

Abstract computation over first-order structures

Sufficient conditions for the existence of universal BSS RAMs

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Informal

Examples

IF $X > 1$ THEN $X := X + 1$.

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describes an algorithm to compute $x + 1$ for x greater than 1.

We use

- an operation to transform an object,
- a relation for evaluating a condition,
- a constant.

The underlying structures

of our machines has this form:

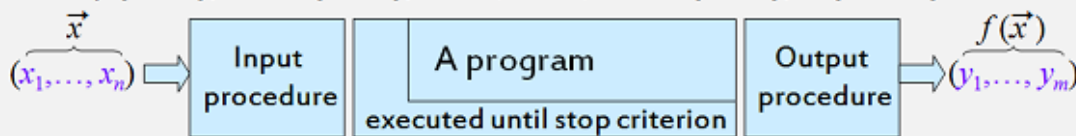
$$\mathcal{A} = (\underbrace{U_{\mathcal{A}}}_{\text{universe}} ; \underbrace{(c_i)_{i \in N_1}}_{\text{constants}} ; \underbrace{(f_i)_{i \in N_2}}_{\text{operations}} ; \underbrace{(r_i)_{i \in N_3}}_{\text{relations}}).$$

Known Machines over First-Order Structures

First-order structures $\mathcal{A}$ and several types of machines

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|---|---|
| $(\{0, 1\}; 0, 1; ; =)$ | Turing machines (1), Type-2 machines (3) |
| $(\mathbb{N}; 0, 1; +, -, \cdot; <, =)$ | classical RAMs (2) |
| $(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R}; +, -, \cdot; <, =)$ | real RAMs (2), algebraic models (2), BSS machines (1) |
| $(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R}; +, -; <, =)$ | linear models (1), (2), additive BSS machines (1) |

Minsky (1961), Scott (1967), Blum/Shub/Smale (1989),... (offline):



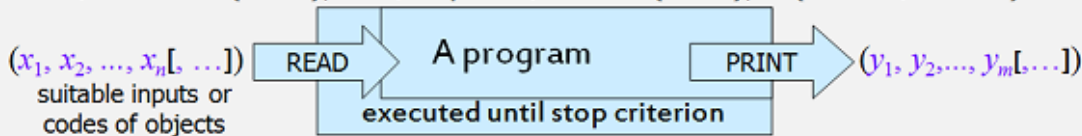
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machines over $\mathcal{A}$

$\mathcal{A}$ -machines

BSS RAMs over $\mathcal{A}$

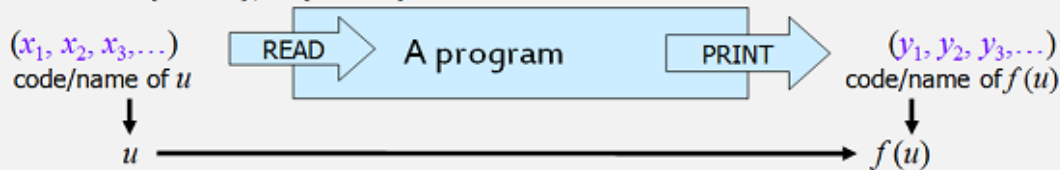
Cook/Reckhow (1973), Aho/Hopcroft/Ullman (1974),... (offline / online):



(2)

machines over $\mathcal{A}$

Weihrauch (1985?),... (online):



(3)

machines over $\mathcal{A}$

Known Machines over First-Order Structures

First-order structures

$(\{0, 1\}; 0, 1; ; =)$	Turing machines (1)
$(\mathbb{N}; 0, 1; +, -, \cdot; <, =)$	classical RAMs (2)
$(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R}; +, -, \cdot; <, =)$	real RAMs (3), algebraic models (3), BSS machines (4)
$(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{R}; +, -; <, =)$	linear models (3), (5), additive BSS machines (5)

Introduced and/or investigated by

- (1) Alan M. Turing,
- (2) Alfred V. Aho, John E. Hopcroft, Jeffrey D. Ullman, ...
- (3) Franco P. Preparata, Michael I. Shamos, ...
- (4) Lenore Blum, Steve Smale, Michael Shub,
- (5) Felipe Cucker, Klaus Meer, Pascal Koiran, ...

A Program for Semi-Deciding a Set

Over $(\mathbb{R}; \mathbb{Z}; +, \cdot, =)$

Examples (Semi-deciding the square roots)

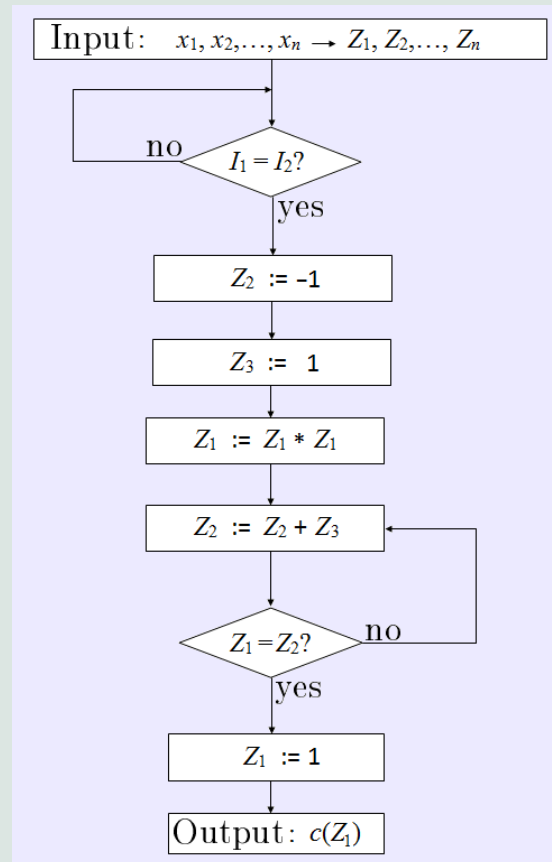
Input $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^\infty$.

- 1: if $I_1 = I_2$ then goto 2 else goto 1;
- 2: $Z_2 := -1$;
- 3: $Z_3 := 1$;
- 4: $Z_1 := Z_1 * Z_1$;
- 5: $Z_2 := Z_2 + Z_3$;
- 6: if $Z_1 = Z_2$ then goto 7 else goto 5;
- 7: $Z_1 := 1$;
- 8: stop.

Output $c(Z_1)$.

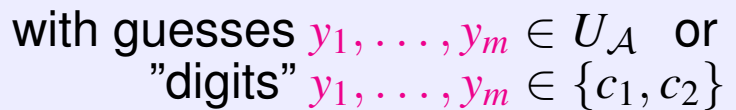
Symbols: $+$ and $*$ for binary functions.
 1 and -1 for a constant.

Infix notation $Z_1 + Z_2$ stands for
 $f_1^2(Z_1, Z_2)$ and so on.



Input and output procedures for **[digitally] non-deterministic BSS RAMs** in $M_{\mathcal{A}}^{[D]}{}^{\text{ND}}$

Input of $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty$:


$$(c(Z_1), \dots, c(Z_{c(I_1)}))$$

Algorithms over First-Order Structures

σ -programs for [in]finite $\mathcal{A}$ -machines $\mathcal{M}$

A σ -program can be interpreted by any structure of a finite or infinite suitable signature.

To simplify matters, let us consider

- a structure $\mathcal{A} = (U_{\mathcal{A}}; c_1, \dots, c_{n_1}; f_1, \dots, f_{n_2}; r_1, \dots, r_{n_3})$
- a finite signature $\sigma = (n_1; m_1, \dots, m_{n_2}; k_1, \dots, k_{n_3})$
- the first-order symbols $c_1^0, \dots, c_{n_1}^0, f_1^{m_1}, \dots, f_{n_2}^{m_{n_2}}, r_1^{k_1}, \dots, r_{n_3}^{k_{n_3}}$

Definition (σ -program $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}$ of an $\mathcal{A}$ -machine)

$1 : \text{instruction}_1; \dots; \ell_{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}} - 1 : \text{instruction}_{\ell_{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}} - 1}; \ell_{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}} : \text{stop}.$

- Any instruction_i is a σ -instruction.
- The execution of $\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}$ is:
the stepwise transformation of configurations
by the transition system $(S_{\mathcal{M}}, \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}})$.

Algorithms over First-Order Structures

σ -instructions for infinite $\mathcal{A}$ -machines $\mathcal{M}$ and transport instructions

Z_1	Z_2	Z_3	Z_4	Z_5	$\dots$
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Z-registers (for *individuals* in $U_{\mathcal{A}}$)

I_1	I_2	I_3	I_4	$\dots$	$I_{k_{\mathcal{M}}}$
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Index registers (for *indices* in $\mathbb{N}_+$)

Computation	$\ell: Z_j := f_i^{m_i}(Z_{j_1}, \dots, Z_{j_{m_i}})$	(1)
	$\ell: Z_j := c_i^0$	(2)
Copy	$\ell: Z_{I_j} := Z_{I_k}$	(3)
Branching	$\ell: \text{if } r_i^{k_i}(Z_{j_1}, \dots, Z_{j_{k_i}}) \text{ then goto } \ell_1 \text{ else goto } \ell_2$	(4)
Index	$\ell: I_j := 1$	(5)
	$\ell: I_j := I_j + 1$	(6)
	$\ell: \text{if } I_j = I_k \text{ then goto } \ell_1 \text{ else goto } \ell_2$	(7)
Stop	$l: \text{stop}$	(8)

The Z-registers contain individuals of the underlying structure. For copying these values from one Z-register into another Z-register, we will use index registers and index instructions.

Overall States

Configurations of an $\mathcal{A}$ -machine $\mathcal{M}$

Definition (Configurations in $S_{\mathcal{M}}$)

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) = (\ell, \underbrace{\nu_1, \dots, \nu_{k_{\mathcal{M}}}, u_1, u_2, \dots})$$

a configuration of $\mathcal{M}$

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I_1	I_2	I_3	$\dots$	$I_{k_{\mathcal{M}}}$
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Z_1	Z_2	Z_3	Z_4	Z_5	$\dots$
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index registers

Z-registers

pointers

read-and-write heads

tape

$$\ell \in \mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}} \quad \vec{\nu} = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_{k_{\mathcal{M}}}) \in \mathbb{N}_+^{k_{\mathcal{M}}}$$

$$\bar{u} = (u_1, u_2, \dots) \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\omega}$$

ℓ a label in $\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{M}}$

instruction counter, the internal state

$\vec{\nu}$ indices of Z-registers

$\bar{u}$ a sequence of individuals

Unit Costs by a Computational System for $\mathcal{A}$ -Machines

Transformation of configurations of an $\mathcal{A}$ -machine $\mathcal{M}$

Definition (Transition system for any $\mathcal{A}$ -machine $\mathcal{M}$)

$$\mathcal{S}_{\mathcal{M}} = (\mathbf{S}_{\mathcal{M}}, \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}})$$

with a binary relation $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq \mathbf{S}_{\mathcal{M}}^2$

defined below.

$\rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}}$ depends on

- the types of the single instructions belonging to the program,
- the single parameters in these instructions, and
- the underlying structure.

(cf. Introduction 2020, . . .; see also Börger for finite machines, . . .)

Unit Costs of $\mathcal{A}$ -machines

Transformation of configurations of an $\mathcal{A}$ -machine $\mathcal{M}$

$$\ell: Z_j := f_i^{m_i}(Z_{j_1}, \dots, Z_{j_{m_i}})$$

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} (\ell + 1 . \vec{\nu} . (u_1, \dots, u_{j-1}, f_i(u_{j_1}, \dots, u_{j_{m_i}}), u_{j+1}, \dots))$$

$$\ell: Z_j := c_i^0$$

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} (\ell + 1 . \vec{\nu} . (u_1, \dots, u_{j-1}, c_i, u_{j+1}, \dots))$$

$$\ell: Z_{I_j} := Z_{I_k}$$

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} (\ell + 1 . \vec{\nu} . (u_1, \dots, u_{\nu_j-1}, u_{\nu_k}, u_{\nu_j+1}, \dots))$$

$$\ell: \text{if } r_i^{k_i}(Z_{j_1}, \dots, Z_{j_{k_i}}) \text{ then goto } \ell_1 \text{ else goto } \ell_2$$

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} (\ell_1 . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u})$$

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \rightarrow_{\mathcal{M}} (\ell_2 . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u})$$

$$\text{if } (u_{j_1}, \dots, u_{j_{k_i}}) \in r_i$$

$$\text{if } (u_{j_1}, \dots, u_{j_{k_i}}) \notin r_i$$

Unit Costs of $\mathcal{A}$ -machines

Transformation of configurations of an $\mathcal{A}$ -machine $\mathcal{M}$

ℓ : if $I_j = I_k$ then goto ℓ_1 else goto ℓ_2

$$\begin{array}{ll} (\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}} (\ell_1 . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) & \text{if } \nu_j = \nu_k \\ (\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}} (\ell_2 . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) & \text{if } \nu_j \neq \nu_k \end{array}$$

ℓ : $I_j := 1$

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}} (\ell + 1 . (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_{j-1}, 1, \nu_{j+1}, \dots) . \bar{u})$$

ℓ : $I_j := I_j + 1$

$$(\ell . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}} (\ell + 1 . (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_{j-1}, \nu_j + 1, \nu_{j+1}, \dots) . \bar{u})$$

$\ell_{\mathcal{P}}$: stop

$$(\ell_{\mathcal{P}} . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u}) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}} (\ell_{\mathcal{P}} . \vec{\nu} . \bar{u})$$

Semi-Decidable Problems: Halting Sets

Some decision problems of BSS RAMs

Definition (Decision problems)

Any subset P of $U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty}$ (that contains all tuples) is a *decision problem*.

Definition (Halting process)

$\mathcal{M}$ *halts* on input $\vec{x}$ if $\ell_{\mathcal{P}} : \text{stop}$ is reached [for some guesses].

$\mathcal{M}(\vec{x}) \downarrow$ if $\mathcal{M}$ halts on input $\vec{x}$ after a finite number of steps [for some guesses].

$\mathcal{M}(\vec{x}) \uparrow$ if $\mathcal{M}(\vec{x}) \downarrow$ does not hold.

Definition (Halting set)

$H_{\mathcal{M}} = \{\vec{x} \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty} \mid \mathcal{M}(\vec{x}) \downarrow\}$ is the *halting set* of $\mathcal{M}$.

$\vec{x} \in H_{\mathcal{M}} \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ *accepts* $\vec{x}$.

$\text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}}(\vec{x}) \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty}$ and $\emptyset \neq \text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}}(\vec{x}) \subseteq U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty}$ (resp.)

$\text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{H_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}\}$

$\text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ND}} = \{H_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ND}}\}$

Complete Problems: Halting Problems

Over first-order structures

Properties (Halting problems)

$$\text{Halt} = \{ \langle \text{input}, \text{machine} \rangle \subseteq U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty} \mid \langle \text{machine} \rangle \text{ halts on } \langle \text{input} \rangle \}$$

⇒ It is useful to consider universal BSS RAMs.

Universal Machines of Type 1 and their Halting Sets

Halting problems

$$\mathcal{A} = (U_{\mathcal{A}}; (c_i)_{i \in N_1}; f_1, \dots, f_{n_2}; r_1, \dots, r_{n_3}) \quad (\{1, 2\} \subseteq N_1)$$

Type 1 here means **encoding by using two constants**

$$a = c_1,$$

$$b = c_2.$$

$$\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \in \{a, b\}^\infty \quad (\text{for all BSS RAMs } \mathcal{M} \text{ over } \mathcal{A})$$

Definition (Halting problems of type 1)

$$\mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{(\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x}) \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}} \ \& \ \mathcal{M}(\vec{x}) \downarrow\}$$

$$\mathbb{H}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ND}} = \{(\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x}) \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ND}} \ \& \ \mathcal{M}(\vec{x}) \downarrow\}$$

for BSS RAMs over $\mathcal{A}$, in $\mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ND}}$, without guessing, with guessing

Simulation of $\mathcal{M}$ by a Universal Machine $\mathcal{M}_0$ (Type 1)

Computing $\text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}} = \text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}_0} \circ \text{Res}_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}}}$ for $\mathcal{A}$ with $\{1, 2\} \subseteq N_1$

$\vec{x}$

$\Rightarrow_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}}}$

$(\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x})$

$\Downarrow \text{Input}_{\mathcal{M}}$

$\Downarrow \text{Input}_{\mathcal{M}_0}$

initial configuration for $\mathcal{M}$

initial configuration for $\mathcal{M}_0$

$(1 \cdot (n, 1, \dots, 1) \cdot \vec{x} \cdot (x_n, x_n, \dots))$

$(1 \cdot (n_0, 1, \dots, 1) \cdot (\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x} \cdot (x_n, x_n, \dots)))$

with $n_0 = |(\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x})|$

$\Downarrow$ The execution of $\mathcal{M}$

$\Downarrow$ The execution of $\mathcal{M}_0$

end configuration

end configuration

$(\ell_{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}}} \cdot \vec{v} \cdot \bar{u})$

$(\ell_{\mathcal{P}_{\mathcal{M}_0}} \cdot \vec{\mu} \cdot \bar{z})$

$\Downarrow \text{Output}_{\mathcal{M}}$

$\Downarrow \text{Output}_{\mathcal{M}_0}$

$\text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}}(\vec{x}) = (u_1, \dots, u_{\nu_1})$

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$(z_1, \dots, z_{\mu_1}) = \text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}_0}(\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x})$

Simulation of $\mathcal{M}$ by a Universal Machine $\mathcal{M}_0$ (Type 1)

The reduction of halting sets

Input of $\mathcal{M}$

$\vec{x}$

$\Rightarrow_{\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}}}$

Input of $\mathcal{M}_0$

$(\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x})$

$\Rightarrow \mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}}$ computes the reduction of $H_{\mathcal{M}}$ to $H_{\mathcal{M}_0}$
for $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$ (in linear time).

$\vec{x} \in H_{\mathcal{M}} \Rightarrow (\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x}) \in H_{\mathcal{M}_0}$

$\vec{x} \notin H_{\mathcal{M}} \Rightarrow (\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x}) \notin H_{\mathcal{M}_0}$

$\mathcal{M}$ halts on $\vec{x} \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}_0$ halts on $(\text{code}_{(a,b)}(\mathcal{M}) \cdot \vec{x})$

Note, we have also:

$\mathcal{N}_{\mathcal{M}}$ computes the reduction of $H_{\mathcal{M}}$ to $H_{\mathcal{M}_0^{\text{ND}}}$

for $\mathcal{M} \in \mathcal{M}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\text{ND}}$ (in linear time).

Encoding BSS RAMs $\mathcal{M}$ for their Simulation

Strings in $\{a, b\}^\kappa$ as codes for the σ -programs

Our instructions $\ell: Z_j := f_i^{m_i}(Z_{j_1}, \dots, Z_{j_{m_i}})$ (1), ... encoded by

$code_\lambda(\cdot)$ in $\{a, b\}^\lambda$ (codes for labels and indices)

$\Rightarrow (code_\lambda(\cdot) \cdot code_\lambda(\cdot) \dots)$ in $\{a, b\}^\kappa$ (codes for instructions)

Type	e_1	e_2	e_3	e_4	e_5	e_6	e_7	$\dots$	$e_{\dots}$	Codes of length κ
(1)	1	i			j	j_1	j_2		j_{m_i}	$(code_\lambda(1) \cdot code_\lambda(i) \cdot \dots)$
(2)	2				j					$(code_\lambda(2) \cdot code_\lambda(0) \cdot \dots)$
(3)	3				j	k				
(4)	4	i	ℓ_1	ℓ_2		j_1	j_2		j_{k_i}	
(5)	5		ℓ_1	ℓ_2	j	k				
(6)	6				j					
(7)	7				j					
(8)	0									

Recall: $a = c_1$, $b = c_2$.

Are the codes (are c_1 and c_2) recognizable or distinguishable?

Subprograms for Evaluating Codes?

Subprograms for deciding codes?

The equality relation $=$ can be used in executing a branching instruction of type (4) only if the relation $=$ belongs to the underlying structure $\mathcal{A}$.

- A structure $\mathcal{A} = (U_{\mathcal{A}}; (c_i)_{i \in N_1}; f_1, \dots, f_{n_2}; r_1, \dots, r_{n_3}) \quad (\{1, 2\} \subseteq N_1)$
- an **expansion** $\mathcal{A}^+ = (U_{\mathcal{A}}; (c_i)_{i \in N_1}; f_1, \dots, f_{n_2}; r_1, \dots, r_{n_3}, =)$
- a **new signature** $\sigma^+ = (n_1; m_1, \dots, m_{n_2}; k_1, \dots, k_{n_3}, 2)$
- **new symbols** (for the identity) $=, \text{id}, r_{n_3+1}^2$

Examples (Useful pseudo instructions for computation over $\mathcal{A}$?)

ℓ : if **id**(Z_1, c_1^0) then goto ℓ_1 else goto ℓ_2 (i)

ℓ : if **id**(Z_1, c_2^0) then goto ℓ_1 else goto ℓ_2 (ii)

id is a symbol for a binary relation. **id** could be interpreted, e.g., by the equality relation $=$.

If the equality relation is decidable over $\mathcal{A}$ by a subprogram, then

both pseudo instructions can stand for subprograms allowing to decide $\{c_1\}$ and $\{c_2\}$.

Which properties must $\mathcal{A}$ possess in order to be able to evaluate the codes?

Subprograms for Evaluating Codes

Sufficient conditions for subprograms helping to decide codes

Definition (The classes $\text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $\text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$)

$$\text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{H_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}\}$$

$$\text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{P \subseteq U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty} \mid P \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}} \ \& \ U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty} \setminus P \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}\}$$

- (a) $\mathcal{A}$ contains $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}}$,
- (b) $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (c) $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (d) $\{c_1\}, \{c_2\} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Theorem (Pseudo instructions for evaluating codes over $\mathcal{A}$)

Let one of conditions, (a) or (b) or (c) or (d), hold.

Then, $\{c_1\}, \{c_2\} \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$ and

(i) and (ii) describe subprograms for deciding $\{c_1\}$ and $\{c_2\}$ over $\mathcal{A}$.

ℓ : if $\text{id}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{c}_1^0)$ then goto ℓ_1 else goto ℓ_2 (i)

ℓ : if $\text{id}(\mathbf{Z}_1, \mathbf{c}_2^0)$ then goto ℓ_1 else goto ℓ_2 (ii)

More Background (for Evaluating Codes)

Identity, constants, and basic implications

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- (c) $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (d) $\{c_1\}, \{c_2\} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (e) $\{c_1, c_2\}^{\infty} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Let $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ mean (a) implies (b) , ...

There hold

$$(a) \Rightarrow (b) \Rightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (d) \Rightarrow (e) \quad (\text{cf. Part IIb})$$

and there are structures with

$$(a) \not\Rightarrow (b) \quad \text{or} \quad (c) \not\Rightarrow (d) \quad \text{or} \quad (d) \not\Rightarrow (e). \quad (\text{cf. Part IIb})$$

What do we have, $(b) \not\Rightarrow (c)$ or $(b) \Leftarrow (c)$?

More Background (for Evaluating Codes)

Basic properties and some equivalences

Definition (The classes $\text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$ and $\text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$)

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$$\text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}} = \{P \subseteq U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty} \mid P \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}} \ \& \ U_{\mathcal{A}}^{\infty} \setminus P \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}\}$$

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- (b) $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (c) $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (d) $\{c_1\}, \{c_2\} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (e) $\{c_1, c_2\}^{\infty} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$.

Let $(a) \Leftrightarrow (b)$ mean $(a) \Rightarrow (b)$ and $(b) \Rightarrow (a), \dots$

Then:

- (c) $\Leftrightarrow \text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$. (cf. Part IIb)
- (d) $\Leftrightarrow \{c_1\}, \{c_2\} \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$. (cf. Part IIb)
- (e) $\Leftrightarrow \{c_1, c_2\} \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$. (cf. Part IIb)

Thus:

$(b) \Leftrightarrow (c)$

$$\Leftrightarrow \chi_{\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}}} \in \{\text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}\}. \quad (\text{see below})$$

More: Decidability of P and Computability of χ_P

Over structures with two constants and $P \subseteq U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty$

Definition (The characteristic function)

$$\chi_P : U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \rightarrow \{c_1, c_2\} \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_P(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} c_1 & \text{if } \vec{x} \in P, \\ c_2 & \text{if } \vec{x} \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \setminus P. \end{cases}$$

$$P \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \chi_P \in \{\text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}\}. \quad (\text{cf. Part IIb})$$

The computation of χ_P by an $\mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$ should mean that

- $\chi_P(\vec{x}) = c_1$ means $\vec{x} \in P$ and $\vec{x}$ is accepted by $\mathcal{M}$,
- $\chi_P(\vec{x}) = c_2$ means $\vec{x} \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \setminus P$ and $\vec{x}$ is rejected by $\mathcal{M}$.

More: Decidability of P and Computability of χ_P

Over structures with two constants and $P \subseteq U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty$

Definition (The characteristic function)

$$\chi_P : U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \rightarrow \{c_1, c_2\} \quad \text{and} \quad \chi_P(\vec{x}) = \begin{cases} c_1 & \text{if } \vec{x} \in P, \\ c_2 & \text{if } \vec{x} \in U_{\mathcal{A}}^\infty \setminus P. \end{cases}$$

$$P \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}} \Rightarrow \chi_P \in \{\text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}\}. \quad (\text{cf. Part IIb})$$

What about with “ $\Leftarrow$ ”?

$$\chi_P \in \{\text{Res}_{\mathcal{M}} \mid \mathcal{M} \in \mathbf{M}_{\mathcal{A}}\} \text{ and } (d) \Rightarrow P \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}. \\ (\text{for several proofs see Part IIb})$$

Recall: $(a) \Rightarrow (b) \Leftrightarrow (c) \Rightarrow (d)$

where

- (a) $\mathcal{A}$ contains $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}}$,
- (b) $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{DEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (c) $\text{id}_{U_{\mathcal{A}}} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$,
- (d) $\{c_1\}, \{c_2\} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$.
- (e) $\{c_1, c_2\} \in \text{SDEC}_{\mathcal{A}}$ is not sufficient.

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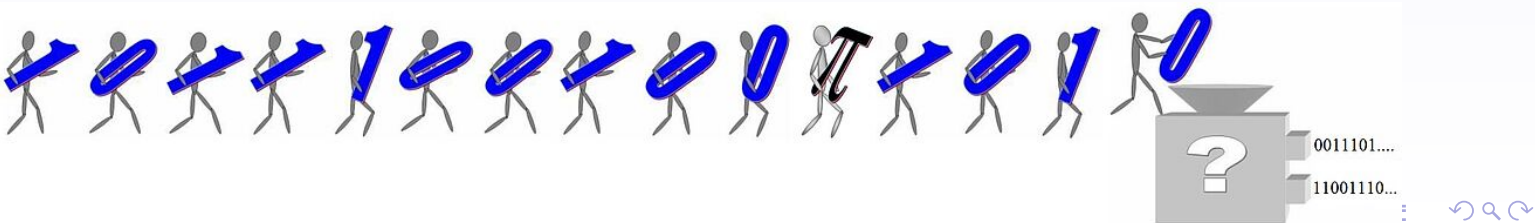
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