



# Epistemic Logic IV

## from friends to couples

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## Classification of logic and action

The different levels of rationality (van Benthem):

- reason logically
- act cleverly
- interact intelligently
- everything above under uncertainty

	no knowledge	knowledge	group
no action	PL	EL	...
act/time	PDL, TL	ETL, DEL, EPDL	...
strategy	ATL, STIT	AETL, ESTIT	...

More interesting, if knowledge can be updated.

No knowledge but action or time

No knowledge but agent-based strategy

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# Propositional dynamic logic (Pratt [76], Fischer & Ladner [79])

Propositional dynamic logic (where  $a \in \mathbf{Act}$ ):

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid [\pi]\phi$$

$$\pi ::= a \mid ?\phi \mid (\pi; \pi) \mid (\pi + \pi) \mid \pi^*$$

$[\pi]\phi$  reads:  $\phi$  holds after any successful execution of program  $\pi$ . **while**  $\phi$  **do**  $a$   $\psi := [(\phi; a)^*; ?\neg\phi]\psi$ ,  $C_{\{a,b\}}\phi := [(a + b)^*]\phi$

A model is a tuple  $\langle S, \{\overset{a}{\rightarrow} \mid a \in \mathbf{Act}\}, V \rangle$  the semantics is given by:

$$\boxed{\mathcal{M}, s \models [\pi]\phi \iff \forall t : sR_\pi t \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, t \models \phi}$$

$$R_a = \overset{a}{\rightarrow}$$

$$R_{?\phi} = \{(s, s) \mid \mathcal{M}, s \models \phi\}$$

$$R_{\pi; \pi'} = R_\pi \circ R_{\pi'}$$

$$R_{\pi + \pi'} = R_\pi \cup R_{\pi'}$$

$$R_{\pi^*} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} R_{\pi^n}$$

## Important axioms

- Distribution axioms and necessitation rules for  $[\pi]$
- $[?\phi]p \leftrightarrow (\phi \rightarrow p)$
- $[\pi; \pi']p \leftrightarrow [\pi][\pi']p$
- $[\pi + \pi']p \leftrightarrow [\pi]p \wedge [\pi']p$
- Fixed Point:  $[\pi^*]p \leftrightarrow (p \wedge [\pi][\pi^*]p)$
- Induction:  $(p \wedge [\pi^*](p \rightarrow [\pi]p)) \rightarrow [\pi^*]p$
- Or the rule: form  $\vdash \phi \rightarrow (\psi \wedge [\pi]\phi)$  infer  $\vdash \phi \rightarrow [\pi^*]\psi$ . The rule also says that  $[\pi^*]\psi$  is the greatest post-fixed point.

We can understand axioms about common knowledge and other temporal operators in the similar way.

## Temporal logics

Linear-time temporal logic Pnueli (1977) based on Kamp (1968):

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid X\phi \mid (\phi U\phi)$$

A model  $\mathcal{M}$  is  $\langle R, V \rangle$  where:

- $R$  is a non-empty set of runs (intuitively, *infinite* sequences indexed by natural numbers, labelled by propositions);
- $V : R \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow 2^P$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}, (r, t) \models X\phi &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, (r, t+1) \models \phi \\ \mathcal{M}, (r, t) \models \phi U\psi &\Leftrightarrow \exists t' \geq t \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \mathcal{M}, (r, t') \models \psi \\ &\quad \text{and } \forall t'' : t \leq t'' < t' : \mathcal{M}, (r, t'') \models \phi \end{aligned}$$

$$F\phi := \top U\phi, G\phi := \neg F\neg\phi, \phi W\psi := (\phi U\psi) \vee G\phi.$$

## What can we express

$X$  is sometimes written  $\bigcirc$  (self-dual operator: both Box and Diamond).

- *Safety* properties: bad things do not happen, e.g.,  $G\neg p$
- *Liveness* properties: good things will happen, e.g.,  $Fp$

More complicated ones:

- $FGp$
- $G(p \rightarrow Fq)$
- $GFp \rightarrow GFq$  (strong fairness)
- $G(r \rightarrow X(rU(g \wedge X(gU(y \wedge X(yUr))))))$ ?  $r=\text{red}$



## Important axioms to axiomatize the logic

- Distribution axioms and necessitation rules for  $X$  and  $G$
- Functionality:  $X\neg p \leftrightarrow \neg Xp$
- Fixed Point:  $Gp \leftrightarrow (p \wedge XGp)$
- Induction rule: from  $\vdash \psi \rightarrow \varphi \wedge X\psi$  infer  $\vdash \psi \rightarrow G\psi$
- Fixed Point:  $pUq \leftrightarrow q \vee (p \wedge X(pUq))$
- Induction rule: from  $\vdash (\psi \vee (\varphi \wedge X\theta)) \rightarrow \theta$  infer  $\vdash \varphi U\psi \rightarrow \theta$
- Interaction:  $pUq \rightarrow Fq$

## Branching-time temporal logic

Computational tree logic (CTL) Clarke and Emerson (1982):

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid EX\phi \mid EG\phi \mid E(\phi U\phi)$$

$E$  is a **path quantifier**.  $EF\phi := E[\top U\phi]$ ,  $AX\phi := \neg EX(\neg\phi)$ ,  
 $AG\phi := \neg EF(\neg\phi)$ , etc.  $EG$  is not expressible by  $EU$  (but by  $AU$ ).

It is interpreted on a transition system  $\langle S, \rightarrow, V \rangle$  where  $\rightarrow$  is serial. Here is the *rough* idea for the semantics for  $E\phi$  ( $\phi = X\psi, G\psi, \psi_1 U\psi_2$ ):

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models E\phi \iff \exists r \text{ starting at } s \text{ such that } \mathcal{M}, (r, 0) \models_{LTL} \phi$$

More precisely (still based on *states*, not paths) e.g.,

$$\mathcal{M}, s_0 \models EG\phi \iff \exists \text{ a path } s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots \text{ such that } \forall k \in \mathbb{N} : \mathcal{M}, s_k \models \phi$$

## Some important axioms and rules

Fixed point axioms:

- $E(pUq) \leftrightarrow q \vee (p \wedge EXE(pUq))$
- $A(pUq) \leftrightarrow q \vee (p \wedge AXA(pUq))$

Induction Rules:

- from  $\vdash (\psi \vee (\varphi \wedge EX\theta)) \rightarrow \theta$  infer  $\vdash E(\varphi U\psi) \rightarrow \theta$
- from  $\vdash (\psi \vee (\varphi \wedge AX\theta)) \rightarrow \theta$  infer  $\vdash A(\varphi U\psi) \rightarrow \theta$

## Comparing LTL and CTL

We can also define LTL semantics over pointed Kripke models:

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi \iff \forall \text{ infinite path } r \text{ starting from } s : \mathcal{M}, (r, 0) \models \phi$$

There is always **an implicit universal path quantifier** when using LTL formulas to do model checking!

- Model checking problems of LTL and CTL on finite models are decidable ( $m = |\mathcal{M}|, n = |\phi|$ ):
  - CTL:  $O(mn)$  using labelling and fixed-point computation
  - LTL:  $O(m2^n)$  using emptiness checking of Büchi automata over infinite words: to check whether  $\mathcal{M}, s \models \phi$ , compute the automaton of  $\neg\phi$  and the automaton of  $\mathcal{M}, s$  and then check whether the product automaton can accept any path.
- LTL is more intuitive to use

- LTL and CTL are **not** comparable in expressivity:
  - LTL formulas implicitly start with an A path quantifier.
  - $FGp$  is not expressible in CTL. What about  $AF(AGp)$ ?
  - $AG(EFp)$  is not expressible in LTL.
- They are both fragments of  $CTL^*$ , e.g.  $EXp \wedge AFGp$  is neither in CTL nor LTL, but in  $CTL^*$ , which breaks the “bundles”.

Modal  $\mu$ -calculus generalize these future by directly introducing greatest/least fixed points into the language.

## Examples to see the tricky differences

$s$  satisfies LTL formula  $FGp$  but not CTL formula  $AF(AGp)$ :



$s$  satisfies CTL formula  $AGEFp$  but not LTL formula  $GFp$ :



Note that  $AGAFp$  is equivalent to LTL formula  $GFp$  but  
 $AGAFp \rightarrow AGAFq$  is not equivalent to LTL formula  $GFp \rightarrow GFq$ ,  
 why?

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## Alternating-time temporal logic (ATL) [Alur et al. 1997]

We want to express some agents can together make sure some properties.

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X\phi \mid \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle G\phi \mid \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle(\phi U\phi)$$

$\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle\psi$  says that the **agent group  $A$  can make sure**  $\phi$  by a collective strategy.  $\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle$  is like a path quantifier in CTL.

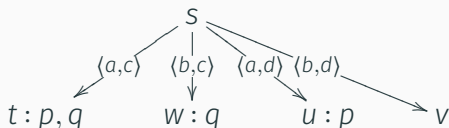
The model is called *concurrent game structure* (given a set of agents  $I$  and a set of actions  $\mathbf{Act}$ ):

$$\mathcal{M} = \langle S, d, \delta, V \rangle$$

- $d : S \times I \rightarrow 2^{\mathbf{Act}}$  gives available actions for each agent;
- $\delta : S \times \mathbf{Act}^I \rightarrow S$  is a partial transition function coherent with  $d$



## (Simplified) Example



where  $S = \{s, t, u, v\}$ ,  $I = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $d(s, 1) = \{a, b\}$ ,  $d(s, 2) = \{c, d\}$ . If 1 does  $a$  and 2 does  $c$  at  $s$  then the result is  $t$ :  $\delta(s, \langle a, c \rangle) = t$ . Other transitions are similar.

Intuitively 1 cannot make sure  $q$  but 2 can by doing  $c$ . On the other hand, 2 cannot make sure  $p$  but 1 can by doing  $a$ . 1 and 2 together can make sure  $p \wedge q$  by doing  $a$  and  $c$  respectively. The semantics of ATL will make this more precise.

## Semantics for ATL

A strategy for an agent is a function:  $S^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{Act}$  coherent with the available actions to the same agent, where  $S^+$  is the set of non-empty finite sequences of the states in  $S$  (the history matters when choosing your next action). A collective strategy for a group  $A \subseteq \mathbf{I}$  is a function:  $S^+ \times A \rightarrow \mathbf{Act}$ . Note that if  $A$  is not the set of all the agents then usually a collective strategy of  $A$  cannot force a **single path** since other agents outside  $A$  can do something to affect the resulting states of the *joint actions*.

The semantics is given by (we only show the simplest case):

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X\phi \iff \text{there is a collective strategy } \eta \text{ for group } A \text{ such that: for every path } r \text{ w.r.t. } \eta: \mathcal{M}, r[1] \models \phi$$

## Important axioms

- $\neg\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X \perp$
- $\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X \top$
- $\neg\langle\langle \emptyset \rangle\rangle X \neg p \rightarrow \langle\langle I \rangle\rangle X p$
- $\langle\langle A_1 \rangle\rangle X p \wedge \langle\langle A_2 \rangle\rangle X q \rightarrow \langle\langle A_1 \cup A_2 \rangle\rangle X (p \wedge q)$  (disjoint  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ )
- $\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle G p \leftrightarrow (p \wedge \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle G p)$
- $\langle\langle \emptyset \rangle\rangle G (q \rightarrow (p \wedge \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X q)) \rightarrow \langle\langle \emptyset \rangle\rangle G (q \rightarrow \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle G p)$
- $\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle p U q \leftrightarrow q \vee (p \wedge \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle p U q)$
- $\langle\langle \emptyset \rangle\rangle G ((q \vee (p \wedge \langle\langle A \rangle\rangle X r)) \rightarrow r) \rightarrow \langle\langle \emptyset \rangle\rangle G (\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle p U q \rightarrow r)$

- ATL can be viewed as an extension of CTL,  $\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle$  can be viewed as a path quantifier:  $A$  in CTL is  $\langle\langle \emptyset \rangle\rangle$ , and  $E := \langle\langle I \rangle\rangle$ .
- The model-checking problem for ATL is PTIME-complete, and can be solved in time  $O(|\mathcal{M}| \cdot |\phi|)$  by fixed-point computation
- Strategy for ATL can be synthesized incrementally.
- Model checking ATL formulas  $\langle\langle A \rangle\rangle\phi$  corresponds to solving concurrent extensive games.

Problem:  $\langle\langle i \rangle\rangle G(\text{married} \wedge \langle\langle i \rangle\rangle X\text{-married})$  is satisfiable! (strategy may be changed at a later stage)

## See to it that (STIT) logic, Belnap (2001)

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid \Box\phi \mid [i : \text{stit}]\phi$$

$\Box\phi$ : necessarily  $\phi$  (no matter what agents choose).  $[i : \text{stit}]\phi$ :  $i$  sees to it that  $\phi$  (given the current choice,  $i$  makes sure  $\phi$ ).

A model is  $\langle T, <, C, V \rangle$  where  $\langle T, < \rangle$  is a tree (paths are histories)

- $C$  gives for each  $i$  each  $m \in T$  a *partition* over histories through  $m$ , representing the choices  $i$  can make at  $m$ . Call the induced equivalence relation  $R_i^m$ . We require that the choices of the agents at a moment always intersect.
- $V$  assigns to each  $(h, m)$  a set of basic propositions

$$\mathcal{M}, (h, m) \models \Box\phi \iff \forall h' : m \in h' \text{ implies } \mathcal{M}, (h', m) \models \phi$$

$$\mathcal{M}, (h, m) \models [i : \text{stit}]\phi \iff \forall h' : (h, m) R_i^m (h', m) \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}, (h', m) \models \phi$$

## Important axioms

- S5 for  $\Box$
- S5 for  $[i \text{ stit}]$
- $\Box\phi \rightarrow [i \text{ stit}]\phi$
- $\Diamond[i_1 \text{ stit}]\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \Diamond[i_n \text{ stit}]\phi_n \rightarrow$   
 $\Diamond([i_1 \text{ stit}]\phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge [i_n \text{ stit}]\phi_n)$ : the agents' choices are independent.

$\Diamond$  is used to jump to other history (passing the same moment to represent the outcome of the choices). The ATL formula  $\langle\langle\{i\}\rangle\rangle\phi$  can be compared to  $\Diamond[i \text{ stit}]\phi$ .

Deliberative STIT:  $[i \text{ stit}]\phi \wedge \neg\Box\phi$ . It can be extended to  $[A : \text{stit}]\phi$  where we consider the intersection of  $R_i^m$ .

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Knowledge comes in if there is uncertainty:

- Epistemic temporal logic (ETL: **linear** /branching )
- Dynamic epistemic logic (with PDL program) (**next lecture**)
- Alternating-time temporal epistemic logic (ATEL)
- Epistemic see-to-it-that logic (ESTIT)



# Epistemic (linear-time) temporal logic, Halpern & Moss et al.

$$\phi ::= \top \mid p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid X\phi \mid (\phi U\phi) \mid K_i\phi$$

We can express:  $F(K_1p \wedge G\neg(K_2p \vee K_2\neg p))$ .

A model is  $\langle R, \sim, V \rangle$  where:

- $R$  is a non-empty set of runs;
- $\sim: I \rightarrow 2^{\text{Points} \times \text{Points}}$  where  $\text{Points} = R \times \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\sim_i$  is an equivalence relation;
- $V: \text{Points} \rightarrow 2^{\mathcal{P}}$ .

$$\mathcal{M}, (r, t) \models K_i\phi \iff \forall (r', t') \sim_i (r, t) : \mathcal{M}, (r', t') \models \phi$$

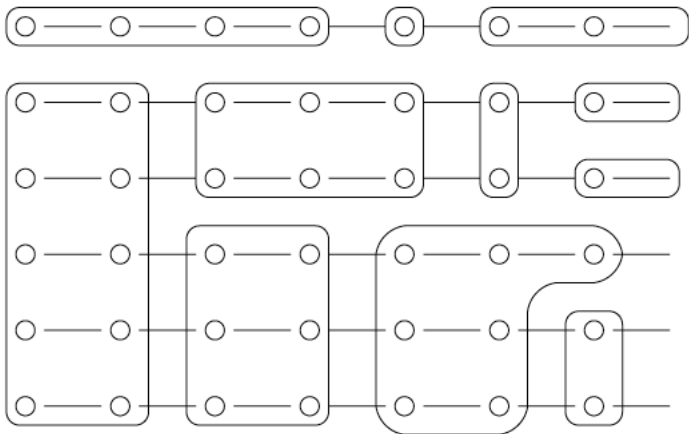
## Different properties about knowledge and time

- Synchrony: for all points  $(r, m)$  and  $(r', n)$  if  $(r, m) \sim_i (r', n)$  then  $m = n$ ;
- Perfect recall: for all points  $(r, m) \sim_i (r', n)$ , if  $m > 0$  then either  $(r, m - 1) \sim_i (r', n)$  or there exists  $l < n$  such that  $(r, m - 1) \sim_i (r', l)$  and for all  $l < k \leq n$ :  $(r, m) \sim_i (r', k)$ .
- No learning: for all points  $(r, m) \sim_i (r', n)$ , either  $(r, m + 1) \sim_i (r', n)$  or there exists  $l > n$  such that  $(r, m + 1) \sim_i (r', l)$  and for all  $n \leq k < l$ :  $(r, m) \sim_i (r', k)$ .

Try to see what PR and NL say under the synchrony condition.

Idea: PR agents can only refine the information cells, NL agents can only make them more coarse (not learning).

## Example of perfect recall



## Complexity: depending on the assumptions

The logics are computationally quite different (multi-agent no CK):

- PSPACE-complete (none, sync, sync+uis, uis)
- EXPSPACE-complete (nl+sync+uis, nl+pr+sync+uis)
- non-elementary time (pr, pr+sync, pr+uis, pr+sync+uis)
- non-elementary space (nl, nl+pr, nl+pr+sync, nl+sync)
- not decidable (nl+uis, nl+pr+uis)

Model checking is usually given by finitely generated interpreted systems using local states.

## Important axioms

To axiomatize logics (uis is unique initial state):

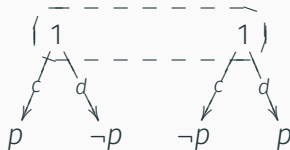
- S5+LTL (none, sync, sync+uis, uis)
- KT2:  $K_i Xp \rightarrow XK_i p$  (pr+sync, pr+sync+uis)
- KT3:  $K_i p \wedge X(K_i q \wedge \neg K_i r) \rightarrow \neg K_i \neg(K_i p U(K_i q U \neg r))$  (pr, pr+uis)
- KT4:  $(K_i p U K_i q) \rightarrow K_i(K_i p U K_i q)$  (nl)
- KT5  $XK_i p \rightarrow K_i Xp$  (nl+sync)
- KT6:  $K_i p \leftrightarrow K_1 p$

. Combination to axiomatize logics:

- KT2+5 (nl+pr+sync)
- KT2+5+6 (nl+sync+uis, nl+pr+uis)
- KT3+4 (nl+pr, nl+pr+uis, nl+uis)

## Alternating-time epistemic logic (ATEL)

What if we just add some epistemic uncertainty in the model as in the temporal logic case? Intuitively, the agent 1 cannot make sure  $p$  in the following model with the initial uncertainty (if he is not sure which state he is, then he does not know what to choose to make sure  $p$ ):



Something wrong:  $K_i \langle\langle 1 \rangle\rangle Xp$  holds at any state of the first level: the agent can chose  $c$  or  $d$  respectively. Know+can  $\neq$  know how!

## Possible solution in epistemic STIT

In our later know-how framework, it will become more clear: what we need is  $\exists \text{strategy } K[\text{strategy}]\phi$ , but not  $K\exists \text{strategy } [\text{strategy}]\phi$  (de dicto vs. de re again).

- We need to insert the knowledge operator at the right position.
- $\langle\langle i \rangle\rangle X\phi$  in temporal STIT logic is  $\diamond [i \text{ stit}]X\phi$  (*there is a choice that  $i$  can make sure...* )
- $K_i \langle\langle i \rangle\rangle Xp = K_i \diamond [i \text{ stit}]X\phi$
- $\diamond K_i [i \text{ stit}]X\phi$  is a better attempt.

## Further extensions

- Common knowledge
- Model building methods:
  - Generated epistemic relation by local states.
  - Generated temporal structures by (knowledge-based) programs/protocols.

Model checking tools for epistemic temporal logic: MCK, MCMAS.



## Epistemics in a security setting

Security protocols with three lines can still go wrong. E.g., Needham-Schroeder authentication protocol to make sure you are talking to the right guy:

1.  $A \rightarrow B : \{n_A, A\}_{PK_B}$
2.  $B \rightarrow A : \{n_A, n_B\}_{PK_A}$
3.  $A \rightarrow B : \{n_B\}_{PK_B}$

Initially, only agent A '*knows*' the value of its own nonce and only B '*knows*' the value of its own nonce. In the end, we want to make sure they '*know*' that they are talking to each other (the one who "*knows*" the right private key): **mutual authentication.**

# Attack!

Syntactic given BAN-logic provided a correctness proof of the above protocol, which was later proven flawed due to a man-in-the-middle attack:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 & A \rightarrow I : \{n_A, A\}_{PK_I} \\ 1' & I(A) \rightarrow B : \{n_A, A\}_{PK_B} \\ 2' & B \rightarrow I(A) : \{n_A, n_B\}_{PK_A} \\ 2 & I \rightarrow A : \{n_A, n_B\}_{PK_A} \\ 3 & A \rightarrow I : \{n_B\}_{PK_I} \\ 3' & I(A) \rightarrow B : \{n_B\}_{PK_B} \end{array}$$

## Epistemic security properties

**Secrecy** Intruder should not be able to *know*.

**Authentication of the origin** Receiver *knows* the sender of a message.

**Anonymity** Sender is *unknown* to an eavesdropper.

**Individual verifiability:** a voter can verify that her vote was really counted.

**Receipt-freeness:** A voter does not gain any information (a receipt) which can help a coercer to *know* to whom she voted in a certain way.

## Next

Combination of knowledge and action: dynamic epistemic logic