

Probabilistic Unawareness

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- ▶ it is well known that epistemic logic suffers from two main cognitive idealizations:
 - (i) **logical omniscience (LO)**: closure under logical consequence, substitutability of logically equivalent formulas, etc.
 - (ii) **full awareness (FA)**: full understanding of the state space

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- ▶ **broad question:** how to weaken (LO) and (FA) in models of partial beliefs ?
- ▶ **broad aim:** defend the impossible states (or worlds) approach as a unifying way to weaken cognitive idealizations = **a plea for impossible states**

Outline of the talk

introduction

awareness and unawareness

models of unawareness

probabilistic structures

probabilistic (un)awareness

what is (un)awareness ?

- ▶ *Modica & Rustichini 1999:*
 - “ignorance about the state space”
 - “some of the facts that determine which state of nature occurs are not present in the subject’s mind”
 - “the agent does not know, does not know that she does not know, does not know that she does not know that she does not know, and so on...”
- ▶ *Heifetz, Meier & Schipper 2007b:*
 - “Unawareness refers to lack of conception rather than to lack of information.”

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- ▶ unawareness: Pierre doesn't ask to himself: “is there an airport no more than 1 km far from the house?”
[See states in *small worlds* in Savage (1954/72)]

example, *cont.*

- ▶ the possibility that r is not simply excluded: it is out of Pierre's state space
- ▶ modeler's point of view:

pqr	$p\neg qr$	$pq\neg r$	$p\neg q\neg r$
$\neg pqr$	$\neg p\neg qr$	$\neg pq\neg r$	$\neg p\neg q\neg r$

- ▶ Pierre's point of view:

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[See Savage: "...a smaller world is derived from a larger by neglecting some distinctions between states"]

properties of (un)awareness

- ▶ some intuitive properties of (un)awareness:

$A\phi \leftrightarrow A\neg\phi$	(Symmetry)
$A(\phi \wedge \psi) \leftrightarrow A\phi \wedge A\psi$	
$A\phi \leftrightarrow AA\phi$	(Self-Reflection)
$U\phi \rightarrow UU\phi$	(U-introspection)
$U\phi \rightarrow \neg B\phi \wedge \neg B\neg B\phi$	(Plausibility)
$U\phi \rightarrow (\neg B)\phi^n \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$	(Strong Plausibility)
$\neg BU\phi$	(BU-introspection)

the modeling of (un)awareness

- ▶ it is impossible to devise a non-trivial (un)awareness operator that satisfies (most of) the intuitively appealing properties above mentioned
- ▶ for instance, in “*Standard State-Space Models Preclude Unawareness*” (1998) , Dekel, Lipman & Rustichini show that it is impossible to have
 - (i) a non-trivial awareness operator which satisfies Plausibility, U-introspection and BU-introspection
 - (ii) a belief operator which satisfies either Necessitation or Monotonicity

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- (ii) **exogenous** characterization: Fagin & Halpern (1988), Halpern (2001) awareness[©] structures

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models A\phi \Leftrightarrow \phi \in \mathcal{A}(s)$$

where $\mathcal{A} : S \rightarrow \wp(\mathcal{L}(At))$

GSM structures, example

- ▶ state space S based on $At = \{p, q, r\}$:

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- ▶ in actual state $s = pqr$, Pierre believes that p , does not know whether q and is unaware of r ; his non-standard state space $S_{\{p,q\}}$ and accessibility correspondance in s are

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- ▶ suppose that pqr is projected in pq : $\rho(pqr) = pq$
 - if pqr and $pq\neg r$ are projected in pq , pqr and $pq\neg r$ agree on p and q
 - if pqr and $pq\neg r$ are projected in pq , $R(pqr) = R(pq\neg r)$
 - $R(pqr) \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\{p,q\}}$

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- one can extend R and π to the whole state space with π^* :
if $s' \in S'_X$, then $\pi^*(s', p) = 1$ iff (a) $p \in X$ and (b) for all $s \in \rho^{-1}(s')$, $\pi(s, p) = 1$.

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 - (iv) $\mathcal{M}, s^* \models B\phi$ iff for each $t^* \in R^*(s^*)$, $\mathcal{M}, t^* \models \phi$
- ▶ crucial point: (iii) introduces **partiality**: if $p \notin X$ and $s^* \in S'_X$ then neither $\mathcal{M}, s^* \models p$ nor $\mathcal{M}, s^* \models \neg p$ (for short, $\mathcal{M}, s^* \uparrow p$). More generally,

$$\mathcal{M}, s^* \downarrow \phi \text{ for } s^* \in S'_X \text{ iff } \phi \in \mathcal{L}(X)$$

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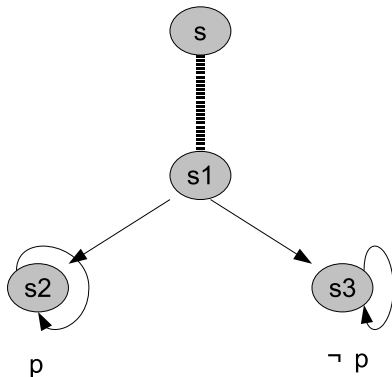
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- ▶ **but** this endogenous characterization is not robust under change of the accessibility correspondences' properties. In the general case,
 - it is plausible that if Pierre is unaware of ϕ , he doesn't believe that ϕ nor believe that he doesn't believe that ϕ
($U\phi \rightarrow (\neg B\phi \wedge \neg B\neg B\phi)$)
 - it is not plausible that if Pierre doesn't believe that ϕ nor believe that he doesn't believe that ϕ , he is necessarily unaware of ϕ ($(\neg B\phi \wedge \neg B\neg B\phi) \rightarrow U\phi$)

example

$\mathcal{M}, s \models U^{MR}p$ but $\mathcal{M}, s \not\models B(B\neg p \vee Bp)$



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- ▶ semantic characterization of unawareness in terms of **partiality**:

$$\mathcal{M}, s \models A\phi \text{ iff } \mathcal{M}, \rho(s) \Downarrow \phi$$

- ▶ Let's call a P-GSM structure a GSM structure where the truth conditions of the unawareness operator are given in terms of partiality

BU-introspection and seriality

- ▶ BU-introspection, viz $\neg BU\phi$, is not valid in P-GSM structures
- ▶ why ? Because in the degenerate case where $R(s) = \emptyset$, then for all ψ , $\mathcal{M}, s \models B\psi$
- ▶ suffices to require that $R(s) \neq \emptyset$ (seriality) for $\neg BU\phi$ to be valid
- ▶ **serial P-GSM structures** (my final proposal) implies the validity of $B\phi \rightarrow A\phi$
- ▶ caution : seriality does not correspond to

$$(D) B\phi \rightarrow \neg B\neg\phi$$

(as in Kripke structures) but to

$$(D_U) B\phi \rightarrow (\neg B\neg\phi \wedge A\phi)$$

axiom system KD_U

(PROP) Instances of propositional tautologies

(MP) From ϕ and $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ infer ψ

(K) $B\phi \wedge B(\phi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow B\psi$

(Gen) From ϕ infer $A\phi \rightarrow B\phi$

(D_U) $B\phi \rightarrow (\neg B\neg\phi \wedge A\phi)$

(A1) $A\phi \leftrightarrow A\neg\phi$

(A2) $A(\phi \wedge \psi) \leftrightarrow (A\phi \wedge A\psi)$

(A3) $A\phi \leftrightarrow AA\phi$

(A4) $AB\phi \leftrightarrow A\phi$

(A5) $A\phi \rightarrow BA\phi$

(Irr) If no atomic formulas in ϕ appear in ψ , from $U\phi \rightarrow \psi$ infer ψ

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- ▶ **Definition** : an **explicit probabilistic structure** for $\mathcal{L}L_a(At)$ is a 3-tuple $\mathcal{M} = (S, \pi, P)$ where $P : S \rightarrow \Delta(S)$ assigns to every state a probability distribution on the state space.
- ▶ Satisfaction condition for L_a :

$$\bar{\pi}(s, L_a\phi) = 1 \text{ iff } P(s)([[\phi]]) \geq a$$

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 - (iii) from the explicit probabilistic language, one can define
 - $M_a\phi = L_{1-a}\neg\phi$ (P. believes **at most** to degree a that ϕ)
 - $E_a\phi = M_a\phi \wedge L_a\phi$ (P. believes **exactly** to degree a that ϕ)

EPS, *cont.*

- ▶ EPS is not compact :
 - $\Sigma = \{L_{1/2-1/n}\phi : n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$
 - $\psi = \neg L_{1/2}\phi$Clearly,
 - for each finite $\Sigma' \subset \Sigma$, $\Sigma' \cup \psi$ is coherent
 - but $\Sigma \cup \psi$ is not coherent
- ▶ consequence : no strong completeness
(Meier (2001) provides a strong completeness proof with an *infinitary* language)

EPS, axiomatization

System HM (Heifetz and Mongin 2001)

(PROP) Instances of propositional tautologies

(MP) From ϕ and $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ infer ψ

(A1) $L_0\phi$

(A2) $L_a\top$

(A5) $L_a\phi \rightarrow \neg L_b\neg\phi$ ($a + b > 1$)

(Def M) $M_a\phi \leftrightarrow L_{1-a}\neg\phi$

(A8) $\neg L_a\phi \rightarrow M_a\phi$

(RE) From $\phi \leftrightarrow \psi$ infer $L_a\phi \leftrightarrow L_a\psi$

(B) From $((\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m) \leftrightarrow (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n))$ infer

$((\bigwedge_{i=1}^m L_{a_i}\phi_i) \wedge (\bigwedge_{j=2}^n M_{b_j}\psi_j)) \rightarrow L_{(a_1+\dots+a_m)-(b_1+\dots+b_n)}\psi_1$

EPS, axiomatization, *cont.*

► some theorems :

(RN) From $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ infer $L_a\phi \rightarrow L_a\psi$

(A2+) $\neg L_a\perp$ ($a > 0$)

(A3) $L_a(\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge L_b(\phi \wedge \neg\psi) \rightarrow L_{a+b}\phi$ ($a + b \leq 1$) (finite superadditivity)

(A4) $\neg L_a(\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge \neg L_b(\phi \wedge \neg\psi) \rightarrow \neg L_{a+b}\phi$ ($a + b \leq 1$) (finite subadditivity)

(A7) $L_a\phi \rightarrow L_b\phi$ ($b < a$)

the rule (B)

- ▶ the sum of the probabilities of the members of two partitions of an event are equal: let
 - $E_1 \cup \dots \cup E_m = A$ with E_i pairwise disjoint
 - $F_1 \cup \dots \cup F_n = A$ with F_j pairwise disjointClearly,

$$\sum_{i=1}^m P(E_i) = \sum_{j=1}^n P(F_j) = P(A)$$

- ▶ Remarks:

- $\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{1}_{E_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{F_j} = \mathbf{1}_A$
- in the case $m = n$, it is clear that if $P(E_i) \geq P(F_i)$ for $1 \leq i < n$, then the two last events have to “compensate” the disequilibrium ie $P(E_n) \leq P(F_n)$

the rule (B), *cont.*

- ▶ one does not need to have partitions : the more general condition is that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \mathbf{1}_{E_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{F_j}$$

this means that any element of S belongs to as many E_i 's as F_j 's

- ▶ one can think about a “compensation” closer to EPS:
if

$$P(E_i) \geq \alpha_i \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, n \text{ and}$$

$$P(F_j) \leq \beta_j \text{ for } j = 2, \dots, m$$

then

$$P(F_1) \geq (\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_n) - (\beta_2 + \dots + \beta_m)$$

the rule (B), *cont.*

▶ example:

$$E_1 = A \cup B, F_1 = A \text{ and } F_2 = B$$

if

$$P(E_1 = A \cup B) \geq 1/2 \text{ and}$$

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- ▶ let's come back to the inference rule:

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the rule (B), *cont.*

- ▶ **the premiss of (B)** : $((\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m) \leftrightarrow (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n))$ is a syntactical rendering of the equality of sums of characteristic functions
- ▶ $((\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m) \leftrightarrow (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n))$ is an abbreviation for

$$\bigwedge_{k=1}^{\max(m,n)} \phi^{(k)} \leftrightarrow \psi^{(k)}$$

where

$\phi^{(k)} = \bigvee_{1 \leq l_1 \leq \dots \leq l_k < m} (\phi_{l_1} \wedge \dots \wedge \phi_{l_k})$ (if $k > m$, by convention

$\phi^{(k)} = \perp$)

$\phi^{(k)}$ says that at least k of the formulas ϕ_i are true

- ▶ **the conclusion of (B)** is a direct translation of the “compensation” principle in terms of inequalities

the rule (B), *cont.*

- ▶ (B) is a very powerful probabilistic inference rule. It allows e.g. to derive

(A3) $L_a(\phi \wedge \psi) \wedge L_b(\phi \wedge \neg\psi) \rightarrow L_{a+b}\phi$ ($a + b \leq 1$) (finite superadditivity)

- ▶ Let

$$\phi_1 = \phi \wedge \psi, \phi_2 = \phi \wedge \neg\psi, \psi_1 = \phi$$

Suffices to notice that $(\phi_1, \phi_2) \leftrightarrow \psi_1$; hence

$$L_a\phi_1 \wedge L_b\phi_2 \rightarrow L_{a+b}\psi_1,$$

which is nothing but (A3)

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- ▶ some good news:
for all GSM-EPS \mathcal{M} and all standard state s , unawareness precludes positive probability:
 $\mathcal{M}, s \models U\phi \rightarrow \neg L_a\phi$ for $a > 0$
 $\mathcal{M}, s \models U\phi \rightarrow \neg L_a\neg\phi$ for $a > 0$
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- ▶ but some (very) bad news:

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$$\mathcal{M}, s \models U\phi \rightarrow L_0 \phi$$

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$$\mathcal{M}, s \models U\phi \rightarrow L_1 L_0 \phi (!!)$$

probabilistic unawareness, second attempt

- ▶ satisfaction condition for $L_a\phi$:
 $\mathcal{M}, \mathbf{s} \models L_a\phi \Leftrightarrow P(\mathbf{s})([[\phi]]) \geq a$ **and** $\mathcal{M}, \rho(\mathbf{s}) \Downarrow \phi$

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 $\mathcal{M}, s \models L_a\phi \Leftrightarrow P(s)([[\phi]]) \geq a$ **and** $\mathcal{M}, \rho(s) \Downarrow \phi$
- ▶ in this case, the following holds:

$A\phi \leftrightarrow A\neg\phi$	(Symmetry)
$A\phi \leftrightarrow AA\phi$	(Self-Reflection)
$U\phi \rightarrow UU\phi$	(U-introspection)
$U\phi \rightarrow \neg L_a\phi \wedge \neg L_a\neg L_a\phi$	(Plausibility)
$U\phi \rightarrow (\neg L_a)^n\phi \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$	(Strong Plausibility)
$\neg L_a U\phi$ ($a > 0$)	($L_a U$ -introspection)
$L_0\phi \leftrightarrow A\phi$	

HM_U axiom system

- ▶ an axiom system for explicit probabilistic structures with unawareness:

System HM_U , Part I

(PROP) Instances of propositional tautologies

(MP) From ϕ and $\phi \rightarrow \psi$ infer ψ

(A0) $A\phi \leftrightarrow L_0\phi$

(A1) $A\phi \leftrightarrow A\neg\phi$

(A2) $A(\phi \wedge \psi) \leftrightarrow A\phi \wedge A\psi$

(A3) $A\phi \leftrightarrow AA\phi$

(A4) $A\phi \leftrightarrow AL_a\phi$

(A5_L) $A\phi \rightarrow L_1A\phi$

HM_U axiom system

System HM_U , Part II

$$(A6) L_a \top$$

$$(A7) L_a \phi \rightarrow \neg L_b \neg \phi \quad a + b > 1$$

$$(A8_U) (\neg L_a \phi \wedge A\phi) \rightarrow M_a \phi$$

$$(RE_U) \text{ From } \phi \leftrightarrow \psi \text{ infer } A(\phi \wedge \psi) \rightarrow (L_a \phi \leftrightarrow L_a \psi)$$

$$(B_U) \text{ From } ((\phi_1, \dots, \phi_m) \leftrightarrow (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_n)) \text{ infer}$$

$$((\bigwedge_{i=1}^m L_{a_i} \phi_i) \wedge (\bigwedge_{j=2}^n M_{b_j} \psi_j)) \rightarrow (A\psi_1 \rightarrow L_{(a_1 + \dots + a_m) - (b_1 + \dots + b_n)} \psi_1)$$

$L_a U$ introspection

- ▶ the axiom of $L_a U$ introspection

$$\neg L_a U\phi \quad (a > 0)$$

may be derived from HM_U

- ▶ intuitively,

(1) $L_a \neg A\phi \rightarrow L_0 \neg A\phi$

(2) $L_a \neg A\phi \rightarrow A \neg A\phi$ (from (1) and (A0))

(3) $L_a \neg A\phi \rightarrow AA\phi$ (from (2) and (A1))

(4) $L_a \neg A\phi \rightarrow A\phi$ (from (3) and (A3))

(5) $L_a \neg A\phi \rightarrow L_1 A\phi$ (from (4) and (A5_L))

(6) $L_a \neg A\phi \rightarrow \neg L_a \neg A\phi$ (from (5) and (A7))

(7) \perp (from (6) by propositional reasoning)

counter-example to (B)

- ▶ the famous inference rule (B) needs to be restricted with the help of the awareness operator.
- ▶ Let
$$\phi_1 = (p \vee \neg p)$$
$$\psi_1 = (q \vee \neg q)$$
$$\psi_2 = (p \vee \neg p)$$
So, clearly the premiss of (B) - $((\phi_1) \leftrightarrow (\psi_1, \psi_2))$ is satisfied
- ▶ Suppose that Pierre is aware of p but not of q ; in this case, it will be true that $L_1\phi_1$ and $M_1\psi_2$. Hence by the compensation principle, $L_0\psi_1$. But this will not be the case if Pierre is unaware of q .

completeness

- ▶ some steps remain to be checked in the proof (!), but one may confidently claim the following

Completeness Theorem : $\models_{GSM-EPs} \phi$ iff $\vdash_{HM_U} \phi$

further issues

- 1 becoming aware
- 2 multi-agent unawareness
- 3 applications to decision theory and game theory

becoming aware

- ▶ Pierre may be initially unaware of ϕ and become aware of ϕ :
 - (1) when someone gives Pierre an information that involves ϕ
 - (2) when someone asks Pierre what he thinks about ϕ

becoming aware

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 - (1) when someone gives Pierre an information that involves ϕ
 - (2) when someone asks Pierre what he thinks about ϕ
- ▶ when one thinks about (1) for full beliefs, things may look simple:
 - initially, Pierre is only aware of p , neither q nor r :
 $\rho(s) \in S_{\{p\}}$ and $R(s) \subseteq S_{\{p\}}$. He believes that p



- Pierre is informed that q
 - (i) first, the structure is modified such that $\rho'(s) \in \mathcal{S}_{\{p,q\}}$
 $R'(s) \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\{p,q\}}$

pq	$p\neg q$
$\neg pq$	$\neg p\neg q$

- (ii) then, the $\neg q$ -states are eliminated

pq	$p\neg q$
$\neg pq$	$\neg p\neg q$

becoming aware, cont.

- ▶ but *even for scenario of type (1)*, the probabilistic case is much more tricky
- ▶ one could reason like this:
- initially, Pierre is only aware of p , neither q nor r :
 $\rho(s) \in \mathcal{S}_{\{p\}}$ and $\text{Supp}(P(s)) \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{\{p\}}$

p	(α)
$\neg p$	$(1 - \alpha)$

- Pierre is informed that q
 - (i) first, the structure is modified: $Supp(P'(s)) \subseteq S_{\{p,q\}}$ and for each ϕ of $\mathcal{L}(\{p\})$, $P(s)([[\phi]]) = P'(s)([[\phi]])$
 - state p has initially weight α
 - state p is splitted in pq and $p\neg q$, each with weight $\alpha/2$

pq	$(\alpha/2)$	$p\neg q$	$(\alpha/2)$
$\neg pq$	$((1 - \alpha)/2)$	$\neg p\neg q$	$((1 - \alpha)/2)$

(ii) then, Pierre conditionalizes on the information that q

pq	(α)	$p\neg q$	
$\neg pq$	$(1 - \alpha)$	$\neg p\neg q$	

- ▶ but the new probability of p could be affected by the fact that the agent learns that q (intuitively, if p and q are not independent - think about $p =$ “the house is quiet” and $q =$ “the house is no more than 1 km far from an airport”