_i \phi$  or  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \neg K_i \phi$ .

## Reduction Axioms (some of them)

$$P5) \langle !p = E \rangle \widehat{K}_i \phi \leftrightarrow (p = E \wedge \widehat{K}_i (\langle !p = E \rangle \phi))$$

$$P6) \langle !p = E \rangle G\phi \leftrightarrow (p = E \wedge G(p = E \rightarrow \langle !p = E \rangle \phi))$$

$$R3a1) \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle (p = N) \leftrightarrow (G\neg p)$$

$$R3a1') \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle (p = M) \leftrightarrow \perp \text{ where } M \neq N$$

$$R3a2) \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle (q = M) \leftrightarrow (G\neg p \wedge (q = M)) \text{ where } p \neq q$$

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$$R3b2') \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle (q = r) \leftrightarrow (G\neg p \wedge (q = r)) \text{ where } p \neq q \text{ and } p \neq r$$

$$R6) \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle (K_i \phi) \leftrightarrow (G\neg p \wedge K_i (G\neg p \rightarrow \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle \phi))$$

$$R7) \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle (K_j \phi) \leftrightarrow (G\neg p \wedge K_j \phi) \text{ where } j \neq i$$

$$R8) \langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle (G\phi) \leftrightarrow G(\langle p \stackrel{i}{\leftarrow} N \rangle \phi)$$

# Axiomatization

## **Theorem** (Soundness)

All reduction axioms are valid.

## **Definition** (Proof System)

We write  $\vdash \phi$  iff  $\phi$  is provable using propositional tautologies, standard rules for the S5 modalities  $K_i$  and the global modality  $G$  and the reduction axioms.

## **Theorem** (Completeness)

For all  $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{GG}$ , if  $\models \phi$ , then  $\vdash \phi$ .

# Cryptography



# Communication

“Let me tell you a secret ...”

Goal: Model the intended audience, but also eavesdropping.

- New proposition:  $w \models L_i$  means Agent  $i$  is listening at  $w$ .
- Two new commands:  $\langle \mathbf{Open}_i \rangle$  and  $\langle \mathbf{Close}_i \rangle$ .
- Announcements are only heard by the current listeners.

## Computation

“If I know that  $p = 5$  then I also know that  $p + p = 10$ .”

Goal: Give agents some (realistic) computational power.

For now: Primality-Testing and modular arithmetic, which are both assumed to be feasible in Cryptography.

- New propositions: **Prime** $E$ , **Coprime** $EE$
- New expressions:  $E + E \bmod E$ ,  $E \times E \bmod E$ ,  $E^E \bmod E$

## The full language

### Definition (Language)

The language  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{ECL}}$  consists of the following formulas, commands and expressions.

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid L_i \mid p = E \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K_i\phi \mid G\phi \mid \langle C \rangle\phi \\ \mid \mathbf{Prime} \ E \mid \mathbf{Coprime} \ E \ E$$

$$C ::= p \xleftarrow{i} E \mid \mathbf{Open}_i \mid \mathbf{Close}_i \mid !p \mid !p = N \mid !p = p \\ \mid !p \neq N \mid !p \neq p \mid ?\phi$$

$$E ::= p \mid N \mid E + E \bmod E \mid E \times E \bmod E \mid E^E \bmod E$$

# The Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

(Whitfield Diffie and Martin Hellman [DH76])

- ① Alice and Bob agree on a prime  $p$  and a base  $g < p$  such that  $g$  and  $p - 1$  are coprime.
- ② Alice picks a secret  $N$  and sends  $g^N \bmod p = A$  to Bob.
- ③ Bob picks a secret  $M$  and sends  $g^M \bmod p = B$  to Alice.
- ④ Alice calculates  $k = B^N \bmod p$ .
- ⑤ Bob calculates  $k = A^M \bmod p$ .
- ⑥ They now have a shared key  $k = (g^M)^N = (g^N)^M \bmod p$ .

If the Diffie-Hellman problem is hard, Eve does not know  $k$ .

NB: The protocol is only secure against *passive* eavesdroppers.

## Diffie-Hellman in ECL

Let  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{DH}}$  be the blissful ignorance model for Alice, Bob and Eve.  
 Let  $\text{DH}_{g,p,N,M}$  be the command:

**Coprime**  $g \ (p - 1)$  ;  
 $q_1 \stackrel{a}{\leftarrow} N$  ;  $r_1 \stackrel{a}{\leftarrow} (g^{q_1} \bmod p)$  ; **Open** $_b$  ;  $!r_1$  ; **Close** $_b$  ;  
 $q_2 \stackrel{b}{\leftarrow} M$  ;  $r_2 \stackrel{b}{\leftarrow} (g^{q_2} \bmod p)$  ; **Open** $_a$  ;  $!r_2$  ; **Close** $_a$  ;  
 $s_1 \stackrel{a}{\leftarrow} r_2^{q_1} \bmod p$  ;  $s_2 \stackrel{b}{\leftarrow} r_1^{q_2} \bmod p$

Let  $\psi_{\text{DH}} := (s_1 = s_2) \wedge (K_a s_1 \wedge K_b s_2) \wedge (\neg K_e s_1 \wedge \neg K_e s_2)$ .  
 Then we have:

$$\mathcal{M}_{\text{DH}}, w \models \langle \text{DH}_{g,p,N,M} \rangle \psi_{\text{DH}}$$

## Model Checking

# Live Demo

## Example 1

Creating a secret number for Alice and telling Bob about it.

## Example 2

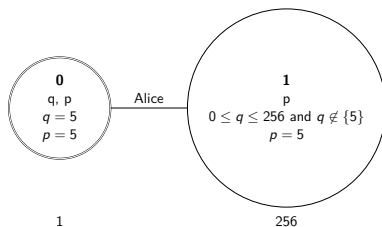
Order matters: “Hey Bob! Hey Alice!”  $\neq$  “Hey Alice! Hey Bob!”

# Monte Carlo Method

$\mathcal{M}, w \models \phi$  iff for some randomly picked  $h \circlearrowleft w : \mathcal{M}, w, h \models \phi$

For many formulas we do not have to check all possible assignments.

Example: Is  $K_a(p = q)$  true at **0**?



No, and checking one assignment at **1** suffices.

NB: There are also cases where this almost always goes wrong.



## Normal VS. Monte-Carlo Methods

How long does it take to check  $\mathcal{M}_{\text{DH}}, w \models \langle \text{DH}_{g,p,N,M} \rangle \psi_{\text{DH}}?$

registersize	Normal	Monte Carlo
$2^8$	1.07	2.74
$2^9$	1.36	2.82
$2^{10}$	2.13	3.41
$2^{11}$	3.59	3.24
$2^{12}$	5.17	2.8
$2^{13}$	11.56	3.28
$2^{14}$	22.66	3.57
$2^{15}$	44.44	4.1
$2^{16}$	81.26	3.52

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- To know a number is to distinguish a true value from all others
- Register models for DEL:  
reduce “Knowledge of” to “Knowledge that”
- Axiomatization for GG
- Explicit communication and computation in ECL
- Example: Diffie-Hellman
- Implemented both frameworks in Haskell
- Efficient but probabilistic Monte Carlo method
  
- Future ideas: axiomatize full ECL, improve implementation, non-S5, other protocols, automated attack finding, . . .

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