

# Deciding Probabilistic Bisimilarity Distance One for Labelled Markov Chains

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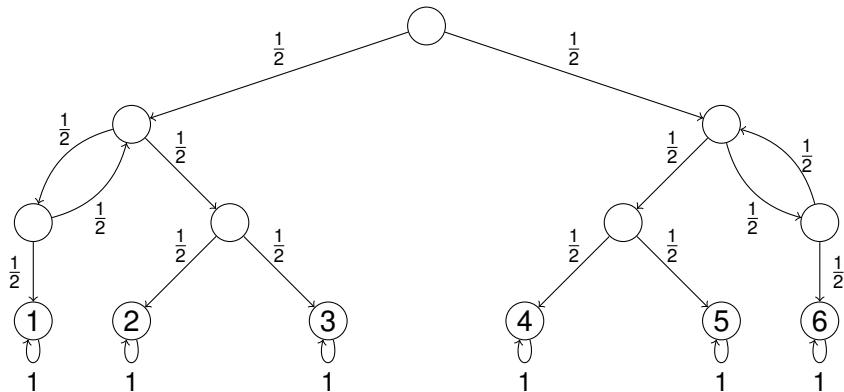
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## 1 Overview

- Probabilistic bisimilarity
- Probabilistic bisimilarity distances
- Algorithm to compute distances
- Deciding distance one

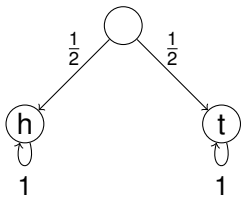
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# Labelled Markov Chain



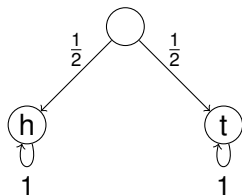
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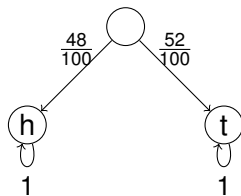


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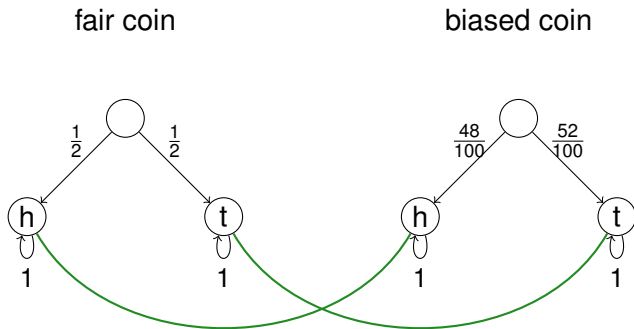
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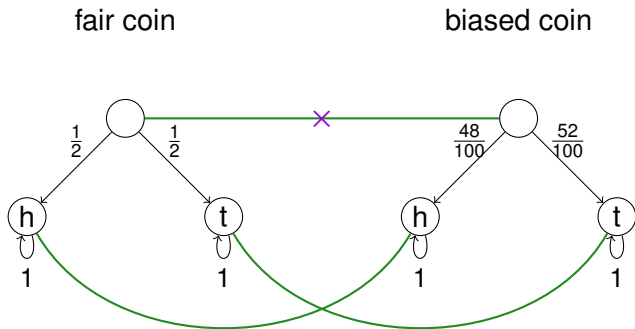


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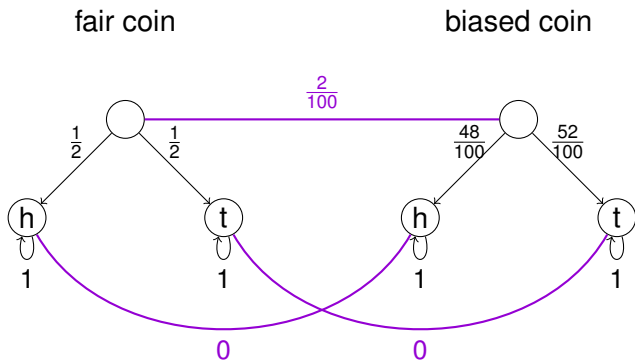
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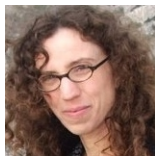
Each state has distance zero to itself. All other distances are one.



# Probabilistic Bisimilarity Distances

## Theorem

*States are probabilistic bisimilar if and only if their probabilistic bisimilarity distance is zero.*



Desharnais, Gupta, Jagadeesan and Panangaden.  
CONCUR 1999.

Franck van Breugel. Probabilistic bisimilarity distances.  
SIGLOG News, 4(4):33–51, October 2017.

# Algorithm to Compute Distances

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Derisavi, Hermanns and Sanders. IPL 2003.

- 2 Policy iteration in  $\Omega(2^n)$



Bacci, Bacci, Larsen and Mardare. TACAS 2013

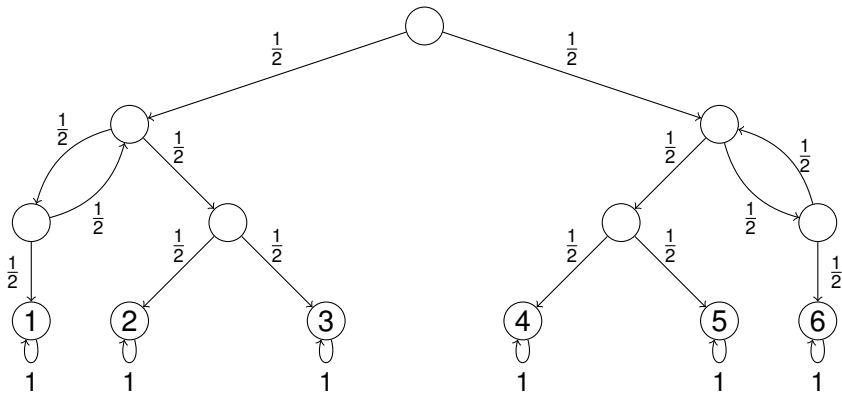
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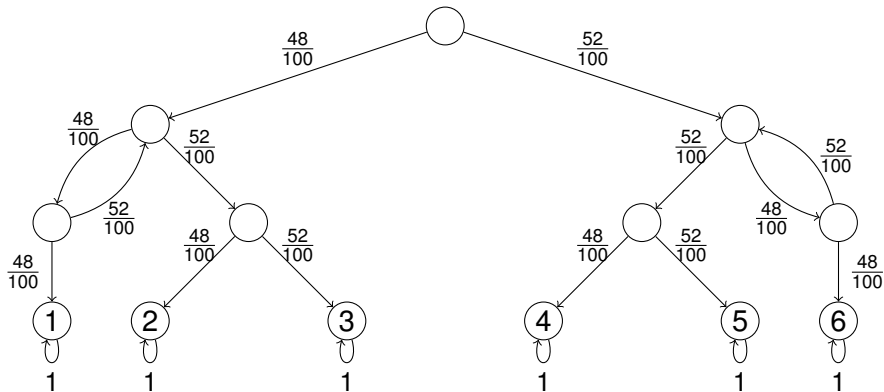
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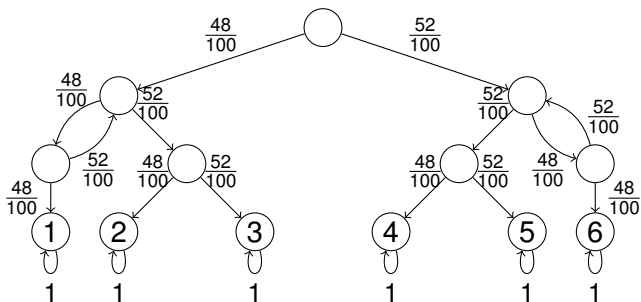
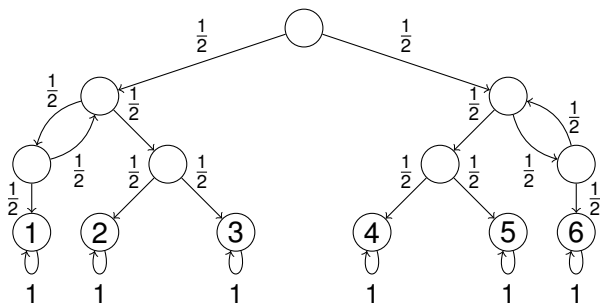
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# Compute Distances smaller than $\epsilon$

- 1 Decide distance zero
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- 3 Compute  $\Delta(d)$  where

$$d(s, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if distance of } s \text{ and } t \text{ is one} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- 4 Partial policy iteration for

$$\{ (s, t) \in \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{S} \mid \Delta(d)(s, t) \leq \epsilon \}$$



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## 2 Details

- Probabilistic bisimilarity distances
- Distance zero
- Distance one

## Definition

A labelled Markov chain is a tuple  $\langle S, L, \tau, \ell \rangle$  consisting of

- a nonempty finite set  $S$  of states,
- a nonempty finite set of  $L$  of labels,
- a transition function  $\tau : S \rightarrow \text{Distr}(S)$  and
- a labelling function  $\ell : S \rightarrow L$ .

The probability of transitioning from state  $s$  to state  $t$  is  $\tau(s)(t)$ .

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Let  $d : S \times S \rightarrow [0, 1]$  and  $s, t \in S$ .

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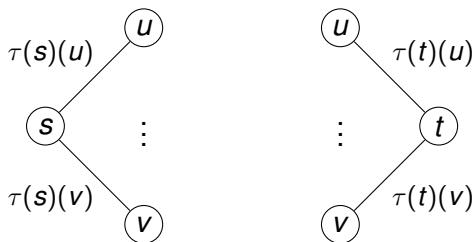
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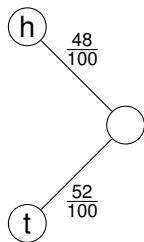
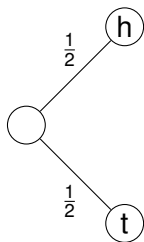
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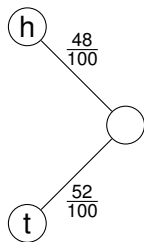
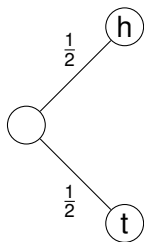


- $d(u, v)$  : cost to transport one unit between  $u$  and  $v$   
 $c(u, v)$  : amount transported between  $u$  and  $v$

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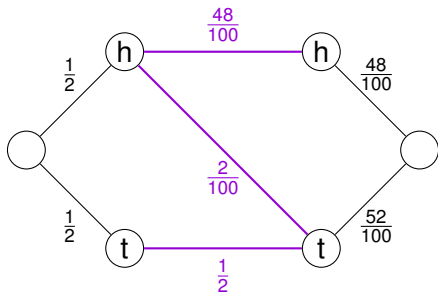


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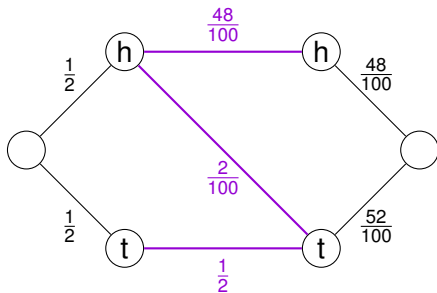
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$$\frac{48}{100} \times 0 + \frac{2}{100} \times 1 + \frac{1}{2} \times 1 = \frac{2}{100}$$

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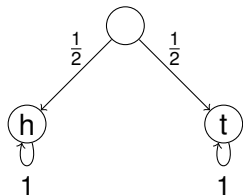
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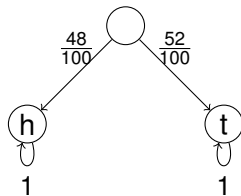
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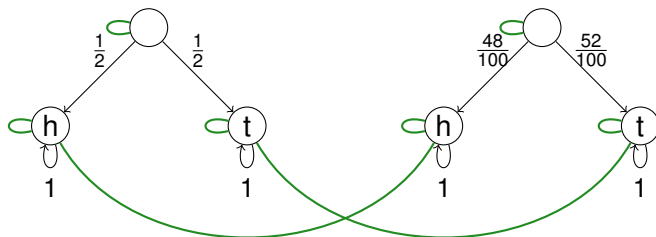
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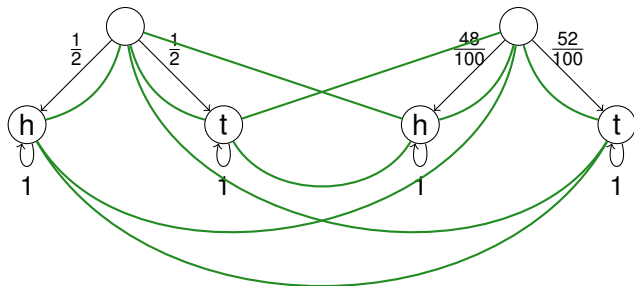
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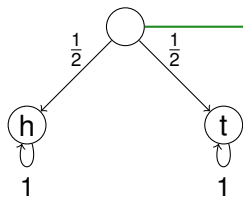
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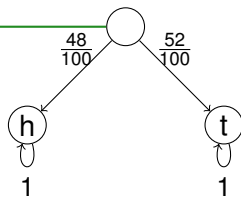
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## Proof

$G$  has  $n^2$  vertices and  $m^2$  edges. Breadth first search, with the queue initially containing  $S_0^2$ , traverses all vertices in  $\text{lfp}(L)$  and takes  $O(n^2 + m^2)$ .

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- New algorithm to compute distances.
- New polynomial time algorithm to decide if there are any non-trivial distances.
- New algorithm to compute all distances smaller than a given  $\epsilon$ .