6. Probabilities: Markov chains and statistical model checking

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Where we are

Syllabus

- Introduction to model-checking
- CCS: a simple language for concurrency
  - Syntax
  - Semantics
  - Equivalence
  - mCRL2: modelling
- Dynamic logic
  - Syntax
  - Semantics
  - Relation with equivalence
  - mCRL2: verification
- Timed Automata
  - Syntax
  - Semantics (composition, Zeno)
  - Equivalence
  - UPPAAL: modelling
- Temporal logics (LTL/CTL)
  - Syntax
  - Semantics
  - UPPAAL: verification
- Probabilistic and stochastic systems
  - Going probabilistic
  - UPPAAL: monte-carlo

Going probabilistic

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- Verifying deadlock freedom (and others) requires traversing all states
- Approximation:
  - traverse only part of the states
  - give more priority to some actions
  - return (statistically) likelihood of a given property

Recall: A taxonomy of transition systems

- $\alpha : S \to N \times S$ Moore machine
- $\alpha : S \to \mathtt{Bool} \times S^N$ deterministic automata
- $\alpha : S \to \mathtt{Bool} \times \mathrm{P}(S)^N$ non-deterministic automata (reactive)

- $\alpha : S \to \mathrm{P}(N \times S)$ non deterministic LTS (generative)
- $\alpha : S \to (S + 1)^N$ partial deterministic LTS
- $\alpha : S \to \mathrm{P}(S)$ unlabelled TS

- $\alpha : S \to \mathrm{D}(S)$ Markov chain

Markov chains

$$\alpha : S \to \mathrm{D}(S)$$

where $D(S)$ is the set of all discrete probability distributions on set S

A Markov chain goes from a state s to a state s' with probability p if

$$\alpha(s) = \mu \quad \text{with} \quad \mu(s') = p > 0$$

Recall discrete distributions

Recall

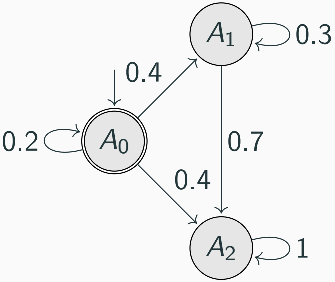
$\mu : S \to [0,1]$ is a discrete probability distribution if

- $\{s \in S \mid \mu(s) > 0\}$, is finite (called the support of μ), and
- $\sum_{s \in S} \mu(s) = 1$

Examples

- Dirac distribution: $\mu_s^1 = \{s \to 1\}$
- Product distribution: $(\mu_1 \times \mu_2)\langle s, t\rangle = \mu_1(s) \times \mu 2(t)$

Example



$$\alpha : S \to (\mathrm{D}(S) + 1)^N$$

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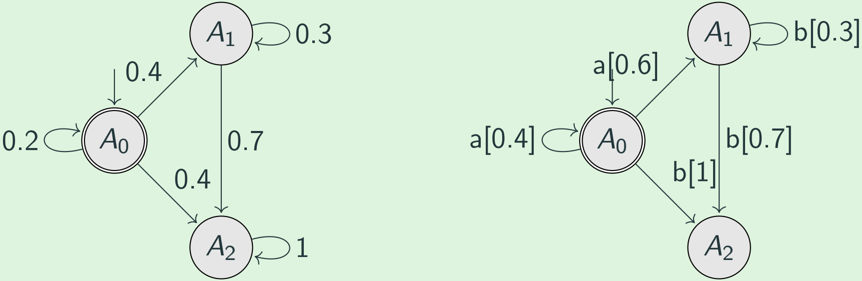
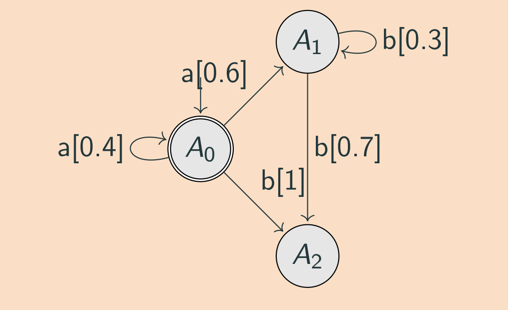


Notions of bisimulation arise naturally.

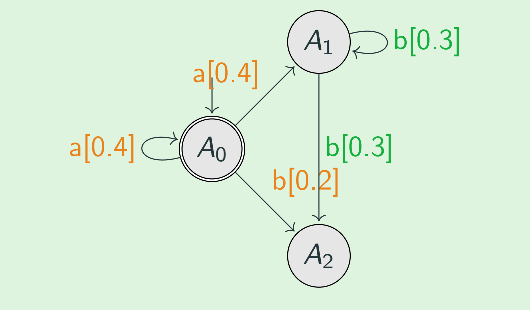
Generative PTS

$$\alpha : S \to \mathrm{D}((S \times N) + 1)$$

Before (reactive)

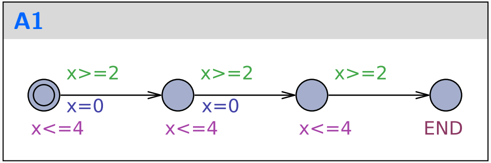


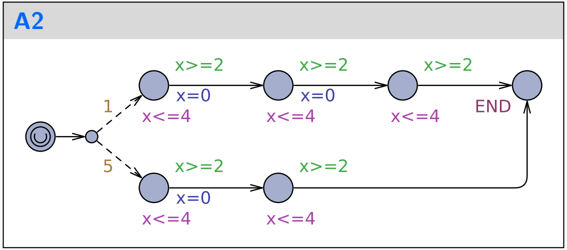
Ex. 6.2: Now (generative) – formalise it

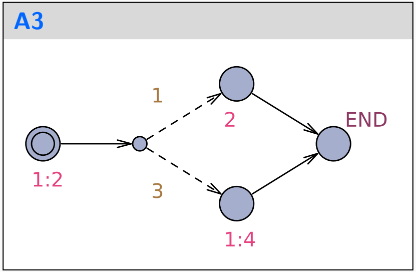


Probabilities in Uppaal

Stochastic Timed Automata – examples







Stochastic Timed automata Definition

$$\langle \mathbf{L}, \mathbf{L_0}, \mathbf{Act}, \mathbf{C}, \mathbf{Tr}, \mathbf{Inv} \rangle$$

where

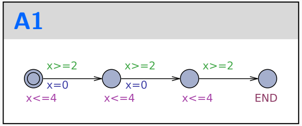
- L is a set of locations, and $L_0 \subseteq L$ the set of initial locations
- Act is a set of actions and C a set of clocks
- $Tr \subseteq L \times \mathcal{C}(C) \times Act \times \mathcal{P}(C) \times \mathbb{N} \times L$ is the transition relation

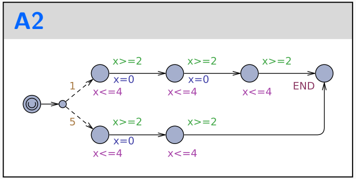
  $$\ell_1 \xrightarrow{g,a,U,w} \ell_2$$

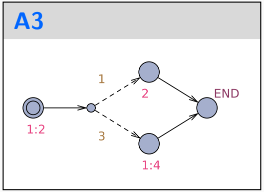
  denotes a transition from location ℓ_1 to ℓ_2, labelled by a, enabled if guard g is valid, which, when performed, resets the set U of clocks, with a probability given by the weight w
- $Inv : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}(C) \cup \mathbb{Q}$ is the assignment of invariants or rates (of an exponential distribution) to locations

where $\mathcal{C}(C)$ denotes the set of clock constraints over a set C of clock variables

Again A1,A2,A3: Timed PTS







- Probability of $\langle A1_0, \overline{0}\rangle \xrightarrow{0.5} \langle A1_0, \overline{0.5}\rangle$?
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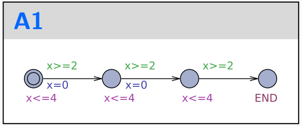

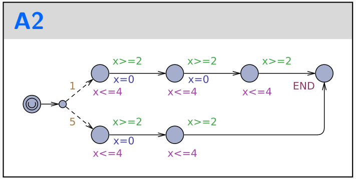

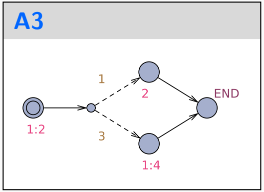

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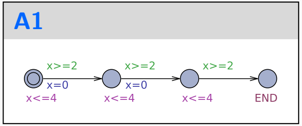

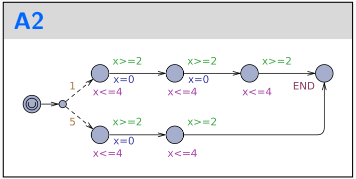

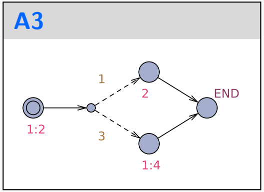

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- Probability of reaching $A1_1$?
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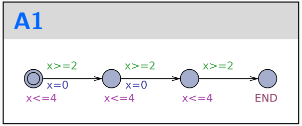

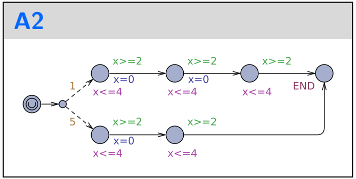

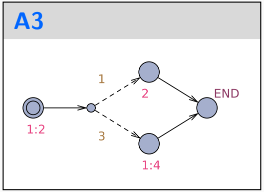

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- Probability of reaching $A3_{END}$ in less than 4.3?

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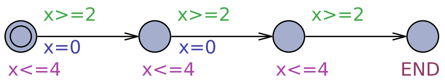
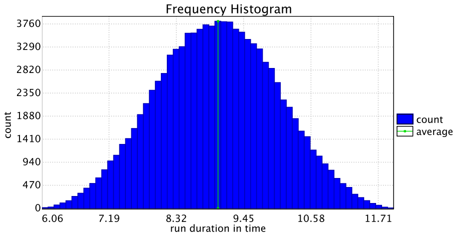
A1: When does it end?

A1



A1's histogram

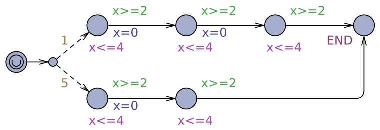


Parameters: α=0.05, ε=0.05, bucket width=0.10002, bucket count=59
Runs: 102000 in total, 102000 (100%) displayed, 0 (0%) remaining
Span of displayed sample: [6.06618, 11.9675]
Mean estimate of displayed sample: 9.00732 ± 0.00614869 (95% CI)

- Run 102000 times
- Histogram: how many times it took [9..9.1] seconds?
- ...

A2: When does it end?

A2



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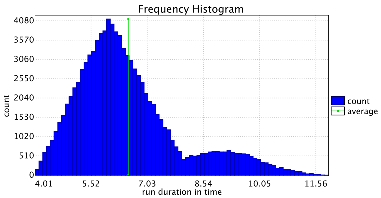
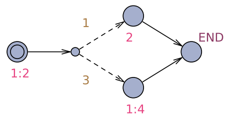


Parameters: α=0.05, ε=0.05, bucket width=0.10102, bucket count=78
Runs: 100000 in total, 100000 (100%) displayed, 0 (0%) remaining
Span of displayed sample: [4.0185, 11.8982]
Mean estimate of displayed sample: 6.5045 ± 0.00872567 (95% CI)

- Run 100000 times
- Histogram: how many times it took [9..9.1] seconds?
- ...

A3: When does it end?

A3



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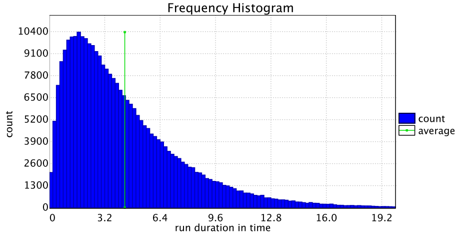

Parameters: α=0.05, ε=0.05, bucket width=0.19991, bucket count=100
Runs: 300000 in total, 299181 (99.727%) displayed, 819 (0.273%) remaining
Span of displayed sample: [0.0045298, 19.9958]
Mean estimate of displayed sample: 4.31514 ± 0.0118734 (95% CI)

- Run 300000 times
- Histogram: how many times it took [9..9.1] seconds?
- ...

Generative Timed PTS

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$$\alpha : S \to \mathrm{D}_{cont}((S \times (N + \mathcal{R}_0^+) + 1)$$

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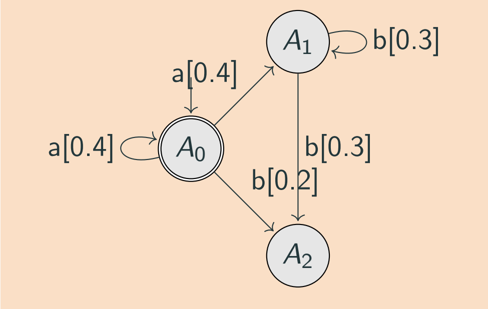
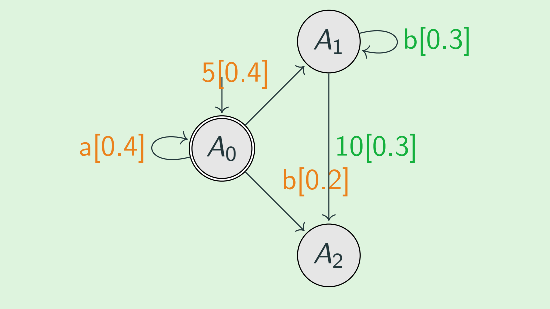


Ex. 6.3: Now (Timed PTS) – formalise it



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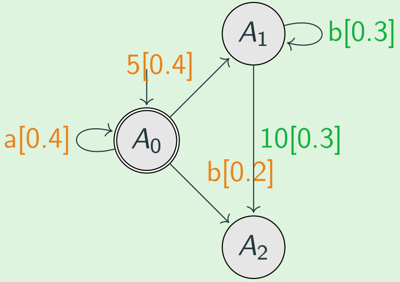
Notes

- Continuous time: continuous distribution
- Probabilities both at continuous delays and discrete transitions.

Ex. 6.4: Now (Timed PTS) – formalise it



Probabilistic queries in Uppaal

Probabilistic queries

- `Pr[c<=10; 100]([] safe)` – runs 100 stochastic simulations and estimates the probability of `safe` remaining true within 10 cost units, based on 100 runs.
- `Pr[<=10](<> good)` – runs a number of stochastic simulations and estimates the probability of `good` eventually becoming true within 10 time units. The number of runs is decided based on the probability interval precision ($\pm\varepsilon$) and confidence level (level of significance α).
- `Pr[<=10](<> good) >= 0.5` – checks if the probability of reaching good within 10 time units is greater than 50% (less runs than calculating the probability, using "Walds's algorithm")
- `E[<=10; 100](max: cost)` runs 100 stochastic simulations and estimates the maximal value of cost expression over 10 time units of stochastic simulation.

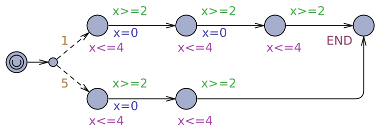
More at `https://docs.uppaal.org/language-reference/query-syntax/statistical_queries/`

Running a single simulation

- `simulate[<=10] { x, y }` creates one stochastic simulation run of up to 10 time units in length and plot the values of `x` and `y` expressions over time (after checking, right-click the query and choose a plot).
- Variations: `[c<=10] / [#<=10]` – based on clock *c* or based on the number of transitions.

Replicate the histograms

A2



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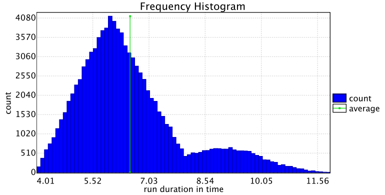

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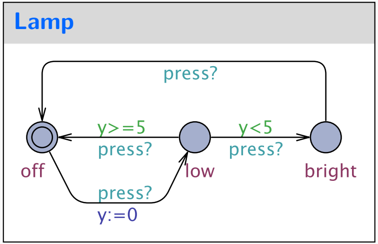
Ex. 6.5: Replicate the visualisation

Ex. 6.6: Replicate the visualisation also for A1 and A3

Exercise: create a stochastic simulation of the lamp



Ex. 6.7: Adapt the model to make it stochastic

Ex. 6.8: Adapt requirements to make them probabilistic

1. The lamp can become bright;
2. The lamp will eventually become bright;
3. The lamp can never be on for more than 3600s;
4. It is possible to never turn on the lamp;
5. Whenever the light is bright, the clock y is non-zero;
6. Whenever the light is bright, it will eventually become off.