

# Algebraic Traces for Probability and Nondeterminism



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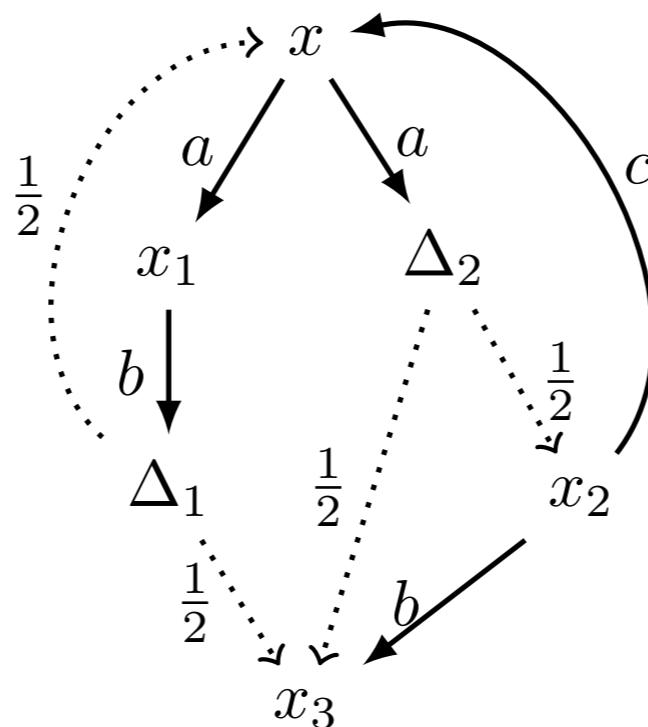
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# Probabilistic Nondeterministic Labeled Transition Systems

$$t: X \rightarrow (\mathcal{PDX})^A$$

Trace Semantics  
for these systems  
is usually defined  
by means of  
Schedulers and  
resolutions

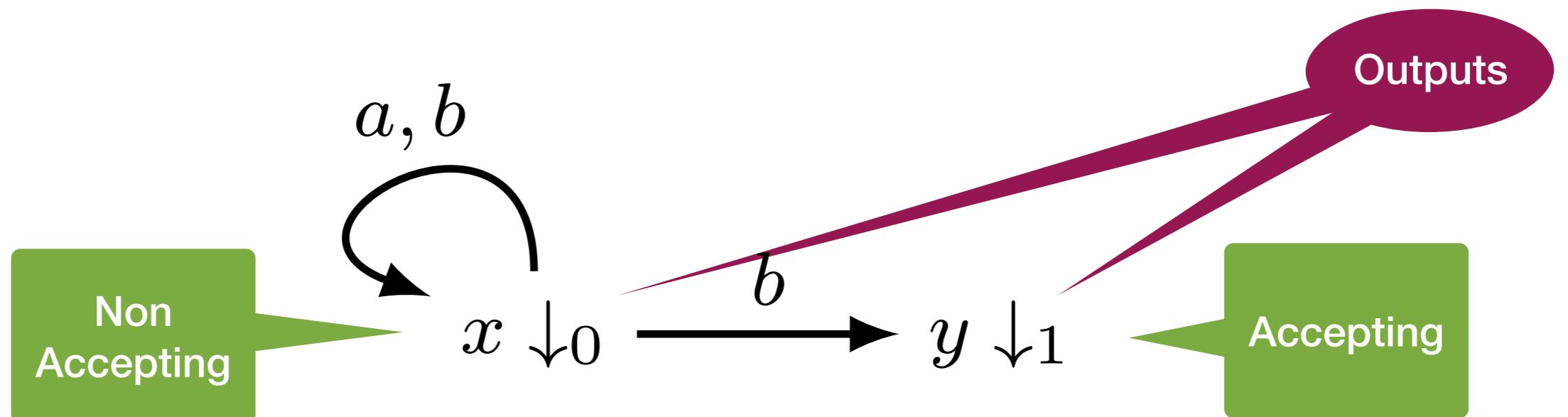


We take a  
different view:  
our semantics is  
based on  
automata theory,  
algebra and  
coalgebra

WARNING: In this talk, we will present our theory in its simplest possible form,  
hiding all category theory

# Nondeterministic Automata

$$\langle o, t \rangle : X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$

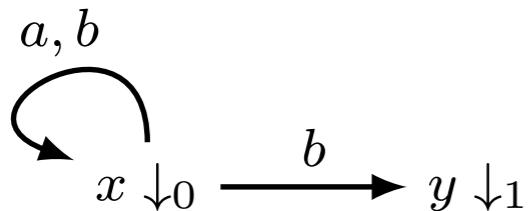


$$X = \{x, y\} \quad A = \{a, b\}$$

# Language Semantics

NFA = LTS + output

$$X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$

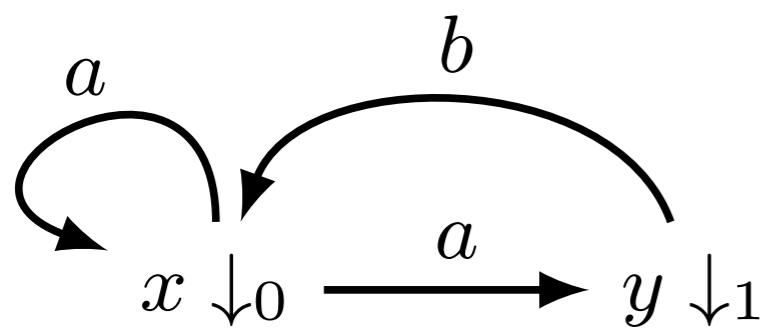


$$[\![\cdot]\!]: X \rightarrow 2^{A^*}$$

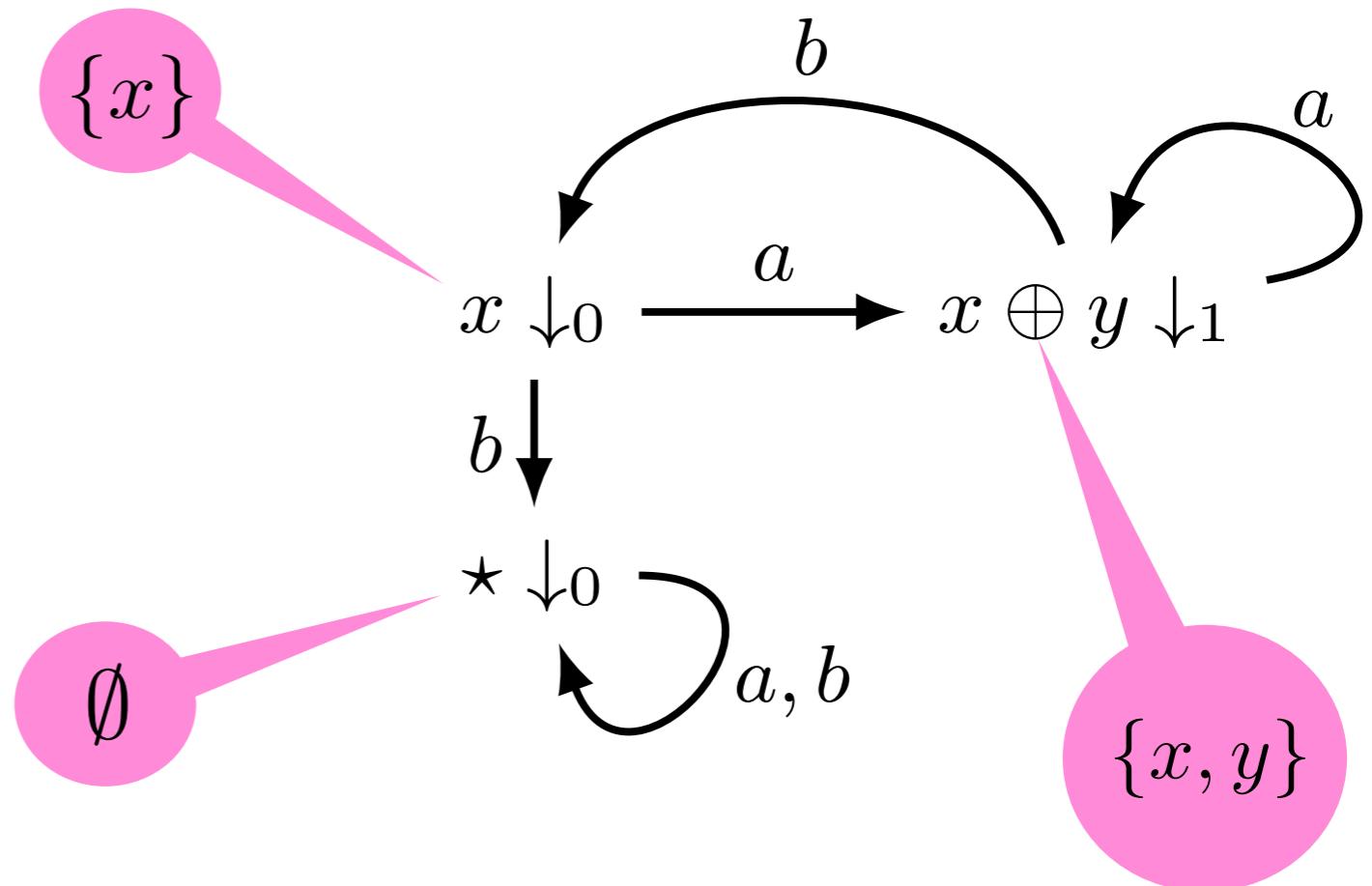
$$[\![x]\!] = (a \cup b)^*b = \{w \in \{a, b\}^* \mid w \text{ ends with a } b\}$$

# Determinisation for Nondeterministic Automata

$$\langle o, t \rangle: X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A \quad \xrightarrow{\text{green arrow}} \quad \langle o^\sharp, t^\sharp \rangle: \mathcal{P}X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$

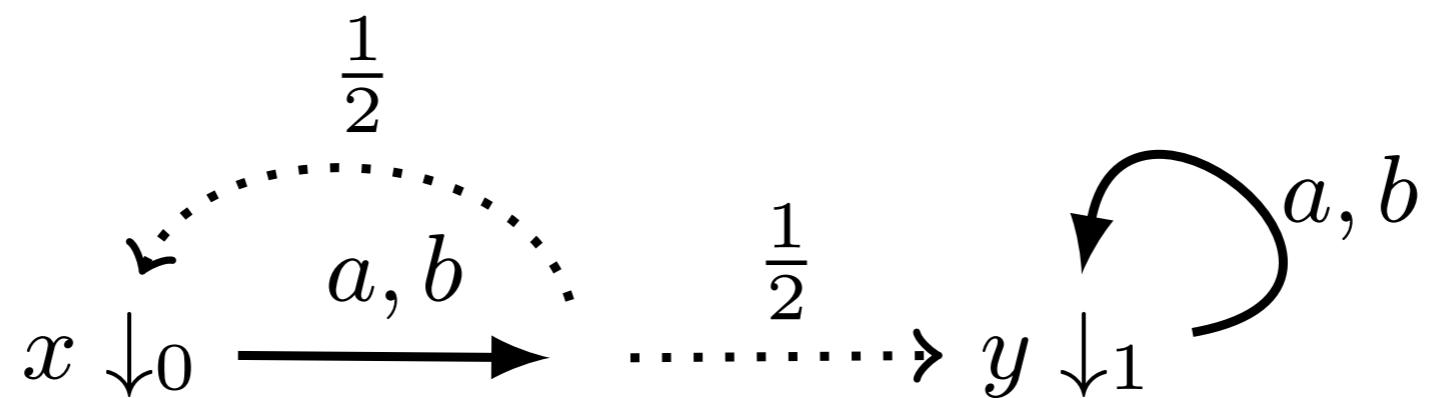


$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket: \mathcal{P}X \rightarrow 2^{A^*}$

$$\llbracket S \rrbracket(\varepsilon) = o^\sharp(S)$$
$$\llbracket S \rrbracket(aw) = \llbracket t^\sharp(S)(a) \rrbracket(w)$$


# Probabilistic Automata

$$\langle o, t \rangle : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}X)^A$$

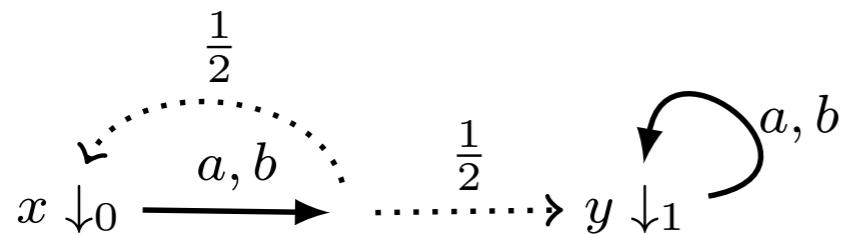


$$X = \{x, y\} \quad A = \{a, b\}$$

# Probabilistic Language Semantics

Rabin PA = PTS + output

$$X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}X)^A$$

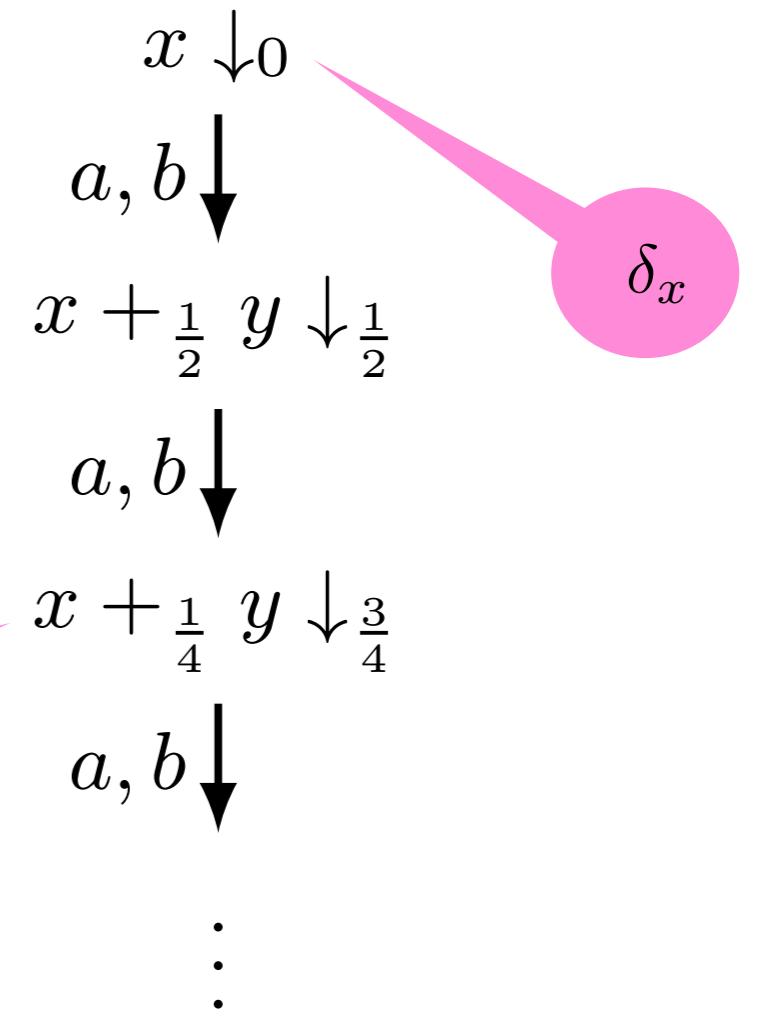
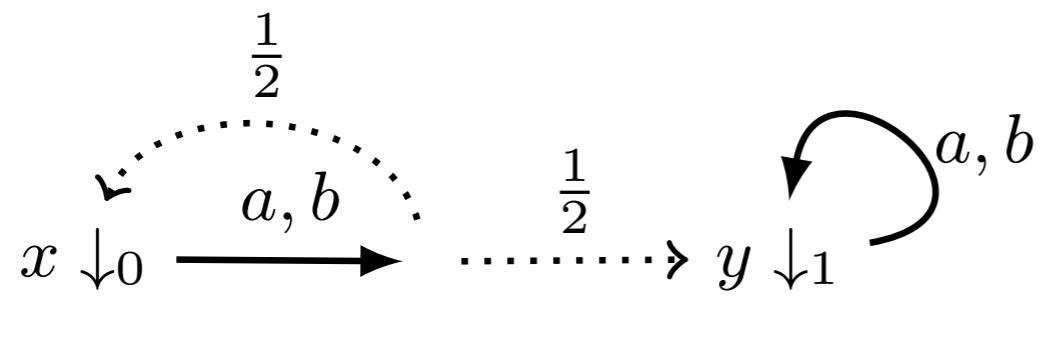


$$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket: X \rightarrow [0, 1]^{A^*}$$

$$\llbracket x \rrbracket = (a \mapsto \frac{1}{2}, aa \mapsto \frac{3}{4}, \dots)$$

# Determinisation for Probabilistic Automata

$$\langle o, t \rangle : X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}X)^A \longrightarrow \langle o^\sharp, t^\sharp \rangle : \mathcal{D}X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}X)^A$$



$$[\![\cdot]\!]: \mathcal{D}X \rightarrow [0, 1]^{A^*}$$

$$[\![\Delta]\!(\varepsilon) = o^\sharp(\Delta)$$

$$[\![\Delta]\!](aw) = [\![t^\sharp(\Delta)(a)]\!](w)$$

$$x \mapsto \frac{1}{4}$$
$$y \mapsto \frac{3}{4}$$

# Toward a GSOS semantics

In the determinisation of **nondeterministic** automata we use terms built of the following syntax

$$s, t ::= \star, s \oplus t, x \in X$$

to represent states in  $\mathcal{P}X$

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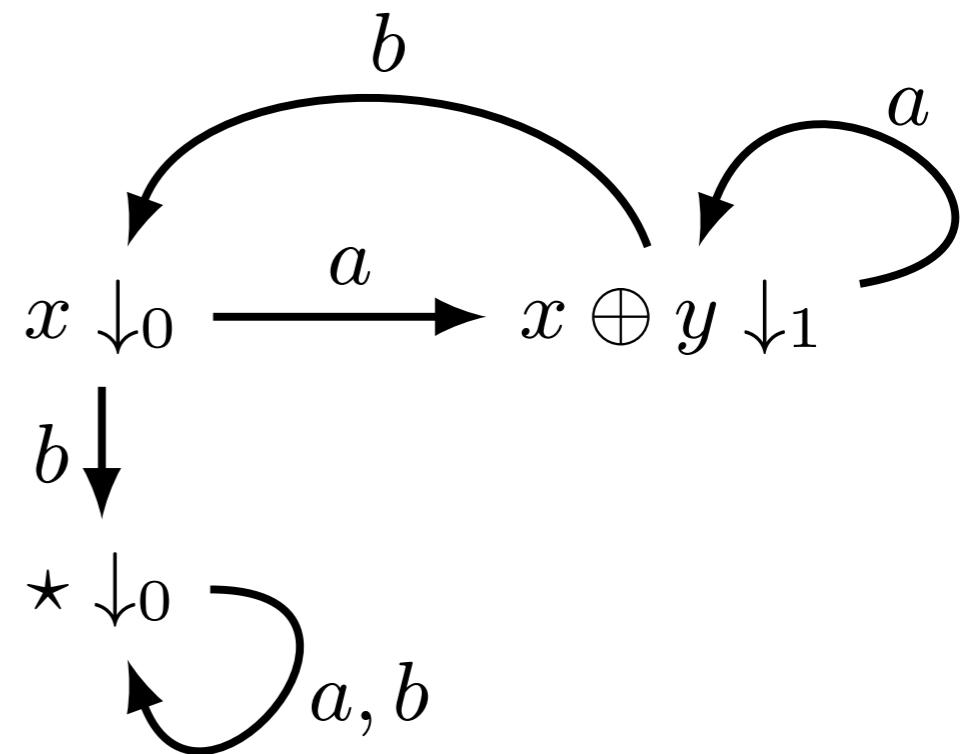
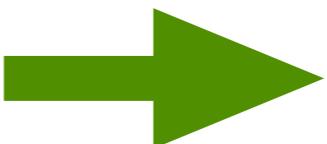
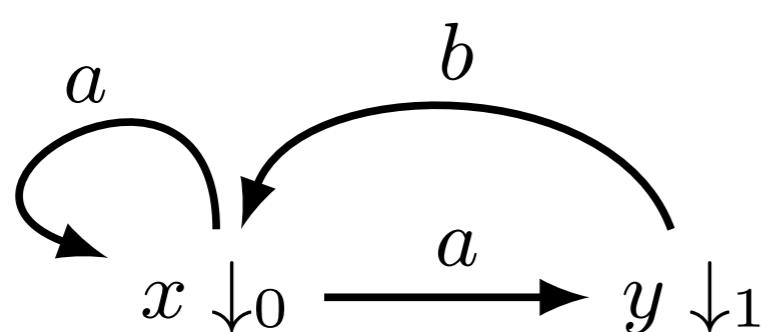
$$s, t ::= s +_p t, x \in X \quad \text{for all } p \in [0, 1]$$

to represent elements of  $\mathcal{D}X$

# GSOS Semantics for Nondeterministic Automata

$$\frac{-}{\star \xrightarrow{a} \star} \quad \frac{s \xrightarrow{a} s' \quad t \xrightarrow{a} t'}{s \oplus t \xrightarrow{a} s' \oplus t'}$$

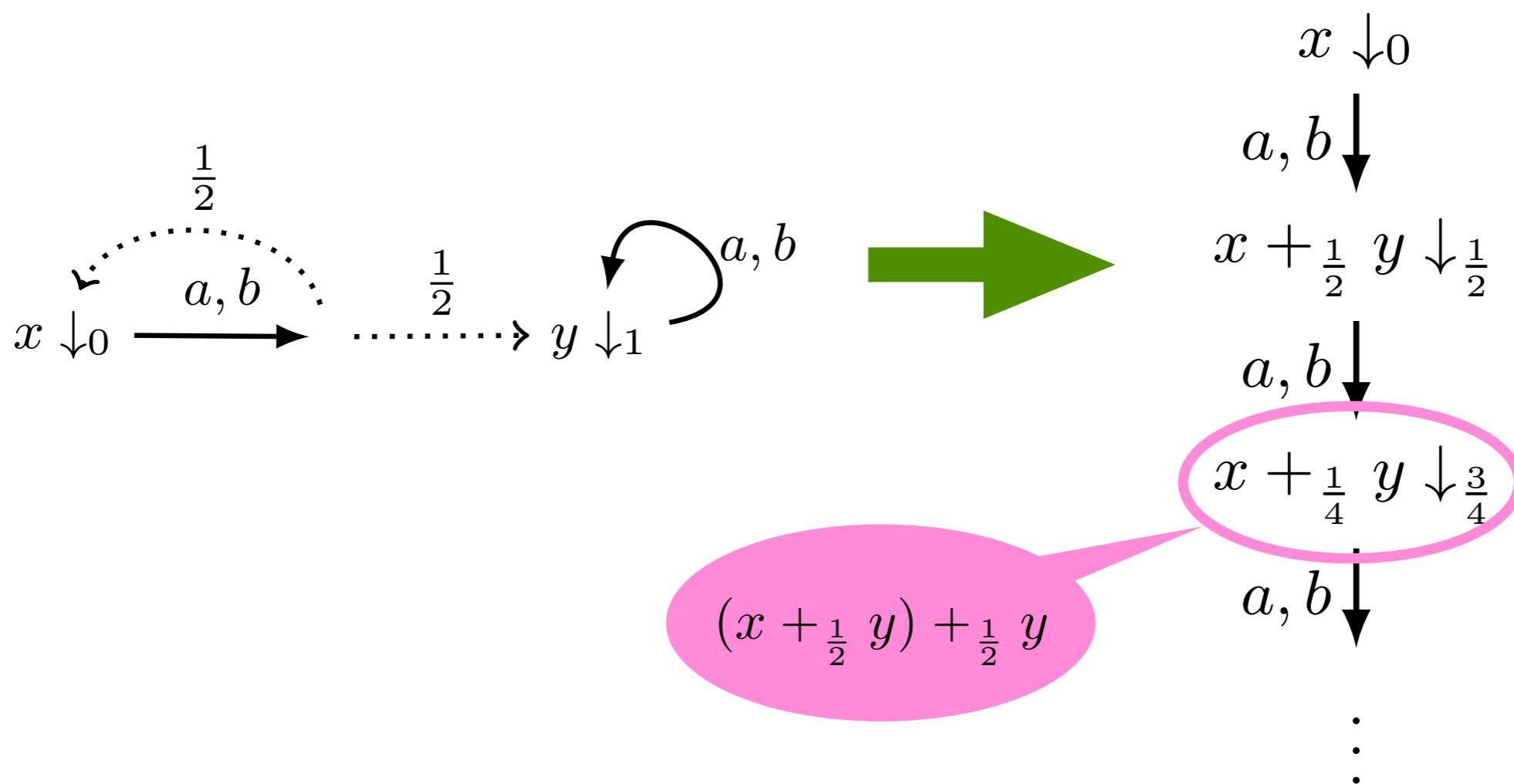
$$\frac{-}{\star \downarrow_0} \quad \frac{s \downarrow_{b_1} \quad t \downarrow_{b_2}}{s \oplus t \downarrow_{b_1 \sqcup b_2}}$$



# GSOS Semantics for Probabilistic Automata

$$\frac{s \xrightarrow{a} s' \quad t \xrightarrow{a} t'}{s +_p t \xrightarrow{a} s' +_p t'}$$

$$\frac{s \downarrow_{q_1} \quad t \downarrow_{q_2}}{s +_p t \downarrow_{p \cdot q_1 + (1-p) \cdot q_2}}$$



# The Algebraic Theory of Semilattices with Bottom

$s, t ::= \star, s \oplus t, x \in X$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (x \oplus y) \oplus z & \stackrel{(A)}{=} & x \oplus (y \oplus z) \\ x \oplus y & \stackrel{(C)}{=} & y \oplus x \\ x \oplus x & \stackrel{(I)}{=} & x \\ x \oplus \star & \stackrel{(B)}{=} & x \end{array}$$

The set of terms quotiented by these axioms is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{P}X$

**this theory is a presentation for the powerset monad**

# The Algebraic Theory of Convex Algebras

$$s, t ::= s +_p t, \quad x \in X \quad \text{for all } p \in [0, 1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} (x +_q y) +_p z &\stackrel{(A_p)}{=} x +_{pq} (y +_{\frac{p(1-q)}{1-pq}} z) \\ x +_p y &\stackrel{(C_p)}{=} y +_{1-p} x \\ x +_p x &\stackrel{(I_p)}{=} x \end{aligned}$$

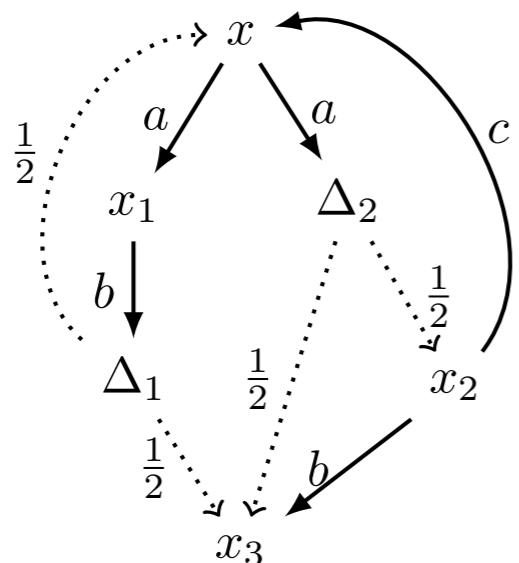
The set of terms quotiented by these axioms is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{D}X$

**this theory is a presentation for the distribution monad**

# Probabilistic Nondeterministic Language Semantics ?

NPA

$$X \rightarrow ? \times (\mathcal{PDX})^A$$



$$\llbracket x \rrbracket = ???$$

$$\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket: X \rightarrow ?^{A^*}$$

# Algebraic Theory for Subsets of Distributions ?

- For our approach it would be convenient to have a theory presenting subsets of distributions
- Monads can be composed by means of distributive laws, but, unfortunately, there is no distributive law between powerset and distributions (Daniele Varacca Ph.D thesis)
  - convexity is the key !
- Other general approach to compose monads/algebraic theories fail
- Our first step is to decompose the powerset monad...

# Three Algebraic Theories

## Nondeterminism



$$\begin{aligned}(x \oplus y) \oplus z &\stackrel{(A)}{=} x \oplus (y \oplus z) \\ x \oplus y &\stackrel{(C)}{=} y \oplus x \\ x \oplus x &\stackrel{(I)}{=} x\end{aligned}$$

Monad:  $\mathcal{P}_{ne}$

Algebras: **Semilattices**

## Probability $+_p$

$$\begin{aligned}(x +_q y) +_p z &\stackrel{(A_p)}{=} x +_{pq} (y +_{\frac{p(1-q)}{1-pq}} z) \\ x +_p y &\stackrel{(C_p)}{=} y +_{1-p} x \\ x +_p x &\stackrel{(I_p)}{=} x\end{aligned}$$

Monad:  $\mathcal{D}$

Algebras: **Convex Algebras**

## Termination $\star$

no axioms

Monad:  $\cdot + 1$

Algebras: **Pointed Sets**

# The Algebraic Theory of Convex Semilattices

$\oplus$      $+_p$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} (x \oplus y) \oplus z & \stackrel{(A)}{=} & x \oplus (y \oplus z) \\ x \oplus y & \stackrel{(C)}{=} & y \oplus x \\ x \oplus x & \stackrel{(I)}{=} & x \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{rcl} (x +_q y) +_p z & \stackrel{(A_p)}{=} & x +_{pq} (y +_{\frac{p(1-q)}{1-pq}} z) \\ x +_p y & \stackrel{(C_p)}{=} & y +_{1-p} x \\ x +_p x & \stackrel{(I_p)}{=} & x \end{array}$$

$$(x \oplus y) +_p z \stackrel{(D)}{=} (x +_p z) \oplus (y +_p z)$$

Monad  $C$ : non-empty convex subsets of distributions

convexity comes from the following derived law

$$s \oplus t \stackrel{(C)}{=} s \oplus t \oplus s +_p t$$

# Adding Termination

$\oplus$      $+_p$      $\star$

$$(x \oplus y) \oplus z \stackrel{(A)}{=} x \oplus (y \oplus z)$$

$$x \oplus y \stackrel{(C)}{=} y \oplus x$$

$$x \oplus x \stackrel{(I)}{=} x$$

$$(x +_q y) +_p z \stackrel{(A_p)}{=} x +_{pq} (y +_{\frac{p(1-q)}{1-pq}} z)$$

$$x +_p y \stackrel{(C_p)}{=} y +_{1-p} x$$

$$x +_p x \stackrel{(I_p)}{=} x$$

$$(x \oplus y) +_p z \stackrel{(D)}{=} (x +_p z) \oplus (y +_p z)$$

**The Algebraic Theory of Pointed Convex Semilattices**

$$x \oplus \star \stackrel{(B)}{=} x$$

**The Algebraic Theory of  
Convex Semilattices with Bottom**

$$x \oplus \star \stackrel{(T)}{=} \star$$

**The Algebraic Theory of  
Convex Semilattices with Top**

These three algebras are those freely generated by the singleton set 1

They give rise to three different semantics: may, must, and may-must

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{I}} = (\mathcal{I}, \text{min-max}, +_p^{\mathcal{I}}, [0, 0])$$

$$\mathcal{I} = \{[x, y] \mid x, y \in [0, 1] \text{ and } x \leq y\}$$

$$\text{min-max}([x_1, y_1], [x_2, y_2]) = [\min(x_1, x_2), \max(y_1, y_2)]$$

$$[x_1, y_1] +_p^{\mathcal{I}} [x_2, y_2] = [x_1 +_p x_2, y_1 +_p y_2]$$

## The Theory of Pointed Convex Semilattices

$$\text{Max} = ([0, 1], \max, +_p, 0)$$

**The Algebraic Theory of  
Convex Semilattices with bottom**

$$\text{Min} = ([0, 1], \min, +_p, 0)$$

**The Algebraic Theory of  
Convex Semilattices with Top**

# Syntax and Transitions

For the three semantics, we use the same syntax

$$s, t ::= \star, s \oplus t, s +_p t, x \in X \quad \text{for all } p \in [0, 1]$$

and transitions

$$\frac{-}{\star \xrightarrow{a} \star}$$

$$\frac{s \xrightarrow{a} s' \quad t \xrightarrow{a} t'}{s \oplus t \xrightarrow{a} s' \oplus t'}$$

$$\frac{s \xrightarrow{a} s' \quad t \xrightarrow{a} t'}{s +_p t \xrightarrow{a} s' +_p t'}$$

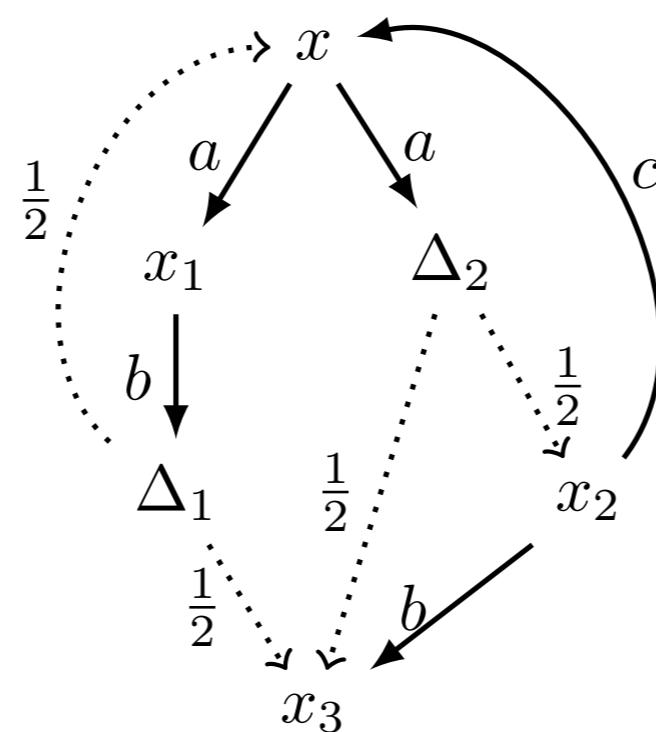
but different output functions...

# Example without outputs

$$x \xrightarrow{a} x_1 \oplus (x_3 + \tfrac{1}{2} x_2)$$

$$x_1 \xrightarrow{b} x + \tfrac{1}{2} x_3$$

$$x_2 \xrightarrow{b} x_3 \quad x_2 \xrightarrow{c} x$$



$$x \xrightarrow{b,c} \star$$

$$x_1 \xrightarrow{a,c} \star$$

$$x_2 \xrightarrow{a} \star$$

$$x_3 \xrightarrow{a,b,c} \star$$

$$x \xrightarrow{a} x_1 \oplus (x_3 + \tfrac{1}{2} x_2) \xrightarrow{b} (x + \tfrac{1}{2} x_3) \oplus (\star + \tfrac{1}{2} x_3)$$

# Outputs for May

We take as algebra of outputs

$$\text{Max} = ([0, 1], \max, +_p, 0)$$

that gives rise to the following three rules

$$\frac{-}{\star \downarrow 0} \quad \frac{s \downarrow q_1 \quad t \downarrow q_2}{s \oplus t \downarrow_{\max(q_1, q_2)}} \quad \frac{s \downarrow q_1 \quad t \downarrow q_2}{s +_p t \downarrow_{q_1 +_p q_2}}$$

# Outputs for Must

We take as algebra of outputs

$$\mathbb{M}\text{in} = ([0, 1], \min, +_p, 0)$$

that gives rise to the following three rules

$$\frac{-}{\star \downarrow 0} \quad \frac{s \downarrow_{q_1} \quad t \downarrow_{q_2}}{s \oplus t \downarrow_{\min(q_1, q_2)}} \quad \frac{s \downarrow_{q_1} \quad t \downarrow_{q_2}}{s +_p t \downarrow_{q_1 +_p q_2}}$$

# Outputs for May-Must

We take as algebra of outputs

$$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{I}} = (\mathcal{I}, \text{min-max}, +_p^{\mathcal{I}}, [0, 0])$$

that gives rise to the following three rules

$$\frac{-}{\star \downarrow_{[0,0]}}$$

$$\frac{s \downarrow_I \quad t \downarrow_J}{s \oplus t \downarrow_{\text{min-max}(I, J)}}$$

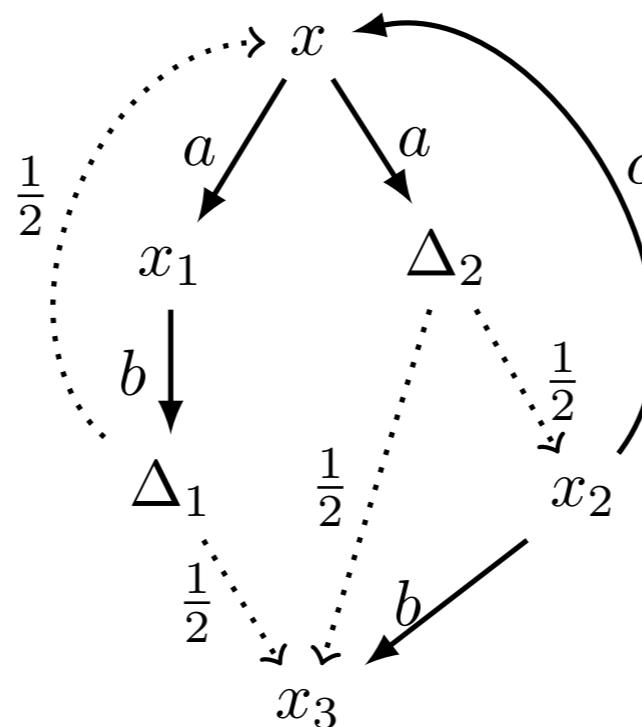
$$\frac{s \downarrow_I \quad t \downarrow_J}{s +_p t \downarrow_{I +_p^{\mathcal{I}} J}}$$

# Example with outputs

$$x \xrightarrow{a} x_1 \oplus (x_3 + \frac{1}{2} x_2)$$

$$x_1 \xrightarrow{b} x + \frac{1}{2} x_3$$

$$x_2 \xrightarrow{b} x_3 \quad x_2 \xrightarrow{c} x$$



$$\begin{aligned} x &\xrightarrow{b,c} \star \\ x_1 &\xrightarrow{a,c} \star \\ x_2 &\xrightarrow{a} \star \\ x_3 &\xrightarrow{a,b,c} \star \end{aligned}$$

All states output 1

$$x \downarrow_1 \quad x_1 \downarrow_1 \quad x_2 \downarrow_1 \quad x_3 \downarrow_1$$

**May**  $x \downarrow_1 \xrightarrow{a} x_1 \oplus (x_3 + \frac{1}{2} x_2) \downarrow_1 \xrightarrow{b} (x + \frac{1}{2} x_3) \oplus (\star + \frac{1}{2} x_3) \downarrow_1$

**Must**  $x \downarrow_1 \xrightarrow{a} x_1 \oplus (x_3 + \frac{1}{2} x_2) \downarrow_1 \xrightarrow{b} (x + \frac{1}{2} x_3) \oplus (\star + \frac{1}{2} x_3) \downarrow_{\frac{1}{2}}$

# Results follow:

- Traces carry a convex semilattice
  - The three trace semantics are convex semilattice homomorphisms
  - Trace equivalences are congruences w.r.t. convex semilattice operations
  - Coinduction up-to these operation is sound
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- Both probabilistic and convex bisimilarity implies the three trace equivalences
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- The equivalences are "backward compatible" with standard trace equivalences for nondeterministic and probabilistic systems
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- The may-equivalence coincides with one in Bernardo, De Nicola, Loreti TCS 2014

# Thank You

