## On decidability of bigraphical sortings

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## **Bigraphical Framework**

- Bigraphical models are an emerging framework for concurrency and mobility.
- Long term aim: "to express as much as possible of worldwide distributed computing in one mathematical model" (Milner 2001).
- + Bigraphs aim to be such a **framework**, i.e., unifying model for computations based on communications and locality.
- + Many calculi have been represented in bigraphs: CCS,  $\pi$ -calculus, Petri nets, ...
- + ... but they can be applied also for dealing with Systems Biology! (as shown yesterday at MeCBIC 2009)



Each node  $v_0, v_1, \ldots$  has an associate control which specifies its arity (i.e., a set of ports).





#### Names

Outer names represents global open links. Inner names represents connections coming from "sub-bigraphs".





#### Placing

Nodes can be nested, instead edges are not subject to positions. Sites are holes which can be fitted by roots of other bigraphs.

## a bigraph = a place graph + a link graph



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# **Sorting Motivations**

#### What a sorting gives you

- + Techniques to specific a sort/typing over bigraph's elements, that is nodes and edges.
- + Techniques to impose a formation rule that limits the admissible bigraphs, that is it rules out unwanted bigraphs.

## Why sortings?

Bigraphs is a very general framework, maybe even too general! Leifer and Milner claimed that:

Sortings are likely to be needed in any significant application.

#### Remarkable property

Sortings preserve the behavioral theory of bigraph.

## Definition (Sorting)

A sorting for a category C is a functor  $F : X \to C$  that is faithful and surjective on objects.

#### Definition (Decomposible Predicate)

A predicate P on morphisms is *decomposible* iff it reflects identities and  $P(f \circ g)$  implies P(f) and P(g).

#### Theorem (Factorization)

A predicate P is decomposible iff there exists a set  $\Phi$  of morphisms such that P(f) iff for any  $g, \psi, h$  if  $f = g \circ \psi \circ h$  then  $\psi \notin \Phi$ .

#### Intuitively

The set  $\Phi$  describes all the unwanted processes/systems, so a *Predicate Sorting* rules out all the unwanted systems.

## Sortings by examples: CCS - I

## CCS

**Syntax:** 
$$\alpha ::= a \mid \bar{a}$$
  $P ::= \mathbf{0} \mid \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} \cdot P_{i} \mid P \mid P$ 

**Semantics:**  $(a.P + \sum_{i} \alpha_{i}.P_{i})|(\bar{a}.Q + \sum_{j} \alpha_{j}.Q_{j}) \rightarrow P|Q$ 

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### "Bad-formed" bigraphs:





### Solution

Define a predicate sorting by defining the set  $\Phi$  (of unwanted bigraphs) as the set containing the above bigraphs.

## Sortings by examples: $\pi$ -calculus - I

#### $\pi$ -calculus

**Syntax:** 
$$\alpha ::= a(x) \mid \overline{a}b$$
  $P ::= \mathbf{0} \mid \sum_{i} \alpha_{i} \cdot P_{i} \mid P \mid P$ 

**Semantics:**  $(a(x).P + \sum_{i} \alpha_{i}.P_{i})|(\bar{a}b.Q + \sum_{j} \alpha_{j}.Q_{j}) \rightarrow P\{b/x\}|Q$ 

#### In Bigraphs:



 $\mathsf{alt.}\,(\mathsf{send}_{xy}.d_0\,|\,d_1)\,|\,\mathsf{alt.}\,(\mathsf{get}_{x(z)}.d_2\,|\,d_3) \longrightarrow x\,|\,d_0\,|\,{}^{y_{/(z)}}.d_2$ 

## Sortings by examples: $\pi$ -calculus - II

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Again use a Predicate Sorting.

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# Undecidability of (Predicate) Sortings

## The problem

To decide if a bigraph is in a predicate sorted category involves to decide if a bigraph belongs to the set  $\Phi$ .

#### Idea

Reduce the problem to a undecidability problem: to decide if a word  $w \in \{a, b\}^*$  belongs to a co-RE language  $\mathcal{L} \subset \{a, b\}^*$ .

## Encoding of words ([-]):



## The reduction

+ Let  $\mathcal{L}$  be co-RE language.

+ Take 
$$\Phi = \llbracket \mathcal{L} \rrbracket$$
.

+ Let a bigraph 
$$f = g \circ \psi \circ h$$
.

+ Does the bigraph  $\psi$  belong to  $\Phi$ ?

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## **Decidable Sortings**

## Are there decidable Sortings? Yes!

#### Observation

To find an "unwanted bigraph" resembles the matching problem, i.e., to find a (sub)bigraph inside another one.

#### Idea of how to construct decidable Sortings

- 1. Take a recursive set M of unwanted bigraphs.
- 2. Define  $\Phi = \{ m \otimes id_X \mid m \in M \land X \text{ is a name set} \}.$
- 3. Specialize the Factorization Theorem.

#### Theorem

*P* is match-decomposable iff there exists  $\Phi$  finite such that *P*(*f*) iff for any  $g, \psi, h, X$  if  $f = g \circ (\psi \otimes id_X) \circ h$  then  $(\psi \otimes id_X) \notin \Phi$ .

# Matching by an example





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## How to decide the matching problem

- 1. Transform the agent and the redex into their normal forms.
  - 2. Use the inference systems from [Damgaard et al., 2007] to derive the context and the parameters.







# What about the Sortings for CCS and $\pi$ -calculus?



#### Independence from identities

- + Sorted elements do not depend on identities.
- + Sorting on nestings and linkings are also independent from ids.
- + Our Sortings are "Homset Independent".

# **Conclusion and Future Work**

#### Done

- + We have proved that (Predicate) Sortings are undecidable.
- + We have shown a way to construct decidable Sortings, based on the decidability of the matching problem.
- + Those Sortings are powerful enough to capture some of the Sortings introduced in literature.

## To do

- + Study if other known Sortings can be expressed with our construction.
- + Analyze the complexity of our approach.
- + Investigate if more optimized algorithms exist.
- + Integration into Tools?