

# From the theory of vulnerability to verified policy advice

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# Where we are

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First half (mostly done):

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# Plan

## Today:

- The computational structure of *possible*: Monadic dynamical systems

## Next week (18 or 19):

- Background: climate science, climate policy under uncertainty

## Week 19 or 20:

- Sequential decision problems
- Bellman's equation, backward induction
- Verified policy advice in a nutshell

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- Recap vulnerability theory
- *State*, *Evolution* and deterministic systems
- Non-deterministic systems
- Monadic systems

# Recap vulnerability theory



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postulate *State Evolution*  $V \ W : \text{Set}$

postulate  $F : \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$

postulate *fmap*  $: \{A \ B : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow F \ A \rightarrow F \ B$

postulate *possible*  $: \text{State} \rightarrow F \ \text{Evolution}$

postulate *harm*  $: \text{Evolution} \rightarrow V$

postulate *measure*  $: F \ V \rightarrow W$

*vulnerability*  $: \text{State} \rightarrow W$

*vulnerability*  $= \text{measure} \circ \text{fmap} \ \text{harm} \circ \text{possible}$

- The theory is **applied** (instantiated) by defining *State*, *Evolution*, etc.

# *State, Evolution* and deterministic systems

# State, Evolution and deterministic systems

- Values of type *State* represent the state of a **system**
- Example 1: a **reduced** climate system as in **SURFER**
- Example 2: a simplified **climate-economy** system as in **DICE simplified**
- Example 3: a detailed **climate** system like in EMICs, GCMs, etc.
- *possible s : F Evolution* are the **possible** evolutions starting in *s : State*
- Thus, either *State* or *possible* have to entail some representation of both **natural** and **anthropogenic forcing** on the system, for example global GHG emissions

# State, Evolution and deterministic systems

- Remember that *Evolution* is the type of evolutions or scenarios
- In a deterministic, time continuous setting, evolutions are certain
- Often, they can be described by differential equations, for example ODE

$$\dot{x} \ t = f \ (x \ t) = (f \circ x) \ t$$

- In this case  $F = Id$  and the evolution starting in  $(t_0, x_0)$  is obtained by integration:

$$\varphi \ t \ (t_0, x_0) = (t_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t_0+t} d\tau, \ x_0 + \int_{t_0}^{t_0+t} f \ (x \ \tau) \ d\tau) = (t_0 + t, \ x \ (t_0 + t))$$

## Exercise 4.1

Let  $x : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ . What are the types of  $\dot{x}$ ,  $f$ ,  $\varphi$  in the expressions above?

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## Exercise 4.2

Which function is  $\varphi$  0? Which function is  $\varphi(t_1 + t_2)$ ?

- The evolution of time continuous, deterministic systems on time discretizations  
 $\hat{t} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ ,  $\hat{t} \Delta t k = k * \Delta t$  is also described by endo-functions

$$\hat{\varphi} \Delta t k = \varphi(\hat{t} \Delta t k)$$

## Exercise 4.3

What is the type of  $\hat{\varphi} \Delta t k$ ?

- ...and also that of time time discrete deterministic systems, e.g., given by difference equations

$$x(t+1) = x t + g(x t, x(t+1))$$

# State, Evolution and deterministic systems

- In general, one can model **deterministic systems** as endo-functions

$$\text{DetSys} : \text{Set} \rightarrow \text{Set}$$

$$\text{DetSys } X = X \rightarrow X$$

- The evolutions of a system is then obtained by **iterating** that system:

$$\text{detFlow} : \{X : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{DetSys } X \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \text{DetSys } X$$

$$\text{detFlow } f \text{ zero} = \text{id}$$

$$\text{detFlow } f (\text{suc } n) = \text{detFlow } f \text{ } n \circ f$$

## Exercise 4.4

Let  $\text{next} : \text{State} \rightarrow \text{State}$  and  $\text{Evolution} = \text{Vec } \text{State } 5$ . Define  $\text{possible} : \text{State} \rightarrow \text{Evolution}$  such that  $\text{possible } s$  is the trajectory under  $\text{next}$  starting in  $s$ :  $\text{possible } s = [s, \text{next } s, \dots, \text{next}^4 s]$ .

## Exercise 4.5

Encode the mathematical specification

$\forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}. \forall f : \text{DetSys } X. \forall x \in X. \text{detFlow } f (m + n) x = \text{detFlow } f n (\text{detFlow } f m x)$   
in Agda through a function *detFlowP1*.

## Exercise 4.6

Implement (prove) *detFlowP1* by induction on *m*.

# State, Evolution and deterministic systems

- One can compute **the** trajectory obtained by iterating a system  $n$  times from an initial state:

$$\text{detTrj} : \{X : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{DetSys } X \rightarrow (n : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow X \rightarrow \text{Vec } X (\text{suc } n)$$
$$\text{detTrj } f \text{ zero } x = x :: []$$
$$\text{detTrj } f (\text{suc } n) x = x :: \text{detTrj } f n (f x)$$

## Exercise 4.7

$\text{detTrj}$  fulfills a specification similar to  $\text{detFlowP1}$ . Encode this specification in the type of a function  $\text{detTrjP1}$  using only  $\text{detTrj}$ ,  $\text{detFlow}$ ,  $\text{tail} : \text{Vec } X (1 + n) \rightarrow \text{Vec } X n$  and vector concatenation  $\text{++}$ .



# State, Evolution and deterministic systems

- Perhaps not surprisingly, the last element of the trajectory of length  $1 + n$  of  $f : \text{DetSys } X$  starting in  $x$  is just  $\text{detFlow } f \ n \ x$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{detFlowTrjP1} : \{X : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (n : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow (f : \text{DetSys } X) \rightarrow \\ (x : X) \rightarrow \text{last } (\text{detTrj } f \ n \ x) \equiv \text{detFlow } f \ n \ x \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 4.8

Implement  $\text{detFlowTrjP1}$  using

$$\begin{aligned} \text{lastLemma} : \{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \{n : \mathbb{N}\} \rightarrow \\ (a : A) \rightarrow (as : \text{Vec } A \ (\text{suc } n)) \rightarrow \text{last } (a :: as) \equiv \text{last } as \\ \text{lastLemma } a \ (x :: as) = \text{refl} \end{aligned}$$

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- Remember that **uncertainty** can be represented **functorially**:  $possible : State \rightarrow F \text{ Evolution}$
- For  $F = \text{List}$ , we have **non-deterministic** uncertainty
- In this case, for a given initial state one can have **zero**, **one** or **more** possible **next** states
- One can **iterate** non-deterministic systems like deterministic ones

$NonDetSys : Set \rightarrow Set$

$NonDetSys X = X \rightarrow List X$

$nonDetFlow : \{X : Set\} \rightarrow NonDetSys X \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \rightarrow NonDetSys X$

$nonDetFlow f \text{ zero} = \eta_{List}$

$nonDetFlow f (\text{suc } n) = f \ggg_{List} nonDetFlow f n$

# Non-deterministic systems

## Exercise 4.9

What are the types of  $\eta_{List}$  and  $\ggg_{List}$  in the definition of *nonDetFlow*?

## Exercise 4.10

Define  $\ggg_{List}$  in terms of  $fmap_{List}$  and  $\mu_{List}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} fmap_{List} &: \{A\ B : Set\} \rightarrow (A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow List\ A \rightarrow List\ B \\ \mu_{List} &: \{A : Set\} \rightarrow List\ (List\ A) \rightarrow List\ A \end{aligned}$$

## Exercise 4.11

Verify that, for arbitrary types  $A$  and  $B$ ,  $\eta_{List} = [_]$  and  $fmap_{List} = map$  fulfill

$$(f : A \rightarrow B) \rightarrow (a : A) \rightarrow fmap_{List}\ f\ (\eta_{List}\ a) \equiv \eta_{List}\ (f\ a)$$

# Non-deterministic systems

- With  $fmap_{List}$ ,  $\eta_{List}$  and  $\ggg_{List}$ , one can also compute all the possible trajectories

$$nonDetTrj : \{X : Set\} \rightarrow NonDetSys X \rightarrow (n : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow X \rightarrow List (Vec X (suc n))$$
$$nonDetTrj f zero \quad x = fmap_{List} (x :: \_) (\eta_{List} [])$$
$$nonDetTrj f (suc n) x = fmap_{List} (x :: \_) ((f \ggg_{List} (nonDetTrj f n)) x)$$

## Exercise 4.12

Compute  $nonDetFlow \text{ rw } n \text{ zero}$  and  $nonDetTrj \text{ rw } n \text{ zero}$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2$  for the random walk

$$rw : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow List \mathbb{N}$$
$$rw \text{ zero} = zero :: suc \text{ zero} :: []$$
$$rw (suc m) = m :: suc m :: suc (suc m) :: []$$

# Non-deterministic systems

- Every **deterministic** system can be **represented** by a **non-deterministic** one:

$$\text{detToNonDet} : \{X : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow \text{DetSys } X \rightarrow \text{NonDetSys } X$$

$$\text{detToNonDet } f = \eta_{\text{List}} \circ f$$

## Exercise 4.13

Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Det} \equiv \text{NonDet} : \{X : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (f : \text{DetSys } X) \rightarrow (n : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow (x : X) \rightarrow \\ \eta_{\text{List}} (\text{detFlow } f \ n \ x) \equiv \text{nonDetFlow } (\text{detToNonDet } f) \ n \ x \end{aligned}$$

by induction on  $n$  and using  $\eta_{\text{List}} \text{NatTrans}$  and

$$\text{postulate } \text{triangleLeftList} : \{A : \text{Set}\} \rightarrow (as : \text{List } A) \rightarrow \mu_{\text{List}} (\eta_{\text{List}} \ as) \equiv as$$

# Non-deterministic systems

- Perhaps surprisingly, the opposite is also true

$$\begin{aligned} nonDetToDet &: \{X : Set\} \rightarrow NonDetSys X \rightarrow DetSys (List X) \\ nonDetToDet f &= \mu_{List} \circ (fmap_{List} f) \end{aligned}$$

- But the **state** of the resulting deterministic system is now **much bigger**!
- The function  $\lambda xs \rightarrow \lambda f \rightarrow \mu_{List} \circ (fmap_{List} f xs)$  is usually denoted by the infix  $\gg=_{List}$

$$nonDetToDet f xs = xs \gg=_{List} f$$

- Again, one has a representation theorem

$$\begin{aligned} NonDet \equiv Det &: \{X : Set\} \rightarrow (f : NonDetSys X) \rightarrow (n : \mathbb{N}) \rightarrow (xs : List X) \rightarrow \\ &nonDetToDet (nonDetFlow f n) xs \equiv detFlow (nonDetToDet f) n xs \end{aligned}$$

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