# **Effectively Propositional Interpolants**

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### **Effectively Propositional Logic (EPR)**

$$\exists x_1 \dots x_n \ \forall y_1 \dots y_m \varphi$$

Quantifier-free
No function symbols

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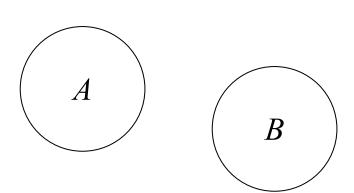
#### Expressive:

- Linked lists [Itzhaky et al. 2014]
- Software-defined networks [Ball et al. 2014]
- Parameterized distributed protocols [Padon et al. 2016]
- ...

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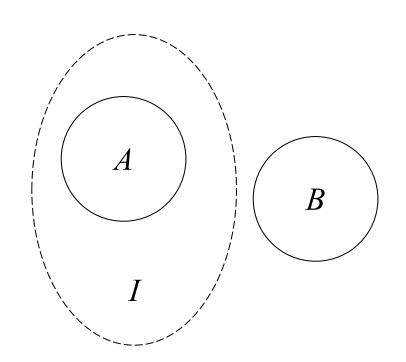
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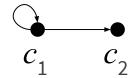
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- 2.  $\forall$ -logic:  $\forall$ \* $\varphi$
- 3. AF-logic: boolean combinations of  $\exists$ -logic and  $\forall$ -logic ex:  $(\exists *\varphi_1 \land \forall *\varphi_2) \lor \forall *\varphi_3$

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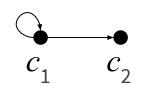
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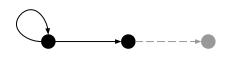
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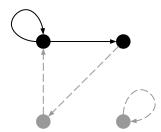
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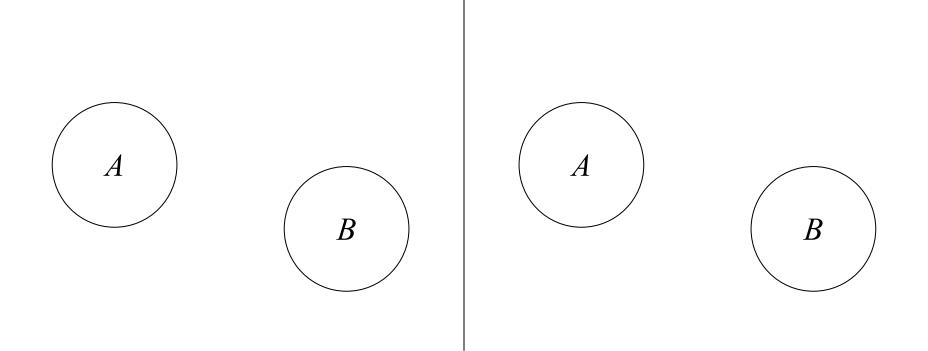
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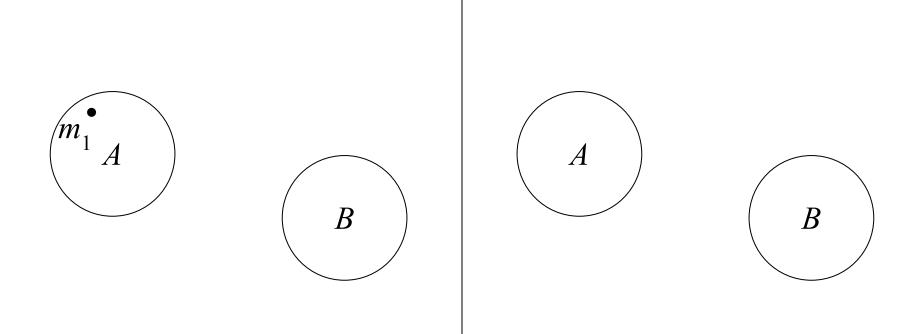
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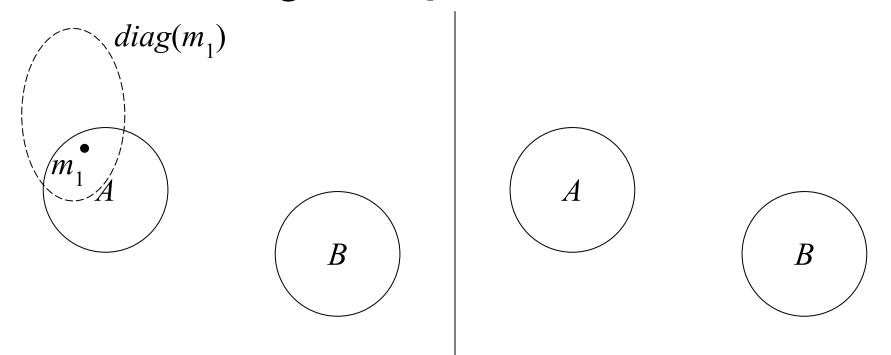
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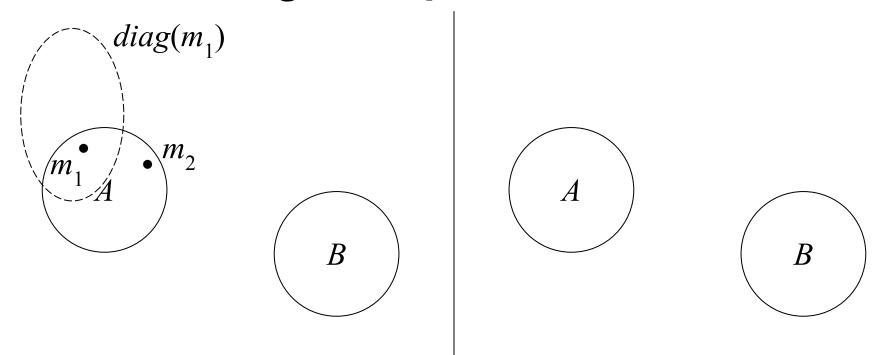


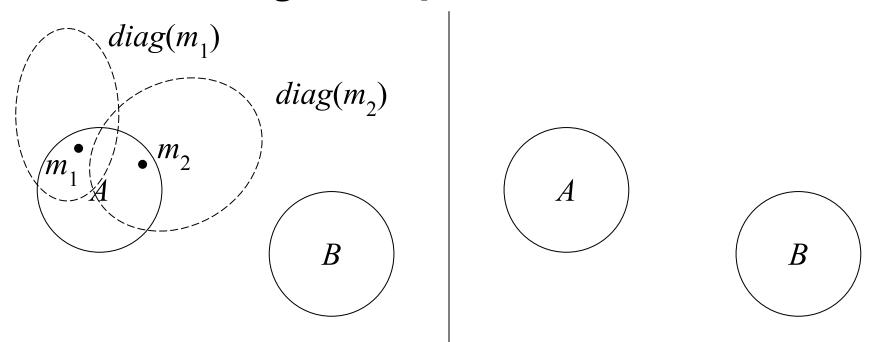


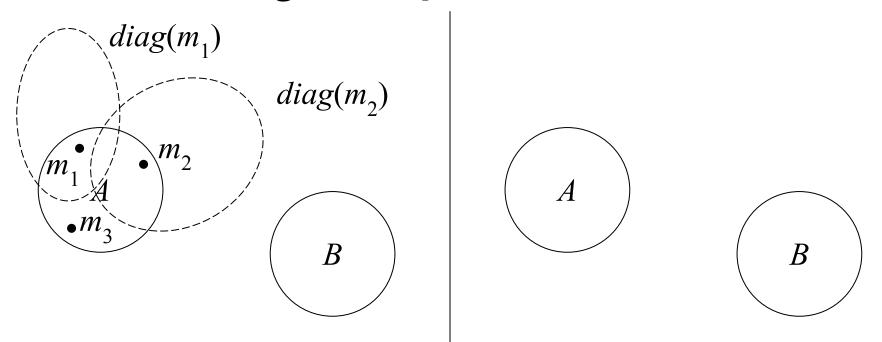


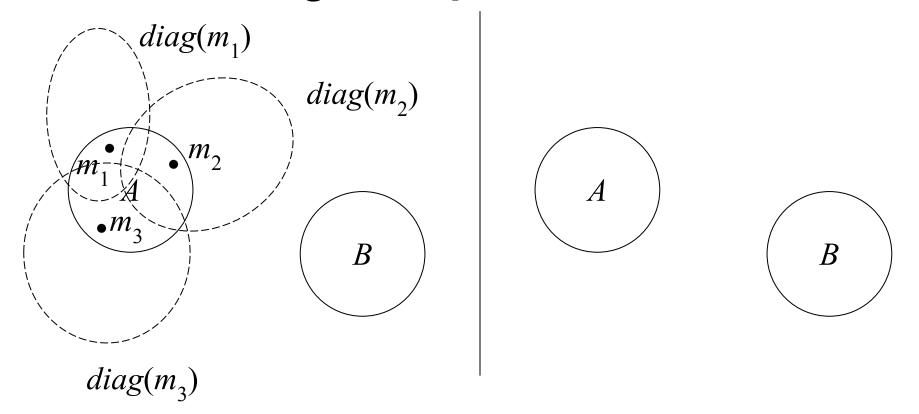


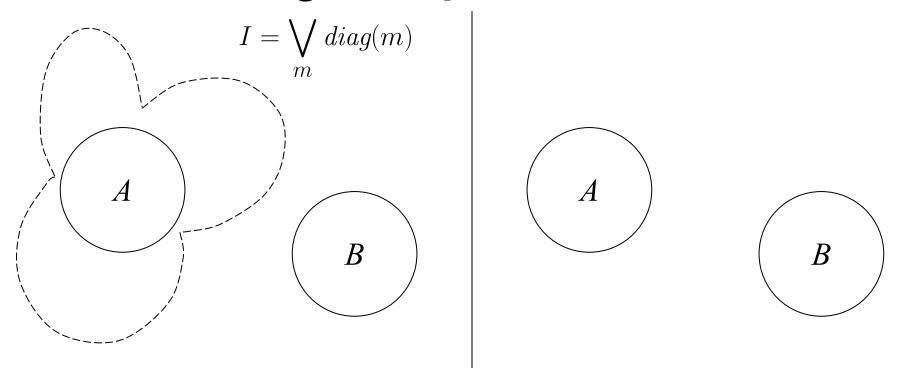


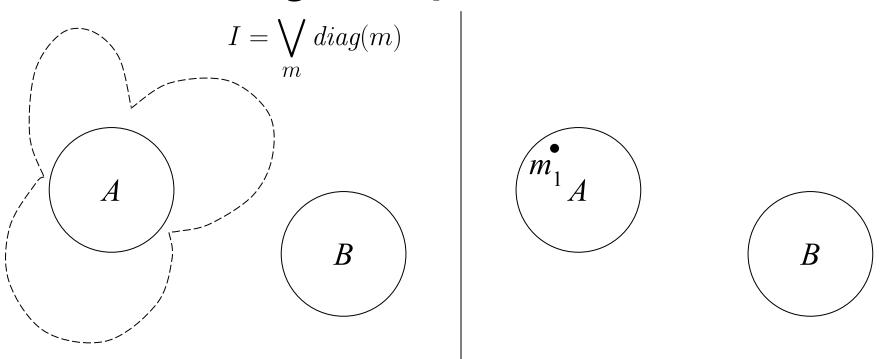


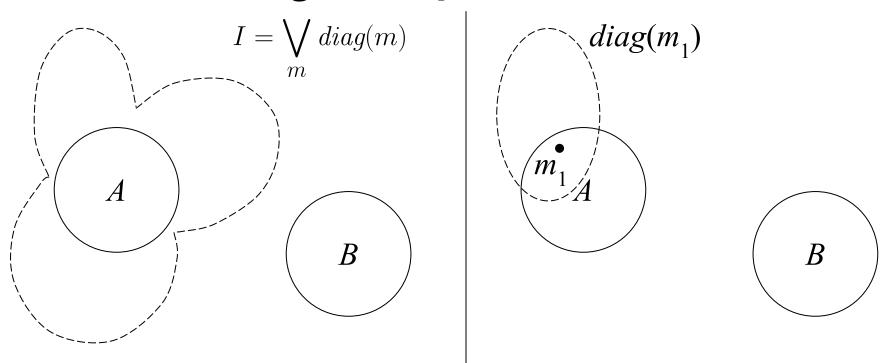


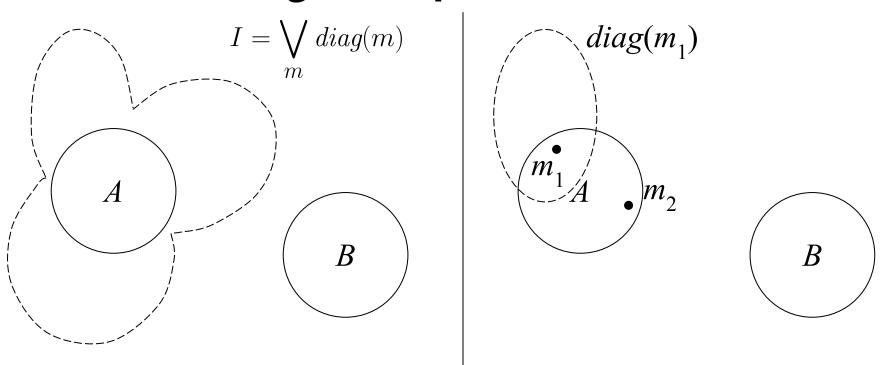


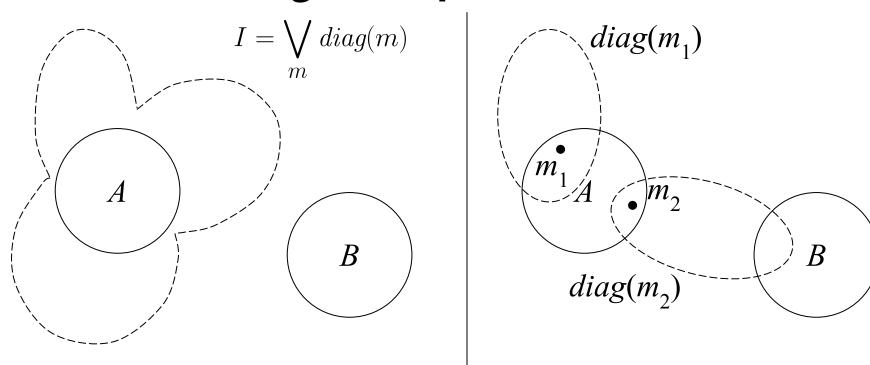




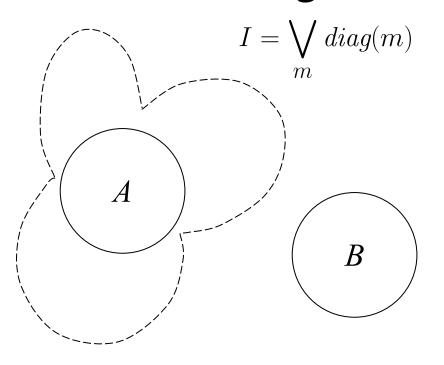


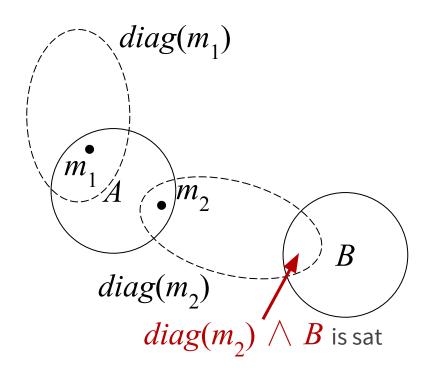


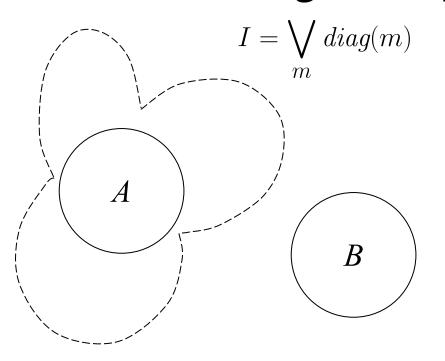


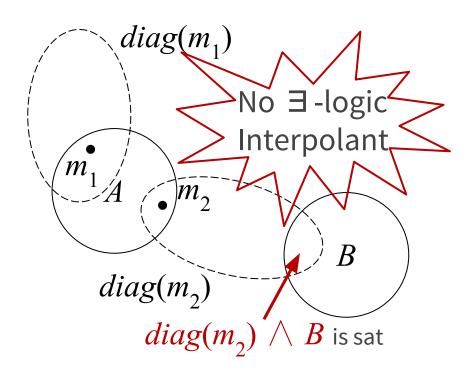


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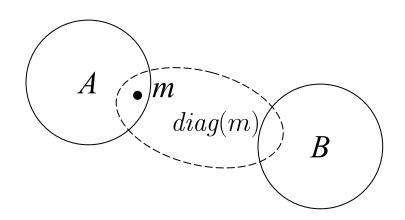




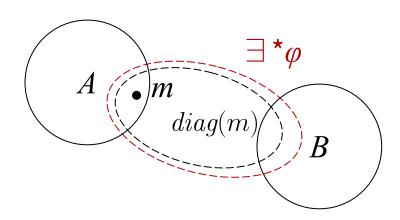


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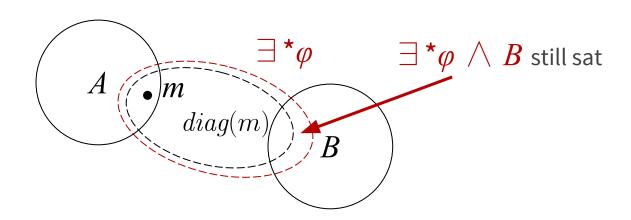
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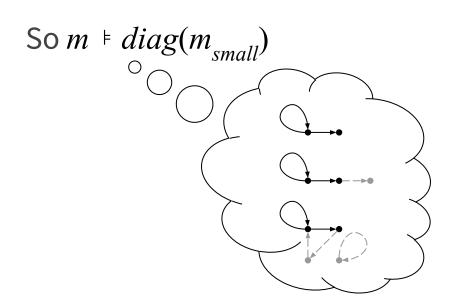
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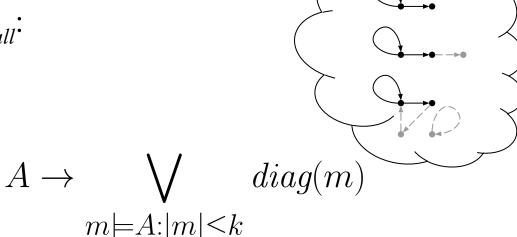


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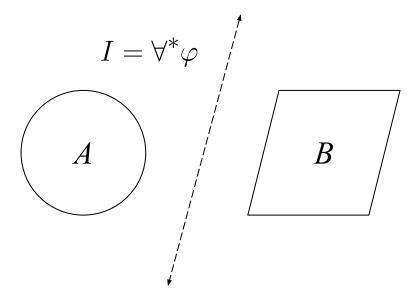
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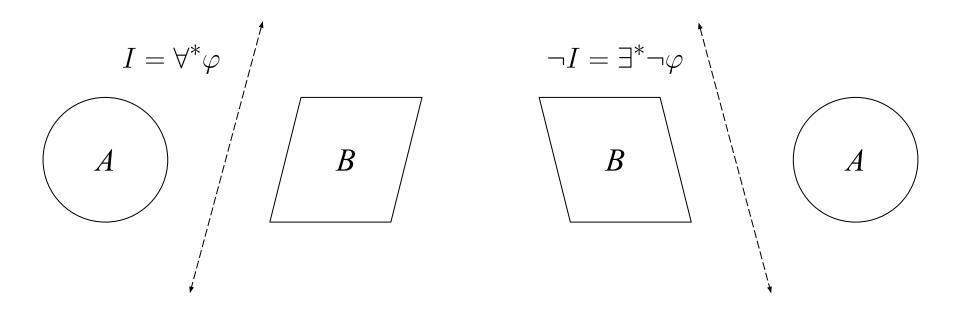
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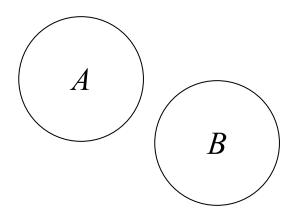
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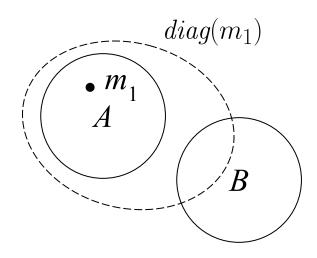


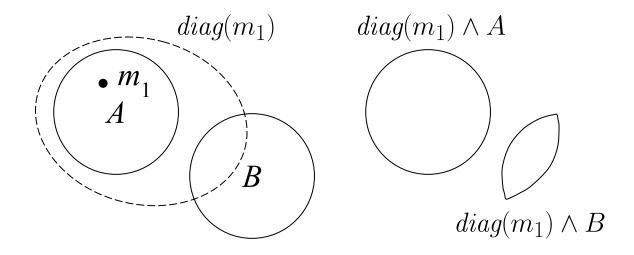
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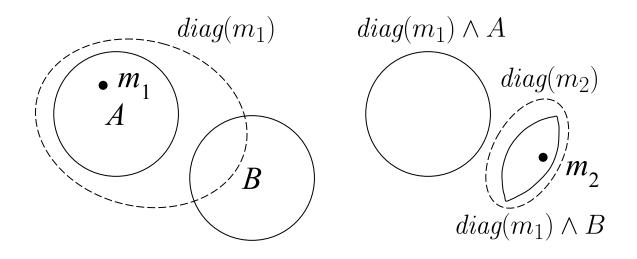


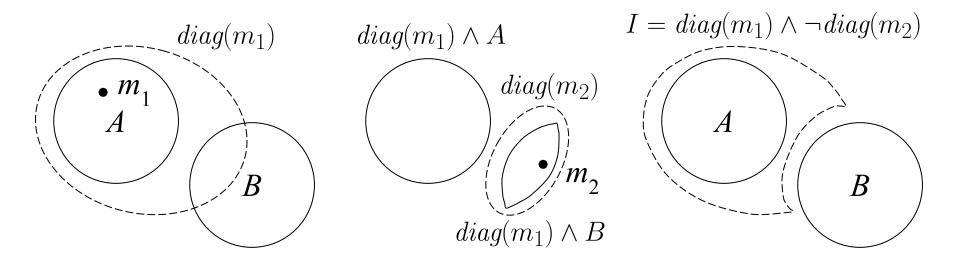


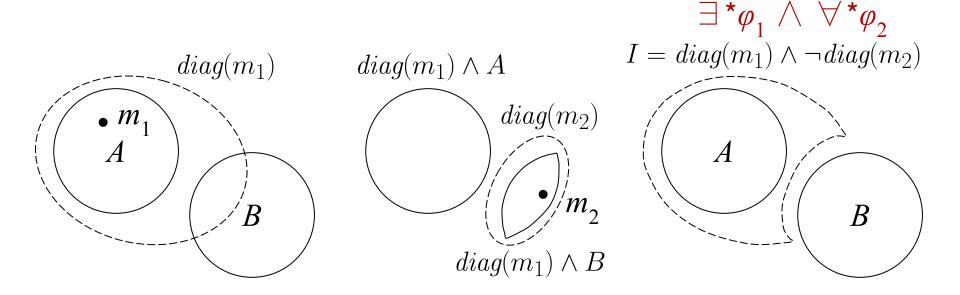




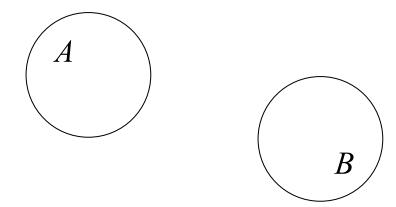




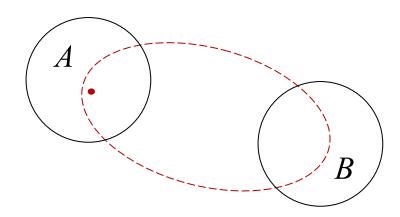




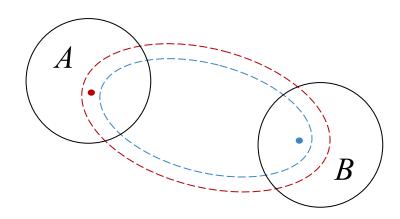
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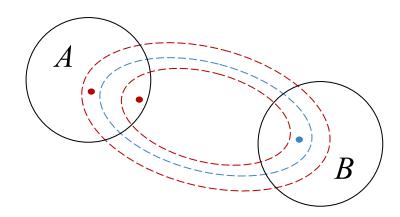
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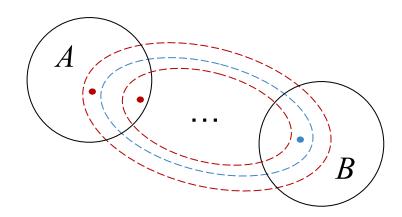
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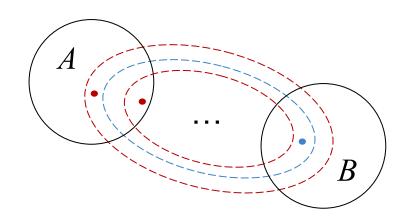


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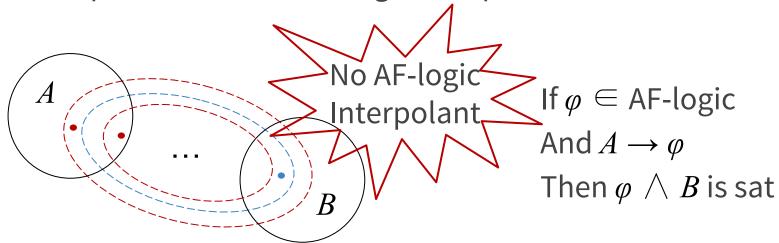
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Rel. Compl.: Existence of AF-logic interpolant → termination



If  $\varphi \in \mathsf{AF}\text{-logic}$  And  $A \to \varphi$  Then  $\varphi \land B$  is sat

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#### Conclusion

UITP and BITP interpolate EPR formulae

UITP: sound/complete finding interpolants in ∃ - and ∀ -logic

BITP: sound/rel.comp. finding interpolants in AF-logic