

Representing Public Announcement Updates

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Abstract

Public announcement is a means to create common knowledge: if φ is publicly announced to a set of agents, then every agent knows φ , every agent knows that every agent knows that φ , and so on.

We will first look at definitions, and then turn to implementation.

Public Announcement as an Update

Public announcements $[\varphi]$ change knowledge states, so their semantics can be given as a function from Kripke models to Kripke models:

$$M \mapsto M \mid \varphi$$

$M \mid \varphi$ given by:

$$\text{if } M = (W, V, R) \text{ then } M \mid \varphi = (W', V', R')$$

with

$$W' = \{w \in W \mid M, w \models \varphi\}$$

$$V' = V \upharpoonright W'$$

$$R' = \{w \xrightarrow{a} w' \mid w \xrightarrow{a} w' \in R, w, w' \in W'\}$$

Effect on Actual Worlds

A pointed Kripke model is a quadruple $M = (W, V, R, U)$ with (W, V, R) a Kripke model, and $U \subseteq W$ a set of points.

Intention: the actual world is among U .

Extension of the definition $M \mid \varphi$ to pointed models:

$$(W, V, R, U) \mid \varphi = (W', V', R', U')$$

where (W', V', R') is as above, and

$$U' = \{u \in U \mid (W, V, R), u \models \varphi\}$$

Public Announcement with Falsehood

φ is a falsehood in pointed model $M = (W, V, R, U)$ if

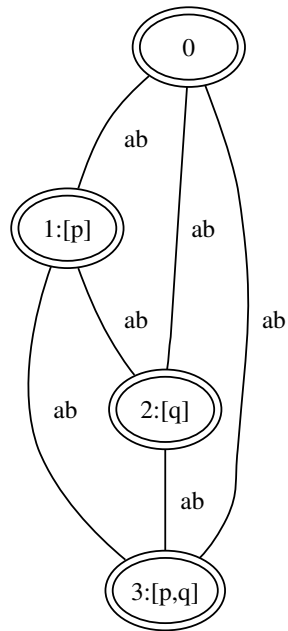
$$(W, V, R), u \not\models \varphi$$

for all $u \in U$.

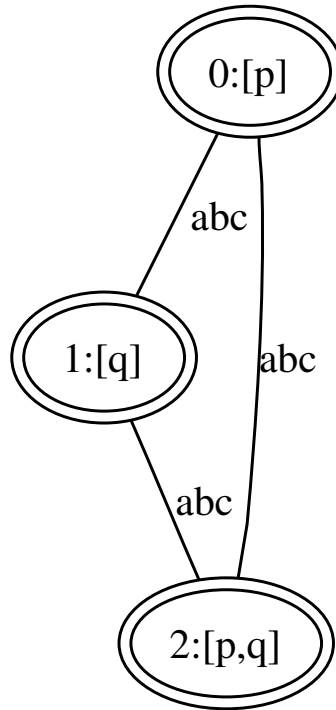
The result of updating with a falsehood is an **inconsistent** pointed model, i.e., a pointed model of the form (W', V', R', \emptyset) .

Learning that $p \vee q$ by public announcement

Initial model: a and b ignorant about p and q , and no possibility as yet ruled out:



Result of public announcement that $p \vee q$:



Module Declaration

```
module RPAU  
  
where  
import List  
import HFKR
```

First your homework ...

```
reflR :: Eq a => [a] -> Rel a -> Bool
reflR xs r =
  [(x,x) | x <- xs] 'containedIn' r
```

```
symmR :: Eq a => Rel a -> Bool
symmR r = cnv r 'containedIn' r
```

```
transR :: Eq a => Rel a -> Bool
transR r = (r @@ r) 'containedIn' r
```

```
isS5 :: Eq a => [a] -> Rel a -> Bool
isS5 xs r = reflR xs r && transR r && symmR r
```


Example Epistemic Model

```
s5example :: EpistM Integer
s5example =
  Mo [0..3]
    [a..c]
    [(0, []), (1, [P 0]), (2, [Q 0]), (3, [P 0, Q 0])]
    ([ (a,x,x) | x <- [0..3] ] ++
     [ (b,x,x) | x <- [0..3] ] ++
     [ (c,x,y) | x <- [0..3], y <- [0..3] ])
    [1]
```

Extracting domain, relations, and valuation from an epistemic model

```
dom :: EpistM a -> [a]
dom (Mo states _ _ _ _) = states

rel :: Agent -> EpistM a -> Rel a
rel a (Mo states agents val rels actual) =
    [ (x,y) | (agent,x,y) <- rels, a == agent ]

valuation :: EpistM a -> [(a,[Prop])]
valuation (Mo _ _ val _ _ ) = val
```

```
RPAU> rel a s5example
```

```
[(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3)]
```

```
RPAU> rel b s5example
```

```
[(0,0), (1,1), (2,2), (3,3)]
```

```
RPAU> rel c s5example
```

```
[(0,0), (0,1), (0,2), (0,3), (1,0), (1,1), (1,2), (1,3),  
 (2,0), (2,1), (2,2), (2,3), (3,0), (3,1), (3,2), (3,3)]
```

```
RPAU> isS5 (dom s5example) (rel a s5example)
```

```
True
```

From equivalence relations to partitions

Every equivalence relation R on A corresponds to a partition on A : the set $\{[a]_R \mid a \in A\}$, where $[a]_R = \{b \in A \mid (a, b) \in R\}$.

Implementation:

```
rel2partition :: Ord a => [a] -> Rel a -> [[a]]
rel2partition [] r = []
rel2partition (x:xs) r =
  xclass : rel2partition (xs \\ xclass) r
  where
    xclass = x : [ y | y <- xs, elem (x,y) r ]
```

Displaying S5 Models

The function `rel2partition` can be used to write a display function for S5 models that shows each accessibility relation as a partition, as follows.

```
showS5 :: (Ord a, Show a) => EpistM a -> [String]
showS5 m@(Mo states agents val rels actual) =
  show states :
  show val    :
  map show [ (a, (rel2partition states) (rel a m))
             | a <- agents ]
++
[show actual]
```

Here `@` is used to introduce a shorthand or name for a datastructure.

Example Display

```
displayS5 :: (Ord a, Show a) => EpistM a -> IO()
displayS5 = putStrLn . unlines . showS5
```

```
RPAU> displayS5 s5example
```

```
[0,1,2,3]
```

```
[(0, []), (1, [p]), (2, [q]), (3, [p, q])]
```

```
(a, [[0], [1], [2], [3]])
```

```
(b, [[0], [1], [2], [3]])
```

```
(c, [[0,1,2,3]])
```

```
[1]
```

Blissful Ignorance

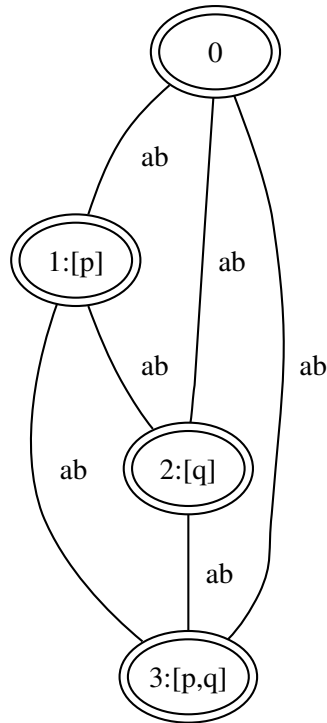
Blissful ignorance is the state where you don't know anything, but you know also that there is no reason to worry, for you know that nobody knows anything.

A Kripke model where every agent from agent set A is in blissful ignorance about a (finite) set of propositions P , with $|P| = k$, looks as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}M &= (W, V, R) \text{ where} \\W &= \{0, \dots, 2^k - 1\} \\V &= \text{any surjection in } W \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(P) \\R &= \{x \xrightarrow{a} y \mid x, y \in W, a \in A\}.\end{aligned}$$

Note that V is in fact a bijection, for $|\mathcal{P}(P)| = 2^k = |W|$.

Blissful Ignorance – Example



Generating Models for Blissful Ignorance

```
initM :: [Agent] -> [Prop] -> EpistM Integer
initM ags props = (Mo worlds ags val accs points)
  where
    worlds = [0..(2k-1)]
    k      = length props
    val    = zip worlds (sortL (powerList props))
    accs   = [ (ag,st1,st2) | ag  <- ags,
                                     st1 <- worlds,
                                     st2 <- worlds      ]
    points = worlds
```

powerList, sortL, zip: see below.

powerList, sortL (sort by length)

```
powerList  :: [a] -> [[a]]
powerList [] = [[]]
powerList (x:xs) =
    (powerList xs) ++ (map (x:) (powerList xs))

sortL :: Ord a => [[a]] -> [[a]]
sortL = sortBy
    (\ xs ys -> if length xs < length ys
                 then LT
                 else if length xs > length ys
                      then GT
                      else compare xs ys)
```

zip

zip is a predefined function for zipping two lists together. Home-made version:

```
zip :: [a] -> [b] -> [(a,b)]
zip xs [] = []
zip [] ys = []
zip (x:xs) (y:ys) = (x,y) : zip xs ys
```

This gives:

```
RPAU> zip [0..2^3-1] (sortL (powerList [P 1,P 2,P 3]))
[(0, []), (1, [p1]), (2, [p2]), (3, [p3]), (4, [p1,p2]),
 (5, [p1,p3]), (6, [p2,p3]), (7, [p1,p2,p3])]
```

General Knowledge

The general knowledge accessibility relation of a set of agents C is given by

$$\bigcup_{c \in C} R_c.$$

Implementation:

```
genK :: Ord state => [(Agent, state, state)]
      -> [Agent] -> Rel state
genK r ags = [ (x,y) | (a,x,y) <- r, a 'elem' ags ]
```

Closures of Relations

If \mathcal{O} is a set of properties of relations on a set A , then the \mathcal{O} closure of a relation R on A is **the smallest relation S that includes R and that has all the properties in \mathcal{O} .**

The most important closures of relations:

- the reflexive closure,
- the symmetric closure,
- the transitive closure,
- the reflexive transitive closure.

Reflexive Transitive Closure

Let a set A be given. Let R be a binary relation on A . Let $I = \{(x, x) \mid x \in A\}$.

We define R^n for $n \geq 0$, as follows:

- $R^0 = I$.
- $R^{n+1} = R \circ R^n$.

Next, define R^* by means of:

$$R^* = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} R^n.$$

Computing Reflexive Transitive Closure

If A is finite, any R on A is finite as well. In particular, there will be k with $R^{k+1} \subseteq R^0 \cup \dots \cup R^k$.

Thus, in the finite case reflexive transitive closure can be computed by successively computing $\bigcup_{n \in \{0, \dots, k\}} R^n$ until $R^{k+1} \subseteq \bigcup_{n \in \{0, \dots, k\}} R^n$.

In other words: the reflexive transitive closure of a relation R can be computed from I by repeated application of the operation

$$\lambda S.(S \cup (R \circ S)),$$

until the operation reaches a fixpoint.

Least Fixpoint

A fixpoint of an operation f is an x for which $f(x) = x$.

Least fixpoint calculation:

```
lfp :: Eq a => (a -> a) -> a -> a
lfp f x | x == f x = x
        | otherwise = lfp f (f x)
```


Computing Reflexive Transitive Closure

```
rtc :: Ord a => [a] -> Rel a -> Rel a
rtc xs r = lfp (\ s -> (sort.nub) (s ++ (r@@s))) i
  where i = [(x,x) | x <- xs ]
```

```
RPAU> rtc [1,2,3] [(1,2),(2,3)]
[(1,1),(1,2),(1,3),(2,2),(2,3),(3,3)]
```

Computing Common Knowledge

The common knowledge relation for group of agents C is the relation

$$\left(\bigcup_{c \in C} R_c\right)^*.$$

Given that the R_c are represented as a list of triples

$[(Agent, state, state)]$

we can define a function that extracts the common knowledge relation:

```
commonK :: Ord state => [(Agent, state, state)]
          -> [Agent] -> [state] -> Rel state
commonK r ags xs = rtc xs (genK r ags)
```

Representing Formulas

```
data Form = Top
          | Prop Prop
          | Neg Form
          | Conj [Form]
          | Disj [Form]
          | K Agent Form
          | CK [Agent] Form
          deriving (Eq,Ord)
```

CK is the operator for common knowledge.

Example formulas

```
p = Prop (P 0)
q = Prop (Q 0)
```

Note the following type difference:

```
RPAU> :t (P 0)
```

```
P 0 :: Prop
```

```
RPAU> :t p
```

```
p :: Form
```

```
instance Show Form where
  show Top           = "T"
  show (Prop p)     = show p
  show (Neg f)      = '-' : (show f)
  show (Conj fs)    = '&' : show fs
  show (Disj fs)    = 'v' : show fs
  show (K agent f)  = '[' : show agent ++ "]" ++ show f
  show (CK agents f) = 'C' : show agents ++ show f
```

This gives:

```
RPAU> CK [a..c] (Disj[p,K a (Neg p)])
C[a,b,c]v[p,[a]-p]
```

Evaluation

```
isTrueAt :: Ord state =>  
  EpistM state -> state -> Form -> Bool
```

Your homework for today.

Evaluating the State of Bliss

```
test1 = isTrueAt
  (initM [a..c] [P 0]) 0
  (CK [a..c] (Neg (K a p)))
```

Truth in a Model

Use the function `isTrueAt` to implement a function that checks for truth at **all** the designated states of an epistemic model:

```
isTrue :: Ord state => EpistM state -> Form -> Bool
isTrue m@(Mo worlds agents val acc points) f =
  and [ isTrueAt m s f | s <- points ]
```

Another test of `initM`

```
test2 = isTrue
        (initM [a..c] [P 0])
        (CK [a..c] (Neg (K a p)))
```


Finally: Public Announcement Update

```
upd_pa :: Ord state =>
    EpistM state -> Form -> EpistM state
upd_pa m@(Mo states agents val rels actual) f =
    (Mo states' agents val' rels' actual')
  where
    states' = [ s | s <- states, isTrueAt m s f ]
    val'    = [(s,p) | (s,p) <- val,
                    s 'elem' states' ]
    rels'   = [(a,x,y) | (a,x,y) <- rels,
                        x 'elem' states',
                        y 'elem' states' ]
    actual' = [ s | s <- actual, s 'elem' states' ]
```

Examples

```
m0 = initM [a..c] [P 0,Q 0]
```

```
RPAU> displayS5 m0
```

```
[0,1,2,3]
```

```
[(0, []), (1, [p]), (2, [q]), (3, [p, q])]
```

```
(a, [[0,1,2,3]])
```

```
(b, [[0,1,2,3]])
```

```
(c, [[0,1,2,3]])
```

```
[0,1,2,3]
```

```
RPAU> displayS5 (upd_pa m0 (Disj [p,q]))
[1,2,3]
[(1, [p]), (2, [q]), (3, [p,q])]
(a, [[1,2,3]])
(b, [[1,2,3]])
(c, [[1,2,3]])
[1,2,3]
```

Generated Submodels

```
gsm :: Ord state => EpistM state -> EpistM state
gsm (Mo states ags val rel points) =
  (Mo states' ags val' rel' points)
  where
    states' = closure rel ags points
    val'    = [(s,props) | (s,props) <- val,
                          elem s states']
    rel'    = [(ag,s,s') | (ag,s,s') <- rel,
                          elem s states',
                          elem s' states']
```

The closure of a state list, given a relation and a list of agents:

```
closure :: Ord state =>
          [(Agent,state,state)] ->
          [Agent] -> [state] -> [state]
closure rel agents xs = lfp f xs
  where f = \ ys ->
          (nub .sort) (ys ++ (expand rel agents ys))
```


The epistemic alternatives for agent a in state s are the states in sR_a (the states reachable through R_a from s):

```
alternatives :: Eq state =>
  [(Agent,state,state)] ->
  Agent -> state -> [state]
alternatives rel ag current =
  [ s' | (a,s,s') <- rel, a == ag, s == current ]
```

Homework for today

Implement the function `isTrueAt` for checking the truth of a formula in a state in an epistemic model.

You should use induction on the structure of the formula, of course.

Next page gives the skeleton of the definition.


```

isTrueAt :: Ord state =>
    EpistM state -> state -> Form -> Bool
isTrueAt m w Top = ...
isTrueAt
    m@(Mo worlds agents val acc points) w (Prop p) = ...
isTrueAt m w (Neg f) = ...
isTrueAt m w (Conj fs) = ...
isTrueAt m w (Disj fs) = ...
isTrueAt
    m@(Mo worlds agents val acc points) w (K ag f) = ...
isTrueAt
    m@(Mo worlds agents val acc points) w (CK ags f) = ...

```

Tomorrow

- Bisimulations
- Computing bisimulation-minimal models
- Action models
- Updating with an action model