

Agent-Based Systems

Tutorial 2

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- Q1** Formally define the function $new : D \times Per \rightarrow D$ that updates the agent’s knowledge base for the vacuum-world example (using a schematic tabular representation or pseudo-code, if desired).
- Q2** Suggest a compact and elegant decision making algorithm for the vacuum world that works for arbitrary grids using first-order logic. You can use the usual quantifiers \exists and \forall , equality $=$, integers and normal operations on them as well as a constant S which denotes the size of the grid.
- Q3** The following specification describes the famous “Snow White” example in Concurrent MetateM:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \text{SnowWhite(ask)[give] :} \\
 & \quad \odot ask(x) \Rightarrow \diamond give(x) \\
 & \quad give(x) \wedge give(y) \Rightarrow (x = y) \\
 & \quad \text{eager(give)[ask] :} \\
 & \quad \quad start \Rightarrow ask(eager) \\
 & \quad \quad \odot give(eager) \Rightarrow ask(eager) \\
 & \quad \text{greedy(give)[ask] :} \\
 & \quad \quad start \Rightarrow \square ask(greedy) \\
 & \quad \text{courteous(give)[ask] :} \\
 & \quad ((\neg ask(courteous) \mathcal{S} give(eager)) \wedge \\
 & \quad (\neg ask(courteous) \mathcal{S} give(greedy))) \Rightarrow ask(courteous) \\
 & \quad \text{shy(give)[ask] :} \\
 & \quad \quad start \Rightarrow \diamond ask(shy) \\
 & \quad \quad \odot ask(x) \Rightarrow \neg ask(shy) \\
 & \quad \quad \odot give(shy) \Rightarrow \diamond ask(shy)
 \end{aligned}$$

Describe what the programme does and trace its operation in a table for the first three time steps. For reference, the following table summarises the MetateM operators:

$\circ\varphi$	φ is true tomorrow
$\odot\varphi$	φ was true yesterday
$\diamond\varphi$	φ now or at some point in the future
$\square\varphi$	φ now and at all points in the future
$\blacklozenge\varphi$	φ was true sometimes in the past
$\blacksquare\varphi$	φ was always true in the past
$\varphi \mathcal{U} \psi$	ψ some time in the future φ until then
$\varphi \mathcal{S} \psi$	ψ some time in the past, φ since then (but not now)
$\varphi \mathcal{W} \psi$	ψ was true unless φ was true in the past
$\varphi \mathcal{Z} \psi$	like “ \mathcal{S} ” but φ may have never become true