

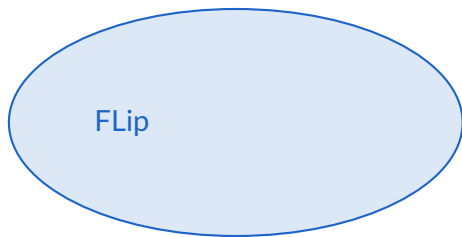
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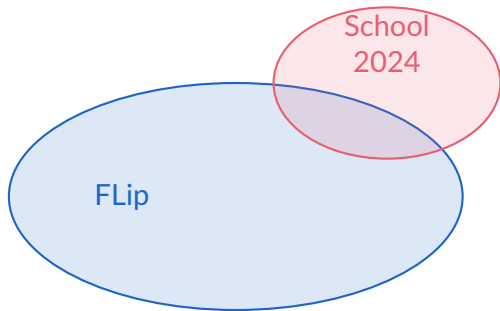
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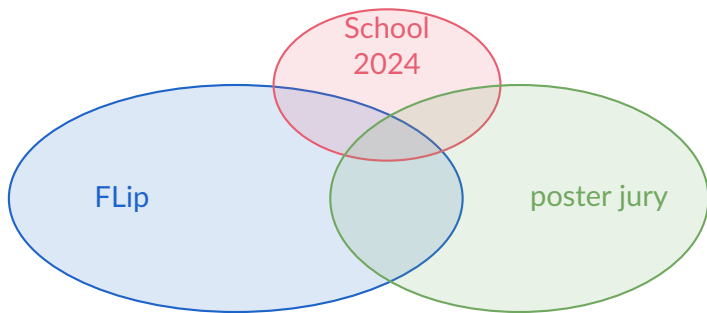
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## **KOLMOGOROV-TYPE AND GENERAL EXTENSION RESULTS FOR NONLINEAR EXPECTATIONS**

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# Sublinear Expectations for Countable-State Uncertain Processes

sublinear expectation  $\overline{E}: \mathcal{D} \subseteq \overline{\mathbb{R}}^\Omega \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}$

$$\{\alpha \in \mathbb{R}^\Omega : \alpha \text{ constant}\} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$$

**constant preserving:**

$$\overline{E}(\alpha) = \alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in \mathbb{R}$$

**isotone:**

$$\overline{E}(f) \leq \overline{E}(g) \text{ for all } f \leq g \in \mathcal{D}$$

**sublinear:**

$$\overline{E}(\mu f + g) \leq \mu \overline{E}(f) + \overline{E}(g)$$

for all  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $f, g, \mu f + g \in \mathcal{D}$

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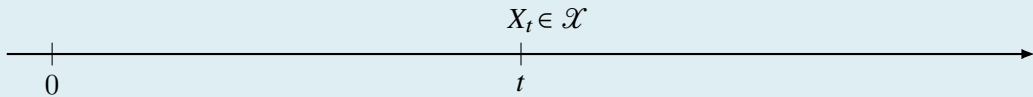


$\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\Omega)$  is a linear space

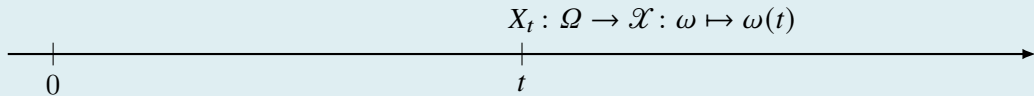
$\overline{E}$  is a coherent upper prevision



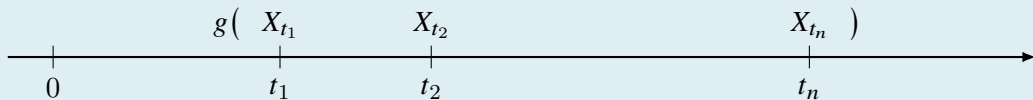
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## ... for Countable-State Uncertain Processes

Let  $\mathcal{X}$  denote the countable state space. The possibility space  $\Omega$  is some set of *paths*  $\omega: \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$ , and the domain  $\mathcal{D}$  are the finitary bounded variables:

$$\mathcal{D} := \{g(X_{t_1}, \dots, X_{t_n}): n \in \mathbb{N}, t_1 < \dots < t_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}, g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}^n)\} \quad \text{with } X_t: \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{X}: \omega \mapsto \omega(t).$$

sublinear expectation  $\overline{E}_0$  on  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$

semigroup  $(\overline{T}_t: \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}))_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$  of 'sublinear transition operators':

- (i)  $\overline{T}_t[\bullet](x)$  is a sublinear expectation
- (ii)  $\overline{T}_0 = \text{I}$
- (iii)  $\overline{T}_{s+t} = \overline{T}_s \circ \overline{T}_t$

¿sublinear process  $\overline{E}$  on  $\mathcal{D}$ ?

¿sublinear Markov process!

$$(\forall n \in \mathbb{N}; t_1 < \dots < t_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}; x_1, \dots, x_n \in \mathcal{X}) (\exists \omega \in \Omega) \\ \omega(t_1) = x_1, \dots, \omega(t_n) = x_n$$

Theorem

There is a **unique sublinear expectation**  $\overline{E}$  on  $\mathcal{D}$  such that

- (i)  $\overline{E}(g(X_0)) = \overline{E}_0(g)$  for all  $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$  and
- (ii) for all  $s_1 < \dots < s_n < t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$  and  $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}^{n+1})$ ,

$$\overline{E}(g(X_{s_1}, \dots, X_{s_n}, X_t)) = \overline{E}(h(X_{s_1}, \dots, X_{s_n}))$$

with  $h \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X}^{\{s_1, \dots, s_n\}})$  defined by

$$h(x_{s_1}, \dots, x_{s_n}) := \overline{T}_{t-s_n}[g(x_{s_1}, \dots, x_{s_n}, \bullet)](x_{s_n}).$$

Is this corresponding  $\overline{E}$  downward continuous on  $\mathcal{D}$ ?

A semigroup  $(\overline{T}_t)_{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$  of sublinear transition operators ...

... has uniformly bounded rate if

$$\limsup_{t \searrow 0} \frac{1}{t} \sup \left\{ \overline{T}_t[1 - \mathbb{I}_x](x) : x \in \mathcal{X} \right\} < +\infty,$$

$$\Omega := \text{cdlg}(\mathcal{X}^{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}) \subseteq \mathcal{X}^{\mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}}$$

$\overline{E}_0$  is downward continuous

&

$\overline{T}_t[\bullet](x)$  is downward continuous

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 the average of  $g(X_t)$  over  $[0, T]$  for some  $g \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{X})$ , so

$$\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T g(X_t) dt: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: \omega \mapsto \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T g(\omega(t)) dt.$$

 the *hitting time* of  $A \subseteq \mathcal{X}$ , so

$$\tau_A: \Omega \rightarrow \overline{\mathbb{R}}_{\geq 0}: \omega \mapsto \inf\{t \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}: \omega(t) \in A\}.$$

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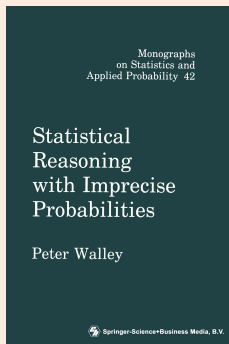
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$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \overline{E}(f_n) = \overline{E}(f) \text{ for all } \mathcal{S}^{\mathbb{N}} \ni (f_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \searrow f \in \mathcal{S}$$

**upward continuous** on  $\mathcal{S} \subseteq \mathcal{D}$  if

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$\mathcal{D} \subseteq \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Q})$  is a linear lattice

$f \in \overline{\mathbb{R}}^{\mathcal{Q}}$  bounded below/above  
&  $\sigma(\mathcal{D})$ -measurable

There is a sublinear expectation  $\overline{E}^{\sigma}$  on  $\mathcal{D}^{\sigma}$  that

- 📖 extends  $\overline{E}$ ,
- ➡ is downward continuous on  $\mathcal{D}_{\delta} \cap \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{Q})$  and
- ➡ upward continuous on  $\{f \in \mathcal{D}^{\sigma} : \inf f > -\infty\}$ .

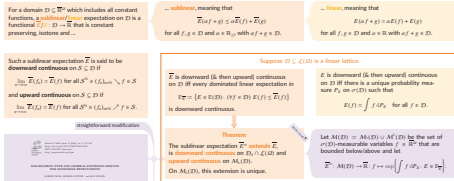


¿Markovian  $\overline{E}$  downward continuous on  $\mathcal{D}$ ?

¿ $\mathcal{D}^\sigma$  sufficiently large?



# Sublinear Expectations ...



## ... for Countable-State Uncertain Processes

