

## VI. OPTIONAL TECHNICAL APPENDIX

*Theorem A-1* (Ville [24]): Let  $\mathcal{Q}$  be a probabilistic transition system, let  $\sigma$  be an initialization of  $\mathcal{Q}$ , and let  $\mu = \mu_{\mathcal{Q}, \sigma}$ . For every set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{A}[\mathcal{Q}](\sigma)$ , the following two conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu(E) = 0$ .
- (2) There is a  $(\mathcal{Q}, \sigma)$ -martingale  $d$  such that  $E \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ .

*Theorem A-2*: If  $\lambda$  is a rate sequence, then, for each set  $E \subseteq \mathbf{D}\lambda$ , the following two conditions are equivalent.

1.  $\mu_\lambda(E) = 0$
2. There is a  $\lambda$ -martingale  $d$  such that  $E \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ .

*Proof*: Suppose  $\mu_\lambda(E) = 0$ . We wish to show that there exists a  $\lambda$ -martingale,  $d$ , such that  $E \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ .

Assume the hypothesis. Then, for every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists  $C_k \subseteq (\{0, 1\}^*)^{<|\lambda|}$  such that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{w \in C_k} \Omega_w$$

and

$$\sum_{w \in C_k} \mu(\Omega_w) \leq 2^{-k}$$

Let,  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^*)^{<|\lambda|} \cup \{\emptyset\}$  be a function enumerating the elements of  $C_k$ , with the property that

- $E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$
- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n)) \leq 2^{-k}$

We must define a  $\lambda$ -martingale which succeeds on every  $\mathbf{t} \in E \cap \Omega_{g(k, n)}$ . Let  $\mathbf{t} \in E \cap \Omega_{g(k, n)}$ . Define the function  $d_k : (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$d_k(\lambda) = 2^{-k}$$

$$d_k(w) = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w)}{\mu(w)}$$

and where

$$\wedge : (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \times (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \emptyset$$

is defined by

$$x \wedge y = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } y \sqsubseteq x \\ y & \text{if } x \sqsubseteq y \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{VI.1})$$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}, w = (w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}) \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^*$ . To see that the martingale condition is satisfied,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}} d_k((w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}b)) \mu((w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}b)) \\ &= \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}} \left[ \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge (w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}b))}{\mu((w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}b))} \right] \mu((w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}b)) \\ &= \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge (w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}b)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge (w_0, \dots, w_{k-1}b)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge (w_0, \dots, w_{k-1})) \\ &= d_k(w) \mu(w) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{VI.2})$$

Hence,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, d_k$  is a  $\lambda$ -martingale.

Define the unitary success set of a  $\lambda$ -martingale  $d$  to be

$$S^1[d] = \{\mathbf{t} \in [0, \infty)^\infty \mid (\exists w \sqsubseteq \mathbf{t}) d(w) \geq 1\}$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{t} \in \Omega_{g(k, n)}$ . Then,  $g(k, n) \sqsubseteq \mathbf{t}$  and

$$d_k(g(k, n)) \geq \frac{\mu(g(k, n) \wedge g(k, n))}{\mu(g(k, n))} = 1$$

Thus,  $\mathbf{t} \in S^1[d_k]$ , and  $\Omega_{g(k, n)} \subseteq S^1[d_k]$ .

For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $\hat{d}_k : (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{d}_k(\lambda) &= d_k(\lambda) \\ \hat{d}_k(wa) &= \begin{cases} d_k(wa) & \text{if } \hat{d}_k(w) < 1 \\ \hat{d}_k(w) & \text{if } \hat{d}_k(w) \geq 1 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{VI.3})$$

$\hat{d}_k$  is a  $\lambda$ -martingale. Define  $\hat{d} : (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\hat{d}(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hat{d}_k(w)$$

$\hat{d}$  is a  $\lambda$ -martingale with the property that  $X \subseteq S^\infty[\hat{d}]$ . To see this, let  $\mathbf{t} \in X, \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . It suffices to show that there exists  $x \sqsubseteq \mathbf{t}, \hat{d}(x) \geq \alpha$ .

Since  $\mathbf{t} \in X, \forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \mathbf{t} \in S^1[d_k]$ . Then  $\forall w \sqsubseteq \mathbf{t}, 0 \leq k < \alpha, \hat{d}_k(w) \geq 1$ . Then,  $\forall w \sqsubseteq \mathbf{t}$ ,

$$\hat{d}(w) \geq \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} d_k(w) \geq \alpha$$

so there must exist  $x \sqsubseteq \mathbf{t}$  such that  $\hat{d}(x) \geq \alpha$ .

Now assume there exists  $\lambda$ -martingale,  $d$  such that  $E \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ . Then,  $\forall \mathbf{t} \in E, \alpha > 0, \exists w \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^*$  such that  $w \sqsubseteq \mathbf{t}$  and  $d(w) > \alpha$ . We wish to show that  $\mu(E) = 0$ .

We will show that there exists  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \{\emptyset\}$ , with the property that

- (1)  $E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$

$$(2) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n)) \leq 2^{-k}$$

For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$A_k = \{w \in (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \mid d(w) \geq 2^k d(\lambda)\}$$

and

$$B_k = \{w \in A_k \mid \forall v \sqsubseteq w, v \notin A_k\}$$

$B_k$  is thus a set of all partial specifications “by which”  $d$  has accumulated  $2^k$  value for the first time along the unique (with respect to the  $\sqsubseteq$  relation) path that is each  $w \in B_k$ .

For all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $B_k(i)$  to be the  $i$ th element of  $B_k$  in standard enumeration of strings and define the function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (\{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \emptyset$  by

$$g(k, n) = \begin{cases} B_k(n) & \text{if } |B_k| \geq n \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{VI.4})$$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}, t \in E$ , and let  $d_k$  be defined as in the previous section. Since  $t \in S^\infty[d_k]$ ,  $\exists w \in B_k$  s.t.  $w \sqsubseteq t$ . Then,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $g(k, n) \sqsubseteq t$ , whence

$$t \in \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$$

and we have that

$$E \subseteq \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$$

By Lemma A-3,

$$\begin{aligned} d(\lambda) &\geq \sum_{w \in B_k} d(w) \mu(w) \\ &\geq 2^k d(\lambda) \sum_{w \in B_k} \mu(w) \\ &= 2^k d(\lambda) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n)) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{VI.5})$$

and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n)) \leq 2^{-k}$$

Thus,  $\mu(E) = 0$ . ■

*Theorem 4:* For every CTMC  $C$  and every set  $X \subseteq \Omega[C]$ , the following two conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu(X) = 0$
- (2) There is a  $C$ -martingale  $d$  such that  $X \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ .

*Proof:* Suppose  $\mu(X) = 0$ . We wish to show that there exists a  $C$ -martingale,  $d$ , such that  $X \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ .

Assume the hypothesis. Then,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N} \exists C_k \subseteq (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*$  such that

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{w \in C_k} \Omega_w$$

and

$$\sum_{w \in C_k} \mu(\Omega_w) \leq 2^{-k}$$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose there exists  $C_k \subseteq (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*$  satisfying the above conditions. Then, there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \{\emptyset\}$ , with the property that

- $X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$
- $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n)) \leq 2^{-k}$

We must define a martingale which succeeds on every  $\tau \in X \cap \Omega_{g(k, n)}$ . Let  $\tau \in X \cap \Omega_{g(k, n)}$ . Define the function  $d_k : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\begin{aligned} d_k(\lambda) &= 2^{-k} \\ d_k(w) &= \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w)}{\mu(w)} \end{aligned}$$

and where

$\wedge : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \times (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \emptyset$  is defined by

$$x \wedge y = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } y \sqsubseteq x \\ y & \text{if } x \sqsubseteq y \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{VI.6})$$

$d_k$  is a  $C$ -martingale if it satisfies the conditions:

$$1. \forall w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*,$$

$$d(w) \mu(w) = \sum_{q \in Q} d(w(q, \lambda)) \mu(w(q, \lambda))$$

$$2. \forall w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*, q \in Q, u \in \{0, 1\}^*,$$

$$d(w(q, u)) \mu(w(q, u)) = \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}} d(w(q, ub)) \mu(w(q, ub))$$

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}, q \in Q, u \in \{0, 1\}, w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*$ . To see that (1) is satisfied,

$$\begin{aligned} &\sum_{q \in Q} d_k(w(q, \lambda)) \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\ &= \sum_{q \in Q} \left[ \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge (w(q, \lambda)))}{\mu(w(q, \lambda))} \right] \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\ &= \sum_{q \in Q} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w(q, \lambda)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q \in Q} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w(q, \lambda)) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w) \\ &= d_k(w) \mu(w) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{VI.7})$$

To see that (2) is satisfied,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} d_k(w(q, ub)) \mu(w(q, ub)) \\
&= \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \left[ \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge (w(q, ub)))}{\mu(w(q, ub))} \right] \mu(w(q, ub)) \\
&= \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w(q, ub)) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w(q, ub)) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n) \wedge w(q, u)) \\
&= d_k(w(q, u)) \mu(w(q, u))
\end{aligned} \tag{VI.8}$$

Hence,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $d_k$  is a  $C$ -martingale.

Define the unitary success set of a martingale  $d$  to be

$$S^1[d] = \{\tau \in (Q \times (0, \infty))^\infty \mid (\exists w \sqsubseteq \tau) d(w) \geq 1\}$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tau \in \Omega_{g(k, n)}$ . Then,  $g(k, n) \sqsubseteq \tau$  and

$$d_k(g(k, n)) \geq \frac{\mu(g(k, n) \wedge g(k, n))}{\mu(g(k, n))} = 1$$

Thus,  $\tau \in S^1[d_k]$ , and  $\Omega_{g(k, n)} \subseteq S^1[d_k]$ .

For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $\hat{d}_k : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\begin{aligned}
& \hat{d}_k(\lambda) = d_k(\lambda) \\
& \hat{d}_k(wa) = \begin{cases} d_k(wa) & \text{if } \hat{d}_k(w) < 1 \\ \hat{d}_k(w) & \text{if } \hat{d}_k(w) \geq 1 \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \tag{VI.9}$$

$\hat{d}_k$  is a  $C$ -martingale. Define  $\hat{d} : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$\hat{d}(w) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \hat{d}_k(w)$$

$\hat{d}$  is a  $C$ -martingale with the property that  $X \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ . To see this, let  $\tau \in X$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . It suffices to show that there exists  $x \sqsubseteq \tau$ ,  $\hat{d}(x) \geq \alpha$ .

Since  $\tau \in X$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tau \in S^1[d_k]$ . Then  $\forall w \sqsubseteq \tau$ ,  $0 \leq k < \alpha$ ,  $\hat{d}_k(w) \geq 1$ . Then,  $\forall w \sqsubseteq \tau$ ,

$$\hat{d}(w) \geq \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} d_k(w) \geq \alpha$$

so there must exist  $x \sqsubseteq \tau$  such that  $\hat{d}(x) \geq \alpha$ . Thus, one direction is proven.

Now let  $C = (Q, \sigma, \lambda)$  be a CRN ( $|Q| < \infty$ ). Let  $X \subseteq \Omega[C]$ . Suppose there exists a  $C$ -martingale,  $d$  such that  $X \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ . Then,  $\forall \tau \in X$ ,  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\exists w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*$  such that  $w \sqsubseteq \tau$  and  $d(w) > \alpha$ . We wish to show that  $\mu(X) = 0$ .

We will show that there exists  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \{\emptyset\}$ , with the property that

$$(1) \quad X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$$

$$(2) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(\Omega_{g(k, n)}) \leq 2^{-k}$$

For each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define

$$A_k = \{w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \mid d(w) \geq 2^k d(\lambda)\}$$

and

$$B_k = \{w \in A_k \mid \forall v \sqsubseteq w, v \notin A_k\}$$

$B_k$  is thus the set of all partial specifications “by which”  $d$  has accumulated  $2^k$  value for the first time along the unique path that is each  $w \in B_k$ .

For all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $B_k(i)$  to be the  $i$ -th element of  $B_k$  in standard enumeration of strings and define the function  $g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \emptyset$  by

$$g(k, n) = \begin{cases} B_k(n) & \text{if } |B_k| \geq n \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \tag{VI.10}$$

To see that (1) is satisfied, let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\tau \in X$ , and let  $d_k$  be defined as in the previous section. Since  $\tau \in S^\infty[d_k]$ ,  $\exists w \in B_k$  s.t.  $w \sqsubseteq \tau$ . Then,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $g(k, n) \sqsubseteq \tau$ , whence

$$\tau \in \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$$

and we have that

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \Omega_{g(k, n)}$$

To see that (2) is satisfied, by Lemma A-3,

$$\begin{aligned}
d(\lambda) &\geq \sum_{w \in B_k} d(w) \mu(w) \\
&\geq 2^k d(\lambda) \sum_{w \in B_k} \mu(w) \\
&= 2^k d(\lambda) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n))
\end{aligned} \tag{VI.11}$$

and

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n)) \leq 2^{-k}$$

Thus,  $\mu(X) = 0$ . ■

*Theorem 5:* For every CTMC  $C$  and every set  $X \subseteq \Omega[C]$ , the following two conditions are equivalent.

- (1)  $\mu_{\text{constr}}(X) = 0$ .
- (2) There is a lower semi-computable  $C$ -martingale  $d$  such that  $X \subseteq S^\infty[d]$ .

*Proof:* This proof follows the structure of the above proof with some adjustments:

Assume  $\mu_{\text{constr}}(X) = 0$ . Then,  $\exists g : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \cup \emptyset$  such that  $g$  is computable and

$$X \subseteq \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} g(k, n) \text{ and } \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \mu(g(k, n)) \leq 2^{-k}$$

Consider the same construction as before, and fix some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $M_k$  be the machine enumerating  $g(k, 0), g(k, 1), \dots$ . To show that  $d = \sum d_k$  is lower semicomputable, define

$$\hat{d}(w, t) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu((C_k)_t \cap C_w)}{\mu(C_w)}$$

where

$$(C_k)_t = \bigcup_{n=0}^t g(k, n) \text{ and } \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (C_k)_t = C_k$$

for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Clearly,  $\hat{d}(w, t) \leq \hat{d}(w, t+1) < d(w)$  and  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \hat{d}(w, t) = d(w)$  for all  $w, t$ .

Assume instead that there exists a constructive martingale  $d$ , with  $X \subseteq S^\infty[d]$  and a function  $\hat{d}$  testifying to the lower semi-computability of  $d$ . We wish to show that for each  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , the set  $A_k$  is computably enumerable.

Define an enumerator  $M_k$ : For each  $(w, t) \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \times \mathbb{N}$ , dovetailing, compute  $\hat{d}(w, t)$ . If  $\hat{d}(w, t) \geq 2^k d(\lambda)$ , output  $w$ .

$M_k$  enumerates

$$A_k = \{w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \mid d(w) \geq 2^k d(\lambda)\}$$

A prefix set  $B_k \subseteq A_k$  can be enumerated by running the enumerator for  $A_k$  and not enumerating any element for which a prefix has been printed or which would prefix and already printed element. The resulting function

$$g(k, n) = \begin{cases} B_k(n) & \text{if } |B_k| \geq n \\ \emptyset & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{VI.12})$$

produces a constructive null cover of  $X$ .  $\blacksquare$

*Lemma A-3 (Generalized Kraft Inequality):* Let  $C = (Q, \lambda, \sigma)$  be a CRN,  $d$  a  $C$ -martingale (resp.  $\lambda$ -martingale or  $\mathcal{Q}$ -martingale), and  $B \subseteq (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*$  (resp.  $(\{0, 1\}^*)^*$  or  $Q^*$ ) a prefix set. Then,

$$d(\lambda)\mu(\lambda) = d(\lambda) \geq \sum_{w \in B} d(w)\mu(w)$$

*Proof:* \* If  $d(\lambda) = 0$ , this is immediate. Assume  $d(\lambda) > 0$ . Note that  $\mu$  is a probability measure on  $(Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^\infty$  because it satisfies the following conditions:

1.  $\mu : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, 1]$
2.  $\mu(\lambda) = 1$ .
3. If  $|w| = n$  and  $w = (q_0, u_0) \dots (q_{n-1}, u_{n-1})$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{q \in Q} \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\ &= \sum_{q \in Q} \sigma(q_0) \prod_{i=0}^{n-2} (q_i, q_{i+1}) \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^{-|u_i|} p(q_{n-1}, q) \\ &= \mu(w) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{VI.13})$$

\*Kraft inequalities corresponding to  $\lambda$ -martingales and  $\mathcal{Q}$ -martingales have nearly identical proofs and we omit these.

4. If  $|w| = n, u \in \{0, 1\}^*$  and  $w = (q_0, u_0) \dots (q_{n-2}, u_{n-2})(q_{n-1}, u)$  then,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}^*} \mu(wb) &= \sum_{b \in \{0, 1\}^*} \sigma(q_0) (\prod_{i=0}^{n-2} (q_i, q_{i+1})) (\prod_{i=0}^{n-1} 2^{-|u_i|}) 2^{-|ub|} \\ &= \mu(w) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{VI.14})$$

where  $wb$  is shorthand for  $(q_0, u_0) \dots (q_{n-2}, u_{n-2})(q_{n-1}, ub)$ .

Define  $\pi : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$\sigma(w) = \frac{d(w)\mu(w)}{d(\lambda)}$$

It is straightforward to show that this is a probability measure on  $(Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^\infty$ . Write

$$d(w) = d(\lambda) \frac{\pi(w)}{\mu(w)}$$

where  $\pi$  is a "strategy" and  $\mu$  is the "environment".

Then, choose  $\omega \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^\infty$  according to  $\pi$  and let  $E$  be the event that  $\exists w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*$  such that  $w \sqsubseteq \omega$  for some  $w \in B$  in this experiment. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &\geq \text{Pr}(E) \\ &= \sum_{w \in B} \pi(w) \\ &= \frac{1}{d(\lambda)} \sum_{w \in B} d(w)\mu(w) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{VI.15})$$

So,

$$d(\lambda) \geq \sum_{w \in B} d(w)\mu(w)$$

*Lemma A-4:* Let  $d_0, d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots$  be a sequence of  $C$ -martingales (resp.  $\lambda$ -martingales or  $\mathcal{Q}$ -martingales) such that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(\lambda) < \infty$$

Then, the function  $d : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  (resp.  $(\{0, 1\}^*)^*$  or  $Q^*$ ) defined by:  $\forall w$ ,

$$d(w) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(w)$$

is a  $C$ -martingale (resp.  $\lambda$ -martingale or  $\mathcal{Q}$ -martingale).

*Proof:* Let  $d_0, d_1, \dots$  and  $d$  be as given.

$\forall w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*, q \in Q, u \in \{0, 1\}^*$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} d(w(q, ub)) \mu(w(q, ub)) \\
&= \mu(w(q, u)) \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(w(q, ub)) \right) \\
&= \mu(w(q, u)) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} d_n(w(q, ub)) \quad (\text{VI.16}) \\
&= \mu(w(q, u)) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(w(q, u)) \\
&= \mu(w(q, u)) d(w(q, u))
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{q \in Q} d(w(q, \lambda)) \mu(w(q, \lambda)) &= \mu(w) \sum_{q \in Q} \left( \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(w(q, \lambda)) \right) \\
&= \mu(w) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{q \in Q} d_n(w(q, \lambda)) \\
&= \mu(w) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} d_n(w) \\
&= \mu(w) d(w) \quad (\text{VI.17})
\end{aligned}$$

Since  $d(\lambda)$  is finite and the martingale conditions hold, it follows by simple induction that  $\forall w, d(w)$  is also finite. Thus,  $d$  is a  $C$ -martingale. ■

*Lemma 6:* Let  $C$  be a CTMC and  $\tau = (q_0, t_0)(q_1, t_1) \dots \in \Omega[C]$  be random. Then, the subsequence consisting of all states in  $\tau$ ,  $\mathbf{q} = q_0, q_1, q_2, \dots \in Q^\infty$  is random with respect to  $(\mathcal{Q}, \sigma)$ .

*Proof:* Let  $\tau, \mathbf{q}$  be as described. To prove by contrapositive, suppose there exists a lower semicomputable  $(\mathcal{Q}, \sigma)$ -martingale  $d : Q^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  which succeeds on  $\mathbf{q}$  (that is,  $\mathbf{q}$  is not random).

We use the shorthand  $wb$ , where  $w = (q_0, u_0), \dots, (q_k, u_k)$ , and  $b \in \{0, 1\}$ , to denote  $(q_0, u_0) \dots (q_k, u_k b)$  and  $wq$ , where  $q \in Q$ , to denote  $(q_0, u_0) \dots (q_k, u_k), (q, \lambda)$ .

Define the  $C$ -martingale  $\hat{d} : (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  as follows:

If  $q \in Q$

$$\hat{d}(wq) = d(q_0, \dots, q_{n-1}, q)$$

If  $b \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\hat{d}(wb) = \hat{d}(w)$$

That is,  $\hat{d}$  only bets on states (and bets on them according to  $d$ 's strategy), while hedging its bets on times. To see that  $\hat{d}$  is in fact a  $C$ -martingale:

$$\forall w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*, q \in Q, u \in \{0, 1\}^*$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \hat{d}(w(q, ub)) \mu(w(q, ub)) &= \hat{d}(w(q, u)) \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \mu(w(q, ub)) \\
&= \hat{d}(w(q, u)) \mu(w(q, u)) \quad (\text{VI.18})
\end{aligned}$$

and  $\forall w \in (Q \times \{0, 1\}^*)^*, |w| = n$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{q \in Q} \hat{d}(w(q, \lambda)) \mu(w(q, \lambda)) &= \sum_{q \in Q} d(q_0, \dots, q_{n-1}, q) \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\
&= d(q_0, \dots, q_{n-1}) \sum_{q \in Q} \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\
&= \hat{d}(w) \sum_{q \in Q} \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\
&= \hat{d}(w) \mu(w) \quad (\text{VI.19})
\end{aligned}$$

To see that  $\hat{d}$  succeeds on  $\tau$  let  $\alpha > 0$ . Since  $d$  succeeds on  $\mathbf{q}$ ,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $w_n \sqsubseteq \mathbf{q}$  such that  $d(w_n) > \alpha$ . Then, since  $\hat{d}$  does not bet on sojourn times and bets on states according to  $d$ ,

$$\hat{d}((q_0, u_0)(q_1, u_1) \dots (q_{n-1}, u_{n-1})) > \alpha$$

To see that  $\hat{d}$  is lower semicomputable, let  $d' : Q^* \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  be a function testifying to the fact that  $d$  is lower semicomputable. Define  $\hat{d}'$  as  $\hat{d}$  is defined above, replacing instances of  $d$  with instances of  $d'$ . Its limit behavior is as desired. ■

*Lemma 7:* Let  $\tau = (q_0, t_0)(q_1, t_1) \dots \in \Omega[C]$  where  $C$  is some CTMC. Suppose  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $t_n$  is not random. Then,  $\tau$  is not random.

*Proof:* Assume the hypothesis. For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  define a  $C$ -martingale  $\hat{d}_n$  which

1. Doesn't bet on states
2. Bets according to  $d$  on only the  $n$ th sojourn time  $t_n (n = 0 \dots \infty)$ .

$$\hat{d}_n(\lambda) = 2^{-n},$$

$$\hat{d}_n(w(q, \lambda)) = \hat{d}_n(w)$$

If  $|w| = n, w = (q_0, u_0)(q_1, u_1) \dots (q_{n-1}, u_{n-1}), u \in \{0, 1\}^*, b \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\hat{d}(w[0 \dots n-2](q_{n-1}, ub)) = d(ub)$$

If  $|w| = k \neq n, w = (q_0, u_0)(q_1, u_1) \dots (q_{k-1}, u_{k-1}), u \in \{0, 1\}^*, b \in \{0, 1\}$

$$\hat{d}(w[0 \dots k-2](q_{k-1}, ub)) = \hat{d}(w[0 \dots k-2](q_{k-1}, u))$$

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . We must prove  $\hat{d}_n$  is indeed a martingale.

If  $q \in Q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{q \in Q} \hat{d}_n(w(q, \lambda)) \mu(w(q, \lambda)) &= \sum_{q \in Q} \hat{d}_n(w) \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\
&= \hat{d}_n(w) \sum_{q \in Q} \mu(w(q, \lambda)) \\
&= \hat{d}_n(w) \mu(w) \quad (\text{VI.20})
\end{aligned}$$

If  $|w| = k \neq n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \hat{d}_n(w[0 \dots n-2](q, ub)) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, ub)) \\
&= \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} d(ub) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, ub)) \\
&= d(u) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, u)) \\
&= \hat{d}(w[0 \dots n-2](q, u)) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, u))
\end{aligned} \tag{VI.21}$$

If  $|w| = n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} \hat{d}_n(w[0 \dots n-2](q, ub)) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, ub)) \\
&= \sum_{b \in \{0,1\}} d(ub) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, ub)) \\
&= d(u) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, u)) \\
&= \hat{d}(w[0 \dots n-2](q, u)) \mu(w[0 \dots n-2](q, u))
\end{aligned} \tag{VI.22}$$

Define  $\hat{d}$  to be a  $C$ -martingale obtained by applying Lemma A-4:

$$\hat{d} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \hat{d}_n$$

$\hat{d}$  succeeds on  $\tau$ .

Since  $d$  is lower semicomputable, let  $d'$  testify to this. Substituting  $d'$  in the above construction shows that  $\hat{d}_n$  is lower semicomputable for all  $n$ , and thus that  $\hat{d}$  is also lower semicomputable. Thus,  $\tau$  is not random. ■

*Lemma 8:* Let  $\tau \in \Omega[C]$  be a trajectory in a CTMC,  $C$ . If  $\tau$  is random, then all sojourn times  $t_0, t_1, t_2, \dots$  in  $\tau$  are independently random.

*Proof:* We prove by contrapositive. Let  $\tau \in \Omega[C]$  and suppose there exists  $n$  such that  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  are not independently random. Then, there exists  $d : \{0, 1\}_n^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  (where  $\{0, 1\}_n^*$  denotes the set of all  $n$ -tuples of strings of the same length) such that  $\forall w \in \{0, 1\}_n^*$

$$d(w) \mu(w) = \sum_{a \in \{0,1\}_n^1} d(wa) \mu(wa)$$

and

$$\limsup_{k \rightarrow \infty} d((t_1, \dots, t_n) \upharpoonright k) = \infty,$$

where  $\mu$  refers to the probability measure on  $\{0, 1\}_n^*$  defined by

$$\mu((w_1, \dots, w_n)) = \prod_{i=1}^n \mu_i(w_i)$$

and  $d$  is lower semicomputable.

Define the martingale  $d : \{0, 1\}^* \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  by

$$d(w) = d(w, t_2, \dots, t_3).$$

It's clear that is a martingale which succeeds on  $t_0$ , from which it follows that  $t$  and thus also  $\tau$  cannot be random. ■

*Lemma 9:* There exists a rate sequence  $\lambda$  and a sequence  $\mathbf{R} = (t_0, t_1, \dots)$  of  $\lambda$ -durations such that  $t_0, t_1, \dots$

are independently random but  $\mathbf{R}$  is not random with respect to  $\mu_\lambda$ .

*Proof:* Let  $\lambda$  be a rate sequence and let  $S_0, S_1, \dots$  be a sequence of elements of  $\{0, 1\}^\infty$  representing times  $t_0, t_1, \dots$  each of which are random with respect to the rates  $\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \dots$ . Then, the times (qua binary sequences) in the  $\lambda$ -duration sequence  $(0S_0, 0S_1, 0S_2, \dots)$  are not independently random since a lower-semicomputable  $\lambda$ -martingale exists which can bet only on the first bit of each sequence and hedge on all other bits. ■

*Theorem 10 (Non-Zeno property):* Let  $C$  be a CRN. Then, if  $\tau = (q_0, t_0), (q_1, t_1), \dots \in \Omega[C]$  is random and has bounded molecular counts, then  $\tau$  satisfies the *non-Zeno property* that

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} t_i = \infty.$$

*Proof:* By contrapositive. Let  $C$  be a CRN and  $\tau \in \Omega[C]$  a trajectory with bounded molecular counts. Since  $\tau$  has bounded molecular counts, there exists a constant  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  which is the maximum reaction rate along  $\tau$ . Since  $\tau$  has the Zeno property, there must exist  $i \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\forall k \geq i, t_k \in J(\lambda_{q_i}, 0)$ . Define a  $C$ -martingale which only bets on the first bit of each sojourn time  $t_i, t_{i+1}, \dots$  as follows:

$$d_i(\lambda) = 1 \tag{VI.23}$$

$$d_i(w(q, \lambda)) = d_i(w) \tag{VI.24}$$

$$d_i(w(q, ub)) = \begin{cases} (2d_i(w(q, u))) & \text{if } |w| = i, u = \lambda, \text{ and } b = 0 \\ d_i(w(q, u)) & \text{if } |w| < i \\ 0 & \text{if } |w| = i, \text{ and } b \neq 0 \end{cases} \tag{VI.25}$$

Since  $i$  is a definite value,  $d_i$  does not begin to bet until it reaches the  $i$ -th sojourn time, and  $d_i$  bets only on the first bit of each sojourn time after the  $i$ th,  $d_i$  succeeds on  $\tau$ .  $d_i$  is clearly lower semicomputable. Thus,  $\tau$  cannot be random. ■

*Lemma 12:* For every cylinder,  $\Omega_w$  of a CTMC  $C$ ,

$$K(w) \leq l(w) + K(\text{prof}(w)) + O(1),$$

where  $l(w) = \log \frac{1}{\mu_C(w)}$  is the “self-information” of  $w$ .

*Proof:* In the following proof, we let  $p$  range over all profiles, and assume there is some natural encoding (enumerating process) between natural numbers and profiles, and also between natural numbers and cylinders.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Omega &= \sum_p 2^{-K(p)}, \quad \text{for some constant } c \\
&= \sum_p \left( 2^{-K(p)} \sum_{\text{prof}(w)=p} 2^{-l(w)} \right) \\
&= \sum_w 2^{-(K(\text{prof}(w)) + l(w))} < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Then, by the minimality of  $K$  and the coding relation between cylinders and natural numbers, we have

$$K(w) \leq l(w) + K(\text{prof}(w)) + O(1).$$

■

*Lemma 13:* There is a constant  $c \in \mathbb{N}$  such that, for every profile  $p$  of a CTMC  $C$  and every  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\mu_C \left( \bigcup_{\substack{w \\ \text{prof}(w)=p \\ K(w) < l(w) + K(p) - k}} \Omega_w \right) < 2^{c-k}.$$

Substituting  $k + K(\text{prof}(w))$  for  $k$  here gives

$$\mu_C \left( \bigcup_{\substack{w \\ \text{prof}(w)=p \\ K(w) < l(w) - k}} \Omega_w \right) < 2^{c-k-K(p)}.$$

*Proof:* We only need to note that

$$\sum_p \sum_{\text{prof}(w)=p} 2^{-K(w)} = \sum_w 2^{-K(w)} < \infty.$$

Then by the minimality [2] of  $K$ , we have,

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{-K(p)+c} &\geq \sum_{\text{prof}(w)=p} 2^{-K(w)} \\ &= \sum_{\text{prof}(w)=p} \mu(w) \frac{1}{\mu(w)} 2^{-K(w)} \\ &= \sum_{\text{prof}(w)=p} \mu(w) 2^{\log \frac{1}{\mu(w)}} 2^{-K(w)} \\ &= \sum_{\text{prof}(w)=p} \mu(w) 2^{l(w)-K(w)} \\ &= \mathbb{E}_\mu [2^{l(w)-K(w)}] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} &\mu \{w \mid K(w) < l(w) + K(\text{prof}(w)) - k\} \\ &= \mu \{w \mid l(w) - K(w) > k - K(\text{prof}(w))\} \\ &= \mu \left\{ w \mid 2^{l(w)-K(w)} > 2^{k-K(\text{prof}(w))} \right\} \\ &< \frac{\mathbb{E}_\mu [2^{l(w)-K(w)}]}{2^{k-K(\text{prof}(w))}} \leq \frac{2^{-K(p)+c}}{2^{k-K(\text{prof}(w))}} = 2^{c-k} \end{aligned}$$

The first inequality in the last row follows by the Markov inequality. ■

*Theorem 14:* A trajectory  $\tau$  is Martin L f random if and only if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that for every  $w \sqsubseteq \tau$ ,  $K(w) \geq l(w) - k$ .

*Proof:* “Only if”: We prove the contrapositive. Suppose that for every  $k$ , there is at least one  $w \sqsubseteq \tau$ , such that  $K(w) < l(w) - k$ . We let

$$U_k = \{w \mid K(w) < l(w) - k\}.$$

Note that  $w$  ranges over all cylinders in the above definition. Therefore, it is clear that  $\tau$  is covered by the  $U_k$ .

Next, we are going to estimate the measure of  $U_k$ . First we consider the  $t$ -slice of  $U_k$ ,  $U_k^t$ , defined as:

$$U_k^p = \{w \mid \text{prof}(w) = p \text{ and } w \in U_k\}.$$

Note that by Lemma 13, we have  $\mu[U_k^p] < 2^{c-k-K(p)}$ , therefore

$$\mu[U_k] = \sum_p \mu[U_k^p] \leq \sum_t 2^{c-k-K(p)} \leq 2^{c-k} \Omega \leq 2^{c-k}.$$

Also note that each  $U_k$  is recursively enumerable, and  $V_k = U_{c+k}$  is a Martin L f test.

“If”: Again by contrapositive: Assume  $\tau$  is not Martin L f random, and let  $\{U_k\}$  be a Martin L f test. We construct the following (output, size-of-program) requirement pairs as follows:

$$\{(w, l(w) - k) \mid w \in U_{k^2}, k \geq 2\}$$

It can be checked this requirement satisfies Kraft’s inequality, since the measure of the size-of-program is bounded from above by

$$\sum_{k \geq 2} 2^{-(k^2-k)} = 1/2^2 + 1/2^6 + 1/2^{12} \dots < 1$$

Then by Levin’s coding lemma [11], [12], this requirement can be fulfilled.

Note that  $\tau$  can be covered by  $U_{k^2}$ , and therefore for each  $k \geq 2$  there are prefixes  $w$  of  $\tau$  for which  $K(w) \leq l(w) - k < l(w) - (k - 1)$ .

That is, for every  $k' = k - 1 > 0$ , there is some  $w \sqsubseteq \tau$ , such that  $K(w) < l(w) - k'$ . Hence  $\tau$  is not random in the Kolmogorov sense. ■

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