

# Forgetting Formulas and Signature Elements in Epistemic States

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Because the specific signature is very important here, we attach the corresponding signature in the index:

$$\mathcal{L}_\Sigma, Cn_\Sigma, \models_\Sigma, \mathcal{L}_P, Cn_P, \models_P, \mathcal{L}_{\Sigma'}, \dots$$

where  $\Sigma, \Sigma', P, P', \dots$  Signatures (finite set of prop. variables)

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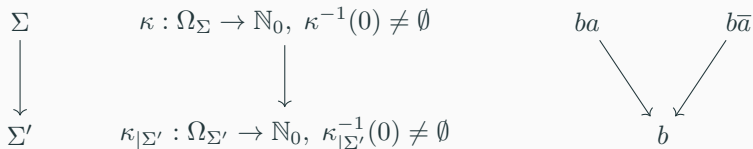
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$$\mathcal{F}(Bel(\kappa), P) = Bel(\kappa|_{(\Sigma \setminus P)})$$

holds for each signature  $P \subseteq \Sigma$ .

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## Future work:

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