### **On Stochastic Timed Games**

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2-player game on TA Controller, Environment target locations reachability objectives

(0,0)







$$(\bullet,0) \xrightarrow{0,\downarrow} (\bullet,0) \xrightarrow{1.6,\rightarrow} (\bullet,1.6) \xrightarrow{.4,\rightarrow} (\triangle,2)$$







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Goal of player  $\bullet$ : reach  $\triangle$  and minimize accumulated cost Goal of player  $\bullet$ : avoid  $\triangle$  or, if not possible, maximize accumulated cost

### Adding stochastic features

to model probabilistic behaviours



### Stochastic Timed Games (STGs)



Stochastic player ○ Classical players ◊, □ Prescribed probability distributions from ○

- ▶ Players ♦, play according to standard strategies
- ▶ Player plays according to fixed probability distributions
  - choose a delay according to some distribution
  - choose an action according to some discrete distribution

### A Play



From the game and strategies, we obtain a Markov chain



### Attaching probabilities to delays

► The exponential distribution, as in continuous time Markov chains, with delays in [0, ∞)

density function 
$$t = \begin{cases} \lambda.exp(-\lambda t), & \text{ if } t \ge 0, \\ 0, & \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

► For bounded intervals, the uniform distribution,

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$$I(s_0, e_1) = \{ \tau \mid s_0 \stackrel{\tau, e_1}{\rightarrow} \}$$

•  $\mu_{s_0}$  distribution over  $I(s_0)$ 

$$I(s_0) = \bigcup_e I(s_0, e)$$

$$\bullet \ s_0 \stackrel{t}{\rightarrow} s_0 + t \stackrel{e_1}{\rightarrow} s_t$$

$$\mathbb{P}(\pi(s_0 \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_n})) = \int_{t \in I(s_0, e_1)} p_{s_0+t}(e_1) \mathbb{P}(\pi(s_t \xrightarrow{e_2} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_n})) d\mu_{s_0} t$$

- *n*-dimensional integral
- For infinite runs:

$$\mathsf{Cyl}(\pi(s_0 \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_n})) = \{\rho.\rho' \mid \rho \in \pi(s_0 \xrightarrow{e_1} \cdots \xrightarrow{e_n})\}$$

- P is extended in a standard and unique way to the σ-algebra Ω generated by the cylinders.
- ► For every state s,  $\mathbb{P}$  is a probability measure over  $(\operatorname{Runs}(s), \Omega(s))$

### An Example



$$\mathcal{P}(\pi((A,0),e_{1}e_{2})) = \int_{0}^{1} \frac{\mathcal{P}(\pi((B,0),e_{2}))}{2} d\mu_{(A,0)}(t)$$
$$= \int_{0}^{1} \frac{1}{2} (\int_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} d\mu_{(B,0)}(u)) d\mu_{(A,0)}(t)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{1} (\int_{1}^{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} du)) dt) = \frac{1}{8}$$

 $d\mu_{(A,0)}$  uniform distribution over [0,1],  $d\mu_{(B,0)}$  uniform distribution over [0,2].

## $1\frac{1}{2}$ player and $2\frac{1}{2}$ player models

Extend using standard strategies for other players § and



▶ Strategy profile  $\Lambda = (\lambda_{\diamondsuit}, \lambda_{\square})$  with  $\lambda_{\square} = (0, e_3)$  and

 $\lambda_{\diamondsuit} = \begin{cases} (0.5, e_1) \text{ if}(s_0, \nu) \text{ is such that } \nu \leqslant 0.5, \\ (0, e_1) \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$ 

## $2\frac{1}{2}$ player Example

$$\begin{array}{l}
x < 1 & x \leq 1 \\
\Rightarrow & s_{0} & x < 1, e_{1} \\
x = 0, e_{2} \\
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x = 0
\end{array}$$
If  $\rho = (s_{0}, 0) \xrightarrow{0.5, e_{1}} (s_{1}, 0.5) \xrightarrow{0.e_{3}} (s_{2}, 0.5)$ , then
$$\mathbb{P}_{\Lambda}(\rho, e_{4}e_{1}e_{3}e_{4}) = \frac{1}{1.5} \int_{t=0}^{0.5} \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{P}_{\Lambda}(\rho \xrightarrow{t, e_{4}} (s_{0}, 0), e_{1}e_{3}e_{4}))dt \\
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- $\frac{1}{2}$  player game = pure stochastic process
- CTMC = timed automata with one clock, reset on all transitions.
   Exponential distributions, with a rate per location.
- PTA = subclass of 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> player games, where no time elapse happens in stochastic nodes. So, only discrete probabilities based on weights of outgoing edges.

### Synthesis and Reachability Problems

Games	
<ul> <li>► ○</li> <li>► ○, ◊</li> <li>► ○, ◊, □</li> </ul>	$rac{1}{2}$ player game $1rac{1}{2}$ player game $2rac{1}{2}$ player game

#### Reachability

- Qualitative (reach with probability  $\bowtie r, r \in \{0, 1\}$ )
- Quantitative (reach with probability  $\bowtie r, r \in [0, 1]$ )

#### **Synthesis**

Given a game  $\mathcal{G}$ , an untimed safety property  $\varphi$ , and a rational threshold r, does  $\Diamond$  have a strategy  $\lambda_{\Diamond}$  against all possible strategies  $\lambda_{\Box}$  of  $\Box$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\mathcal{G}_{\lambda_{\Diamond},\lambda_{\Box}} \models \varphi) \bowtie r$ ?

- Safety : Decidability for  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  as well as  $2\frac{1}{2}$  player games
- Reachability :

Model		Qual.Reach	Quant.Reach
$\frac{1}{2}$ player	1 clock	D <sup>1</sup>	D <sup>2</sup>
	n clocks	D <sup>1</sup> (reactive)	Open
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	n clocks	D (reactive)	U
$2\frac{1}{2}$ player	1 clock	Open	D (Initialized)
	n clocks	Open	U <sup>3</sup> , U(Time bounded)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>[Bertrand, Bouyer, Brihaye, Menet, Baier, Größer, and Jurdzinski, 2014]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Initialized, [Bertrand, Bouyer, Brihaye, and Markey, 2008]

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>[Bouyer and Forejt, 2009]



•  $e_1e_3$  thin,  $e_1e_2$  thick



▶ Both  $e_1e_2$ ,  $e_1e_3$  thick

#### Given state s, $s \models \varphi$ iff $\mathbb{P}(\{\rho \in \mathsf{Runs}(s) \mid \rho \models \varphi\}) = 1$

For ease of notations, we use colors in place of propositions.

$$x \leq 1 \quad x \leq 1, e_2 \qquad x \geq 3, e_4 \qquad x \leq 1 \qquad x \leq 1$$
  

$$\Rightarrow 5_0 \qquad x = 1, e_3 \qquad s_1 \qquad x \leq 1, e_5 \qquad s_2 \qquad x = 0, e_6 \qquad s_3 \qquad e_7, x \leq 1$$
  

$$e_1, x \leq 1 \qquad x \leq 1$$

 $\mathcal{A} \nvDash \Box(green \to \Diamond(red)), \text{ but } \mathbb{P}(\mathcal{A} \models \Box(green \to \Diamond(red))) = 1$ 

- Probability of thick paths > 0, while probability of thin paths is 0.
- ▶ For safety, if all thick paths satisfy the property, that is good!

### Timed Region Graph : Thick and Thin



#### Work on the thick graph $\text{Thick}(\mathcal{A})$ , obtained by removing the thin edges.

Every infinite path in Thick( $\mathcal{A}$ ) satisfies safety property  $\varphi$  from state  $\imath(s)$  iff  $\mathcal{A}, s \models_{\mathbb{P}} \varphi$ .

- Connecting probabilistic semantics and topological semantics
- Algorithmic solutions to almost sure satisfaction using the thick graph

#### Topology on Infinite Runs of $\mathcal{A}$

Let *s* be a state of  $\mathcal{A}$ .  $\mathcal{T}_s^{\mathcal{A}}$  topology on Runs $(\mathcal{A}, s)$ .

- ▶ Basic open sets :  $\emptyset$ , Runs(A, s), as well as Cyl( $\pi$ ) for thick paths  $\pi$
- Meagre sets : countable union of nowhere dense  $(\dot{\overline{A}} = \emptyset)$  sets
- Large : Complement is meagre
- Topological games characterizing largeness

Let  $(A, \mathcal{T})$  be a toplological space and  $\mathcal{B}$  a family of subsets of A satisfying

- ▶ For all  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ ,  $\mathring{B} \neq \emptyset$
- ▶ For every open set *O* of *A*,  $B \subseteq O$  for some  $B \in \mathcal{B}$ .

Game: Pick some set  $C \subseteq A$ .

- Player 1 picks some  $B_1 \in \mathcal{B}$
- ▶ Player 2 responds with some  $B_2 \in \mathcal{B}, B_2 \subseteq B_1$
- Repeat

Player 1 wins iff  $\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} B_i \cap C \neq \emptyset$ . Else, player 2 wins.

[Oxtoby, 1957]

Player 2 wins a Banach-Mazur game with target set C iff C is meagre

### Large Satisfaction

Is  $C = \bigcup_i (e_1^i e_2(e_4 e_5)^{\omega})$  large?

- ▶ Player 1 starts with  $Cyl(e_1^n)$  or  $Cyl(e_1^ne_2)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- Player 2 responds with Cyl(e<sub>1</sub><sup>n</sup>e<sub>2</sub>) or Cyl(e<sub>1</sub><sup>n</sup>e<sub>2</sub>e<sub>4</sub>)
- Game continues picking only thick edges, and converges into a run of C and player 1 wins.
- ► C is hence large

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 $\Diamond$ (*red*) is violated by a thick path, but it is true almost surely!

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- 1-clock  $\frac{1}{2}$  player automata has this nice property.
- Result extends to 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> player case, but 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> case is open!

## Quant. Reachability : $1\frac{1}{2}$ player (> 1 cl.)

- Suprisingly undecidable with 4 clocks and uniform distributions
- Non-halting of 2-counter machine iff reachability with probability = <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Extends to all objectives ⋈ <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.
- ▶ ♦ simulates a computation of the two-counter machine, encodes counter values in clocks x<sub>1</sub> = <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2<sup>c1</sup></sub>, x<sub>2</sub> = <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2<sup>c2</sup></sub>
- Checks for cheating, using probabilities

### Increment c<sub>1</sub>



### The Check widget : GetProb



- At  $E_0$ ,  $x_1 = \frac{1}{2^{c_1+1}} \pm \epsilon$
- $\mathbb{P}_{E_0}(\Diamond(P1)) = \frac{1}{2}(1-2\epsilon)$
- $\mathbb{P}_{E_0}(\Diamond(P2)) = \frac{1}{2}(1+2\epsilon)$
- $\mathbb{P}_{P1}(\diamondsuit(T3 \text{ or } T4)) = \frac{1}{2}(1+2\epsilon)$
- $\mathbb{P}_{P2}(\diamondsuit(T1 \text{ or } T2)) = \frac{1}{2}(1-2\epsilon)$
- $\mathbb{P}_{E_0}(\diamondsuit(\mathsf{Target})) = \frac{1}{2}(1 4\epsilon^2) \leq \frac{1}{2}$

### Zero Test : $c_1$



 Probability to reach target=Probability to continue=<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>

# Player $\diamond$ has a strategy to reach the (set of) target locations in $\mathcal{G}$ with probability $\frac{1}{2}$ iff the two counter machine does not halt.

If the machine does not halt,
$$\mathbb{P}(T) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \eta_1 + (\frac{1}{2})^2 \cdot \eta_2 + (\frac{1}{2})^3 \cdot \eta_3 + \dots + (\frac{1}{2})^k \cdot \eta_k + \dots$$
 $\eta_j = \frac{1}{2} (1 - 4\epsilon_j^2) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ 
 $\epsilon_j = 0$  iff  $\diamondsuit$  faithful

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 $\mathbb{P}_{\sigma}(\{\rho \in \mathit{Run}(\mathcal{G}, \mathit{s}_{0}, \sigma) \mid \rho \text{ visits } T \text{ within } \Delta \text{ time units})\} \bowtie \rho$ 

The timed-bounded quantitative reachability problem is undecidable for  $2\frac{1}{2}$  STGs with  $\geqslant$  7 clocks.

- Simulation of instruction k takes time  $\frac{1}{2^k}$
- ► Reachability with probability ▷ <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> iff the two counter machine halts, and ◊ simulates faithfully
- checks correctness of simulation using the power of probabilities

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