

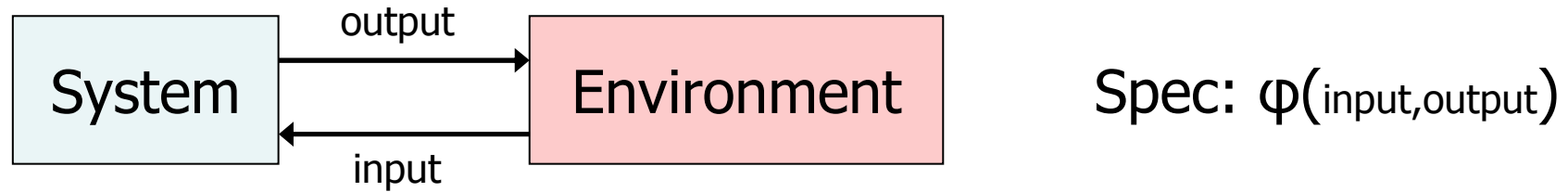
Energy and Mean-Payoff Parity Markov Decision Processes

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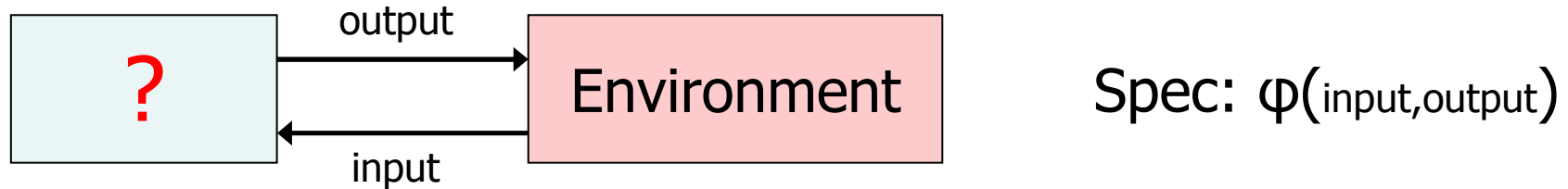
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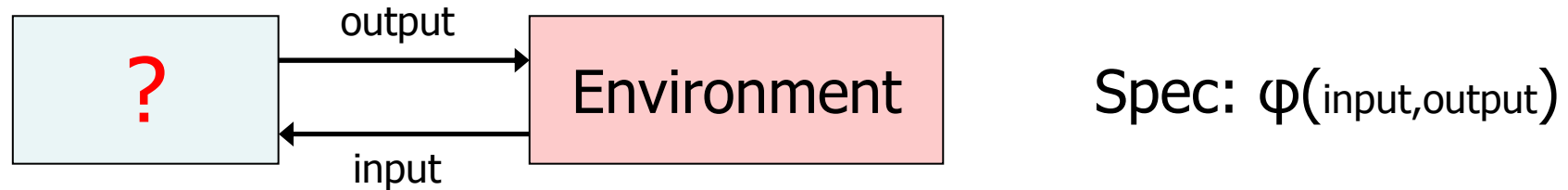
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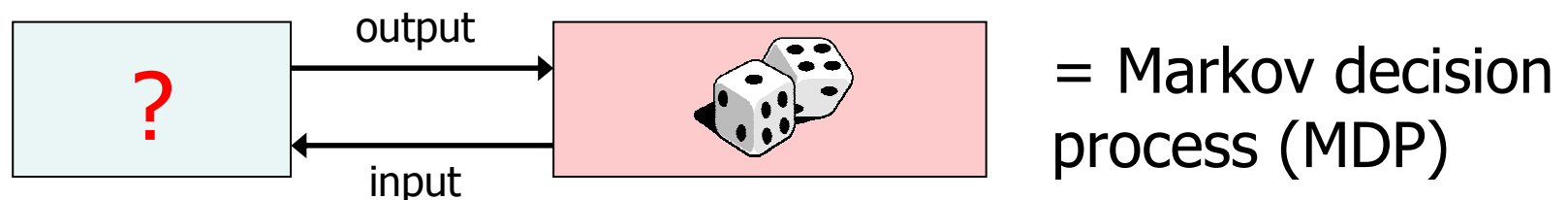
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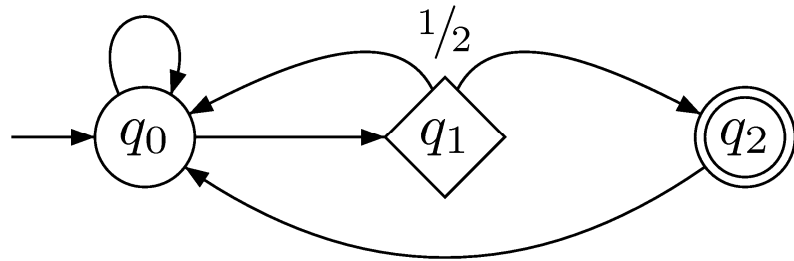
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This talk: environment is abstracted as a stochastic process



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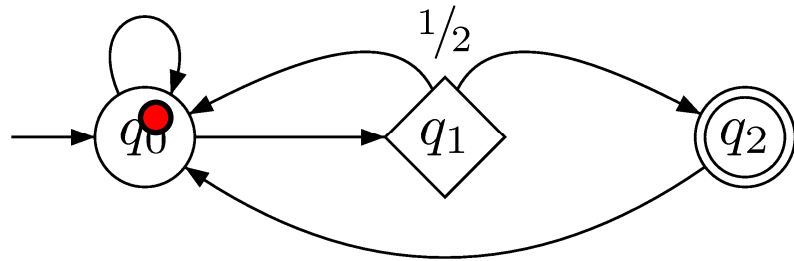


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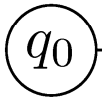
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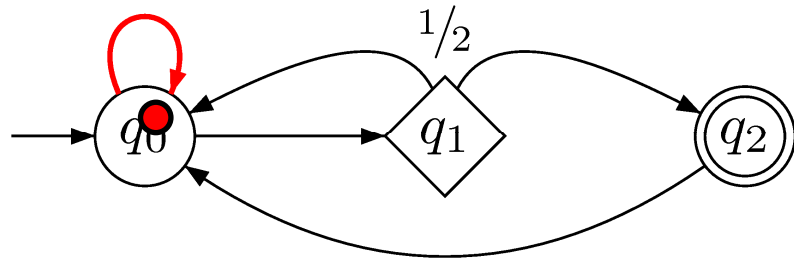
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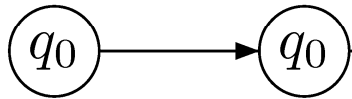
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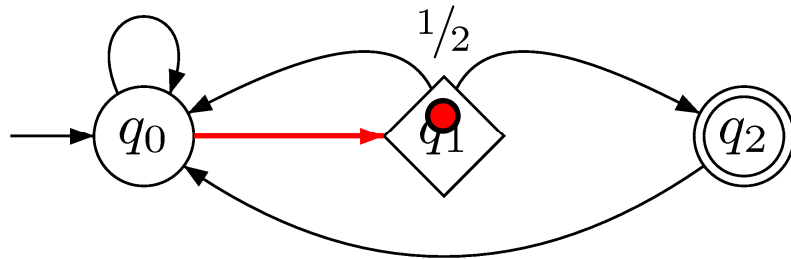
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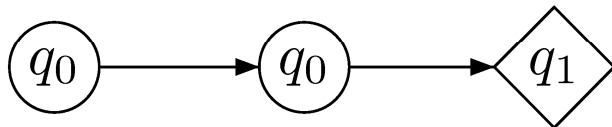


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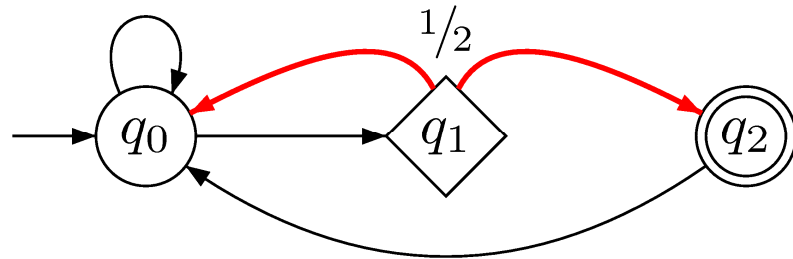


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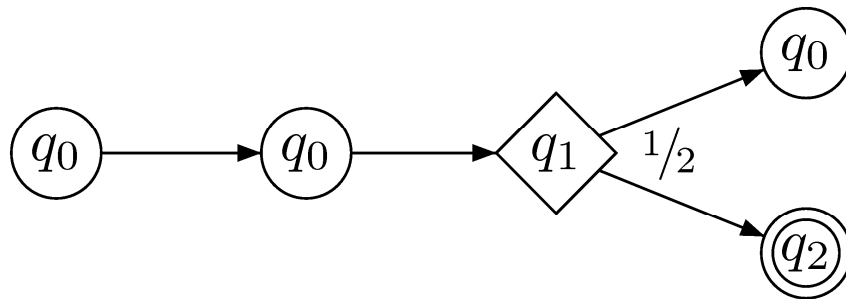
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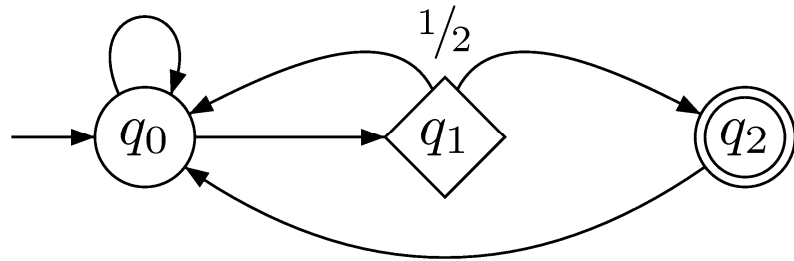
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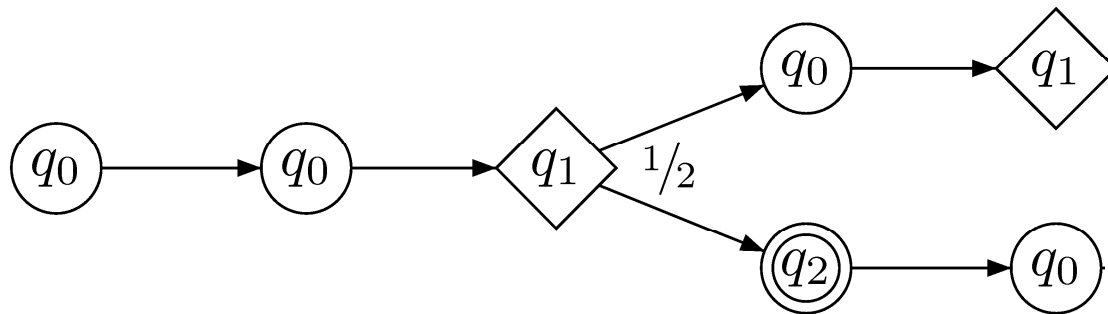
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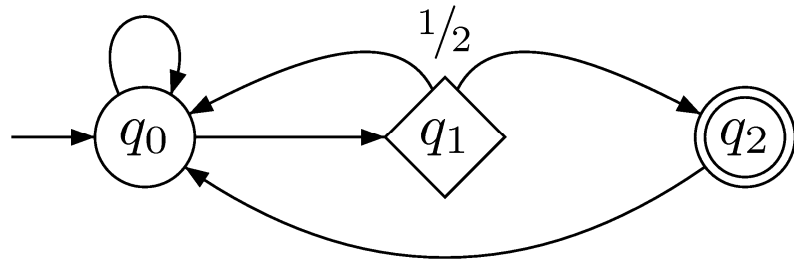
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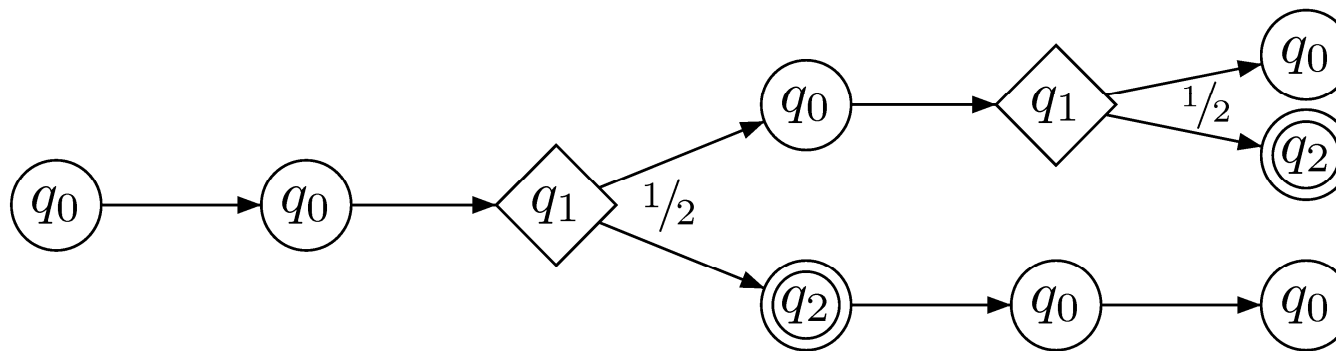
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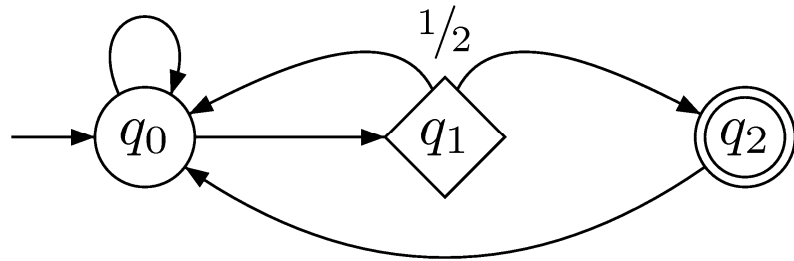
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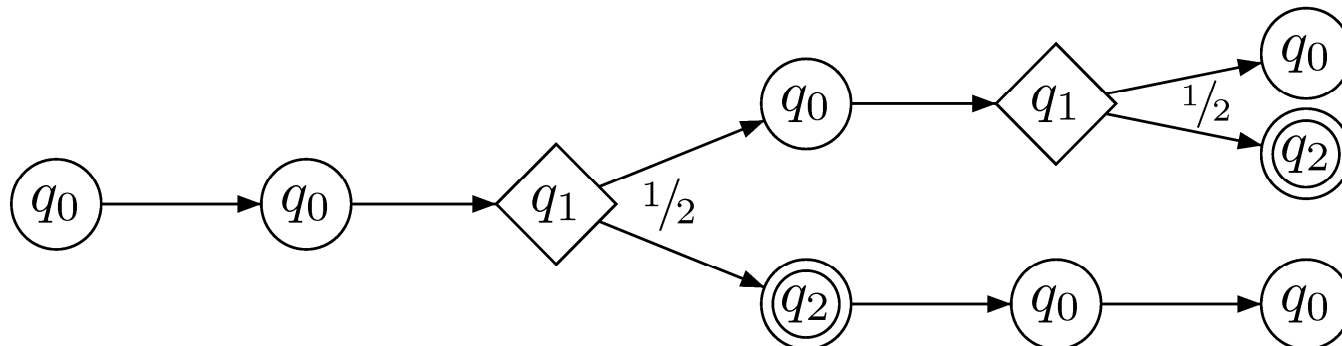
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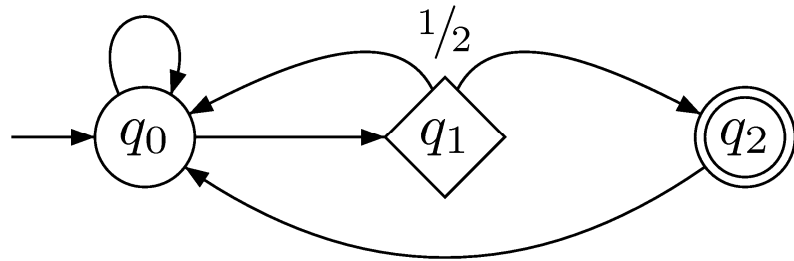
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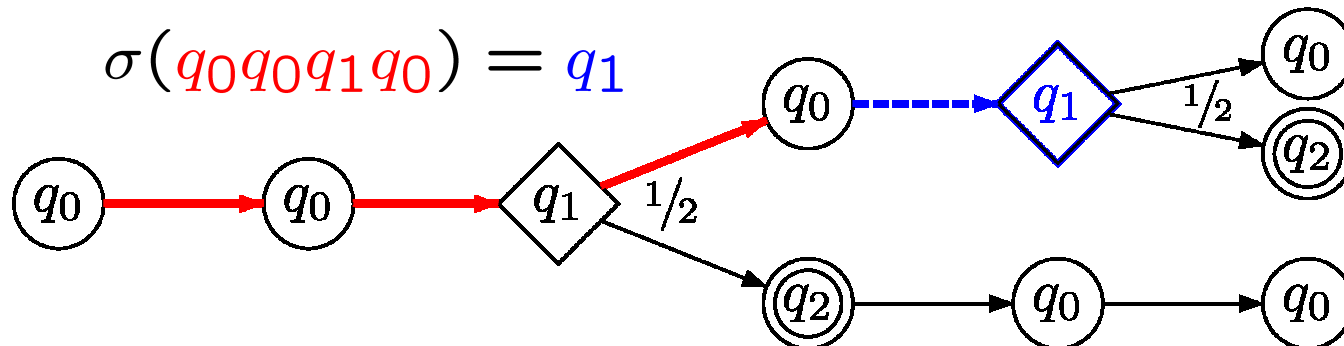
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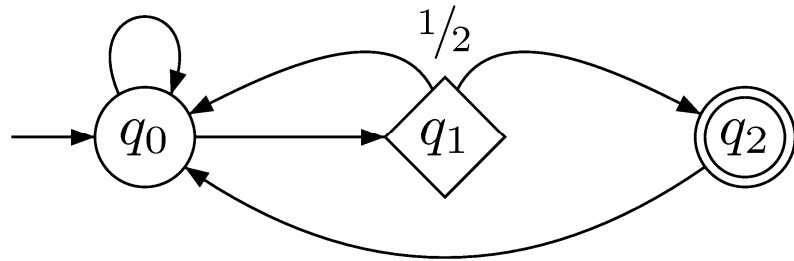
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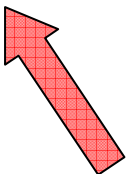
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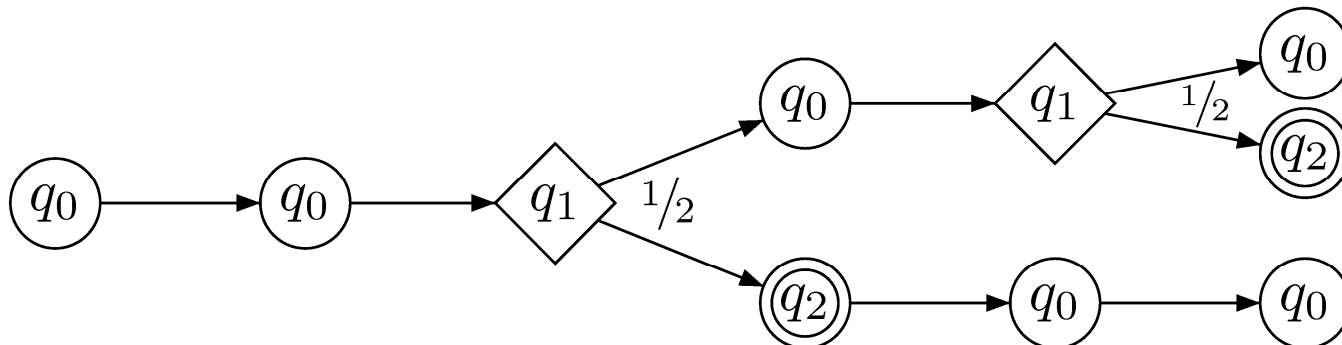
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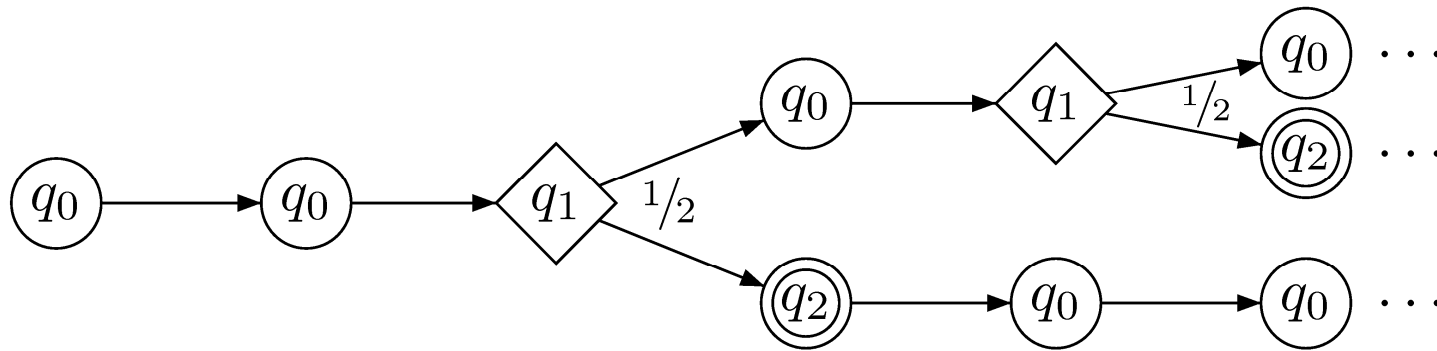
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Objective

Fix a strategy \rightarrow (infinite) Markov chain



Strategy is **almost-sure** winning, if with probability 1:

- Büchi: visit accepting states **infinitely often**.
- Parity: least priority visited **infinitely often** is even.

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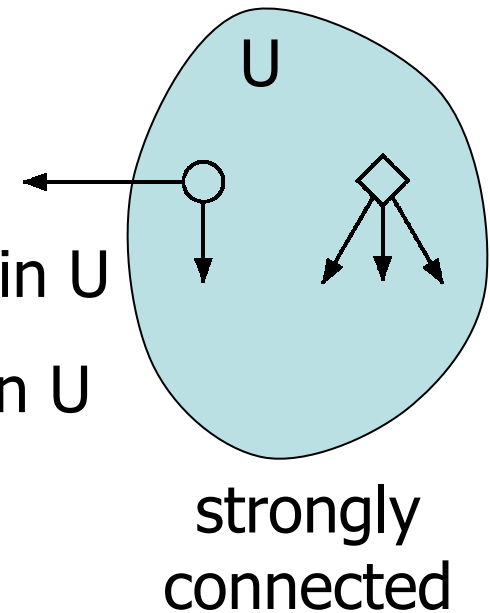
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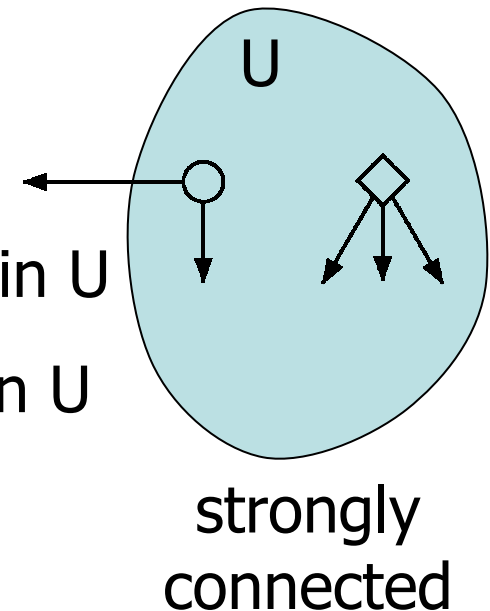


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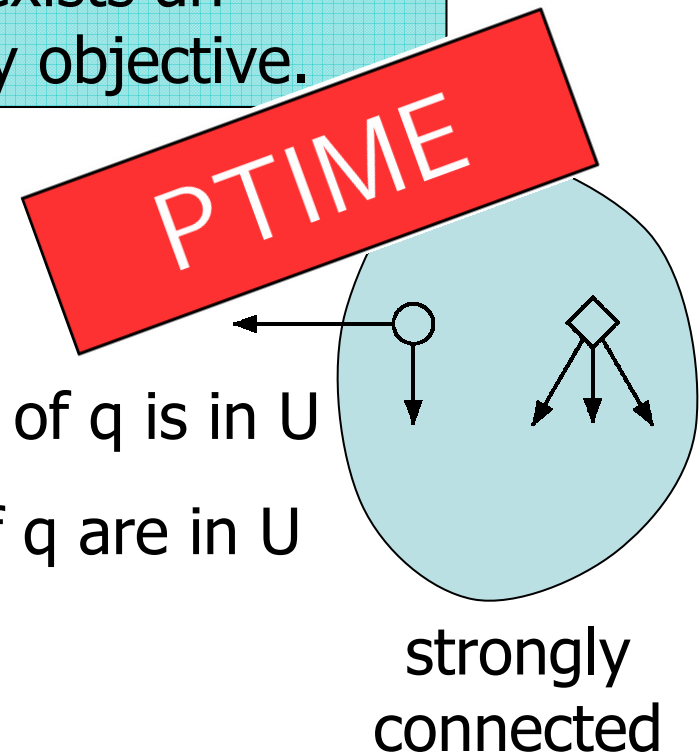
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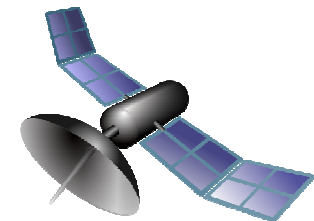
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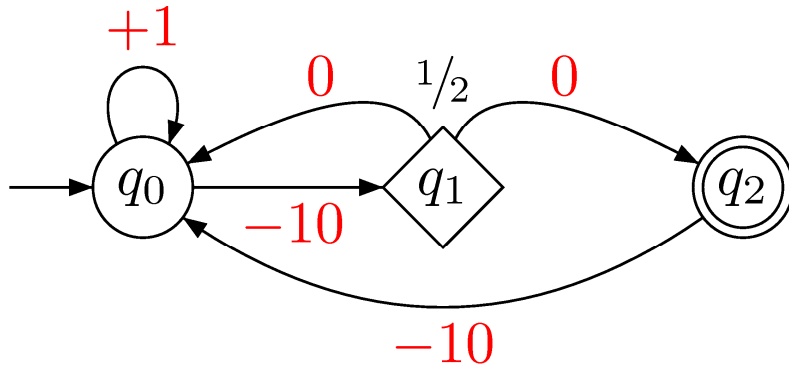
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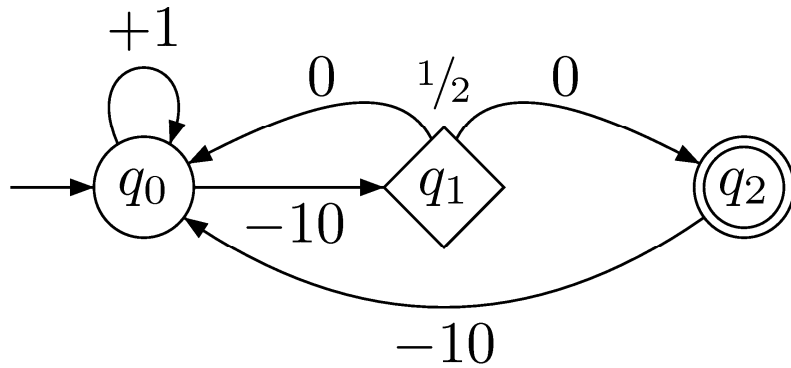


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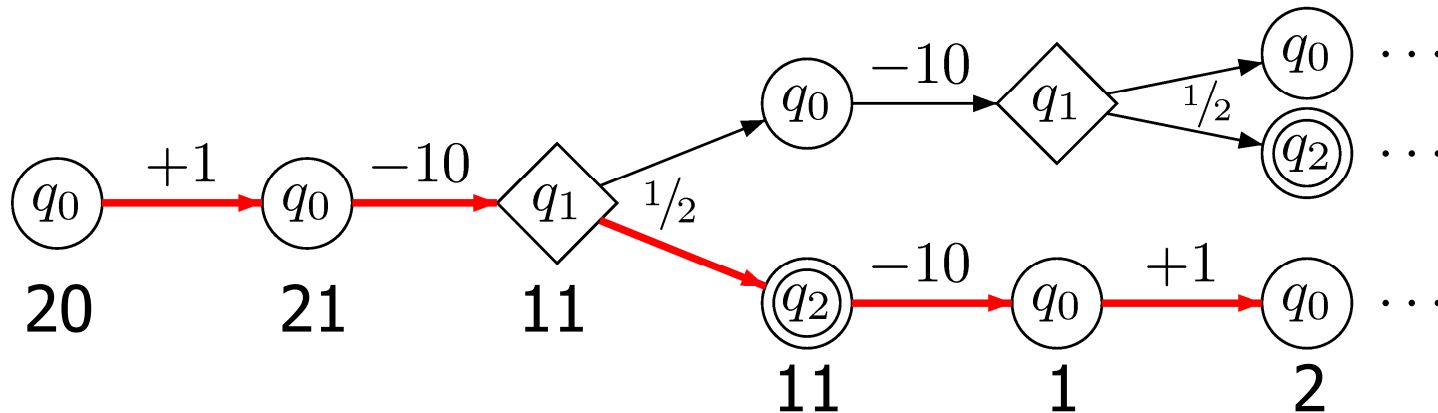
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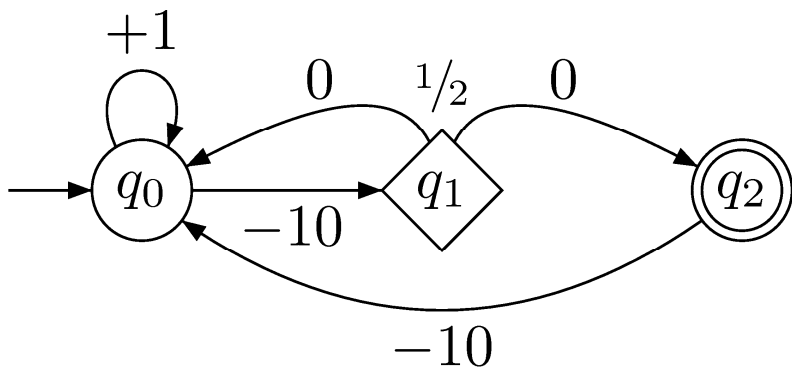


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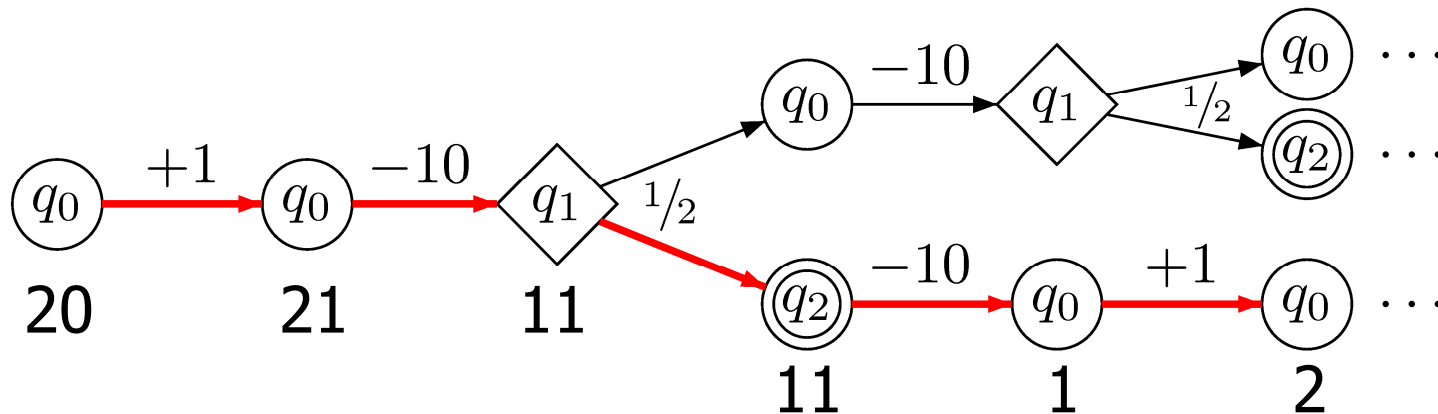
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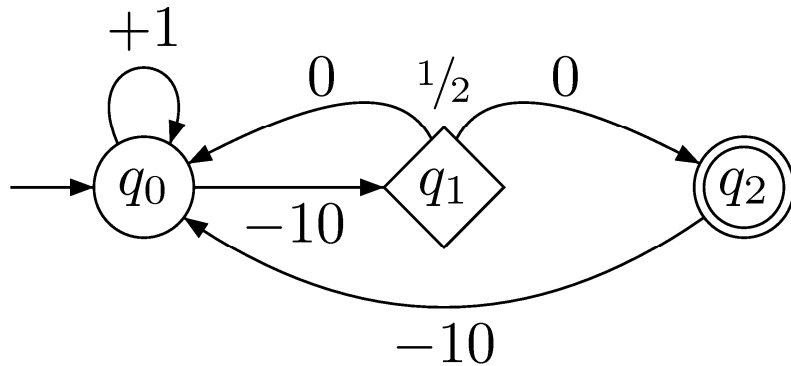
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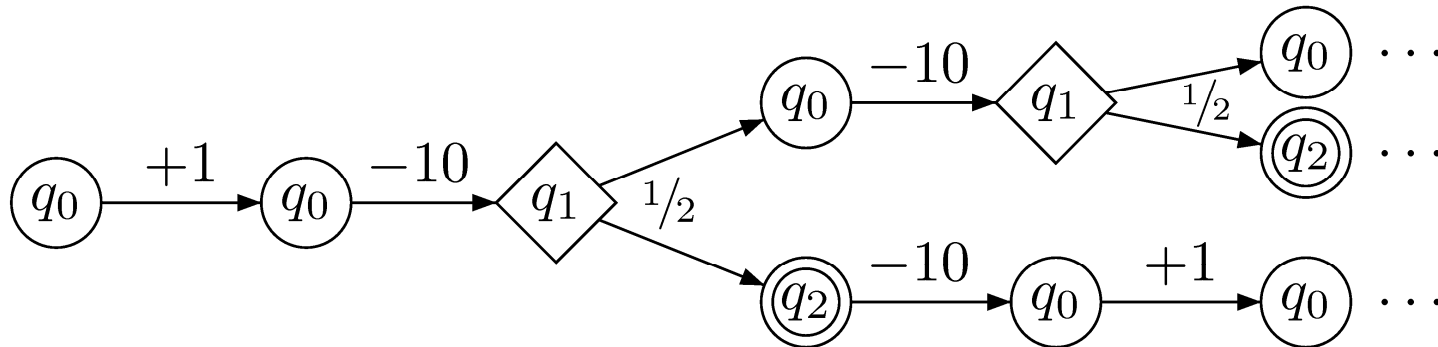


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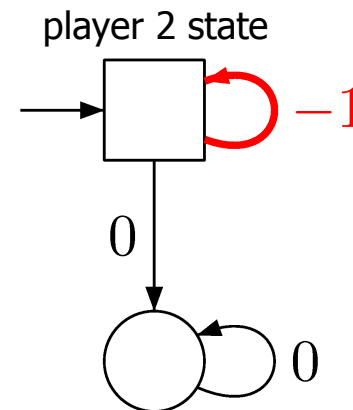
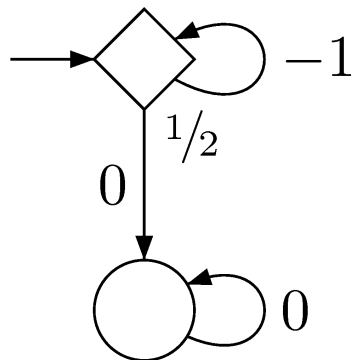
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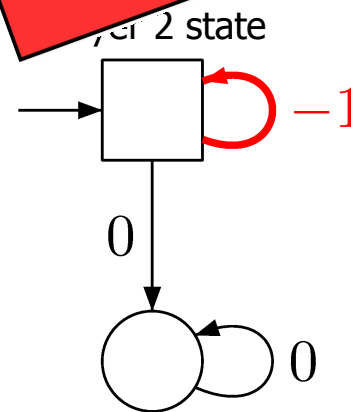
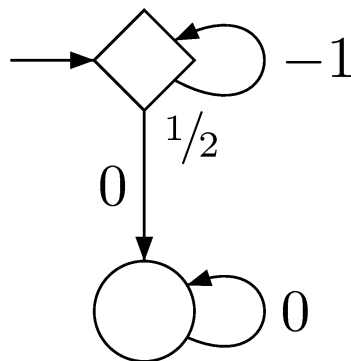
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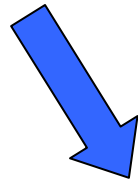
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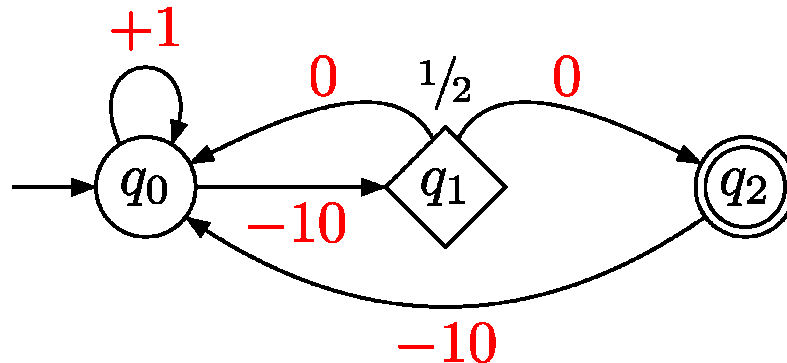
Strategy is **almost-sure** winning with initial credit c_0 ,
if with probability 1:

energy condition **and** parity condition hold

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and

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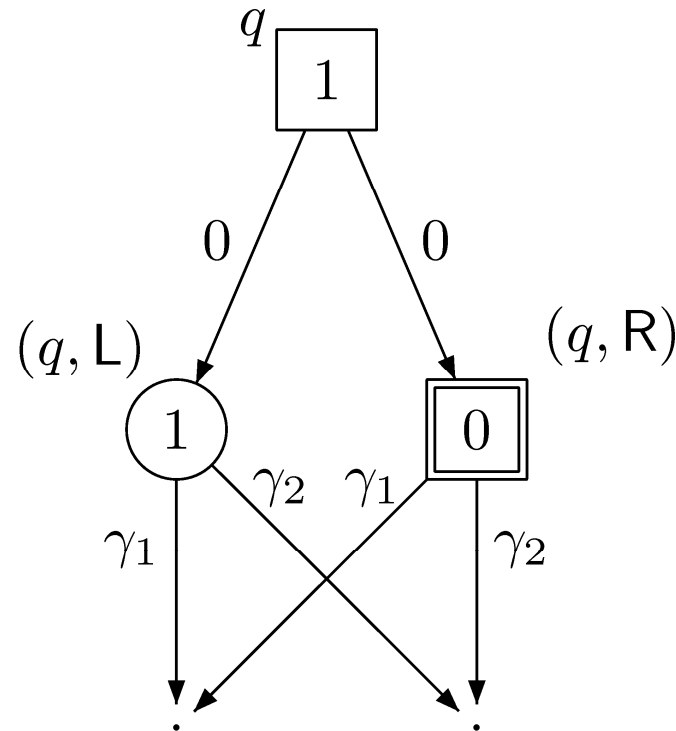
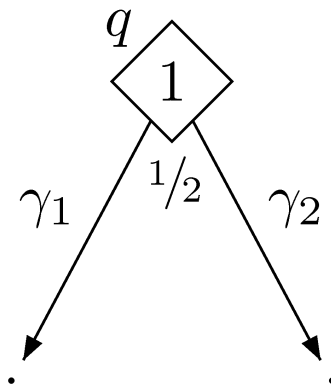
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Replace each probabilistic state by the gadget:



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Player 1 can guess an even priority $2i$, and win in the energy Büchi MDP where:

- Büchi states are $2i$ -states, and
- transitions to states with priority $< 2i$ are disallowed

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Mean-payoff Parity MDP

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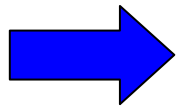
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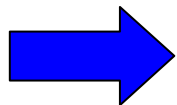
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Mean-payoff vs. Energy

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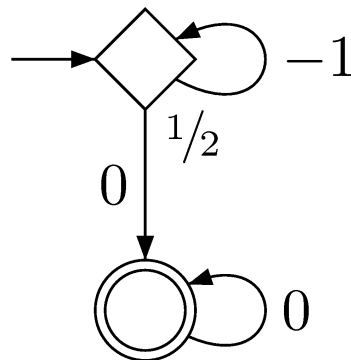
The table illustrates the complexity classes for Energy and Mean-Payoff problems. For Games, both Energy and Mean-Payoff are in $NP \cap coNP$, indicated by a double-headed orange arrow. For MDP, Energy is in $NP \cap coNP$ while Mean-Payoff is in PTIME, indicated by a vertical double-headed orange arrow.

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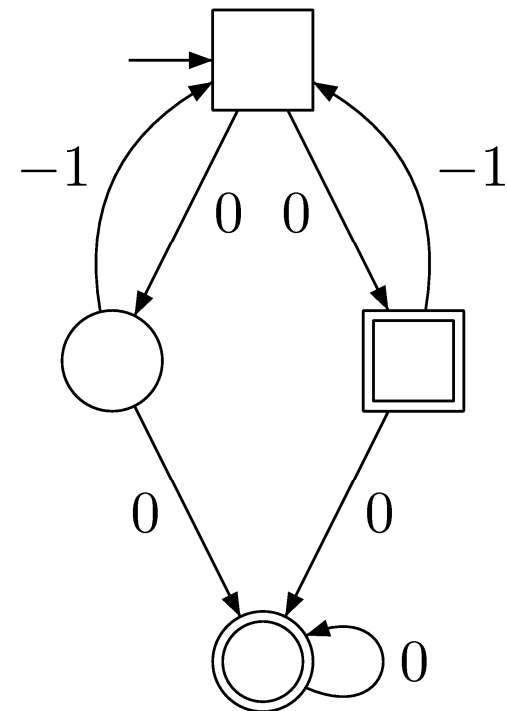
Find a strategy which ensures with probability 1:

- parity condition, and
- mean-payoff value $\geq \nu$

- Gadget reduction does not work:



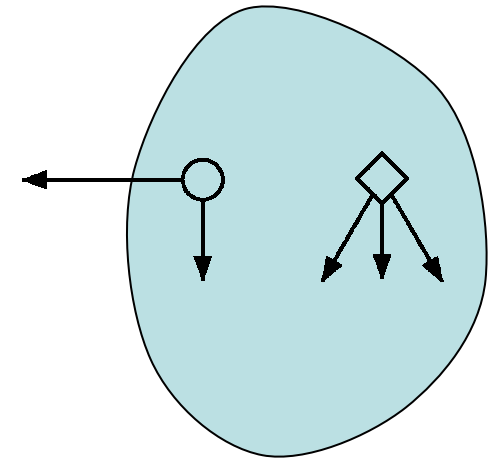
Player 1 almost-surely wins ($\nu = 0$)



Player 1 loses

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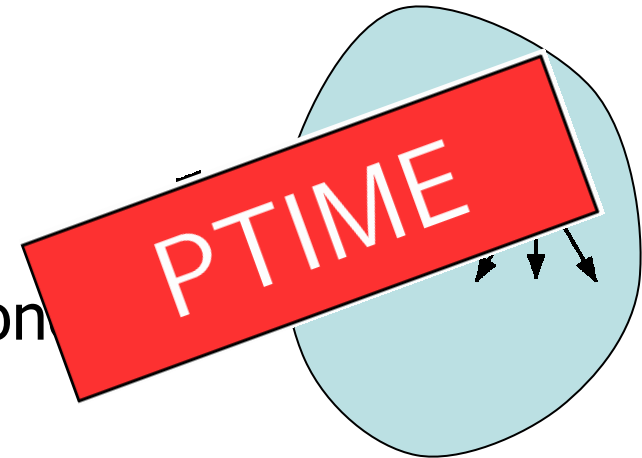
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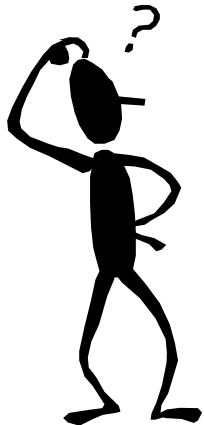
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MDP	$2 \cdot n \cdot W$	infinite

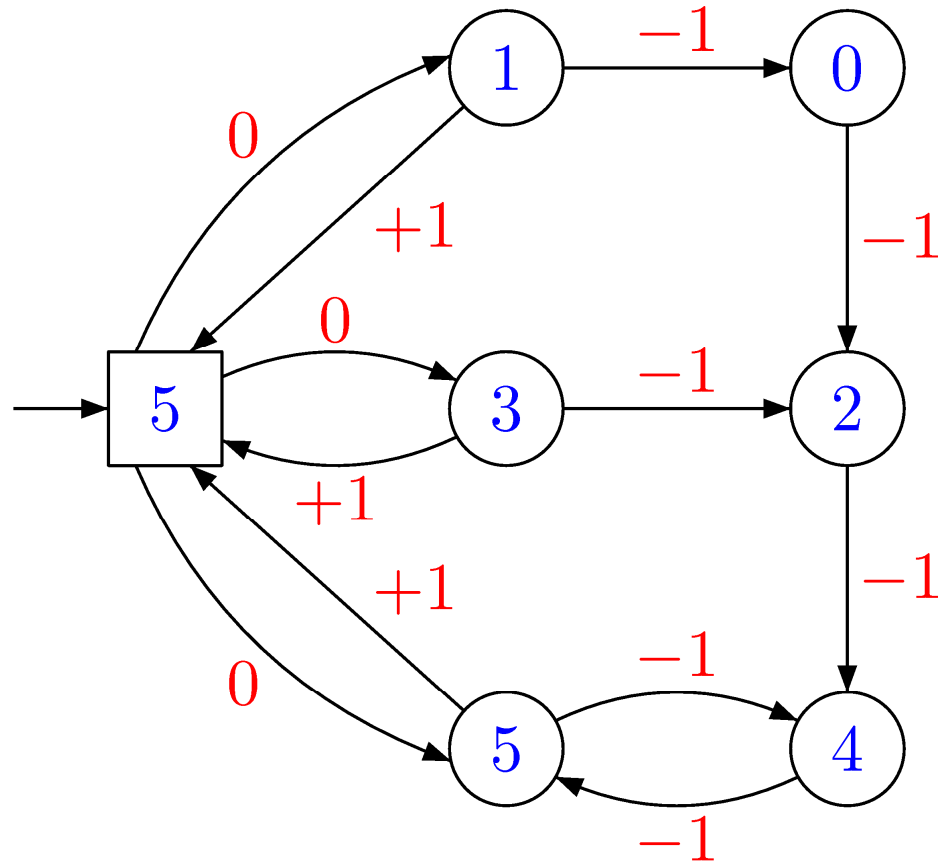
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Thank you !



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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

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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
6  |    $A_0 \leftarrow Q$  /* over-approximation of Player-1 winning
   |   states */ ;
7  |   repeat
8  | |    $A'_i \leftarrow \text{SolveEnergyGame}(G_i, w')$  (where  $w'$  is defined in
   | |   Lemma ??) ;
9  | |    $X_i \leftarrow \text{Attr}_1(A'_i \cap p^{-1}(0))$  ;
10 | |   Let  $G'_i$  be the subgraph of  $G_i$  induced by  $A'_i \setminus X_i$  ;
11 | |    $Z_i \leftarrow (A'_i \setminus X_i) \setminus \text{SolveEnergyParityGame}(G'_i, p, w)$  ;
12 | |    $A_{i+1} \leftarrow A'_i \setminus \text{Attr}_2(Z_i)$  ;
13 | |   Let  $G_{i+1}$  be the subgraph of  $G_i$  induced by  $A_{i+1}$  ;
14 | |    $i \leftarrow i + 1$  ;
   |   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 | |    $Y_i \leftarrow \text{Attr}_2(B_i \cap p^{-1}(1))$  ;
20 | |   Let  $G_{i+1}$  be the subgraph of  $G_i$  induced by  $B_i \setminus Y_i$  ;
21 | |    $B_{i+1} \leftarrow B_i \setminus \text{Attr}_1(\text{SolveEnergyParityGame}(G_{i+1}, p, w))$  ;
22 | |    $i \leftarrow i + 1$  ;
   |   until  $B_i = B_{i-1}$  ;
23 |   return  $Q \setminus B_i$  ;
end
```

Mean-payoff parity

Algorithm 1 ComputeLeastValueClass

- Input:** a mean-payoff parity game $\mathcal{MP} = (\mathcal{G}, p, r)$ such that $p^{-1}(0) \neq \emptyset$ and the game is parity winning for player 1.
- Output:** a nonempty 1-closed subset of \mathcal{LV} , and $MP_1(v)$ for all $v \in \mathcal{LV}$.
1. $F = Attr_1(p^{-1}(0), \mathcal{G})$.
 2. $H = V \setminus F$ and $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{G} \upharpoonright H$.
 3. **MeanPayoffParitySolve**(\mathcal{H}) (Algorithm 3).
 4. Construct the mean-payoff game $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ as described in Subsection 3.1 and **Solve**
 5. Let $\mathcal{LV}_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}}$ be the least value class in $\tilde{\mathcal{G}}$ and \tilde{l} be the least value.
 6. $\mathcal{LV} = \mathcal{LV}_{\tilde{\mathcal{G}}} \cap V$, and $MP_1(v) = \tilde{l}$ for all $v \in \mathcal{LV}$.
 7. **return** $(\mathcal{LV}, \tilde{l})$.

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 $T_1 = \{v \in J_i \cap V_1 : \exists w \in W_0. Val(w) = g \text{ and } (v, w) \in E\}$; and $W_0 = W_0 \cup UnivReach(T_1)$.
 - 2.3 For every vertex $v \in UnivReach(T_1)$, 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 $T_2 = \{v \in J_i \cap V_2 : \exists w \in W_0. Val(w) = l \text{ and } (v, w) \in E\}$; and $W_0 = W_0 \cup UnivReach(T_2)$.
 - 4.3 For every vertex $v \in UnivReach(T_2)$, set $Val(v) = l$.
 - 4.4 **goto** Step 6.3. of **MeanPayoffParitySolve**.

Algorithm 2 ComputeGreatestValueClass

- Input:** a mean-payoff parity game $\mathcal{MP} = (\mathcal{G}, p, r)$ such that $p^{-1}(0) = \emptyset$ and $p^{-1}(1) \neq \emptyset$, and the game is parity winning for player 1.
- Output:** a nonempty
1. $F = Attr_2(p^{-1}(1), \mathcal{G})$.
 2. $H = V \setminus F$ and \mathcal{H}
 3. **MeanPayoffParitySolve**(\mathcal{H}) (Algorithm 3).
 4. Let $\mathcal{GV}_{\mathcal{H}}$ be the gr
 5. $\mathcal{GV} = \mathcal{GV}_{\mathcal{H}}$, and \hat{g}
 6. **return** (\mathcal{GV}, \hat{g}) .

Algorithm 3 MeanPayoffParitySolve

- Input:** a mean-payoff parity game \mathcal{MP} . **Output:** the value function MP_1 .
1. Compute W_1 and W_2 by any algorithm for solving parity games.
 2. For every vertex $v \in W_2$, set $Val(v) = -\infty$. 3. $W_0 = \emptyset$. 4. $\mathcal{G}_0 = \mathcal{G} \upharpoonright W_1$ and $V^0 = W_1$. 5. $i = 0$.
 6. **repeat**
 - 6.1. **while** $(p^{-1}(0) \cup p^{-1}(1)) \cap V_i = \emptyset$ **do** set $p = p - 2$. **end while**
 - 6.2. Let (W_1^i, W_2^i) be the partition of the parity winning sets in \mathcal{G}_i .
 - 6.2.a. **if** $W_2^i \neq \emptyset$ **then**
 - 6.2.a.1. $g = \max\{Val(w) : w \in W_0 \text{ and } \exists v \in W_2^i \cap V_1. (v, w) \in E\}$.
 - 6.2.a.2. $T_1 = \{v \in L_i \cap V_1 : \exists w \in W_0. Val(w) = g \text{ and } (v, w) \in E\}$.
 - 6.2.a.3. $W_0 = W_0 \cup UnivReach(T_1)$.
 - 6.2.a.4. For every vertex $v \in UnivReach(T_1)$, set $Val(v) = g$.
 - goto** Step. 6.3.
 - 6.2.b. **else**
 - 6.2.b.1. **if** $p^{-1}(0) \cap V_i \neq \emptyset$ **then** let $(L_i, l_i) = \text{ComputeLeastValueClass}(\mathcal{G}_i)$.
 - 6.2.b.1.a. Subroutine **SetValues**(L_i, l_i)
 - 6.2.b.1.b. $W_0 = W_0 \cup L_i$, and for every vertex $v \in L_i$, set $Val(v) = l_i$.
 - 6.2.b.2. **else** $(G_i, g_i) = \text{ComputeGreatestValueClass}(\mathcal{G}_i)$.
 - 6.2.b.2.a. Subroutine **SetValues**(G_i, g_i)
 - 6.2.b.2.b. $W_0 = W_0 \cup G_i$, and for every vertex $v \in G_i$, set $Val(v) = g_i$.
 - 6.3. $V^{i+1} = V^i \setminus W_0$ and $\mathcal{G}_i = \mathcal{G} \upharpoonright V^i$.
 - 6.4. $i = i + 1$.
 - until** $V_i = \emptyset$ (**end repeat**)
 7. $MP_1 = Val$.

Complexity

	Strategy		Algorithmic complexity
	Player 1	Player 2	
Energy	memoryless	memoryless	$NP \cap coNP$
Parity	memoryless	memoryless	$NP \cap coNP$
Energy parity	exponential	memoryless	$NP \cap coNP$
Mean-payoff	memoryless	memoryless	$NP \cap coNP$
Mean-payoff parity	infinite	memoryless	$NP \cap coNP$