

# Introduction to Propositional Dynamic Logic and Game Logic

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Introduction to Logic in Computer Science

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## Overview

- Proving Correctness of Programs: From Hoare Logic to **PDL**
  - Introduction to Propositional Dynamic Logic (**PDL**)
  - From **PDL** to Game Logic
  - Semantics for Game Logic
  - Example: Banach-Knaster Cake Cutting Procedure
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## What is a *Program*?

A computer program is a collection of instructions that describe a task, or set of tasks, to be carried out by a computer. (Wikipedia)

A *program* is a recipe written in a formal language for computing desired output data from given input data. (Harel, Kozen and Tiuryn)

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Input:  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$

Output:  $\text{gcd}(x, y)$

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## *When is a Program Correct?*

**Formal Specification** use notations derived from formal logic to describe

- assumptions about the environment in which a program will operate
  - requirements a program is to achieve
  - how to design the program to achieve these goals
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## When is a Program *Correct*?

**Formal Verification** use methods of formal logic to

- validate specifications by checking **consistency** or posing challenges
  - **prove** that a program satisfies the specification under given assumptions, or **prove** that a more detailed program implements a more abstract one.
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## Exogenous and Endogenous Program Logics

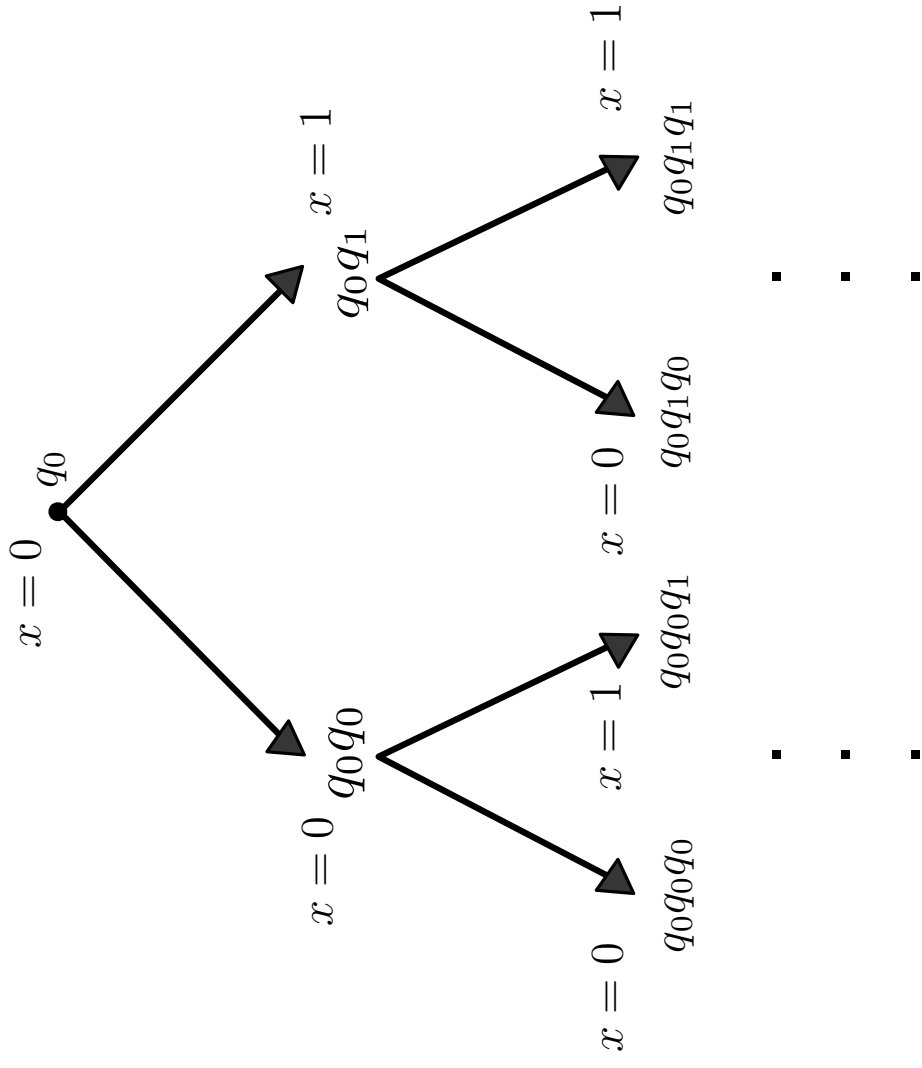
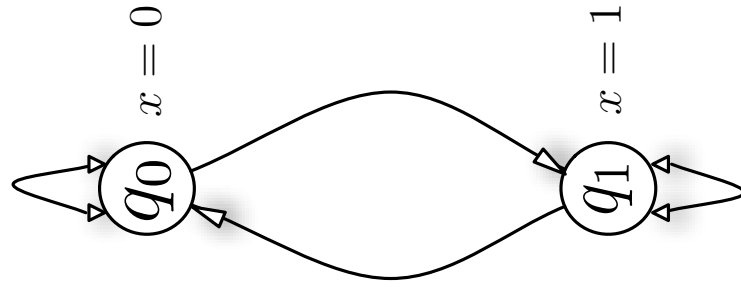
Two main approaches to the (modal) logic of programs:

**Exogenous:** programs are *explicit* in the formal language.  
Examples: Hoare Logic, Propositional Dynamic Logic (discussed today).

**Endogenous:** a program is fixed and considered part of the structure over which a program is interpreted. Examples: Linear and Branching Temporal Logics (not discussed today).

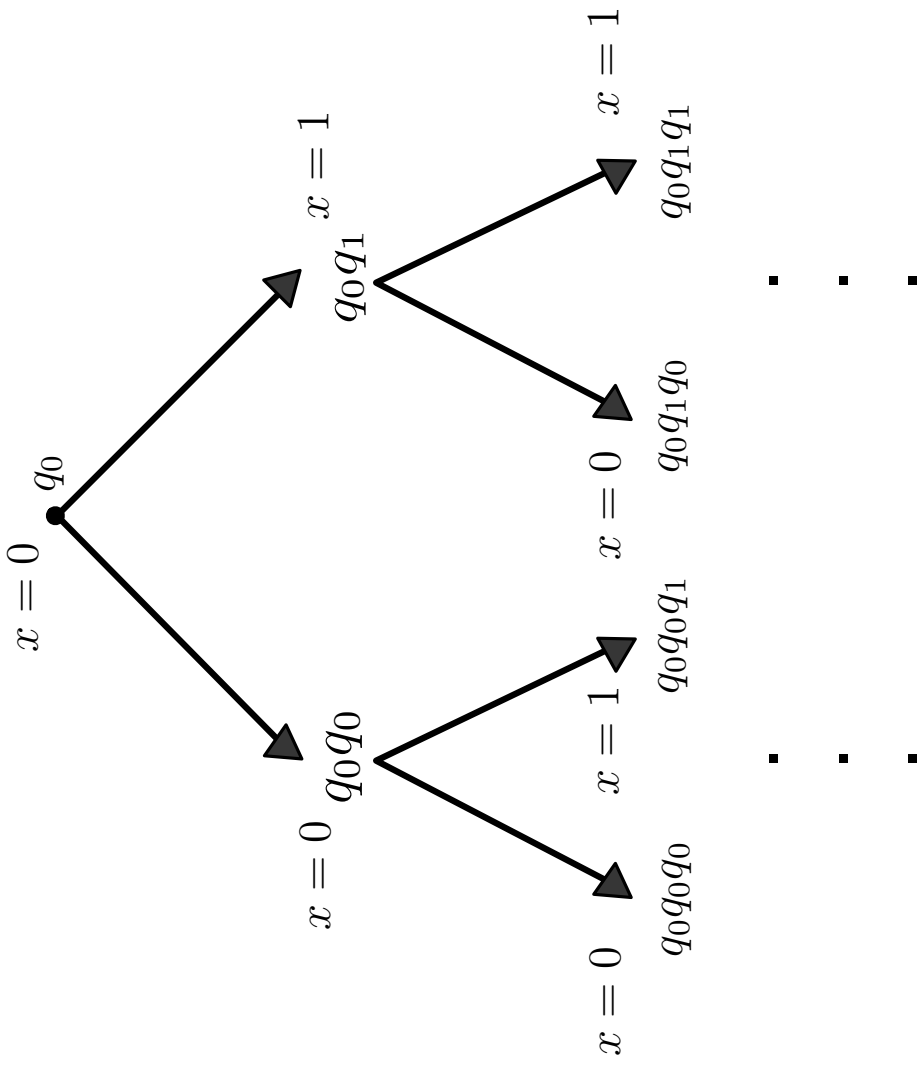
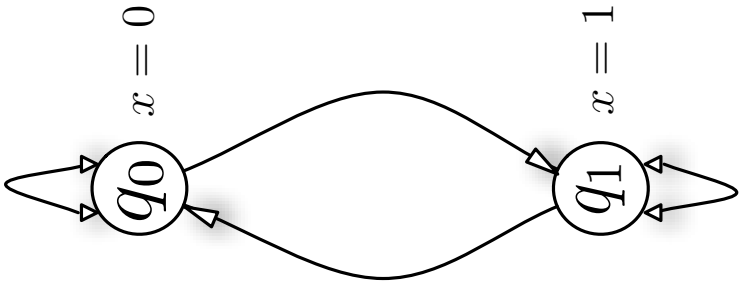
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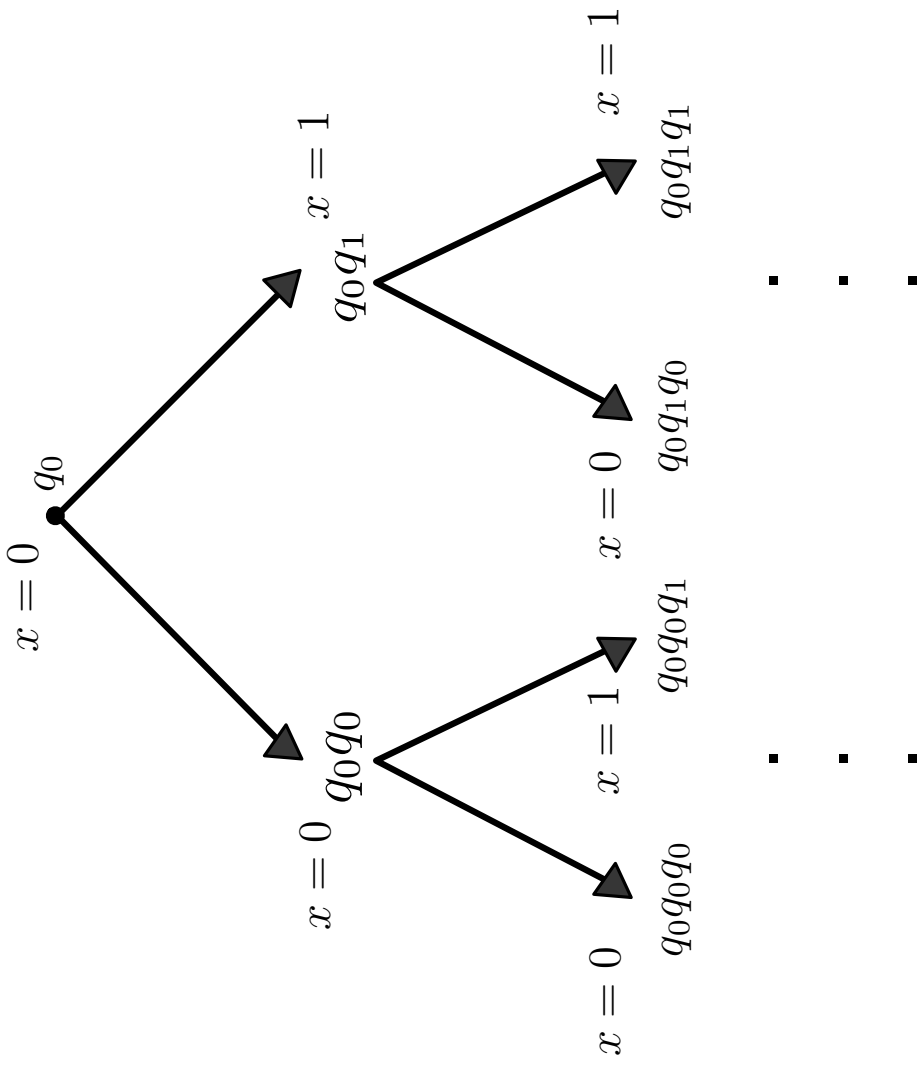
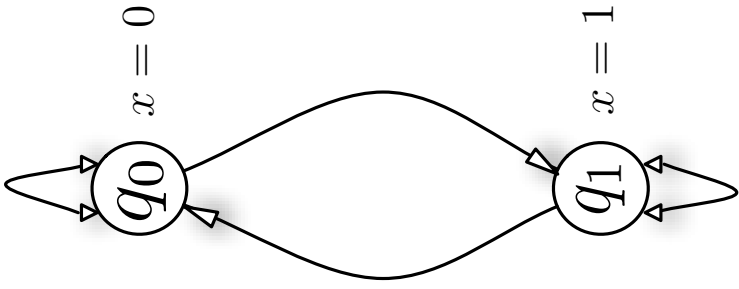


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$$\neg \forall \Diamond P_{x=1}$$

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## More on Temporal Logic

- *Linear Time Temporal Logic*: Reasoning about computation paths:

$\diamond\phi$ :  $\phi$  is true some time in *the future*.

A. Pnuelli. *A Temporal Logic of Programs*. in *Proc. 18th IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science* (1977).

- *Branching Time Temporal Logic*: Allows quantification over paths:

$\exists\diamond\phi$ : there is a path in which  $\phi$  is eventually true.

E. M. Clarke and E. A. Emerson. *Design and Synthesis of Synchronization Skeletons using Branching-time Temporal-logic Specifications*. In *Proceedings Workshop on Logic of Programs*, LNCS (1981).

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Hence by the **while**-rule (using a “weakening rule”)

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## More on Hoare Logic

K. Apt. *Ten Years of Hoare's Logic: A Survey — Part I*. ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems, 1981.

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A program is a set of instructions that *transforms a state*:

$(15, 27, 15, 27), (15, 12, 15, 27), (3, 12, 15, 27),$   
 $(3, 9, 15, 27), (3, 6, 15, 27), (3, 3, 15, 27)$

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$\{\phi\} \alpha \{\psi\}$  is replaced with  $\phi \rightarrow [\alpha]\psi$

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## PDL: Intended Meanings

$[\alpha]\phi$ : “It is necessary that after executing  $\alpha$ ,  $\phi$  is true”

$\alpha; \beta$ : “Execute  $\alpha$  then  $\beta$ ”

$\alpha \cup \beta$ : “Choose either  $\alpha$  or  $\beta$ ”

$\alpha^*$ : “Execute  $\alpha$  a nondeterministically finite number of times (zero or more)”

$\phi?$ : “Test  $\phi$ , proceed if true, fail if false”

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## Familiar Programs

**skip**  $::= \top?$

**fail**  $::= \perp?$

**if  $\phi$  then  $\alpha$  else  $\beta$**   $::= \phi?; \alpha \cup \neg\phi?; \beta$

**while  $\phi$  do  $\alpha$**   $::= (\phi?; \alpha)^*; \neg\phi?$

**do  $\phi_1 \rightarrow \alpha_1 \mid \dots \mid \phi_n \rightarrow \alpha_n$  od**  $::= (\phi_1?; \alpha_1 \cup \dots \cup \phi_n?; \alpha_n)^*; (\neg\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \neg\phi_n)?$

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## Semantics

Semantics:  $\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \{R_a \mid a \in P\}, V \rangle$  where for each  $a \in P$ ,  $R_a \subseteq W \times W$  and  $V : \text{At} \rightarrow 2^W$

- $R_{\alpha \cup \beta} := R_\alpha \cup R_\beta$
- $R_{\alpha; \beta} := R_\alpha \circ R_\beta$
- $R_{\alpha^*} := \bigcup_{n \geq 0} R_\alpha^n$
- $R_{\phi?} = \{(w, w) \mid \mathcal{M}, w \models \phi\}$

$\mathcal{M}, w \models [\alpha]\phi$  iff for each  $v$ , if  $wR_\alpha v$  then  $\mathcal{M}, v \models \phi$

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## Segeberg Axioms

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  2.  $[\alpha](\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ([\alpha]\phi \rightarrow [\alpha]\psi)$
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  4.  $[\alpha; \beta]\phi \leftrightarrow [\alpha][\beta]\phi$
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  6.  $\phi \wedge [\alpha][\alpha^*]\phi \leftrightarrow [\alpha^*]\phi$
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Dynamic Logic (first-order), nonregular PDL, etc.

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## A Survey of Results

**Theorem (Parikh, Kozen and Parikh)** PDL is sound and *weakly* complete with respect to the Segerberg Axioms.

**Theorem** The satisfiability problem for PDL is decidable (EXPTIME-Complete).

D. Kozen and R. Parikh. *An Elementary Proof of the Completeness of PDL*. 1981.

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Let  $S_\phi$  be all the substitution instances of  $\phi$ .

**Theorem** The problem of deciding whether  $S_\phi \models \psi$  is *highly undecidable* ( $\Pi_1^1$ -complete).

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**Theorem** PDL with intersection but without iteration is axiomatizable.

Balbani and Vakarelov. *Iteration-free pdl with intersection: a complete axiomatization*. *Fundamenta Informaticae* **45** (2001) .

**Theorem** The satisfiability problem for PDL with complement applied only to atomic programs is decidable.

Lutz and Walther. *PDL with negation of atomic programs*. *Journal of Applied Non-Classical Logics* **14(2)** (2004) .

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**Theorem** The satisfiability problem for PDL with intersection (and without complement) is 2-EXSPACE-complete.

Lange and Lutz. *2-exptime lower bounds for propositional dynamic logics with intersection*. Journal of Symbolic Logic **70**(4) (2005).

**Theorem** The model checking problem for PDL models is PTIME.

Lange. *Model checking propositional dynamic logic with all extras*. Journal of Applied Logic **4** (2006).

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Game Logic generalized **PDL** by considering two players:

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## Game Logic: Syntax

### Syntax

Let  $\Gamma_0$  be a set of atomic games and  $\text{At}$  a set of atomic propositions. Then formulas of Game Logic are defined inductively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &:= g \mid \phi? \mid \gamma; \gamma \mid \gamma \cup \gamma \mid \gamma^* \mid \gamma^d \\ \phi &:= \perp \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \vee \phi \mid \langle \gamma \rangle \phi \mid [\gamma] \phi\end{aligned}$$

where  $p \in \text{At}, g \in \Gamma_0$ .

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## Game Logic: Semantics I

A **neighborhood game model** is a tuple

$\mathcal{M} = \langle W, \{E_g \mid g \in \Gamma_0\}, V \rangle$  where

$W$  is a nonempty set of states

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$X \in E_g(w)$  means in state  $s$ , Angel has a strategy to force the game to end in *some* state in  $X$  (we may write  $wE_g X$ )

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Suppose  $E_\gamma(Y) = \{s \mid Y \in E_g(s)\}$

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  - $E_{\phi?}(Y) := (\phi)^\mathcal{M} \cap Y$
  - $E_{\gamma^d}(Y) := \overline{E_\gamma(\overline{Y})}$
  - $E_{\gamma^*}(Y) := \mu X. Y \cup E_\gamma(X)$
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## Game Logic: Axioms

1. All propositional tautologies
2.  $\langle \alpha; \beta \rangle \phi \leftrightarrow \langle \alpha \rangle \langle \beta \rangle \phi$  Composition
3.  $\langle \alpha \cup \beta \rangle \phi \leftrightarrow \langle \alpha \rangle \phi \vee \langle \beta \rangle \phi$  Union
4.  $\langle \psi? \rangle \phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \wedge \phi)$  Test
5.  $\langle \alpha^d \rangle \phi \leftrightarrow \neg \langle \alpha \rangle \neg \phi$  Dual
6.  $(\phi \vee \langle \alpha \rangle \langle \alpha^* \rangle \phi) \rightarrow \langle \alpha^* \rangle \phi$  Mix

and the rules,

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**Theorem [1]** Dual-free game logic is sound and complete with respect to the class of all game models.

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**Theorem [2]** Given a game logic formula  $\phi$  and a finite game model  $\mathcal{M}$ , model checking can be done in time  $O(|\mathcal{M}|^{ad(\phi)+1} \times |\phi|)$

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Say two games  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are equivalent provided  $E_{\gamma_1} = E_{\gamma_2}$  iff  $\langle \gamma_1 \rangle p \leftrightarrow \langle \gamma_2 \rangle p$  is valid for a  $p$  which occurs neither in  $\gamma_1$  nor in  $\gamma_2$ .

**Theorem [1,2]** Sound and complete axiomatizations of (iteration free) game logic

**Theorem [3]** No finite level of the modal  $\mu$ -calculus hierarchy captures the expressive power of game logic.

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**Correctness:** The algorithm is “correct” iff each player has a winning strategy for achieving a fair outcome ( $1/n$  of the pie according to  $p_i$ 's own valuation).

**Towards a Formal Proof:** A state will consist of the values of  $n + 2$  variables.

- The variable  $m$  has as its value the main part of the cake.
- The variable  $x$  is the piece under consideration.
- For  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , the variable  $x_i$  has as its value the piece, if any, assigned to the person  $p_i$ .

Variables  $m, x, x_1, \dots, x_n$  range over subsets of the cake.

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And predicates:

- $F(u, k)$ : the piece  $u$  is big enough for  $k$  people.
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We assume moreover that  $F(m, n)$  is true at the beginning.

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Thank you.

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