Stackelberg-Pareto Synthesis

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Fixed-Parameter Complexity of the SPS problem

Solving the SPS problem is FPT for reachability SP games for parameter *t* (number of objectives of Player 1) and FPT for parity SP games for parameters *t* and the maximal priority according to each parity objective of Player 1

Sound: in practice, we can assume those parameters to have small values

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Challenger-Prover Game

To show FPT results: reduction to Challenger-Prover game (C-P game)

- two-player zero-sum game \mathcal{G}' , created from \mathcal{G}
- played between Challenger (C) and Prover (P)
- solution to the SPS problem in $\mathcal{G} \iff$ winning strategy for \mathcal{P} in \mathcal{G}'
- described in a generic way, later adapted to parity/reachability

Intuition: \mathcal{P} tries to show the existence of a solution, \mathcal{C} tries to disprove it

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Adversarial Rational Synthesis [FKL10, KPV16]

- multiplayer game
- Player 0 = system, Players 1 to *n* = components of environment
- rationality: Players 1 to *n* settle to a Nash Equilibrium (NE), given σ_0
- → Player 0 must satisfy his objective when the environment plays any NE



Setbacks: components are independent selfish individuals, no cooperation

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Sound: in practice, we can assume those parameters to have small values

Witnesses

C-P game uses important notion of witness

- given σ_0 , we have the set P_{σ_0} of **PO payoffs**
- for each $p \in P_{\sigma_0}$, there exists ρ s.t. pay $(\rho) = p$
- select **one such** ρ for each $p \in P_{\sigma_0}$ (**witness of** p): set Wit_{σ_0}


Intuition on the C-P game

w.l.o.g. we consider SP games s.t. each vertex has at most two successors

- 1. \mathcal{P} selects a set P of payoffs, he announces it is P_{σ_0} for σ_0 he is building
- 2. \mathcal{P} tries to show the existence of a set of witnesses for P
- 3. After selection, **one-to-one correspondence** between plays in \mathcal{G} and \mathcal{G}'
 - vertices in \mathcal{G}' are **augmented with a set** W which is a subset of P
 - initially W = P
 - after history in \mathcal{G}' , W contains p if the corresponding history in \mathcal{G} is prefix of the witness for p in the set Wit_{σ_0} that \mathcal{P} is building

Witnesses in the C-P Game



Objective in the C-P Game

Given a play ρ' in \mathcal{G}' , there is a corresponding play ρ in \mathcal{G}



If play ρ guessed to have payoff p (1)

- check that pay(ρ) = p
- check that $\rho \in \Omega_0$

Otherwise

- if $pay(\rho) = p \in P$, check that $\rho \in \Omega_0$ (2)
- else check pay(ρ)

Reachability SP game: augment the arena with **set of satisfied objectives** → checking (1-3) = **Büchi objective**

Parity SP game: checking (1-3) = Boolean combination of Büchi objectives

C-P Game for our Running Example





