

# Stable Model Semantics of Abstract Dialectical Frameworks Revisited: A Logic Programming Perspective

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## A Proofs

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $\Pi$  according to Son and Pontelli (2007), and  $S'$  be the set of P-stable models of  $\Pi$ , then  $S \equiv_{At(\Pi)} S'$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF. The proof is structured in two parts providing mappings from the two sets of stable models.

**Part I.** Let  $I$  be a stable model of  $\Pi$  according to Son and Pontelli (2007). We shall show that  $I$  is a P-stable model of  $\Pi$ . Let  $K_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $K_{i+1} = K_{\Pi}^I(K_i)$ ,  $T_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $T_{i+1} = T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)$ , where  $i \geq 0$  and  $\Pi' = P(\Pi, I)$ . We use induction to show that  $K_i = T_i \cap At(\Pi)$  holds for all  $i \geq 0$ . The base case is trivial. Let us assume that the claim hold for some  $i \geq 0$ . For each  $p \in K_{i+1} = K_{\Pi}^I(K_i)$  there is  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$  such that  $[f]_I = \mathbf{T}$  and  $[f]_{(K_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ . It follows that  $[keep\_all(f, I)]_{(T_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore  $p \in T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i) = T_{i+1}$ . For each  $p \in At(\Pi) \setminus K_{i+1} = At(\Pi) \setminus K_{\Pi}^I(K_i)$  we have that, for all  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$ ,  $[f]_{(K_i, I)} = \mathbf{F}$ . Hence,  $[keep\_all(f, I)]_{(T_i, I)} = \mathbf{F}$ , and therefore  $p \notin T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i) = T_{i+1}$ .

**Part II.** Consider now a P-stable model  $I$  of  $\Pi$ . We shall show that  $I$  is a stable model of  $\Pi$  according to Son and Pontelli (2007). Let  $T_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $T_{i+1} = T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)$ ,  $K_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $K_{i+1} = K_{\Pi}^I(K_i)$ , where  $i \geq 0$  and  $\Pi' = P(\Pi, I)$ . We use induction to show that  $T_i \cap At(\Pi) = K_i$  holds for all  $i \geq 0$ . The base case is trivial. Let us assume that the claim hold for some  $i \geq 0$ . For each  $p \in T_{i+1} \cap At(\Pi) = T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i) \cap \Pi$  we have  $[keep\_all(\Pi_p, I)]_{(T_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore  $[\Pi_p]_{(K_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ . We conclude that  $p \in K_{i+1}$ . For each  $p \in At(\Pi) \setminus T_{i+1}$  we have  $[keep\_all(\Pi_p, I)]_{(T_i, I)} \neq \mathbf{T}$ , which implies that  $[\Pi_p]_{(K_i, I)} \neq \mathbf{T}$ . Hence, we conclude  $p \notin K_{i+1}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $\Pi$  according to Gelfond and Zhang (2014), and  $S'$  be the set of G-stable models of  $\Pi$ , then  $S \equiv_{At(\Pi)} S'$ .*

*Proof.* The reduct in equation (5) is obtained by removing rules whose Boolean functions assign  $\mathbf{F}$  to  $I$ , and by replacing each remaining Boolean function with the intersection of its domain and  $I$ . If  $I$  is the least model of the reduct then  $I$  is a stable model. Similarly, equation (9) replaces

Boolean functions assigning  $\mathbf{F}$  to  $I$  by a Boolean function whose image is  $\{\mathbf{F}\}$ , and each remaining Boolean function by a Boolean function that is  $\mathbf{F}$  everywhere but for the intersection of its domain and  $I$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *Let  $F = \langle S, E, C \rangle$  be an ADF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $F$  according to Brewka et al. (2013), and  $S'$  be the set of B-stable models of  $def(F)$ , then  $S \equiv_S S'$ .*

*Proof.* First of all, note that the reduced ADF  $F'$  in Definition 2 coincides with  $\Pi' = B(\Pi, I)$  in Definition 6:

- in  $F'$  the set of propositions is restricted to  $I$ , while in  $\Pi'$  the image of  $\Pi'_p$  is  $\{\mathbf{F}\}$  for all  $p \in \mathcal{V} \setminus I$ ;
- $(par(s) \setminus A) \cap I = \emptyset$  is equivalent to  $A \cap par(s) \subseteq I$ , i.e.,  $dom(\Pi_s) \cap A \subseteq dom(\Pi_s) \cap I$  (see equation 8), for all  $s \in S$  and  $A \subseteq par(s)$ .

We have to show that  $T_{\Pi'}^I \uparrow \emptyset = \Gamma_{F'} \uparrow (\emptyset, S)$  whenever  $I = T_{\Pi'}^I \uparrow \emptyset$  or  $I = \Gamma_{F'} \uparrow (\emptyset, S)$ .

Let  $\emptyset = X_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq X_m = X_{m+1}$  ( $m \geq 0$ ) be such that  $X_i = T_{\Pi'}^I(X_{i-1})$  for  $i \in [1..m]$ . Let  $(L_0, U_0), \dots, (L_{n+1}, U_{n+1})$  be such that  $(L_0, U_0) = (\emptyset, \mathcal{A})$ ,  $L_{i-1} \subseteq L_i$ ,  $U_{i-1} \supseteq U_i$ ,  $(L_i, U_i) = \Gamma_{\Pi'}(L_{i-1}, U_{i-1})$ , and  $(L_n, U_n) = (L_{n+1}, U_{n+1})$  (for  $i \in [1..n]$ ). We observe that  $U_i \subseteq I$  for  $i \in [1..n]$  because  $[\Pi'_p]_{(L_0, U_0)} = \mathbf{F}$  for each  $p \notin I$  by construction.

We now use induction to show  $X_i \subseteq L_n$  and  $X_i \subseteq U_n$  ( $i \geq 0$ ). The base case is vacuously true. For  $p \in X_{i+1} \setminus X_i$  ( $i \geq 1$ ) we have  $[\Pi'_p]_{(X_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ ; since  $X_i \subseteq L_n$  and  $X_i \subseteq U_n$  by the induction hypothesis, and  $U_n \subseteq I$ , we have  $[\Pi'_p]_{(L_n, U_n)} = \mathbf{T}$ . Hence,  $I = X_m$  immediately implies  $(L_n, U_n) = I$ . On the other hand, if  $I = (L_n, U_n)$  then we can use induction to show  $L_i \subseteq X_m$  ( $i \geq 0$ ). The base case is vacuously true. For  $p \in L_{i+1} \setminus L_i$  we have  $[\Pi'_p]_{(L_i, U_i)} = \mathbf{T}$ , which implies  $[\Pi'_p]_{(X_m, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , i.e.,  $p \in X_m$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 4.** *Let  $F = \langle S, E, C \rangle$  be an ADF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $F$  according to Strass (2013), and  $S'$  be the set of S-stable models of  $def(F)$ , then  $S \equiv_S S'$ .*

*Proof.* Replacing  $F$  by  $\Pi = def(F)$  in (3), we have:

$$G_{\Pi}^I(X) := \{s \in \mathcal{V} \mid \exists A \subseteq X, \Pi_s(A) = \mathbf{T}, \\ (dom(\Pi_s) \setminus A) \cap I = \emptyset, (dom(\Pi_s) \setminus A) \cap X = \emptyset\}.$$

We first observe that  $(\text{dom}(\Pi_s) \setminus A) \cap I = \emptyset$  is equivalent to  $\text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap I \subseteq \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap A$ . Similarly,  $(\text{dom}(\Pi_s) \setminus A) \cap X = \emptyset$  is equivalent to  $\text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap X \subseteq \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap A$ , and combining with  $A \subseteq X$  we have  $\text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap A = \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap X$ , i.e.,  $A = X$ . Hence, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\Pi}^I(X) &= \{s \in \mathcal{V} \mid \exists A \subseteq X, \Pi_s(A) = \mathbf{T}, \\ &\quad \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap A \supseteq \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap I, \\ &\quad \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap A = \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap X\} \\ &= \{s \in \mathcal{V} \mid \Pi_s(X) = \mathbf{T}, \\ &\quad \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap X \supseteq \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap I\}. \end{aligned}$$

To complete the proof we just note that for  $X \subseteq I$  condition  $\text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap X \supseteq \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap I$  is equivalent to  $\text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap X = \text{dom}(\Pi_s) \cap I$ , and therefore  $\Pi_s(X) = \Pi_s(I)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 5.** *A total interpretation  $I$  is a B-stable model of a DLPBF  $\Pi$  if and only if  $I$  is a P-stable model of  $\Pi$ .*

*Proof.* We shall show that  $T_{B(\Pi, I)}^I(X) = T_{P(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ , for all  $X \subseteq I \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ .

( $\subseteq$ ) Let  $p \in T_{B(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ , and  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$ . Hence,  $[f^{I, \subseteq}]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , which in turn implies  $[f^I]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore  $p \in T_{P(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ .

( $\supseteq$ ) Let  $p \in T_{P(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ , and  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$ . Hence,  $[f^I]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ . Since  $X \subseteq I$ ,  $\text{dom}(f) \cap X \subseteq \text{dom}(f) \cap I$ . We can conclude  $[f^{I, \subseteq}]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore  $p \in T_{B(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 6.** *A total interpretation  $I$  is an S-stable model of a DLPBF  $\Pi$  if and only if  $I$  is a G-stable model of  $\Pi$ .*

*Proof.* We shall show that  $T_{S(\Pi, I)}^I(X) = T_{G(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ , for all  $X \subseteq I \subseteq \mathcal{V}$ .

( $\subseteq$ ) Let  $p \in T_{S(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ , and  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$ . Hence,  $[f^{I, \supseteq}]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ . Since  $X \subseteq I$ ,  $\text{dom}(f) \cap X \subseteq \text{dom}(f) \cap I$ , and combining with  $[f^{I, \supseteq}]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$  we have  $\text{dom}(f) \cap X = \text{dom}(f) \cap I$ . We can conclude  $[f^{I, =}]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore  $p \in T_{G(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ .

( $\supseteq$ ) Let  $p \in T_{G(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ , and  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$ . Hence,  $[f^{I, =}]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , which in turn implies  $[f^{I, \supseteq}]_{(X, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore  $p \in T_{S(\Pi, I)}^I(X)$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 7.** *If a total interpretation  $I$  is a G-stable model of a DLPBF  $\Pi$  then  $I$  is a P-stable model of  $\Pi$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $I = T_{G(\Pi, I)}^I \uparrow \emptyset$ . Let  $\emptyset = X_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq X_m = X_{m+1}$  ( $m \geq 0$ ) be such that  $X_i = T_{P(\Pi, I)}^I(X_{i-1})$  for  $i \in [1..m]$ . Let  $\emptyset = Y_0 \subseteq \dots \subseteq Y_n = I$  ( $n \geq 0$ ) be such that  $Y_i = T_{G(\Pi, I)}^I(Y_{i-1})$  for  $i \in [1..n]$ . We use induction to show that  $X_i \subseteq I$  ( $i \geq 0$ ). The base case is vacuously true. For  $p \in X_{i+1} \setminus X_i$  we have  $[\Pi_p]_{(X_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , which implies  $[G(\Pi, I)_p]_I = \mathbf{T}$ , and thus  $p \in I$ . We now use induction to show that  $Y_i \subset X_m$ . The base case is vacuously true. For  $p \in Y_{i+1} \setminus Y_i$  we have  $[G(\Pi, I)_p]_{(Y_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , which combined

with  $X_m \subseteq I$  and with the induction hypothesis  $Y_i \subseteq X_m$  gives  $[\Pi_p]_{(X_m, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ . Therefore,  $p \in X_m$ , and we proved  $X_m = I$ .  $\square$

**Corollary 1.** *If a total interpretation  $I$  is an S-stable model of a DLPBF  $\Pi$  then  $I$  is a B-stable model of  $\Pi$ .*

*Proof.* It is a consequence of Theorems 5, 6, and 7.  $\square$

**Theorem 8.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF,  $S$  be the set of S- or G-stable models of  $\Pi$ , and  $S'$  be the set of B- or P-stable models of  $s2b(\Pi)$ , then  $S \equiv_{At(\Pi)} S'$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF. The proof is structured in two parts providing mappings from the two sets of stable models.

**Part I.** Let  $I$  be a G-stable model of  $\Pi$ . Define  $I' = I \cup \{p^F \mid p \in At(\Pi) \setminus I\} \cup \{p^= \mid p \in At(\Pi)\}$ . We shall show that  $I'$  is a P-stable model of  $s2b(\Pi)$ . Let  $G_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $G_{i+1} = T_{G(\Pi, I)}^I(G_i)$ ,  $P_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $P_{i+1} = T_{P(s2b(\Pi), I)}^I(P_i)$ , for all  $i \geq 0$ . Note that  $p \in P_1$  if and only if  $p \in I$ , and  $p^F \in P_1$  if and only if  $p \in At(\Pi) \setminus I$ . We have that  $G_i = \{p \in I \mid p^= \in P_{i+1}\}$  holds for all  $i \geq 0$ .

**Part II.** Let  $I$  be a P-stable model of  $s2b(\Pi)$ . We shall show that  $I \cap At(\Pi)$  is a G-stable model of  $\Pi$ . In fact, note that  $(I \cap At(\Pi)) \cup \{p^F \mid p \in At(\Pi) \setminus I\} \cup \{p^= \mid p \in At(\Pi)\} = I$  because of the following reasons:

- Atoms  $p, p^F$  are used to guess an interpretation  $I \cap At(\Pi)$  for  $\Pi$ .
- Atom  $\perp$  must be false in all P-stable models of  $s2b(\Pi)$ , and therefore  $I \cap At(\Pi)$  must be a model of  $\Pi$ .
- The falsity of  $\perp$  also implies that  $p^= \in I$  for all  $p \in At(\Pi)$ .

Hence, as observed in Part I, we can conclude that  $T_{P(s2b(\Pi), I)}^I \uparrow \emptyset = T_{G(\Pi, I)}^I \uparrow \emptyset$  holds.  $\square$

**Theorem 9.** *Let  $\Pi$  be an LPBF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $\Pi$  according to Son and Pontelli (2007), and  $S'$  be the set of P-stable models of  $def(\Pi)$ , then  $S \equiv_{At(\Pi)} S'$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $\Pi$  be an LPBF. The proof is structured in two parts providing mappings from the two sets of stable models.

**Part I.** Let  $I$  be a stable model of  $\Pi$  according to Son and Pontelli (2007). Define  $I' = I \cup \{aux_f \mid p \leftarrow f \in \Pi, [f]_I = \mathbf{T}\}$ . We shall show that  $I'$  is a P-stable model of  $def(\Pi)$ . Let  $K_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $K_{i+1} = K_{\Pi}^I(K_i)$ ,  $T_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $T_{i+1} = T_{\Pi'}^I(T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i))$ , where  $i \geq 0$  and  $\Pi' = P(def(\Pi), I)$ . We use induction to show that  $K_i = T_i \cap At(\Pi)$  holds for all  $i \geq 0$ . The base case is trivial. Let us assume that the claim hold for some  $i \geq 0$ . For each  $p \in K_{i+1} = K_{\Pi}^I(K_i)$  there is  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$  such that  $[f]_I = \mathbf{T}$  and  $[f]_{(K_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ . It follows that  $aux_f \in I'$ ,  $aux_f \leftarrow f \in \Pi'$ ,  $aux_f \in T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)$ , and therefore  $p \in T_{\Pi'}^I(T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)) = T_{i+1}$ . For each  $p \in At(\Pi) \setminus K_{i+1} = At(\Pi) \setminus K_{\Pi}^I(K_i)$  we have that, for all  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$ ,  $[f]_{(K_i, I)} = \mathbf{F}$ . Hence,  $aux_f \notin T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)$ , and therefore  $p \notin T_{\Pi'}^I(T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)) = T_{i+1}$ .

**Part II.** Consider now a P-stable model  $I$  of  $\text{def}(\Pi)$ . We shall show that  $I' = I \cap \text{At}(\Pi)$  is a stable model of  $\Pi$  according to Son and Pontelli (2007). Let  $T_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $T_{i+1} = T_{\Pi'}^I(T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i))$ ,  $K_0 = \emptyset$ ,  $K_{i+1} = K_{\Pi'}^I(K_i)$ , where  $i \geq 0$  and  $\Pi' = P(\text{def}(\Pi), I)$ . We use induction to show that  $T_i \cap \text{At}(\Pi) = K_i$  holds for all  $i \geq 0$ . The base case is trivial. Let us assume that the claim hold for some  $i \geq 0$ . For each  $p \in T_{i+1} \cap \text{At}(\Pi) = T_{\Pi'}^I(T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)) \cap \Pi$  we have  $[\Pi'_p]_{(T_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore there is  $\text{aux}_f \in T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)$  such that  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$ . We conclude that  $[f]_{(T_i, I)} = \mathbf{T}$ , and hence  $p \in K_{i+1}$ . For each  $p \in \text{At}(\Pi) \setminus T_{i+1}$  we have  $[\Pi'_p]_{(T_i, I)} \neq \mathbf{T}$ , which implies that no  $\text{aux}_f$  such that  $p \leftarrow f \in \Pi$  belongs to  $T_{\Pi'}^I(T_i)$ . Hence, we conclude  $[f]_{(T_i, I)} \neq \mathbf{T}$ , and therefore  $p \notin K_{i+1}$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $\Pi$  be an LPBF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $\Pi$  according to Gelfond and Zhang (2014), and  $S'$  be the set of B- or P-stable models of  $\text{s2b}(\Pi)$ , then  $S \equiv_{\text{At}(\Pi)} S'$ .*

*Proof.* The proof is essentially as that for Theorem 8. We have just to note that (14) can be replaced by

$$G(\Pi, I) = \{p \leftarrow \text{keep\_equal}(f, I) \mid p \leftarrow f \in \Pi\}$$

to restate G-stable models for LPBFs.  $\square$

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF,  $S$  be the set of B-stable models of  $\Pi$ , and  $S'$  be the set of stable models of  $\text{adf}(\Pi)$  according to Brewka et al., then  $S \equiv_S S'$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $\text{def}(\text{adf}(\Pi)) = \Pi$ . Hence, the claim follows by Theorem 3.  $\square$

**Theorem 12.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF,  $S$  be the set of S-stable models of  $\Pi$ , and  $S'$  be the set of stable models of  $\text{adf}(\Pi)$  according to Strass, then  $S \equiv_S S'$ .*

*Proof.* Note that  $\text{def}(\text{adf}(\Pi)) = \Pi$ . Hence, the claim follows by Theorem 4.  $\square$

**Corollary 2.** *Let  $\Pi$  be an LPBF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $\Pi$  according to Brewka et al., and  $S'$  be the set of stable models of  $\text{adf}(\text{def}(\Pi))$  according to Brewka et al., then  $S \equiv_{\text{At}(\Pi)} S'$ .*

*Proof.* The claim follows from Theorems 9 and 11.  $\square$

**Corollary 3.** *Let  $\Pi$  be an LPBF,  $S$  be the set of stable models of  $\Pi$  according to Strass, and  $S'$  be the set of stable models of  $\text{adf}(\text{s2b}(\Pi))$  according to Brewka et al., then  $S \equiv_{\text{At}(\Pi)} S'$ .*

*Proof.* The claim follows from Theorems 10 and 12.  $\square$

**Corollary 4.** *Let  $\Pi$  be a DLPBF, and  $I$  be a total interpretation. If  $I$  is a G-, S-, P- or B-stable model then  $I$  is an F-stable model.*

*Proof.* For programs with atomic heads, as those considered in this paper, Theorem 5 in [Shen and Wang, 2012] claims equivalence of their stable models with stable models in Definition 3 of [Son et al., 2007], which is in turn equivalent to stable models in [Son and Pontelli, 2007]. That each stable model by Son and Pontelli (2007) is an F-stable model is stated in Theorem 2 in [Son and Pontelli, 2007].  $\square$