

# Martingale-Based Methods for Reachability Probabilities

Excitements and Afterthoughts ~~about~~  
in  
Coalgebras

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# Overview

- \* Reachability in **probabilistic programs**
- \* **Foundation of fixed points**, in the non-probabilistic setting
  - \* Ranking functions, invariants
  - \* Foundation: Knaster-Tarski, Cousot-Cousot
- \* **Known supermartingale** methods
  - \* Roles of concentration lemmas
- \* Something **new** (from **fixed points** and **coalgebras**)
- \* Coalgebras: excitements, afterthoughts, our project



# Based on Joint Works:

- \* Natsuki Urabe, Masaki Hara and Ichiro Hasuo.  
**Categorical Liveness Checking by Corecursive Algebras.**  
LICS 2017
- \* Toru Takisaka, Yuichiro Oyabu, Natsuki Urabe and Ichiro Hasuo.  
**Ranking and Repulsing Supermartingales for Approximating Reachability in Probabilistic Programs.**  
ATVA 2018

# Probabilistic Programs

- \* Programs with

- \* random assignment

```
 $x := \text{Gaussian}(0, 0.2)$ 
```

- \* probabilistic branching

```
if prob(0.2)
```

- \* (also nondet. assignment & branching)

- \* Example: right (random walk)

- \* We disregard the Bayesian aspects

- \* observations, conditioning, priors/posteriors, etc.
  - \* See e.g. [Gordon+, FOSE'14]

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2 while  $x > 0$  do
3   if prob( $p$ ) do
4      $x := x - 1$ 
5   else
6      $x := x + 1$ 
7   fi
8 od
(say,  $m = 16$  and  $p = 0.2$ )
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# Reachability Probabilities in PP

\* **Question** What is  $\Pr(\text{the program terminates})$ ?

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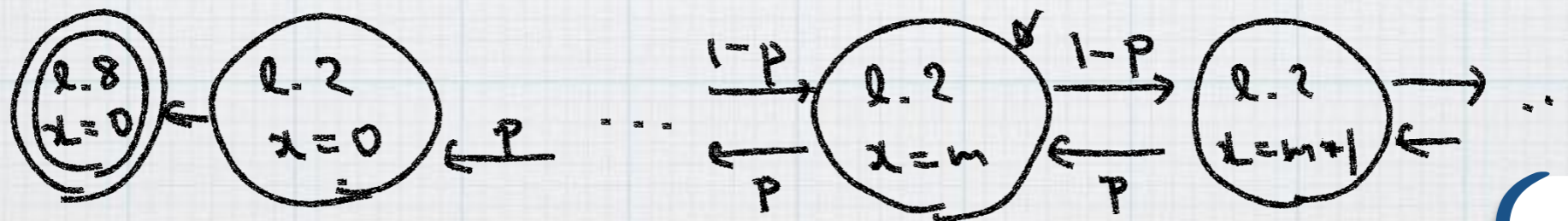
\* How do we define it?

\* Configuration graph

- \* A state is a pair (program location, values of variables)
- \* Transition by small-step operations

real-valued variables  
 → infinite states  
 → not for automated analysis

\* → MDP (Markov decision processes)  $M$



If nondet. is angelic...

\* 
$$\Pr(\text{Term}) = \sup_{\sigma: \text{scheduler}} (M^\sigma \text{ reaches } \odot)$$



# Probabilistic Control Flow Graph (pCFG) See e.g. [Chatterjee+, POPL'17]

- \* Finite graph, “parametric” in memory states
  - \* (... justifies my presence here!)

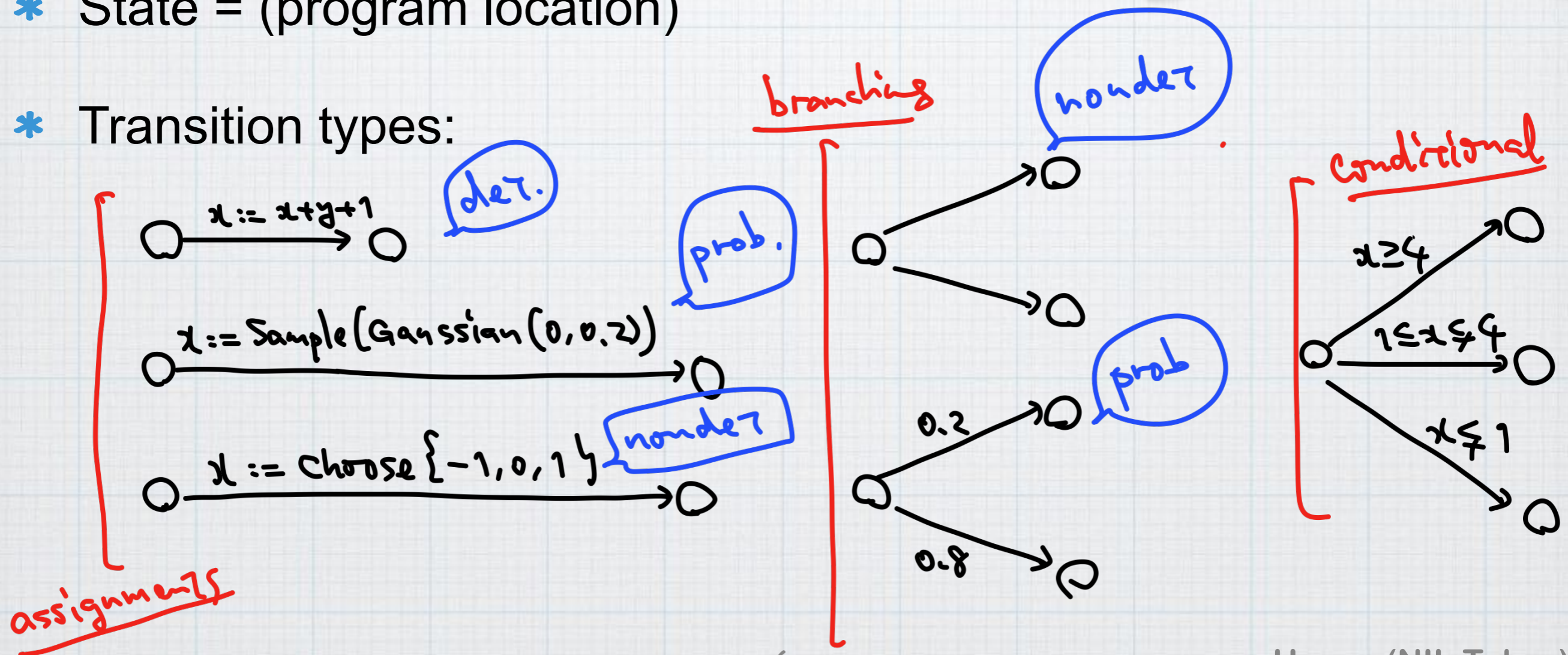
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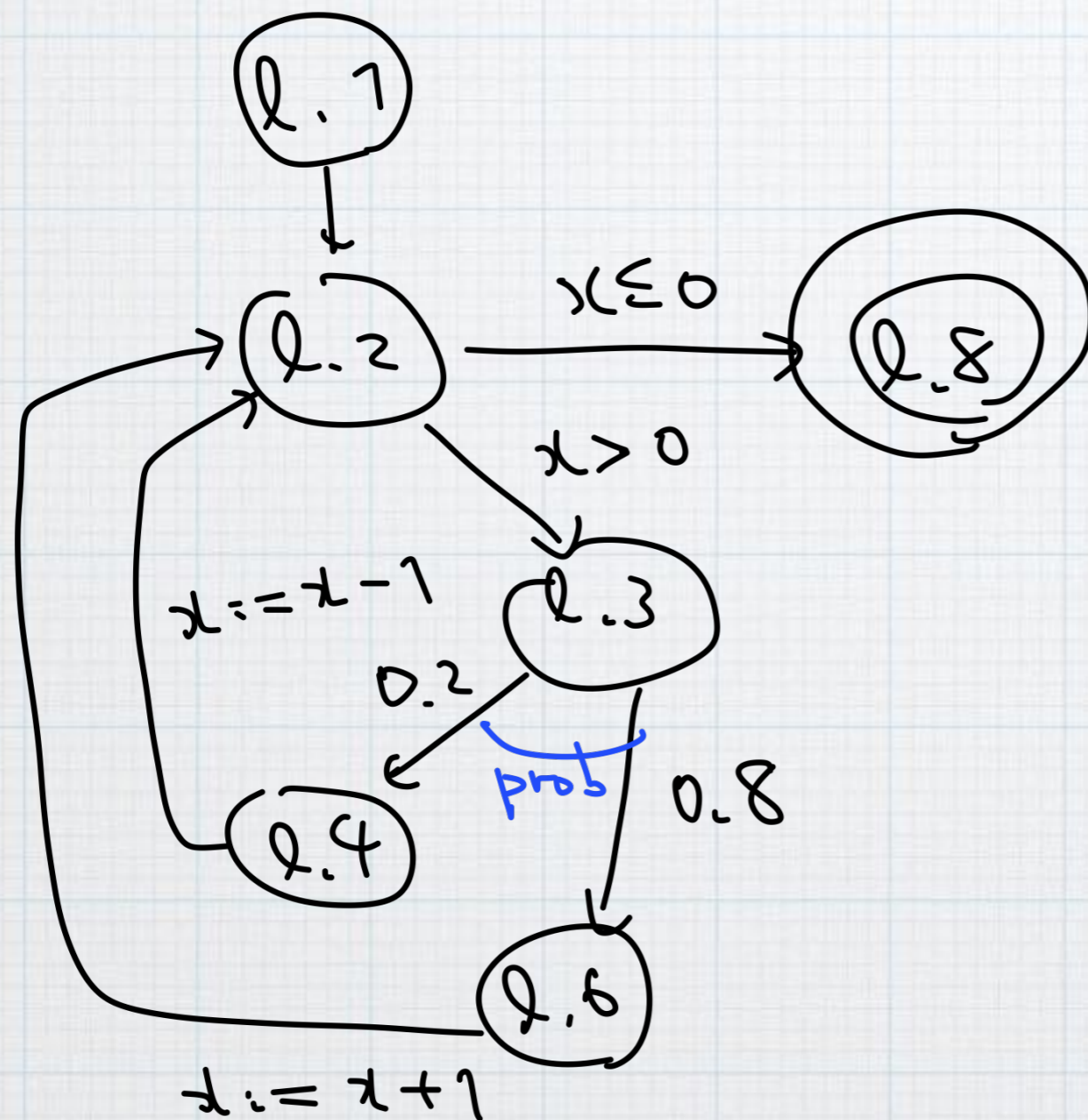
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- \* Transition types:





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# The Problem

## \* Given

\* a pCFG.  $n$  variables, state set  $L$

\*  $C \subseteq L \times \mathbb{R}^n$

(Lebesgue measurable) target region

\*  $l_0 \in L, \vec{x}_0 \in \mathbb{R}^n$   
initial configuration

## \* Answer

$\Pr(\text{Reach } C)$



# Approach

- \* Use **parametric certificates**, i.e. functions

$$\left( f_l : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \right)_{l \in L}$$

to give *approximate* answers. Template-based synthesis

- \* Qualitative questions

- \*  $\Pr(\text{Reach}_C) \stackrel{?}{=} 1$  (almost sure reachability)

- \*  $\Pr(\text{Reach}_C) \stackrel{?}{\geq} \alpha$  (threshold reachability)

- \* Quantitative questions

- \*  $\Pr(\text{Reach}_C) \geq ??$  (lowerbound, “verification”)

- \*  $\Pr(\text{Reach}_C) \leq ??$  (upperbound, “refutation”)

- \*  $\mathbf{Exp}(\text{StepsToReach}_C)$ , upperbound, lowerbound, ...

- \* “Concentration” [Chatterjee+, POPL’16]

Find  $B$  s.t.  $(x > B \rightarrow \exists a, b. \Pr(\text{StepsToReach}_C > x) < a e^{-bx})$



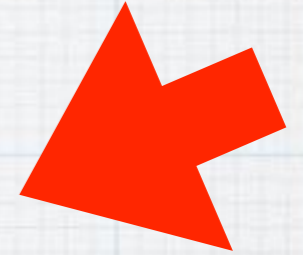
# Why Overapproximation?

- \*  $\Pr(\text{Reach}c) \leq \alpha$   
if and only if  
 $\Pr(\text{NotReach}c) \geq 1 - \alpha$
- \* Refutation of reachability  
is  
verification of safety



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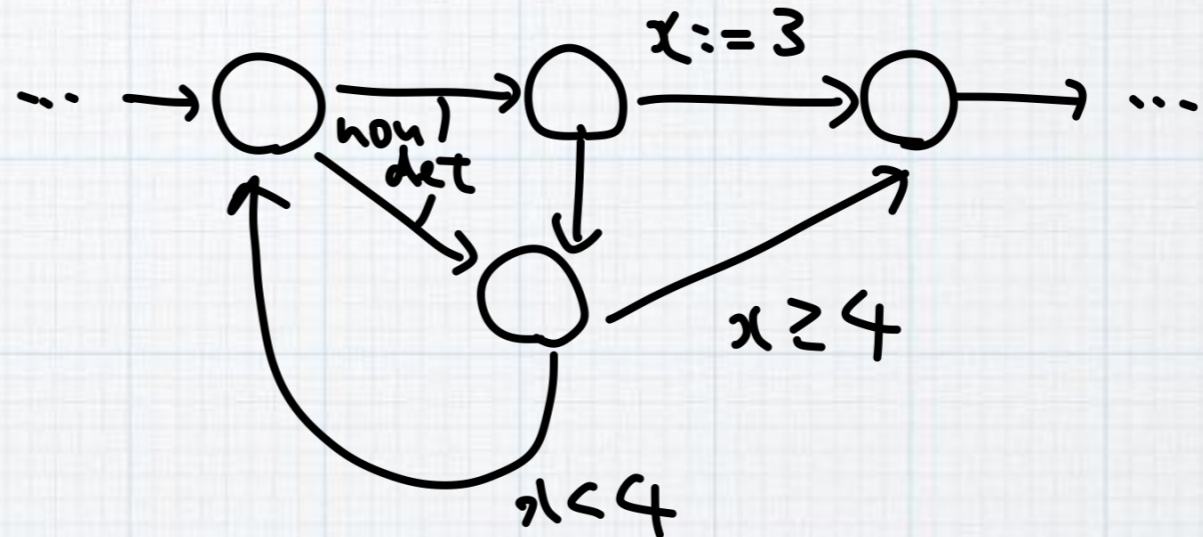




# In Case of No Probabilities...

- \* ~~p~~CFG

- \* Reachability question:  
is there a scheduler  
that leads to  $C$ ?



- \* **Verify** reachability by **ranking functions**,  
**refute** reachability (= verify safety) by **invariants**

- \* From now on, our theory is not parametrized for simplicity

- \* **Kripke frames** instead of CFGs

- \* MDPs (or even **MCs**) instead of pCFGs



# Ranking Functions

$(S, \rightarrow \subseteq S \times S)$ : Kripke frame,  $C \subseteq S$ .  
A ranking function is

$$\eta: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$$

such that

- $\forall s \in S \setminus C. \exists s' \in S.$   
 $(s \rightarrow s' \text{ and } \eta(s) \geq \eta(s') + 1)$
- $\eta(s) = 0$  implies  $s \in C$

Thm.

$\eta(s) \neq \infty$  implies  $C$  is reachable from  $s$ .

- \*  $\eta$  overapproximates #(steps to  $C$ )
- \* Note:  $\mathbb{N} = \{\text{natural numbers}\}$  is well-founded
- \* Discrete analogue of (certain) **Lyapunov functions...**



# Invariants

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such that

- $I \subseteq \Box I$ , where  
 $\Box I = \{s \mid \forall s' \leftarrow s. s' \in I\}$
- $I \subseteq S \setminus C$

Thm.

$s \in I$  implies  $C$  is  
*not* reachable from  $s$ .

\* Get trapped in  $I$

\* Discrete analogue of **barrier certificates**...



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\* How come the difference?

$$\text{Reach}_C = \mu C \cup \diamond \text{Reach}_C$$

\* NB:

$$\text{NotReach}_C = \nu (S \setminus C) \cap \Box \text{NotReach}_C$$

# Lattice-Theoretic Foundation

$L$ : complete lattice,  $f: L \rightarrow L$  monotone

Thm. (Knaster-Tarski)

- $\mu f = \min\{l \in L \mid f(l) \sqsubseteq l\}$

$$\implies \frac{f(l) \sqsubseteq l}{\mu f \sqsubseteq l}$$

- $\nu f = \max\{l \in L \mid l \sqsubseteq f(l)\}$

$$\implies \frac{l \sqsubseteq f(l)}{l \sqsubseteq \nu f}$$

Thm. (Cousot-Cousot)

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**Sound approx. from below**



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# Disclaimer

- \* From now on:  
no nondeterminism,  
no parametrization/variables

- \* Our setting is therefore:

A Markov chain  $(S, S \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} \mathcal{D}S)$ , and  $C \subseteq S$

- \* Variables are fine.

Nondeterminism is fine, too, but intricate (measure theory). See [Takisaka+, ATVA'18]

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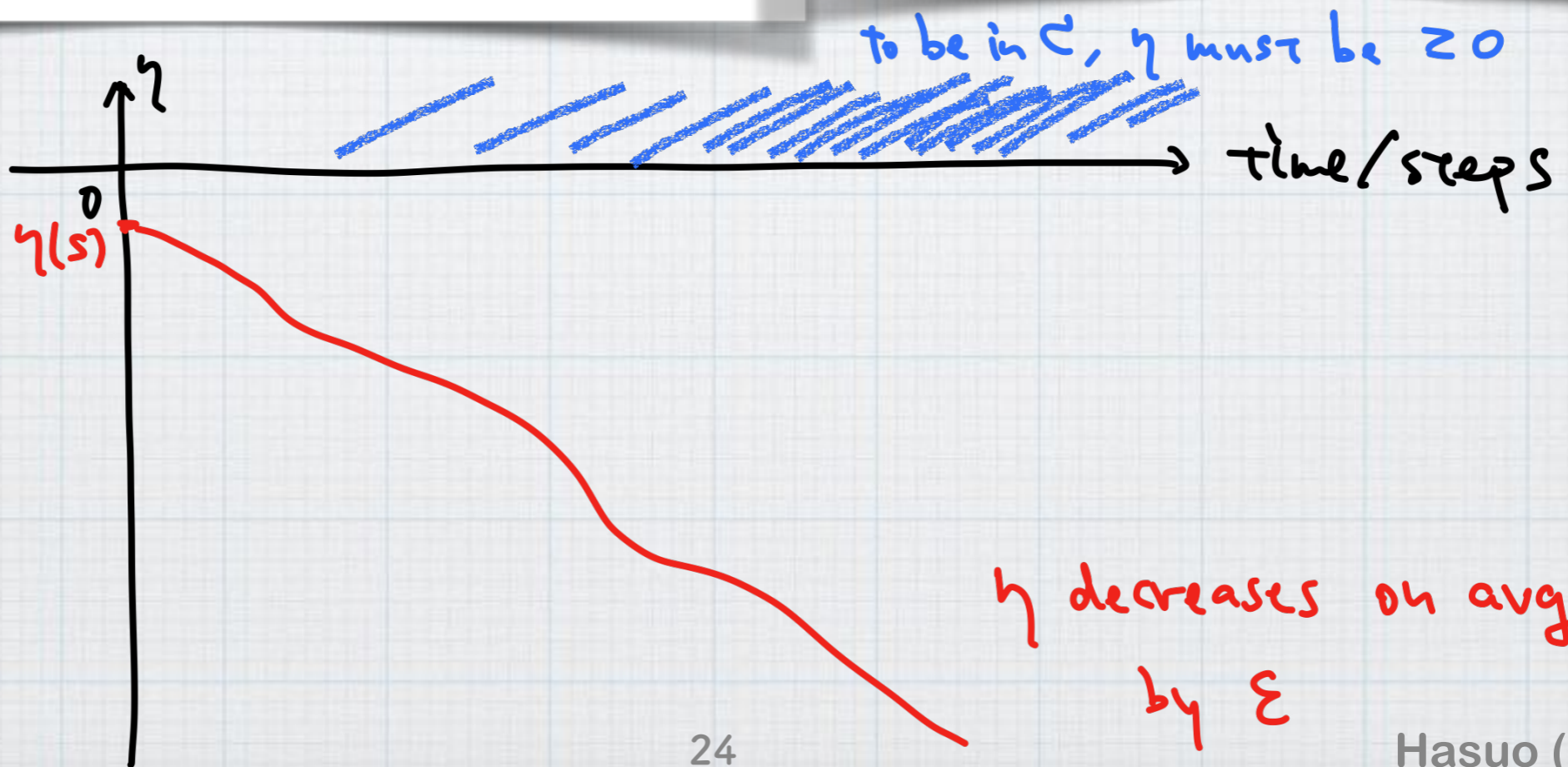
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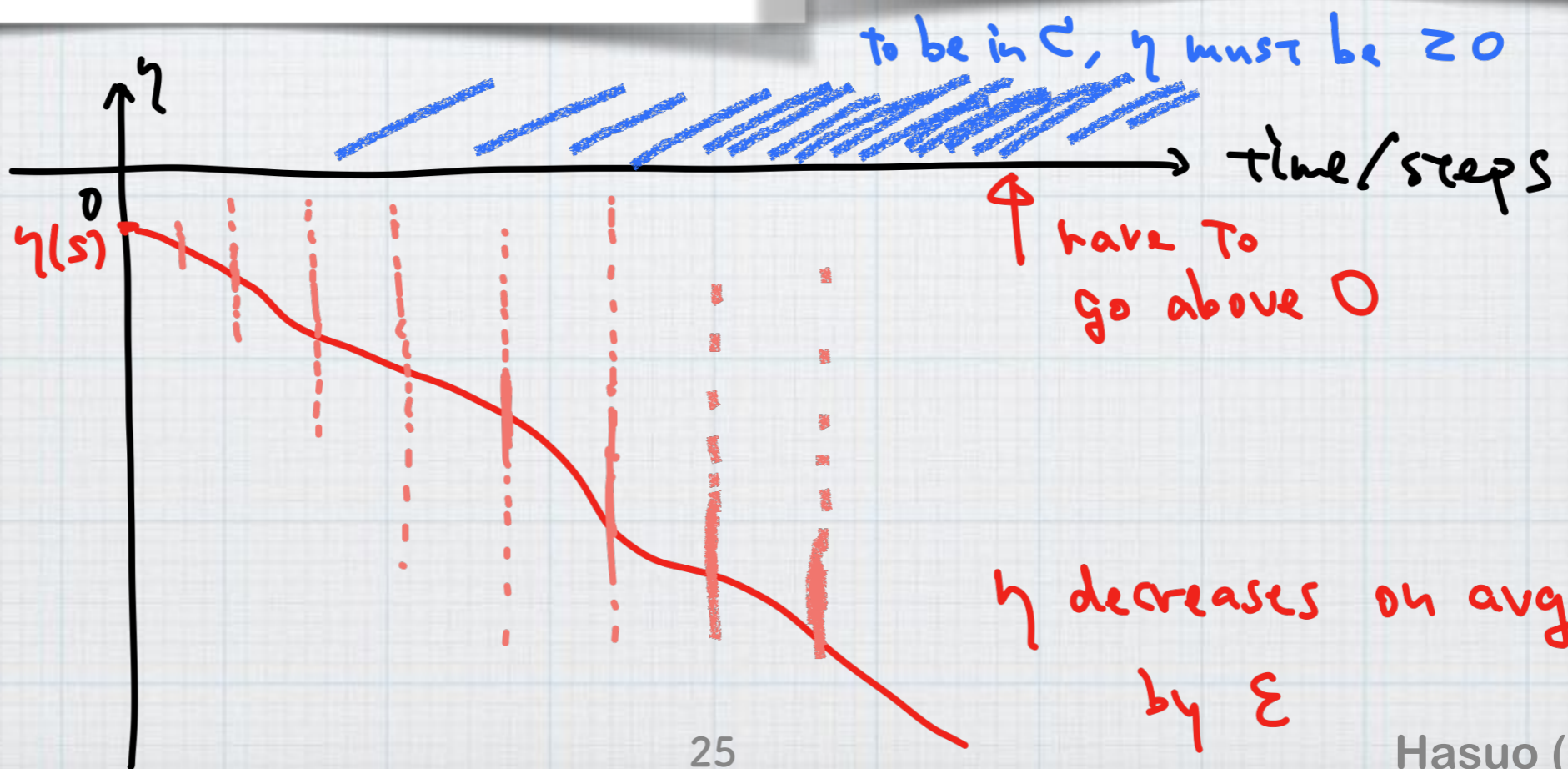
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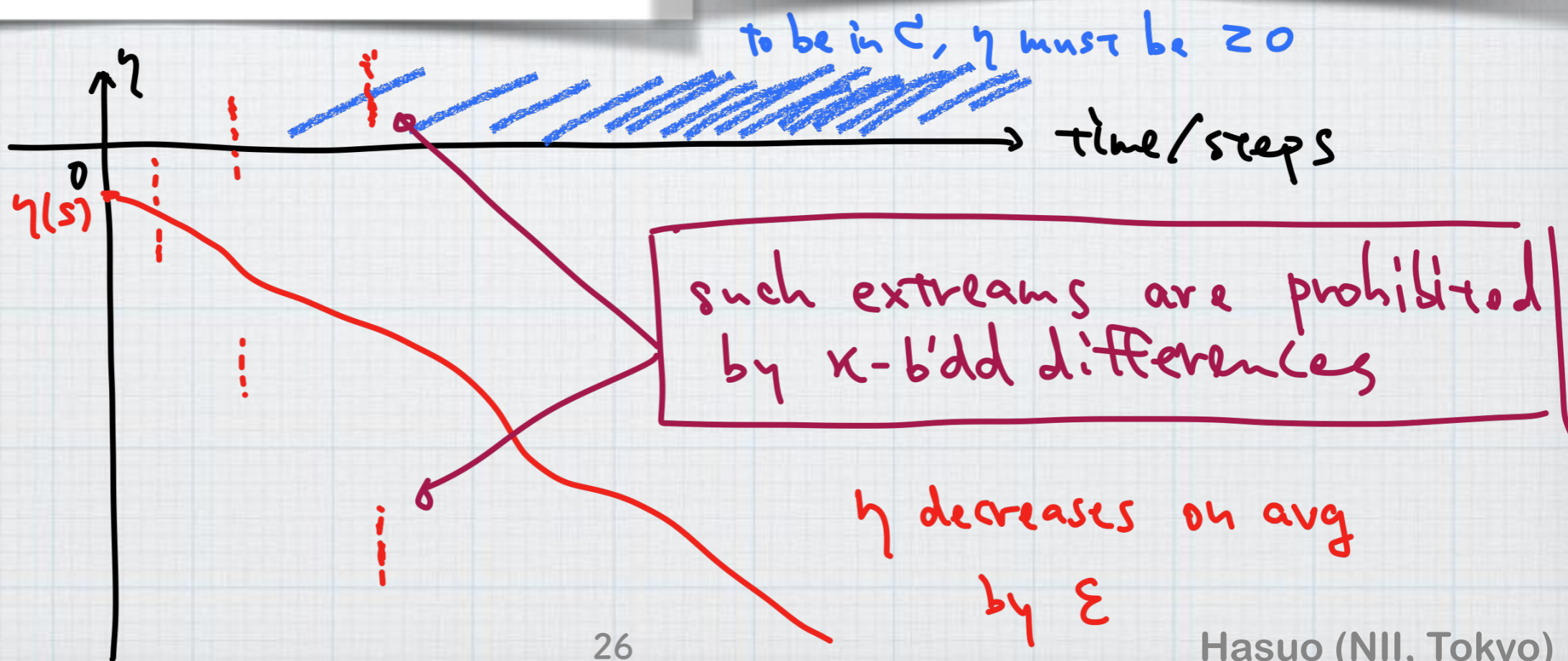
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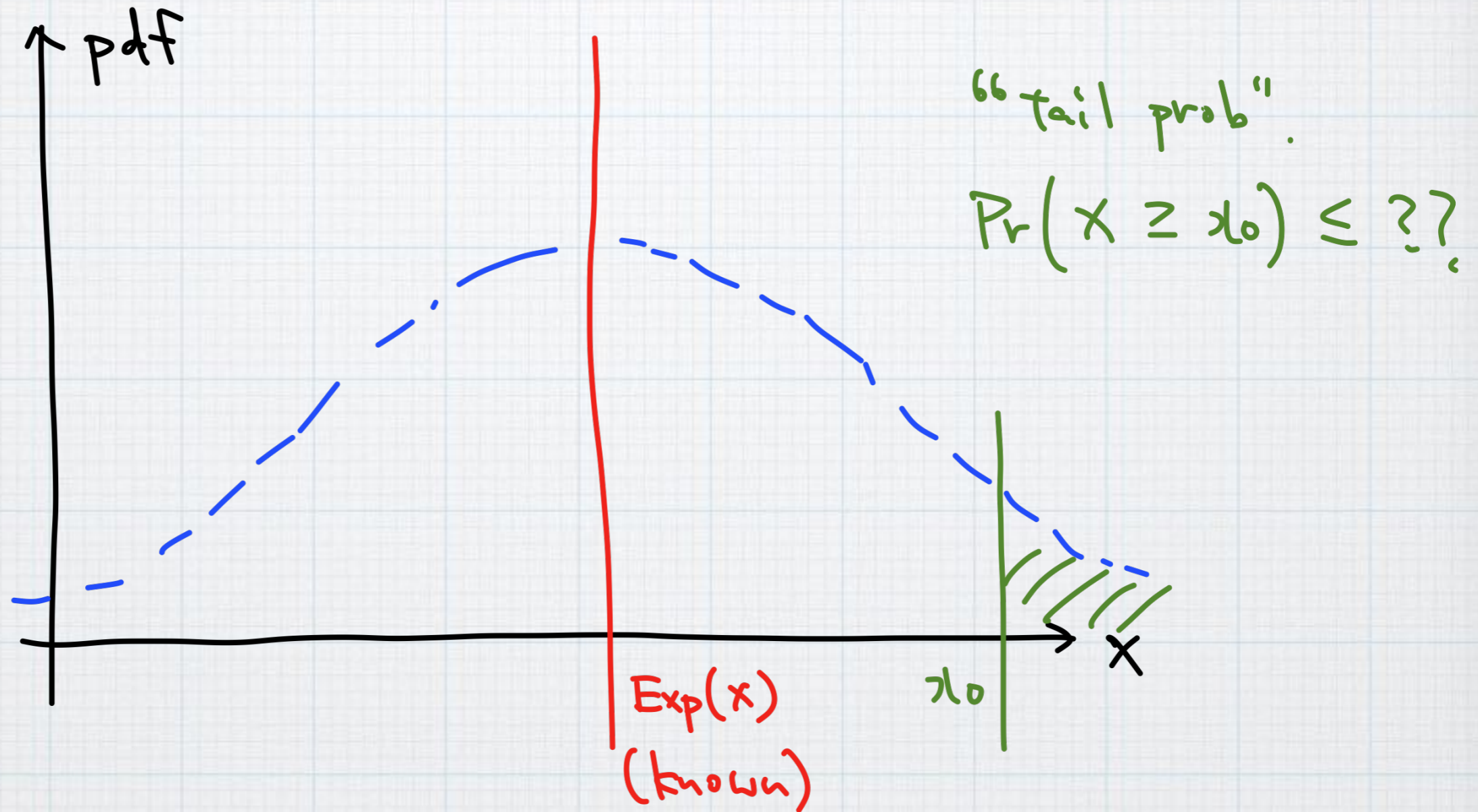
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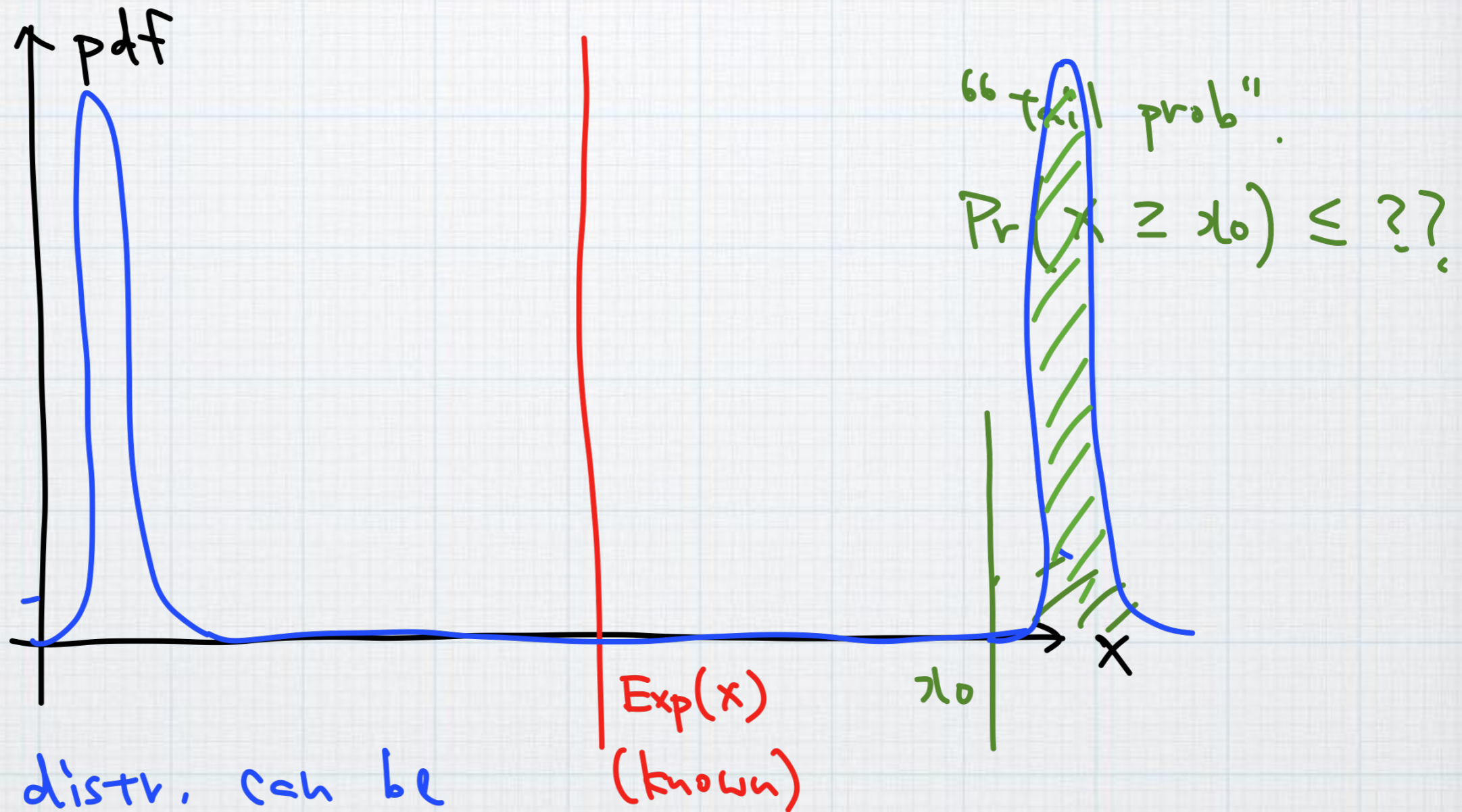


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The distr. can be  
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⇒ knowing the avg. is not enough!



# Concentration of Measure I: Azuma's Inequality

Used in [Chatterjee+ POPL'17]

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When one-step  
difference is  
bounded...

**Rem.** Let  $s_0 \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow \dots$  be a run of the MC, with  $s_0$  fixed.  
Then  $s_n$  is a rand. var. in  $\mathcal{S}$  for each  $n$ , and  $\eta(s_n)$  is a rand. var.  
in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Thm. (Azuma)** Let  $\eta$  have  $\kappa$ -bdd difference. For each  $\lambda > 0$   
and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$\Pr(\eta(s_n) - \eta(s_0) \geq \lambda) \leq e^{-\frac{\lambda^2}{2n\kappa^2}}$$



# Concentration of Measure II: The Chebyshev-Cantelli Inequality

Used e.g.in [Bouissou+ TACAS'16]

**Thm.** (Chebyshev–Cantelli) Let  $X$  be a random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Then for each  $k > 0$ ,

$$\Pr(X - \mu \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{1 + k^2}$$

If variance is known...



# Concentration of Measure III: Bernstein's Inequality

Used e.g.in [Bouissou+ TACAS'16]

**Thm. (Bernstein)** Let  $\eta$  be a supermartingale, where

- conditional variance is bounded:  $\exists \sigma$  such that

$$\text{Var}(\eta(s') \mid s \rightarrow s') \leq \sigma^2$$

- deviation from the mean is bounded:  
 $\exists M$  such that,  $\forall i \in [0, n]$ ,

$$|\eta(s_i) - \text{Exp}(\eta(s_i))| \leq M$$

Then

$$\Pr(\eta(s_n) - \eta(s_0) \geq \lambda) \leq \exp\left(\frac{-\lambda^2}{2n\sigma^2 + \frac{2}{3}M\lambda}\right)$$



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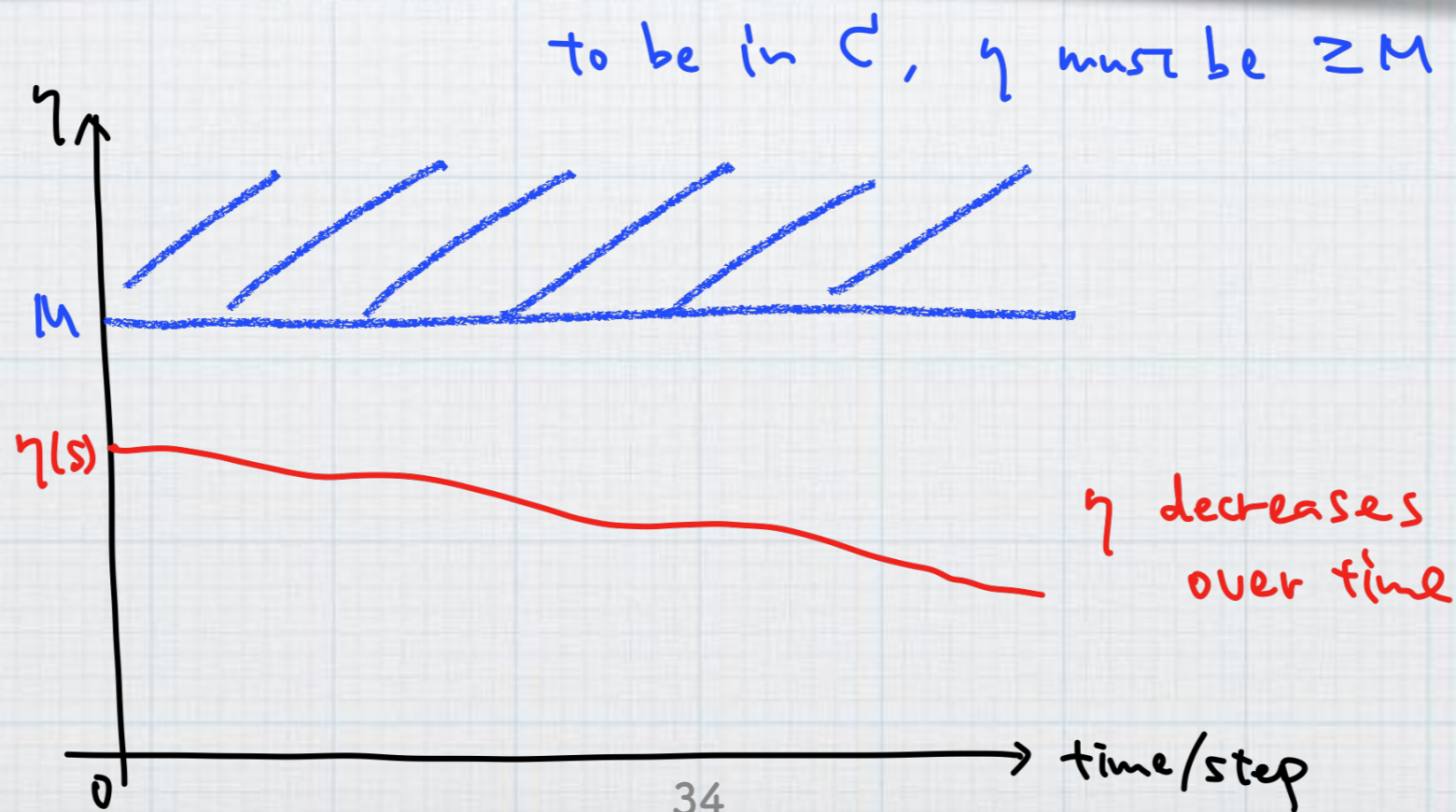


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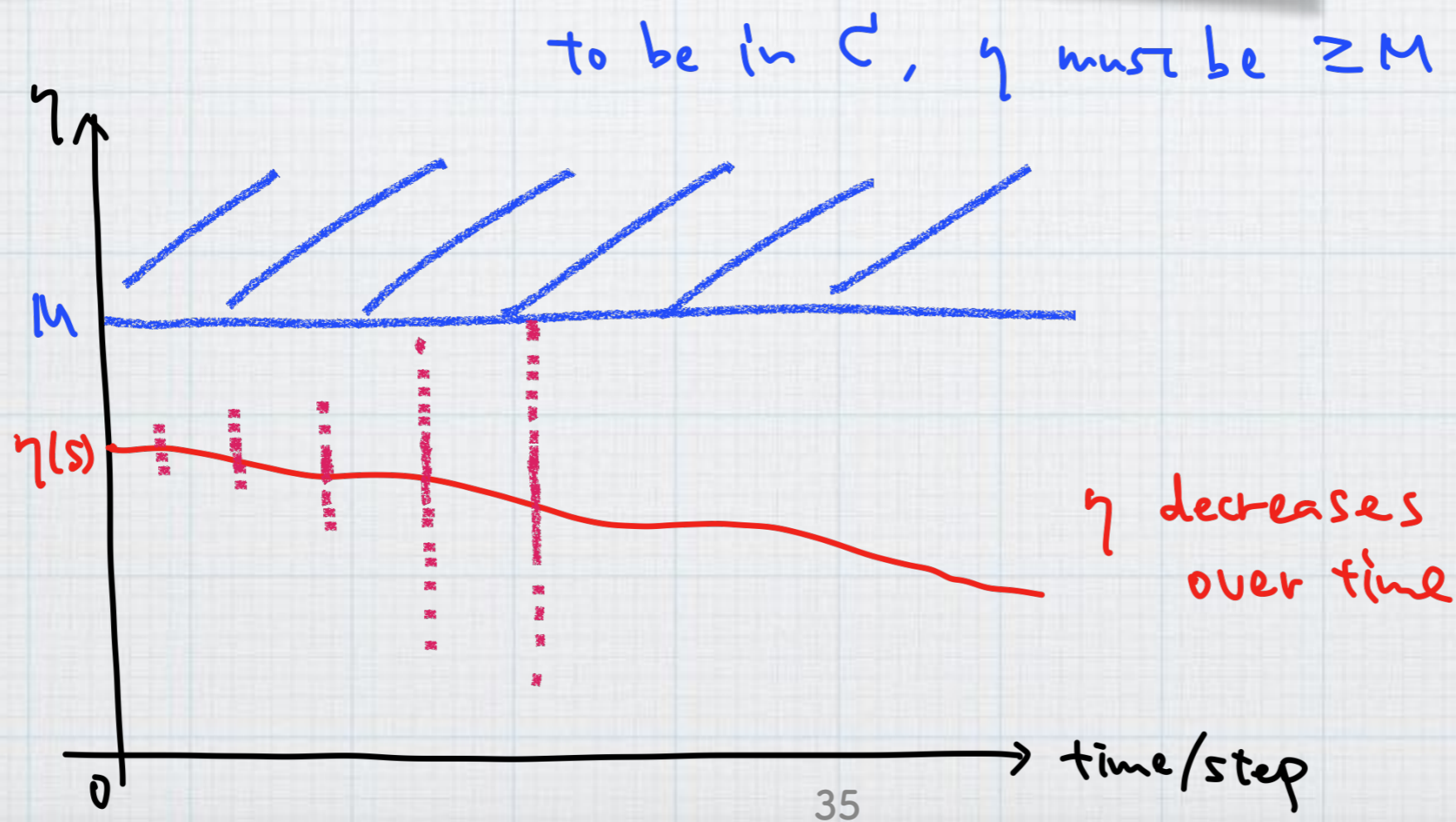


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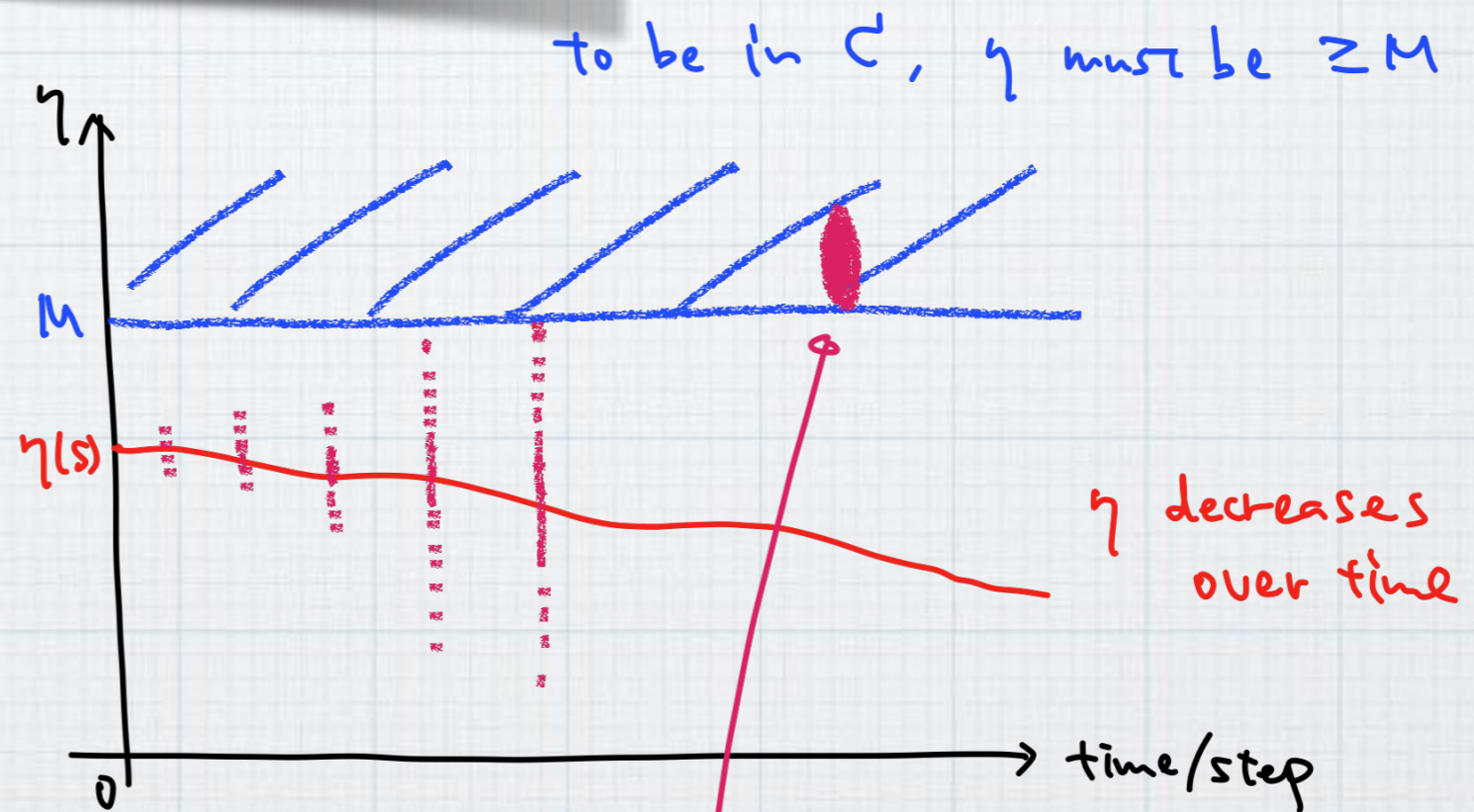


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A big mass here is prohibited ...  
No counterweight due to  $\eta \geq 0$  !



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[Steinhardt+ IJRR'12]. With nondeterminism: [Takisaka, Oyabu, Urabe, IH, ATVA'18]

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$$\Pr(\text{Reach}_{s,C}) \leq \frac{1}{M} \eta_s$$

**Thm.** (completeness) There exists a nonnegative repulsing supermartingale  $\eta$  for  $C$  at  $M$  such that

$$\Pr(\text{Reach}_{s,C}) = \frac{1}{M} \eta_s$$

*Proof.* Take  $M = 1$ ,  $\eta(s) = \Pr(\text{Reach}_{s,C})$ .

		Answers what question?	Underlying math
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# Concentration of Measure: No Need!

Def. Let  $(S, S \xrightarrow{\text{tr}} \mathcal{D}S)$  be a MC,  $C \subseteq S$ .  
Let  $\mathbb{X}_C : [0, 1]^S \rightarrow [0, 1]^S$  be defined by

$$\left( \eta : S \rightarrow [0, 1] \right) \xrightarrow{\mathbb{X}_C} \left( \begin{array}{l} \mathbb{X}_C \eta : S \rightarrow [0, 1] \\ s \mapsto \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } s \in C \\ (\mathbb{X}\eta)(s) & \text{if } s \notin C \end{cases} \end{array} \right)$$

Thm. (upper bound)

$$\Pr(\text{Reach}_C) =_{\mu} \mathbb{X}_C \Pr(\text{Reach}_C)$$

(Easy from the Cousot-Cousot characterization of lfp)



Rem.

- The *least* fixed point
- In the complete lattice  $[0, 1]$ , so that a sink state gets  $0$

# Lattice-Theoretic Foundation

$L$ : complete lattice,  $f: L \rightarrow L$  monotone

Thm. (Knaster-Tarski)

- $\mu f = \min\{l \in L \mid f(l) \sqsubseteq l\}$

$$\implies \frac{f(l) \sqsubseteq l}{\mu f \sqsubseteq l}$$

- $\nu f = \max\{l \in L \mid l \sqsubseteq f(l)\}$

$$\implies \frac{l \sqsubseteq f(l)}{l \sqsubseteq \nu f}$$

Thm. (Cousot-Cousot)

$\perp \sqsubseteq f(\perp) \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq f^\omega(\perp) \sqsubseteq \dots$   
stabilizes, and converges to  $\mu f$

$$\implies f^\alpha(\perp) \sqsubseteq \mu f \quad (\forall \alpha \in \text{Ord})$$

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stabilizes, and converges to  $\nu f$

$$\implies \nu f \sqsubseteq f^\alpha(\top) \quad (\forall \alpha \in \text{Ord})$$



# Concentration of Measure: No Need!

**Thm.** Let  $\eta: S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be such that

$$\mathbb{X}_C(\eta) \leq \eta ,$$

that is,

- $\forall s \in S \setminus C. \eta(s) \geq (\mathbb{X}\eta)(s)$
- $\forall c \in C. \eta(c) \geq 1$

Then, for each  $s \in S$ ,

$$\Pr(\text{Reach}_{s,C}) \leq \eta(s)$$

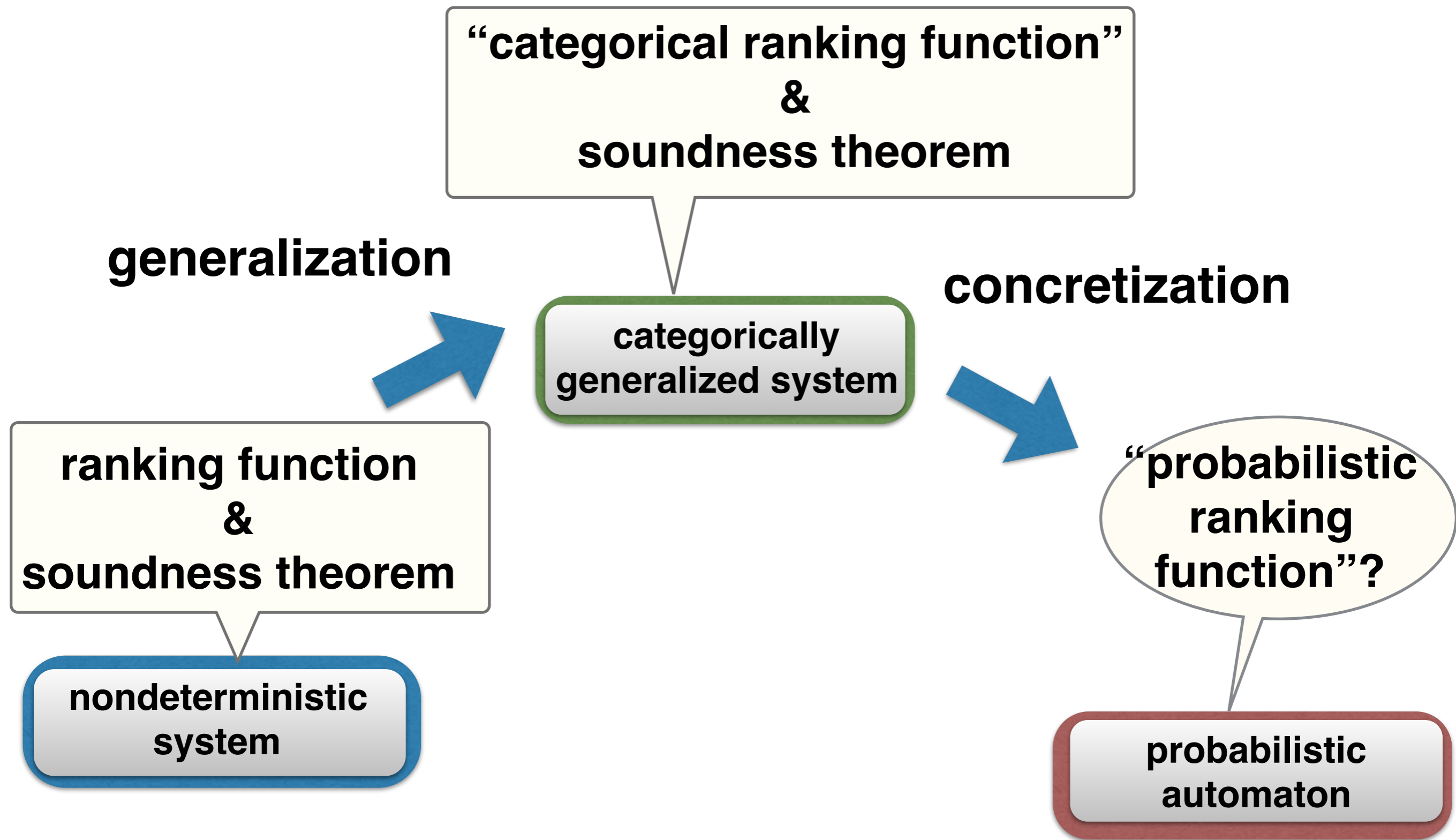
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{X}_C \text{Reach}_{s,C} & \dashrightarrow & \mathbb{X}_C \eta \\ \text{init} \downarrow \cong & & \downarrow \\ \text{Reach}_{s,C} & \dashrightarrow & \eta \end{array} \quad \text{in the poset } [0, 1]^S$$

- \* Very simple, but not previously known
- \* Soundness and completeness follow easily
- \* Template-based synthesis:  
experimentally outperforms the known method [Chatterjee+ POPL'17]

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# Methodology [UrabeHH, LICS'17]



# Categorical Ranking Function

**Def:**

A *ranking domain* wrt.  $\sigma : F\Omega \rightarrow \Omega$  is a triple

$$(r : FR \rightarrow R, q : R \rightarrow \Omega, \sqsubseteq_R) \text{ s.t.}$$

1.  $R$  is a complete lattice and  $\Phi_{c,r}$  is monotone
2.  $q$  is monotone,  $\perp$ -preserving and continuous
3.  $q \circ r \sqsubseteq \sigma \circ Fq$
4.  $r$  is corecursive

**Def:**

An arrow  $b : X \rightarrow R$  is a *ranking arrow* wrt.  $(r, q, \sqsubseteq_R)$  if:

$$b \sqsubseteq_R r \circ Fb \circ c$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 FX & \xrightarrow{Fb} & FR & \xrightarrow{Fq} & F\Omega \\
 \uparrow c & & \downarrow r & & \downarrow \sigma \\
 X & \xrightarrow{b} & R & \xrightarrow{q} & \Omega
 \end{array}$$

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# Corecursive Algebra

**Def:**

An algebra  $r : FR \rightarrow R$  is **corecursive** if for all coalgebra  $c : X \rightarrow FX$ , a coalgebra-algebra homomorphism from  $\mathcal{C}$  to  $\mathcal{R}$  uniquely exists.

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX & \xrightarrow{F(r)_c} & FR \\ \uparrow c & = & \downarrow r \\ X & \xrightarrow{(r)_c} & R \end{array}$$

- It has been used to ensure **productivity** of general structured corecursion [Capretta et al., SBMF '09]
- We use it to ensure **termination**

# Scaled Multiplicative Ranking Submartingale

**Def:**

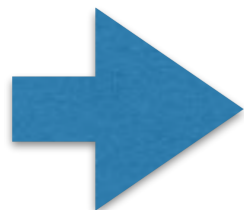
For  $\gamma \in (0, 1)$ , a function  $b : X \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a  $\gamma$ -scaled multiplicative ranking submartingale if:

$$\gamma \cdot \sum_{x' \in X} \Pr(x \rightarrow x') \cdot b(x') \geq b(x)$$

By soundness of (categorical) ranking arrows,

**Thm:**

$$b(x) \leq \Pr \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{an accepting state} \\ \text{is reached from } x \end{array} \right)$$



**Quantitative reasoning**





**Abstract Technique**  
 $T[\ ]$

$$A ::= \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid A_1 \wedge A_2 \mid \neg A \mid a_1 < a_2 \mid \forall x \in *N. A \mid \forall x \in *R. A$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} FX \xrightarrow{Fbeh_c} FZ & & FX \xrightarrow{Ff} FY \\ c \uparrow & \uparrow \text{final} & c \uparrow \quad \exists \quad \uparrow d \\ X \xrightarrow{beh_c} Z & & X \xrightarrow{f} Y \end{array}$$

system behavior                      simulation

Identify  
 "mathematical  
 essence"

Choose  
 parameter  $e_1$

Choose  
 parameter  $e_2$

Existing Technique  
 $T_1 = T[e_1]$

Novel Technique  
 $T[e_2]$

```

    'replace_interests' => false,
    'send_welcome' => false,
  })
  success('error', {result}) {
    'result' => 'error' ('response' => 'error', 'message' => 'error');
    'result' => 'success' ('response' => 'success');
  }
  'result' => 'error';
  }
  
```

\*Formal methods, from **software** to **cyber-physical systems**.  
 "Metatheoretical transfer"  
 \*Real-world application, exploiting **abstraction** and **generality**





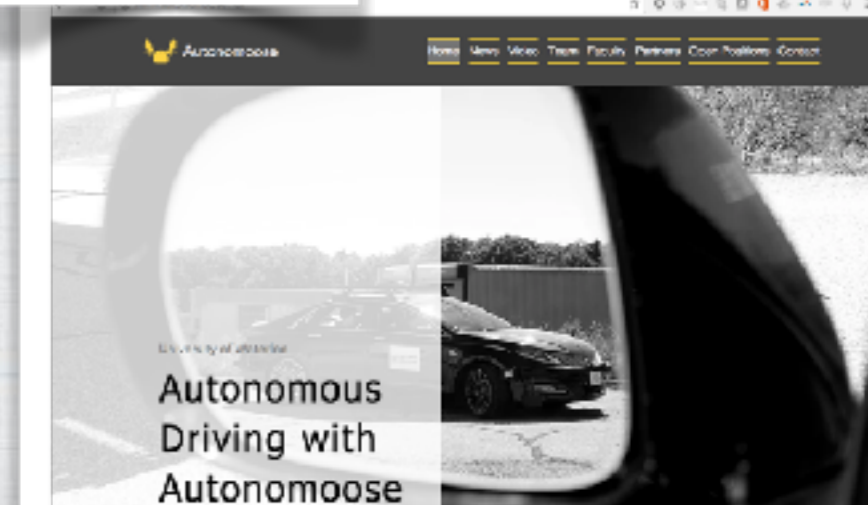
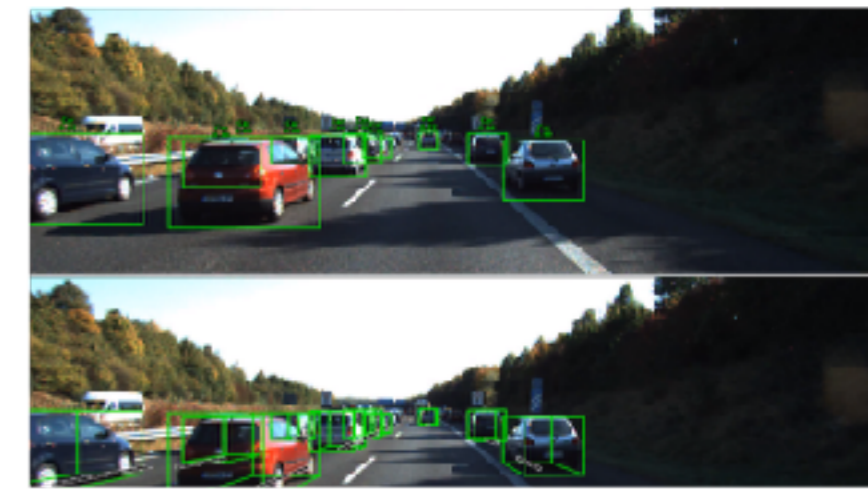
# Some Afterthoughts...

- \* LP characterization of reachability probabilities (e.g. [Baier & Katoen])
  - \* Minimize  $\mathbf{x}$
  - \* subject to  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b}$
  - \* Here  $\mathbf{A}$  is the transition matrix, and  $\mathbf{b}$  is the membership of  $\mathcal{C}$
- \* Our scaled multiplicative ranking supermartingale
  - \* Scale the constraint to  $\mathbf{x} = \gamma(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})$  with  $0 < \gamma < 1$ 
    - Makes the solution  $\mathbf{x}_0$  **unique**. It is an lfp and a **gfp**
  - \* Once we find  $\mathbf{x}$  such that  $\mathbf{x} \preceq \gamma(\mathbf{Ax} + \mathbf{b})$ , we have  $\mathbf{x} \preceq \mathbf{x}_0$  by Knaster-Tarski
- \* (Still the categorical axiomatics gives a nice clue, I believe)





- \* Our goal:  
**Formal methods** for **cyber-physical systems (CPS)**
  - \* Pursued by many...  
e.g. NSF's CPS initiative (computer science + control theory)
- \* Our uniqueness position paper [Hasuo, New Gener. Comp. '17]
  - \* Theory: **foundation** and **diversity**
    - \* Algebraic, logical and categorical **metatheory**  
→  
“**Mathematical transfer**” from software to CPS
    - \* Logic/automata, control  
+ category theory, software engineering,  
machine learning, probability theory, ...
  - \* Application:  
tackle **real systems** ( $\equiv$  real automated driving cars)
    - \* Industrial collaboration
    - \* The **autonomoose** project at U. Waterloo
    - \* Cars  $\leftarrow$  efficient testing  $\leftarrow$  formal reasoning  
 $\leftarrow$  **categories!**





# Overview

- \* Reachability in **probabilistic programs**
- \* **Foundation of fixed points**, in the non-probabilistic setting
  - \* Ranking functions, invariants
  - \* Foundation: Knaster-Tarski, Cousot-Cousot
- \* **Known supermartingale** methods
  - \* Roles of concentration lemmas
- \* Something **new** (from our recent results)
- \* Coalgebras: excitements, afterthoughts, our project



# Summary



- \* **Coalgebras**: excitements, afterthoughts, ... Still I love them!
  - \* Buechi and parity conditions  
[Urabe, Shimizu & IH, CONCUR'16] [Urabe & IH, CMCS'18]  
→ Tutorial at CONCUR'18
- \* Real-world application of categorical methods. Our approach
  - \* As a **metatheory**
  - \* for deriving object-level (accessible and automated) techniques
- \* Reachability in probabilistic programs is **rich**
  - \* **Martingale** methods for (over-/under-) approximations
    - \* Role of **concentration lemmas**
    - \* Knaster-Tarski foundation is still useful

**We're hiring!**

Max 3.5 yrs, PD & **senior researchers**  
**logic + automata + categories + machine**  
**learning + software engineering**  
→ **CPS, automated driving**

**Thank you for your attention!**

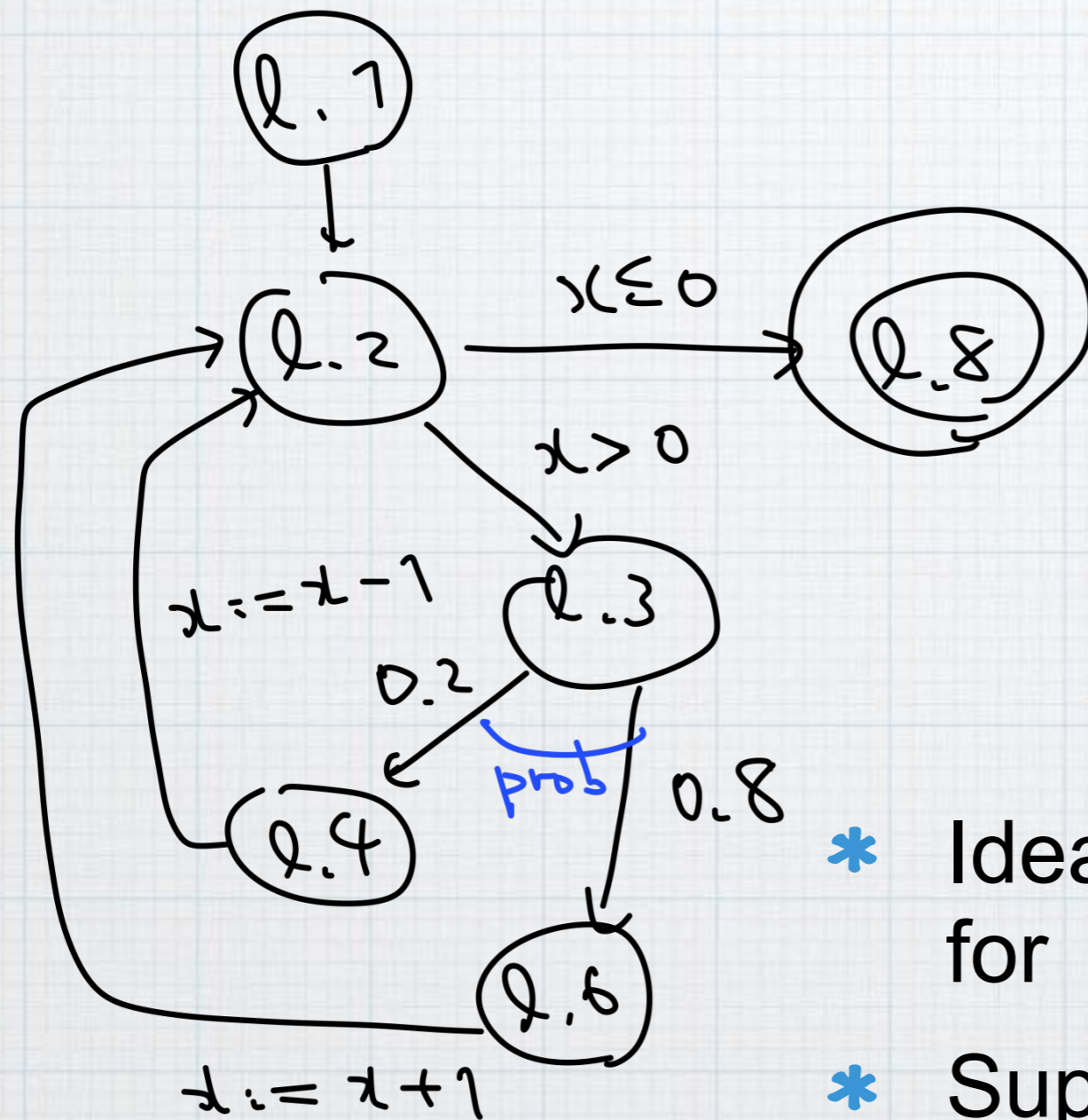
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# Appendix



# Probabilistic Control Flow Graph (pCFG) See e.g. [Chatterjee+, POPL'17]



```

1   $x := m$ 
2  while  $x > 0$  do
3    if prob( $p$ ) do
4       $x := x - 1$ 
5    else
6       $x := x + 1$ 
7    fi
8  od

```

(say,  $m = 16$  and  $p = 0.2$ )

\* Idea: a state  $l$  in pCFG stands for  $\{ (l, [x \mapsto r]) \mid r \in \mathbb{R} \}$

\* Supermartingales are given by  $\eta_l : \mathbb{R}^{\{x\}} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 8$

# Template-Based Synthesis

\* Let's use linear templates, for example

\* Meaning:  $\eta_l : \mathbb{R}\{x\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 8$   
 $\eta_l(r) \equiv a_l r + b_l$

\*  $a_l, b_l$ : undetermined parameters

\* They are determined so that supermartingale constraints are satisfied, e.g.

\* Constraint solving  
by LP, SDP, QE,  
...

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- $\eta(s) = 0$  implies  $s \in C$



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# Preliminary Experimental Results

```
1   $x := m$ 
2  while  $x > 0$  do
3    if  $x < N$  do
4      if  $\text{prob}(p)$  do
5         $x := x - 1$ 
6      else
7         $x := x + 1$ 
8      fi
9    else
10      $x := x + 1$ 
11   fi
12 od
```

Fig. 1. APP corresponding to Example 1

```
1   $x := \text{Geometric}(0.5)$ 
2  while  $x \geq 1$  do
3     $x := x - 1$ 
4  od
5  if  $\text{prob}(0.5)$  do
6    while  $x \leq 0$  do
7       $x := x - 1$ 
8    od
9  else
10   skip
11 od
```

Fig. 2. APP corresponding to Example 2

```
1   $x := \text{Uniform}[0, 1]$ 
2  while  $x < 1$  do
3    if  $\text{prob}(p)$  do
4       $x := 2 * x$ 
5    else
6       $x := 0.5 * x$ 
7    fi
8  od
```

Fig. 3. APP corresponding to Example 3

```
1   $x := m$ 
2  while  $x > 0$  do
3    if  $\text{prob}(p)$  do
4       $x := x - 1$ 
5    else
6       $x := x + 1$ 
7    fi
8  od
```

Fig. 4. APP corresponding to Example 4



# Preliminary Experimental Results

```

1  x := m
2  while x > 0 do
3    if x < N do
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5        x := x - 1
6      else
7        x := x + 1
8      fi
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7      x := x - 1
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Fig. 4. APP corresponding to Example 4

example	true reachability probability	Nonnegative (ours)	$\epsilon$ -decreasing
1	$\frac{(0.4/0.6)^5 - (0.4/0.6)^{10}}{1 - (0.4/0.6)^{10}} \approx 0.116364$	0.5054945055	< 1
2	0.5	0.5	—
2a	0.5	0.5	—
2b	0.5	0.5	—
3	$\int_0^1 \left(\frac{0.25}{0.75}\right)^{\lceil \log_2(1/x) \rceil} dx \approx 0.2$	0.5	—
4	$\left(\frac{0.25}{0.75}\right)^1 \approx 0.333333$	—	< 1