

Different Monotonicity Definitions in stochastic modelling

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Introduction

Concept of monotonicity

- Lower and Upper bounding
- Coupling of trajectories (perfect Sampling) \longrightarrow Reduce the complexity.

Different notions of monotonicity

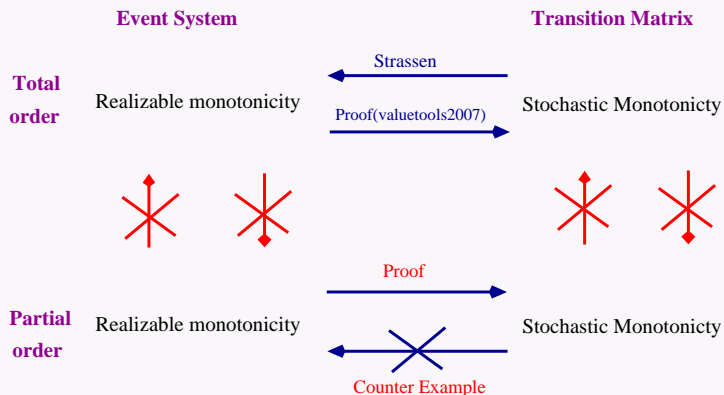
- Order on trajectories(Event monotonicity).
- Order on distribution (Stochastic monotonicity).

Monotonicity concepts depends on the relation order considered on the state space

- **Partial order and total order**

Main results

Relations between monotonicity concepts in Total and Partial Orders



Markovian Discrete Event Systems(MDES)

MDES

are dynamic systems evolving asynchronously and interacting at irregular instants called *event epochs*. They are defined by:

- a state space \mathcal{X}
- a set of events \mathcal{E}
- a set of probability measures \mathcal{P}
- transition function Φ
- $\mathbb{P}(e) \in \mathcal{P}$ denotes the occurrence probability

Event

An event e is an application defined on \mathcal{X} , that associates to each state $x \in \mathcal{X}$ a new state $y \in \mathcal{X}$.

Markovian Discrete Event Systems(MDES)

Transition function with events

Let X_i be the state of the system at the i^{th} event occurrence time. The transition function $\Phi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$,

$$X_{n+1} = \Phi(X_n, e_{n+1})$$

Φ must to obey to the following property to generate \mathbf{P} :

$$p_{ij} = \mathbb{P}(\phi(x_i, E) = x_j) = \sum_{e | \Phi(x_i, e) = x_j} \mathbb{P}(E = e)$$

Discrete Time Markov Chains (DTMC)

DTMC

$\{X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{n+1}, \dots\}$: stochastic process observed at points $\{0, 1, \dots, n+1\}$.

► It constitutes a DTMC if:

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\forall x_i \in \mathcal{X}$:

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{n+1} = x_{n+1} | X_n = x_n, X_{n-1} = x_{n-1}, \dots, X_0 = x_0) = \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1} = x_{n+1} | X_n = x_n).$$

The one-step transition probability p_{ij} are given in a non-negative, stochastic transition matrix \mathbf{P} :

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{P}^{(1)} = [p_{ij}] \begin{pmatrix} p_{00} & p_{01} & p_{02} & \dots \\ p_{10} & p_{11} & p_{12} & \dots \\ p_{20} & p_{21} & p_{22} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Discrete Time Markov Chains (DTMC)

A probability transition matrix \mathbf{P} , can be described by a transition function

Transition function in a DTMC

$\Phi : \mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$, is a transition function for \mathbf{P} where :
 U is a random variable taking values in an arbitrary probability space \mathcal{U} , such that:

- $\forall x, y \in \mathcal{X} : \mathbb{P}(\Phi(x, U) = y) = p_{xy}$
- $X_{n+1} = \Phi(X_n, U_{n+1})$

Stochastic ordering

Stochastic ordering

Let T and V be two discrete random variables and Γ an increasing set defined on \mathcal{X}

$$T \preceq_{st} V \Leftrightarrow \sum_{x \in \Gamma} \mathbb{P}(T = x) \leq \sum_{x \in \Gamma} \mathbb{P}(V = x), \quad \forall \Gamma$$

Definition (Increasing set)

Any subset Γ of \mathcal{X} is called an increasing set if $x \preceq y$ and $x \in \Gamma$ implies $y \in \Gamma$.

Stochastic ordering

Example

- Let (\mathcal{X}, \preceq) be a partial ordered state space, $\mathcal{X} = \{a, b, c, d\}$.
- $a \preceq b \preceq d$, and $a \preceq c \preceq d$,
- Increasing sets: $\Gamma_1 = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $\Gamma_2 = \{b, c, d\}$, $\Gamma_3 = \{b, d\}$, $\Gamma_4 = \{c, d\}$, $\Gamma_5 = \{d\}$.
- $V1 = (0.4, 0.2, 0.1, 0.3)$
 $V2 = (0.2, 0.1, 0.3, 0.4)$
 $V1 \preceq_{st} V2$

On a :

- For $\Gamma_1 = \{a, b, c, d\}$: $0.4 + 0.2 + 0.1 + 0.3 \leq 0.2 + 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.4$
- For $\Gamma_2 = \{b, c, d\}$: $0.2 + 0.1 + 0.3 \leq 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.4$
- For $\Gamma_3 = \{b, d\}$: $0.2 + 0.3 \leq 0.1 + 0.4$
- For $\Gamma_4 = \{c, d\}$: $0.1 + 0.3 \leq 0.3 + 0.4$
- For $\Gamma_5 = \{d\}$: $0.3 \leq 0.4$

Stochastic monotonicity

Stochastic monotonicity

P a transition probability matrix of a time-homogeneous Markov chain $\{X_n, n \geq 0\}$ taking values in \mathcal{X} endowed with relation order \preceq .

$\{X_n, n \geq 0\}$ is st-monotone if and only if,
 $\forall(x, y) \mid x \preceq y$ and \forall increasing set $\Gamma \in \mathcal{X}$

$$\sum_{z \in \Gamma} p_{xz} \leq \sum_{z \in \Gamma} p_{yz}$$

Realizable monotonicity

Realizable monotonicity

P a stochastic matrix defined on \mathcal{X} . **P** is realizable monotone, if there exists a transition function Φ , such that Φ preserves the order relation.

$\forall u \in \mathbf{U}$:

$$\text{if } x \preceq y \text{ then } \Phi(x, u) \preceq \Phi(y, u)$$

Event monotonicity

The model is event monotone, if the transition function by events preserves the order ie. $\forall e \in \mathcal{E}$

$$\forall (x, y) \in \mathcal{X} \quad x \preceq y \implies \Phi(x, e) \preceq \Phi(y, e)$$

A system is realizable monotone means that there exists a finite set of events \mathcal{E} for which the system is event monotone

Monotonicity and perfect sampling

Principle

- Produce exact sampling of stationary distribution (Π) of a DTMC.
- One trajectory per state.
- The algorithm stops when all trajectories meet the same state

coupling

The evolution of the trajectories will be confused.

If the model is event monotone

- Run only trajectories from minimal and maximal states.
- All other trajectories are always between these trajectories.
- If there is coupling at time t so all the other trajectories have also coalesced.

► The tool **PSI 2** was developed to implement this method of simulation (JM.Vincent).

Relations between monotonicity concepts

Total Order

$(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E})$: **MDES**

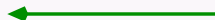
P: Transition matrix

Strassen

$\exists \mathcal{E} : (\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E})$ Monotone

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**Total
order**



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P(\mathcal{E}): Monotone

Relation between monotonicity concepts (Partial Order)

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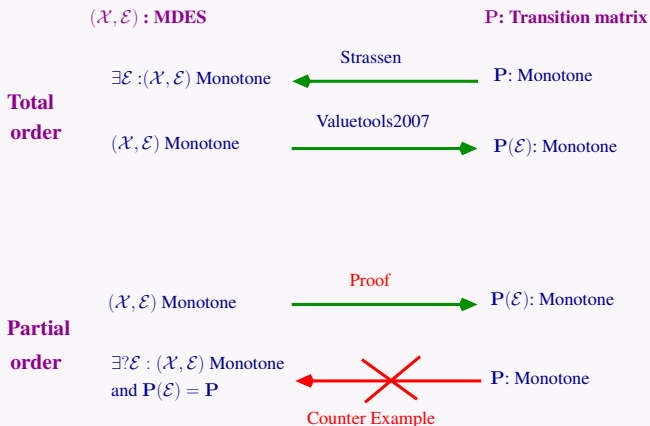
$(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{E})$ Monotone

Proof

P(\mathcal{E}): Monotone

Relation between monotonicity concepts (Partial Order)

The reciprocal is not true



Relation between monotonicity concepts (Partial Order)

Counter Example

- $\mathcal{X} = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $a \preceq b \preceq d$ and $a \preceq c \preceq d$.
- \mathbf{P} transition matrix in \mathcal{X}

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/6 & 1/3 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/6 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6
a	a			b	c	
b	a		b		d	
c	a			c	d	
d	b		c		d	

\mathbf{P} is not **realizable monotone**. We have for $u \in [3/6, 4/6]$ $\Phi(a, u) = b$ is incomparable with $\Phi(c, u) = c$.

Relation between monotonicity concepts (Partial Order)

Proof

- $b \preceq d$ and $c \preceq d$
 - Transitions from states b , c , d to state d with probability $1/3$ must be associated to the same interval u
- $a \preceq b$ and $a \preceq c$:
 - Transitions from a , c to a must be associated to the same interval, $e_u = 1/2$.
 - Transitions from a , b to a must be associated to the same interval, $e_u = 1/3$.
- For states b , and c it remains only an interval of $u_e = 1/3$ to assign .

	1/3	1/6	1/6	1/3
a	a	a	b	c
b	a	b	b	d
c	a	a	c	d
d	b	c		d

It is not possible to build a realizable monotone transition function for this matrix.

Relation between monotonicity concepts (Partial Order)

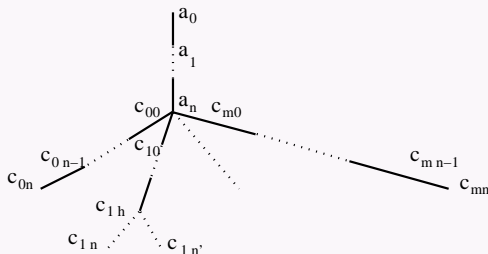
In partial orders

Define conditions on the matrix \mathbf{P} , that allows us to know whether the corresponding system is realizable monotone.

Relation between monotonicity concepts (Partial Order)

Theorem

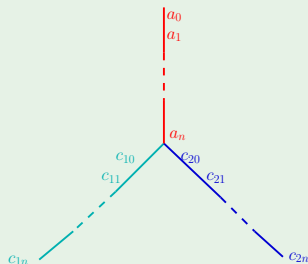
When the state space is partially ordered in a tree, if the system is stochastic monotone, then there exists a finite set of events e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n , for which the system is event-monotone.



Define an algorithm that constructs the monotone transition function Φ

Relation between monotonicity concepts (Partial Order)

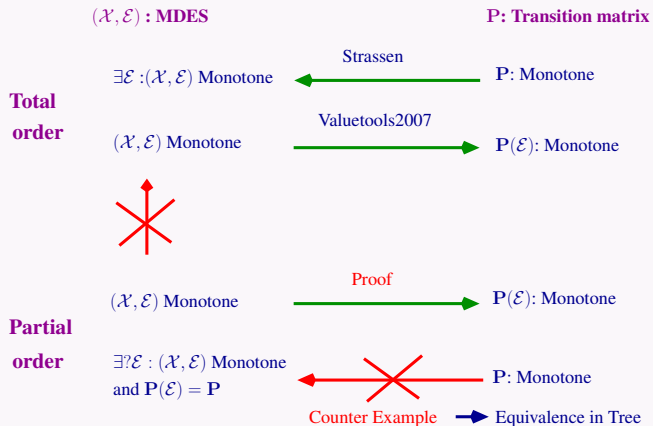
- $A = \{a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots a_n\}$: States comparable with all others.
- We consider two branches:
 - $C_1 = \{c_{10} \leq c_{11} \leq \dots, c_{1n}\}$.
 - $C_2 = \{c_{20} \leq c_{21} \leq \dots, c_{2n}\}$.



- For each branch C_i we find events which trigger transition to a state of C_i .
- Then we find events which trigger transition to a state of A .

	U0	U1	U2	U2	U2
A	A	A	C1	A	C2
C1	A	A	C1	A	C2
C2	A	C1		C2	

Realizable monotonicity in Partial Orders



Realizable monotonicity and Partial Orders

- Another way to reduce the complexity \implies reduce the number of maximal and minimal states.
 - If the system is monotone according to a partial order \preceq , can we find a total order \leq for which the system is monotone??.

Not possible with all partial orders.

Realizable monotonicity and Partial Orders

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- \mathbf{P} transition matrix in \mathcal{X}

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	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6
a	a		b		d	
b	a	b		c	d	
c	b		c	d		
d	b		c		d	

► Two possible orders:

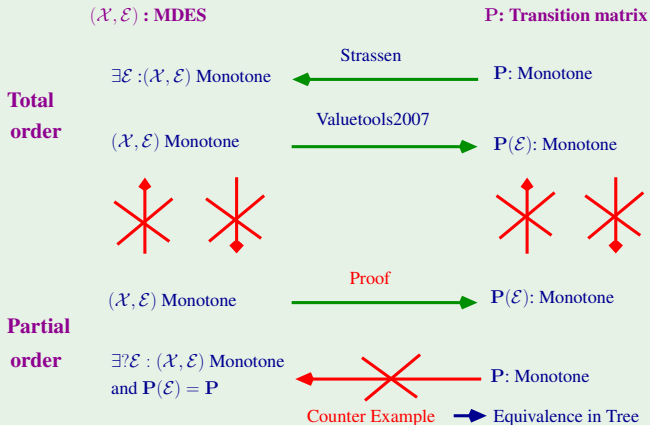
$$\odot a \leq b \leq c \leq d$$

	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6
a	a		b		d	
b	a	b	c	d		
c	b		c	d	d	
d	b		c		d	

$$\odot a \leq b \leq d \leq c$$

	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/6
a	a		b		d	
b	a	b	d	c		
d	b		d	c	c	
c	b		d		c	

Monotonicity in partial and total order



- **Total Order:** Stochastic monotonicity \Leftrightarrow Realizable monotonicity
- **Partial Order:**
 - Realizable monotonicity \Rightarrow Stochastic monotonicity
 - Stochastic monotonicity \nRightarrow Realizable monotonicity
- Monotonicity with order \preceq \Leftrightarrow Monotonicity with order \leq

► Perspectives

- In the partial order : Find another conditions to move from the stochastic monotonicity to the realizable monotonicity
- implements