# Dynamic Epistemic Logic

Chapter 3 - Public announcements

## 3.6 Announcements and Common knowledge

$$\begin{split} & [\varphi] K_a \psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \to K_a[\varphi] \psi \\ & \text{Generalize to common knowledge. } [\varphi] C_B \psi \leftrightarrow (\varphi \to C_B[\varphi] \psi). \\ & \underline{\text{This is invalid!}} \end{split}$$



Figure 1: Before the announcement of p



Figure 2: After the announcement of p

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{M},\!\mathbf{s} &\models [p] \mathbf{C}_{ab} \mathbf{q} \\ \mathbf{M},\!\mathbf{s} \not\models p \to \mathbf{C}_{ab} \mathbf{q} \end{split}$$

 $\begin{array}{l} \underline{Proposition} \ (Announcement \ and \ Common \ knowledge) \\ \hline If \ \chi \rightarrow [\varphi] \psi \ and \ (\chi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow E_B \ are \ valid \ then \ \chi \rightarrow [\varphi] C_B \psi \ is \ valid. \\ \underline{Proof} \\ \hline Let \ M,s \ be \ arbitrary \ and \ suppose \ M,s \models \chi. We \ want \ to \ show \ M,s \models [\varphi] C_B \psi. \\ \\ Suppose \ M,s \models \psi \ and \ t \ be \ in \ the \ domain \ of \ M|_{\varphi} \ s.t. \ s \ \sim_B t. \ We \ prove \ M|_{\psi}, t \models \psi \ by \ induction \ over \ the \ path \ length \ from \ s \ to \ t. \\ \\ If \ length=0 \ then \ s=t \ and \ M|_{\psi}, s \models \psi \ which \ follows \ from \ M,s \models \chi \ and \ the \ validity \ \chi \rightarrow [\varphi] \psi \\ \\ \\ If \ length=n+1 \ with \ a \in B \ and \ u \in M|_{\varphi} \ s.t. \ s \ \sim_a u \ \sim_B t. \\ \\ \\ From \ M,s \models \chi, \ M,s \models \varphi, \ from \ the \ validity \ of \ (\chi \wedge \varphi) \rightarrow E_B \chi \ and \ s \ \sim_a u \ follows, \ M,s \models \chi. \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ Because \ u \in M|_{\varphi} \ we \ know \ that \ M,s \varphi. \ Now \ apply \ the \ induction \ hypothesis. \ So \ we \ have \ have$ 

 $M|_{\psi}, t \models \psi$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \underline{Corollary} \\ \hline [\varphi]\psi \text{ is valid iff } [\varphi]C_B\psi \text{ is valid.} \\ \underline{Proof} \\ "\leftarrow": \text{ trivial} \\ "\rightarrow: X=T \text{ in the last proposition} \end{array}$ 

## 3.7 Unsuccessful Updates

**Definition 1** Given a fomula  $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{KC[]}$  and an epistemic state M,s:  $\phi$  is a successful formula if  $[\phi]\phi$  is valid.  $\phi$  is a unsuccessful formula if it is not successful.  $\phi$  is a successful update in M,s if  $M,s \models \langle \phi \rangle \phi$ .  $\phi$  is unsuccessful in M,s if  $M,s \models \langle \phi \rangle \neg \phi$ .

<u>Note:</u>

Updates with true successful formulas are always successful. Updates with unsuccessful formulas can be successful.

Question: Can we characterize successful formulas syntactically? Not trivial, since it is possible that  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  are successful but their conjuction or disjunction are not. (Exercise: find such formulas and discuss!)

 $\label{eq:proposition} \frac{\text{Proposition}}{\text{Let }\varphi\in\mathcal{L}_{KC\parallel}}. \text{ Then } [C_A\varphi]C_a\varphi \text{ is valid.} \\ \text{Proof}$ 

Let M,s be arbitrary. If  $C_a \varphi$  is not true in s, then  $[C_A \varphi] C_a \varphi$  is true. If  $Ms \models C_a \varphi$ , then  $M,t \models \varphi$  if  $s \sim_a t$ , and by the fact that  $M,t \models C_A \varphi$ . Clearly  $t \in dom(M)$  iff  $t \in dom(M|_{C_A \varphi})$ , which means that  $M|_{C_A \varphi}, s \models C_A \varphi$ . Hence  $M,s \models [C_A \varphi] C_A$ 

What if  $B \subsetneq A$ ? Is  $[C_B \phi] C_B \phi$  still valid? It is not!

Counterexample: Recall the example from earlier that showed that  $[p \land \neg K_a p](p \land \neg K_a p)$  is not valid. Let  $B = \{b\}$ . Now consider the update formula  $[C_B(p \land \neg K_a p)]C_B(p \land \neg K_a p)$ . This is not valid, obviously.

We call a model M' a submodel of M if  $dom(M') \subseteq dom(M)$  and  $\sim$  and V are restricted accordingly.

 $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Definition 2} \ \mathcal{L}^{0}_{KC[]} \\ \mathcal{L}^{0}_{KC[]}(A,P) \ \textit{is the following fragment of } \mathcal{L}_{KC[]} \\ \varphi ::= p|\neg p|\varphi \land \varphi|\varphi \lor \varphi|K_{\alpha}\varphi|C_{B}\varphi|[\neg\varphi]\varphi \end{array}$ 

Proposition(Preservation) Fragment  $\mathcal{L}^{0}_{KC\Pi}(A, P)$  is preserved under submodels. Proof By structural induction. Best case: p and  $\neg p$  are trivial. Assume M' is a submodel of M with  $s \in dom(M) \cap dom(M')$ . M,s  $\models p$  iff M,s  $\models p$ .  $\phi \land \psi$  and  $\phi \lor \psi$  $M,s \models \phi \land \psi$  iff  $M, s \models \phi \text{ and } M, s \models \psi \text{ iff (I.H.)}$ M',s  $\models \phi$  and M',s  $\models \psi$  iff M',s  $\models \phi \land \psi$ **K**<sub>α</sub>φ: Let  $M = \langle S, \sim, V \rangle$  be given and  $M' = \langle S', \sim', V' \rangle$  a submodel of M. Let  $s \in S'$ . Suppose  $M, s \models K_a \varphi. \text{ Let } s' \in S' \text{ and } s \sim'_a s'. \text{ Then } M, s' \models \varphi. \text{ By I.H.: } M', s' \models \varphi. \text{ Therefore}$  $M',s \models K_a \varphi$ .  $C_{\rm B}\phi$ : Analogous.  $[\neg \phi]\psi$ : Suppose  $[\neg \phi]\psi$  and suppose for contradiction. M',s  $\not\models [\neg \phi]\psi$ . This implies M',s  $\models \neg \phi$ and  $M'|_{\neg \phi}$ ,  $s \not\models \psi$ .

Using the contrapositive of the I.H. we arrive at  $M,s\models \neg \varphi$ . Moreover  $M'|_{\neg\varphi}$  is a submodel of  $M|_{\neg\varphi}$  because  $t \in S'$  only survives if  $M',t\models \neg\varphi$ . Again I.H.  $M,t\models \neg\varphi$ , so  $[\![\neg\varphi]\!]_{M'} \subseteq [\![\neg\varphi]\!]_M$ . But from  $M,s\models [\neg\varphi]\psi$  and  $M,s\models \neg\varphi$  it follows  $M|_{\neg\varphi},s\models\psi$ , therefore  $M'|_{\neg\varphi},s\models\psi$ , which is a contradiction.

Corollary:

$$\begin{split} \overline{Let} & \varphi \in \mathcal{L}^0_{KC[]}(A, \mathsf{P}) \text{ and } \psi \in \mathcal{L}_{KC[]}(A, \mathsf{P}). \text{ Then } \varphi \to [\psi]\varphi \text{ is valid because } [\psi] \text{ creates a submodel.} \\ \\ \overline{Corollary:} \\ \overline{Let} & \varphi \in \mathcal{L}^0_{KC[]}(A, \mathsf{P}) \text{ then } \varphi \to [\varphi]\varphi \text{ is valid.} \\ \\ \\ \overline{Corollary:} \\ \overline{Let} & \varphi \in \mathcal{L}^0_{KC[]}(A, \mathsf{P}) \text{ then } [\varphi]\varphi \text{ is valid.} \end{split}$$

Proposition:

Incosistent formulas are successful.

Example 1  $[p \land \neg p]p \land \neg p$ 

#### 3.8 Axiomatisation

#### 3.8.1 PA (without Common Knowledge)

Axiom schemata for  $\mathcal{L}_{K[]}(A, P)$  with  $a \in A$  and  $p \in P$ : All instantiations of propositional tautologies [tautologies]  $K_a(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (K_a \phi \rightarrow K_a \psi)$  [distribution of  $K_a$  over  $\rightarrow$ ]  $K_a \phi \rightarrow \phi$  [truth]  $K_a \phi \rightarrow K_a K_a \phi$  [positive introspection]  $\neg K_a \phi \rightarrow K_a \neg K_a \phi$  [negative introspection]  $[\phi]p \leftrightarrow \phi \rightarrow p$  [atomic permanence]  $[\phi] \neg \psi \leftrightarrow (\phi \rightarrow \neg [\phi]\psi)$  [announcement plus negation]  $[\phi](\psi \land \chi) \leftrightarrow ([\phi]\psi \land [\phi]\chi)$  [announcement plus conjunction]  $[\phi]K_a\psi \leftrightarrow (\phi \rightarrow K_a[\phi]\chi$  [announcement plus knowledge]  $[\phi][\psi]\chi \leftrightarrow [\phi \land [\phi]\psi]\chi$  [announcement plus composition]

Inference rules:

 $\begin{array}{l} \mbox{From } \varphi \wedge \varphi \rightarrow \psi, \mbox{ infer } \psi \mbox{ [modus ponens]} \\ \mbox{From } \varphi \mbox{ infer } K_a \varphi \mbox{ [neccesitation]} \end{array}$ 

**Example 2** We want to show  $\vdash [p]K_ap$ 

- 1.  $p \rightarrow p$  taut.
- 2.  $[p] p \leftrightarrow p \rightarrow p$  atomic permanence
- 3. [p]p 1,2,prop.
- 4. K<sub>a</sub>[p]p 3,nec.
- 5.  $p \rightarrow K_{\alpha}[p]p$  4, prop.
- 6.  $[p]K_ap \leftrightarrow (p \rightarrow K_a[p]p \text{ ann.}+know.$
- 7. [p]K<sub>a</sub>p 5,6,prop.

Theorem 1 The axiomatisation PA(A,P) is sound and complete