

# INFINITE GAMES

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# EXAMPLE

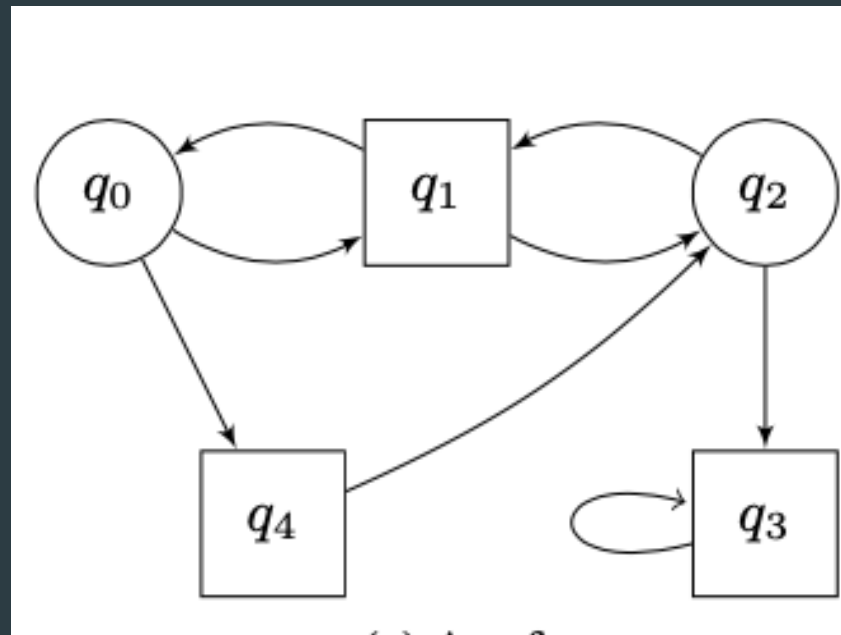
	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>
<i>A</i>	$(0, 2)$	$(1, 1)$
<i>B</i>	$(1, 1)$	$(1, 2)$

- ▶ Dominated strategy:  
A strategy of a player dominates another one if the outcome of the first strategy is better
- ▶ Strategy B of player 1 dominates strategy A
- ▶ If player 2 knows that player 1 prefers strategy B to strategy A, then he will in turn prefer D to C
- ▶ (B, D) will be played
- ▶ This is iterated elimination of dominated strategies
- ▶ Surviving strategies are called iteratively admissible strategies.

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## ► MULTIPLAYER GAMES

$$\mathcal{G} = \langle P, (V_i)_{i \in P}, E, (\text{WIN}_i)_{i \in P} \rangle$$



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$(V^* \cdot V_i) \rightarrow V$ , such that if  $\sigma_i(\rho) = s$  then  $(\text{last}(\rho), s) \in E$ .

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- ▶ 1)  $S$  = set of all strategies
- ▶ 2)  $S(i)$  = set of strategies for state  $i$
- ▶ 3)  $S(-i)$  = set of strategies for all states except  $i$

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- ▶ Winning Strategies

A strategy  $\sigma_i$  of player  $i$  is said to be *winning from state  $s$  against a rectangular set  $S_{-i} \subseteq \mathcal{S}_{-i}$* , if for all  $\sigma_{-i} \in S_{-i}$ ,  $\text{Out}_s(\sigma_i, \sigma_{-i}) \in \text{WIN}_i$ . It is simply said *winning from state  $s$*  if  $S_{-i} = \mathcal{S}_{-i}$ . For each player  $i$ , we write  $\text{WIN}_i^s(\sigma_P)$  if  $\text{Out}_s(\sigma_P) \in \text{WIN}_i$ .



# SOME WINNING CONDITIONS REVISITED

- A *safety condition* is defined by a set  $Bad_i \subseteq V$ :  $WIN_i = (V \setminus Bad_i)^\omega$ .
- A *reachability condition* is defined by a set  $Good_i \subseteq V$ :  $WIN_i = V^* \cdot Good_i \cdot V^\omega$ .
- A *Büchi condition* is defined by a set  $F_i \subseteq V$ :  $WIN_i = (V^* \cdot F_i)^\omega$ .

# ADMISSIBILITY

- ▶  $\sigma$  very weakly dominates strategy  $\sigma'$  with respect to  $S$ :

$$\forall \tau \in S_{-i}, \text{WIN}_i^s(\sigma', \tau) \Rightarrow \text{WIN}_i^s(\sigma, \tau)$$

- ▶  $\sigma$  weakly dominates strategy  $\sigma'$  with respect to  $S$ , if  $\sigma$  very weakly dominates strategy  $\sigma'$  but vice versa is false.
- ▶ A strategy  $\sigma \in S_i$  is dominated in  $S$  if there exists  $\sigma' \in S_i$  such that  $\sigma'$  weakly dominates  $\sigma$
- ▶ A strategy that is not dominated in  $S$  is admissible in  $S$ .

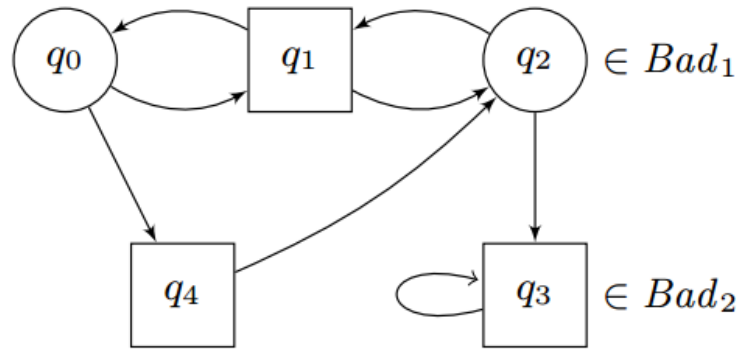
# ADMISSIBILITY (CONT.)

- ▶ The set  $S^*$  of iteratively admissible strategies is obtained by iteratively eliminating dominated strategies, starting from set  $S$

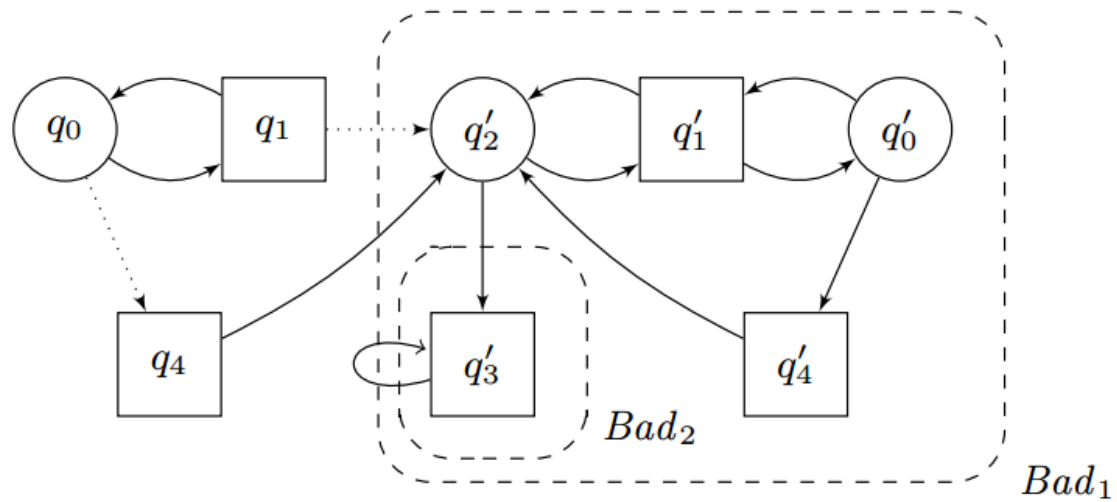
- ▶
  - $\mathcal{S}^0 = \mathcal{S}$ ;
  - $\mathcal{S}^{n+1} = \prod_{i \in P} \{\sigma_i \in \mathcal{S}_i^n \mid \sigma_i \text{ admissible in } \mathcal{S}^n\}$

- ▶  $\mathcal{S}^* = \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{S}^n$

# EXAMPLE



(a) A safety game.



# VALUE

- ▶ Our algorithms are based on the notion of value of a history
- ▶ It characterizes whether a player can win (alone) or cannot win (even with the help of other players)
- ▶ The value of history  $h$  for player  $i$  after the  $n$ -th step of elimination, written as  $Val_i^n(h)$ .
- ▶ No strategy profile  $S_n$  winning for player  $i$ , then value = -1
- ▶ If a strategy is always winning for player  $i$ , then value = 1
- ▶ Else value = 0

# SOME MORE TERMS

- ▶ The winning coalition problem
- ▶ Given a set of vertices, 2 subsets  $W, L$ , find an iteratively admissible profile such that all players in  $W$  wins and all players in  $L$  lose the game.
- ▶ Our robot motion is a type of winning coalition problem

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**Definition 5.** We write  $T_i^n$  for the set of transitions  $s \rightarrow s' \in E$ , such that  $s$  is controlled by player  $i$  and  $\text{Val}_i^n(s) > \text{Val}_i^n(s')$ . Such transitions are said to be dominated after the  $n$ -th step of elimination. We write  $T^n$  for the union of all  $T_i^n$ .



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- ▶  $T \rightarrow$  basically set of all badtransitions ( all transitions where if we take that transition, we will lose)
- ▶ Doubt  $\rightarrow$  we wont have a transition from  $1 \rightarrow -1$  right?

# SOME MORE TERMS

- ▶ The winning coalition problem
- ▶ Lambda
- ▶  $T \rightarrow$  basically set of all useless transitions ( all transitions where if we take that transition, we will lose)
- ▶ Subgame

**Definition 6 (Subgame).** *Let  $\mathcal{G} = \langle P, V, E, \text{WIN}_P \rangle$  be a game and  $T \subseteq E$  a set of transitions. If each state  $s \in V$  has at least one successor by  $E \setminus T$ , the game  $\mathcal{G} \setminus T = \langle P, V, E \setminus T, \text{WIN}_P \rangle$  is*

# PROPOSITIONS

- ▶ Lemma 1:  
A player that plays according to an admissible strategy cannot go to a state that changes the value of the current history
- ▶ Players losing on h:  $\lambda(h) = \{i \in P \mid \exists k < |h|, h_k \in \text{Bad}_i\}$
- ▶ Proposition 1:  
For safety winning conditions, the value of a history h only depends on  $\lambda(h)$  and  $\text{last}(h)$
- ▶ We encode the set  $\lambda(h)$  of losing players in the state of the game
- ▶ New game:  
States in  $2^P \times V$   
Set of transitions  $(\lambda, s) \rightarrow (\lambda \cup \{i \mid s' \in \text{Bad}_i\}, s')$  for any  $\lambda \subseteq P$ , if  $s \rightarrow s'$

# DOMINANCE OF TRANSITIONS

- ▶ Definition:  
 $T_i^n$  for the set of transitions  $s \rightarrow s' \in E$ , s.t.  $s$  is controlled by player  $i$  and  $Val_i^n(s) > Val_i^n(s')$
- ▶ Such transitions are said to be dominated after the  $n$ -th step of elimination
- ▶  $T^n$  for the union of all  $T_i^n$
- ▶ Subgame:  
Let  $G = \langle P, V, E, WIN_p \rangle$  be a game and  $T \subseteq E$  a set of transitions.  
If each state  $s \in V$  has at least one successor by  $E \setminus T$ ,  
the game  $G \setminus T = \langle P, V, E \setminus T, WIN_p \rangle$  is called a subgame of  $G$
- ▶ Proposition 2:  
All admissible strategies w.r.t.  $S^n$  of player  $i$  are strategies of  $S_i(G \setminus T_i^n)$

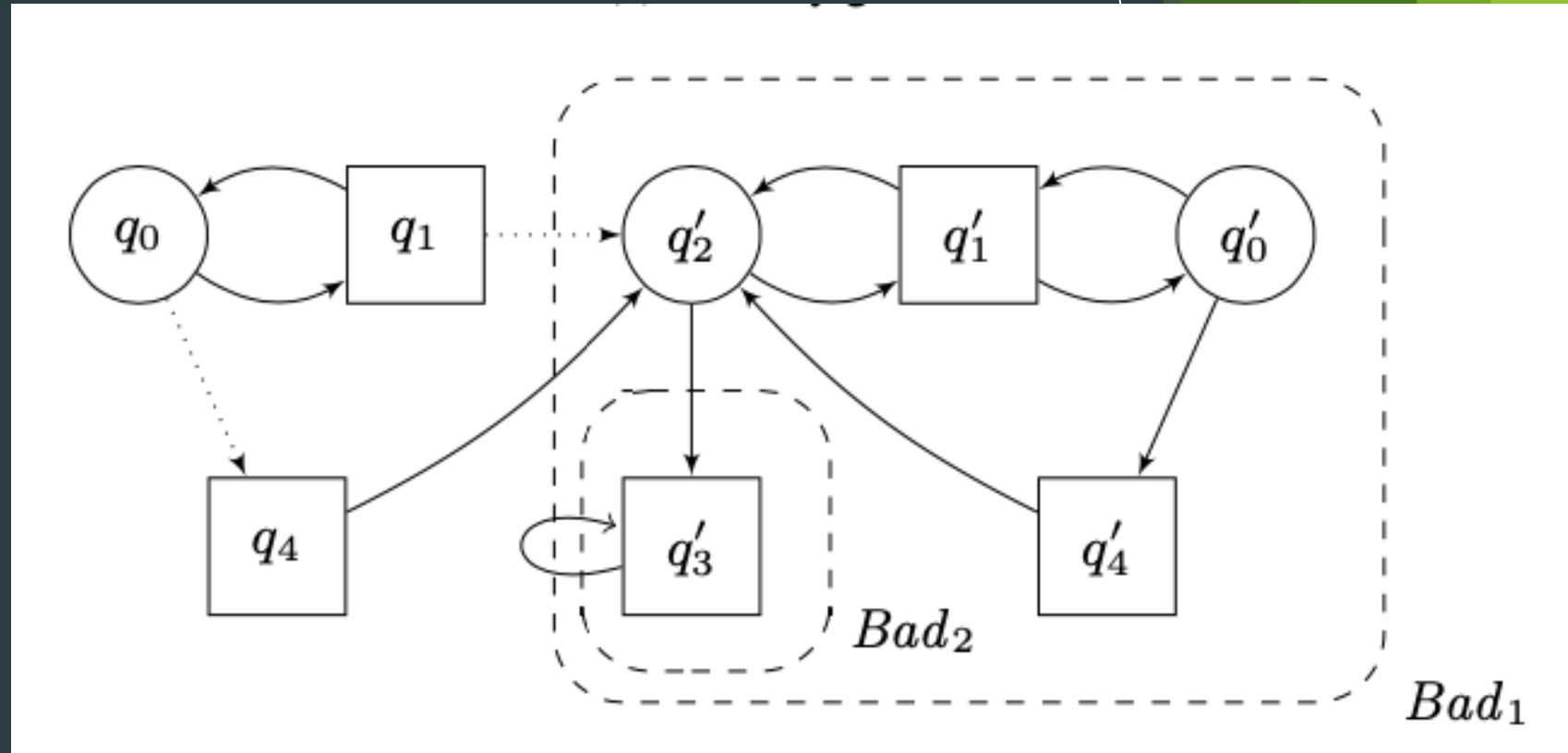
# ALGORITHM

**Algorithm 1:** Computing the set of iteratively admissible strategies

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1  $n := 0 ; T_i^{-1} := \emptyset ;$   
2 repeat  
3   forall the  $s \in V$  do  
4     if there is a winning strategy for player  $i$  from  $s$  in  
        $\mathcal{G} \setminus T^{n-1}$  then  $\text{Val}_i^n(s) := 1;$   
5     else if there is no winning run for player  $i$  from  $s$  in  
        $\mathcal{G} \setminus T^{n-1}$  then  $\text{Val}_i^n(s) := -1;$   
6     else  $\text{Val}_i^n(s) := 0;$   
7   forall the  $i \in P$  do  
8      $T_i^n := T_i^{n-1} \cup \{(s, s') \in E \mid s \in V_i \wedge \text{Val}_i^n(s) >$   
        $\text{Val}_i^n(s')\};$   
9    $n := n + 1 ;$   
10 until  $\forall i \in P. T_i^n = T_i^{n-1};$ 
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# EXAMPLE REVISITED

- ▶ Val of  $q_4$  is -1 initially
- ▶ So  $q_0 \rightarrow q_4$  removed
- ▶ Now, player 2 may lose if go to  $q_2'$ , so remove that edge





# PLAN OF ACTION

- ▶ ROBOT MOTION PROBLEM
- ▶ Define -> initial predicate, global predicate
- ▶ In some way, convert our game to a safety game
- ▶ Find admissible strategies for this safety game
- ▶ Composition
- ▶ Concurrency??