

# Nondeterministic Bigraphical Reactive Systems for Markov Decision Processes<sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract.** The abstract should briefly summarize the contents of the paper in 150–250 words.

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## 1 Introduction

**Definition 1** ([1]). *For any finite set  $X$ , let  $\text{Dist}(X)$  denote the set of discrete probability distributions over  $X$ . A Markov Decision Process is a tuple  $(S, \bar{s}, A, P, L)$ , where:  $S$  is a finite set of states and  $\bar{s} \in S$  is the initial state;  $A$  is a finite set of actions;  $P : S \times A \rightarrow \text{Dist}(S)$  is a (partial) probabilistic transition function, mapping state-action pairs to probability distributions over  $S$ ;  $L : S \rightarrow 2^P$  is a labelling with atomic propositions.*

**Definition 2.** *A reward structure for an MDP  $(S, \bar{s}, A, P, L)$  is a pair  $(\rho, \iota)$ , where  $\rho : S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the state reward function, and  $\iota : S \times A \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is the transition reward function.*

From [4].

**Definition 3 (Concrete place graph with sharing).** *A concrete place graph with sharing*

$$F = (V_F, \text{ctrl}_F, \text{prnt}_F) : m \rightarrow n$$

*is a triple having an inner interface  $m$  and an outer interface  $n$ . These index the sites and regions of the place graph, respectively.  $F$  has a finite set  $V_F \subset \mathcal{V}$  of nodes, a control map  $\text{ctrl}_F : V_F \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$ , and a parent relation*

$$\text{prnt}_F \subseteq (m \uplus V_F) \times (V_F \uplus n)$$

*that is acyclic, i.e.,  $(v, v) \notin \text{prnt}_F^+$  for any  $v \in V_F$ .*

**Definition 4 (Composition for place graphs with sharing).** *If  $F : k \rightarrow m$  and  $G : m \rightarrow n$  are two concrete place graphs with sharing with  $V_F \cap V_G = \emptyset$ , their composite*

$$G \circ F = (V, \text{ctrl}, \text{prnt}) : k \rightarrow n$$

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has nodes  $V = V_F \uplus V_G$  and control map  $ctrl = ctrl_F \uplus ctrl_G$ . Its parent relation  $prnt \subseteq (k \uplus V) \times (V \uplus n)$  is given by:

$$prnt := prnt_G^{\triangleleft} \uplus prnt_{\circ} \uplus prnt_F^{\triangleright},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} prnt_F^{\triangleright} &= prnt_F \triangleright V_F, \\ prnt_G^{\triangleleft} &= V_G \triangleleft prnt_G, \\ prnt_{\circ} &= (m \triangleleft prnt_G) \circ (prnt_F \triangleright m). \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 5 (Tensor product for place graphs).** If  $G_0 : m_0 \rightarrow n_0$  and  $G_1 : m_1 \rightarrow n_1$  are two concrete place graphs with sharing with  $V_F \cap V_G = \emptyset$ , their tensor product

$$G_0 \otimes G_1 = (V, ctrl, prnt) : m_0 + m_1 \rightarrow n_0 + n_1$$

has nodes  $V = V_{G_0} \uplus V_{G_1}$  and control map  $ctrl := ctrl_{G_0} \uplus ctrl_{G_1}$ . Its parent relation  $prnt \subseteq [(m_0 + m_1) \uplus V] \times [V \uplus (n_0 + n_1)]$  is defined as

$$prnt_{G_0} \uplus prnt_{G_1}^{(m_0, n_0)},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} prnt_{G_1}^{(m_0, n_0)} &= \{(v, w) \mid (v, w) \in prnt_{G_1} \text{ and } v, w \in V_{G_1}\} \\ &\quad \uplus \{(m_0 + i, w) \mid (i, w) \in prnt_{G_1}, w \in V_{G_1} \text{ and } i \in m_1\} \\ &\quad \uplus \{(v, n_0 + i) \mid (v, i) \in prnt_{G_1}, v \in V_{G_1} \text{ and } i \in n_1\} \\ &\quad \uplus \{(m_0 + i, n_0 + j) \mid (i, j) \in prnt_{G_1}, i \in m_1, \text{ and } j \in n_1\}. \end{aligned}$$

**Definition 6 (Concrete link graph).** A concrete link graph

$$F = (V_F, E_F, ctrl_F, link_F) : X \rightarrow Y$$

is a quadruple having an inner face  $X$  and an outer face  $Y$ , both finite subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ , called respectively the inner and outer names of the link graph.  $F$  has finite sets  $V_F \subset \mathcal{V}$  of nodes and  $E_F \subset \mathcal{E}$  of edges, a control map  $ctrl_F : V_F \rightarrow \mathcal{K}$  and a link map

$$link_F : X \uplus P_F \rightarrow E_F \uplus Y,$$

where  $P_F := \{(v, i) \mid i \in ar(ctrl_F(v))\}$  is the set of ports of  $F$ . Thus  $(v, i)$  is the  $i$ th port of node  $v$ . We shall call  $X \uplus P_F$  the points of  $F$ , and  $E_F \uplus Y$  its links.

The sets of points and the set of ports of a link  $l$  are defined by

$$points_F(l) := \{p \mid link_F(p) = l\}, \quad ports_F(l) := points_F(l) \setminus X.$$

An edge is *idle* if it has no points. Identities over name sets are defined by  $id_X = (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, id_X) : X \rightarrow X$ .

**Definition 7 (Concrete bigraph with sharing).** *A concrete bigraph*

$$F = (V_F, E_F, ctrl_F, prnt_F, link_F) : \langle k, X \rangle \rightarrow \langle m, Y \rangle$$

*consists of a concrete place graph with sharing  $F^P = (V_F, ctrl_F, prnt_F) : k \rightarrow m$  and a concrete link graph  $F^L = (V_F, E_F, ctrl_F, link_F) : X \rightarrow Y$ . We write the concrete bigraph with sharing as  $F = (F^P, F^L)$ .*

Definitions: support translation, lean-support equivalence, concretion, abstraction.

More definitions: level, normalised levels, occurrence, matching, concrete occurrence, underlying graph

Stochastic bigraphs [2]

From PhD thesis [3]

**Definition 8 (reaction rule).** *A reaction rule is a pair*

$$R = (R : m \rightarrow J, R' : m \rightarrow J),$$

*sometimes written as  $R \longrightarrow R'$ , where  $R$  is the redex and  $R'$  the reactum, and  $R$  is solid. The rule generates all the ground reaction rules  $(r, r')$ , where  $r = (R \otimes id_Y) \circ d$  and  $r' = (R' \otimes id_Y) \circ d$  for some discrete ground parameter  $d : \epsilon \rightarrow \langle m, Y \rangle$ . The reaction relation  $\longrightarrow_R$  over ground bigraphs is defined by*

$$g \longrightarrow_R g' \text{ iff } g = Dr \text{ and } g' = Dr'$$

*for some bigraph  $D$  and some ground reaction rule  $(r, r')$  generated from  $R$ .*

**Definition 9 (bigraphical reactive system (BRS)).** *A bigraphical reactive system consists of a pair  $(\mathcal{B}, \mathcal{R})$ , where  $\mathcal{B}$  is a set of agents and  $\mathcal{R}$  is a set of reaction rules defined over  $\mathcal{B}$ . It has a reaction relation*

$$\longrightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} := \bigcup_{R \in \mathcal{R}} \longrightarrow_R,$$

*which will be written  $\longrightarrow$  when  $\mathcal{R}$  is understood. We write  $(\mathcal{B}(\Sigma), \mathcal{R})$  when the elements of  $\mathcal{B}$  are  $\Sigma$ -sorted.*

### 1.1 New stuff

**Definition 10 (probabilistic reaction rule).** *A probabilistic reaction rule  $R$  is a triple  $(R, R', p)$ , sometimes written  $R \xrightarrow{p} R'$ , where  $(R, R')$  is a reaction rule and  $p \in [0, 1]$  is a probability.*

Define NBRS

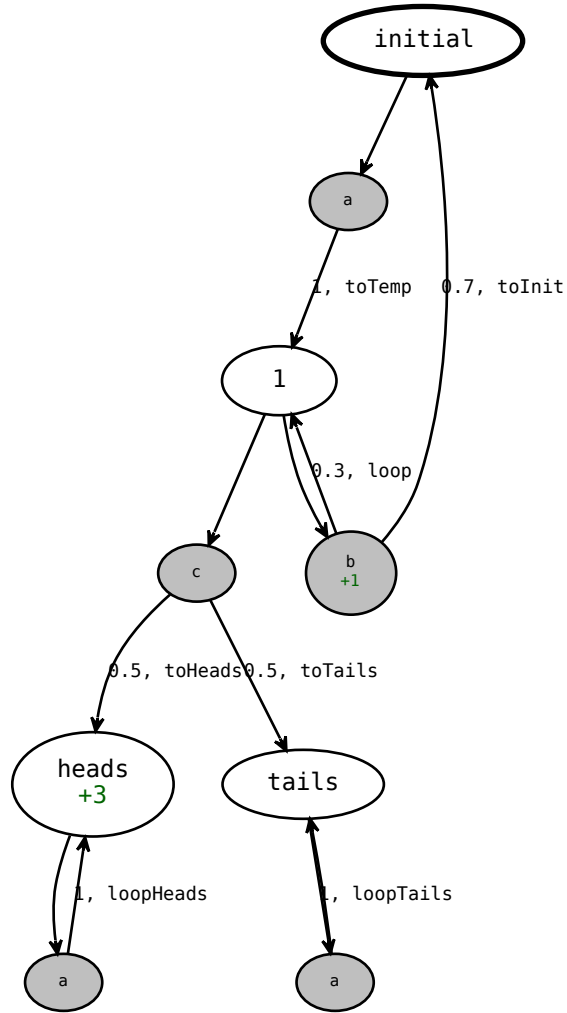
Lemma: any MDP can be expressed as an NBRS

Changes from PBRS: each reaction rule annotated with an action name (probabilities normalised over each action separately) and an integer reward/-cost, predicates get a reward/cost, too.

## 2 Jupyter interface & visualisations

We introduce a convenient graphical user interface for working with bigraphs via Jupyter notebooks.

*Example 1.* Consider an MDP  $(S, \bar{s}, A, P, L)$ , where... Look at Figure 1.



**Fig. 1.** The full transition system of Example 1.

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jupyter Example Last Checkpoint: 2 minutes ago (autosaved) Logout
File Edit View Insert Cell Kernel Widgets Help Trusted | BigraphER 1.7.0 (OCaml 4.06.0)
In [1]:
1 atomic ctrl S0 = 0;
2 atomic ctrl S1 = 0;
3 atomic ctrl S2 = 0;
4 atomic ctrl S3 = 0;
5
6 big initial = S0;
7 big heads = S2;
8 big tails = S3;
9
10 action a
11 react toTemp = S0 -[1.]> S1;
12 react loopHeads = S2 -[1.]> S2;
13 react loopTails = S3 -[1.]> S3;
14 end
15
16 action b[i]
17 react toInit = S1 -[0.7]> S0;
18 react loop = S1 -[0.3]> S1;
19 end
20
21 action c
22 react toHeads = S1 -[0.5]> S2;
23 react toTails = S1 -[0.5]> S3;
24 end
25
26 begin nbrs
27 init initial;
28 rules = { (toTemp, toInit, loop, toHeads,
29 toTails, loopHeads, loopTails) };
30 press = { initial, heads[3], tails };
31 end
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Fig. 2. The BigraphER Jupyter interface with syntax highlighting.

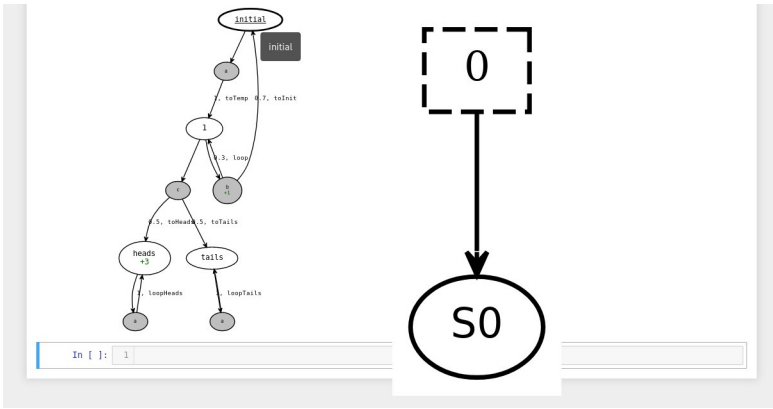


Fig. 3. ...

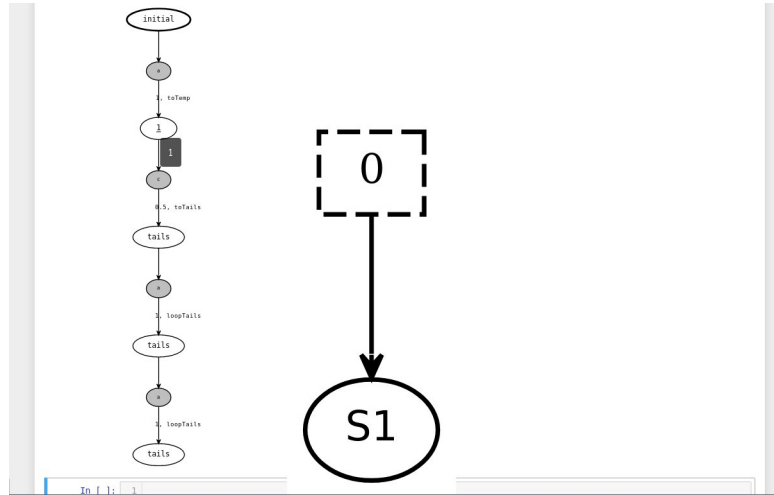


Fig. 4. ...

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BigraphER: Bigraph Evaluator & Rewriting
Version: 1.7.0
Date: Thu Aug 02 11:28:14 2018
Hostname: tux
OS type: Unix
Command line: bigrapher validate -d jupyter-images/4 -f svg [4].big
Parsing model file [4].big ...
Type: Nondeterministic BRS
Bindings: 14
# of rules: 7
Exporting declarations to jupyter-images/4 ...
Model file parsed correctly

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Fig. 5. ...

**Listing 1.1. ...**

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atomic ctrl S0 = 0;
atomic ctrl S1 = 0;
atomic ctrl S2 = 0;
atomic ctrl S3 = 0;

big initial = S0;
big heads = S2;
big tails = S3;

action a
  react toTemp = S0 -[1.]-> S1;
  react loopHeads = S2 -[1.]-> S2;
  react loopTails = S3 -[1.]-> S3;
end

action b[1]
  react toInit = S1 -[0.7]-> S0;
  react loop = S1 -[0.3]-> S1;
end

action c
  react toHeads = S1 -[0.5]-> S2;
  react toTails = S1 -[0.5]-> S3;
end

begin nbrs
  init initial;
  rules = [ {toTemp, toInit, loop, toHeads,
    toTails, loopHeads, loopTails} ];
  preds = { initial, heads[3], tails };
end

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**3 Exporting to PRISM**

Transitions, state rewards, transition rewards

**4 Case study in autonomous agents****References**

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