

# Probabilistic branching bisimulation implies probabilistic weak bisimulation

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# Deciding Bisimilarities on Distributions

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The important things of the paper:

- ▶ Definition of weak bisimulation for LTS over distributions and state based characterization of it: our definition of weak bisimulation.
- ▶ An exponential algorithm to check the relation.

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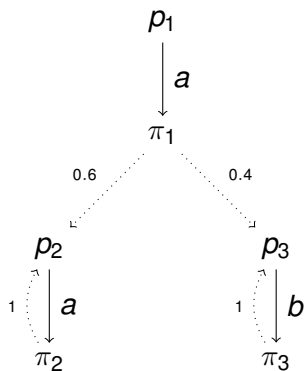
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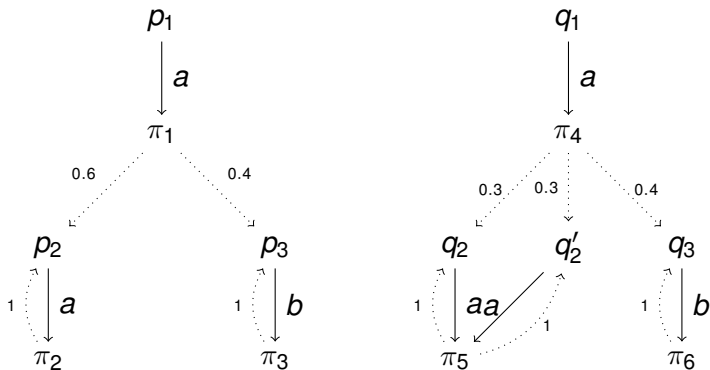
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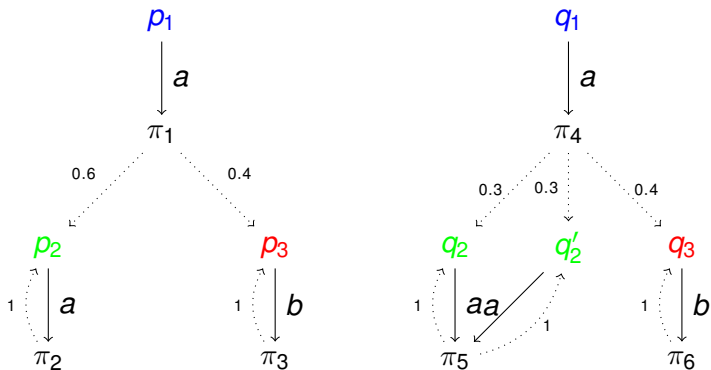
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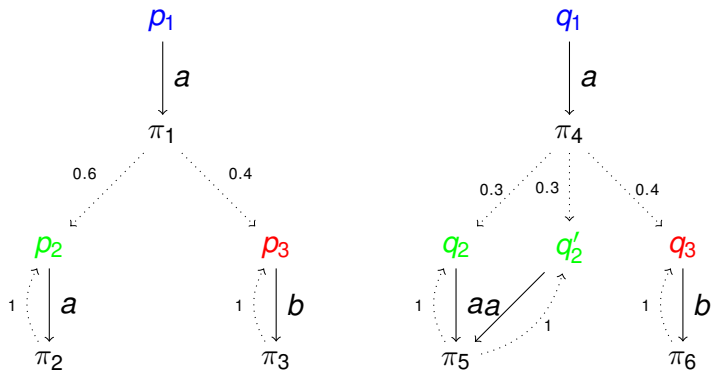
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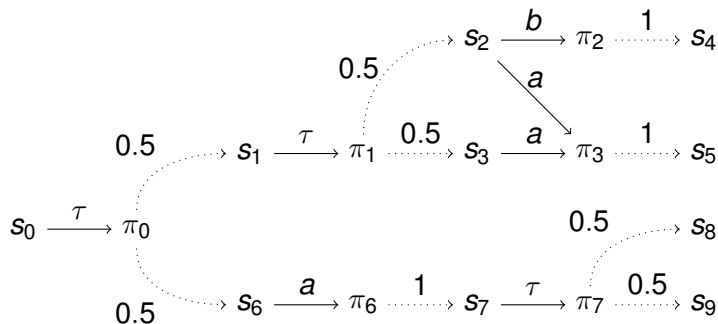
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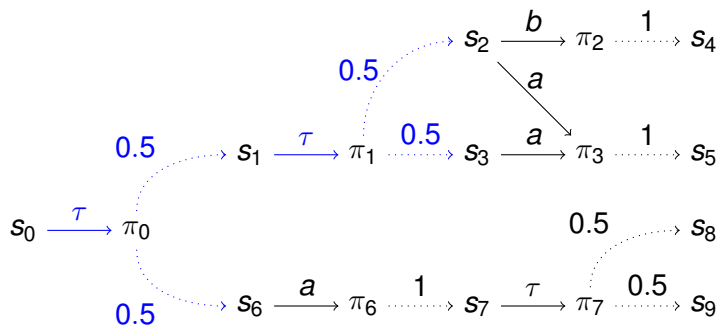
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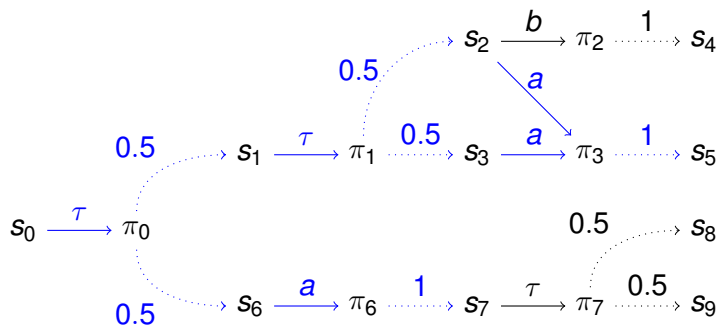
Let  $\sigma$  be a scheduler s.t:



$$s_0 \xrightarrow{\tau} \sigma [0.25]s_2 + [0.25]s_3 + [0.25]s_6$$

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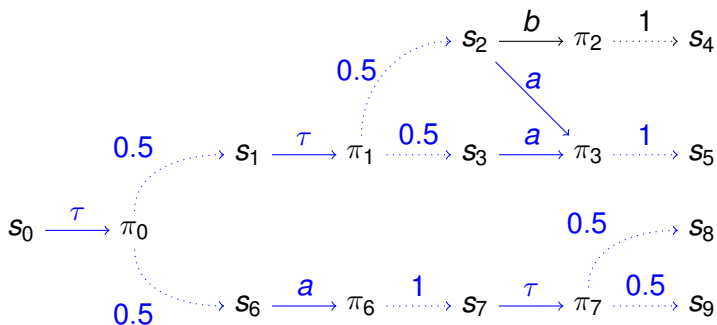
Let  $\sigma$  be a scheduler s.t:



$$s_0 \xrightarrow{a} \sigma [0.5] s_5 + [0.5] s_7$$

# Weak transitions - Ex 3

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$$s_0 \xrightarrow{a} \sigma [0.5]s_5 + [0.25]s_8 + [0.25]s_9$$

## Allowed weak combined transtions

$s \xrightarrow{a|P}_\sigma \mu$  if and only if  $s \xrightarrow{a}_\sigma \mu$  and  $Im(\sigma) \subseteq P$

# Weak hyper transitions

$\mu \xrightarrow{a}_c \nu$  if and only iff

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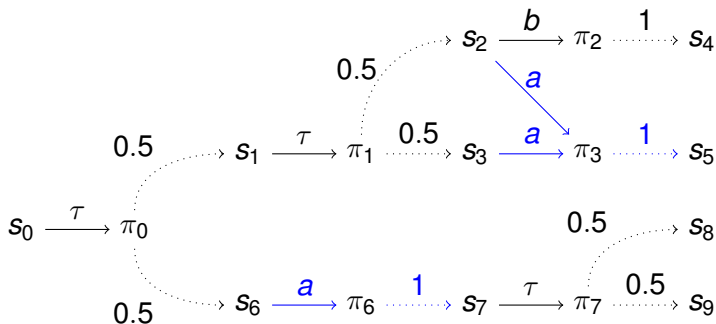
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Similar definition for  $\mu \xrightarrow{a|P}_c \nu$

# Weak (hyper) transitions of length 1

Let  $\pi$  and  $\sigma$  s.t.  $\text{Supp}(\pi) = \{s_2, s_3, s_6\}$  and



$$\pi \xrightarrow{a}_{\sigma} \pi(s_2)\pi_3 + \pi(s_3)\pi_3 + \pi(s_6)\pi_6$$



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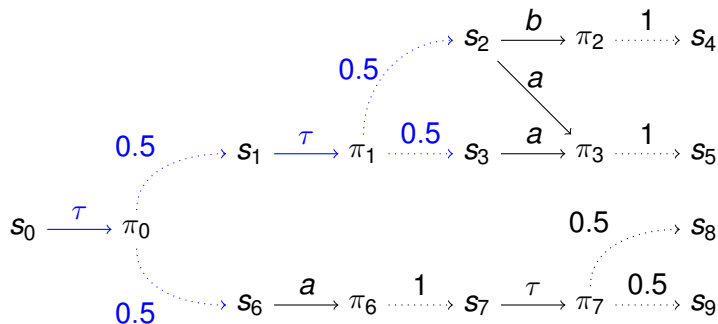
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# Probabilities of Cones and Fragments

Let  $\sigma$  be a scheduler s.t:



Prob. of Cones

$$\mu_{\sigma, s_0}(C_{s_0 \tau s_6}) = 0.5$$

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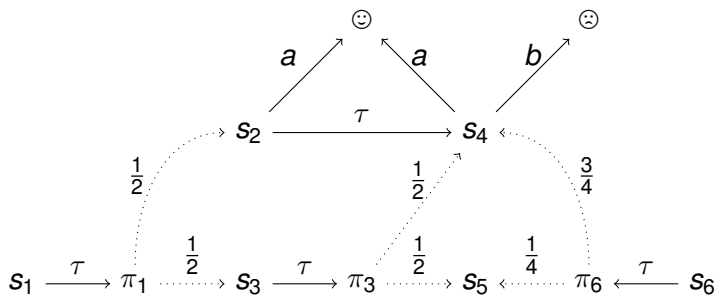
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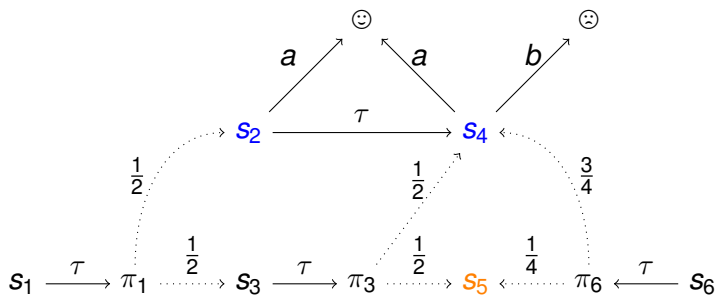
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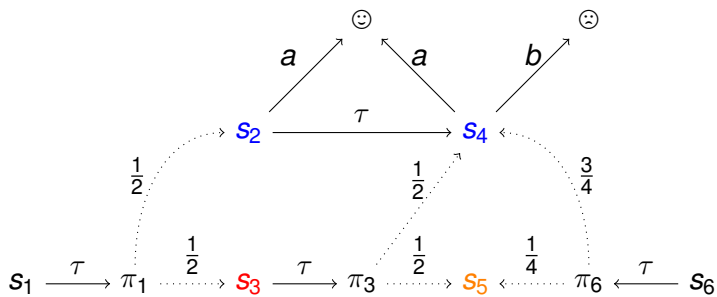
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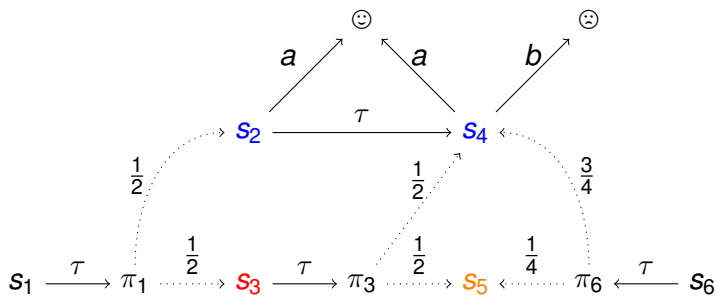
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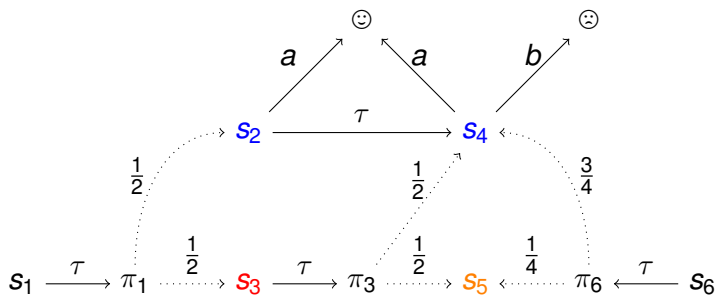


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- ▶  $s_6 \xrightarrow{\tau} \pi_6$  then  $s_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} c [1/2]s_2 + [1/4]s_4 + [1/4]s_5$

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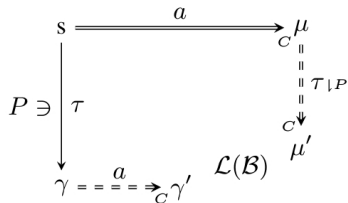
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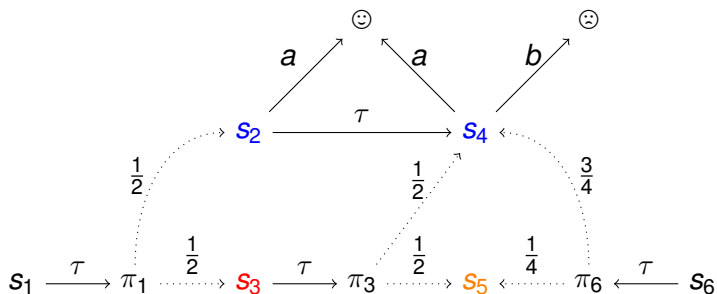
# Preserving Transitions

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{B}$  be an equivalence relation on  $S$  and  $P \subseteq D$  a set of  $\tau$ -transition. The set  $P$  is *preserving with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$*  if for all  $s \xrightarrow{\tau} \gamma \in P$ , whenever  $s \xrightarrow{a}_c \mu$  then there exist  $\mu'$  and  $\gamma'$  such that  $\mu \xrightarrow{\tau \downarrow P}_c \mu'$ ,  $\gamma \xrightarrow{a}_c \gamma'$  and  $\mu' \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \gamma'$ .



# Probabilistic weak bisimulation



►  $P = \{s_1 \xrightarrow{\tau} \pi_1, s_3 \xrightarrow{\tau} \pi_3, s_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} \delta_{s_4}\}$

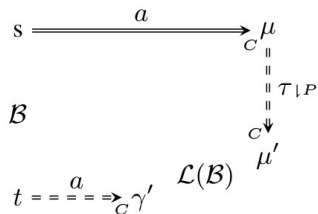
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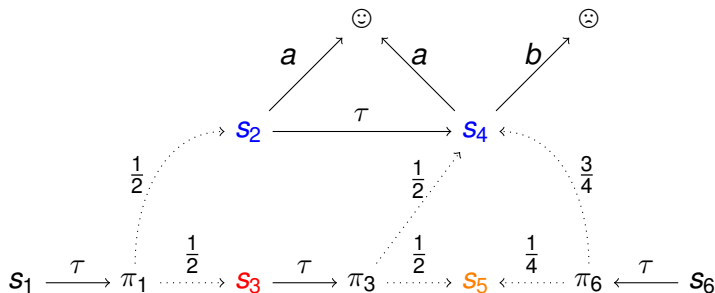
An equivalence relation  $\mathcal{B}$  on  $S$  is called a *probabilistic weak bisimulation*, if there is a set  $P \subseteq D$  that is preserving with respect to  $\mathcal{B}$  and whenever  $s \mathcal{B} t$ ,

- ▶ if  $s \xrightarrow{a}_c \mu$  for some  $\mu$ , then  $t \xrightarrow{a}_c \nu$  for some  $\nu$  and there exists  $\mu'$  such that  $\mu \xrightarrow{\tau \downarrow P} \mu'$  and  $\mu' \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \nu$ .

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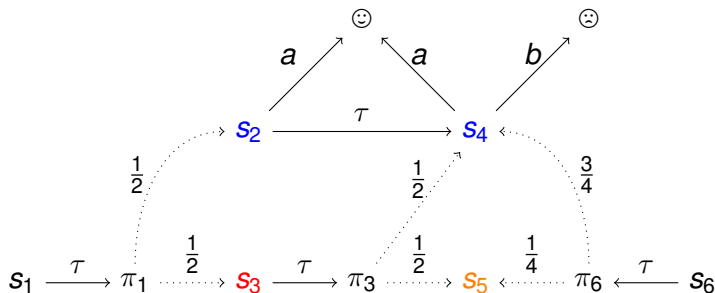


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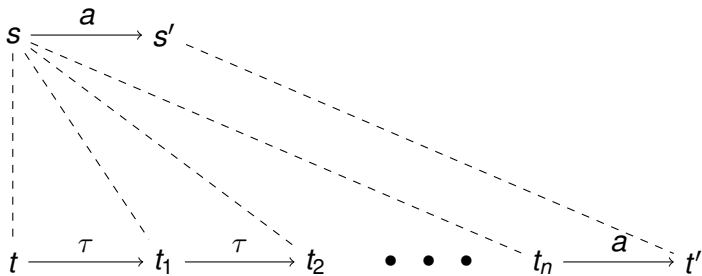
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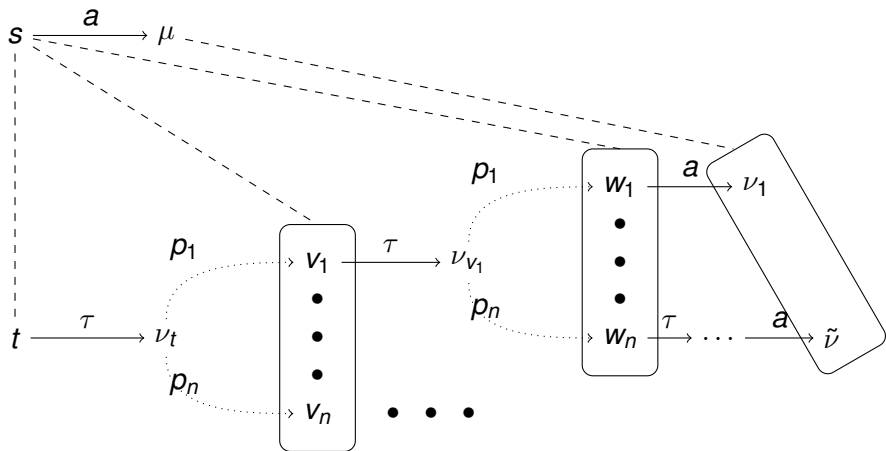
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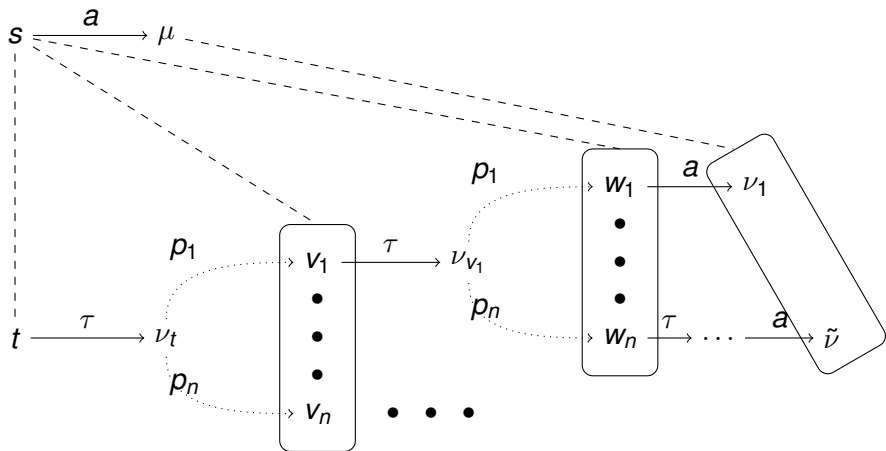


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Given an equiv. rel.  $\mathcal{B}$ ,  $t \xrightarrow{\tau} \nu$  is *branching preserving* iff  $\delta_t \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \nu$

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1.  $a = \tau$  and  $s \xrightarrow{a} \mu \in P$
2.  $t \xrightarrow{\tau \downarrow P}_c \tilde{\nu} \xrightarrow{a}_c \nu$  and  $\mu \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \nu$ .

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Proof sketch: take a branching bisimulation  $\mathcal{B}$  and prove that it is also a weak bisimulation.

# Things that we need to prove the results

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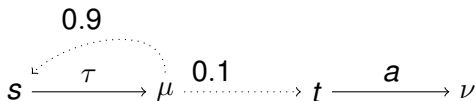
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Example:  $s \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \delta_t$  in

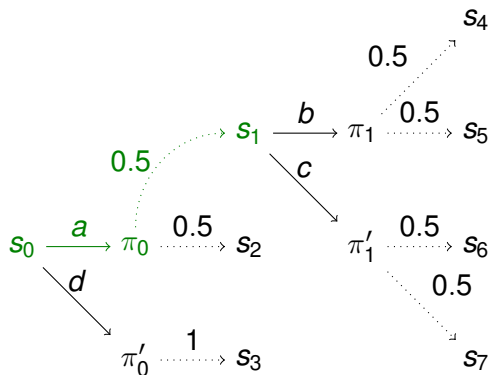


# Definitions that we have introduced

- ▶ Conditional probabilities
- ▶ Convex combination of schedulers



# Conditional Probabilities



What is the probability of executing  $s_1 \xrightarrow{b} \pi_1$  and reach  $s_4$  with the schedule  $\sigma$  given that  $s_1$  was reached?

# Conditional Probabilities

## Definition

Let  $\sigma$  be a scheduler for a PA  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\tilde{\alpha}$  be a trace. The *conditional scheduler  $\sigma$  based on  $\tilde{\alpha}$* , notation  $\sigma_{\tilde{\alpha}}$ , is defined by

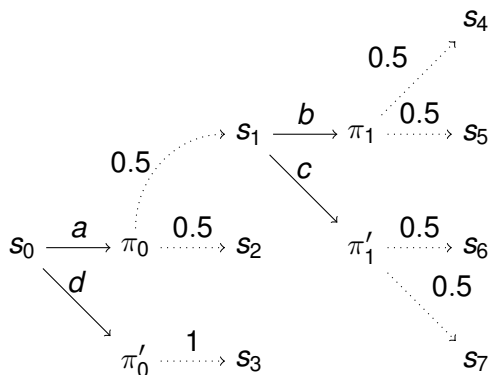
$$\sigma_{\tilde{\alpha}}(\alpha) = \begin{cases} \sigma(\tilde{\alpha}\alpha) & \text{if } \text{lst}(\tilde{\alpha}) = \text{fst}(\alpha) \\ \delta_{\perp} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

## Definition

Let  $\sigma$  be a scheduler for a PA  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $s, s'$  be two states s.t. there is  $\tilde{\alpha}$  with  $\text{lst}(\tilde{\alpha}) = s'$  and  $\mu_{\sigma, s}(C_{\tilde{\alpha}}) > 0$ . The *probability of the execution fragment  $\alpha$  based on  $\sigma$  starting at  $s$  given that  $s'$  is reached* is defined by:

$$\mu_{\sigma, s, s'}(\alpha) = \sum_{\text{lst}(\tilde{\alpha})=s'} \frac{\mu_{\sigma, s}(C_{\tilde{\alpha}})}{\sum_{\text{lst}(\alpha')=s'} \mu_{\sigma, s}(C_{\alpha'})} \cdot \mu_{\sigma_{\tilde{\alpha}}, s'}(\alpha)$$

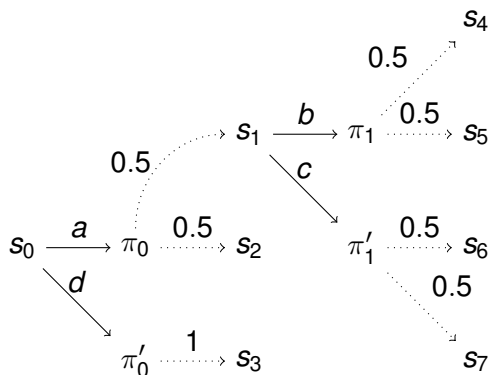
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$$\sigma_1(s_0) = [1]s_0 \xrightarrow{a} \pi_0, \quad \sigma_1(s_0 a s_1) = [0.5]s_1 \xrightarrow{b} \pi_1 + [0.5]s_1 \xrightarrow{c} \pi_1'$$

$$\pi_{\sigma_1, s_0}(t) = \mu_{\sigma_1, s_0}(\{\alpha \mid \text{lst}(\alpha) = t\})$$

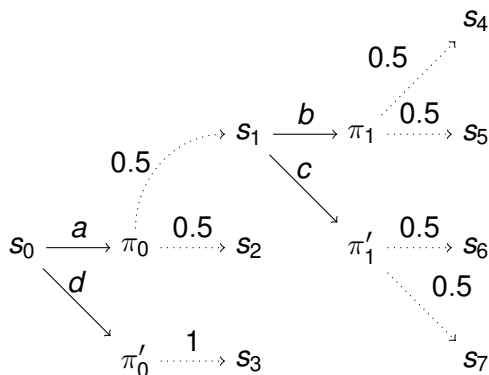
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$$\sigma_2(s_0) = [0.5]s_0 \xrightarrow{a} \pi_0 + [0.5]s_0 \xrightarrow{d} \pi'_0, \quad \sigma_2(s_0 a s_1) = [1]s_1 \xrightarrow{b} \pi_1$$

$$\pi_{\sigma_2, s_0}(t) = \mu_{\sigma_2, s_0}(\{\alpha \mid \text{lst}(\alpha) = t\})$$

# Convex combination of schedulers



$$\mu_{\{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}, \{\sigma_1 \rightarrow p, \sigma_2 \rightarrow (1-p)\}, s_0} = p \cdot \mu_{\sigma_1, s_0} + (1-p) \cdot \mu_{\sigma_2, s_0}$$

# Convex combination of schedulers

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a set of scheduler for a PA  $\mathcal{A}$  with weight function  $w$ . The *convex combination of the probabilities of an execution fragment*  $\alpha$  is defined by

$$\mu_{\mathcal{S},w,s}(\alpha) = \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} w(\sigma) \cdot \mu_{\sigma,s}(\alpha)$$



## Lemma

Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a set of schedulers with weight function  $w$  and  $s_0$  be a state. Let  $\tilde{\sigma}$  be a scheduler defined by

$$\tilde{\sigma}(\alpha)(s \xrightarrow{a} \mu) = \begin{cases} \sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}} \frac{w(\sigma)\mu_{\sigma,s_0}(C_\alpha)}{\sum_{\hat{\sigma} \in \mathcal{S}} w(\hat{\sigma})\mu_{\hat{\sigma},s_0}(C_\alpha)} \sigma(\alpha)(s \xrightarrow{a} \mu) & \text{if den.} \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

then  $\mu_{\mathcal{S},w,s_0}(\alpha) = \mu_{\tilde{\sigma},s_0}(\alpha)$ .

# Auxiliary results and the main one

## Lemma

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a PA,  $s_0$  be a state of  $\mathcal{A}$ ,  $\mu$  be a distribution and  $a$  be an action s.t.  $a \neq \tau$ . If  $a \xrightarrow{a}_c \mu$  then there are  $\nu, \nu'$  s.t.

$$s_0 \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \nu \xrightarrow{a}_c \nu' \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \mu.$$

## Lemma

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a PA,  $s_0$  be a state of  $\mathcal{A}$  and  $\sigma$  be a scheduler. If

$$s_0 \xrightarrow{\tau}_{\sigma_n} \mu_n \text{ and } s_0 \xrightarrow{\tau}_{\sigma_{n+1}} \mu_{n+1} \text{ then } \mu_n \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \mu_{n+1}.$$

## Theorem

$\approx_b$  is stronger than  $\approx_w$ .

# Proof Sketch

- ▶  $s \approx_b t$  and  $s \xrightarrow{a}_\sigma \mu$ .
- ▶ Lemmas implies  $s \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \dots \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \nu \xrightarrow{a}_c \nu' \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \dots \xrightarrow{\tau}_c \mu$
- ▶ Definition of  $\approx_b$  allows to show  $t \xrightarrow{a \downarrow P}_c \nu$  with  $P$  a set of (branching) preserving transitions and  $\mu \approx_b \nu$ , then
- ▶  $s \approx_w t$



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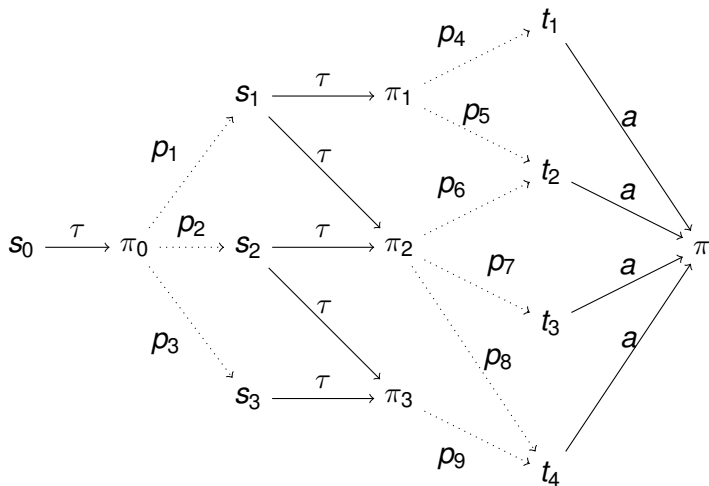
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# The intuition



For all scheduler  $\sigma$ ,  $s_0 \xRightarrow{\sigma, a} \pi$

## Concrete execution

A sequence  $s_0 a_0 \mu_0 s_1 a_1 \mu_1 s_2 a_2 \mu_2 s_3 \dots \mu_{n-1} s_n a_n \mu_n$  is a *concrete execution* of a PA  $\mathcal{A}$  if  $s_i \xrightarrow{a_i} \mu_i$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$  and  $s_{j+1} \in \text{Supp}[\mu_j]$  for  $0 < j < n$ .

# Branching bisimulation without schedulers

## Definition

An equivalence relation  $\mathcal{B} \subseteq S \times S$  is a branching bisimulation without schedulers for a PA  $\mathcal{A} = (S, s_0, \Sigma \cup \{\tau\}, D)$  iff for every  $s \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) s'$ , if  $s \xrightarrow{a_\tau} \mu$  then

1.  $a_\tau = \tau$  and  $\delta_s \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \mu$  or
2.  $a_\tau \in \Sigma \cup \{\tau\}$  and there is a concrete execution  $s_0 \tau \mu_1 s_1 \tau \mu_3 s_3 \dots \mu_n s_n a_\tau \mu'$  s.t.  $s' = s_0$ ,  $s \mathcal{B} s_i$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $\mu_j \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \delta_s$  for  $1 \leq j \leq n$  and  $\mu \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{B}) \mu'$ .

We write  $s \sim_b s'$  if there is a branching bisimulation without schedulers that relates  $s$  and  $s'$ .

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# Syntax

## Definition

The syntax of  $pL_U$  is defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}\psi &:= \top \mid \psi \wedge \psi \mid \neg\psi \mid \psi\langle a \rangle\Delta \mid \psi\langle \tau \rangle\Delta \\ \Delta &:= [\psi]_{\geq p} \mid \Delta \wedge \Delta \mid \neg\Delta\end{aligned}$$

where  $\psi$ -formula and  $\Delta$ -formula are called *state formula* and *distribution formula*, respectively.

# Semantic

## Definition

Let  $\mathcal{A} = (\mathcal{S}, s_0, \Sigma \cup \{\tau\}, D)$  be a PA and let  $s \xrightarrow{a} \mu \in D$ . The satisfaction relation  $\models$  for a  $pL_U$  formula is defined by:

$s \models \top$	always
$s \models \psi \wedge \psi'$	if $s \models \psi$ and $s \models \psi'$
$s \models \neg\psi$	if $s \not\models \psi$
$s \models \psi\langle a \rangle\Delta$	if there is concrete execution $s \tau \mu_1 s_1 \tau \mu_2 \dots \tau \mu_n s_n a \mu$ s.t. $a \in A \cup \{\tau\}$ , $s \models \psi$ , $s_i \models \psi$ , $\mu_i \models [\psi]_{\geq 1}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$ , $n \geq 0$ and $\mu \models \Delta$
$s \models \psi\langle \tau \rangle\Delta$	$s \models \psi$ and $\delta_s \models \Delta$
$\mu \models [\psi]_{\geq p}$	if $\mu(\{s \mid s \models \psi\}) \geq p$
$\mu \models \Delta \wedge \Delta'$	if $\mu \models \Delta$ and $\mu \models \Delta'$
$\mu \models \neg\Delta$	if $\mu \not\models \Delta$

# The logic characterize branching bisimulation

## Theorem

*Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a PA with bounded nondeterminism, then*

- ▶  *$s \approx_b s'$  if and only if  $s \approx_{pL_U} s'$ .*
- ▶  *$\mu \mathcal{L}(\approx_b) \mu'$  if and only if  $\mu \approx_{pL_U} \mu'$*



# Questions?