

Probabilistic Team Semantics

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The semantics are inherited from multiteam semantics.

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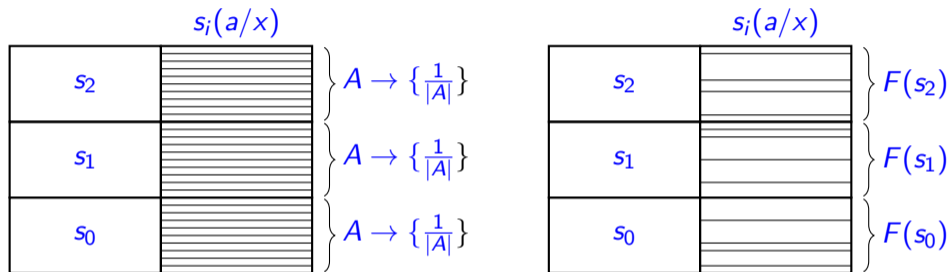
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Above p_A denote the set those distributions that have domain A .

Intuition of the quantifiers



- ▶ Universal quantification (i.e., the set $\mathbb{X}[A/x]$) is depicted on left.
- ▶ Existential quantification (i.e., the set $\mathbb{X}[F/x]$) is depicted on right.
- ▶ Height of a box corresponds to the probability of an assignment.

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Example

Consider a database table that lists results of experiments as a **multiteam** or as the related **probabilistic team** using the counting measure.

- ▶ Records: Outcomes of measurements obtained simultaneously in two locations.
- ▶ Attributes: **Test1** and **Test2** ranging over types of measurements, and **Outcome1** and **Outcome2** ranging over outcomes of the measurements.

The probabilistic independence atom $\text{Test1} \perp\!\!\!\perp \text{Test2}$ expresses that the types of measurements are independently picked in the two locations.

The marginal identity atom $(\text{Test1}, \text{Outcome1}) \approx (\text{Test2}, \text{Outcome2})$ expresses that the distributions of tests and results are the same in both test sites.

The formula $\text{Test1} = \text{Test2} \vee (\text{Test1} \neq \text{Test2} \wedge \text{Outcome1} \perp\!\!\!\perp \text{Outcome2})$ expresses that there is no correlation between outcomes of the different measurements.

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Let τ and σ be a relational and a functional vocabulary. A probabilistic $\tau \cup \sigma$ -structure is a tuple

$$\mathfrak{A} = (A, \mathbb{Q}_{[0,1]}, (R_i^{\mathfrak{A}})_{R_i \in \tau}, (f_i^{\mathfrak{A}})_{f_i \in \sigma}),$$

where

- ▶ A (i.e. the domain of \mathfrak{A}) is a finite nonempty set,
- ▶ $\mathbb{Q}_{[0,1]}$ is the set of rational numbers in the closed interval $[0, 1]$,
- ▶ each $R_i^{\mathfrak{A}}$ is a relation on A (i.e., a subset of $A^{\text{ar}(R_i)}$),
- ▶ each $f_i^{\mathfrak{A}}$ is a probability distribution from $A^{\text{ar}(f_i)}$ to $\mathbb{Q}_{[0,1]}$ (i.e., a function such that $\sum_{\vec{a} \in A^{\text{ar}(f_i)}} f_i(\vec{a}) = 1$).

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$$i(\bar{x}) = \frac{p}{q}$$

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Exact cover example

Multiteam \mathcal{X}				
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0	S_2	2	2	1
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