

Probabilistic Program Analysis

A Probabilistic Language and its Semantics

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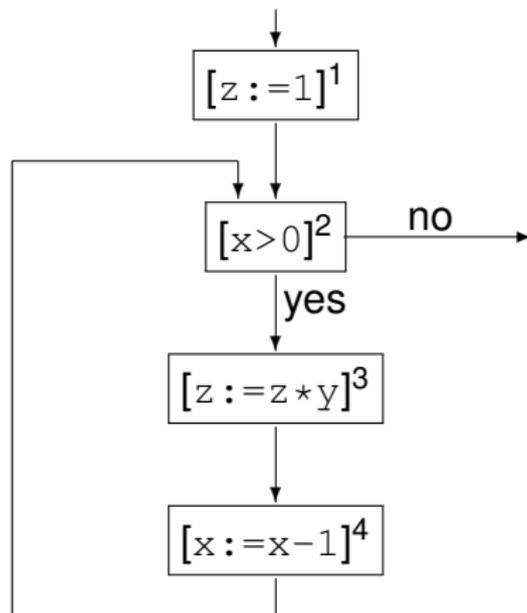
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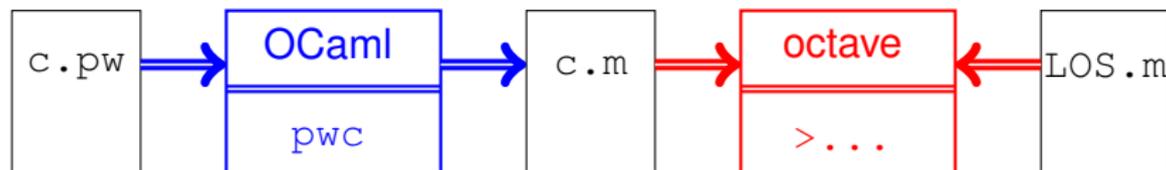
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LOS and DTMC

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Research Tool: A pWhile Compiler pwc

Written in OCaml produces an `octave` file `c.m` which specify the LOS matrices \mathbf{U} , \mathbf{P} , etc. for a pWhile program `c.pw`.



We can use the interactive interface of `octave` and definitions of standard operations in `LOS.m` to analyse matrices in `c.m`.

Exploiting sparse matrix representation to handle programs with about 3 to 5 variables, up to 10 values and program fragments with something like 20 lines/labels.

Factorial

Consider the program F for calculating the factorial of n :

```
var
  m : {0..2};
  n : {0..2};

begin
  m := 1;
  while (n>1) do
    m := m*n;
    n := n-1;
  od;
  stop; # looping
end
```

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Introducing PAI

The matrix $\mathbf{T}(F)$ is very big already for small n .

n	$\dim(\mathbf{T}(F))$
2	45×45
3	140×140
4	625×625
5	3630×3630
6	25235×25235
7	201640×201640
8	1814445×1814445
9	18144050×18144050

We will show how we can drastically reduce the dimension of the LOS by using *Probabilistic Abstract Interpretation* (next talk).