

Lecture Session 11: January 26, 2021

Notation

macros for copy-and-paste:

- $\text{purge}_u(\alpha)$
- $\text{obs}_u(s)$
- $\text{step}(s, a)$

Transitive Policies

- $L_1 \rightarrow L_2$
- $L_2 \rightarrow L_3$
- transitivity would mean: this “automatically” gives us $L_1 \rightarrow L_3$

intransitive policies: “ L_2 may talk to L_3 , but not about the stuff he learned from L_1 ”.

purge function

- $D = \{L_1, L_2, H_1, H_2\}$
- policy: $L_1 \rightarrow L_2, L_2 \rightarrow L_1, H_1 \rightarrow H_2, H_2 \rightarrow H_1, L_1 \rightarrow H_1, L_1 \rightarrow H_2, L_2 \rightarrow H_1, L_2 \rightarrow H_2$
- $A = \{l_1, l_2, h_1, h_2\}$
- $\text{dom}(l_x) = L_x, \text{dom}(h_x) = H_x$
- $\alpha = l_1 l_2 h_1 h_1 l_1 l_2 h_1$
- $\text{purge}_{L_1}(\alpha) = ?$
- idea: $\text{purge}_{L_1}(\alpha)$ contains exactly those actions from α that
 - “ L_1 is allowed to see.”
 - i.e., actions a that are performed by some agent v with $v \rightarrow L_1$
 - i.e., actions a with $\text{dom}(a) \rightarrow L_1$
 - i.e., actions a with $\text{dom}(a) \in L_1, L_2$
 - i.e., actions a with $a \in l_1, l_2$
- so: $\text{purge}_{L_1}(\alpha) = l_1 l_2 l_1 l_2$
- so: $\text{purge}_{H_1}(\alpha) = \alpha$
- so: $\text{purge}_{L_2}(\alpha) = l_1 l_2 l_1 l_2$

P-secure example system

why is the system P-secure?

- need to show: if $\text{purge}_L(\alpha_1) = \text{purge}_L(\alpha_2)$, and s is a state, then $\text{obs}_u(s \cdot \alpha_1) = \text{obs}_u(s \cdot \alpha_2)$.
- differently: $\text{obs}_L(s \cdot \alpha)$ only depends on:
 - s ,
 - $\text{purge}_L(\alpha)$
- how can we write $\text{obs}_L(s \cdot \alpha)$ as a function of s and $\text{purge}_L(\alpha)$?
- $\text{obs}_u(s \cdot \alpha) =$
 - if α does not contain any l -action, then this is just $\text{obs}_L(s)$,
 - otherwise: observation is the index of the last l -action in α .