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- Max Black demonstrated this definition using the word **chair**.

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- If the membership degree of  $(q, \alpha, q')$  is  $d$ ,  $q \xrightarrow[d]{\alpha} q'$  denotes that the plausibility degree to go from state  $q$  to state  $q'$  by action  $\alpha$  is  $d$ .

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$$\frac{\left( S_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda} S_2 \right) \quad \left( \forall m_i \in S_3 : \delta_{\pi}(m_i) \geq \lambda \right)}{S_1 \uplus S_3 \xrightarrow{\lambda} S_2 \uplus S_3}$$

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