

# Uniform Interpolation & Bisimulation Quantifiers

Verified constructions via proof systems

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# Craig Interpolation

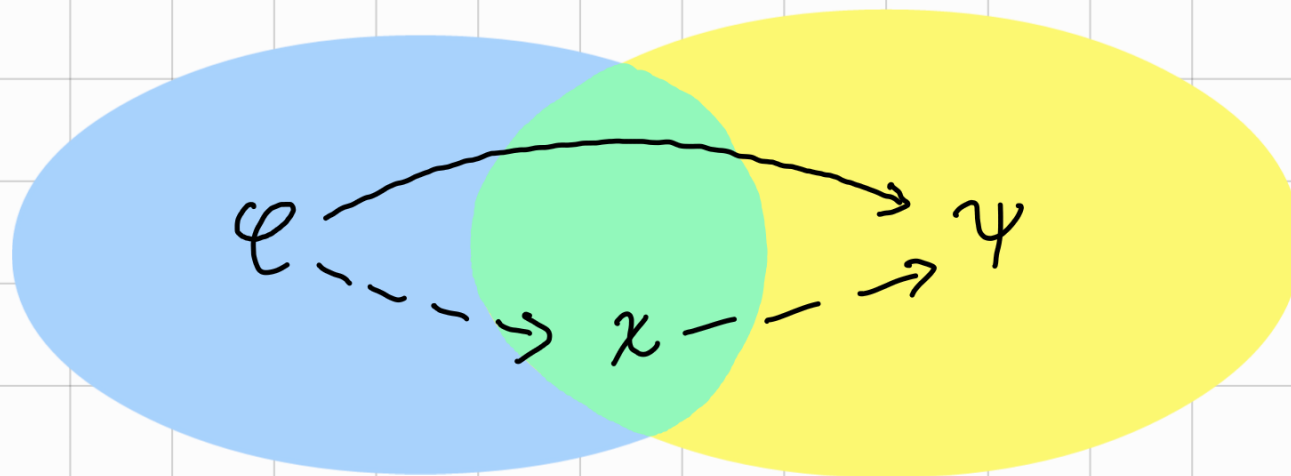
Language:  $\varphi ::= p \mid \perp \mid \varphi \wedge \psi \mid \varphi \vee \psi \mid \varphi \rightarrow \psi \mid \Box \varphi$

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$\vdash_L \varphi \rightarrow \psi$  there exists  $\chi$  such that

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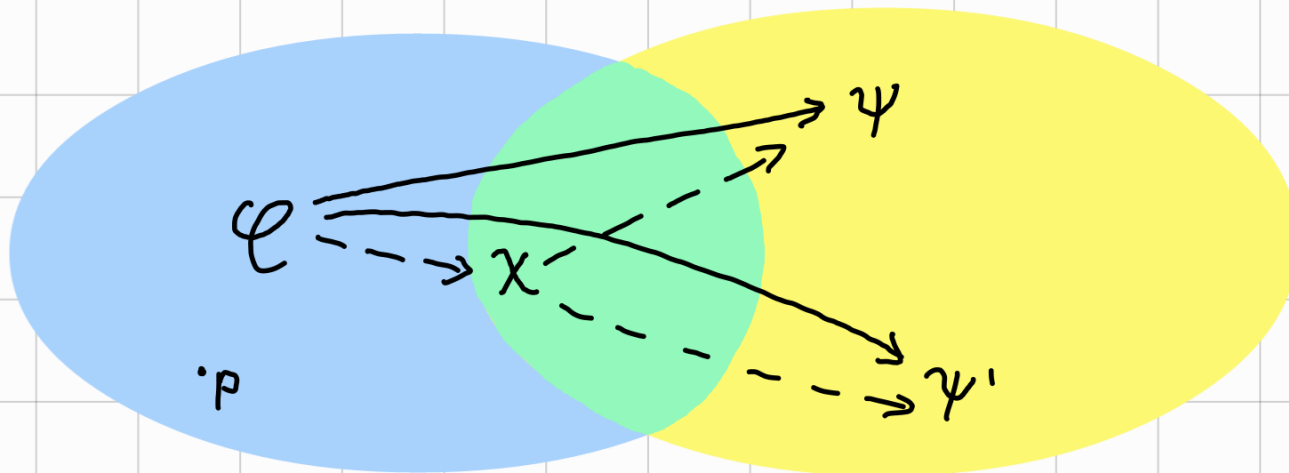
2.  $\vdash_L \varphi \rightarrow \chi$  and  $\vdash_L \chi \rightarrow \psi$



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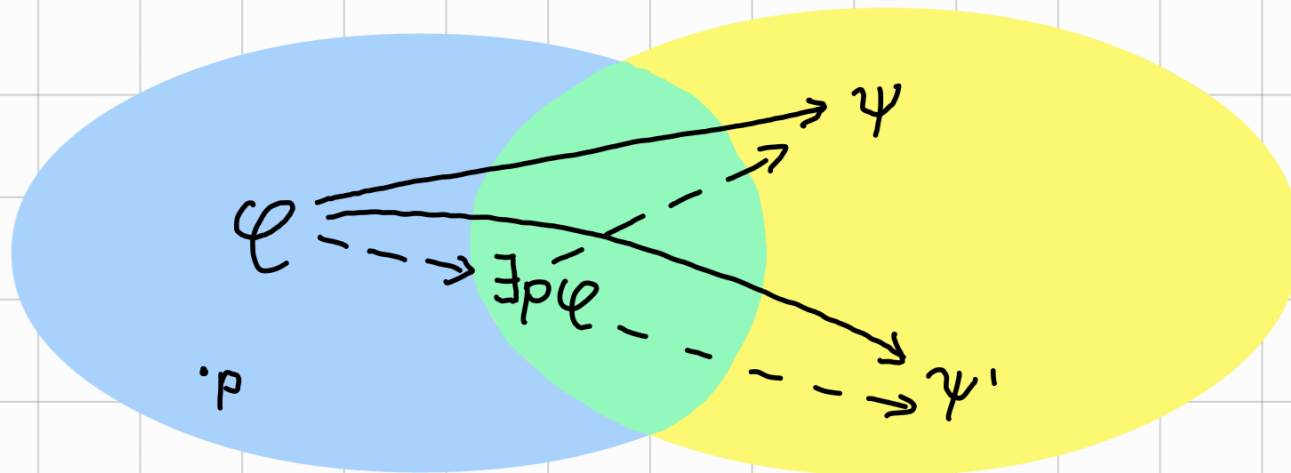
1.  $\text{Var}(\chi) \subseteq \text{Var}(\varphi) \setminus \{p\}$
2. For all  $\psi$  such that  $p \notin \text{Var}(\psi)$   
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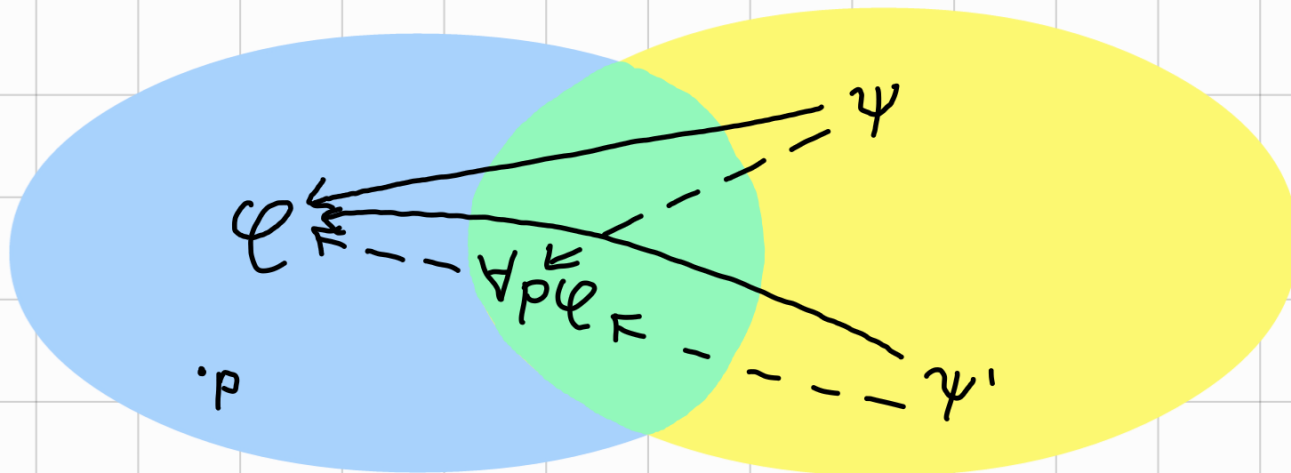
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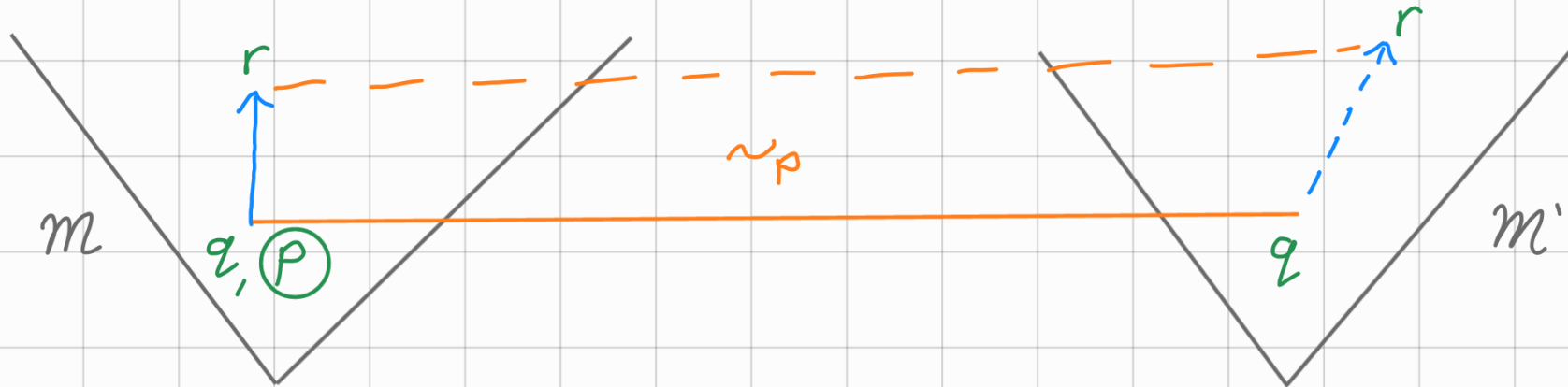
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# Bisimulation quantifiers

- Bisimilar models modulo  $p$ , written  $\mathcal{M} \sim_p \mathcal{M}'$ :



- Modal equivalence: If  $\mathcal{M} \sim_p \mathcal{M}'$ , then for each  $\psi$  s.t.  $p \notin \text{Var}(\psi)$ :  
 $\mathcal{M} \models \psi$  iff  $\mathcal{M}' \models \psi$

Def:  $\mathcal{M}, w \models \tilde{\forall}_p \varphi$  iff for all  $\mathcal{M}', w' \sim_p \mathcal{M}, w$ :  $\mathcal{M}', w' \models \varphi$

# To prove uniform interpolation

## Semantic proofs

- Bisimulation quantifiers in Kripke semantics
- Examples: K (Ghilardi, Zawadowski, '95), (Visser, '96)  
GL (Shavrukov, '94), (Visser, '96)

## Proof theoretic proofs

- construction via proof systems
- Examples: IPC (Pitts '92)  
GL (Bilková, '06)  
iK and iKD (Iemhoff, '19)  
iSL (Férée, vdG., vGool, Shillito, '24)

# Constructions & correctness

## Construction

--- proof theory ---

## Syntactic proof of correctness

- uniform interpolant
- syntax ---

## Semantic proof of correctness

- bisimulation quantifier
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# Constructions via proof systems

Craig interpolation (Maehara)

uniform interpolation (Pitts '92)

Sequent style definition  
of Craig interpolation

Sequent style definition  
of uniform interpolation

interpolant is a  
formula

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induction along a  
cut-free proof

induction along  
finite proof search

NB: Iemhoff ('13): Uniform interpolation and "well-behaved" sequent calculi

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- (Férée, vGod, '22): IPC

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# Why formalising a 30 years old proof?

- 1 Better understand the proof
- 2 Obtain a provably correct & executable implementation  
 $\exists p \varphi$  and  $\forall p \varphi$  are often not feasibly computable by hand
- 3 Use the implementation to derive theoretical results  
↳ Zoltan Kocsis: non-definability of some connectives  
(Taranovsky's realizability disjunction)
- 4 "Easily" derive uniform interpolant proofs for other logics  
↳ iSL
- 5 Check for bugs in the paper proof  
↳ GL

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