

Real Reward Testing for Probabilistic Processes

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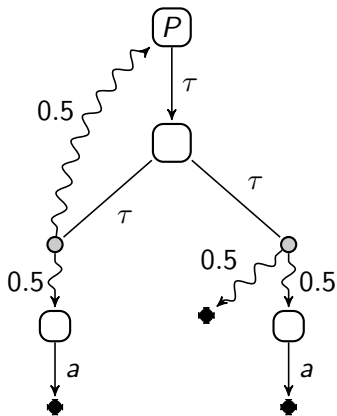
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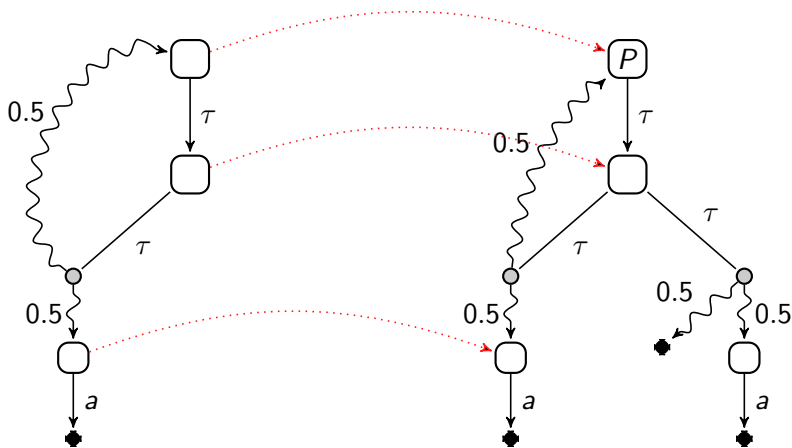
Resolution of process Δ from pLTS \mathbf{M} :

- ▶ a **deterministic** pLTS $\mathbf{R} = \langle R, \Omega_{\tau}, \rightarrow_R \rangle$ but probabilistic
- ▶ a process Θ_{Δ} in \mathbf{R}
- ▶ a resolving function $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{M}$ explaining how process Θ_{Δ} in \mathbf{R} is an execution of Δ in \mathbf{M}

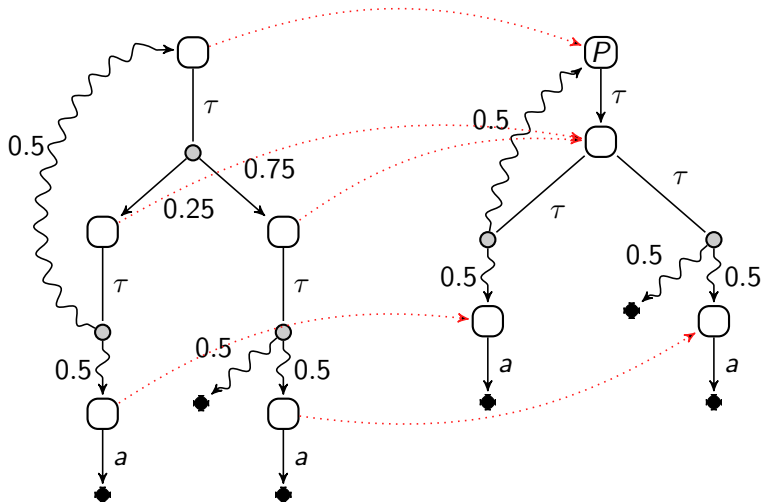
Calculating outcomes:

- ▶ Each resolution \mathbf{R} of process Δ determines an outcome $\alpha_{\mathbf{R}}$
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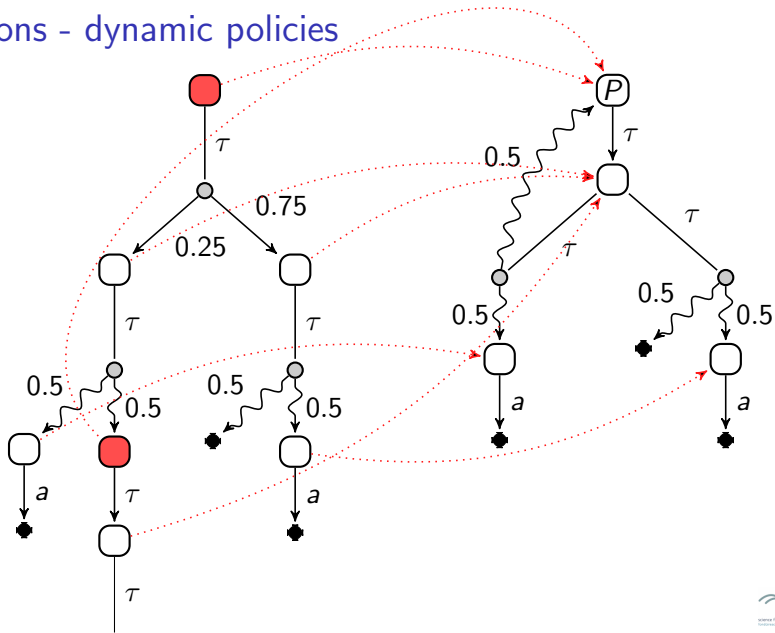
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