Energy Parity Games

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Analysis - Synthesis



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Reactive Systems (e.g. servers, hardware,...)

- Interact with environment
- Non-terminating
- Finite data (or data abstractions)
- Control-oriented

Two-player games on graphs

- Games for synthesis
 - Reactive system synthesis = finding a winning strategy in a two-player game
 - ω-regular spec : safety, reactivity, ...

 $\Box \neg (g_1 \land g_2), \ \Box (r \to \Diamond g), \ \ldots$

- quantitative spec : resource constraints

- Game played on a finite graph
 - Infinite number of rounds
 - Player's moves determine successor state
 - Outcome = infinite path in the graph





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Strategies = recipe to extend the play prefix Player 1: $\sigma : Q^* \cdot Q_{\circ} \rightarrow Q$ player 2: $\pi : Q^* \cdot Q_{\Box} \rightarrow Q$ outcome of two strategies is a play

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Play:
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Energy level: 3, 3, 4, 4, 3, 2, 1,... (sum of weights)



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"Never exhaust the resource (memory, battery, ...)"



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Parity game:

integer priority on states



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A play is **winning** if the least priority visited infinitely often is even.

"Canonical representation of ω -regular specifications " (e.g. all requests are eventually granted – G[r -> Fg])



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Decide the existence of a finite initial credit sufficient to win.

Energy games – a story of cycles Parity games – a story of cycles Energy parity games - ?

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Player 1 looses energy parity game iff the opponent can force a **bad** cycle.

The opponent can force bad cycles without memory.

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Preliminary fact: under optimal strategy, energy in q is always greater than on first visit to q.



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Assume player 1 looses with initial credit c_r,

then show that player 1 looses also against one of the

"memoryless strategies in q":





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A one-player energy Büchi game

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A good cycle ?



-W -W +1 -W -W 1 -W -W

good for parity

good for energy



Winning strategy:

- 1. reach and repeat positive cycle to increase energy;
- 2. visit priority 0;
- 3. goto 1;



Winning strategy:

- 1. reach and repeat O(2nW) times the positive cycle;
- 2. visit priority 0;
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Note



Energy-winning and parity-winning ≠ EnergyParity-winning







(optimal) energy-winning ≥0 & min.pr. 1 $\begin{array}{c|c} 3 \\ \hline \\ 3 \\ \hline \\ 2 \\ \hline \\ 0 \\ \hline \\ -1 \\ \hline \\ 1 \\ \hline \\ 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$

parity-winning
<0 & min.pr. 2</pre>



3

 $\overline{2}$

0



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4

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_1

1







energy-winning ≥0 & least priority is even if =0 parity-winning
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Good-for-energy strategies

A **good-for-energy** strategy is a winning strategy in the following cycle-forming game:

Cycle-forming game: play the game until a cycle is formed Player 1 wins if energy of the cycle is positive, or energy is 0 and least priority is even.

If Player wins in an energy parity game, then a **memoryless** good-for-energy strategy exists.

(not iff)

Good-for-energy strategies

Good-for-energy and parity-winning strategies are necessary to win...

Winning strategy = alternate good-for-energy strategy and parity-winning strategy ?



good-for-energy and parity-winning ≠ EnergyParitywinning

• If least priority is 0



1. Play good-for-energy.

Either energy stabilizes and then least priority is even, or energy (strictly) increases.

- 2. When energy is high enough (+2nW):
- 2a. If (and while) game is in Q \ Attr(0), play a winning strategy in subgame defined by Q \ Attr(0).
- 2b. Whenever game is in Attr(0), reach 0 and start over.

• If least priority is 1





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Corollary: memoryless strategies are sufficient in coBüchi energy games.

An NP solution

Assume NP-algorithm for d-1 priorities

NP-algorithm for d priorities:

least priority 0

- guess the winning set and good-for-energy strategy
- compute 0-attractor, and solve subgame in NP



 $C_{d}(n) \leq p(n) + C_{d-1}(n)$

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$$\begin{split} C_{d}(n) &\leq p(n) + C_{d-1}(n_{1}) + \dots + C_{d-1}(n_{k}) \\ &\leq p(n) + C_{d-1}(n_{1} + \dots + n_{k}) \\ &\leq p(n) + C_{d-1}(n-1) \end{split}$$

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Algorithm

Algorithm for solving energy parity games ?

Determine good-for-energy winning states – a story of cycles

Good-for-energy:

All cycles are either >0, or =0 and even

Reduction to (pure) energy games with modified weights:

cycles =0 and even $\rightarrow >0$ cycles =0 and odd $\rightarrow <0$ other cycles remain >0 or <0

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Increment is **exponential** (in nb. of priorities)
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Algorithm for solving energy parity games ? Determine good-for-energy winning states by solving modified-energy game in O(E.Q^{d+2}.W)

Recursive fixpoint algorithm, flavour of McNaughton-Zielonka

Note: a reduction to parity games (making energy explicit) would give complexity $O(E.(Q^2W)^d)$.



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Mean-payoff value of a play = limit-average of the visited weights

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} w_i$$

Optimal mean-payoff value can be achieved with a **memoryless** strategy.

Decision problem:

Given a rational threshold ν , decide if there exists a strategy for player 1 to ensure mean-payoff value at least ν .

Mean-payoff





Mean-payoff games with threshold 0 are equivalent to energy games.

Mean-payoff parity

Mean-payoff parity games [CHJ05]

Objective:

- satisfy parity condition
- maximize mean-payoff

Infinite memory may be necessary !

However, finite-memory ε-optimal strategies exist.



Mean-payoff parity

Mean-payoff parity games are polynomially equivalent to energy parity games.

Reduction idea:

from MPP game, construct EP game by incrementing all weights by $\varepsilon = 1/(n+1)$

If Player 1 wins MPP ≥ 0 , then finite-memory ϵ -optimal strategy exists, which is winning in EP game.

If Player 1 wins EP game, then he wins MPP $\geq -\varepsilon$ and then also MPP ≥ 0 since the value in MPP has denomiantor $\leq n$.

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By-product: a conceptually simple algorithm for mean-payoff parity games.



Thank you !



Questions ?

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Energy parity

Algorithm 1: SolveEnergyParityGame				
Input : An energy parity game $\langle G, p, w \rangle$ with state space Q.				
Output : The set of winning states in $\langle G, p, w \rangle$ for player 1.				
begin				
1 if $Q = \emptyset$ then return \emptyset ;				
2 Let k^* be the minimal priority in G. Assume w.l.o.g. that $k^* \in \{0, 1\}$				
;				
3 Let G_0 be the game G ;				
$4 i \leftarrow 0 \; ;$				
5 if $k^* = 0$ then				
$\begin{array}{c c} 6 & A_0 \leftarrow Q & /* \text{ over-approximation of Player-1 winning} \\ & states */ \\ \end{array}$				
7 repeat				
8 $A'_{i} \leftarrow SolveEnergyGame(G_{i}, w')$ (where w' is defined in				
Lemma $??$):				
9 $X_i \leftarrow Attr_1(A'_i \cap p^{-1}(0));$				
10 Let G'_i be the subgraph of G_i induced by $A'_i \setminus X_i$;				
$Z_i \leftarrow (A'_i \setminus X_i) \setminus SolveEnergyParityGame(G'_i, p, w);$				
$A_{i+1} \leftarrow A'_i \setminus Attr_2(Z_i);$				
13 Let G_{i+1} be the subgraph of G_i induced by A_{i+1} ;				
$14 \qquad \qquad i \leftarrow i+1 ;$				
until $A_i = A_{i-1};$				
15 return A_i ;				
16 if $k^* = 1$ then				
17 $B_0 \leftarrow Q$ /* over-approximation of Player-2 winning				
states */;				
18 repeat				
19 $Y_i \leftarrow Attr_2(B_i \cap p^{-1}(1));$				
20 Let G_{i+1} be the subgraph of G_i induced by $B_i \setminus Y_i$;				
$ B_{i+1} \leftarrow B_i \setminus Attr_1(SolveEnergyParityGame(G_{i+1}, p, w)) ;$				
$22 \qquad \qquad i \leftarrow i+1;$				
until $B_i = B_{i-1};$				
23 $\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ $				
\mathbf{end}				

Mean-payoff parity

 Input: a mean-payoff parity game MP = (G, p, r) such that p⁻¹(0) ≠ Ø and the game is parity winning for player 1. Output: a nonempty 1-closed subset of LV, and MP₁(v) for all v ∈ LV. 1. F = Attr₁(p⁻¹(0), G). 2. H = V \ F and H = G ↑ H. 3. MeanPayoffParitySolve(H) (Algorithm 3). 4. Construct the mean-payoff game G as described in Subsection 3.1 and Solve 5. Let LV_G be the least value class in G and l be the least value. 6. LV = LV_G ∩ V, and MP₁(v) = l for all v ∈ LV. 7. refurn (LV, l). 	Subroutine SetValues (J_i, j_i) 1. $g = \max\{Val(w) : w \in W_0 \text{ and } \exists v \in J_i \cap V_1. (v, w) \in E\}.$ 2.1 if $g > j_i$ then 2.2 $T_1 = \{v \in J_i \cap V_1 : \exists w \in W_0. Val(w) = g \text{ and } (v, w) \in E\}; \text{ and } W_0 = W_0 \cup UnivReach(T_1 \\ 2.3 \text{ For every vertex } v \in UnivReach(T_1), \text{ set } Val(v) = g.$ 2.4 goto Step 6.3. of MeanPayoffParitySolve . 3. $l = \min\{Val(w) : w \in W_0 \text{ and } \exists v \in J_i \cap V_2. (v, w) \in E\}.$ 4.1 if $l < j_i$ then 4.2 $T_2 = \{v \in J_i \cap V_2 : \exists w \in W_0. Val(w) = l \text{ and } (v, w) \in E\}; \text{ and } W_0 = W_0 \cup UnivReach(T_2) \\ 4.3 \text{ For every vertex } v \in UnivReach(T_2), \text{ set } Val(v) = l.$ 4.4 goto Step 6.3. of MeanPayoffParitySolve .	
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