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Opportunistic Synthesis in Reactive Games under Information Asymmetry

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Presentation Outline

I. Research Interest:

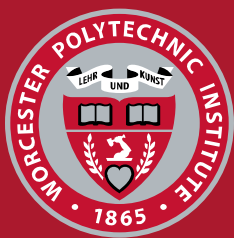
Reactive Synthesis (Formal Methods in Robotics)

II. Research Direction:

Opportunistic Synthesis

III. Future Directions:

Generalization of Opportunistic Synthesis



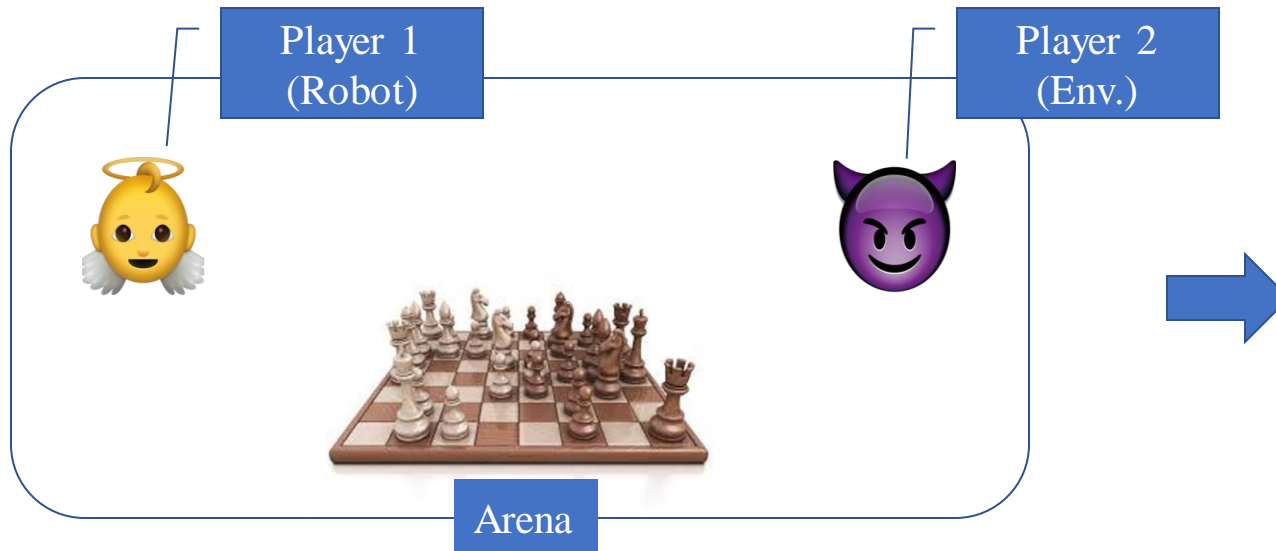
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Section I: Reactive Synthesis

- What is reactive synthesis?
- What questions the state-of-the-art answers?
- Challenges in reactive synthesis?

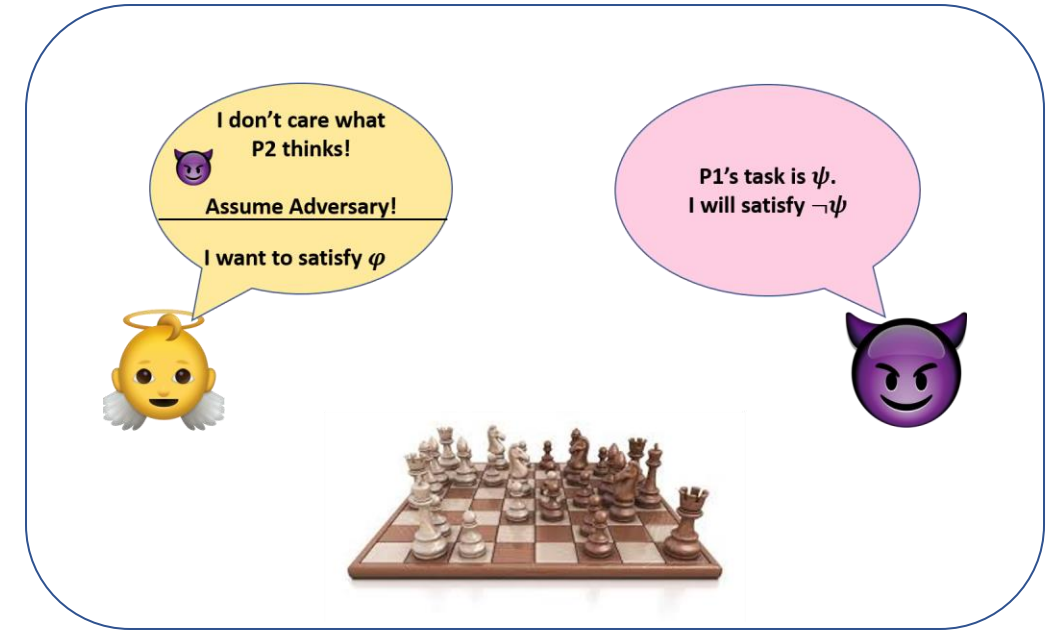


Reactive Synthesis: Intuition



Reactive System

Interaction between a robot (P1) and its **dynamic** and **uncontrollable** environment (P2).



Reactive Synthesis

Automatic synthesis of strategy for P1, guaranteed to satisfy given **logical specification**.

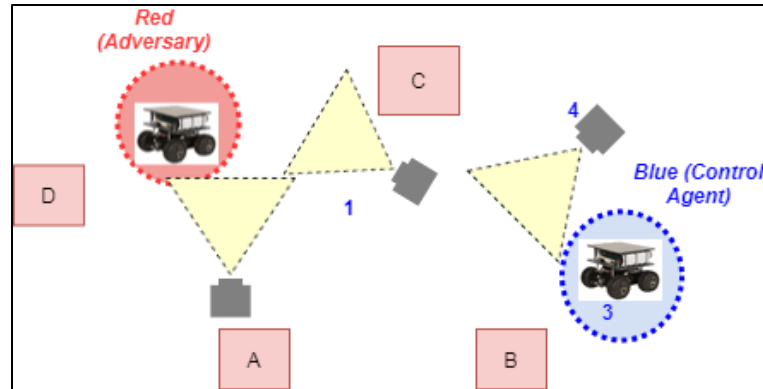
Strategic Applications



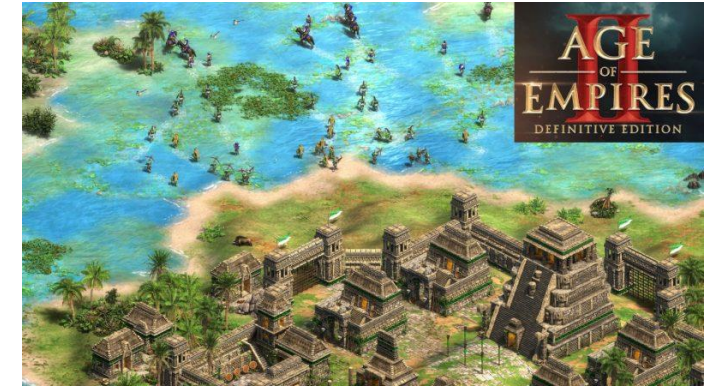
Human-Robot Interactions



Cyber-Security



Multi-Robot Mission Planning

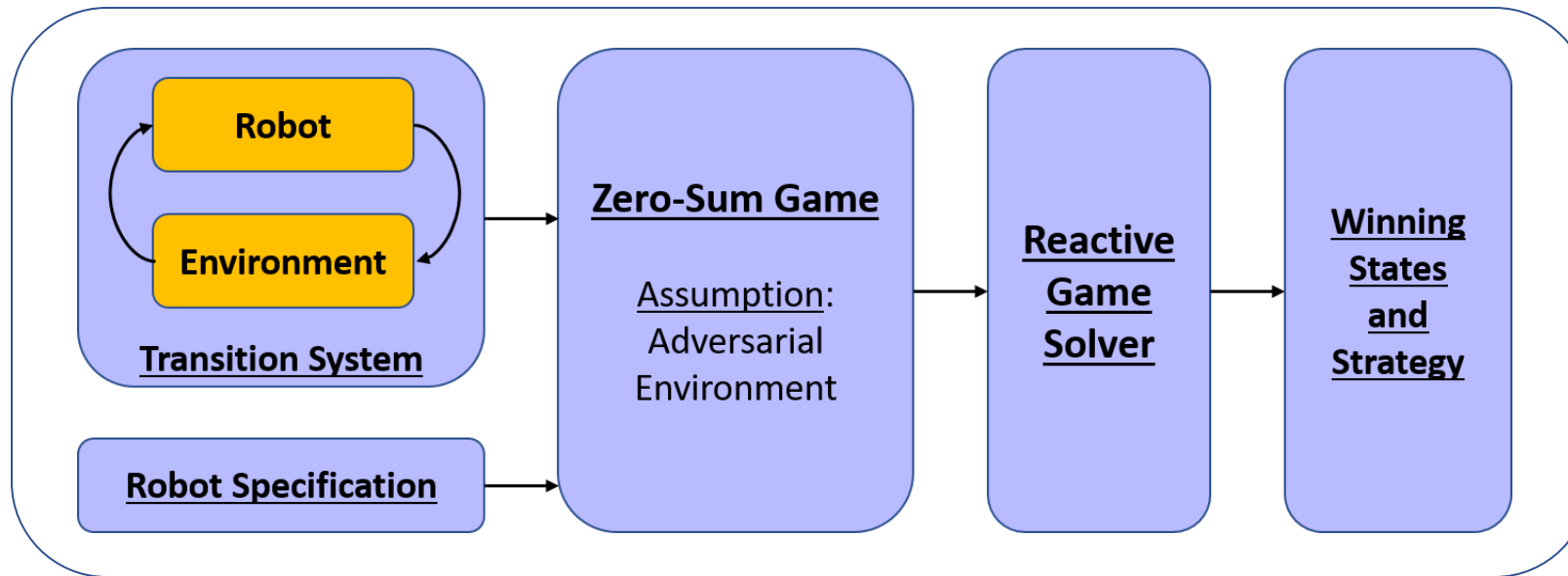


Computer Game AI

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State-of-the-Art

Given a model of interaction between robot and its environment, what strategy should robot play to ensure satisfaction of its objectives.



Solution Pipeline of Reactive Synthesis

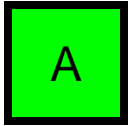
Toy Example



Robot (P1)

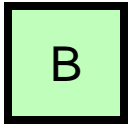


Environment (P2)



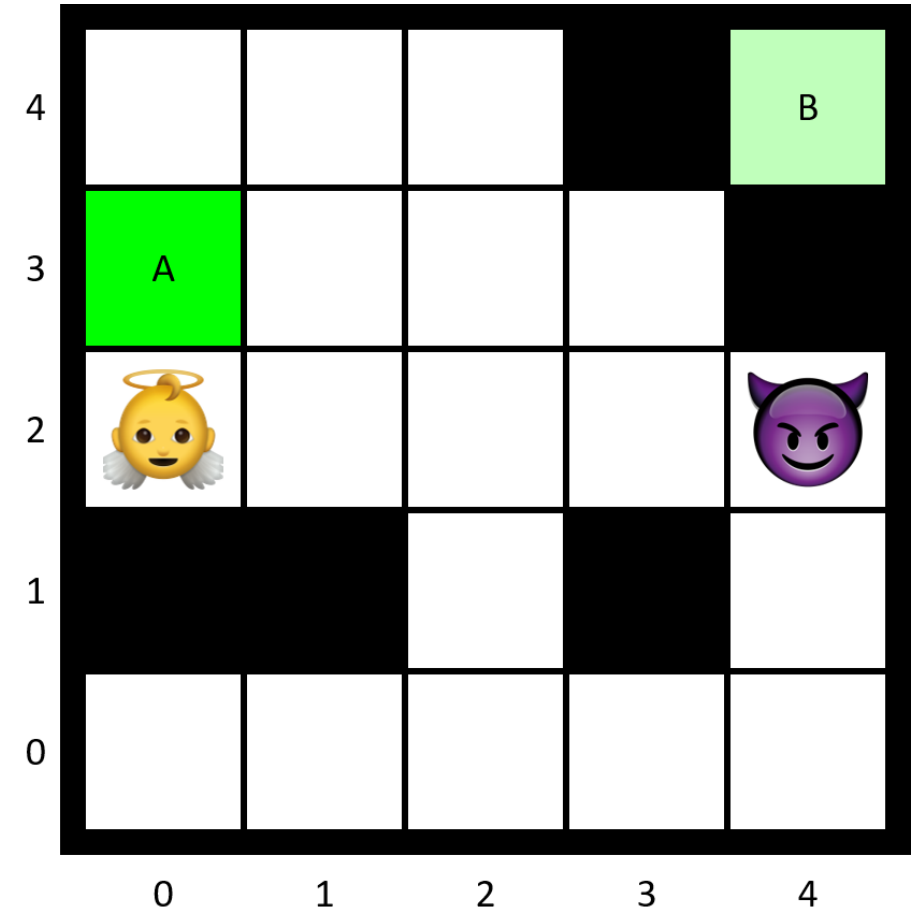
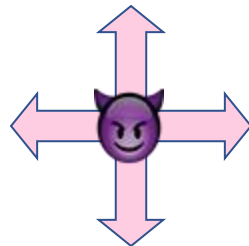
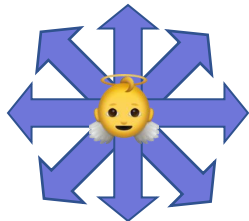
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φ_1 : P1's objective known to P2



B

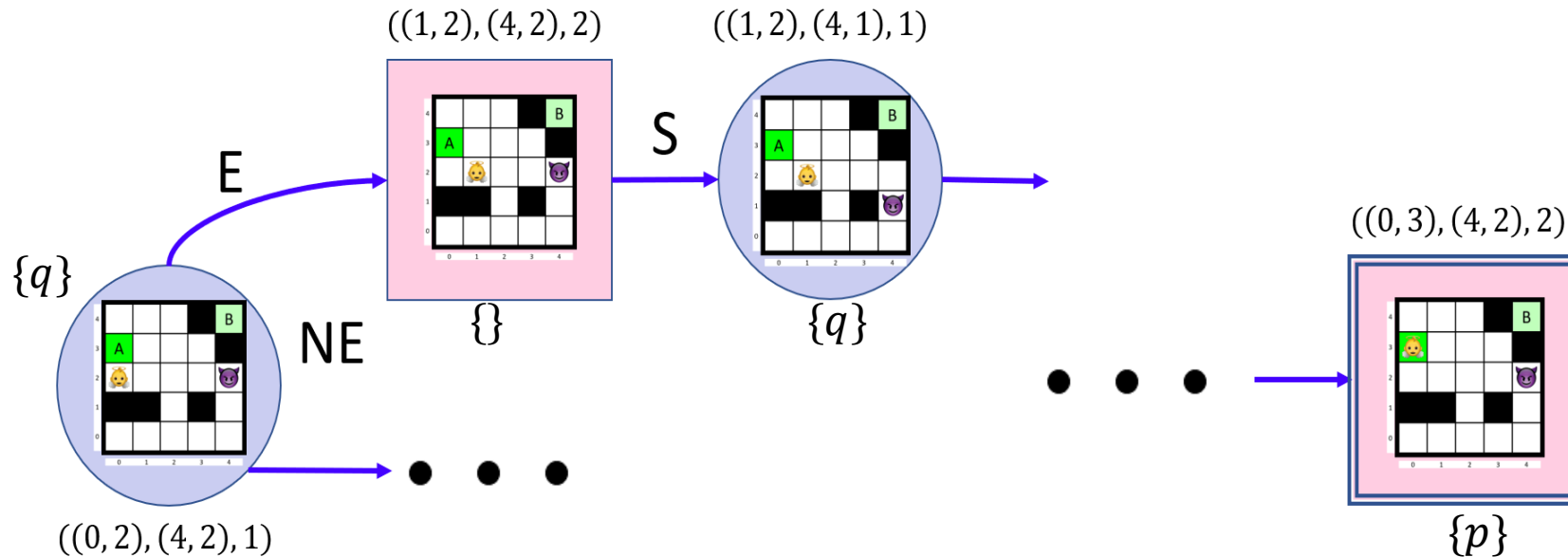
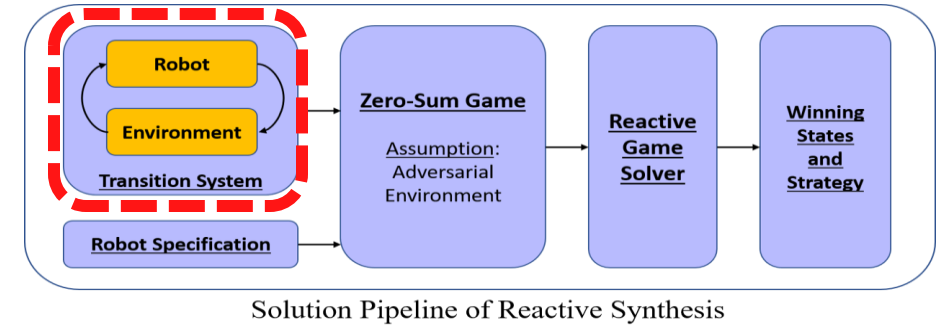
φ_2 : P1's objective NOT known to P2



Transition System

A *deterministic turn-based* transition system TS is defined as

$$TS = \langle V, Act, T, v_0, AP, L \rangle$$



Atomic Propositions

- p : P1 at A
- q : $d(P1, P2) \geq 3$

Linear Temporal Logic

Linear Temporal Logic (LTL):

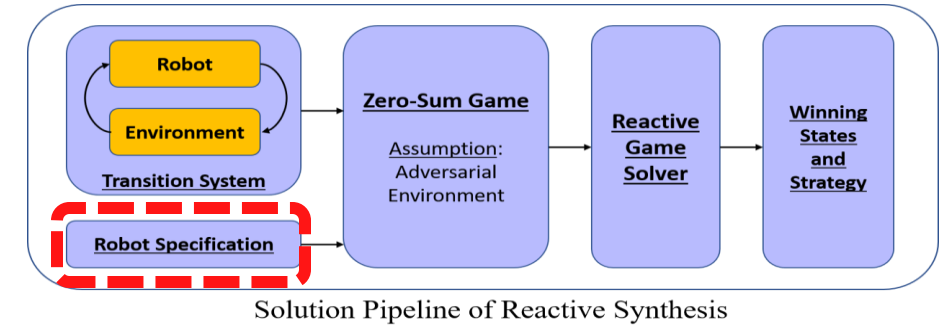
$$\varphi ::= p \mid \neg\varphi \mid \varphi \vee \varphi \mid \bigcirc\varphi \mid \varphi \mathcal{U}\varphi$$

$$\Diamond\varphi = \top \mathcal{U}\varphi$$

$$\Box\varphi = \neg\Diamond\neg\varphi$$

- Examples:

- $\Diamond p$: Eventually atomic proposition p is true.
- $\Box p$: Always atomic proposition p is true.
- $\Diamond(p \wedge \Diamond q)$: Eventually p will be true and then q will be true.



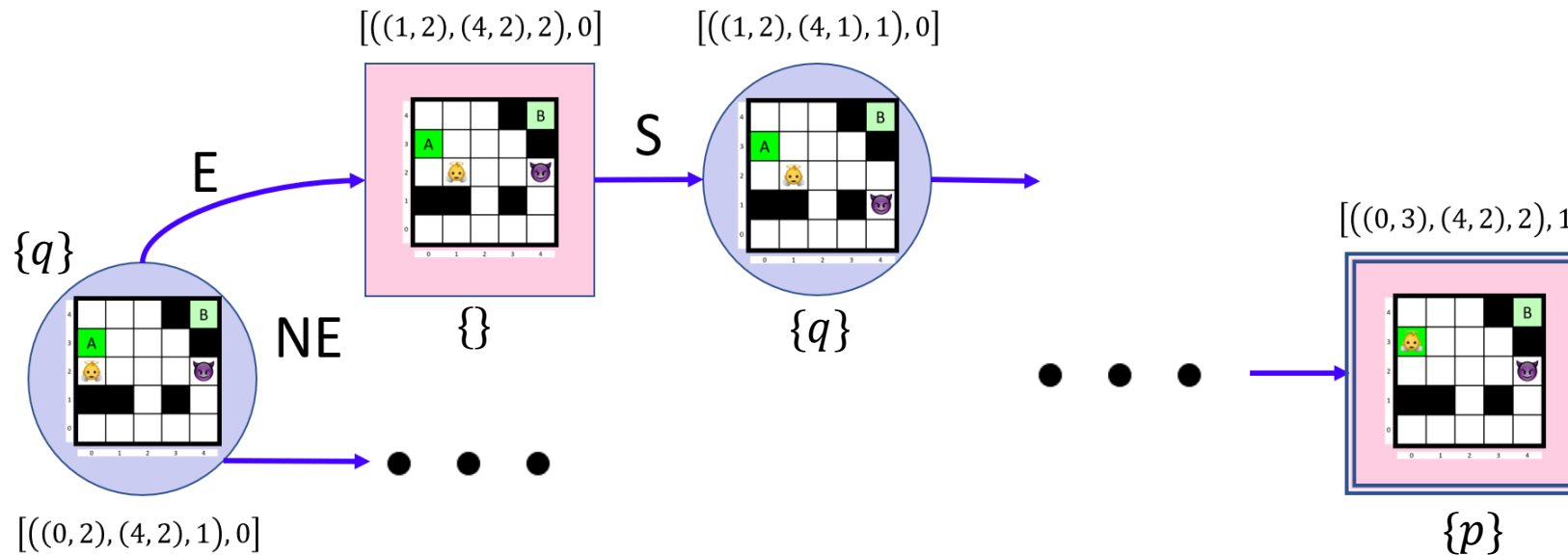
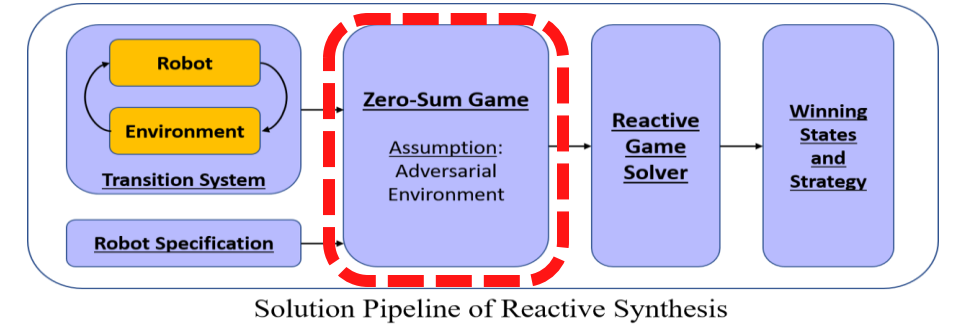
Atomic Propositions

- p : P1 at A
- q : $d(P1, P2) \geq 3$

Game with Symmetric Information

Given TS and LTL objective φ ,
a *deterministic turn-based* game is defined as

$$\mathcal{G} = \langle S, Act, \Delta, s_0, F, Acc \rangle$$



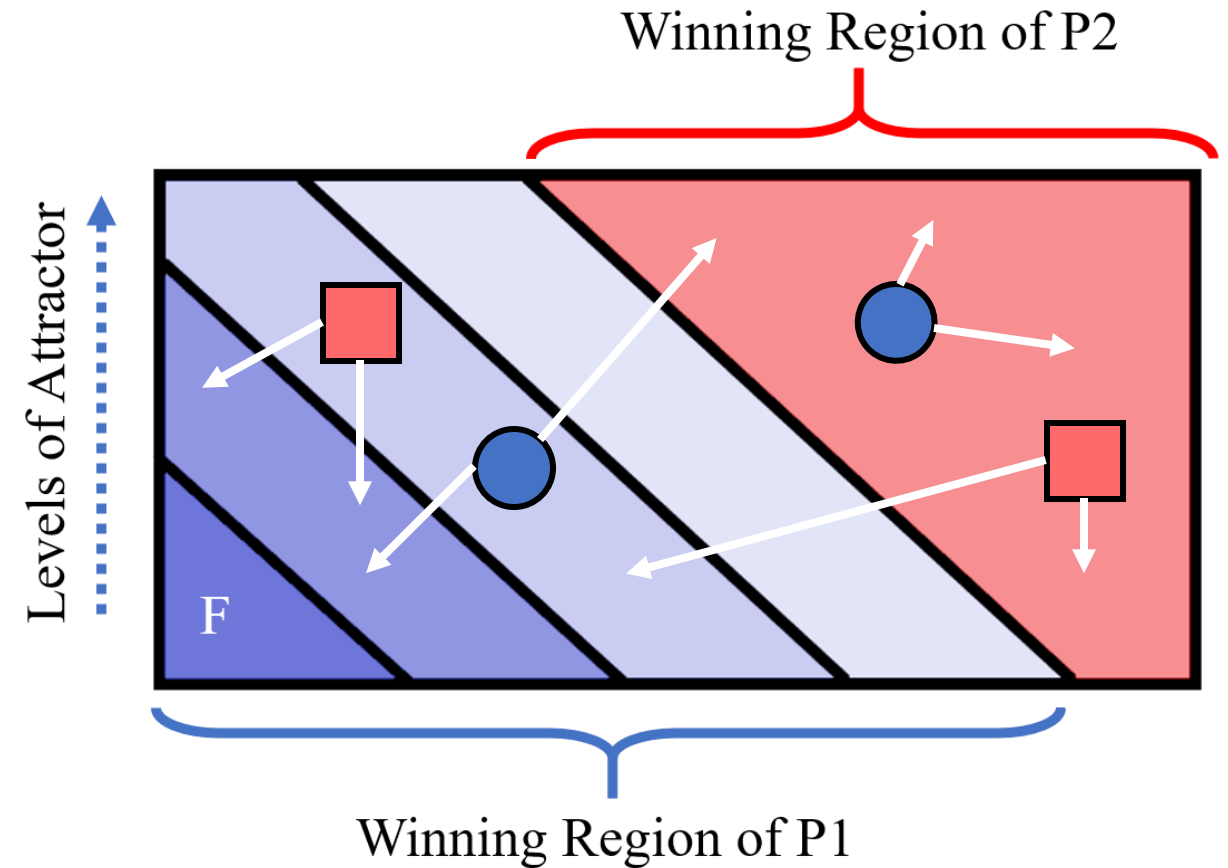
Atomic Propositions

- p : P1 at A
- q : $d(P1, P2) > 3$

$$\varphi = \Diamond p$$

Winning Region and Winning Strategy

- Zielonka's Recursive Algorithm
- Runs by Recursively Adding States to Winning Region of P1
- Zero-Sum Games are Determined
- Partitions State-Space in at-most Two Parts



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Literature Survey

Reactive Games with Complete Information

- Buchi and Landweber (1969): Equivalence of Synthesis Problem with Zero-Sum Games
- Zielonka (1998): Solution of Zero-Sum Turn-based Games on Graph
- L. de Alfaro, T. Henzinger(2000): Solution of Zero-sum Concurrent Games on Graph

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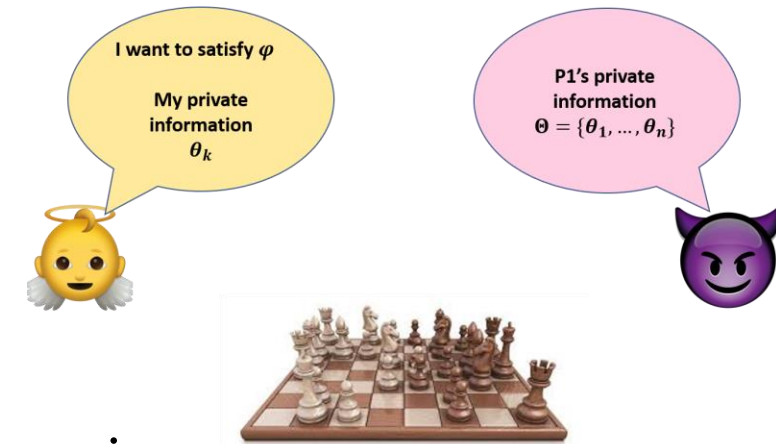
How do we make decisions?



Literature: Reactive Games with Asymmetric Information

I. Bayesian Games

- Harsanyi (1967): Bayesian Games to Model Games with Incomplete Information
 - P1 has some private information (not known to P2)
 - Type of P1 is the private information it has.
 - P2 maintains and updates belief over types: Θ
- Zhuang and Bier (2009): Secrecy and Deception at Equilibrium
- Huang and Zhu (2018): Dynamic Bayesian Games for Cyber-deception



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[1] Harsanyi, John C. "[Games with incomplete information played by 'Bayesian' players, I-III Part I. The basic model.](#)" Management science 14, no. 3 (1967): 159-182.

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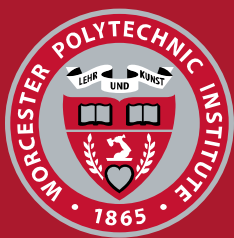
Literature: Reactive Games with Asymmetric Information

II. Hypergames

- Bennett (1977): Hypergames as Game of Games
 - Discussed in next section
- Gharesifard (2011, 12): Exploration and Evolution of Misperceptions in Hypergames
- Nicholas Kovach (2016): Temporal Framework of Games
- Ehab Al-Shaer et al. (2019): Modeling and Analysis of Normal-form Deception Games

Reference:

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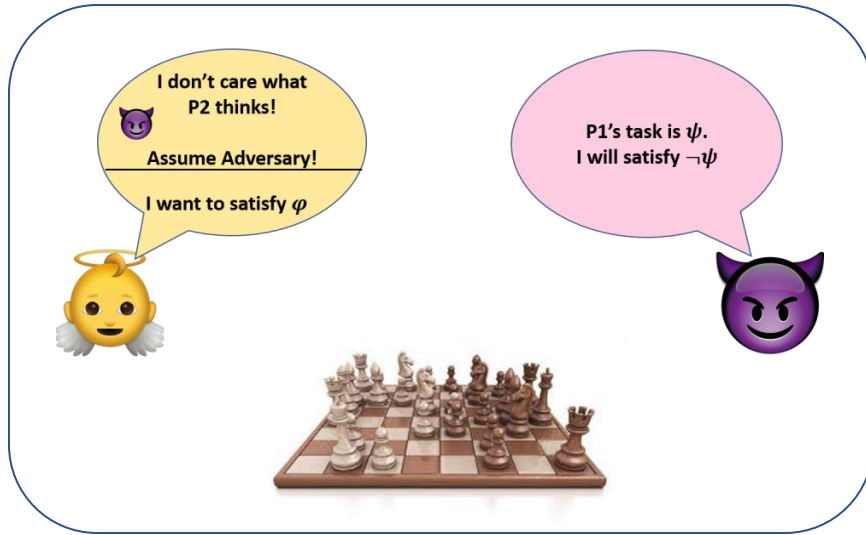


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Section II: Opportunistic Synthesis

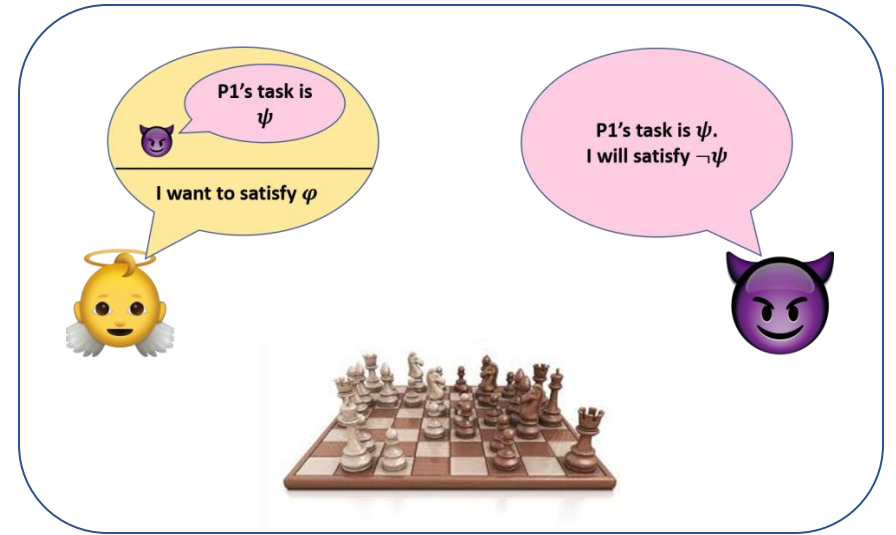
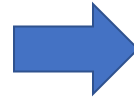
- What is opportunistic synthesis?
- How to identify, and represent the opportunities?
- How to synthesize an opportunistic strategy?
- Is opportunistic synthesis better than reactive synthesis?

Idea behind Opportunistic Synthesis



Reactive Synthesis

- P2 is Adversary
- P2 has Complete Information



Opportunistic Synthesis

- P2 is an Adversary
- P2 has Partial Information about P1's Objective

Problem Statement

Given φ and ψ such that

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi &= \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2 \\ \psi &= \varphi_1\end{aligned}$$

Problem:

Synthesize an *opportunistic* strategy $\pi: S \rightarrow Act$ for P1, which guarantees that P1 will satisfy φ with probability one.

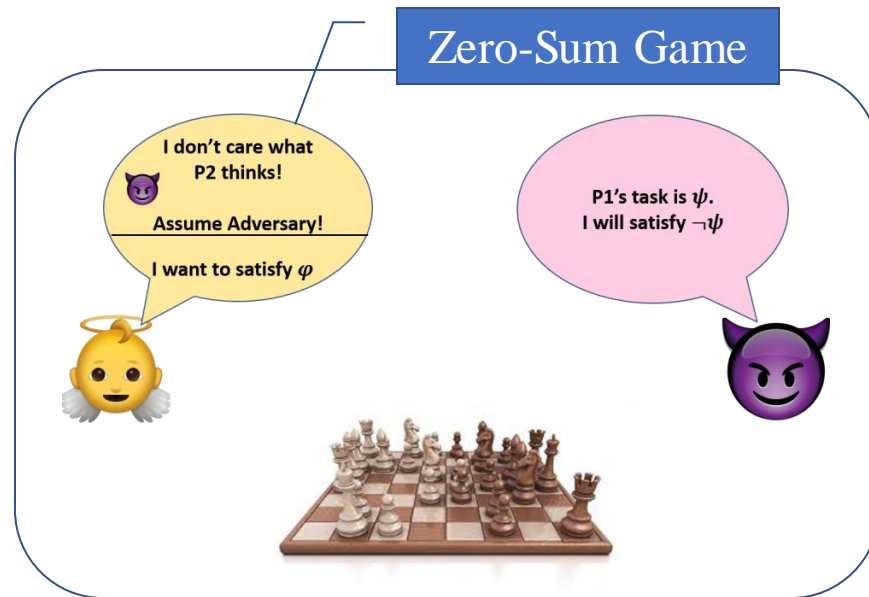
What do we expect?

- Strategy π is better than the strategy computed by reactive synthesis!
 - How do we decide if one strategy is better than other?
- P1 should be able to leverage Information Asymmetry
 - Try to satisfy $\varphi = \varphi_1 \wedge \varphi_2$, if possible.
 - If not, try to satisfy φ_2 , which is not known to P2.
- Computational cost of new algorithm should be comparable to, if not better than, reactive synthesis.

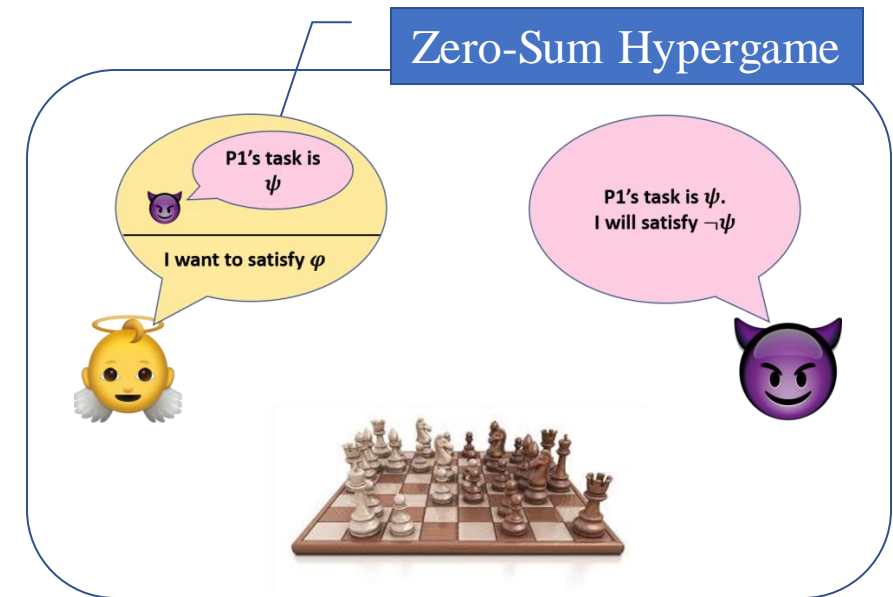
Hypergame, not Game!

- A Zero-sum Hypergame is Game of Zero-sum Games

$$\mathcal{H} = \langle \mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2 \rangle$$

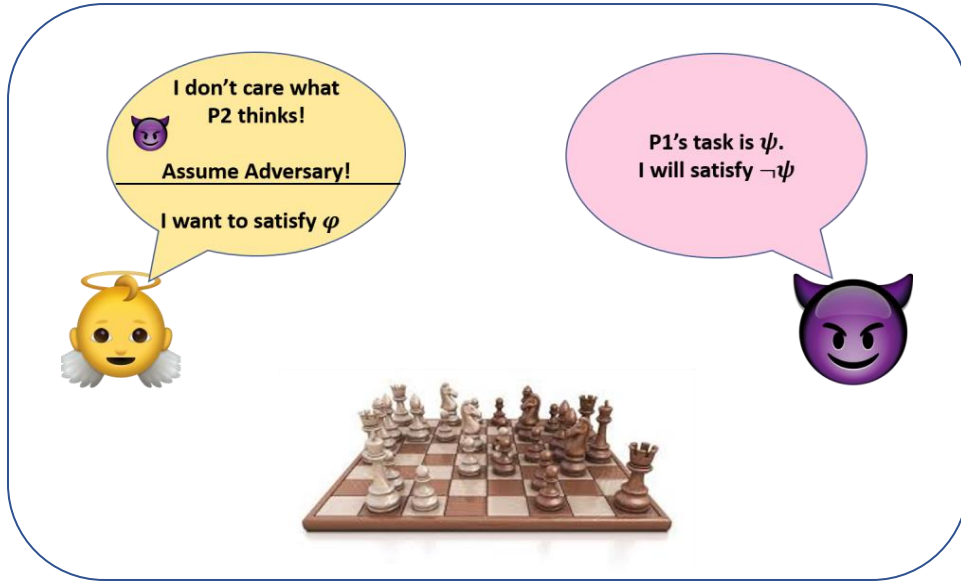


Reactive Synthesis



Opportunistic Synthesis

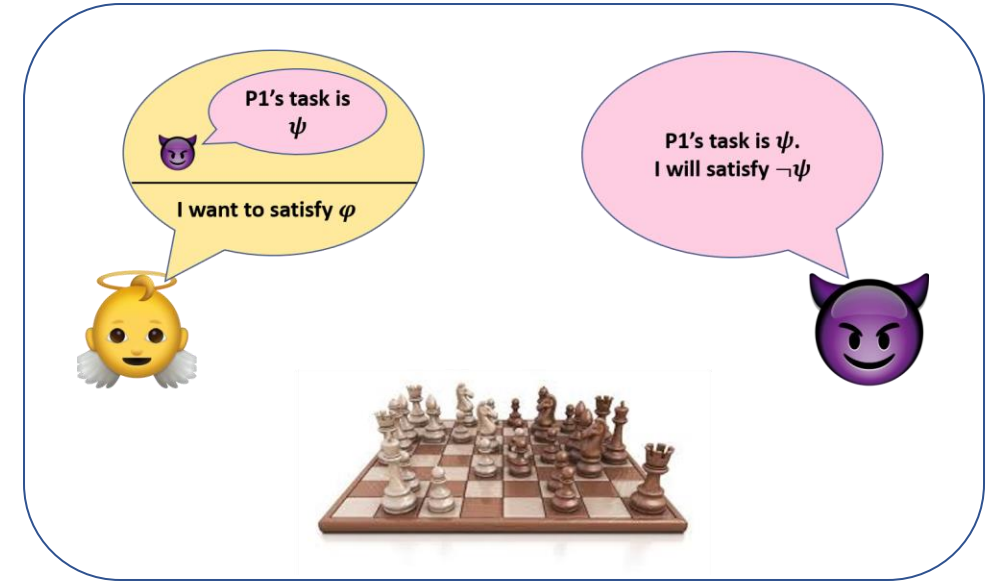
Hypergame Model with Information Asymmetry



Level-1 Hypergame

$$\mathcal{H}^1 = \langle \mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2 \rangle$$

- P2 perceives P1's objective as ψ
- P2 uses strategy to satisfy $\neg\psi$
- P1 uses strategy to satisfy φ



Level-2 Hypergame

$$\mathcal{H}^2 = \langle \mathcal{H}^1, \mathcal{G}_2 \rangle$$

- P2 perceives P1's objective as ψ
- P2 uses strategy to satisfy $\neg\psi$
- P1 knows P2 misperceives φ as ψ and uses this information

Hypergame Transition System

Given a second-level hypergame; $\mathcal{H}^2 = \langle \langle \mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2 \rangle, \mathcal{G}_2 \rangle$,
P1 computes strategy by solving $\mathcal{H}^1 = \langle \mathcal{G}_1, \mathcal{G}_2 \rangle$.

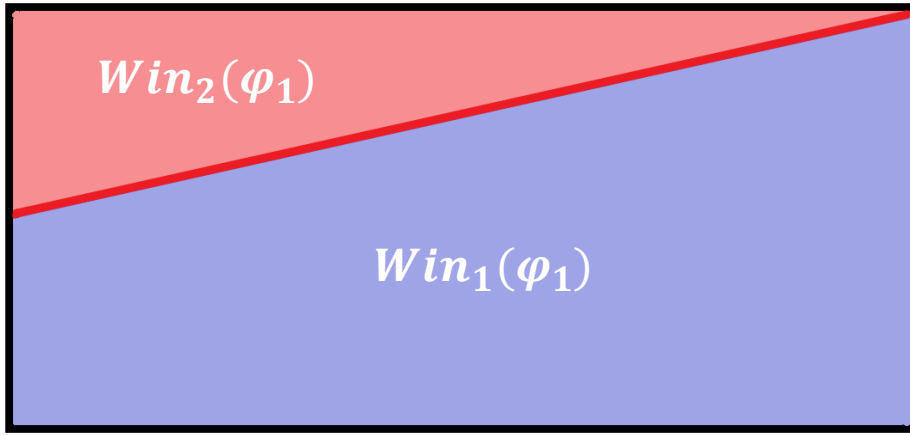
Then, the *deterministic turn-based* hypergame transition system is defined as

$$\mathcal{H} = \langle S, Act, \Delta, s_0, \mathcal{F}, Acc \rangle$$

where

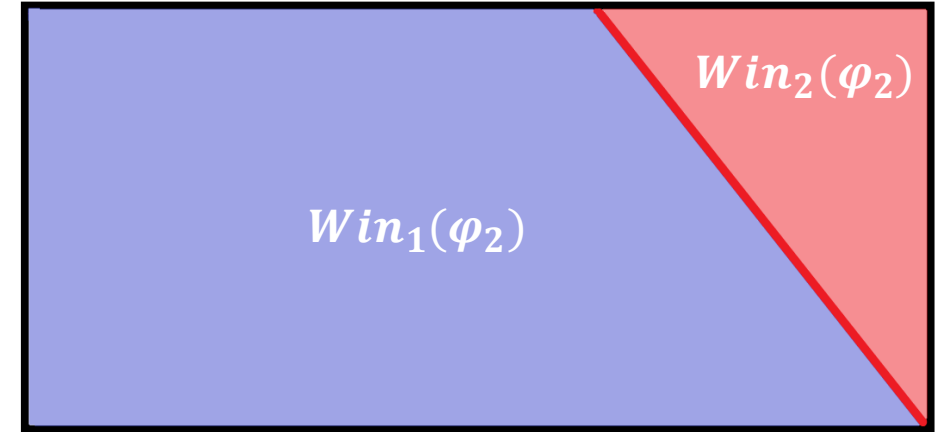
- S, Act, Δ, s_0, Acc have same definitions as that for game (See [slide on games](#))
- $\mathcal{F} = (F_1, F_2, F_{12})$ is a collection of set of final states such that
 - F_1 is set of states corresponding to satisfying φ_1
 - F_2 is set of states corresponding to satisfying φ_2
 - F_{12} is set of states corresponding to satisfying both φ_1 and φ_2 .

Solution of Hypergame



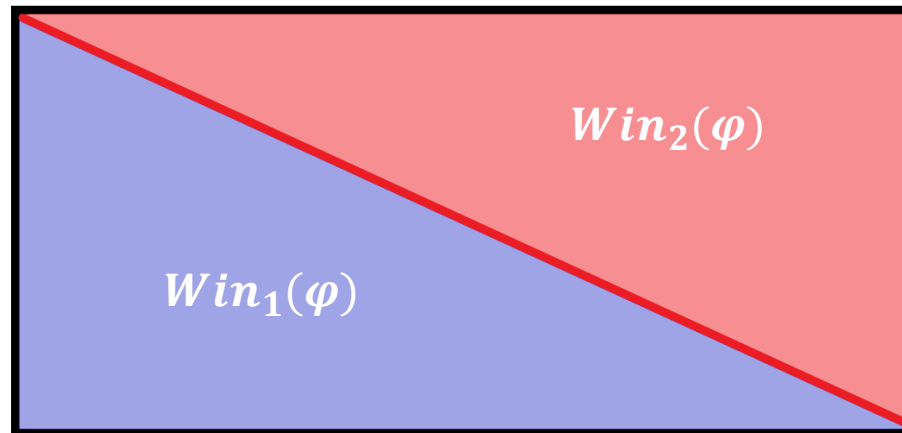
$\mathcal{G}(\varphi_1)$: P1's task is φ_1

P2 knows φ_1



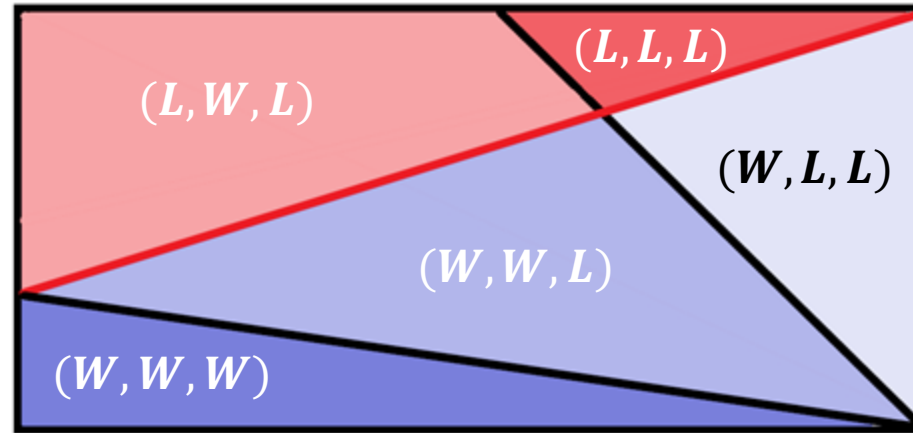
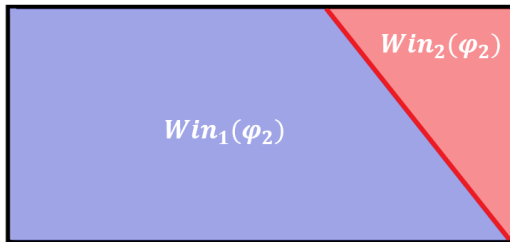
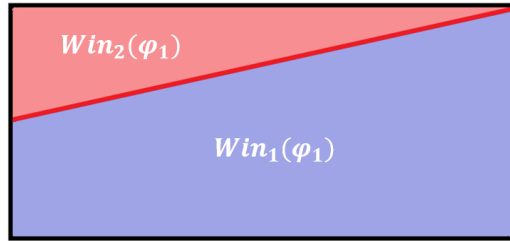
$\mathcal{G}(\varphi_2)$: P1's task is φ_2

P2 does NOT know φ_1



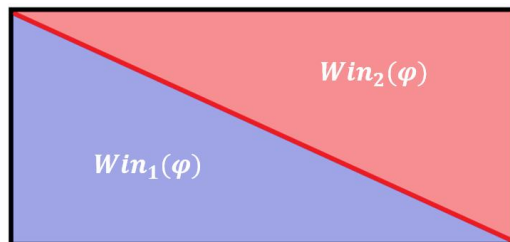
$\mathcal{G}(\varphi)$: P1's task is φ

Characterization of Hypergame State-Space

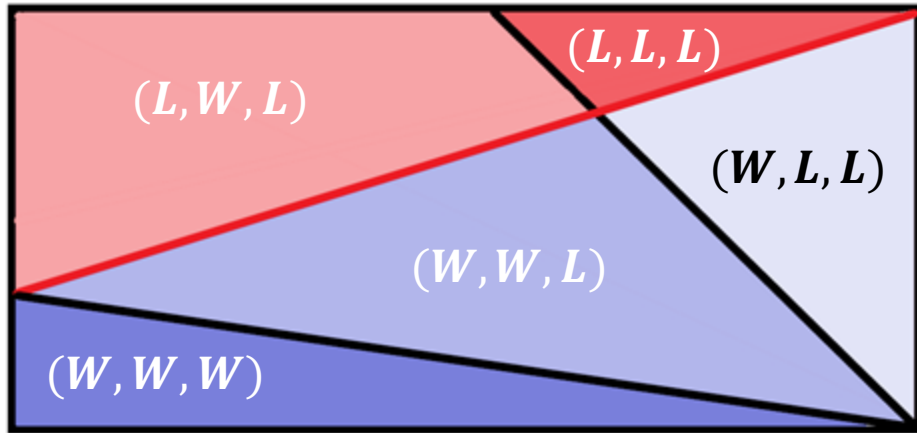


Win-Label (L, W, L) means that

- **P1 is Losing in $\mathcal{G}(\varphi_1)$**
- **P1 is Winning in $\mathcal{G}(\varphi_2)$**
- **P1 is Losing in $\mathcal{G}(\varphi)$**



Solution of Hypergame



Observations

- (W, L, L) : P1 has a winning-strategy to satisfy φ_1 .
- (L, W, L) : P1 has a winning-strategy to satisfy φ_2 .
- (W, W, W) : P1 has a winning-strategy to satisfy φ .
- (W, W, L) : P1 has winning-strategy to satisfy φ_1 **OR** φ_2 , but not both simultaneously.
- (L, L, L) : P2 has a winning-strategy to stop P1 from satisfying φ .

Hypergame Markov Decision Process (MDP)

Assumption:

P2 plays a randomized permissive strategy.

Given hypergame \mathcal{H} and P2's strategy σ , a Hypergame-MDP is defined as

$$\mathcal{H}^\sigma = \langle S, Act \cup \{\text{stop}\}, P, s_0, R \rangle$$

where

- “stop” is an additional special action that is chosen by P1, when P1 decides to switch to winning strategy in particular sub-game.
- $P: S_1 \times Act_1 \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(S_1)$ is a probability transition function.
 - P1 is constructed by marginalizing out P2's strategy σ .
- R is the reward function defined based on satisfaction of φ_1, φ_2 or φ .

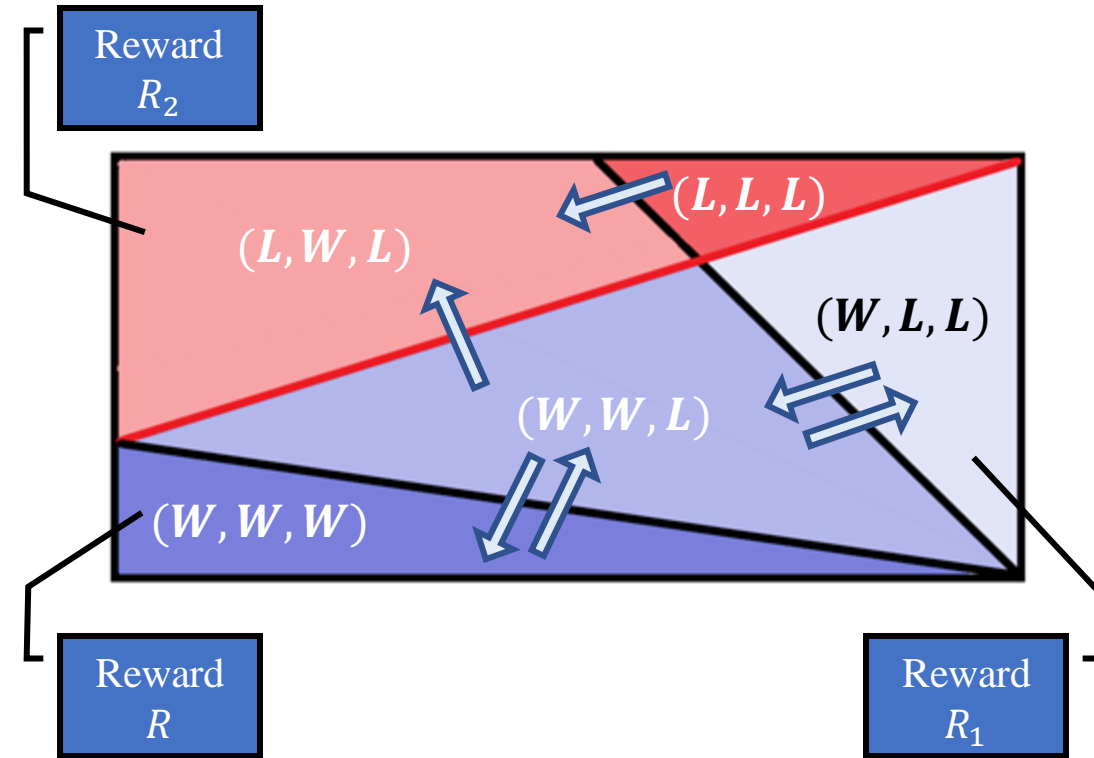
Reward Function and Stop Action

- Reward Function:

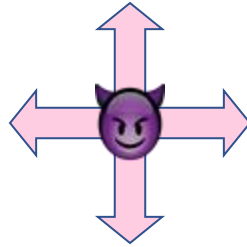
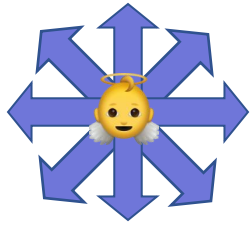
$$R = R_1 + R_2$$

- Case (W, W, L)

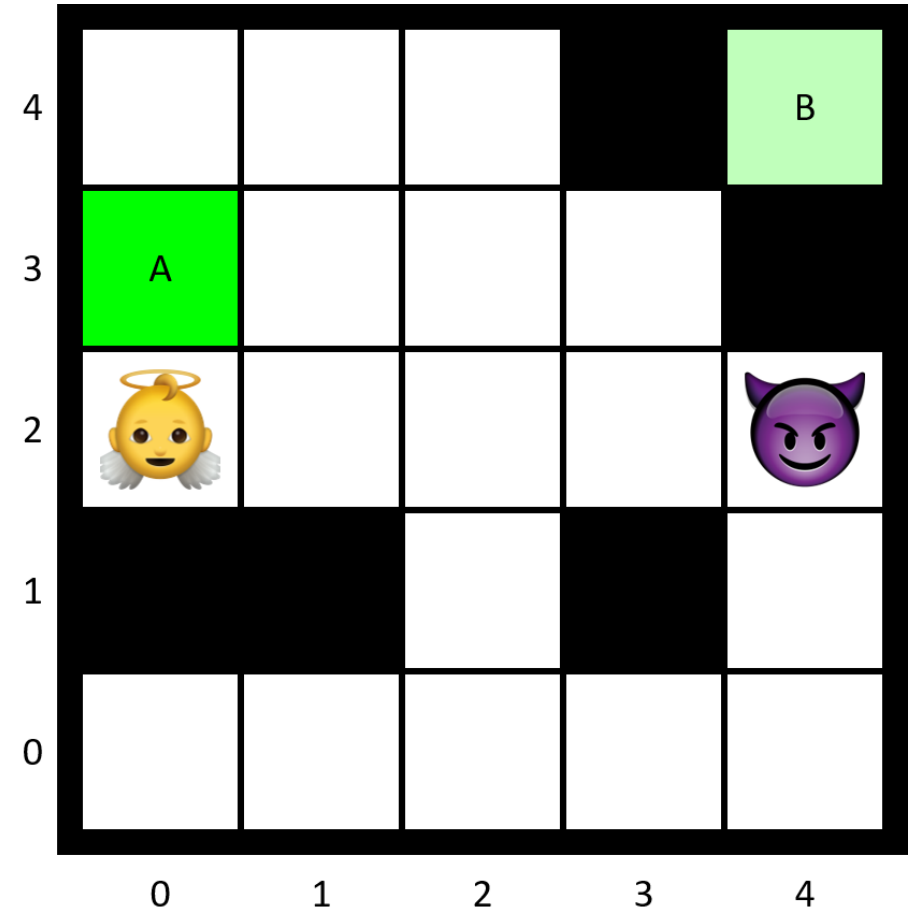
- P1 may wait until it enters (W, W, W)
- Or execute *STOP* action
 - To settle with reward R_1 satisfying φ_1
 - Or settle with reward R_2 satisfying φ_2



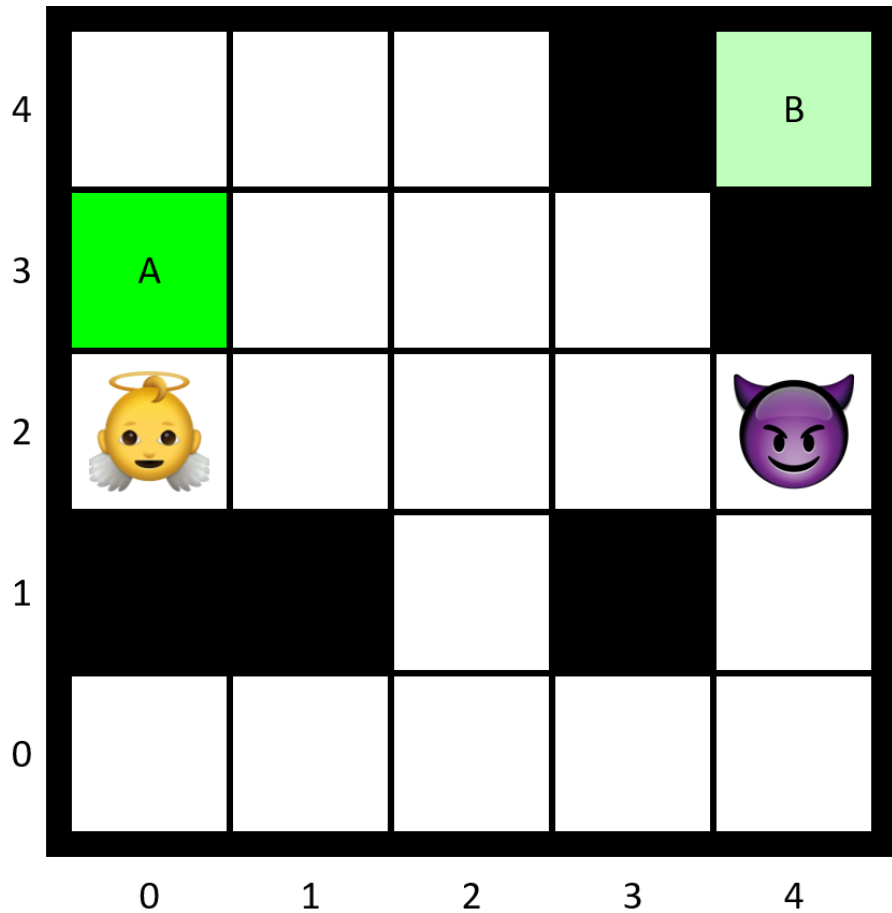
Toy Example



$$\varphi = \underbrace{(\neg O \mathcal{U} A)}_{\varphi_1} \wedge \underbrace{(\neg O \mathcal{U} B)}_{\varphi_2}$$



Toy Example



| Partition | Number of States |
|-----------|------------------|
| (W, W, W) | 1831 |
| (W, W, L) | 181 |
| (W, L, L) | 479 |
| (L, W, L) | 515 |
| (L, L, L) | 194 |
| (W, L, W) | 0 |
| (L, W, W) | 0 |
| (L, L, W) | 0 |

Table 1: Partition of game state-space due to information asymmetry.

A sampled run from (W, L, L) to (W, W, W) from the optimal policy:

1. State: $((0, 2), (4, 2), 0), 1, 1)$, win-label: (W, L, L)
2. State: $((0, 3), (3, 2), 0), 0, 1)$, win-label: (W, L, L)
3. State: $((1, 2), (2, 2), 0), 0, 1)$, win-label: (W, W, W)

Key Results

Result 1:

Opportunistic synthesis may provide a winning strategy for robot from its sure-losing states in reactive game.

Result 2:

Opportunistic synthesis computes a strategy to satisfy φ , φ_1 and φ_2 in order of preference given by the reward function.

Result 3:

Time-complexity of opportunistic synthesis is same as that of reactive synthesis.

Conclusions and Future Work

Opportunistic Synthesis: A Fundamental Problem

- Modelled opportunistic synthesis as a hypergame.
- Reduced the decision problem in hypergame to that of solving an MDP.
- Solution has same complexity as that of reactive synthesis.

Opportunistic and Deceptive Synthesis under

- Misperception of Actions
- Misperception of Labeling Function
- Different models of P2's Intelligence

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