# SEMANTICS OF A CONCURRENT LANGUAGE BY MEANS OF DIRECTED TOPOLOGY

Habilitation Defense

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# 1. The Language

- Fine-grained parallel programs (e.g. asynchronous control command systems).







Control flow analysis

Coordination analysis

Value analysis

# Features of the language

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- shared memory abstract machine (PRAM) concurrent read exclusive write (CREW)
- no pointer arithmetics
- no function
- no birth nor death of process at runtime
- tokens are *owned* by processes
- conservative processes

#### Standard examples

sem: 1 a	var: x = 0
proc:	proc:
p = P(a); V(a)	p1 = x:=1 ,
	p2 = x := 2
init: 2p	init: p1 p2

#### Middle-end representation

- $\begin{array}{ll} \mathcal{P} = \{ \text{process identifiers} \}, \\ \mathcal{V} = \{ \text{variables} \}, \\ \mathcal{S} = \{ \text{semaphores} \}, \\ \mathcal{B} = \{ \text{barriers} \} \end{array}$
- init :  $\mathcal{V} \to \mathbb{R}$
- arity :  $\mathcal{S} \sqcup \mathcal{B} \to \mathbb{N} \cup \{\infty\}$
- proc :  $\mathcal{P} \rightarrow \{\text{control flow graphs}\}$

#### Control flow graphs

Floyd, R. W., Assigning meanings to programs, 1967 Allen, F. E., Control flow analysis, 1970



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# 2. Abstract Machine

State (Assume that  $\mathcal{P} = \{1, \dots, N\}$ )

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*context:* mapping  $\sigma$  defined over  $\mathcal{V} \sqcup \mathcal{S}$  s.t.

- for all  $v \in \mathcal{V}$ ,  $\sigma(v) \in \mathbb{R}$ , and
- for all  $s \in S$ ,  $\sigma(s)$  is a multiset over  $\mathcal{P}$ .

We denote by  $\sigma_0$  the initial context of a program.

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#### Multi-instruction

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 $\mu$  admissible in the context  $\sigma$ :

- $\mu(i)$  and  $\mu(j)$  do not conflict
- for all  $s \in S$ ,  $|\sigma(s)| + \operatorname{card}\{i \in M \mid \mu(i) = \mathbb{P}(s)\} \leqslant \operatorname{arity}(s)$
- for all  $b \in \mathcal{B}$ , card $\{i \in M \mid \mu(i) = \mathbb{W}(b)\} \notin \{1, \dots, \operatorname{arity}(b)\}$

The context  $\sigma \cdot \mu$  is the result of the execution of  $\mu$  in the context  $\sigma$ .

#### Paths

*path:* a sequence of points  $p(0), \ldots, p(K)$  s.t.  $\forall k \in \{1, \ldots, K\}$  one has

execution:  $\forall n \in D_k \ \partial^+ p_n(k-1) = p_n(k)$ 

#### or

branching:  $\forall n \in D_k \ p_n(k-1) = \partial^{-} p_n(k)$ 

where  $D_k = \{n \in \{1, ..., N\} \mid p_n(k-1) \neq p_n(k)\}$ 

#### Execution path

Each path is associated with a sequence of multi-instructions  $(\mu_k)$  where  $\mu_k(n) = \lambda_n(p_n(k))$  for all *n* such that

$$p_n(k) = \partial^+ p_n(k-1)$$
 or  $\lambda_n(p_n(k)) = W(_-)$ 

The path is said to be admissible when  $\mu_{k+1}$  is admissible in the context  $\sigma_0 \cdot \mu_1 \cdots \mu_k$  for all k.

It is an execution path when for all k, n:

$$\partial^{\cdot} p_n(k) = p_n(k-1) \text{ implies } [\lambda_n(p_n(k))]_{\sigma \cdot \mu_0 \cdots \mu_{k-1}} \neq 0$$

# 3. Higher Dimensional Control Flow Structure

Encoding admissibility in a model

### Race condition

write-write conflict

var: x = 0
proc:
 p1 = x := 1,
 p2 = x := 2
init: p1 p2













due to race condition



the value of  ${\bf x}$  is  $\ 0$ 

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the value of x is 0

due to race condition



the value of  $\boldsymbol{x}$  is  $\ ?$
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## The replacement property

for admissible paths

#### Replacement:

Any admissible path that meets a race condition is "equivalent" to an admissible path which avoids all of them.

One token for two processes















### The potential functions of processes and programs

Conservative forces in physics Fahrenberg, U., *Master's Thesis*, 2002

A process  $\pi$  is conservative when for all paths and all semaphores *s*, the amount of tokens of type *s* held by the process at the end of the execution trace only depends on its arrival point.

In that case the process  $\pi$  comes with a potential function  $F_{\pi}$ 

$$F_{\pi}: \{\text{semaphores}\} \times \{\text{points}\} \to \mathbb{N}$$

A program  $\Pi$  is conservative when so are its processes  $\pi_1, \ldots, \pi_d$  and its potential function is given by

$$F_{\Pi}(s,(p_1,\ldots,p_d)) = \sum_{k=1}^d F_{\pi_k}(s,p_k)$$

If  $F_{\Pi}(s, p) > \operatorname{arity}(s)$  for some semaphore s, then p is forbidden.








































































A synchronization barrier

sync: 1 b
proc:
 p = W(b)
init: 2p



# Discrete Model sync: 1 b













4. Providing Models with Local Pospace Structure
### Locally ordered spaces

L. Fajstrup, É. Goubault, and M. Raussen, Algebraic Topology and Concurrency, 1998

Directed atlas  $\mathcal{U}$  For all points p, for all directed neighborhoods A and B of p, there exists a directed neighborhood C of p such that  $C \subseteq A \cap B$  and  $\leq_A \mid_C = \leq_C = \leq_B \mid_C$ .



#### From discrete models to continuous ones

$$G: A \xrightarrow{\partial^+} V \qquad |G| = V \sqcup A \times ]0, 1[$$
$$|G_1| \times \cdots \times |G_N| = \bigsqcup_{\substack{\text{points } p \text{ of } \\ G_1, \dots, G_N}} \{p\} \times ]0, 1[\operatorname{dim}(p_1, \dots, p_N)]$$

where  $p = (p_1, \ldots, p_N)$  and dim  $p = \#\{n \in \{1, \ldots, N\} \mid p_n \in A_n\}$ 

The directed topological model is then

$$\bigsqcup_{\substack{\text{not forbidden}\\ \text{points } p \text{ of }\\ G_1, \ldots, G_N}} \{p\} \times ]0, 1[ \dim(p_1, \ldots, p_N)$$



sem: 1 a sync: 1 b

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# Directed homotopy of directed paths

L. Fajstrup, É. Goubault, and M. Raussen, *Algebraic Topology and Concurrency*, 1998 M. Grandis, *Directed Homotopy Theory*, *I. The Fundamental Category*, 2001

Weakly directed homotopy: A homotopy of paths whose intermediate paths are directed.

Strongly directed homotopy: A morphism of local pospace whose underlying map is a homotopy of paths.

The dihomotopy classes of a local pospace X are the morphisms of its fundamental category usually denoted by  $\pi_1^2 X$ .



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3. The weak dihomotopy class of an execution path only contains execution paths.



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Theorem [Haucourt - not published yet]: The following chain of implications is strict.



## Parallelizing a program

sem: 1 a sem: 2 c

proc: p = P(a);P(c);V(c);V(a) q = P(c);V(c)

init: 2p q
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sem: 1 a	
proc: p = P(a);V(a)	proc: q = ()
init: 2p	init: q

# 5. Handling Continuous Models

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#### Theorem [Haucourt - Ninin not published yet]

Given a graph G, the following are equivalent:

- G is almost finite,
- The collection  $\mathcal{R}_{G}$  forms a Boolean subalgebra of  $2^{|G|}$
- The following sum is finite

$$\sum_{v \text{ vertex}} |\mathsf{deg}(v) - 2| + \#\{\mathsf{connected components}\} < \infty$$

- The Freudenthal extension of |G| is homeomorphic with the geometric realization of some finite graph.

When the preceding statements are satisfied, the number of ends of |G| is the number of infinite connected components of *L*.

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block:  $B_1 \times \cdots \times B_N$  with  $B_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_n \in \mathcal{R}_{G_n}$  for  $1 \leq n \leq N$ .

### Isothetic regions (1)

block:  $B_1 \times \cdots \times B_N$  with  $B_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_n \in \mathcal{R}_{G_n}$  for  $1 \leq n \leq N$ . Theorem [Haucourt - not published yet]

The (nonempty) graphs  $G_1, \ldots, G_N$  are almost finite, iff

 $\mathcal{R}_{\textit{G}_{1},\ldots,\textit{G}_{\textit{N}}} = \{\text{finite unions of blocks}\}$ 

is a Boolean subalgebra of  $2^{|G_1| \times \cdots \times |G_N|}$ .

In that case  $\mathcal{R}_{G_1,\ldots,G_N}$  is stable under interior, closure, forward and backward operators, and its elements are the subsets of  $|G_1| \times \cdots \times |G_N|$  with finitely many maximal subblocks. They are called isothetic regions.

 $frw(A, B) = \bigcup \{ img(\delta) \mid \delta \text{ a dipath of } A \cup B \text{ starting in } A \}$  $bck(A, B) = \bigcup \{ img(\delta) \mid \delta \text{ a dipath of } A \cup B \text{ ending in } B \}$ 



Main motivation

The continuous model of a program is an isothetic region.









#### 3D Swiss cross

#### Tetrahemihexacron



# The Lipski algorithm

No deadlock



#### Applications

#### Past attractor and deadlocks

$$\Omega = |G_1| \times \cdots \times |G_N|$$
  

$$\operatorname{cone}^p A = \{ p \in \Omega \text{ from which } A \text{ can be reached} \} = \operatorname{bck}(A, \Omega)$$
  

$$\operatorname{escape}^f A = \{ p \in \Omega \text{ from which } A \text{ cannot be reached} \}$$
  

$$\operatorname{escape}^f A = (\operatorname{cone}^p A)^c$$

att<sup>p</sup> $A = \{ p \in \Omega \text{ from which } A \text{ cannot be avoided} \}$ 

$$att^{p}A = escape^{f}(escape^{f}A)$$









# Three dining philosophers

Deadlock



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For  $\Omega \in \mathcal{R}_{G_1,...,G_n}$  define

$$\mathcal{R}_{\Omega} = \{ X \in \mathcal{R}_{G_1,...,G_n} \mid A \subseteq \Omega \}$$

For all elements  $A \in \mathcal{R}_{\Omega_1}$ , and  $B, C \in \mathcal{R}_{\Omega_2}$ :

$$(A \times B) \cup (A \times C) = A \times (B \cup C)$$
$$(A \times B) \cap (A \times C) = A \times (B \cap C)$$
$$A \times \emptyset = \emptyset$$

but

$$A imes \Omega_2 \quad 
eq \quad \Omega_1 imes \Omega_2$$

Semilattices and some other algebraic theories

Structure	Signature	Axioms	Category
semilattice	V	commutative idempotent semigroup	SLat
semilattice with zero	∨,0	commutative idempotent monoid	SLat <sub>0</sub>
lattice	∨, ∧	two semilattices with $\Box_{\wedge} = \Box_{\vee}^{op}$	Lat
distributive lattice	∨, ∧	lattice in which $\land$ distributes over $\lor$	DLat
distributive lattice with zero	∨, 0, ∧	distributive lattice in which ∨ has a neutral element	DLat <sub>0</sub>
distributive lattice with difference	∨, 0, ∧, ∖	distributive lattice with zero s.t. $(x \setminus y) \lor (x \land y) = x$ $(x \setminus y) \land y = 0$	DLat <sub>d</sub>
bounded distributive lattice	∨, 0, ∧, 1	lattice in which both $\lor$ and $\land$ have a neutral element	DLat <sub>b</sub>
Boolean algebra $\bigvee, 0,$ $\bigvee, 0,$	∨, 0, ∧, 1, _ <sup>c</sup>	bounded distributive lattice s.t. $x^{c} \wedge x = 0$ and $x^{c} \vee x = 1$ hounded distributive lattice	BoolAlg
	$\lor, 0, \land, 1, \setminus$	with difference	

Fraser, G. A., The semilattice tensor product of distributive lattices, 1976

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#### $\mathsf{BoolAlg} \longrightarrow \mathsf{DLat}_d \longrightarrow \mathsf{DLat}_0 \longrightarrow \mathsf{SLat}_0 \longrightarrow \mathsf{SLat}$

#### Theorem [Haucourt - Ninin (2014)]

The universal tensor products of (finitely many) Boolean algebras in  ${\bf SLat}_0, \, {\bf DLat}_0,$  and  ${\bf DLat}_d$  are isomorphic Boolean algebras. Moreover

$$\mathcal{R}_{\Omega_1 \times \cdots \times \Omega_N} \cong \mathcal{R}_{\Omega_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{R}_{\Omega_N}$$

# 6. Factoring

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### Example of factorization



### Homogeneous languages

Main results

#### Theorem [Balabonki - Haucourt (2010)]

The collection  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{A})$  forms a free commutative monoid under the product induced by word concatenation and the zero language.

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The collection of isothetic regions

$$\bigcup_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\mathcal{R}\underbrace{G,\ldots,G}_{n \text{ times}}$$

forms a free commutative monoid that is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{H}(\mathbb{A})$  with  $\mathbb{A}$  the collection of connected subsets of |G|.

### Application to program factoring

If X is the model of a program P, a factorization of X induces a family of model independent programs whose parallel compound is P.

### Parallelizing a program

sem: 1 a b sem: 2 c

proc:

$$p = P(a); P(c); V(c); V(a)$$

$$q = P(b); P(c); V(c); V(b)$$

init: pqpq

[0,1[	[0,1[	[0,+∞[	<b>[</b> 0,+∞ <b>[</b>
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# Unique decomposition conjectures

Boolean algebras

1. Is the following decomposition unique ?

$$\mathcal{R}_{\Omega_1 \times \cdots \times \Omega_N} \cong \mathcal{R}_{\Omega_1} \otimes \cdots \otimes \mathcal{R}_{\Omega_N}$$

2. In that case, does the Boolean algebra decomposition matches that of isothetic regions  $? \end{tabular}$ 

R. S. Pierce (*Tensor Product of Boolean Algebras*, 1983) proved that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a countable Boolean algebra b such that the tensor products  $b, b^2, \ldots, b^n$  are distinct though  $b^n = b^{n+1}$ . Yet, Boolean algebras of the form  $\mathcal{R}_{\Omega}$  are very specific.

#### Unique decomposition conjectures Metrics

Any isothetic region can be turned into a finite affine rank length metric space in a natural way.

T. Foertsch and A. Lytchak (*The De Rham Decomposition Theorem for Metric Spaces*, 2008) proved a unique decomposition property for finite affine rank geodesic metric spaces.

1. Does the result extend to length metrics ?

2. In that case, does the metric decomposition matches that of isothetic regions ?

### Unique decomposition conjectures

Categories of components vs lsothetic regions

category of components  $\overline{\pi_0}(C)$ : a generalized notion of skeleton that fits with categories C with no isomorphisms but identities. Well-defined for all loop-free categories.

E.g.:  $\overrightarrow{\pi_1}(X)$  for some isothetic region X.

Property (Haucourt 2006): For C loop-free,  $\overrightarrow{\pi_0}(C) = 1$  iff C is a lattice.

Property:  $\overrightarrow{\pi_1}$  and  $\overrightarrow{\pi_0}$  preserves products.

Theorem (Balabonski 2006, unpublished): the collection of (isomorphism classes of) nonempty connected finite loop-free categories with Cartesian product form a free commutative monoid M.

**Problem:** relate the decomposition of an isothetic region to that of its category of components.

E.g.:  $\overrightarrow{\pi_0}(\overrightarrow{\pi_1}([0,1])) = 1$  though [0,1] is not the neutral isothetic region.

# 7. Directed Topology

### Beyond locally ordered spaces

M. Grandis, Directed Homotopy Theory, I. The Fundamental Category, 2003 S. Krishnan, Convenient Category of Locally Preordered Spaces, 2009

Theorem (Haucourt 2012)



All the categories on the diagram are complete and cocomplete.

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$$(4, x_1x_3): (a, b, c, d) \in [0, 1]^4 \mapsto (a, c) \in [0, 1]^2$$

### Realizations in streams and d-spaces

and their fundamental categories

#### Theorem (Haucourt 2012)

For any cubical set *K*, the fundamental categories of the following objects are isomorphic:  $D(|\mathcal{K}|_{Strm}), |\mathcal{K}|_{Strm}, |\mathcal{K}|_{Strm_d}, S(|\mathcal{K}|_{dTop_f}), |\mathcal{K}|_{dTop_f}$ .

But they may differ from the fundamental category of  $|K|_{dTop}$ .

#### Conjecture

If K is a precubical set the preceding pathology vanishes.

### The downward spiral

A directed path on the directed complex plane



### Fundamental category vs fundamental groupoid

- $\overrightarrow{\pi_1}$  and  $\Pi_1$  are the fundamental category and the fundamental groupoid functors.
- $G : \mathbf{Cat} \to \mathbf{Grd}$  is the enveloping groupoid functor (i.e. left adjoint to  $\mathbf{Cat} \hookrightarrow \mathbf{Grd}$ ) U is the forgetful functor to  $\mathbf{Top}$ .

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Conjecture: The groupoid morphism  $g_X$  is an isomorphism when X is:

- the directed realization of a precubical set
- an isothetic region

### Direction generated by vector fields on a manifold

Given some tuple of vector fields  $f_1, \ldots, f_k$  over a manifold  $\mathcal{M}$ , the forward cone of  $\mathcal{M}$  at x is the set

$$F_x \quad := \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{cc} \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \cdot f_i(x) & | & \lambda_i \geqslant 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, k \end{array} \right\}$$

A curve  $\gamma$  is said to be forward (with respect to  $f_1, \ldots, f_k$ ) when its derivative at time t belongs to  $F_{\gamma(t)}$  for all  $t \in \text{dom } \gamma$ :

$$rac{\partial \gamma}{\partial t}(t) \in F_{\gamma(t)}$$

Example:  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the constant vector fields  $f_k(x) = (\dots, 0, 1, 0, \dots)$ 

#### Parallelizable manifolds

A parallelization of a manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  of dimension n is an tuple of vector fields  $(f_1, \ldots, f_n)$  s.t. for all  $x \in \mathcal{M}$ ,  $(f_1(x), \ldots, f_n(x))$  is a vector basis of the tangent space of  $\mathcal{M}$  at x namely  $T_x \mathcal{M}$ .

A manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  is said to be parallelizable when it admits a parallelization. All parallelizations of a given manifold are "isomorphic" (the frame manifold acts transitively on the set of parallelizations).

Conjecture: Any parallelization induces a local pospace structure on its underlying manifold. That local pospace structure does not depend on the parallelization.

Conjecture: Given a manifold  $\mathcal{M}$  equipped with the local order induced by some parallelization, there exists a precubical set K whose local pospace realization is the local pospace  $\mathcal{M}$ .

Example: Every Lie group is parallelizable.

Example: It works for the circle! What about the spheres  $S^3$  and  $S^7$ ?

# 8. Conclusion

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- 2. Prove that all precubical sets can be realized in the category of local pospaces
- 3. Extend the notion of category of components to realization of precubical sets and isothetic regions
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