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# DEMO — A Demo of Epistemic Modelling\*

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## Abstract

This paper introduces and documents *DEMO*, a Dynamic Epistemic Modelling tool. *DEMO* allows modelling epistemic updates, graphical display of update results, graphical display of action models, formula evaluation in epistemic models, translation of dynamic epistemic formulas to PDL formulas. Also, *DEMO* implements the reduction of dynamic epistemic logic to PDL. The paper is an exemplar of tool building for epistemic update logic. It contains the essential code of an implementation of *DEMO* in Haskell, in Knuth's 'literate programming' style.

## 1 Introduction

In this introduction we shall demonstrate how *DEMO*, which is short for *Dynamic Epistemic MODelling*,<sup>1</sup> can be used to check semantic intuitions about what goes on in epistemic update situations.<sup>2</sup> For didactic purposes,

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<sup>1</sup> Or short for *DEMO of Epistemic MODelling*, for those who prefer co-recursive acronyms.

<sup>2</sup> The program source code is available from <http://www.cwi.nl/~jve/demo/>.

0044 the initial examples have been kept extremely simple. Although the situ-  
 0045 ation of message passing about just two basic propositions with just three  
 0046 epistemic agents already reveals many subtleties, the reader should bear in  
 0047 mind that *DEMO* is capable of modelling much more complex situations.

0048 In a situation where you and I know nothing about a particular aspect  
 0049 of the state of the world (about whether  $p$  and  $q$  hold, say), our state of  
 0050 knowledge is modelled by a Kripke model where the worlds are the four  
 0051 different possibilities for the truth of  $p$  and  $q$  ( $\emptyset$ ,  $p$ ,  $q$ ,  $pq$ ), your epistemic  
 0052 accessibility relation  $\sim_a$  is the total relation on these four possibilities, and  
 0053 mine  $\sim_b$  is the total relation on these four possibilities as well. There is also  
 0054  $c$ , who like the two of us, is completely ignorant about  $p$  and  $q$ . This initial  
 0055 model is generated by *DEMO* as follows.

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0056 DEMO> showM (initE [P 0,Q 0] [a,b,c])
0057 ==> [0,1,2,3]
0058 [0,1,2,3]
0059 (0, []) (1, [p]) (2, [q]) (3, [p,q])
0060 (a, [[0,1,2,3]])
0061 (b, [[0,1,2,3]])
0062 (c, [[0,1,2,3]])
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0063 Here *initE* generates an initial epistemic model, and *showM* shows that  
 0064 model in an appropriate form, in this case in the partition format that is  
 0065 made possible by the fact that the epistemic relations are all equivalences.

0066 As an example of a different kind of representation, let us look at the  
 0067 picture that can be generated with *dot* [Ga<sub>0</sub>Ko<sub>5</sub>No<sub>0</sub>06] from the file pro-  
 0068 duced by the *DEMO* command *writeP "filename" (initE [P 0,Q 0])*,  
 0069 as represented in Figure 1.

0070 This is a model where none of the three agents  $a$ ,  $b$  or  $c$  can distinguish  
 0071 between the four possibilities about  $p$  and  $q$ . *DEMO* shows the partitions  
 0072 generated by the accessibility relations  $\sim_a$ ,  $\sim_b$ ,  $\sim_c$ . Since these three rela-  
 0073 tions are total, the three partitions each consist of a single block. Call this  
 0074 model **e0**.

0075 Now suppose  $a$  wants to know whether  $p$  is the case. She asks whether  $p$   
 0076 and receives a truthful answer from somebody who is in a position to know.  
 0077 This answer is conveyed to  $a$  in a message.  $b$  and  $c$  have heard  $a$ 's question,  
 0078 and so are aware of the fact that an answer may have reached  $a$ .  $b$  and  $c$   
 0079 have seen *that* an answer was delivered, but they don't know which answer.  
 0080 This is not a secret communication, for  $b$  and  $c$  know that  $a$  has inquired  
 0081 about  $p$ . The situation now changes as follows:

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0082 DEMO> showM (upd e0 (message a p))
0083 ==> [1,4]
0084 [0,1,2,3,4,5]
0085 (0, []) (1, [p]) (2, [p]) (3, [q]) (4, [p,q])
0086 (5, [p,q])
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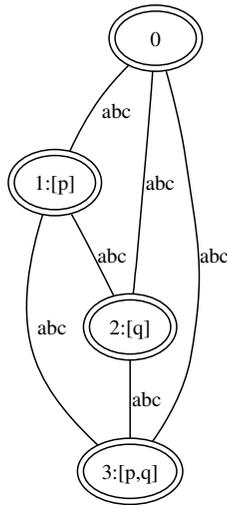


FIGURE 1.

- (a, [[0,2,3,5], [1,4]])
- (b, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
- (c, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])

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Note that `upd` is a function for updating an epistemic model with (a representation of) a communicative action. In this case, the result is again a model where the three accessibility relations are equivalences, but one in which *a* has restricted her range of possibilities to 1, 4 (these are worlds where *p* is the case), while for *b* and *c* all possibilities are still open. Note that this epistemic model has two ‘actual worlds’: this means that there are two possibilities that are compatible with ‘how things really are’. In graphical display format these ‘actual worlds’ show up as double ovals, as seen in Figure 2.

*DEMO* also allows us to display the action models corresponding to the epistemic updates. For the present example (we have to indicate that we want the action model for the case where  $\{a, b, c\}$  is the set of relevant agents):

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showM ((message a p) [a,b,c])
==> [0]
     [0,1]
     (0,p)(1,
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(a, [[0], [1]])
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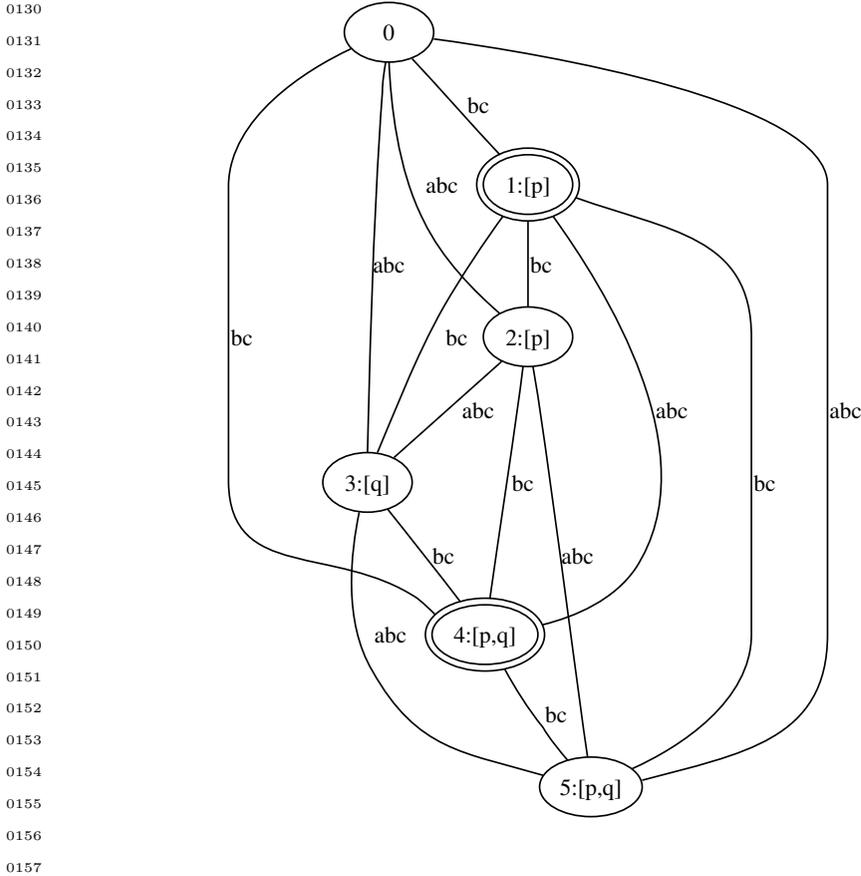


FIGURE 2.

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(b, [[0,1]])  
(c, [[0,1]])

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Notice that in the result of updating the initial situation with this message, some subtle things have changed for  $b$  and  $c$  as well. Before the arrival of the message,  $\Box_b(\neg\Box_a p \wedge \neg\Box_a \neg p)$  was true, for  $b$  knew that  $a$  did not know about  $p$ . But now  $b$  has heard  $a$ 's question about  $p$ , and is aware of the fact that an answer has reached  $a$ . So in the new situation  $b$  knows that  $a$  knows about  $p$ . In other words,  $\Box_b(\Box_a p \vee \Box_a \neg p)$  has become true. On the other hand it is still the case that  $b$  knows that  $a$  knows nothing about  $q$ :  $\Box_b \neg\Box_a q$  is still true in the new situation. The situation for  $c$  is similar to that for  $b$ . These things can be checked in *DEMO* as follows:

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0173         DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 (message a p)) (K b (Neg (K a q)))
0174         True
0175         DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 (message a p)) (K b (Neg (K a p)))
0176         False

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If you receive the same message about  $p$  twice, the second time the message gets delivered has no further effect. Note the use of `upd`s for a sequence of updates.

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0181         DEMO> showM (upd e0 [message a p, message a p])
0182         ==> [1,4]
0183         [0,1,2,3,4,5]
0184         (0, []) (1, [p]) (2, [p]) (3, [q]) (4, [p,q])
0185         (5, [p,q])
0186         (a, [[0,2,3,5], [1,4]])
0187         (b, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
0188         (c, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])

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Now suppose that the second action is a message informing  $b$  about  $p$ :

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0190         DEMO> showM (upd e0 [message a p, message b p])
0191         ==> [1,6]
0192         [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]
0193         (0, []) (1, [p]) (2, [p]) (3, [p]) (4, [p])
0194         (5, [q]) (6, [p,q]) (7, [p,q]) (8, [p,q]) (9, [p,q])
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0196         (a, [[0,3,4,5,8,9], [1,2,6,7]])
0197         (b, [[0,2,4,5,7,9], [1,3,6,8]])
0198         (c, [[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]])

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The graphical representation of this model is slightly more difficult to fathom at a glance. See Figure 3. In this model  $a$  and  $b$  both know about  $p$ , but they do not know about each other's knowledge about  $p$ .  $c$  still knows nothing, and both  $a$  and  $b$  know that  $c$  knows nothing. Both  $\Box_a\Box_b p$  and  $\Box_b\Box_a p$  are false in this model.  $\Box_a\neg\Box_b p$  and  $\Box_b\neg\Box_a p$  are false as well, but  $\Box_a\neg\Box_c p$  and  $\Box_b\neg\Box_c p$  are true.

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0201         DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 [message a p, message b p]) (K a (K b p))
0202         False
0203         DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 [message a p, message b p]) (K b (K a p))
0204         False
0205         DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 [message a p, message b p]) (K b (Neg (K b p)))
0206         False
0207         DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 [message a p, message b p]) (K b (Neg (K c p)))
0208         True

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The order in which  $a$  and  $b$  are informed does not matter:

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0210         DEMO> showM (upd e0 [message b p, message a p])
0211         ==> [1,6]
0212         [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]

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0259      (0, []) (1, [p]) (2, [p]) (3, [p]) (4, [p])
0260      (5, [q]) (6, [p,q]) (7, [p,q]) (8, [p,q]) (9, [p,q])
0261
0262      (a, [[0,2,4,5,7,9], [1,3,6,8]])
0263      (b, [[0,3,4,5,8,9], [1,2,6,7]])
0264      (c, [[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9]])

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Modulo renaming this is the same as the earlier result. The example shows that the epistemic effects of distributed message passing are quite different from those of a public announcement or a group message.

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0268      DEMO> showM (upd e0 (public p))
0269      ==> [0,1]
0270      [0,1]
0271      (0, [p]) (1, [p,q])
0272      (a, [[0,1]])
0273      (b, [[0,1]])
0274      (c, [[0,1]])

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The result of the public announcement that  $p$  is that  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are informed that  $p$  and about each other's knowledge about  $p$ .

*DEMO* allows to compare the action models for public announcement and individual message passing:

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0279      DEMO> showM ((public p) [a,b,c])
0280      ==> [0]
0281      [0]
0282      (0,p)
0283      (a, [[0]])
0284      (b, [[0]])
0285      (c, [[0]])
0286
0287      DEMO> showM ((cmp [message a p, message b p, message c p]) [a,b,c])
0288      ==> [0]
0289      [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7]
0290      (0,p) (1,p) (2,p) (3,p) (4,p)
0291      (5,p) (6,p) (7,T)
0292      (a, [[0,1,2,3], [4,5,6,7]])
0293      (b, [[0,1,4,5], [2,3,6,7]])
0294      (c, [[0,2,4,6], [1,3,5,7]])

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Here `cmp` gives the sequential composition of a list of communicative actions. This involves, among other things, computation of the appropriate preconditions for the combined action model.

More subtly, the situation is also different from a situation where  $a$ ,  $b$  receive the same message that  $p$ , with  $a$  being aware of the fact that  $b$  receives the message and vice versa. Such group messages create common knowledge.

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0300      DEMO> showM (groupM [a,b] p [a,b,c])
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0302     ==> [0]
0303     [0,1]
0304     (0,p)(1,T)
0305     (a,[[0],[1]])
0306     (b,[[0],[1]])
0307     (c,[[0,1]])

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The difference with the case of the two separate messages is that now  $a$  and  $b$  are aware of each other's knowledge that  $p$ :

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0310     DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 (groupM [a,b] p)) (K a (K b p))
0311     True
0312     DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 (groupM [a,b] p)) (K b (K a p))
0313     True

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In fact, this awareness goes on, for arbitrary nestings of  $\square_a$  and  $\square_b$ , which is what common knowledge means. Common knowledge can be checked directly, as follows:

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0317     DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 (groupM [a,b] p)) (CK [a,b] p)
0318     True

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It is also easily checked in *DEMO* that in the case of the separate messages no common knowledge is achieved.

Next, look at the case where two separate messages reach  $a$  and  $b$ , one informing  $a$  that  $p$  and the other informing  $b$  that  $\neg q$ :

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0324     DEMO> showM (upds e0 [message a p, message b (Neg q)])
0325     ==> [2]
0326     [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]
0327     (0,[]) (1,[]) (2,[p]) (3,[p]) (4,[p])
0328     (5,[p]) (6,[q]) (7,[p,q]) (8,[p,q])
0329     (a,[[0,1,4,5,6,8],[2,3,7]])
0330     (b,[[0,2,4],[1,3,5,6,7,8]])
0331     (c,[[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]])

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Again the order in which these messages are delivered is immaterial for the end result, as you should expect:

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0334     DEMO> showM (upds e0 [message b (Neg q), message a p])
0335     ==> [2]
0336     [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]
0337     (0,[]) (1,[]) (2,[p]) (3,[p]) (4,[p])
0338     (5,[p]) (6,[q]) (7,[p,q]) (8,[p,q])
0339     (a,[[0,1,3,5,6,8],[2,4,7]])
0340     (b,[[0,2,3],[1,4,5,6,7,8]])
0341     (c,[[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8]])

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Modulo a renaming of worlds, this is the same as the previous result.

The logic of public announcements and private messages is related to the logic of knowledge, with [Hi162] as the pioneer publication. This logic satisfies the following postulates:

- 0345 • knowledge distribution  $\Box_a(\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\psi)$  (if  $a$  knows that
- 0346  $\varphi$  implies  $\psi$ , and she knows  $\varphi$ , then she also knows  $\psi$ ),
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- 0348 • positive introspection  $\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\Box_a\varphi$  (if  $a$  knows  $\varphi$ , then  $a$  knows
- 0349 that she knows  $\varphi$ ),
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- 0351 • negative introspection  $\neg\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\neg\Box_a\varphi$  (if  $a$  does not know  $\varphi$ , then
- 0352 she knows that she does not know),
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- 0354 • truthfulness  $\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi$  (if  $a$  knows  $\varphi$  then  $\varphi$  is true).

0355 As is well known, the first of these is valid on all Kripke frames, the second

0356 is valid on precisely the transitive Kripke frames, the third is valid on

0357 precisely the euclidean Kripke frames (a relation  $R$  is euclidean if it satisfies

0358  $\forall x\forall y\forall z((xRy \wedge xRz) \Rightarrow yRz)$ ), and the fourth is valid on precisely the

0359 reflexive Kripke frames. A frame satisfies transitivity, euclideaness and

0360 reflexivity iff it is an equivalence relation, hence the logic of knowledge is

0361 the logic of the so-called S5 Kripke frames: the Kripke frames with an equi-

0362 valence  $\sim_a$  as epistemic accessibility relation. Multi-agent epistemic logic

0363 extends this to multi-S5, with an equivalence  $\sim_b$  for every  $b \in B$ , where  $b$

0364 is the set of epistemic agents.

0365 Now suppose that instead of open messages, we use *secret* messages.

0366 If a secret message is passed to  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are not even aware that any

0367 communication is going on. This is the result when  $a$  receives a secret

0368 message that  $p$  in the initial situation:

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0369 DEMO> showM (upd e0 (secret [a] p))
0370 ==> [1,4]
0371 [0,1,2,3,4,5]
0372 (0, []) (1, [p]) (2, [p]) (3, [q]) (4, [p,q])
0373 (5, [p,q])
0374 (a, [[[], [0,2,3,5]], ([, [1,4])])
0375 (b, [[1,4], [0,2,3,5]])
0376 (c, [[1,4], [0,2,3,5]])

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0376 This is not an S5 model anymore. The accessibility for  $a$  is still an

0377 equivalence, but the accessibility for  $b$  is lacking the property of reflexivity.

0378 The worlds 1, 4 that make up  $a$ 's conceptual space (for these are the worlds

0379 accessible for  $a$  from the actual worlds 1, 4) are precisely the worlds where

0380 the  $b$  and  $c$  arrows are *not* reflexive.  $b$  enters his conceptual space from

0381 the vantage points 1 and 4, but  $b$  does not see these vantage points itself.

0382 Similarly for  $c$ . In the *DEMO* representation, the list ( $[1,4], [0,2,3,5]$ )

0383 gives the entry points  $[1,4]$  into conceptual space  $[0,2,3,5]$ .

0384 The secret message has no effect on what  $b$  and  $c$  believe about the facts

0385 of the world, but it has effected  $b$ 's and  $c$ 's beliefs about the beliefs of  $a$

0386 in a disastrous way. These beliefs have become inaccurate. For instance,  $b$

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0388 now believes that  $a$  does *not* know that  $p$ , but he is mistaken! The formula  
 0389  $\Box_b \neg \Box_a p$  is true in the actual worlds, but  $\neg \Box_a p$  is false in the actual worlds,  
 0390 for  $a$  *does* know that  $p$ , because of the secret message. Here is what *DEMO*  
 0391 says about the situation (*isTrue* evaluates a formula in all of the actual  
 0392 worlds of an epistemic model):

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0393     DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 (secret [a] p)) (K b (Neg (K a p)))
0394     True
0395     DEMO> isTrue (upd e0 (secret [a] p)) (Neg (K a p))
0396     False
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0397 This example illustrates a regress from the world of knowledge to the  
 0398 world of consistent belief: the result of the update with a secret propositional  
 0399 message does not satisfy the postulate of truthfulness anymore.  
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0401 The logic of consistent belief satisfies the following postulates:

- 0402 • knowledge distribution  $\Box_a(\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\psi)$ ,
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- 0404 • positive introspection  $\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\Box_a\varphi$ ,
- 0405
- 0406 • negative introspection  $\neg\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\neg\Box_a\varphi$ ,
- 0407
- 0408 • consistency  $\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Diamond_a\varphi$  (if  $a$  believes that  $\varphi$  then there is a world  
 0409 where  $\varphi$  is true, i.e.,  $\varphi$  is consistent).

0410 Consistent belief is like knowledge, except for the fact that it replaces the  
 0411 postulate of truthfulness  $\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \varphi$  by the weaker postulate of consistency.

0412 Since the postulate of consistency determines the serial Kripke frames (a  
 0413 relation  $R$  is serial if  $\forall x\exists y xRy$ ), the principles of consistent belief determine  
 0414 the Kripke frames that are transitive, euclidean and serial, the so-called  
 0415 KD45 frames.

0416 In the conceptual world of secrecy, inconsistent beliefs are not far away.  
 0417 Suppose that  $a$ , after having received a secret message informing her about  
 0418  $p$ , sends a message to  $b$  to the effect that  $\Box_a p$ . The trouble is that this is  
 0419 *inconsistent* with what  $b$  believes.  
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0421     DEMO> showM (upds e0 [secret [a] p, message b (K a p)])
0422     ==> [1,5]
0423     [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7]
0424     (0, []) (1, [p]) (2, [p]) (3, [p]) (4, [q])
0425     (5, [p,q]) (6, [p,q]) (7, [p,q])
0426     (a, ([], [([] , [0,3,4,7]), ([], [1,2,5,6])]))
0427     (b, ([1,5], [( [2,6], [0,3,4,7] ])))
0428     (c, ([], [( [1,2,5,6], [0,3,4,7] ])))
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0428 This is not a KD45 model anymore, for it lacks the property of seriality  
 0429 for  $b$ 's belief relation.  $b$ 's belief contains two isolated worlds 1, 5. Since 1 is  
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the actual world, this means that  $b$ 's belief state has become inconsistent: from now on,  $b$  will believe *anything*.

So we have arrived at a still weaker logic. The logic of possibly inconsistent belief satisfies the following postulates:

- knowledge distribution  $\Box_a(\varphi \Rightarrow \psi) \Rightarrow (\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\psi)$ ,
- positive introspection  $\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\Box_a\varphi$ ,
- negative introspection  $\neg\Box_a\varphi \Rightarrow \Box_a\neg\Box_a\varphi$ .

This is the logic of K45 frames: frames that are transitive and euclidean.

In [vE104a] some results and a list of questions are given about the possible deterioration of knowledge and belief caused by different kind of message passing. E.g., the result of updating an S5 model with a public announcement or a non-secret message, if defined, is again S5. The result of updating an S5 model with a secret message to some of the agents, if defined, need not even be KD45. One can prove that the result is KD45 iff the model we start out with satisfies certain epistemic conditions. The update result always is K45. Such observations illustrate why S5, KD45 and K45 are ubiquitous in epistemic modelling. See [BldRVe101, Go02] for general background on modal logic, and [Ch380, Fa+95] for specific background on these systems.

If this introduction has convinced the reader that the logic of public announcements, private messages and secret communications is rich and subtle enough to justify the building of the conceptual modelling tools to be presented in the rest of the report, then it has served its purpose.

In the rest of the report, we first fix a formal version of epistemic update logic as an implementation goal. After that, we are ready for the implementation.

Further information on various aspects of dynamic epistemic logic is provided in [Ba402, Ba4Mo3So199, vB01b, vB06, vD00, Fa+95, Ge299a, Ko403].

## 2 Design

*DEMO* is written in a high level functional programming language Haskell [Jo203]. Haskell is a non-strict, purely-functional programming language named after Haskell B. Curry. The design is modular. Operations on lists and characters are taken from the standard Haskell `List` and `Char` modules. The following modules are part of *DEMO*:

**Models** The module that defines general models over a number of agents.

In the present implementation these are *A* through *E*. It turns out that more than five agents are seldom needed in epistemic modelling.

0474           *General models* have variables for their states and their state adorn-  
 0475           ments. By letting the state adornments be valuations we get *Kripke*  
 0476           *models*, by letting them be formulas we get *update models*.

0477 **MinBis** The module for minimizing models under bisimulation by means  
 0478           of partition refinement.  
 0479

0480 **Display** The module for displaying models in various formats. Not dis-  
 0481           cussed in this paper.  
 0482

0483 **ActEpist** The module that specializes general models to action models  
 0484           and epistemic models. Formulas may contain action models as oper-  
 0485           ators. Action models contain formulas. The definition of formulas is  
 0486           therefore also part of this module.  
 0487

0488 **DPLL** Implementation of Davis, Putnam, Logemann, Loveland (DPLL)  
 0489           theorem proving [Da<sub>1</sub>Lo<sub>0</sub>Lo<sub>4</sub>62, Da<sub>1</sub>Pu60] for propositional logic. The  
 0490           implementation uses discrimination trees or *tries*, following [Zh<sub>0</sub>St<sub>5</sub>00].  
 0491           This is used for formula simplification. Not discussed in this paper.  
 0492

0493 **Semantics** Implementation of the key semantic notions of epistemic up-  
 0494           date logic. It handles the mapping from communicative actions to  
 0495           action models.  
 0496

0497 **DEMO** Main module.

### 0498 3 Main module

```

0499     module DEMO
0500     (
0501         module List,
0502         module Char,
0503         module Models,
0504         module Display,
0505         module MinBis,
0506         module ActEpist,
0507         module DPLL,
0508         module Semantics
0509     )
0510     where
0511
0512     import List import Char import Models import Display import MinBis
0513     import ActEpist import DPLL import Semantics
0514
0515
0516
```

0517 The first version of *DEMO* was written in March 2004. This version was  
 0518 extended in May 2004 with an implementation of automata and a transla-  
 0519 tion function from epistemic update logic to Automata PDL. In Septem-  
 0520 ber 2004, I discovered a direct reduction of epistemic update logic to PDL  
 0521 [vE<sub>1</sub>04b]. This motivated a switch to a PDL-like language, with extra

modalities for action update and automata update. I decided to leave in the automata for the time being, for nostalgic reasons.

In Summer 2005, several example modules with *DEMO* programs for epistemic puzzles (some of them contributed by Ji Ruan) and for checking of security protocols (with contributions by Simona Orzan) were added, and the program was rewritten in a modular fashion.

In Spring 2006, automata update was removed, and in Autumn 2006 the code was refactored for the present report:

```
version :: String
version = "DEMO 1.06, Autumn 2006"
```

## 4 Definitions

### 4.1 Models and updates

In this section we formalize the version of dynamic epistemic logic that we are going to implement.

Let  $p$  range over a set of basic propositions  $P$  and let  $a$  range over a set of agents  $Ag$ . Then the language of PDL over  $P, Ag$  is given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi & ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \mid [\pi]\varphi \\ \pi & ::= a \mid ?\varphi \mid \pi_1; \pi_2 \mid \pi_1 \cup \pi_2 \mid \pi^* \end{aligned}$$

Employ the usual abbreviations:  $\perp$  is shorthand for  $\neg\top$ ,  $\varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2$  is shorthand for  $\neg(\neg\varphi_1 \wedge \neg\varphi_2)$ ,  $\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2$  is shorthand for  $\neg(\varphi_1 \wedge \neg\varphi_2)$ ,  $\varphi_1 \leftrightarrow \varphi_2$  is shorthand for  $(\varphi_1 \rightarrow \varphi_2) \wedge (\varphi_2 \rightarrow \varphi_1)$ , and  $\langle \pi \rangle \varphi$  is shorthand for  $\neg[\pi]\neg\varphi$ . Also, if  $B \subseteq Ag$  and  $B$  is finite, use  $B$  as shorthand for  $b_1 \cup b_2 \cup \dots$ . Under this convention, formulas for expressing general knowledge  $E_B\varphi$  take the shape  $[B]\varphi$ , while formulas for expressing common knowledge  $C_B\varphi$  appear as  $[B^*]\varphi$ , i.e.,  $[B]\varphi$  expresses that it is general knowledge among agents  $B$  that  $\varphi$ , and  $[B^*]\varphi$  expresses that it is common knowledge among agents  $B$  that  $\varphi$ . In the special case where  $B = \emptyset$ ,  $B$  turns out equivalent to  $?\perp$ , the program that always fails.

The semantics of PDL over  $P, Ag$  is given relative to labelled transition systems  $\mathbf{M} = (W, V, R)$ , where  $W$  is a set of worlds (or states),  $V : W \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(P)$  is a valuation function, and  $R = \{ \xrightarrow{a} \subseteq W \times W \mid a \in Ag \}$  is a set of labelled transitions, i.e., binary relations on  $W$ , one for each label  $a$ . In what follows, we shall take the labelled transitions for  $a$  to represent the epistemic alternatives of an agent  $a$ .

The formulae of PDL are interpreted as subsets of  $W_{\mathbf{M}}$  (the state set of  $\mathbf{M}$ ), the actions of PDL as binary relations on  $W_{\mathbf{M}}$ , as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \top \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} &= W_{\mathbf{M}} \\ \llbracket p \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} &= \{ w \in W_{\mathbf{M}} \mid p \in V_{\mathbf{M}}(w) \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
0560 \quad & \llbracket \neg \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = W_{\mathbf{M}} - \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \\
0561 \quad & \llbracket \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \cap \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \\
0562 \quad & \llbracket \llbracket \pi \rrbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \{w \in W_{\mathbf{M}} \mid \forall v (\text{if } (w, v) \in \llbracket \pi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \text{ then } v \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}})\} \\
0563 \quad & \\
0564 \quad & \llbracket a \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \xrightarrow{a}_{\mathbf{M}} \\
0565 \quad & \llbracket ?\varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \{(w, w) \in W_{\mathbf{M}} \times W_{\mathbf{M}} \mid w \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}}\} \\
0566 \quad & \llbracket \pi_1; \pi_2 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \llbracket \pi_1 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \circ \llbracket \pi_2 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \\
0567 \quad & \llbracket \pi_1 \cup \pi_2 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \llbracket \pi_1 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \cup \llbracket \pi_2 \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} \\
0568 \quad & \llbracket \pi^* \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = (\llbracket \pi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}})^* \\
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0601 \quad & \\
0602 \quad &
\end{aligned}$$

If  $w \in W_{\mathbf{M}}$  then we use  $\mathbf{M} \models_w \varphi$  for  $w \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}}$ . The paper [Ba<sub>4</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>So<sub>1</sub>03] proposes to model epistemic actions as epistemic models, with valuations replaced by preconditions. See also: [vB01b, vB06, vD00, vE<sub>1</sub>04b, Fa+95, Ge<sub>2</sub>99a, Ko<sub>4</sub>03, Ru<sub>0</sub>04].

**Action models for a given language  $\mathcal{L}$ .** Let a set of agents  $Ag$  and an epistemic language  $\mathcal{L}$  be given. An action model for  $\mathcal{L}$  is a triple  $A = ([s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}], \text{pre}, T)$  where  $[s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}]$  is a finite list of action states,  $\text{pre} : \{s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}\} \rightarrow \mathcal{L}$  assigns a precondition to each action state, and  $T : Ag \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\{s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}\}^2)$  assigns an accessibility relation  $\xrightarrow{a}$  to each agent  $a \in Ag$ .

A pair  $\mathbf{A} = (A, s)$  with  $s \in \{s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}\}$  is a pointed action model, where  $s$  is the action that actually takes place.

The list ordering of the action states in an action model will play an important role in the definition of the program transformations associated with the action models.

In the definition of action models,  $\mathcal{L}$  can be any language that can be interpreted in PDL models. Actions can be executed in PDL models by means of the following product construction:

**Action Update.** Let a PDL model  $\mathbf{M} = (W, V, R)$ , a world  $w \in W$ , and a pointed action model  $(A, s)$ , with  $A = ([s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}], \text{pre}, T)$ , be given. Suppose  $w \in \llbracket \text{pre}(s) \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}}$ . Then the result of executing  $(A, s)$  in  $(\mathbf{M}, w)$  is the model  $(\mathbf{M} \otimes A, (w, s))$ , with  $\mathbf{M} \otimes A = (W', V', R')$ , where

$$\begin{aligned}
0594 \quad & W' = \{(w, s) \mid s \in \{s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}\}, w \in \llbracket \text{pre}(s) \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}}\} \\
0595 \quad & V'(w, s) = V(w) \\
0596 \quad & R'(a) = \{(w, s), (w', s') \mid (w, w') \in R(a), (s, s') \in T(a)\}. \\
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\end{aligned}$$

In case there is a set of actual worlds and a set of actual actions, the definition is similar: those world/action pairs survive where the world satisfies the preconditions of the action. See below.

0603 The language of PDL<sup>DEL</sup> (update PDL) is given by extending the PDL  
 0604 language with update constructions  $[A, s]\varphi$ , where  $(A, s)$  is a pointed action  
 0605 model. The interpretation of  $[A, s]\varphi$  in  $\mathbf{M}$  is given by:

$$0606 \quad \llbracket [A, s]\varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \{w \in W_{\mathbf{M}} \mid \text{if } \mathbf{M} \models_w \text{pre}(s) \text{ then } (w, s) \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M} \otimes A}\}.$$

0607  
 0608 Using  $\langle A, s \rangle \varphi$  as shorthand for  $\neg[A, s]\neg\varphi$ , we see that the interpretation for  
 0609  $\langle A, s \rangle \varphi$  turns out as:

$$0610 \quad \llbracket \langle A, s \rangle \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \{w \in W_{\mathbf{M}} \mid \mathbf{M} \models_w \text{pre}(s) \text{ and } (w, s) \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M} \otimes A}\}.$$

0611 Updating with multiple pointed update actions is also possible. A multiple  
 0612 pointed action is a pair  $(A, S)$ , with  $A$  an action model, and  $S$  a subset of  
 0613 the state set of  $A$ . Extend the language with updates  $[A, S]\varphi$ , and interpret  
 0614 this as follows:

$$0615 \quad \llbracket [A, S]\varphi \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}} = \{w \in W_{\mathbf{M}} \mid \forall s \in S (\text{if } \mathbf{M} \models_w \text{pre}(s) \\ 0616 \quad \text{then } \mathbf{M} \otimes A \models_{(w,s)} \varphi)\}.$$

0617  
 0618 In [vE104b] it is shown how dynamic epistemic logic can be reduced  
 0619 to PDL by program transformation. Each action model  $\mathbf{A}$  has associated  
 0620 program transformers  $T_{ij}^{\mathbf{A}}$  for all states  $s_i, s_j$  in the action model, such that  
 0621 the following hold:

0622  
 0623 **Lemma 4.1** (Program Transformation, Van Eijck [vE104b]). Assume  $\mathbf{A}$   
 0624 has  $n$  states  $s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}$ . Then:

$$0625 \quad \mathbf{M} \models_w [A, s_i][\pi]\varphi \text{ iff } \mathbf{M} \models_w \bigwedge_{j=0}^{n-1} [T_{ij}^{\mathbf{A}}(\pi)][A, s_j]\varphi.$$

0626  
 0627 This lemma allows a reduction of dynamic epistemic logic to PDL, a  
 0628 reduction that we shall implement in the code below.

## 0629 4.2 Operations on action models

0630  
 0631 **Sequential Composition.** If  $(\mathbf{A}, S)$  and  $(\mathbf{B}, T)$  are multiple pointed ac-  
 0632 tion models, their sequential composition  $(\mathbf{A}, S) \odot (\mathbf{B}, T)$  is given by:

$$0633 \quad (\mathbf{A}, S) \odot (\mathbf{B}, T) := ((W, \text{pre}, R), S \times T),$$

0634 where

- 0635 •  $W = W_{\mathbf{A}} \times W_{\mathbf{B}}$ ,
- 0636 •  $\text{pre}(s, t) = \text{pre}(s) \wedge \langle \mathbf{A}, S \rangle \text{pre}(t)$ ,
- 0637 •  $R$  is given by:  $(s, t) \xrightarrow{a} (s', t') \in R$  iff  $s \xrightarrow{a} s' \in R_{\mathbf{A}}$  and  $t \xrightarrow{a} t' \in R_{\mathbf{B}}$ .

0638 The unit element for this operation is the action model

$$0639 \quad \mathbf{1} = ((\{0\}, 0 \mapsto \top, \{0 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \mid a \in Ag\}), \{0\}).$$

0640 Updating an arbitrary epistemic model  $\mathbf{M}$  with  $\mathbf{1}$  changes nothing.

0646 **Non-deterministic Sum.** The non-deterministic sum  $\oplus$  of multiple pointed  
 0647 action models  $(\mathbf{A}, S)$  and  $(\mathbf{B}, T)$  is the action model  $(\mathbf{A}, S) \oplus (\mathbf{B}, T)$  is  
 0648 given by:

$$0649 (\mathbf{A}, S) \oplus (\mathbf{B}, T) := ((W, \text{pre}, R), S \uplus T),$$

0650 where  $\uplus$  denotes disjoint union, and where

- 0651 •  $W = W_{\mathbf{A}} \uplus W_{\mathbf{B}}$ ,
- 0652 •  $\text{pre} = \text{pre}_{\mathbf{A}} \uplus \text{pre}_{\mathbf{B}}$ ,
- 0653 •  $R = R_{\mathbf{A}} \uplus R_{\mathbf{B}}$ .

0654 The unit element for this operation is called  $\mathbf{0}$ : the multiple pointed action  
 0655 model given by  $((\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset), \emptyset)$ .

### 0656 4.3 Logics for communication

0657 Here are some specific action models that can be used to define various  
 0658 languages of communication.

0659 In order to model a **public announcement of**  $\varphi$ , we use the action  
 0660 model  $(\mathbf{S}, \{0\})$  with

$$0661 S_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0\}, p_{\mathbf{S}} = 0 \mapsto \varphi, R_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \mid a \in A\}.$$

0662 If we wish to model an **individual message to**  $b$  **that**  $\varphi$ , we consider  
 0663 the action model  $(\mathbf{S}, \{0\})$  with  $S_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $p_{\mathbf{S}} = 0 \mapsto \varphi, 1 \mapsto \top$ , and  
 0664  $R_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0 \xrightarrow{b} 0, 1 \xrightarrow{b} 1\} \cup \{0 \sim_a 1 \mid a \in A - \{b\}\}$ ; similarly, for a **group**  
 0665 **message to**  $B$  **that**  $\varphi$ , we use the action model  $(\mathbf{S}, \{0\})$  with

$$0666 S_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0, 1\}, p_{\mathbf{S}} = 0 \mapsto \varphi, 1 \mapsto \top, R_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0 \sim_a 1 \mid a \in A - B\}.$$

0667 A **secret individual communication to**  $b$  **that**  $\varphi$  is modelled by  $(\mathbf{S}, \{0\})$   
 0668 with

$$0669 S_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0, 1\},$$

$$0670 p_{\mathbf{S}} = 0 \mapsto \varphi, 1 \mapsto \top,$$

$$0671 R_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0 \xrightarrow{b} 0\} \cup \{0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A - \{b\}\} \cup \{1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A\},$$

0672 and a **secret group communication to**  $B$  **that**  $\varphi$  by  $(\mathbf{S}, \{0\})$  with

$$0673 S_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0, 1\},$$

$$0674 p_{\mathbf{S}} = 0 \mapsto \varphi, 1 \mapsto \top,$$

$$0675 R_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0 \xrightarrow{b} 0 \mid b \in B\} \cup \{0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A - B\} \cup \{1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A\}.$$

0688

We model a **test of  $\varphi$**  by the action model  $(\mathbf{S}, \{0\})$  with

$$S_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0, 1\}, p_{\mathbf{S}} = 0 \mapsto \varphi, 1 \mapsto \top, R_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A\} \cup \{1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A\},$$

an **individual revelation to  $b$  of a choice from  $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$**  by the action model  $(\mathbf{S}, \{1, \dots, n\})$  with

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathbf{S}} &= \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ p_{\mathbf{S}} &= 1 \mapsto \varphi_1, \dots, n \mapsto \varphi_n, \\ R_{\mathbf{S}} &= \{s \xrightarrow{b} s \mid s \in S_{\mathbf{S}}\} \cup \{s \xrightarrow{a} s' \mid s, s' \in S_{\mathbf{S}}, a \in A - \{b\}\}, \end{aligned}$$

and a **group revelation to  $B$  of a choice from  $\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$**  by the action model  $(\mathbf{S}, \{1, \dots, n\})$  with

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\mathbf{S}} &= \{1, \dots, n\}, \\ p_{\mathbf{S}} &= 1 \mapsto \varphi_1, \dots, n \mapsto \varphi_n, \\ R_{\mathbf{S}} &= \{s \xrightarrow{b} s \mid s \in S_{\mathbf{S}}, b \in B\} \cup \{s \xrightarrow{a} s' \mid s, s' \in S_{\mathbf{S}}, a \in A - B\}. \end{aligned}$$

Finally, **transparent informedness of  $B$  about  $\varphi$**  is represented by the action model  $(\mathbf{S}, \{0, 1\})$  with  $S_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $p_{\mathbf{S}} = 0 \mapsto \varphi, 1 \mapsto \neg\varphi$ ,  $R_{\mathbf{S}} = \{0 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \mid a \in A\} \cup \{0 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A - B\} \cup \{1 \xrightarrow{a} 0 \mid a \in A - B\} \cup \{1 \xrightarrow{a} 1 \mid a \in A\}$ . Transparent informedness of  $B$  about  $\varphi$  is the special case of a group revelation of  $B$  of a choice from  $\{\varphi, \neg\varphi\}$ . Note that all but the revelation action models and the transparent informedness action models are single pointed (their sets of actual states are singletons).

On the syntactic side, we now define the corresponding languages. The language for the logic of group announcements is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \bigwedge[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n] \mid \bigvee[\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n] \mid \Box_a\varphi \\ &\quad \mid E_B\varphi \mid C_B\varphi \mid [\pi]\varphi \\ \pi &::= \mathbf{1} \mid \mathbf{0} \mid \text{public } B \varphi \mid \odot[\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n] \mid \oplus[\pi_1, \dots, \pi_n] \end{aligned}$$

We use the semantics of **1**, **0**, **public  $B \varphi$** , and the operations on multiple pointed action models from Section 4.2. For the logic of tests and group announcements, we allow tests  $?\varphi$  as basic programs and add the appropriate semantics. For the logic of individual messages, the basic actions are messages to individual agents. In order to give it a semantics, we start out from the semantics of **message  $a \varphi$** . Finally, the logic of tests, group announcements, and group revelations is as above, but now also allowing revelations from alternatives. For the semantics, we use the semantics of **reveal  $B \{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n\}$** .

## 5 Kripke models

```

0732 module Models where
0733
0734 import List
0735
0736
0737 5.1 Agents
0738 data Agent = A | B | C | D | E deriving (Eq,Ord,Enum,Bounded)

```

Give the agents appropriate names:

```

0740 a, alice, b, bob, c, carol, d, dave, e, ernie :: Agent
0741 a = A; alice = A
0742 b = B; bob = B
0743 c = C; carol = C
0744 d = D; dave = D
0745 e = E; ernie = E

```

Make agents showable in an appropriate way:

```

0747 instance Show Agent where
0748     show A = "a"; show B = "b"; show C = "c"; show D = "d" ; show E = "e"
0749

```

## 5.2 Model datatype

It will prove useful to generalize over states. We first define general models, and then specialize to action models and epistemic models. In the following definition, `state` and `formula` are variables over types. We assume that each model carries a list of distinguished states.

```

0755 data Model state formula = Mo
0756     [state]
0757     [(state,formula)]
0758     [Agent]
0759     [(Agent,state,state)]
0760     [state]
0761     deriving (Eq,Ord,Show)

```

Decomposing a pointed model into a list of single-pointed models:

```

0763 decompose :: Model state formula -> [Model state formula]
0764 decompose (Mo states pre agents rel points) =
0765     [ Mo states pre agents rel [point] | point <- points ]

```

It is useful to be able to map the precondition table to a function. Here is a general tool for that. Note that the resulting function is partial; if the function argument does not occur in the table, the value is undefined.

```

0770 table2fct :: Eq a => [(a,b)] -> a -> b
0771 table2fct t = \ x -> maybe undefined id (lookup x t)

```

Another useful utility is a function that creates a partition out of an equivalence relation:

```

0775     rel2part :: (Eq a) => [a] -> (a -> a -> Bool) -> [[a]]
0776     rel2part [] r = []
0777     rel2part (x:xs) r = xblock : rel2part rest r
0778     where
0779         (xblock,rest) = partition (\ y -> r x y) (x:xs)

```

The *domain* of a model is its list of states:

```

0781     domain :: Model state formula -> [state]
0782     domain (Mo states _ _ _ _) = states

```

The *eval* of a model is its list of state/formula pairs:

```

0785     eval :: Model state formula -> [(state,formula)]
0786     eval (Mo _ pre _ _ _) = pre

```

The *agentList* of a model is its list of agents:

```

0789     agentList :: Model state formula -> [Agent]
0790     agentList (Mo _ _ ags _ _) = ags

```

The *access* of a model is its labelled transition component:

```

0792     access :: Model state formula -> [(Agent,state,state)]
0793     access (Mo _ _ _ rel _) = rel

```

The distinguished points of a model:

```

0796     points :: Model state formula -> [state]
0797     points (Mo _ _ _ _ pnts) = pnts

```

When we are looking at models, we are only interested in generated submodels, with as their domain the distinguished state(s) plus everything that is reachable by an accessibility path.

```

0802     gsm :: Ord state => Model state formula -> Model state formula
0803     gsm (Mo states pre ags rel points) = (Mo states' pre' ags rel' points)
0804     where
0805         states' = closure rel ags points
0806         pre'    = [(s,f) | (s,f) <- pre,
0807                          elem s states' ]
0808         rel'    = [(ag,s,s') | (ag,s,s') <- rel,
0809                              elem s states',
0810                              elem s' states' ]

```

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

```

0812     closure :: Ord state =>
0813             [(Agent,state,state)] -> [Agent] -> [state] -> [state]
0814     closure rel agents xs
0815     | xs' == xs = xs
0816     | otherwise = closure rel agents xs'
0817     where
0818         xs' = (nub . sort) (xs ++ (expand rel agents xs))

```

0818 The expansion of a relation  $R$  given a state set  $S$  and a set of agents  $B$  is  
 0819 given by  $\{t \mid s \xrightarrow{b} t \in R, s \in S, b \in B\}$ . This is implemented as follows:

```
0820
0821   expand :: Ord state =>
0822           [(Agent,state,state)] -> [Agent] -> [state] -> [state]
0823   expand rel agnts ys =
0824       (nub . sort . concat)
0825         [ alternatives rel ag state | ag    <- agnts,
0826                                       state <- ys      ]
```

0826 The epistemic alternatives for agent  $a$  in state  $s$  are the states in  $sR_a$  (the  
 0827 states reachable through  $R_a$  from  $s$ ):

```
0828
0829   alternatives :: Eq state =>
0830               [(Agent,state,state)] -> Agent -> state -> [state]
0831   alternatives rel ag current =
0832     [ s' | (a,s,s') <- rel, a == ag, s == current ]
```

## 0833 6 Model minimization under bisimulation

```
0834   module MinBis where
```

```
0835   import List
0836   import Models
```

### 0838 6.1 Partition refinement

0839 Any Kripke model can be simplified by replacing each state  $s$  by its bisim-  
 0840 ulation class  $[s]$ . The problem of finding the smallest Kripke model modulo  
 0841 bisimulation is similar to the problem of minimizing the number of states in  
 0842 a finite automaton [Ho<sub>4</sub>71]. We will use partition refinement, in the spirit  
 0843 of [Pa<sub>1</sub>Ta<sub>0</sub>87]. Here is the algorithm:

- 0845 • Start out with a partition of the state set where all states with the  
 0846 same precondition function are in the same class. The equality relation  
 0847 to be used to evaluate the precondition function is given as a parameter  
 0848 to the algorithm.
- 0849 • Given a partition  $\Pi$ , for each block  $b$  in  $\Pi$ , partition  $b$  into sub-blocks  
 0850 such that two states  $s, t$  of  $b$  are in the same sub-block iff for all agents  
 0851  $a$  it holds that  $s$  and  $t$  have  $\xrightarrow{a}$  transitions to states in the same block  
 0852 of  $\Pi$ . Update  $\Pi$  to  $\Pi'$  by replacing each  $b$  in  $\Pi$  by the newly found set  
 0853 of sub-blocks for  $b$ .
- 0854 • Halt as soon as  $\Pi = \Pi'$ .

0855  
 0856  
 0857 Looking up and checking of two formulas against a given equivalence rela-  
 0858 tion:

```
0859
0860
```

```

0861     lookupFs :: (Eq a, Eq b) =>
0862         a -> a -> [(a,b)] -> (b -> b -> Bool) -> Bool
0863     lookupFs i j table r = case lookup i table of
0864         Nothing -> lookup j table == Nothing
0865         Just f1 -> case lookup j table of
0866             Nothing -> False
0867             Just f2 -> r f1 f2

```

The following computes the initial partition, using a particular relation for equivalence of formulas:

```

0870     initPartition :: (Eq a, Eq b) => Model a b -> (b -> b -> Bool) -> [[a]]
0871     initPartition (Mo states pre ags rel points) r =
0872         rel2part states (\ x y -> lookupFs x y pre r)

```

Refining a partition:

```

0874     refinePartition :: (Eq a, Eq b) =>
0875         Model a b -> [[a]] -> [[a]]
0876     refinePartition m p = refineP m p p
0877     where
0878         refineP :: (Eq a, Eq b) => Model a b -> [[a]] -> [[a]] -> [[a]]
0879         refineP m part [] = []
0880         refineP m part (block:blocks) =
0881             newblocks ++ (refineP m part blocks)
0882         where
0883             newblocks =
0884                 rel2part block (\ x y -> sameAccBlocks m part x y)

```

The following is a function that checks whether two states have the same accessible blocks under a partition:

```

0886     sameAccBlocks :: (Eq a, Eq b) =>
0887         Model a b -> [[a]] -> a -> a -> Bool
0888     sameAccBlocks m@(Mo states pre ags rel points) part s t =
0889         and [ accBlocks m part s ag == accBlocks m part t ag |
0890             ag <- ags ]

```

The accessible blocks for an agent from a given state, given a model and a partition can be determined by `accBlocks`:

```

0894     accBlocks :: (Eq a, Eq b) =>
0895         Model a b -> [[a]] -> a -> Agent -> [[a]]
0896     accBlocks m@(Mo states pre ags rel points) part s ag =
0897         nub [ bl part y | (ag',x,y) <- rel, ag' == ag, x == s ]

```

The block of an object in a partition:

```

0899     bl :: Eq a => [[a]] -> a -> [a]
0900     bl part x = head (filter (elem x) part)

```

Initializing and refining a partition:

```

0903

```

```

0904     initRefine :: (Eq a, Eq b) =>
0905                 Model a b -> (b -> b -> Bool) -> [[a]]
0906     initRefine m r = refine m (initPartition m r)

```

The refining process:

```

0908     refine :: (Eq a, Eq b) => Model a b -> [[a]] -> [[a]]
0909     refine m part = if rpart == part
0910                   then part
0911                   else refine m rpart
0912     where rpart = refinePartition m part

```

## 6.2 Minimization

We now use this to construct the minimal model. Notice the dependence on relational parameter  $r$ .

```

0916     minimalModel :: (Eq a, Ord a, Eq b, Ord b) =>
0917                   (b -> b -> Bool) -> Model a b -> Model [a] b
0918     minimalModel r m@(Mo states pre ags rel points) =
0919       (Mo states' pre' ags rel' points')
0920     where
0921       partition = initRefine m r
0922       states'   = partition
0923       f         = bl partition
0924       rel'      = (nub.sort) (map (\ (x,y,z) -> (x, f y, f z)) rel)
0925       pre'      = (nub.sort) (map (\ (x,y)   -> (f x, y))     pre)
0926       points'   = map f points

```

Converting  $a$ 's into integers, using their position in a given list of  $a$ 's.

```

0927     convert :: (Eq a, Show a) => [a] -> a -> Integer
0928     convert = convrt 0
0929     where
0930       convrt :: (Eq a, Show a) => Integer -> [a] -> a -> Integer
0931       convrt n []      x = error (show x ++ " not in list")
0932       convrt n (y:ys) x | x == y     = n
0933                       | otherwise = convrt (n+1) ys x

```

Converting an object of type `Model a b` into an object of type `Model Integer b`:

```

0935     conv :: (Eq a, Show a) =>
0936           Model a b -> Model Integer b
0937     conv (Mo worlds val ags acc points) =
0938       (Mo (map f worlds)
0939          (map (\ (x,y)   -> (f x, y)) val)
0940          ags
0941          (map (\ (x,y,z) -> (x, f y, f z)) acc))
0942     where f = convert worlds

```

Use this to rename the blocks into integers:

```

0944     bisim :: (Eq a, Ord a, Show a, Eq b, Ord b) =>
0945            (b -> b -> Bool) -> Model a b -> Model Integer b
0946     bisim r = conv . (minimalModel r)

```

## 7 Formulas, action models and epistemic models

```

0947
0948     module ActEpist where
0949
0950         import List
0951         import Models
0952         import MinBis
0953         import DPLL

```

Module `List` is a standard Haskell module. Module `Models` is described in Chapter 5, and Module `MinBis` in Chapter 6. Module `DPLL` refers to an implementation of Davis, Putnam, Logemann, Loveland (DPLL) theorem proving (not included in this document, but available at <http://www.cwi.nl/~jve/demo>).

### 7.1 Formulas

Basic propositions:

```

0962     data Prop = P Int | Q Int | R Int deriving (Eq,Ord)

```

Show these in the standard way, in lower case, with index 0 omitted.

```

0965     instance Show Prop where
0966         show (P 0) = "p"; show (P i) = "p" ++ show i
0967         show (Q 0) = "q"; show (Q i) = "q" ++ show i
0968         show (R 0) = "r"; show (R i) = "r" ++ show i

```

Formulas, according to the definition:

```

0971     φ ::= ⊤ | p | ¬φ | ∧[φ1, ..., φn] | ∨[φ1, ..., φn] | [π]φ | [A]φ
0972
0973     π ::= a | B | ?φ | ○[π1, ..., πn] | ∪[π1, ..., πn] | π*

```

Here,  $p$  ranges over basic propositions,  $a$  ranges over agents,  $B$  ranges over non-empty sets of agents, and  $\mathbf{A}$  is a multiple pointed action model (see below)  $\bigcirc$  denotes sequential composition of a list of programs. We will often write  $\bigcirc[\pi_1, \pi_2]$  as  $\pi_1; \pi_2$ , and  $\bigcup[\pi_1, \pi_2]$  as  $\pi_1 \cup \pi_2$ .

Note that general knowledge among agents  $B$  that  $\varphi$  is expressed in this language as  $[B]\varphi$ , and common knowledge among agents  $B$  that  $\varphi$  as  $[B^*]\varphi$ . Thus,  $[B]\varphi$  can be viewed as shorthand for  $\bigcup_{b \in B} b\varphi$ . In case  $B = \emptyset$ ,  $[B]\varphi$  turns out to be equivalent to  $[?\perp]\varphi$ .

For convenience, we have also left in the more traditional way of expressing individual knowledge  $\Box_a\varphi$ , general knowledge  $E_B\varphi$  and common knowledge  $C_B\varphi$ .

```

0986     data Form = Top
0987               | Prop Prop
0988               | Neg Form
0989               | Conj [Form]

```

```

0990         | Disj [Form]
0991         | Pr Program Form
0992         | K Agent Form
0993         | EK [Agent] Form
0994         | CK [Agent] Form
0995         | Up AM Form
0996         deriving (Eq,Ord)
0996 data Program = Ag Agent
0997         | Ags [Agent]
0998         | Test Form
0999         | Conc [Program]
1000         | Sum [Program]
1001         | Star Program
1002         deriving (Eq,Ord)

```

Some useful abbreviations:

```

1004 impl :: Form -> Form -> Form
1005 impl form1 form2 = Disj [Neg form1, form2]
1006
1007 equiv :: Form -> Form -> Form
1008 equiv form1 form2 = Conj [form1 'impl' form2, form2 'impl' form1]
1009
1010 xor :: Form -> Form -> Form
1011 xor x y = Disj [ Conj [x, Neg y], Conj [Neg x, y]]

```

The negation of a formula:

```

1013 negation :: Form -> Form
1014 negation (Neg form) = form
1015 negation form      = Neg form

```

Show formulas in the standard way:

```

1017 instance Show Form where
1018     show Top = "T" ; show (Prop p) = show p; show (Neg f) = '-':(show f);
1019     show (Conj fs)   = '&': show fs
1020     show (Disj fs)   = 'v': show fs
1021     show (Pr p f)    = '[': show p ++ "]" ++ show f
1022     show (K agent f) = '[': show agent ++ "]" ++ show f
1023     show (EK agents f) = 'E': show agents ++ show f
1024     show (CK agents f) = 'C': show agents ++ show f
1025     show (Up pam f)   = 'A': show (points pam) ++ show f

```

Show programs in a standard way:

```

1027 instance Show Program where
1028     show (Ag a)      = show a
1029     show (Ags as)    = show as
1030     show (Test f)    = '?: show f
1031     show (Conc ps)   = 'C': show ps
1032     show (Sum ps)    = 'U': show ps
1033     show (Star p)    = '(': show p ++ ")*"

```

Programs can get very unwieldy very quickly. As is well known, there is no normalisation procedure for regular expressions. Still, here are some rewriting steps for simplification of programs:

1036	$\emptyset$	$\rightarrow$	$?\perp$	$?\varphi_1 \cup ?\varphi_2$	$\rightarrow$	$?( \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 )$
1037	$?\perp \cup \pi$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi$	$\pi \cup ?\perp$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi$
1038	$\bigcup []$	$\rightarrow$	$?\perp$	$\bigcup [\pi]$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi$
1039	$?\varphi_1; ?\varphi_2$	$\rightarrow$	$?( \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 )$	$?\top; \pi$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi$
1040	$\pi; ?\top$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi$	$?\perp; \pi$	$\rightarrow$	$?\perp$
1041	$\pi; ?\perp$	$\rightarrow$	$?\perp$	$\bigcirc []$	$\rightarrow$	$?\top$
1042	$\bigcirc [\pi]$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi$	$(?\varphi)^*$	$\rightarrow$	$?\top$
1043	$(?\varphi \cup \pi)^*$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi^*$	$(\pi \cup ?\varphi)^*$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi^*$
1044	$\pi^{**}$	$\rightarrow$	$\pi^*$ ,			

and the  $k + m + n$ -ary rewriting steps

$$\bigcup [\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k, \bigcup [\pi_{k+1}, \dots, \pi_{k+m}], \pi_{k+m+1}, \dots, \pi_{k+m+n}] \rightarrow \bigcup [\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{k+m+n}]$$

and

$$\bigcirc [\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k, \bigcirc [\pi_{k+1}, \dots, \pi_{k+m}], \pi_{k+m+1}, \dots, \pi_{k+m+n}] \rightarrow \bigcirc [\pi_1, \dots, \pi_{k+m+n}].$$

Simplifying unions by splitting up in test part, accessibility part and rest:

```

splitU :: [Program] -> ([Form], [Agent], [Program])
splitU [] = ([], [], [])
splitU (Test f: ps) = (f:fs, ags, prs)
                    where (fs, ags, prs) = splitU ps
splitU (Ag x: ps) = (fs, union [x] ags, prs)
                    where (fs, ags, prs) = splitU ps
splitU (Ags xs: ps) = (fs, union xs ags, prs)
                    where (fs, ags, prs) = splitU ps
splitU (Sum ps: ps') = splitU (union ps ps')
splitU (p:ps) = (fs, ags, p:prs)
                    where (fs, ags, prs) = splitU ps

```

Simplifying compositions:

```

comprC :: [Program] -> [Program]
comprC [] = []
comprC (Test Top: ps) = comprC ps
comprC (Test (Neg Top):ps) = [Test (Neg Top)]
comprC (Test f: Test f': rest) = comprC (Test (canonF (Conj [f,f']))) :
                                rest)
comprC (Conc ps : ps') = comprC (ps ++ ps')
comprC (p:ps) = let ps' = comprC ps
                in if ps' == [Test (Neg Top)]
                then [Test (Neg Top)] else p: ps'

```

Use this in the code for program simplification:

```

1076
1077     simpl :: Program -> Program
1078     simpl (Ag x)                = Ag x
1079     simpl (Ags [])             = Test (Neg Top)
1080     simpl (Ags [x])            = Ag x
1081     simpl (Ags xs)             = Ags xs
1082     simpl (Test f)             = Test (canonF f)

```

Simplifying unions:

```

1084     simpl (Sum prs) =
1085     let (fs,xs,rest) = splitU (map simpl prs)
1086         f             = canonF (Disj fs)
1087     in
1088     if xs == [] && rest == [] then Test f
1089     else if xs == [] && f == Neg Top && length rest == 1
1090         then (head rest)
1091     else if xs == [] && f == Neg Top then Sum rest
1092     else if xs == []
1093         then Sum (Test f: rest)
1094     else if length xs == 1 && f == Neg Top
1095         then Sum (Ag (head xs): rest)
1096     else if length xs == 1 then Sum (Test f: Ag (head xs): rest)
1097     else if f == Neg Top then Sum (Ags xs: rest)
1098     else Sum (Test f: Ags xs: rest)

```

Simplifying sequential compositions:

```

1098     simpl (Conc prs) =
1099     let prs' = comprC (map simpl prs)
1100     in
1101     if prs' == []                then Test Top
1102     else if length prs' == 1    then head prs'
1103     else if head prs' == Test Top then Conc (tail prs')
1104     else                          Conc prs'

```

Simplifying stars:

```

1106     simpl (Star pr) = case simpl pr of
1107     Test f           -> Test Top
1108     Sum [Test f, pr'] -> Star pr'
1109     Sum (Test f: prs') -> Star (Sum prs')
1110     Star pr'         -> Star pr'
1111     pr'              -> Star pr'

```

Property of being a purely propositional formula:

```

1113     pureProp :: Form -> Bool
1114     pureProp Top           = True
1115     pureProp (Prop _)     = True
1116     pureProp (Neg f)      = pureProp f
1117     pureProp (Conj fs)    = and (map pureProp fs)
1118     pureProp (Disj fs)    = and (map pureProp fs)
1119     pureProp _            = False

```

Some example formulas and formula-forming operators:

```

1119
1120     bot, p0, p, p1, p2, p3, p4, p5, p6 :: Form
1121     bot = Neg Top
1122     p0 = Prop (P 0); p = p0; p1 = Prop (P 1); p2 = Prop (P 2)
1123     p3 = Prop (P 3); p4 = Prop (P 4); p5 = Prop (P 5); p6 = Prop (P 6)
1124
1125     q0, q, q1, q2, q3, q4, q5, q6 :: Form
1126     q0 = Prop (Q 0); q = q0; q1 = Prop (Q 1); q2 = Prop (Q 2);
1127     q3 = Prop (Q 3); q4 = Prop (Q 4); q5 = Prop (Q 5); q6 = Prop (Q 6)
1128
1129     r0, r, r1, r2, r3, r4, r5, r6 :: Form
1130     r0 = Prop (R 0); r = r0; r1 = Prop (R 1); r2 = Prop (R 2)
1131     r3 = Prop (R 3); r4 = Prop (R 4); r5 = Prop (R 5); r6 = Prop (R 6)
1132
1133     u = Up :: AM -> Form -> Form
1134
1135     nkap = Neg (K a p)
1136     nkanp = Neg (K a (Neg p))
1137     nka_p = Conj [nkap, nkanp]

```

## 7.2 Reducing formulas to canonical form

For computing bisimulations, it is useful to have some notion of equivalence (however crude) for the logical language. For this, we reduce formulas to a canonical form. We will derive canonical forms that are unique up to propositional equivalence, employing a propositional reasoning engine. This is still rather crude, for any modal formula will be treated as a propositional literal. The DPLL (Davis, Putnam, Logemann, Loveland) engine expects clauses represented as lists of integers, so we first have to translate to this format. This translation should start with computing a mapping from positive literals to integers. For the non-propositional operators we use a little bootstrapping, by putting the formula inside the operator in canonical form, using the function `canonF` to be defined below. Also, since the non-propositional operators all behave as Box modalities, we can reduce  $\Box T$  to  $T$ :

```

1150     mapping :: Form -> [(Form,Integer)]
1151     mapping f = zip lits [1..k]
1152     where
1153       lits = (sort . nub . collect) f
1154       k = toInteger (length lits)
1155       collect :: Form -> [Form]
1156       collect Top = []
1157       collect (Prop p) = [Prop p]
1158       collect (Neg f) = collect f
1159       collect (Conj fs) = concat (map collect fs)
1160       collect (Disj fs) = concat (map collect fs)
1161       collect (Pr pr f) = if canonF f == Top
1162                           then [] else [Pr pr (canonF f)]
1163       collect (K ag f) = if canonF f == Top

```

```

1162         then [] else [K ag (canonF f)]
1163 collect (EK ags f) = if canonF f == Top
1164                       then [] else [EK ags (canonF f)]
1165 collect (CK ags f) = if canonF f == Top
1166                       then [] else [CK ags (canonF f)]
1167 collect (Up pam f) = if canonF f == Top
1168                       then [] else [Up pam (canonF f)]

```

The following code corresponds to putting in clausal form, given a mapping for the literals, and using bootstrapping for formulas in the scope of a non-propositional operator. Note that  $\Box\top$  is reduced to  $\top$ , and  $\neg\Box\top$  to  $\perp$ .

```

1171 cf :: (Form -> Integer) -> Form ->
1172 [[Integer]]
1173 cf g (Top) = []
1174 cf g (Prop p) = [[g (Prop p)]]
1175 cf g (Pr pr f) = if canonF f == Top then []
1176                  else [[g (Pr pr (canonF f))]]
1177 cf g (K ag f) = if canonF f == Top then []
1178                  else [[g (K ag (canonF f))]]
1179 cf g (EK ags f) = if canonF f == Top then []
1180                  else [[g (EK ags (canonF f))]]
1181 cf g (CK ags f) = if canonF f == Top then []
1182                  else [[g (CK ags (canonF f))]]
1183 cf g (Up am f) = if canonF f == Top then []
1184                  else [[g (Up am (canonF f))]]
1185 cf g (Conj fs) = concat (map (cf g) fs)
1186 cf g (Disj fs) = deMorgan (map (cf g) fs)

```

Negated formulas:

```

1186 cf g (Neg Top) = [[]]
1187 cf g (Neg (Prop p)) = [[- g (Prop p)]]
1188 cf g (Neg (Pr pr f)) = if canonF f == Top then [[]]
1189                       else [[- g (Pr pr (canonF f))]]
1190 cf g (Neg (K ag f)) = if canonF f == Top then [[]]
1191                       else [[- g (K ag (canonF f))]]
1192 cf g (Neg (EK ags f)) = if canonF f == Top then [[]]
1193                       else [[- g (EK ags (canonF f))]]
1194 cf g (Neg (CK ags f)) = if canonF f == Top then [[]]
1195                       else [[- g (CK ags (canonF f))]]
1196 cf g (Neg (Up am f)) = if canonF f == Top then [[]]
1197                       else [[- g (Up am (canonF f))]]
1198 cf g (Neg (Conj fs)) = deMorgan (map (\ f -> cf g (Neg f)) fs)
1199 cf g (Neg (Disj fs)) = concat (map (\ f -> cf g (Neg f)) fs)
1200 cf g (Neg (Neg f)) = cf g f

```

In order to explain the function `deMorgan`, we recall De Morgan's disjunction distribution which is the logical equivalence of the following expressions:

$$\varphi \vee (\psi_1 \wedge \cdots \wedge \psi_n) \leftrightarrow (\varphi \vee \psi_1) \wedge \cdots \wedge (\varphi \vee \psi_n).$$

Now the following is the code for De Morgan's disjunction distribution (for the case of a disjunction of a list of clause sets):

1204

```

1205     deMorgan :: [[Integer]] -> [Integer]
1206     deMorgan [] = []
1207     deMorgan [cls] = cls
1208     deMorgan (cls:clss) = deMorg cls (deMorgan clss)
1209     where
1210     deMorg :: [Integer] -> [Integer] -> [Integer]
1211     deMorg cls1 cls2 = (nub . concat) [ deM c1 cls2 | c1 <- cls1 ]
1212     deM c1 cls = map (fuseLists c1) cls

```

Function `fuseLists` keeps the literals in the clauses ordered.

```

1214     fuseLists :: [Integer] -> [Integer] -> [Integer]
1215     fuseLists [] ys = ys
1216     fuseLists xs [] = xs
1217     fuseLists (x:xs) (y:ys) | abs x < abs y = x:(fuseLists xs (y:ys))
1218                               | abs x == abs y = if x == y
1219                                                       then x:(fuseLists xs ys)
1220                                                       else if x > y
1221                                                           then x:y:(fuseLists xs ys)
1222                                                           else y:x:(fuseLists xs ys)
1223                               | abs x > abs y = y:(fuseLists (x:xs) ys)

```

Given a mapping for the positive literals, the satisfying valuations of a formula can be collected from the output of the DPLL process. Here `dp` is the function imported from the module `DPLL`.

```

1225     satVals :: [(Form,Integer)] -> Form -> [[Integer]]
1226     satVals t f = (map fst . dp) (cf (table2fct t) f)

```

Two formulas are propositionally equivalent if they have the same sets of satisfying valuations, computed on the basis of a literal mapping for their conjunction:

```

1233     propEquiv :: Form -> Form -> Bool
1234     propEquiv f1 f2 = satVals g f1 == satVals g f2
1235     where g = mapping (Conj [f1,f2])

```

A formula is a (propositional) contradiction if it is propositionally equivalent to `Neg Top`, or equivalently, to `Disj []`:

```

1239     contrad :: Form -> Bool
1240     contrad f = propEquiv f (Disj [])

```

A formula is (propositionally) consistent if it is not a propositional contradiction:

```

1244     consistent :: Form -> Bool
1245     consistent = not . contrad

```

Use the set of satisfying valuations to derive a canonical form:

```

1247

```

```

1248     canonF :: Form -> Form
1249     canonF f = if (contrad (Neg f))
1250                 then Top
1251                 else if fs == []
1252                 then Neg Top
1253                 else if length fs == 1
1254                 then head fs
1255                 else Disj fs
1256     where g    = mapping f
1257           nss  = satVals g f
1258           g'   = \ i -> head [ form | (form,j) <- g, i == j ]
1259           h    = \ i -> if i < 0 then Neg (g' (abs i)) else g' i
1260           h'   = \ xs -> map h xs
1261           k    = \ xs -> if xs == []
1262                 then Top
1263                 else if length xs == 1
1264                 then head xs
1265                 else Conj xs
1266     fs = map k (map h' nss)

```

This gives:

```

1265     ActEpist> canonF p
1266     p
1267     ActEpist> canonF (Conj [p,Top])
1268     p
1269     ActEpist> canonF (Conj [p,q,Neg r])
1270     &[p,q,-r]
1271     ActEpist> canonF (Neg (Disj [p,(Neg p)]))
1272     -T
1273     ActEpist> canonF (Disj [p,q,Neg r])
1274     v[p,&[-p,q],&[-p,-q,-r]]
1275     ActEpist> canonF (K a (Disj [p,q,Neg r]))
1276     [a]v[p,&[-p,q],&[-p,-q,-r]]
1277     ActEpist> canonF (Conj [p, Conj [q,Neg r]])
1278     &[p,q,-r]
1279     ActEpist> canonF (Conj [p, Disj [q,Neg (K a (Disj []))]])
1280     v[&[p,q],&[p,-q,-[a]-T]]
1281     ActEpist> canonF (Conj [p, Disj [q,Neg (K a (Conj []))]])
1282     &[p,q]

```

### 7.3 Action models and epistemic models

Action models and epistemic models are built from states. We assume states are represented by integers:

```

1284     type State = Integer

```

Epistemic models are models where the states are of type `State`, and the precondition function assigns lists of basic propositions (this specializes the precondition function to a valuation).

```

1289     type EM = Model State [Prop]

```

1291 Find the valuation of an epistemic model:

```
1292     valuation :: EM -> [(State,[Prop])]
1293     valuation = eval
```

1294  
1295 Action models are models where the states are of type `State`, and the  
1296 precondition function assigns objects of type `Form`. The only difference  
1297 between an action model and a static model is in the fact that action models  
1298 have a precondition function that assigns a formula instead of a set of basic  
1299 propositions.

```
1300     type AM = Model State Form
```

1301

1302 The preconditions of an action model:

```
1303  
1304     preconditions :: AM -> [Form]
1305     preconditions (Mo states pre ags acc points) =
1306         map (table2fct pre) points
```

1306

1307 Sometimes we need a single precondition:

```
1308     precondition :: AM -> Form
1309     precondition am = canonF (Conj (preconditions am))
```

1310

1311 The zero action model `0`:

1311

```
1312     zero :: [Agent] -> AM
1313     zero ags = (Mo [] [] ags [] [])
```

1314

1315 The purpose of action models is to define relations on the class of all  
1316 static models. States with precondition  $\perp$  can be pruned from an action  
1317 model. For this we define a specialized version of the `gsm` function:

```
1318     gsmAM :: AM -> AM
1319     gsmAM (Mo states pre ags acc points) =
1320         let
1321             points' = [ p | p <- points, consistent (table2fct pre p) ]
1322             states' = [ s | s <- states, consistent (table2fct pre s) ]
1323             pre'    = filter (\ (x,_) -> elem x states') pre
1324             f       = \ (_,s,t) -> elem s states' && elem t states'
1325             acc'    = filter f acc
1326         in
1327         if points' == []
1328         then zero ags
1329         else gsm (Mo states' pre' ags acc' points')
```

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## 7.4 Program transformation

For every action model  $A$  with states  $s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}$  we define a set of  $n^2$  program transformers  $T_{i,j}^A$  ( $0 \leq i < n, 0 \leq j < n$ ), as follows [vE104b]:

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_{ij}^A(a) &= \begin{cases} ?\text{pre}(s_i); a & \text{if } s_i \xrightarrow{a} s_j, \\ ?\perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 T_{ij}^A(?\varphi) &= \begin{cases} ?(\text{pre}(s_i) \wedge [A, s_i]\varphi) & \text{if } i = j, \\ ?\perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\
 T_{ij}^A(\pi_1; \pi_2) &= \bigcup_{k=0}^{n-1} (T_{ik}^A(\pi_1); T_{kj}^A(\pi_2)) \\
 T_{ij}^A(\pi_1 \cup \pi_2) &= T_{ij}^A(\pi_1) \cup T_{ij}^A(\pi_2) \\
 T_{ij}^A(\pi^*) &= K_{ijn}^A(\pi)
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $K_{ijk}^A(\pi)$  is a (transformed) program for all the  $\pi^*$  paths from  $s_i$  to  $s_j$  that can be traced through  $A$  while avoiding a pass through intermediate states  $s_k$  and higher. Thus,  $K_{ijn}^A(\pi)$  is a program for all the  $\pi^*$  paths from  $s_i$  to  $s_j$  that can be traced through  $A$ , period.

$K_{ijk}^A(\pi)$  is defined by recursing on  $k$ , as follows:

$$K_{ij0}^A(\pi) = \begin{cases} ?\top \cup T_{ij}^A(\pi) & \text{if } i = j, \\ T_{ij}^A(\pi) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$K_{ij(k+1)}^A(\pi) = \begin{cases} (K_{kkk}^A(\pi))^* & \text{if } i = k = j, \\ (K_{kkk}^A(\pi))^*; K_{kjk}^A(\pi) & \text{if } i = k \neq j, \\ K_{ikk}^A(\pi); (K_{kkk}^A(\pi))^* & \text{if } i \neq k = j, \\ K_{ijk}^A(\pi) \cup (K_{ikk}^A(\pi)); (K_{kkk}^A(\pi))^*; K_{kjk}^A(\pi) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**Lemma 7.1** (Kleene Path). Suppose  $(w, w') \in \llbracket T_{ij}^A(\pi) \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}}$  iff there is a  $\pi$  path from  $(w, s_i)$  to  $(w', s_j)$  in  $\mathbf{M} \otimes A$ . Then  $(w, w') \in \llbracket K_{ijn}^A(\pi) \rrbracket^{\mathbf{M}}$  iff there is a  $\pi^*$  path from  $(w, s_i)$  to  $(w', s_j)$  in  $\mathbf{M} \otimes A$ .

The Kleene path lemma is the key ingredient in the proof of the following program transformation lemma.

**Lemma 7.2** (Program Transformation). Assume  $A$  has  $n$  states  $s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}$ . Then:

$$\mathbf{M} \models_w [A, s_i][\pi]\varphi \text{ iff } \mathbf{M} \models_w \bigwedge_{j=0}^{n-1} [T_{ij}^A(\pi)][A, s_j]\varphi.$$

The implementation of the program transformation functions is given here:

```

1377
1378
1379   transf :: AM -> Integer -> Integer -> Program -> Program
1380   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Ag ag) =
1381     let
1382       f = table2fct pre i
1383     in
1384       if elem (ag,i,j) acc && f == Top           then Ag ag
1385       else if elem (ag,i,j) acc && f /= Neg Top then Conc [Test f, Ag ag]
1386       else Test (Neg Top)
1387   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Ags ags) =
1388     let ags' = nub [ a | (a,k,m) <- acc, elem a ags, k == i, m == j ]
1389         ags1 = intersect ags ags'
1390         f     = table2fct pre i
1391     in
1392       if ags1 == [] || f == Neg Top           then Test (Neg Top)
1393       else if f == Top && length ags1 == 1 then Ag (head ags1)
1394       else if f == Top                       then Ags ags1
1395       else Conc [Test f, Ags ags1]
1396   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Test f) =
1397     let
1398       g = table2fct pre i
1399     in
1400       if i == j
1401         then Test (Conj [g,(Up am f)])
1402         else Test (Neg Top)
1403   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Conc []) =
1404     transf am i j (Test Top)
1405   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Conc [p]) =
1406     transf am i j p
1407   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Conc (p:ps)) =
1408     Sum [ Conc [transf am i k p, transf am k j (Conc ps)] | k <- [0..n] ]
1409     where n = toInteger (length states - 1)
1410   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Sum []) =
1411     transf am i j (Test (Neg Top))
1412   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Sum [p]) =
1413     transf am i j p
1414   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Sum ps) =
1415     Sum [ transf am i j p | p <- ps ]
1416   transf am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc points) i j (Star p) =
1417     kleene am i j n p
1418     where n = toInteger (length states)
1419
1420
1421
1422

```

The following is the implementation of  $K_{ijk}^A$ :

```

1412   kleene :: AM -> Integer -> Integer -> Integer -> Program -> Program
1413   kleene am i j 0 pr =
1414     if i == j
1415       then Sum [Test Top, transf am i j pr]
1416       else transf am i j pr
1417   kleene am i j k pr
1418     | i == j && j == pred k = Star (kleene am i i i pr)
1419     | i == pred k           =
1420       Conc [Star (kleene am i i i pr), kleene am i j i pr]
1421
1422

```

```

1420 | j == pred k           =
1421   Conc [kleene am i j j pr, Star (kleene am j j j pr)]
1422 | otherwise           =
1423   Sum [kleene am i j k' pr,
1424       Conc [kleene am i k' k' pr,
1425             Star (kleene am k' k' k' pr), kleene am k' j k' pr]]
1426   where k' = pred k

```

Transformation plus simplification:

```

1427
1428   tfm :: AM -> Integer -> Integer -> Program -> Program
1429   tfm am i j pr = simpl (transf am i j pr)

```

The program transformations can be used to translate Update PDL to PDL, as follows:

```

1430
1431
1432
1433   t( $\top$ ) =  $\top$            t(p) = p
1434   t( $\neg\varphi$ ) =  $\neg t(\varphi)$    t( $\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$ ) = t( $\varphi_1$ )  $\wedge$  t( $\varphi_2$ )
1435   t( $[ \pi ] \varphi$ ) =  $[ r(\pi) ] t(\varphi)$    t( $[ A, s ] \top$ ) =  $\top$ 

```

```

1436
1437   t( $[ A, s ] p$ ) = t(pre(s)  $\rightarrow$  p)
1438   t( $[ A, s ] \neg\varphi$ ) = t(pre(s)  $\rightarrow \neg t([ A, s ] \varphi)$ )
1439   t( $[ A, s ] (\varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2)$ ) = t( $[ A, s ] \varphi_1$ )  $\wedge$  t( $[ A, s ] \varphi_2$ )
1440   t( $[ A, s_i ] [ \pi ] \varphi$ ) =  $\bigwedge_{j=0}^{n-1} [ T_{ij}^A ] (r(\pi)) ] t([ A, s_j ] \varphi)$ 
1441   t( $[ A, s ] [ A', s' ] \varphi$ ) = t( $[ A, s ] t([ A', s' ] \varphi)$ )
1442   t( $[ A, S ] \varphi$ ) =  $\bigwedge_{s \in S} t([ A, s ] \varphi)$ 

```

```

1443
1444   r(a) = a           r(B) = B
1445   r( $?\varphi$ ) =  $?t(\varphi)$    r( $\pi_1; \pi_2$ ) = r( $\pi_1$ ); r( $\pi_2$ )
1446   r( $\pi_1 \cup \pi_2$ ) = r( $\pi_1$ )  $\cup$  r( $\pi_2$ )   r( $\pi^*$ ) = (r( $\pi$ ))*
1447

```

The correctness of this translation follows from direct semantic inspection, using the program transformation lemma for the translation of formulas of type  $[A, s_i][\pi]\varphi$ .

The crucial clauses in this translation procedure are those for formulas of the forms  $[A, S]\varphi$  and  $[A, s]\varphi$ , and more in particular the one for formulas of the form  $[A, s][\pi]\varphi$ . It makes sense to give separate functions for the steps that pull the update model through program  $\pi$  given formula  $\varphi$ .

```

1450
1451   step0, step1 :: AM -> Program -> Form -> Form
1452   step0 am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc []) pr f = Top
1453   step0 am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc [i]) pr f = step1 am pr f
1454   step0 am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc is) pr f =
1455     Conj [ step1 (Mo states pre allAgs acc [i]) pr f | i <- is ]
1456   step1 am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc [i]) pr f =
1457     Conj [ Pr (transf am i j (rpr pr))
1458           (Up (Mo states pre allAgs acc [j]) f) | j <- states ]

```

Perform a single step, and put in canonical form:

```

1463
1464     step :: AM -> Program -> Form -> Form
1465     step am pr f = canonF (step0 am pr f)
1466
1467     t :: Form -> Form
1468     t Top = Top
1469     t (Prop p) = Prop p
1470     t (Neg f) = Neg (t f)
1471     t (Conj fs) = Conj (map t fs)
1472     t (Disj fs) = Disj (map t fs)
1473     t (Pr pr f) = Pr (rpr pr) (t f)
1474     t (K x f) = Pr (Ag x) (t f)
1475     t (EK xs f) = Pr (Ags xs) (t f)
1476     t (CK xs f) = Pr (Star (Ags xs)) (t f)

```

Translations of formulas starting with an action model update:

```

1477     t (Up am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc [i]) f) = t' am f
1478     t (Up am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc is) f) =
1479         Conj [ t' (Mo states pre allAgs acc [i]) f | i <- is ]

```

Translations of formulas starting with a single pointed action model update are performed by t':

```

1480
1481     t' :: AM -> Form -> Form
1482     t' am Top = Top
1483     t' am (Prop p) = impl (precondition am) (Prop p)
1484     t' am (Neg f) = Neg (t' am f)
1485     t' am (Conj fs) = Conj (map (t' am) fs)
1486     t' am (Disj fs) = Disj (map (t' am) fs)
1487     t' am (K x f) = t' am (Pr (Ag x) f)
1488     t' am (EK xs f) = t' am (Pr (Ags xs) f)
1489     t' am (CK xs f) = t' am (Pr (Star (Ags xs)) f)
1490     t' am (Up am'f) = t' am (t (Up am' f))

```

The crucial case is an update action having scope over a program. We may assume that the update action is single pointed.

```

1491     t' am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc [i]) (Pr pr f) =
1492         Conj [ Pr (transf am i j (rpr pr))
1493             (t' (Mo states pre allAgs acc [j]) f) | j <- states ]
1494     t' am@(Mo states pre allAgs acc is) (Pr pr f) =
1495         error "action model not single pointed"

```

Translations for programs:

```

1500     rpr :: Program -> Program
1501     rpr (Ag x) = Ag x
1502     rpr (Ags xs) = Ags xs
1503     rpr (Test f) = Test (t f)
1504     rpr (Conc ps) = Conc (map rpr ps)
1505     rpr (Sum ps) = Sum (map rpr ps)
1506     rpr (Star p) = Star (rpr p)

```

Translating and putting in canonical form:

```

1506
1507     tr :: Form -> Form
1508     tr = canonF . t
1509

```

Some example translations:

```

1511     ActEpist> tr (Up (public p) (Pr (Star (Ags [b,c])) p))
1512     T
1513     ActEpist> tr (Up (public (Disj [p,q])) (Pr (Star (Ags [b,c])) p))
1514     [(U[?T,C[?v[p,q],[b,c]]]*v[p,&[-p,-q]]
1515     ActEpist> tr (Up (groupM [a,b] p) (Pr (Star (Ags [b,c])) p))
1516     [C[C[(U[?T,C[?p,[b,c]])]*C[?p,[c]]],(U[U[?T,[b,c]],
1517     C[c,(U[?T,C[?p,[b,c]])]*C[?p,[c]]])]*)p
1518     ActEpist> tr (Up (secret [a,b] p) (Pr (Star (Ags [b,c])) p))
1519     [C[C[(U[?T,C[?p,[b]]]*C[?p,[c]]],(U[U[?T,[b,c]],
1520     C[?-T,(U[?T,C[?p,[b]])]*C[?p,[c]]])]*)p

```

## 8 Semantics

```

1521     module Semantics
1522     where
1523
1524     import List
1525     import Char
1526     import Models
1527     import Display
1528     import MinBis
1529     import ActEpist
1530     import DPLL

```

### 8.1 Semantics implementation

The group alternatives of group of agents  $a$  are the states that are reachable through  $\bigcup_{a \in A} R_a$ .

```

1531
1532     groupAlts :: [(Agent,State,State)] -> [Agent] -> State -> [State]
1533     groupAlts rel agents current =
1534     (nub . sort . concat) [ alternatives rel a current | a <- agents ]
1535

```

The common knowledge alternatives of group of agents  $a$  are the states that are reachable through a finite number of  $R_a$  links, for  $a \in A$ .

```

1539     commonAlts :: [(Agent,State,State)] -> [Agent] -> State -> [State]
1540     commonAlts rel agents current =
1541     closure rel agents (groupAlts rel agents current)
1542

```

The model update function takes a static model and an action model and returns an object of type `Model (State,State) [Prop]`. The `up` function takes an epistemic model and an action model and returns an epistemic model. Its states are the `(State,State)` pairs that result from the cartesian product construction described in [Ba<sub>4</sub>Mo<sub>3</sub>So<sub>1</sub>99]. Note that the update function uses the truth definition (given below as `isTrueAt`).

We will set up matters in such way that updates with action models get their list of agents from the epistemic model that gets updated. For this, we define:

```

1549
1550
1551
1552     type FAM = [Agent] -> AM
1553
1554     up :: EM -> FAM -> Model (State,State) [Prop]
1555     up m@(Mo worlds val ags acc points) fam =
1556       Mo worlds' val' ags acc' points'
1557       where
1558         am@(Mo states pre _ susp actuals) = fam ags
1559         worlds' = [ (w,s) | w <- worlds, s <- states,
1560                     formula <- maybe [] (\ x -> [x]) (lookup s pre),
1561                     isTrueAt w m formula
1562                   ]
1563         val'    = [ ((w,s),props) | (w,props) <- val,
1564                     s <- states,
1565                     elem (w,s) worlds'
1566                   ]
1567         acc'    = [ (ag1,(w1,s1),(w2,s2)) | (ag1,w1,w2) <- acc,
1568                     (ag2,s1,s2) <- susp,
1569                     ag1 == ag2,
1570                     elem (w1,s1) worlds',
1571                     elem (w2,s2) worlds'
1572                   ]
1573         points' = [ (p,a) | p <- points, a <- actuals,
1574                     elem (p,a) worlds'
1575                   ]

```

An action model is tiny if its action list is empty or a singleton list:

```

1576
1577     tiny :: FAM -> Bool
1578     tiny fam = length actions <= 1
1579     where actions = domain (fam [minBound..maxBound])

```

The appropriate notion of equivalence for the base case of the bisimulation for epistemic models is “having the same valuation”.

```

1580
1581     sameVal :: [Prop] -> [Prop] -> Bool
1582     sameVal ps qs = (nub . sort) ps == (nub . sort) qs

```

Bisimulation minimal version of generated submodel of update result for epistemic model and pointed action models:

```

1583
1584     upd :: EM -> FAM -> EM
1585     upd sm fam = if tiny fam then conv (up sm fam)
1586                 else bisim (sameVal) (up sm fam)

```

Non-deterministic update with a list of pointed action models:

```

1587
1588     upds :: EM -> [FAM] -> EM
1589     upds = foldl upd

```

At last we have all ingredients for the truth definition.

```

1590
1591

```

```

1592     isTrueAt :: State -> EM -> Form -> Bool
1593     isTrueAt w m Top = True
1594     isTrueAt w m@(Mo worlds val ags acc pts) (Prop p) =
1595         elem p (concat [ props | (w',props) <- val, w'==w ])
1596     isTrueAt w m (Neg f) = not (isTrueAt w m f)
1597     isTrueAt w m (Conj fs) = and (map (isTrueAt w m) fs)
1598     isTrueAt w m (Disj fs) = or (map (isTrueAt w m) fs)

```

The clauses for individual knowledge, general knowledge and common knowledge use the functions `alternatives`, `groupAlts` and `commonAlts` to compute the relevant accessible worlds:

```

1601
1602     isTrueAt w m@(Mo worlds val ags acc pts) (K ag f) =
1603         and (map (flip ((flip isTrueAt) m) f) (alternatives acc ag w))
1604     isTrueAt w m@(Mo worlds val ags acc pts) (EK agents f) =
1605         and (map (flip ((flip isTrueAt) m) f) (groupAlts acc agents w))
1606     isTrueAt w m@(Mo worlds val ags acc pts) (CK agents f) =
1607         and (map (flip ((flip isTrueAt) m) f) (commonAlts acc agents w))

```

In the clause for  $[M]\varphi$ , the result of updating the static model  $M$  with action model  $\mathbf{M}$  may be undefined, but in this case the precondition  $P(s_0)$  of the designated state  $s_0$  of  $\mathbf{M}$  will fail in the designated world  $w_0$  of  $M$ . By making the clause for  $[M]\varphi$  check for  $M \models_{w_0} P(s_0)$ , truth can be defined as a total function.

```

1613     isTrueAt w m@(Mo worlds val ags rel pts) (Up am f) =
1614         and [ isTrue m' f |
1615             m' <- decompose (upd (Mo worlds val ags rel [w]) (\ ags -> am)) ]

```

Checking for truth in *all* the designated points of an epistemic model:

```

1617     isTrue :: EM -> Form -> Bool
1618     isTrue (Mo worlds val ags rel pts) form =
1619         and [ isTrueAt w (Mo worlds val ags rel pts) form | w <- pts ]

```

## 8.2 Tools for constructing epistemic models

The following function constructs an initial epistemic model where the agents are completely ignorant about their situation, as described by a list of basic propositions. The input is a list of basic propositions used for constructing the valuations.

```

1622     initE :: [Prop] -> [Agent] -> EM
1623     initE allProps ags = (Mo worlds val ags accs points)
1624     where
1625         worlds = [0..(2k - 1)]
1626         k = length allProps
1627         val = zip worlds (sortL (powerList allProps))
1628         accs = [ (ag,st1,st2) | ag <- ags,
1629                     st1 <- worlds,
1630                     st2 <- worlds ]
1631     points = worlds

```

This uses the following utilities:

```

1635
1636     powerList  :: [a] -> [[a]]
1637     powerList [] = [[]]
1638     powerList (x:xs) = (powerList xs) ++ (map (x:) (powerList xs))
1639
1640     sortL  :: Ord a => [[a]] -> [[a]]
1641     sortL = sortBy (\ xs ys -> if length xs < length ys then LT
1642                          else if length xs > length ys then GT
1643                          else compare xs ys)

```

Some initial models:

```

1644     e00 :: EM
1645     e00 = initE [P 0] [a,b]
1646
1647     e0  :: EM
1648     e0  = initE [P 0,Q 0] [a,b,c]

```

### 8.3 From communicative actions to action models

Computing the update for a public announcement:

```

1651     public :: Form -> FAM
1652     public form ags =
1653         (Mo [0] [(0,form)] ags [ (a,0,0) | a <- ags ] [0])

```

Public announcements are S5 models:

```

1656     DEMO> showM (public p [a,b,c])
1657     ==> [0]
1658     [0]
1659     (0,p)
1660     (a,[[0]])
1661     (b,[[0]])
1662     (c,[[0]])

```

Computing the update for passing a group announcement to a list of agents: the other agents may or may not be aware of what is going on. In the limit case where the message is passed to all agents, the message is a public announcement.

```

1666     groupM :: [Agent] -> Form -> FAM
1667     groupM gr form agents =
1668         if sort gr == sort agents
1669         then public form agents
1670         else
1671             (Mo
1672              [0,1]
1673              [(0,form),(1,Top)]
1674              agents
1675              ([ (a,0,0) | a <- agents ]
1676               ++ [ (a,0,1) | a <- agents \\ gr ]
1677               ++ [ (a,1,0) | a <- agents \\ gr ]
1678               ++ [ (a,1,1) | a <- agents ]
1679              ))

```

Group announcements are S5 models:

```

1678
1679     Semantics> showM (groupM [a,b] p [a,b,c,d,e])
1680     => [0]
1681     [0,1]
1682     (0,p)(1,T)
1683     (a,[[0],[1]])
1684     (b,[[0],[1]])
1685     (c,[[0,1]])
1686     (d,[[0,1]])
1687     (e,[[0,1]])

```

Computing the update for an individual message to  $b$  that  $\varphi$ :

```

1688
1689     message :: Agent -> Form -> FAM
1690     message agent = groupM [agent]

```

Another special case of a group message is a test. Tests are updates that messages to the empty group:

```

1691
1692     test :: Form -> FAM
1693     test = groupM []

```

Computing the update for passing a *secret* message to a list of agents: the other agents remain unaware of the fact that something goes on. In the limit case where the secret is divulged to all agents, the secret becomes a public update.

```

1694
1695     secret :: [Agent] -> Form -> FAM
1696     secret agents form all_agents =
1697         if sort agents == sort all_agents
1698             then public form agents
1699             else
1700                 (Mo
1701                     [0,1]
1702                     [(0,form),(1,Top)]
1703                     all_agents
1704                     ([ (a,0,0) | a <- agents ]
1705                      ++ [ (a,0,1) | a <- all_agents \\agents ]
1706                      ++ [ (a,1,1) | a <- all_agents
1707                          ])
1708                     [0])

```

Secret messages are KD45 models:

```

1711
1712     DEMO> showM (secret [a,b] p [a,b,c])
1713     ==> [0]
1714     [0,1]
1715     (0,p)(1,T)
1716     (a,[[[]],[0]],[[]],[1]])
1717     (b,[[[]],[0]],[[]],[1]])
1718     (c,[[[0],[1]])

```

1720

Here is a multiple pointed action model for the communicative action of revealing one of a number of alternatives to a list of agents, in such a way that it is common knowledge that one of the alternatives gets revealed (in  $[Ba_4Mo_3So_1O_3]$  this is called *common knowledge of alternatives*).

```

1721 reveal :: [Agent] -> [Form] -> FAM
1722 reveal ags forms all_agents =
1723   (Mo
1724     states
1725     (zip states forms)
1726     all_agents
1727     ([ (ag,s,s) | s <- states, ag <- ags ]
1728      ++
1729      [ (ag,s,s') | s <- states, s' <- states, ag <- others ])
1730     states)
1731   where states = map fst (zip [0..] forms)
1732         others = all_agents \\ ags

```

Here is an action model for the communication that reveals to  $a$  one of  $p_1, q_1, r_1$ .

```

1733 Semantics> showM (reveal [a] [p1,q1,r1] [a,b])
1734 ==> [0,1,2]
1735 [0,1,2]
1736 (0,p1)(1,q1)(2,r1)
1737 (a,[[0],[1],[2]])
1738 (b,[[0,1,2]])

```

A group of agents  $B$  gets (transparently) informed about a formula  $\varphi$  if  $B$  get to know  $\varphi$  when  $\varphi$  is true, and  $B$  get to know the negation of  $\varphi$  otherwise. Transparency means that all other agents are aware of the fact that  $B$  get informed about  $\varphi$ , i.e., the other agents learn that  $(\varphi \rightarrow C_B\varphi) \wedge (\neg\varphi \rightarrow C_B\neg\varphi)$ . This action model can be defined in terms of **reveal**, as follows:

```

1739 info :: [Agent] -> Form -> FAM
1740 info agents form =
1741   reveal agents [form, negation form]

```

An example application:

```

1742 Semantics> showM (upd e0 (info [a,b] q))
1743 ==> [0,1,2,3]
1744 [0,1,2,3]
1745 (0,[]) (1,[p]) (2,[q]) (3,[p,q])
1746 (a,[[0,1],[2,3]])
1747 (b,[[0,1],[2,3]])
1748 (c,[[0,1,2,3]])
1749
1750 Semantics> isTrue (upd e0 (info [a,b] q)) (CK [a,b] q)
1751 False
1752 Semantics> isTrue (upd e0 (groupM [a,b] q)) (CK [a,b] q)
1753 True

```

Slightly different is informing a set of agents about what is actually the case with respect to formula  $\varphi$ :

```

1764   infm :: EM -> [Agent] -> Form -> FAM
1765   infm m ags f = if isTrue m f
1766                 then groupM ags f
1767                 else if isTrue m (Neg f)
1768                       then groupM ags (Neg f)
1769                       else one
1770
1771

```

And the corresponding thing for public announcement:

```

1773   publ :: EM -> Form -> FAM
1774   publ m f = if isTrue m f
1775              then public f
1776              else if isTrue m (Neg f)
1777                    then public (Neg f)
1778                    else one
1779

```

#### 8.4 Operations on action models

The trivial update action model is a special case of public announcement. Call this the **one** action model, for it behaves as 1 for the operation  $\otimes$  of action model composition.

```

1784   one :: FAM
1785   one = public Top

```

Composition  $\otimes$  of multiple pointed action models.

```

1788   cmpP :: FAM -> FAM -> [Agent] -> Model (State,State) Form
1789   cmpP fam1 fam2 ags =
1790     (Mo nstates npre ags nsusp npoints)
1791     where m@(Mo states pre _ susp ss) = fam1 ags
1792           (Mo states' pre' _ susp' ss') = fam2 ags
1793           npoints = [ (s,s') | s <- ss, s' <- ss' ]
1794           nstates = [ (s,s') | s <- states, s' <- states' ]
1795           npre    = [ ((s,s'), g) | (s,f) <- pre,
1796                                   (s',f') <- pre',
1797                                   g <- [computePre m f f'] ]
1796           nsusp  = [ (ag,(s1,s1'),(s2,s2')) | (ag,s1,s2) <- susp,
1797                                   (ag',s1',s2') <- susp',
1798                                   ag == ag' ]
1799

```

The utility function for this can be described as follows: compute the new precondition of a state pair. If the preconditions of the two states are purely propositional, we know that the updates at the states commute and that their combined precondition is the conjunction of the two preconditions, provided this conjunction is not a contradiction. If one of the states has a precondition that is not purely propositional, we have to take the epistemic effect of the update into account in the new precondition.

```

1807     computePre  :: AM -> Form -> Form -> Form
1808     computePre m g g' | pureProp conj = conj
1809                       | otherwise    = Conj [ g, Neg (Up m (Neg g')) ]
1810     where conj      = canonF (Conj [g,g'])

```

Compose pairs of multiple pointed action models, and reduce the result to its simplest possible form under action emulation.

```

1813     cmpFAM :: FAM -> FAM -> FAM
1814     -- cmpFAM fam fam' ags = aePmod (cmpP fam fam' ags)
1815     cmpFAM fam fam' ags = conv (cmpP fam fam' ags)

```

Use `one` as unit for composing lists of FAMs:

```

1818     cmp :: [FAM] -> FAM
1819     cmp = foldl cmpFAM one

```

Here is the result of composing two messages:

```

1822     Semantics> showM (cmp [groupM [a,b] p, groupM [b,c] q] [a,b,c])
1823     ==> [0]
1824     [0,1,2,3]
1825     (0,&[p,q])(1,p)(2,q)(3,T)
1826     (a,[[0,1],[2,3]])
1827     (b,[[0],[1],[2],[3]])
1828     (c,[[0,2],[1,3]])

```

This gives the resulting action model. Here is the result of composing the messages in the reverse order. The two action models are bisimilar under the renaming  $1 \mapsto 2, 2 \mapsto 1$ .

```

1832     ==> [0]
1833     [0,1,2,3]
1834     (0,&[p,q])(1,q)(2,p)(3,T)
1835     (a,[[0,2],[1,3]])
1836     (b,[[0],[1],[2],[3]])
1837     (c,[[0,1],[2,3]])

```

The following is an illustration of an observation from [vE<sub>1</sub>04a]:

```

1839     m2 = initE [P 0,Q 0] [a,b,c]
1840     psi = Disj [Neg(K b p),q]
1841
1842     Semantics> showM (upds m2 [message a psi, message b p])
1843     ==> [1,4]
1844     [0,1,2,3,4,5]
1845     (0,[]) (1,[p]) (2,[p]) (3,[q]) (4,[p,q])
1846     (5,[p,q])
1847     (a,[[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
1848     (b,[[0,2,3,5],[1,4]])
1849     (c,[[0,1,2,3,4,5]])

```

```

1850 Semantics> showM (upds m2 [message b p, message a psi])
1851 ==> [7]
1852 [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]
1853 (0,[]) (1,[]) (2,[p]) (3,[p]) (4,[p])
1854 (5,[q]) (6,[q]) (7,[p,q]) (8,[p,q]) (9,[p,q])
1855 (10,[p,q])
1856 (a,[[0,3,5,7,9],[1,2,4,6,8,10]])
1857 (b,[[0,1,3,4,5,6,9,10],[2,7,8]])
1858 (c,[[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10]])

```

Power of action models:

```

1859 pow :: Int -> FAM -> FAM
1860 pow n fam = cmp (take n (repeat fam))
1861

```

Non-deterministic sum  $\oplus$  of multiple-pointed action models:

```

1862 ndSum' :: FAM -> FAM -> FAM
1863 ndSum' fam1 fam2 ags = (Mo states val ags acc ss)
1864 where
1865     (Mo states1 val1 _ acc1 ss1) = fam1 ags
1866     (Mo states2 val2 _ acc2 ss2) = fam2 ags
1867     f = \ x -> toInteger (length states1) + x
1868     states2' = map f states2
1869     val2' = map (\ (x,y) -> (f x, y)) val2
1870     acc2' = map (\ (x,y,z) -> (x, f y, f z)) acc2
1871     ss = ss1 ++ map f ss2
1872     states = states1 ++ states2'
1873     val = val1 ++ val2'
1874     acc = acc1 ++ acc2'

```

Example action models:

```

1875 am0 = ndSum' (test p) (test (Neg p)) [a,b,c]
1876
1877 am1 = ndSum' (test p) (ndSum' (test q) (test r)) [a,b,c]
1878

```

Examples of minimization for action emulation:

```

1880 Semantics> showM am0
1881 ==> [0,2]
1882 [0,1,2,3]
1883 (0,p) (1,T) (2,-p) (3,T)
1884 (a,[(0,[1]),(2,[3])])
1885 (b,[(0,[1]),(2,[3])])
1886 (c,[(0,[1]),(2,[3])])
1887
1888 Semantics> showM (aePmod am0)
1889 ==> [0]
1890 [0]
1891 (0,T)
1892 (a,[[0]])
1893 (b,[[0]])
1894 (c,[[0]])

```

```

1893
1894     Semantics> showM am1
1895     ==> [0,2,4]
1896     [0,1,2,3,4,5]
1897     (0,p)(1,T)(2,q)(3,T)(4,r)
1898     (5,T)
1899     (a,[[[0],[1]],[[2],[3]],[[4],[5]])])
1900     (b,[[[0],[1]],[[2],[3]],[[4],[5]])])
1901     (c,[[[0],[1]],[[2],[3]],[[4],[5]])])
1902
1903     Semantics> showM (aePmod am1)
1904     ==> [0]
1905     [0,1]
1906     (0,v[p,&[-p,q],&[-p,-q,r]])(1,T)
1907     (a,[[[0],[1]])])
1908     (b,[[[0],[1]])])
1909     (c,[[[0],[1]])])

```

Non-deterministic sum  $\oplus$  of multiple-pointed action models, reduced for action emulation:

```

1909
1910     ndSum :: FAM -> FAM -> FAM
1911     ndSum fam1 fam2 ags = (ndSum' fam1 fam2) ags

```

Notice the difference with the definition of alternative composition of Kripke models for processes given in [Ho<sub>3</sub>98, Ch 4]. The **zero** action model is the 0 for the  $\oplus$  operation, so it can be used as the base case in the following list version of the  $\oplus$  operation:

```

1916     ndS :: [FAM] -> FAM
1917     ndS = foldl ndSum zero

```

Performing a test whether  $\varphi$  and announcing the result:

```

1920     testAnnounce :: Form -> FAM
1921     testAnnounce form = ndS [ cmp [ test form, public form ],
1922                               cmp [ test (negation form),
1923                                     public (negation form)] ]

```

`testAnnounce form` is equivalent to `info all_agents form`:

```

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1925
1926     Semantics> showM (testAnnounce p [a,b,c])
1927     ==> [0,1]
1928     [0,1]
1929     (0,p)(1,-p)
1930     (a,[[[0],[1]])])
1931     (b,[[[0],[1]])])
1932     (c,[[[0],[1]])])
1933
1934     Semantics> showM (info [a,b,c] p [a,b,c])
1935     ==> [0,1]
1936     [0,1]
1937     (0,p)(1,-p)

```

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1936      (a, [[0], [1]])
1937      (b, [[0], [1]])
1938      (c, [[0], [1]])

```

1939 The function `testAnnounce` gives the special case of revelations where  
 1940 the alternatives are a formula and its negation, and where the result is  
 1941 publicly announced.

1942 Note that *DEMO* correctly computes the result of the sequence and the  
 1943 sum of two contradictory propositional tests:

```

1944
1945      Semantics> showM (cmp [test p, test (Neg p)] [a,b,c])
1946      ==> []
1947      []
1948
1949      (a, [])
1950      (b, [])
1951      (c, [])
1952
1953      Semantics> showM (ndS [test p, test (Neg p)] [a,b,c])
1954      ==> [0]
1955      [0]
1956      (0,T)
1957      (a, [[0]])
1958      (b, [[0]])
1959      (c, [[0]])

```

## 1957 9 Examples

### 1958 9.1 The riddle of the caps

1959 Picture a situation<sup>3</sup> of four people  $a, b, c, d$  standing in line, with  $a, b, c$   
 1960 looking to the left, and  $d$  looking to the right.  $a$  can see no-one else;  $b$  can  
 1961 see  $a$ ;  $c$  can see  $a$  and  $b$ , and  $d$  can see no-one else. They are all wearing  
 1962 caps, and they cannot see their own cap. If it is common knowledge that  
 1963 there are two white and two black caps, then in the situation depicted in  
 1964 Figure 4,  $c$  knows what colour cap she is wearing.

1965 If  $c$  now announces that she knows the colour of her cap (without re-  
 1966 vealing the colour),  $b$  can infer from this that he is wearing a white cap, for  
 1967  $b$  can reason as follows: “ $c$  knows her colour, so she must see two caps of  
 1968 the same colour. The cap I can see is white, so my own cap must be white  
 1969 as well.” In this situation  $b$  draws a conclusion from the fact that  $c$  knows  
 1970 her colour.

1971 In the situation depicted in Figure 5,  $b$  can draw a conclusion from the  
 1972 fact that  $c$  does not know her colour.

1973 In this case  $c$  announces that she does not know her colour, and  $b$  can  
 1974 infer from this that he is wearing a black cap, for  $b$  can reason as follows:

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1975 <sup>3</sup> See [vE<sub>1</sub>Or05].

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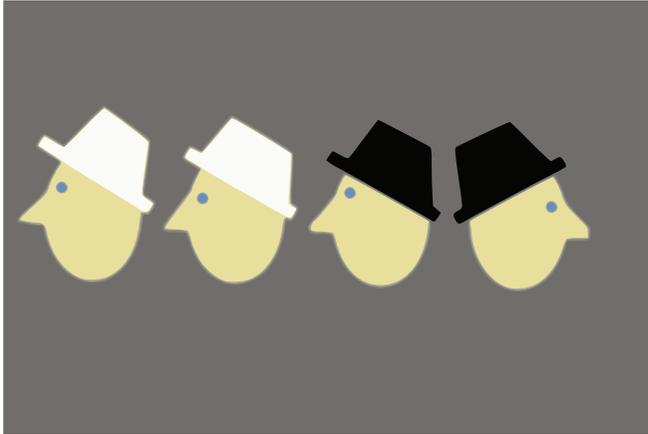


FIGURE 4.

“*c* does not know her colour, so she must see two caps of different colours in front of her. The cap I can see is white, so my own cap must be black.”

To account for this kind of reasoning, we use model checking for epistemic updating, as follows. Proposition  $p_i$  expresses the fact that the  $i$ -th cap, counting from the left, is white. Thus, the facts of our first example situation are given by  $p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \wedge \neg p_4$ , and those of our second example by  $p_1 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \wedge p_4$ .

Here is the *DEMO* code for this example (details to be explained below):

```

module Caps where

import DEMO

capsInfo :: Form
capsInfo = Disj [Conj [f, g, Neg h, Neg j] |
    f <- [p1, p2, p3, p4],
    g <- [p1, p2, p3, p4] \\< [f],
    h <- [p1, p2, p3, p4] \\< [f,g],
    j <- [p1, p2, p3, p4] \\< [f,g,h],
    f < g, h < j
]

awarenessFirstCap = info [b,c] p1
awarenessSecondCap = info [c] p2

cK = Disj [K c p3, K c (Neg p3)]
bK = Disj [K b p2, K b (Neg p2)]

mo0 = upd (initE [P 1, P 2, P 3, P 4] [a,b,c,d]) (test capsInfo)
mo1 = upd mo0 (public capsInfo)
mo2 = upds mo1 [awarenessFirstCap, awarenessSecondCap]

```

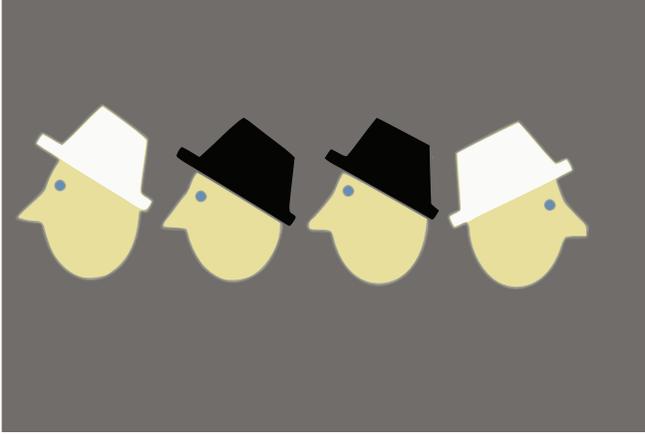


FIGURE 5.

```

2040 mo3a = upd mo2 (public cK)
2041 mo3b = upd mo2 (public (Neg cK))

```

2042 An initial situation with four agents  $a, b, c, d$  and four propositions  $p_1,$   
 2043  $p_2, p_3, p_4$ , with exactly two of these true, where no-one knows anything  
 2044 about the truth of the propositions, and everyone is aware of the ignorance  
 2045 of the others, is modelled like this:  
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```

2047 Caps> showM mo0
2048 ==> [5,6,7,8,9,10]
2049 [0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]
2050 (0, []) (1, [p1]) (2, [p2]) (3, [p3]) (4, [p4])
2051 (5, [p1,p2]) (6, [p1,p3]) (7, [p1,p4]) (8, [p2,p3]) (9, [p2,p4])
2052 (10, [p3,p4]) (11, [p1,p2,p3]) (12, [p1,p2,p4]) (13, [p1,p3,p4])
2053 (14, [p2,p3,p4]) (15, [p1,p2,p3,p4])
2054 (a, [[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]])
2055 (b, [[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]])
2056 (c, [[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]])
2057 (d, [[0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15]])

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2058 The first line indicates that worlds 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 are compatible with the  
 2059 facts of the matter (the facts being that there are two white and two black  
 2060 caps). E.g., 5 is the world where  $a$  and  $b$  are wearing the white caps. The  
 2061 second line lists all the possible worlds; there are  $2^4$  of them, since every  
 2062 world has a different valuation. The third through sixth lines give the  
 2063 valuations of worlds. The last four lines represent the accessibility relations  
 2064 for the agents. All accessibilities are total relations, and they are represented  
 here as the corresponding partitions on the set of worlds. Thus, the igno-

2065 rance of the agents is reflected in the fact that for all of them all worlds are  
 2066 equivalent: none of the agents can tell any of them apart.

2067 The information that two of the caps are white and two are black is  
 2068 expressed by the formula

$$2069 \quad (p_1 \wedge p_2 \wedge \neg p_3 \wedge \neg p_4) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_4) \vee (p_1 \wedge p_4 \wedge \neg p_2 \wedge \neg p_3) \\
 2070 \quad \vee (p_2 \wedge p_3 \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_4) \vee (p_2 \wedge p_4 \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_3) \vee (p_3 \wedge p_4 \wedge \neg p_1 \wedge \neg p_2).$$

2071 A public announcement with this information has the following effect:

```
2072
2073 Caps> showM (upd mo0 (public capsInfo))
2074 ==> [0,1,2,3,4,5]
2075 [0,1,2,3,4,5]
2076 (0, [p1,p2]) (1, [p1,p3]) (2, [p1,p4]) (3, [p2,p3]) (4, [p2,p4])
2077 (5, [p3,p4])
2078 (a, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
2079 (b, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
2080 (c, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
2081 (d, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
```

2082 Let this model be called `mo1`. The representation above gives the partitions  
 2083 for all the agents, showing that nobody knows anything. A perhaps more  
 2084 familiar representation for this multi-agent Kripke model is given in Figure  
 2085 6. In this picture, all worlds are connected for all agents, all worlds are  
 2086 compatible with the facts of the matter (indicated by the double ovals).

2087 Next, we model the fact that (everyone is aware that) *b* can see the first  
 2088 cap and that *c* can see the first and the second cap, as follows:

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2089
2090 Caps> showM (upds mo1 [info [b,c] p1, info [c] p2])
2091 ==> [0,1,2,3,4,5]
2092 [0,1,2,3,4,5]
2093 (0, [p1,p2]) (1, [p1,p3]) (2, [p1,p4]) (3, [p2,p3]) (4, [p2,p4])
2094 (5, [p3,p4])
2095 (a, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
2096 (b, [[0,1,2], [3,4,5]])
2097 (c, [[0], [1,2], [3,4], [5]])
2098 (d, [[0,1,2,3,4,5]])
```

2099 Notice that this model reveals that in case *a, b* wear caps of the same colour  
 2100 (situations 0 and 5), *c* knows the colour of all the caps, and in case *a, b* wear  
 2101 caps of different colours, she does not (she confuses the cases 1, 2 and the  
 2102 cases 3, 4). Figure 7 gives a picture representation.

2103 Let this model be called `mo2`. Knowledge of *c* about her situation is  
 2104 expressed by the epistemic formula  $K_c p_3 \vee K_c \neg p_3$ , ignorance of *c* about  
 2105 her situation by the negation of this formula. Knowledge of *b* about his  
 2106 situation is expressed by  $K_b p_2 \vee K_b \neg p_2$ . Let `bK`, `cK` express that *b, c* know  
 2107 about their situation. Then updating with public announcement of `cK` and  
 with public announcement of the negation of this have different effects:

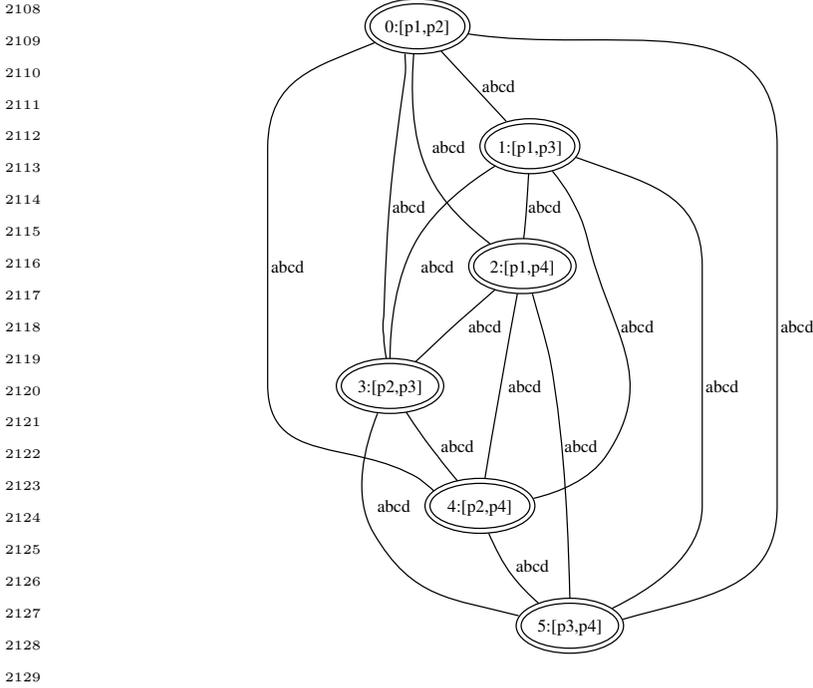


FIGURE 6. Caps situation where nobody knows anything about  $p_1, p_2, p_3, p_4$ .

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Caps> showM (upd mo2 (public cK))
==> [0,1]
[0,1]
(0, [p1,p2]) (1, [p3,p4])
(a, [[0,1]])
(b, [[0], [1]])
(c, [[0], [1]])
(d, [[0,1]])

Caps> showM (upd mo2 (public (Neg cK)))
==> [0,1,2,3]
[0,1,2,3]
(0, [p1,p3]) (1, [p1,p4]) (2, [p2,p3]) (3, [p2,p4])
(a, [[0,1,2,3]])
(b, [[0,1], [2,3]])
(c, [[0,1], [2,3]])
(d, [[0,1,2,3]])
    
```

In both results,  $b$  knows about his situation, though:

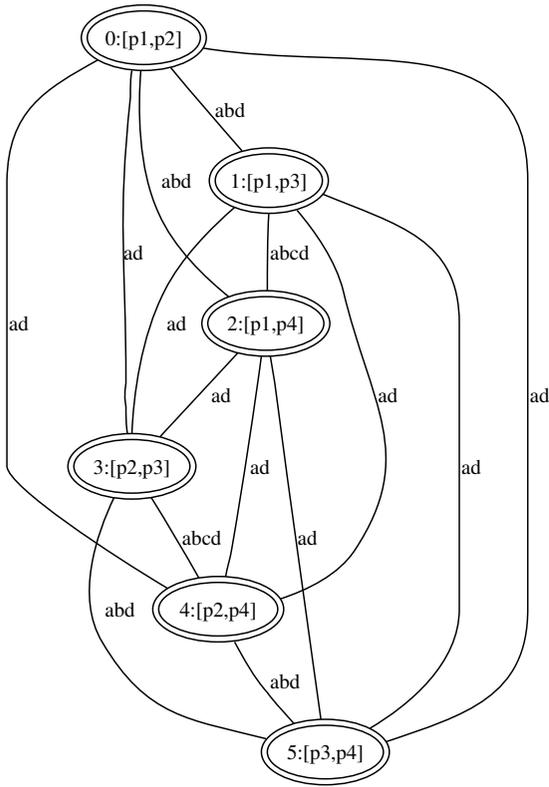


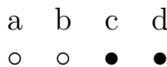
FIGURE 7. Caps situation after updating with awareness of what *b* and *c* can see.

```

Caps> isTrue (upd mo2 (public cK)) bK
True
Caps> isTrue (upd mo2 (public (Neg cK))) bK
True
    
```

### 9.2 Muddy children

For this example we need four agents *a, b, c, d*. Four children *a, b, c, d* are sitting in a circle. They have been playing outside, and they may or may not have mud on their foreheads. Their father announces: “At least one child is muddy!” Suppose in the actual situation, both *c* and *d* are muddy.



2194 Then at first, nobody knows whether he is muddy or not. After public  
 2195 announcement of these facts,  $c(d)$  can reason as follows. “Suppose I am  
 2196 clean. Then  $d(c)$  would have known in the first round that she was dirty.  
 2197 But she didn’t. So I am muddy.” After  $c, d$  announce that they know  
 2198 their state,  $a(b)$  can reason as follows: “Suppose I am dirty. Then  $c$  and  $d$   
 2199 would not have known in the second round that they were dirty. But they  
 2200 knew. So I am clean.” Note that the reasoning involves awareness about  
 2201 *perception*.

2202 In the actual situation where  $b, c, d$  are dirty, we get:

2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210
	a	b	c	d			
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	?	?	?	?			
	?	?	?	?			
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2211 Reasoning of  $b$ : “Suppose I am clean. Then  $c$  and  $d$  would have known  
 2212 in the second round that they are dirty. But they didn’t know. So I am  
 2213 dirty. Similarly for  $c$  and  $d$ .” Reasoning of  $a$ : “Suppose I am dirty. Then  $b$ ,  
 2214  $c$  and  $d$  would not have known their situation in the third round. But they  
 2215 did know. So I am clean.” And so on ... [Fa+95].

2216 Here is the *DEMO* implementation of the second case of this example, with  
 2217  $b, c, d$  dirty.  
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2219     module Muddy where
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2221     import DEMO
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2223     bcd_dirty = Conj [Neg p1, p2, p3, p4]
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2225     awareness = [info [b,c,d] p1,
2226                 info [a,c,d] p2,
2227                 info [a,b,d] p3,
2228                 info [a,b,c] p4 ]
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2230     aK = Disj [K a p1, K a (Neg p1)]
2231     bK = Disj [K b p2, K b (Neg p2)]
2232     cK = Disj [K c p3, K c (Neg p3)]
2233     dK = Disj [K d p4, K d (Neg p4)]
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2235     mu0 = upd (initE [P 1, P 2, P 3, P 4] [a,b,c,d]) (test bcd_dirty)
2236     mu1 = upds mu0 awareness
2237     mu2 = upd mu1 (public (Disj [p1, p2, p3, p4]))
2238     mu3 = upd mu2 (public (Conj[Neg aK, Neg bK, Neg cK, Neg dK]))
2239     mu4 = upd mu3 (public (Conj[Neg aK, Neg bK, Neg cK, Neg dK]))
2240     mu5 = upds mu4 [public (Conj[bK, cK, dK])]
  
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The initial situation, where nobody knows anything, and they are all aware of the common ignorance (say, all children have their eyes closed, and they all know this) looks like this:

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2241 Muddy> showM mu0
2242 ==> [14]
2243 [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
2244 (0, []) (1, [p1]) (2, [p2]) (3, [p3]) (4, [p4])
2245 (5, [p1, p2]) (6, [p1, p3]) (7, [p1, p4]) (8, [p2, p3]) (9, [p2, p4])
2246 (10, [p3, p4]) (11, [p1, p2, p3]) (12, [p1, p2, p4]) (13, [p1, p3, p4])
2247 (14, [p2, p3, p4]) (15, [p1, p2, p3, p4])
2248 (a, [[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]])
2249 (b, [[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]])
2250 (c, [[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]])
2251 (d, [[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]])

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The awareness of the children about the mud on the foreheads of the others is expressed in terms of update models.

Here is the update model that expresses that *b, c, d* can see whether *a* is muddy or not:

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2255 Muddy> showM (info [b,c,d] p1)
2256 ==> [0,1]
2257 [0,1]
2258 (0, p1) (1, -p1)
2259 (a, [[0,1]])
2260 (b, [[0], [1]])
2261 (c, [[0], [1]])
2262 (d, [[0], [1]])

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Let **awareness** be the list of update models expressing what happens when they all open their eyes and see the foreheads of the others. Then updating with this has the following result:

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2266 Muddy> showM (upds mu0 awareness)
2267 ==> [14]
2268 [0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15]
2269 (0, []) (1, [p1]) (2, [p2]) (3, [p3]) (4, [p4])
2270 (5, [p1, p2]) (6, [p1, p3]) (7, [p1, p4]) (8, [p2, p3]) (9, [p2, p4])
2271 (10, [p3, p4]) (11, [p1, p2, p3]) (12, [p1, p2, p4]) (13, [p1, p3, p4])
2272 (14, [p2, p3, p4]) (15, [p1, p2, p3, p4])
2273 (a, [[0, 1], [2, 5], [3, 6], [4, 7], [8, 11], [9, 12], [10, 13], [14, 15]])
2274 (b, [[0, 2], [1, 5], [3, 8], [4, 9], [6, 11], [7, 12], [10, 14], [13, 15]])
2275 (c, [[0, 3], [1, 6], [2, 8], [4, 10], [5, 11], [7, 13], [9, 14], [12, 15]])
2276 (d, [[0, 4], [1, 7], [2, 9], [3, 10], [5, 12], [6, 13], [8, 14], [11, 15]])

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Call the result *mu1*. An update of *mu1* with the public announcement that at least one child is muddy gives:

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2278 Muddy> showM (upd mu1 (public (Disj [p1, p2, p3, p4])))
2279 ==> [13]

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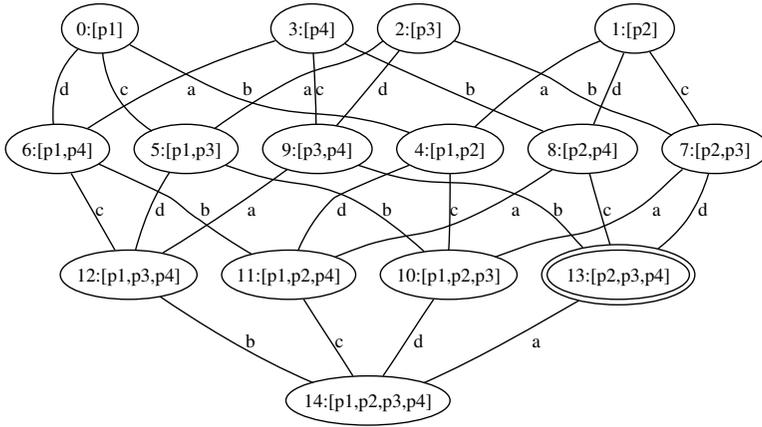


FIGURE 8.

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[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14]  
(0, [p1]) (1, [p2]) (2, [p3]) (3, [p4]) (4, [p1, p2])  
(5, [p1, p3]) (6, [p1, p4]) (7, [p2, p3]) (8, [p2, p4]) (9, [p3, p4])  
(10, [p1, p2, p3]) (11, [p1, p2, p4]) (12, [p1, p3, p4]) (13, [p2, p3, p4])  
(14, [p1, p2, p3, p4])

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(a, [[0], [1, 4], [2, 5], [3, 6], [7, 10], [8, 11], [9, 12], [13, 14]])  
(b, [[0, 4], [1], [2, 7], [3, 8], [5, 10], [6, 11], [9, 13], [12, 14]])  
(c, [[0, 5], [1, 7], [2], [3, 9], [4, 10], [6, 12], [8, 13], [11, 14]])  
(d, [[0, 6], [1, 8], [2, 9], [3], [4, 11], [5, 12], [7, 13], [10, 14]])

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Figure 8 represents this situation where the double oval indicates the actual world). Call this model  $\mu_2$ , and use  $aK, bK, cK, dK$  for the formulas expressing that  $a, b, c, d$  know whether they are muddy (see the code above). Then we get:

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Muddy> showM (upd  $\mu_2$  (public (Conj[Neg aK, Neg bK, Neg cK,  
Neg dK])))  
==> [9]  
[0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10]  
(0, [p1, p2]) (1, [p1, p3]) (2, [p1, p4]) (3, [p2, p3]) (4, [p2, p4])  
(5, [p3, p4]) (6, [p1, p2, p3]) (7, [p1, p2, p4]) (8, [p1, p3, p4])  
(9, [p2, p3, p4]) (10, [p1, p2, p3, p4])  
(a, [[0], [1], [2], [3, 6], [4, 7], [5, 8], [9, 10]])  
(b, [[0], [1, 6], [2, 7], [3], [4], [5, 9], [8, 10]])  
(c, [[0, 6], [1], [2, 8], [3], [4, 9], [5], [7, 10]])  
(d, [[0, 7], [1, 8], [2], [3, 9], [4], [5], [6, 10]])

This situation is represented in Figure 9. We call this model  $\mu_3$ , and update again with the same public announcement of general ignorance:

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2323 Muddy> showM (upd mu3 (public (Conj[Neg aK, Neg bK, Neg cK,
2324                                     Neg dK])))
2325 ==> [3]
2326 [0, 1, 2, 3, 4]
2327 (0, [p1, p2, p3]) (1, [p1, p2, p4]) (2, [p1, p3, p4]) (3, [p2, p3, p4])
2328 (4, [p1, p2, p3, p4])
2329
2330 (a, [[0], [1], [2], [3, 4]])
2331 (b, [[0], [1], [2, 4], [3]])
2332 (c, [[0], [1, 4], [2], [3]])
2333 (d, [[0, 4], [1], [2], [3]])

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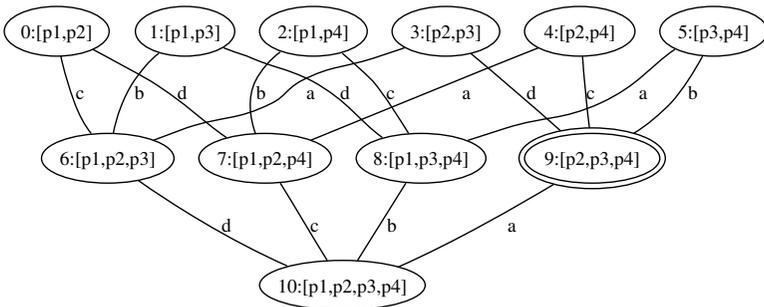


FIGURE 9.

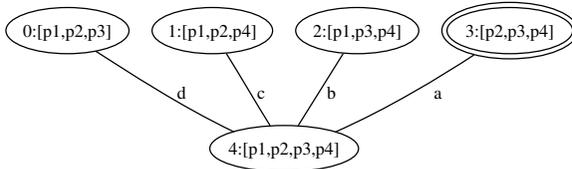


FIGURE 10.

Finally, this situation is represented in Figure 10, and the model is called **mu4**. In this model, *b*, *c*, *d* know about their situation:

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2361 Muddy> isTrue mu4 (Conj [bK, cK, dK])
2362 True

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Updating with the public announcement of this information determines everything:

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2366 Muddy> showM (upd mu4 (public (Conj[bK, cK, dK])))
2367 ==> [0]
2368 [0]
2369 (0, [p2, p3, p4])
2370 (a, [[0]])
2371 (b, [[0]])
2372 (c, [[0]])
2373 (d, [[0]])

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## 10 Conclusion and further work

DEMO was used for solving Hans Freudenthal's Sum and Product puzzle by means of epistemic modelling in [vDRu<sub>0</sub>Ve<sub>2</sub>05]. There are many variations of this. See the DEMO documentation at <http://www.cwi.nl/~jve/demo/> for descriptions and for DEMO solutions. DEMO is also good at modelling the kind of card problems described in [vD03], such as the Russian card problem. A DEMO solution to this was published in [vD+06]. DEMO was used for checking a version of the Dining Cryptographers protocol [Ch<sub>2</sub>88], in [vE<sub>1</sub>Or05]. All of these examples are part of the DEMO documentation.

The next step is to employ DEMO for more realistic examples, such as checking security properties of communication protocols. To develop DEMO into a tool for blackbox cryptographic analysis — where the cryptographic primitives such as one-way functions, nonces, public and private key encryption are taken as given. For this, a propositional base language is not sufficient. We should be able to express that an agent  $A$  generates a nonce  $n_A$ , and that no-one else knows the value of the nonce, without falling victim to a combinatorial explosion. If nonces are 10-digit numbers then not knowing a particular nonce means being confused between  $10^{10}$  different worlds. Clearly, it does not make sense to represent all of these in an implementation. What could be done, however, is represent epistemic models as triples  $(W, R, V)$ , where  $V$  now assigns a non-contradictory proposition to each world. Then uncertainty about the value of  $n_A$ , where the actual value is  $N$ , can be represented by means of two worlds, one where  $n_a = N$  and one where  $n_a \neq N$ . This could be done with basic propositions of the form  $e = M$  and  $e \neq M$ , where  $e$  ranges over cryptographic expressions, and  $M$  ranges over 'big numerals'. Implementing these ideas, and putting DEMO to the test of analysing real-life examples is planned as future work.

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