
A Framework for Linear Authorization Logics

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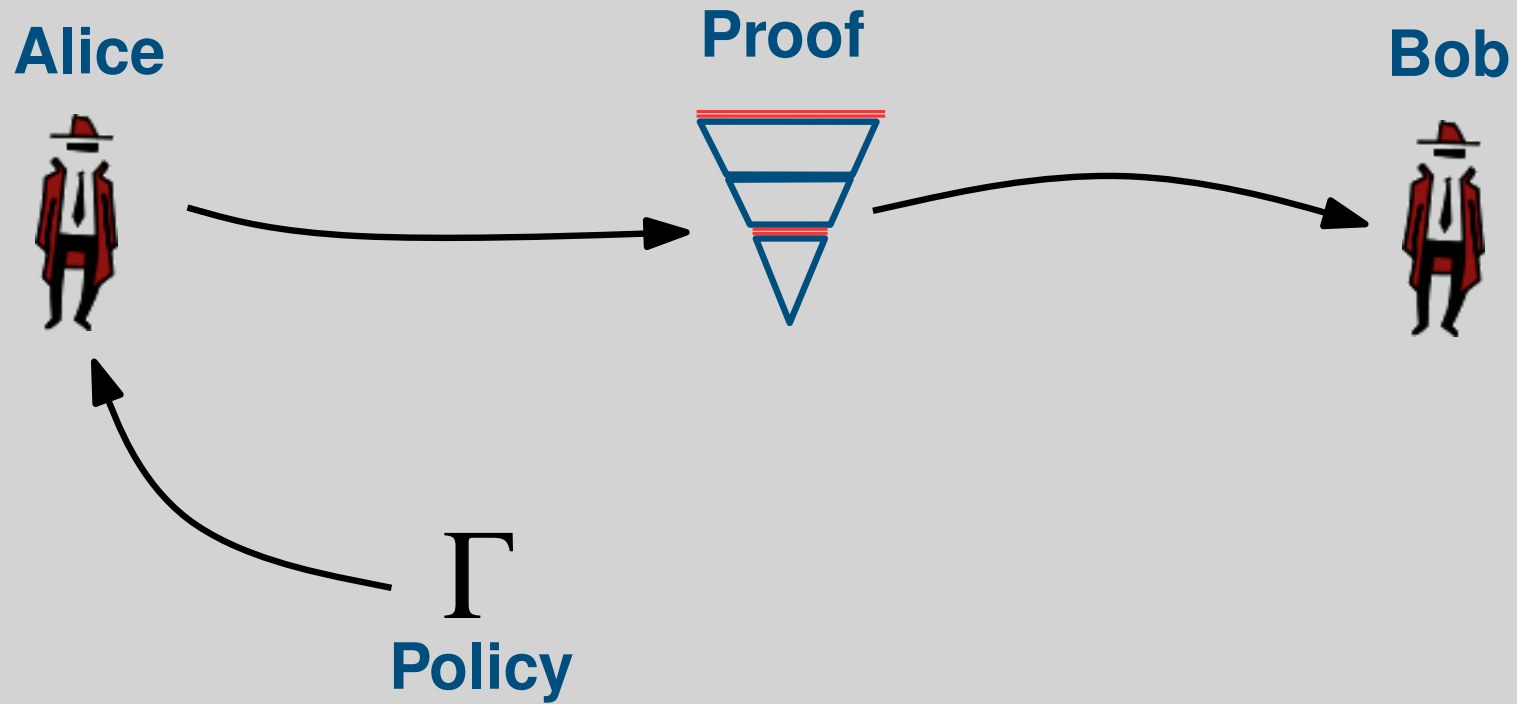
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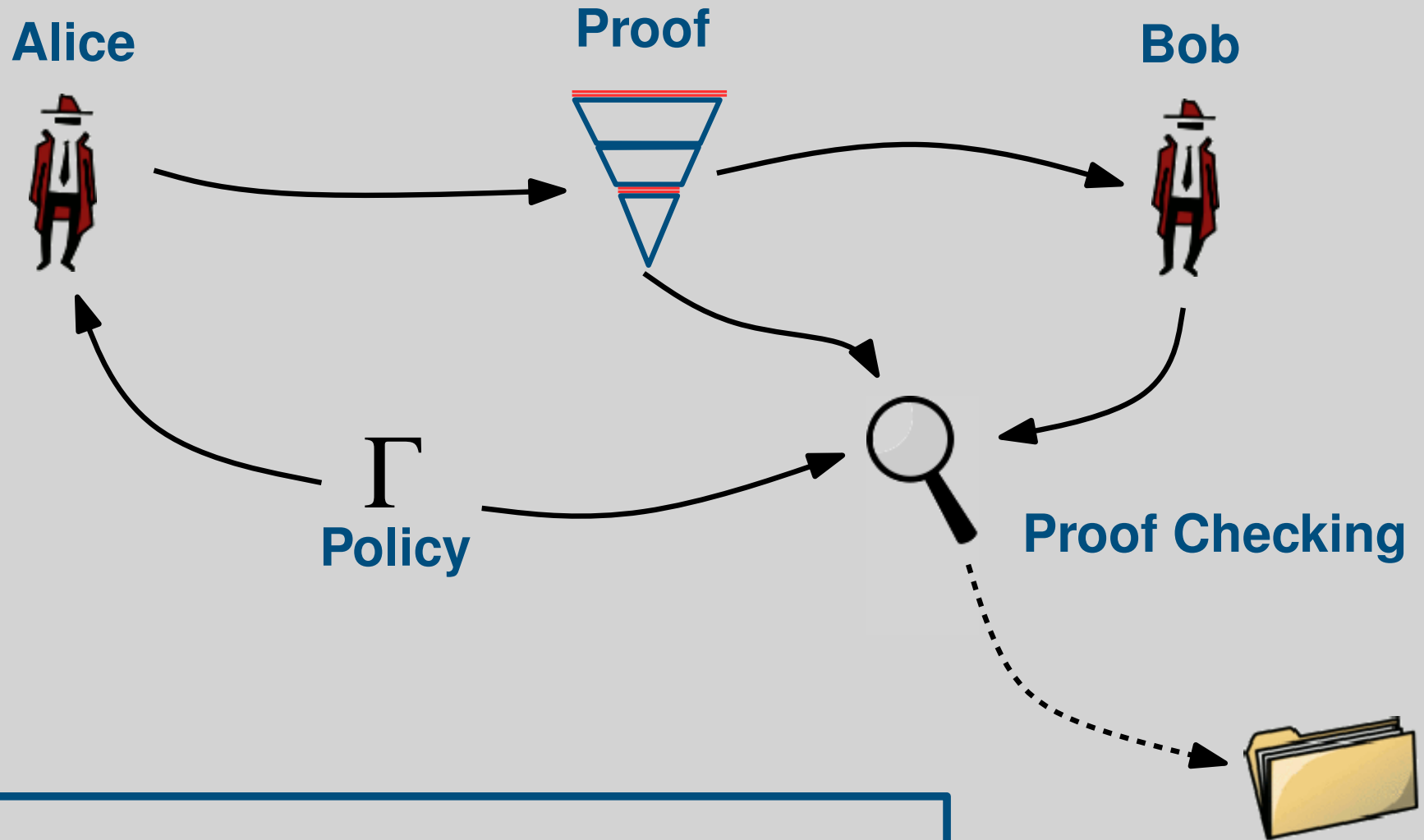
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Access control logics for distributed systems
[Abadi et al. '93].

Modal Logics:

$$P \supset K \text{ says } P$$

$$K \text{ says } (P_1 \supset P_2) \supset K \text{ says } P_1 \supset K \text{ says } P_2$$

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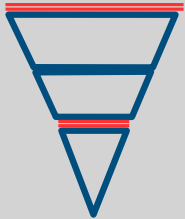
“A principal may have access to a room **at most once**.”

“A principal **may not** withdraw more money than the money available in her bank account.”

Linear Authorization Logics [Garg et al. ESORICS'06]

Our main contributions

Proof



Authorization Logics

We propose a **logical framework** where different linear authorization logics may live together. We show that in this framework one can express a **wider range of policies**.

“A principal may use a set of (low-ranked) policy rules, but **not a set of (high-ranked) policy rules.**”

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Multiplicative Fragment

$$\frac{\Gamma, F, G \longrightarrow H}{\Gamma, F \otimes G \longrightarrow H} \otimes_L$$

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A **lax modality** denoting that the principal **K** affirms the formula *P*:

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Since knowledge is unrestricted, one is allowed to contract as well as weaken it:

$$\frac{\Gamma \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, K \text{ knows } P \longrightarrow G} \quad W$$

$$\frac{\Gamma, K \text{ knows } P, K \text{ knows } P \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, K \text{ knows } P \longrightarrow G} \quad C$$

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$$\frac{\Gamma, P \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, K \text{ knows } P \longrightarrow G} \text{ knows}_L \qquad \frac{\Psi \longrightarrow P}{\Psi \longrightarrow K \text{ knows } P} \text{ knows}_R$$

where Ψ contains only formulas of the form K knows F .

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K has P

A restricted modality denoting that the principal K has the consumable resource P :

$$\frac{\Gamma, P \longrightarrow G}{\Gamma, K \text{ has } P \longrightarrow G} \text{ has}_L \quad \frac{\Psi, \Delta \longrightarrow P}{\Psi, \Delta \longrightarrow K \text{ has } P} \text{ has}_R$$

where Ψ contains only formulas of the form K knows F , while Δ contains only formulas of the form K has F .

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$$\frac{!^{x_1} F_1, \dots, !^{x_n} F_n, F \longrightarrow ?^{x_{n+1}} G}{!^{x_1} F_1, \dots, !^{x_n} F_n, ?^a F \longrightarrow ?^{x_{n+1}} G} ?^a_L$$

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Theorem: For any subexponential signature, Σ , $SELL_\Sigma$
admits cut-elimination.

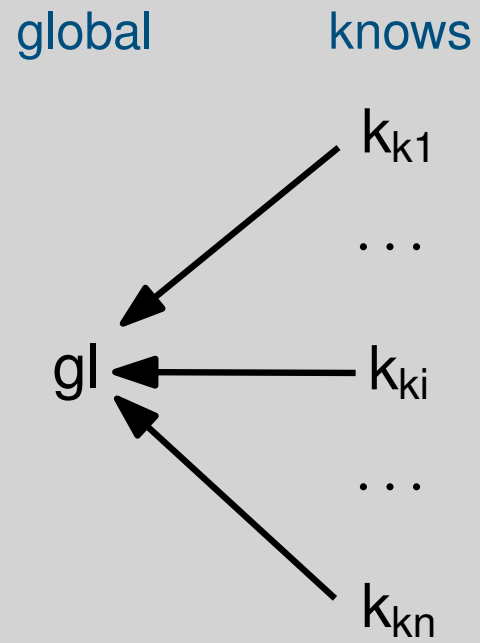
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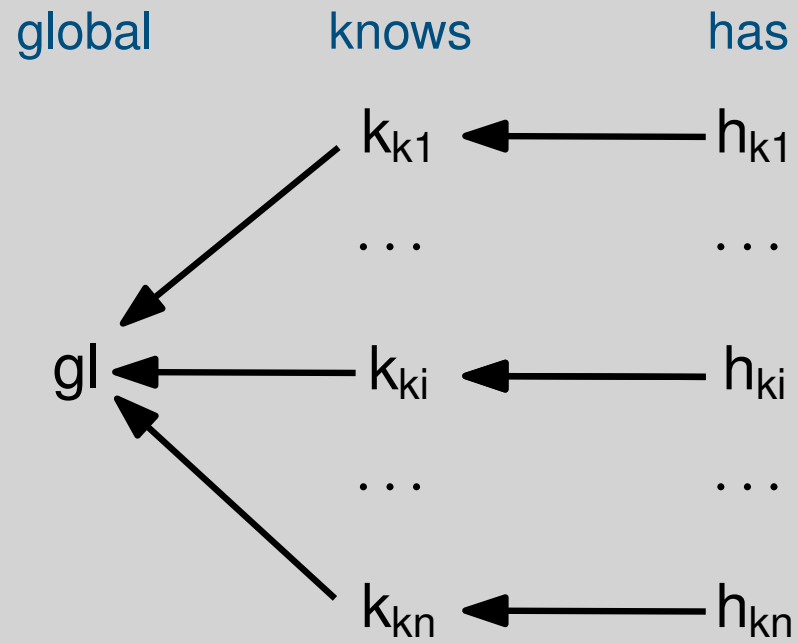
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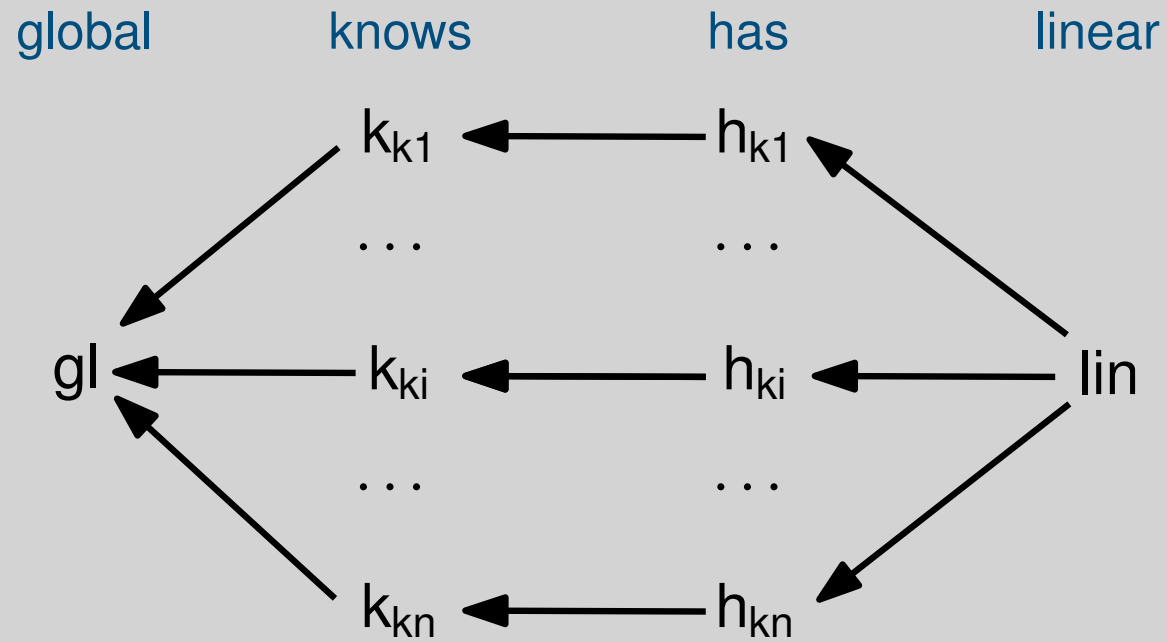
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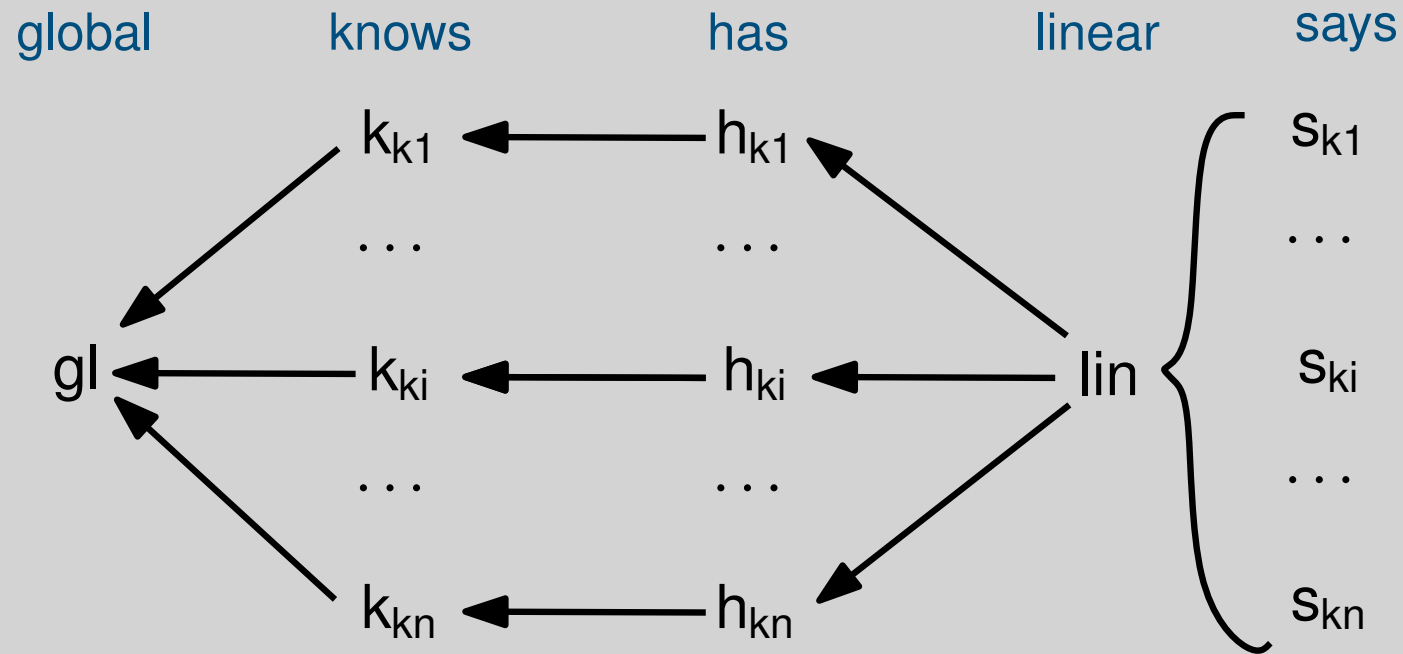
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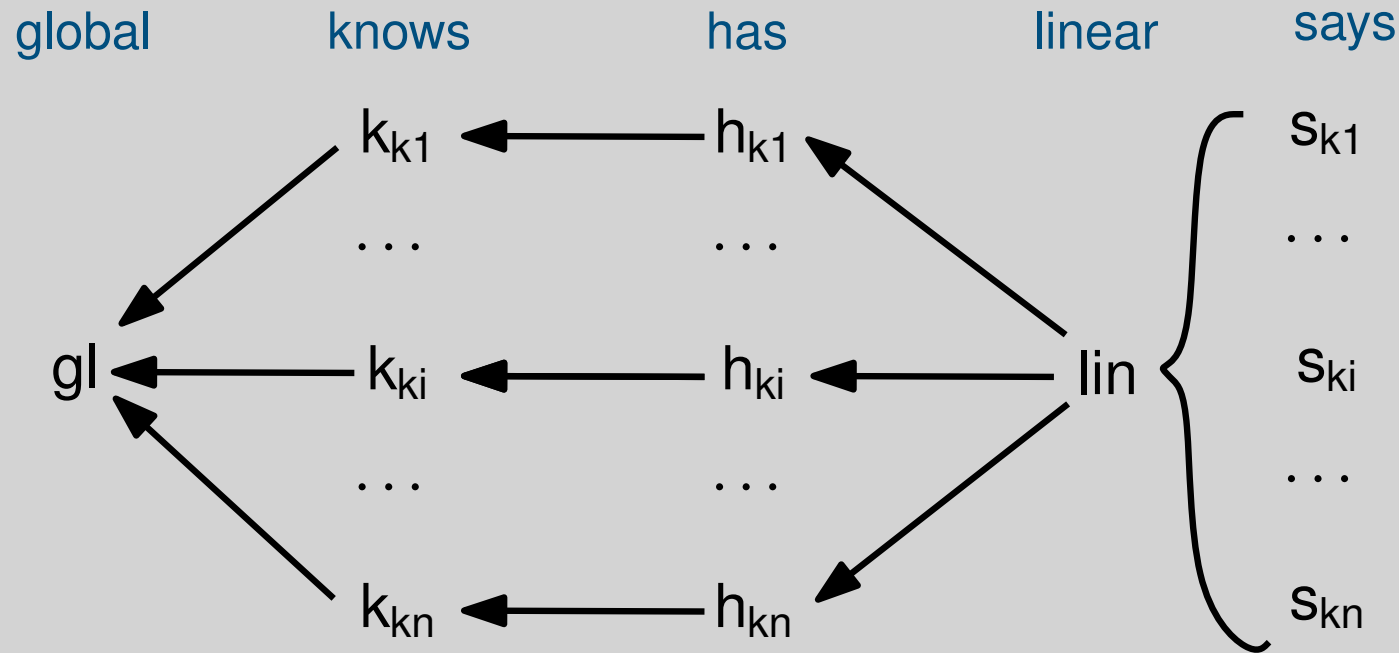
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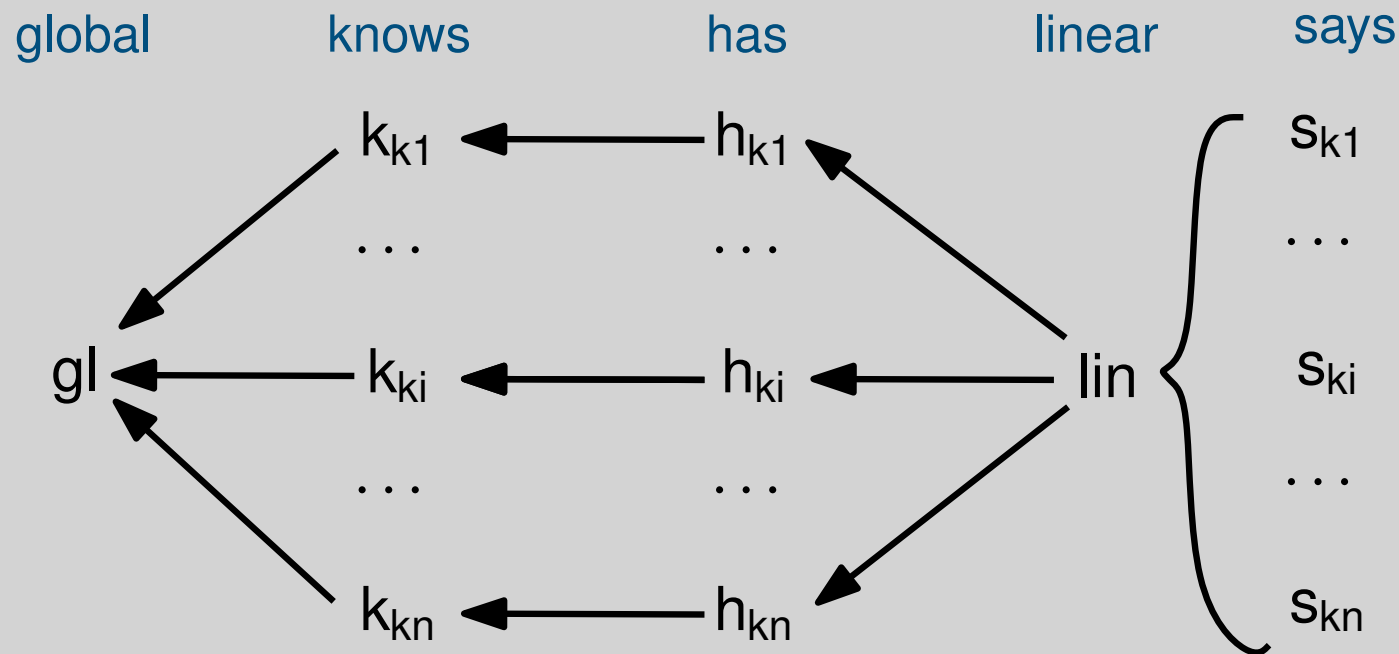
$$\llbracket F \text{ knows } K \rrbracket_L = !^{k_K} \llbracket F \rrbracket_L \quad \llbracket F \text{ knows } K \rrbracket_R = !^{k_K} \llbracket F \rrbracket_R$$

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$$\frac{!^{gl} \{\Theta\}, !^{k_K} \{\Gamma\} \longrightarrow F}{!^{gl} \{\Theta\}, !^{k_K} \{\Gamma\} \longrightarrow !^{k_K} F}$$

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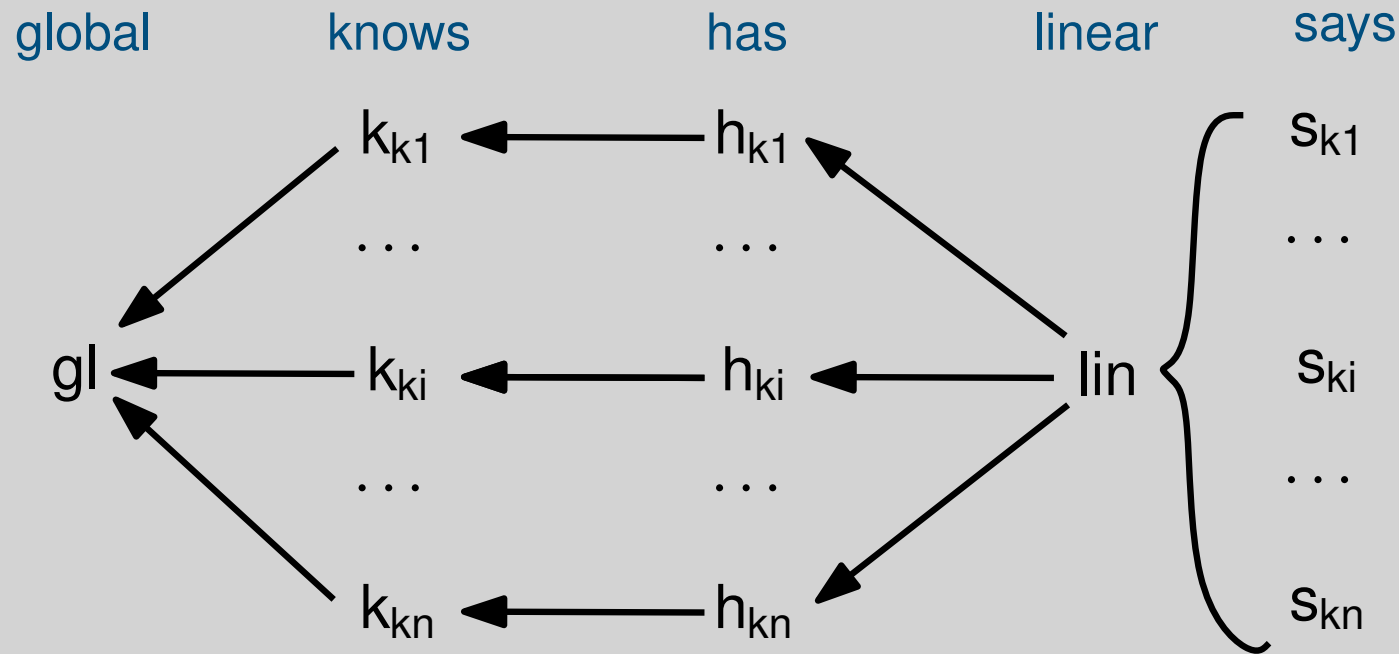
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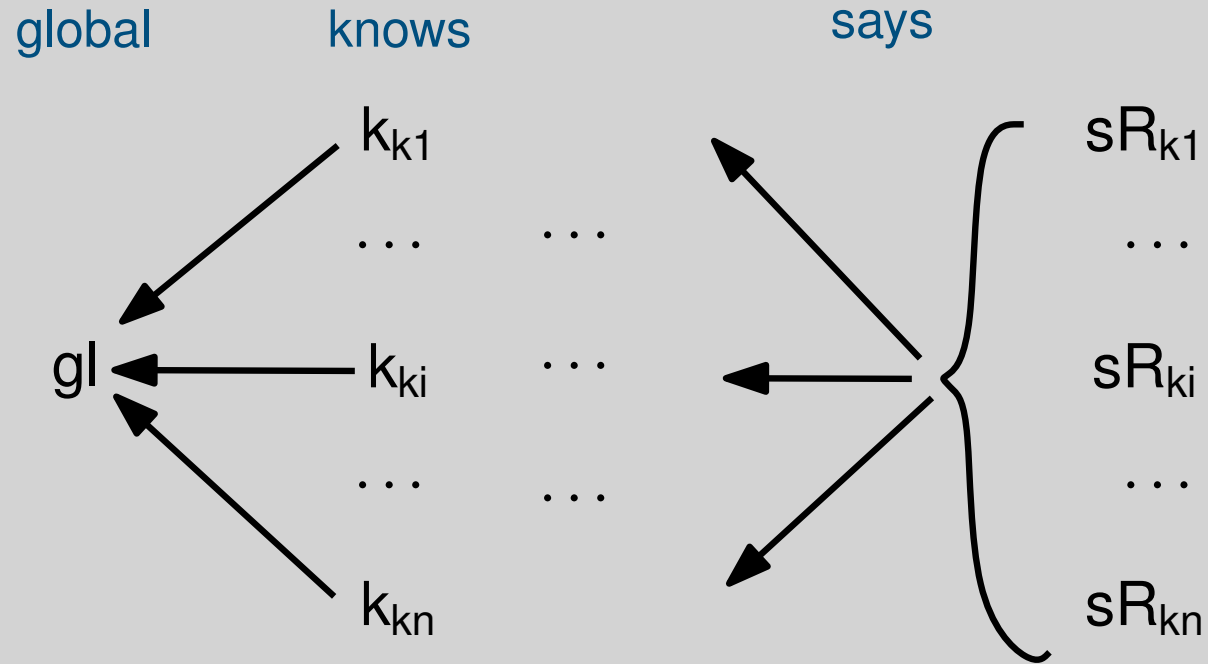
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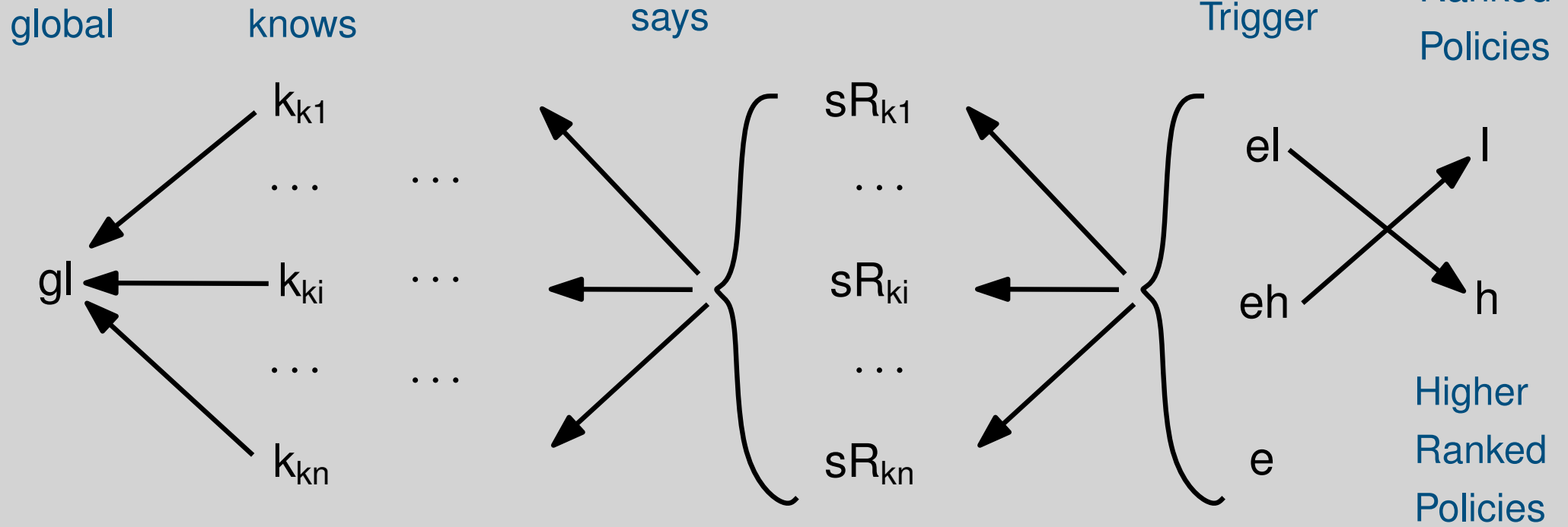


Theorem: The sequent $\Gamma \longrightarrow F$ is provable in linear authorization logic if and only if the sequent $\llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket_L \longrightarrow \llbracket F \rrbracket_R$ is provable in SELL.

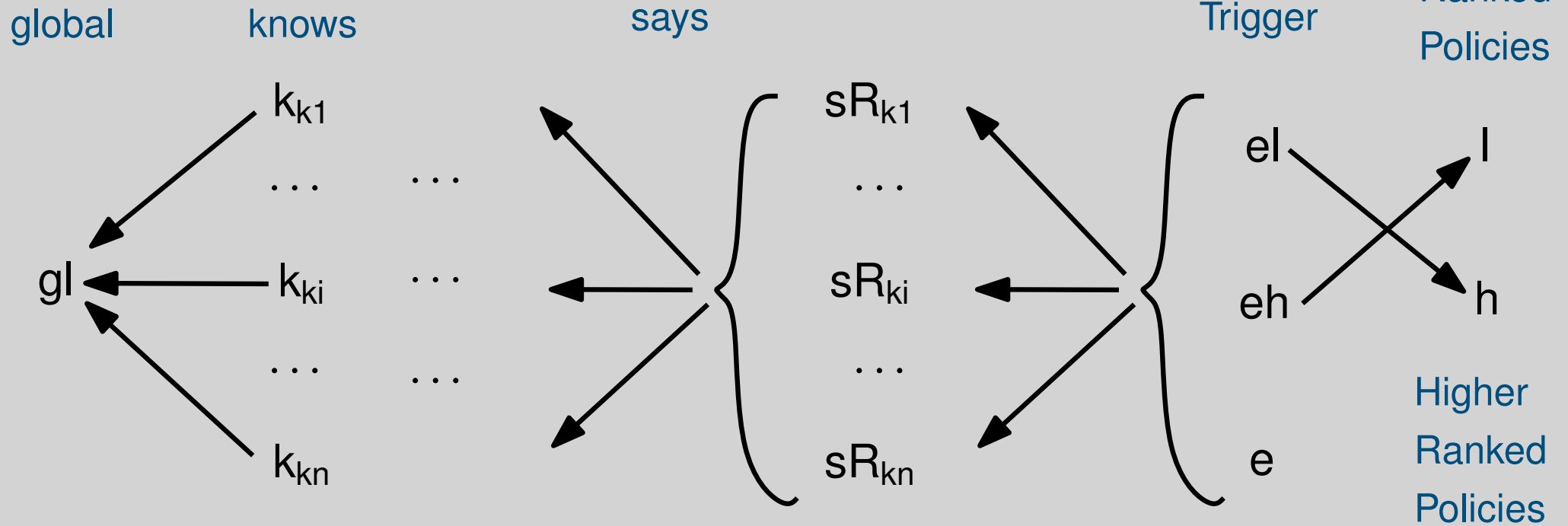
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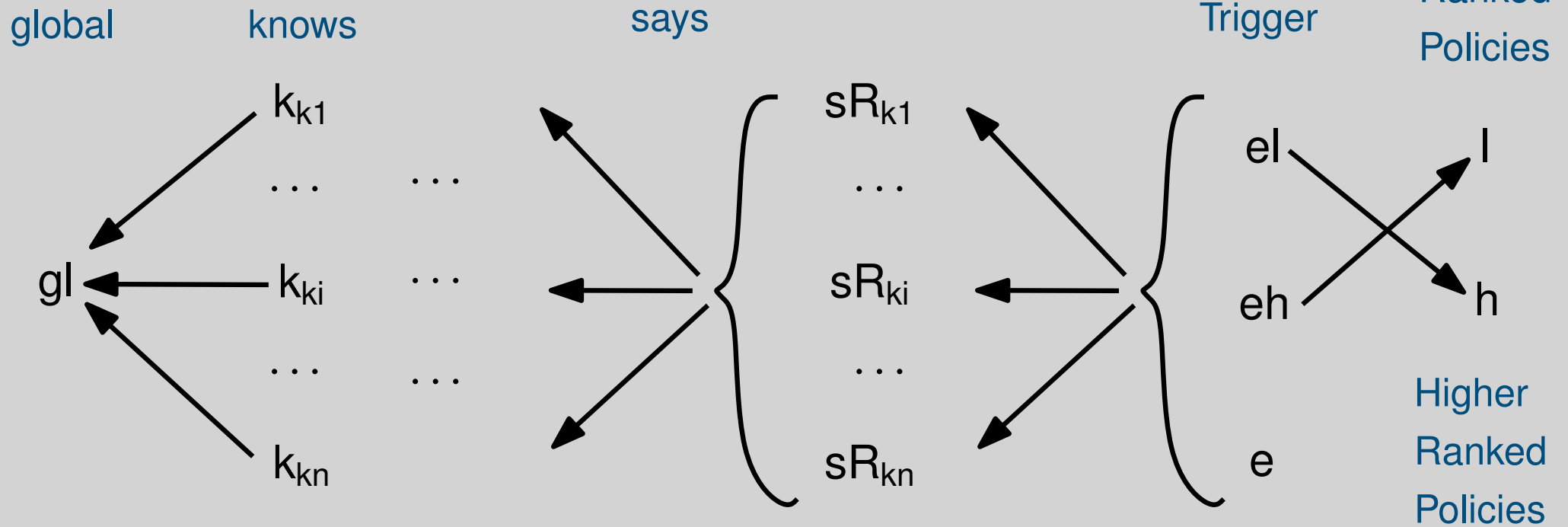


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$$\frac{\frac{\Gamma \longrightarrow F}{\Gamma \longrightarrow !^{\text{el}} F} \quad !^{\text{el}}_R}{\Gamma, !\{\Gamma_L\} \longrightarrow !^{\text{el}} F} \quad n \times W$$

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admin knows (superuser(K_1)) \otimes K_1 says (K_2 has P) \multimap K_2 has P
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Computations

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**The termination problem for
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Configurations (similar for b -states)

$$\langle a_i, n_i, m_i \rangle$$
$$\underbrace{A \text{ has } r_1, \dots, A \text{ has } r_1}_{n_i \text{ copies}}, \underbrace{B \text{ has } r_2, \dots, B \text{ has } r_2}_{m_i \text{ copies}} \longrightarrow A \text{ has } a_i$$

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Translation – Instructions

ADD ₁ :	$(A \text{ has } r_1 \multimap B \text{ says } b_j) \multimap A \text{ says } a_k$
ADD ₂ :	$(B \text{ has } r_2 \multimap A \text{ says } a_j) \multimap B \text{ says } b_k$
SUB ₁ :	$(A \text{ has } r_1 \otimes B \text{ says } b_j) \multimap A \text{ says } a_k$
SUB ₂ :	$(B \text{ has } r_2 \otimes A \text{ says } a_j) \multimap B \text{ says } b_k$
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0-ELSE ₁ :	$(A \text{ has } r_1 \multimap B \text{ says } b_{j_2}) \otimes A \text{ has } r_1 \multimap A \text{ says } a_k$
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JUMP ₁	$B \text{ says } b_j \multimap A \text{ says } a_k$
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FINAL	$A \text{ has } \top \otimes B \text{ has } \top \multimap A \text{ says } a_0$

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Soundness

For soundness, we need more invariants on how **says** formulas move while splitting the context.

Lemma: Sequents of the form below are not provable:

$$!^{|g|}\{\Theta_M\}, C \text{ says } q_i, D \text{ says } q_j, \Gamma \longrightarrow E \text{ says } q_k$$

Lemma: If the sequent of the following form is provable:

$$!^{|g|}\{\Theta_M\}, D \text{ says } q_j, \Gamma \longrightarrow C \text{ says } q_k,$$

then

$$\langle q_k, m, n \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle q_j, 0, 0 \rangle$$

without any transition using the if case of zero instructions.

Undecidability of Multiplicative Linear Authorization Logic

Main Result

Theorem The encoding of two counter machines is sound and complete.

Corollary The propositional multiplicative fragment for linear authorization logics with two principals and no function symbols is **undecidable**.

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No knowledge as one can easily use it to encode the existential Horn implication problem, which is undecidable.

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Policy Rules (Bipoles)

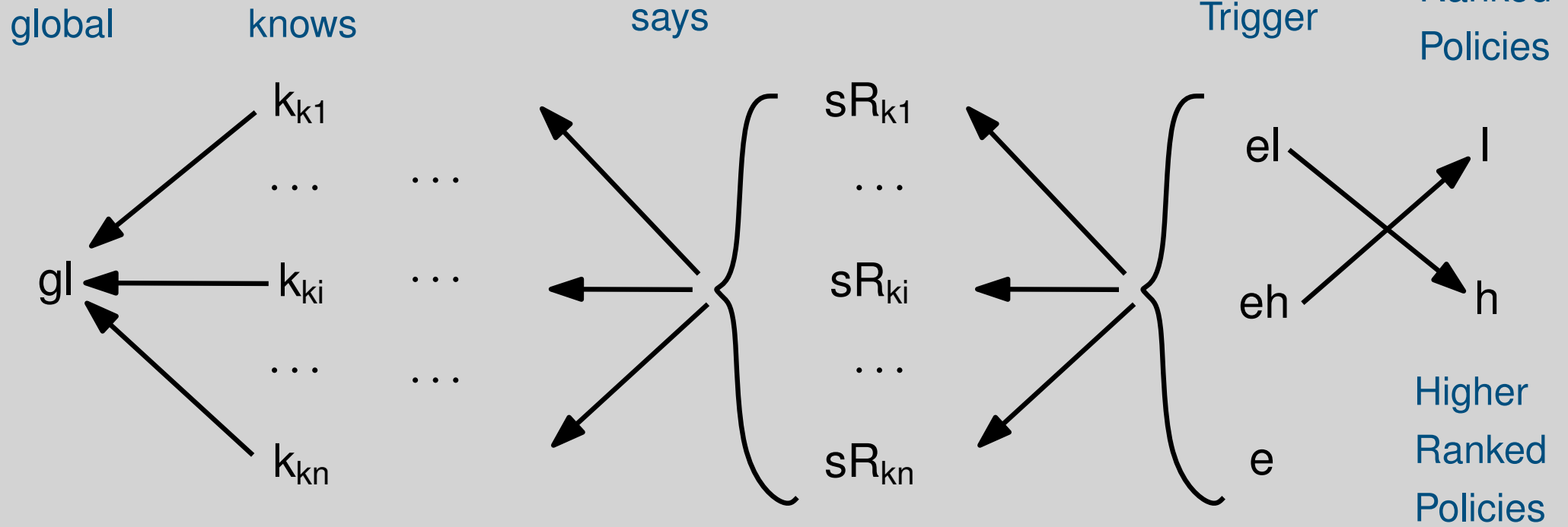
$$\forall \vec{y} [!^e T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes !^e T_m] \multimap \exists \vec{x}. [T'_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T'_n]$$

Pre-condition Post-condition

Fresh Values

The diagram illustrates a policy rule (bipole) as a multiset rewrite rule. The pre-condition is $\forall \vec{y} [!^e T_1 \otimes \dots \otimes !^e T_m]$ and the post-condition is $\exists \vec{x}. [T'_1 \otimes \dots \otimes T'_n]$. A curved arrow labeled "Fresh Values" points from the pre-condition to the post-condition, indicating the introduction of fresh values in the post-condition.

Encoding Linear Authorization Logics



Can we interpret policies as multiset rewrite rules?

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Simple proofs!

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Theorem: Proof search using only derivations of the forms above is sound and complete.

Can we interpret policies as rewrite rules?

Principals

A



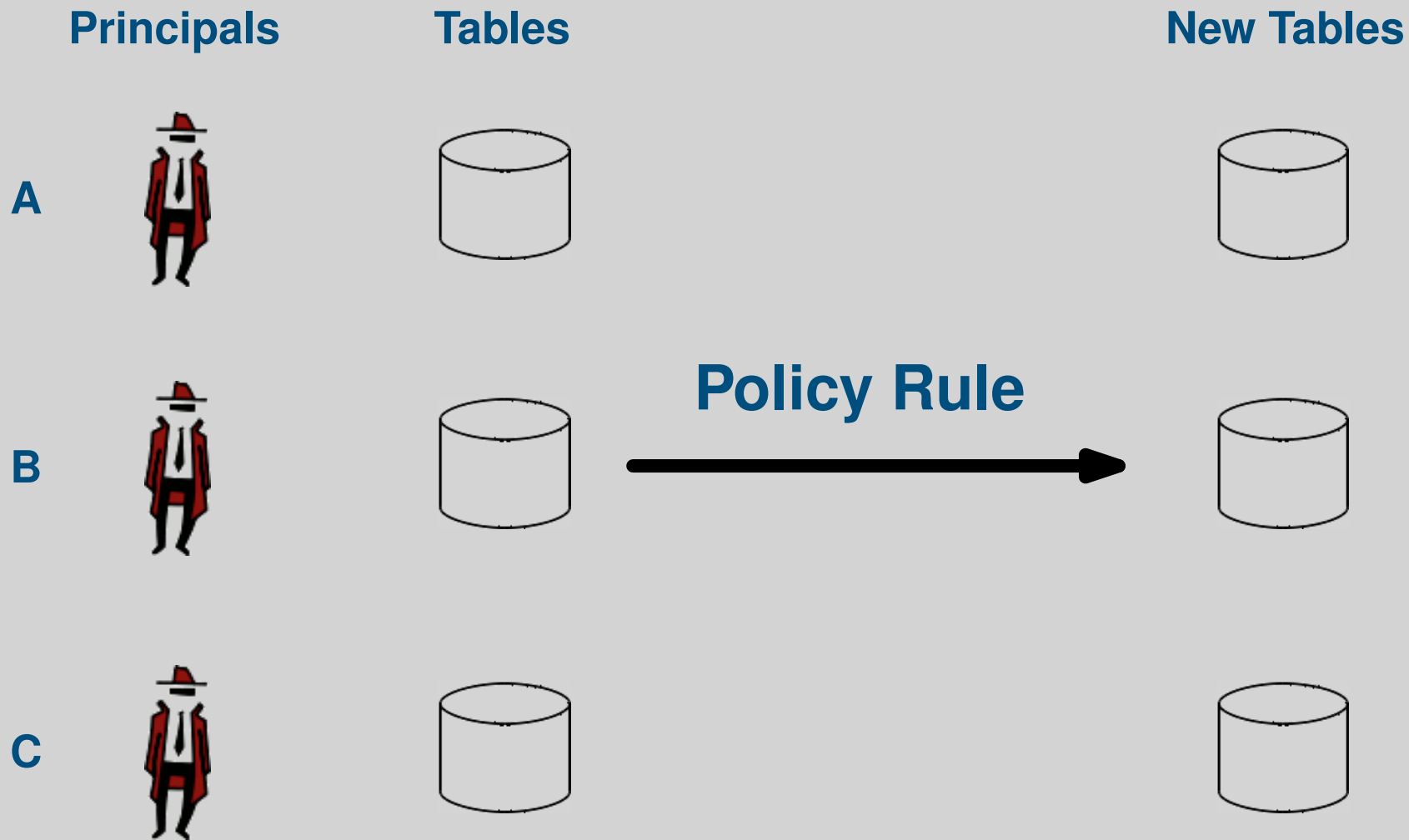
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Can we interpret policies as rewrite rules?



Agenda

- Linear Authorization Logic
- Undecidability
- Proof search and MSR
- **PSPACE-completeness**
- Conclusions and Future Work

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Number of T -formulas to the left-hand-side of sequents is **always the same**.

Parameters based on [Kanovich, Ban Kirigin, Nigam, and Scedrov]

- \mathcal{L} is finite first-order alphabet without function symbols with J predicate symbols and D constant symbols;
- k is an upper bound on the arity of predicate symbols;
- \mathcal{P} is a finite set of **balanced bipoles** specifying the policy rules;
- \mathcal{T} is a multiset of exactly m T -formulas specifying the initial contents of the sequent.
- G is G -formula appearing at the right-hand-side of the sequent.

Problem

The sequent $!^h\{\mathcal{P}\}, \mathcal{T} \longrightarrow G$ is provable or not in SELL

Theorem: There is an algorithm that determines whether a sequent $!^h\{\mathcal{P}\}, \mathcal{T} \longrightarrow G$ is provable or not and runs in **PSPACE** with respect to the parameters above.

PSPACE-completeness

PSPACE lower bound

Easy sound and complete encoding of a Turing Machine that accepts in space n .

PSPACE upper bound

Lemma: Checking whether a sequent of the form $T \longrightarrow T'$ is provable is **in NP**. It is bounded by the number of modalities in T and T' .

Lemma: The upper bound M on the number of modalities in a T -formula appearing in a sequent S is the same as the upper bound in any one of its cut-free proofs.

Lemma: There are at most $MJ(D + 2mk)^k$ different T -formulas.

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Conclusions and Future Work

We proposed a **logical framework** for linear authorization logics.

We showed that the MELL fragment of LAL is **undecidable**.

We proposed a novel first-order fragment of LAL for which provability is **PSPACE-complete**.

Future Work

Investigate the use of subexponentials on formulas appearing in the postcondition of rules. [CONCUR'13]

Decidable fragments when using **knows** modalities.

Questions