The Common Knowledge of Formula Exclusion

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Abstract: A Kripke structure for the S5 logic is defined by three sets $S$, $J$, and $X$, a collection $(\mathcal{P}^j \mid j \in J)$ of partitions of $S$ and a function $\psi : S \to \{0,1\}^X$. To each partition $\mathcal{P}^j$ corresponds a person $j \in J$ who cannot distinguish between any two points belonging to the same member of $\mathcal{P}^j$ but can distinguish between different members of $\mathcal{P}^j$. A cell is a minimal subset $C$ of $S$ such that for all $j$ the property $P \in \mathcal{P}^j$ and $P \cap C \neq \emptyset$ implies that $P \subseteq C$. Construct a sequence $\mathcal{R}_0, \mathcal{R}_1, \ldots$ of partitions of $S$ inductively by $\mathcal{R}_0 = \{\psi^{-1}(a) \mid a \in \{0,1\}^X\}$ and $x$ and $y$ belong to the same member of $\mathcal{R}_i$ if and only if $x$ and $y$ belong to the same member of $\mathcal{R}_{i-1}$ and for every person $j$ the members $P_x$ and $P_y$ of $\mathcal{P}^j$ containing $x$ and $y$ respectively intersect the same members of $\mathcal{R}_{i-1}$. Let $\mathcal{R}_\infty$ be the limit of the $\mathcal{R}_i$, namely $x$ and $y$ belong to the same member of $\mathcal{R}_\infty$ if and only if $x$ and $y$ belong to the same member of $\mathcal{R}_i$ for every $i$. For any sets $X$ and $J$ of persons there is a canonical Kripke structure defined on a set $\Omega = \Omega(X,J)$ such that from any Kripke structure for the S5 logic using the same $X$ and $J$ there is a canonical map to $\Omega$ with the property that $x$ and $y$ are mapped to the same point of $\Omega$ if and only if $x$ and $y$ share the same member of $\mathcal{R}_\infty$. We define a cell of $\Omega$ to be surjective if every Kripke structure for the S5 logic that maps to it does so surjectively. A cell of a Kripke structure for the S5 logic has finite fanout if every $P \in \mathcal{P}^j$ contained in the cell is a finite set. All cells of $\Omega$ with finite fanout are surjective, but the converse does not hold.

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1 Introduction

Common knowledge by all persons in $J$ of the event $E$ means that for every string of persons $i_1, i_2, \ldots, i_k$ in $J$ it holds that $i_k$ knows that $i_{k-1}$ knows that $\ldots i_1$ knows that the event $E$ has occurred (Lewis 1969). One way to formalise knowledge and common knowledge is through semantic models called Kripke structures, (see also Aumann, 1976.) In this paper, we assume throughout the S5 logic (defined below), so that we will refer to these structures simply as Kripke structures. Applying the above definition of common knowledge to this context (as defined in the abstract), a subset $A$ is known in common by all the persons in $J$ at the point $x \in A$ if the cell containing $x$ is contained in the set $A$.

First, let's look at an example that illustrates part of the problem solved in this paper. Let $\mathbb{N}$ be $\{1, 2, \ldots\} \cup \{\infty\}$, and give $\mathbb{N}$ the topology where all integers are isolated points however the sequence $1, 2, \ldots$ converges to $\infty$. Let $S$ be $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ with the corresponding product topology. Let $J$ be $\{1, 2, 3\}$. For every $i$ define the set $P^1_i = \{(i, 1), (i, 2), \ldots, (i, \infty)\}$, including the possibility of $i = \infty$. For every $i$ defined the set $P^2_i = \{(1, i), (2, i), \ldots, (\infty, i)\}$, including the possibility of $i = \infty$. For every $i$ define the set $P^3_i = \{(k, l) \mid k + l = i\}$ with $P^3_\infty = \{(k, l) \mid \text{either } k \text{ or } l \text{ is equal to } \infty\}$. For each $j = 1, 2, 3$ define the partition $\mathcal{P}^j$ of $S$ to be $\{P^j_1, P^j_2, \ldots, P^j_\infty\}$. Let $X$ be a singleton $\{x\}$. Let the evaluation function $\psi$ give the evaluation 1 to the point $(1, 1)$, the evaluation 1 to the point $(2, 1)$, and everywhere else the evaluation 0. It is not difficult to see that the $\mathcal{R}_i$ as defined in the abstract eventually separates all the points of $S$ (once the three points $(0, 0)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(0, 1)$ are distinguished from each other). According to results presented later in this paper, this Kripke structure is homeomorphic to a cell of $\Omega(X, J)$ that does not have finite fanout. As we will see later, this cell is also not surjective. Experimentation with such examples gives the false impression that surjectivity and finite fanout are equivalent properties. We will discover later why it is difficult to construct such a cell that is both surjective and fails to have finite fanout. We return to this example later.

The above example shares much in common with well known examples of game theory. In particular, the two-person non-zero-sum Electronic Mail Game of Rubinstein (1989) is based on a structure of information with similar properties to the above example. In the Rubinstein game, there is a
special point at infinity where the players would have common knowledge of
a certain payoff matrix (the payoff matrix could be determined by an evaluation function \( \phi \)) and it is the limit point of an infinite sequence of points that are included in the game. However this special point at infinity is excluded from the game and at the initial point of the sequence and only at this initial point a different payoff matrix is valid. The “almost common knowledge” in the title of the article refers to the almost common knowledge of the payoff matrix valid at both the special point at infinity and all but one of the other points. The analysis of the Rubinstein game shows that the equilibrium behavior at these limiting points is very different from that at the excluded limit point at infinity. The structure of the Rubinstein example has finite fanout, but by adding an extra third player to this structure Fagin, Halpern and Vardi (1991) constructed an interesting example of a cell of the appropriate \( \Omega \) that is not surjective and does not have finite fanout. Mapping to this cell injectively are two alternative Kripke structures, one where the third person cannot distinguish between the special point and all the other points and another where the third person does exclude this special point. As we will see later, the point \((\infty, \infty)\) of our example is a similar special point at infinity.

The Electronic Mail Game shows that equilibrium behavior can fail to be continuous with respect to changes in the information structure. A more radical but related discovery is a three-person non-zero-sum Bayesian game such that all equilibrium behavior is not measurable with respect to the structure of information (Simon 2003). Although the underlying information structure of this Bayesian game is related closely to the main result of this paper, it does have finite fanout and therefore does not provide an example of a surjective cell lacking finite fanout.

Before we can describe our main result, we must define \( \Omega(X, J) \), the canonical Kripke structure.

Let \( X \) be a set of primitive propositions, and let \( J \) be a set of agents. Although it is legitimate to consider the case of either \( X \) or \( J \) infinite, for this paper we will assume throughout that both \( X \) and \( J \) are finite. Construct the set \( \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) of formulas using the sets \( X \) and \( J \) in the following way:

1) If \( x \in X \) then \( x \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \),
2) If \( g \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) then \( \neg g \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \),
3) If \( g, h \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) then \((g \land h) \in \mathcal{L}(X, J)\),
4) If \( g \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) then \( k_j g \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) for every \( j \in J \),
5) Only formulas constructed through application of the above four rules are members of \( \mathcal{L}(X, J) \).

We write simply \( \mathcal{L} \) if there is no ambiguity.

\( \neg f \) stands for the negation of \( f \), \( f \land g \) stands for both \( f \) and \( g \). \( f \lor g \) stands for either \( f \) or \( g \) (inclusive) and \( f \rightarrow g \) stands for \( \neg f \land g \).

If \( K = (S, \mathcal{P}, J, X, \psi) \) is a Kripke structure then define a map \( \alpha^K \) from \( \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) to \( 2^S \), the subsets of \( S \), inductively on the structure of the formulas:

Case 1 \( f = x \in X \): \( \alpha^K(x) := \{s \in S \mid \psi^x(s) = 1\} \).

Case 2 \( f = \neg g \): \( \alpha^K(f) := S \setminus \alpha^K(g) \).

Case 3 \( f = g \land h \): \( \alpha^K(f) := \alpha^K(g) \cap \alpha^K(h) \).

Case 4 \( f = k_j(g) \): \( \alpha^K(f) := \{s \mid s \in P \in \mathcal{P}^j \Rightarrow P \subseteq \alpha^K(g)\} \).

There is a very elementary logic defined on the formulas in \( \mathcal{L} \) called \( S5 \). For a longer discussion of the \( S5 \) logic, see Cresswell and Hughes (1968); and for the multi-person variation, see Halpern and Moses (1992) and also Bach et al., (1997). Briefly, the \( S5 \) logic is defined by two rules of inference, modus ponens and necessitation, and five types of axioms. Modus ponens means that if \( f \) is a theorem and \( f \rightarrow g \) is a theorem, then \( g \) is also a theorem. Necessitation means that if \( f \) is a theorem then \( k_j f \) is also a theorem for all \( j \in J \). The axioms are the following, for every \( f, g \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) and \( j \in J \):

1) all formulas resulting from theorems of the propositional calculus through substitution,
2) \((k_j f \land k_j(f \rightarrow g)) \rightarrow k_j g\),
3) \( k_j f \rightarrow f \),
4) \( k_j f \rightarrow k_j(k_j f) \),
5) \( \neg k_j f \rightarrow k_j(\neg k_j f) \).

A set of formulas \( \mathcal{A} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) is called complete if for every formula \( f \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \) either \( f \in \mathcal{A} \) or \( \neg f \in \mathcal{A} \). A set of formulas is called consistent if no finite subset of this set leads to a logical contradiction, meaning a deduction of \( f \) and \( \neg f \) for some formula \( f \). We define

\[ \Omega(X, J) := \{S \subseteq \mathcal{L}(X, J) \mid S \text{ is complete and consistent}\} \).

\( \Omega(X, J) \) is itself a Kripke structure with evaluation. For every person \( j \in J \) we define its corresponding partition \( Q^j(X, J) \) to be that generated by the
inverse images of the function $\beta^j : \Omega(X, J) \to 2^{\mathcal{L}(X, J)}$ namely

$$\beta^j(z) := \{ f \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \mid k_j f \in z \},$$

the set of formulas known by person $j$. Due to the fifth set of axioms $\beta^j(z) \subseteq \beta^j(z')$ implies that $\beta^j(z) = \beta^j(z')$. We will write $\Omega, \mathcal{L}$ and $\mathcal{Q}^j$ if there is no ambiguity.

If $\mathcal{K} = (S, \mathcal{P}, J, X, \psi)$ is the corresponding Kripke structure we define a map $\phi^K : S \to \Omega(X, J)$ by

$$\phi^K(s) := \{ f \in \mathcal{L}(X, J) \mid s \in \alpha^K(f) \}.$$ 

This is the canonical map referred to in the abstract, also contained in Fagin, Halpern, and Vardi (1991).

As stated in the abstract, a cell $C$ of a Kripke structure has finite fanout if every choice of $i \in J$ and $P \in \mathcal{P}^i$ contained in $C$ the set $P$ has finitely many elements. In Simon (1999) a cell of $\Omega$ was defined to be surjective if all Kripke structures $\mathcal{K}$ that map to it by $\phi^K$ do so surjectively. We construct an example of a countable and surjective cell of $\Omega$ that does not have finite fanout. (In Simon (1999) it was proven that any cell of $\Omega$ with finite fanout is surjective and any surjective cell of $\Omega$ must be countable.)

Central to understanding the relation between surjectivity and finite fanout is point-set topology. For every Kripke structure $\mathcal{K} = (S, \mathcal{P}, J, X, \psi)$ we define a topology on the set $S$, the same as in Samet (1990). Let $\{ \alpha^K(f) \mid f \in \mathcal{L} \}$ be the base of open sets of $S$. We call this the topology induced by the formulas. The topology of a subset $A$ of $S$ will be the relative topology for which the open sets of $A$ are $\{ A \cap O \mid O \text{ is an open set of } S \}$.

Why is our main result surprising? It is closely related to representations of Kripke structures through canonical structures indexed by ordinal numbers.

Fagin (1994) defined for any ordinal number $\gamma$ (and a set of persons and primitive propositions) a hierarchically constructed canonical Kripke structure $W_\gamma$ such that $W_\omega$ is $\Omega$, (where $\omega$ stands for the first infinite ordinal). This canonical structure represented all the possible truth evaluations with the ordinal numbers representing the levels in the construction of these statements. There are alternative canonical constructions corresponding to the ordinal numbers (Heifetz and Samet 1998, 1999), but with regard to the
first infinite ordinal $\omega$ they are the same as Fagin’s. For every Kripke structure and ordinal number $\gamma$ there are canonical maps defined to the canonical structures $W_\gamma$.

If there is an ordinal $\alpha$ such that the map to $W_\alpha$ is injective, then the Kripke structure is called non-flabby, and the first such ordinal is called the distinguishing ordinal. Otherwise the distinguishing ordinal is the first ordinal $\alpha$ where all pairs of points which get mapped eventually to different places do so when mapped to $W_\alpha$. There is another minimal ordinal $\beta$, possibly larger than the distinguishing ordinal, for which the image of the Kripke structure in $W_\beta$ can be extended to any $W_\gamma$ with $\gamma > \beta$ in only one unique way. This ordinal is called the uniqueness ordinal. Fagin (1994) proved that the uniqueness ordinal is a limit ordinal and never greater than the next limit ordinal above the distinguishing ordinal. Fagin established that the necessary and sufficient condition for a cell of $\Omega$ to have the first infinite ordinal $\omega$ as its uniqueness ordinal is that the cell has finite fanout. Without explicitly mentioning topology, Fagin (1994) showed that any member $P$ of some $Q_j$ is a compact subset of $\Omega$. An extension to $W_{\omega+1}$ of an $z$ in $\Omega$ is defined by dense subsets $R_j$ of the various $P_j \in Q_j$ containing $z$. Therefore there is a unique extension of a cell of $\Omega$ if and only if for every person $j$ every $P_j \in P_j$ in the cell has only one dense subset, which is equivalent to the cell having finite fanout.

If a cell of $\Omega$ does not have finite fanout, we know that there is no unique extension of this cell to the higher levels. It is plausible to believe that this lack of a unique extension can be realised by alternative Kripke structures that map injectively to $\Omega$. For the structure that maps injectively but not surjectively to this cell, the persons would have common knowledge that some set of formulas valid somewhere in the cell are not valid at any point in the original Kripke structure. The surjective property is exactly the impossibility of such a common knowledge of formula exclusion.

There is a good reason why one can believe easily that the surjectivity and finite fanout properties of cells are equivalent. The relationship between the properties rests largely upon a property called centeredness. The centered property has several equivalent definitions; the most straightforward definition is that a cell of $\Omega$ is centered if and only if no other cell of $\Omega$ shares the same set of formulas held in common knowledge (Simon 1999). (The set of
formulas held in common knowledge is a constant throughout any given cell; see Halpern and Moses 1992). An equivalent formulation of centeredness is that the cell is an open set relative to the closure of itself. The difference between centered and uncentered cells is radical; if a cell is not centered then there are uncountably many other cells sharing the same set of formulas in common knowledge (Simon 1999). Furthermore the converse does hold for centered cells of $\Omega$, namely that a centered cell of $\Omega$ is surjective if and only if it has finite fanout (Theorem 3b, Simon 1999).

The lack of finite fanout for a cell $C$ of $\Omega$ implies the existence a cluster point $y$ of some $P \in Q^j$ that is contained in $C$. Is the point $y$ is a good candidate for the existence of a Kripke structure that maps to $C \\setminus \{y\}$? If $C$ is centered there will be such a Kripke structure that maps to $C$ but avoids the point $y$.

Returning to the above example, we see that the corresponding cell of $\Omega(\{x, \}, \{1, 2, 3\})$ is centered, a context in which surjectivity and finite fanout are equivalent. According to Simon (1999) there is a Kripke structure that maps injectively but not surjectively to this cell which results from removing the single point $(\infty, \infty)$. According to the same theory, the same can be done by removing all the cluster points, namely the set $P_\infty^2$, and furthermore these are the only two ways to map injectively but not surjectively to this cell.

In the next section, we provide some more background necessary to understand our solution. In the third and concluding section, we present our example of a cell of $\Omega$ that is surjective but without finite fanout.

### 2 More Background

Central to this paper is the first part of Lemma 5 of Simon (1999), which states that if $K = (S; J; (P^j | j \in J); X; \psi)$ is a Kripke structure and $P$ is a member of $P^j$ for some $j \in J$ then $\phi^K(P)$ is a dense subset of $F$ for some $F \in Q^j$. This fact was used implicitly by Fagin (1994).

Given a Kripke structure $K = (S; J; (P^j | j \in J); X; \psi)$ and a subset $A \subseteq S$, we define the Kripke structure $V^K(A) := (A; J; (P^j|_A | j \in J); X|_A; \psi|_A)$ where for all $j \in J P^j|_A := \{F \cap A | F \cap A \neq \emptyset \text{ and } F \in P^j\}$. We define a subset $A \subseteq \Omega$ to be good if for every $j \in J$ and every $F \in Q^j$ satisfying $F \cap A \neq \emptyset$
it follows that $F \cap A$ is dense in $F$. By Lemma 6 of Simon (1999) $A$ is good if and only if for every $z \in A$ \(\phi^K(A)(z) = z\).

The next lemmata relate directly the good property to our problem.

**Lemma 7** of Simon (1999): If $K = (S; J; (P^j | j \in J); X; \psi)$ is a Kripke structure then $\phi^K(S)$ is a good subset.

**Lemma 9** of Simon (1999): If $A$ is a good subset of a cell $C$ and if $A \cap F$ is closed for every $F \in P^j$ with $A \cap F \neq \emptyset$, then $A = C$.

We need a few more facts about $\Omega(X, J)$ for non-empty $X$ and $J$. If $|J| \geq 2$ then $\Omega(X, J)$ is topologically equivalent to a Cantor set, (Fagin, Halpern and Vardi 1991). A Cantor set with the usual topology is a metric space. Second we can perceive a Cantor set as $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$, where each finite sequence $a = (a^1, a^2, \ldots, a^n)$ defines a cylinder subset $C(a)$ of $\{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}}$ by $C(a) := \{z \in \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{N}} | z^k = a^k \forall k \leq n\}$. Furthermore all cylinder subsets are themselves topologically equivalent to Cantor sets, and the same holds for finite unions of cylinder sets. Third, if $|J| \geq 2$ then there exists an uncentered cell of $\Omega(X, J)$ of finite fanout that is dense in $\Omega(X, J)$ (Simon 1999).

Due to topological formulations of the centered property, to demonstrate that there is a surjective cell without finite fanout requires some topological insight. Central to our proof is Theorem 9 of Chapter 12 of E. Moise, (1977):

Let $X$ and $Y$ be two totally disconnected, perfect, compact metric spaces (equivalently Cantor sets) and let $X'$ and $Y'$ be countable and dense subsets of $X$ and $Y$, respectively. There is a homeomorphism between $X$ and $Y$ that is also a bijection between $X'$ and $Y'$.

We call a partition $P$ of a metric space $D$ upper (respectively lower) hemi-continuous if the set valued correspondence that maps every $d \in D$ to the partition member of $P$ containing $d$ is an upper (respectively lower) hemi-continuous correspondence. (We follow the definitions of Klein and Thompson, 1984.)

**Lemma 1:** If $K := (S; J; (P^j | j \in J); X; \psi)$ is a Kripke structure with a topology (not necessarily that induced by the formulas) such that
1) for every $z \in \{0, 1\}^X$ the set $\psi^{-1}(z)$ is clopen (closed and open) and
2) for every $j \in N$ the partition $P^j$ is lower and upper hemi-continuous, then the map $\phi^K : S \to \Omega(X, J)$ is continuous.
Proof: It suffices to show that $\alpha^K(f)$ is a clopen set for every $f \in \mathcal{L}(X, J)$. We proceed by induction on the structure of formulas. The claim is true for all $f = x \in X$ by hypothesis. Due to the clopen property being closed under complementation and finite intersection, it is likewise true for $\neg f$ and $f \land g$ if it is true for $f$ and $g$. For some $f \in \mathcal{L}(X, J)$ we assume that $\alpha^K(f)$ is a clopen set. $\alpha^K(k_jf)$ is an open set by the upper semi-continuity of $P_j$ and the openness of $\alpha^K(f)$. $S \setminus \alpha^K(k_jf) = \alpha^K(\neg k_jf)$ is an open set by the openness of $S \setminus \alpha^K(f)$ and the lower semi-continuity of $P_j$. □

Lemma 2: Given $X$ and $J$ finite, for every $j \in J$ the partition $Q^j(X, J)$ of $\Omega(X, J)$ is upper and lower hemi-continuous with respect to the topology induced by the formulas.

Proof: Let $z_1, z_2, \ldots$ be a sequence of points in $\Omega(X, J)$ converging to some $z \in P \in Q^j$ with $z_i \in P_i \in Q^j$ for every $i = 1, 2, \ldots$.

To prove that $Q^j$ is upper hemi-continuous it suffices to show that if $y_1, y_2, \ldots$ is a sequence of points in $\Omega(X, J)$ converging to $y$ with $y_1 \in P_1, y_2 \in P_2, \ldots$ then $y$ is in $P$. Let $f$ be any formula such that $k_jf \in y$. Since the $y_i$ converge to $y$ there is an $N$ such that for every $i \geq N$ it must hold that $k_jf$ is in both $y_i$ and $z_i$. But this means that $k_jf$ is also in $z$. The same argument holds for the formula $\neg k_jf$.

To prove that $Q^j$ is lower hemi-continuous it suffices to show that if $y \in P$ then there is a sequence of $y_1, y_2, \ldots$ in $P_1, P_2, \ldots$ respectively that converges to $y$. Because there are only countably many formulas and one can create a new sequence from the diagonal of sequences which come closer and closer to $y$, if the claim were not true then there would be some formula $f$ in $y$ and an $N$ such that $f$ is not in any member of $P_i$ for all $i \geq N$. This would imply also that $k_j(\neg f)$ is in $z_i$ for all $i \geq N$ and likewise that $k_j(\neg f)$ is in $z$. But this would contradict that the assumption that $f$ is in $y$ and $y$ is in $P$. □.

3 The Example

Let $S$ equal $\Omega(X, \{1, 2\})$ with $X$ any finite non-empty set. Let $C$ be an uncentered cell of finite fanout that is dense in $S$. We assume that $\pi : S \to \{0, 1\}^\mathbb{N}$ is a homeomorphism. For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ define $\pi_n : S \to \{0, 1\}^n$ by $\pi_n(z)$ equalling the $a = (a^1, a^2, \ldots, a^n) \in \{0, 1\}^n$ such that $\pi(z) = (a_1, \ldots, a_n, \ldots)$. 

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This means that $\pi_n^{-1} \circ \pi_n(z)$ equals $C(\pi_n(z))$, the corresponding cylinder set. If $a$ is the empty sequence in $\{0, 1\}^0$ then define $\pi_0(z) := a$ and $\pi_0^{-1} \circ \pi_0(z) = S$ for all $z \in S$.

Let $z$ be any member of $C$ and for every $i = 1, 2, \ldots$ let $z_i$ be a member of $C$ such that $\pi_{2i-2}(z_i) = \pi_{2i-2}(z)$ but $\pi_{2i}(z_i) \neq \pi_{2i}(z)$. For every $i = 1, 2, \ldots$ define non-empty and mutually disjoint sets $A_{i,1}, A_{i,2}, \ldots A_{i,i}$ in the following way. Let $A_{i,1}$ equal $S \setminus (\pi_2^{-1} \circ \pi_2(z_1) \cup \pi_2^{-1} \circ \pi_2(z))$. For $1 \leq k < i$ let $A_{i,k} := \pi_{2i-2}^{-1} \circ \pi_{2i-2}(z_k) \setminus \pi_{2i-1}^{-1} \circ \pi_{2i}(z_k)$ and let $A_{i,i} := \pi_{2i-2}^{-1} \circ \pi_{2i-2}(z_i) \setminus (\pi_{2i-1}^{-1} \circ \pi_{2i}(z_i) \cup \pi_{2i-1}^{-1} \circ \pi_{2i}(z))$. Because for every $a \in \{0, 1\}^{2i}$ there are four members $b$ of $\{0, 1\}^{2i+2}$ such that $a = \pi_{2i} \circ \pi_{2i+1}^{-1}(b)$, all the sets $A_{i,j}$ are non-empty and homeomorphic to Cantor sets. By Proposition 1, for every $i \geq 1$ and $1 \leq k \leq i$ there is a homeomorphism $f_k : A_{i,1} \rightarrow A_{i,k}$ such that $f_k$ maps $C \cap A_{i,1}$ bijectively to $C \cap A_{i,k}$. This implies for every $i \geq 1$ that there exists an upper and lower semi-continuous partition $\mathcal{P}^i$ of $C \cap (\bigcup_{k=1}^i A_{i,k})$ such that every partition member of $\mathcal{P}^i$ has $i$ members, one member in $A_{i,k}$ for every $1 \leq k \leq i$. Notice that all the $A_{i,k}$ are mutually disjoint, meaning that $A_{i,k} = A_{i,j}$ if and only if $i = i^* \text{ and } k = k^*$. Furthermore the disjoint union $\bigcup_{i \geq 1} \bigcup_{1 \leq k \leq i} A_{i,k}$ is equal to $S \setminus \{z, z_1, z_2, \ldots\}$. Let $\mathcal{P}$ be $(\bigcup_{i=1}^\infty \mathcal{P}^i) \cup \{z, z_1, z_2, \ldots\}$, a partition of $C$. It is straightforward to check that $\mathcal{P}$ is upper and lower semi-continuous. We define $\mathcal{A}$ be the Kripke structure $(C; \{1, 2, 3\}; \mathcal{Q}^1_C, \mathcal{Q}^2_C, \mathcal{P}; X, \psi|_C)$, with the partition $\mathcal{P}$ corresponding to the third person.

**Theorem:** $\phi^A$ maps $C$ bijectively to a cell of $\Omega(\{1, 2, 3\})$ that is surjective but without finite fanout.

**Proof:** We have by Lemma 1 that $\phi^A : C \rightarrow \Omega(X, \{1, 2, 3\})$ is continuous. Since every member of $\mathcal{Q}^1_C, \mathcal{Q}^2_C$, or $\mathcal{P}$ is compact, their images in $\Omega(X, \{1, 2, 3\})$ are also compact. By Lemma 9 of Simon (1999) $\phi^A$ maps $C$ surjectively to a cell $\phi^A(C)$ of $\Omega(X, \{1, 2, 3\})$. Between any two points of $\phi^A(C)$ there is an adjacency path using images of members of $\mathcal{Q}^1_C$ and $\mathcal{Q}^2_C$, therefore there can be no proper good subset of $\phi^A(C)$. By Lemma 7 of Simon (1999) this implies that $\phi^A(C)$ is a surjective cell. Since for every $f \in \mathcal{L}(X, \{1, 2\}) \alpha^{\Omega(X,\{1,2\})}(f)$ gets mapped to $\alpha^{\Omega(X,\{1,2,3\})}(f)$, $\phi^A$ is an injective and an open map (meaning that open sets are mapped to open sets), and therefore the map $\phi^A$ is also a homeomorphism of $C$ to $\phi^A(C)$. Therefore the image of the one infinite set in $\mathcal{P}$ is also an infinite set in the
cell $\phi^A(C)$, which implies that this cell of $\Omega(X, \{1, 2, 3\})$ does not have finite fanout.

q.e.d.

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