

Category Theory for Compositional Verification

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Markov Decision
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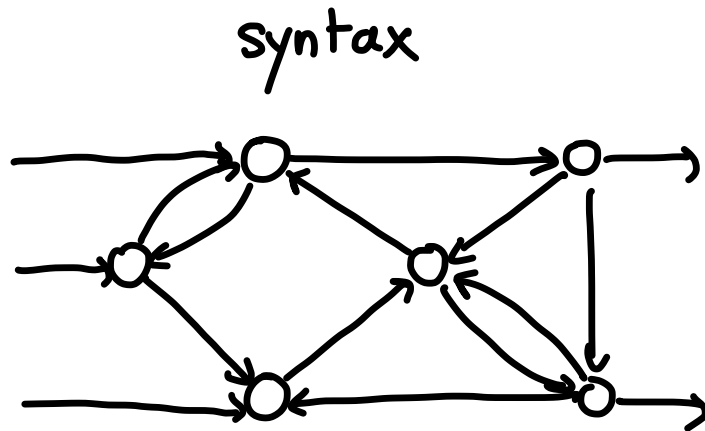
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Plan

categorical side



\rightsquigarrow morphism $3 \rightarrow 2$ in \mathcal{S}

(+bidirectional setting)

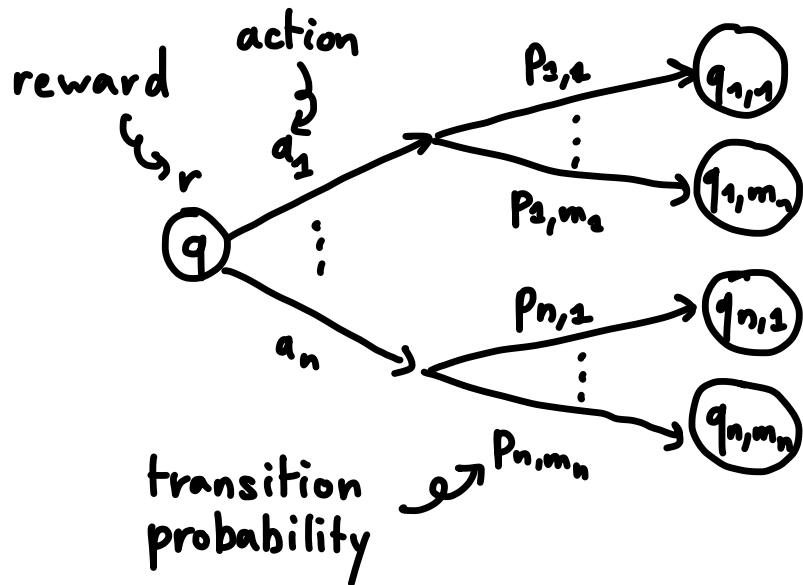
algorithmic side

We get a nice algorithm from a categorical approach.

(+ free syntax)

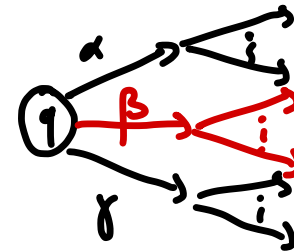
Markov Decision Processes

Definition: "graph-like" structure with actions, probabilities, and rewards.



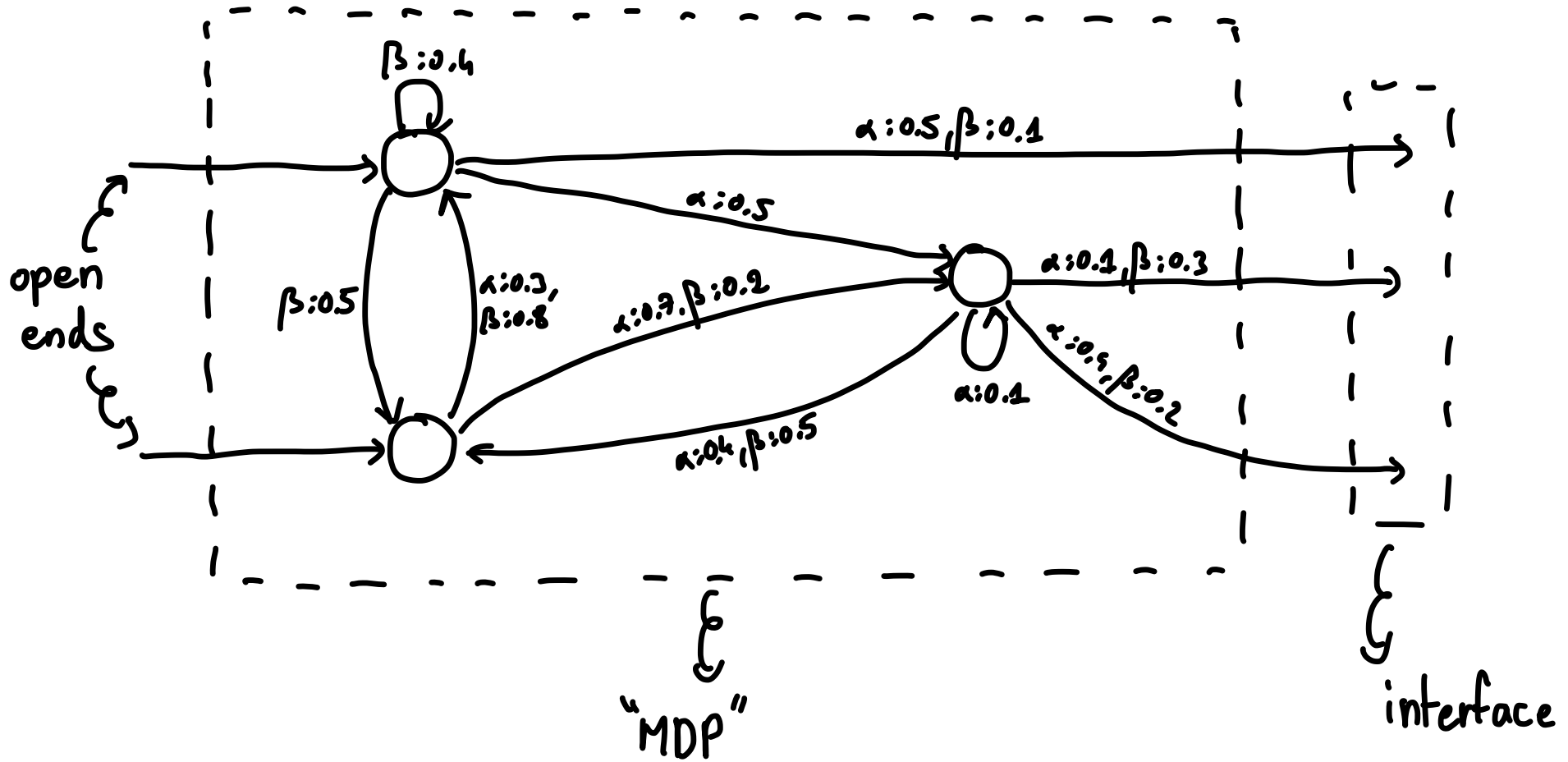
$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{coalgebras} \\ X \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}_{\Sigma} X)^{\Sigma} \times \mathbb{Q} \\ (\text{where } \Sigma = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}) \end{array} \right)$$

scheduler: choice of action for each state
 \hookrightarrow expected reward from q_i to q_f



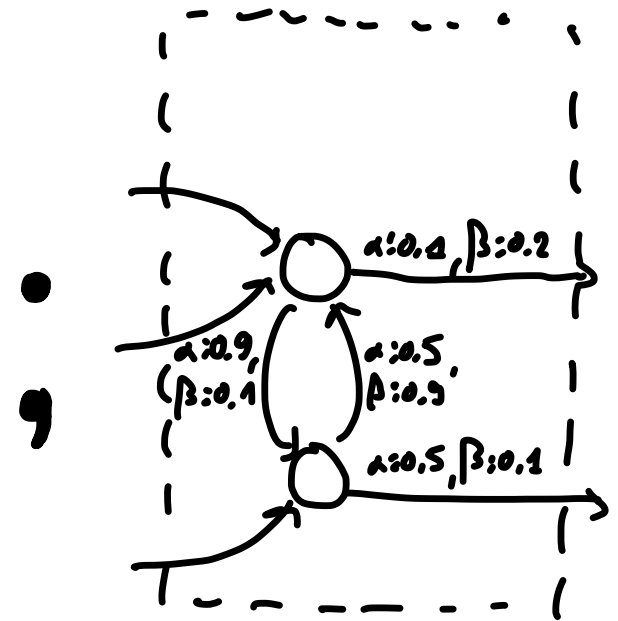
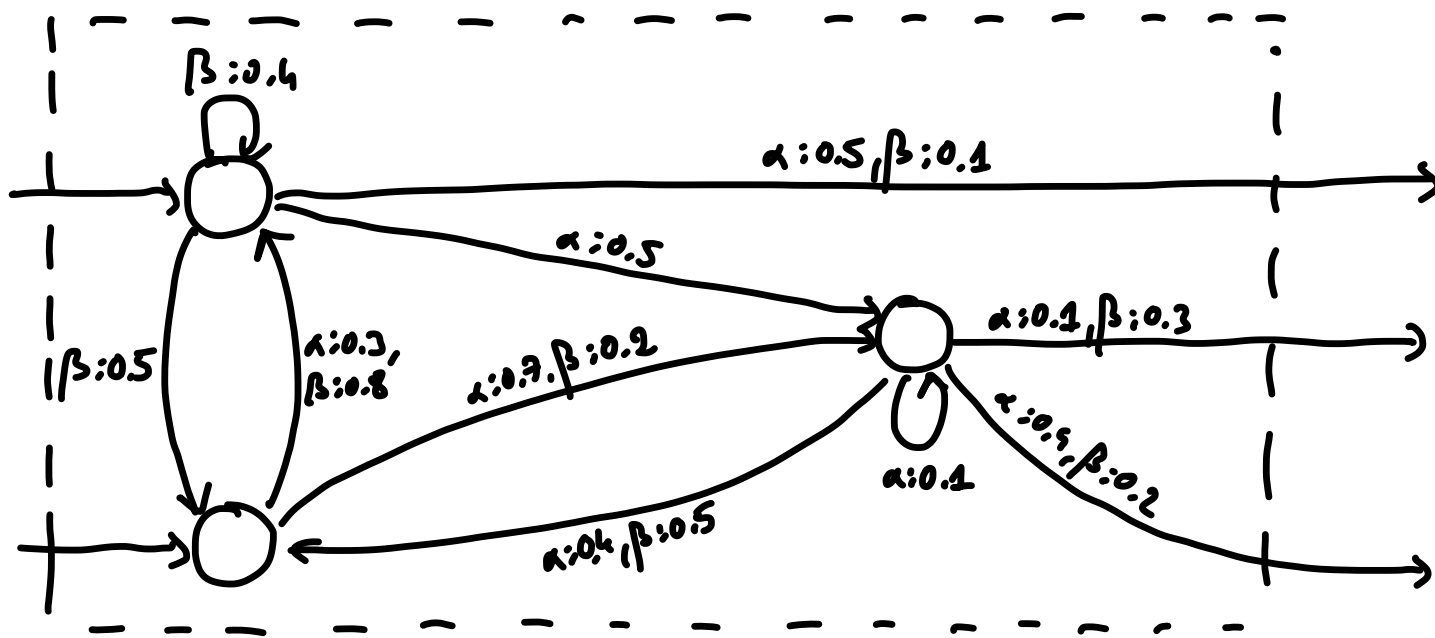
Problem: given \mathcal{M}, q_i, q_f , find the maximum expected reward from q_i to q_f .

Open MDPs

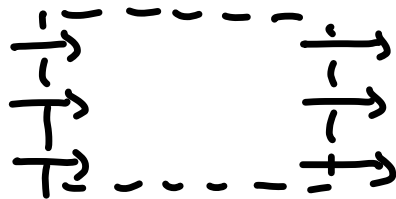


Composition of OMDPs

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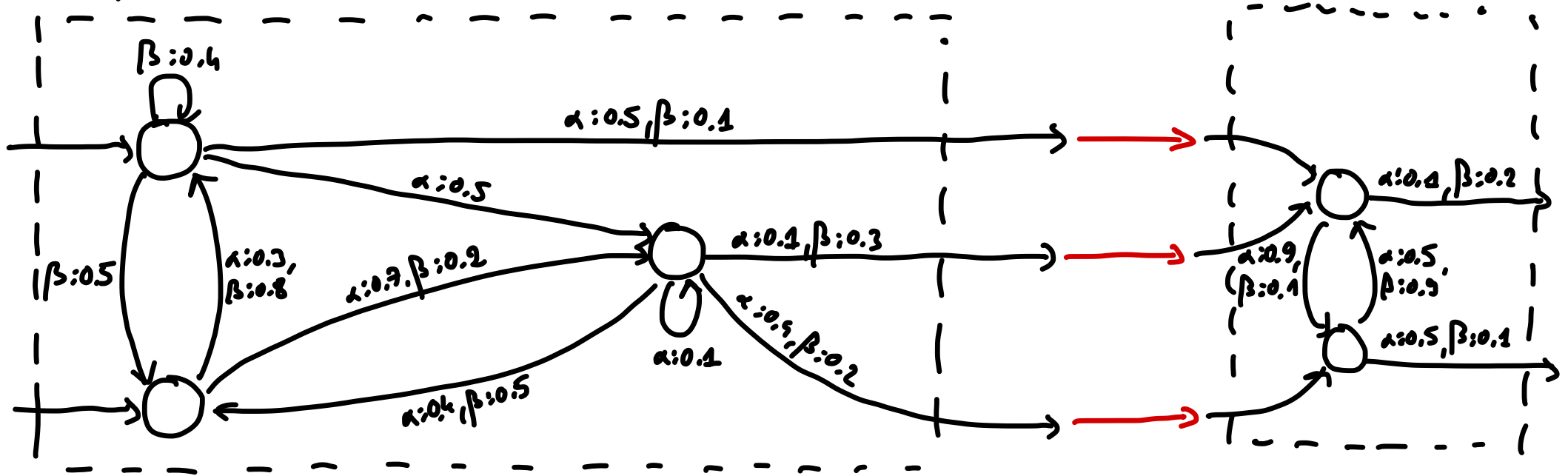
Lemma: OMDP ; - objects : natural numbers

- morphisms $m \rightarrow n$: OMDPs with m (n) open ends on the left (right)

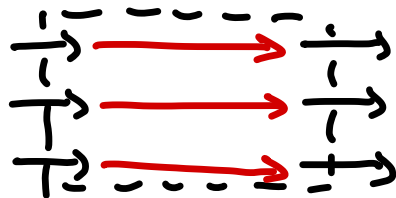
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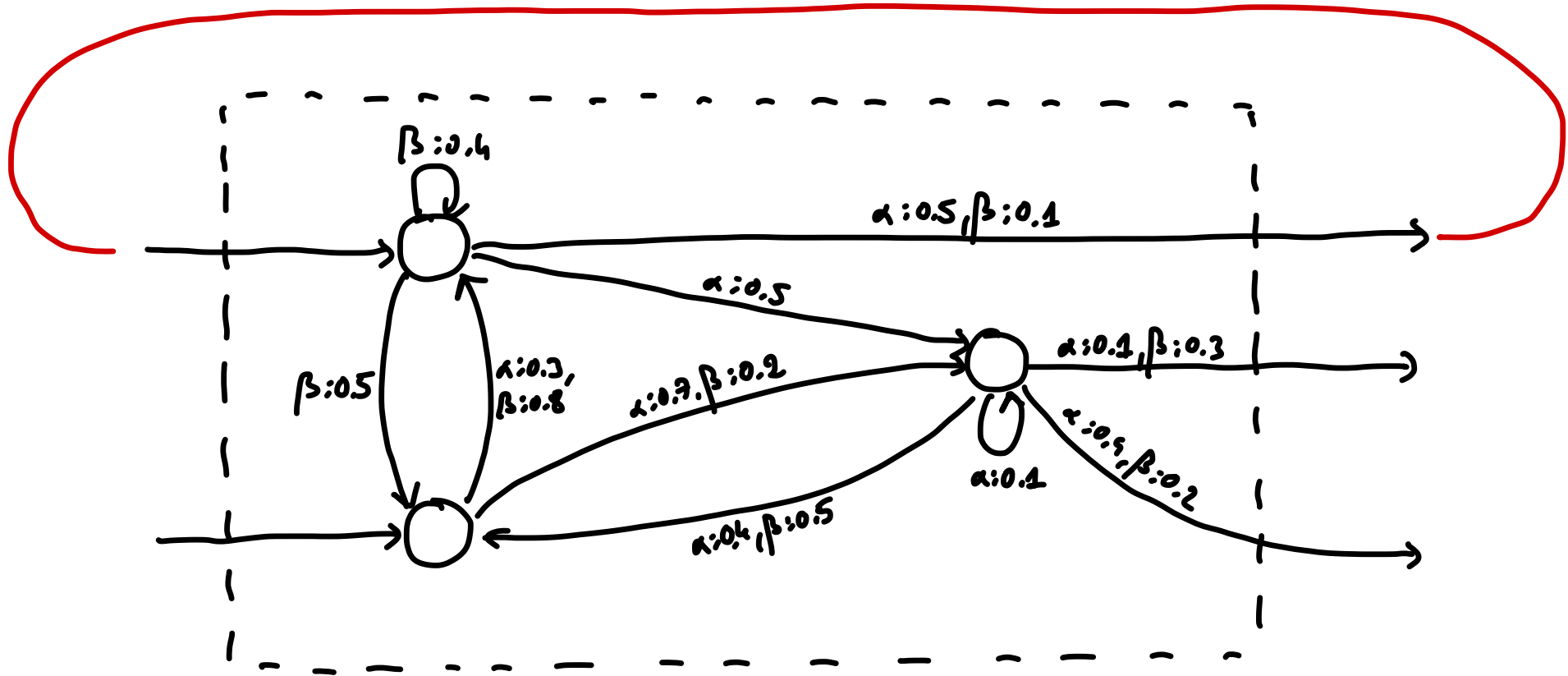


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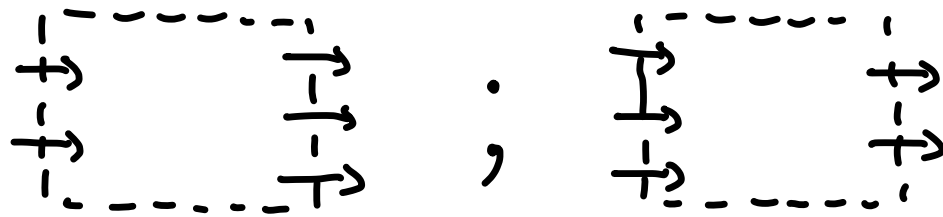
Trace of OMDPs



Lemma: OMDP forms a traced symmetric monoidal category (TSMC).

Semantics of OMDPs

To compute maximum expected reward compositionally, we need to know all possible expected rewards from entries to exits.



Probabilities: $RP_{\alpha; \alpha'}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^n RP_{\alpha}(i, j) RP_{\alpha'}(j, k)$

Expected reward: $ER_{\alpha; \alpha'}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^n ER_{\alpha}(i, j) RP_{\alpha'}(j, k) + RP_{\alpha}(i, j) ER_{\alpha'}(j, k)$

To compute expected rewards compositionally, we need to know:

- expected rewards
- reachability probabilities

Semantic Category for OMDPs

Definition of \mathcal{S} :

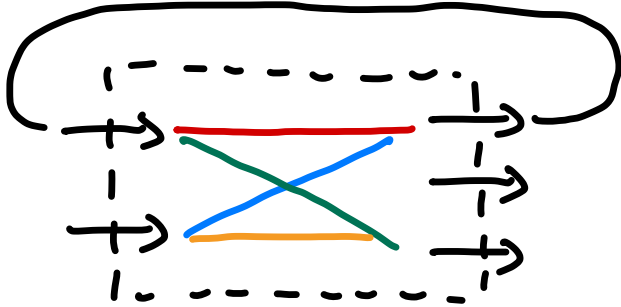
- objects : natural numbers
 - morphisms $m \rightarrow n$: (sets of) mappings $[n] \rightarrow T^{PR} [m]$
where $T^{PR} X = \{ (p_x, r_x)_{x \in X} \mid \sum_{x \in X} p_x \leq 1, \forall x \in X. p_x \geq 0, p_x = 0 \Rightarrow r_x = 0 \}$
- probabilistic reward monad
- probability
- reward
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Composition: $f: m \rightarrow n, g: n \rightarrow p$

- $p_{f;g}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^m p_f(i, j) p_g(j, k)$
- $r_{f;g}(i, k) = \sum_{j=1}^m r_f(i, j) p_g(j, k) + p_f(i, j) r_g(j, k)$

Trace in semantics

Trace: $(f : [p+n] \rightarrow [p+m]) \mapsto (tr_p(f) : [n] \rightarrow [m])$



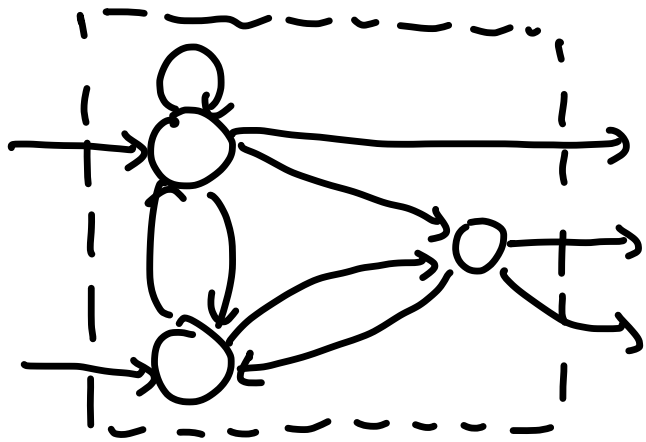
$$RP_f = \begin{bmatrix} RP_{loop} & RP_{out} \\ RP_{in} & RP_{through} \end{bmatrix} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{same for} \\ ER_f \end{array} \right)$$

$$RP_{tr_p(f)} = RP_{through} + \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}} RP_{in} RP_{loop}^d RP_{out}$$

$$ER_{tr_p(f)} = ER_{through} + \sum_{d \in \mathbb{N}} \begin{bmatrix} RP_{in} & ER_{in} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} RP_{through} & ER_{through} \\ 0 & RP_{through} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} ER_{out} \\ RP_{out} \end{bmatrix}$$

Lemma: \mathcal{S} is a TSMC.

Interpretation of OMDPs



\rightsquigarrow morphism $2 \rightarrow 3$ in \mathcal{S}
(i.e. a set of mappings
 $2 \rightarrow T^{\text{PR}} 3$)

$$\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket (i, j) = \{ (RP_{\sigma}(i, j), ER_{\sigma}(i, j)) \mid \sigma \text{ scheduler} \}$$

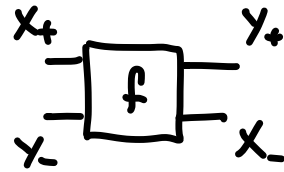
Lemma: $\llbracket - \rrbracket$ is a traced symmetric monoidal functor.

\hookrightarrow We can compute expected rewards compositionally!

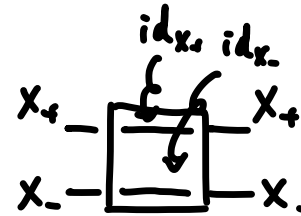
Bidirectionality and Int-construction

$\text{Int}(\mathbb{C})$: - objects: (X_+, X_-) where X_+, X_- objects of \mathbb{C}

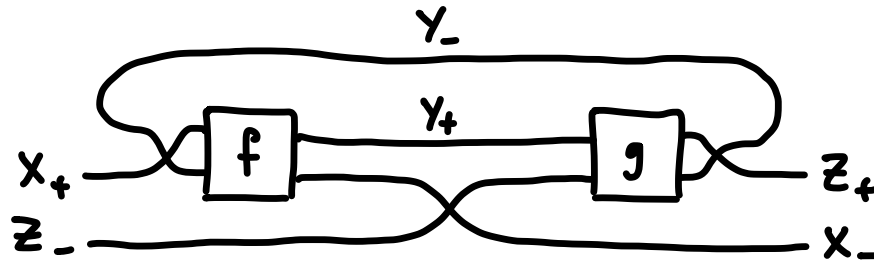
- morphisms $(X_+, X_-) \rightarrow (Y_+, Y_-) : f \in \mathbb{C}(X_+ \otimes Y_-, Y_+ \otimes X_-)$



identity on $(X_+, X_-) : id_{(X_+, X_-)} \triangleq id_{X_+ \otimes X_-}$



composition :

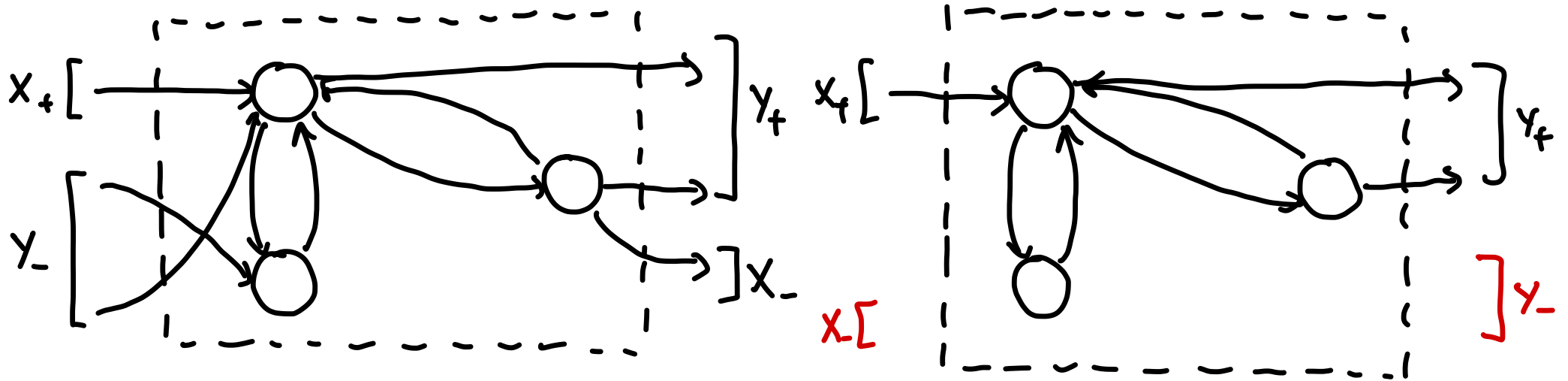


Lemma: $\text{Int}(\mathbb{C})$ is compact closed.

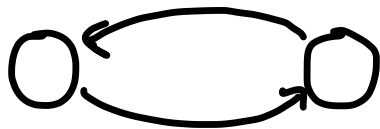
$$\begin{aligned} \text{unit} : \eta_X : \text{Int}(\mathbb{C})((I, I), (X_+, X_-) \otimes (X_-, X_+)) &= \text{Int}(\mathbb{C})((I, I), (X_+ \otimes X_-, X_+ \otimes X_-)) \\ &= \mathbb{C}(X_+ \otimes X_-, X_+ \otimes X_-) \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta_X = id_{X_+ \otimes X_-}$$

Int-construction : example



usefulness : ease of modelling



graph

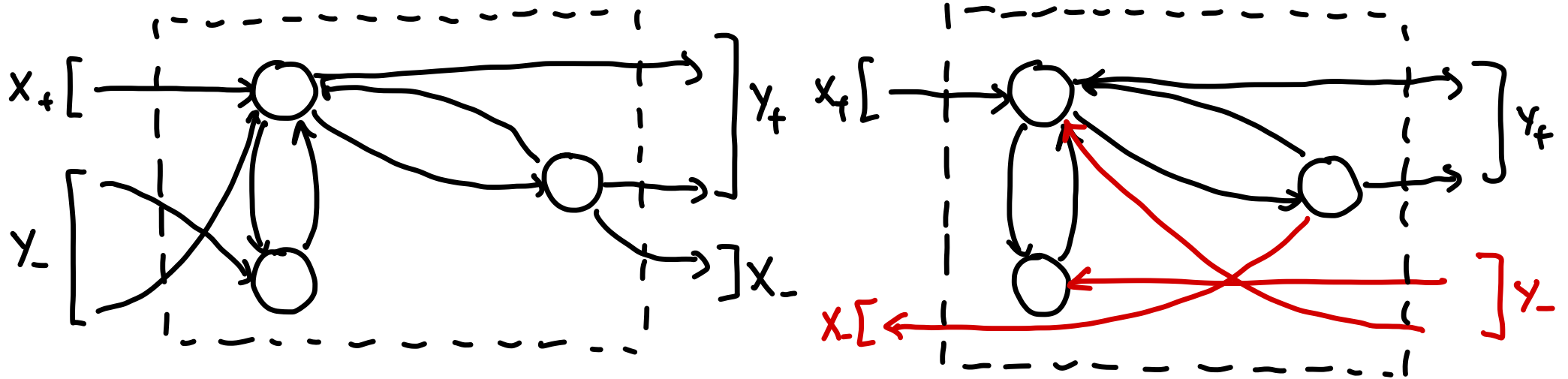


in TSMC

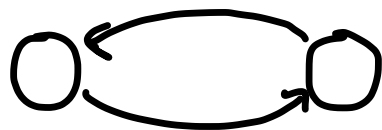


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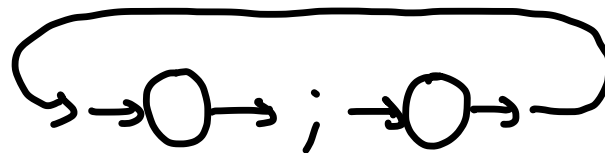
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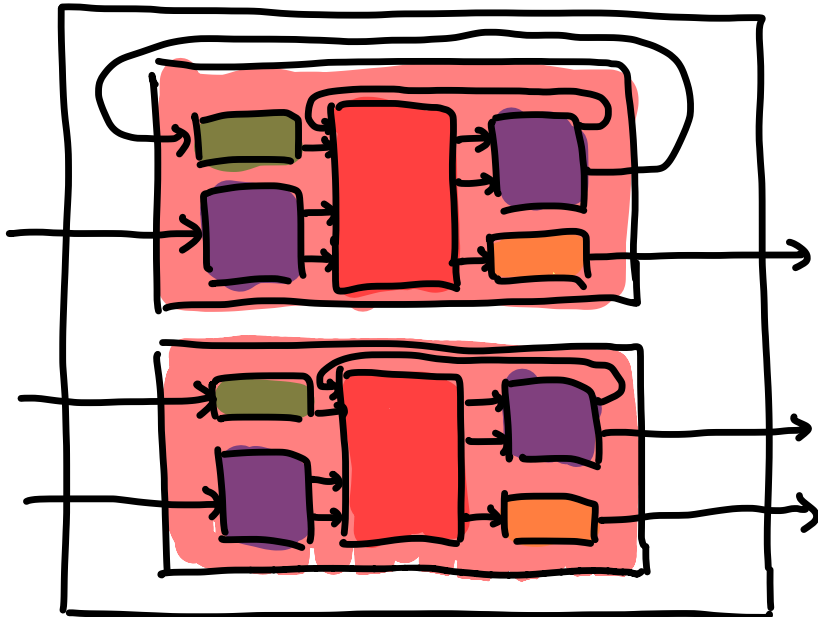
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Algorithm

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Algorithm to compute $\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$:

- if $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_1 ; \mathcal{M}_2$ then $\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket = \llbracket \mathcal{M}_1 \rrbracket ; \llbracket \mathcal{M}_2 \rrbracket$
(idem if $\mathcal{M} = \text{tr}_p(\mathcal{M}') \dots$)
- if \mathcal{M} is a single state, computing $\llbracket \mathcal{M} \rrbracket$ is trivial



Our algorithm:

- beats state of the art when there is repetition
- performance increases with degree of repetition
- cannot handle large interfaces in practice

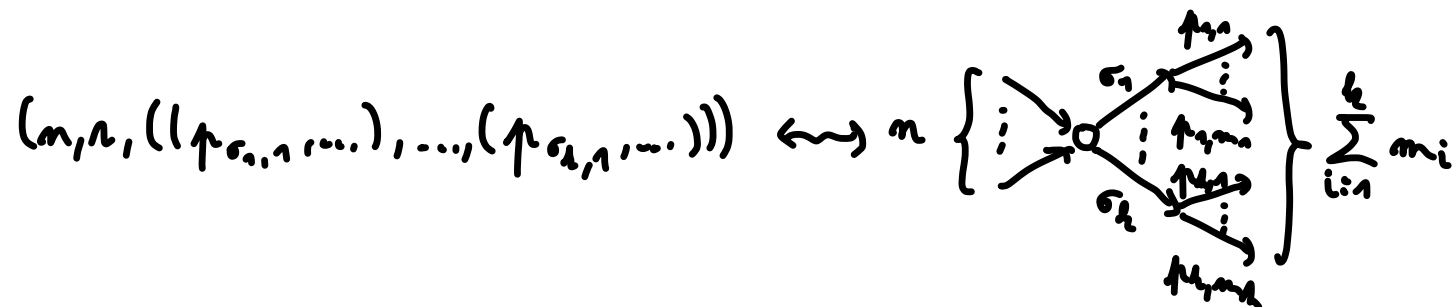
Free Syntax

Formally, open MDPs are equivalence classes of (n, m, Q, E, P, R)

↳ not so nice to reason about or program on.

Also, would be nice to reason with universal properties.

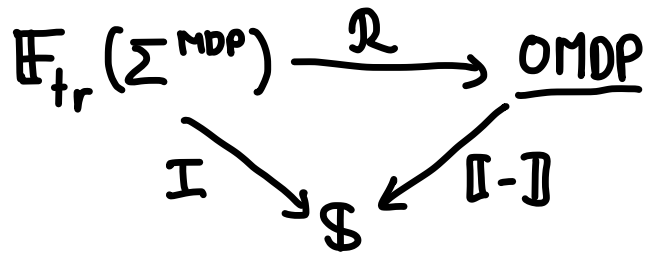
Free syntax: $\mathbb{F}_{tr}(\Sigma^{MDP})$ with $\Sigma^{MDP} = \{(n, n, ((p_{\sigma_1, 1}, \dots, p_{\sigma_1, m_1}), \dots, (p_{\sigma_k, 1}, \dots, p_{\sigma_k, m_k}))) : n \rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^k m_i\}$



Realisation functor: $\mathcal{R} : \mathbb{F}_{tr}(\Sigma^{MDP}) \rightarrow \underline{\text{OMDP}}$

Lemma: \mathcal{R} is full.

Algorithm (in depth)



I, R : defined inductively
(by universal property)

Lemma. $[I-] \circ R = I$.

Algo :

Data : a morphism $f : m \rightarrow n$ in $F_{tr}(\Sigma^{MDP})$

Returns : $I(f)$

if $(f = f_1 ; f_2)$ { return $I(f_1) ; I(f_2)$ }

elif $(f = f_1 \otimes f_2)$ { return $I(f_1) \otimes I(f_2)$ }

elif $(f = Tr(f'))$ { return $Tr(I(f'))$ }

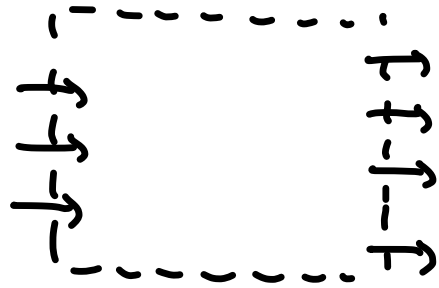
elif $(f \text{ generator})$ { enumerate all schedulers }

actually
not exact

- inductive on structure of f
- can be done while remembering $I(g)$ for sub-MDPs

New heuristics from compositionality

Our algorithm is inefficient on large interfaces.



Why: scheduler potentially optimal if for all other schedulers, it reaches at least one exit with higher probability/reward.
 \Rightarrow number increases exponentially with number of exits.

Watanabe, van der Veegt, Hasuo, Rot, Junges. Pareto Curves for Compositionally Model Checking String Diagrams of MDPs.

\hookrightarrow give a sound heuristic to approximate maximal reachability probability.

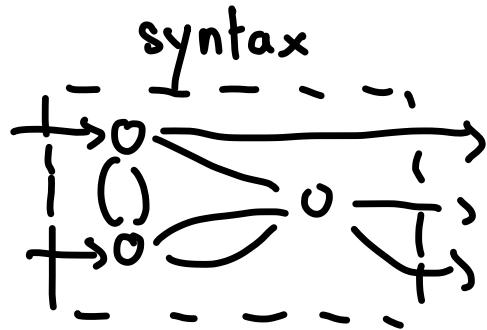
\hookrightarrow TACAS, Wednesday, 15:00

If you're interested

- Watanabe, E., Asada, Hasuo. A Compositional Approach to Parity Games. MFPS '21.
 - ↳ best account of the categorical techniques used in our approach (arXiv version has appendices)
- Watanabe, E., Asada, Hasuo. Compositional Probabilistic Model Checking with String Diagrams of MDPs. CAV'23.
 - ↳ gives algorithm and experimental results
- Watanabe, E., Asada, Hasuo. Compositional Solution of Mean Payoff Games by String Diagrams.
 - ↳ develops a "meager semantics"
- Watanabe, van der Veegt, Hasuo, Rot, Junges. Pareto Curves for Compositionally Model Checking String Diagrams of MDPs. TACAS'24.
 - ↳ develops a sound heuristic based on compositionality
- Lechenne, E., Hasuo. A Compositional Approach to Petri Nets. CMCS'24
 - ↳ interesting case of Petri nets

Conclusion

categorical side



semantics

morphism $2 \rightarrow 3$ in \mathcal{S}

algorithmic side

We get a nice algorithm from a categorical approach.

Related work

- open parity games [Watanabet, MFPS'21]
- efficient heuristics for OMDPs [Watanabet, TACAS'24]
- open Petri nets [Lechenne, CMCS'24]