

Mean-Payoff Optimization in Continuous-Time Markov Chains with Parametric Alarms

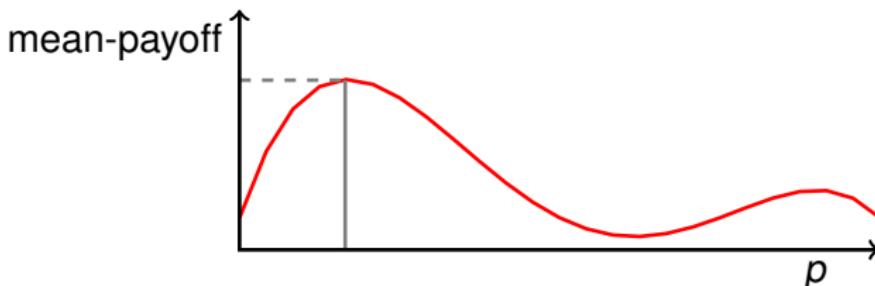
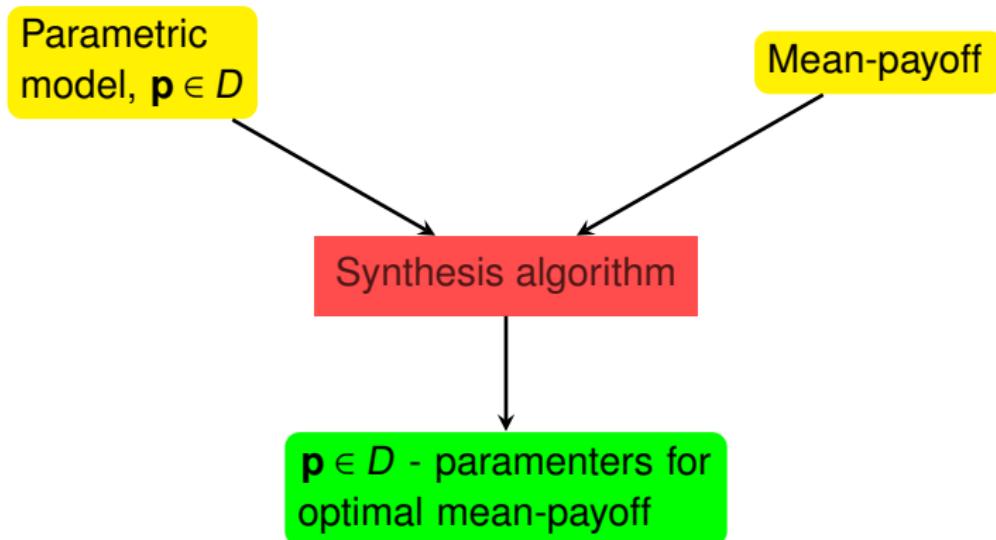
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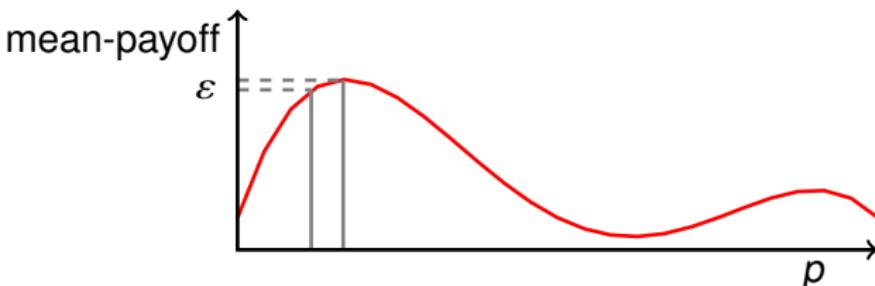
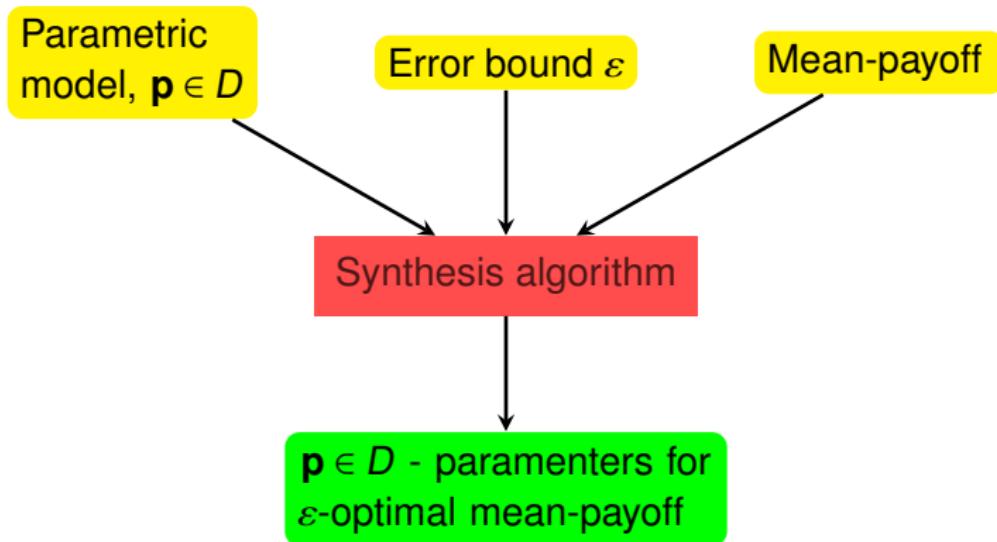
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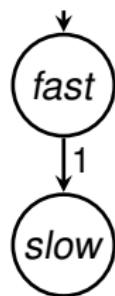
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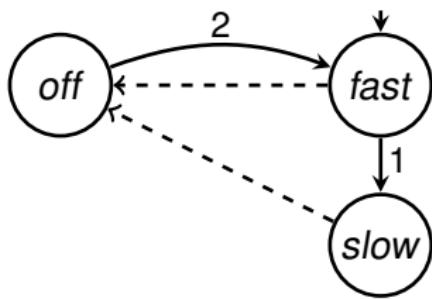
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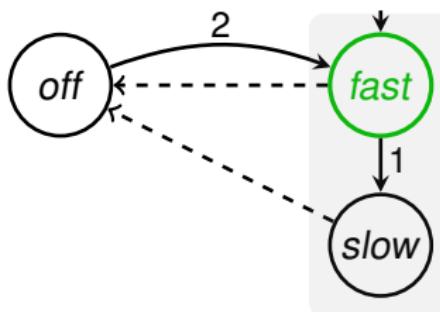
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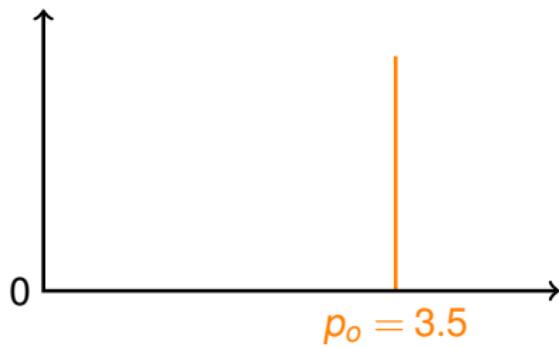
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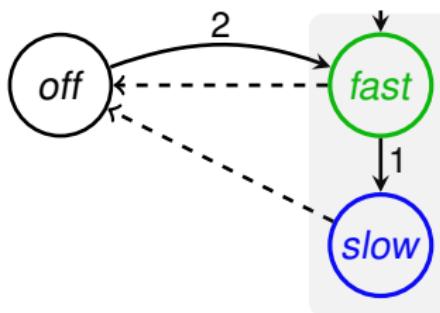
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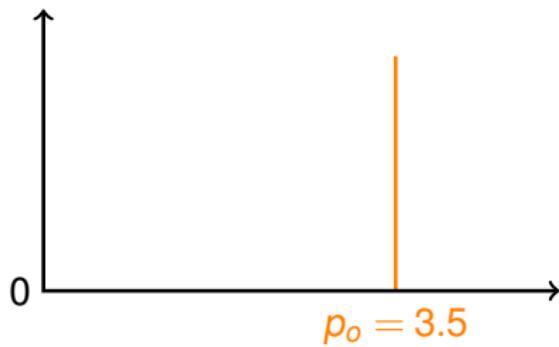
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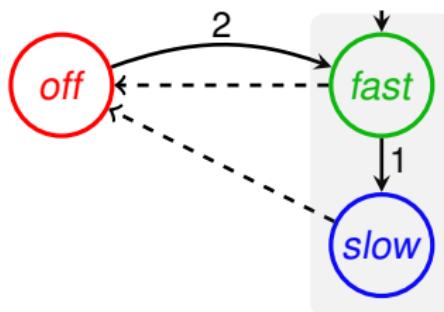
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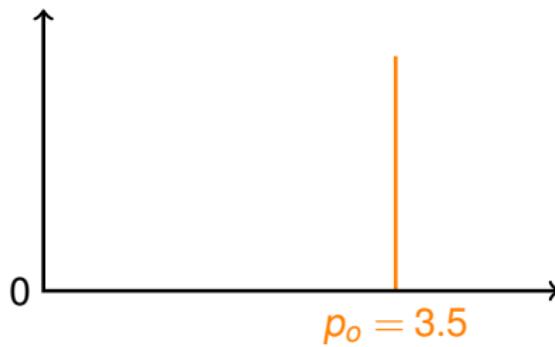
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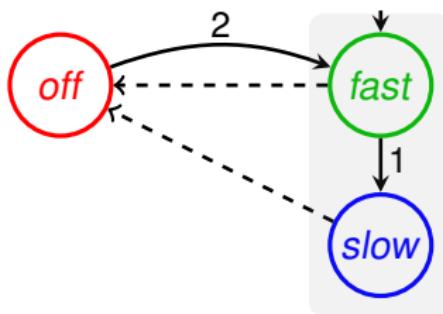
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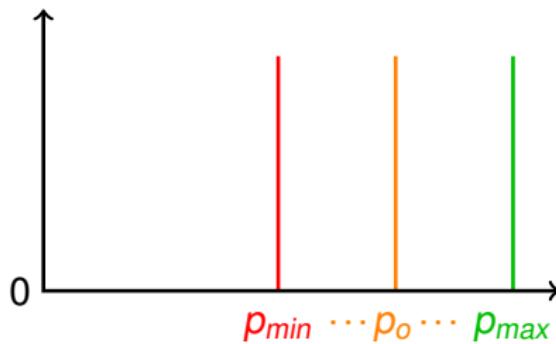
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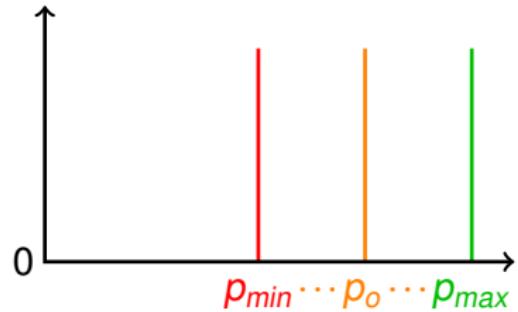


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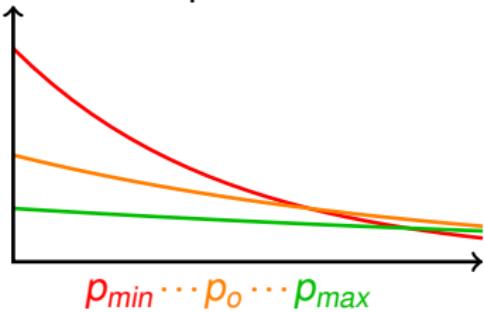


Parametric distributions

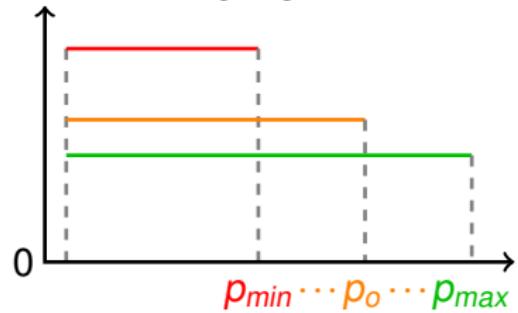
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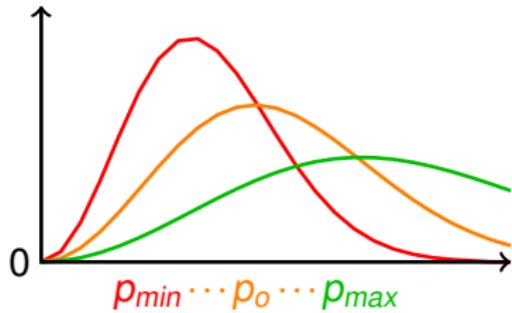
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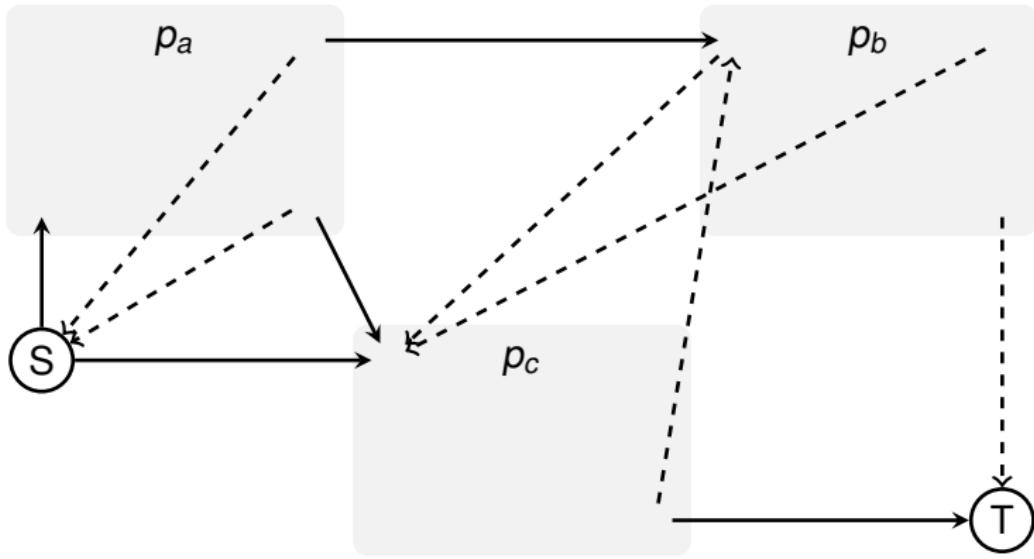
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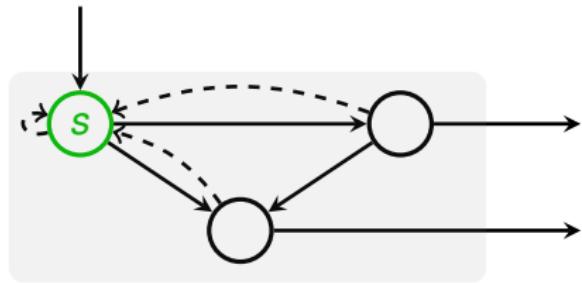
Weibull



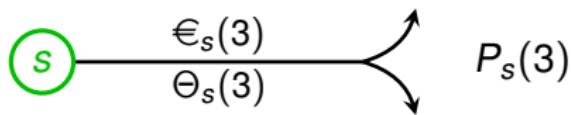
Restrictions - disjoint regions



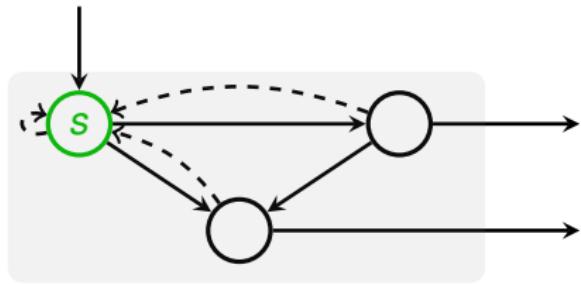
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ACTMC and ε ; $\mathbf{p} = ?$



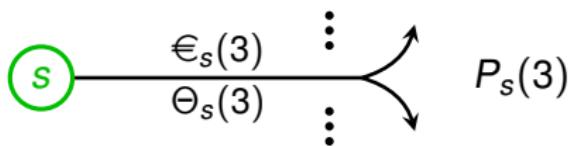
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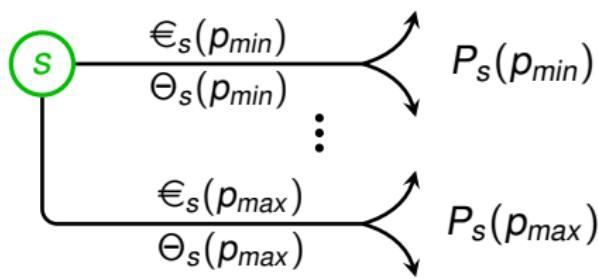
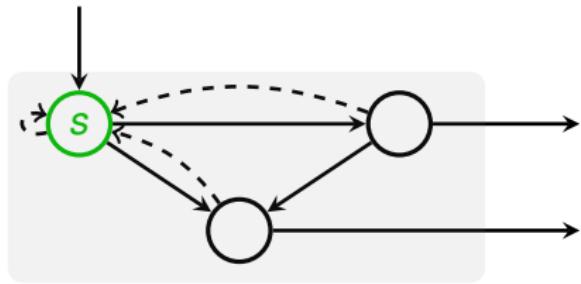
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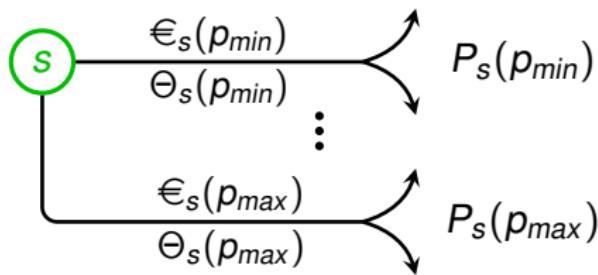
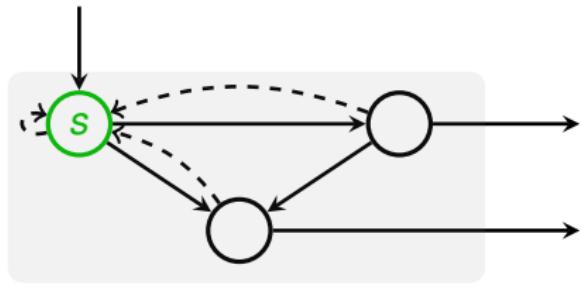
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For $\varepsilon = 0.1$ we get at least 10^{20} actions.

Our contribution is based on two ideas:

- policy iteration
- symbolic representation of actions

Symbolic Algorithm

policy iteration

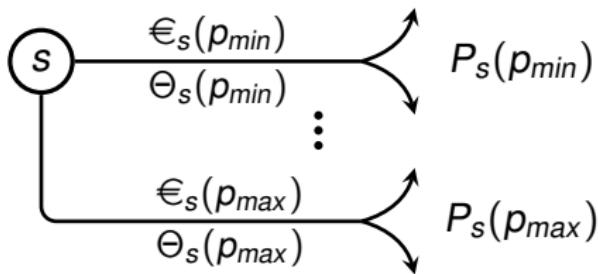
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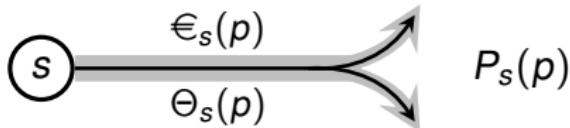
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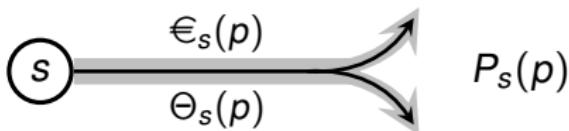
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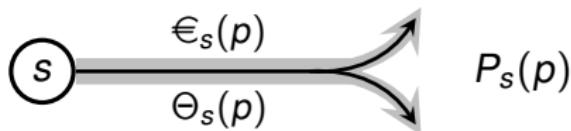
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