

Approximate Simulations for Probabilistic I/O Automata

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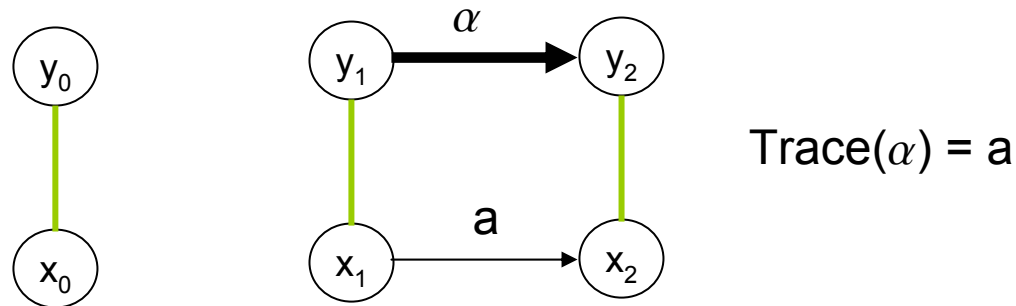
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Implementation Relations

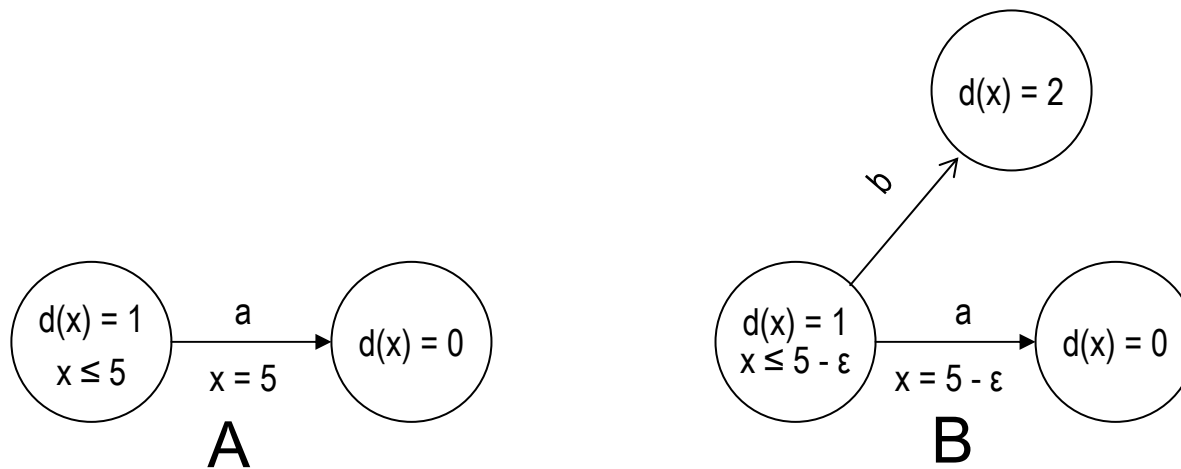
- Timed automata, probabilistic automata
- Executions record evolution of the system
- Traces or visible behaviors
 - sequences of external actions
 - sequences of external actions and intervals
 - probability distribution over visible sequences
- Implementation as trace inclusion (e.g., [Lynch, Vaandrager 1995](#))
- A implements B if $\text{Traces}(A) \subseteq \text{Traces}(B)$, written as $A \leq B$
- A and B are equivalent if $\text{Traces}(A) = \text{Traces}(B)$, written as $A = B$
- Other notions of implementation : strong and weak bisimulation, reachable set inclusion

Simulation Relations for Proving Implementation

- A, B automata
- R is a relation on $X \times Y$
- Forward simulation

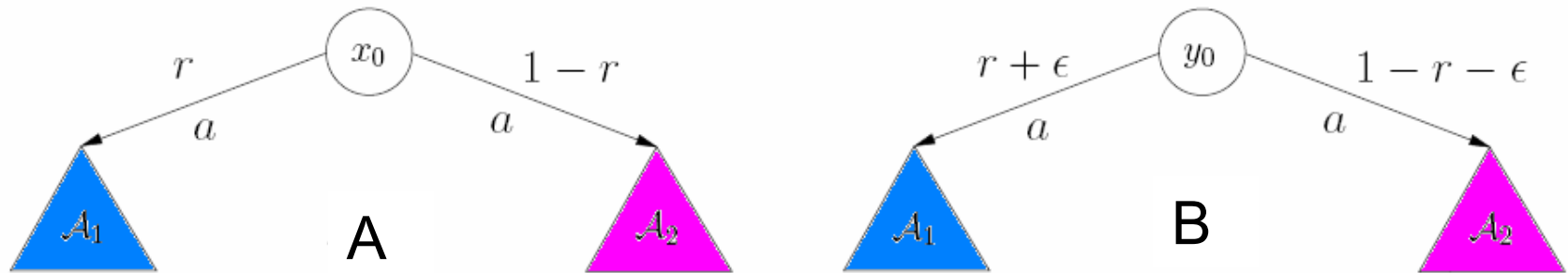


Fragility of Classical Implementation in Timed Systems



- $\text{Traces}(A) = \{ [0, t], [0, 5]a, \dots \}$
- $\text{Traces}(B) = \{ [0, t], [0, 5 + \epsilon]a, \dots, [0, t]b, \dots \}$
- A and B cannot be compared

and in Probabilistic Systems



- Suppose (α_1, p_1) and (α_2, p_2) are the only traces of A_1 and A_2
- Traces(A) contains $(a\alpha_1, rp_1)$ $(a\alpha_2, (1-r)p_2)$
- Traces(B) contains $(a\alpha_1, (r+\epsilon)p_1)$ $(a\alpha_2, (1-r-\epsilon)p_2)$
- Again, A B cannot be compared

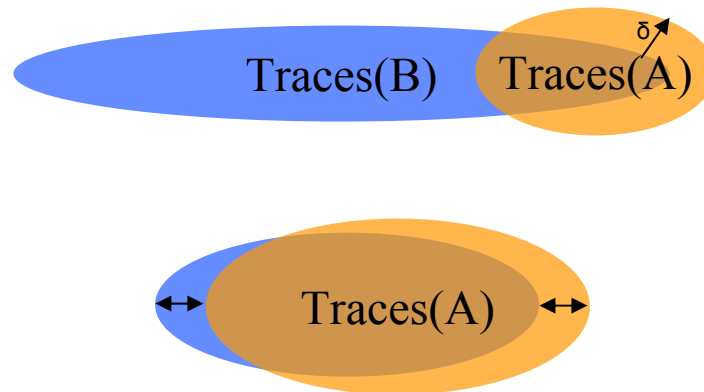
Metrics on Traces

Define a metric \mathbf{d} on the space \mathbf{T} containing traces of A and traces of B

(\mathbf{T}, \mathbf{d}) is a metric space

A *δ -implements* B if for every μ_A in $\text{Trace}(A)$ there is μ_B in $\text{Trace}(B)$ s.t. $\mathbf{d}(\mu_A, \mu_B) \leq \delta$

A and B are *δ -equivalent* if they δ -implement each other

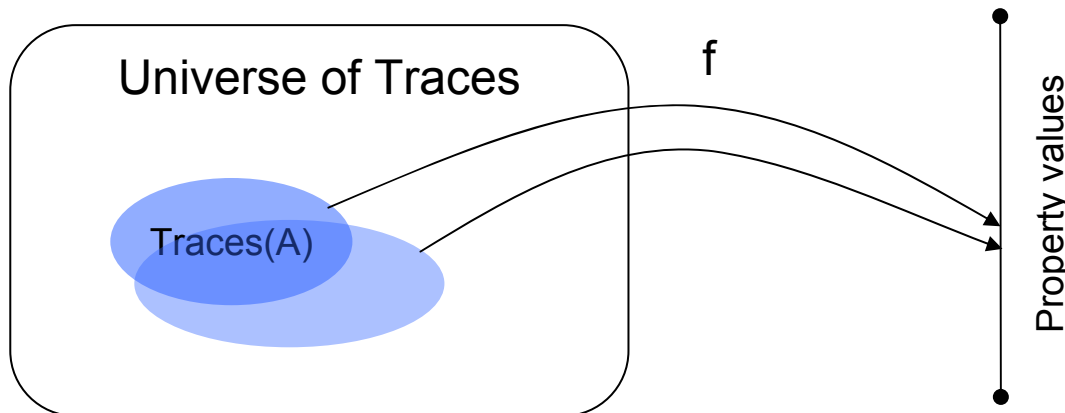


Metrics on Traces

- Robust implementation relations
- Actual value of δ is unimportant
- Abstraction and model reduction through approximation



- Continuity of quantitative properties



- Define metrics for trace distributions of PIOA
- Simulation based techniques for proving **A** *δ -implements* **B**

Outline

- Task-structured PIOA
- A simple approximate simulation
- Expanded approx. sim.
- Discounted approx. sim.
- Other metrics and new directions

Related Work I

1. Probabilistic CCS
Giacalone, Jou, Smolka (1994)
Introduced metric in the study of bisimilarity
Metric: ε -bisimilar
2. Probabilistic Concurrent 2-player Games
Alfaro, Henzinger, Mazumdar (2003)
Discounted mu-calculus
Fixpoint-based algorithms for checking discounted properties

Related Work II

3. Labelled Markov Processes (LMPs)

[Desharnais, Gupta, Jagadeesan, Panagaden \(2002-04\)](#)

Metric on states defined based on a class

$d(A,B) = 0$ implies A and B are bisimilar

[Van Breugel, Mislove, Ouaknine, Worell \(2003\)](#)

Intrinsic characterization of the above metric

Topology induced by the above metric on the space of LMPs

Polynomial time algorithm for the metric for finite LMPs

4. Generalized Semi Markov Processes

[Gupta, Jagadeesan, Panagaden \(2004\)](#)

Pseudometric analogue of bisimulation

Continuity of properties

No nondeterminism, based on bisimulations

Related Work III

5. Discrete/Continuous Metric Transition Systems

Girard, Pappas (2005)

Pseudometrics on: trace inclusion, Reachable set inclusion, bisimulation
Algorithms for computing metrics

6. Probabilistic I/O Automata

Cheung (2006)

Trace distributions are closed sets in $([0,1]^{\text{Traces}^*}, d)$
Finite tests are sufficient to distinguish infinite processes

Task-Structured PTIOA

Canetti, Cheung, Kaynar, Liskov, Lynch, Pereira, Segala(2005-06)

Discrete probability measures on X , $\mu(E) = \sum_{e \in E} \mu(\{e\})$ and $\mu(X) = 1$

$\text{Disc}(X)$, $\text{Supp}(\mu)$

$A = (Q, v, I, O, H, D, R)$

Q : countable set of states

v : initial distribution

I, O, H : countable, pairwise disjoint sets of actions

$D \subseteq Q \times A \times \text{Disc}(Q)$, $(q, a, \mu) \in D$ is written as $q \rightarrow_a \mu$

R : Equivalence relation on L ; each equivalence class of R is a *task* (T)

Axioms:

- Input enabled
- For any q & a , there is at most one $q \rightarrow_a \mu$
- For any q & T , there is at most one $a \in T$ enabled at q .

For this talk **assume A is closed**

Executions and Traces

As usual

- Execution fragment $\alpha = q_0 a_1 q_1 a_2 \dots$
- α is an execution if q_0 in $\text{Supp}(v)$
- Execs, Execs*
- $\text{trace}(\alpha)$ captures the visible part of α
 - delete all q 's and the a 's in H
- Traces, Traces*

But PIOA is probabilistic

“visible behavior” = distribution over Traces, *a trace distribution*

Nondeterministic, therefore set of trace distributions

Task Scheduler

- *Task scheduler* for A is a (finite or infinite) sequence of tasks $T_1 T_2 \dots$
 - It interacts with A to give discrete distributions over execution fragments
- For this talk **assume task scheduler is finite**
 - All distributions are *finite* (we avoid limit arguments)
 - A finite measure can be viewed as a discrete measure on finite fragments

In general

- σ -field on Execs generated by cones
- discrete σ -field of Execs* is contained in the above
- Likewise σ -fields for Traces
- Construct chains of measures and then take limits

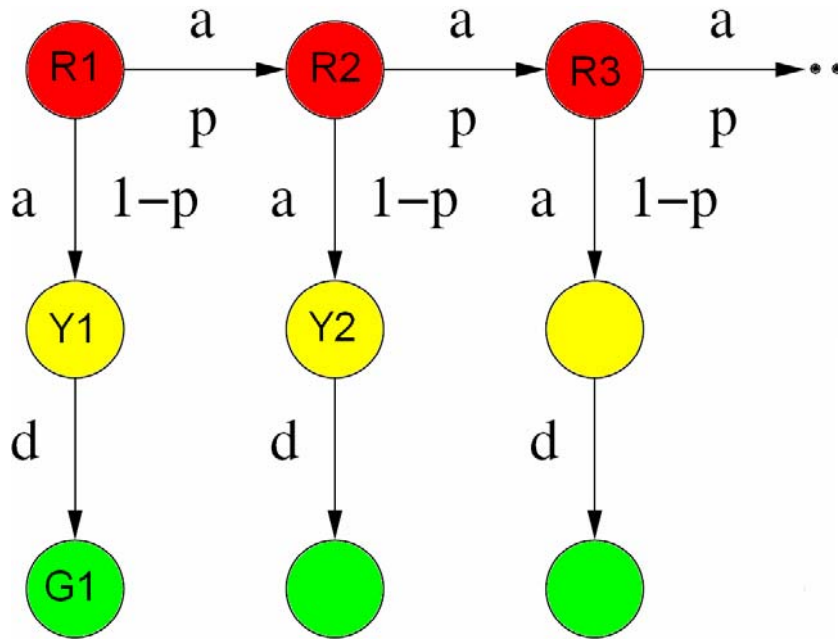
Applying a Schedule

Given a distribution μ over Execs* a task schedule $\sigma = T_1 T_2 \dots T_n$
 $\text{apply}(\mu, \sigma)$ gives a probability distribution Execs by applying σ

- $\text{apply}(\mu, \perp) = \mu$
- $\text{apply}(\mu, T) = \mu'$
- $\text{apply}(\mu, \sigma T) = \text{apply}(\text{apply}(\mu, \sigma), T)$
- $\text{apply}(\mu, \sigma) = \lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} \text{apply}(\mu, \sigma_i)$, σ_i is the length i prefix of σ

- $\text{apply}(\mu, \sigma) =$ probability distribution over fragments
 - $\text{apply}(\mu, \perp) = \mu$
 - $\text{apply}(\mu, T) = \mu'$
 - $\mu'(\alpha) = p_1(\alpha) + p_2(\alpha)$
 - $p_1(\alpha) = \mu(\alpha')\eta(q)$ if $\alpha = \alpha' a q$ and a is in task T and $\text{lstate}(\alpha') \xrightarrow{a} \eta$
 - $p_2(\alpha) = \mu(\alpha)$ if T is *not* enabled in $\text{lstate}(\alpha)$
 - $\text{apply}(\mu, \sigma T) = \text{apply}(\text{apply}(\mu, \sigma), T)$

Applying Schedules



$\alpha \backslash \sigma$										
\perp	1									
a		1-p	p							

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_1(\alpha) &= \mu(\alpha')p && \text{if } \alpha = \alpha'a \text{ } R_{i+1} \text{ } \text{Istate}(\alpha')=R_i \\
 &= \mu(\alpha')(1-p) && \text{if } \alpha = \alpha'a \text{ } Y_i \text{ } \text{Istate}(\alpha')=R_i \\
 &= \mu(\alpha') && \text{if } \alpha = \alpha'd \text{ } G_i \text{ } \text{Istate}(\alpha')=Y_i
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_2(\alpha) &= \mu(\alpha) && \text{if } \text{Istate}(\alpha) = R_i \\
 &= \mu(\alpha) && \text{if } \text{Istate}(\alpha) = Y_i
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- A task schedule σ defines $\mu = \text{apply}(v, \sigma)$ is a *probabilistic execution*
- Corresponding *trace distribution* $\text{tdist}(\mu)(\beta) = \mu(\text{trace}^{-1}(\beta))$
- $\text{tdists}(A) = \{\text{tdist}(\text{apply}(v, \sigma)) : \sigma \text{ is a task scheduler for } A\}$
set of all possible trace distributions
- $A \leq B$ if $\text{tdists}(A) \subseteq \text{tdists}(B)$

Metrics on Trace Distributions

A **metric** $d : \text{Disc}(E^*) \times \text{Disc}(E^*) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

(1) $d(\mu_1, \mu_2) = 0$ iff $\mu_1 = \mu_2$

(2) $d(\mu_1, \mu_2) = d(\mu_2, \mu_1)$

(3) $d(\mu_1, \mu_3) \leq d(\mu_1, \mu_2) + d(\mu_2, \mu_3)$

A **δ -implements** B (w.r.t metric d) if for every trace dist μ_1 of A there is a trace dist μ_2 of B such that $d(\mu_1, \mu_2) \leq \delta$.

We write this as $A \leq_{\delta} B$.

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3. Trace : $\phi(\mu_1, \mu_2) \leq \varepsilon$ implies $\mathbf{d}(\text{tdist}(\mu_1), \text{tdist}(\mu_2)) \leq \delta$

Simulation Relation: [Segala \(1995-96\)](#)
 $R \subseteq \text{Disc}(\text{Execs}^*(A)) \times \text{Disc}(\text{Execs}^*(B))$

1. $\nu_1 R \nu_2$
2. $\mu_1 R \mu_2$, implies $\mu_1' \mathbf{E}(R) \mu_2'$
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and μ_2 is consistent with $full(c)(\sigma)$

then $\phi(apply(\mu_1, T), apply(\mu_2, c(\sigma, T))) \leq \varepsilon$

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Soundness of SA

Theorem 1. If there exists an (ε, δ) -SA simulation function from A to B then $A \leq_{\delta} B$.

- Consider any $\mu_A = \text{apply}(v_1, T_1 T_2 \dots T_n)$
 $\sigma_j = c(T_1 \dots T_j)$
 $\mu_{A,j} = \text{apply}(v_1, T_1 T_2 \dots T_j)$
 $\mu_{B,j} = \text{apply}(v_1, \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_j)$
 $\mu_B = \mu_{B,n}$
- For all j , $\phi(\mu_{A,j}, \mu_{B,j}) \leq \varepsilon$ (by induction using 1,2)
- For all j , $d(\text{tdist}(\mu_{A,j}), \text{tdist}(\mu_{B,j})) \leq \delta$ (by 3)

In particular, $d(\text{tdist}(\mu_A), \text{tdist}(\mu_B)) \leq \delta$

- For infinite task schedules take limit of a sequence of probability measures.

$$\lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \eta_{Aj} = \eta_A \text{ and } \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \eta_{Bj} = \eta_B \text{ then } \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} d(\eta_{Aj}, \eta_{Bj}) = d(\eta_A, \eta_B)$$

- **Step** and **Trace** conditions are critical for the choice of the metric and the simulation function

Probabilistic Safety

$$d_u(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \sup_{C \subseteq 2^{\text{Traces}^*}} |\mu_1(C) - \mu_2(C)|$$

Define a function (random variable) $\mathbf{X}:\text{Traces} \rightarrow \{0,1\}$

$\mathbf{X}(\beta) := 1$ if some bad action occurs in β
0 otherwise

Suppose A is safe with probability at least p and $B \leq_{\delta} A$

Claim: B is safe with probability at least $\delta + p$

Let μ_B be any trace distribution of B .

There exists μ_A such that, for all C , $|\mu_B(C) - \mu_A(C)| \leq \delta$.

Then, $\mu_B([\mathbf{X}=1]) \leq \delta + \mu_A([\mathbf{X}=1]) \leq \delta + p$

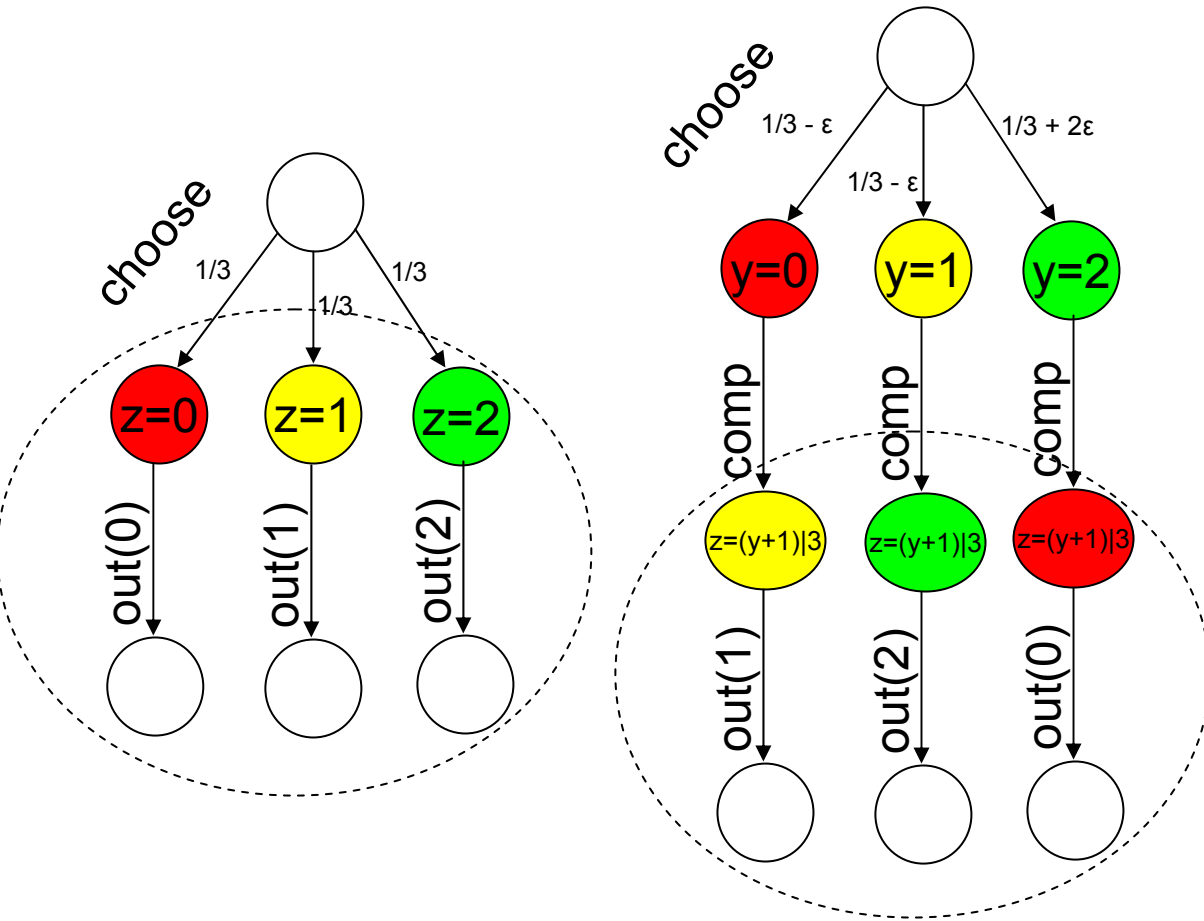
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- We want to capture internal branching
- So, decompose μ_A, μ_B into close components
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 - $\mu_B(\alpha) = \sum_i \lambda_{Bi} \mu_{Bi}(\alpha)$, where $\sum_i \lambda_{Bi} = 1$
 - $\phi(\mu_{Ai}, \mu_{Bj})$ is small
- More powerful simulation function

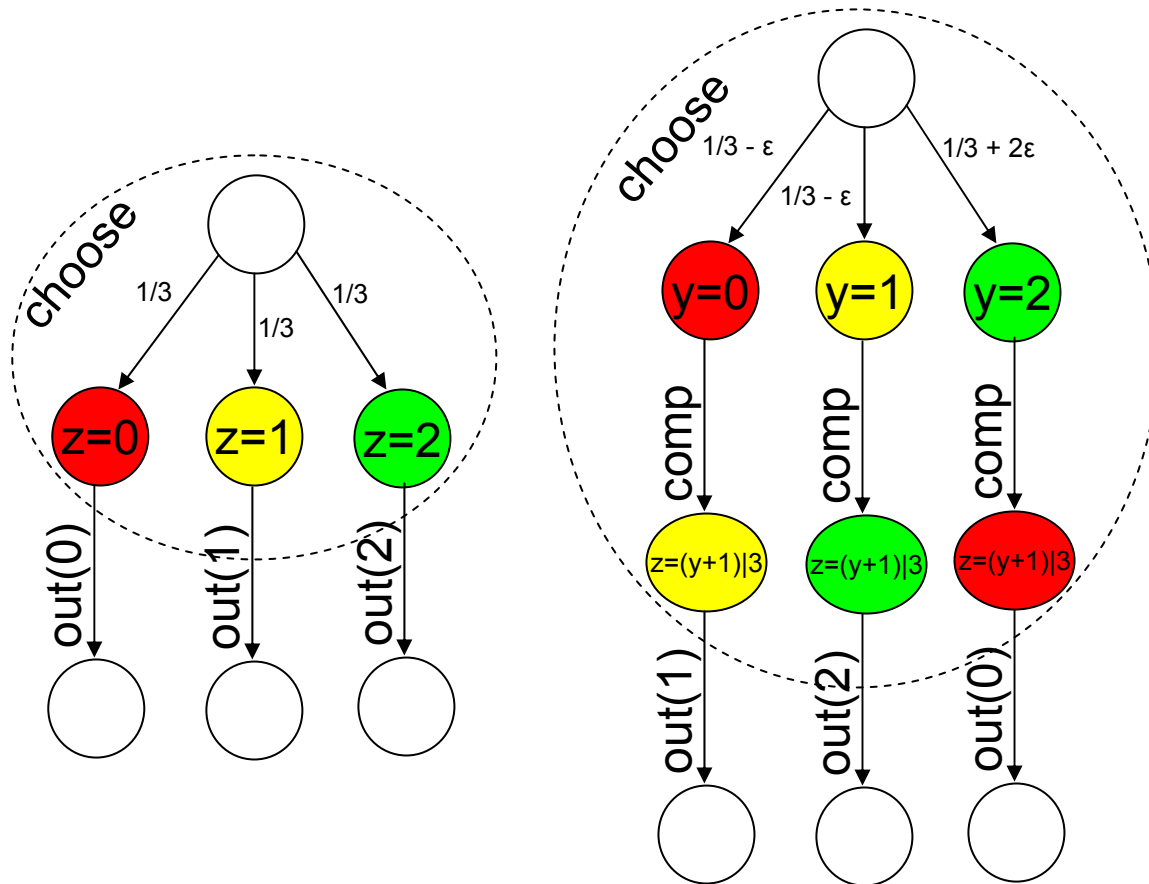
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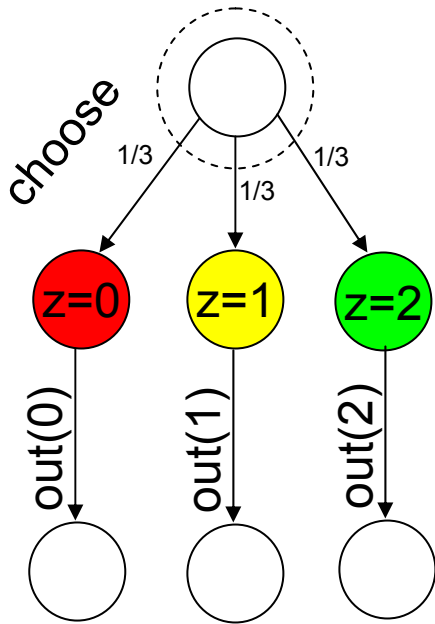
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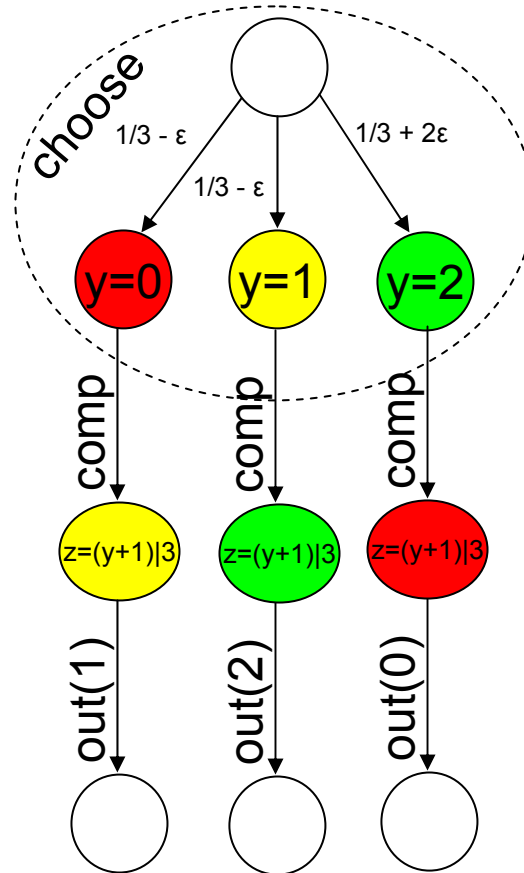
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- $\mu_{B1} = \text{apply}(v_B, \perp) = v_B = \{(z=\perp, 1)\}$
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Will return to this

Expanded Approximate Simulation Relation (EA)

Expansion of $\phi(X, Y) \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$ is

$$\widehat{\phi}(x_1, y_1) = \min_{\substack{\psi \in D(X \times Y) \\ x_1 = \mathbf{E}[\psi_x] \\ y_1 = \mathbf{E}[\psi_y]}} \left[\max_{(x, y) \in \text{supp}(\psi)} \phi(x, y) \right]$$

Expansion of:

$R \subseteq X \times Y$

(x_1, y_1) are in $E(R)$ if there exists w, n_1, n_2

1. $w(x_1, y_1) > 0 \rightarrow x_1 R y_1$
2. $\sum_y w(x, y) = n_1(x)$
3. $\sum_x n_1(x) = x_1$

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$\hat{\phi}(x_1, y_1) \leq \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow \exists$ a witnessing joint distribution $\psi \in D(X \times Y)$

such that $\max_{x, y \in \text{supp}(\psi)} \phi(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$

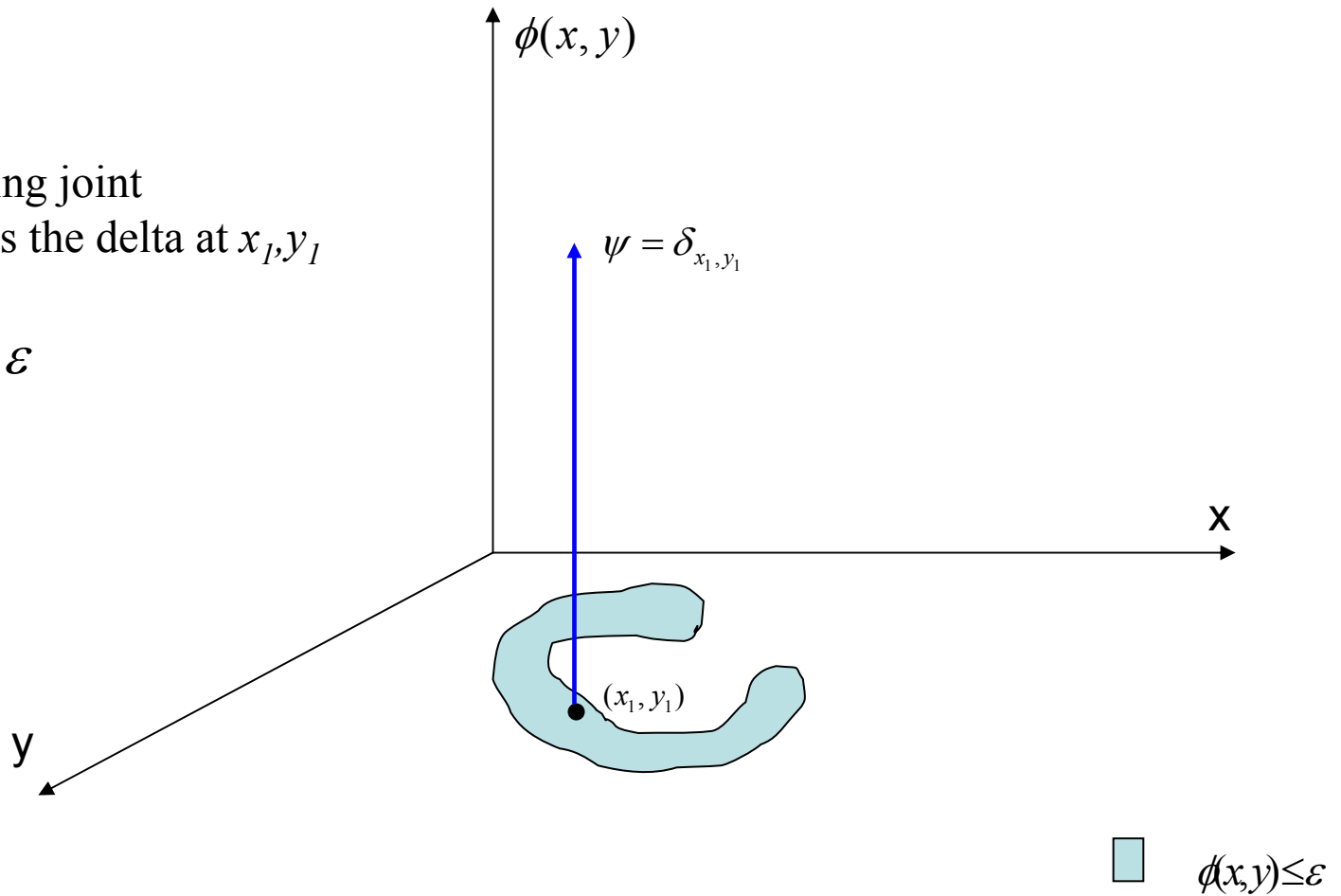
$$x_1 = \sum_{x, y} \psi(x, y)x \quad \text{and} \quad y_1 = \sum_{x, y} \psi(x, y)y$$

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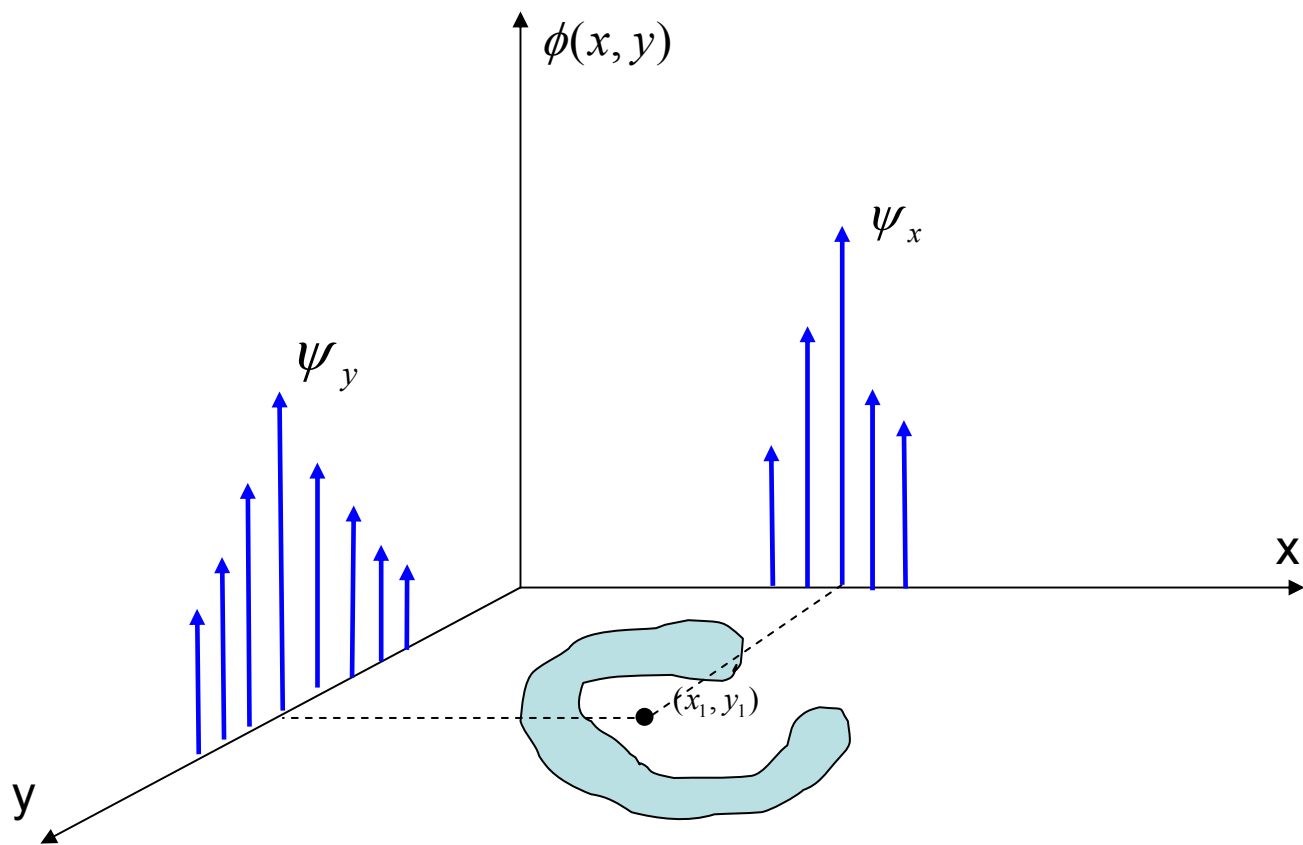
One witnessing joint distribution is the delta at x_1, y_1


$$\hat{\phi}(x_1, y_1) \leq \varepsilon$$



$$\phi(x, y) > \varepsilon$$

$$\widehat{\phi}(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$$




$$\phi(x, y) \leq \varepsilon$$

A small digression

- Finding the witness is an LP
- Optimal transportation problem (**Kantorovich 1942**)

Let M be the set of all probability distributions over executions of A & B

Given $\phi(\eta, \nu)$, the p th Wasserstein metric is given by

$$w_p(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \left(\inf_{\psi \in \Gamma(\mu_1, \mu_2)} \int_{M \times M} \phi(\eta, \nu)^p d\psi(\eta, \nu) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$w_\infty(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \left(\inf_{\psi \in \Gamma(\mu_1, \mu_2)} \sup_{\eta, \nu \in \text{supp}(\psi)} \phi(\eta, \nu) \right)$$

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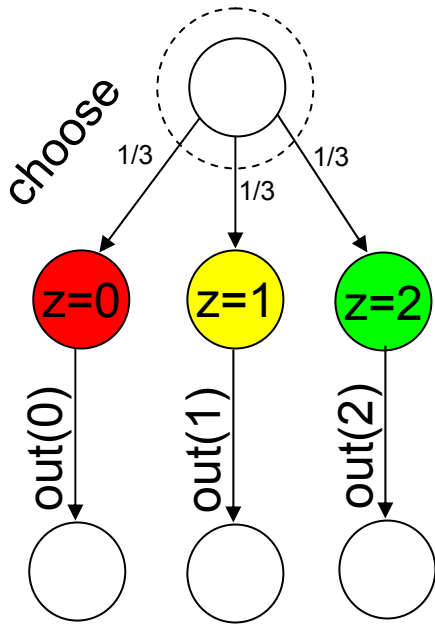
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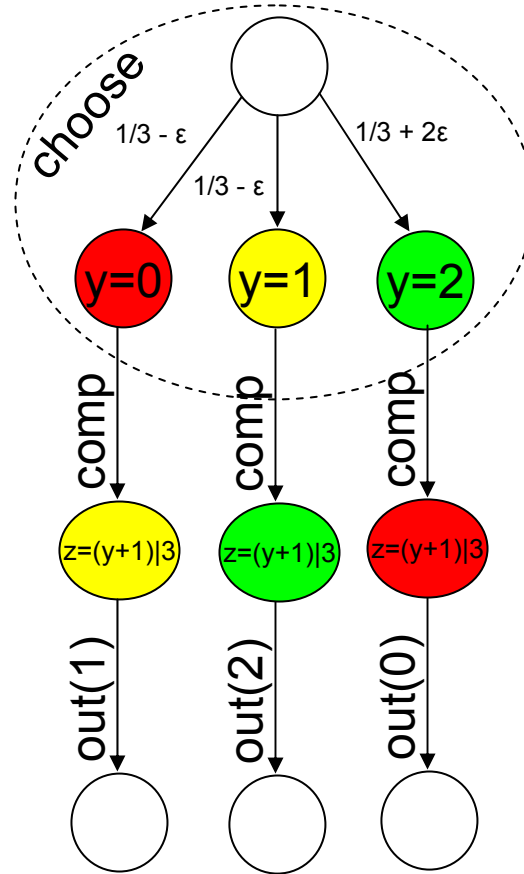
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- For each $\rho_1 \rho_2$ in the support of ψ , $\phi(\rho_1, \rho_2) \leq 2\varepsilon$
- $\mu_{A2} = \sum_i \eta_1 \delta_{i, (i+1) \bmod 3}$
- $\mu_{B2} = \sum_i \eta_2 \delta_i$

$$\hat{\phi}(\mu_{A2}, \mu_{B2}) \leq 2\varepsilon$$

ψ

	$\delta_{y=0z=1}$	$\delta_{y=1z=2}$	$\delta_{y=2z=0}$
$\delta_{z=0}$	0	0	1/3
$\delta_{z=1}$	1/3 - ε	0	ε
$\delta_{z=2}$	0	1/3 - ε	ε

Key Lemmas

Lemma 1. $\widehat{\phi}(\mu_1, \mu_2) \leq \varepsilon$ with witness ψ . f_1, f_2 are distributive functions.

If $\forall \rho_1, \rho_2 \in \text{supp}(\psi), \widehat{\phi}(f_1(\rho_1), f_2(\rho_2)) \leq \varepsilon$ then

$\widehat{\phi}(f_1(\mu_1), f_2(\mu_2)) \leq \varepsilon$.

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sketch of proof for Lemma 1

For each $\rho_1, \rho_2 \in \text{supp}(\psi)$, let ψ_{ρ_1, ρ_2} be the witnessing joint for $\widehat{\phi}(f_1(\rho_1), f_2(\rho_2)) \leq \varepsilon$.

Define a new joint distribution $\psi' := \sum_{\rho_1, \rho_2 \in \text{supp}(\psi)} \psi(\rho_1, \rho_2) \psi_{\rho_1, \rho_2}$

Show : $f_i(\mu_i) = \sum_{\eta_1, \eta_2} \psi'(\eta_1, \eta_2) \eta_i$

and $\eta_1, \eta_2 \in \text{supp}(\psi')$ implies $\phi(\eta_1, \eta_2) \leq \varepsilon$

$$\widehat{\phi}(\mu_1, \mu_2) \leq \varepsilon \text{ implies } \mathbf{d}_u(\text{tdist}(\mu_1), \text{tdist}(\mu_2)) \leq \delta$$

sketch of proof for Lemma 2

Let ψ be the witness

$$\forall \eta_1, \eta_2 \quad \psi(\eta_1, \eta_2) \leq \varepsilon$$

$$\mu_1 = \sum_{\eta_1, \eta_2} \psi(\eta_1, \eta_2) \eta_1$$

$$\text{tdist}(\mu_1) = \sum_{\eta_1, \eta_2} \psi(\eta_1, \eta_2) \text{tdist}(\eta_1)$$

$$\mathbf{d}_u(\text{tdist}(\mu_1), \text{tdist}(\mu_2)) = \text{Sup}_{\beta \in E^*} \left[\sum_{\eta_1, \eta_2} \psi(\eta_1, \eta_2) \text{tdist}(\eta_1) - \sum_{\eta_1, \eta_2} \psi(\eta_1, \eta_2) \text{tdist}(\eta_2) \right]$$

$$\leq \text{Sup}_{\beta \in E^*} \sum_{\eta_1, \eta_2} \psi(\eta_1, \eta_2) |\text{tdist}(\eta_1) - \text{tdist}(\eta_2)| \leq \delta$$

Soundness of SA

Theorem 1. If there exists an (ε, δ) -SA simulation function from A_1 to A_2 then $A_1 \leq_{\delta} A_2$.

- Consider any $\mu_1 = \text{apply}(v_1, T_1 T_2 \dots T_n)$

- Define:

$$\sigma_j = c(T_1 \dots T_j)$$

$$\mu_{1,j} = \text{apply}(v_1, T_1 T_2 \dots T_j)$$

$$\mu_{2,j} = \text{apply}(v_1, \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_j)$$

$$\mu_2 = \mu_{2,n}$$

- For all j , $\phi(\mu_{1,j}, \mu_{2,j}) \leq \varepsilon$ (by induction)
- For all j , $d_u(\text{tdist}(\mu_{1,j}), \text{tdist}(\mu_{2,j})) \leq \delta$ (by 3.)
 - In particular, $d_u(\text{tdist}(\mu_1), \text{tdist}(\mu_2)) \leq \delta$

Soundness of EA

Theorem 2. If there exists an (ε, δ) -EA simulation function from A_1 to A_2 then $A_1 \leq_{\delta} A_2$.

- Consider any $\mu_1 = \text{apply}(v_1, T_1 T_2 \dots T_n)$
- Define: $\sigma_j = c(T_1 \dots T_j)$, $\mu_{1,j} = \text{apply}(v_1, T_1 T_2 \dots T_j)$, $\mu_{2,j} = \text{apply}(v_1, \sigma_1 \sigma_2 \dots \sigma_j)$, $\mu_2 = \mu_{2,n}$
- For all j , $\phi(\mu_{1,j}, \mu_{2,j}) \leq \varepsilon$ (by Lemma 1)

$$\hat{\phi}(\mu_{1,0}, \mu_{2,0}) = \hat{\phi}(v_1, v_2) \leq \varepsilon \text{ by start condition}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mu_{1,j+1} = \text{apply}(\mu_{1,j}, T_j) \\ \mu_{2,j+1} = \text{apply}(\mu_{2,j}, \sigma_j) \end{array} \right\} \text{distributive functions}$$

$$\phi(\mu_{1,j}, \mu_{2,j}) \leq \varepsilon \text{ implies that } \hat{\phi}(\mu_{1,j+1}, \mu_{2,j+1}) \leq \varepsilon \text{ by step condition}$$

- For all j , $d_u(\text{tdist}(\mu_{1,j}), \text{tdist}(\mu_{2,j})) \leq \delta$ (by Lemma 2)
 - In particular, $d_u(\text{tdist}(\mu_1), \text{tdist}(\mu_2)) \leq \delta$

Need for Discounting

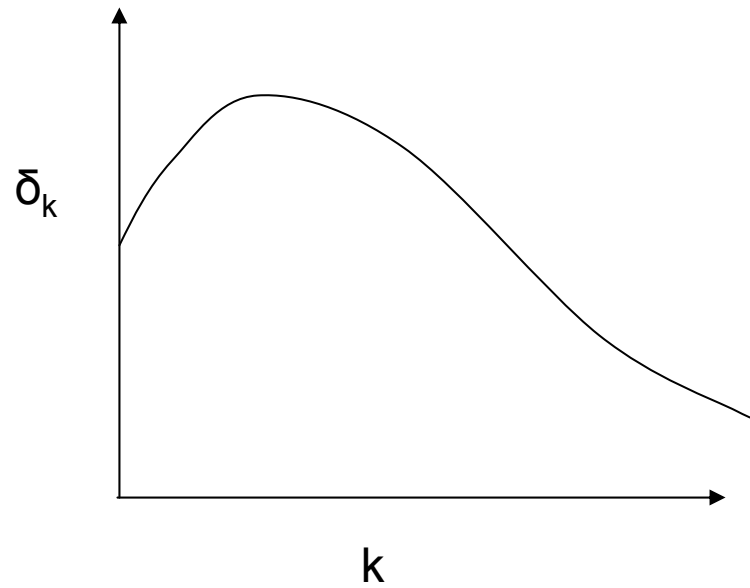
- The error $|\mu_1(\beta) - \mu_2(\beta)|$ can be small because $\mu_1(\beta)$ and $\mu_2(\beta)$ are small
- Typically when β is long
- Discounted uniform metric:

$$\mathbf{d}_k(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \sup_{\beta \in E^*, |\beta|=k} |\mu_1(\beta) - \mu_2(\beta)|$$

Given $\{\delta_k\}$ A δ_k -implements B if for every trace dist μ_1 of A there is a trace dist μ_2 of B such that $\mathbf{d}_k(\mu_1, \mu_2) \leq \delta_k$.

Write this as $A_1 \leq_{\delta_k} A_2$.

Discount Factors



Discounted Approximate Simulation Relation (DA)

Given $\varepsilon_k, \delta_k > 0$, a collection $\{\phi_k\}, \phi_k : Disc(Exec^*(A)) \times Disc(Exec^*(B)) \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}_{\geq 0} \cup \{\infty\}$ is a Discounted Approximate (DA) Simulation if

1. Start : $\phi_0(\nu_1, \nu_2) \leq \varepsilon_0$

2. Step : if for all $k \leq L(\mu_1, \mu_2)$, $\phi_k(\mu_1, \mu_2) \leq \varepsilon_k$ then

then for all $k \leq L(\mu_1', \mu_2')$, $\phi_k(\mu_1', \mu_2') \leq \varepsilon_k$

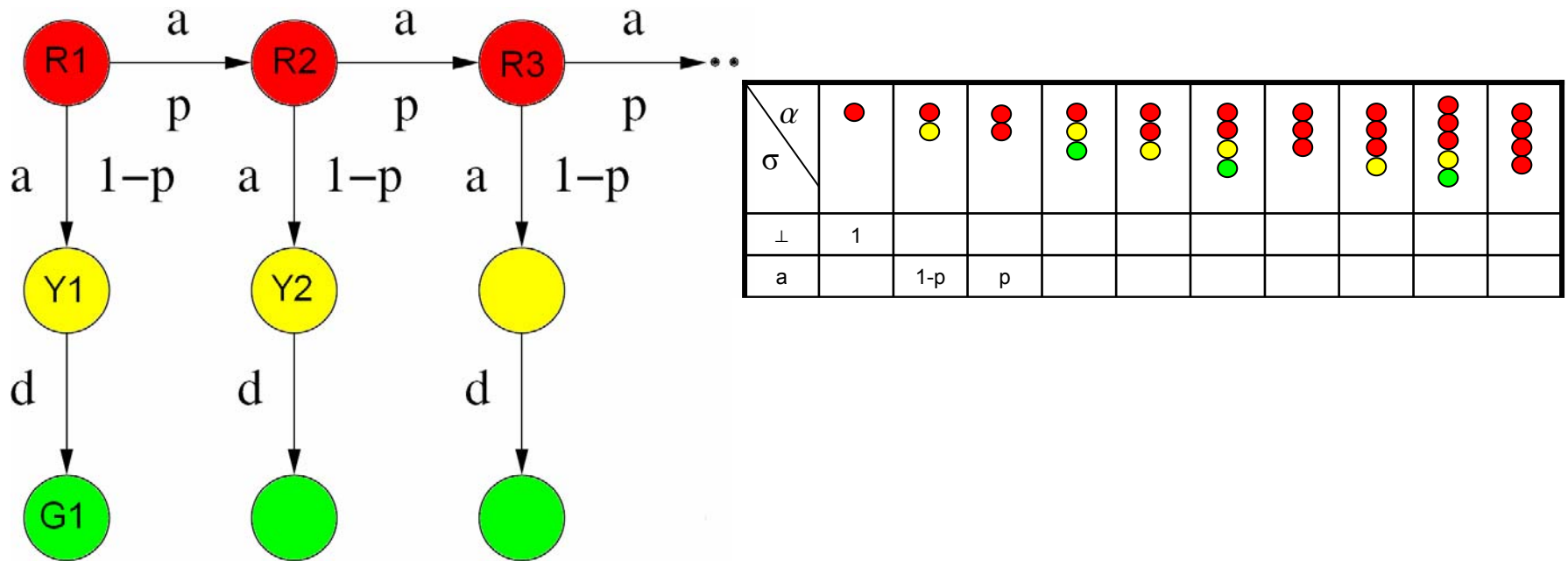
3. Trace : for all $k \leq L(\mu_1, \mu_2)$, $\phi_k(\mu_1, \mu_2) \leq \varepsilon_k$ implies

for all $k \leq L(\text{tdist}(\mu_1), \text{tdist}(\mu_2))$, $\mathbf{d}_k(\text{tdist}(\mu_1), \text{tdist}(\mu_2)) \leq \delta_k$

Soundness of DA

Theorem 2. If there exists an $(\varepsilon_k, \delta_k)$ -DA simulation functions from A_1 to A_2 then $A_1 \preceq_{\delta_k} A_2$.

Round-based Randomized Consensus



$$p_1(\alpha) = \mu(\alpha')\eta(q) \text{ if } \alpha = \alpha' a q \text{ and } a \in T \text{ and } \text{lstate}(\alpha') \xrightarrow{a} \eta$$

$$p_2(\alpha) = \mu(\alpha) \text{ if } T \text{ is not enabled in } \text{lstate}(\alpha)$$

Example

- A: protocol with unbiased coins
- B: protocol biased coins; $p \rightarrow p+e$, $(1-p) \rightarrow (1-p-e)$
- $\phi_k(\mu_A, \mu_B) = \max_{|\alpha|=k} |\mu_A(\alpha) - \mu_B(\alpha)|$
- $\varepsilon_k = (p+e)^k - p^k$
- $\delta_k = \varepsilon_k$
- $A =_{\delta_k} B$

- Step condition

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_A(\alpha)(p+e) - \mu_B(\alpha)p &= p(\mu_A(\alpha) - \mu_B(\alpha)) + e\mu_A(\alpha) \\ &\leq p((p+e)^k - p^k) + e(p+e)^k \\ &= (p+e)^{k+1} - p^{k+1} = \varepsilon_k \end{aligned}$$

- Trace condition

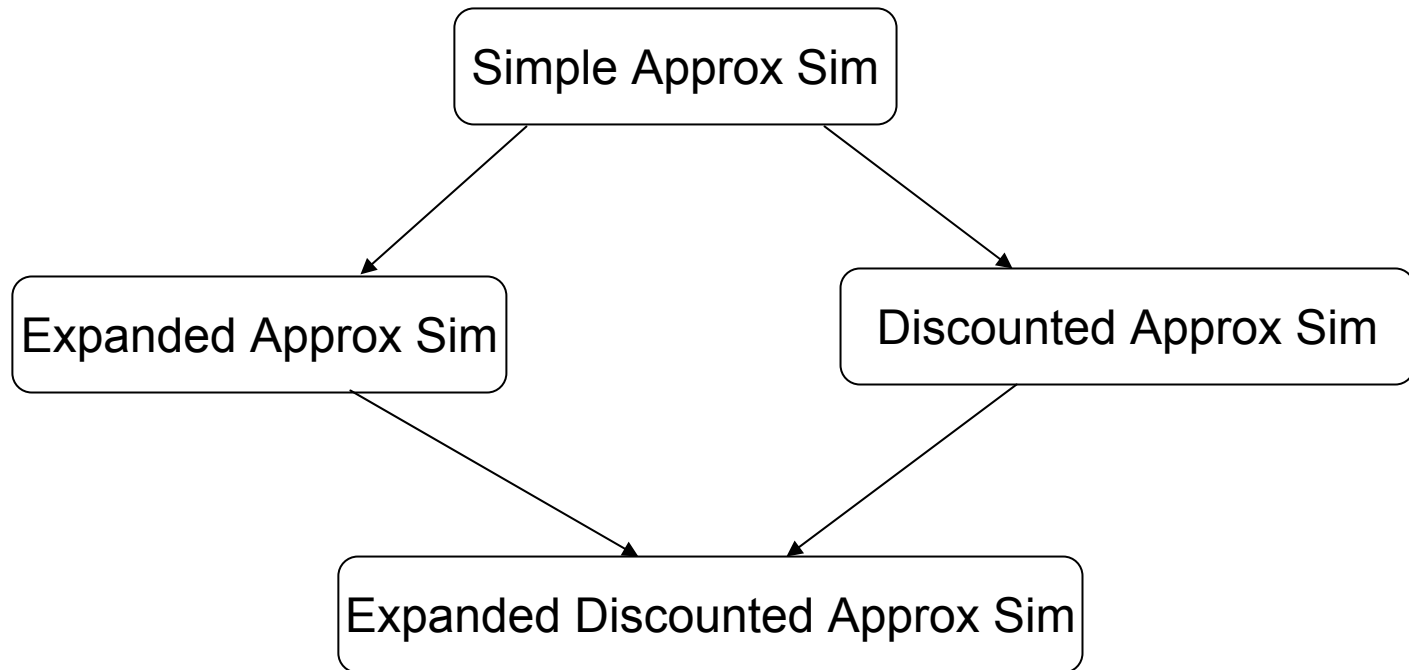
If $\text{trace}(\alpha_1) = \text{trace}(\alpha_2) = \beta$ then

$$|\text{tdist}(\mu_A)(\beta) - \text{tdist}(\mu_B)(\beta)|$$

$$= |\mu_A(\alpha_1) + \mu_A(\alpha_2) - \mu_B(\alpha_1) - \mu_B(\alpha_2)|$$

$$= |\mu_A(\alpha') - \mu_B(\alpha')|, \text{ where } \alpha \text{ is the common prefix of } \alpha_1 \alpha_2$$

Expanded and Discounted



Generalization

- Approximate simulations for Probabilistic Times I/O Automata
 - $Q \rightarrow X$
 - $\text{Disc}(X) \rightarrow P(X)$
 - Trajectories
- Expansion:
 - $\mu(\alpha) = \sum_i \eta(\mu_i) \mu_i(\alpha)$, where η is $\text{Disc}(\text{Disc}(\text{Exec}^*))$
 - $\mu(\alpha) = \int \mu^*(\alpha) d(\eta(\mu^*))$, where η is $P(P(\text{Exec}^*))$

Metrics

Let M be the set of all probability distributions over executions of A & B

Given $\phi(\eta, \nu)$, the p th Wasserstein metric is given by

$$w_p(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \left(\inf_{\psi \in \Gamma(\mu_1, \mu_2)} \int_{M \times M} \phi(\eta, \nu)^p d\psi(\eta, \nu) \right)^{\frac{1}{p}}$$

$$w_\infty(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \left(\inf_{\psi \in \Gamma(\mu_1, \mu_2)} \sup_{\eta, \nu \in \text{supp}(\psi)} \phi(\eta, \nu) \right)$$

Duality

$$w_1(\mu_1, \mu_2) = \sup_{f: M \rightarrow [-1, 1]} \int f(\beta) d(\mu_1(\beta) - \mu_2(\beta))$$

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