

Definition 1. The two reward functions $\mathcal{R}_1 : S^\otimes \times 2^{E^\otimes} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathcal{R}_2 : S^\otimes \times E^\otimes \times S^\otimes \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are defined as follows.

$$\mathcal{R}_1(s^\otimes, \pi) = \begin{cases} r_n |\pi| & \text{if } \llbracket s^\otimes \rrbracket_q \notin \text{SinkSet}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $|E|$ means number of elements in the set E and r_n is a positive value.

$$\mathcal{R}_2(s^\otimes, e, s^{\otimes'}) = \begin{cases} r_p & \text{if } \exists i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, (s^\otimes, e, s^{\otimes'}) \in \bar{F}_i^\otimes, \\ r_{\text{sink}} & \text{if } \llbracket s^{\otimes'} \rrbracket_q \in \text{SinkSet}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where r_p and r_{sink} are the positive and negative value, respectively.

For a Markov chain MC_{SV}^\otimes induced by a product MDP D^\otimes with a supervisor SV , let $S_{SV}^\otimes = T_{SV}^\otimes \sqcup R_{SV}^{\otimes 1} \sqcup \dots \sqcup R_{SV}^{\otimes h}$ be the set of states in MC_{SV}^\otimes , where T_{SV}^\otimes is the set of transient states and $R_{SV}^{\otimes i}$ is the recurrent class for each $i \in \{1, \dots, h\}$, and let $R(MC_{SV}^\otimes)$ be the union of all recurrent classes in MC_{SV}^\otimes . Let $\delta_{SV}^{\otimes i}$ be the set of transitions in a recurrent class $R_{SV}^{\otimes i}$, namely $\delta_{SV}^{\otimes i} = \{(s^\otimes, e, s^{\otimes'}) \in \delta^\otimes; s^\otimes \in R_{SV}^{\otimes i}, P_T^\otimes(s^{\otimes'}|s^\otimes, e) > 0, P_E^\otimes(e|s^\otimes, SV(s^\otimes)) > 0\}$, and let $P_{SV}^\otimes : S_{SV}^\otimes \times S_{SV}^\otimes \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $P_{SV}^\otimes(s^{\otimes'}|s^\otimes) = \sum_{e \in SV(s^\otimes)} P_T^\otimes(s^{\otimes'}|s^\otimes, e) P_E^\otimes(e|s^\otimes, SV(s^\otimes))$ be the transition probability under SV .

Lemma 1. For any supervisor SV and any recurrent class $R_{SV}^{\otimes i}$ in the Markov chain MC_{SV}^\otimes , MC_{SV}^\otimes satisfies one of the following conditions.

1. $\delta_{SV}^{\otimes i} \cap \bar{F}_j^\otimes \neq \emptyset, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$,
2. $\delta_{SV}^{\otimes i} \cap \bar{F}_j^\otimes = \emptyset, \forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Definition 2. An accepting recurrent class is defined as the recurrent class that has at least one accepting transitions in each accepting set \bar{F}_j^\otimes with $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Theorem 1. Let M^\otimes be the product DES corresponding to a DES M and an LTL formula φ . Let \mathcal{R}_1 be a reward function for control patterns. If there exists a supervisor SV satisfying φ and it satisfies that there is no state $s^\otimes \in S_{SV}^\otimes$ reachable from initial state s_{init}^\otimes such that $\llbracket s^\otimes \rrbracket_q \in \text{SinkSet}$, then there exist a discount factor γ^* , a positive reward $r_p^*(\mathcal{R}_1)$ that satisfies $r_p^*(\mathcal{R}_1) \gg \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty$, and a negative reward $r_{\text{sink}}^*(r_p, \mathcal{R}_1)$ that satisfies $r_{\text{sink}}^*(r_p, \mathcal{R}_1) \ll -(r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty)$ such that any algorithm that maximizes the expected discounted reward with $\gamma > \gamma^*$, $r_p > r_p^*(\mathcal{R}_1)$, and $r_{\text{sink}} < r_{\text{sink}}^*(r_p, \mathcal{R}_1)$ will find, with probability one, a supervisor satisfying φ and it satisfies that there is no state $s^\otimes \in S_{SV}^\otimes$ reachable from the initial state s_{init}^\otimes such that $\llbracket s^\otimes \rrbracket_q \in \text{SinkSet}$.

Proof. Suppose that there is an algorithm by which an optimal supervisor SV^* is obtained but SV^* does not satisfy the LTL formula φ or there is a state s_{sink}^\otimes

reachable from the initial state such that $\llbracket s_{sink}^\otimes \rrbracket_q \in SinkSet$ under SV^* . Then, for any recurrent class $R_{SV^*}^{\otimes i}$ in the Markov chain $MC_{SV^*}^\otimes$ and any accepting set \bar{F}_j^\otimes of the product DES M^\otimes , $\delta_{SV^*,i}^\otimes \cap \bar{F}_j^\otimes = \emptyset$ holds for the first case by Lemma 1 and there is a recurrent class $R_{SV^*}^{\otimes i}$ such that $s_{sink}^\otimes \in R_{SV^*}^{\otimes i}$ for the second case. We consider the two cases separately.

1. Assume that SV^* does not the LTL formula φ . By the assumption, the system under the supervisor SV^* can only obtain rewards in the set of transient states and rewards regarding sink states. We consider the best scenario in the assumption. Let $p^k(s, s')$ be the probability of going to a state s' in k time steps after leaving the state s , and let $Post(T_{SV^*}^\otimes)$ be the set of states in recurrent classes that can be transitioned from states in $T_{SV^*}^\otimes$ by one event occurrence. Let $R_{SV^*}^{\otimes sink}$ be the union of the states s_{sink}^\otimes such that $\llbracket s_{sink}^\otimes \rrbracket_q \in SinkSet$. Recall that $r_{sink} < 0$. Thus, for the initial state s_{init}^\otimes in the set of transient states, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^\otimes \in T_{SV^*}^\otimes} \gamma^k p^k(s_{init}^\otimes, s^\otimes) \\ &\quad \{ \sum_{s^{\otimes'} \in T_{SV^*}^\otimes \cup Post(T_{SV^*}^\otimes)} \sum_{e \in SV(s^\otimes)} P_T^\otimes(s^{\otimes'} | s^\otimes, e) P_E^\otimes(e | s^\otimes, SV(s^\otimes)) \mathcal{R}(s^\otimes, SV(s^\otimes), e, s^{\otimes'}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{s^{\otimes'} \in R_{SV^*}^{\otimes sink}} P_{SV^*}^\otimes(s^{\otimes'} | s^\otimes) \sum_{l=0}^{\infty} \gamma^l r_{sink} \} \\ &\leq r_p \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^\otimes \in T_{SV^*}^\otimes} \gamma^k p^k(s_{init}^\otimes, s^\otimes) + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty. \end{aligned}$$

By the property of the transient states, for any state s^\otimes in $T_{SV^*}^\otimes$, there exists a bounded positive value m such that $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k p^k(s_{init}^\otimes, s^\otimes) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p^k(s_{init}^\otimes, s^\otimes) < m$ [1]. Therefore, there exists a bounded positive value \bar{m} such that $V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes) < \bar{m} + \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty$.

2. Assume that there is a state s_{sink}^\otimes reachable from the initial state such that $\llbracket s_{sink}^\otimes \rrbracket_q \in SinkSet$ under SV^* . By the assumption, there is a recurrent class $R_{SV^*}^{\otimes i}$ reachable from the initial state such that $s_{sink}^\otimes \in R_{SV^*}^{\otimes i}$. We consider the best scenario in the assumption. There exist a number $l > 0$, a state $s_{sink}^\otimes \in Post(T_{SV^*}^\otimes) \cap R_{SV^*}^{\otimes i}$, and a subset of transient states $\{s_1^\otimes, \dots, s_{l-1}^\otimes\} \subset T_{SV^*}^\otimes$ such that $p(s_{init}^\otimes, s_1^\otimes) > 0$, $p(s_i^\otimes, s_{i+1}^\otimes) > 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, l-2\}$, and $p(s_{l-1}^\otimes, s_{sink}^\otimes) > 0$ by the property of transient states. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) &< Pr_{SV^*}^{M^{\otimes}}(s_{init}^{\otimes} \models \varphi) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}) + \gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^{\otimes}, s_{sink}^{\otimes}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k r_{sink} \\
&+ Pr_{SV^*}^{M^{\otimes}}(s_{init}^{\otimes} \not\models \varphi) (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^{\otimes} \in T_{\pi^*}^{\otimes}} \gamma^k p^k(s_{init}^{\otimes}, s^{\otimes}) \\
&< \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \{Pr_{SV^*}^{M^{\otimes}}(s_{init}^{\otimes} \models \varphi) (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}) + \gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^{\otimes}, s_{sink}^{\otimes}) r_{sink}\} + \bar{m}',
\end{aligned}$$

where \bar{m}' is a constant such that $\bar{m}' > Pr_{SV^*}^{M^{\otimes}}(s_{init}^{\otimes} \not\models \varphi) (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{s^{\otimes} \in T_{\pi^*}^{\otimes}} \gamma^k p^k(s_{init}^{\otimes}, s^{\otimes})$.

Therefore, if it holds that $r_{sink} \leq -\frac{Pr_{SV^*}^{M^{\otimes}}(s_{init}^{\otimes} \models \varphi)}{\gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^{\otimes}, s_{sink}^{\otimes})} (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty})$, we then have $V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) < \bar{m}'$ for any $\gamma \in (0, 1)$.

Let \bar{SV} be a supervisor satisfying φ and it satisfies that there is no state $s^{\otimes} \in S_{\bar{SV}}^{\otimes}$ reachable from initial state s_{init}^{\otimes} such that $\llbracket s^{\otimes} \rrbracket_q \in SinkSet$. We consider the following two cases.

1. Assume that the initial state s_{init}^{\otimes} is in a recurrent class $R_{\bar{SV}}^{\otimes i}$ for some $i \in \{1, \dots, h\}$. For any accepting set \bar{F}_j^{\otimes} , $\delta_{\bar{SV}}^{\otimes i} \cap \bar{F}_j^{\otimes} \neq \emptyset$ holds by the definition of \bar{SV} . The expected discounted reward for s_{init}^{\otimes} is given by

$$V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) = \mathbb{E}^{SV} \left[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k \mathcal{R}(s_k, \pi_k, e_k, s_{k+1}) \mid s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes} \right] \quad (3)$$

For each path $\rho = s_0 \pi_0 e_0 s_1 \dots s_i \pi_i e_i s_{i+1} \dots \in S(2^E ES)^{\omega}$, the stopping time \hat{k} of first returning to the initial state is defined as $\hat{k}(\rho) = \min_i \{i \mid s_i = s_0\}$. We consider the worst scenario of returning the initial state in this case. It holds that

$$\begin{aligned}
V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) &> \mathbb{E}^{\bar{SV}}[\gamma^{\hat{k}-1} r_p + \gamma^{\hat{k}-1} V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) \mid s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes}] \\
&\geq \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{SV}}[\hat{k}-1 \mid s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes}]} r_p + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{SV}}[\hat{k}-1 \mid s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes}]} V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) &> \frac{\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{SV}}[\hat{k}-1 \mid s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes}]} r_p}{1 - \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{SV}}[\hat{k}-1 \mid s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes}]}} \\
&> \frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1} r_p}{1 - \gamma^{\hat{K}-1}},
\end{aligned}$$

where the second inequality holds since it holds that $\mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\gamma^{\hat{K}}|s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes] \geq \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\hat{K}|s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}$ by Jensen's inequality, $\hat{K} = \lceil \mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\hat{K}|s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes] \rceil$, and the fourth inequality holds since it holds that $\gamma^{\hat{K}} < \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\hat{K}|s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}$ and $\frac{1}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}}} < \frac{1}{1-\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\hat{K}|s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}}$ for any $\gamma \in (0, 1)$. We set r_p^* and r_{sink}^* to satisfy $\frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}r_p^* > \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty$ and $r_{sink}^* \leq -\frac{Pr_{SV^*}^M(s_{init}^\otimes \models \varphi)}{\gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^\otimes, s_{sink}^\otimes)}(r_p^* + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty)$.

Therefore, for a reward function \mathcal{R}_1 , there exist $\gamma^* < 1$ satisfying $\frac{\gamma^{*\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{*\hat{K}-1}}r_p^* - \frac{1}{1-\gamma^*}\|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty > m$ for any $m > 0$ such that $\gamma > \gamma^*$, $r_p > r_p^*$, and $r_{sink} < r_{sink}^*$ imply $V^{SV}(s_{init}^\otimes) > V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes)$ since for $m = \max\{\bar{m}, \bar{m}'\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} V^{\bar{S}V}(s_{init}^\otimes) - V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes) &> \frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}r_p - (m + \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty) \\ &= (\frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}r_p - \frac{1}{1-\gamma}\|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty) - m \end{aligned}$$

by the settings of γ^* , r_p^* , and r_{sink}^* , we have

$$V^{SV}(s_{init}^\otimes) - V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes) > 0 \quad (4)$$

- Assume that the initial state s_{init}^\otimes is in the set of transient states $T_{SV}^\otimes.P_{SV}^{M^\otimes}(s_{init}^\otimes \models \varphi) > 0$ holds by the definition of $\bar{S}V$. For a recurrent class $R_{SV}^{\otimes i}$ such that $\delta_{\bar{S}V,i}^\otimes \cap \bar{F}_j^\otimes \neq \emptyset$ for each accepting set \bar{F}_j^\otimes , there exist a number $l' > 0$, a state \hat{s}^\otimes in $Post(T_{SV}^\otimes) \cap R_{SV}^{\otimes i}$, and a subset of transient states $\{s_1^\otimes, \dots, s_{l'-1}^\otimes\} \subset T_{SV}^\otimes$ such that $p(s_{init}^\otimes, s_1^\otimes) > 0$, $p(s_i^\otimes, s_{i+1}^\otimes) > 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, l'-2\}$, and $p(s_{l'-1}^\otimes, \hat{s}^\otimes) > 0$ by the property of transient states. Hence, it holds that $p^{l'}(s_{init}^\otimes, \hat{s}^\otimes) > 0$ for the state \hat{s}^\otimes . For each path $\rho = s_0\pi_0e_0s_1\dots s_i\pi_ie_is_{i+1}\dots \in S(2^E ES)^\omega$, the stopping time \hat{k} of first returning to the state \hat{s}^\otimes is defined as $\hat{k}(\rho) = \min_i\{i > l' | s_i = \hat{s}^\otimes\}$. Thus, by ignoring positive rewards in T_{SV}^\otimes , we have

$$\begin{aligned} V^{\bar{S}V}(s_{init}^\otimes) &= \mathbb{E}^{SV}[\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k \mathcal{R}(s_k, \bar{S}V(s_k), e_k, s_{k+1}) | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes] \\ &\geq \mathbb{E}^{SV}[\gamma^l \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k \mathcal{R}(s_{k+l}, \bar{S}V(s_{k+l}), e_{k+l}, s_{k+l+1}) | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes] \\ &\geq \gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^\otimes, \hat{s}^\otimes) \mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\gamma^{\hat{k}-1} r_p + \gamma^{\hat{k}-1} V^{\bar{S}V}(\hat{s}^\otimes) | s_{l'} = \hat{s}^\otimes] \\ &\geq \gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^\otimes, \hat{s}^\otimes) \{\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\hat{k}-1 | s_{l'} = \hat{s}^\otimes]} r_p + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[\hat{k}-1 | s_{l'} = \hat{s}^\otimes]} V^{\bar{S}V}(\hat{s}^\otimes)\}. \end{aligned}$$

As with the case 1, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) &\geq \gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \frac{\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[\hat{k}-1|s_{l'}=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]} r_p}{1 - \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[\hat{k}-1|s_{l'}=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}} \\
&> \gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1} r_p}{1 - \gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where the third inequality holds since it holds that $\mathbb{E}^{\bar{SV}}[\gamma^{\hat{k}}|s_{l'} = \hat{s}^{\otimes}] \geq \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[\hat{k}|s_{l'}=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}$ by Jensen's inequality, $\hat{K} = \lceil \mathbb{E}^{\bar{SV}}[\hat{k}|s_{l'} = \hat{s}^{\otimes}] \rceil$, and the fifth inequality holds since it holds that $\gamma^{\hat{K}} < \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[\hat{k}|s_{l'}=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}$ and $\frac{1}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}}} < \frac{1}{1-\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[\hat{k}|s_{l'}=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}}$ for any $\gamma \in (0, 1)$. We set r_p^* and r_{sink}^* to satisfy $\gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}} r_p^* > \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}$ and $r_{sink}^* \leq -\frac{Pr_{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes} \models \varphi)}{\gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, s_{sink}^{\otimes})} (r_p^* + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty})$ for any $\gamma \in (0, 1)$. Therefore, for the reward function \mathcal{R}_1 , there exist $\gamma^* < 1$ satisfying $\gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \frac{\gamma^{*\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{*\hat{K}-1}} r_p^* - \frac{1}{1-\gamma^*} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty} > m$ for any $m > 0$ such that $\gamma > \gamma^*$, $r_p > r_p^*$, and $r_{sink} < r_{sink}^*$ imply $V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) > V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes})$ since for $m = \max\{\bar{m}, \bar{m}'\}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) - V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) &> \gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}} r_p - (m + \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}) \\
&= (\gamma^{l'} p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \frac{\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}}{1-\gamma^{\hat{K}-1}} r_p - \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}) - m
\end{aligned}$$

by the settings of γ^* , r_p^* , and r_{sink}^* , we have

$$V^{\bar{SV}}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) - V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) > 0 \tag{6}$$

The results contradict the optimality assumption of SV^* \square

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