

Cognitive Argumentation: Three Reasoning Tasks

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Three Reasoning Tasks in Cognitive Argumentation

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Humans seem to suppress previously drawn information.
They reason non-monotonically!

↪ In total there are 12 cases of the library task!

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Why can logic-based approaches be interesting for human reasoning?

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↪ Instead of assuming that humans do not reason logically, we take the view that humans do not necessarily reason in accordance with Classical Logic

COGNITIVE ARGUMENTATION

Cognitive Principles

1. Humans make assumptions while reasoning
2. Many of these assumptions are not necessarily valid in classical logic
3. These typical assumptions are extra-logical
4. Yet, humans are pretty good in explaining plausibly why they make these assumptions

↪ Characterization as argument schemes

↪ These schemes guide argument construction

Scale (sec)	Time Units	System	World (theory)
10^7	months		SOCIAL BAND
10^6	weeks		
10^5	days		
10^4	hours	Task	NATIONAL BAND
10^3	10 min	Task	
10^2	minutes	Task	
10^1	10 sec	Unit task	COGNITIVE BAND
10^0	1 sec	Operations	
10^{-1}	100 ms	Deliberate act	
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\rightsquigarrow Evaluation of arguments as Dung [1995]

\rightsquigarrow Applied to preference based structured argumentation

e.g. Kakas and Moraitis [2003], Modgil and Prakken [2013], Prakken and Sartor [1997]

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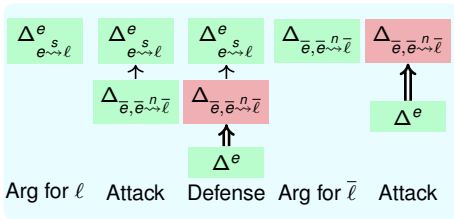
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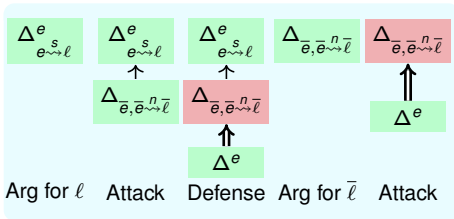


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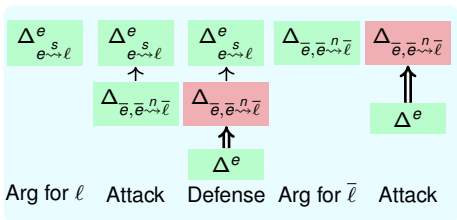
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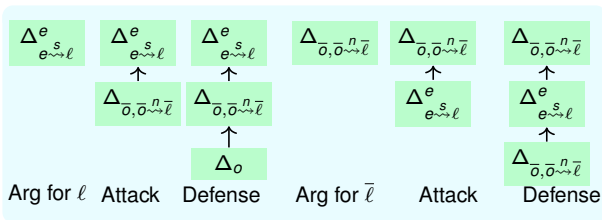
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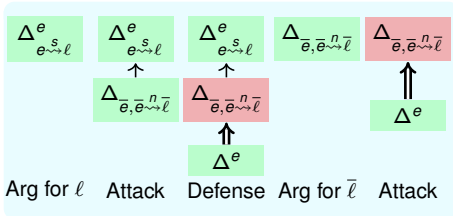
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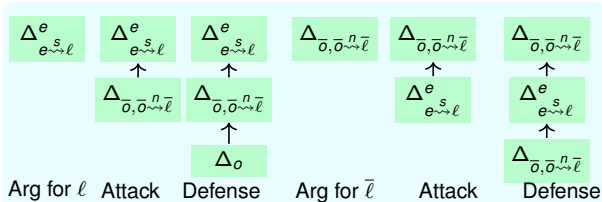
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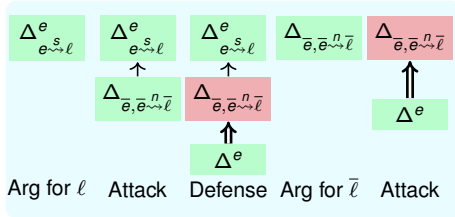
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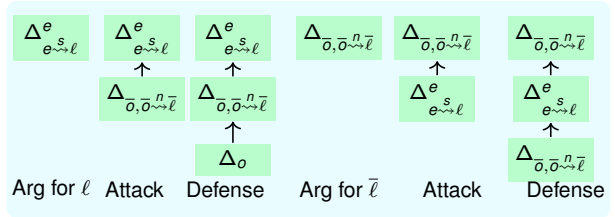
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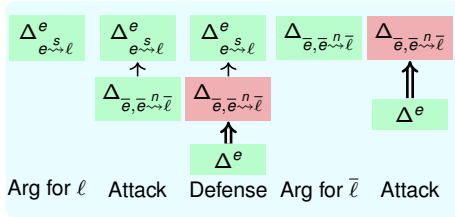
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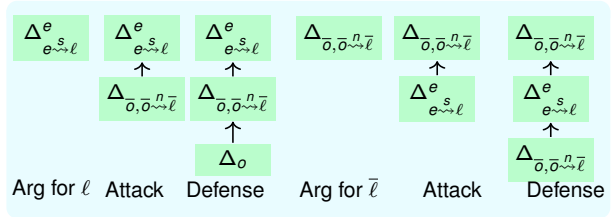
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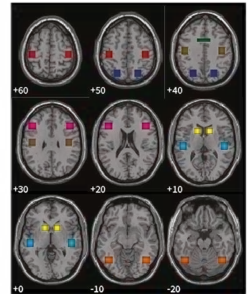
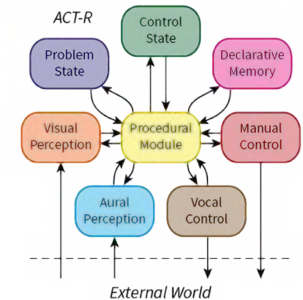
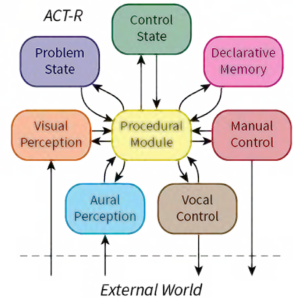


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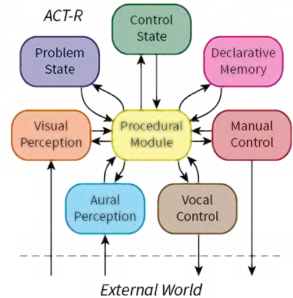
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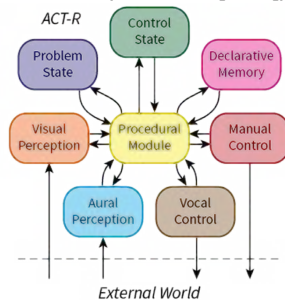
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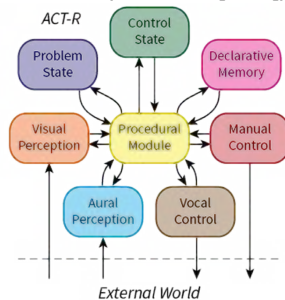
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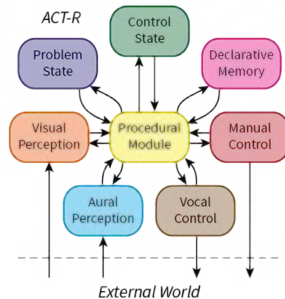
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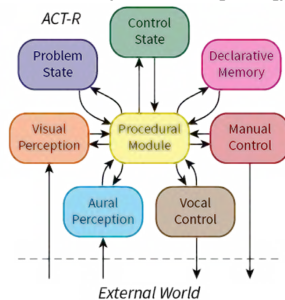
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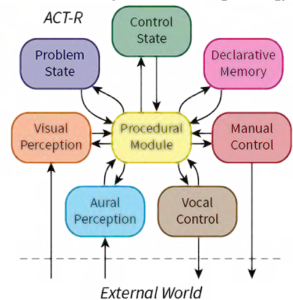
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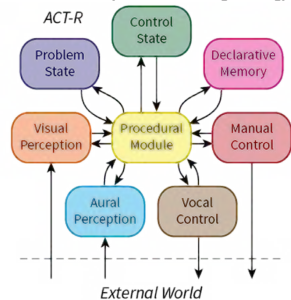
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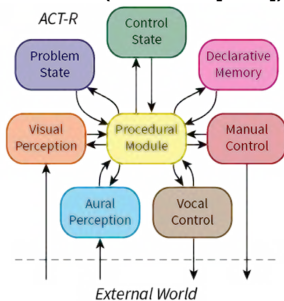
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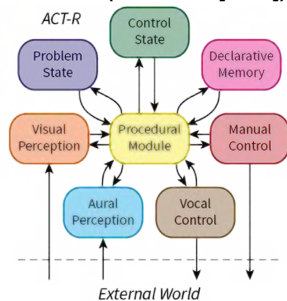
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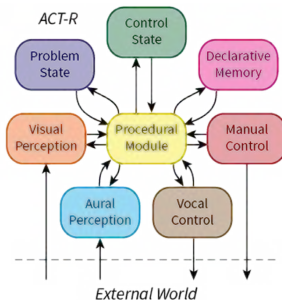
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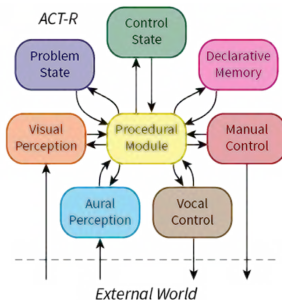
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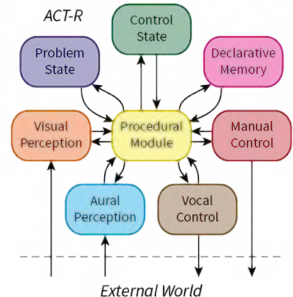
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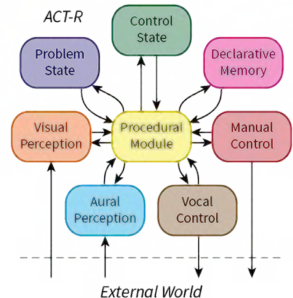
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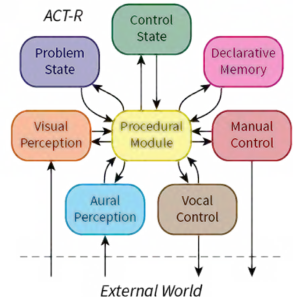
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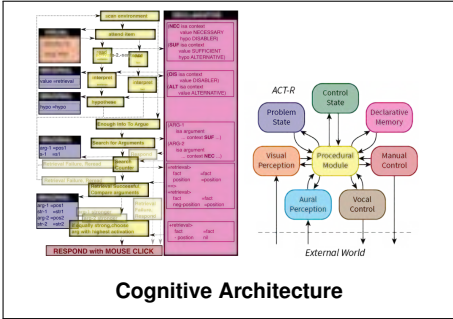
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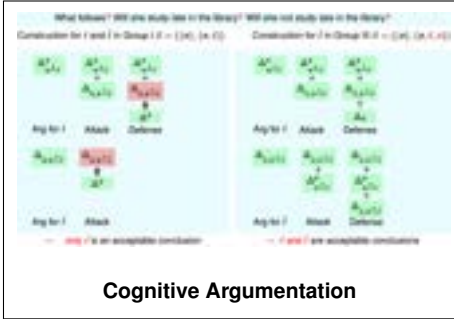
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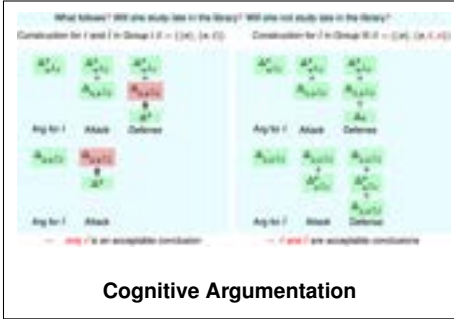
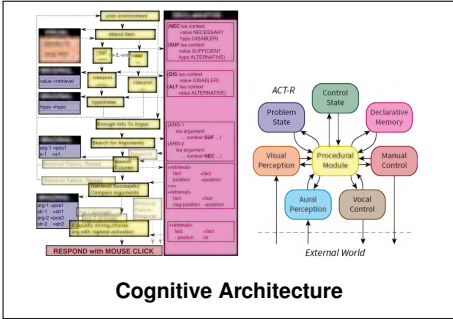
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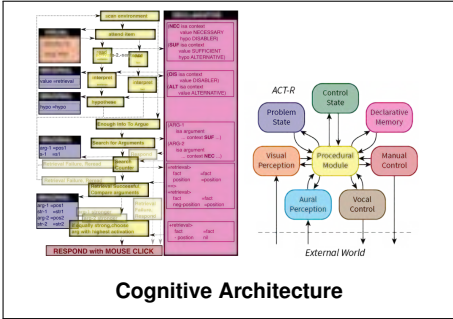


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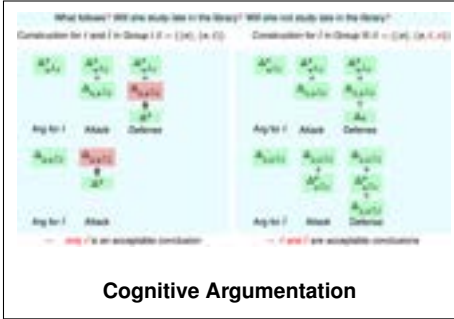


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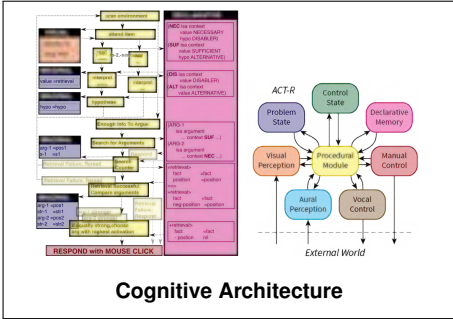


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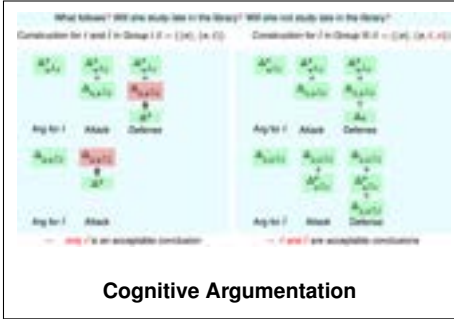
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Cognitive Argumentation: Three Reasoning Tasks

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among the individuals' selections?

the canonical groups?

within the varying contexts?

Cognitive Principles

1. Humans make assumptions while reasoning
2. Many of these assumptions are not necessarily valid in classical logic
3. These typical assumptions are extra-logical
4. Yet, humans are pretty good in explaining plausibly why they make these assumptions

↪ Characterization as argument schemes

↪ These schemes guide argument construction

Scale (sec)	Time Units	System	World (theory)
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10^6	weeks		
10^5	days		
10^4	hours	Task	NATIONAL BAND
10^3	10 min	Task	
10^2	minutes	Task	
10^1	10 sec	Unit task	COGNITIVE BAND
10^0	1 sec	Operations	
10^{-1}	100 ms	Deliberate act	
10^0	10 ms	Neural circuit	BIOLOGICAL BAND
10^{-1}	1 ms	Neuron	
10^{-4}	100 μ s	Organelle	

COGNITIVE ARGUMENTATION

\mathcal{P} set of propositional variables, $\neg\mathcal{P} = \{\neg x \mid x \in \mathcal{P}\}$

$\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{A})$ cognitive state, with set of facts \mathcal{F} and relevance set \mathcal{A}

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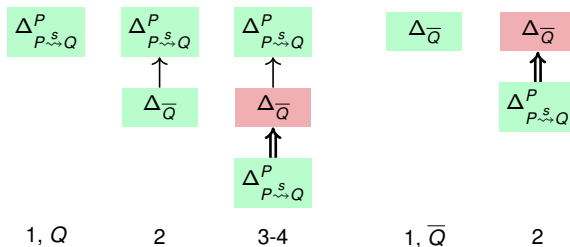
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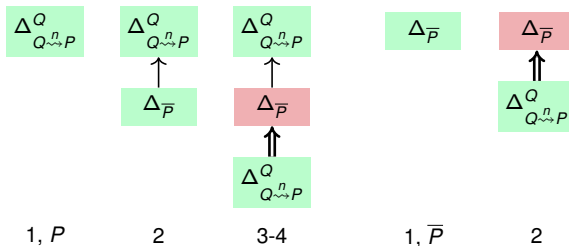
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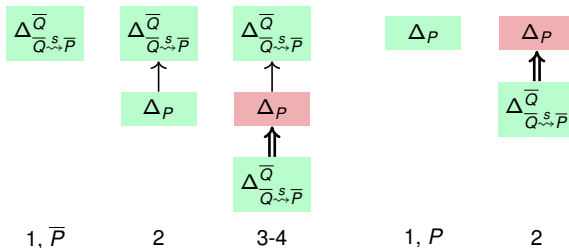
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Canonical Groups characterized by Cognitive Principles

Cognitive Argumentation (Dietz and Kakas [2021])						
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Abstract	D	≥ 99	sufficient condition	✓	✓	✓
	3	44	necessary condition		✓	
	7	24	secondary sufficient condition			✓
Everyday	Manchester	100	sufficient condition	✓	✓	✓
	Train	48	necessary condition		✓	
	Car	40	learned secondary sufficient condition			✓
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	22 yrs	23	inverted sufficient condition		✓	
	16 yrs	68	inverted learned secondary necessary condition			✓

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	2	40	necessary condition		✓	
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Take Home Message

1. Cognitive Argumentation captures dominant canonical selections for all task variations
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3. In the deontic case, the condition within the inverted conditional is more easily interpreted as necessary

Main advantages of CA is its simplicity, generalizability and its use of a universal criterion of acceptability!

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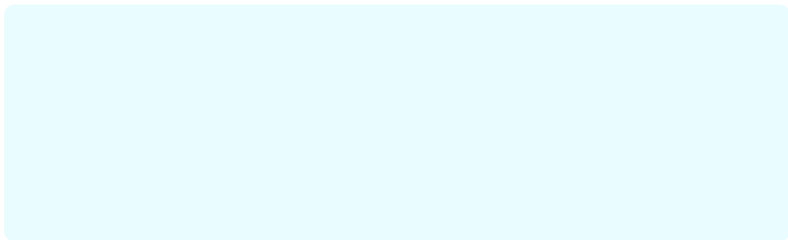
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Idea humans make (not necessarily classical logic valid) assumptions while reasoning

Goal provide a formalization for all these observed assumptions within one framework

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e.g. modus ponens
2. presupposition from philosophy of language
 - ▶ natural language statements imply presuppositions that are not made in CL
e.g. no quantification over empty domains
3. assertions from cognitive psychology
 - ▶ observations made in psychological experiments
e.g. interpretation of a conditional statement as biconditional
4. conflicts in reasoning
 - ▶ weakness of hypotheses and strength of facts principle

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$$MM'_{\text{id}}(y, z) = (\{Myz, M'y'z'\}, \{M''uv\})$$

- ▶ $M, M' \in \{I, O\}$, common property is either affirmative or negative in both premises
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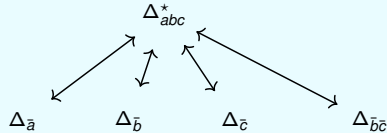
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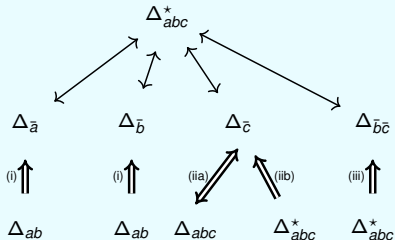
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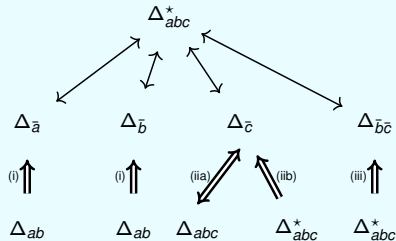
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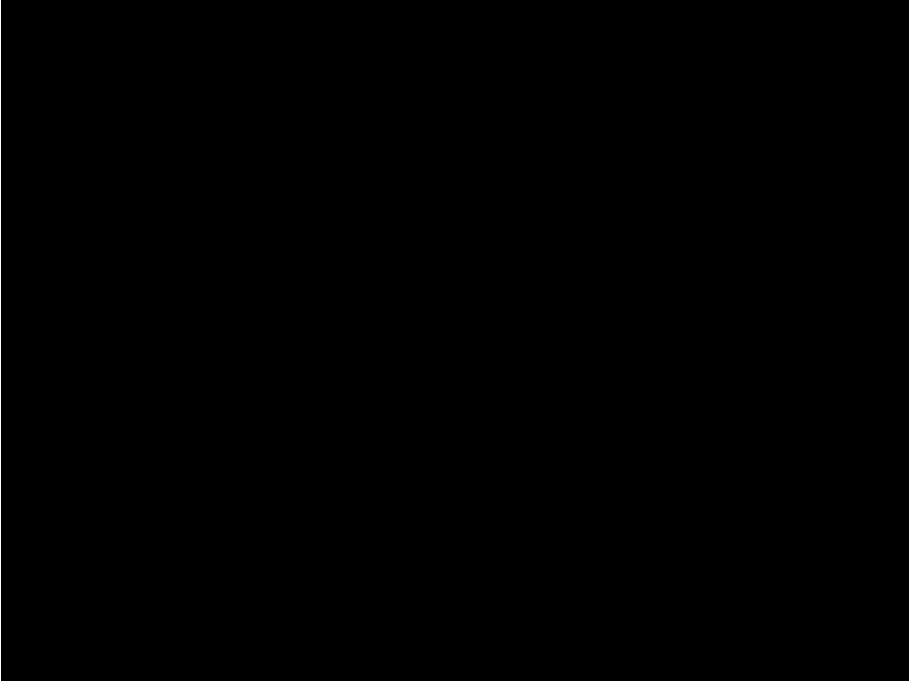
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