

Reasoning about (Lack of) Knowledge

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Advice Taker motivates (directly or indirectly) a lot of AI research, in particular what we'll be studying for the next three weeks



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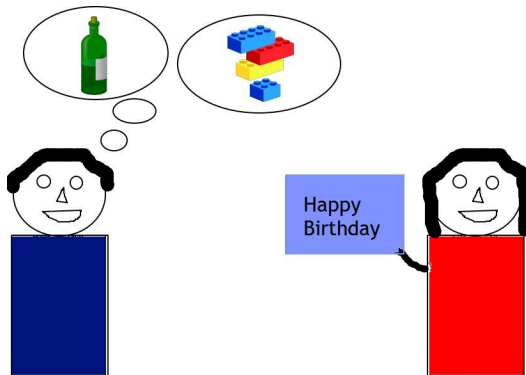
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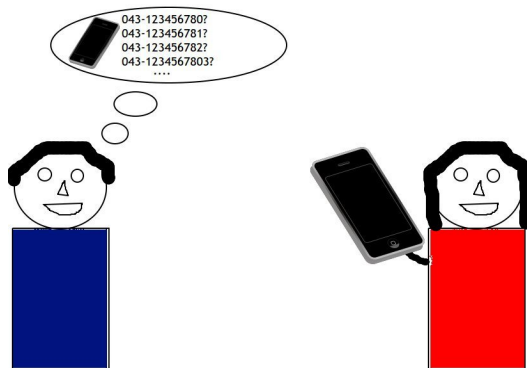
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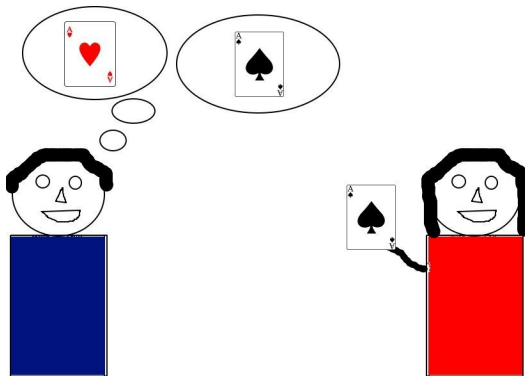


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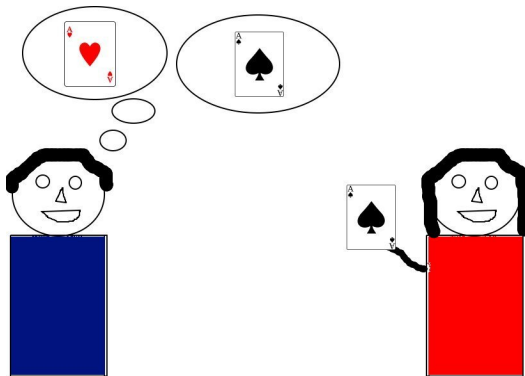
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How can we accurately **capture knowledge and non-knowledge**?

Overview of the Lecture

■ **A Logic of Knowledge – The Propositional Fragment**

- ▶ Why not classical logic?
- ▶ Syntax and semantics
- ▶ Omniscience, introspection, only-knowing
- ▶ Representation theorem

■ A Logic of Knowledge – The First-Order Case

■ Extensions of the Logic of Knowledge

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Idea #1: Compile $(p \vee q \vee c)$ to new atoms $k_p, k_{p_or_q}, \dots$ ✗

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Idea #2: Three-valued logic $\{0, 1, \text{U}\}$ ✗

How would $\text{U} \vee \text{U}$ behave? Is it known? Unknown?

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Idea #3: Add unary operators $\mathbf{O}$ and $\mathbf{K}$ to express knowledge ✓

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We will sometimes take the liberty to omit brackets to ease readability. For instance, we write $(p \vee q \vee r)$ instead of $((p \vee q) \vee r)$ or $(p \vee (q \vee r))$, implicitly assuming our semantics of $\vee$ is associative.

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Different semantics are possible. What justifies a semantics? Typically there is a *proof theory*, and model theory and proof theory should be equivalent ($\models \alpha$ if and only if $\vdash \alpha$). Nevertheless, we will only focus on the semantics in the next weeks.

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- Practical problem: omniscience makes reasoning intractable

We will look at methods to avoid these problems next week.

Proof on paper

Only-Knowing

The purpose of only-knowing is to capture a knowledge base.

Knowledge bases are usually objective.

The corresponding epistemic state is then unique:

Theorem: unique-model property

Let ϕ be objective. Then there is a unique e such that $e \models \mathbf{O}\phi$.

An entailment problem $\mathbf{O}\phi \models \mathbf{K}\alpha$ thus reduces to model checking:

$e \models \mathbf{K}\alpha$, where $e = \{w \mid w \models \phi\}$?

Self-Knowledge

We can nest **K** operators to say that we know that we know.

Complete and accurate knowledge about own knowledge:

Theorem: positive and negative introspection

Positive introspection: $\models \mathbf{K}\alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{K}\mathbf{K}\alpha$

Negative introspection: $\models \neg\mathbf{K}\alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{K}\neg\mathbf{K}\alpha$

Why?

$e \models (\neg)\mathbf{K}\alpha \implies e, w \models (\neg)\mathbf{K}\alpha$ for all $w \in e \iff e, w \models \mathbf{K}(\neg)\mathbf{K}\alpha$.

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Next slide formalises this idea.

Sneak preview: It'll become more difficult in the first-order case:

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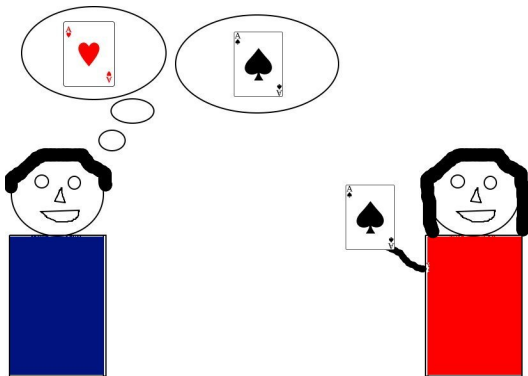
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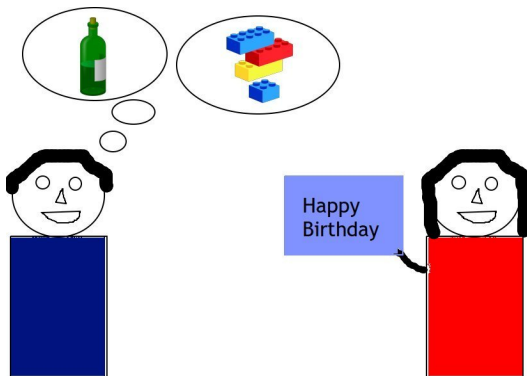
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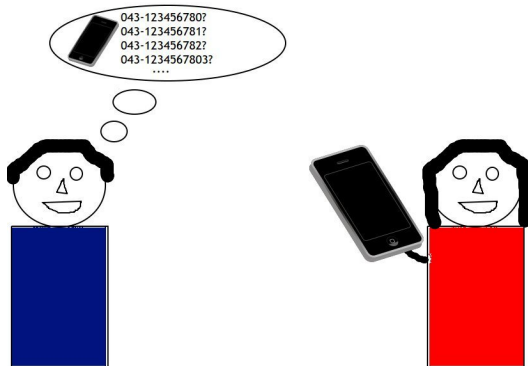
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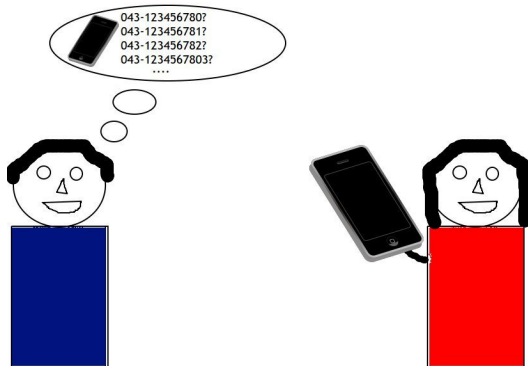
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- Consider in classical logic:

$\text{fatherOf}(\text{Sally}) = \text{bestFriend}(\text{Jane}) \wedge$
 $\text{fatherOf}(\text{Sally}) = \text{bossOf}(\text{John})$

- ▶ Who is father of Sally?
- ▶ "Jane's best friend" is not a good answer
- ▶ "John's boss" is not a good answer
- ▶ Classical logic offers no way of identifying him
- ▶ Reason: interpretations $\langle D, \Phi \rangle$ have different domains

- Standard names correspond to an implicit infinite domain

- Standard names allow to *identify* individuals in formulas:
 $\text{fatherOf}(\text{Sally}) = \text{Frank}$

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- $\mathbf{K}\exists x \alpha$ = *de dicto* knowledge
- $\exists x \mathbf{K} \alpha$ = *de re* knowledge

Theorem: quantifying-in

$$\models \forall x \mathbf{K} \alpha \leftrightarrow \mathbf{K} \forall x \alpha$$

$$\models \exists x \mathbf{K} \alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{K} \exists x \alpha$$

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Some Properties Inherited From $\mathcal{OL}_{PL}$

Definition: subjective, objective

If ϕ mentions no fun/pred inside **K** or **O**, we say ϕ is **objective**.

If σ mentions fun/pred only inside **K** or **O**, we say σ is **subjective**.

Theorem: logical omniscience

If $\models \alpha \rightarrow \beta$, then $\models \mathbf{K}\alpha \rightarrow \mathbf{K}\beta$.

If $\models \alpha$, then $\models \mathbf{K}\alpha$.

Theorem: unique-model property

Let ϕ be objective. Then there is a unique e such that $e \models \mathbf{O}\phi$.

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Comparison with Tarski Semantics

■ Traditional FOL semantics

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- ▶ $\langle D, \Phi \rangle, \mu \models P(t_1, \dots, t_j) \iff \langle d_1, \dots, d_j \rangle \in \Phi(P)$
where $d_i = \langle D, \Phi \rangle, \mu \Vdash t_i$
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■ Our semantics

- ▶ World maps primitive functions to names, predicates to $\{0, 1\}$
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 - ▶ $\forall x (x = t_1 \vee \dots \vee x = t_j)$ is unsatisfiable in $\mathcal{OL}$
 - ▶ but can be simulated with predicate: $\forall x (P(x) \leftrightarrow (x = t_1 \vee \dots \vee x = t_j))$
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Definition: representation of known instances

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Representation Theorem (3)

$\| \cdot \|$ operator gets a rule for $\exists x \alpha$:

Definition: representation operators

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- $\|\neg\alpha\|_{\text{KB}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg\|\alpha\|_{\text{KB}}$
- $\|(\alpha \vee \beta)\|_{\text{KB}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\|\alpha\|_{\text{KB}} \vee \|\beta\|_{\text{KB}})$
- $\|\exists x \alpha\|_{\text{KB}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists x \|\alpha\|_{\text{KB}}$
- $\|\mathbf{K}\alpha\|_{\text{KB}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{RES}[\text{KB}, \|\alpha\|_{\text{KB}}]$

Representation Theorem (3)

$\| \cdot \|$ operator gets a rule for $\exists x \alpha$:

Definition: representation operators

- $\|\phi\|_{KB} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \phi$ for objective ϕ
- $\|\neg\alpha\|_{KB} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \neg\|\alpha\|_{KB}$
- $\|(\alpha \vee \beta)\|_{KB} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (\|\alpha\|_{KB} \vee \|\beta\|_{KB})$
- $\|\exists x \alpha\|_{KB} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \exists x \|\alpha\|_{KB}$
- $\|K\alpha\|_{KB} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{RES}[KB, \|\alpha\|_{KB}]$

Theorem: representation theorem

$$OKB \models \alpha \iff \models \|\alpha\|_{KB}.$$

Overview of the Lecture

- A Logic of Knowledge – The Propositional Fragment
- A Logic of Knowledge – The First-Order Case
- **Extensions of the Logic of Knowledge**
 - ▶ Multiple agents
 - ▶ Probabilities
 - ▶ Conditional belief
 - ▶ Limited Belief (week 8)
 - ▶ Actions (week 9)

Multi-Agent Belief

Mike does not know what is in the gift box, but he knows that Jane knows what is in there:

$$\mathbf{K}_{\text{Mike}} \exists x (\text{InBox}(x) \wedge \neg \mathbf{K}_{\text{Mike}} \text{InBox}(x) \wedge \mathbf{K}_{\text{Jane}} \text{InBox}(x))$$

Epistemic states get more complex: in every possible world, Mike considers a whole set of worlds to be possible from Jane's perspective.

Probabilities

I believe that with probability .999, there is no bomb in the gift box:

$$\mathbf{B}(\neg \exists x (\text{InBox}(x) \wedge \text{Bomb}(x)) : 0.999)$$

An epistemic state is now probability distribution over possible worlds.

Conditional Belief

I believe that if something is in the gift box, it's probably not a bomb:

$$\mathbf{B}(\exists x \text{InBox}(x) \Rightarrow \neg \text{Bomb}(x))$$

Epistemic state ranks possible worlds by plausibility and checks if the most-plausible worlds where $\exists x \text{InBox}(x)$ is true also satisfy $\text{Bomb}(x)$.

- A knowledge base is now a collection of conditionals
"if _____, then most likely _____"
- What sort of ranking should these conditionals induce?