Dynamic Precise and Imprecise Probability Kinematics

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- Evidence is not always propositional (i.e. it may not be possible to represent it as a crisp subset)
 - It is oftentimes uncertain or partial

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 - While it is built as a particular case of PK, it uses the empirical distribution to assign probabilities to the elements of the partition $\mathcal E$
 - To mechanize the procedure, it gives up the freedom of choosing the probability the agent feels correct to assign to the elements of ${\cal E}$

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