

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.

$$\mathcal{R}_1(s^\otimes, \pi) = \begin{cases} r_{n1}(|E| - |\pi|) & \text{if } \llbracket s^\otimes \rrbracket_q \notin \text{SinkSet}, \\ r_{n1}|E| & \text{if } \llbracket s^\otimes \rrbracket_q \in \text{SinkSet}, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where $|E|$ means number of elements in the set E and r_{n1} is a negative value.

$$\mathcal{R}_2(s^\otimes, e, s^{\otimes'}) = \begin{cases} r_p & \text{if } \exists i \in \{1, \dots, n\}, (s^\otimes, e, s^{\otimes'}) \in \bar{F}_i^\otimes, \\ r_{n2} & \text{if } \llbracket s^{\otimes'} \rrbracket_q \in \text{SinkSet}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Lemma 1 For any policy π and any recurrent class $R_\pi^{\otimes i}$ in the Markov chain MC_π^\otimes , MC_π^\otimes satisfies one of the following conditions.

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

Let \bar{SV}_φ be the set of supervisors satisfying the LTL formula φ . 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 $\delta_{SV,i}^\otimes$ be the set of transitions in a recurrent class $R_{SV}^{\otimes i}$, namely $\delta_{SV,i}^\otimes = \{(s^\otimes, e, s^{\otimes'}) \in \delta^\otimes; s^\otimes \in R_{SV}^{\otimes i}, P_T^\otimes(s^{\otimes'}|s^\otimes, e) > 0, P_E^\otimes(e|s^\otimes, SV(s^\otimes)) > 0\}$, and let $P_{SV}^\otimes : S_{SV}^\otimes \times S_{SV}^\otimes \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that $P_{SV}^\otimes = \sum_{e \in SV(s^\otimes)} P_T^\otimes(s^{\otimes'}|s^\otimes, e) P_E^\otimes(e|s^\otimes, SV(s^\otimes))$ be the transition probability under SV .

Definition 2 An accepting recurrent class is defined as the recurrent class whose at least one accepting transition in each accepting set \bar{F}_j^\otimes with $j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. We then define the set of index of accepting recurrent classes as \mathcal{I}_{Acc}^{SV} .

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. Let \bar{k}_{max} denote the maximum expected stopping time of first returning each states in accepting recurrent classes of the Markov chain induced by any supervisor satisfying φ as $\bar{k}_{max} = \max_{SV \in \bar{SV}_\varphi} \max_{i \in \mathcal{I}_{Acc}^{SV}} \{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k_{s^\otimes}^{i,SV} | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]; s^\otimes \in R(MC_{SV}^\otimes)\}$, where $k_{s^\otimes}^{i,SV}$ is the stopping time of first returning to the state $s^\otimes \in R_{SV}^{\otimes i}$. If there exists a supervisor SV satisfying φ , then there exist a discount factor γ^* and a positive reward r_p^* that satisfies $\gamma^{k_{max}} r_p^* > (1 + \dots + \gamma^{\bar{k}_{max}}) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty$ such that any algorithm that maximizes the expected discounted reward with $\gamma > \gamma^*$ and $r_p > r_p^*$ will find a supervisor satisfying φ .

Proof 1 Suppose that SV^* be an optimal supervisor but 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 the supervisor 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 obtain rewards only in the set of transient 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 $Post(T_{\pi^*}^\otimes)$ be the set of states in recurrent classes that can be transitioned from states in $T_{\pi^*}^\otimes$ by one event occurrence. For the initial state s_{init}^\otimes in the set of transient states, it holds that

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

By the property of the transient states, for any state s^\otimes in $T_{\pi^*}^\otimes$, 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 $V^{\pi^*}(s_{init}^\otimes) < \bar{m}$.

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 at least one 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.

$$\begin{aligned} V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes) &< Pr_{SV^*}^{M^\otimes}(s_{init}^\otimes \models \varphi) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty) + \gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^\otimes, s_{sink}^\otimes) \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k r_{n2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \{ Pr_{SV^*}^{M^\otimes}(s_{init}^\otimes \models \varphi) (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty) + \gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^\otimes, s_{sink}^\otimes) r_{n2} \}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if it holds that $r_{n2} < -\frac{Pr_{SV^*}^{M^\otimes}(s_{init}^\otimes \models \varphi)}{\gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^\otimes, s_{sink}^\otimes)} (r_p + \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty)$, we have $V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes) < 0$ for any $\gamma \in [0, 1)$.

Let $\bar{S}V$ be a supervisor satisfying φ . We consider the following two cases.

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

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

Since s_{init}^\otimes is in $R_\pi^{\otimes i}$, there exists a set of positive numbers $K = \{k ; k \geq n, p^k(s_{init}^\otimes, s_{init}^\otimes) > 0\}$ [1]. We consider the worst scenario of returning the initial state in this case. For the stopping time k of first returning to the initial state, it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} V^{\bar{\pi}}(s_{init}^\otimes) &> \mathbb{E}^{SV} [\gamma^k r_p - (1 + \dots + \gamma^k) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty + \gamma^k V^{\bar{\pi}}(s_{init}^\otimes) | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes] \\ &\geq \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]} r_p - (1 + \dots + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]} V^{\bar{\pi}}(s_{init}^\otimes) \\ &= \frac{\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]} r_p - (1 + \dots + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty}{1 - \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}}, \end{aligned}$$

where second inequality holds since it holds that $\mathbb{E}^{SV}[\gamma^k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes] \geq \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}$ and $\frac{1 - \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k+1 | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}}{1 - \gamma} \leq \mathbb{E}^{SV}[\frac{1 - \gamma^{k+1}}{1 - \gamma} | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]$ by Jensen's inequality. Therefore, for any $\bar{m} \in (V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes), \infty)$ and any reward function \mathcal{R}_1 defined by definition 1, there exist $\gamma^* < 1$ and a positive reward r_p^* that satisfies $\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]} r_p^* > (1 + \dots + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k | s_0 = s_{init}^\otimes]}) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_\infty$ such that $\gamma > \gamma^*$ and $r_p > r_p^*$ imply $V^{\bar{S}V}(s_{init}^\otimes) > \bar{m} > V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^\otimes)$.

2. Assume that the initial state s_{init}^\otimes is in the set of transient states $T_{\bar{S}V}^{\otimes} \cdot PM_{\bar{S}V}^{\otimes}(s_{init}^\otimes \models \varphi) > 0$ holds by the definition of $\bar{S}V$. For a recurrent class $R_{\bar{S}V}^{\otimes i}$ 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 $\bar{l} > 0$, a state \hat{s}^\otimes in $Post(T_{\bar{S}V}^{\otimes}) \cap R_{\bar{S}V}^{\otimes i}$, and a subset of transient states $\{s_1^\otimes, \dots, s_{\bar{l}-1}^\otimes\} \subset T_{\bar{S}V}^{\otimes}$ such that $p(s_{init}^\otimes, s_1^\otimes) > 0$, $p(s_i^\otimes, s_{i+1}^\otimes) > 0$ for $i \in \{1, \dots, \bar{l} - 2\}$, and $p(s_{\bar{l}-1}^\otimes, \hat{s}^\otimes) > 0$ by the property of transient states. Hence, it holds that $p^{\bar{l}}(s_{init}^\otimes, \hat{s}^\otimes) > 0$ for the state \hat{s}^\otimes . Thus, for the stopping time k of first returning to the state \hat{s}^\otimes , by ignoring positive rewards in T_π^{\otimes} and assuming the system incurs the full costs with regard to disabling events, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& V^{\bar{S}V}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) \\
&= \mathbb{E}^{SV} \left[\sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma^m \mathcal{R}(s_m, \bar{S}V(s_m), e_m, s_{m+1}) | s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes} \right] \\
&\geq \mathbb{E}^{SV} \left[- \sum_{m=0}^{l'} \gamma^m \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty} | s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes} \right] \\
&\quad + \mathbb{E}^{SV} \left[\gamma^{l'} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \gamma^m \mathcal{R}(s_{m+l'}, \bar{S}V(s_{m+l'}), e_{m+l'}, s_{m+l'+1}) | s_0 = s_{init}^{\otimes} \right] \\
&> \gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V} [\gamma^k r_p - (1 + \dots + \gamma^k) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty} + \gamma^k V^{\bar{S}V}(\hat{s}^{\otimes}) | s_l = \hat{s}^{\otimes}] - \frac{1 - \gamma^{\bar{l}}}{1 - \gamma} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty} \\
&\geq \gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \\
&\quad \{ \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]} r_p - (1 + \dots + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty} + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]} V^{\bar{S}V}(\hat{s}^{\otimes}) \} - \frac{1 - \gamma^{\bar{l}}}{1 - \gamma} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty} \\
&= \gamma^l p^l(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) \\
&\quad \frac{\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]} r_p - (1 + \dots + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}}{1 - \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}} - \frac{1 - \gamma^{\bar{l}}}{1 - \gamma} \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty},
\end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{l} = \mathbb{E}^{\bar{S}V}[l' | p^{l'}(s_{init}^{\otimes}, \hat{s}^{\otimes}) > 0]$. Therefore, for any $\bar{m} \in (V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes}), \infty)$ and any reward function \mathcal{R}_1 defined by definition 1, there exist $\gamma^* < 1$ and a positive reward r_p^* that satisfies $\gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]} r_p^* > (1 + \dots + \gamma^{\mathbb{E}^{SV}[k|s_l=\hat{s}^{\otimes}]}) \|\mathcal{R}_1\|_{\infty}$ such that $\gamma > \gamma^*$ and $r_p > r_p^*$ imply $V^{\bar{S}V}(s_{init}^{\otimes}) > \bar{m} > V^{SV^*}(s_{init}^{\otimes})$.

The results contradict the optimality assumption of SV^*

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