

Strategy Synthesis for Multi-dimensional Quantitative Objectives

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Implementable controllers \rightsquigarrow restriction to finite-memory strategies.

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- Study games with
 - ▷ multi-dimensional quantitative objectives (energy and mean-payoff)
 - ▷ *and* a parity objective.
- ↪ First study of such a conjunction.
- Address questions that revolve around *strategies*:
 - ▷ bounds on memory,
 - ▷ synthesis algorithm,
 - ▷ randomness $\overset{?}{\sim}$ memory.

Results Overview

■ Memory bounds

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| MEPGs optimal | MMPPGs | |
| | finite-memory optimal | optimal |
| exp. | exp. | infinite [CDHR10] |

■ Strategy synthesis (finite memory)

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|----------------|----------------|
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| EXPTIME | EXPTIME |

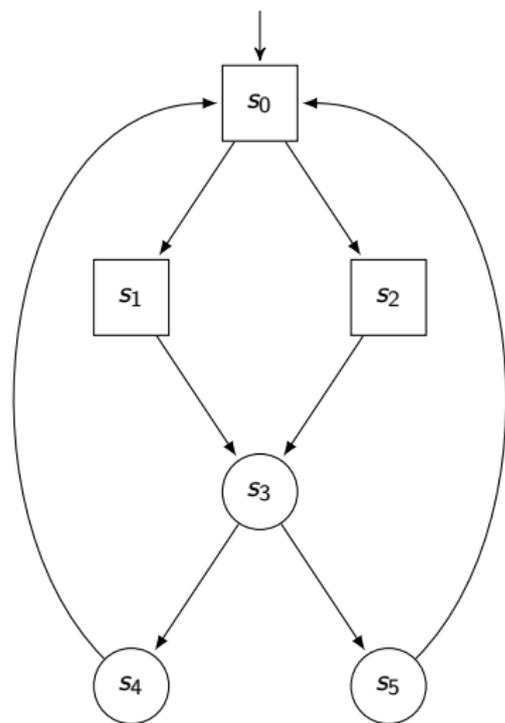
■ Randomness as a substitute for finite memory

| | MEGs | EPGs | MMP(P)Gs | MPPGs |
|------------|------|------|----------|-------|
| one-player | × | × | ✓ | ✓ |
| two-player | × | × | × | ✓ |

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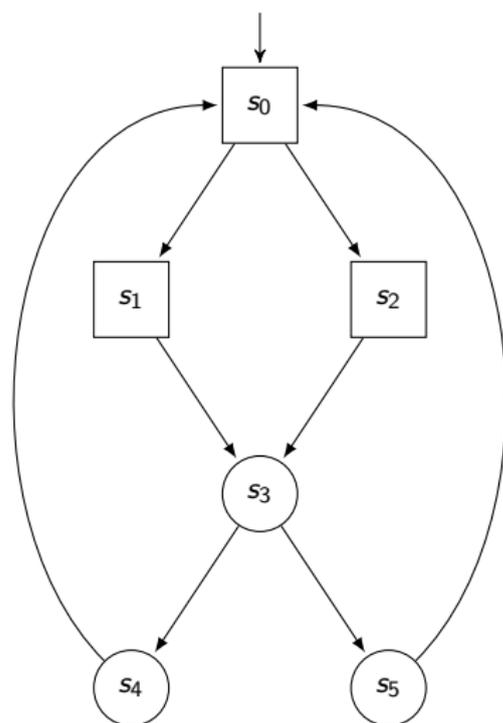
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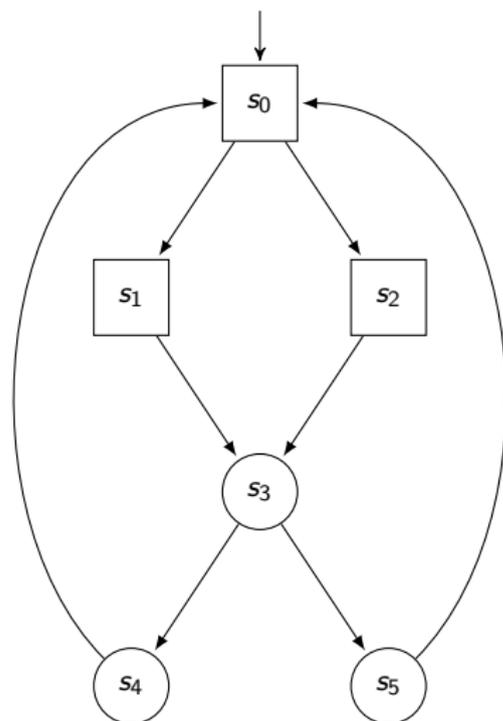
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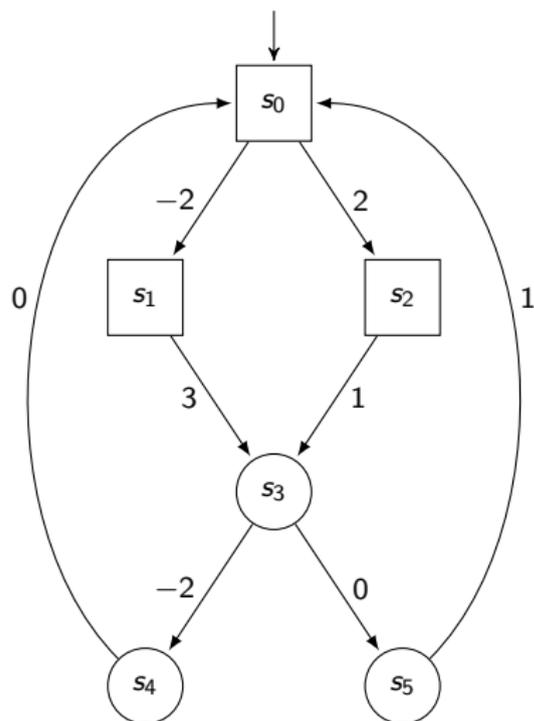
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- Play $\pi = s^0 s^1 s^2 \dots s^n \dots$ s.t.
 $s^0 = s_{init}$
- Prefix $\rho = \pi(n) = s^0 s^1 s^2 \dots s^n$

Pure strategies



- Pure strategy for \mathcal{P}_i
 $\lambda_i \in \Lambda_i : \text{Prefs}_i(G) \rightarrow S$ s.t. for all $\rho \in \text{Prefs}_i(G)$, $(\text{Last}(\rho), \lambda_i(\rho)) \in E$
- Memoryless strategy
 $\lambda_i^{pm} \in \Lambda_i^{PM} : S_i \rightarrow S$
- Finite-memory strategy
 $\lambda_i^{fm} \in \Lambda_i^{FM} : \text{Prefs}_i(G) \rightarrow S$, and can be encoded as a deterministic Moore machine

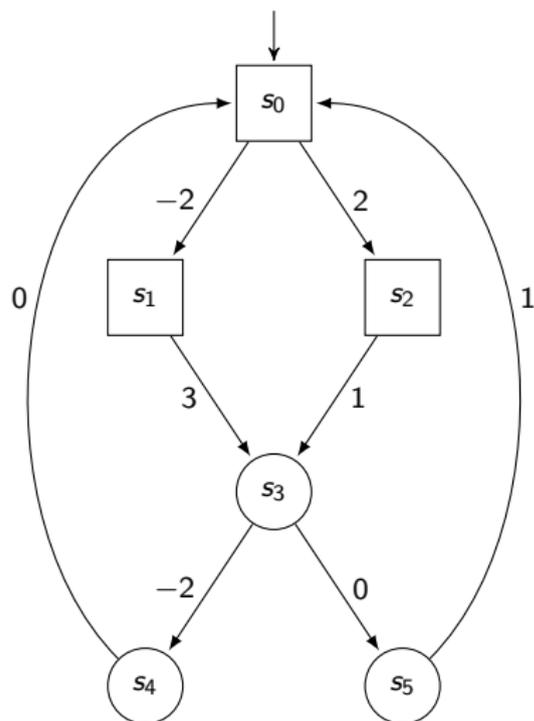
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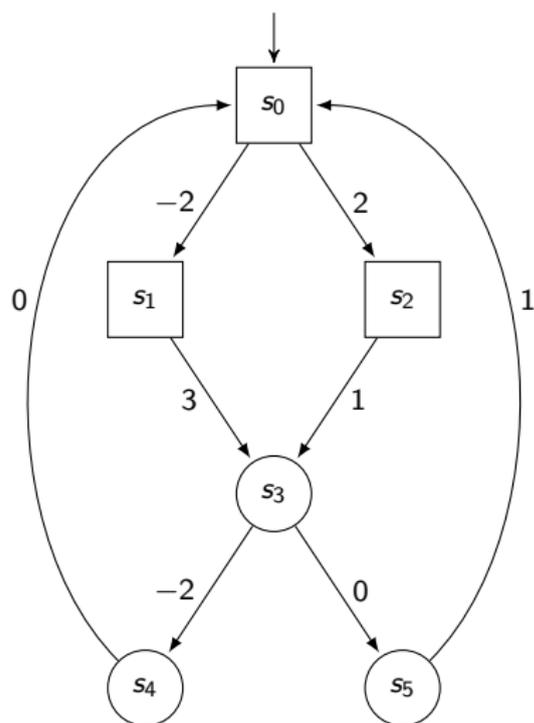


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- *Energy level*

$$EL(\rho) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w(s_i, s_{i+1})$$
- *Mean-payoff*

$$MP(\pi) = \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} EL(\pi(n))$$

Energy and mean-payoff objectives



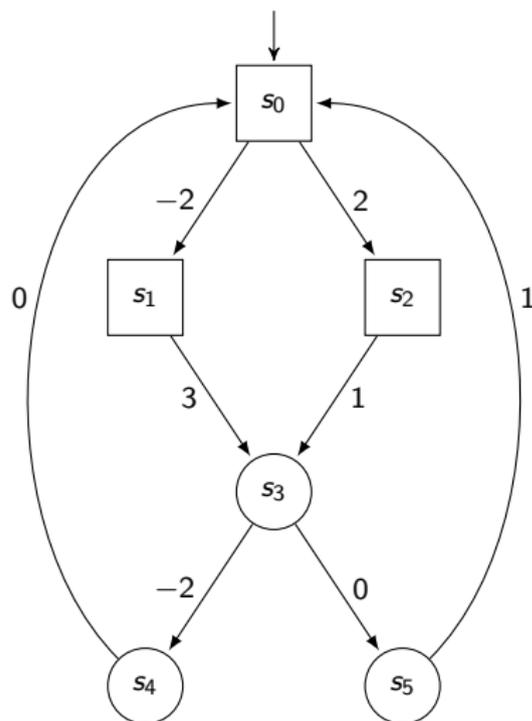
■ Energy objective

Given initial credit $v_0 \in \mathbb{N}$,
 $\text{PosEnergy}_G(v_0) = \{\pi \in \text{Plays}(G) \mid$
 $\forall n \geq 0 : v_0 + \text{EL}(\pi(n)) \in \mathbb{N}\}$

■ Mean-payoff objective

Given threshold $v \in \mathbb{Q}$,
 $\text{MeanPayoff}_G(v) =$
 $\{\pi \in \text{Plays}(G) \mid \text{MP}(\pi) \geq v\}$

Energy and mean-payoff objectives



- $\lambda_1(s_3) = s_4$
 - ▷ λ_1 wins for $\text{MeanPayoff}_G(\frac{-1}{4})$
 - ▷ λ_1 loses for $\text{PosEnergy}_G(v_0)$, for any arbitrary high initial credit
- $\lambda_1(s_3) = s_5$
 - ▷ λ_1 wins for $\text{MeanPayoff}_G(\frac{1}{2})$
 - ▷ λ_1 wins for $\text{PosEnergy}_G(v_0)$, with $v_0 = 2$

Decision problems

- *Unknown initial credit problem:*

$\exists? v_0 \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda_1 \in \Lambda_1$ s.t. λ_1 wins for $\text{PosEnergy}_G(v_0)$

- *Mean-payoff threshold problem:*

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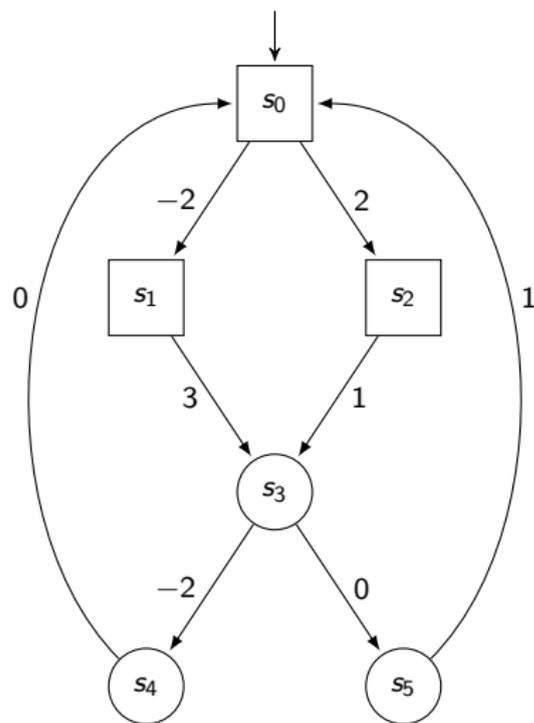
MPG threshold v problem equivalent to EG- v unknown initial credit problem [BFL⁺08].

Complexity of EGs and MPGs

| | EGs | MPGs |
|------------------|--|----------------------------|
| Memory to win | memoryless [CdAHS03, BFL ⁺ 08] | memoryless [EM79, LL69] |
| Decision problem | $NP \cap coNP$ | $NP \cap coNP$ |

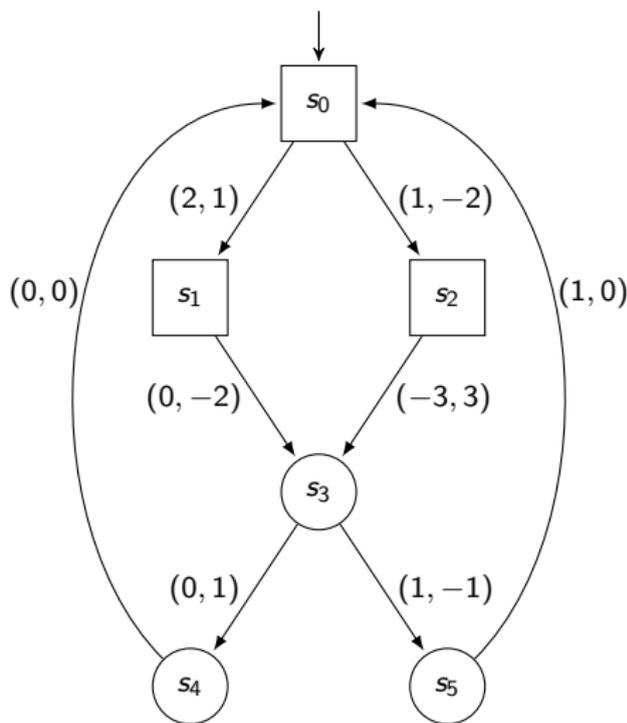
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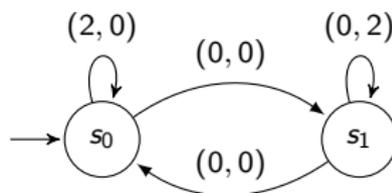
- ▶ multiple quantitative aspects
- ▶ natural extensions of energy and mean-payoff objectives and associated decision problems

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- However, infinite memory is needed for MMPGs, even with only one player! [CDHR10]



- ▷ To obtain $MP(\pi) = (1, 1)$, \mathcal{P}_1 has to visit s_0 and s_1 for longer and longer intervals before jumping from one to the other.
- ▷ Any finite-memory strategy induces an ultimately periodic play s.t. $MP(\pi) = (x, y)$, $x + y < 2$.
- ▷ With \limsup as MP the gap is huge : $(2, 2)$.

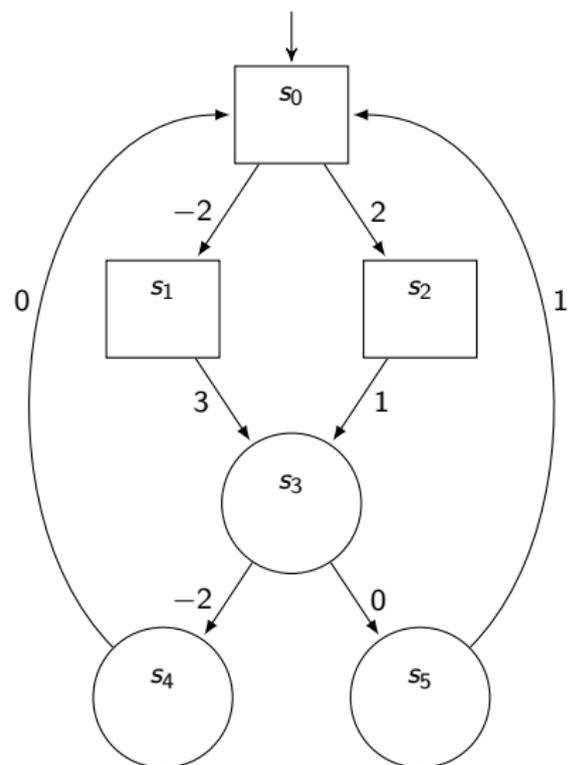
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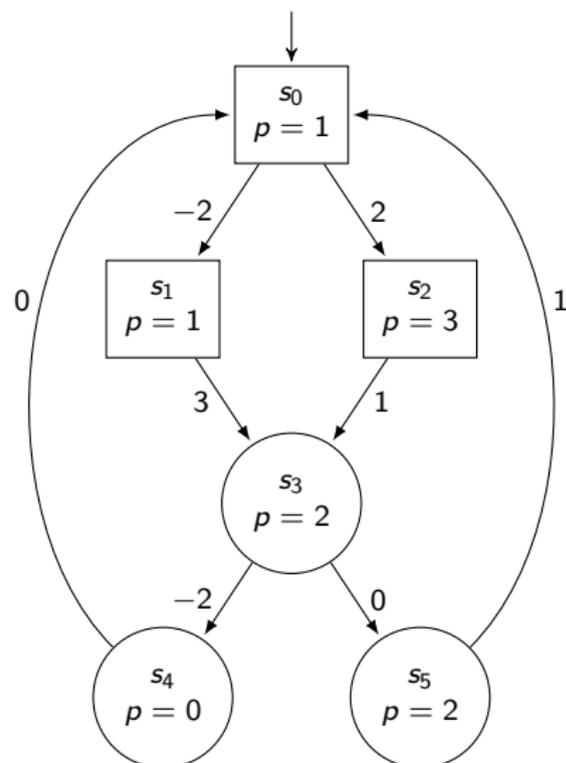
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- Other interesting results on decision problems on MEGs are proved in [FJLS11]. Surprisingly, given a fixed initial vector, the problem becomes EXPSPACE-hard.

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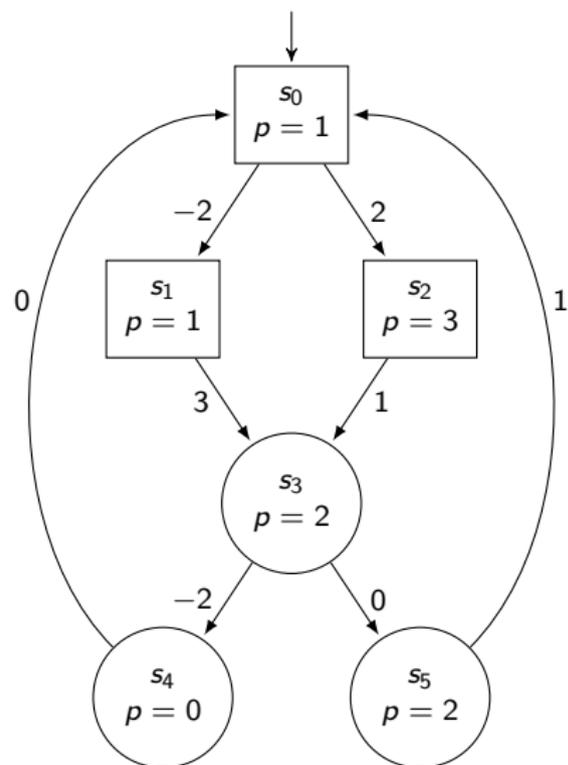
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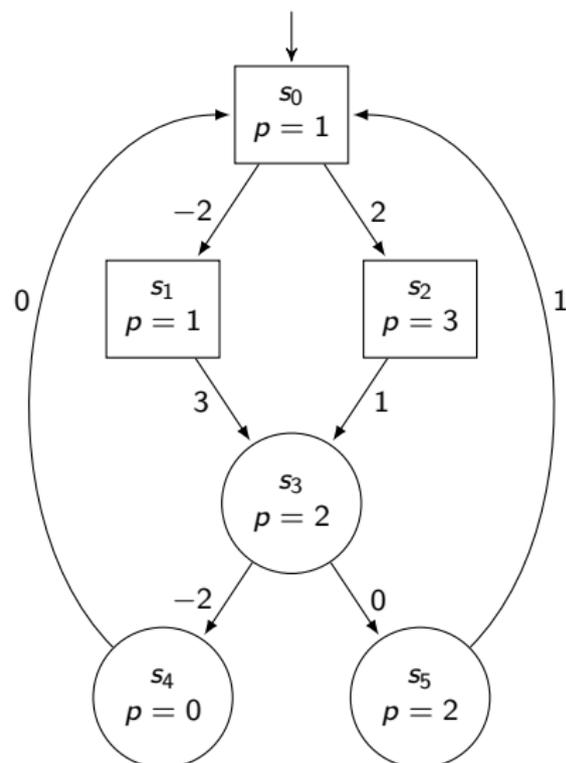
- $G_p = (S_1, S_2, s_{init}, E, w, \underline{p})$
- $p : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$
- $\text{Par}(\pi) = \min \{p(s) \mid s \in \text{Inf}(\pi)\}$
- ▶ $\text{Parity}_{G_p} = \{\pi \in \text{Plays}(G_p) \mid \text{Par}(\pi) \bmod 2 = 0\}$
- ▶ canonical way to express ω -regular objectives
- ▶ achieve the energy or mean-payoff objective while satisfying the parity condition

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- To achieve optimality for the mean-payoff parity objective, \mathcal{P}_1 should wait longer and longer between visits of s_4 .

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- Finite-memory ε -optimal strategies for MPPGs always exist [BCHJ09].
- \mathcal{P}_1 has a winning strategy for the MPPG $\langle G, p, w \rangle$ iff \mathcal{P}_1 has a winning strategy for the EPG $\langle G, p, w + \varepsilon \rangle$, with $\varepsilon = \frac{1}{|S|+1}$ [CD10].

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 - ▷ strategy synthesis algorithm,
 - ▷ encoding of memory as randomness.

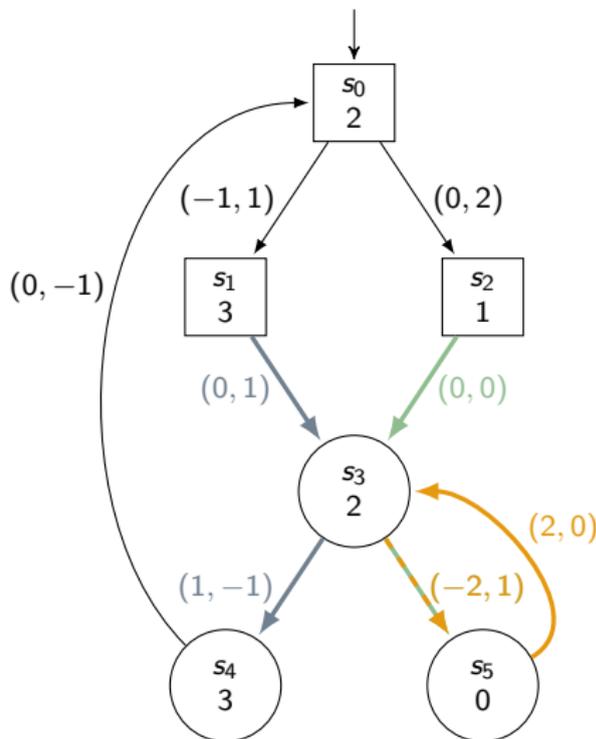
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Obtained results

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| optimal | finite-memory optimal | optimal |
| exp. | exp. | infinite [CDHR10] |

By [CDHR10], we only have to consider MEPGs. Recall that the unknown initial credit decision problem for MEGs (without parity) is coNP-complete.

Upper memory bound: even-parity SCTs



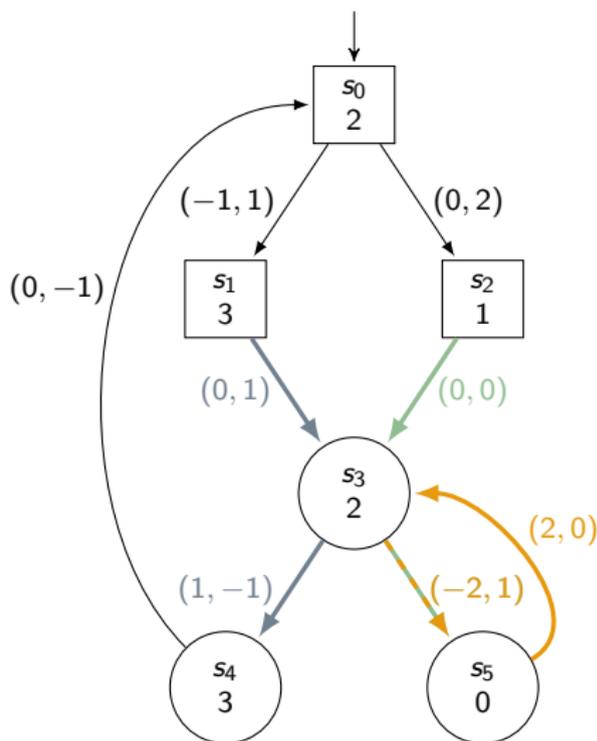
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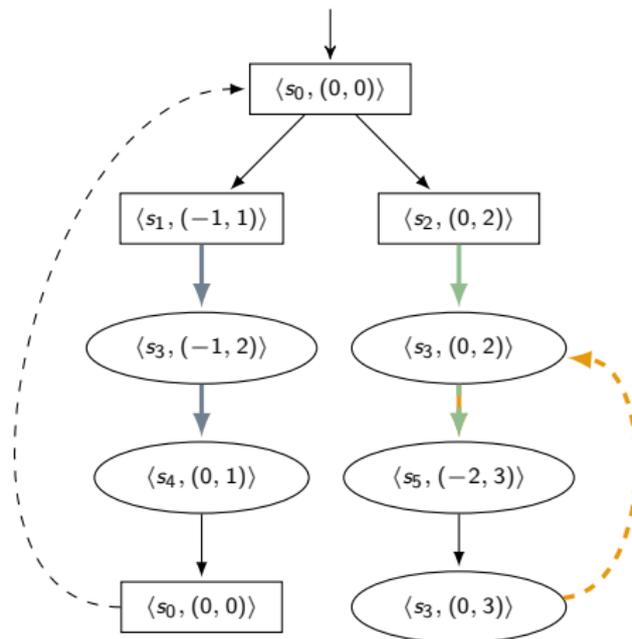
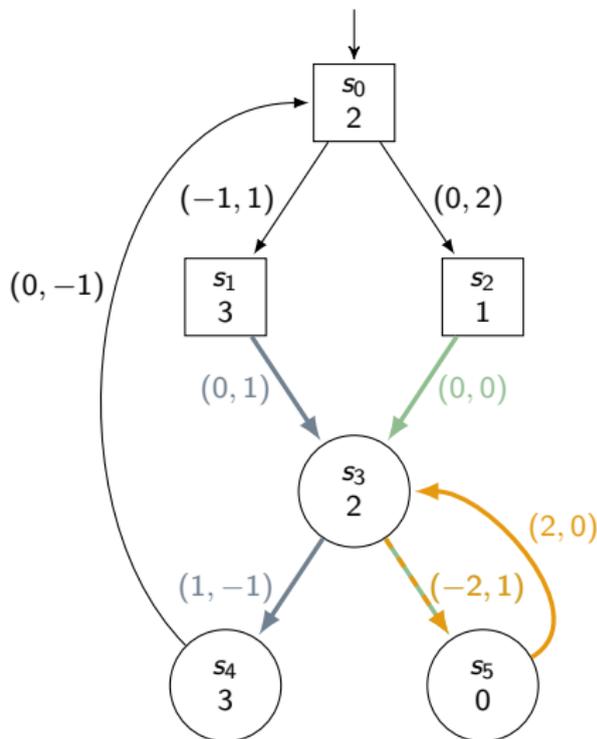
- ▷ $\lambda_1(*s_5s_3) = s_5$.

- Lemma: To win, \mathcal{P}_1 must be able to enforce positive cycles of even parity.

- ▷ Self-covering paths on VASS [Rac78, RY86].

- ▷ *Self-covering trees (SCTs)* on reachability games over VASS [BJK10].

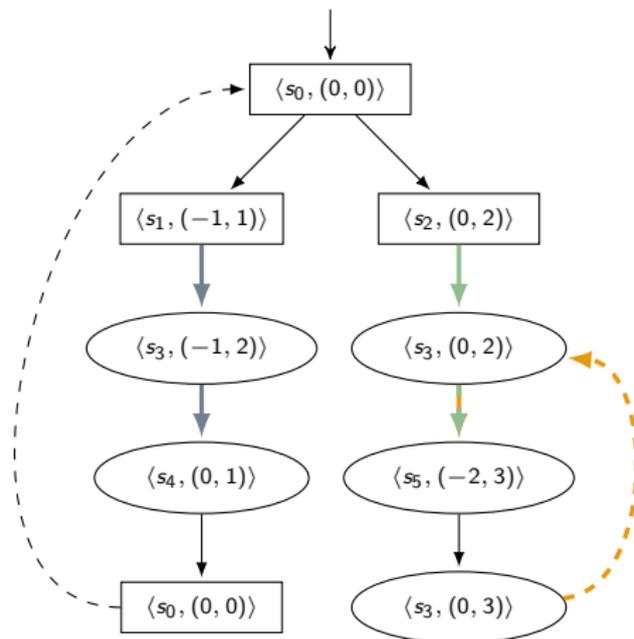
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$T = (Q, R)$ is an epSCT for s_0 ,
 $\Theta : Q \mapsto S \times \mathbb{Z}^k$ is a labeling
 function.

- Root labeled $\langle s_0, (0, \dots, 0) \rangle$.
- Non-leaf nodes have
 - ▷ unique child if \mathcal{P}_1 ,
 - ▷ all possible children if \mathcal{P}_2 .
- Leafs have *even-descendance energy ancestors*: ancestors with lower label and minimal priority even on the downward path.



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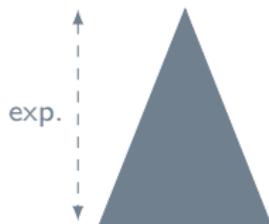
Upper memory bound: SCTs for VASS games

Theorem (application of [BJK10]): *On a VASS game with weights in $\{-1, 0, 1\}^k$, if state s is winning for \mathcal{P}_1 , there is a SCT for s of depth at most $l = 2^{(d-1) \cdot |S|} \cdot (|S| + 1)^{c \cdot k^2}$, with c a constant independent of the considered VASS game and d its branching degree.*

↪ If there exists a winning strategy, there exists a “compact” one.

↪ Idea is to eliminate unnecessary cycles.

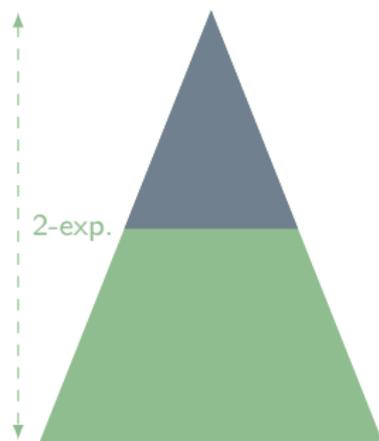
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Depth bound from [BJK10].

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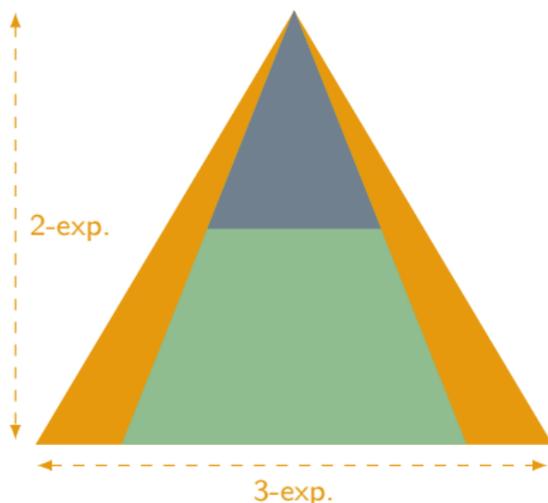
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 V bits to encode W

$$I = 2^{(d-1) \cdot W \cdot |S|} \cdot (W \cdot |S| + 1)^{c \cdot k^2}$$

$$= 2^{(d-1) \cdot 2^V \cdot |S|} \cdot (W \cdot |S| + 1)^{c \cdot k^2}$$

Naive approach: blow-up by W in the size of the state space.

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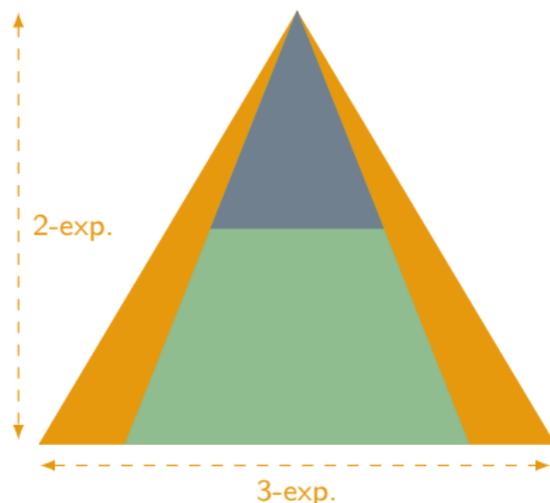
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Naive approach: width increases exponentially with depth.

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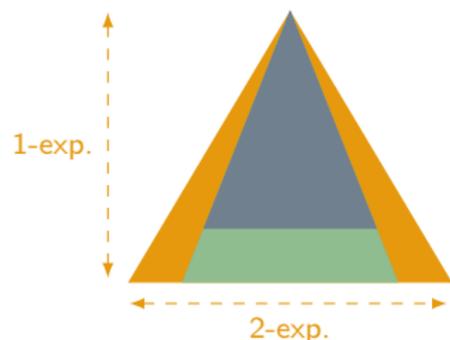
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Naive approach: overall, 3-exp. memory $\leq L \cdot I$, without parity.

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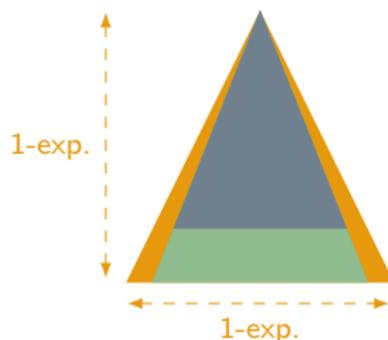
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Refined approach: no blow-up in exponent as branching is preserved, extension to parity.

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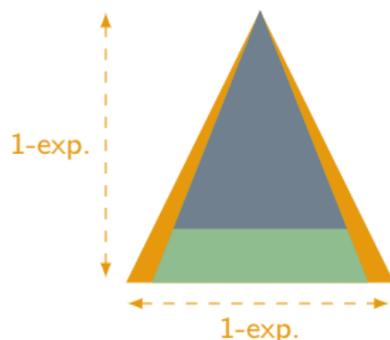
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Width bounded by $L = |S| \cdot (2 \cdot I \cdot W + 1)^k$

Refined approach: merge equivalent nodes, width is bounded by number of incomparable labels (see next slide).

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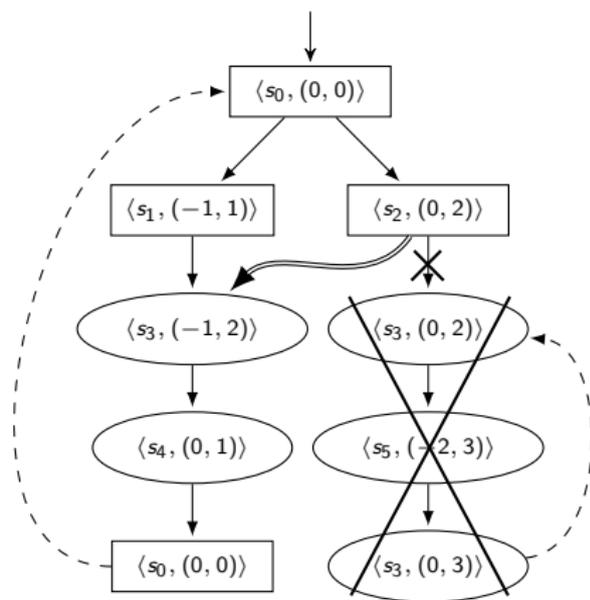
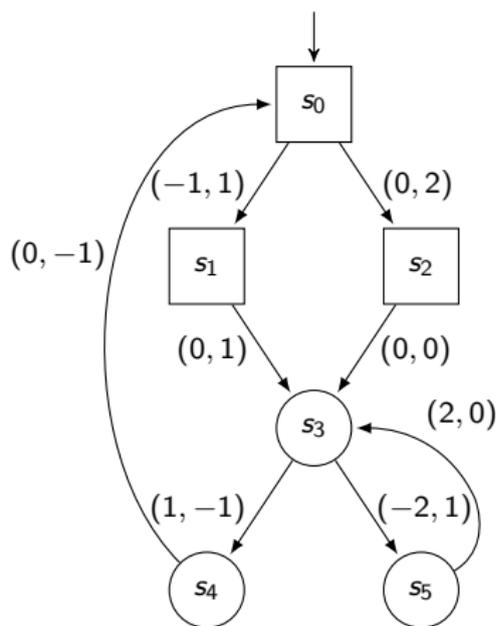
Refined approach: overall, **single exp. memory** $\leq L \cdot I$, for multi energy *along with* parity. Initial credit bounded by $I \cdot W$.

Upper memory bound: from MEPGs to MEGs

- Thanks to the bound on depth for MEPGs, encode parity ($2 \cdot m$ priorities) as m additional energy dimensions.
 - ▷ For each odd priority, add one dimension.
 - ▷ Decrease by 1 when this odd priority is visited.
 - ▷ Increase by l each time a smaller even priority is visited.
- \mathcal{P}_1 maintains the energy positive on all additional dimensions iff he wins the original parity objective.

Upper memory bound: merging nodes in SCTs

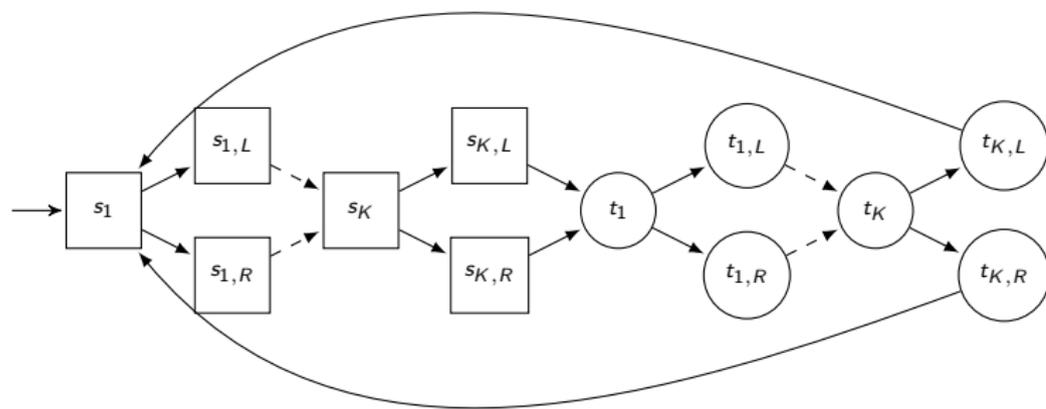
- Key idea to reduce width to single exp.
 - \mathcal{P}_1 only cares about the energy level.
 - If he can win with energy v , he can win with energy $\geq v$.



Lower memory bound

Lemma: *There exists a family of multi energy games $(G(K))_{K \geq 1}$, $(S_1, S_2, s_{init}, E, k = 2 \cdot K, w : E \rightarrow \{-1, 0, 1\})$ s.t. for any initial credit, \mathcal{P}_1 needs exponential memory to win.*

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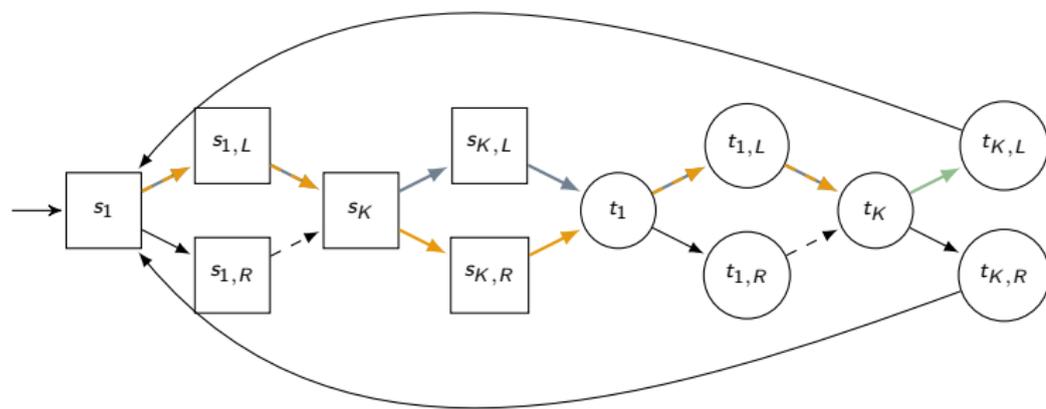


$$\forall 1 \leq i \leq K, w((\circ, s_i)) = w((\circ, t_i)) = (0, \dots, 0),$$

$$w((s_i, s_{i,L})) = -w((s_i, s_{i,R})) = w((t_i, t_{i,L})) = -w((t_i, t_{i,R})),$$

$$\forall 1 \leq j \leq k, w((s_i, s_{i,L}))(j) = \begin{cases} = 1 & \text{if } j = 2 \cdot i - 1 \\ = -1 & \text{if } j = 2 \cdot i \\ = 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} .$$

Lower memory bound



If \mathcal{P}_1 plays according to a Moore machine with less than 2^K states, he takes the same decision in some state t_x for the two highlighted prefixes (let $x = K$ w.l.o.g.).

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_2$ can alternate and enforce decrease by 1 every two visits.

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{P}_1$ loses for any $v_0 \in \mathbb{N}^k$.

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Symbolic synthesis algorithm

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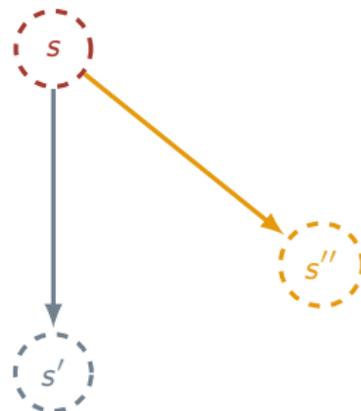
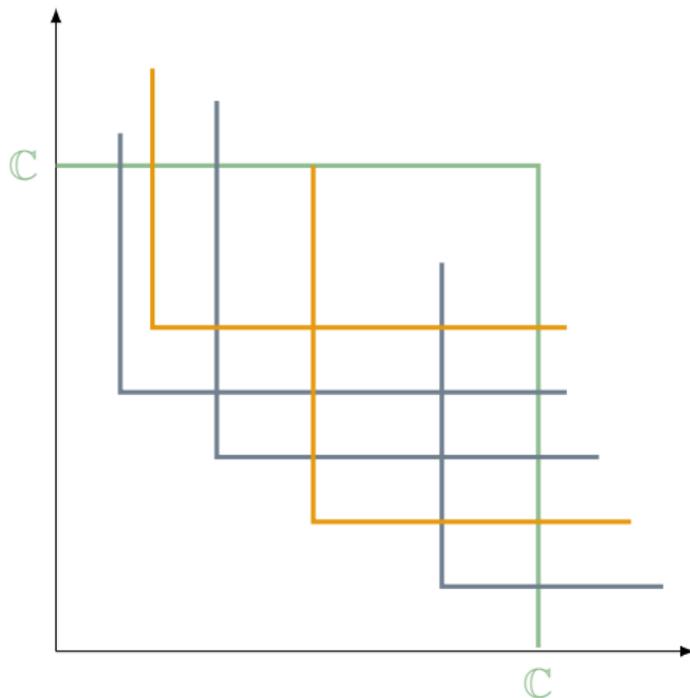
Symbolic synthesis algorithm: Cpre

- $\mathbb{C} = 2 \cdot l \cdot W \in \mathbb{N}$, $U(\mathbb{C}) = (S_1 \cup S_2) \times \{0, 1, \dots, \mathbb{C}\}^k$,
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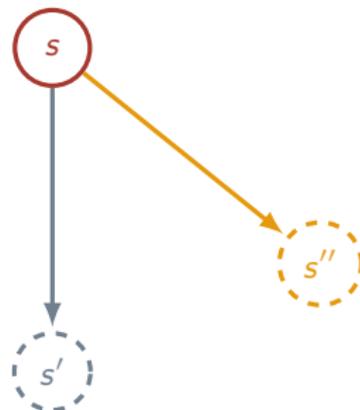
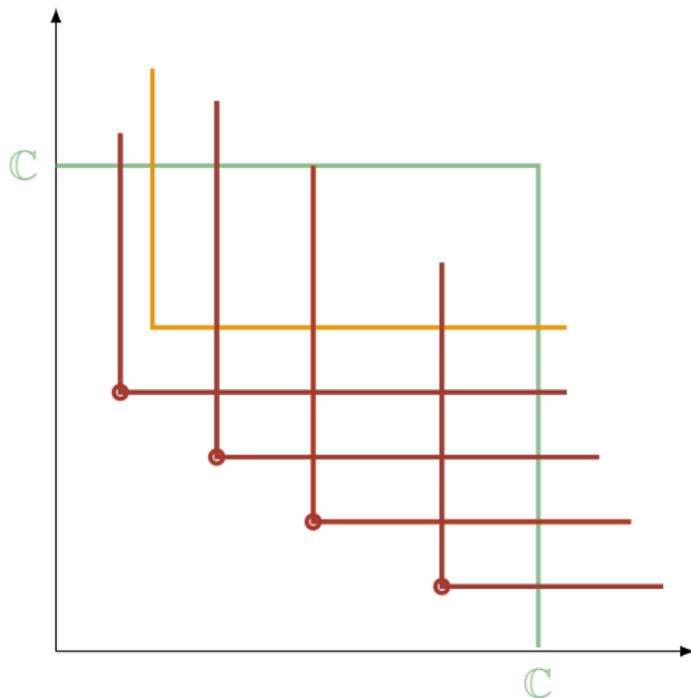
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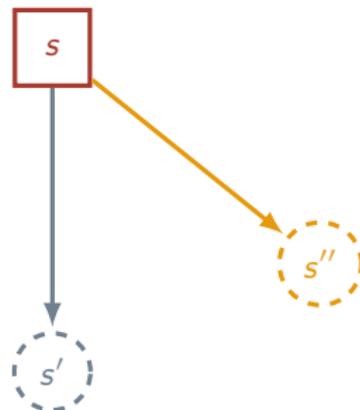
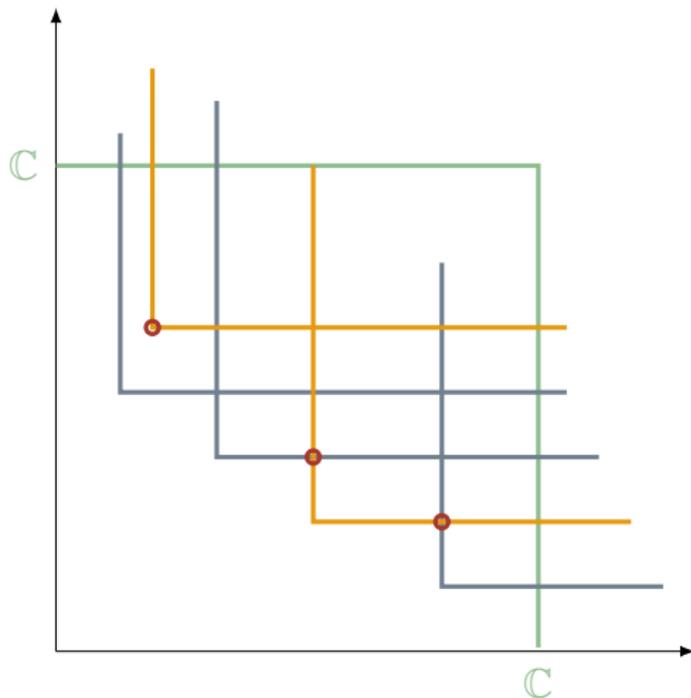
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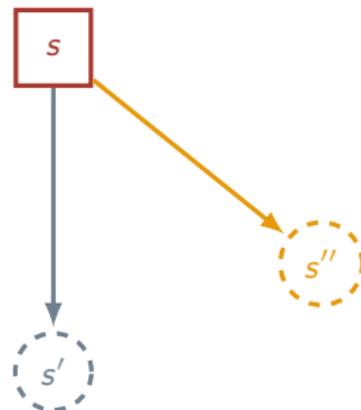
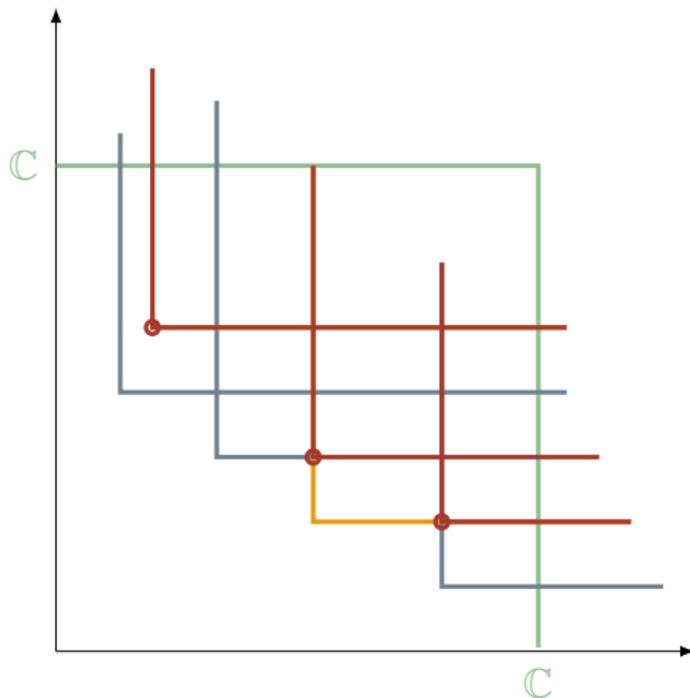
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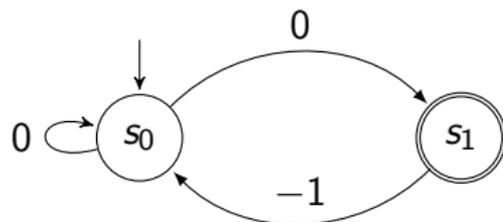
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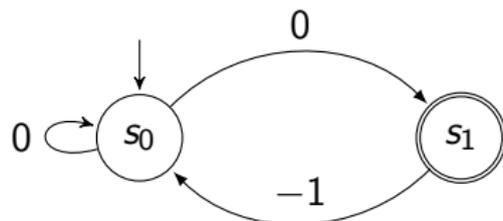
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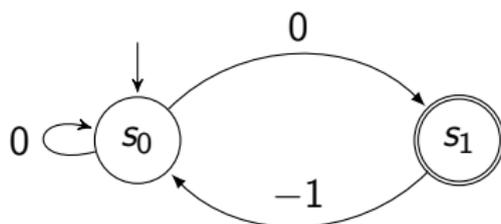
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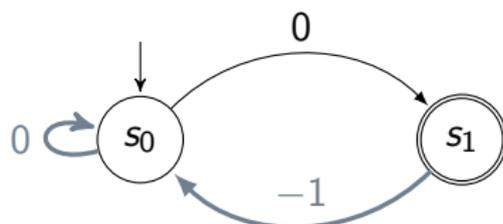
Lemma: *In MPBGs, ε -optimality can be achieved surely by pure finite-memory strategies and almost-surely by randomized memoryless strategies.*

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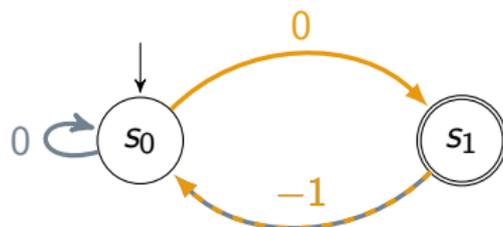
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for some *well-chosen* $\gamma \in]0, 1[$.

MPBGs: sketch of proof

Büchi

- ▶ Probability of playing as $\lambda_1^{\diamond F}$ for n steps in a row and ensuring visit of F strictly positive at all times.
- ▶ Thus λ_1^{rm} almost-sure winning for the Büchi objective.

MPBGs: sketch of proof

Mean-payoff

- ▷ Consider
 - all end components
 - in all MCs induced by pure memoryless strategies of \mathcal{P}_2 .
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Conclusion

- Quantitative objectives
- Parity
- Restriction to finite memory (practical interest)
- Exponential memory bounds
- EXPTIME symbolic and incremental synthesis
- Randomness instead of memory

Results Overview

■ Memory bounds

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| MEPGs optimal | MMPPGs | |
| | finite-memory optimal | optimal |
| exp. | exp. | infinite [CDHR10] |

■ Strategy synthesis (finite memory)

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|----------------|----------------|
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| EXPTIME | EXPTIME |

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Ongoing work

- Consider alternative, more natural definition of MP-like objective, with possibly good synthesis properties.

Thanks. Questions ?



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