

Multi-valued Logics and Abstractions for the Verification of Strategic Properties in MAS with Imperfect Information

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Model checking in a nutshell [Clarke, Emerson, Sifakis]

- 1 Model S as some transition system M_S
- 2 Represent specification P as a formula ϕ_P in some logic-based language
- 3 Check whether $M_S \models \phi_P$



Properties to Check

80's-90's: single-component, stand-alone systems: temporal logics LTL, CTL [Pnu77].

Temporal Properties

The robot ...

- ... will **always** avoid obstacles. *G avoid_obstacles*
- ... will **finally** reach its target. *F target*
- ... will **always makes progress** towards its goal. *G F move*
- ... will **eventually** be in the safe zone **forever**. *F G safe*

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Perfect Information: decidability results

- Synthesis for LTL goals (Büchi, Landweber, 1969), (Rabin, 1972), (Pnueli, Rosner, 1989)
- Nash equilibria for LTL goals (Mogavero, Murano, Vardi, 2010)

Imperfect Information: undecidability results

Synthesis for reachability goals (Peterson, Reif, 1979)

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This talk:

- 1 Bounded memory and 3-valued logic to approximate perfect recall [BLM18]
- 2 Perfect Information and 3-valued logic to approximate imperfect information [BLM19, BM20]

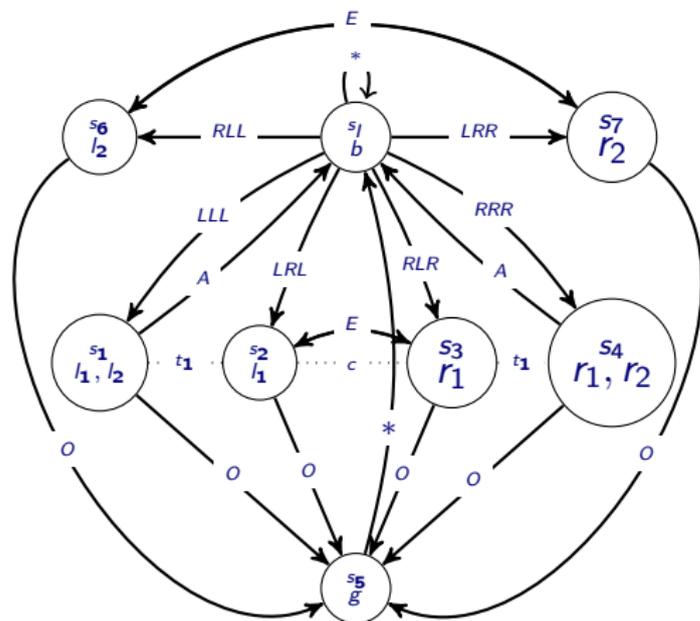
Concurrent Game Structures with Imperfect Information

Definition (iCGS)

An iCGS is a tuple $M = \langle Ag, AP, S, s_0, \{Act_i\}_{i \in Ag}, \{\sim_i\}_{i \in Ag}, d, \delta, V \rangle$ where

- Ag is a set of **agents**.
 - AP is a set of **atomic propositions**.
 - S is a set of **states**, with **initial state** $s_0 \in S$.
 - Each Act_i is a set of **actions**.
 $Act = \bigcup_{i \in Ag} Act_i$ is the set of all actions, and
 $ACT = \prod_{i \in Ag} Act_i$ is the set of all joint actions.
 - Each \sim_i is a relation of **indistinguishability** (equivalence) between states.
 - The **protocol function** $d : Ag \times S \rightarrow (2^{Act} \setminus \emptyset)$ defines the availability of actions. The same actions are available in indistinguishable states.
 - The **transition function** $\delta : S \times ACT \rightarrow S$ assigns a successor state $s' = \delta(s, \vec{a})$ to each state $s \in S$, for every joint action $\vec{a} \in ACT$.
 - $V : S \times AP \rightarrow \{\top, \perp\}$ is the **two-valued labelling function**.
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- **Perfect information:** for every $i \in Ag$, \sim_i is the identity relation.

Variant of the TGC Scenario with Imperfect Information



- Three agents: t_1 , t_2 , and c .
- t_1 and t_2 need to coordinate L or R .
- c 's actions: L , R , E , A , and O .
- t_1 can't observe t_2 's choice.
- c can't observe t_1 's and t_2 's choices.
- Spec: t_1 and c have a strategy to coordinate to go left, but then an agreement has to be reached before visiting the initial state again.

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Agents' information

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(I) the players have full knowledge of the state of the game, at every moment.

(i) the players come to decisions without having all relevant information at hand.

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About the bound

- For $n = 1 \Rightarrow$ imperfect recall (positional) strategies
- For $n = \omega \Rightarrow$ perfect recall (memoryful) strategies

Bounded recall v. bounded memory (strategies as transducers of bounded size [Ves15]): related but orthogonal issues.

Semantics of ATL with bounded recall

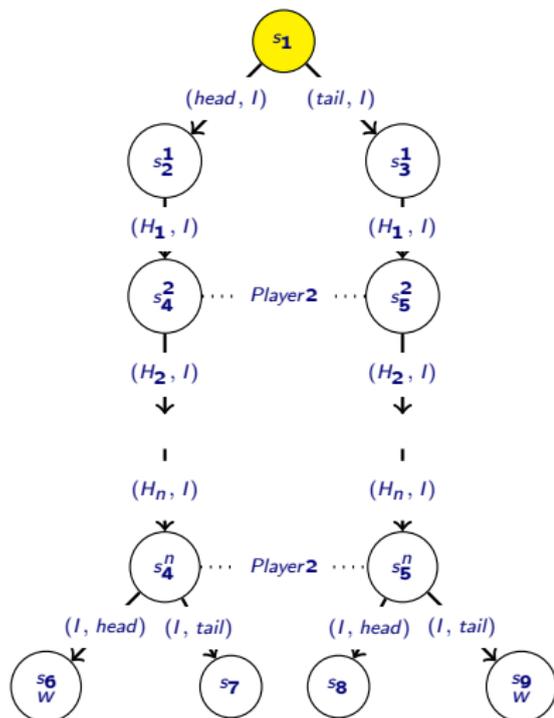
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Example: matching pennies with recall



- Player 1 chooses first head or tail.
- Player 2 can see her choice.
- Then, there are $n - 1$ steps in which the coin is hidden from Player 2.
- Consider $\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle Fwin_2$ and $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^+ \cup \{\omega\}$ with $m < n$.
- Player 2 has no strategy with m -bounded recall to win the game, but she has a n -bounded recall strategy.
- Hence, $s_1 \not\models_m^2 \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle Fwin_2$, but $s_1 \models_n^2 \langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle Fwin_2$.

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Consequences

- Any naive attempt to approximate PR by increasing the bound n will not succeed.
- The issue is with models, not just formulas.

⇒ To overcome this problem, we consider a 3-valued semantics.

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- both $\langle\langle 2 \rangle\rangle F \text{ win}_2$ and $\langle\langle 1 \rangle\rangle G \neg \text{win}_2$ are false (in the 2V m -bounded semantics).

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We reduce 3V model checking to 2V model checking.

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      case  $v = \perp$ : return  $q_{\perp}$ ;
  case  $\varphi = \neg\varphi'$ :
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Algorithm $Transl(\varphi, v)$ (cont.)

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Model Checking 3-valued ATL: Soundness

Lemma

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$$(M', s) \models^2 \text{Transl}(\varphi, \top) \Leftrightarrow ((M, s) \models^3 \varphi) = \top \quad (1)$$

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$$(M', s) \models^2 \neg(\varphi_{\top} \vee \varphi_{\perp}) \Leftrightarrow ((M, s) \models^3 \varphi) = \text{uu} \quad (3)$$

Complexity Results

The complexity of 3V model checking is the same as 2V.

\Rightarrow Translation $\text{Transl}()$ is polynomial,

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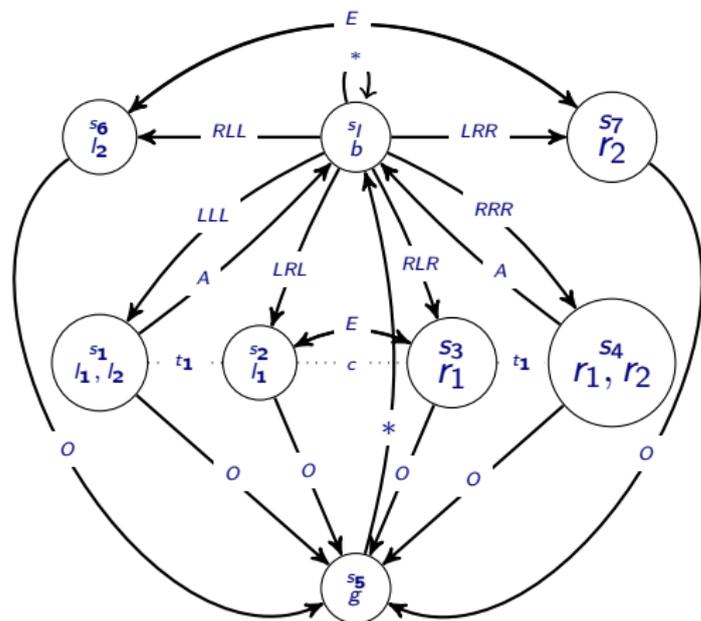
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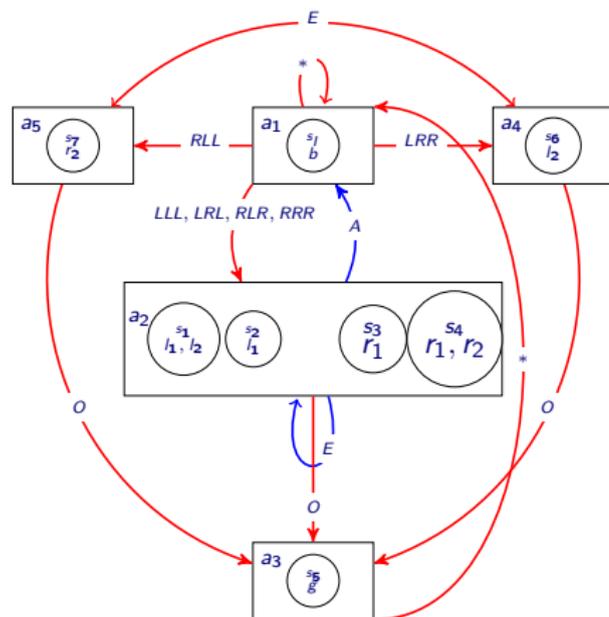
Variant of the TGC Scenario with Imperfect Information



- Three agents: t_1 , t_2 , and c .
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- c can't observe t_1 's and t_2 's choices.
- Spec: $\langle\langle t_1, c \rangle\rangle F(l_1 \wedge \neg bUg)$.

Abstract TGC with PI

We cluster together states indistinguishable for t_1 and c .



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- Intuitively,

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- ATL : PTIME-complete.

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Refinement Procedure

Algorithm *Refinement*(M_Γ, M, s_f):

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for  $s, s' \in s_f$ , do  $m[s, s'] = true$ ;  
   $Check_1(M_\Gamma, M, s_f, m)$ ;           check for "indistinguishable" incoming transitions  
   $update = true$ ;  
  while  $update = true$   
     $Check_2(M_\Gamma, s_f, m, update)$ ;  
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  while  $s, s' \in s_f$  and  $split = false$   
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       $remove(s_f, S_\Gamma)$ ;  
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