

# Logics For Epistemic Programs

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# Introduction

We construct logical languages which allow one to represent a variety of possible types of changes affecting the information states of agents in a multi-agent setting. We formalize these changes by defining a notion of *epistemic program*.

THESIS I. Let  $s$  be a social situation involving the intuitive concepts of knowledge, justifiable beliefs and common knowledge among a group of agents.

Then we may associate to  $s$  a mathematical model  $\mathbf{S}$ . ( $\mathbf{S}$  is a multi-agent Kripke model; we call these *epistemic state models*.) The point of the association is that all intuitive judgements concerning  $s$  correspond to formal assertions concerning  $\mathbf{S}$ , and vice-versa.

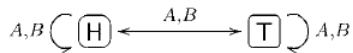
THESIS II Let  $\sigma$  be a *social "action"* involving and affecting the knowledge ( beliefs, common knowledge ) of agents.

This naturally induces a *change of situation*; i.e., an operation  $o$  taking situations  $s$  into situations  $o(s)$ . Assume that  $o$  is presented by assertions concerning knowledge, beliefs and common knowledge facts about  $s$  and  $o(s)$ , and that  $o$  is completely determined by these assertions. Then

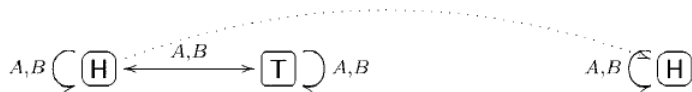
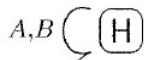
- (a) We may associate to the action  $\sigma$  a mathematical model  $\Sigma$  which we call an *epistemic action model*. ( $\Sigma$  is also a multi-agent Kripke model.) The point again is that all the intuitive features of, and judgments about  $\sigma$  correspond to formal properties of  $\Sigma$ .
- (b) There is an operation  $\otimes$  taking a state model  $\mathbf{O}$  and an action model  $\Sigma$  and returning a new state model  $\mathbf{S} \otimes \Sigma$ . So each  $\Sigma$  induces an *update operation*  $O$  on state models:  $O(\mathbf{S}) = \mathbf{S} \otimes \Sigma$ .

Now we have some scenarios:

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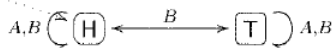
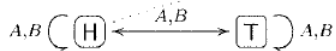
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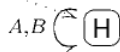
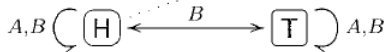
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### SCENARIO 3. *A Semi-private Viewing of Heads*



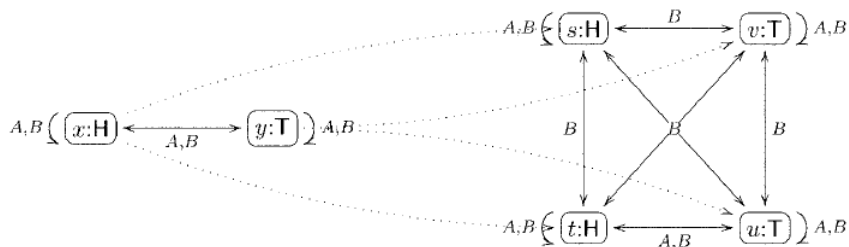
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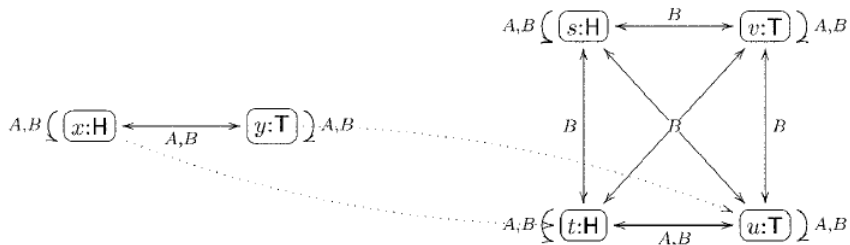
## SCENARIO 4. *Cheating*



## SCENARIO 5. *More Cheating*

SCENARIO 6. *Lying*SCENARIO 7. *Pick a Card*

## SCENARIO 8. *Common Knowledge of (Unfounded) Suspicion*



### SCENARIO 8.1. *Private Communication about the Other*

## 2.1. State Models and Epistemic Propositions

A *state model* is a triple  $\mathbf{S} = (\mathcal{S}, \xrightarrow{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{S}}, \|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{S}})$ .  $\|\cdot\|_{\mathbf{S}}: \text{ATSen} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S})$ .

DEFINITION. Let StateModels be the collection of all state models. An *epistemic proposition* is an operation  $\varphi$  defined on StateModels such that for all  $\mathbf{S} \in \text{StateModels}$ ,  $\varphi_{\mathbf{S}} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ .

The collection of epistemic propositions is closed in various ways.

1. For each atomic sentence  $p$  we have an atomic proposition  $\mathbf{p}$  with  $\mathbf{p}_s = \ll p \gg_s$ .
2. If  $\varphi$  is an epistemic proposition, then so is  $\neg\varphi$ , where  $(\neg\varphi)_s = S \setminus \varphi_s$ .
3. If  $C$  is a set or class of epistemic propositions, then so is  $\bigwedge C$ , with  $(\bigwedge C)_s = \bigcap \{\varphi_s : \varphi \in C\}$
4. Taking  $C$  above to be empty, we have an “*always true*” epistemic proposition  $\mathbf{tr}$ , with  $\mathbf{tr}_s = S$ .
5. We also may take  $C$  in part (3) to be a two-element set  $\{\varphi, \psi\}$ ; here we write  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  instead of  $\bigwedge \{\varphi, \psi\}$ . We see that if  $\varphi$  and  $\psi$  are epistemic propositions, then so is  $\varphi \wedge \psi$ , with  $(\varphi \wedge \psi)_s = \varphi_s \cap \psi_s$ .

6. If  $\varphi$  is an epistemic proposition and  $A \in \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\Box_A \varphi$  is an epistemic proposition, with

$$(2) \quad (\Box_A \varphi)_s = \{s \in \mathcal{S} : \text{if } s \xrightarrow{A} t, \text{ then } t \in \varphi_s\}$$

7. If  $\varphi$  is an epistemic proposition and  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ , then  $\Box_{\mathcal{B}}^* \varphi$  is an epistemic proposition, with

$$(\Box_{\mathcal{B}}^* \varphi)_s = \{s \in \mathcal{S} : \text{if } s \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}^*} t, \text{ then } t \in \varphi_s\}$$

Here  $s \xrightarrow{\mathcal{B}^*} t$  iff there is a sequence

$$s = u_0 \xrightarrow{A_0} u_1 \xrightarrow{A_1} \dots \xrightarrow{A_n} u_{n+1} = t$$

Take scenario 3 as an example here:



English	Formal rendering	Semantics
the coin shows heads	$H$	$\{t\}$
$A$ knows the coin shows heads	$\Box_A H$	$\{s\}$
$A$ knows the coin shows tails	$\Box_A T$	$\{t\}$
$B$ knows that the coin shows head	$\Box_B H$	$\emptyset$
$A$ knows that $B$ doesn't know it's heads	$\Box_A \neg \Box_B H$	$\{s, t\}$
$B$ knows that $A$ knows that $B$ doesn't know it's heads	$\Box_B \Box_A \neg \Box_B H$	$\{s, t\}$
it is common knowledge that either $A$ knows it's heads or $A$ knows that it's tails	$\Box_{A,B}^* (\Box_A H \vee \Box_A T)$	$\{s, t\}$
it is common knowledge that $B$ doesn't know the state of the coin	$\Box_{A,B}^* \neg (\Box_B H \vee \Box_B T)$	$\{s, t\}$



An *update*  $\mathbf{r}$  is a pair of operations

$$\mathbf{r} = (\mathbf{S} \mapsto \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}), \mathbf{S} \mapsto \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{S}})$$

where for each  $\mathbf{S} \in \text{StateModels}$ ,  $\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{S}} : \mathbf{S} \rightarrow \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$  is a *transition relation*. We call  $\mathbf{S} \mapsto \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$  the *update map*, and  $\mathbf{S} \mapsto \mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{S}}$  the *update relation*.

Examples: Pub  $\varphi$ ,  $?\varphi$

The collection of updates is closed in various ways.

1. *Skip*: there is an update  $\mathbf{1}$  with  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{1})=\mathbf{S}$ , and  $1_S$  is the identity relation on  $\mathbf{S}$ .
2. *Sequential Composition*: if  $\mathbf{r}$  and  $\mathbf{s}$  are epistemic updates, then their composition  $\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{s}$  is again an epistemic update, where  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{s}) = \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})(\mathbf{s})$ , and  $\mathbf{r}; \mathbf{s}_S = \mathbf{r}_S; \mathbf{s}_{S(\mathbf{r})}$ .

3. *Disjoint Union (or Non-deterministic choice)*: The set of states of the model  $\bigsqcup_X \mathbf{r}$  is the disjoint union of all the sets of states in each model  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ :

$$\{(s, \mathbf{r}) : \mathbf{r} \in X \text{ and } s \in \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})\}$$

$$(t, \mathbf{r}) \xrightarrow{A} (u, \mathbf{s}) \text{ iff } \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{s} \text{ and } t \xrightarrow{A} u \text{ in } \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}).$$

$$\| p \| = \{(s, \mathbf{r}) : \mathbf{r} \in X \text{ and } s \in \| p \|_{\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})}\}$$

$$t (\bigsqcup_X \mathbf{r})_s (u, \mathbf{s}) \text{ iff } t s_S u$$

4. Special case:  $\mathbf{r} \sqcup \mathbf{s} = \bigsqcup\{\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{s}\}$

5. Another special case: *Kleene star (iteration)*.

$$r^* = \bigsqcup \{ \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{r}, \dots, \mathbf{r}^n \dots \}$$

where  $\mathbf{r}^n$  is recursively defined by  $\mathbf{r}^0, \mathbf{r}^{n+1} = \mathbf{r}^n \cdot \mathbf{r}$ .

6. *Crash*: We can also take  $X = \emptyset$  in part 3. This gives an update  $\mathbf{0}$  such that  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{0})$  is the empty model for each  $S$ , and  $\mathbf{0}_S$  is the empty relation.

*A New Operation: Dynamic Modalities for Updates.*

If  $\varphi$  is an epistemic proposition and  $\mathbf{r}$  an update, then  $[\mathbf{r}]\varphi$  is an epistemic proposition defined by

$$([\mathbf{r}]\varphi)_{\mathbf{S}} = \{\mathbf{s} \in \mathbf{S} : \text{if } \mathbf{s}\mathbf{r}_{\mathbf{S}}t, \text{ then } t \in \varphi_{\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})}\}$$

We shall presents a number of logical systems which contain *epistemic operators* of various types. These operators are closely related to aspects of the scenarios represented before:

- The Logic of Public Announcements.  $[\text{Pub } \varphi]\psi$ .
- The Logic of Completely Private Announcements to Groups.  $[\text{Pri}^B \varphi]\psi$
- The Logic of Common Knowledge of Alternatives.  $[\text{Cka}^B \bar{\varphi}]\psi$   
example ( in Senario 3,  $S_1$  ):  
 $x \models \neg \Box_A H \wedge \langle \text{Cka}^{\{A\}} H, T \rangle (\Box_A (H \wedge \neg \Box_B \Box_A H) \wedge \Box_B (\Box_A H \vee \Box_A T))$
- The Logic of All Possible Epistemic Actions.  $[\alpha]\varphi$

# The Update Product Operation

In this section, we present the centerpiece of the formulation of our logical systems by introducing *action models*, *program models*, and an *update product operation*.

## Epistemic Action Models:

Let  $\Phi$  be the collection of all epistemic propositions. An *epistemic action model* is a triple  $\Sigma = (\Sigma, \xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}}, \text{pre})$ , where  $\Sigma$  is a set of *simple actions*,  $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{A}}$  is an  $\mathcal{A}$ -indexed family of relations on  $\Sigma$ , and  $\text{pre}:\Sigma \rightarrow \Phi$  (the collection of all epistemic propositions).

Here comes an example – a completely private announcement to A that the coin is lying heads up:

$$A \left( \boxed{\sigma:H} \xrightarrow{B} \boxed{\tau:\mathbf{tr}} \right)_{A,B}$$

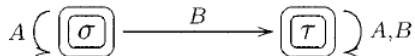
Formally,  $\Sigma = \{\sigma, \tau\}$ ;  $\sigma \xrightarrow{A} \sigma, \sigma \xrightarrow{B} \tau, \tau \xrightarrow{A} \tau, \tau \xrightarrow{B} \tau$ ;  $\text{pre}(\sigma) = H$ , and  $\text{pre}(\tau) = \mathbf{tr}$ .



To model non-deterministic actions and non-simple actions, we define **epistemic program models**.

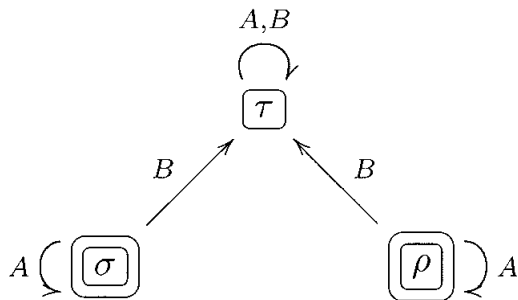
An epistemic program model is defined as  $(\Sigma, \xrightarrow{A}, pre, \Gamma)$ , where  $\Gamma$  is a set of **designated simple actions**. When drawing the diagrams, we use doubled circles to indicate the designated actions in the set  $\Gamma$ .

Example. A Non-deterministic Action. *Either making a completely private announcement to A that the coin is lying heads up, or not making any announcement.*



$\Gamma = \{ \sigma, \tau \}$ ,  $pre(\sigma) = H$ ,  $pre(\tau) = \mathbf{tr}$

Example. A Deterministic, but Non-simple Action. *Completely privately announcing to A whether the coin is lying heads up or not.*



with  $\text{pre}(\sigma) = H$ ,  $\text{pre}(\tau) = \mathbf{tr}$ , and  $\text{pre}(\rho) = \neg H$ .

**The Update Product** of a State Model with an Epistemic Action Model:

Given a state model  $\mathbf{S}=(S, \xrightarrow{A}_S, \|\cdot\|_S)$  and an action model

$\Sigma = (\Sigma, \xrightarrow{A}_\Sigma, \text{pre})$ , we define their *update product* to be the state model

$$\mathbf{S} \otimes \Sigma = (\mathbf{S} \otimes \Sigma, \xrightarrow{A}, \|\cdot\|)$$

$$\mathbf{S} \otimes \Sigma = \{(s, \sigma) \in S \times \Sigma : s \in \text{pre}(\sigma)_S\}$$

$$(s, \sigma) \xrightarrow{A} (s', \sigma') \text{ iff } s \xrightarrow{A} s' \text{ and } \sigma \xrightarrow{A} \sigma'$$

$$\|\rho\|_{\mathbf{S} \otimes \Sigma}$$

A program model induces an **update**.

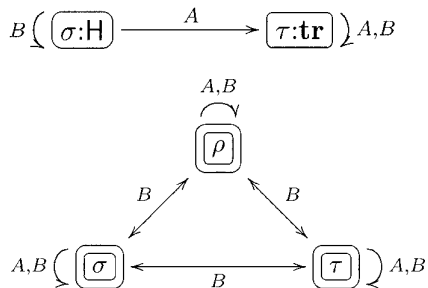
DEFINITION. Let  $(\Sigma, \Gamma)$  be a program model. We define an update which also denote  $(\Sigma, \Gamma)$  as follows:

$$1. \mathbf{S}(\Sigma, \Gamma) = \mathbf{S} \otimes \Sigma$$

$$2. s(\Sigma, \Gamma)_{\mathbf{S}}(t, \sigma) \text{ iff } s = t \text{ and } \sigma \in \Gamma$$

*Bisimulation Preservation.*

Here comes SCENARIO 5 and 7 as examples of the Update Product:



## Operations on Program Models:

- **1** and **0**.
- Sequential Composition.  $\Sigma; \Delta = (\Sigma \times \Delta, \xrightarrow{A}, pre_{\Sigma; \Delta}, \Gamma_{\Sigma; \Delta})$

$$(\sigma, \delta) \xrightarrow{A} (\sigma', \delta') \text{ iff } \sigma \xrightarrow{A} \sigma' \text{ and } \delta \xrightarrow{A} \delta'$$

$$pre_{\Sigma; \Delta}(\sigma, \delta) = \langle \langle \Sigma, \sigma \rangle \rangle pre_{\Delta}(\delta)$$

- Disjoint Union.  $\bigsqcup_{i \in I} \Sigma_i = (\bigsqcup_{i \in I} \Sigma_i, \xrightarrow{A}, pre, \Gamma)$

$$\bigsqcup_{i \in I} \Sigma_i \text{ is } \bigcup_{i \in I} (\Sigma_i \times \{i\})$$

$$(\sigma, i) \xrightarrow{A} (\tau, j) \text{ iff } i = j \text{ and } \sigma \xrightarrow{A}_i \tau$$

- Iteration.

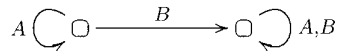
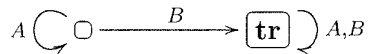
$$\Sigma^* = \sqcup\{\Sigma^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}. \text{ Here } \Sigma^0 = \mathbf{1}, \text{ and } \Sigma^{n+1} = \Sigma^n; \Sigma$$

PROPOSITION. The update induced by a composition of program models is the composition of the induced updates. Similarly for sums and iteration.

# Logical Languages Based on Action Signatures

Now we introduce *logical languages based on action signatures*.

*Action Signature*: The notion of an action signature is an **abstraction** of the notion of action model.



*an enumeration without repetition*



DEFINITION. An *action signature* is a structure

$$\Sigma = (\Sigma, \xrightarrow{A}, (\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n))$$

$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$  is a designated *listing* of a subset of  $\Sigma$  without repetitions. We call the elements of  $\Sigma$  *action types*, and the ones in the listing  $(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n)$  *non-trivial action types*.

Two examples:  $\Sigma_{pub}$  and  $Cka_k^B$

We can use the abstract notion – the *action signature* – to regain *program models*:  $(\Sigma, \Gamma)(\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n)$ .

For  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $pre(\sigma_j) = \psi_j$ .  $pre(\sigma) = \mathbf{tr}$  for all the other trivial actions.

To summarize: *every action signature, set of distinguished action types in it, and corresponding tuple of epistemic propositions gives an epistemic program model.*

Fix an action signature  $\Sigma$ . We can present a logic  $\mathcal{L}(\Sigma)$ :

### **sentences** $\phi$

true |  $\rho_i$  |  $\neg\varphi$  |  $\varphi \wedge \psi$  |  $\Box_A\varphi$  |  $\Box_B^*\varphi$  |  $[\pi]\varphi$

### **programs** $\pi$

skip | crash |  $\sigma\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  |  $\pi \sqcup \rho$  |  $\pi; \rho$  |  $\pi^*$

### **semantics**

$$[[[\pi]\varphi]] = [[[\pi]]][[\varphi]]$$

$$[[\sigma\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n]] = (\Sigma, \sigma, [[\psi_1]], \dots, [[\psi_n]])$$

We require  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ . The actions of the form  $\sigma_i\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n (i \leq n)$  are called *non-trivial*.  $(\Sigma, \sigma, [[\psi_1]], \dots, [[\psi_n]])$  is a signature-based program model.

We generalize now our signature logics  $\mathcal{L}(\Sigma)$  to families  $\mathcal{S}$  of signatures – combine all the logics  $\{\mathcal{L}(\Sigma)\}_{\Sigma \in \mathcal{S}}$  into a single logic:

$$\sigma\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$$

where  $\sigma \in \Sigma$ , for some arbitrary signature  $\Sigma \in \mathcal{S}$ , and  $n$  is the length of the listing of non-trivial action types of  $\Sigma$ .

The semantics of  $\sigma\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n$  refers to the appropriate signature.

Example. Let  $\mathcal{S} = \{\Sigma : \Sigma \text{ is a finite signature}\}$ . The logic  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S})$  will be called the logic of all epistemic programs.

*Preservation of Bisimulation and Atomic Propositions*

Now we can formalize the several target logics as epistemic program logics  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{S})$ .

- *The Logic of Public Announcements*  $\mathcal{L}(\Sigma_{Pub})$ .

$$\mathbf{S}([[Pub\varphi]])$$

$$= \mathbf{S}(\Sigma_{Pub}, Pub, [[\varphi]]) = \mathbf{S} \otimes (\Sigma_{Pub}, Pub, [[\varphi]])$$

$$= \{(s, Pub) : s \in [[\varphi]]\mathbf{s}\}$$

- *Test-only PDL*.

We have sentences of  $[?\varphi]\chi$  and  $[\text{skip } \varphi]\chi$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbf{S}([[? \varphi]]) \\
&= \mathbf{S}(\Sigma_?, ?, [[\varphi]]) = \mathbf{S} \otimes (\Sigma_?, ?, [[\varphi]]) \\
&= \{(s, ?) : s \in [[\varphi]]_s\} \cup \{(s, \text{skip}) : s \in S\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& [[[\text{skip } \varphi] \psi]]_s \\
&= \{s \in S : \text{if } s [[\text{skip } \varphi]]_s t, \text{ then } t \in [[\psi]]_s([[[\text{skip } \varphi]])]\} \\
&= \{s \in S : (s, \text{skip}) \in [[\psi]]_s([[[\text{skip } \varphi]])]\} \\
&= \{s \in S : s \in [[\psi]]_s\}
\end{aligned}$$

That is,  $[[[\text{skip } \varphi] \psi]]_s = [[\psi]]_s$

- *The Logic of Totally Private Announcements*  $\mathcal{L}(\text{Pri})$ .

$$\text{Pri} = \{\text{Pri}^{\mathcal{B}} : \emptyset \neq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}\}$$

For example, in the case of  $\mathcal{A} = \{A, B\}$ ,  $\mathcal{L}(\text{Pri})$  will have basic actions of the forms:  $\text{Pri}^A \varphi$ ,  $\text{Pri}^B \varphi$ ,  $\text{Pri}^{A,B} \varphi$ ,  $\text{skip}^A \varphi$ ,  $\text{skip}^B \varphi$ ,  $\text{skip}^{A,B} \varphi$ .

- *The Logic of Common Knowledge of Alternatives*  $\mathcal{L}(\text{Cka})$ .

$$\text{Cka} = \{\text{Cka}_k^{\mathcal{B}} : \emptyset \neq \mathcal{B} \subseteq \mathcal{A}, 1 \leq k\}$$

- *Logics Based on Frame Conditions.*
- *Announcements by Particular Agents.*
- *Lying*

$$\Sigma_{\text{Lie}}^A = \{\text{Secret}^A, \text{Pub}^A\}$$

$\mathcal{L}(\Sigma_{\text{Lie}}^A)$  contains sentences like  $[\text{Secret}^A \varphi, \psi]\chi$ .

- *Wiretapping, Paranoia etc.*

Endnote. This section is the centerpiece of the paper, and all of the work in it is new.



# Logical Systems

Now we present a *sound* proof system for the validities in  $\mathcal{L}(S)$ , and *sound* and *complete* proof system for  $\mathcal{L}_1(S)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_0(S)$ :

## Basic Axioms

All sentential validities

( $[\pi]$ -normality)

$$\vdash [\pi](\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow ([\pi]\varphi \rightarrow [\pi]\psi)$$

( $\Box_A$ -normality)

$$\vdash \Box_A(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box_A\varphi \rightarrow \Box_A\psi)$$

\* ( $\Box_C^*$ -normality)

$$\vdash \Box_C^*(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (\Box_C^*\varphi \rightarrow \Box_C^*\psi)$$

## Action Axioms

For basic actions  $\sigma$  only:

(Atomic Permanence)

$$\vdash [\sigma]p \leftrightarrow (\text{PRE}(\sigma) \rightarrow p)$$

(Partial Functionality)

$$\vdash [\sigma]\neg\chi \leftrightarrow (\text{PRE}(\sigma) \rightarrow \neg[\sigma]\chi)$$

(Action-Knowledge)

$$\vdash [\sigma]\Box_A\varphi \leftrightarrow (\text{PRE}(\sigma) \rightarrow \bigwedge\{\Box_A[\sigma']\varphi : \sigma \triangleleft \sigma' \text{ in } \Omega\})$$

\*\* Action Mix Axiom

$$\vdash [\pi^*]\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \wedge [\pi][\pi^*]\varphi$$

\* Epistemic Mix Axiom

$$\vdash \Box_C^*\varphi \rightarrow \varphi \wedge \bigwedge\{\Box_A\Box_C^*\varphi : A \in \mathcal{C}\}$$

Skip Axiom

$$\vdash [\text{skip}]\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi$$

Crash Axiom

$$\vdash [\text{crash}]\text{false}$$

Composition Axiom

$$\vdash [\pi; \rho]\varphi \leftrightarrow [\pi][\rho]\varphi$$

Choice Axiom

$$\vdash [\pi \sqcup \rho]\varphi \leftrightarrow [\pi]\varphi \wedge [\rho]\varphi$$

**Modal Rules**

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|----------------------------------|--|
| (Modus Ponens)                   | From $\vdash \varphi$ and $\vdash \varphi \rightarrow \psi$ , infer $\vdash \psi$                  |
| ( $[\pi]$ -necessitation)        | From $\vdash \psi$ , infer $\vdash [\pi]\psi$  |
| ( $\Box_A$ -necessitation)       | From $\vdash \varphi$ , infer $\vdash \Box_A \varphi$  |
| * ( $\Box_C^*$ -necessitation)   | From $\vdash \varphi$ , infer $\vdash \Box_C^* \varphi$  |
| ** <b>Program Induction Rule</b> | From $\vdash \chi \rightarrow \psi \wedge [\pi]\chi$ , infer $\vdash \chi \rightarrow [\pi^*]\psi$ |
| * <b>Action Rule</b>             |  |

Let  $\psi$  be a sentence, let  $\alpha$  be a simple action, and let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a set of agents. Let there be sentences  $\chi_\beta$  for all  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha \rightarrow_C^* \beta$  (including  $\alpha$  itself), and such that

1.  $\vdash \chi_\beta \rightarrow [\beta]\psi$ .
2. If  $A \in \mathcal{C}$  and  $\beta \triangleleft \gamma$ , then  $\vdash (\chi_\beta \wedge \text{PRE}(\beta)) \rightarrow \Box_A \chi_\gamma$ .

From these assumptions, infer  $\vdash \chi_\alpha \rightarrow [\alpha]\Box_C^* \psi$ .

And we have *some derivable principles* from the proof system:

$$\vdash [\alpha]\Box_{\mathcal{C}}^* \rightarrow [\alpha]\psi$$

From  $\vdash \chi \rightarrow \psi \wedge \Box_{\mathbf{A}}\chi$  for all  $\mathbf{A}$ , infer  $\vdash \chi \rightarrow \Box_{\mathcal{A}}^*\psi$ .

Here we spell out what the axioms of  $\mathcal{L}_1(\mathcal{S})$  come to when we specialize the general logic to *the target logics*.

The main points of the logic of public announcements:

### Basic Axioms

( $[Pub \varphi]$ -normality)  $\vdash [Pub \varphi](\psi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow ([Pub \varphi]\psi \rightarrow [Pub \varphi]\chi)$

### Announcement Axioms

(Atomic Permanence)  $\vdash [Pub \varphi]p \leftrightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow p)$

(Partial Functionality)  $\vdash [Pub \varphi]\neg\psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \neg[Pub \varphi]\psi)$

(Announcement-Knowledge)  $\vdash [Pub \varphi]\Box_A\psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \Box_A[Pub \varphi]\psi)$

### Modal Rules

( $[Pub \varphi]$ -necessitation) From  $\vdash \psi$ , infer  $\vdash [Pub \varphi]\psi$

### Announcement Rule

From  $\vdash \chi \rightarrow [Pub \varphi]\psi$  and  
 $\vdash \chi \wedge \varphi \rightarrow \Box_A\chi$  for all  $A$ , infer  $\vdash \chi \rightarrow [Pub \varphi]\Box_A^*\psi$

As for the logic of completely private announcements to groups, the Action-Knowledge Axiom splits into two axioms:

$$[\text{Pri}^{\mathcal{B}}\varphi]\Box_A\psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \Box_A[\text{Pri}^{\mathcal{B}}\varphi]\psi) \text{ for } A \in \mathcal{B}$$

$$[\text{Pri}^{\mathcal{B}}\varphi]\Box_A\psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \rightarrow \Box_A\psi) \text{ for } A \notin \mathcal{B}$$

As for the logic of common knowledge of alternatives. The Action-knowledge becomes:

$$[\text{Cka}^{\mathcal{B}}\vec{\varphi}]\Box_A\psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi_1 \rightarrow \Box_A[\text{Cka}^{\mathcal{B}}\vec{\varphi}]\psi) \text{ for } A \in \mathcal{B}$$

$$[\text{Cka}^{\mathcal{B}}\vec{\varphi}]\Box_A\psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi_1 \rightarrow \bigwedge_{0 \leq i \leq k} \Box_A[\text{Cka}^{\mathcal{B}}\vec{\varphi}^i]\psi) \text{ for } A \in \mathcal{B}$$

Now we give some examples in the target logics:

- $\vdash \Box_{A,B}^*(H \leftrightarrow \neg T) \rightarrow [\text{Pub } H]\Box_{A,B}^*\neg T$
- (What Happens when a Publicly Known Fact is Announced)  
 $\Box^*\varphi \rightarrow ([\text{Pub}\varphi]\psi \leftrightarrow \psi)$
- (A Commutativity Principle for Private Announcements)  
 $\vdash [\text{Pri}^B\varphi_1][\text{Pri}^C\varphi_2]\psi \leftrightarrow [\text{Pri}^C\varphi_2][\text{Pri}^B\varphi_1]\psi$
- (Actions Do Not Change Common Knowledge of Non-epistemic Sentences)  
 $\vdash \psi \leftrightarrow [\alpha]\psi$   
 $\vdash \Box_C^*\psi \leftrightarrow [\alpha]\Box_C^*\psi$

## Conclusion

- This paper has shown how to define and study logical languages that contain constructs corresponding to epistemic actions.
- The key steps are the recognition that we can associate to a social action  $\alpha$  a mathematical model  $\Sigma$ , i.e., a program model. It has features in common with the state models.
- The operation of update product enables one to build complex and interesting state models.
- The formalization of the target languages involve the signature-based languages  $\mathcal{L}(\Sigma)$ . These languages are needed to formulate the logic of private announcements, for example.
- many other problems to be explained...

Thank you for your attention!