

# A Quantitative Probabilistic Relational Hoare Logic

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- ▶ expressivity: **completeness**
- ▶ easy to use: compositional,  
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### Applications:

- ▶ **cryptography**,
- ▶ differential privacy,
- ▶ machine learning

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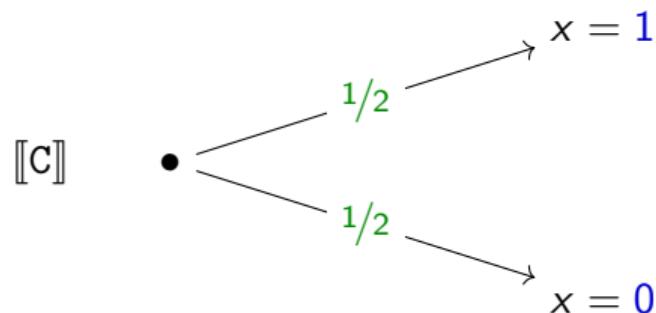
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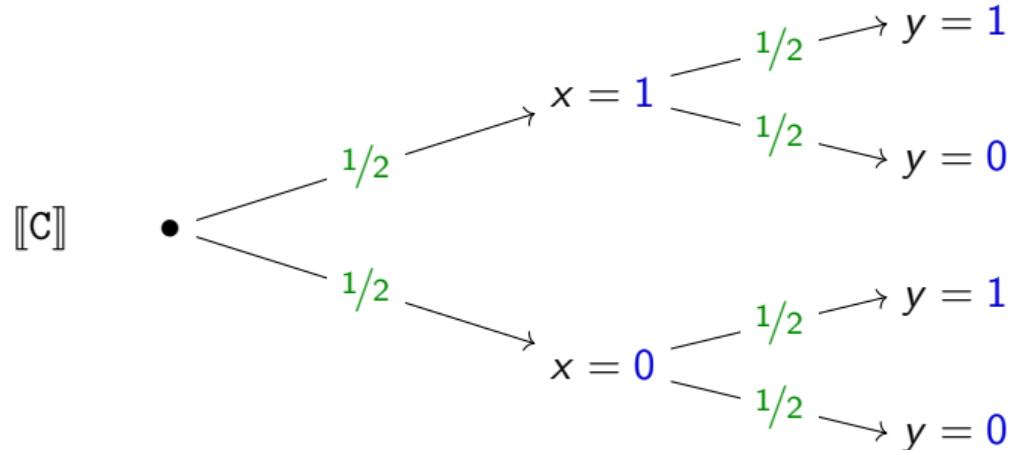
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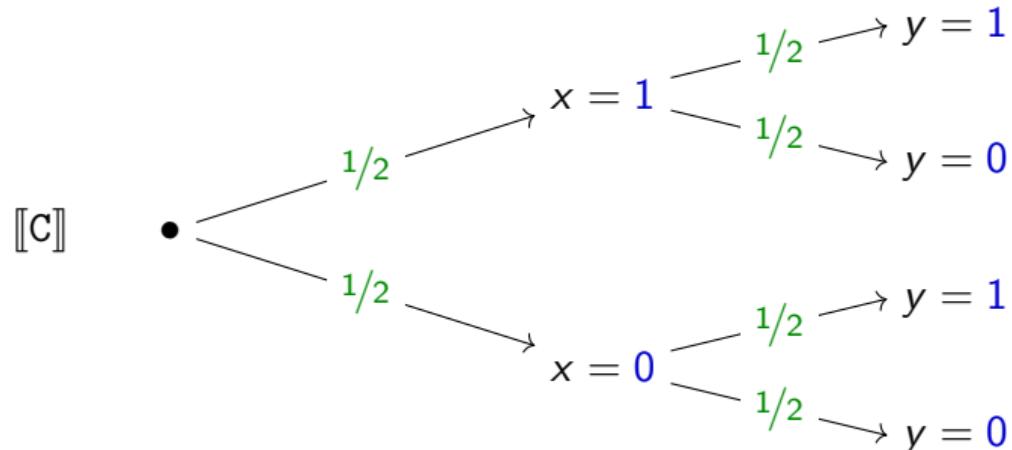
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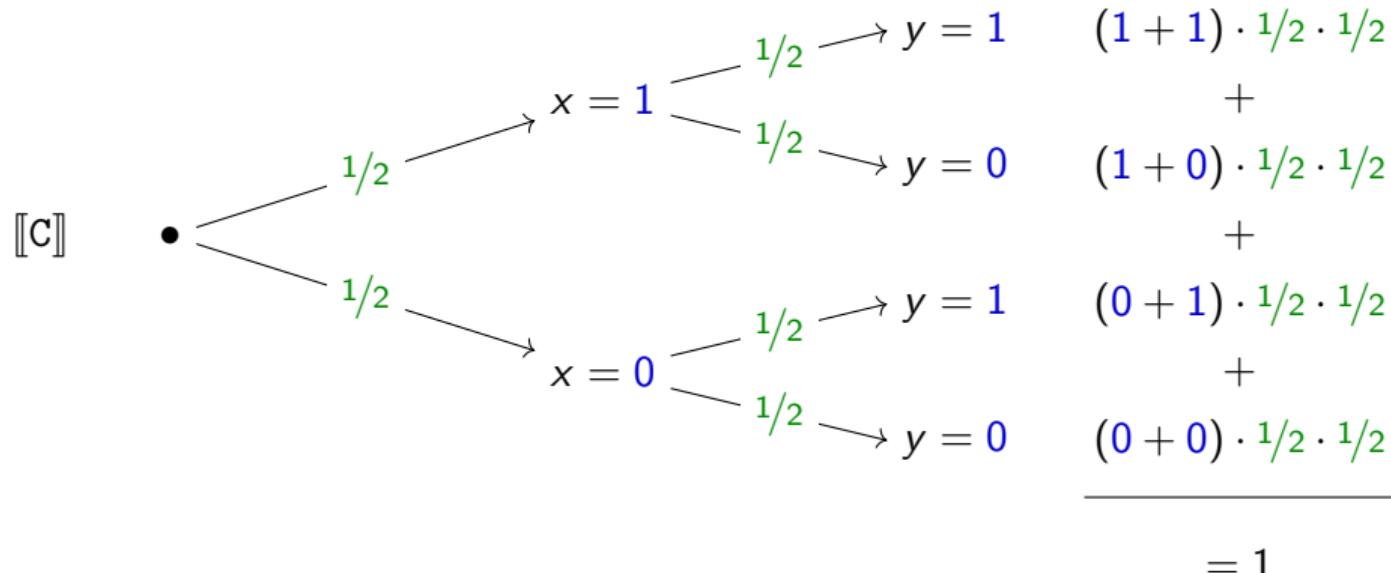
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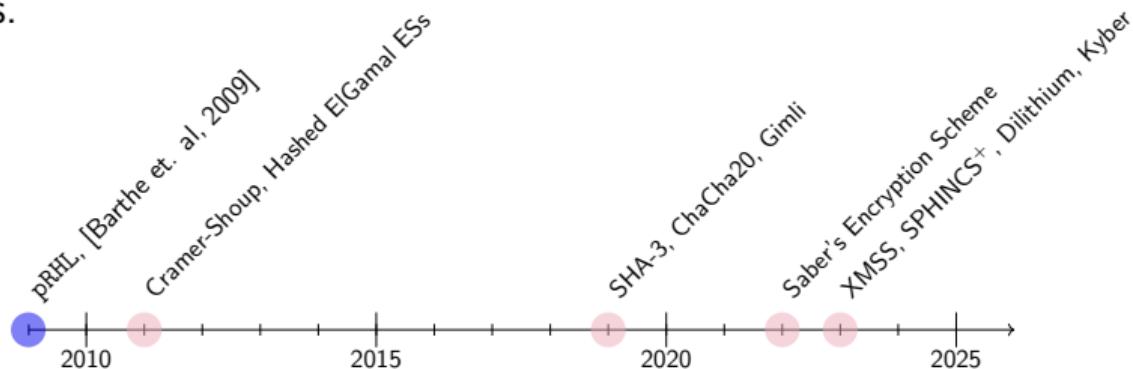
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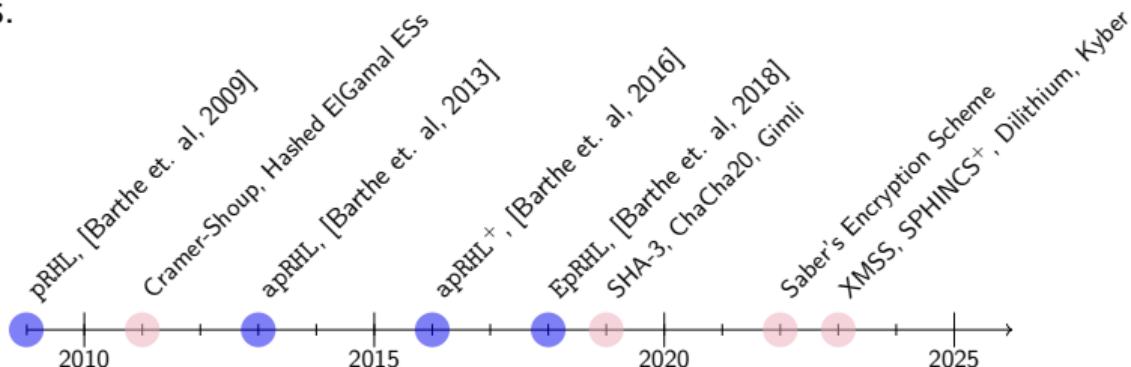
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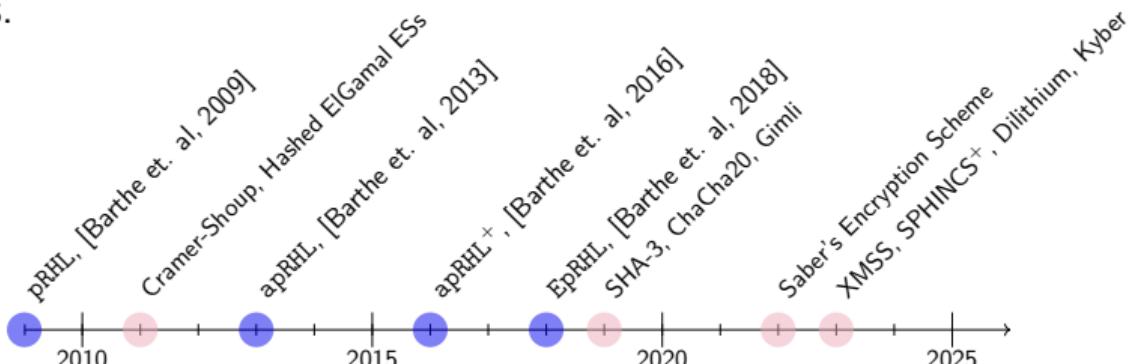
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$$\frac{\vdash \{P \mid \phi\} C \sim \text{skip} \{\phi\}}{\vdash \{\phi\} \text{while } (P) \text{ do } C \sim \text{skip} \{\neg P \mid \phi\}} \text{While}$$

Reasoning on one program at a time, in combination with:

$$C; \text{skip} \equiv C \equiv \text{skip}; C$$

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**Total variation:**

$$\delta \geq \Delta_{\text{TV}} = \sup_{S \subseteq \text{States}} |\mathbb{P}_{[\![C]\!](\sigma_1)}[S] - \mathbb{P}_{[\![D]\!](\sigma_2)}[S]|$$

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**Differential privacy:**

$$\sigma_1 \mathcal{R} \sigma_2 \Rightarrow \forall S \subseteq \text{States. } \exp(\epsilon) \cdot \mathbb{P}_{[\mathbf{C}](\sigma_2)}[S] + \delta \geq \mathbb{P}_{[\mathbf{C}](\sigma_1)}[S]$$

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**Kantorovich distance:**

$$w \geq W_\Delta \triangleq \inf_{\mu: \text{ coupling of } \llbracket \text{C} \rrbracket(\sigma_1), \llbracket \text{D} \rrbracket(\sigma_2)} \left( \mathbb{E}_{(a_1, a_2) \leftarrow \mu} [\Delta(a_1, a_2)] \right)$$

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