



# Epistemic Logic V

## The Dynamic Turn (A)

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# Background

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## Recap: 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    | ...   |

*DEL* stands for *Dynamic Epistemic Logic* which handles knowledge updates *constructively* and is a tool for “epistemic engineering/management” of the desired epistemic goals.

# Handling knowledge changes

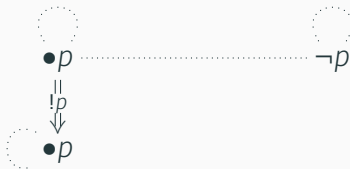
*Epistemic Temporal Logic vs. Dynamic Epistemic Logic*

|     | language | model                | semantics              |
|-----|----------|----------------------|------------------------|
| ETL | time+K   | temporal(+epistemic) | Kripke-like            |
| DEL | K+events | epistemic            | Kripke+ <i>dynamic</i> |

$\neg Kp \wedge [e] Kp$



$\neg Kp \wedge [!p] Kp$



DEL handles *how* is the knowledge updated.

## A very brief pre-history

Stalnaker (1978) *Assertion*:

- Its content is *dependent* on its context.
- It *modifies* the context.

The ideas of discourse representation theory, dynamic logic and the above points together inspired the invention of *dynamic semantics* [Groenendijk and Stokhof, 1991] and *update semantics* [Veltman, 1996]:

The meaning of a sentence is identified with its *context change potential* (CCP).

(Compare it with truth conditional semantics: knowing the meaning of a sentence is knowing when it is true)

One step further:

The meaning of a communicative event is the *change* it brings to the epistemic states of the participants in the discourse.

- [Gerbrandy and Groeneveld, 1997] combined the ideas of [Veltman, 1996] and [Fagin et al., 1995]: dynamic epistemic semantics for announcements.
- [Gerbrandy, 1999] developed the idea further. Some ILLC students rediscovered [Plaza, 1989] in which the public announcement logic (PAL) was proposed and studied in depth.
- [Baltag et al., 1998] proposed the dynamic epistemic logic with action model updates.

Such formal treatment of dynamics also becomes a very useful tools to understand various conditionals.

# In this century

From Web of Science database:



Overview books:

- Dynamic Epistemic Logic [van Ditmarsch et al., 2007]
- Logical Dynamics of Information and Interaction [van Benthem, 2011]



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## Let's go back to the origin...

Do we really understand thoroughly what we are doing? What is *Dynamic Epistemic Logic* as a field?

In searching for the answer, let us go back to the basics.

We will focus on axiomatizations:

- To understand the semantics-driven logics better.
- To compare with related approaches.

It is also interesting technically: dynamic semantics, failure of USUB, reduction-based axiomatization.

# Public Announcement Logic

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# Public Announcement Logic (PAL)

The language of *Public Announcement Logic (PAL)*:

$$\phi ::= p \mid \neg\phi \mid (\phi \wedge \phi) \mid K_i\phi \mid [\phi]\phi \text{ (also write } [!\phi]\phi)$$

We define  $\langle\psi\rangle\phi$  as  $\neg[\psi]\neg\phi$ .

It is interpreted on (S5) Kripke models  $\mathcal{M} = (S, \{\rightarrow_i\}_{i \in I}, V)$ :

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|---|
| $\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}, s \models K_i\psi &\Leftrightarrow \forall t : s \rightarrow_i t \implies \mathcal{M}, t \models \psi \\ \mathcal{M}, s \models [\psi]\phi &\Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}, s \models \psi \text{ implies } \mathcal{M} _{\psi}, s \models \phi \end{aligned}$ |
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where  $\mathcal{M}|_{\psi} = (S', \{\rightarrow'_i \mid i \in I\}, V')$  such that:  $S' = \{s \mid \mathcal{M}, s \models \psi\}$ ,  $\rightarrow'_i = \rightarrow_i \upharpoonright_{S' \times S'}$  and  $V'(p) = V(p) \cap S'$ .

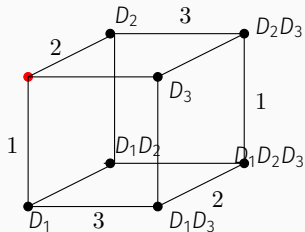
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ s_1 : \{p\} \end{array} & \leftarrow 1 \rightarrow & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ s_2 : \{\} \end{array} & [p] \implies & \begin{array}{c} \curvearrowright \\ s_1 : \{p\} \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{M}, s_1 \models \neg K_1 p \wedge [p] K_1 p$$

## The classic example: Muddy Children

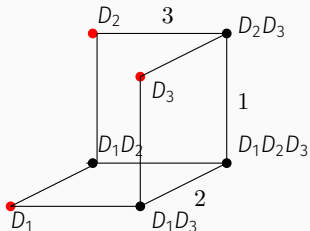
- Out of  $n$  children,  $k \geq 1$  got mud on their faces while playing.
- They can see whether other kids are dirty, but there is no mirror for them to discover whether they are dirty themselves.
- Then father walks in and states: “At least one of you is dirty!” Then he requests “If you know you are dirty, step forward now.”
- If nobody steps forward, he repeats his request: “If you now know you are dirty, step forward now.”
- After exactly  $k$  requests to step forward, the  $k$  dirty children suddenly do so (assuming they are honest and perfect reasoners).

# When there are 3 dirty children...



“At least one of you is dirty!”

Announcement:  $\psi = D_1 \vee D_2 \vee D_3$



# Public Announcement Logic (PAL)

The classic modal logic questions:

- Do we have a complete axiomatization?
- Do we have complete axiomatizations w.r.t. certain classes of frames ?
- Do the axioms and rules of a normal modality also hold for  $[\psi]$ ?
- Is **PAL** invariant under bisimulation or other equivalence notions?
- Does it have finite model property?
- Is it decidable?
- How is its definability over models and frames?
- What is the relationship between **PAL** and modal (epistemic) logic?
- Is it translatable into first-order logic?

## Get familiar with it first!

Try to get a feeling of the semantics of **PAL** by checking the validity of the following formula schemas and rules.

- $[\psi](\phi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow ([\psi]\phi \rightarrow [\psi]\chi), [\psi](\phi \rightarrow \chi) \leftrightarrow ([\psi]\phi \rightarrow [\psi]\chi)$
- $\langle \phi \rangle \psi \rightarrow [\phi]\psi, \langle \phi \rangle \psi \rightarrow \phi, \langle \phi \rangle \psi \leftrightarrow (\phi \wedge [\phi]\psi)$
- $[\psi]p \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow p), [\psi]\neg\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \neg\phi)$  (✗),  $[\psi]\neg\phi \leftrightarrow \neg[\psi]\phi$  (✗),  $[\psi]\neg\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \neg[\psi]\phi)$
- $\frac{\phi}{[\psi]\phi}, \frac{\phi(p)}{\phi(\psi)}$  (✗),  $\frac{\phi \leftrightarrow \psi}{[\phi]\chi \leftrightarrow [\psi]\chi}, \frac{\phi \leftrightarrow \psi}{[\chi]\phi \leftrightarrow [\chi]\psi}$
- $[\psi]K_i\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow K_i(\psi \rightarrow [\psi]\phi)), [\psi]K_i\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow K_i[\psi]\phi)$
- $[\psi][\chi]\phi \leftrightarrow [\psi \wedge \chi]\phi$  (✗),  $[\psi][\chi]\phi \leftrightarrow [\psi \wedge [\psi]\chi]\phi$
- $[\psi]K_i\psi$  (✗)



# Basic System PA: Axioms and Rules

Different proof systems were proposed in the literature which share the following axiom schemas and rules.

| Axiom Schemas |   |
|---------------|---|
| TAUT          | all the instances of tautologies  |
| DISTK         | $K_i(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (K_i\phi \rightarrow K_i\psi)$    |
| !ATOM         | $[\psi]p \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow p)$                            |
| !NEG          | $[\psi]\neg\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \neg[\psi]\phi)$        |
| !CON          | $[\psi](\phi \wedge \chi) \leftrightarrow ([\psi]\phi \wedge [\psi]\chi)$ |
| !K            | $[\psi]K_i\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow K_i[\psi]\phi)$          |
| Rules         |   |
| NECK          | $\frac{\phi}{K_i\phi}$  |
| MP            | $\frac{\phi, \phi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$                                |

*No uniform substitution!*

# Axioms and Rules

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| <b>DIST!</b>  | $[\psi](\phi \rightarrow \chi) \rightarrow ([\psi]\phi \rightarrow [\psi]\chi)$ |
| <b>!COM</b>   | $[\psi][\chi]\phi \leftrightarrow [\psi \wedge [\psi]\chi]\phi$                 |
| Rules         |   |
| <b>NEC!</b>   | $\frac{\phi}{[\psi]\phi}$   |
| <b>RE</b>     | $\frac{\phi \leftrightarrow \chi}{\psi \leftrightarrow \psi[\chi/\phi]}$        |

# Reduction / recursion axioms

| Axiom Schemas |   |
|---------------|---|
| ! ATOM        | $[\psi]p \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow p)$                            |
| ! NEG         | $[\psi]\neg\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow \neg[\psi]\phi)$        |
| ! CON         | $[\psi](\phi \wedge \chi) \leftrightarrow ([\psi]\phi \wedge [\psi]\chi)$ |
| ! K           | $[\psi]K_i\phi \leftrightarrow (\psi \rightarrow K_i[\psi]\phi)$          |

Semantic update as syntactic relativization:

$$\mathcal{M}|_{\psi}, S \models \phi \iff \mathcal{M}, S \models (\phi)^{\psi}$$

# Soundness and Completeness

## Proposition

*All the above axiom schemas and rules are sound w.r.t the standard PAL semantics.*

## Theorem ([Plaza, 1989])

*PAL is equally expressive as basic modal logic.*

$$\begin{array}{llll} t(p) & = & p & t([\psi]p) & = & t(\psi \rightarrow p) \\ t(\neg\phi) & = & \neg t(\phi) & t([\psi]\neg\phi) & = & t(\psi \rightarrow \neg[\psi]\phi) \\ t(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) & = & t(\phi_1) \wedge t(\phi_2) & t([\psi](\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2)) & = & t([\psi]\phi_1 \wedge [\psi]\phi_2) \\ t(K_i\phi) & = & K_i t(\phi) & t([\psi]K_i\phi) & = & t(\psi \rightarrow K_i[\psi]\phi) \\ & & & t([\psi][\chi]\phi) & = & t([\psi]t([\chi]\phi)) \end{array}$$

We can obtain another translation  $t'$  by revising  $t$ : just replace the last item by  $t'([\psi][\chi]\phi) = t'([\psi] \wedge [\psi]\chi)\phi$

# PAL is equally expressive as basic modal logic

Intuitively, the translation “pushes” the  $[\cdot]$  modality through the formula to the inner part. How to prove that the translation will terminate and produces  $[\cdot]$ -free formulas?

## Definition (Complexity of PAL formulas)

$$c(\top) = 1$$

$$c(p) = 1$$

$$c(\neg\phi) = 1 + c(\phi)$$

$$c(\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2) = 1 + c(\phi_1) + c(\phi_2)$$

$$c(K_i\phi) = 1 + c(\phi)$$

$$c([\psi]\phi) = (5 + c(\psi)) \cdot c(\phi)$$

# PAL is equally expressive as modal logic

We can show that:

|                                   |     |  |
|-----------------------------------|-----|--|
| $c(\phi) > c(\psi)$               |     | If $\psi$ is a proper subformula of $\phi$ |
| $c([\psi]\top)$                   | $>$ | $c(\psi \rightarrow \top)$                 |
| $c([\psi]\rho)$                   | $>$ | $c(\psi \rightarrow \rho)$                 |
| $c([\psi]\neg\phi)$               | $>$ | $c(\psi \rightarrow \neg[\psi]\phi)$       |
| $c([\psi](\phi_1 \wedge \phi_2))$ | $>$ | $c([\psi]\phi_1 \wedge [\psi]\phi_2)$      |
| $c([\psi]K_i\phi)$                | $>$ | $c(\psi \rightarrow K_i[\psi]\phi)$        |
| $c([\psi][\chi]\phi)$             | $>$ | $c([\psi \wedge [\psi]\chi]\phi)$          |
| $c([\psi][\chi]\phi)$             | $>$ | $c([\psi]t([\chi]\phi))$                   |

We can prove by induction on the **complexity** of  $\phi$  that (cf. DEL book Lemma 7.22, 7.23):

## Proposition

$t(\phi)$  and  $t'(\phi)$  are  $[\cdot]$ -free.

We can show that:

## Proposition

$\vDash \phi \leftrightarrow t(\phi)$  and  $\vDash \phi \leftrightarrow t'(\phi)$

Is  $t(\phi) = t'(\phi)$ ?

# Recap: PA + your choice

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| MP            | $\frac{\phi, \phi \rightarrow \psi}{\psi}$                                |
| Your choice   |   |
| RE            | $\frac{\phi \leftrightarrow \chi}{\psi \leftrightarrow \psi[x/\phi]}$     |
| !COM          | $[\psi][x]\phi \leftrightarrow [\psi \wedge [\psi]x]\phi$                 |



# Completeness via Reduction

Completeness is proved via reduction and the completeness of basic modal logic **K**:

$$\vDash \phi \implies \vDash t(\phi) \xrightarrow{\text{comp. of K}} \vdash_{\mathbf{K}} t(\phi) \implies \vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^+} t(\phi) \xrightarrow{\text{Rd.Axioms}} \vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^+} \phi$$

We can mimic  $t$  and  $t'$  in proof systems stronger than **PA**.

## Proposition

$$\vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^+RE} \phi \leftrightarrow t(\phi) \text{ and } \vdash_{\mathbf{PA}^+!COM} \phi \leftrightarrow t'(\phi)$$

## Theorem ([Plaza, 1989])

*$\mathbf{PA}^+RE$  is complete w.r.t. the standard semantics of  $\mathbf{PAL}$ .*

## Theorem (cf. e.g., [van Ditmarsch et al., 2007])

*$\mathbf{PA}^+!COM$  is complete w.r.t. the standard semantics of  $\mathbf{PAL}$ .*

# Public Announcement Logic (PAL)

Now we can answer most of the following questions:

- \* Do we have a complete axiomatization?
- \* Do we have complete axiomatizations w.r.t. other classes of frames?
- \* Do the axioms and rules for K also hold for  $[\psi]$ ?
- \* Is **PAL** invariant under bisimulation?
- \* Is it translatable into first-order logic?
- \* Does it have finite model property?
- \* Is it decidable?
- \* How is its definability power (over models and frames)?

## Reduction? So what?

### **Theorem ([Lutz, 2006])**

*PAL is exponentially more succinct than modal logic on arbitrary models.*

$$\phi_0 = \top \text{ and } \phi_{i+1} = \langle\langle\phi_i\rangle\Diamond_1\top\rangle\Diamond_2\top.$$

### **Theorem ([French et al., 2011])**

*PAL is exponentially more succinct than modal logic on S5 models if there are more than 3 agents.*

The reduction technique turns out to be extremely useful in many applications and thus dominates the field of DEL.

- Logic is more than it appears!
- Update-closeness may be considered as a desired property of a logic: it shows the logic has enough pre-encoding power [van Benthem et al., 2006].
- Compositional analysis of post-conditions.
- Difference equations?
- The orthodox programme of DEL:  
static logic+dynamic operators+reduction

Two basic questions to be answered

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# The first question

In some published papers, **PA** and its variants are mentioned as complete systems. Is **PA** really complete?





Unfortunately, **PA** and many of its “close friends” are **not** complete, and in some cases the flaws cannot be fixed.

## The second question





Can we give meaningful axiomatizations without those reduction axioms and the reduction proof method?

Yes, we can!

We will give a general axiomatization method inspired by Epistemic Temporal Logic. It will tell us what exactly is assumed in **DEL**.

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