Seminar on "Verification of Probabilistic Programs"



LECTURE 3: PROBABILISITIC PREDICATE TRANSFORMERS II

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- Lecture on 25th June cancelled
- New lecture on 15th July

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Extension to unbounded expectations

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The pGCL language

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		abort	ab
		$x \coloneqq E$	as
		if G then ${\mathcal C}$ else ${\mathcal C}$	со
		$\{\mathcal{C}\}$ [p] $\{\mathcal{C}\}$	pr
		while G do ${\mathcal C}$	wł
		C; C	see

nop abortion assignment conditional **probabilistic choice** while loop sequence

Theorem (McIver & Morgan '96)

For **pGCL** program *c*, expectation transformer wp[c] can be defined by induction on *c* structure.

$$\begin{split} & \text{wp}[\text{skip}](f) &= f \\ & \text{wp}[\text{abort}](f) &= \underline{0} \\ & \text{wp}[x \coloneqq E](f) &= f[E/x] \\ & \text{wp}[\text{if } G \text{ then } c_1 \text{ else } c_2](f) &= [G] \cdot \text{wp}[c_1](f) + [\neg G] \cdot \text{wp}[c_2](f) \\ & \text{wp}[\{c_1\} \ [p] \ \{c_2\}](f) &= p \cdot \text{wp}[c_1](f) + (1-p) \cdot \text{wp}[c_2](f) \\ & \text{wp}[c_1; c_2](f) &= (\text{wp}[c_1] \circ \text{wp}[c_2])(f) \\ & \text{wp}[\text{while } G \text{ do } c](f) &= \mu h \cdot ([G] \cdot \text{wp}[c](h) + [\neg G] \cdot f) \end{split}$$

Expectation Transformers — Recap

Example

$$egin{aligned} c_1 &:= \{x \coloneqq 0\} \ [p] \ \{x \coloneqq 1\}; \ \{y \coloneqq 0\} \ [q] \ \{y \coloneqq 1\} \end{aligned}$$

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 $wp[x \coloneqq E](f) = f[E/x]$ $wp[\{c_1\} [p] \{c_2\}](f) = p \cdot wp[c_1](f) + \bar{p} \cdot wp[c_2](f)$ $wp[c_1; c_2](f) = wp[c_1](wp[c_2](f))$

wp[c_1]([$x \leq y$]) $\langle rule for sequential composition \rangle$ = $wp[\{x := 0\} [p] \{x := 1\}](wp[\{y := 0\} [q] \{y := 1\}]([x \le y]))$ $\langle rule for probabilistic choice \rangle$ _ $wp[\{x \coloneqq 0\} [p] \{x \coloneqq 1\}](q \cdot wp[y \coloneqq 0]([x \le y]) + \overline{q} \cdot wp[y \coloneqq 1]([x \le y]))$ $\langle rule for assignment, twice \rangle$ _ $wp[\{x := 0\} [p] \{x := 1\}](q \cdot [x \le 0] + \bar{q} \cdot [x \le 1])$ $\langle rule for probabilistic choice \rangle$ = $p \cdot wp[x \coloneqq 0] (q \cdot [x \le 0] + \bar{q} \cdot [x \le 1]) + \bar{p} \cdot wp[x \coloneqq 1] (q \cdot [x \le 0] + \bar{q} \cdot [x \le 1])$ $\langle rule for assignment, twice \rangle$ = $p \cdot (q \cdot [0 \le 0] + \bar{q} \cdot [0 \le 1]) + \bar{p} \cdot (q \cdot [1 \le 0] + \bar{q} \cdot [1 \le 1])$ $\langle algebra \rangle$ = $p + \bar{p}\bar{q}$

Loop Rules

Consider loop while G do c and post-expectation f. Assume that

(1) there exists a standard (ie a predicate) loop invariant *I*, which restricted to $\neg G$ is stronger than the post-expectation *f*, and

(2) there exists a bounded variant e, which in each iteration decreases with at least a fixed probability $\epsilon > 0$.

Then, [I] is a valid pre-expectation of the loop w.r.t. post-expectation f (but not necessarily the weakest).



partial correctness (wlp)

(1) + (2) total correctness (wp)

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Healthiness Conditions

For any (purely probabilistic) **pGCL** program *c*, it holds

Monotonicity

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wp[c](f) \le wp[c](g) and wlp[c](f) \le wlp[c](g) if f \le g
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Feasibility

$$\begin{split} & \mathsf{wp}[c](f) \leq \underline{u} & \text{if } \forall s \cdot f(s) \leq u \\ & \mathsf{wlp}[c](f) \geq \underline{u} & \text{if } \forall s \cdot f(s) \geq u \end{split}$$

Linearity

 $wp[c](\alpha \cdot f + \beta \cdot g) = \alpha \cdot wp[c](f) + \beta \cdot wp[c](g)$

Strictness / Co-strictness

 $wp[c](\underline{0}) = \underline{0}$ and $wlp[c](\underline{1}) = \underline{1}$

Connection between both transformers

$$wlp[c](f) = \underline{1} - wp[c](\underline{1}-f)$$

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Probability that the program terminates within 5 iterations $wp[c]([n \le 5])$ Expected number of iterations to terminate $wp[c](\lambda s \cdot s(n))$

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If post-expectation *f* is bounded by some constant *M*>1, ie

 $\forall s \bullet f(s) \in [0, M]$

we can exploit the linearity of wp[c]:

$$\operatorname{wp}[c](f) = M \cdot \operatorname{wp}[c](\frac{1}{M} \cdot f)$$

 $\in \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0,1]$ Go

- If post-expectation f is unbounded, the technique can be adapted:
 - the range of expectations must also include ∞ , ie $\mathbb{E} \triangleq S \to \mathbb{R}_{\infty}^{\geq 0}$

the inductive definition of wp[·] remains the same

the loop rule must be adapted

If post-expectation f takes both positive and negative values, pre-expectation is not guaranteed to exist (post-)expectation (pre-)expectation $wp[c]: (S \rightarrow [0,1]) \rightarrow (S \rightarrow [0,1])$

$$wp[c](f) = \lambda s \cdot EV_{[c](s)}(f)$$

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wp[c](f)(s) =
$$\sum_{i\geq 1} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i f(s[b, n/\text{false}, i])$$

$$wp[c](2^n)(s) = \sum_{i\geq 1} 1 = \infty$$

$$wp[c]((-2)^n)(s) = \sum_{i \ge 1} (-1)^n$$

= $-1 + 1 - 1 + 1 \cdots$

Loop Rule for Unbounded Expectations

Consider loop while G do c. Assume that

(1) $T \subseteq S$ is a set of initial states that guarantee almost sure termination of the loop, ie

 $[T] \Rightarrow wp[while G do c](\underline{1})$

(Use the original loop rule to determine *T*.)

(2) $I: \mathcal{S} \to \mathbb{R}^{\geq 0}_{\infty}$ is a loop invariant, ie

 $I \cdot [G] \Rightarrow wp[c](I)$

(3) the expected value of $I \cdot [G]$ upon the entry of the loop body tends to zero as the loop "continues to execute" (ie in the long run).

Then

$$I \cdot [T] \Rightarrow wp[while G do c](I \cdot [\neg G])$$

We want to prove that the program terminates in average in two iterations, i.e.

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$$\frac{2}{2}$$

(1) $I \cdot [\neg b] \Rightarrow n$

(2) true
$$\Rightarrow$$
 wp[while *b* do $body](\underline{1})$

$$(3) \ I \cdot [b] \Rightarrow wp [body](I)$$

$$(4) \lim_{i \to \infty} \mathbf{EV}_i \big[I \cdot [b] \big] = 0$$

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Application of loop rule for unbounded expectations

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$$wp[n \coloneqq 0; b \coloneqq true] (wp[while(b=true) do body](I \cdot [\neg b])) \quad (2)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \langle monoton. \text{ of } wp[\cdot], \text{ loop rule with invariant } I \\ \text{ and set of initial terminating states } S \rangle$$

$$wp[n \coloneqq 0; b \coloneqq true] ([b] \cdot (n+2) + [\neg b] \cdot n) \\ = \langle rule \text{ for seq. comp. and assign.} \rangle$$

Variant [b] decreases with probability 1/2 in each iteration

(2) true \Rightarrow wp[while b do $body](\underline{1})$

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 $\therefore \operatorname{wp}[c](n) \geq \underline{2}$

We can show that

$$wp[c](n) \leq \underline{2}$$

by proving that

$$\underline{0} \Rightarrow wp[c](2-n)$$

since

$$\underline{0} \leq wp[c](2-n) = \underline{2} - wp[c](n)$$

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Two Semantical Views of Probabilistic Programs

Relational view

 $\llbracket c \rrbracket \colon \mathcal{S} o \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{S})$

Expectation transformer view

 $wp[c] \colon \mathbb{E} \to \mathbb{E}$







Connection between the two views

$$wp[c](f) = \lambda s \cdot EV_{[c](s)}(f)$$

Relational Semantics — Preliminaries

Distributions over program states

We let $\mathcal{D}(S)$ be the set of *sub-probability distributions* over program states.



Related notation and operations

η_{s}	Dirac distribution $(s \in S)$
0	null distribution
$p\cdot \mu_1 + (1{-}p)\cdot \mu_2$	convex combination between distributions μ_1 and μ_2 ($p \in [0, 1], \mu_1, \mu_2 \in \mathcal{D}(S)$)
$\mu \blacktriangleright f$	distribution $\sum_{a \in A} \Pr[\mu = a] \cdot f(a)$ $(\mu \in \mathcal{D}(A), f : A \to \mathcal{D}(S))$

Relational Semantics — Definition

For pGCL program c, the semantic function

 $\llbracket c \rrbracket : \mathcal{S} \to \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{S})$

is defined by induction on *c* structure as follows:

Connection between Relational and Expectation Transformer Semantics

Theorem

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$$wp[c](f) = \lambda s \cdot EV_{[[c]](s)}(f)$$

This theorem proves both the soundness and the completeness of the expectation transformer semantics wrt the relational semantics:

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The connection between the two semantics can be recast in a more uniform manner:

$$g = wp[c](f)$$
 iff $\forall \mu \in \mathcal{D}(S) \cdot EV_{\mu}(g) = EV_{\mu \blacktriangleright \llbracket c \rrbracket}(f)$

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$$P = wp[c](Q) \quad \text{iff} \quad \forall s \in S \bullet P(s) = Q(\llbracket c \rrbracket(s)) \quad \begin{pmatrix} \text{deterministic} \\ \text{counterpart} \end{pmatrix}$$

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		$\{\mathcal{C}\} [p] \{\mathcal{C}\}$
		$\{\mathcal{C}\} \square \{\mathcal{C}\}$
		while G do $\mathcal C$
		C; C

nop abortion assignment conditional probabilistic choice **non-deterministic choice** while loop sequence

Semantics

Non-determinism is resolved by means of a scheduler who decides, on each occurrence of a non-deterministic choice, which branch (left or right) to execute.



Demonic model: we adopt the scheduler that minimizes the probability of the event at stake (scheduler varies according to the post-expectation and initial state)

Examples

$$\{x \coloneqq \mathsf{true}\} \Box \{x \coloneqq \mathsf{false}\}; \\ \{y \coloneqq \mathsf{true}\} \ [1/3] \ \{y \coloneqq \mathsf{false}\};$$

$$\Pr[x=y] = \min \left\{ \Pr^{\mathcal{L}}[x=y], \Pr^{\mathcal{R}}[x=y] \right\} \\ = \min \left\{ \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \right\} = \frac{1}{3}$$

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Pr[true] = 1

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Interaction between Non-deterministic and Probabilistic Choice

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- A scheduler can "look" the past, but not the future.
- In c₂ the scheduler has access to the value of y, and can then assign x the opposite value, yielding a zero probability that x=y.
- In c1 the scheduler must choose a single value for x, which will be the same for both branches of the probabilistic choice assigning the value to y.

Algebraic Properties of Non-deterministic Programs

The Law of Total Probabilities holds for purely probabilistic programs, ie

 $wp[c]([P]) + wp[c]([\neg P]) = wp[c](\underline{1})$

It follows from the linearity of wp[c], ie

 $\alpha \cdot wp[c](f) + \beta \cdot wp[c](g) = wp[c](\alpha \cdot f + \beta \cdot g)$

For non-deterministic programs we only have $wp[c]([P]) + wp[c]([\neg P]) \leq wp[c](\underline{1})$

since only sub-linearity of wp[c] holds, ie

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 $wp[c_2]([x=y]) = 0$ $wp[c_2]([x\neq y]) = 0$

Connection between the two Semantics for Non-deterministic Programs



Theorem

For any (purely probabilistic) pGCL program *c* and post-expectation *f*,

 $wp[c](f) = \lambda s \cdot EV_{[c](s)}(f)$

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Connection between the two Semantics for Non-deterministic Programs



Probabilistic Powerdomain

Probabilistically closed subsets

A set of distributions $P \subseteq \mathcal{D}(S)$ is probabilistically closed iff it is

- **up-closed:** $\mu \in P \implies \mu' \in P$ for all $\mu' \ge \mu$
- non-empty
- **convex:** $\mu, \mu' \in P \implies \lambda \cdot \mu + (1-\lambda) \cdot \mu' \in P$ for all $\lambda \in [0, 1]$
- **Cauchy-closed:** closed in the topological space $\mathbb{R}_{>0}^{\mathcal{S}}$

We let $\mathbb{C}(S)$ be the family of all probabilistically closed subsets.

 $(\mathbb{C}(S), \sqsubseteq, \sqcup)$ defines a a complete partial order with bottom element, being

$$\theta_1 \sqsubseteq \theta_2 \triangleq \theta_1 \supseteq \theta_2 \qquad \bigsqcup_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \theta_i \triangleq \bigcap_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \theta_i \qquad \bot \triangleq \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{S})$$

$${}^* \ \mu \leq \mu' \, riangleq \, orall s \in \mathcal{S} ullet \, \mathsf{Pr}[\mu = s] \leq \mathsf{Pr}[\mu' = s]$$

Relational Semantics of Non-deterministic Programs — Definition

The relational semantics of a possibly non-deterministic pGCL program c, is given by function

 $\llbracket c \rrbracket : \mathcal{S} \to \mathbb{C}(\mathcal{S})$

defined by induction on c structure as follows:

Assume we have only one program variable *x*, which is Boolean. Then the set of distributions over program states $\mathcal{D}(S)$ can be represented in the cartesian plane.















 $\{ x := t \ [p] \ x := f \} \square \{ x := t \ [q] \ x := f \}$

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \coloneqq E \end{bmatrix} = \lambda s \cdot \{\eta_{s'}\} \text{ where } s' = s[E/x]$$
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 $\Pr[x=f]$

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{abort} [1/3] {x := t [1/2] x := f}

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 $\Pr[x=t]$

Non-terminating

fair coin

The Day

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 $wp[c]([x=t]+2 \cdot [x=f])$



 $wp[c]([x=t]+2 \cdot [x=f])$



$$wp[c]([x=t]+2\cdot [x=f]) = \frac{5}{6}$$

Agenda

Recap on previous lecture

Algebraic properties

Extension to unbounded expectations

Connection to relational semantics

Extension to non-deterministic programs

Summary

Summary





Connection between the two semantical views

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