

Coinductive semantics of linear logic and higher-order model-checking

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Model-checking higher-order programs

A well-known approach in verification: **model-checking**.

- Construct a **model** \mathcal{M} of a program
- Specify a **property** φ in an appropriate **logic**
- Make them **interact**: the result is whether

$$\mathcal{M} \models \varphi$$

When the model is a word, a tree... of actions: translate φ to an **equivalent automaton**:

$$\varphi \mapsto \mathcal{A}_\varphi$$

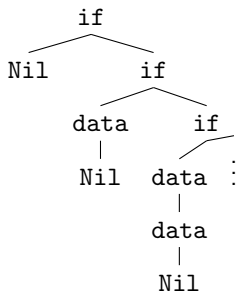
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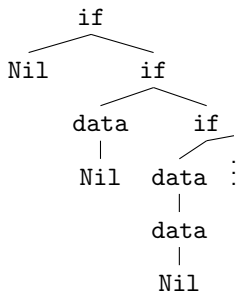
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Can we **decide** whether a higher-order tree satisfies a MSO formula?

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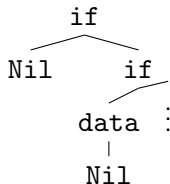
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which produces (how ?) the higher-order tree of actions



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Rewriting starts from the **start symbol** S:

$$S \quad \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}} \quad \begin{array}{c} L \\ | \\ \text{Nil} \end{array}$$

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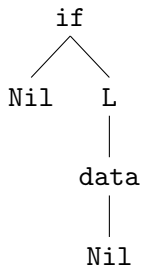
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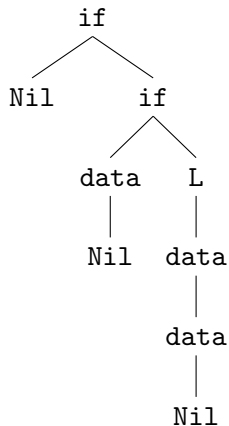
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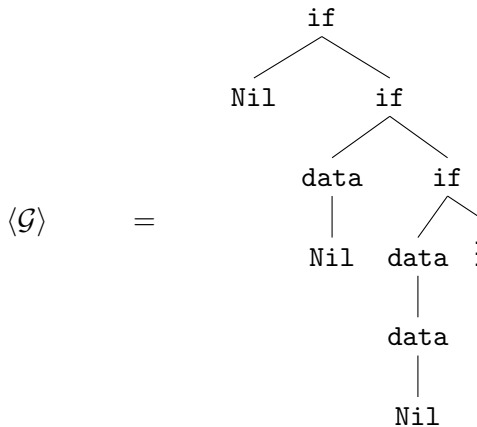


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Finite representation of “higher-order regular” infinite trees: rewriting produces a **tree** $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$.

“Everything” is **simply-typed**, and

*well-typed programs can't go **too** wrong:*

we can **detect productivity**, and **enforce it** (replace divergence by outputting a distinguished symbol Ω in one step).

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HORS can alternatively be seen as **simply-typed** λ -terms with

free variables of **order at most 1** (= tree constructors)

and

simply-typed recursion operators $Y_\sigma : (\sigma \rightarrow \sigma) \rightarrow \sigma$.

Here : $\mathcal{G} \rightsquigarrow (Y_{o \rightarrow o}(\lambda L. \lambda x. \text{if } x (L (\text{data } x)))) \text{ Nil}$

Higher-order recursion schemes

We can adapt to HORS the fact that coinductive parallel head reduction computes the normal form of infinite λ -terms:

$$\frac{}{(\lambda x. s) t \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}_W} s[x \leftarrow t]} \quad \frac{s \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}_W} s'}{s t \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}_W} s' t}$$

$$\frac{}{F \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}_W} \mathcal{R}(F)}$$

$$\frac{t \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}_W}^* a t_1 \cdots t_n \quad t_i \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}}^\infty t'_i \quad (\forall i)}{t \rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}}^\infty a t'_1 \cdots t'_n}$$

This reduction **computes** $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$ whenever it exists (a decidable question).

This presentation allows **coinductive reasoning** on rewriting.

Alternating tree automata

Alternating parity tree automata

For a MSO formula φ ,

$$\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle \models \varphi$$

iff an equivalent APT \mathcal{A}_φ has a run over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$.

APT = **alternating** tree automata (ATA) + **parity** condition.

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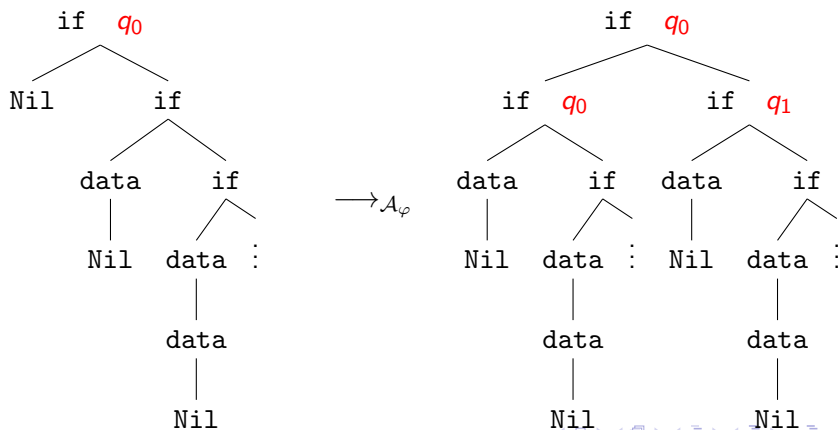
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This infinite process produces a **run-tree** of \mathcal{A}_φ over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$.

It is an infinite, **unranked** tree.

ATA vs. HORS

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where the duplication “conforms to δ ” (there is non-determinism).

Starting from $S : q_0$, this **computes run-trees of an ATA \mathcal{A} over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$** .

We get closer to type theory...

Alternating tree automata and intersection types

A key remark (Kobayashi 2009):

$$\delta(q_0, \text{if}) = (2, q_0) \wedge (2, q_1)$$

can be seen as the intersection typing

$$\text{if} : \emptyset \rightarrow (q_0 \wedge q_1) \rightarrow q_0$$

refining the simple typing

$$\text{if} : o \rightarrow o \rightarrow o$$

(this talk is **NOT** about filter models!)

Alternating tree automata and intersection types

In a derivation typing $\text{if } T_1 \ T_2 :$

$$\text{App} \frac{\delta \frac{\emptyset \vdash \text{if} : \emptyset \rightarrow (q_0 \wedge q_1) \rightarrow q_0}{\emptyset \vdash \text{if } T_1 : (q_0 \wedge q_1) \rightarrow q_0} \quad \emptyset \quad \vdots \quad \vdots}{\Gamma_{21}, \Gamma_{22} \vdash \text{if } T_1 \ T_2 : q_0} \quad \Gamma_{21} \vdash T_2 : q_0 \quad \Gamma_{22} \vdash T_2 : q_1$$

Intersection types naturally lift to higher-order – and thus to \mathcal{G} , which **finitely** represents $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$.

Theorem (Kobayashi)

$S : q_0 \vdash S : q_0$ *iff* *the ATA \mathcal{A}_φ has a run-tree over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$.*

A type-system for verification: without parity conditions

$$\text{Axiom} \quad \frac{}{x : \bigwedge_{\{i\}} \theta_i :: \kappa \vdash x : \theta_i :: \kappa}$$

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An alternate proof

Non-idempotent types + extension of $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{G}, \mathcal{A}}^{\infty}$ to typing trees:

$$\frac{\frac{\frac{\pi}{\vdots} \quad \Gamma, x : \bigwedge_i \tau_i \vdash s : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x. s : \bigwedge_i \tau_i \rightarrow \sigma} \quad \frac{\pi_j}{\vdots} \quad \Gamma_i \vdash t : \tau_i}{\Gamma + \sum_i \Gamma_i \vdash (\lambda x. s) t : \sigma}}$$

rewrites to

$$\frac{\pi[x \leftarrow (\pi_i)_i]}{\vdots} \quad \Gamma + \sum_i \Gamma_i \vdash s[x \leftarrow t] : \sigma$$

Lifting of the alternating behavior to higher-order.

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$L : (q_0 \wedge q_0 \wedge q_1) \rightarrow q_0$ informs that its argument will be used **three** times in the proof-tree: twice with state q_0 , once with state q_1 .

Recall that x only occurs **twice**, but **alternation** makes additional duplications.

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This time $L : q_0 \rightarrow q_1$ implies that one of the occurrences of x will not be “visited” by the automaton.

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Theorem

$S : q_0 \vdash S : q_0$ iff the ATA \mathcal{A}_ϕ has a run-tree over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$.

Proof: **coinductive subject reduction/expansion** + **head reduction** of derivations.

$$\frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi \\ \vdots \end{array}}{S : q_0 \vdash S : q_0} \iff \frac{\begin{array}{c} \pi' \\ \vdots \end{array}}{\emptyset \vdash \langle \mathcal{G} \rangle : q_0} \iff \langle \mathcal{G} \rangle \text{ is accepted by } \mathcal{A}.$$

Parity conditions

Alternating **parity** tree automata

MSO allows to discriminate **inductive** from **coinductive** behaviour.

This allows to express properties as

“a given operation is executed infinitely often in some execution”

or

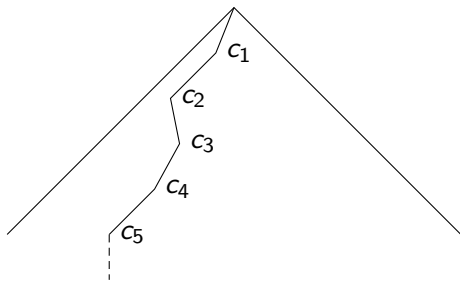
“after a read operation, a write eventually occurs”.

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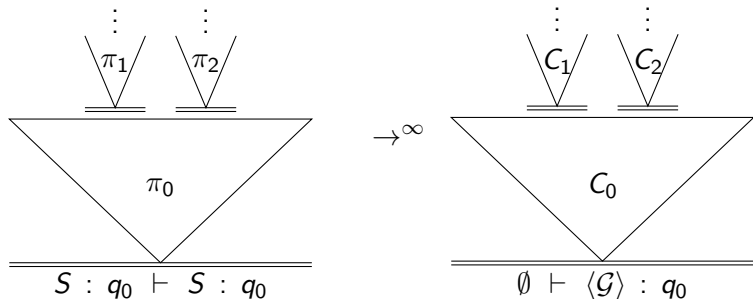
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\mathcal{A}_φ has a **winning** run-tree over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$ iff $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle \models \phi$

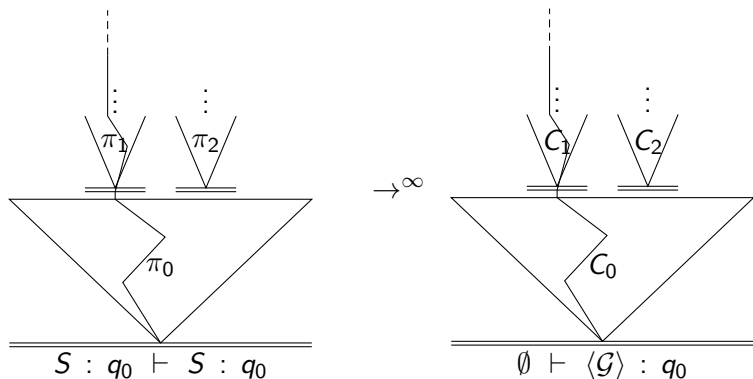
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where the C_i are the **tree contexts** obtained by normalizing each π_i .

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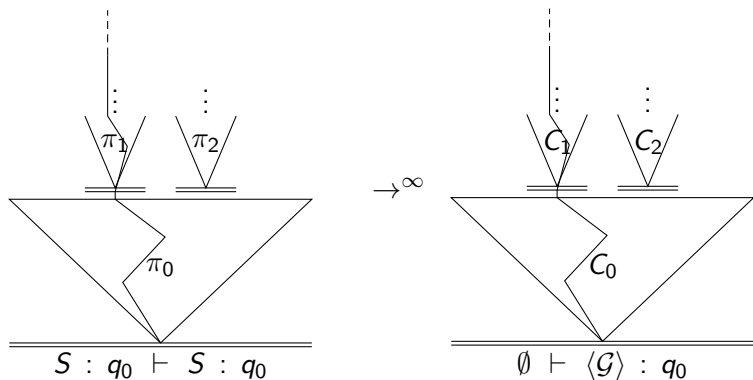
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In this *quantitative* setting, there is a *correspondence* between infinite branches of the typing of \mathcal{G} and of the run-tree over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$ obtained by normalization.

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The goal now: **add information in π_i about the maximal color seen in C_i .**

One extra color: ϵ for the case $C_i = []$.

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We add coloring informations to intersection types:

$$\delta(q_0, \text{if}) = (2, q_0) \wedge (2, q_1)$$

now corresponds to

$$\text{if} : \emptyset \rightarrow (\Box_{\Omega(q_0)} q_0 \wedge \Box_{\Omega(q_1)} q_1) \rightarrow q_0$$

Application computes the “local” maximum of colors, and the fixpoint deals with the acceptance condition.

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We now capture all MSO:

Theorem (G.-Melliès 2014)

$S : q_0 \vdash S : q_0$ admits a winning typing derivation iff the alternating *parity* automaton \mathcal{A} has a winning run-tree over $\langle \mathcal{G} \rangle$.

We obtain *decidability* by collapsing to *idempotent* types.

Non-idempotency is very helpful for proofs, but leads to infinitary constructions.

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