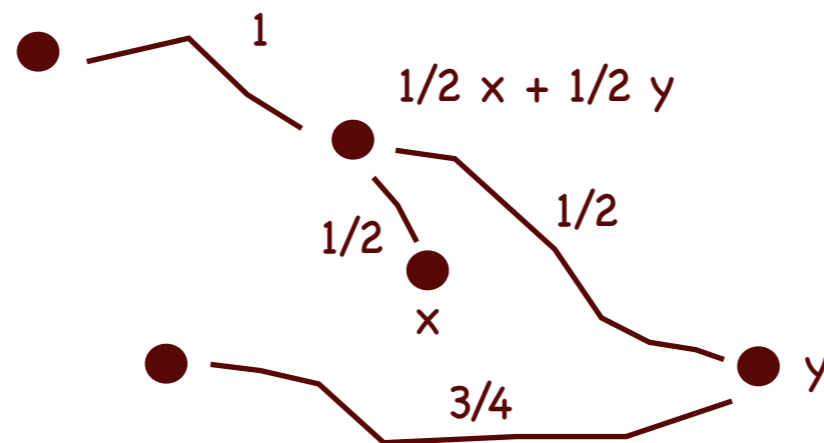


# Syntax and Semantics for Nondeterminism and Probability

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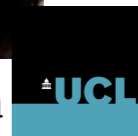
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I will tell you:

Mathematical framework  
based on category theory  
for state-based  
systems semantics

1. Just the absolute basics of coalgebra
2. (Trace) semantics via determinisation..
3. ...enabled by algebraic structure

for  
nondeterministic/  
probabilistic...  
systems

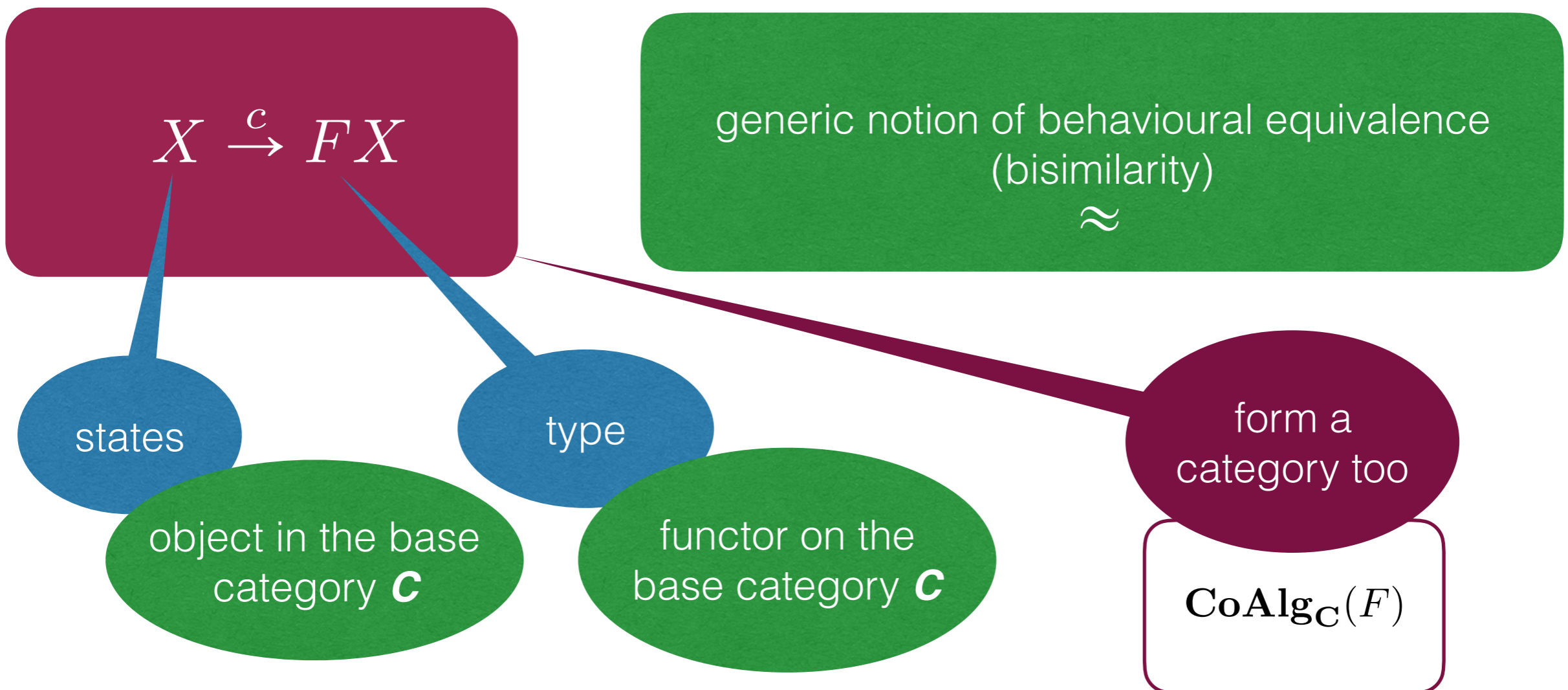
systems with  
algebraic effects

syntax



# Coalgebras

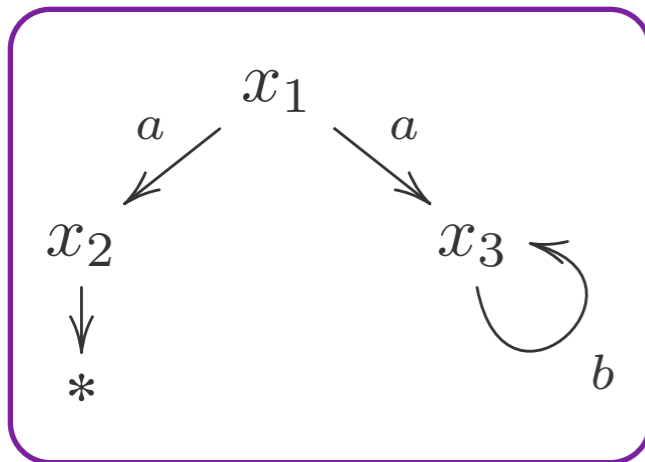
Uniform framework for dynamic transition systems, based on category theory.



# Examples

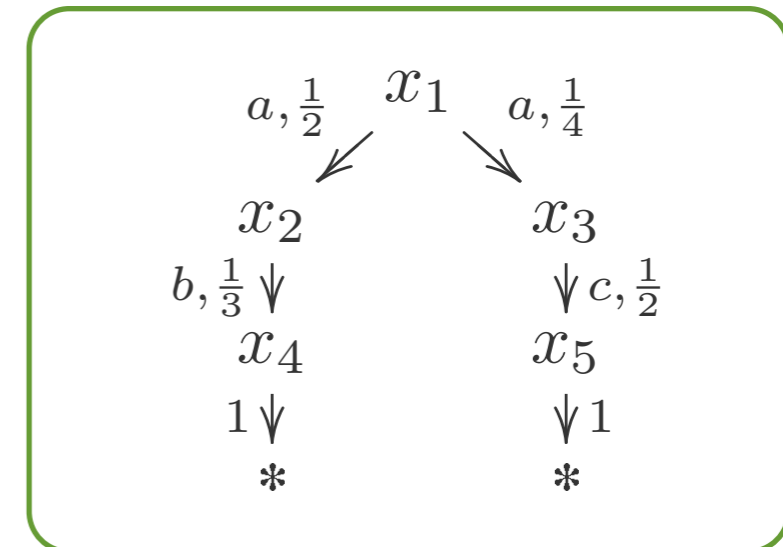
## NFA

$$X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$



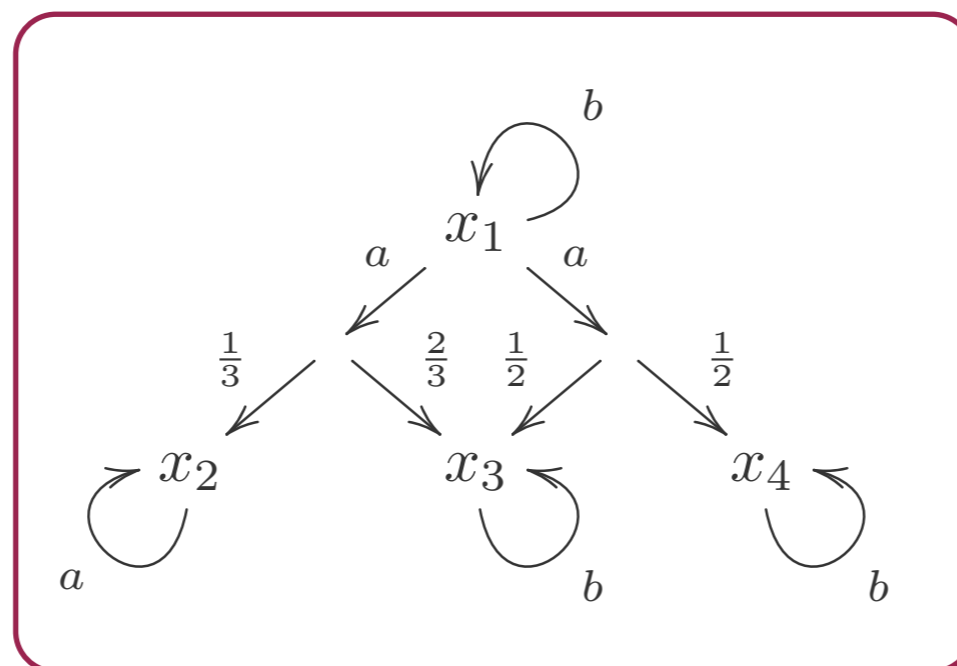
## Rabin PA

$$X \rightarrow [0,1] \times (\mathcal{D}_{\leq 1}X)^A$$



## Simple PA

$$X \rightarrow ? \times (\mathcal{P}\mathcal{D}X)^A$$



systems with  
nondeterminism  
and  
probability

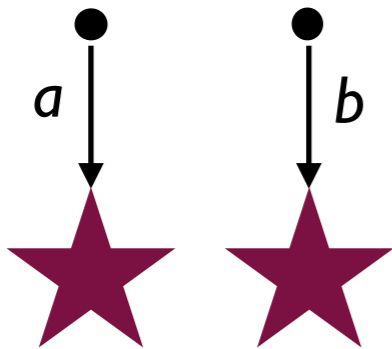
# In general

## Systems

$$X \rightarrow (MX)^A$$

Labelled  
Transition  
Systems

with M-effects

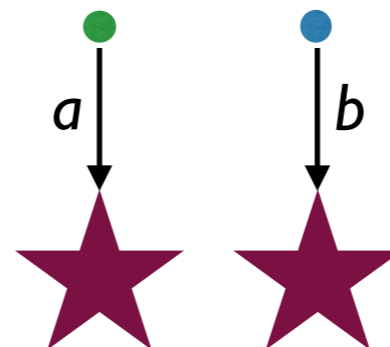


## Automata

$$X \rightarrow O \times (MX)^A$$

with  
observations  
in  $O$

with M-effects



# For a monad $M$

providing algebraic effects

$$\begin{aligned} \mu: TT &\Rightarrow T \\ \eta: Id &\Rightarrow T \end{aligned}$$

NFA

$$X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$

$M = \mathcal{P}$   
for nondeterminism

Powerset, subsets

Rabin PA

$$X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}_{\leq 1}X)^A$$

$M = \mathcal{D}$   
for probability

Distributions

Simple PA

$$X \rightarrow ? \times (\mathcal{PD}X)^A$$

$M = \mathcal{PD} ???$   
for nondeterminism  
and probability

# For a monad $M$

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$M = \mathcal{P}$   
for nondeterminism

Powerset, subsets

Rabin PA

$$X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}_{\leq 1}X)^A$$

$M = \mathcal{D}$   
for probability

Distributions

Simple PA

$$X \rightarrow ? \times (\mathcal{C}X)^A$$

$M = \mathcal{C}$   
for nondeterminism  
and probability !

Convex subsets of  
distributions

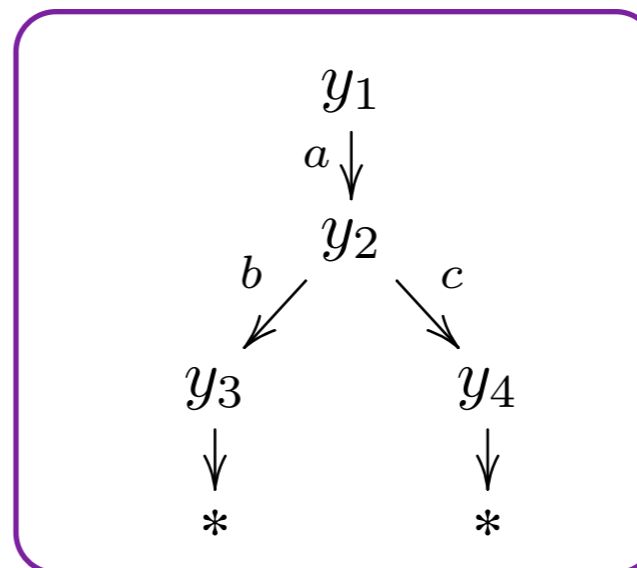
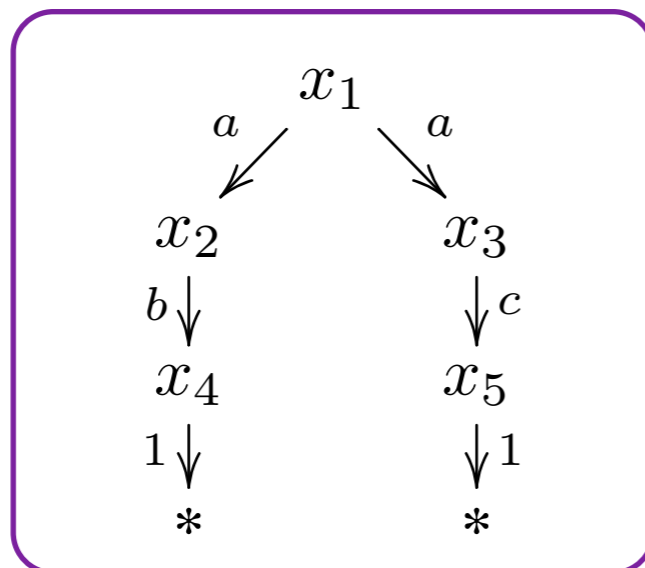


# Semantics

NFA = LTS + termination

$$X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$

Are the (top states of the) following systems equivalent?



- no, they are not wrt. **bisimilarity**
- yes, they are wrt. **trace equivalence** as

$$\text{tr}(x_1) = \text{tr}(y_1) = \{ab, ac\}$$

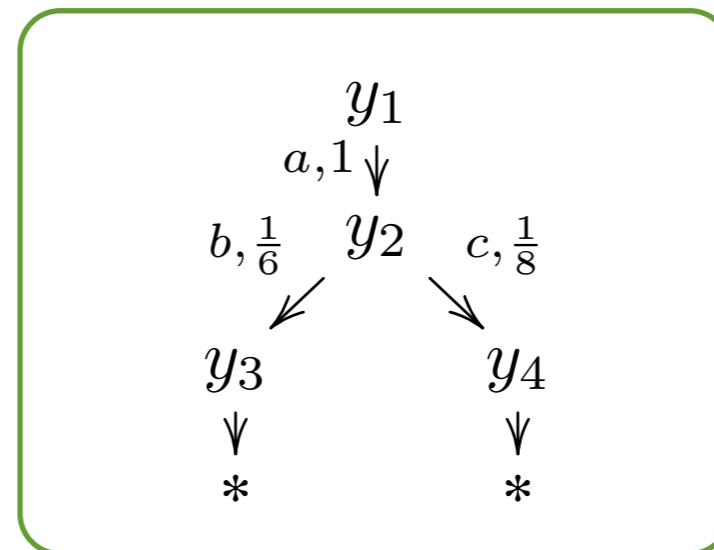
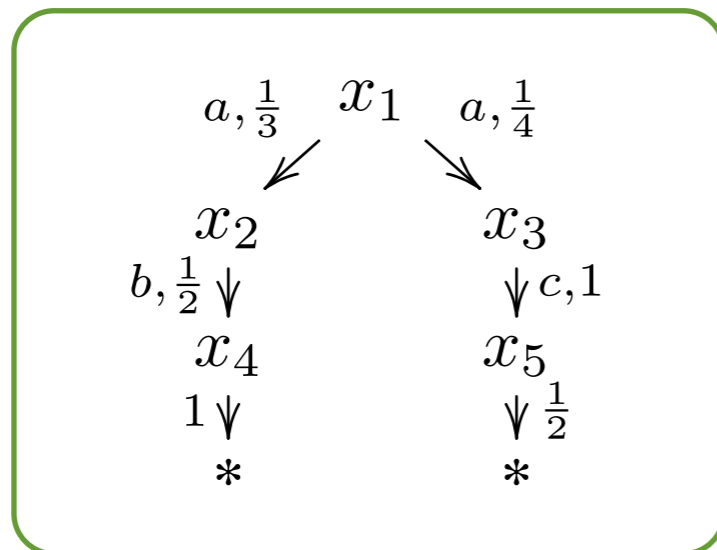
$$\text{tr}: X \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(A^*)$$

# Semantics

## Rabin PA

$$X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}_{\leq 1} X)^A$$

Are the (top states of the) following systems equivalent?



- different wrt. **bisimilarity**
- equivalent wrt. **trace equivalence** as

$$\text{tr}(x_1) = \text{tr}(y_1) = \left( ab \mapsto \frac{1}{6}, ac \mapsto \frac{1}{8} \right)$$

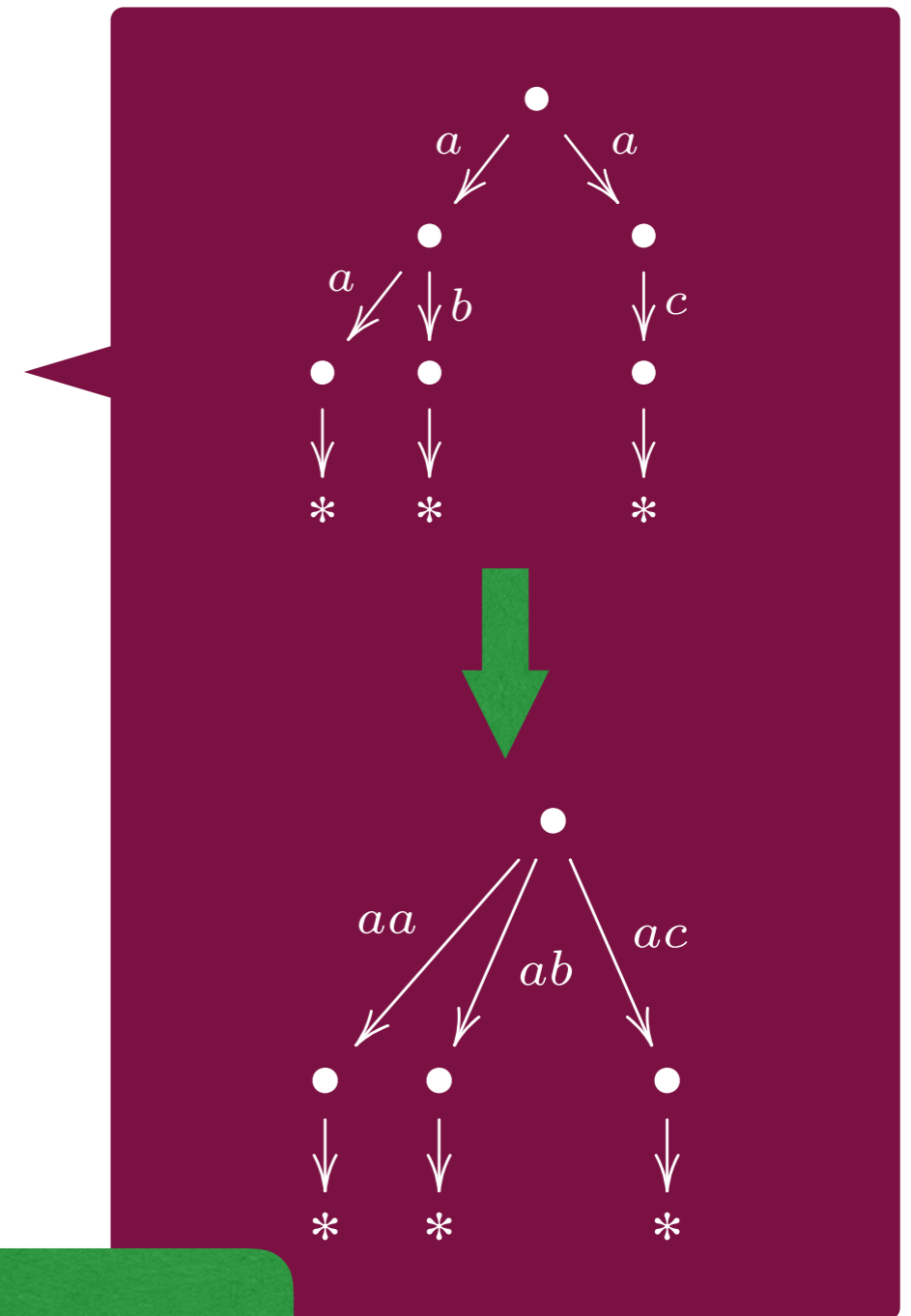
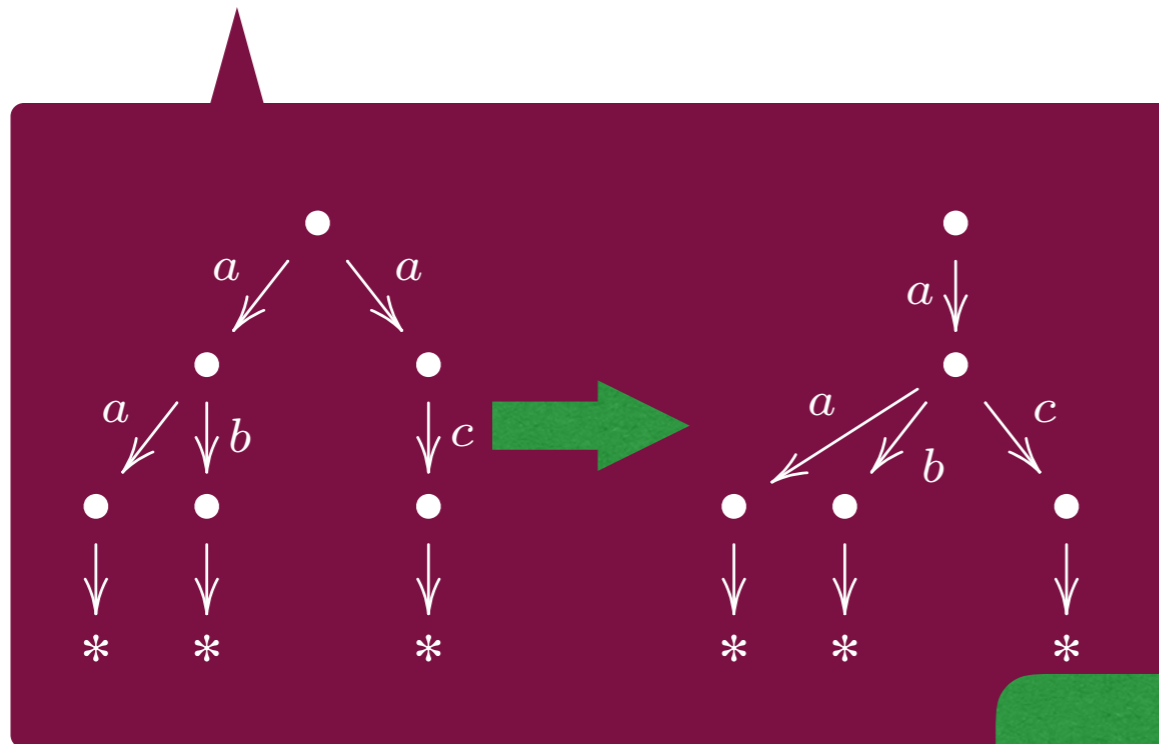
$$\text{tr}: X \rightarrow \mathcal{D}(A^*)$$

# Trace semantics coalgebraically?

NFA / LTS

Two ideas:

- (1) unfold branching + transitions on words
- (2) trace = bisimilarity after determinisation



monads !

# Trace semantics coalgebraically

Two approaches:

(1) modelling in a Kleisli category

(2) modelling in an Eilenberg-Moore category

Hasuo,  
Jacobs, S.  
LMCS '07

Silva, Bonchi,  
Bonsangue, Rutten  
FSTTCS'10

algebras of a monad  $M$

Jacobs, Silva, S.  
JCSS'15

we can relate (1) and (2)

# Traces via determinisation

Automaton with M-effects

$$X \rightarrow O \times (MX)^A$$

O has to be an M-algebra !

Determinisation

$$MX \rightarrow O \times (MX)^A$$

MX carries the free M-algebra

trace = bisimilarity after determinisation

Algebras for M

ideally we have a presentation

Eilenberg-Moore algebras



# Eilenberg-Moore Algebras

abstractly

$\mathcal{EM}(M)$

- objects

$$\begin{array}{c} MA \\ \downarrow a \\ A \end{array}$$

satisfying

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \xrightarrow{\eta} & MA \\ & \searrow a & \downarrow a \\ & & A \end{array} \qquad \begin{array}{ccc} MMA & \xrightarrow{\mu} & MA \\ Ma \downarrow & & \downarrow a \\ MA & \xrightarrow{a} & A \end{array}$$

- morphisms

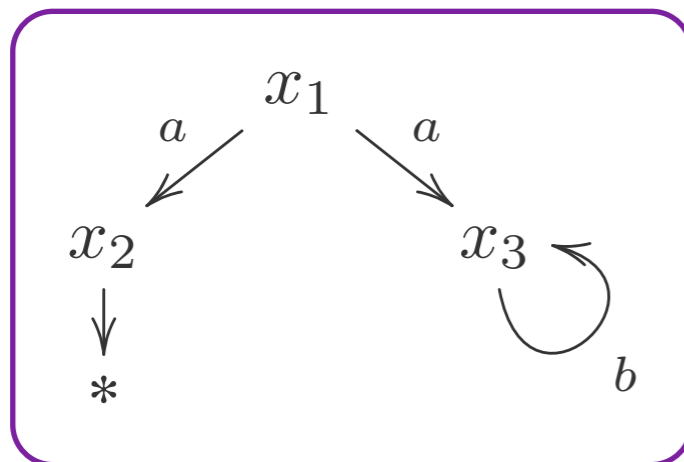
$$\begin{array}{c} MA \\ \downarrow a \\ A \end{array} \xrightarrow{h} \begin{array}{c} MB \\ \downarrow b \\ B \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} MA & \xrightarrow{Mh} & MB \\ a \downarrow & & \downarrow b \\ A & \xrightarrow{h} & B \end{array}$$

# Traces via determinisation

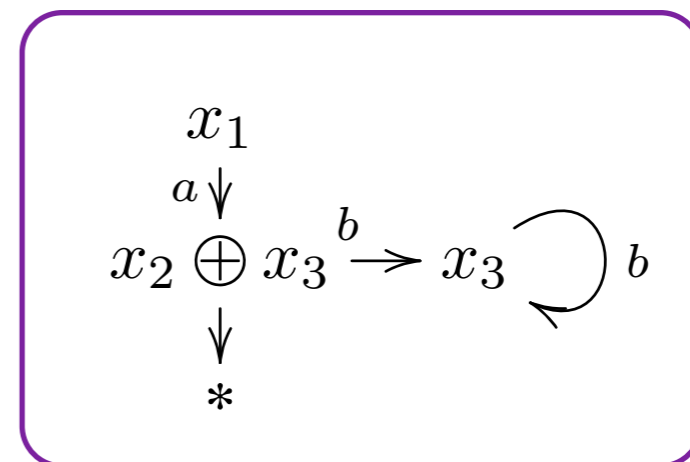
NFA

$$X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$



DFA

$$\mathcal{P}X \rightarrow 2 \times (\mathcal{P}X)^A$$



trace = bisimilarity after  
determinisation

Algebras for  $\mathcal{P}$

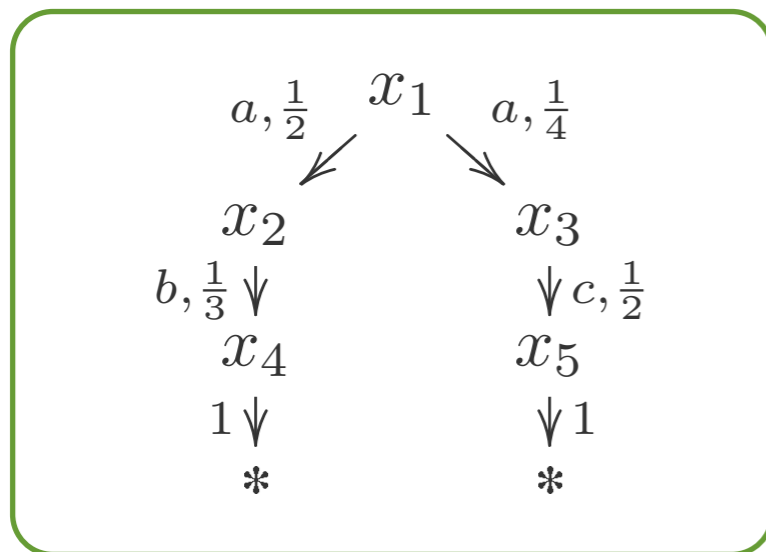
finite powerset !

join  
semilattices  
with bottom

# Traces via determinisation

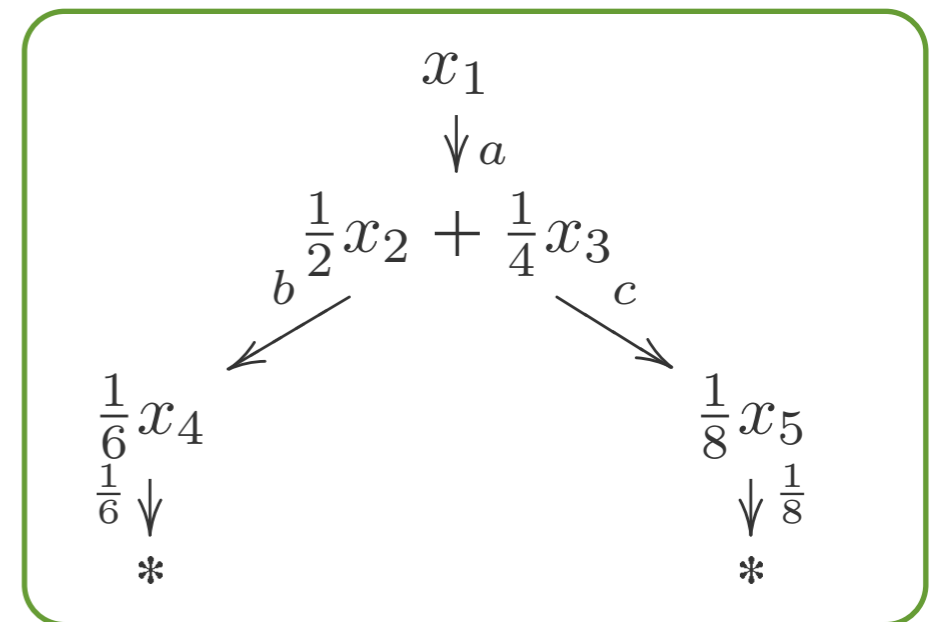
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DFA

$$\mathcal{D}_{\leq 1} X \rightarrow [0, 1] \times (\mathcal{D}_{\leq 1} X)^A$$



trace = bisimilarity after determinisation

Algebras for  $\mathcal{D}_{(\leq 1)}$

(positive) convex algebras

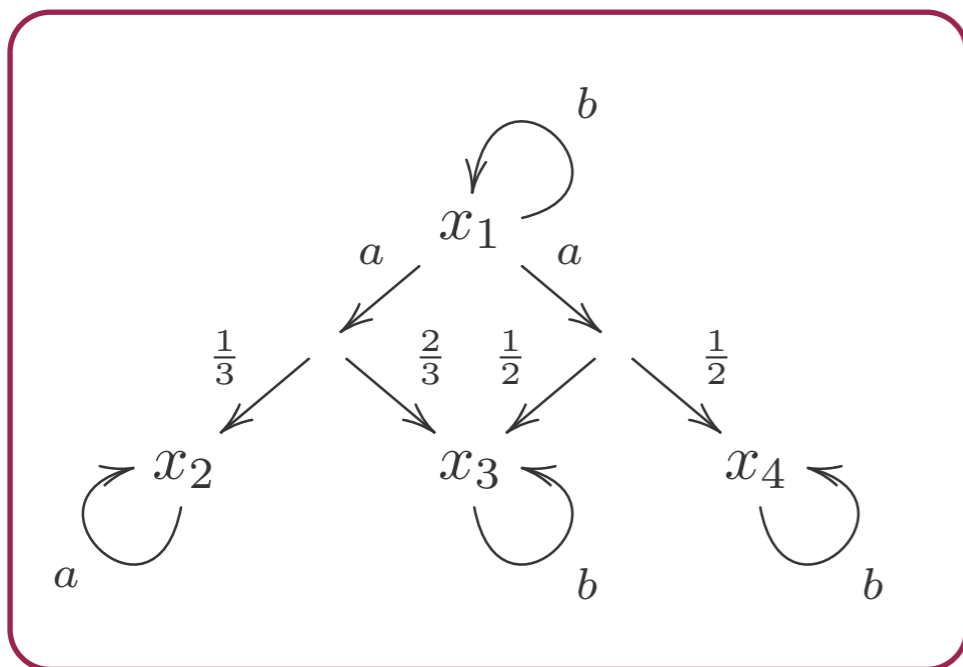
finitely supported (sub)distributions!



# Traces via determinisation

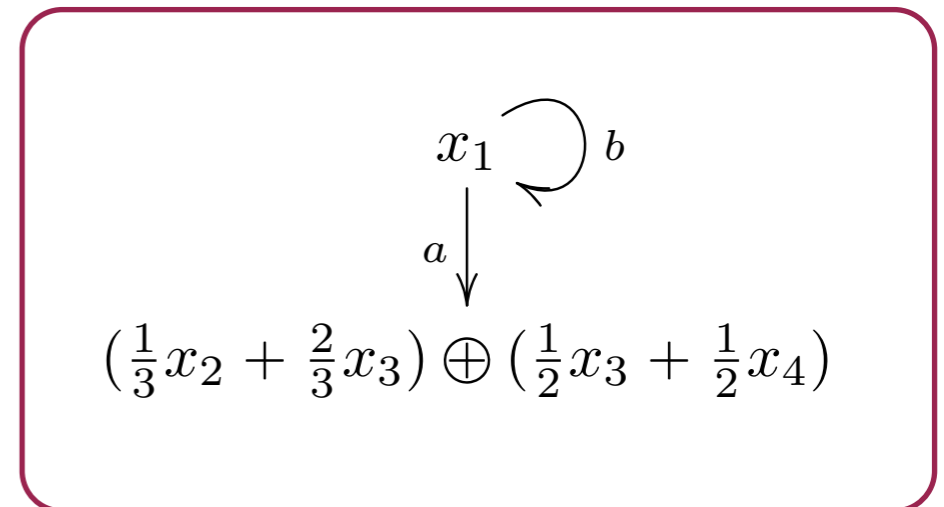
## Simple PA

$$X \rightarrow ? x (eX)^A$$



## DFA

$$eX \rightarrow ? x (eX)^A$$



trace = bisimilarity after determinisation

Algebras for  $\mathcal{C}$

convex semilattices

finitely generated convex sets of distr...

# Presentation for $\mathcal{C}$

Algebras for  $\mathcal{C}$

convex  
semilattices

Bonchi, S.,  
Vignudelli '19

finitely generated  
convex sets of distr...

$$\begin{array}{lcl} (x \oplus y) \oplus z & \stackrel{(A)}{=} & x \oplus (y \oplus z) \\ x \oplus y & \stackrel{(C)}{=} & y \oplus x \\ x \oplus x & \stackrel{(I)}{=} & x \end{array}$$

semilattice

$$\mathbb{A} = (A, \oplus, +_p)$$

S., Woracek  
'15, '17, '18

$p \in (0, 1)$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} (x +_q y) +_p z & \stackrel{(A_p)}{=} & x +_{pq} (y +_{\frac{p(1-q)}{1-pq}} z) \\ x +_p y & \stackrel{(C_p)}{=} & y +_{1-p} x \\ x +_p x & \stackrel{(I_p)}{=} & x \end{array}$$

convex  
algebra

$$(x \oplus y) +_p z \stackrel{(D)}{=} (x +_p z) \oplus (y +_p z)$$

distributivity

Three things to take home:

Many general properties  
follow  
also a sound  
up-to context  
proof technique

1. Semantics via determinisation  
is easy for systems / automata with M-effects
2. Having a presentation for M gives us syntax
3. Having the syntax makes determinisation natural !

combining  
nondeterminism  
and probability  
becomes easy

Thank You !