

Announcement as effort on topological spaces

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We propose a multi-agent logic of knowledge, public and arbitrary announcements, that is interpreted on topological spaces in the style of subset space semantics. The arbitrary announcement modality functions similarly to the effort modality in subset space logics, however, it comes with intuitive and semantic differences. We provide axiomatizations for three logics based on this setting, and demonstrate their completeness.

1 Introduction

In [15], Moss et al. introduce a bi-modal logic with language

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid K\varphi \mid \square\varphi,$$

called subset space logic (SSL), in order to formalize reasoning about sets and points together in one modal system. The main interest in their investigation lies in spatial structures such as topological spaces and using modal logic and the techniques behind for spatial reasoning, however, they also have a strong motivation from epistemic logic. While the modality K is interpreted as knowledge, \square intends to capture the notion of *effort*, i.e., any action that results in increase in knowledge. They propose subset space semantics for their logic. A subset space is defined to be a pair (X, \mathcal{O}) , where X is a non-empty domain and \mathcal{O} is a collection of subsets of X (not necessarily a topology), wherein the modalities K and \square are evaluated with respect to pairs of the form (x, U) , where $x \in U \in \mathcal{O}$. According to subset space semantics, given a pair (x, U) , the modality K quantifies over the elements of U , whereas \square quantifies over all open subsets of U that include the actual world x . Therefore, while knowledge is interpreted ‘locally’ in a given observation set U , effort is read as *open-set-shrinking* where more effort corresponds to a smaller neighbourhood, thus, a possible increase in knowledge. The schema $\diamond K\varphi$ states that after some effort the agent comes to know φ where effort can be in the form of measurement, observation, computation, approximation [15, 8, 16, 5], or announcement [17, 1, 10].

The epistemic motivation behind the subset space semantics and the dynamic nature of the effort modality suggests a link between SSL and dynamic epistemic logic, in particular dynamics known as public announcement [4, 5, 3, 19, 6]. The works [4, 5, 3] propose modelling public announcements on subset spaces by deleting the states or the neighbourhoods falsifying the announcement. This dynamic epistemic method is not in the spirit of the effort modality: dynamic epistemic actions result in global model change, whereas the effort modality results in local neighbourhood shrinking. Hence, it is natural to search for an ‘open-set-shrinking-like’ interpretation of public announcements on subset spaces. To best of our knowledge, Wang and Ågotnes [19] were the first to propose semantics for public announcements on subset spaces in the style of the effort modality, although this is not necessarily on topological spaces. Bjorndahl [6] then proposed a revised version of the [19] semantics. In contrast to the aforementioned proposals, Bjorndahl uses models based on topological spaces to interpret knowledge and

information change via public announcements. He considers the language

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid K\varphi \mid \text{int}(\varphi) \mid [\varphi]\varphi,$$

where $\text{int}(\varphi)$ means ‘ φ is true and can be announced’, and where $[\varphi]\psi$ means ‘after public announcement of φ , ψ .’

In [1], Balbiani et al. introduce a logic to quantify over announcements in the setting of epistemic logic based on the language (with single-agent version here)

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid K\varphi \mid [\varphi]\varphi \mid \Box\varphi.$$

In this case, unlike above, $\Box\varphi$ means ‘after any announcement, φ (is true)’ so that \Box quantifies over epistemically definable subsets (\Box -free formulas of the language) of a given model. In this case, $\Diamond K\varphi$ again means that the agent comes to know φ , but in the interpretation that there is a formula ψ such that after announcing it the agent knows φ . What becomes true or known by an agent after an announcement can be expressed in this language without explicit reference to the announced formula.

Clearly, the meaning of the effort \Box modality and of the arbitrary announcement $[\varphi]$ modality are related in motivation. In both cases, interpreting the modality requires quantification over sets. Subset-space-like semantics provides natural tools for this. In [10], we extended Bjorndahl’s proposal [6] with an arbitrary announcement modality

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid K\varphi \mid \text{int}(\varphi) \mid [\varphi]\varphi \mid \Box\varphi$$

and provided topological semantics for the \Box modality, and proved completeness for the corresponding single-agent logic $APAL_{\text{int}}$.

In the current proposal we generalize this approach to a multi-agent setting. Multi-agent subset space logics have been investigated in [13, 14, 4, 18]. There are some challenges with such a logic concerning the evaluation of higher-order knowledge. The general setup is for any finite number of agents, but to demonstrate the challenges, consider the case of two agents. Suppose for each of two agents i and j there is an open set such that the semantic primitive becomes a triple (x, U_i, U_j) instead of a pair (x, U) . Now consider a formula like $K_i \hat{K}_j K_i p$, for ‘agent i knows that agent j considers possible that agent i knows proposition p ’. If this is true for a triple (x, U_i, U_j) , then $\hat{K}_j K_i p$ must be true for any $y \in U_i$; but y may not be in U_j , in which case (y, U_i, U_j) is not well-defined: we cannot interpret $\hat{K}_j K_i p$. Our solution to this dilemma is to consider neighbourhoods that are not only relative to each agent, as usual in multi-agent subset space logics, but that are also *relative to each state*. This amounts to, when shifting the viewpoint from x to $y \in U_i$, in (x, U_i, U_j) , we simultaneously have to shift the *neighbourhood* (and not merely the point in the actual neighbourhood) for the other agent. So we then go from (x, U_i, U_j) to (y, U_i, V_j) , where V_j may be different from U_j . If they are different, their intersection should be empty.

In order to define the evaluation neighbourhood for each agent with respect to the state in question, we employ a technique inspired by the standard neighbourhood semantics [7]. We use a set of *neighbourhood functions*, determining the evaluation neighbourhood relative to both the given state and the corresponding agent. These functions need to be partial in order to render the semantics well-defined for the dynamic modalities in the system.

In Section 2 we define the syntax, structures, and semantics of our multi-agent logic of arbitrary public announcements, $APAL_{\text{int}}$, interpreted on topological spaces equipped with a set of neighbourhood functions. Without arbitrary announcements we get the logic PAL_{int} , and with neither arbitrary nor public announcements, the logic EL_{int} . In this section we also show some typical validities of the logic, and

give a detailed example. In Section 3 we give axiomatizations for the logics: PAL_{int} extends EL_{int} and $APAL_{int}$ extends PAL_{int} . In Section 4 we demonstrate completeness for these logics. The completeness proof for the epistemic version of the logic, EL_{int} , is rather different from the completeness proof for the full logic $APAL_{int}$. We then compare our work to that of others (Section 5) and conclude.

2 The logic $APAL_{int}$

We define the syntax, structures, and semantics of our logic. From now on, $Prop$ is a countable set of propositional variables and \mathcal{A} a finite and non-empty set of agents.

2.1 Syntax

Definition 1 The language $\mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ is defined by

$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid K_i\varphi \mid int(\varphi) \mid [\varphi]\varphi \mid \Box\varphi$$

where $p \in Prop$ and $i \in \mathcal{A}$. Abbreviations for the connectives \vee , \rightarrow and \leftrightarrow are standard, and \perp is defined as abbreviation by $p \wedge \neg p$. We employ \hat{K}_i for $\neg K_i \neg \varphi$, and $\diamond\varphi$ for $\neg \Box \neg \varphi$. We denote the non-modal part of $\mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ (without the modalities K_i , int , $[\varphi]$ and \Box) by \mathcal{L}_{PI} , the part without \Box by $\mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, and the part without \Box and $[\varphi]$ by $\mathcal{L}_{EL_{int}}$.

Necessity forms [12] allow us to select unique occurrences of a subformula in a given formula (unlike in uniform substitution). They will be used in the axiomatization (Section 3).

Definition 2 Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$. The necessity forms are inductively defined as

$$\xi(\#) := \# \mid \varphi \rightarrow \xi(\#) \mid K_i\xi(\#) \mid int(\xi(\#)) \mid [\varphi]\xi(\#).$$

It is not hard to see that each necessity form $\xi(\#)$ has a unique occurrence of $\#$. Given a necessity form $\xi(\#)$ and a formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$, the formula obtained by replacing $\#$ by φ is denoted by $\xi(\varphi)$.

In the completeness proof (Section 4) we use a complexity measure on formulas based on the *size* and \Box -*depth* of formulas where the size of a formula is a weighted count of the number of symbols and \Box -*depth* counts the number of the \Box -modalities occurring in a formula. The measure was first introduced in [2].

Definition 3 The size $S(\varphi)$ of a formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ is defined as: $S(p) = 1$, $S(\neg\varphi) = S(\varphi) + 1$, $S(\varphi \wedge \psi) = S(\varphi) + S(\psi)$, $S(K_i\varphi) = S(\varphi) + 1$, $S(int(\varphi)) = S(\varphi) + 1$, $S([\varphi]\psi) = S(\varphi) + 4S(\psi)$, and $S(\Box\varphi) = S(\varphi) + 1$.

The factor 4 in the clause for $[\varphi]\psi$ is to ensure Lemma 7. Although the choice of the number 4 might seem arbitrary, it is the smallest natural number guaranteeing the desired result (see the proof of Lemma 7).

Definition 4 The \Box -depth of a formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$, denoted by $d(\varphi)$, is defined as: $d(p) = 0$, $d(\neg\varphi) = d(\varphi)$, $d(\varphi \wedge \psi) = \max\{d(\varphi), d(\psi)\}$, $d(K_i\varphi) = d(\varphi)$, $d(int(\varphi)) = d(\varphi)$, $d([\varphi]\psi) = \max\{d(\varphi), d(\psi)\}$, and $d(\Box\varphi) = d(\varphi) + 1$.

We now define three order relations on $\mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ based on the size and \Box -depth of the formulas.

Definition 5 For any $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$,

- $\varphi <^S \psi$ iff $S(\varphi) < S(\psi)$
- $\varphi <_d \psi$ iff $d(\varphi) < d(\psi)$
- $\varphi <_d^S \psi$ iff (either $d(\varphi) < d(\psi)$, or $d(\varphi) = d(\psi)$ and $S(\varphi) < S(\psi)$)

We let $Sub(\varphi)$ denote the set of subformulas of a given formula φ .

Lemma 6 For any $\varphi, \psi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$,

1. $<^S, <_d, <_d^S$ are well-founded strict partial orders between formulas in $\mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$,
2. $\varphi \in Sub(\psi)$ implies $\varphi <_d^S \psi$,
3. $int(\varphi) <_d^S [\varphi]\psi$,
4. $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$ iff $d(\varphi) = 0$,
5. $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$ implies $[\varphi]\psi <_d^S \square\psi$.

Lemma 7 For any $\varphi, \psi, \chi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and $i \in \mathcal{A}$,

1. $\neg[\varphi]\psi <_d^S [\varphi]\neg\psi$,
2. $int([\varphi]\psi) <_d^S [\varphi]int(\psi)$,
3. $K_i[\varphi]\psi <_d^S [\varphi]K_i\psi$,
4. $[\neg[\varphi]\neg int(\psi)]\chi <_d^S [\varphi][\psi]\chi$.

Proof We only prove Lemma 7.4. The proof demonstrates why in the $[\varphi]\psi$ clause of Definition 3, 4 is the smallest natural number guaranteeing the result.

By Definition 3, we have that $S([\neg[\varphi]\neg int(\psi)]\chi) = S(\varphi) + 4S(\psi) + 4S(\chi) + 9$ and that $S([\varphi][\psi]\chi) = S(\varphi) + 4S(\psi) + 16S(\chi)$. As for any $\chi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$, $1 \leq S(\chi)$, it follows that $4S(\chi) + 9 \leq 4S(\chi) + 9S(\chi) = 13S(\chi) < 16S(\chi)$. Further, we observe that $d([\neg[\varphi]\neg int(\psi)]\chi) = \max\{d(\varphi), d(\psi), d(\chi)\} = d([\varphi][\psi]\chi)$. (This is similar in the first three items.) ■

2.2 Background

In this section, we introduce the topological concepts that will be used throughout this paper. All the concepts in this section can be found in [11].

Definition 8 A topological space (X, τ) is a pair consisting of a non-empty set X and a family τ of subsets of X satisfying $\emptyset \in \tau$ and $X \in \tau$, and closed under finite intersections and arbitrary unions.

The set X is called the *space*. The subsets of X belonging to τ are called *open sets* (or *opens*) in the space; the family τ of open subsets of X is also called a *topology* on X . If for some $x \in X$ and an open $U \subseteq X$ we have $x \in U$, we say that U is an *open neighborhood* of x .

A point x is called an *interior point* of a set $A \subseteq X$ if there is an open neighborhood U of x such that $U \subseteq A$. The set of all interior points of A is called the *interior* of A and denoted by $Int(A)$. We can then easily observe that for any $A \subseteq X$, $Int(A)$ is the largest open subset of A .

Definition 9 A family $B \subseteq \tau$ is called a *base* for a topological space (X, τ) if every non-empty open subset of X can be written as a union of elements of B .

Given any family $\Sigma = \{A_\alpha \mid \alpha \in I\}$ of subsets of X , there exists a unique, smallest topology $\tau(\Sigma)$ with $\Sigma \subseteq \tau(\Sigma)$ [11, Th. 3.1]. The family $\tau(\Sigma)$ consists of \emptyset , X , all finite intersections of the A_α , and all arbitrary unions of these finite intersections. Σ is called a *subbase* for $\tau(\Sigma)$, and $\tau(\Sigma)$ is said to be generated by Σ . The set of finite intersections of members of Σ forms a base for $\tau(\Sigma)$.

2.3 Structures

In this section we define our multi-agent models based on topological spaces.

Definition 10 Given a topological space (X, τ) , a neighbourhood function set Φ on (X, τ) is a set of partial functions $\theta : X \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \tau$ such that for all $x, y \in \text{Dom}(\theta)$, for all $i \in \mathcal{A}$, and for all $U \in \tau$:

1. $\theta(x)(i) \in \tau$,
2. $x \in \theta(x)(i)$,
3. $\theta(x)(i) \subseteq \text{Dom}(\theta)$,
4. if $y \in \theta(x)(i)$ then $\theta(x)(i) = \theta(y)(i)$,
5. $\theta|_U \in \Phi$,

where $\theta|_U$ is the partial function with $\text{Dom}(\theta|_U) = \text{Dom}(\theta) \cap U$ and $\theta|_U(x)(i) = \theta(x)(i) \cap U$. We call the elements of Φ neighbourhood functions.

Definition 11 A topological model with functions (or in short, a topo-model) is a tuple $\mathcal{M} = (X, \tau, \Phi, V)$, where (X, τ) is a topological space, Φ a neighbourhood function set, and $V : \text{Prop} \rightarrow X$ a valuation function. We refer to the part $\mathcal{X} = (X, \tau, \Phi)$ without the valuation function as a topo-frame.

A pair (x, θ) is a neighbourhood situation if $x \in \text{Dom}(\theta)$ and $\theta(x)(i)$ is called the epistemic neighbourhood at x of agent i . If (x, θ) is a neighbourhood situation in \mathcal{M} we write $(x, \theta) \in \mathcal{M}$. Similarly, if (x, θ) is a neighbourhood situation in \mathcal{X} we write $(x, \theta) \in \mathcal{X}$.

Lemma 12 For any (X, τ, Φ) and $\theta \in \Phi$, $\text{Dom}(\theta) \in \tau$.

2.4 Semantics

Definition 13 Given a topo-model $\mathcal{M} = (X, \tau, \Phi, V)$ and a neighbourhood situation $(x, \theta) \in \mathcal{M}$, the semantics for the language $\mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ is defined recursively as:

$$\begin{array}{ll}
\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models p & \text{iff } x \in V(p) \\
\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \neg\varphi & \text{iff not } \mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \varphi \\
\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \varphi \wedge \psi & \text{iff } \mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \varphi \text{ and } \mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \psi \\
\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models K_i\varphi & \text{iff } (\forall y \in \theta(x)(i)) (\mathcal{M}, (y, \theta) \models \varphi) \\
\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \text{int}(\varphi) & \text{iff } x \in \text{Int}[\varphi]^\theta \\
\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models [\varphi]\psi & \text{iff } \mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \text{int}(\varphi) \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}, (x, \theta^\varphi) \models \psi \\
\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \Box\varphi & \text{iff } (\forall \psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}) (\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models [\psi]\varphi)
\end{array}$$

where $p \in \text{Prop}$, $[\varphi]^\theta = \{y \in \text{Dom}(\theta) \mid \mathcal{M}, (y, \theta) \models \varphi\}$ and $\theta^\varphi : X \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \tau$ such that $\text{Dom}(\theta^\varphi) = \text{Int}[\varphi]^\theta$ and $\theta^\varphi(x)(i) = \theta(x)(i) \cap \text{Int}[\varphi]^\theta$.

The updated neighbourhood function θ^φ is the restriction of θ to the open set $\text{Int}[\varphi]^\theta$, i.e., for all $x \in X$, $\theta^\varphi(x)(i) = \theta|_{\text{Int}[\varphi]^\theta}(x)(i)$.

A formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ is valid in a topo-model \mathcal{M} , denoted $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$, iff $\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \varphi$ for all $(x, \theta) \in \mathcal{M}$; φ is valid, denoted $\models \varphi$, iff for all topo-models \mathcal{M} we have $\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$. Soundness and completeness with respect to topo-models are defined as usual.

Let us now elaborate on the structure of topo-models and the above semantics we have proposed for $\mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$. Given a topo-model (X, τ, Φ, V) , the epistemic neighbourhoods of each agent at a given state x are determined by (partial) functions $\theta : X \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \tau$ assigning an open neighbourhood to the

state in question for each agent. We allow for partial functions in Φ , and close Φ under taking restricted functions $\theta|_U$ where $U \in \tau$ (see Definition 10, condition 5), so that updated neighbourhood functions are guaranteed to be well-defined elements of Φ . As in the standard subset space semantics, by picking a neighbourhood situation (x, θ) , we first localize our focus to an *open* subdomain, in fact to $Dom(\theta)$, including the state x and the epistemic neighbourhood of each agent at x determined by θ . Then the function $\theta(x)$ designates an epistemic neighbourhood for each agent i in \mathcal{A} . It is guaranteed that every agent i is assigned a neighbourhood by θ at every state x in $Dom(\theta)$, since each $\theta(x)$ is defined to be a *total* function from \mathcal{A} to τ . Moreover, condition 2 of Definition 10 ensures that \emptyset cannot be an epistemic neighbourhood, i.e., $\theta(x)(i) \neq \emptyset$ for all $x \in Dom(\theta)$. Finally, conditions 2 and 4 of Definition 10 make sure that the $S5$ axioms for each K_i are sound with respect to all topo-models.

We now provide some semantic results. As usual in the subset space setting, truth of non-modal formulas only depends on the state in question.

Proposition 14 *Give a topo-model $\mathcal{M} = (X, \tau, \Phi, V)$, neighbourhood situations $(x, \theta_1), (x, \theta_2) \in \mathcal{M}$, and a formula $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{PI}$. Then $(x, \theta_1) \models \varphi$ iff $(x, \theta_2) \models \varphi$.*

Proposition 15 *Given $\mathcal{M} = (X, \tau, \Phi, V)$, $\theta \in \Phi$ and $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$. Then $\llbracket int(\varphi) \rrbracket^\theta = Int\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\theta$.*

Proof

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket int(\varphi) \rrbracket^\theta &= \{y \in Dom(\theta) \mid (y, \theta) \models int(\varphi)\} \\ &= \{y \in Dom(\theta) \mid y \in Int\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\theta\} \\ &= Int\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\theta \quad (\text{since } Int\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\theta \subseteq Dom(\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

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A corollary is that $Int\llbracket int(\varphi) \rrbracket^\theta = IntInt\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\theta = Int\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\theta$.

Proposition 16

1. $\models [\varphi]\psi \leftrightarrow [int(\varphi)]\psi$
2. $\models (int(\varphi) \wedge \langle \varphi \rangle int(\psi)) \leftrightarrow \langle \varphi \rangle int(\psi)$

Proposition 17

1. $\llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^\varphi} = \llbracket \langle \varphi \rangle \psi \rrbracket^\theta$
2. $\theta^\varphi = \theta^{int(\varphi)}$
3. $(\theta^\varphi)\psi = \theta^{\langle \varphi \rangle int(\psi)}$

2.5 Example

We illustrate our logic by a multi-agent version of Bjorndahl's convincing example in [6] about the jewel in the tomb. Indiana Jones (i) and Emile Belloq (e) are both scouring for a priceless jewel placed in a tomb. The tomb could either contain a jewel or not, the tomb could have been rediscovered in modern times or not, and (beyond [6]), the tomb could be in the Valley of Tombs in Egypt or not. The propositional variables corresponding to these propositions are, respectively, j , d , and t . We represent a valuation of these variables by a triple xyz , where $x, y, z \in \{0, 1\}$. Given carrier set $X = \{xyz \mid x, y, z \in \{0, 1\}\}$, the topology τ that we consider is generated by the base consisting of the subsets $\{000, 100, 001, 101\}$, $\{010\}$, $\{110\}$, $\{011\}$, $\{111\}$. The idea is that one can only conceivably know (or learn) about the jewel or the location, on condition that the tomb has been discovered. Therefore, $\{000, 100, 001, 101\}$ has no strict subsets besides empty set: if the tomb has not yet been discovered, no one can have any information about the jewel or the location.

A topo-model $\mathcal{M} = (X, \tau, \Phi, V)$ for this topology (X, τ) has Φ as the set of all neighbourhood functions that are partitions of X for both agents, and restrictions of these functions to open sets. A typical $\theta \in \Phi$ describes complete ignorance of both agents and is defined as $\theta(s)(i) = \theta(s)(e) = X$. This corresponds most to the situation described in [6]. A more interesting neighbourhood situation in this model is one wherein Indiana and Emile have different knowledge. Let us assume that Emile has the advantage over Indiana so far, as he knows the location of the tomb but Indiana doesn't. This is the θ' such that for all $x \in X$, $\theta'(x)(i) = X$ whereas the partition for Emile consists of sets $\{101, 100, 001, 000\}$, $\{111, 011\}$, $\{110, 010\}$, i.e., $\theta'(111)(e) = \{111, 011\}$, etc.

We now can evaluate what Emile knows about Indiana at 111, and confirm that this goes beyond Emil's initial epistemic neighbourhood. This situation however does not create any problems in our setting since Indiana's epistemic neighbourhoods will be determined relative to the states in Emile's initial neighbourhood. Firstly, Emile knows that the tomb is in the Valley of Tombs in Egypt

$$\mathcal{M}, (111, \theta') \models K_e t$$

and he also knows that Indiana does not know that

$$\mathcal{M}, (111, \theta') \models K_e \neg(K_i \neg t \vee K_i t)$$

The latter involves verifying $\mathcal{M}, (111, \theta') \models \hat{K}_i t$ and $\mathcal{M}, (111, \theta') \models \hat{K}_i \neg t$. And this is true because $\theta'(111)(i) = X$, and $000, 001 \in X$, and while $\mathcal{M}, (001, \theta') \models t$, we also have $\mathcal{M}, (000, \theta') \models \neg t$. We can also check that Emile knows that Indiana considers it possible that Emile doesn't know the tomb's location

$$\mathcal{M}, (111, \theta') \models K_e \hat{K}_i \neg(K_e t \vee K_e \neg t)$$

Announcements will change their knowledge in different ways. Consider the announcement of j . This results in Emile knowing everything but Indiana still being uncertain about the location.

$$\mathcal{M}, (111, \theta') \models [j](K_e(j \wedge d \wedge t) \wedge K_i(j \wedge d) \wedge \neg K_i(t \vee K_i \neg t))$$

Model checking this involves computing the epistemic neighbourhoods of both agents given by the updated neighbourhood function $(\theta')^j$ at 111. Observe that $\text{Int}[[j]]^{\theta'} = \{111, 110\}$. Therefore, $(\theta')^j(111)(e) = \text{Int}[[j]]^{\theta'} \cap \theta'(111)(e) = \{111\}$ and $(\theta')^j(111)(i) = \text{Int}[[j]]^{\theta'} \cap \theta'(x)(i) = \{111, 110\}$.

There is an announcement after which Emile and Indiana know everything (for example the announcement of $j \wedge t$):

$$\mathcal{M}, (111, \theta) \models \diamond(K_e(j \wedge d \wedge t) \wedge K_i(j \wedge d \wedge t))$$

As long as the tomb has not been discovered, nothing will make Emile (or Indiana) learn that it contains a jewel or where the tomb is located:

$$\mathcal{M} \models \neg d \rightarrow \square(\neg(K_e j \vee K_e \neg j) \wedge \neg(K_e t \vee K_e \neg t))$$

3 Axiomatization

We now provide the axiomatizations of EL_{int} , PAL_{int} , and $APAL_{int}$, and prove their soundness and completeness with respect to the proposed semantics.

Definition 18 *The axiomatization $APAL_{int}$ is given in Table 1. The axiomatization PAL_{int} is the one without (DR5) and (R7). We get EL_{int} if we further remove axioms (R1)-(R6) and the rule (DR4).*

(P)	all instantiations of propositional tautologies
(K-K)	$K_i(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (K_i\varphi \rightarrow K_i\psi)$
(K-T)	$K_i\varphi \rightarrow \varphi$
(K-4)	$K_i\varphi \rightarrow K_iK_i\varphi$
(K-5)	$\neg K_i\varphi \rightarrow K_i\neg K_i\neg\varphi$
(int-K)	$int(\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow (int(\varphi) \rightarrow int(\psi))$
(int-T)	$int(\varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$
(int-4)	$int(\varphi) \rightarrow int(int(\varphi))$
(K _{int})	$K_i\varphi \rightarrow int(\varphi)$
(R1)	$[\varphi]p \leftrightarrow (int(\varphi) \rightarrow p)$
(R2)	$[\varphi]\neg\psi \leftrightarrow (int(\varphi) \rightarrow \neg[\varphi]\psi)$
(R3)	$[\varphi](\psi \wedge \chi) \leftrightarrow [\varphi]\psi \wedge [\varphi]\chi$
(R4)	$[\varphi]int(\psi) \leftrightarrow (int(\varphi) \rightarrow int([\varphi]\psi))$
(R5)	$[\varphi]K_i\psi \leftrightarrow (int(\varphi) \rightarrow K_i[\varphi]\psi)$
(R6)	$[\varphi][\psi]\chi \leftrightarrow [\neg[\varphi]\neg int(\psi)]\chi$
(R7)	$\Box\varphi \rightarrow [\chi]\varphi$ where $\chi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$
(DR1)	From φ and $\varphi \rightarrow \psi$, infer ψ
(DR2)	From φ , infer $K_i\varphi$
(DR3)	From φ , infer $int(\varphi)$
(DR4)	From φ , infer $[\psi]\varphi$
(DR5)	From $\xi([\psi]\chi)$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, infer $\xi(\Box\chi)$

Table 1: Axiomatizations EL_{int} , PAL_{int} , and $APAL_{int}$

The parts (DR1) to (DR5) are the *derivation rules* and the other parts are the *axioms*. A formula is a *theorem* of $APAL_{int}$, notation $\vdash \varphi$, if it belongs to the smallest set of formulas containing the axioms and closed under the derivation rules. (Similarly for EL_{int} and PAL_{int} .)

Lemma 19 *Axiomatization $APAL_{int}$ satisfies substitution of equivalents. If $\vdash \varphi \leftrightarrow \psi$, then $\vdash \chi[p/\varphi] \leftrightarrow \chi[p/\psi]$.*

Proof In the above, $\chi[p/\varphi]$ means uniform substitution of φ for p . The proof is not trivial but proceeds along similar lines as for public announcement logic, see [9]. ■

Proposition 20 $[\varphi]\perp \leftrightarrow \neg int(\varphi)$ is a theorem of $APAL_{int}$.

Proposition 21 $APAL_{int}$ is sound with respect to the class of all topo-models.

Proof Let $\mathcal{M} = (X, \tau, \Phi, V)$ be a topo-model, $(x, \theta) \in \mathcal{M}$ and $\varphi, \psi, \chi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$. We show three cases.

(K_{int}) Suppose $(x, \theta) \models K_i\varphi$. This means, $(y, \theta) \models \varphi$ for all $y \in \theta(x)(i)$. Hence, $\theta(x)(i) \subseteq [[\varphi]]^\theta$. By Definition 10, $\theta(x)(i)$ is an open neighbourhood of x , therefore we have $x \in Int[[\varphi]]^\theta$, i.e., $(x, \theta) \models int(\varphi)$.

(R7) Let $\chi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$ and suppose $(x, \theta) \models \Box\varphi$. By the semantics, we have $(x, \theta) \models \Box\varphi$ iff $(\forall \psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}})((x, \theta) \models [\psi]\varphi)$. Therefore, in particular, $(x, \theta) \models [\chi]\varphi$.

(DR5) Suppose $\xi([\psi]\chi)$ is valid for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$. The proof follows by induction on the complexity of $\xi(\#)$. In case $\xi(\#) = \#$, we have $\xi([\psi]\chi) = [\psi]\chi$. By assumption, we have that $[\psi]\chi$ is valid for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$. This implies $\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models [\psi]\chi$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, all topo-models \mathcal{M} , and $(x, \theta) \in \mathcal{M}$. Therefore, by the semantics, $\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \Box\chi$, i.e., $\mathcal{M}, (x, \theta) \models \xi(\Box\chi)$. All other, inductive, cases are elementary. ■

Corollary 22 *The axiomatizations EL_{int} and PAL_{int} are sound with respect to the class of all topo-models.*

4 Completeness

We now show completeness for EL_{int} , PAL_{int} , and $APAL_{int}$ with respect to the class of all topo-models. Completeness of EL_{int} is shown in a standard way via a canonical model construction and a Truth Lemma that is proved by induction on formula complexity. Completeness for PAL_{int} is shown by reducing each formula in $\mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$ to an equivalent formula of $\mathcal{L}_{EL_{int}}$. The proof of the completeness for $APAL_{int}$ becomes more involved. Reduction axioms for public announcements no longer suffice in the $APAL_{int}$ case, and the inductive proof needs a subinduction where announcements are considered. Moreover, the proof system of $APAL_{int}$ has an infinitary derivation rule, namely the rule (DR5), and given the requirement of closure under this rule, the maximally consistent sets for that case are defined to be maximally consistent *theories* (see, Section 4.2). Lastly, the Truth Lemma requires the more complicated complexity measure on formulas defined in Section 2. There, we need to adapt the completeness proof of [2] to our setting.

4.1 Completeness of EL_{int} and PAL_{int}

For $\mathcal{L}_{EL_{int}}$ we define consistent and maximally consistent sets in the usual way, see e.g. [6] for details, and the multi-agent aspect does not complicate the definition. Let X^c be the set of all maximally consistent sets of EL_{int} . We define relations \sim_i on X^c as $x \sim_i y$ iff $\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{EL_{int}} (K_i \varphi \in x \text{ iff } K_i \varphi \in y)$. Notice that the latter is equivalent to: $\forall \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{EL_{int}} (K_i \varphi \in x \text{ implies } \varphi \in y)$ since K_i is an S5 modality. As each K_i is of S5 type, every \sim_i is an equivalence relation, hence, it induces equivalence classes on X^c . Let $[x]_i$ denote the equivalence class of x induced by the relation \sim_i . Moreover, we define $\widehat{\varphi} = \{y \in X^c \mid \varphi \in y\}$. Observe that $x \in \widehat{\varphi}$ iff $\varphi \in x$.

Lemma 23 (Lindenbaum's Lemma) *Each consistent set can be extended to a maximally consistent set.*

Definition 24 *We define the canonical model $\mathcal{X}^c = (X^c, \tau^c, \Phi^c, V^c)$ as follows:*

- X^c is the set of all maximally consistent sets;
- τ^c is the topological space generated by the subbase

$$\Sigma = \{[x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\varphi)} \mid x \in X^c, \varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{EL_{int}} \text{ and } i \in \mathcal{A}\};$$

- $x \in V^c(p)$ iff $p \in x$, for all $p \in \text{Prop}$;
- $\Phi^c = \{\theta^*|_U \mid U \in \tau^c\}$, where we define $\theta^* : X^c \rightarrow \mathcal{A} \rightarrow \tau^c$ as $\theta^*(x)(i) = [x]_i$, for $x \in X^c$ and $i \in \mathcal{A}$.

Observe that, since $\widehat{\text{int}(\top)} = X^c$, we have $[x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\top)} = [x]_i \in \Sigma$ for each i . Therefore, each $[x]_i$ is an open subset of X^c . Moreover, the elements of Φ^c satisfy the required properties given in Definition 10.

Lemma 25 (Truth Lemma) *For every $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{EL_{int}}$ and for each $x \in X^c$, $\varphi \in x$ iff $\mathcal{X}^c, (x, \theta^*) \models \varphi$.*

Proof Cases for the propositional variables and Booleans are straightforward. We only show the cases for K_i and int .

Case $\varphi := K_i \psi$

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $K_i\psi \in x$ and let $y \in \theta^*(x)(i)$. Since $y \in \theta^*(x)(i) = [x]_i$, by definition of \sim_i , we have $K_i\psi \in y$. Then, by T-axiom for K_i , we obtain $\psi \in y$. Then, by IH, $\mathcal{X}^c, (y, \theta^*) \models \psi$. Therefore $\mathcal{X}^c, (x, \theta^*) \models K_i\psi$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $K_i\psi \notin x$. Then, $\{K_i\gamma \mid K_i\gamma \in x\} \cup \{\neg\psi\}$ is a consistent set. We can then extend it to a maximally consistent set y . As $\{K_i\gamma \mid K_i\gamma \in x\} \subseteq y$, we have $y \in [x]_i$ meaning that $y \in \theta^*(x)(i)$. Moreover, since $\neg\psi \in y$, $\psi \notin y$. Therefore, we have a maximally consistent set $y \in \theta^*(x)(i)$ such that $\psi \notin y$. By (IH), $\mathcal{X}^c, (y, \theta^*) \not\models \psi$. Hence, $\mathcal{X}^c, (x, \theta^*) \not\models K_i\psi$.

Case $\varphi := \text{int}(\psi)$

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $\text{int}(\psi) \in x$. Consider the set $[x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\psi)}$ for some $i \in \mathcal{A}$. Obviously, $x \in [x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\psi)}$ and $[x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\psi)}$ is open (since it is in Σ). Now let $y \in [x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\psi)}$. Since $y \in \widehat{\text{int}(\psi)}$, $\text{int}(\psi) \in y$. Then, by (int-T), since y is maximal consistent, we have $\psi \in y$. Thus, by IH, we have $(y, \theta^*) \models \psi$. Therefore, $y \in \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^*}$. This implies $[x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\psi)} \subseteq \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^*}$. And, since $x \in [x]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\psi)} \in \tau^c$, we have $x \in \text{Int} \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^*}$, i.e., $(x, \theta^*) \models \text{int}(\psi)$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $(x, \theta^*) \models \text{int}(\psi)$, i.e., $x \in \text{Int} \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^*}$. Recall that the set of finite intersections of the elements of Σ forms a base, which we denote by B_Σ , for τ^c . $x \in \text{Int} \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^*}$ implies that there exists an open $U \in B_\Sigma$ such that $x \in U \subseteq \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^*}$. Given the construction of B_Σ , U is of the form

$$U = \bigcap_{i \in I_1} [x_1]_i \cap \dots \cap \bigcap_{i \in I_n} [x_k]_i \cap \bigcap_{\eta \in \text{Form}_{\text{fin}}} \widehat{\text{int}(\eta)}$$

where I_1, \dots, I_n are finite subsets of \mathcal{A} , $x_1 \dots x_k \in X^c$ and Form_{fin} is a finite subset of $\mathcal{L}_{EL_{\text{int}}}$. Since int is a normal modality, we can simply write

$$U = \bigcap_{i \in I_1} [x_1]_i \cap \dots \cap \bigcap_{i \in I_n} [x_k]_i \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\gamma)},$$

where $\bigwedge_{\eta \in \text{Form}_{\text{fin}}} \eta := \gamma$. Since x is in each $[x_j]_i$ with $1 \leq j \leq k$, we have $[x_j]_i = [x]_i$ for all such j . Therefore, we have

$$x \in U = \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} [x]_i \right) \cap \widehat{\text{int}(\gamma)} \subseteq \llbracket \psi \rrbracket^{\theta^*},$$

where $I = I_1 \cup \dots \cup I_n$.

This implies, for all $y \in \left(\bigcap_{i \in I} [x]_i \right)$, if $y \in \widehat{\text{int}(\gamma)}$ then $\psi \in y$. From this, we can say $\bigcup_{i \in I} \{K_i\sigma \mid K_i\sigma \in x\} \vdash \text{int}(\gamma) \rightarrow \psi$. Then, there is a finite subset $\Gamma \subseteq \bigcup_{i \in I} \{K_i\sigma \mid K_i\sigma \in x\}$ such that $\vdash \bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \lambda \rightarrow (\text{int}(\gamma) \rightarrow \psi)$. It then follows:

1. $\vdash \text{int} \left(\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \lambda \rightarrow (\text{int}(\gamma) \rightarrow \psi) \right)$ (DR3)
2. $\vdash \text{int} \left(\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \lambda \right) \rightarrow \text{int}(\text{int}(\gamma) \rightarrow \psi)$ (int-K) and (DR1)
3. $\vdash \left(\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \text{int}(\lambda) \right) \rightarrow \text{int}(\text{int}(\gamma) \rightarrow \psi)$ (int-K)

Observe that each $\lambda \in \Gamma$ is of the form $K_j\alpha$ for some $K_j\alpha \in \bigcup_{i \in I} \{K_i\sigma \mid K_i\sigma \in x\}$ and we have $\vdash K_i\varphi \leftrightarrow \text{int}(K_i\varphi)$. Therefore, $\vdash \left(\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \lambda \right) \rightarrow \text{int}(\text{int}(\gamma) \rightarrow \psi)$. Thus, since $\bigwedge_{\lambda \in \Gamma} \lambda \in x$ (by $\Gamma \subseteq x$), we have $\text{int}(\text{int}(\gamma) \rightarrow \psi) \in x$. Then, by (int-K), (DR1) and since $\vdash \text{int}(\text{int}(\gamma)) \leftrightarrow \text{int}(\gamma)$ and $x \in \widehat{\text{int}(\gamma)}$ (i.e., $\text{int}(\gamma) \in x$), we obtain $\text{int}(\psi) \in x$. \blacksquare

Theorem 26 EL_{int} is complete with respect to the class of all topo-models.

Theorem 27 PAL_{int} is complete with respect to the class of all topo-models.

Proof This follows from Theorem 26 by reduction in a standard way. The occurrences of the modality int on the right-hand-side of the reduction axioms (axioms (R1)-(R6)) should not lead to any confusion: extending the complexity measure defined in [9, Definition 7.21 p. 187] to the language $\mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$ by adding the same complexity measure for the modality int as for K_i gives us the desired result. ■

4.2 Completeness of $APAL_{int}$

We now reuse the technique of [2] in the setting of topological semantics. Given the closure requirement under derivation rule (DR5) it seems more proper to call maximally consistent sets of $APAL_{int}$ maximally consistent theories, as further explained below.

Definition 28 A set x of formulas is called a theory iff $APAL_{int} \subseteq x$ and x is closed under (DR1) and (DR5). A theory x is said to be consistent iff $\perp \notin x$. A theory x is maximally consistent iff x is consistent and any set of formulas properly containing x is inconsistent.

Observe that $APAL_{int}$ constitutes the smallest theory. Moreover, maximally consistent theories of $APAL_{int}$ possess the usual properties of maximally consistent sets:

Proposition 29 For any maximally consistent theory x , $\varphi \notin x$ iff $\neg\varphi \in x$, and $\varphi \wedge \psi \in x$ iff $\varphi \in x$ and $\psi \in x$.

In the setting of our axiomatization based on the infinitary rule (DR5), we will say that a set x of formulas is consistent iff there exists a consistent theory y such that $x \subseteq y$. Obviously, maximal consistent theories are maximal consistent sets of formulas. Under the given definition of consistency for sets of formulas, maximal consistent sets of formulas are also maximal consistent theories.

Definition 30 Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and $i \in \mathcal{A}$. Then $x + \varphi := \{\psi \mid \varphi \rightarrow \psi \in x\}$ and $K_i x := \{\varphi \mid K_i \varphi \in x\}$.

Lemma 31 For any theory x of $APAL_{int}$ and $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$, $x + \varphi$ is a theory and it contains x and φ , and $K_i x$ is a theory.

Lemma 32 Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$. For all theories x , $x + \varphi$ is consistent iff $\neg\varphi \notin x$.

Proof Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and x be a theory. Then $\neg\varphi \in x$ iff $\varphi \rightarrow \perp \in x$ (as $\neg\varphi \leftrightarrow \varphi \rightarrow \perp$ is a theorem) iff $\perp \in x + \varphi$. Therefore, $x + \varphi$ is inconsistent iff $\neg\varphi \in x$, i.e., $x + \varphi$ is consistent iff $\neg\varphi \notin x$. ■

Lemma 33 (Lindenbaum's Lemma [1]) Each consistent theory can be extended to a maximal consistent theory.

Lemma 34 If $K_i \varphi \notin x$, then there is a maximally consistent theory y such that $K_i x \subseteq y$ and $\varphi \notin y$.

Proof Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and x be such that $K_i \varphi \notin x$. Thus, $\varphi \notin K_i x$. Hence, by Lemma 32, $K_i x + \neg\varphi$ is consistent. Then, by Lemma 33, there exists a maximally consistent set y such that $K_i x + \neg\varphi \subseteq y$. Therefore $K_i x \subseteq y$ and $\varphi \notin y$. ■

Lemma 35 For all $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and all maximally consistent theories x , $\Box\varphi \in x$ iff for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, $[\psi]\varphi \in x$.

Proof Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and x be a maximally consistent theory.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $\Box\varphi \in x$. Then, by (R7) and (DR1), we have $[\psi]\varphi \in x$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $[\psi]\varphi \in x$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$. Consider the necessity form \sharp . By assumption, $\sharp([\psi]\varphi)$ for all $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$. Then, since x is closed under (DR5), $\sharp(\Box\varphi) \in x$, i.e., $\Box\varphi \in x$ as well. ■

The definition of *the canonical model for* $APAL_{int}$ is the same as for EL_{int} , except that the maximally consistent sets are maximally consistent theories. We now come to the Truth Lemma for the logic $APAL_{int}$. Here we use the complexity measure $\psi <_d^S \phi$.

Lemma 36 (Truth Lemma) *For every $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and for each $x \in X^c$, $\phi \in x$ iff $\mathcal{X}^c, (x, \theta^*) \models \phi$.*

Proof

Let $\phi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ and $x \in \mathcal{X}^c$. The proof is by $<_d^S$ -induction on ϕ , where the case $\phi = [\psi]\chi$ is proved by a subinduction on χ . We therefore consider 14 cases.

Case $\phi := p$

$$\begin{aligned} x \in p & \text{ iff } x \in v^c(p) \\ & \text{ iff } (x, \theta^*) \models p \end{aligned}$$

Induction Hypothesis (IH): For all formulas $\psi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$, if $\psi <_d^S \phi$, then $\psi \in x$ iff $\mathcal{X}^c, (x, \theta^*) \models \psi$.

The cases negation, conjunction, and interior modality are as in Truth Lemma 25 for EL_{int} , where we observe that the subformula order is subsumed in the $<_d^S$ order (see Lemma 6.2). We proceed with the knowledge operator, i.e., case $\phi := K_i\psi$, and then with the subinduction on χ for case announcement $\phi := [\psi]\chi$, and finally with the case $\phi := \Box\psi$.

Case $\phi := K_i\psi$

This case is also similar to the one in Truth Lemma 25 for EL_{int} , however, using maximally consistent theories in the canonical model creates some differences. For the direction from left-to-right, see Truth Lemma 25. For (\Leftarrow) , suppose $K_i\psi \notin x$. Then, by Lemma 34, there exists a maximally consistent theory y such that $K_ix \subseteq y$ and $\psi \notin y$. By $\psi <_d^S K_i\psi$ and (IH), $(y, \theta^*) \not\models \psi$. Since $K_ix \subseteq y$, we have $y \in [x]_i$ meaning that $y \in \theta^*(x)(i)$. Therefore, by the semantics, $\mathcal{X}^c, (x, \theta^*) \not\models K_i\psi$.

Case $\phi := [\psi]p$

$$\begin{aligned} [\psi]p \in x & \text{ iff } int(\psi) \rightarrow p \in x & \text{(R1)} \\ & \text{ iff } int(\psi) \notin x \text{ or } p \in x & \text{Prop. 29} \\ & \text{ iff } (x, \theta^*) \not\models int(\psi) \text{ or } (x, \theta^*) \models p & (*) \\ & \text{ iff } (x, \theta^*) \models [\psi]p & \text{(R1)} \end{aligned}$$

(*): By (IH), $int(\psi) <_d^S [\psi]p$ and $p <_d^S [\psi]p$ (Lemma 6.3 and Lemma 6.2).

Case $\phi := [\psi]\neg\eta$ Use (R2) and (IH) and, by Lemma 6.3 and Lemma 7.1, $int(\psi) <_d^S [\psi]\neg\eta$ and $\neg[\psi]\eta <_d^S [\psi]\neg\eta$.

Case $\phi := [\psi](\eta \wedge \sigma)$ Use (R3) and (IH), $[\psi]\eta <_d^S [\psi](\eta \wedge \sigma)$ and $[\psi]\sigma <_d^S [\psi](\eta \wedge \sigma)$.

Case $\phi := [\psi]int(\eta)$ Use (R4) and (IH) and, by Lemmas 6.3, 7.2, $int(\psi) <_d^S [\psi]int(\eta)$ and $int([\psi]\eta) <_d^S [\psi]int(\eta)$.

Case $\phi := [\psi]K_i\eta$ Use (R5) and (IH) and, by Lemmas 6.3, 7.3, $int(\psi) <_d^S [\psi]K_i\eta$ and $K_i[\psi]\eta <_d^S [\psi]K_i\eta$.

Case $\phi := [\psi][\eta]\sigma$ Use (R6) and (IH) and, by Lemma 7.4, $[\neg[\psi]\neg int(\eta)]\sigma <_d^S [\psi][\eta]\sigma$.

Case $\phi := [\psi]\Box\sigma$ For all $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, $[\psi][\eta]\sigma <_d^S [\psi]\Box\sigma$, as $[\psi]\Box\sigma$ has one more \Box than $[\psi][\eta]\sigma$. Therefore, it suffices to show $[\psi]\Box\sigma \in x$ iff $\forall \eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}, [\psi][\eta]\sigma \in x$.

(\Leftarrow) Consider the necessity form $[\psi]\sharp$ and assume that for all $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, $[\psi][\eta]\sigma \in x$, i.e., for all $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, $[\psi]\sharp([\eta]\sigma) \in x$. As x is closed under (DR5), we obtain $[\psi]\sharp(\Box\sigma) \in x$, i.e., $[\psi]\Box\sigma \in x$.

(\Rightarrow) Suppose $[\psi]\Box\sigma \in x$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash \Box\sigma \rightarrow [\eta]\sigma, \text{ for all } \eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}} & \text{(R7)} \\ \vdash [\psi](\Box\sigma \rightarrow [\eta]\sigma) \text{ for all } \eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}} & \text{(DR4)} \\ \vdash [\psi]\Box\sigma \rightarrow [\psi][\eta]\sigma, \text{ for all } \eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}} & \text{(DR1), (R1-R3)} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, for all $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, $[\psi][\eta]\sigma \in x$. As $[\psi][\eta]\sigma <_d^S [\psi]\square\sigma$ for all $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, by (IH), we have for all $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, $(x, \theta^*) \models [\psi][\eta]\sigma$. Then, by the semantics, we obtain (details omitted) that $(x, \theta^*) \models [\psi]\square\sigma$.

Case $\varphi := \square\psi$ Again note that for all $\eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}}$, $[\eta]\psi <_d^S \square\psi$, as $\square\psi$ has one more \square than $[\eta]\psi$ (see Lemma 6.4 and Lemma 6.5). Therefore, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \square\psi \in x & \text{ iff } (\forall \eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}})([\eta]\psi \in x) && \text{Lemma 35} \\ & \text{ iff } (\forall \eta \in \mathcal{L}_{PAL_{int}})(x, \theta^*) \models [\eta]\psi && \text{(IH)} \\ & \text{ iff } (x, \theta^*) \models \square\psi && \text{semantics} \end{aligned}$$

■

Theorem 37 *APAL_{int} is complete with respect to the class of all topo-models.*

Proof Let $\varphi \in \mathcal{L}_{APAL_{int}}$ such that $\not\models \varphi$, i.e., $\varphi \notin APAL_{int}$ (Recall that $APAL_{int}$ is the smallest theory). Then, by Lemma 32, $APAL_{int} + \neg\varphi$ is a consistent theory and, by Lemma 31, $\neg\varphi \in APAL_{int} + \neg\varphi$. By Lemma 33, the consistent theory $APAL_{int} + \neg\varphi$ can be extended to a maximally consistent theory y such that $APAL_{int} + \neg\varphi \subseteq y$. Since y is maximally consistent and $\neg\varphi \in y$, we obtain $\varphi \notin y$ (by Proposition 29). Then, by Lemma 36 (Truth Lemma), $\mathcal{X}^c, (y, \theta^*) \not\models \varphi$. ■

5 Comparison to other work

Multi-agent epistemic systems with subset space-like semantics have been proposed in [13, 14, 4, 18], however, none of these are concerned with arbitrary announcements. Our goal in this paper is not to provide a multi-agent generalization of SSL *per se*, but to work with the *effort-like* modality \square intended to capture the information change brought about by any announcements (subject to some restrictions) in a multi-agent setting and modelling it by way of “open-set shrinking” similar to the effort modality, rather than by deleting states or neighbourhoods, so that the intuitive link between the two becomes more transparent on a semantic level. In [3], Balbiani et al. proposed subset space semantics for arbitrary announcements, however, their approach does not go beyond the single-agent case and the semantics provided is in terms of model restriction. An unorthodox approach to multi-agent knowledge is proposed in [13, 14]. Roughly speaking, instead of having a knowledge modality K_i for each agent in his syntax, Heinemann uses additional operators to define K_i and his semantics only validate the S4-axioms for K_i . The necessitation rule for K_i does not preserve validity under the proposed semantics [13, 14]. In [18] a multi-agent semantics for knowledge is provided, but no announcements or further generalizations (unlike in their other, single-agent, work [19]), and not in a topological setting. Their use of partitions for each agent instead of a single neighbourhood is compatible with our requirement that all neighbourhoods for a given agent be disjoint. A further difference from the existing literature is that we restrict our attention to topological spaces and prove our results by means of topological tools.

We applied the new completeness proof for arbitrary public announcement logic of [2] to a topological setting. The canonical modal construction is as in [6] with some multi-agent modifications. The modality *int* in our system demands a different complexity measure in the Truth Lemma of the completeness proof than in [2].

6 Conclusions

We have proposed topological semantics for the multi-agent extensions of the public announcement logic of [6], and further extended the logic with arbitrary announcements. We showed topological complete-

ness of these logics. Our work can be seen as a step toward discovering the interplay between dynamic epistemic logic and topological reasoning.

For further research, we envisage a **finitary** axiomatization for $APAL_{int}$ wherein the infinitary derivation rule (DR5) is replaced by a finitary rule. The obvious derivation rule would derive something after *any* announcement if it can be derived after announcing a fresh variable [1]. Under subset space semantics, it is unclear how to prove that this rule is sound.

We are still investigating expressivity and (un)decidability. If the logic $APAL_{int}$ is undecidable, this would contrast nicely with the undecidability of arbitrary public announcement logic. Otherwise, there may be interesting decidable versions when restricting the class of models to particular topologies.

The logic $APAL_{int}$ is also axiomatizable on the class where the K modalities have $S4$ properties, a result we have not reported in this paper for consistency of presentation. This class is of topological interest.

In our setup all agents have the same observational powers. If agents can have different observational powers, we can associate a topology with each agent and generalize the logic to an arbitrary *epistemic action* logic.

Furthermore, we would like to explore the exact difference between the effort modality and the arbitrary announcement modality (in the single agent case, see [10]) by constructing a topological model which distinguishes the two: a topological model might have more than epistemically definable opens with respect to the proposed semantics.

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