Simultaneous Representation of Knowledge and Belief for Epistemic Planning with Belief Revision

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Abstract

We propose a novel approach to the problem of false belief revision in epistemic planning. Our state representations are pointed Kripke models with two binary relations over possible worlds: one representing agents’ necessarily true knowledge, and one representing agents’ possibly false beliefs. State transition functions maintain $S^K_n$ properties in the knowledge relation and $KD_{45}$ properties in the belief relation. When new information contradicts an agent’s beliefs, belief revision draws new possible worlds from the agent’s knowledge relation. Our method also improves upon prior work by accommodating false announcements. We develop our system as an extension to the $mA^*$ action language, presenting transition functions for ontic, sensing, and announcement actions.

1 Introduction

Epistemic planning is an approach to decision making for multi-agent task scenarios involving not only objective facts about the environment, but also agents’ knowledge and beliefs, including iterated knowledge and belief. A popular and powerful EP paradigm is Dynamic Epistemic Logic (DEL) (Gerbrandy 1997; Bolander 2017), where states are represented as pointed Kripke models and actions are represented as structures called update-models. However, update models encode a specific execution instance of an action, including observability for each agent. The planning language $mA^*$ (Baral et al. 2019) overcomes this limitation with compact action definitions that are dynamically instantiated to state-specific update models. Thus, it is particularly suited to use in epistemic planners. However, a limitation of $mA^*$ is that it handles false belief revision (when an agent corrects a false belief) by granting the agent perfect correct beliefs, even about things not informed by the revision event. In contrast, our belief revision approach maintains an agent’s uncertainty about facts that are not informed by a revision event.

Following Kraus and Lehmann (1988) and others, we employ Kripke structures that have two binary relations on worlds for each agent: one relation to represent knowledge and one relation to represent belief. Thus we maintain two tiers of information, a lower (belief) tier, and a strictly more general higher (knowledge) tier, for each agent. We assume that agents have access to a source of information about the environment that can reliably inform knowledge (e.g. non-noisy sensors), as well as less reliable sources that can only inform belief (e.g. possibly-false announcements). An agent accepts the most recent information received into the appropriate tier, except that lower tier information does not override higher tier information, e.g. an agent rejects an announcement that she knows to be untrue.

Belief revision draws on an agent’s knowledge, adding to the set of worlds which the agent believes possible all worlds not previously known by the agent to be impossible. We refer to this process as belief reset. These representations can be used by multi-agent epistemic planning systems to explore problems involving false announcements, false beliefs, and recovery from false belief.

2 Motivation and Related Work

The 2017 Dagstuhl Seminar on Epistemic Planning (Baral et al. 2017) identified the need to explore the relationships between knowledge and belief, specifically because DEL does not allow agents to recover from false belief. The predecessor of $mA^*$ (Baral et al. 2015) could not handle recovery from false belief. When an agent observes some fact $\varphi$ to be true, the agent’s beliefs are updated by removing from the set of worlds which the agent considers possible all worlds where $\varphi$ is false. If the agent had wrongly believed $\neg\varphi$, then no possible worlds remain, and the agent is left “ignorant”, believing all propositions to be trivially true. To address this, $mA^*$ adds to the accessibility relation a reflexive connection on the designated world and removes all other connections from the designated world when an agent’s false beliefs are corrected by a sensing or announcement action. At least one planner (Le et al. 2018) implements this method. The limitations of that approach with respect to this work are that it removes all of an agent’s uncertainty, even about things unrelated to the belief being revised, it does not allow agents to make false announcements, and it only revises beliefs that are corrected directly by sensing or announcement actions, not indirectly as when an agent observes an action whose preconditions violate the agent’s beliefs.

We refer the reader to van Benthem and Smets (2015) for a discussion of the development of logical systems of belief change. Baral et al. (2017) describes several belief revision approaches in EP. Most directly relevant to the present work are doxastic epistemic action models (Ditmarsch 2005), probabilistic action models (Baltag and Smets 2008a), syntactic revision (Huang et al. 2017), Proper Epistemic Knowledge
Base update (Miller and Muise 2016), and action plausibility models (Baltag and Smets 2008b). Some of these are more powerful and flexible than our approach in terms of the kinds of belief changes that can be represented. In particular, Andersen, Bolander, and Holm Jensen (2013) develop a framework and algorithms for single-agent Epistemic Planning with plausibility models. All of these approaches, however, lack the previously-mentioned qualities that make mA* particularly useful. We therefore focus on extending mA* and leave to future work the integration of features from these richer techniques.

3 Epistemic States

Given a set of Boolean fluents \( F \), a fluent formula is a formula built using \( f \in F \) and the propositional operators \( \lor, \land, \to, \neg \). A fluent atom is a fluent formula containing a single element \( f \in F \). A fluent literal is either \( f \) or \( \neg f \) where \( f \) is a fluent atom.

Consider a set of \( n \) agents \( A = \{1, \ldots, n\} \). We define a bimodal Kripke model as a Kripke model with two accessibility relations for each agent, a 4-tuple \( M = (W, V, B_1, \ldots, B_n, K_1, \ldots, K_n) \), where

- \( W \) is a non-empty finite set of worlds,
- \( V : W \to 2^F \) is a valuation function assigning a set of fluents to each world,
- \( B_i \subseteq W \times W \) is an accessibility relation representing agent \( i \)'s belief, and
- \( K_i \subseteq W \times W \) is an accessibility relation representing agent \( i \)'s knowledge.

Following Kraus and Lehmann (1988), we will assume that \( B_i \) satisfies KD45_{\text{aa}} \, that \( K_i \) satisfies S5_{\text{aa}} \, and that \( B_i \) and \( K_i \) satisfy the KB1 (\( K_i \phi \to B_i \phi \)) and KB2 (\( B_i \phi \to K_i B_i \phi \)) ( Hintikka 1962) properties. In Section 7 we show that our state transitions preserve these properties. We will say that \( B_i \) (resp. \( K_i \)) contains an edge from world \( u \) to world \( v \) if \( (u, v) \in B_i \) (resp. \( K_i \)), or between worlds \( u \) and \( v \) if \( (u, v) \) or \( (v, u) \in B_i \) (resp. \( K_i \), or from a set of worlds \( X \) to a set of worlds \( Y \) if \( B_i \) (resp. \( K_i \)) contains any \( (u, v) \in X \times Y \), or between sets of worlds, similarly.

An epistemic-doxastic state, or ed-state, is a pair \((M, d)\) where \( M \) is a bimodal Kripke model and \( d \in W \) is the designated world, representing the actual state of the environment. Given a set of agents \( A \), for \( i \in A \), a belief formula is either a fluent formula or a formula of one of the following forms: \( \phi \lor \psi \), \( \phi \land \psi \), \( \neg \psi \), \( B_i \phi \), or \( K_i \phi \), where \( \phi \) and \( \psi \) are belief formulae. Intuitively, \( B_i \phi \) means that agent \( i \) believes \( \phi \) and \( K_i \phi \) means that agent \( i \) knows \( \phi \).

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(M, d) \models \psi \quad \text{if } \psi \text{ is a fluent formula and} \quad \forall f \in V(d)
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(M, d) \models \neg \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad (M, d) \not\models \psi
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(M, d) \models \phi \land \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad (M, d) \models \phi \text{ and } (M, d) \models \psi
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(M, d) \models \phi \lor \psi \quad \text{iff} \quad (M, d) \models \phi \text{ or } (M, d) \models \psi
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(M, d) \models B_i \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall v \mid (d, v) \in B_i : (M, v) \models \phi
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(M, d) \models K_i \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall v \mid (d, v) \in K_i : (M, v) \models \phi
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4 State Transitions

Following Baral et al. (2015), we define state transition functions for three type of actions: ontic actions that cause changes in the real world, sensing actions, representing observations that change agents’ knowledge, and announcement actions, representing communication between agents. Each action type is a 4-tuple, the first three elements of which are \( a.pre \), \( a.obs \), and \( a.aware \). The fourth element of the tuple will be defined for each action type. Belief formula \( a.pre \) is the action’s precondition, \( a.obs \) is a set of agent-fluent-formula pairs defining conditional full observability, and \( a.aware \) is a set of agent-fluent-formula pairs defining conditional partial observability.

The execution of an action \( a \) in ed-state \((M, d)\) assigns agents to one of three sets, \( F, P, \) and \( O \) for agents who are fully-aware of, partially-aware of, and oblivious to the action’s occurrence:

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F = \{ i \in A \mid (i, \varphi) \in a.obs, (M, d) \models \varphi \}
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P = \{ i \in A \mid i \not\in F, (i, \varphi) \in a.aware, (M, d) \models \varphi \}
\]

\[
O = \{ i \in A \mid i \not\in F \cup P \}
\]

Fully- and partially-observant agents know that the action has occurred and update their knowledge and belief to reflect that the action’s preconditions hold. Furthermore, in the case of sensing and announcement actions, fully-observant agents become aware of the sensed or announced information.

Oblivious agents do not know or believe that the action has occurred, but do know that it \textit{might} have. Thus, an oblivious agent’s belief relation is not altered. However, an oblivious agent’s knowledge relation is updated to express that the agent comes to know that the action might have occurred. This is in order to maintain the S5_{\text{aa}} property that agents do not have false knowledge, which is necessary for belief reset. On the contrary, an agent will not come to know that an action of which she is oblivious, and that did not in fact occur, might have occurred.

When an action \( a \) is applied in ed-state \((M, d)\) where \( M = (W, V, B_1, \ldots, B_n, K_1, \ldots, K_n) \), the result is a new ed-state, \((M', d')\), where \( M' = (W', V', B'_1, \ldots, B'_n, K'_1, \ldots, K'_n) \). The worlds \( W' \) of the new ed-state include the worlds of the previous ed-state \( W \) corresponding to the beliefs of oblivious agents, and a set of new worlds \( W'^+ \) corresponding to the beliefs of full and partial observers. The new worlds \( W'^+ \) only include worlds that satisfy \( a.pre \) because full and partial observers of a learn that \( a.pre \) must be true. Let \( \text{Pref}(M, a) = \{ w \in W \mid (M, w) \models a.pre \} \). We construct a new world \( w'^+ \in W \) from each world \( w \in \text{Pref}(M, a) \). Instead of defining additional worlds by writing “for any \( u \in W'^+ \), there is some world \( w \) such that \( u = w'^+ \) and \( w \in \text{Pref}(M, a) \),” when discussing worlds in \( W'^+ \), we will immediately refer to them as, e.g., \( w'^+ \) where \( w \in \text{Pref}(M, a) \).

Let \( W'^+ = \{ w'^+ \mid w \in \text{Pref}(M, a) \} \). For all action types, \( W' = W \cup W'^+ \)

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V'(w) = \begin{cases} V'^+(w) & \text{if } w \in W'^+ \\ V(w) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}
\]

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d' = d'^+
\]
We will define $V^+$, $B_i'$, and $K_i'$ separately for each action type.

### 4.1 Ontic Actions

An ontic action is a 4-tuple, $(a_{\text{pre}}, a_{\text{obs}}, a_{\text{aware}}, a_{\text{eff}})$, where $a_{\text{eff}}$ is a set of fluent literals. We make the closed-world assumption that fluents not explicitly altered by the action remain unchanged. For an ontic action executed in ed-state $(M, d)$, the valuation of the new worlds $W^+$ reflects the action’s effects on the environment:

$$V^+(w^+) = (V(w) \setminus \{f \mid \neg f \in a_{\text{eff}}\})$$

$$\cup \{f \mid f \in a_{\text{eff}}\}$$

We define temporary relations $R_i$ representing agents’ beliefs after they have possibly been reset (updated with information from $K_i$) due to observing an action whose precondition contradicts the agents’ belief. For $i \in A$:

$$R_i = \{(u, v) \mid (u, v) \in B_i \vee ((u, v) \in K_i \land (M, u) \models B_i \land \neg a_{\text{pre}})\}$$

We update $B_i$ to reflect changes to agents’ beliefs after any possible belief reset and the influence of the action’s preconditions and effects. The beliefs of fully- and partially-aware agents are determined according to $R_i$. For $i \in F \cup P$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) \mid u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in R_i\}$$

The beliefs of oblivious agents are not reset. For $i \in O$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v) \mid u \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in B_i\}$$

We update $K_i$ to reflect changes to agents’ knowledge resulting from the action’s preconditions and effects. Fully- and partially-aware agents know that the action occurred. For $i \in F \cup P$:

$$K_i' = K_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) \mid u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in K_i\}$$

Oblivious agents do not know whether or not the action occurred. For $i \in O$:

$$K_i' = K_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) \mid u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in K_i\}$$

$$\cup \{(u^+, v), (v, u^+) \mid u \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in K_i\}$$

### Example Ontic Action

This example demonstrates three ways that an ontic action can affect an agent’s beliefs: fully- and partially-observant agents are aware of changes to the world caused by the action, and also learn that the action’s preconditions must be true, while the beliefs of ignorant agents may become false due to world changes caused by the action. Consider the ed-state illustrated in Figure 1. Graph nodes represent worlds. The designated world has a double border. Fluents true in a world are listed within its node. Solid arrows represent $K_i$ and dashed arrows represent $B_i$.

Three agents, $A$, $B$, and $C$, are in a room with a door. The door is closed (represented by the fluent $c$) but not locked ($\neg l$). Everyone believes (and knows) that the door is closed. Agents $A$ and $B$ are watching the door, but $C$ is not. For each agent $i$ let the fluent $\text{watch}(i)$, express that $i$ is watching the door. The fluents $\text{watch}(A)$ and $\text{watch}(B)$ are true in all worlds, but are not shown in the figure due to space constraints. Agents $A$ and $C$ know that the door is not locked but agent $B$ does not, and believes that it is locked ($l$). Agent $A$ performs the ontic action $\text{open door}$:

- $\text{open door}.\text{pre} = c \land \neg l$
- $\text{open door}.\text{obs} = \{(A, T), (B, \text{watch}(B)), (C, \text{watch}(C))\}$
- $\text{open door}.\text{aware} = \emptyset$
- $\text{open door}.\text{eff} = \{\neg c\}$

Figure 2 shows the ed-state resulting from executing $\text{open door}$. Agents $A$ and $B$ have beliefs updated to reflect that the door is now open. Furthermore, agent $B$ now knows that the door is unlocked. Agent $C$, who was not looking, still believes (but does not know) that the door is closed.

### 4.2 Sensing Actions

A sensing action is a 4-tuple, $(a_{\text{pre}}, a_{\text{obs}}, a_{\text{aware}}, a_{\text{det}})$, where $a_{\text{det}}$ is a set of fluent atoms indicating fluents whose truth value is detected by an action. Since sensing actions do not change the actual environment, we have:

$$V^+(w^+) = V(w)$$
Let $S(w)$ be a fluent formula expressing the values of the fluents in $a.\det$ when $a$ is executed in world $w$:

$$S(w) = \bigwedge_{f \in a.\det} \begin{cases} f & \text{if } f \in V(w), \\ \neg f & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The temporary relation $R_i$ is populated by $K_i$ instead of $B_i$ in worlds where the action preconditions (for full or partial observers) or the sensed facts (for full observers) violate an agent’s beliefs. For $i \in F$:

$$R_i = \{(u, v) \mid ((u, v) \in B_i) \lor ((u, v) \in K_i \land (M, u) \models B_i \land \neg(a.\pre \land S(u)))\}$$

For $i \in P$:

$$R_i = \{(u, v) \mid ((u, v) \in B_i) \lor ((u, v) \in K_i \land (M, u) \models B_i \land \neg(a.\pre))\}$$

For full observers, the update to $B_i$ removes edges between worlds that distinguished the sensed information. For $i \in F$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) \mid u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in R_i, S(u) = S(v)\}$$

Partial observers update their beliefs to reflect the preconditions. For $i \in F$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) \mid u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in R_i\}$$

Oblivious agents do not reset their beliefs. For $i \in O$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) \mid u \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in B_i\}$$

The update to $K_i$ mirrors that of $B_i$, except that oblivious agents add edges expressing that they know the action could have occurred. For $i \in F$:

$$K_i' = K_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) \mid u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in K_i, S(u) = S(v)\}$$

**Example Sensing Action**

We adapt the coin-in-the-box problem (Baral et al. 2015), to involve the correction of false belief. This example demonstrates two ways that a sensing action can correct a false belief: directly, when an agent senses the true value of a fluent about which she had had a false belief, and indirectly, when an agent observes or is aware of an action whose preconditions contradict a false belief.

Consider the ed-state illustrated in Figure 3. There are two agents, $A$ and $B$, in a room with a box containing a coin, which lies tails-up ($t$). The box is locked and can only be opened with a key. Agent $A$ has a key ($k$), and knows it, but believes wrongly that the coin lies heads-up ($\neg t$). Agent $B$ does not believe that the coin is heads-up or that it is tails-up, but believes that Agent $A$ does not have a key. Agent $A$ performs the sensing action $\text{look_in_box}$:

$$\text{look_in_box.pre} = k$$
$$\text{look_in_box.obs} = ((A, \top))$$
$$\text{look_in_box.aware} = ((B, \top))$$
$$\text{look_in_box.det} = \{t\}$$

Figure 4 shows the state resulting from the $\text{look_in_box}$ action. Due to space constraints, only part of the state is illustrated: the new worlds created by the action ($W^+$) are shown, but none of the original worlds (or relations between them) are shown. This truncated state is equivalent with respect to formula entailment because there are no edges from $W^+$ to $W$ in $B_i'$ or $K_i'$ for $i \in \{A, B\}$. Agent $A$ knows that the coin is tails-up. As a partial observer, agent $B$ is aware that the action has occurred, so now knows that agent $A$ has the key and that agent $A$ knows whether the coin lies tails-up. However, agent $B$ still does not know (or have any belief about) whether the coin is tails-up.

### 4.3 Announcement Actions

An announcement action is a 4-tuple, $(a.\pre, a.\obs, a.\aware, a.\ann)$, where $a.\ann$ is a belief formula that is
asserted by the announcement. Like sensing actions, announcement actions do not affect the environment itself:

$$V^+(w^+) = V(w)$$

An agent will reject an announcement in world $$u$$ if she knows it to be false, i.e. $$(M, u) \models K, a.\text{ann}$$. In this case, the agent’s belief will still be affected by the fact that the action has occurred (she will know its preconditions to be true), but not by what is announced. Full observers learn both the content of the announcement and that the action’s preconditions hold. For $$i \in F$$:

$$R_i = \{(u, v) | (u, v) \in B_i \land \forall ((u, v) \in K_i \land (M, u) \models B_i.a.\text{pre}) \land \forall ((u, v) \in K_i \land (M, u) \not\models K_i(a.\text{pre} \land a.\text{ann})) \land (M, u) \models B_i.(\neg(a.\text{pre} \land a.\text{ann}))\}$$

Partial observers learn that preconditions hold. For $$i \in P$$:

$$R_i = \{(u, v) | (u, v) \in B_i \land \forall ((u, v) \in K_i \land (M, u) \models B_i.a.\text{pre})\}$$

For full observers, the update to $$B_i$$ removes edges to worlds where the announced information does not hold, unless the agent rejects the announcement. For $$i \in F$$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) | u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in R_i, ((M, u) \models K_i.(\neg(a.\text{pre} \land a.\text{ann})) \land (M, v) \models a.\text{ann})\}$$

For $$i \in P$$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) | u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in R_i\}$$

For $$i \in O$$:

$$B_i' = B_i \cup \{(u^+, v) | u \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in B_i\}$$

Even though fully-observant agents know that the action’s preconditions hold, they do not know the announcement holds, even if they do not reject it, because it could nevertheless be untrue. Thus, for $$i \in F \cup P$$:

$$K_i' = K_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) | (u, v) \in K_i, u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)\}$$

For $$i \in O$$:

$$K_i' = K_i \cup \{(u^+, v^+) | (u, v) \in K_i, u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)\} \cup \{(u^+, v), (v, u^+) | u \in \text{Pre}(M, a), (u, v) \in K_i\}$$

**Example Announcement Action** This example demonstrates how a lie can induce a false belief, or can be rejected by an agent who knows that it cannot be true. Consider the ed-state illustrated in Figure 5. There are three agents, A, B, and C. It is not raining ($$\neg r$$). Agents A and B know that it is not raining. Agent C believes that it is not raining but does not know this. Agent A performs the tell_raining action:

- $$\text{tell}_\text{raining}.\text{pre} = \top$$
- $$\text{tell}_\text{raining}.\text{obs} = \{(A, \top), (B, \top), (C, \top)\}$$
- $$\text{tell}_\text{raining}.\text{aware} = \emptyset$$
- $$\text{tell}_\text{raining}.\text{ann} = r$$

Figure 6 shows the ed-state after agent A has performed the tell_raining action. As with the sensing action example, only the new worlds ($$W^+$$) and the edges between them are shown. Again, this truncated state is equivalent with respect to formula entailment because there are no edges from $$W^+$$ to $$W$$ in $$B_i'$$ or $$K_i'$$ for $$i \in \{A, B, C\}$$. Agent C now has the false belief that it is raining. Agent B, however, who knew that it was not raining, rejected the announcement and still does not believe that it is raining.

5 Discussion

The state transitions defined in mA⁴ produce counterintuitive outcomes when applied to our examples. Figures 7 and 8 show the resulting epistemic states for our ontic and sensing action examples. We omit the announcement example because mA⁴ assumes that announcements are truthful. The relation $$K_i$$ is ignored. In the ontic example, agent B is left in a state of ignorance. In this case, a minor adjustment to mA⁴ produces the same result as our technique: perform false belief revision when an agent observes an action whose preconditions violate the agent’s beliefs, just as is done in the case of belief-correcting sensing and announcement actions. The second, sensing example is more problematic. Agent B’s observation of the open_box action has left her in a state of ignorance, but if we try to correct this by again adding a reflexive connection to the designated world, agent B will come to believe that the coin lies tails-up, even though she was only a partial observer of the action.

One limitation of our approach is that an agent’s knowledge is altered by an event even if the agent is oblivious to its occurrence. For that reason, applications of our technique
may choose to rely primarily upon the belief relation to represent mental state, using the knowledge relation mainly for the purpose of belief reset. Another limitation is that belief reset can relax beliefs that are not informed by an event. If an agent believes \( \phi \) and \( \psi \), but doesn’t know whether \( \phi \) and doesn’t know whether \( \psi \), then she will no longer believe \( \phi \), even though she ideally should only relax her belief that \( \psi \).

As illustrated by the various examples, our proposed representations can express plans that involve deceit, recovery from false belief, and distinctions between agent belief and knowledge, e.g. in goals. A multi-agent epistemic planner using these representations could use the algorithm offered by Son et al. (2014) to construct an initial ed-state from a planning problem description. That algorithm builds a pointed Kripke model that satisfies \( S5_n \) from a so-called finitary \( S5_n \) theory. This can be extended to a bimodal pointed Kripke model by simply duplicating the accessibility relation to produce the relations \( B_i \) and \( K_i \), with both relations satisfying \( S5_n \) and thus also \( KD45_n \).

### 6 Conclusion

This work has defined state and transition representations for multi-agent epistemic planning that incorporate agents’ knowledge as well as belief. Transitions include ontic, sensing, and announcement actions. We have illustrated these dynamics with examples of state transitions for each action type, and shown how our approach improves upon prior work. Our methods can be used by an epistemic planner to make plans that involve false beliefs, false announcements (including deceit), and recovery from false belief, with belief and knowledge interacting in complex multi-agent scenarios.

### 7 Proofs

In this section we prove that for agents \( i \in A \) actions preserve \( S5_n \) properties in \( K_i \), \( KD45_n \) properties in \( B_i \), and \( KB1 \) and \( KB2 \) properties in \( K_i \) and \( B_i \).

#### 7.1 Preliminaries

Relations \( R_i \) for \( i \in A \) on worlds \( W \) satisfy \( KD45_n \) if they are serial (\( \forall u \in W : \exists v \in W, (u,v) \in R_i \)), transitive ((\( u,v \) \( \in R_i \) \( \wedge (v,z) \in R_i \) \( \rightarrow (u,z) \in R_i \)), and Euclidean ((\( u,v \) \( \in R_i \) \( \wedge (u,z) \in R_i \) \( \rightarrow (v,z) \in R_i \)). They satisfy \( S5_n \) if they are reflexive (\( \forall u \in W : (u,u) \in R_i \)), transitive, and symmetric (\( \forall (u,v) \in R_i : (v,u) \in R_i \)). Between a knowledge relation \( K_i \) and a belief relation \( B_i \) over a set \( W \) of worlds, the \( KB1 \) property specifies that \( B_i \subseteq K_i \). The \( KB2 \) property specifies that for every \( u,v,z \in W \), if \( (u,v) \in K_i \) and \( (v,z) \in B_i \), then \( (u,z) \in B_i \).

For each of these proofs we will assume that \( S5_n \) and \( KD45_n \) hold for \( B_i \) and \( K_i \), respectively, and that \( KB1 \) and \( KB2 \) hold between them. We will show inductively that the new relations \( B'_i \) and \( K'_i \) satisfy these properties over \( W' \).

We will use \( R_i^+ \) to refer to \( R_i \setminus B_i \) (the portion of \( R_i \) corresponding to a belief reset). In many proofs, neither \( B'_i \) nor \( K'_i \) have any edges between \( W \) and \( W' \). In such cases, it will suffice to show the properties hold over \( B'_i \) or \( K'_i \), since the induction hypothesis shows they hold over \( K_i \) and \( B_i \). Only the proofs for oblivious agents (\( i \in O \)) do not make use of this principle.

#### 7.2 Ontic Actions, \( i \in F \cup P \)

**\( K_i \) Reflexivity** Consider any \( u^+ \in W^+ \) where \( u \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \). By reflexivity of \( K_i \), \( (u,u) \in K_i \). Since \( u \in \text{Pre}(M,a), (u^+, u^+) \in K_i^+ \).

**\( K_i \) Symmetry** Suppose \( (u^+, v^+) \in K_i^+ \). Then \( u,v \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \) and \( (u,v) \in K_i \). By symmetry of \( K_i \), \( (v,u) \in K_i \). Since \( v,u \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \), it follows that \( (u^+, z^+) \in K_i^+ \). \( K_i \) Transitivity Suppose that \( (u^+, v^+), (v^+, z^+) \in K_i^+ \). Then \( u,v,z \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \) and \( (u,v), (v,z) \in K_i \). By transitivity of \( K_i \), \( (u,z) \in K_i \). Since \( u,z \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \), it follows that \( (u^+, z^+) \in K_i^+ \). \( B_i \) Seriality Suppose \( u^+ \in W^+ \). Then \( u \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \). Either there is some \( v \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \) such that \( (u,v) \in B_i \), or there is not. If such a \( v \) exists, then \( (u,v) \in R_i \), so \( (u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+ \). Otherwise, there is no such \( v \), and thus \( (M,u) \models B_i \neg a \preceq \) by definition. In this case, \( (u,v) : v \in W, (u,v) \in R_i \subseteq R_i \), and by reflexivity of \( K_i \), we have that \( (u,u) \in R_i \). Thus \( (u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+ \) with \( u = v \).

**\( B_i \) Transitivity** Suppose that \( (u^+, v^+), (v^+, z^+) \in B_i^+ \), with \( u,v,z \in \text{Pre}(M,a) \) and \( (u,v), (v,z) \in R_i \). There are four cases: (a) \( (u,v), (v,z) \in B_i \); (b) \( (u,v) \in R_i^+ \), \( (v,z) \in B_i \); (c) \( (u,v), (v,z) \in R_i^+ \); and (d) \( (u,v) \in B_i \),
(v, z) ∈ R^+_i. In case (a), transitivity of B_i implies that (u, z) ∈ B_i ⊆ R_i. Since u, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), it follows that (u^+, z^+) ∈ B^+_i. In cases (b) and (c), (u, v) ∈ B_i, it must be that (ℳ, u) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre. Since we know by definition of R^+_i that (u, v) ∈ K_i and (v, z) ∈ K_i, by transitivity of K_i we have that (u, z) ∈ K_i. Because (ℳ, u) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre, we have that (u, z) ∈ R_i. Thus, since u, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), it follows that (u^+, z^+) ∈ B^+_i. Case (d) cannot occur. Since B_i is serial and (ℳ, v) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre, there must be some w ∈ W\Pre(ℳ(a)) such that (w, v) ∈ B_i. Because B_i is transitive and (u, v), (v, w) ∈ B_i, we have (u, w) ∈ B_i; because B_i is Euclidean and (u, v), (v, w) ∈ B_i, we have (w, v) ∈ B_i; and finally, because B_i is transitive and (v, w), (w, v) ∈ B_i, we have (v, w) ∈ B_i. But since (ℳ, v) ⊨ a.pre, (ℳ, v) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre, a contradiction.

\[ B_i, \text{ Euclideanness} \] Suppose (u^+, v^+), (u^+, z^+) ∈ B^+_i, so u, v, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), (u, v), (u, z) ∈ R_i. There are two cases: either (a) (ℳ, u) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre, or (b) (ℳ, u) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre. In case (a), K_i∧B_i property for K_i, B_i implies that (ℳ, v) ⊨ K_i∧B_i∧a.pre. Thus for any world w ∈ W such that (w, u) ∈ K_i, (ℳ, w) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre. Since (u, v) ∈ R_i ⊆ K_i, it must be that (ℳ, v) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre. Further, since K_i is Euclidean, we must have (u, z) ∈ K_i. These two facts imply that (u, z) ∈ R_i. In case (b), it must be that (u, v), (u, z) ∈ B_i. By Euclideanness of B_i, it follows that (v, z) ∈ B_i ⊆ R_i. In either case, because (v, z) ∈ R_i and v, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), we have that (v^+, z^+) ∈ B^+_i as desired.

\[ KB1 \] Suppose that (u^+, v^+) ∈ B^+_i where u, v ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), (u, v) ∈ R_i. By KB1, R_i ⊆ K_i, so (u, v) ∈ K_i. Since u, v ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), (u^+, v^+) ∈ K^+_i as desired.

\[ KB2 \] Suppose that (u^+, v^+) ∈ K^+_i and (v^+, z^+) ∈ B^+_i. Then u, v, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), (u, v), (u, z) ∈ K_i. Either (a) (ℳ, u) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre, or (b) (ℳ, u) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre. In case (a), we know (v, z) ∈ R_i, so by transitivity of K_i, (u, z) ∈ K_i. Since the assumption was that (ℳ, u) ⊨ B_i∧a.pre, we thus have that (u, z) ∈ R_i. Since u, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), it follows that (u^+, z^+) ∈ B^+_i as desired. In case (b), it must be that (v, z) ∈ B_i. Since (u, v) ∈ K_i, by KB2 on K_i, B_i it follows that (u, z) ∈ B_i ⊆ R_i. Since u, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), it follows that (u^+, z^+) ∈ B^+_i as desired.

7.3 Ontic Actions, i ∈ O

For the knowledge relation on oblivious agents, we split K^+_i into three distinct sets:

\[ K_i^L := \{(u^+, v) : u ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), v ∈ W, (u, v) ∈ K_i\} \]
\[ K_i^R := \{(u^+, v^+), u ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), v ∈ W, (u, v) ∈ K_i\} \]
\[ K_i^B := \{(u^+, v^+) : u ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), v ∈ W, (u, v) ∈ K_i\} \]

\[ K_i, \text{ Reflexivity} \] Consider any u ∈ W^+. If u ∈ W, then (u, u) ∈ K_i ⊆ K^+_i by reflexivity of K_i. Otherwise, u = w^+ where w ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), and by reflexivity of K_i, (w, w) ∈ K_i, and thus (u, u) = (w^+, w^+) ∈ K^+_i ⊆ K^+_i.

\[ K_i, \text{ Symmetry} \] Suppose (u, v) ∈ K_i^L. If u, v ∈ W then (u, v) ∈ K_i, and by symmetry of K_i, (v, u) ∈ K_i ⊆ K_i^L. If u, v ∈ W^+ then (u, v) ∈ K_i^L, so (u, v) = (w^+, w^+) for some w, z ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)) with (w, z) ∈ K_i. By symmetry of K_i, (z, w) ∈ K_i and thus (z^+, w^+) ∈ K_i^L B_i. If u ∈ W^+ then (u, v) ∈ K_i^L, and we can see that (v, u) ∈ K_i^R. By the same logic, if (u, v) ∈ K_i^L then (v, u) ∈ K_i^L.

\[ K_i, \text{ Transitivity} \] Suppose (u, v), (v, z) ∈ K_i^L. We define u, v, z such that for x ∈ {u, v, z}, x = x if x ∈ W, w ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)) | w^+ = x otherwise. Thus (u, v), (v, z) ∈ K_i, and it follows by transitivity of K_i that (u, z) ∈ K_i, and by definition of K_i^L that (u, z) ∈ K_i^L as desired.

\[ B_i, \text{ Seriality} \] For u ∈ W, seriality of B_i implies that there is some v ∈ W ⊆ W^+ such that (u, v) ∈ B_i as desired. For u ∈ W^+, there is some w ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)) such that u = w^+. Since B_i is serial, there is some v ∈ W such that (w, v) ∈ B_i. Thus by definition (w^+, v^+) ∈ B_i^L ⊆ B_i.

\[ B_i, \text{ Euclideanness} \] Suppose that (u, v), (v, z) ∈ B_i^L. Note that for every pair (w, x) ∈ B_i, x ∈ W. Thus v, z ∈ W and by definition of B_i it must be true that (v, z) ∈ B_i. If also u ∈ W then by definition of B_i^L (u, v) ∈ B_i, and it follows by transitivity of B_i that (u, z) ∈ B_i ⊆ B_i^L as desired. Otherwise, u = w^+ for some w ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), and (w, v) ∈ B_i. By transitivity of B_i, (w, z) ∈ B_i, so (u, z) = (w^+, z) ∈ B_i^L ⊆ B_i^L as desired.

\[ KB1 \] Suppose that (u, v) ∈ B_i^L. Either (u, v) ∈ B_i, in which case (u, v) ∈ K_i ⊆ K_i^L as desired, by KB1 on K_i, B_i, or u = w^+ for some w ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), and (w, v) ∈ B_i. Thus (u, v) ∈ K_i by KB1 on K_i, B_i, and it follows that (u, v) = (w^+, v^+) ∈ K_i^L ⊆ K_i as desired.

\[ KB2 \] Suppose that (u, v) ∈ K_i^L and (v, z) ∈ B_i^L. Since by definition of B_i^L, z ∈ W, there are four cases: (a) u, v ∈ W; (b) u ∈ W, v ∈ W^+; (c) v ∈ W, u ∈ W^+, or (d) u, v ∈ W^+. In case (a), (u, v) ∈ K_i and (v, z) ∈ B_i, and by KB2 for K_i, B_i we have that (u, z) ∈ B_i ⊆ B_i^L as desired. In case (b), (u, v) ∈ K_i^L and (v, z) ∈ B_i^L. Here v = w^+ for some w ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), where (w, u) ∈ K_i, (w, z) ∈ B_i. By KB2 for K_i, B_i it follows that (u, z) ∈ B_i ⊆ B_i^L as desired. In case (c), (u, v) ∈ K_i^L and (v, z) ∈ B_i. Here u = w^+ for some w ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), where (w, v) ∈ K_i, (v, z) ∈ B_i. By KB2 for K_i, B_i it follows that (u, z) ∈ B_i ⊆ B_i^L as desired. In case (d), (u, v) ∈ K_i^L and (v, z) ∈ B_i^L. Here (u, v) = (w^+, x^+) for some w, x ∈ Pre(ℳ(a)), where (w, x) ∈ K_i, (x, z) ∈ B_i. By KB2 for K_i, B_i it follows that (w, z) ∈ B_i, so by definition (u, z) ∈ B_i^L ⊆ B_i^L as desired.
7.4 Sensing Actions, $i \in F$

$K_i$ Reflexivity Consider $u^+ \in W^+$, where $u \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$. By reflexivity of $K_i$, $(u, u) \in K_i$. Since $u \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ and certainly $S(u) = S(u)$, it follows that $(u^+, u^+) \in K_i^+$ as desired.

$K_i$ Symmetry Suppose $(u^+, v^+) \in K_i^+$. Then $u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, $(u, v) \in K_i$, and $S(u) = S(v)$. By symmetry of $K_i$, we have that $(v, u)$ and certainly $S(v) = S(u)$, so $(v^+, u^+) \in K_i^+$ as desired.

$K_i$ Transitivity Suppose $(u^+, v^+), (v^+, z^+) \in K_i^+$. Then $u, v, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, $(u, v), (v, z) \in K_i$, $S(u) = S(v)$ and $S(v) = S(z)$. By transitivity of $K_i$, we have that $(u, z) \in K_i$ and certainly $S(u) = S(z)$, so $(u^+, z^+) \in K_i^+$ as desired.

$B_i$ Seriality Suppose $u^+ \in W^+$ where $u \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$. Either $(M, u) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$ or not. If $(M, u) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$, then it follows that for all $v \in W$ such that $(u, v) \in K_i$, $(u, v) \in R_i$. By reflexivity of $K_i$, $(u, u) \in K_i$. Thus $(u, v) \in R_i$, so since $S(u) = S(u)$ trivially and $u \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ we have that $(u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired, with $v = u$. Otherwise, by seriality there must exist some $v \in W$ such that $(u, v) \in B_i \subseteq R_i$ and $(M, v) \models a.\text{pre} \land S(u)$. The entailment of the conjunction implies that $(M, v) \models a.\text{pre}$ (so $v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$) and $(M, v) \models S(u)$ (so $S(u) = S(v)$). By definition it follows that $(u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired.

$B_i$ Transitivity Suppose $(u^+, v^+), (v^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$. Then $u, v, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ with $(u, v), (v, z) \in R_i$, $S(u) = S(v) = S(z)$. Suppose $(u, v) \in B_i$ (rather than $R_i^+$). By seriality of $B_i$, there exists some world $w$ such that $(w, u) \in B_i$. By transitivity of $B_i$, we have that $(u, w) \in B_i$, and by the Euclidean property of $B_i$ we thus have that $(w, v) \in B_i$. By the transitive property since $(w, v), (w, v) \in B_i$, it follows that $(v, v) \in B_i$. Since $v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, it cannot be the case that $(M, v) \models \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$. Thus, it must be that $(v, z) \in B_i$. By transitivity of $B_i$, we thus have that $(u, z) \in B_i \subseteq R_i$, and since $S(u) = S(z)$ we then have that $(u^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired. Otherwise, it must be the case that $(u, v) \in \mathcal{K}_i$ and $(M, u) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$. Since $(v, z) \in R_i \subseteq \mathcal{K}_i$, we thus have $(u, z) \in \mathcal{K}_i$ by transitivity of $\mathcal{K}_i$, and because the entailment property still holds over $u$, it follows that $(u, z) \in R_i$. Since we know $u, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ and $S(u) = S(z)$, it follows that $(u^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired.

$B_i$ Euclideanness Suppose $(u^+, v^+), (v^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$. Then $S(u) = S(v) = S(z)$, and $u, v, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, and $(u, v), (u, z) \in R_i$. Either $(M, u) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$, or not. If so, then since $(M, u) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$, we can deduce by $KB1$ on $K_i$, $B_i$ that $(M, u) \models \mathcal{K}_i B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$. Thus, any $w \in W$ such that $(u, w) \in \mathcal{K}_i$ must be such that $(M, u) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$. In particular, since $(u, v) \in R_i \subseteq \mathcal{K}_i$, we must have $(M, v) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{pre} \land S(u))$ since $S(v) = S(u)$. By Euclideanness of $\mathcal{K}_i$ (which follows from symmetry and transitivity of $\mathcal{K}_i$), we must have that $(v, z) \in \mathcal{K}_i$, and by the aforementioned entailment property it follows that $(v, z) \in R_i$. Since $S(v) = S(z)$ and $v, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, we have that $(v^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired. Otherwise, it must be that $(u, v), (u, z) \in B_i$, so by Euclideanness of $B_i$ it follows that $(v, z) \in B_i \subseteq R_i$. Since $u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ and $S(u) = S(v)$, we have that $(v^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired.

$KB1$ Suppose $(u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+$. Then $u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, $(u, v) \in R_i$, and $S(u) = S(v)$. Since $R_i \subseteq \mathcal{K}_i$, $(u, v) \in \mathcal{K}_i$ (by the $KB1$ assumption on $\mathcal{K}_i, B_i$). Since $u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ and $S(u) = S(v)$, we thus have that $(u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired.

$KB2$ Suppose $(u^+, v^+) \in \mathcal{K}_i^+, (v^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$. Then $u, v, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, $(u, v) \models \neg a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre}$, and $(v, z) \in \mathcal{K}_i$. Let $(M, v) \models a.\text{pre} \land S(u)$ since $S(u) = S(v)$. Also, by transitivity of $\mathcal{K}_i$, we have that $(v, z) \in \mathcal{K}_i$. These two facts imply that $(u, z) \in R_i$. Since $S(u) = S(z)$ and $u, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$, we thus have that $(u^+, z^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired.

7.5 Sensing Actions, $i \in P \cup O$

Updates to $\mathcal{K}_i$ and $B_i$ for sensing actions with $i \in P$ and $i \in O$ are identical to those for ontic actions with $i \in P$ and $i \in O$, respectively (Sections 7.2 and 7.3).

7.6 Announcement Actions, $i \in F$

$\mathcal{K}_i \text{ S}_a$ updates to $\mathcal{K}_i$ for announcement actions with $i \in F$ are identical to those for ontic actions with $i \in F$ (Section 7.2).

$B_i$ Seriality Consider $u^+ = W^+$ where $u \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$. Suppose $(M, u) \not\models B_i \neg(a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})$, but $(M, u) \models B_i \neg(a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})$. We will call these conditions respectively $C1$ and $C2$. By $C1$, there exists some $v \in W$ such that $(u, v) \in \mathcal{K}_i$ and $(M, v) \models a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre}$. This implies that $v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ and $(M, v) \models a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre}$. Because $(\{u, w\} : (u, w) \in \mathcal{K}_i \cap C1 \text{ holds} \land C2 \text{ holds}) \subseteq R_i$, we have that $(u, v) \in R_i$. Thus, since $u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ and $(M, v) \models a.\text{ann}$, we have that $(u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired. Next, suppose that $(M, u) \not\models B_i \neg(a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})$. This implies that there must be some $v \in W$ such that $(u, v) \in B_i \subseteq R_i$ and $(M, v) \models a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre}$. Then $v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$ and $v \models a.\text{ann}$, so $(u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired. Next, suppose that $(M, u) \models \mathcal{K}_i \neg(a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})$ but $(M, u) \not\models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}$. Because $(M, u) \not\models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}$ there must be some $v \in W$ such that $(u, v) \in B_i \subseteq R_i$. Further, since $(M, v) \models a.\text{pre}$, $v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)$. Therefore, since $(M, u) \models \mathcal{K}_i \neg(a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})$, $(u^+, v^+) \in B_i^+$ as desired. Finally, suppose that $(M, u) \models \mathcal{K}_i \neg(a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})$ and...
\[(M, u) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}.\] Because \(K_i\) is reflexive, we must have that \((u, u) \in K_i\). Because \(\{(u, v) : (u, v) \in K_i \land (M, u) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}\} \subseteq R_i\), so \((u, u) \in R_i\). Because \((u, u) \in R_i\), \(u \in \text{Pre}(M, a)\), and \((M, u) \models K_i \neg (a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})\), it follows that \((u^+, u^+) \in B^+_1\) as desired.

**B^+_2 Transitivity** Suppose \((u^+, v^+), (v^+, z^+) \in B^+_2\). Then \(u, v, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)\), \((u, v), (v, z) \in R_i\). Suppose that \((M, u) \models K_i \neg (a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})\) (call this C1) and \((M, u) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}\) (call this C2). Certainly \((u, v), (v, z) \in K_i\). By transitivity of \(K_i\), it follows that \((u, z) \in K_i\). Because \(\{(u, v) : (u, v) \in K_i \land C2\text{ holds}\} \subseteq R_i\), we have that \((u, z) \in R_i\). Since \(u, z \in \text{Pre}(M, a)\) and \((M, u) \models K_i \neg (a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})\), we thus have that \((u^+, z^+) \in B^+_2\).

Next, suppose \(C1 - C2\). \(C1 - C2\) implies that \((u, v) \in B_i\) since \((u, v)\) cannot be in \(R^+_1\). \(C1 - C2\) implies that there is some \(w \in W\) such that \((u, v) \in B_i\) and \((M, w) \models a.\text{pre}\). Since \(B_i\) is Euclidean, \((v, w) \in B_i\), and thus \((M, v) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}\).

If there was \(x \in W\) such that \((v, x) \in K_i\) and \((M, x) \models a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre}\), then by the transitivity of \(K_i\) we have that \((u, x) \in K_i\) and thus that \(C1\) is false, a contradiction. Thus \((M, v) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}\) and \((M, u) \models K_i \neg (a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})\), and thus \((u^+, v^+) \in B^+_1\).

Next, suppose \((M, u) \models K_i \neg (a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})\). We have that \((u^+, z^+) \in B^+_2\) as desired.

**KB1** Suppose \((u^+, v^+) \in B^+_2\). Then \(u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)\) and \((u, v) \in R_i \subseteq K_i\). Thus \((u^+, v^+) \in K_i\).

**KB2** Suppose that \((u^+, v^+) \in K_i\). Then \(u, v \in \text{Pre}(M, a)\) and \((u, v) \in K_i\).

The reason we have that \((u^+, z^+) \in B^+_2\) as desired is that \((M, u) \models K_i \neg (a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})\) and \((M, u) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}\) (call this C1) and \((M, u) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}\) (call this C2). By transitivity of \(K_i\), it follows that \((u, z) \in K_i\). Since \((u, w) : (u, w) \in K_i \land C2\text{ holds}\} \subseteq R_i\), we have that \((u, z) \in R_i\). If \(C1\) holds but \(C2\) does not, then there is \(w \in W\) such that \((u, v) \in B_i\) and \((M, w) \models a.\text{pre}\).

Because \((M, v) \models B_i \neg a.\text{pre}\) and \(C1 - C2\), then \((u^+, z^+) \in B^+_2\) as desired. Otherwise, \((M, u) \models B_i \neg (a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre})\) (call this C3) and there exists some \(w \in W\) such that \((u, v) \in K_i\) and \((M, v) \models a.\text{ann} \land a.\text{pre}\). By Euclideanity of \(K_i\), \((u, v) \in K_i\). Thus \((u^+, v^+) \in K_i\).

7.7 Announcement Actions, \(i \in P \cup O\)

Updates to \(K_i\) and \(B_i\) for announcement actions with \(i \in P\) and \(i \in O\) are identical to those for ontic actions with \(i \in P\) and \(i \in O\), respectively (Sections 7.2 and 7.3).
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