



Alternating Vector Addition Systems with States

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OUTLINE

alternating VASS and asymmetric vector
addition games

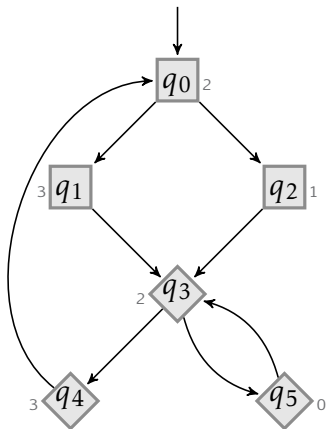
applications

- ▶ substructural logics
- ▶ regular simulations
- ▶ energy games

complexity

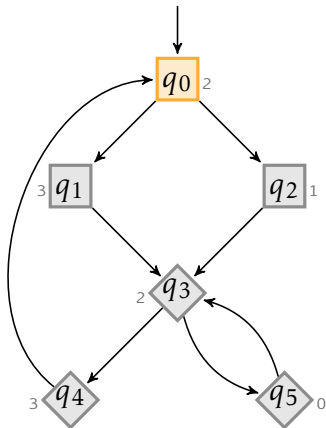
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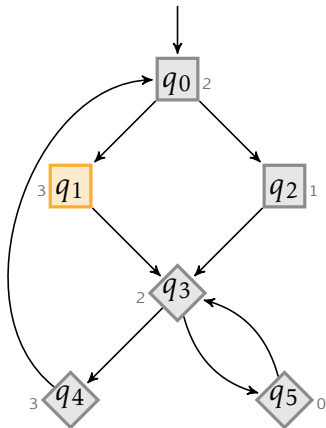
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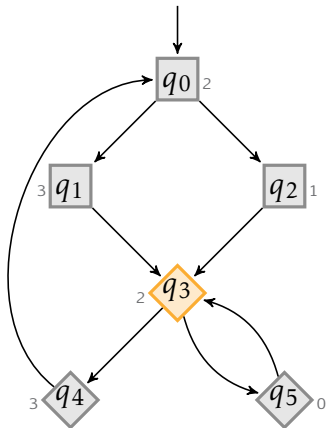
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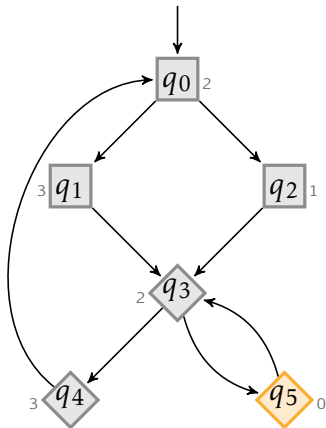
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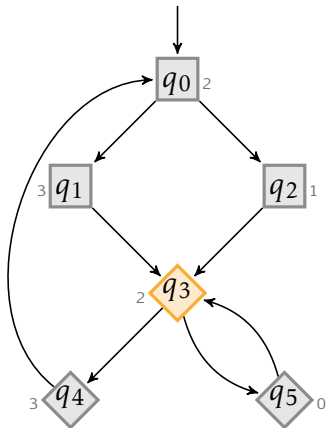
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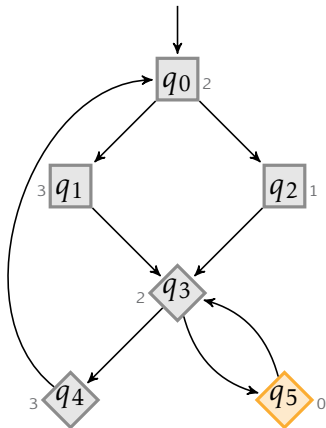
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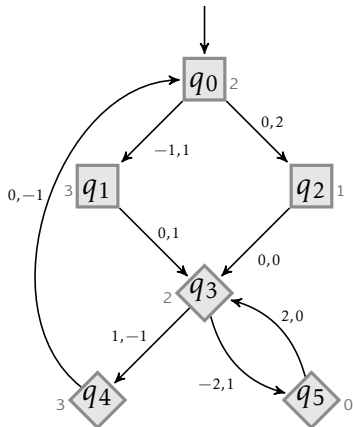
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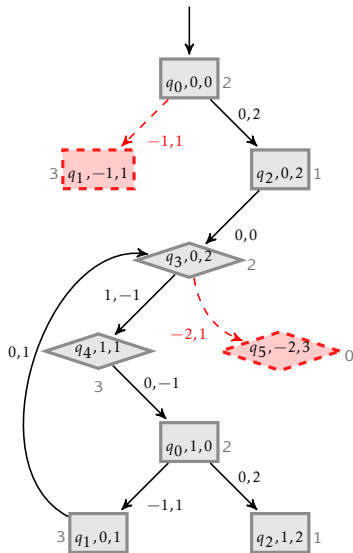
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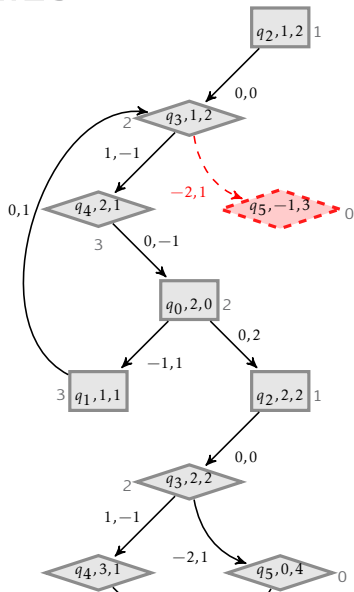
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INITIAL CREDIT

Given $q_r \in Q$:

fixed start from the configuration $(q_r, \mathbf{0})$

unknown \diamond chooses an initial vector $\mathbf{v}_r \in \mathbb{N}^d$
start from the configuration (q_r, \mathbf{v}_r)

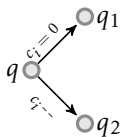


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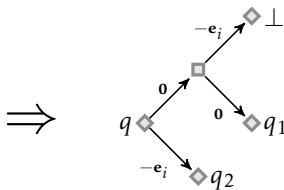
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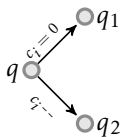


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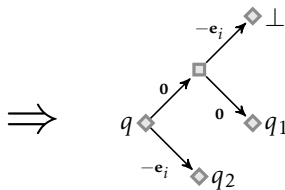
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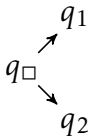
ASYMMETRIC VASS GAMES

aka. vector games (Kanovich, 1995), B-games (Raskin et al., 2005), single-sided games (Abdulla et al., 2013)

- ▶ $Q = Q_{\diamond} \uplus Q_{\square}$, resp. **Controller** and **Environment**
- ▶ $T_{\diamond} \subseteq Q_{\diamond} \times \mathbb{Z}^d \times Q$:

$$q_{\diamond} \xrightarrow{\mathbf{u}} q'$$

- ▶ $T_{\square} \subseteq Q_{\square} \times \{\mathbf{0}\} \times Q$:





ALTERNATING VASS

aka. “and-branching” (Lincoln et al., 1992; Urquhart, 1999)

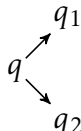
Q finite set of states

q_r initial state in Q

T_u finite set of **unary** transitions
 $\subseteq Q \times \mathbb{Z}^d \times Q$:

$$q \xrightarrow{\mathbf{u}} q'$$

T_f set of **fork** transitions $\subseteq Q^3$:





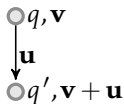
TREE SEMANTICS \cong WINNING STRATEGIES

run in $T(Q \times \mathbb{N}^d)$:

Initial

$\circ q_r, \mathbf{0}$

unary rule in T_u

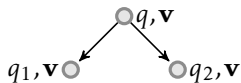


blocking

transition:

$\mathbf{v} + \mathbf{u} \geq \mathbf{0}$

fork rule in T_f





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Corollary (using Dickson's Lemma)

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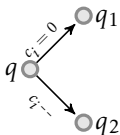
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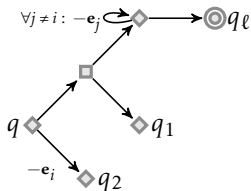
(Lincoln, Mitchell, Scedrov, and Shankar, 1992)

Player \square can enforce zero-tests using the reachability objective $(q_\ell, \mathbf{0})$:

Minsky machine



AVASS



Theorem (Lincoln et al., 1992)

Reachability AVASS games with fixed initial credit are undecidable.



REACHABILITY OBJECTIVE

(2/2)

(Urquhart, 1999)

Unknown initial credit \cong **gainy** game
where $\forall q \in Q. \forall 1 \leq i \leq d. q \xrightarrow{e_i} q \in T_u$

Theorem (Urquhart, 1999; Lazić and S., 2014)

Reachability AVASS games with unknown initial credit are ACKERMANN-complete.



COMPLEXITY PREVIEW

objective	initial credit	
	fixed	unknown
coverability	2EXP (Courtois and S., 2014)	P (trivial)
non-termination	$2\text{EXP} \leq ? \leq \text{TOWER}$ (Brázdil et al., 2010)	coNP (Chatterjee et al., 2010)
parity	$2\text{EXP} \leq ? \leq \Delta_1^0$ (Abdulla et al., 2013)	coNP (Chatterjee et al., 2012)
reachability	Σ_1^0 (Lincoln et al., 1992)	ACK (Urquhart, 1999)



SOME APPLICATIONS OF AVASS

- ▶ **substructural logics**

(Lincoln et al., 1992; Kanovich, 1995; Urquhart, 1999; Lazić and S., 2014)

- ▶ **energy games** (Brázdil et al., 2010; Chatterjee et al., 2012)

- ▶ **mean-payoff games** (Chatterjee et al., 2010)

- ▶ **one-sided μ -calculus** (Abdulla et al., 2013)

- ▶ **regular simulation games**

(Jančar and Moller, 1995; Lasota, 2009; Abdulla et al., 2013, 2014; Courtois and S., 2014)



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$(!, \oplus)$ -HORN PROGRAMS

(1/3)

(Kanovich, 1995)

connectives $\{\otimes, \multimap, \oplus, !\}$

simple products $W, X, Y, Z ::= p_1 \otimes p_2 \otimes \cdots \otimes p_m$
for atomic p_i 's

Horn implications $X \multimap Y$

\oplus -Horn implications $X \multimap (Y_1 \oplus \cdots \oplus Y_n)$

$(!, \oplus)$ -Horn sequents $W, !\Gamma \vdash Z$ where Γ contains
Horn and \oplus -Horn implications



$(!, \oplus)$ -HORN PROGRAMS

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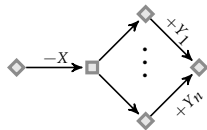
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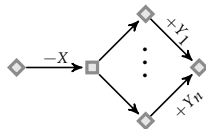
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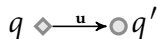
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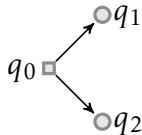
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 \Rightarrow 

$$q \otimes \mathbf{u}^- \multimap q' \otimes \mathbf{u}^+$$

 \Leftarrow 

$$q_0 \multimap (q_1 \oplus q_2)$$

 \Leftarrow 



$(!, \oplus)$ -HORN PROGRAMS

(3/3)

Theorem (Kanovich, 1995)

Provability of $(!, \oplus)$ -Horn sequents and AVASS reachability are PSPACE equivalent.

Corollary (Lincoln et al., 1992)

Provability in propositional linear logic is undecidable.

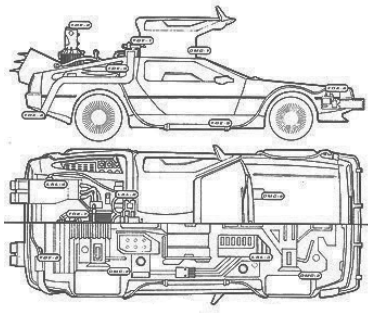


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$$F^{-1}Fp$$

Environment





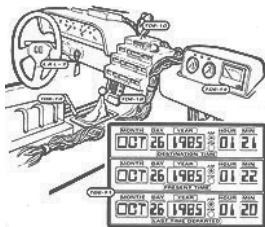
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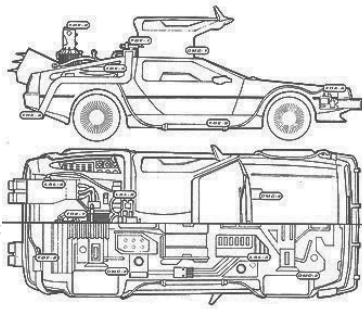
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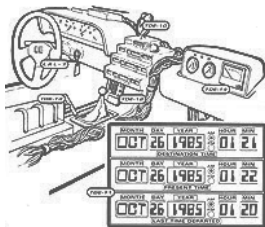
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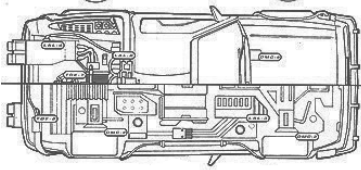
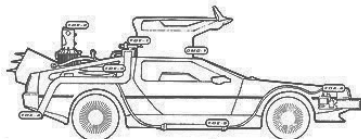
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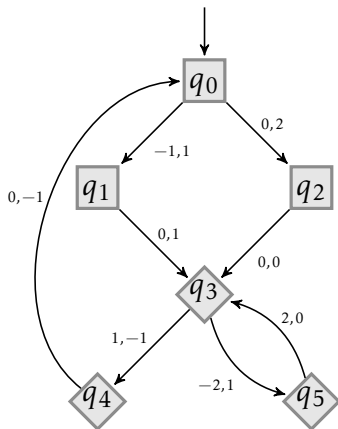
must remain non-negative



MULTIDIMENSIONAL ENERGY GAMES (1/2)

(Brázdil, Jančar, and Kučera, 2010; Chatterjee, Doyen, Henzinger, and Raskin, 2010)

- ▶ defines an infinite arena in $Q \times \mathbb{Z}^d$
- ▶ **energy semantics:** transitions are non-blocking
- ▶ non-termination + **energy objective:** Controller must keep the values non-negative along an infinite play

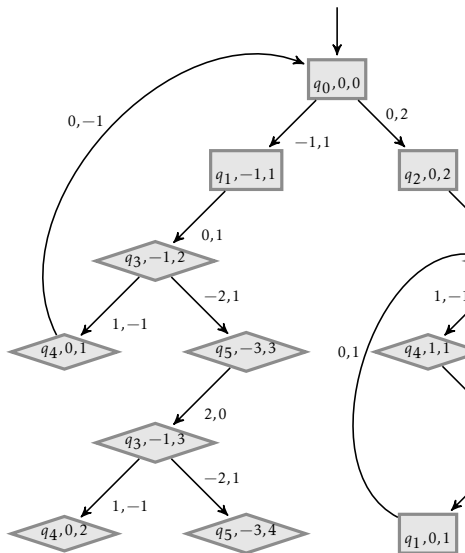




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(Brázdil, Jančar, and Kučera, 2010; Chatterjee, Doyen, Henzinger, and Raskin, 2010)

- ▶ defines an infinite arena in $Q \times \mathbb{Z}^d$
- ▶ **energy semantics:** transitions are non-blocking
- ▶ non-termination + **energy objective:** Controller must keep the values non-negative along an infinite play

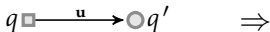




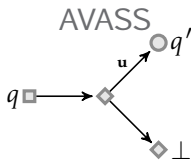
MULTIDIMENSIONAL ENERGY GAMES (2/2)

(Abdulla, Mayr, Sangnier, and Sproston, 2013)

Energy Games



\Rightarrow



Theorem (Abdulla et al., 2013)

Non-termination AVASS games and multidimensional energy games are LOGSPACE-equivalent.

MULTIDIMENSIONAL MEAN-PAYOFF GAMES

(Chatterjee, Doyen, Henzinger, and Raskin, 2010)



- ▶ integer vector game over $Q \times \mathbb{Z}^d$
- ▶ **payoff**: $\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{v}_n$ if \mathbf{v}_n is the n th vector of the play
- ▶ **threshold** vector $\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{Q}^d$: a payoff $\geq r$ is sought

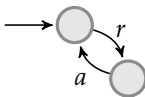
Theorem (Chatterjee et al., 2010)

There exists a finite-memory winning strategy for a multidimensional mean-payoff game iff there is a winning strategy in the corresponding multidimensional energy game.



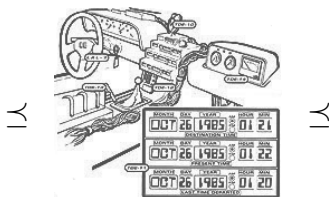
FINITE-STATE SPECIFICATIONS

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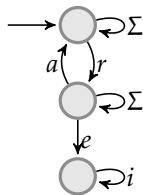


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Implementation



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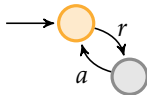
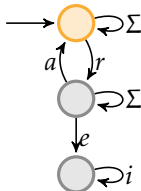


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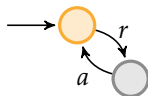
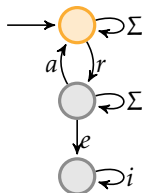
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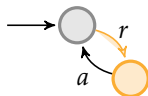
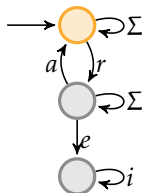
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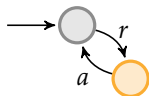
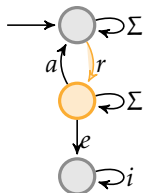
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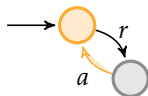
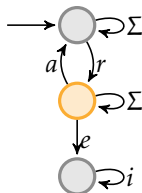
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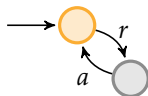
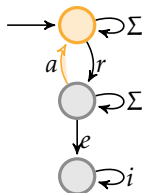
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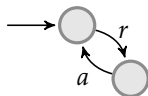
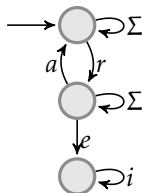
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VASS REGULAR SIMULATIONS

Simulation relations between

- ▶ a labelled VASS \mathcal{V} (i.e. an AVASS with $Q_{\square} = \emptyset$)
- ▶ a finite-state system \mathcal{F}

Theorem (Jančar and Møller, 1995)

Both $\mathcal{V} \preceq \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F} \preceq \mathcal{V}$ are decidable.

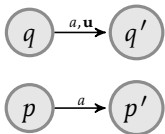
Theorem (Lasota, 2009)

Both $\mathcal{V} \preceq \mathcal{F}$ and $\mathcal{F} \preceq \mathcal{V}$ are EXPSPACE-hard, already if \mathcal{V} is a BPP.

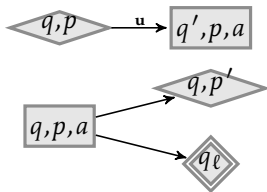


VASS \preceq FS

Simulation Game



AVASS



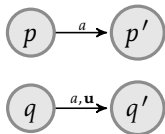
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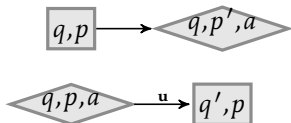


FS \preceq VASS

Simulation Game



AVASS



Theorem (Abdulla et al., 2013; Courtois and S., 2014)

$\mathcal{F} \preceq \mathcal{V}$ and non-termination AVASS games are LOGSPACE-equivalent (already holds for BPP).



COMPLEXITY

objective	initial credit	
	fixed	unknown
coverability	2EXP (Courtois and S., 2014)	P (trivial)
non-termination	$2\text{EXP} \leq ? \leq \text{TOWER}$ (Brázdil et al., 2010)	coNP (Chatterjee et al., 2010)
parity	$2\text{EXP} \leq ? \leq \Delta_1^0$ (Abdulla et al., 2013)	coNP (Chatterjee et al., 2012)
reachability	Σ_1^0 (Lincoln et al., 1992)	ACK (Urquhart, 1999)



COVERABILITY WITH FIXED INITIAL CREDIT

(Courtois and S., 2014)

Proposition (Lower Bounds)

AVASS Coverability and Non-termination are 2Exp -hard, and Exp -hard in fixed dimension $d \geq 4$.

Proposition (Upper Bound)

AVASS Coverability is in 2Exp , and in Exp in fixed dimension (more precisely pseudo-polynomial).



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(Courtois and S., 2014)

upper bound Rackoff (1978)'s technique: small witness property

lower bounds Lipton (1976)'s technique: reduction from alternating Minsky machines



PROOF PLAN FOR UPPER BOUND

- ▶ if coverable, then there exists a small witness of double exponential height
 - ▶ alternating TM can check the existence of a witness in $AEXPSPACE = 2EXP$
- ▶ induction on dimension: *i-witness for (q, \mathbf{v})*
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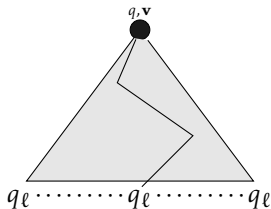


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SMALL WITNESSES: BASE CASE

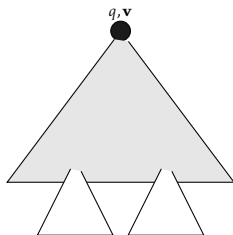


No state can appear twice along a branch of a minimal 0-witness:

$$H_0 = |Q|$$



SMALL WITNESSES: INDUCTION STEP

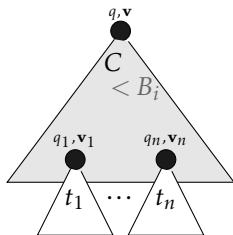


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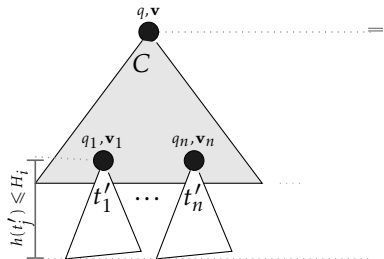
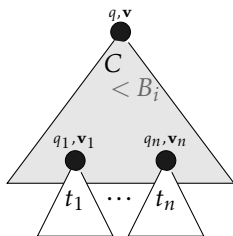


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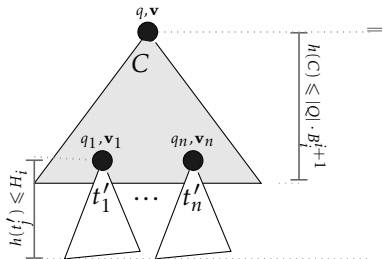
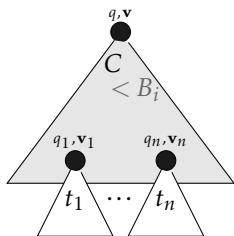
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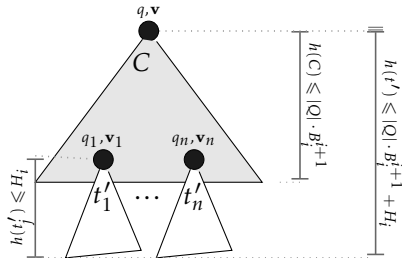
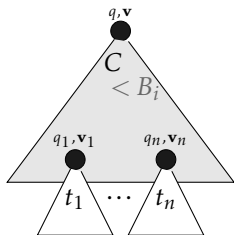
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$$H_{i+1} \leq |Q| \cdot B_i^{i+1} + H_i$$



COMPLEXITY OF NON-TERMINATION

Marcin Jurdziński and Ranko Lazić:

Claim

Non-termination AVASS games with fixed initial credit are in 2Exp .

This relies on a new bound:

Claim

Non-termination AVASS games with unknown initial credit and fixed dimension d are pseudo-polynomial.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

- ▶ alternating VASS / asymmetric VASS games as a sensible model for counter games
- ▶ forgotten connections with substructural logics
- ▶ upcoming 2EXP-completeness for non-termination AVASS games and $FS \preceq VASS$
- ▶ open gap for parity AVASS games



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