

# Concurrency

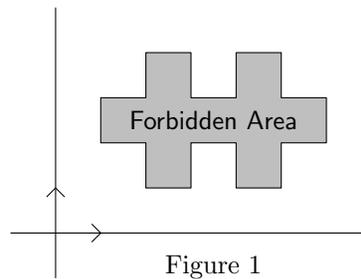
and  
Directed Algebraic Topology

- MPRI -

monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of march 2012  
duration: 1h30

Answers can be given in french or in english.  
The lecture notes from my webpage is the only document allowed.

## Exercise 1: PV programs and Geometric Models



Reminder: the geometric model of a PV program is the *complement* of its forbidden area. We write *dipath* instead of *directed path*.

1) [1pt] Write the PV program corresponding to the forbidden area depicted on Figure 1.

A *deadlock* is a point  $d$  of a pospace  $X$  such that any directed path starting at  $d$  is constant. The *attractor* of a deadlock  $d$  is the subset  $A \subset X$  such that any dipath starting in  $A$  is contained in  $A$  and from any point of  $x \in A$  there exists a dipath from  $x$  to  $d$ .

2) [1pt] Find all the deadlocks of the geometric model depicted on Figure 1 and their attractors.

3) [1pt] Find the category of components of the geometric model (a picture suffices).

An *n-cube* is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}_+^n$  of the form  $I_1 \times \dots \times I_n$  where each  $I_k$  is an interval. An *n-cubical area* is a finite union of  $n$ -cubes i.e.

$$X = C_1 \cup \dots \cup C_p \text{ where } p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\} \text{ and each } C_k \text{ is an } n\text{-cube}$$

An  $n$ -cube  $C$  such that  $C \subseteq X$  is called a *subcube* of  $X$ . Moreover if for all

subcubes  $C'$  of  $X$  we have  $C \subseteq C' \Rightarrow C = C'$  then  $C$  is called a *maximal subcube* of  $X$ .

Consider the following program and denote by  $F$  its forbidden area:

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#sem a,b 2
#sem c 3
process definition:
p = P(a).P(c).V(c).V(a)
q = P(b).P(c).V(c).V(b)
program:
p | p | q | q
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4a) [0,5pt] Describe  $F_{a,b}$  the forbidden area of the PV program generated by the semaphores  $a$  and  $b$  (giving the list of its maximal subcubes).

4b) [0.5pt] Describe  $F_c$  the forbidden area of the PV program generated by the semaphore  $c$  (giving the list of its maximal subcubes).

4c) [1pt] Compare  $F_{a,b}$  and  $F_c$  then write a simpler PV program whose forbidden area is isomorphic to  $F$ .

**Exercise 2:** Any *nonempty finite loopfree connected category* (nflcc) can be written as a product of prime nflcc's in a unique way (up to permutation of the terms). The number of morphisms of a category  $\mathcal{C}$  is called the *size* of  $\mathcal{C}$  (don't forget the identities). We denote by  $\mathbb{M}$  the free commutative monoid of nflcc's. We have  $\text{size}(\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{B}) = \text{size}(\mathcal{A}) \times \text{size}(\mathcal{B})$ .

1) [1pt] Find the least (i.e. of smallest size) non trivial element of  $\mathbb{M}$  and deduce its least non prime element.

2) [4pt] Find all the elements of  $\mathbb{M}$  whose size is less or equal than 7. (There are 14 of them up to isomorphism and opposite, 0.25pt each). Deduce the least non free element of  $\mathbb{M}$ .

3) [1pt] Prove for all prime number  $p \neq 2$  there exists some prime element of  $\mathbb{M}$  of size  $p$ .

A semiring is a tuple  $(S, \times, 1, +, 0)$  such that  $(S, \times, 1)$  and  $(S, +, 0)$  are commutative monoid and  $\times$  distributes over  $+$ . A morphism of semiring is a mapping which preserves both monoid structures. For example  $\mathbb{N}$  (natural numbers) and  $\mathbb{N}[X]$  (polynomials with coefficients in  $\mathbb{N}$ ) are semirings with the usual operations.

The set  $\mathbb{S}$  of all *finite loopfree categories* (empty or disconnected categories are allowed) admits a semiring structure with disjoint union and cartesian product as sum and product. We denote by  $\mathbb{N}_0[X]$  and  $\mathbb{S}_0$  the commutative monoids (under product) of nonzero elements of  $\mathbb{N}[X]$  and  $\mathbb{S}$ .

4) [1pt] Prove  $\mathbb{N}_0[X]$  contains a nonprime irreducible element. Then make a

(relevant) remark about  $\mathbb{N}_0[X]$ .

5) [2pt] Prove for all  $\mathcal{C} \in \mathbb{M}$  there is a unique morphism  $\text{eval}_{\mathcal{C}} : \mathbb{N}[X] \rightarrow \mathbb{S}$  such that  $\text{eval}_{\mathcal{C}}(X) = \mathcal{C}$

6) [2pt] Prove the commutative monoid of nonempty finite loopfree categories is not commutative free (in other words the connectedness hypothesis cannot be dropped from the theorem asserting  $\mathbb{M}$  is commutative free).

**Exercise 3:** A *path* on a topological space  $X$  is a continuous map  $\gamma$  from some compact interval  $[a, b]$  to  $X$ . The path  $\gamma$  is called a loop if  $\gamma(a) = \gamma(b)$ . A *pospace* is a pair  $(X, \sqsubseteq)$  where  $X$  is a topological space and  $\sqsubseteq$  a partial order on (the underlying set of)  $X$ . The morphisms of pospace, also called *dimaps*, are the monotonic continuous maps. The pospaces and their morphisms form the category  $\mathbb{P}$ . The real line  $\mathbb{R}$ , with its usual order and topology, is a pospace. A *dipath/diloop* is a dimap which is also a path/loop.

1) [1pt] Prove any diloop of a pospace is constant.

We generalize the notion of pospace as follows: a *d-space* is a pair  $X, dX$  where  $X$  is a topological space and  $dX$  a collection of continuous map which is stable under concatenation, contains all the constant maps and such that for all monotonic continuous mapping  $\theta : [c, d] \rightarrow [a, b]$  and any  $\gamma : [a, b] \rightarrow X \in dX$ , the composite  $\gamma \circ \theta$  still belongs to  $dX$ . A morphism of d-space from  $X, dX$  to  $Y, dY$  is a continuous map  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  such that for all  $\gamma \in dX$ , the composite  $f \circ \gamma \in dY$ . The d-spaces and their morphisms form the category  $\mathbb{D}$ .

2) [1pt] Prove for all pospaces  $X$ , the pair  $(X, dX := \{\text{dipaths on } X\})$  is a d-space. Then describe a functor from the category of pospaces  $\mathbb{P}$  to the category of d-spaces  $\mathbb{D}$ .

By definition the dipaths of a d-space  $X, dX$  are the elements of  $dX$ . A subset  $F$  of  $X, dX$  is said to be *future stable* when any directed path starting in  $F$  is contained in  $F$ . The subsets  $\emptyset$  and  $X$  are obviously future stable.

3) [1pt] Prove any union/intersection of future stable subsets of a d-space is future stable. In particular the future stable subsets of a d-space  $X, dX$  form a sub-complete lattice of  $2^X$  (the complete lattice of subsets of  $X$ ).

4) [1pt] The *directed circle* is the unit circle  $\mathbb{S}$  i.e.  $\{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$  the set of complex number of magnitude 1, with  $d\mathbb{S}$  the collection of paths  $t \in [a, b] \mapsto e^{i\theta(t)} \in \mathbb{S}$  where  $\theta$  is a dipath on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Describe the complete lattice of future stable subsets of the directed circle.

5) [2pt] The *directed complex plane* is the set of complex number, with  $d\mathbb{C}$  the collection of paths  $t \in [a, b] \mapsto \rho(t) \cdot e^{i\theta(t)} \in \mathbb{S}$  where  $\theta$  is a dipath on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\rho$  a dipath on  $\mathbb{R}_+$ . Describe the complete lattice of future stable subsets of the directed complex plane.