

Verifying Featured Transition Systems using Variability Parity Games

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1 Introduction

2 Definitions

2.1 Transition systems

Similar to [1].

Definition 2.1. An LTS is a tuple $M = (S, Act, trans, s_0)$, where:

- S is a set of states,
- Act a set of actions,
- $trans \subseteq S \times Act \times S$ is the transition relation with $(s, a, s') \in trans$ denoted by $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$,
- $s_0 \in S$ is the initial state.

Definition 2.2. An FTS is a tuple $M = (S, Act, trans, s_0, N, P, \gamma)$, where:

- $S, Act, trans, s_0$ are defined as in an LTS,
- N is a non-empty set of features,
- $P \subseteq \mathcal{P}(N)$ is a set of products, ie. feature assignments, that are valid,
- $\gamma : trans \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(N)$ is a total function, labelling each transition with a Boolean expression over the features. A product $p \in \mathcal{P}(N)$ satisfying the Boolean expression of transition t is denoted by $p \models \gamma(t)$, $\gamma(t)(p) = 1$ or $p \in \llbracket \gamma(t) \rrbracket$.

A transition $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$ and $\gamma((s, a, s')) = f$ is denoted by $s \xrightarrow{a/f} s'$.

Definition 2.3. The projection of an FTS M to a product $p \in P$, noted $M|_p$, is the LTS $M' = (S, Act, trans', s_0)$, where $trans' = \{t \in trans \mid p \models \gamma(t)\}$.

Definition 2.4. [3] A modal μ -calculus formula over the set of actions Act and a set of variables \mathcal{X} is defined by

$$\varphi = \top \mid \perp \mid X \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi \mid [a] \varphi \mid \mu X. \varphi \mid \nu X. \varphi$$

with $a \in Act$ and $X \in \mathcal{X}$.

No negations in the language because negations can be pushed inside to the propositions, ie. the \top and \perp elements.

A fixed point formula $\sigma X. \varphi$, with $\sigma \in \{\mu, \nu\}$, can be unfolded which results in the formula φ where every X is replaced by $\sigma X. \varphi$, ie. $\varphi[X := \sigma X. \varphi]$. A fixed point formula is equivalent to its unfolding, ie. $\sigma X. \varphi$ is equivalent to $\varphi[X := \sigma X. \varphi]$. [2]

Definition 2.5. [3] For LTS $(S, Act, trans, s_0)$ we inductively define the interpretation of a modal μ -calculus formula φ , notation $\llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\rho$, where $\rho : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(S)$ is a logical variable valuation, as a set of states where φ is valid, by:

$$\begin{aligned}
\llbracket \top \rrbracket^\rho &= S \\
\llbracket \perp \rrbracket^\rho &= \emptyset \\
\llbracket \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \rrbracket^\rho &= \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket^\rho \cap \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket^\rho \\
\llbracket \varphi_1 \vee \varphi_2 \rrbracket^\rho &= \llbracket \varphi_1 \rrbracket^\rho \cup \llbracket \varphi_2 \rrbracket^\rho \\
\llbracket \langle a \rangle \varphi \rrbracket^\rho &= \{s \in S \mid \exists s' \in S s \xrightarrow{a} s' \wedge s' \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\rho\} \\
\llbracket [a] \varphi \rrbracket^\rho &= \{s \in S \mid \forall s' \in S s \xrightarrow{a} s' \implies s' \in \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^\rho\} \\
\llbracket \mu X. \varphi \rrbracket^\rho &= \bigcap_{f \subseteq S} \{f \mid f = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\rho[X:=f]}\} \\
\llbracket \nu X. \varphi \rrbracket^\rho &= \bigcup_{f \subseteq S} \{f \mid f = \llbracket \varphi \rrbracket^{\rho[X:=f]}\} \\
\llbracket X \rrbracket^\rho &= \rho(X)
\end{aligned}$$

Definition 2.6. Given LTS $M = (S, Act, trans, s_0)$, state $s \in S$ and mu-calculus formula φ we write $M, s \models \varphi$ if and only if φ is satisfied in state s for LTS M . If $M, s_0 \models \varphi$ we write $M \models \varphi$.

3 Goal

Similar to [4].

Given an FTS $M = (S, Act, trans, s_0, N, P, \gamma)$ and a modal μ -calculus formula φ we want to find the set $P_s \subseteq P$ such that:

- for every $p \in P_s$ we have $M|_p \models \varphi$,
- for every $p \in P \setminus P_s$ we have $M|_p \not\models \varphi$.

A counterexample for every $p \in P \setminus P_s$ is preferred.

If $P_s = P$, ie. all products satisfy φ , we write $M \models \varphi$.

4 Parity Games

4.1 Parity games

Definition 4.1. [2] A parity game (PG) is a tuple (V, V_0, V_1, E, ρ) , where:

- $V = V_0 \cup V_1$ and $V_0 \cap V_1 = \emptyset$,
- V_0 is the set of vertices owned by player 0,
- V_1 is the set of vertices owned by player 1,
- $E \subseteq V \times V$ is the edge relation,
- $\rho : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a priority assignment.

We write $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$ to denote an arbitrary player. We write $\bar{\alpha}$ to denote α 's opponent, ie. $\bar{0} = 1$ and $\bar{1} = 0$.

A parity game is played by players 0 and 1. A play starts with placing a token on vertex $v \in V$. Player α moves the token if the token is on a vertex owned by α , ie. $v \in V_\alpha$. The token can be moved to $w \in V$, with $(v, w) \in E$. A series of moves results in a sequence of vertices, called path. For path π we write π_i to denote the i^{th} vertex in path π . A play ends when the token is on vertex $v \in V_\alpha$ and α can't move the token anywhere, in this case player $\bar{\alpha}$ wins the play. If the play results in an infinite path π then we determine the highest priority that occurs infinitely often in this path, formally

$$\max\{p \mid \forall j \exists i j < i \wedge p = \rho(\pi_i)\}$$

If the highest priority is odd then player 1 wins, if it is even player 0 wins.

A strategy for player α is a function $\sigma : V^* V_\alpha \rightarrow V$ that maps a path ending in a vertex owned by player α to the next vertex. Parity games are positionally determined [2], therefore a strategy $\sigma : V_\alpha \rightarrow V$ that maps the current vertex to the next vertex is sufficient.

A strategy σ for player α is winning from vertex v if and only if any play that results from following σ results in a win for player α . The graph can be divided in two partitions $W_0 \subseteq V$ and $W_1 \subseteq V$, called winning sets. If and only if $v \in W_\alpha$ then player α has a winnigns strategy from v . Every vertex in the graph is either in W_0 or W_1 [2]. Furthermore finite parity games are decidable [2].

4.2 Featured parity games

Definition 4.2. A featured parity game (FPG) is a tuple $(V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho, N, P, \gamma)$, where:

- $V = V_0 \cup V_1$ and $V_0 \cap V_1 = \emptyset$,
- V_0 is the set of vertices owned by player 0,
- V_1 is the set of vertices owned by player 1,
- $E \subseteq V \times V$ is the edge relation,
- $\rho : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a priority assignment,
- N is a set of features,
- $P \subseteq \mathcal{P}(N)$ is a set of products, ie. feature assignments, for which the game can be played,
- $\gamma : E \rightarrow \mathbb{B}(N)$ is a total function, labelling each edge with a Boolean expression over the features.

An FPG is played similarly to a PG, however the game is played for a specific product $p \in P$. Player α can only move the token from $v \in V_\alpha$ to $w \in V$ if $(v, w) \in E$ and $p \models \gamma(v, w)$.

A game played for product $p \in P$ results in winnings sets W_0^p and W_1^p , which are defined similar to the W_0 and W_1 winning sets for parity games.

Definition 4.3. The projection from FPG $G = (V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho, N, P, \gamma)$ to a product $p \in P$, noted $G|_p$, is the parity game (V, V_0, V_1, E', ρ) where $E' = \{e \in E \mid p \models \gamma(e)\}$.

Playing FPG G for a specific product $p \in P$ is the same as playing the PG $G|_p$. Any path that is valid in G for p is also valid in $G|_p$ and vice versa. Therefore the strategies are also interchangeable, furthermore the winning sets W_α for $G|_p$ and W_α^p for G are identical. Since parity games are positionally determined so are FPGs. Similarly, since finite parity games are decidable, so are finite FPGs.

4.3 Variability parity games

Definition 4.4. A variability parity game (VPG) is a tuple $(V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho, \mathfrak{C}, \theta)$, where:

- $V = V_0 \cup V_1$ and $V_0 \cap V_1 = \emptyset$,
- V_0 is the set of vertices owned by player 0,
- V_1 is the set of vertices owned by player 1,
- $E \subseteq V \times V$ is the edge relation; we assume that E is total, i.e. for all $v \in V$ there is some $w \in V$ such that $(v, w) \in E$,
- $\rho : V \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a priority assignment,
- \mathfrak{C} is a finite set of configurations,
- $\theta : E \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathfrak{C}) \setminus \{0\}$ is the configuration mapping, satisfying for all $v \in V$, $\bigcup\{\theta(v, w) \mid (v, w) \in E\} = \mathfrak{C}$.

A VPG is played similarly to a PG, however the game is played for a specific configuration $c \in \mathfrak{C}$. Player α can only move the token from $v \in V_\alpha$ to $w \in V$ if $(v, w) \in E$ and $c \in \theta(v, w)$. Furthermore VPGs don't have deadlocks, every play results in an infinite path.

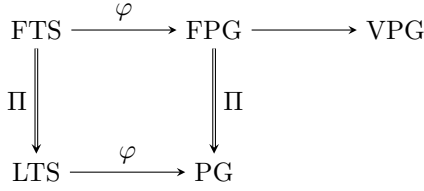
A game played for configuration $c \in \mathfrak{C}$ results in winning sets W_0^c and W_1^c , which are defined similar to the W_0 and W_1 winning sets for parity games.

Definition 4.5. The projection from VPG $G = (V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho, \mathfrak{C}, \theta)$ to a configuration $c \in \mathfrak{C}$, noted $G|_c$, is the parity game (V, V_0, V_1, E', ρ) where $E' = \{e \in E \mid c \in \theta(e)\}$.

Playing VPG G for a specific configuration $c \in \mathfrak{C}$ is the same as playing the PG $G|_c$. Any path that is valid in G for c is also valid in $G|_c$ and vice versa. Therefore the strategies are also interchangeable, furthermore the winning sets W_α for $G|_c$ and W_α^c for G are identical. Since parity games are positionally determined so are VPGs. Similarly, since finite parity games are decidable, so are finite VPGs.

4.4 Creating parity games

Originating from an FTS and a modal μ -calculus we can create an FPG (from which we can create a PG by projection) and from the FPG we can create a VPG. For a specific product we can project the FTS to an LTS, from which we can create a PG. The relation between the transition systems and games is displayed in the following diagram.



The projections are defined in the previous section. In this section we will define the horizontal arrows in the diagram. First we show how to create a PG from an LTS and a modal μ -calculus formula, this part is well studied and the approach is based on [2].

Definition 4.6. [2] $\text{LTS2PG}(M, \varphi)$ converts LTS $M = (S, \text{Act}, \text{trans}, s_0)$ and closed formula φ to a PG (V, V_0, V_1, E, ρ) .

A vertex in the parity game is represented by a pair (s, ψ) where $s \in S$ and ψ is a modal μ -calculus formula. We will create a vertex for every state with every subformula of φ except subformula's of the form X . Furthermore we create a vertex for every state with the unfolding of every fixpoint formula. Formally we define the set of vertices by first defining the set of subformula's:

$$F = \{\psi \mid \psi \text{ is a subformula of } \varphi\}, \text{ note that } \varphi \text{ is a subformula of } \varphi$$

The set of subformula's that are of the form X :

$$F_X = \{\psi \in F \mid \psi = X\}$$

And the set of the unfolding of fixedpoint subformula's:

$$F_\sigma = \{\psi[X := \sigma X.\psi] \mid \sigma X.\psi \in F \text{ with } \sigma \in \{\mu, \nu\}\}$$

Having these sets we can define the set of vertices by:

$$V = S \times (F \setminus F_X \cup F_\sigma)$$

We create the parity game with the smallest set E such that:

- $V = V_0 \cup V_1$,
- $V_0 \cap V_1 = \emptyset$ and
- for every $v = (s, \psi) \in V$ we have:
 - If $\psi = \top$ then $v \in V_1$.
 - If $\psi = \perp$ then $v \in V_0$.
 - If $\psi = \psi_1 \vee \psi_2$ then:
 - $v \in V_0$,
 - $(v, (s, \psi_1)) \in E$ and
 - $(v, (s, \psi_2)) \in E$.
 - If $\psi = \psi_1 \wedge \psi_2$ then:
 - $v \in V_1$,
 - $(v, (s, \psi_1)) \in E$ and
 - $(v, (s, \psi_2)) \in E$.
 - If $\psi = \langle a \rangle \psi_1$ then $v \in V_0$ and for every $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$ we have $(v, (s', \psi_1)) \in E$.
 - If $\psi = [a] \psi_1$ then $v \in V_1$ and for every $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$ we have $(v, (s', \psi_1)) \in E$.
 - If $\psi = \mu X.\psi_1$ then $(v, (s, \psi_1[X := \mu X.\psi_1])) \in E$.
 - If $\psi = \nu X.\psi_1$ then $(v, (s, \psi_1[X := \nu X.\psi_1])) \in E$.

Note that since φ is closed and we use unfolding there will never be an edge $(v, (s, X)) \in E$.

$$\text{Finally we have } \rho(s, \psi) = \begin{cases} 2 \lfloor \text{adepth}(X)/2 \rfloor & \text{if } \psi = \nu X.\psi' \\ 2 \lfloor \text{adepth}(X)/2 \rfloor + 1 & \text{if } \psi = \mu X.\psi' \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Next we define the transformation from FTS to FPG.

Definition 4.7. $FTS2FPG(M, \varphi)$ converts FTS $M = (S, Act, trans, s_0, N, P, \gamma)$ and closed formula φ to FPG $(V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho, N, P, \gamma')$. We have $(V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho) = LTS2PG((S, Act, trans, s_0), \varphi)$ and

$$\gamma'((s, \psi), (s', \psi')) = \begin{cases} \gamma(s, a, s') & \text{if } \psi = \langle a \rangle \psi' \text{ or } \psi = [a] \psi' \\ \top & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Finally we define how to create a VPG from an FPG. This transformation abstracts from the notion of products and uses configurations for a syntactically more pleasant representation. Furthermore in VPGs deadlocks are removed, this is done by creating two losing vertices l_0 and l_1 such that player α loses when the token is in vertex l_α . Any vertex that can not move for a configuration will get an edge that is admissible for that configuration towards one of the losing vertices.

Definition 4.8. $FPG2VPG(G^F)$ converts FPG $G^F = (V^F, V_0^F, V_1^F, E^F, \rho^F, N, P, \gamma)$ to VPG $G = (V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho, \mathfrak{C}, \theta)$.

Let P be defined as $\{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m\}$, we define $\mathfrak{C} = \{c_0, c_1, \dots, c_m\}$.

We create vertices l_0 and l_1 and define $V_0 = V_0^F \cup \{l_0\}$, $V_1 = V_1^F \cup \{l_1\}$ and $V = V_0 \cup V_1$.

We construct E by first making $E = E^F$ and adding edges (l_0, l_0) and (l_1, l_1) to E . Simultaneously we construct θ by first making $\theta(e) = \{c_i \in \mathfrak{C} | p_i \models \gamma(e)\}$ for every $e \in E^F$. Furthermore $\theta(l_0, l_0) = \theta(l_1, l_1) = \mathfrak{C}$.

Next, for every vertex $v \in V_\alpha$ with $\alpha = \{0, 1\}$, we have $C = \mathfrak{C} \setminus \{\theta(v, w) | (v, w) \in E\}$. If $C \neq \emptyset$ then we add (v, l_α) to E and make $\theta(v, l_\alpha) = C$. Finally we have

$$\rho(v) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } v = l_0 \\ 0 & \text{if } v = l_1 \\ \rho^F(v) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

4.5 Correctness

Theorem 4.1. *Given:*

- FTS $M = (S, Act, trans, s_0, N, P, \gamma)$,
- a closed modal mu-calculus formula φ ,
- a product $p \in P$

it holds that the parity games $LTS2PG(M|_p, \varphi)$ and $FTS2FPG(M, \varphi)|_p$ are identical.

Proof. Let $G^F = FTS2FPG(M, \varphi) = (V^F, V_0^F, V_1^F, E^F, \rho^F, N, P, \gamma')$, using definition 4.7, and $G|_p^F = (V^F, V_0^F, V_1^F, E^{F'}, \rho^F)$, using definition 4.3. Furthermore we have $M|_p = (S, Act, trans', s_0)$ and we let $G = LTS2PG(M|_p, \varphi) = (V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho)$. We depict the different transition systems and games in the following diagram.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FTS\ M & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & FPG\ G^F \\ \Pi \downarrow & & \downarrow \Pi \\ LTS\ M|_p & \xrightarrow{\varphi} & PG\ G \\ & & PG\ G|_p^F \end{array}$$

We will prove that $G = G|_p^F$. We first note that game G is created by

$$(V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho) = LTS2PG((S, Act, trans', s_0), \varphi)$$

and the vertices, edges and priorities of game G^F are created by

$$(V^F, V_0^F, V_1^F, E^F, \rho^F) = LTS2PG((S, Act, trans, s_0), \varphi)$$

Using the definition of $LTS2PG$ (4.6) we find that the vertices and the priorities only depend on the states in S and the formula φ , since these are identical in the above two statements we immediately get $V = V^F$, $V_0 = V_0^F$, $V_1 = V_1^F$ and $\rho = \rho^F$. The vertices and priorities don't change when an FTS is projected, therefore $G|_p^F$ has the same vertices and priorities as G^F .

Now we are left with showing that $E = E^{F'}$ in order to conclude that that $G = G|_p^F$. We will do this by showing $E \subseteq E^{F'}$ and $E \supseteq E^{F'}$.

First let $e \in E$. Note that a vertex in the parity game is represented by a pair of a state and a formula. So we can write $e = ((s, \psi), (s', \psi'))$. To show that $e \in E^{F'}$ we distinguish two cases:

- If $\psi = \langle a \rangle \psi_1$ or $\psi = [a] \psi_1$ then there exists an $a \in Act$ such that $(s, a, s') \in trans'$. Using definition 2.3 we get $(s, a, s') \in trans$ and $p \models \gamma(s, a, s')$. Using definition 4.7 we find that $\gamma'((s, \psi), (s', \psi')) = \gamma(s, a, s')$ and therefore $p \models \gamma'((s, \psi), (s', \psi'))$. Now using definition 4.3 we find $((s, \psi), (s', \psi')) \in E^{F'}$.
- Otherwise the existence of the edge does not depend on the *trans* parameter and therefore $((s, \psi), (s', \psi')) \in E^{F'}$ if $(s, \psi) \in V^F$, since $V^F = V$ we have $(s, \psi) \in V^F$.

We can conclude that $E \subseteq E^{F'}$, next we will show $E \supseteq E^{F'}$. Let $e = ((s, \psi), (s', \psi')) \in E^{F'}$. We distinguish two cases:

- If $\psi = \langle a \rangle \psi_1$ or $\psi = [a] \psi_1$ then there exists an $a \in Act$ such that $(s, a, s') \in trans$. Using definition 4.3 we get $p \models \gamma(s, a, s')$. Using definition 4.7 we get $p \models \gamma(s, a, s')$. Using the projection definition 4.7 we get $(s, a, s') \in trans'$ and therefore $((s, \psi), (s', \psi')) \in E$.
- Otherwise the existence of the edge does not depend on the *trans* parameter and therefore $((s, \psi), (s', \psi')) \in E$ if $(s, \psi) \in V$, since $V^F = V$ we have $(s, \psi) \in V$.

□

Theorem 4.2. *Given:*

- *FTS* $M = (S, Act, trans, s_0, N, P, \gamma)$,
- *closed modal mu-calculus formula* φ ,
- *product* $p \in P$ and
- *state* $s \in S$

it holds that $M|_p, s \models \varphi$ *if and only if* $(s, \varphi) \in W_0^p$ *in* $FTS2FPG(M, \varphi)$.

Proof. The winning set W_α^p is equal to winning set W_α in $FTS2FPG(M, \varphi)|_p$ using definition 4.2. Using theorem 4.1 we find that the game $FTS2FPG(M, \varphi)|_p$ is equal to the game $LTS2PG(M|_p, \varphi)$, obviously their winning sets are also equal. Using the modal verification proof from [2] we know that $M|_p, s \models \varphi$ if and only if $(s, \varphi) \in W_0$. Winning set W_α^p is equal to W_α , therefore the theorem holds. □

Theorem 4.3. *Given:*

- *FPG* $G^F = (V^F, V_0^F, V_1^F, E^F, \rho^F, N, \{p_0, p_1, \dots, p_m\}, \gamma)$,
- *product* p_i ,
- *player* $\alpha \in \{0, 1\}$

we have for winning sets $W_\alpha^{p_i}$ *in* G *and* $W_\alpha^{c_i}$ *in* $FPG2VPG(G^F)$ *that* $W_\alpha^{p_i} \subseteq W_\alpha^{c_i}$.

Proof. Let $G = (V, V_0, V_1, E, \rho, \mathfrak{C}, \theta) = FPG2VPG(G^F)$. Consider finite play π that is valid in game G^F for product p_i . We have for every (π_i, π_{i+1}) in π that $(\pi_i, \pi_{i+1}) \in E^F$ and $p_i \models \gamma((\pi_i, \pi_{i+1}))$. From definition 4.8 it follows that $(\pi_i, \pi_{i+1}) \in E$ and $c_i \in \theta(\pi_i, \pi_{i+1})$. So we can conclude that path π is also valid in game G for configuration c_i . Since the play is finite the winner is determined by the last vertex v in π , player α wins such that $v \in V_\alpha$. Furthermore we know, because the play is finite, that there exists no $(v, w) \in E^F$ with $p_i \models \gamma(v, w)$. From this we can conclude that $(v, l_{\bar{\alpha}}) \in E$ and $c_i \in \theta(v, l_{\bar{\alpha}})$. Vertex $l_{\bar{\alpha}}$ has one outgoing edge, namely to itself. So finite play π will in game G^F results in an infinite play $\pi(l_{\bar{\alpha}})^\omega$. Vertex $l_{\bar{\alpha}}$ has a priority with the same parity as player α , so player α wins the infinite play in G for configuration c_i .

Consider infinite play π that is valid in game G^F for product p_i . As shown above this play is also valid in game G for configuration c_i . Since the win conditions of both games are the same the play will result in the same winner.

Consider infinite play π that is valid in game G for configuration c_i . We distinguish two cases:

- If l_α doesn't occur in π then the path is also valid for game G^F with product p_i and has the same winner.
- If $\pi = \pi'(l_\alpha)^\omega$ then the winner is player $\bar{\alpha}$. The path π' is valid for game G^F with product p_i . Let vertex v be the last vertex of π' . Since $(v, l_\alpha) \in E$ and $c_i \in \theta(v, l_\alpha)$ we know that there is no $(v, w) \in E^F$ with $p_i \models \gamma(v, w)$ and that vertex v is owned by player α . So in game G^F player α can't move at vertex v and therefore loses the game (in which case the winner is also $\bar{\alpha}$).

We have shown that every path (finite or infinite) in game G^F with product p_i can be played in game G with configuration c_i and that they have the same winner. Furthermore every infinite path in game G with configuration c_i can be either played as an infinite path or the first part of the path can be played in G^F with product p_i and they have the same winner. From this we can conclude that the theorem holds. □

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