Games and Dependence in Logic

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Applications of team semantics

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Semantic Game

 $\mathcal{A} \models \phi$?

Semantic game of first order logic

- Players hold a formula, one player at a time.
- Each thinks that if he or she holds the formula, it is true. When the formula is atomic, the one who holds it wins if the formula is true, otherwise the opponent wins.
- At disjunction and existential quantifier the player who holds the formula chooses.
- At conjunction and universal quantifier the other player chooses.
- At negation the formula changes hands.

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Winning strategy has to obey the rule: If s and s' are two plays ending in =(x₁, ..., x_n, y) in which a player has followed the strategy and s and s' give x₁, ..., x_n the same value, they give also y the same value.



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Social choice

- Individual voters are the variables.
- The values of these variables are the preference relations of the individuals *x_i*.
- An assignment = a profile.
- The social choice function is just another variable y.
- Independence from irrelevant alternatives: =($P_{a,b}(x_1), ..., P_{a,b}(x_n), P_{a,b}(y)$).
- x_i is a dictator: =(x_i , y).
- Arrow's axioms invoke dependence only, but the proof of Arrow's theorem depends on assumptions that invoke independence-type assumptions about the behavior of the electorate.

Social choice

- The proof of Arrow's theorem assumes—seemingly—that the social welfare function is defined for all profiles.
- Enough: the domain of the social welfare function manifests independence of the voters from each other in the sense that profiles where voters change their preferences (as needed in the proof) are also possible.
- Arrow's Paradox: Unlimited freedom leads to the situation that dictatorship is the only way to satisfy Arrow's axioms.

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Physics

- Samson Abramsky: "Relational Hidden Variables and Non-Locality".
- Team = a set of observations. Experiments q₁,..., q_n. Each has an input and an output. Input of experiment q_i denoted x_i, and the output y_i. After m rounds of making the experiments q₁,...,q_m we have the data

$$X = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & \dots & x_n & y_n \\ a_1^1 & b_1^1 & \dots & a_n^1 & b_n^1 \\ a_1^2 & b_1^2 & \dots & a_n^2 & b_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_1^m & b_1^m & \dots & a_n^m & b_n^m \end{vmatrix}$$

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Determinism

• Team X supports strong determinism if it satisfies

 $=(x_i, y_i)$

for all *i* = 1, ..., *n*.

• Team X supports weak determinism if it satisfies

$$=(x_1,...,x_n,y_i)$$

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Empirical models

A dependence (and independence) logic formula $\phi(\vec{x}, \vec{y})$ describes a "relational model".

Example

$$\exists X \exists Y \exists a \exists b (x_1 = X \land x_2 = Y \land (y_1 = a \lor y_1 = b) \land (y_2 = a \lor y_2 = b))$$

says that in this model there are two experiments, both have a fixed input (X and Y), with two possible outcomes (a or b) for either experiment. An example of such a team would be

$$X = \begin{vmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & y_1 & y_2 \\ \hline X & a & Y & b \\ X & b & Y & a \end{vmatrix}$$

Hidden variables

A hidden variable model is of the form



where the γ^i are values of a hidden variable *z*. A hidden variable model *Y* satisfies the relational model *X* (i.e. *X* is **realized** by *Y*) if

$$X=\exists zY,$$

that is

$$s \in X \iff \exists s' \in Y(s'(x_1) = s(x_1) \land s'(y_1) = s(y_1) \land \dots$$
$$s'(x_n) = s(x_n) \land s'(y_n) = s(y_n)).$$

Single-valuedness

A team *X* is said to support **single-valuedness of the hidden variable** *z* if *z* has only one value in the team. We can express this with the formula

=(z).

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Outcome-independence

An empirical team X is said to support **outcome** -

independence if the following holds: Suppose the team *X* has two measurement-outcome combinations *s* and *s'* with the same total input data \vec{x} and the same hidden variable *z*, i.e. $s(\vec{x}) = s'(\vec{x})$ and s(z) = s'(z). We demand that output $s(y_i)$ should occur as an output also if the outputs $s(\{y_j : j \neq i\})$ are changed to $s'(\{y_j : j \neq i\})$.

We can express output-independence with the formula

 $y_i \perp_{\vec{x},z} \{ y_j : j \neq i \}.$

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- No-signaling.
- Independence of the hidden variable
- Parameter independence
- Locality

No-Go Results

- Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen result: There is an empirical model (team) which cannot be realized by any hidden variable models satisfying single-valuedness and outcome-independence.
- Other: Greenberger-Horne-Zeilinger result, Hardy paradox, Kochen-Specker Theorem.

Punchlines

- Game(s) permeate logic.
- Team semantics transcends games.
- The emergent logic of dependence and independence concepts provides a common mathematical and conceptual basis for phenomena such as Arrow's Paradox and the no-go-results of Quantum Mechanics.