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Some results on Controller Synthesis for Probabilistic Systems



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Exclude safety-critical behavior









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> Avoid randomly moving cat

Try all safe ways to the cheese (for future mice)



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Deploy multiple strategies for safe exploration (permissive strategy)



































Overview - Permissive Approach





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Probability of reaching shall be less than 0.3

 $s_0 \mapsto a, \ s_1 \mapsto d$ $s_0 \mapsto b, \ s_1 \mapsto c$ safe $s_0 \mapsto b, \ s_1 \mapsto d$

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SMT for permissive strategies

$$\begin{array}{cccc} p_{s_{I}} \leq \lambda & & & & \\ \forall s \in S. & \bigvee_{a \in Act(s)} y_{s,a} & & & \\ \exists t \text{ least one action per state} & \\ \forall s \in T. & p_{s} = 1 & & & \\ \forall s \in S. \forall a \in Act(s). & y_{s,a} \rightarrow p_{s} \geq \sum_{s' \in S} \mathcal{P}(s,a,s') \cdot p_{s'} & \\ & & & \\ & & & \\ \hline \text{probability of each state is assigned the maximum under the permissive strategy} & \\ \hline \text{Variables} & & \\ & & & \\$$

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$$\begin{array}{cccc} p_{s_{T}} \leq \lambda & \mbox{probability smaller than threshold} \\ \forall s \in S. & \bigvee_{a \in Act(s)} y_{s,a} & \mbox{at least one action per state} \\ \forall s \in T. & p_{s} = 1 & \mbox{probability of target states is one} \\ \forall s \in S. \forall a \in Act(s). & y_{s,a} \rightarrow p_{s} \geq \sum_{s' \in S} \mathcal{P}(s, a, s') \cdot p_{s'} \\ & \mbox{probability of each state is assigned the maximum} \\ & \mbox{Variables} \\ y_{s,a} & \mbox{action is chosen at state} \\ p_{s} & \mbox{probability of state} \end{array}$$

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Multi-objective model checking yields even tighter bounds.

















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About permissiveness





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everything allowed except of reaching the cheese



Quantifying permissiveness may not be beneficent

single safe strategy



About permissiveness





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- Extension to randomized schedulers (non-linear)



Synthesis of Shared Control Protocols



Nils Jansen and Ufuk Topcu



Shared Control





Galán et al.

Brain-actuated Wheelchair





Shared Control Protocol





Shared Control Protocol





Shared Control Protocol





Shared Control Protocol





Human Model





Human Model































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Shared Control Protocol











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model checking

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minimal deviation from given blending function or safety shield



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non-linear programming



Current/Future Work

- avoid non-linear program
- model repair
- convex form
- include permissiveness into autonomy
- start conducting real case studies

Thank you for your attention!

