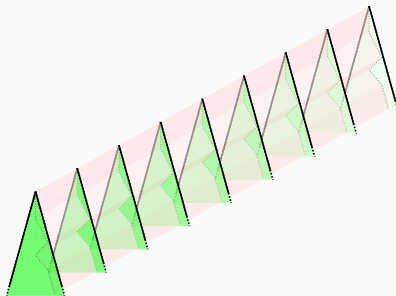


Automata-theoretic Synthesis for Probabilistic Environments

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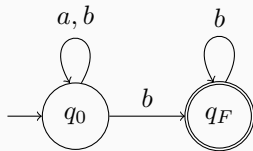
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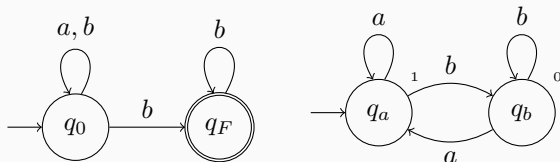


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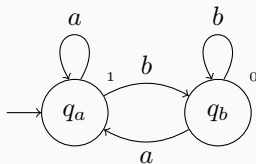
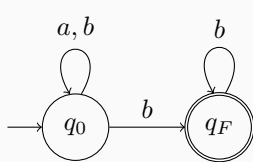
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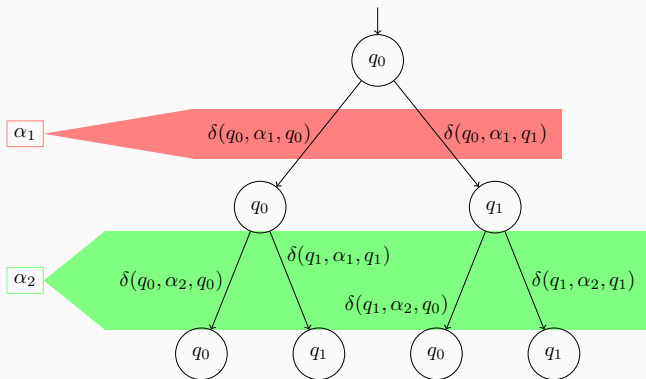
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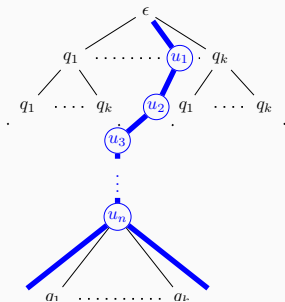


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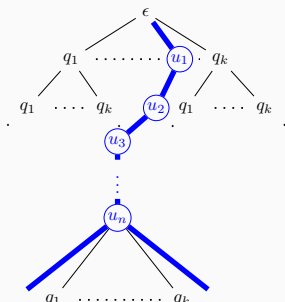
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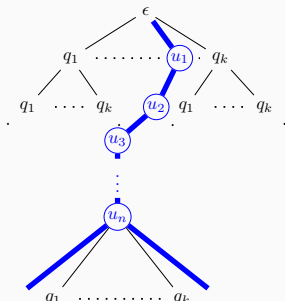


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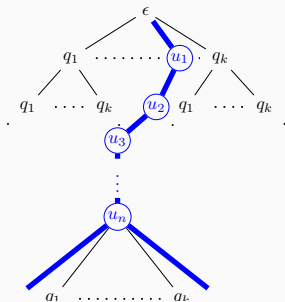
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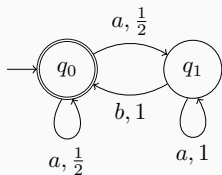
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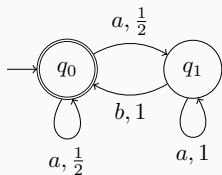
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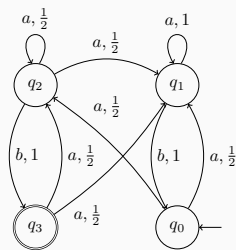
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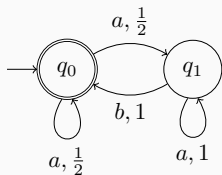
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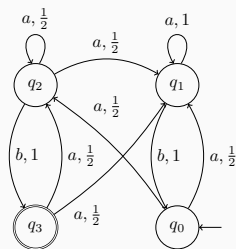
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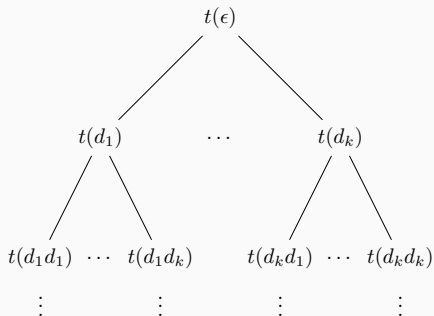
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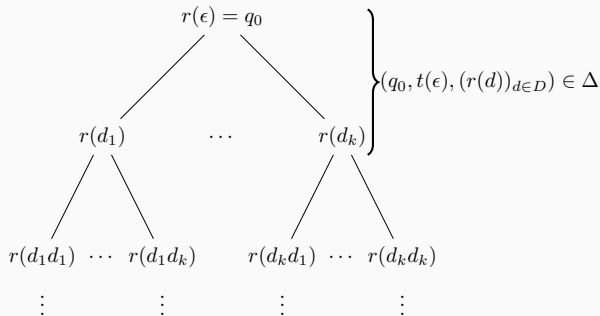


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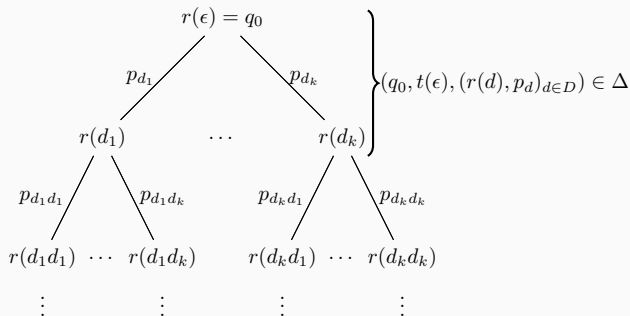


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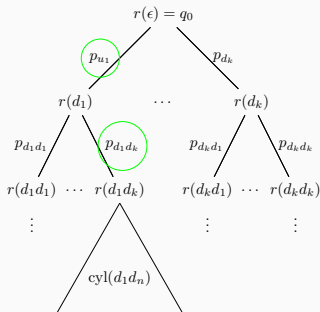


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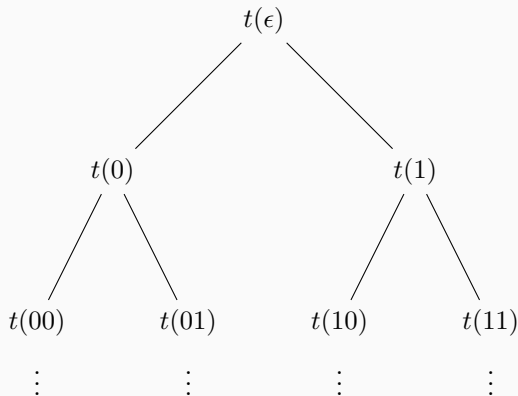
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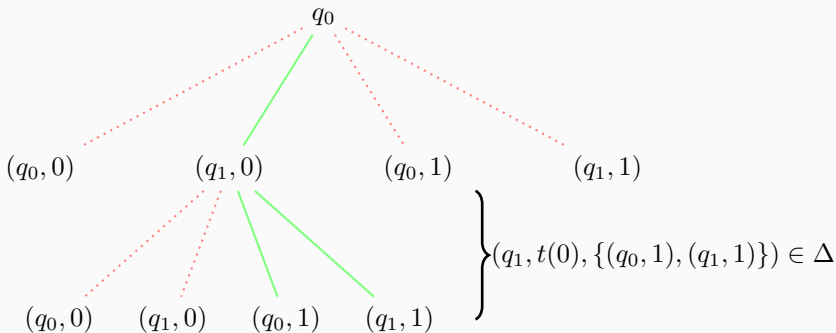
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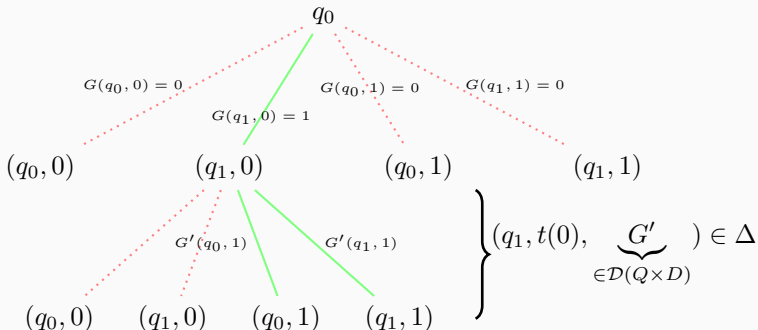
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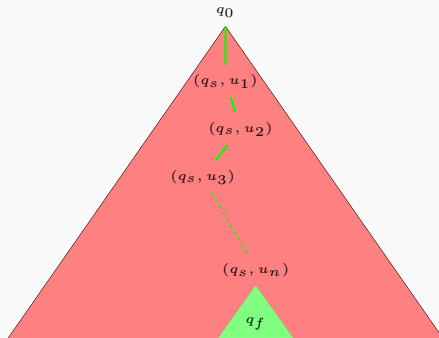
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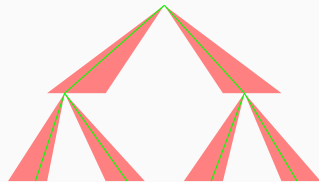
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for all $q\in Q, \sigma\in\Sigma$

uni-directional (u.d.):
for every $G\in\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{A}), d\in D$
exists *at most one* $p\in Q$
with $G(d,p)>0$



Theorem (Simulation Theorem)

There is an effective construction which, when given an APTA, produces an equivalent PTA. Furthermore, given an ABTA, there is a way to effectively construct an equivalent BTA.

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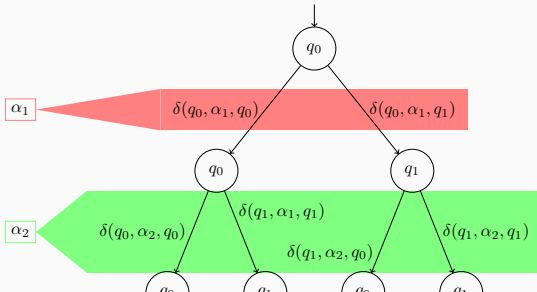
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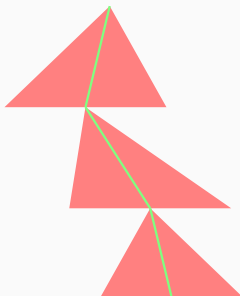
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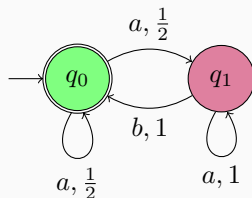
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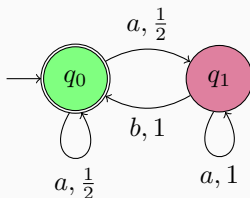
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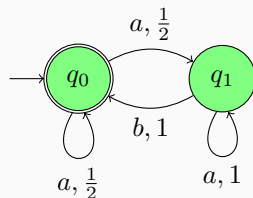
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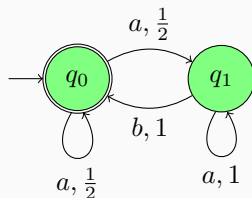
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Computing Strategies	Fully observable	Partially observable
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Almost-Sure Büchi	PTIME	EXPTIME
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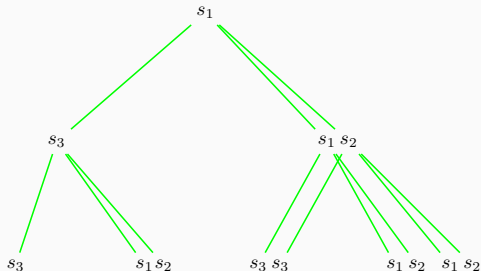
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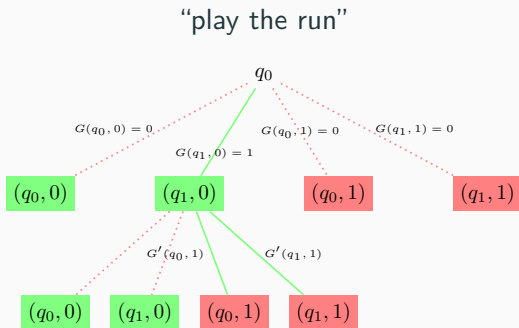
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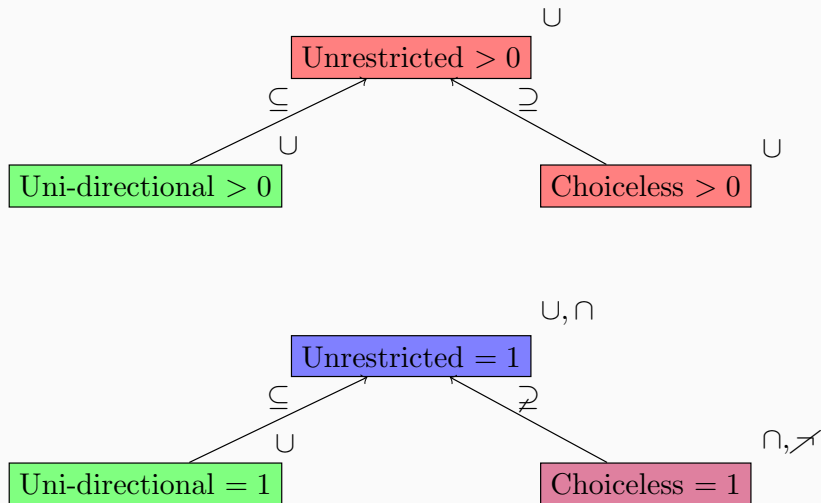
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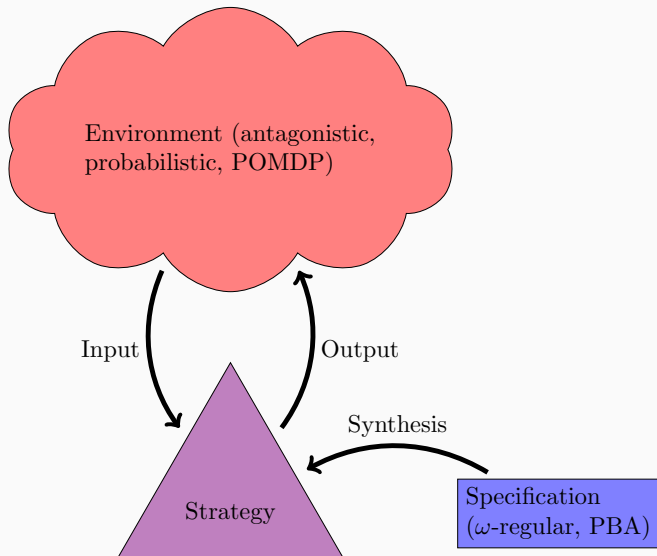


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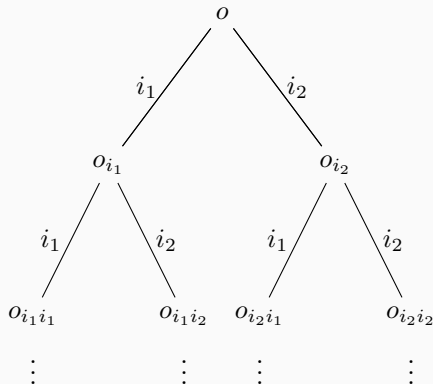
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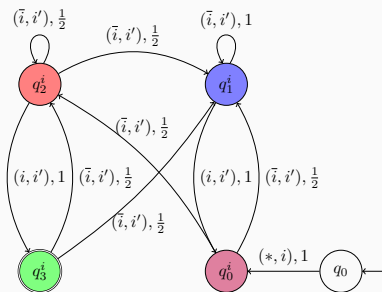
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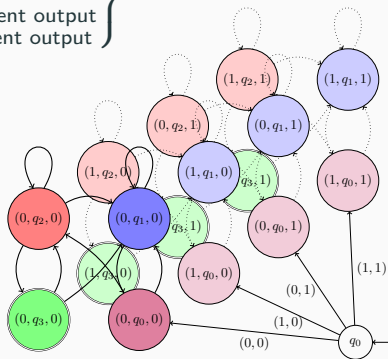
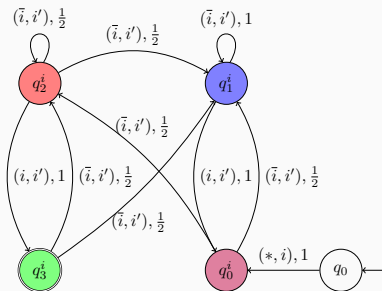


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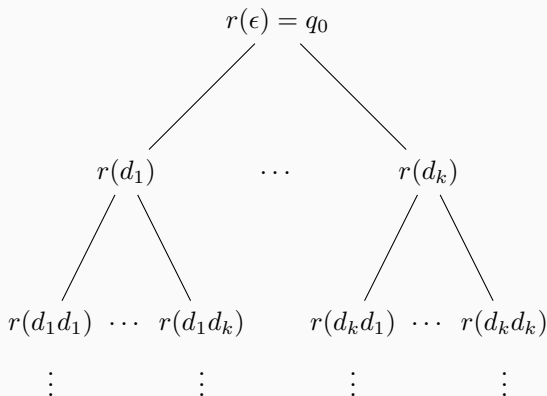
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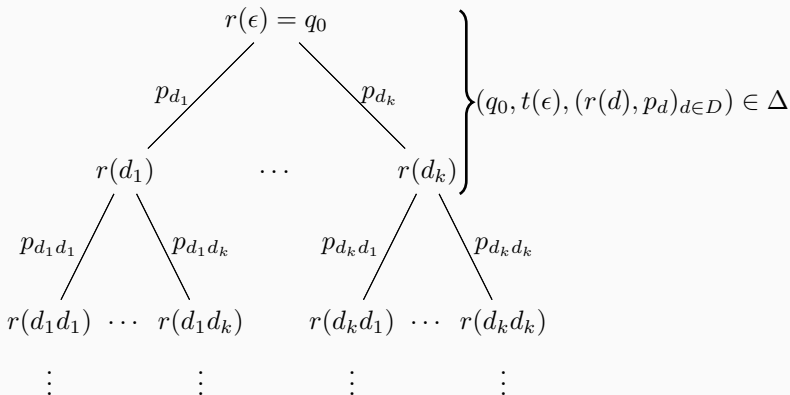
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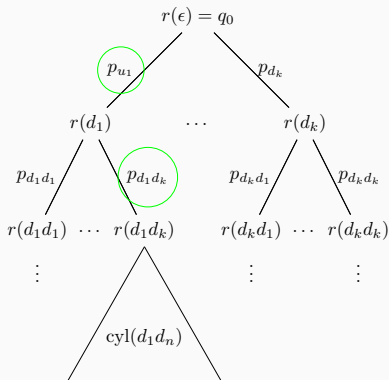
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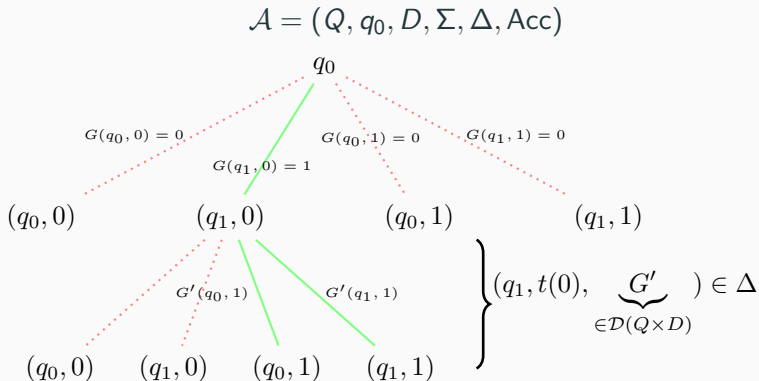
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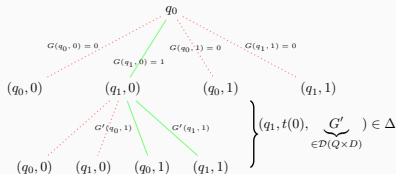
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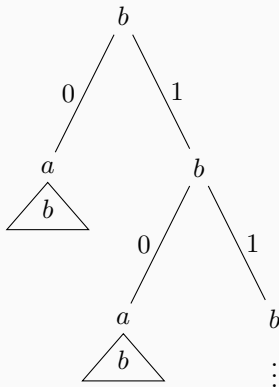
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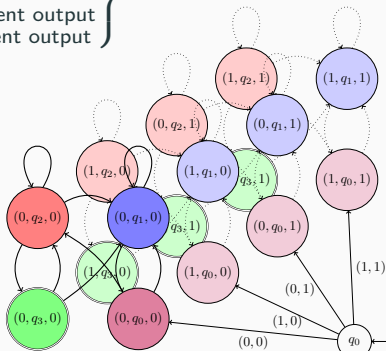
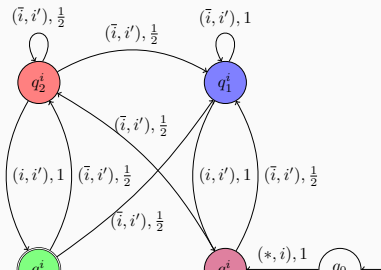
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$$K : S^\omega \times \mathcal{B}(Q) \rightarrow [0, 1] \text{ with } K(\alpha, A) = \mu_\alpha(A)$$

- for a strategy s : $\int_{\alpha \in S^\omega} K(\alpha, \text{Acc}_{\text{Büchi}}(Q)) d\mu_s = 1$ iff $\mu_\alpha(\text{Acc}_{\text{Büchi}}(Q)) = 1$ for almost all α .
 - measure $\mu_s \otimes K$ on $(S^\omega \times Q^\omega, \mathcal{B}(S) \otimes \mathcal{B}(Q))$ uniquely determined by $\int_{\text{cyl}(u)} K(\cdot, \text{cyl}(v)) d\mu_s$
 - $\int_{\text{cyl}(u)} K(\cdot, \text{cyl}(v)) d\mu_s = \mu_s(\text{cyl}(u)) \cdot \mu_u(\text{cyl}(v))$ for $|u| = |v|$
- \Rightarrow induces product construction for \mathcal{S} and \mathcal{P}

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$$\mathcal{S} \otimes \mathcal{P} = (S \times Q, (q_0, s_0), A, (\tau'_a)_{a \in A}, \sim')$$

- $\tau'_a((s, q), (z, p)) = \tau_a(s, z) \cdot \delta(p, s, q)$
- $(s, q) \sim' (z, p)$ iff $s \sim z$

\Rightarrow strategies can be translated from \mathcal{S} to $\mathcal{S} \otimes \mathcal{P}$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_s(\text{AccBüchi}(S \times F)) = \int_{S^\omega} K(\cdot, \text{AccBüchi}(F)) d\mu_s$$

\Rightarrow almost-surely accepting strategy in $\mathcal{S} \otimes \mathcal{P}$ is qualitatively “good” for \mathcal{S} with specification \mathcal{P}