

# Symbolic verification of cryptographic protocols using Tamarin

## Part 2 : Symbolic Verification

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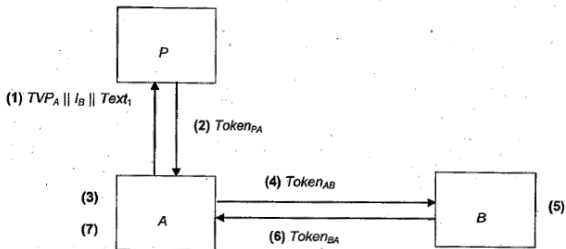


Figure 5 — Mechanism 5 — Four-pass authentication

The form of the token ( $Token_{PA}$ ), sent by P to A, is:

$$Token_{PA} = Text_4 \parallel e_{K_{AP}}(TVP_A \parallel K_{AB} \parallel I_B \parallel Text_3) \parallel e_{K_{BP}}(TN_P \parallel K_{AB} \parallel I_A \parallel Text_2)$$

The form of the token ( $Token_{AB}$ ), sent by A to B, is:

$$Token_{AB} = Text_6 \parallel e_{K_{BP}}(TN_P \parallel K_{AB} \parallel I_A \parallel Text_2) \parallel e_{K_{AB}}(TN_A \parallel I_B \parallel Text_5)$$

The form of the token ( $Token_{BA}$ ), sent by B to A, is:

$$Token_{BA} = Text_8 \parallel e_{K_{AB}}(TN_B \parallel I_A \parallel Text_7)$$

The choice of using either time stamps or sequence numbers in this mechanism depends on the capabilities of the entities involved as well as on the environment.

# Real-world protocol specifications: IKE RFC

When using encryption for authentication, Main Mode is defined as follows.

Initiator		Responder
-----		-----
HDR, SA	-->	
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HDR, KE, [ HASH(1), ]		
<IDi_b>PubKey_r,		
<Ni_b>PubKey_r	-->	HDR, KE, <IDir_b>PubKey_i,
	<--	<Nr_b>PubKey_i
HDR*, HASH_I	-->	
	<--	HDR*, HASH_R

Aggressive Mode authenticated with encryption is described as follows:

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	<--	<Nr_b>PubKey_i, HASH_R
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For signatures: SKEYID = prf(Ni\_b | Nr\_b, g<sup>xy</sup>)  
For public key encryption: SKEYID = prf(hash(Ni\_b | Nr\_b), CKY-I | CKY-R)  
For pre-shared keys: SKEYID = prf(pre-shared-key, Ni\_b | Nr\_b)

The result of either Main Mode or Aggressive Mode is three groups of authenticated keying material:

SKEYID\_d = prf(SKEYID, g<sup>xy</sup> | CKY-I | CKY-R | 0)  
SKEYID\_a = prf(SKEYID, SKEYID\_d | g<sup>xy</sup> | CKY-I | CKY-R | 1)  
SKEYID\_e = prf(SKEYID, SKEYID\_a | g<sup>xy</sup> | CKY-I | CKY-R | 2)

and agreed upon policy to protect further communications. The values of 0, 1, and 2 above are represented by a single octet. The key used for encryption is derived from SKEYID\_e in an algorithm-specific manner (see appendix B).

To authenticate either exchange the initiator of the protocol generates HASH\_I and the responder generates HASH\_R where:

HASH\_I = prf(SKEYID, g<sup>xi</sup> | g<sup>xr</sup> | CKY-I | CKY-R | SAI\_b | IDi\_b )  
HASH\_R = prf(SKEYID, g<sup>xr</sup> | g<sup>xi</sup> | CKY-R | CKY-I | SAI\_b | IDir\_b )

For authentication with digital signatures, HASH\_I and HASH\_R are signed and verified; for authentication with either public key encryption or pre-shared keys, HASH\_I and HASH\_R directly authenticate the exchange. The entire ID payload (including ID type, port, and protocol but excluding the generic header) is hashed into both HASH\_I and HASH\_R.

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- **Examples:**

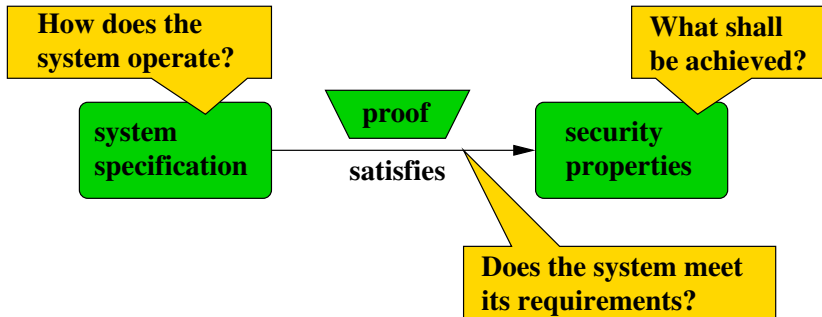
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- **Examples:** propositional logic, first-order logic.
- A **model** (or **construction**) is **formal** when it is specified in a formal language.
- Standard protocol notation is not formal.
- We will see how to **formalize** such notations.



**Goal:** formally model protocols and their properties and provide a mathematically sound means to reason about these models.

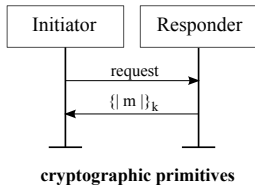
**Basis:** suitable abstraction of protocols.

**Analysis:** with formal methods based on mathematics and logic, e.g., theorem proving.

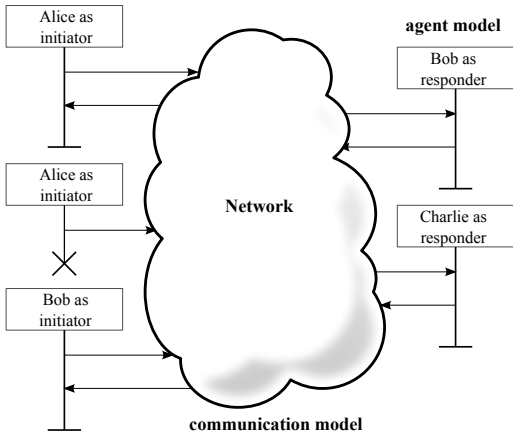


# From message sequence charts to protocol execution

Protocol specification



Protocol execution



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## Term Rewriting is

- a useful and flexible formalism in general.
  - Programming languages
  - Automated deduction
  - Rewriting logic
- used for representing messages and protocols in Tamarin.

**Example:**  $\text{sync}(m, k)$  represents the symmetric encryption of  $m$  with key  $k$

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### Example (Peano notation for natural numbers)

$\Sigma = \{0, s, +\}$ , where 0 is a constant,  $s$  has arity 1 and represents the successor function, and  $+$  has arity 2 and represents addition. Note that for binary operators we sometimes will use infix notation.

### Definition (Term Algebra)

Let  $\Sigma$  be a signature,  $\mathcal{X}$  a set of variables, and  $\Sigma \cap \mathcal{X} = \emptyset$ . We call the set  $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\mathcal{X})$  the **term algebra** over  $\Sigma$ . It is the least set such that:

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Example (Peano notation for natural numbers (continued))

$$s(0) \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma$$

$$s(s(0)) + s(X) \in \mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\mathcal{X})$$

$$+s(0) + \notin \mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\mathcal{X})$$

We generally denote variables with upper case names  $X, Y, \dots$ , and function symbols (inc. constants) with lower case names  $a, b, \dots$

### Definition (Messages)

A message is a term in  $\mathcal{T}_\Sigma(\mathcal{X})$ , where

$\Sigma = \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{F} \cup \text{Func} \cup \{\text{pair}, \text{pk}, \text{aenc}, \text{senc}\}$ . We call

$\mathcal{X}$	the set of variables $A, B, X, Y, Z, \dots$ ,
$\mathcal{A}$	the set of agents $a, b, c, \dots$ ,
$\mathcal{F}$	the set of fresh values $na, nb, k$ (nonces, keys, ...),
$\text{Func}$	the set of user-defined functions (hash, exp, ...),
$\text{pair}(t_1, t_2)$	pairing, also denoted by $\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle$ ,
$\text{pk}(t)$	public key,
$\text{aenc}(t_1, t_2)$	asymmetric encryption, also denoted by $\{t_1\}_{t_2}$ ,
$\text{senc}(t_1, t_2)$	symmetric encryption, also denoted by $\{\{t_1\}\}_{t_2}$ .

### Definition (Free Algebra)

In the **free algebra** every term is interpreted by itself (syntactically).

### Example (Equational theory for symmetric cryptography)

$\Sigma = \mathcal{A} \cup \mathcal{F} \cup \{\text{senc}, \text{sdec}\}$ , with *senc* and *sdec* of arity 2.

(*E*:  $\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(M, K), K) = M$ )

- $t_1 =_{\text{free}} t_2$  iff  $t_1 =_{\text{syntactic}} t_2$ .
- $a \neq_{\text{free}} b$  for different constants  $a$  and  $b$ .
- For above example:  $\text{sdec}(\text{senc}(X, Y), Y) \neq_{\text{free}} X$ .

This is too coarse as we clearly want to identify those two terms.  
Hence, we will need to reason modulo equations.

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### Example (Applying a substitution)

Given substitution  $\sigma = \{X \mapsto \mathit{senc}(M, K)\}$  and the term  $t = \mathit{sdec}(X, K)$  we can apply the substitution and get  $t\sigma = \mathit{sdec}(\mathit{senc}(M, K), K)$ .

## Definition (Substitution composition)

We denote with  $\sigma\tau$  the **composition of substitutions**  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$ , i.e.,  $\tau \circ \sigma$ .

## Example (Substitution composition)

For substitutions  $\sigma = [x \mapsto f(y), y \mapsto z]$  and  $\tau = [y \mapsto a, z \mapsto g(b)]$  we have  $\sigma\tau = [x \mapsto f(a), y \mapsto g(b), z \mapsto g(b)]$ .



## Definition (Position)

A **position**  $p$  is a sequence of positive integers. The subterm  $t|_p$  of a term  $t$  at position  $p$  is obtained as follows.

- If  $p = []$  is the empty sequence, then  $t|_p = t$ .
- If  $p = [i] \cdot p'$  for a positive integer  $i$  and a sequence  $p'$ , and  $t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  for  $f \in \Sigma$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$  then  $t|_p = t_i|_{p'}$ , else  $t|_p$  does not exist.

## Example (Position in a term)

For the term  $t = sdec(senc(M, K), K)$  we have five subterms:

$$t|_{[]} = t$$

$$t|_{[1]} = senc(M, K)$$

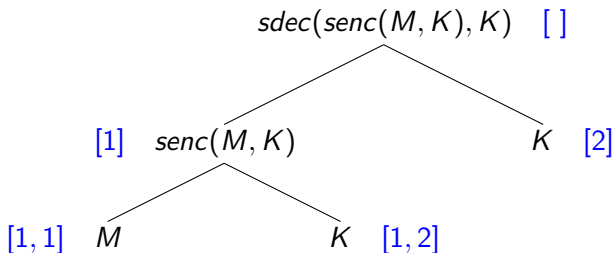
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# Graphical representation of positions in a term

Tree of subterms of  $sdec(senc(M, K))$  and their positions.



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## Definition (Application of a rule)

A rule (oriented equation)  $l \rightarrow r$  is **applicable** on a term  $t$ , when  $t$  **matches**  $l$ .

The result of such a rule application is the term  $t[r\sigma]_p$ , where  $\sigma$  is the matching substitution.

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This is no good for automated analysis: we need to restrict ourselves.



### Definition (Termination)

$(\Sigma, \vec{E})$  has **infinite computations** if there is a function  $a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}_{\Sigma}(\mathcal{X})$  such that

$$a(0) \rightarrow_{\vec{E}} a(1) \rightarrow_{\vec{E}} a(2) \rightarrow_{\vec{E}} \dots \rightarrow_{\vec{E}} a(n) \rightarrow_{\vec{E}} a(n+1) \dots$$

We say  $(\Sigma, \vec{E})$  it is **terminating** when it does not have infinite computations.

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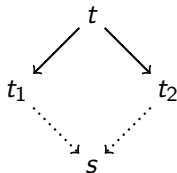
For  $E = \{a = b\}$ ,  $\vec{E}$  is terminating.

For  $E = \{a = b, b = a\}$ ,  $\vec{E}$  is not terminating.

## Definition (Confluence)

**Confluence** is the property that guarantees the order of applying equalities is immaterial, formally:

$$\forall t, t_1, t_2. t \rightarrow^* t_1 \wedge t \rightarrow^* t_2 \Rightarrow \exists s. t_1 \rightarrow^* s \wedge t_2 \rightarrow^* s$$



## Example (Confluence)

For  $E = \{a = b, a = c\}$ , we have that  $\vec{E}$  is not confluent, as  $b$  and  $c$  are reachable from  $a$ , but not joinable.

For  $E = \{a = b, a = c, b = c\}$ , then  $\vec{E}$  is confluent.

Tamarin supports (see Tamarin manual for details)

- any user-defined equational theory that is convergent (confluent and terminating) with finite variant property
- special built-in theories: Diffie-Hellman exponentiation, bilinear pairing, multisets, XOR (soon...)

## Example (Tamarin Syntax)

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functions: h/1, senc/2, sdec/2
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equations: sdec(senc(m,k),k) = m
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builtins: diffie-hellman, bilinear-pairing, multiset
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/* There are also other convenient builtins:
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In Tamarin, protocols are modeled using **rewrite rules** operating on **multisets** of **facts**:

$$l \xrightarrow{a} r$$

where  $l$ ,  $a$ , and  $r$  are multisets of facts,  $l$  is called the **left hand side**,  $r$  the **right hand side**, and  $a$  the **actions** of the rule.

The rule's left and right sides specify which facts are **consumed** or **produced** when executing the rule, the actions are recorded as **event labels** on the **trace** and are used to specify properties.

## Example

- rule 1:  $\xrightarrow{\text{Init}()} A('5'), C('3')$  ('x' is a constant)
- rule 2:  $A(x) \xrightarrow{\text{Step}(x)} B(x)$

or in Tamarin syntax:

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rule 1: [ ] --[ Init() ]-> [ A('5'), C('3') ]
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rule 2: [ A(x) ] --[ Step(x) ]-> [ B(x) ]
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// A rule without action:
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rule 3: [ C(x) ] --> [ D(x) ]
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## Definition (Fresh terms)

Agents generate **fresh terms** using **fresh facts**, denoted by **Fr**.

These fresh terms represent randomness being used, are assumed unguessable and unique, i.e., can represent nonces.

There is a countable supply of fresh terms, each as argument of a fresh fact, usable in rules.

In Tamarin, fresh variables are prefixed with a  $\sim$ , e.g.,  $\sim r$ .

## Definition (Public terms)

We define **public terms** to be terms known to all participants of a protocol. These include all agent names and all constants.

In Tamarin, public variables are prefixed with a  $\$$ , e.g.,  $\$X$ .

Messages are sent and received via **Out** (output to the network) and **In** (input from the network) facts, respectively.

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Facts can be **linear** or **persistent**.

- Linear facts can only be consumed **once**
- Persistent facts can be consumed **infinitely often**.

Persistent facts are marked with a **!** in Tamarin, e.g.:

rule key-reveal:

[ !Ltk(~k) ] --[ Reveal(~k) ]-> [ Out(~k) ]

By default, facts are linear.

Protocol rules must be well-formed.

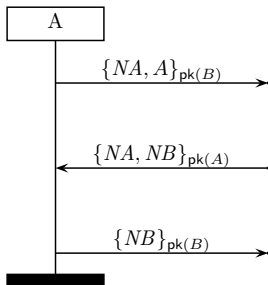
### Definition (Well-formedness)

For a protocol rule  $l \xrightarrow{a} r$  to be well-formed, the following conditions must hold.

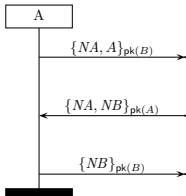
- 1 In and Fr, only occur in  $l$ .
- 2 Out only occurs in  $r$ .
- 3 Every variable in  $r$  or  $a$  that is not public must occur in  $l$ .
- 4 All occurrences of the same fact have the same arity, and the same persistence.

Graphical:

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$$[\text{St\_A\_1}(A, tid, skA, pk(skB)), \text{Fr}(NA)] \rightarrow$$

$$[\text{St\_A\_2}(A, tid, skA, pk(skB), NA), \text{Out}(\{NA, A\}_{pk(skB)})]$$

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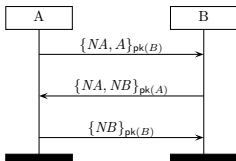
$$[\text{St\_A\_3}(A, tid, skA, pk(skB), NA, NB)]$$

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$$[\text{St\_A\_4}(A, tid, skA, pk(skB), NA, NB), \text{Out}(\{NB\}_{pk(skB)})]$$

Be careful: **pattern matching!**

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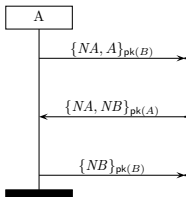


Generate longterm keys and public keys.

$$[\text{Fr}(skR)] \rightarrow [!Ltk(R, skR), \text{Out}(pk(skR))]$$

# Initialization of protocol roles

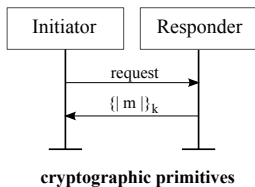
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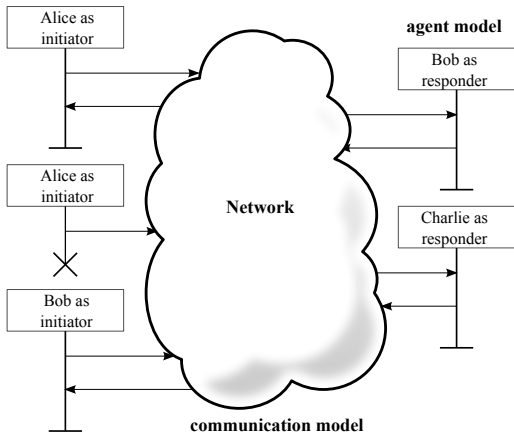
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# Modeling the Adversary

Protocol specification



Protocol execution







*On the Security of Public Key Protocols (IEEE Trans. Inf. Th., 1983)*

- Consider a public key system where for every user  $X$ 
  - there is a public encryption function  $E_X$ 
    - every user can apply this function.
  - and a private decryption function  $D_X$ 
    - only  $X$  can apply this function.
  - These functions have the property that  $E_X D_X = D_X E_X = 1$ .
- The **Dolev-Yao adversary**:
  - Controls the network (read, intercept, send)
  - Is also a user, called  $Z$
  - Can apply  $E_X$  for any  $X$
  - Can apply  $D_Z$

### Definition (Adversary Knowledge)

We represent the adversary knowing a term  $t$  by a fact  $K(t)$ . The set of the adversary's knowledge is  $\mathcal{K}$  and contains persistent facts of the form  $K(t)$ .

### Definition (Adversary Knowledge Derivation)

The adversary can use the following inference rules on the state:

$$\frac{\text{Fr}(x)}{K(x)} \quad \frac{\text{Out}(x)}{K(x)} \quad \frac{K(x)}{\text{In}(x)}$$

$$\frac{K(t_1) \dots K(t_k)}{K(f(t_1, \dots, t_k))} \quad \forall f \in \Sigma(k\text{-ary})$$

N.B. terms are used modulo the equational theory. So, given  $K(\langle t_1, t_2 \rangle)$  the operator  $fst$  can be applied, and result is  $K(t_1)$ .







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Given  $K(x), K(\{b, n\}_k), K(k), K(m) \in \mathcal{K}$ . Use the equational theory  $E$  (containing decryption and pairing) to derive

$K(\{m\}_{prf(n,x)})$  where  $prf$  is some (constructible) function.

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## Definition (Adversary Knowledge Derivation as rewrite rules)

$$[\text{Fr}(x)] \rightarrow [\text{K}(x)]$$

$$[\text{Out}(x)] \rightarrow [\text{K}(x)]$$

$$[\text{K}(x)] \xrightarrow{\text{K}(x)} [\text{In}(x)]$$

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Note: the adversary deriving a message and then sending it (via In) is annotated with the action fact K (identical to its state fact of the same name!); we use this for our reasoning later.

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We will define a **trace semantics** for protocols in terms of **labeled transition systems**.

## Definition (Multiset)

A **multiset** is a set of elements, each imbued with a multiplicity. Instead of stating an explicit multiplicity, we may also simply write elements multiple times.

We use  $\setminus^\#$  for the multiset difference, and  $\cup^\#$  for the union.

## Definition (Labeled multiset rewriting)

A **labeled multiset rewriting rule** is a triple,  $l, a, r$ , each of which is a multisets of facts, and written as:

$$l \xrightarrow{a} r$$



## Definition (State)

A **state** is a multiset of facts.

## Example (State)

$\text{St\_R\_1}(A, id, k_1, k_2), \text{Out}(k_1), \text{Out}(k_2), \text{Out}(k_2)$

## Definition (Ground substitution)

A substitution is called **ground** when each variable is mapped to a ground term.

## Definition (Ground instances)

We call the **ground instances** of a term  $t$  all those terms  $t\sigma$  that are ground for some (ground) substitution.

A fact  $F$  is ground if all its terms are ground. The multiset of all ground facts is  $\mathcal{G}^\#$ .

For a rule, its ground instances are those where all facts are ground, and we use

$$ginsts(R)$$

for the set of all ground instances of the set of rules  $R$ .

### Definition (Fresh rule)

We define a special rule that creates fresh facts. This is the only rule allowed to produce fresh facts and has no precondition:

$$[] \rightarrow [\text{Fr}(N)]$$

Note that each created nonce  $N$  is fresh, and thus unique.

## Definition (Steps)

For a multiset rewrite system  $R$  we define the labeled transition relation  $\text{step}$ ,  $\text{steps}(R) \subseteq \mathcal{G}^\# \times \text{ginsts}(R) \times \mathcal{G}^\#$ , as follows:

$$\frac{l \xrightarrow{a} r \in \text{ginsts}(R), \quad l \subseteq^\# S, \quad S' = (S \setminus^\# l) \cup^\# r}{(S, l \xrightarrow{a} r, S') \in \text{steps}(R)}$$

## Definition (Execution)

An execution of  $R$  is an alternating sequence

$$S_0, (l_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} r_1), S_1, \dots, S_{k-1} (l_k \xrightarrow{a_k} r_k), S_k$$

of states and multiset rewrite rule instances with

- (1)  $S_0 = \emptyset$
- (2)  $\forall i : (S_{i-1}, l_i \xrightarrow{a_i} r_i, S_i) \in \text{steps}(R)$
- (3) Fresh names are unique, i.e., for  $n$  fresh, and  $(l_i \xrightarrow{a_i} r_i) = (l_j \xrightarrow{a_j} r_j) = ([\ ] \rightarrow [\text{Fr}(n)])$  it holds that  $i = j$ .

## Definition (Trace)

The **trace** of an execution

$$S_0, (l_1 \xrightarrow{a_1} r_1), S_1, \dots, S_{k-1}(l_k \xrightarrow{a_k} r_k), S_k$$

is defined by the sequence of the multisets of its action labels, i.e.:

$$a_1; a_2; \dots; a_k$$

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Example (Transition example)

$$[\text{St\_I\_2}(A, 17, k), \text{In}(m)] \xrightarrow{\text{Recv}(A, m)} [\text{St\_I\_3}(A, 17, k, m)]$$

Agent state changes, and In fact is consumed, while Recv action is added to trace.



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