

The Dynamics of Group Knowledge and Belief

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- Until recently common knowledge has received most attention in the dynamic epistemic logic literature
 - I will focus a little more on distributed knowledge

Plan

- Background: multi-agent epistemic/doxastic logic
- Group knowledge
- Group belief
 - Generalised
- Adding dynamics
- Group ability and group knowledge
 - General ability
 - Ability through informative updates
 - Maximal ability

Background

We assume given

a finite set $N = \{1, \dots, n\}$ of agents

a countably infinite set of primitive propositions

let $\mathcal{GR} = \wp(N) \setminus \emptyset$ (the set of non-empty groups)

Models

A **model** is a tuple $M = \langle W, \sim_1, \dots, \sim_n, V \rangle$:

- W is a set of **states**
- \sim_i is an **accessibility** relation
 - Assumed to be an **equivalence relation (S5)** when we model **knowledge**
 - Assumed have weaker properties when we talk about **belief**, e.g., **transitive, euclidian and serial (KD45)**
- V is a **valuation function**, assigning primitive propositions to each state

Epistemic/doxastic logic

Language \mathcal{EL} : $\phi ::= p \mid K_i \phi \mid \neg \phi \mid \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2$

Interpretation:

$$\begin{aligned} M, s \models p & \text{ iff } p \in V(s) \\ M, s \models K_i \phi & \text{ iff for all } t \text{ s.t. } s \sim_i t, (M, t) \models \phi \\ M, s \models \neg \phi & \text{ iff } M, s \not\models \phi \\ M, s \models \phi \wedge \psi & \text{ iff } M, s \models \phi \text{ and } M, s \models \psi \end{aligned}$$

For belief we often write B_i instead of K_i

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Already expressible: $E_G \phi \equiv \bigwedge_{i \in G} K_i \phi$

Common Knowledge

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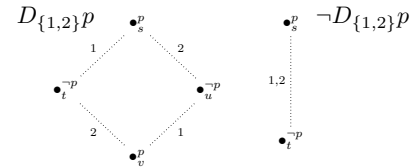
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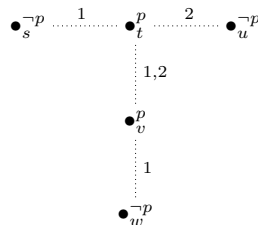
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A group has distributed knowledge of a fact phi if after “pooling their knowledge together” **the members of the group know that phi was true before they did that**

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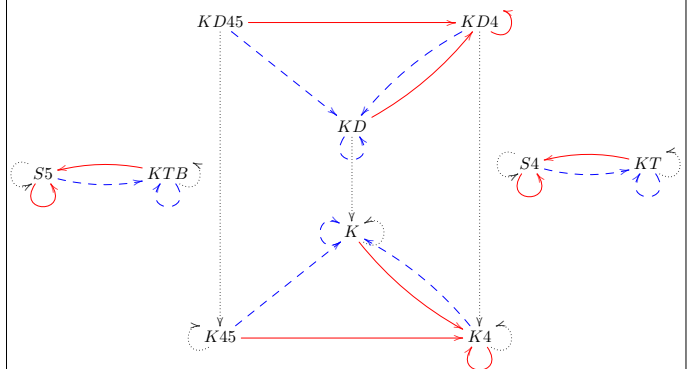
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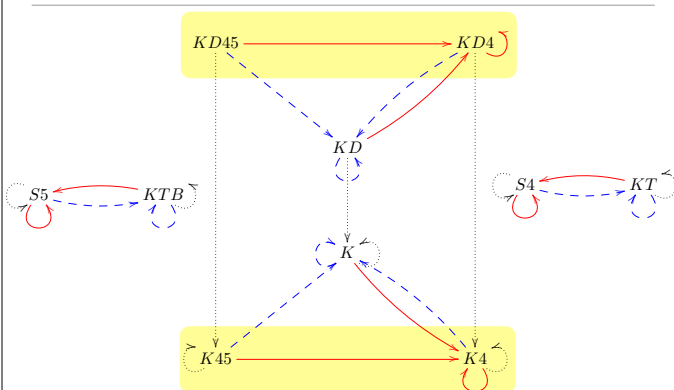
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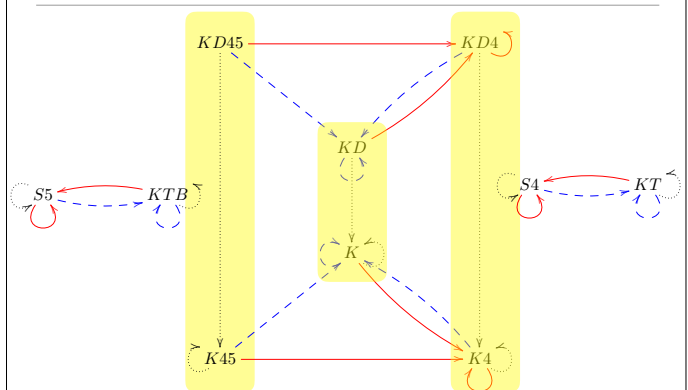
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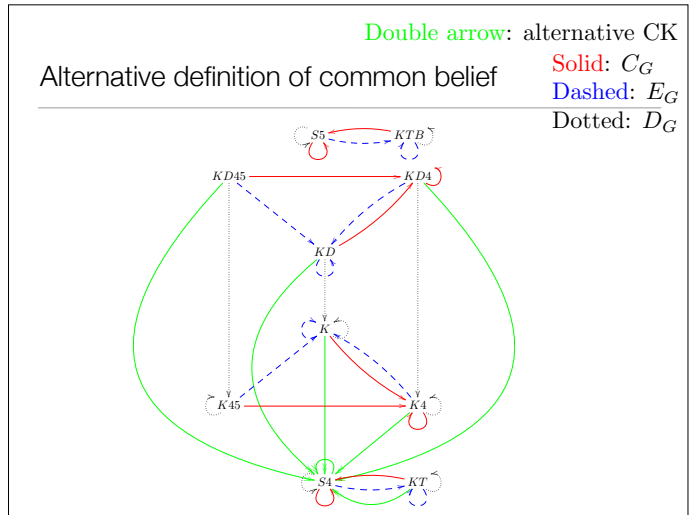
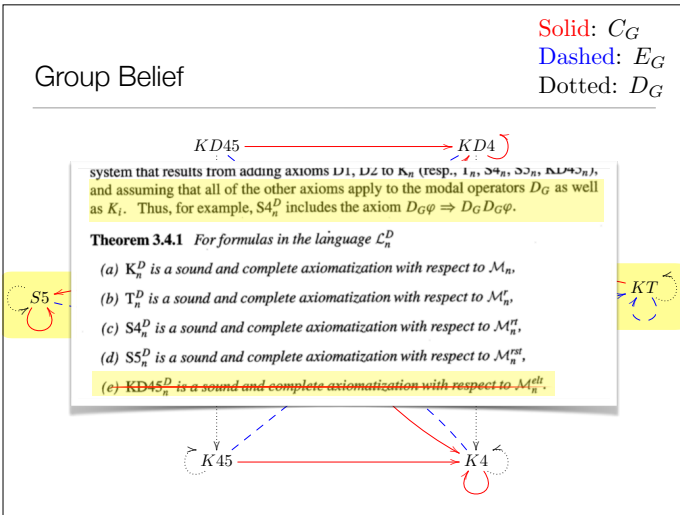
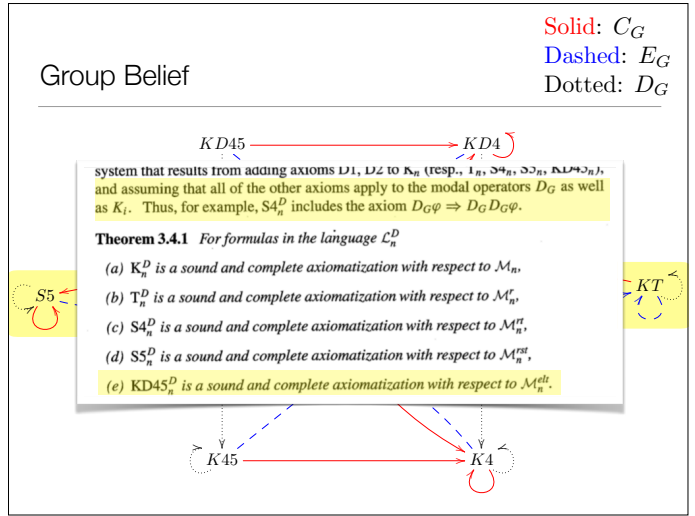
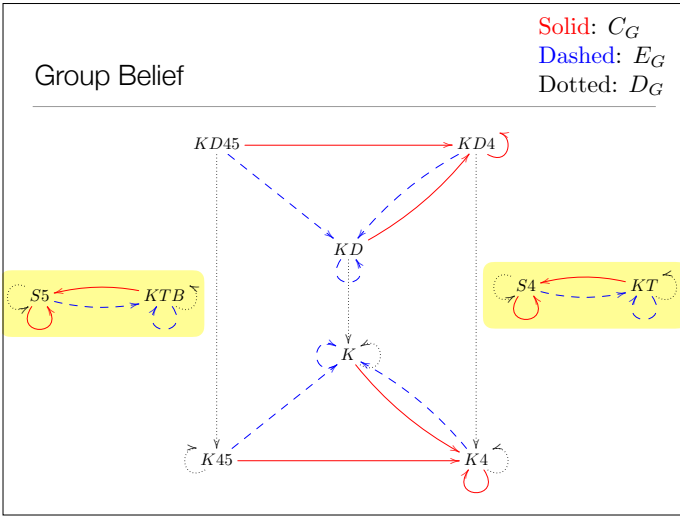
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Generalised Distributed Belief

Distributed belief

$$\sim_G^D = \bigcap_{i \in G} \sim_i$$

- The group considers a state
 - possible iff all the agents in the group considers it possible
 - impossible iff at least one member of the group considers it impossible
- For S5 agents this makes sense
 - If an S5 agent considers a state impossible, then it is impossible
 - .. and this is common knowledge

Distributed belief for non-S5 agents

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- For non-S5 agents, in particular agents without T/reflexivity (e.g., KD45):
 - If one agent considers a state impossible, that agent might in fact be wrong
 - **Ruling out a state based on the evidence of a single agent is then a very credulous group attitude**
- Curious asymmetry between the evidence need for possibility vs. impossibility
 - impossibility: every agent is a **veto voter**, possibility: **unanimity**

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 - possible **general belief (everybody believes)**

Generalised distributed belief: conclusions

- Between distributed and general belief
 - Intuitively two entirely different concepts
 - Difference between them can be explained quantitatively rather than qualitatively
 - Specific instances of the same concept, corresponding to which voting threshold is used
 - There is a scale of intermediate concepts between them

Adding dynamics

Public Announcement Logic with Distributed Knowledge

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Wang and Agosti, Synthese 190

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Sound and complete: by reduction to \mathcal{ELD} .

Public Announcement Logic with Common Knowledge

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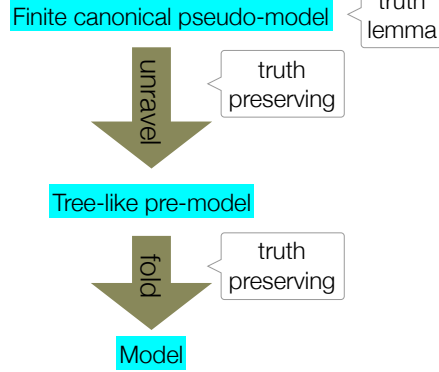
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- Complications for completeness proof:
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 - Model updates
 - Common knowledge is not compact
 - S5

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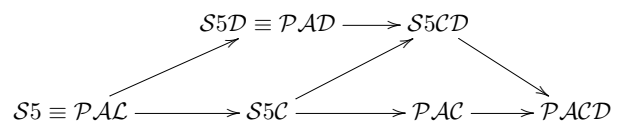
A note on completeness proofs for epistemic logic with distributed knowledge

Several claims about completeness for ELD can be found in the literature (Fagin et al. 1992, van der Hoek and Meyer 1992, Halpern and Moses 1992, Fagin et al. 1995, van der Hoek and Meyer 1997, Gerbrandy 1999). Most of them either

- only allow distributed knowledge operators for the grand coalition; and/or
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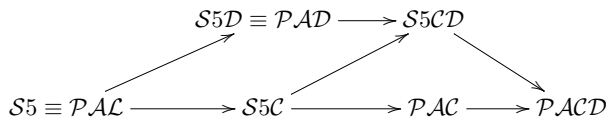
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Wang and Ågotnes, Synthese 190



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- Logics with **coalition operators**. Typical notation:

$$\langle\langle C \rangle\rangle\phi \quad \langle\langle C \rangle\rangle\phi \quad [C]\phi$$

- where C is a **coalition** (= set of agents, possibly empty)
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Coalitional Ability Logics

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Coalitional ability: examples

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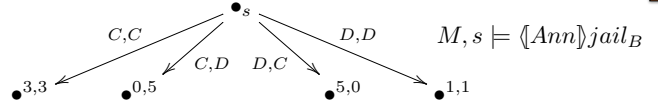
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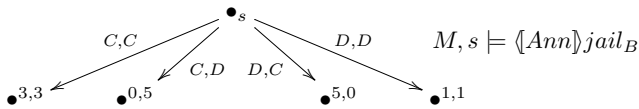
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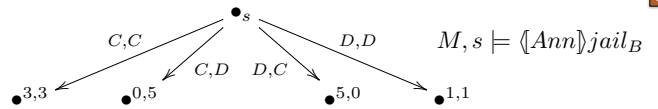
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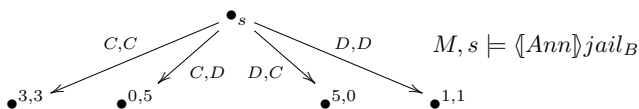
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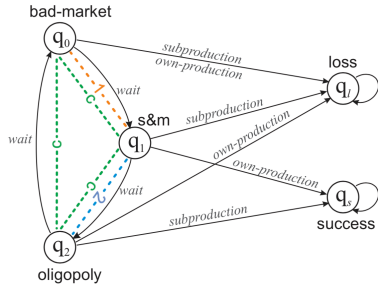
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Sound and complete

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Epistemic Coalition Logic: adding interaction axioms

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- Plain ATL completely axiomatised Goranko and van Drimmlen, Th. Comp. Sci. 2007
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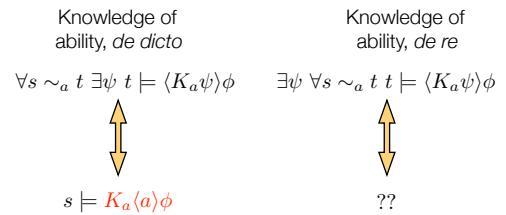
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GAL: example (Russian Cards)

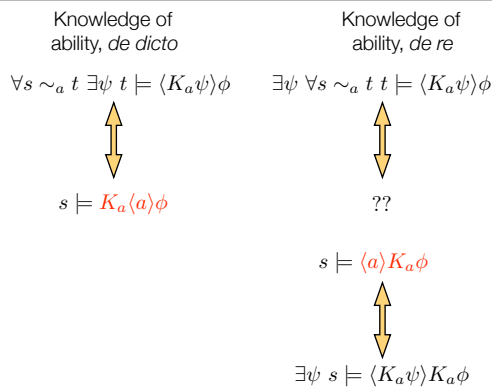
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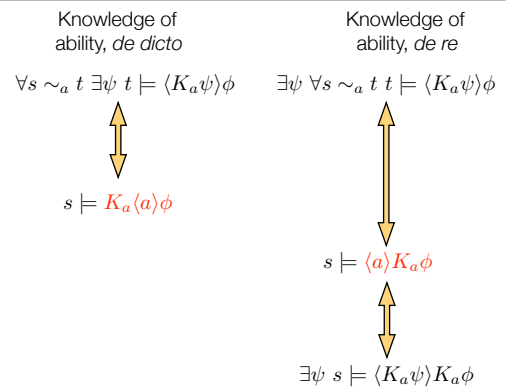
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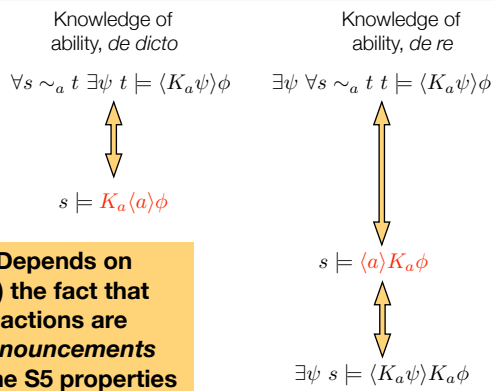
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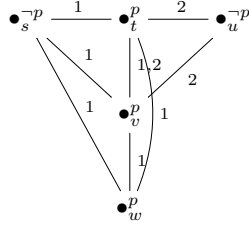
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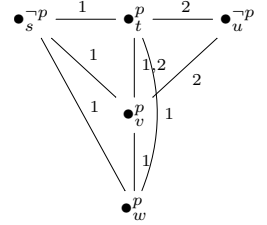


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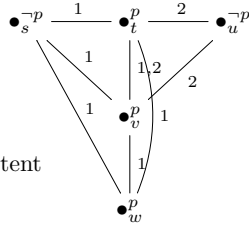
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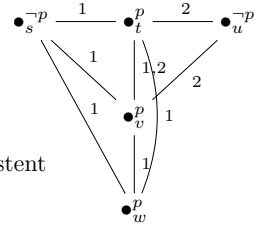
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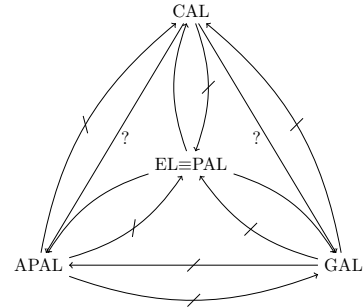
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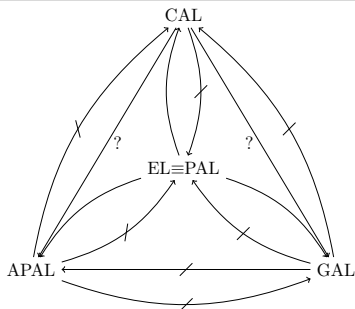
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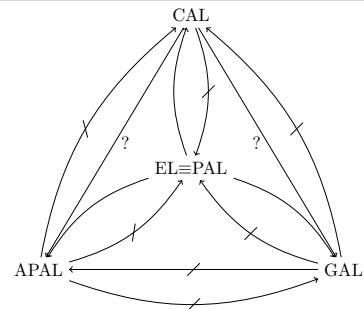
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\mathcal{PACD}	EXPTIME-complete	Wáng and Ágotnes 2013
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\mathcal{ATEL}	EXPTIME-complete	Walther 2005
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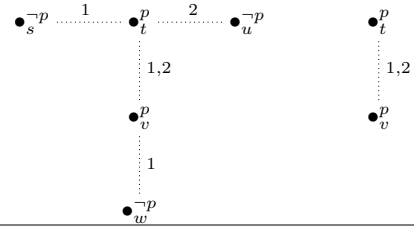
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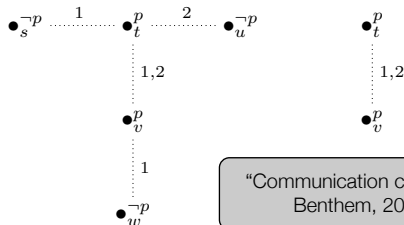
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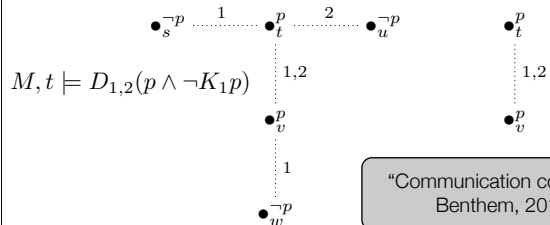
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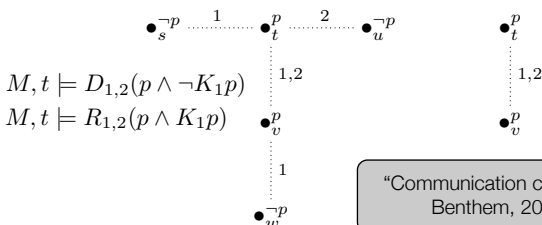
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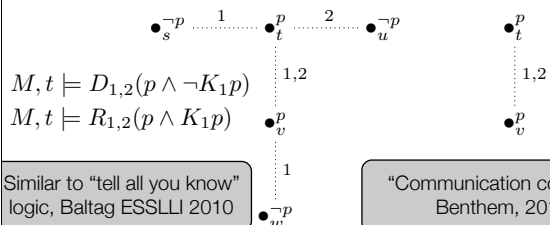
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Similar to “tell all you know” logic, Baltag ESSLII 2010

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$M = (S, \sim_1, \dots, \sim_n, V)$ (S5 model)

For a group of agents G , the (global) G -resolved update of M is the model $M|_G$ where $M|_G = (S', \sim'_1, \dots, \sim'_n, V')$ and

- $S' = S$
- $\sim'_i = \begin{cases} \bigcap_{j \in G} \sim_j & i \in G \\ \sim_i & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
- $V' = V$

Resolving Distributed Knowledge: Logic

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$$M, s \models R_G\phi \Leftrightarrow M|_G, s \models \phi$$

Resolution: from distributed to common knowledge

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$$\equiv D_G R_G\phi \leftrightarrow R_G C_G\phi$$

Resolving distributed knowledge: expressivity

$$\mathcal{E}LD \equiv \mathcal{E}LCD \equiv \mathcal{R}D \equiv \mathcal{R}CD \equiv \mathcal{P}AD \equiv \mathcal{P}ACD$$

(a) $|AG| = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{P}ACD & \longleftarrow \mathcal{R}CD \\ & \parallel & \\ \mathcal{E}LD \equiv \mathcal{R}D \equiv \mathcal{P}AD & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E}LCD \end{array}$$

(b) $|AG| = 2$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & \mathcal{P}ACD & \longleftarrow \mathcal{R}CD \\ & \nearrow & \uparrow \\ \mathcal{E}LD \equiv \mathcal{R}D \equiv \mathcal{P}AD & \longrightarrow & \mathcal{E}LCD \end{array}$$

(c) $|AG| \geq 3$

$$\mathcal{R}D : \phi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K_i\phi \mid D_G\phi \mid R_G\phi$$

$$\mathcal{R}CD : \phi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K_i\phi \mid D_G\phi \mid C_G\phi \mid R_G\phi$$

Resolution reduction axioms

The following are valid:

$$R_G p \leftrightarrow p$$

$$R_G(\phi \wedge \psi) \leftrightarrow R_G\phi \wedge R_G\psi$$

$$R_G\neg\phi \leftrightarrow \neg R_G\phi$$

$$R_G K_i\phi \leftrightarrow K_i R_G\phi, \text{ when } i \notin G$$

$$R_G K_i\phi \leftrightarrow D_G R_G\phi, \text{ when } i \in G$$

$$R_G D_H\phi \leftrightarrow D_H R_G\phi, \text{ when } G \cap H = \emptyset$$

$$R_G D_H\phi \leftrightarrow D_{G \cup H} R_G\phi, \text{ when } G \cap H \neq \emptyset$$

$$\mathcal{R}D : \phi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K_i\phi \mid D_G\phi \mid R_G\phi$$

Axiomatisation: RD

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| (S5) | classical proof system for multi-agent epistemic logic |
| (DK) | characterization axioms for distributed knowledge |
| (RR) | reduction axioms for resolution |
| (N _R) | from ϕ infer $R_G\phi$ |

DK:

$$(K_D) \quad D_G(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (D_G\phi \rightarrow D_G\psi)$$

$$(T_D) \quad D_G\phi \rightarrow \phi$$

$$(5_D) \quad \neg D_G\phi \rightarrow D_G\neg D_G\phi$$

$$(D1) \quad K_i\phi \leftrightarrow D_i\phi$$

$$(D2) \quad D_G\phi \rightarrow D_H\phi, \text{ if } G \subseteq H.$$

Proposition: sound and complete.

$$\mathcal{R}CD : \phi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid \phi \wedge \phi \mid K_i\phi \mid D_G\phi \mid C_G\phi \mid R_G\phi$$

Axiomatisation: RCD

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|--------------------|---|
| (S5) | classical proof system for multi-agent epistemic logic |
| (CK) | axioms and rules for common knowledge |
| (DK) | characterization axioms for distributed knowledge |
| (N _R) | from ϕ infer $R_G\phi$ |
| (RR) | reduction axioms for resolution |
| (RR _C) | from $\phi \rightarrow (E_H\phi \wedge R_{G_1} \cdots R_{G_n}\psi)$ infer $\phi \rightarrow R_{G_1} \cdots R_{G_n} C_H\psi$ |

CK:

$$(K_C) \quad C_G(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (C_G\phi \rightarrow C_G\psi)$$

$$(T_C) \quad C_G\phi \rightarrow \phi$$

$$(C1) \quad C_G\phi \rightarrow E_G C_G\phi$$

$$(C2) \quad C_G(\phi \rightarrow E_G\phi) \rightarrow (\phi \rightarrow C_G\phi)$$

$$(N_C) \quad \text{from } \phi \text{ infer } C_G\phi.$$

Theorem: sound and complete.

Resolution: some open issues

- Other assumptions about what other agents know about the resolution event
 - E.g., local updates
- Syntax vs. semantics and full communication
- Belief
- Expressive power:
 - compare to languages with relativised common knowledge
- Computational complexity

Discussion

What Distributed Knowledge Actually Is

- Common interpretations of distributed knowledge:

- ~~Knowledge the group could obtain if they had unlimited means of communication.~~
- ~~"A group has distributed knowledge of a fact phi if the knowledge of phi is distributed among its members, so that by pooling their knowledge together the members of the group can deduce phi ..."~~

A group has distributed knowledge of a fact phi if after "pooling their knowledge together" **the members of the group know that phi was true before they did that**

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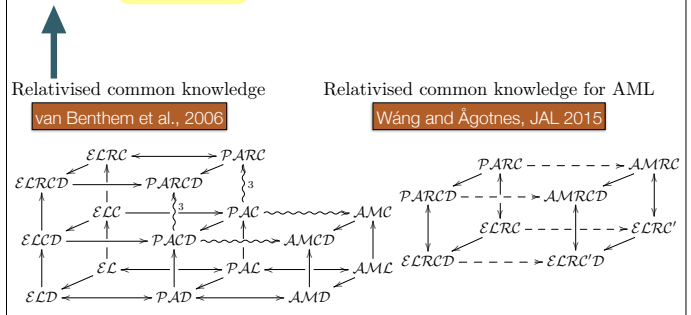
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Issues with distributed knowledge and the literature

- What it is (“pooling”)
- Distributed belief is not belief, under many common assumptions about what belief is
- Unsound axiomatisations
- Allowing the empty coalition (universal modality)
- “Not invariant under bisimulation”

Some related things I didn’t talk about

- Deeper philosophical accounts of group belief - both reductionist and non-reductionist
 - Formalisations: see Gaudou et al., 2015
- Group knowledge in plausibility models (Baltag and Smets)
 - Belief merge (Baltag and Smets, MALLOW 2009)
 - Christoff et al., 2019 (under review) on *priority merge* (with resolution!)

The road ahead: group knowledge in social networks

- Parikh and Pacuit (2004): first steps towards analysing the information that can be shared by a group of agents restricted to a communication network
- Seligman et al. (TARK 2013): epistemics of network events
- On group formation in social networks
 - Smets and Velazquez-Quesada, LORI 2017: *social selection*
 - Xiong and Ágotnes, JoLLI 2019: on the logic of *balance* in social networks
 - Pedersen, Smets and Ágotnes, LORI 2019: on the formation of *echo chambers*

Summary

- Group belief is most often not actually belief
- There is a range of notions of group belief corresponding to different aggregation rules, the extremes being general and distributed belief
- We developed techniques for dealing with distributed knowledge in completeness proofs, used for PAL, CL, GAL, CAL, resolving, ..
- Epistemic coalition logic: general reasoning about group knowledge and group ability
 - Group ability and constructive knowledge: separating who knows how
- Group and coalition announcement logics: ability through announcement
- Resolving distributed knowledge
 - Captures exactly the relationship between distributed and common knowledge
 - Between **group knowledge, dynamics and ability**