

# Satisfiability checking in presence of DTDs capturing well-typed references

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## References for this talk

- Preliminary study in collaboration with S. Cerrito and V. Thion.
  - ▶ A first step towards modeling semistructured data in hybrid multimodal logic, *Journal of Applied Non-Classical logic*, Volume 14, No 4/2004.
- Recent results are joint work with **Dario Colazzo**
  - ▶ Capturing well typed references in DTDs,
  - ▶ Testing XML constraint satisfiability,

## Motivation

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- few investigations for typing references of semistructured data and XML documents.
  - ▶ REF and IDREF attributes
  - ▶ key and foreign-key constraints
  - ▶ XML Schema uses XPath to specify typed references
    - ↔ requires a good amount of expertize to be used correctly
    - ↔ reasoning about constraints defined with XPath is highly intricate, if not impossible.

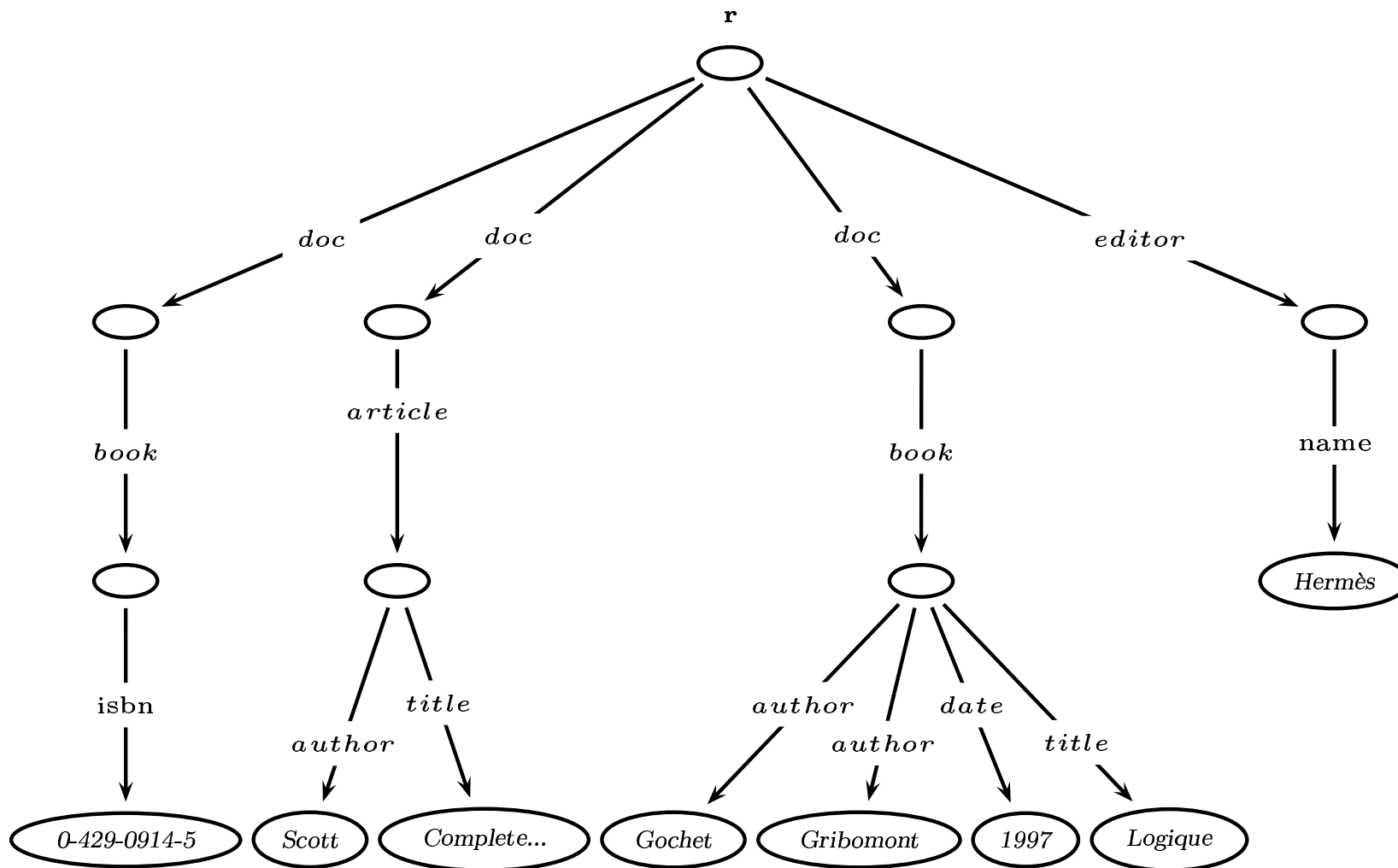


Figure 1: The well-known library example **without references**

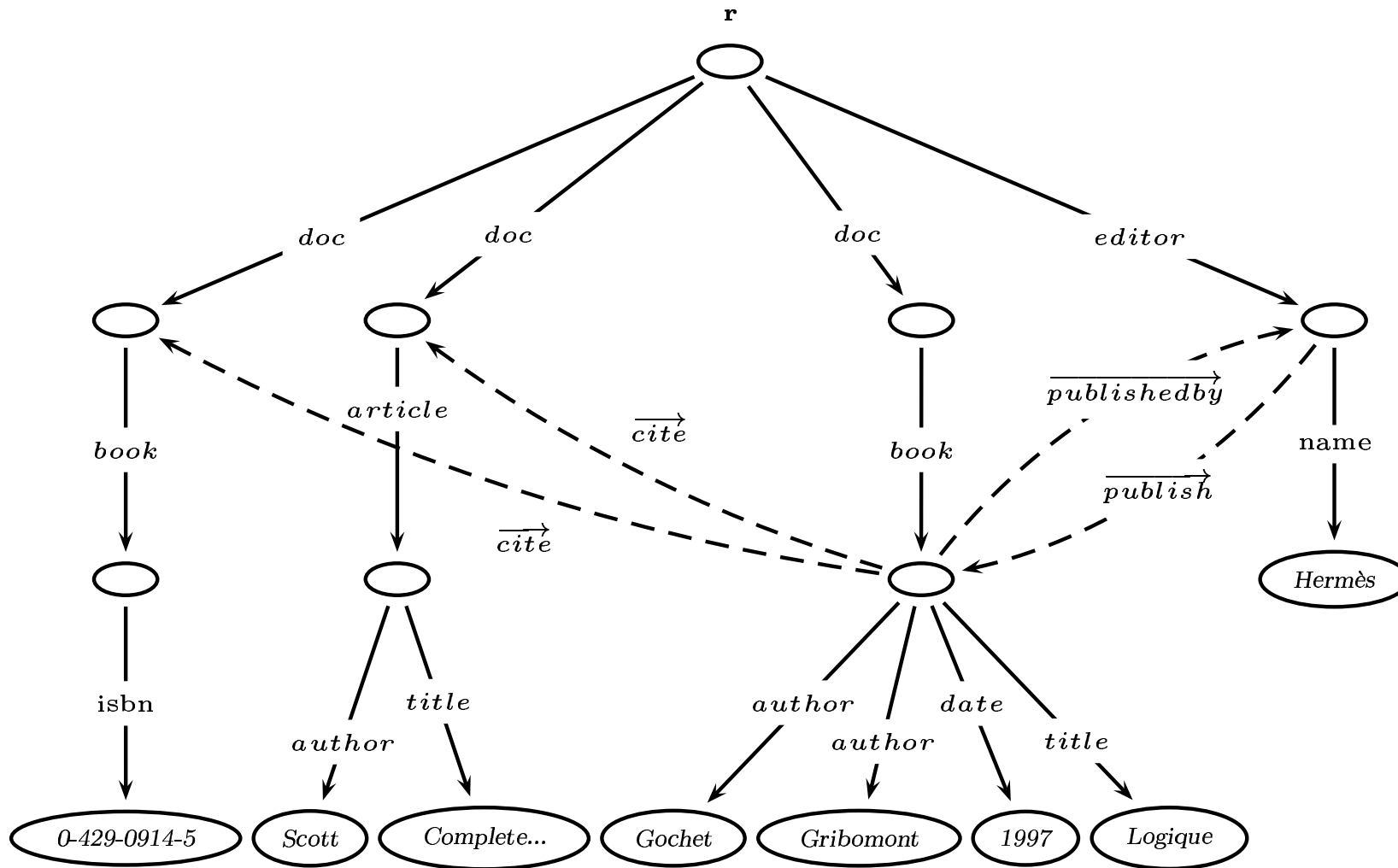


Figure 2: The well-known library example with references

## Goal and Approach

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- extension of DTDs / schemas to capture well typed references
- a unique formalism for schemas, constraints and queries:  
**Hybrid Modal Logic**

Why a unique formalism ?

- ▶ subtyping, constraint implication and satisfiability,
- ▶ query correctness, optimization

Why Modal logic ?

## Why modal logic ?

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- **Modal propositional logics**
  - simple languages for talking about any kind of graphs
  - tree-structures, transition networks, parse trees,
  - networks of properties, ontologies, flows of time, ...
  - possible worlds
- **Useful in a wide range of applications**
  - (simple syntax, often decidable)
  - logics of time, computation, parsing, ... linguistics
- **relational structures are ubiquitous**
- **relational structures are models of classical model theory**
  - Modal logic is a (decidable) fragment of classical logic

## Semistructured document

- a document is a labelled graph (labels over edges)
- a Kripke model is a labelled graph (interpretation for modal logic)

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- a document is a Kripke model

A *model* (**document**)  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a **Kripke structure**  $(S, r, R, V)$ :

- ▶  $S$  is a finite set of *states* (nodes of the document)
- ▶  $r$  is a distinguished element (root of the document),
- ▶  $R = \{r_e | e \in \mathcal{E}\}$  is a set of binary *accessibility relations* on  $S$  (labelled links of the document),
- ▶  $V:PROP \rightarrow Pow(S)$  assigns to each proposition  $p$  the set of states where  $p$  holds (data component);



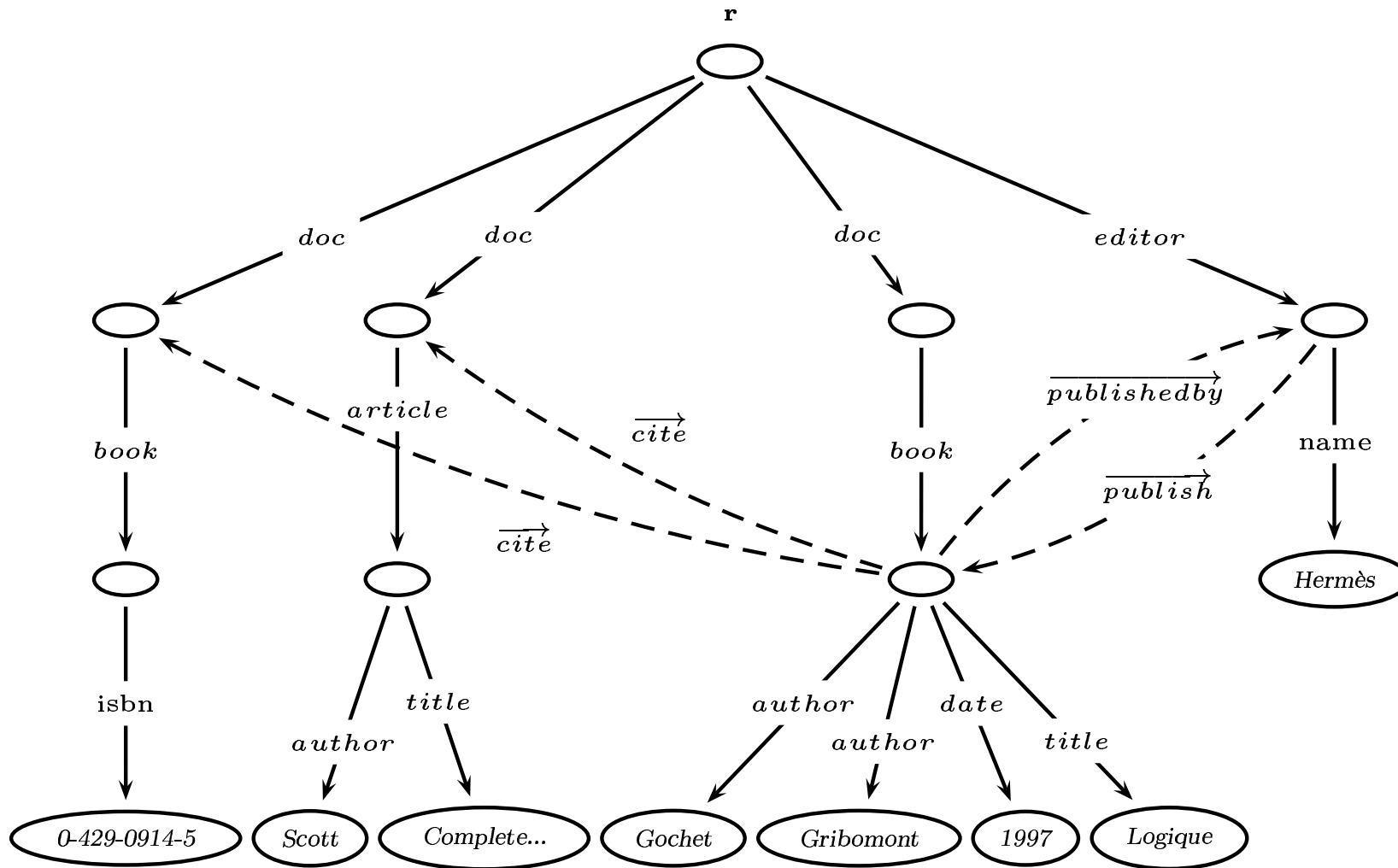


Figure 3: The well-known library example

## Modal logic and Semistructured Data: Related works

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- Schemes subsumption
  - ▶ hybrid modal logic [Alechina 97]
  - ▶ description logic [Calvanese&all 98]
- DTDs encoded into a PDL-like description logic [Calvanese&all 99]
- Query languages
  - ▶ TQL based on ambient logic [Cardelli,Ghelli 01]
  - ▶ Xpath fragments vs CTL [Miklau,Suciu 02] [Gottlob, Koch 02]
  - ▶ Xpath queries equivalence vs PDL [Marx 03]
- Constraints
  - ▶ Path constraints vs Converse PDL [Alechina 03]
  - ▶ Path constraints vs HML [Franceschet, de Rijke 03]

(Modal) Logics for Semistructured data [Demri 03]

(invited talk at M4M-3)

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## Schema capturing well-typed references : an example

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**Start** ::=  $(doc\ Doc)^*, (editor\ Editor)^*$   
*Editor* ::=  $(name\ Name)^!, (\overrightarrow{publish}\ Book)^*$   
*Doc* ::=  $(article\ Art)^! + (book\ Book)^!$   
*Art* ::=  $(author\ Name)^+, (title\ Name)^!, (date\ Dat)^?, (\overrightarrow{cite}\ Doc)^*$   
*Book* ::=  $(isbn\ Isb)^!, (\overrightarrow{cite}\ Doc)^* + ((author\ Name)^+, (date\ Dat)^!, (title\ Name)^!, (\overrightarrow{cite}\ Doc)^*, (\overrightarrow{publishedby}\ Editor)^!)$   
*Name* ::=  $\Lambda$   
*Dat* ::=  $\Lambda$   
*Isb* ::=  $\Lambda$

↑  
 non terminal  
 symbols

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 regular expression

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**Non terminal symbols:** *Start*, *Editor*, *Doc*, *Art*, ...

**Labels :** *name*, *article*, *author*, ...  
 $\overrightarrow{publish}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{cite}$ ,  $\overrightarrow{publishedby}$

child labels  
 references

## Schema capturing well-typed references : ref-schema

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- The set of labels  $\mathcal{E}$  is partitionned:
  - ▶ labels in  $E$  are called *child* labels
  - ▶ labels in  $\overrightarrow{E}$  are called *references*.
- $\mathcal{V}$  is a set of non terminal symbols among which *Start* and  $\Lambda$ .
- A **ref-schema**  $\mathcal{G}$  is given by a **typing function**  $\theta$ :
  - ▶  $\theta(X)$  is a regular expression of the form:
$$R ::= \tilde{e}X \mid R + R \mid R, R \mid R^* \mid \Lambda.$$
  - ▶  $\theta$  satisfies that:
    - (1) if  $e$  is a child-label, then there exists a unique non terminal symbol  $X$  such that the pattern  $(e X)$  appears in  $\mathcal{G}$
    - (2) for each non terminal  $X \neq \text{Start}$ ,  $\text{Start} \Rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}}^* X$  holds.

## Schema capturing well-typed references : a second example

$Start := (e X)^*$ ,

$X := (p Y + o Z)^*, (\vec{r} Y + \vec{r} Z)^*$

$Y := (e X, e X)^*$

$Z := (e X, e X)^*, e X$

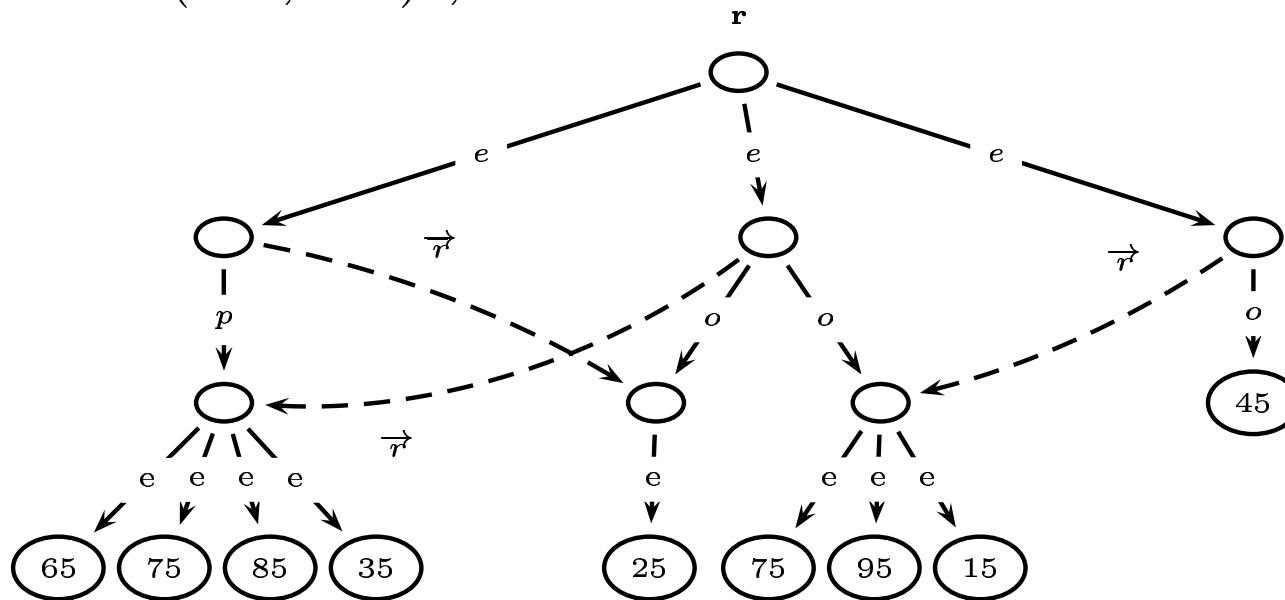


Figure 4: A document conforming to the ref-schema

## Ref-Schema validation

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A **document**  $\mathfrak{M} = (S, r, R, V, \mathcal{I}_{nom})$  **satisfies the ref-schema**  $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{V}, Start, \theta)$ , denoted  $\mathfrak{M} : \mathbf{G}$ , if:

- (1)  $\mathfrak{M}$  “restricted to” the child label edges  $e$  is a tree;
- (2) there exists a total mapping  $\vartheta : S \rightarrow \mathcal{V}$  such that:
  - (a)  $\vartheta(r) = Start$ ,
  - (b) for all  $n \in S$  if  $\vartheta(n) = X$  and  $\theta(X) = R$  then  $\{\{\tilde{e}Y \mid (n, n') \in R_{\tilde{e}} \text{ and } Y = \vartheta(n')\}\} \in \llbracket R \rrbracket$

Extension of regular expressions:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \tilde{e}X \rrbracket &= \{\{\{\tilde{e}X\}\}\} \\ \llbracket R_1 + R_2 \rrbracket &= \llbracket R_1 \rrbracket \cup \llbracket R_2 \rrbracket \\ \llbracket R_1, R_2 \rrbracket &= \{\{b_1 \uplus b_2 \mid b_i \in \llbracket R_i \rrbracket\}\} \\ \llbracket R^* \rrbracket &= \{\{b_1 \uplus \dots \uplus b_n \mid b_i \in \llbracket R \rrbracket, n > 0\}\} \cup \{\{\{\}\}\} \\ \llbracket \Lambda \rrbracket &= \{\{\{\}\}\} \end{aligned}$$

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## From modal to hybrid modal logic

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- **Syntax**

a set of propositional symbols  $p, q, \dots$ ,  
conjunction  $\wedge$ , negation  $\neg$ ,  
the modality  $[e]$  where  $e \in \mathcal{E}$

- **Semantics : an internal and local perspective**

To evaluate satisfaisability of a formula

- ▶ choose a node  $s$  **inside** the model  $\mathfrak{M}$
- ▶ navigate from this node to the **accessible** ones

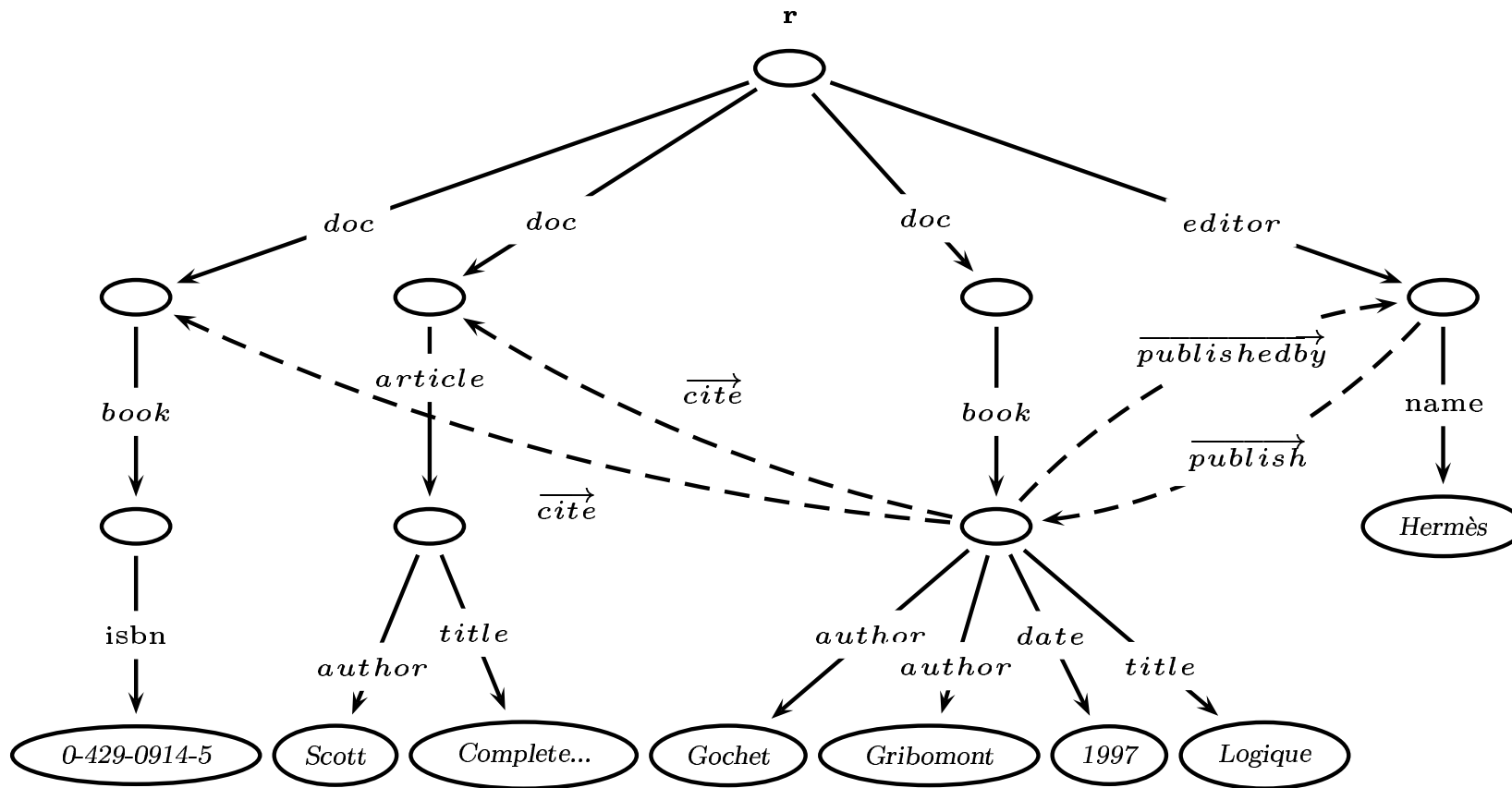
$\mathfrak{M}, g, s \models [e]\psi$  iff  $\forall s'$  such that  $(s, s') \in r_e$  we have  $\mathfrak{M}, g, s' \models \psi$

$\mathfrak{M}, g, s \models \langle e \rangle \psi$  iff  $\exists s'$  such that  $(s, s') \in r_e$  with  $\mathfrak{M}, g, s' \models \psi$

- **Other modalities (behond first order)**

**G** : accessibility via all path    **F** : accessibility via one path

## Modal logic: an example



$\mathcal{M}_{library}, r \models [doc] [book] (\overrightarrow{publishedby}) \langle \overrightarrow{publish} \rangle$

## From modal to hybrid modal logic

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- **Modal Logics : What exactly is missing ?**

- ▶ Nodes (states) are at the heart of modal logic
- ▶ But not really ... nothing to grip with them

**Example :** No e-labelled edge from the node  $s$  to itself

$$\neg \langle e \rangle ??$$

- One need to deal with nodes **explicitly**

↔ **Hybrid Modal Logics** [Blackburn]

- **Syntax**

<b>nominals:</b> names for nodes	atomic formulas
<b>state variables:</b> capturing nodes	atomic formulas
<b>binder</b> $\downarrow x$ : binds $x$ to the current node	new modality
<b>at operator</b> $@_x$ : move to the node $x$	new modality

**Example :** No e-labelled edge from the node  $s$  to itself

$$\downarrow x \neg \langle e \rangle x$$

## From modal to hybrid modal logic

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- **Back to Kripke structure**

▶ a unique nominal *root* to name the root *r* of a document

A *model (document)*  $\mathfrak{M}$  is a **Kripke structure**  $(S, r, R, V, \mathcal{I}_{nom})$

▶  $\mathcal{I}_{nom}(root) = r$  is the interpretation for nominals.

- **Semantics of hybrid features**

$g$  is a valuation of state variables

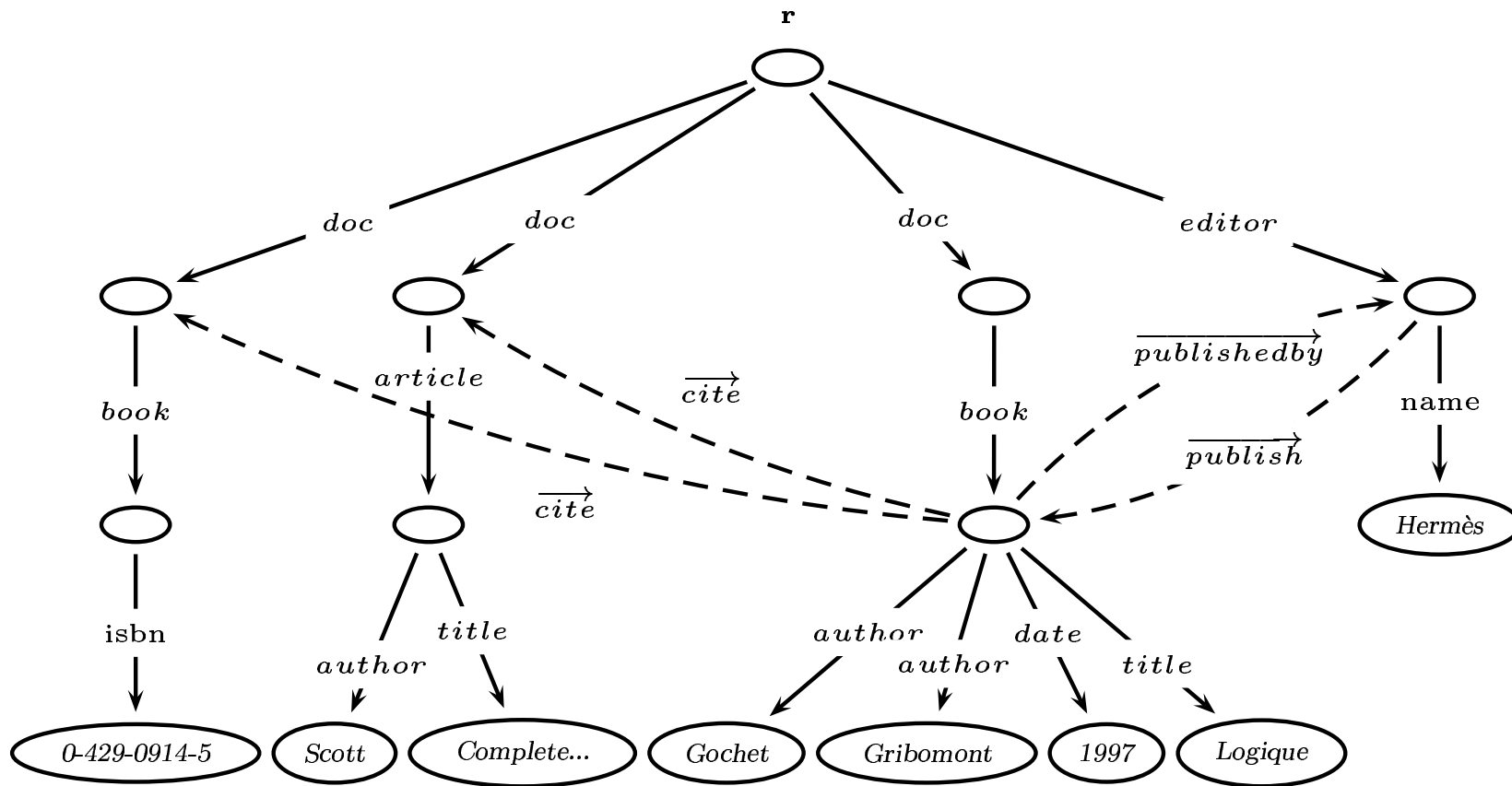
$\mathfrak{M}, g, s \models a$  iff  $\mathcal{I}_{nom}(a) = s$  ( $a$  is a nominal)

$\mathfrak{M}, g, s \models x$  iff  $g(x) = s$  ( $x$  is a state variable)

$\mathfrak{M}, g, s \models \downarrow x \psi$  iff  $\mathfrak{M}, g', s \models \psi$  with  $g \stackrel{x}{\sim} g'$  and  $g'(x) = s$

$\mathfrak{M}, g, s \models @_x \psi$  iff  $\mathfrak{M}, g, g(x) \models \psi$

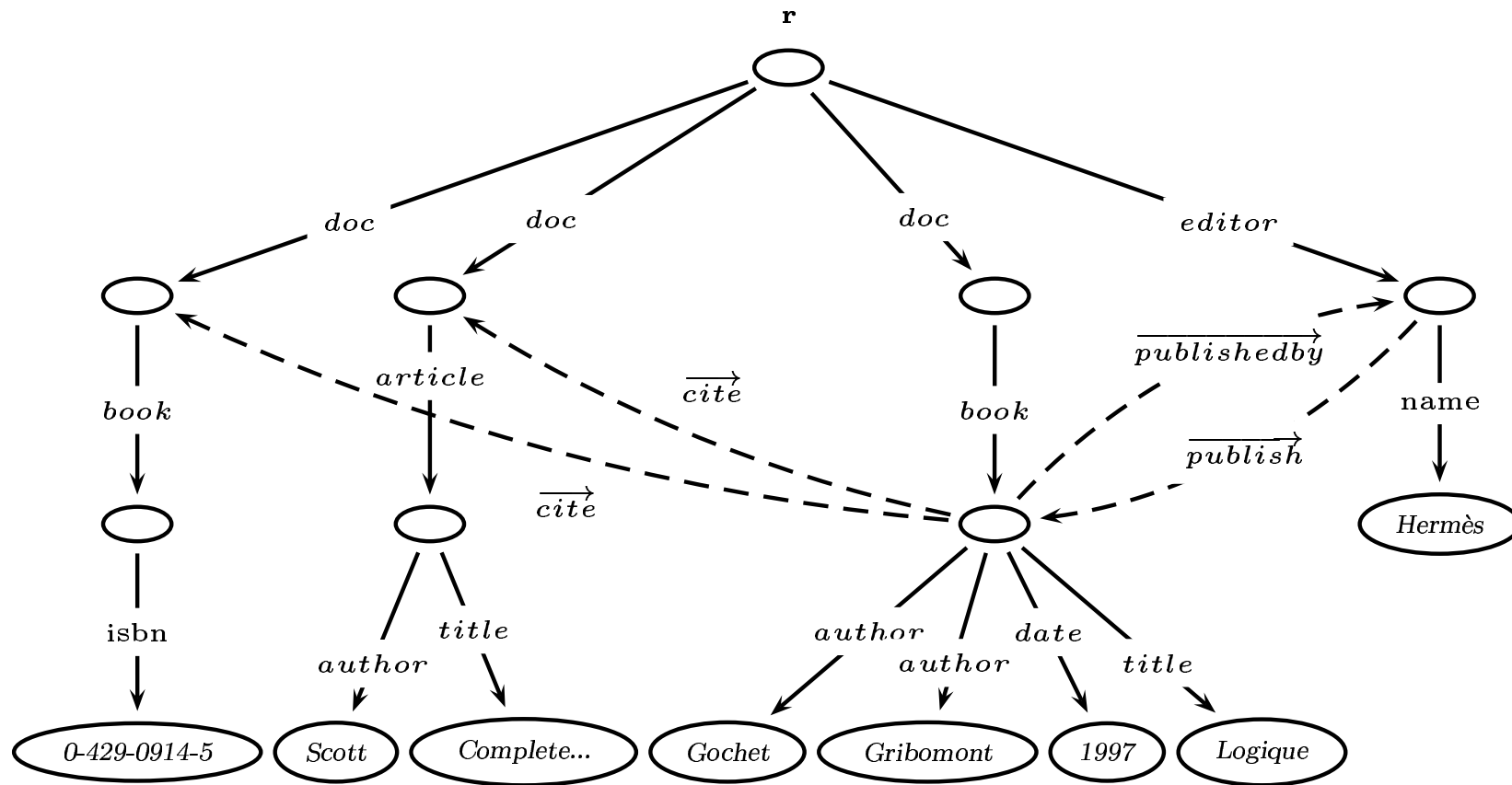
## HML: an example



$\mathcal{M}_{\text{library}, g, r} \models @_{\text{root}}[\text{doc}][\text{book}]\downarrow x ([\text{publishedby}]\langle \text{publish} \rangle x)$

given any book  $x$ , if  $x$  is published by  $y$  then  $y$  publishes  $x$

## Modal logic: an example



$\mathcal{M}_{library, g, r} \models @_{root}[doc][book]\downarrow x (\langle isbn \rangle \downarrow y (@_x[isbn]y))$

a book has exactly one isbn number.

## Constraints and Hybrid Modal Logic

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- **Result:** HML is strictly more expressive than the language  $\mathcal{P}$  devised to define forward and backward constraints.

**Example:** ‘‘given any book  $x$ , if  $x$  is published by  $y$  then  $y$  publishes  $x$ ’’.

$@_{root}[doc][book]\downarrow x \left( \overrightarrow{[publishedby]} \langle \overrightarrow{publish} \rangle x \right)$

expressible in  $\mathcal{P} \implies$  expressible in HML

**Example:** a book has exactly one isbn number.

$@_{root}[doc][book]\downarrow x \left( \langle isbn \rangle \downarrow y \left( @_x [isbn] y \right) \right)$

expressible in HML but not in  $\mathcal{P}$

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## Normalized ref-schema in HML

- **Motivation**

- ▶ historical reason,      ▶ sake of simplicity
- ▶ without loss of generality

- A **normalized ref-schema**  $(\mathcal{E}, \mathcal{V}, Start, \theta)$  is a (marked) ref-schema based on the normalized regular expressions defined by:

$R := B \mid R + R$ , and

$B := \Lambda \mid ((\tilde{e}, p)X)^{op} \mid B, B$  where  $op$  is either  $!$  or  $*$ .

## the library schema is normalized

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## the odd-even tree schema is not normalized

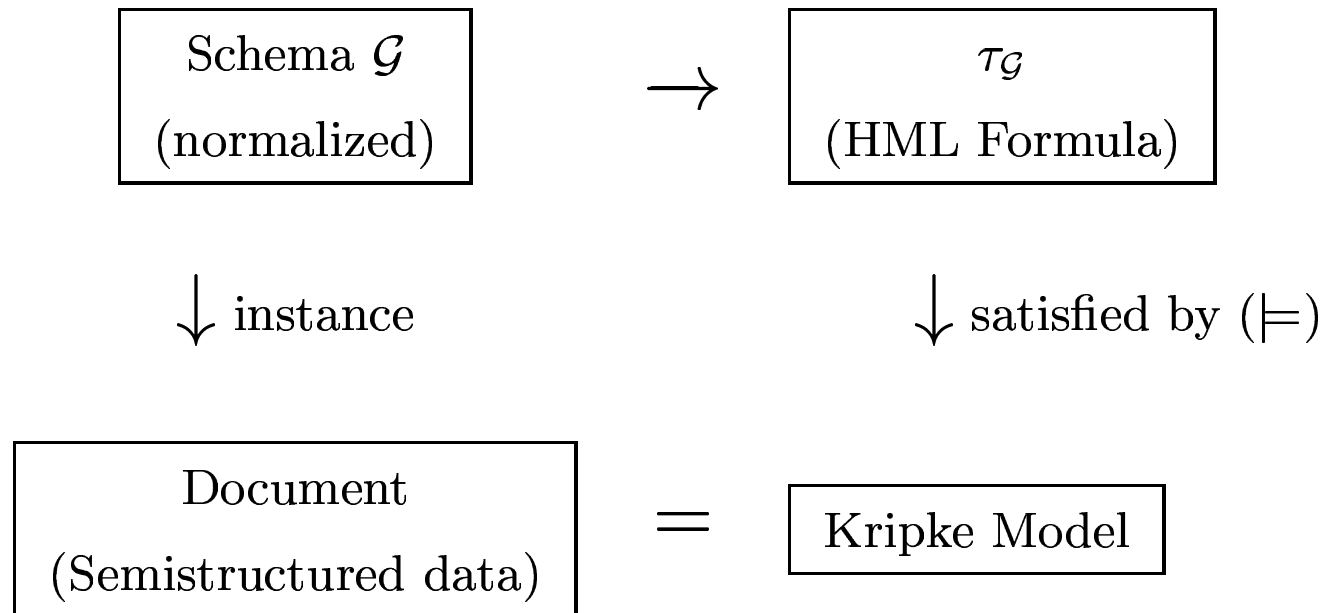
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*Start* ::=  $(e\ X)^*,$   
*X* ::=  $(p\ Y + o\ Z)^*, (\overrightarrow{r}\ Y + \overrightarrow{r}\ Z)^*$   
*Y* ::=  $(e\ X, e\ X)^*$   
*Z* ::=  $(e\ X, e\ X)^*, e\ X$

## Expressing normalized ref-schema in HML

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- Result :



$$\mathfrak{M} : \mathcal{G} \quad \text{iff} \quad \mathfrak{M}, r \models \tau_{\mathcal{G}}$$

## Expressing normalized ref-schema in HML

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$\tau_{\mathcal{G}}$  is the conjunction of 3 formulas :

►  $tree$  enforces that the “subframe” of the document generated by child labels is a tree.

►  $\tau_{\mathcal{G}}^E$  checks that, given a state  $x$  reachable by an  $e$  child edge, the edges (child edges as well as references) outgoing from  $e$  are the ones allowed by the schema.

$$@_{root} \left( \tau_{Start} \wedge \bigwedge_{e \in E} G^*[e] \tau_{Type(e)} \right)$$

►  $\tau_{\mathcal{G}}^{\vec{E}}$  checks the type of the nodes which are targets of references.

$$@_{root} \left( \bigwedge_{\vec{e} \in \vec{E}} G^*[\vec{e}] \downarrow x \left( \bigvee_{e \in child(\vec{e})} @_{root} F^* \langle e \rangle x \right) \right).$$

## Expressing normalized ref-schema in HML

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► For each non terminal  $X$ , the formula  $\tau_X$  checks that the nodes of type  $X$  are the sources of allowed edges.

$\tau_X = \Psi(\theta(X))$  where:

1.  $\Psi(\Lambda) = \bigwedge_{\tilde{e} \in \mathcal{E}} \neg \langle \tilde{e} \rangle \top$
2.  $\Psi(R_1 + R_2) = \Psi(R_1) \vee \Psi(R_2)$
3. If  $R$  is  $((\tilde{e}_1, p_1)X_1)^{op_1}, \dots, ((\tilde{e}_k, p_k)X_k)^{op_k}$  then

$$\Psi(R) = \bigwedge_{i=1 \dots k} \tau_i \quad \wedge \quad \bigwedge_{e \text{ not in } R} \neg \langle e \rangle \top$$

where if  $op_i$  is ! then  $\tau_i = \downarrow x \langle \tilde{e}_i \rangle \downarrow y (p_i \wedge @_x[\tilde{e}_i](p_i \rightarrow y))$

if  $op_i$  is \* then  $\tau_i = \langle \tilde{e}_i \rangle (\top \rightarrow \bigvee_{p \in Prop_{\tilde{e}_i}} p)$

with  $Prop_{\tilde{e}_i} = \{p \mid ((\tilde{e}_i, p)Y)^{op} \text{ in } \theta(X)\}$

## Expressing normalized ref-schema in HML: the library example

$$\begin{aligned} @_{root} & (\varphi_{Root} \wedge G^*[doc]\varphi_{Doc} \wedge G^*[editor]\varphi_{Editor} \wedge \\ & G^*[Name]\varphi_{Name} \wedge G^*[article]\varphi_{Art} \wedge G^*[book]\varphi_{Book} \wedge \\ & G^*[auteur]\varphi_{Name} \wedge G^*[title]\varphi_{Name} \wedge G^*[date]\varphi_{Dat} \wedge G^*[isbn]\varphi_{Isb}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\varphi_{Root} \equiv_{def} \bigwedge_{e \in \mathcal{E} - \{doc, editor\}} \neg \langle e \rangle \top$$

$$\varphi_{Editor} \equiv_{def} \downarrow x \langle Name \rangle \downarrow y (@_x [Name] y) \wedge \bigwedge_{e \in \mathcal{E} - \{Name, \overrightarrow{publish}\}} \neg \langle e \rangle \top$$

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_{Doc} & \equiv_{def} \downarrow x \langle book \rangle \downarrow y (@_x [book] y) \\ & \wedge \downarrow x \langle article \rangle \downarrow y (@_x [article] y) \\ & \wedge \bigwedge_{e \in \mathcal{E} - \{book, article\}} \neg \langle e \rangle \top \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} @_{root} & (G^*[\overrightarrow{cite}] \downarrow x (@_{root} F^* \langle doc \rangle x) \wedge \\ & G^*[\overrightarrow{publish}] \downarrow x (@_{root} F^* \langle book \rangle x) \wedge \\ & G^*[\overrightarrow{publishedby}] \downarrow x (@_{root} F^* \langle editor \rangle x)) \end{aligned}$$

## Expressing general ref-schema in HML

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Ref-schema  $\equiv$  Normalized Ref-schema + constraints

### Result:

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a ref-schema. Then **there exists a normalized ref-schema**  $\mathcal{G}_{norm}$  and an HML **constraint**  $\mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}$  such that:

1. for each model  $\mathfrak{M}$  there exists a model  $\mathfrak{M}_{norm}$  such that  $\mathfrak{M} : \mathcal{G}$  iff  $\mathfrak{M}_{norm} : \mathcal{G}_{norm}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_{norm}, g, r \models \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}$ .
2. for each model  $\mathfrak{M}_{norm}$  there exists a model  $\mathfrak{M}$  such that  $\mathfrak{M} : \mathcal{G}$  iff  $\mathfrak{M}_{norm} : \mathcal{G}_{norm}$  and  $\mathfrak{M}_{norm}, g, r \models \mathcal{C}_{\mathcal{G}}$ .

## Expressing general ref-schema in HML: the odd-even tree example

The initial non normalized ref-schema (odd-even tree)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Start} &:= (e X)^*, \\ X &:= (p Y + o Z)^*, (\vec{r} Y + \vec{r} Z)^* \\ Y &:= (e X, e X)^* \\ Z &:= (e X, e X)^*, e X \end{aligned}$$

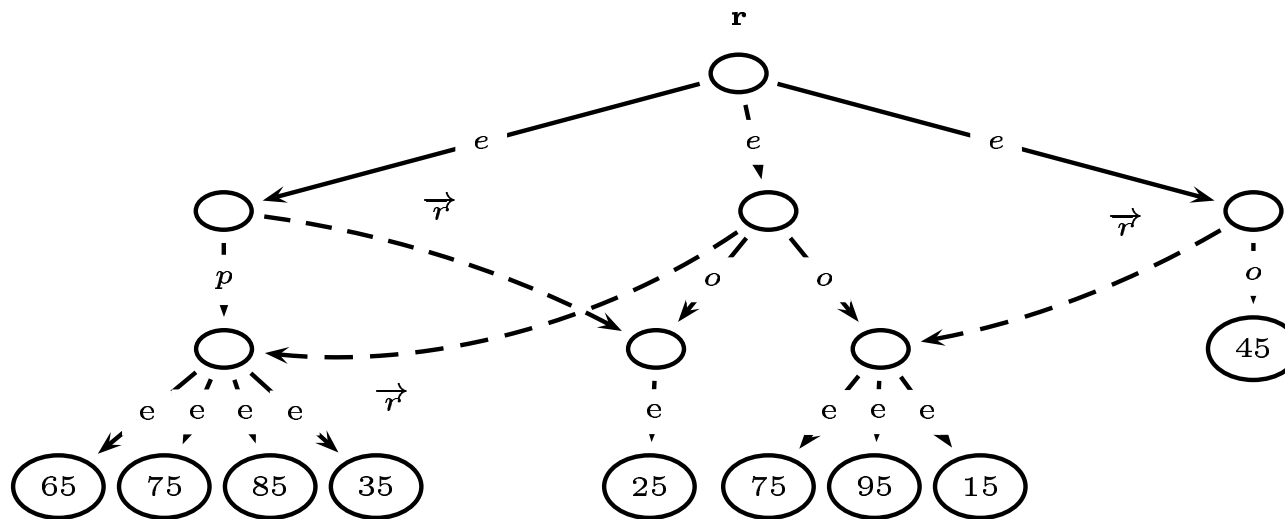
The normalized schema + constraint associated with the odd-even tree ref-schema

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Start} &:= ((e, p_0)X)^*, \\ X &:= (p Y)^*, (o Z)^*, (\vec{r} Y)^*, (\vec{r} Z)^* (\vec{c} X)^* \\ Y &:= ((e, p_1)X)^*, ((e, p_2)X)^* \\ Z &:= ((e, p_3)X)^*, ((e, p_4)X)^*, (e, p_5)X! \\ \mathcal{C}_G &= G^* \downarrow x \langle e \rangle \downarrow y (p_1 \wedge @_y \langle \vec{c} \rangle \downarrow z (p_2 \wedge @_y [\vec{c}] z \wedge @_x \langle e \rangle z \wedge \top)) \wedge \\ &G^* \downarrow x \langle e \rangle \downarrow y (p_3 \wedge @_y \langle \vec{c} \rangle \downarrow z (p_4 \wedge @_y [\vec{c}] z \wedge @_x \langle e \rangle z \wedge \top)) \end{aligned}$$



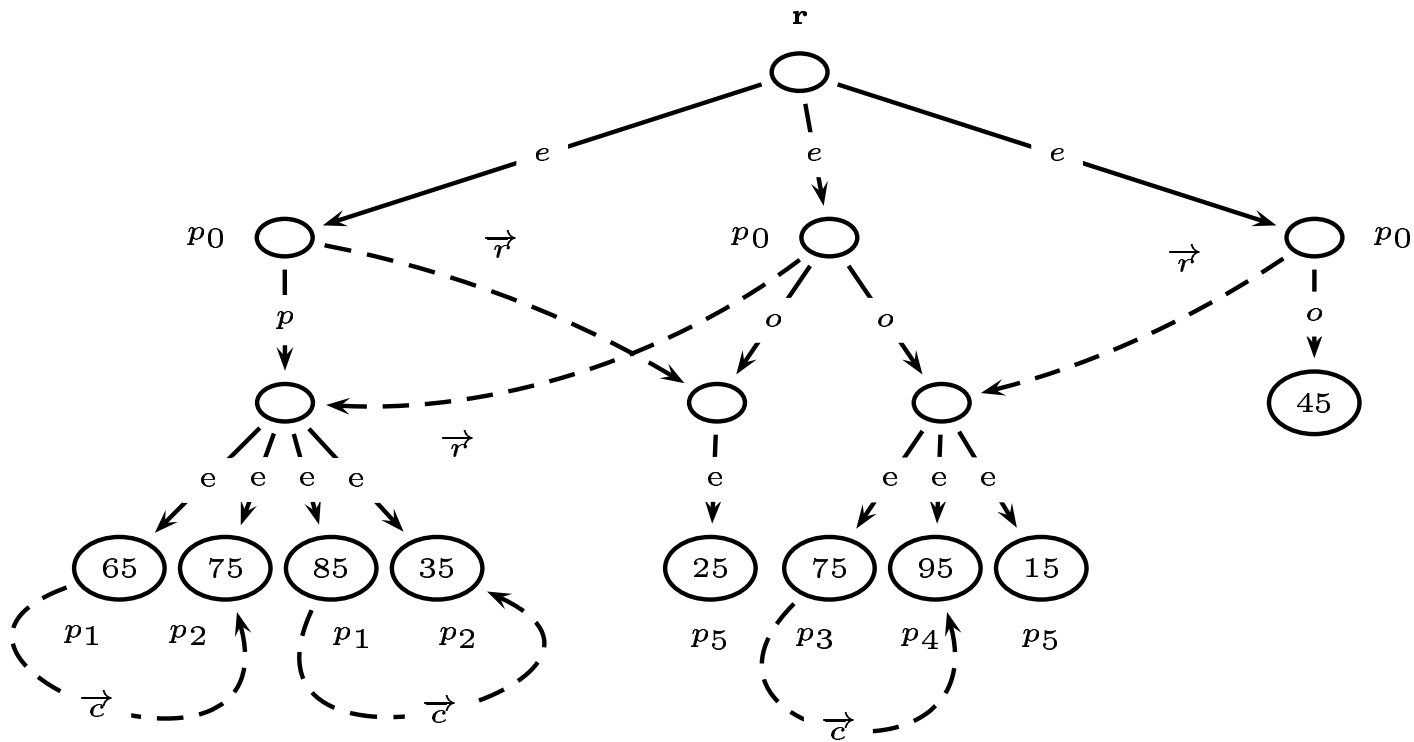
## Expressing general ref-schema in HML: the odd-even tree example

The initial document conforming to the odd-even tree ref-schema



## Expressing general ref-schema in HML: the odd-even tree example

The "corresponding" document conforming to the normalization of the odd-even tree ref-schema



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## Constraint Satisfiability in presence of ref-schema

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- Statement of the problem

Given a schema  $\mathcal{G}$  and a constraint  $\mathcal{C}$ ,  
does a document  $\mathfrak{M}$  conforming to  $\mathcal{G}$  exists such that  
 $\mathfrak{M}$  satisfies  $\mathcal{C}$  ?

- Formal context

The schema “is” a HML formula  $\tau_{\mathcal{G}}$   
The constraint is a HML formula  $\mathcal{C}$

↪ Re-Statement of the problem

Is  $\mathcal{G} \wedge \mathcal{C}$  (finitely) satisfiable ?

- Goal:

(terminating) proof system

## Constraint Satisfiability: restriction

- normalized ref-schemas without markers (WLOG)
- HML is not decidable
  - ↪ non recursive schemas
  - ⇒ the depth of models of  $\mathcal{G} \wedge \mathcal{C}$  are bounded
- not sufficient to enforce the finite model property
  - an example is coming next
  - ↪ relax "finite" satisfiability in a first step
  - see concluding discussion

## Non Recursive ref-schema + constraint having no finite models

### Example

Schema:  $Start := (e E)^*$  and  $E := (\vec{e} E)^*$ .

Constraint:  $\psi_1 \wedge \psi_2 \wedge \psi_3 \wedge \psi_4$  where

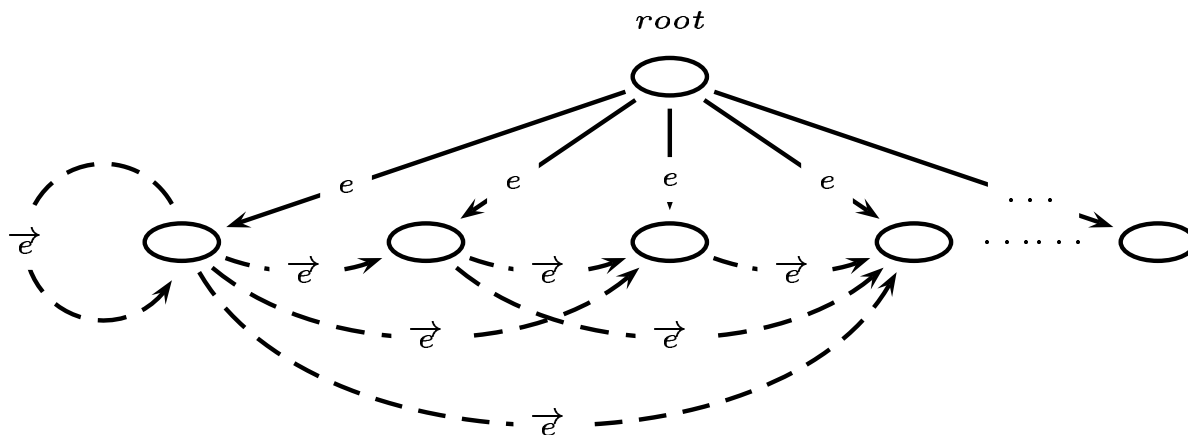
$\psi_1$  is  $\langle e \rangle \downarrow y (\langle \vec{e} \rangle y)$

$\psi_2$  is  $[e][\vec{e}] \downarrow y (@_{root} \langle e \rangle \downarrow z (\neg root \wedge \neg y \wedge @_y \langle \vec{e} \rangle z))$

$\psi_3$  is  $[e] \downarrow x [\vec{e}][\vec{e}] \downarrow y @_x \langle \vec{e} \rangle y$

$\psi_4$  is  $[e] \downarrow x [\vec{e}] \downarrow y (@_x y \vee @_y [\vec{e}] \neg x)$

The constraint is satisfied by the following infinite instance of  $\mathcal{G}$



## The tableau system

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- geared to **model building** rather than refutation.
- the modalities G and F are not considered
- the schema formula  $\mathcal{G}$  not used directly  
the formulas  $\tau_X$  associated to types  $X$  are used
- a **prefixed** tableau system
  - ▶ prefixes are naming nodes (states)
  - ▶ **prefixed formulas**  $n : \varphi$  capture that  $\varphi$  has to be satisfied at the node named by  $n$ .  
 $\hookrightarrow$  **encapsulation of the frame** by prefixed formulas  $n : \langle \tilde{e} \rangle m$
- **closed rectified** formula in **negation normal form**
- **shape of rules** of the tableau system are **as usual**
  - ▶ propositionnal rules
  - ▶ state variables and hybrid rules
  - ▶ transition rules.

Propositional rules:

$$(\alpha) \frac{n : \varphi \wedge \psi, \Phi}{n : \varphi, n : \psi, \Phi}$$

$$(\beta) \frac{n : \varphi \vee \psi, \Phi}{n : \varphi, \Phi \mid n : \psi, \Phi}$$

State variable rule:

$$(Ref) \frac{\Phi}{n : n, \Phi}$$

if  $n$  occurs in  $\Phi$

Hybrid rules:

$$(@) \frac{n : @_m \varphi, \Phi}{m : \varphi, \Phi}$$

$$(\downarrow) \frac{n : \downarrow x \varphi, \Phi}{n : \varphi[x \setminus n], \Phi}$$

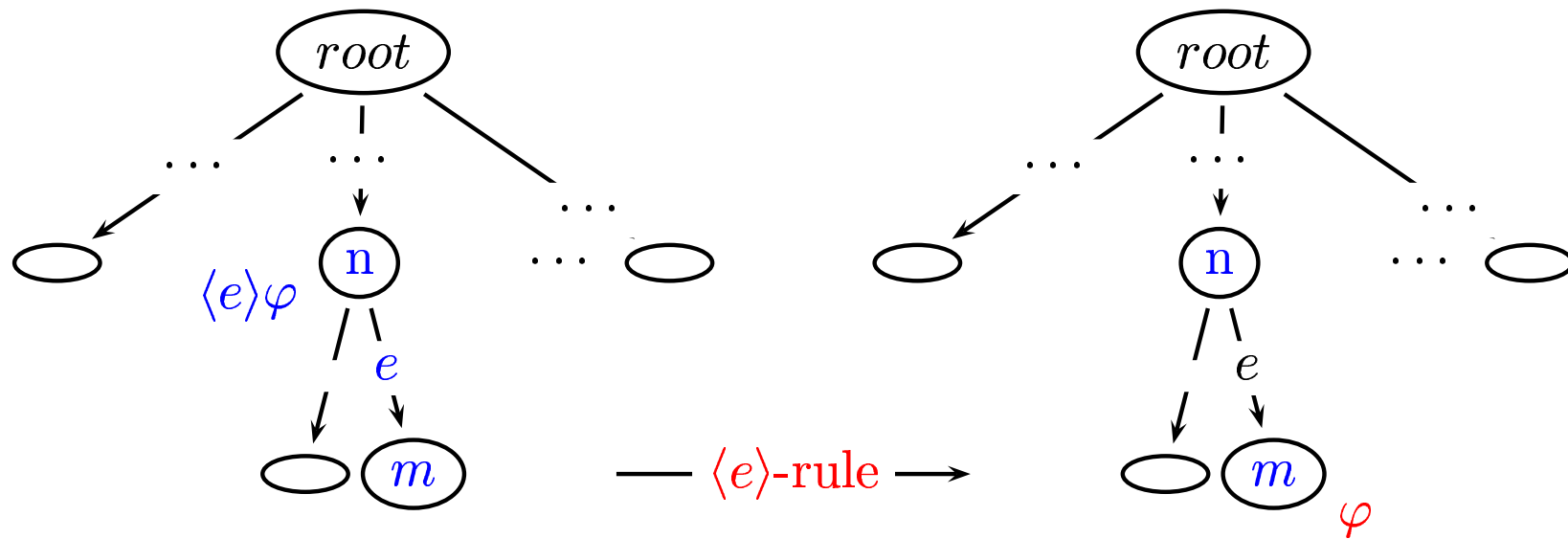


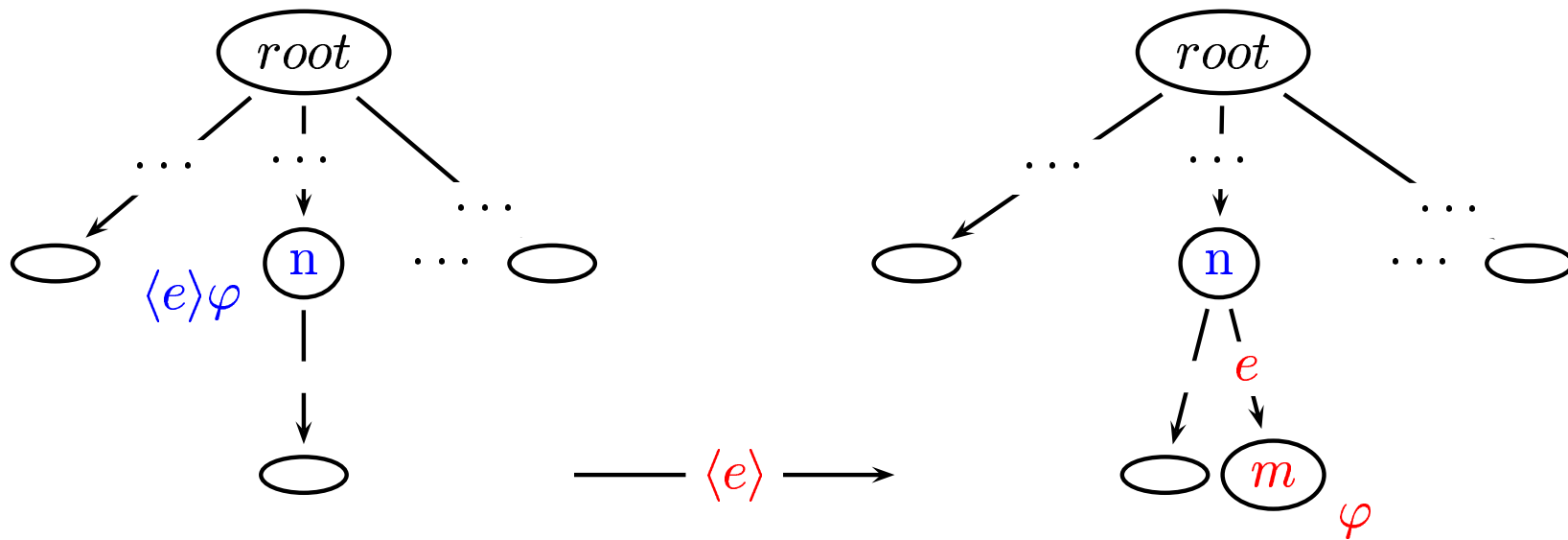
## The tableau system

## $\langle e \rangle$ -Transition Rule

$$\frac{n : \langle e \rangle \varphi, \Phi}{\begin{array}{c} m : \varphi, \Phi \\ \text{for } n : \langle e \rangle m \in \Phi \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{c} n : \langle e \rangle m, m : \tau_{Type(e)}, m : \varphi, \Phi \\ \text{for a **new** } m \end{array}}{}$$

$Type(e)$  is the unique non terminal symbol such that the pattern  $(e X)$  occurs in the normalized schema





## The tableau system

## $\langle \vec{e} \rangle$ - Transition Rule

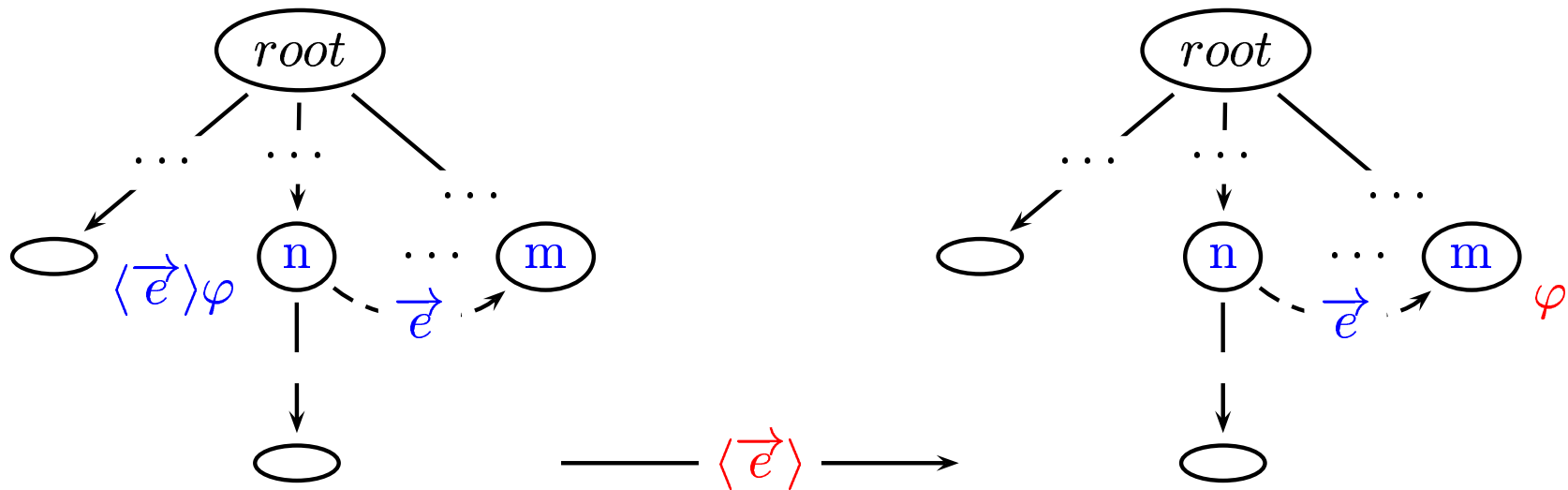
$n : \langle \vec{e} \rangle \varphi, \Phi$		
$m : \varphi, \Phi$	$n : \langle \vec{e} \rangle m, m : \varphi, \Phi$	$root : \pi(\vec{e}, m), m : \varphi \quad n : \langle \vec{e} \rangle m, \Phi$
for $n : \langle \vec{e} \rangle m \in \Phi$	for $p : \langle f \rangle m \in \Phi$ $f \in Lab(Type(\vec{e}))$	for a new $m$ and $\pi(\vec{e}, m)$ defined below

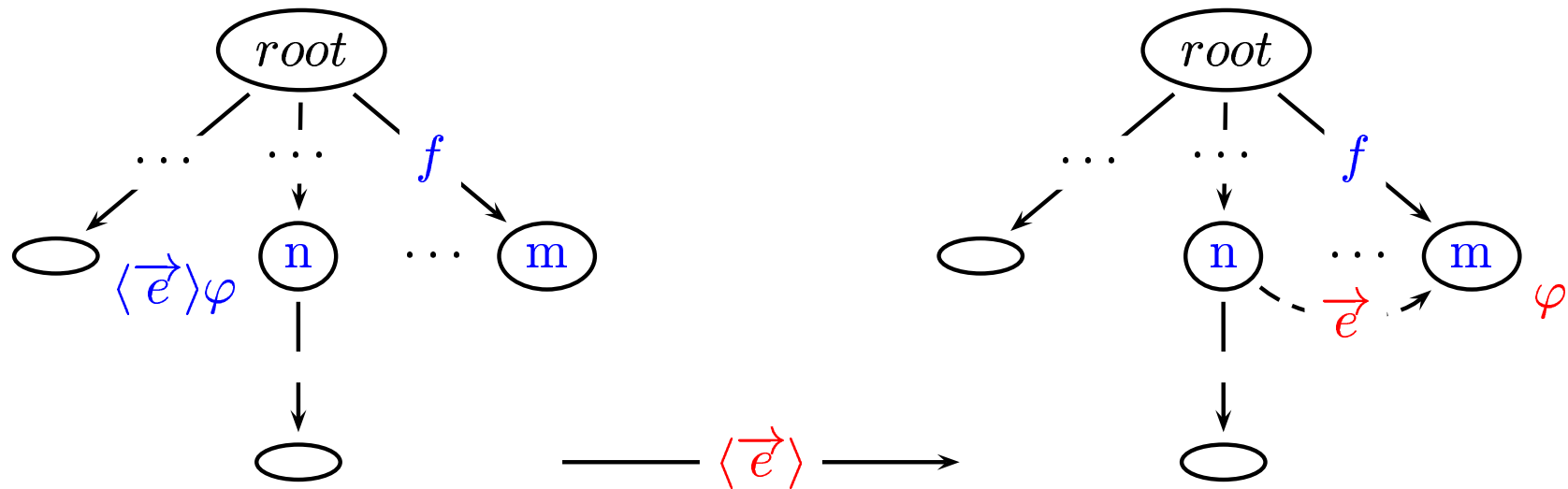
$\pi(\vec{e}, m)$  is the formula  $\bigvee_{e \in Lab(Type(\vec{e})) \cap E} (\bigvee_{ph \in Path(e)} @_{root} \diamond(ph) m)$

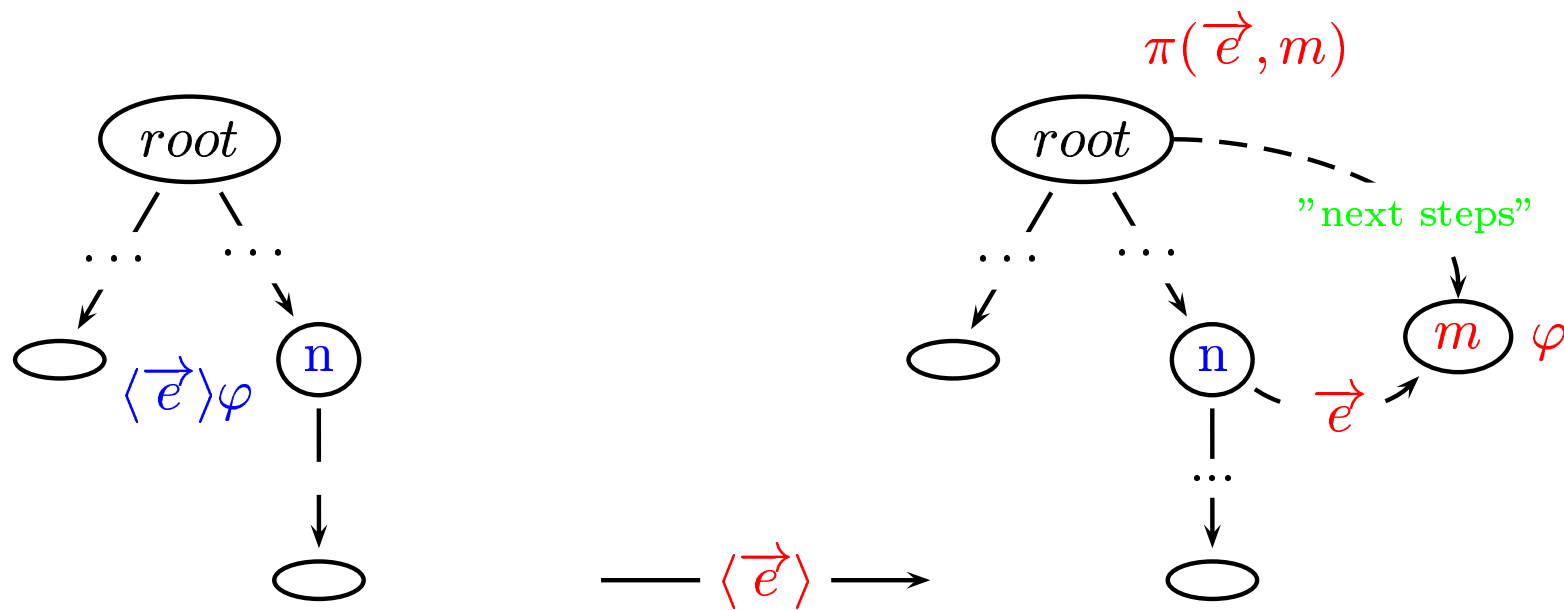
$Path(e)$  is the set of paths starting from  $Start$  ending with an edge labelled by  $e$  in the dependency graph associated with  $\mathcal{G}$

$\diamond(ph)$  is the modal fragment  $\langle e_1 \rangle \cdots \langle e_n \rangle$  when  $ph$  is the path  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ .

For instance, for our running example,  $\pi(\overrightarrow{publish}, m)$  is  $@_{root} \langle doc \rangle \langle book \rangle m$ .







## The tableau system

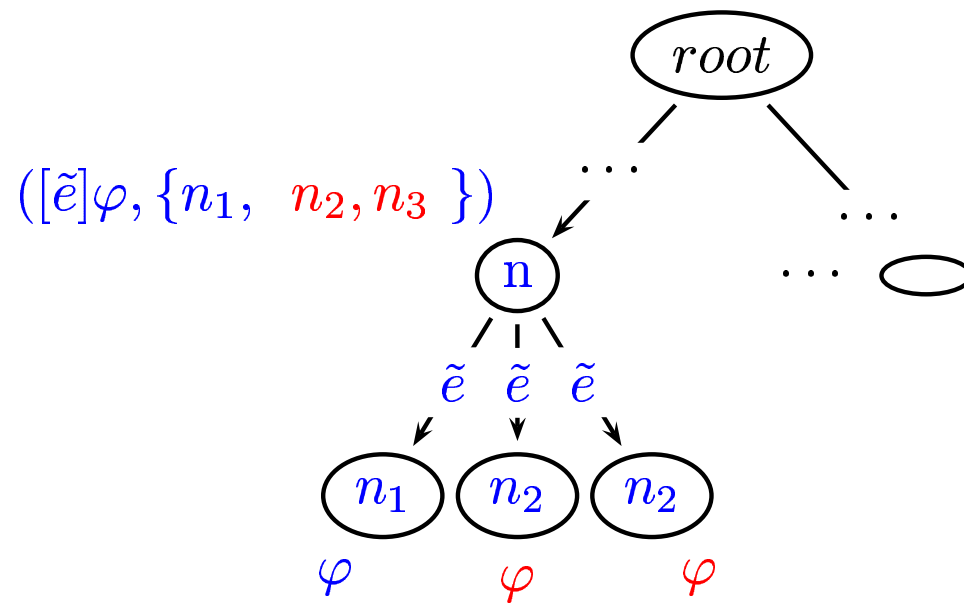
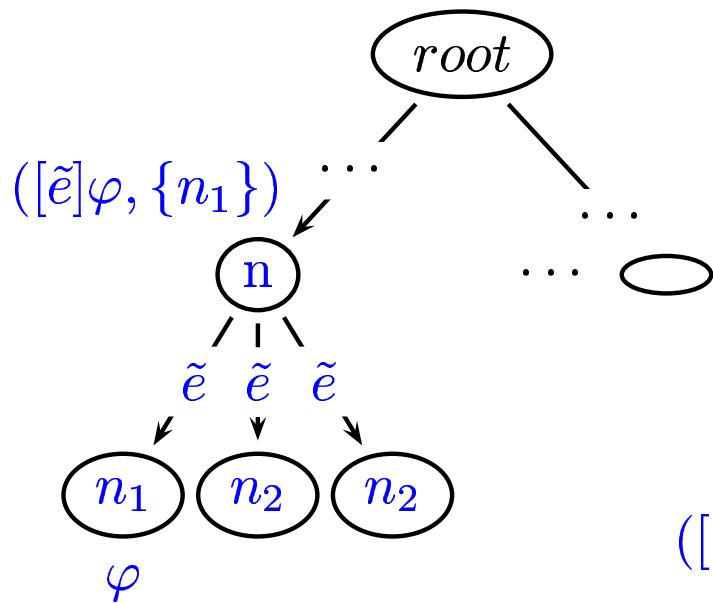
## $[\tilde{e}]$ -Transition Rules

$$\frac{n : [\tilde{e}]\varphi, \Phi}{n : ([\tilde{e}]\varphi, \emptyset), \Phi}$$

$$\frac{n : ([\tilde{e}]\varphi, N), \Phi}{\bigcup_{m \in N'} m : \varphi, n : ([\tilde{e}]\varphi, N \cup N'), \Phi}$$

for  $N' \neq \emptyset$  where  $N' = \{m \mid n : \langle \tilde{e} \rangle m \in \Phi\} - N$





## Systematic construction of a $\mathcal{G}$ -tableau T for $\mathcal{C}$

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- **Stage 1** - Begin with  $root : \tau_{Start} \wedge \mathcal{C}$
- **Stage  $i + 1$**  - Choose a leaf node L of the tableau as closed as possible to the root of the tableau. Choose in L a (generalized) prefixed formula  $n : \varphi$  in order to apply one of the tableau rules defined above **with the following priority** :
  - (1) propositional rules, state variable rule, hybrid rules
  - (2)  $\langle e \rangle$  rules, (3)  $\langle \vec{e} \rangle$  rules, (4)  $[e]$  rules.Expand L by applying the corresponding rule with respect to  $n : \varphi$  in all manners.

**Fairness** of the systematic tableau construction

**Infinite tableau** (see previous example)

### Open/Closed $\mathcal{G}$ -Tableau

A branch  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $T$  is **closed** iff one of its nodes contains either some prefixed formula  $n : \varphi$  and "its negation"  $n : \neg\varphi$ , or some statement  $n : m$  for  $n \neq m$ .

A branch which is not closed is open and **the tableau  $T$  is open** iff one of its branches is open (otherwise it is closed).

### Correctness and completeness of the tableau system

The proofs rest on the notion of  **$\mathcal{G}$ -Hintikka set**.

- **set of prefixed formulas** "weakly closed" under the rules of the tableau system
- **link between** a model  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $\mathcal{G} \wedge \mathcal{C}$  and an open branch  $\mathcal{B}$  of  $T$

## $\mathcal{G}$ -tableau $T$ for $\mathcal{C}$

### Soundness

Let  $T$  be a  $\mathcal{G}$ -tableau (systematic proof tree) build for the formula  
 $root : \tau_{Start} \wedge \mathcal{C}$ .

if  $\mathcal{B}$  is an open branch of the tableau  $T$   
then

$H_{\mathcal{B}}$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -Hintikka set (and satisfies  $\mathcal{C}$ ).

$H_{\mathcal{B}}$  is the set of prefixed formula "gathered" all along the branch  $\mathcal{B}$

## $\mathcal{G}$ -tableau $T$ for $\mathcal{C}$

**Completeness** Given a schema  $\mathcal{G}$  and a constraint  $\mathcal{C}$ .

if there exists an instance  $\mathfrak{M}$  of  $\mathcal{G}$  satisfying the constraint  $\mathcal{C}$   
then

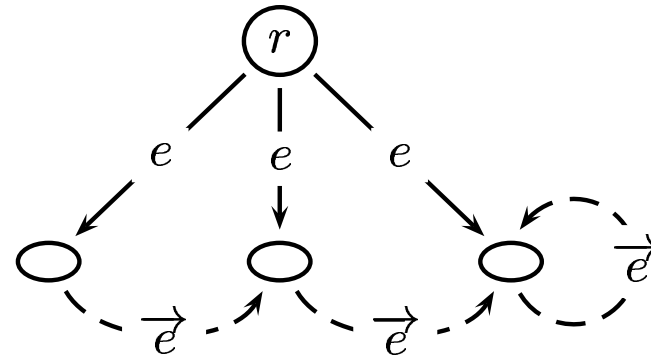
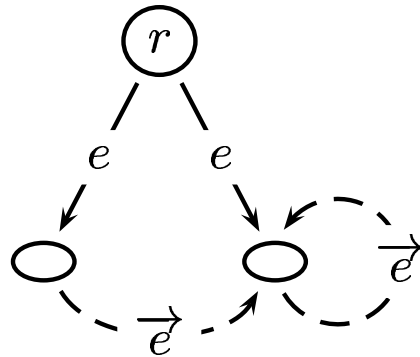
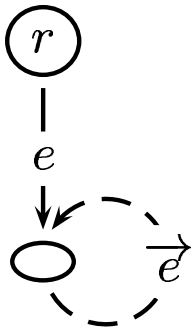
the  $\mathcal{G}$ -tableau  $T$  for  $\mathcal{C}$  has at least one open branch  $\mathcal{B}$ .

### **Remark**

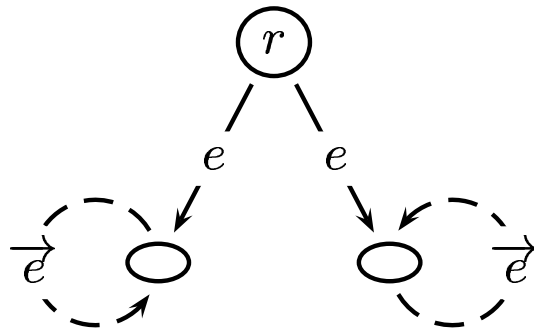
The  $\mathcal{G}$ -tableau  $T$  for  $\mathcal{C}$  "constructs" **some of the instances** of  $\mathcal{G}$  satisfying the constraint  $\mathcal{C}$ , **not all of them**.

**and of course**  $T$  may not build  $\mathfrak{M}$  at all.

**Example**  $Start := (eE)^+$      $E := (\vec{e}E)^+$



Instances generated by the tableau system



Instance not generated by the tableau system

## Future Work

### **Working on the tableau system**

- Finite satisfiability  
syntactic restriction (interleaving of  $\downarrow x$  and  $@_x$  operators)  
**bissimulation**
- Implementation

### **Extending schema definition versus HML**

- unordered elements and ordered elements
- using proposition over internal nodes (Colorful XML)

### **Working on optimisation**

- investigating HML as a query language
- expressivity / complexity / automata ?
- optimization