

Specification Theories for Probabilistic Systems

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Motivation

Context

Embedded systems

- ▶ "An embedded system is an engineering artifact involving computation that is subject to physical constraints"
Henzinger & Sifakis 2006
- ▶ Examples: Braking systems in cars, GPS systems in planes etc.

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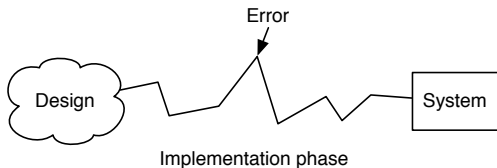
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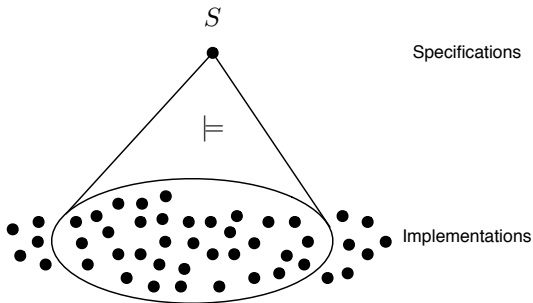
Solution:

- ▶ Component-based design
 - Reduced complexity in components
 - Stepwise refinement
 - Independent implementation

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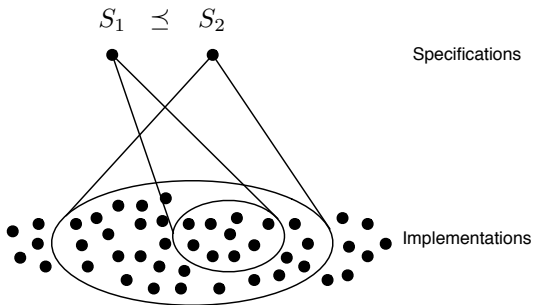
- ▶ Satisfaction



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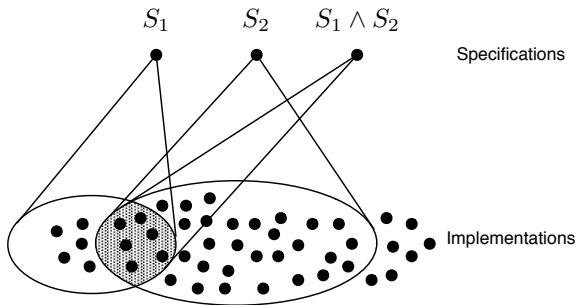
- ▶ Refinement



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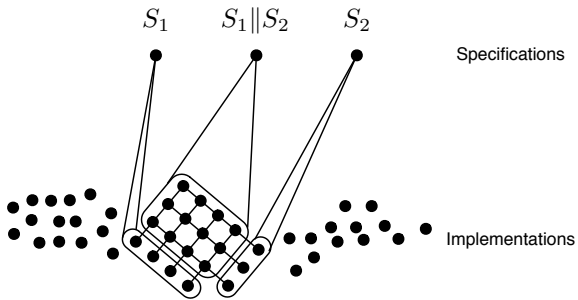
► Conjunction



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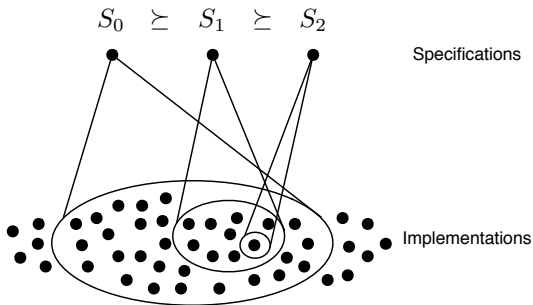
- ▶ Parallel composition



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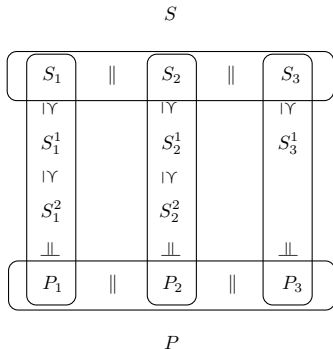
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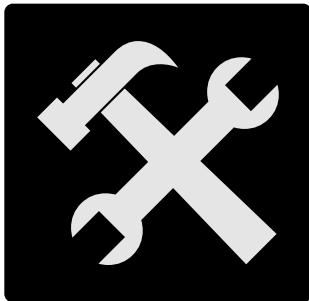
- ▶ Independent implementability



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- ▶ Tool support



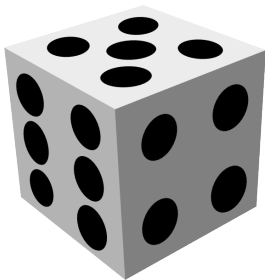
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Probabilities: in general

- ▶ Probabilities abstracts away hidden information
- ▶ Allows for quantitative reasoning
 - E.g. what is the probability to avoid a specific error?

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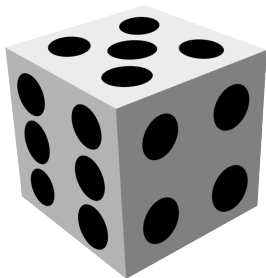
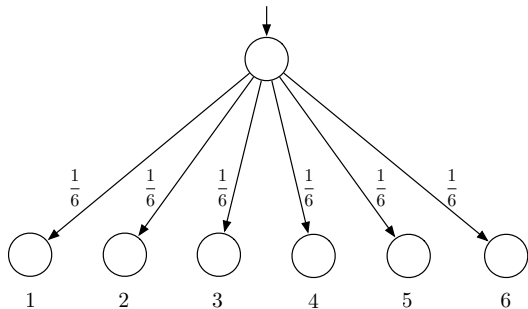
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- ▶ How could this be modelled?

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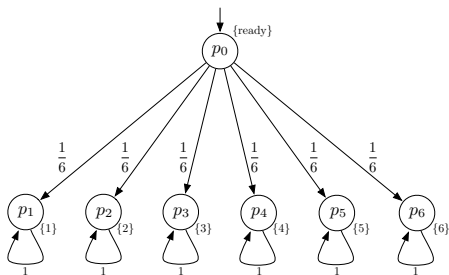
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- ▶ Distribution is learned by e.g. sampling

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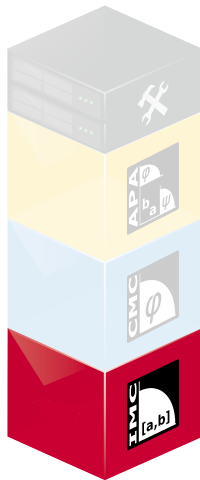
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- ▶ P : set of states, $p_0 \in P$
- ▶ A : atomic propositions,
- ▶ $V_C : P \rightarrow 2^A$: state valuation function
- ▶ $\pi : P \rightarrow \text{Dist}(Q)$: probability distribution assignment

Markov 1906

Interval Markov Chains



Paper A (**JLAP**, LATA'11)

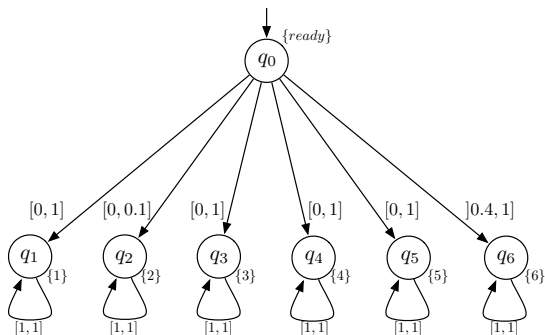
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- ▶ We modelled the behaviour of a dice
- ▶ How could we specify a dice?

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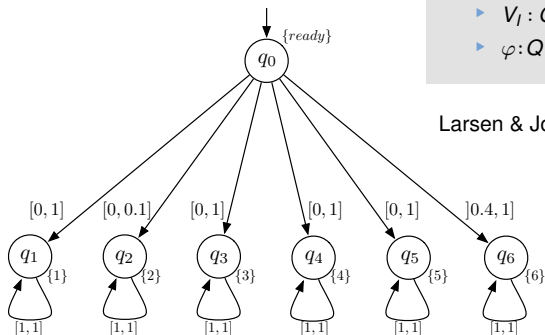
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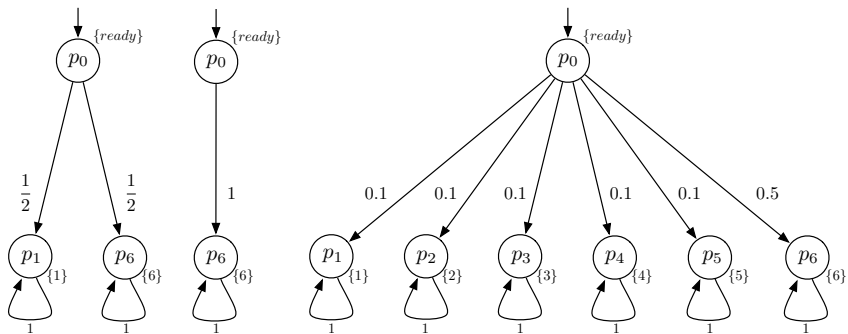
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- ▶ $\varphi : Q \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow \text{Intervals}_{[0,1]})$.

Larsen & Jonsson 1991



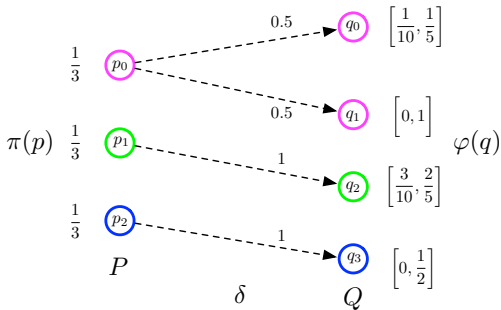
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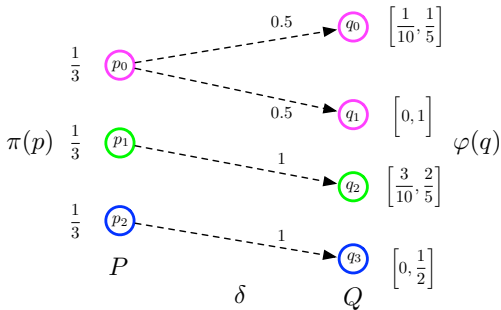
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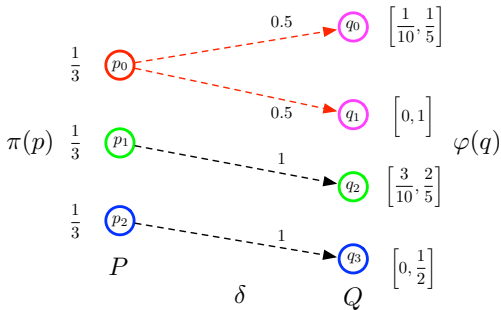
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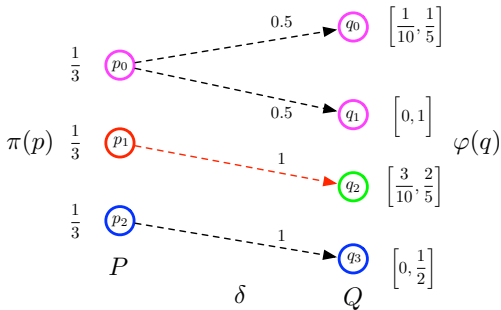
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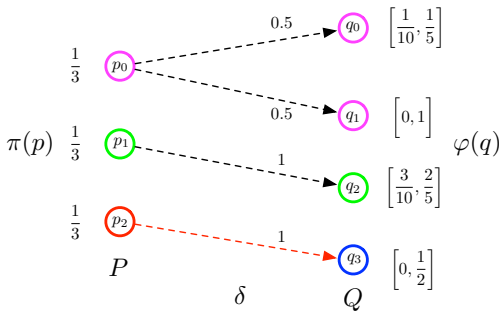
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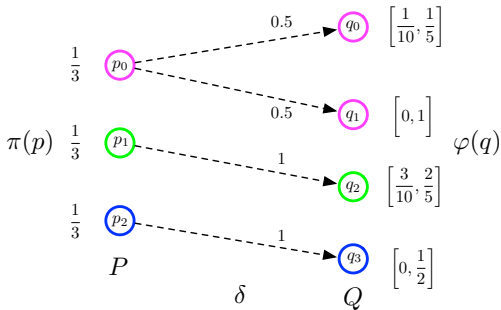
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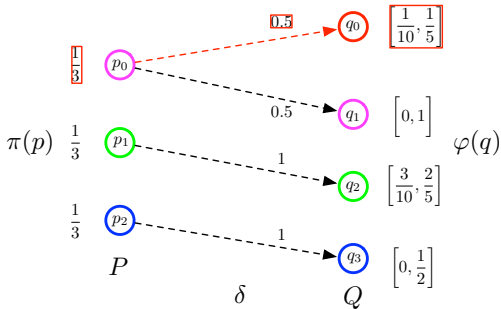
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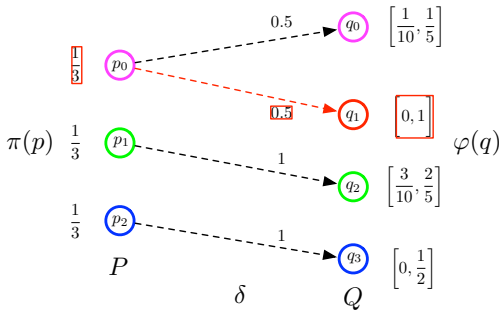
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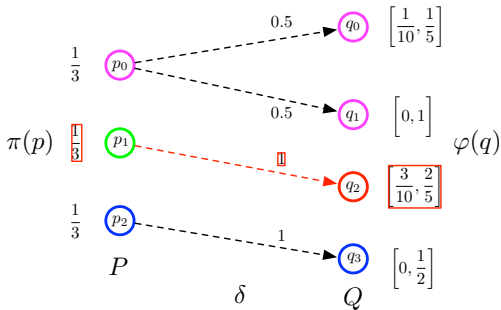
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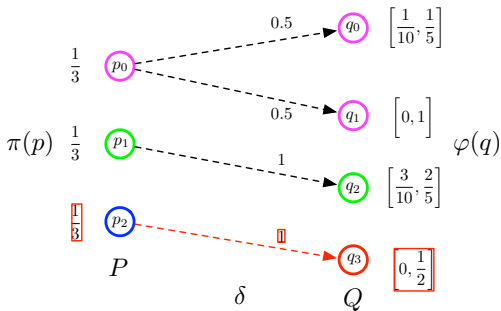
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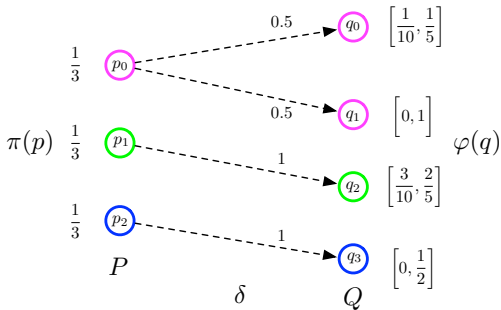
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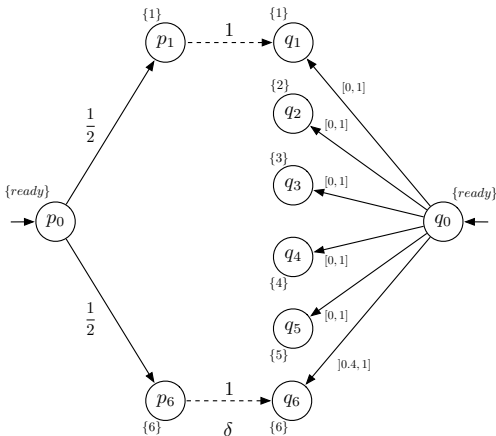
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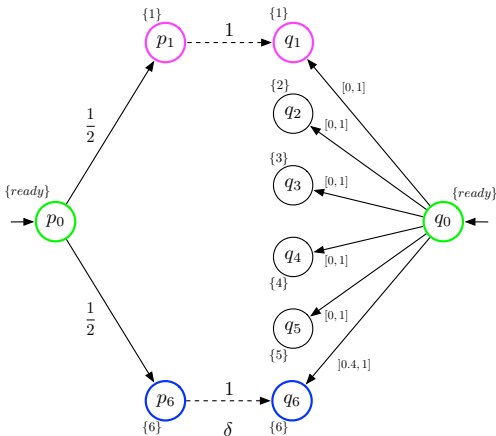
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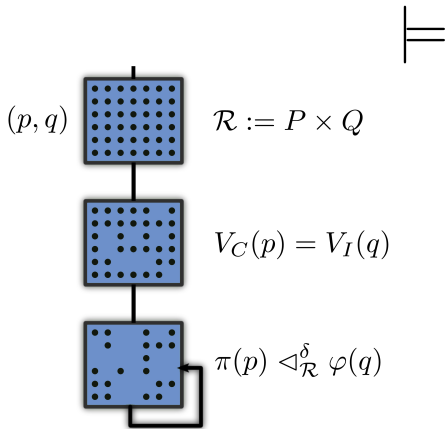
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Satisfaction: towards an algorithm



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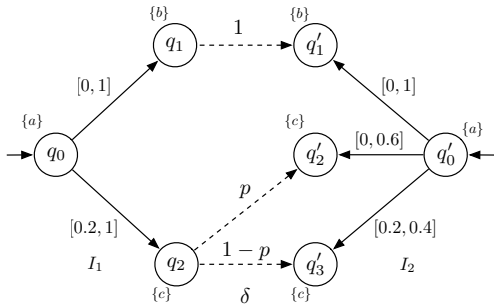
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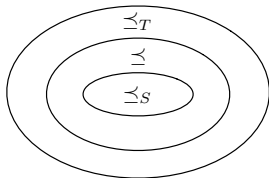
Theorem

Let I_1 and I_2 be IMCs. We have that

$$I_1 \leq_S I_2 \Rightarrow I_1 \leq I_2 \Rightarrow I_1 \leq_T I_2,$$

and under determinism,

$$I_1 \leq_S I_2 \Leftrightarrow I_1 \leq I_2 \Leftrightarrow I_1 \leq_T I_2.$$

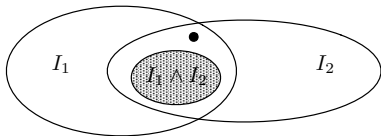


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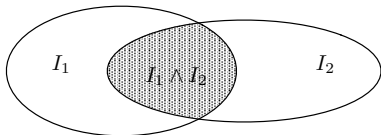


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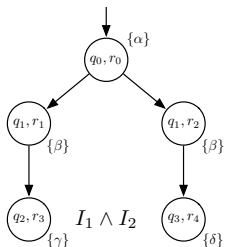
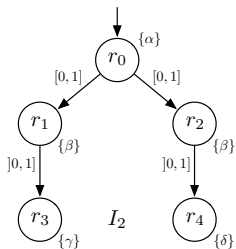
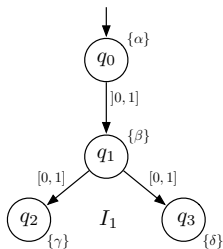
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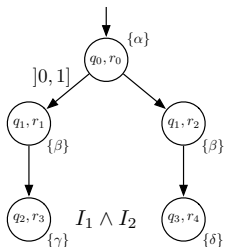
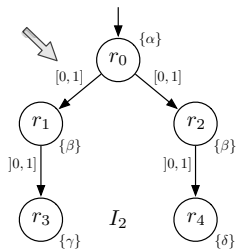
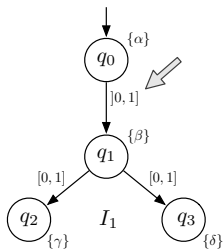
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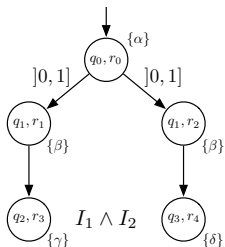
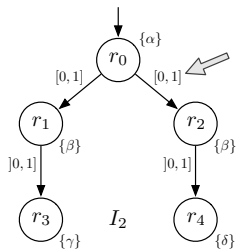
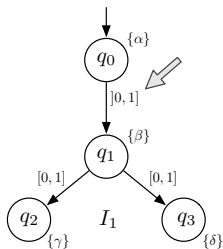
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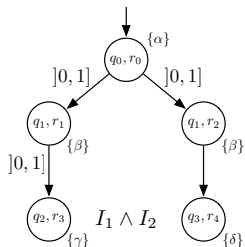
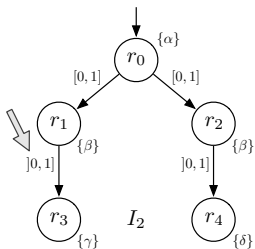
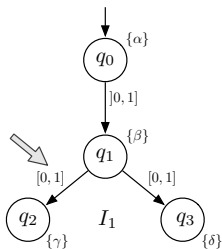
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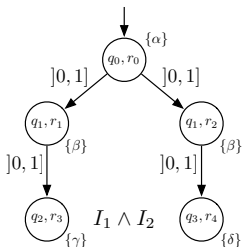
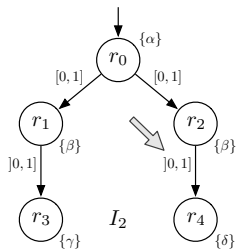
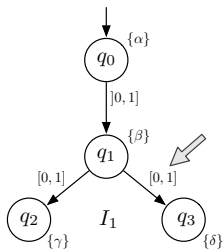
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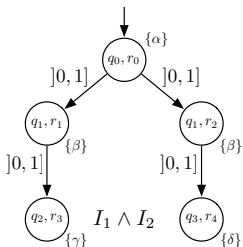
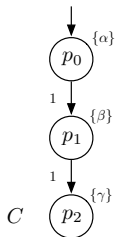
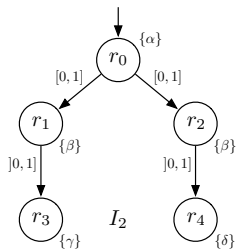
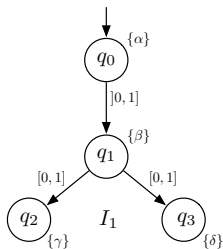
Interval Markov Chains

Closure problems: conjunction



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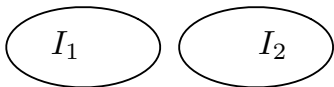
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Common implementation

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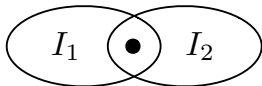


- ▶ Consistency
- ▶ Pruning

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Common implementation

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Complexity results

Theorem

Checking for the existence of a common implementation is EXPTIME-complete




Theorem

Checking consistency is in PTIME

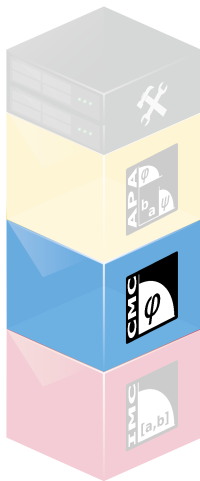
Theorem

Checking thorough refinement is EXPTIME-complete

Conclusion – IMC

			
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Pruning	✓		
Conjunction			
Parallel Composition			

Constraint Markov Chains

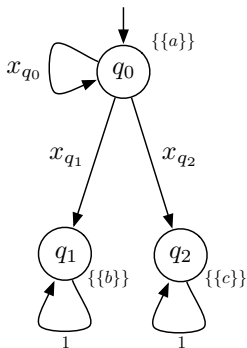


Paper B (**TCS**, QEST'10)

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Constraint Markov Chains

Motivation



$$\varphi(q_0)(x) \equiv 0.1 \leq x_{q_0} \leq 0.2 \vee \\ 0.7 \leq x_{q_0} \leq 0.9$$

Definition

A *Constraint Markov Chain* consists of

- ▶ Q : set of states, $q_0 \in Q$
- ▶ A : atomic propositions
- ▶ $V : Q \rightarrow 2^{2^A}$: admissible state valuations
- ▶ $\varphi : Q \rightarrow (\text{Dist}(Q) \rightarrow \{0, 1\})$: constraint function

Constraint Markov Chains

Results

Theorem

Let S_1 and S_2 be CMCs. We have that

$$S_1 \leq_S S_2 \Rightarrow S_1 \leq S_2 \Rightarrow S_1 \leq_T S_2,$$

and under determinism and single valuations in initial states,

$$S_1 \leq_S S_2 \Leftrightarrow S_1 \leq S_2 \Leftrightarrow S_1 \leq_T S_2.$$

Constraint Markov Chains

Closure properties: results

- ▶ Conjunction

Theorem

$$[[S_1 \wedge S_2]] = [[S_1]] \cap [[S_2]]$$

- ▶ Parallel composition

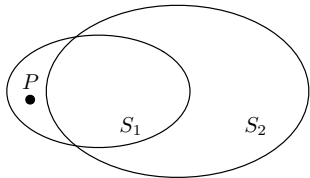
Theorem

If $S_1 \preceq S_3$ and $S_2 \preceq S_4$, then $S_1 \parallel S_2 \preceq S_3 \parallel S_4$

Constraint Markov Chains

Counter-example generation and weak refinement

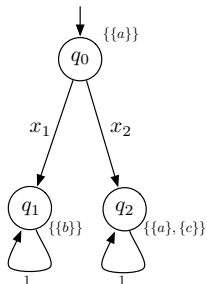
- ▶ $S_1 \not\approx S_2$ (deterministic and in single valuation normal form)
- ▶ Counter-example P : $P \in \llbracket S_1 \rrbracket$ and $P \notin \llbracket S_2 \rrbracket$
- ▶ Uses equivalences of refinement relations



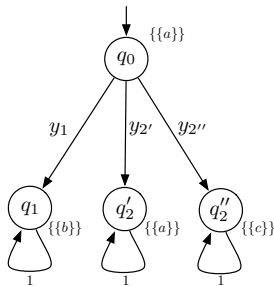
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Further results

- Normalization: $[[S]] = [[\mathcal{N}(S)]]$



$$\varphi(q_0)(x) \equiv x_1 \geq 0.7 \wedge x_2 \leq 0.4 \wedge x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

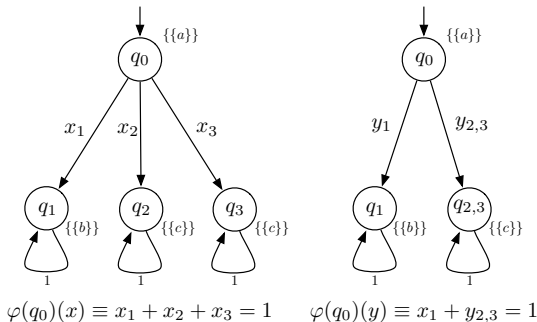


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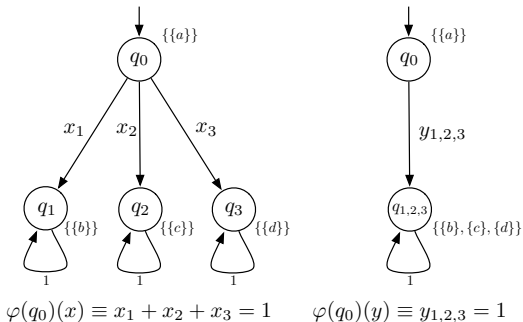
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Further results

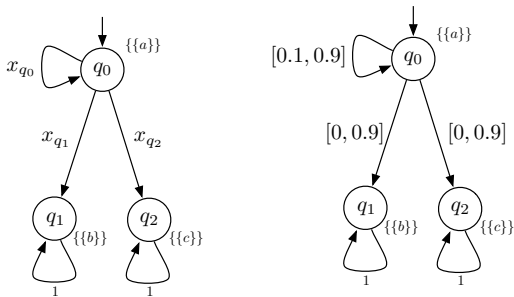
- ▶ State abstraction: $\mathcal{S} \leq \alpha(\mathcal{S})$



Constraint Markov Chains




Further results

- ▶ Constraint abstraction: $S \leq \chi(S)$
- ▶ Minimality: $S \leq I$, then $\chi(S) \leq I$

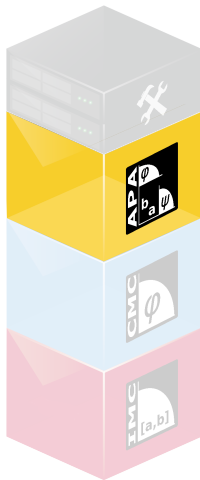


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Conclusion – CMC

			
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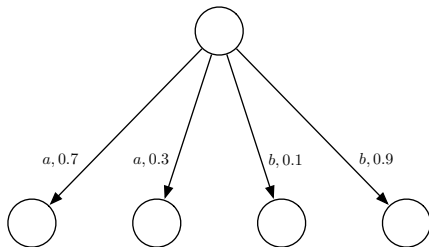
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Extending the notion of MCs

Probabilistic automata

- ▶ MCs: precisely one outgoing transitions from each state
- ▶ Non-determinism



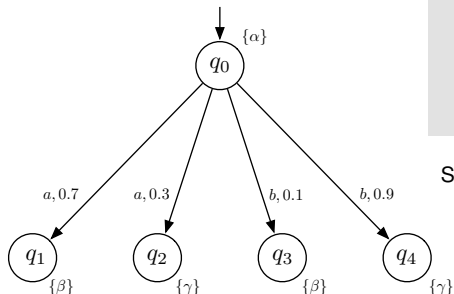
Extending the notion of MCs

Motivation

Definition

A *Probabilistic Automaton* consists of

- ▶ S : set of states, $s_0 \in S$
- ▶ A : actions
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Segala & Lynch 1994

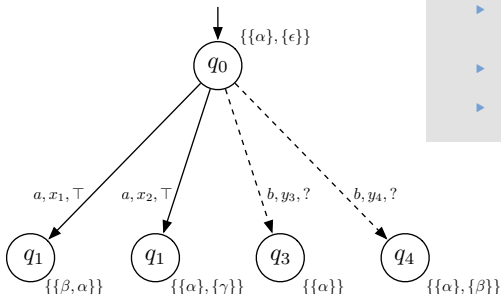
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An *Abstract Probabilistic Automaton* consists of

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$$\varphi_x \equiv (x_1 = 1 \vee x_2 = 1) \wedge x_1 + x_2 = 1$$

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Abstract Probabilistic Automata

Weak refinement

Definition

N, N' APAs

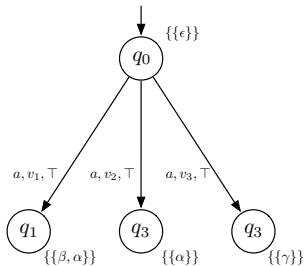
$\mathcal{R} \subseteq N \times N'$ is a weak refinement relation if and only if, for all $(s, s') \in \mathcal{R}$,

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- ▶ $V(s) \subseteq V'(s')$.

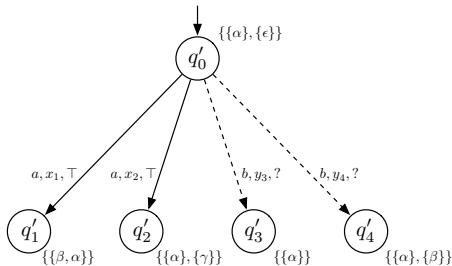
$N \leq N' \iff \exists \mathcal{R}, (s_0, s'_0) \in \mathcal{R}$.

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Refinement: example



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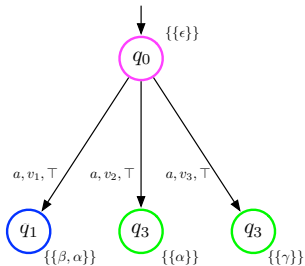


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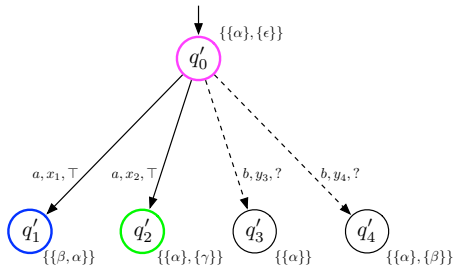
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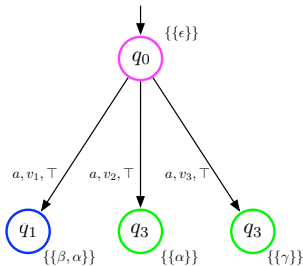


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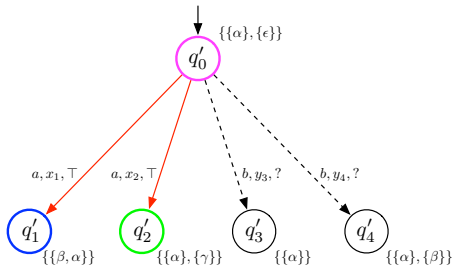
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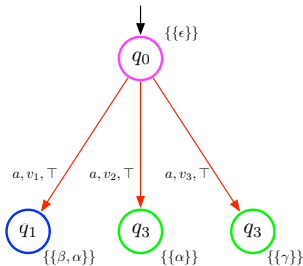


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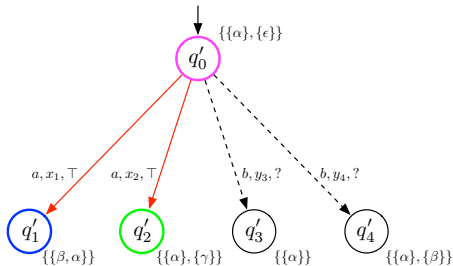
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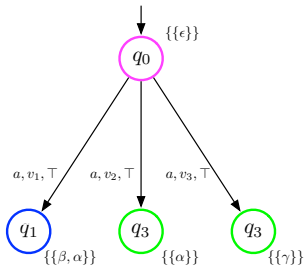


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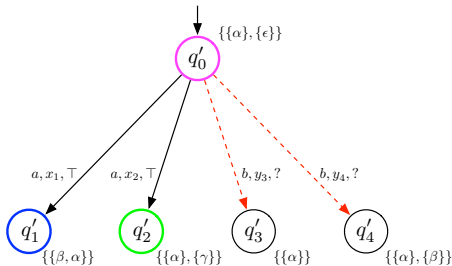
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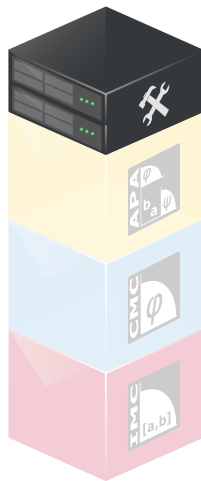
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Conclusion – APA

			
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APAC



Paper C

Paper E

Paper F (**QEST'11**)

APAC

Features

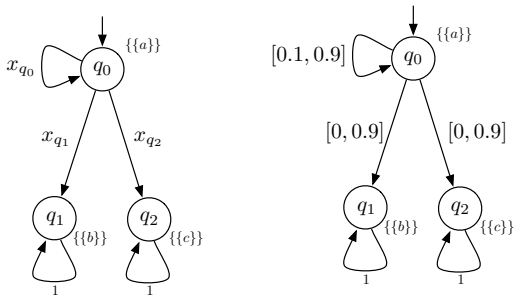
- ▶ Language for specifying CMCs and APAs
- ▶ Written in C# and uses the SMT solver Z3

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Z3

- ▶ Simplifies expressions by e.g. quantifier elimination
- ▶ Example: $\exists x : ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \rightsquigarrow b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$
 - Model instantiation
- ▶ Solving equations
- ▶ Z3 supports linear arithmetic for reals

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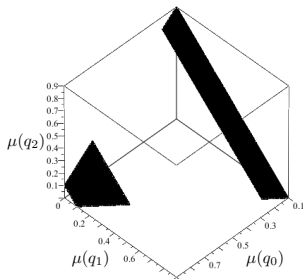
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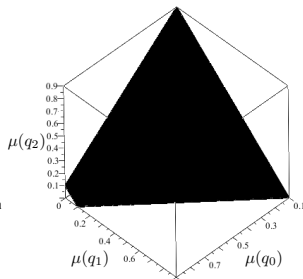
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APAC

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