An Algebraic View of Bigraphs

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Motivation and programme

- We ask: what are bigraphs?
- To answer this, we aim at a standard algebraic account of bigraphs; we use a suitable linear kind of algebra.
- This gives a universal characterisation of bigraphs in terms of their algebraic structure.
- A possible external benefit could be that, as the account is standard, one can easily explore variations.
- A possible internal benefit is the provision of a (less) standard term language for bigraphs.
- Another possible internal benefit is a framework for discussing dynamics.

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Robin's view

- I discussed some of these ideas with Robin when I was beginning to think about the problem.
- I wanted to avoid the partiality that Robin wished to deal with directly.
- He was not fond of that move, saying he had taken great care with his formalism. (I think the balance of structure and notational convenience was primary.)
- So he may well not have liked this work.
- He may also not have cared: I got the impression I would have needed to argue well to convince him that abstract universal characterisations of the category of bigraphs held any interest.
- I am sad that he is no longer with us, and that that such conversations can no longer be.

Example (bare) bigraph, place graph, and link graph (from Milner lectures)

The bi-structure of bigraphs



How to build bigraphs? Give them interfaces

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Example compositions (from Milner lectures)



An *interface* takes the form $\langle m, X \rangle$. The *origin* is $\epsilon \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \langle 0, \emptyset \rangle$.

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Example bigraph with controls (from Milner lectures)



Control Signature A:2 - an agent, B:1 - a building, C:2 - a computer, R:0 - a room.

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Definition of place graphs

- Signature A set \mathcal{K} of controls, ranged over by \mathcal{K} .
- Concrete Place Graph A tuple

$$\mathsf{F} = \langle V, \operatorname{ctrl}, \operatorname{prnt} \rangle \colon m \to n$$

where:

- V is the set of nodes
- $\operatorname{ctrl}: V \to \mathcal{K}$ is the control map.
- prnt: $m \cup V \rightarrow V \cup n$ is the parent map, assumed *acyclic*. (We identify *m* with $\{0, ..., m-1\}$.)
- Abstract Place Graph An isomorphism class

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of concrete place graphs.

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Composition of abstract place graphs

$$I \xrightarrow{[\langle V, \operatorname{ctrl}, \operatorname{prnt} \rangle]} m \xrightarrow{[\langle V', \operatorname{ctrl}', \operatorname{prnt}' \rangle]} n = I \xrightarrow{[\langle V \cup V', \operatorname{ctrl} \cup \operatorname{ctrl}', \operatorname{prnt}'' \rangle]} m$$

where:

$$prnt''(x) = \begin{cases} prnt(x) & (x \in I \cup V, prnt(x) \notin m) \\ prnt'(prnt(x)) & (x \in I \cup V, prnt(x) \in m) \\ prnt'(x) & (x \in V') \end{cases}$$

This gives a category $Place_{\mathcal{K}}$.

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Tensor of abstract place graphs

$$(I \xrightarrow{[(V, \operatorname{ctrl}, \operatorname{prnt})]} m) \otimes (I' \xrightarrow{[(V', \operatorname{ctrl}', \operatorname{prnt}')]} m') = I + I' \xrightarrow{[(V \cup V', \operatorname{ctrl} \cup \operatorname{ctrl}', \operatorname{prnt}'')]} m + m'$$

where:

$$\operatorname{prnt}^{\prime\prime}(x) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{prnt}(x) & (x \in I \cup V) \\ \operatorname{prnt}(x-I) + I & (x \in \{I, \dots, (I+I') - 1\} \cup V') \end{cases}$$

- This makes **Place**_{\mathcal{K}} symmetric monoidal closed, with $l \otimes m = l + m$.
- But the tensor product is not a categorical product, and 0 is not the terminal object (eg, there are no place graphs [F]:1 → 0).

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Some structure in place graphs

We have:

• A commutative monoid



on 1,

• with unary functions



 $K: \mathbf{1} \to \mathbf{1}$

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A (cartesian) equational theory

• Signature

- +:2 and 0:0
- K:1 $(K \in \mathcal{K})$

• Axioms Ax: + and 0 form a commutative monoid, ie:

$$(x + y) + x = x + (y + z)$$

 $x + y = y + x$
 $x + 0 = x$

• Proof equivalence classes

$$[t] =_{\mathsf{def}} \{ u \mid \mathsf{Ax} \vdash u = t \}$$

and write $[\langle t_0, \ldots, t_{n-1} \rangle]$ for $\langle [t_0], \ldots, [t_{n-1}] \rangle$.

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A corresponding category $\mathsf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^c$

- Objects The natural numbers $\mathbb N$
- Morphisms

$$[\langle t_0,\ldots,t_{n-1}\rangle]: m \longrightarrow n$$

where $FV(t_i) \subseteq \{z_0, \ldots, z_{m-1}\}$, for i = 0, m - 1. (We assume a fixed infinite sequence z_0, z_1, \ldots of distinct variables.)

Composition

 $I \xrightarrow{[\langle u_0, \dots, u_{m-1} \rangle]} m \xrightarrow{[\langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle]} n = I \xrightarrow{[\langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle [u_0/z_0, \dots, u_{m-1}/z_{m-1}]]} m$

Identity

$$m \xrightarrow{[\langle z_0, \dots, z_{m-1} \rangle]} m$$

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Lawvere Theories

These are structures:

$$\mathbb{N}^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{I} \mathbf{L}$$

where

- ℕ is the category of all natural numbers and maps between them,
- L is a small category with finite products, and
- I is a strict finite product preserving identity-on-objects functor

Example Lawvere Theory: $\mathbb{N}^{op} \xrightarrow{l} \mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{c}$ where

$$I(f:n \to m) = [\langle z_{f(0)}, \ldots, z_{f(m-1)} \rangle]$$

When I is obvious, we may omit it.

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Maps of Lawvere theories

A map from $\mathbb{N}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{l} \mathbf{L}$ to $\mathbb{N}^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{l'} \mathbf{L'}$, is just a functor

 $\mathcal{F}\!:\! L \to L'$

such that the following diagram commutes:



It is necessarily the identity on objects and strictly finite product preserving.

Remark

 $Law \simeq EqTh$

Characterisation of CMon^c

Define:

() a commutative monoid $\langle +, 0 \rangle$ on 1, where:

$$+ =_{def} \langle [z_0 + z_1] \rangle : 2 \rightarrow 1 \qquad 0 =_{def} \langle [0] \rangle : 0 \rightarrow 1$$

2 unary morphisms $K: 1 \rightarrow 1$ over P (for $K \in \mathcal{K}$) where:

$$K =_{def} \langle [K(z_0)] \rangle : 1 \to 1$$

Theorem

CMon^c_{\mathcal{K}} is the free Lawvere theory **L** with

a specified commutative monoid (+L,0L) on 1, and

2 specified unary morphisms $K_L: P_L \longrightarrow P_L$ on 1.

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Linear equational logic

- Signature Σ : operation symbols op: *n* as usual.
- Linear Tems *t*: as usual, but restricted so that no variable appears twice.
- Linear Equations *t* = *u* as usual, but with the same variables occurring on both sides
- Example As above with +:2,0:0, and *K*:1 (for *K* ∈ *K*), and the commutative monoid axioms.

$$(x + y) + x = x + (y + z)$$

 $x + y = y + x$
 $x + 0 = x$

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Linear equational logic: Inference Rules

Equality is an equivalence relation

$$t = t$$
 $\frac{t = u \quad u = v}{t = v}$ $\frac{t = u}{u = t}$

Congruence

$$\frac{t_i = u_i \quad (i = 0, n - 1)}{f(t_0, \dots, t_{n-1}) = f(u_0, \dots, u_{n-1})}$$

provided the terms in the conclusion are linear. Substitution

t = u

 $\overline{t[v_0/y_0,\ldots,v_{n-1}/y_{n-1}]} = u[v_0/y_0,\ldots,v_{n-1}/y_{n-1}]$

provided the terms in the conclusion are linear.

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A corresponding category $CMon'_{\mathcal{K}}$

- \bullet Objects The natural numbers $\mathbb N$
- Morphisms

$$[\langle t_0,\ldots,t_{n-1}\rangle]: m \longrightarrow n$$

where

- $\{z_0, \ldots, z_{m-1}\} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} FV(t_i)$, and
- The FV(*t_i*) are mutually disjoint

Composition

$$I \xrightarrow{[\langle u_0, \dots, u_{m-1} \rangle]} m \xrightarrow{[\langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle]} n = I \xrightarrow{[\langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle[u_0/z_0, \dots, u_{m-1}/z_{m-1}]]} m$$

• Identity

$$m \xrightarrow{[\langle z_0, \dots, z_{m-1} \rangle]} m$$

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Symmetric Monoidal Lawvere Theories (aka PROPs)

 $\mathbb{R}^{op} \xrightarrow{I}$

These are structures:

- B is the category of all natural numbers and bijections over them,
- L is a small symmetric monoidal category, and
- I is a strict symmetric monoidal identity-on-objects functor

Example symmetric monoidal Lawvere theory: $\mathbb{B}^{op} \xrightarrow{l} \mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{l}$ where

$$I(f:n \cong n) = [\langle z_{f(0)}, \ldots, z_{f(n-1)} \rangle]$$

Much as before, morphisms of symmetric monoidal theories are functors making the evident triangle commute. Remark Presumably (a slight surprise):

$\textbf{LinEqTh} \simeq \textbf{Operad}$

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Define:

• a commutative monoid $\langle +, 0 \rangle$ on 1, where:

$$+ = \langle [z_0 + z_1] \rangle \qquad 0 = \langle [0] \rangle$$

2 unary morphisms $K: 1 \rightarrow 1$ over P (for $K \in \mathcal{K}$) where:

 $K = \langle [K(z_0)] \rangle$

Theorem

 $CMon_{\mathcal{K}}^{l}$ is the free symmetric monoidal Lawvere theory L with

- a specified commutative monoid (+L,0L) on 1, and
- **2** specified unary morphisms $K_L: 1 \rightarrow 1$ on 1.

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The same thing in normal form

Multilevel Multiset Terms

Every finite multiset {a₀,..., a_{n-1}} (n ≥ 0) of atomic multilevel multiset terms is a multilevel multiset term, provided that no variable appears in more than one a_i.

Atomic Multilevel Multiset Terms

- Every variable *x* is an atomic multilevel multiset term.
- If t is a multilevel multiset term and K ∈ K then K(t) is an atomic multilevel multiset term.

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The corresponding category

- Objects The natural numbers \mathbb{N}
- Morphisms

$$\langle t_0,\ldots,t_{n-1}\rangle: m \longrightarrow n$$

where $\{z_0, ..., z_{m-1}\} = \bigcup_{i=0}^{n-1} FV(t_i)$.

Composition

$$I \xrightarrow{\langle u_0, \dots, u_{m-1} \rangle} m \xrightarrow{\langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle} n = \xrightarrow{\langle t_0, \dots, t_{n-1} \rangle [u_0/z_0, \dots, u_{m-1}/z_{m-1}]} m$$

Identity

$$m \xrightarrow{\langle z_0, \dots, z_{m-1} \rangle} m$$

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Normal forms of place graphs

• Every abstract place graph [*F*]: *m* → 1 can be written essentially uniquely as a permutation of a join of *atomic* place graphs:

$$join_a \circ ((K_1 \circ [F_0]) \otimes \ldots \otimes (K_{a-1} \circ [F_{a-1}]) \otimes join_b) \circ \alpha$$

where $[F_i]: m_i \rightarrow 1$, with $m = \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} m_i$.

 Every abstract place graph [F]: m → n can be written uniquely as a permutation of a tensor of unary place graphs:

$$([F_0] \otimes \ldots \otimes [F_{n-1}]) \circ \alpha$$

where $[F_i]: m_i \to 1$, with $m = \sum_{i=0}^{a-1} m_i$.

From unary place graphs to normal forms of terms

We inductively define a map \mathcal{G}_1 sending unary place graphs $[F]: m \rightarrow 1$ to multiset multilevel terms $\mathcal{G}_1([F])$ with free variables $\{z_0, \ldots, z_{m-1}\}$, by:

$$\mathcal{G}_1(\textit{join}_a \circ ((K_1 \circ [F_0]) \otimes \ldots \otimes (K_{a-1} \circ [F_{l-1}]) \otimes \textit{join}_b) \circ \alpha) =$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{a-1} K_i(\mathcal{G}_1([F_i])[z_{\alpha^{-1}(0)}/z_0,\ldots,z_{\alpha^{-1}(m_i-1)}/z_{m_i-1}] + \sum_{j=0}^{b-1} z_{\alpha^{-1}(j)}$$

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From place graphs to tuples of normal forms of terms

We can then define a map \mathcal{G} sending place graphs $[F]: m \to n$ to *n* tuples of terms with free variables $\{z_0, \ldots, z_{m-1}\}$, occurring disjointly:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{G}(([F_0] \otimes \ldots \otimes [F_{n-1}]) \circ \alpha) \\ &= \langle \mathcal{G}([F_0])[z_{\alpha^{-1}(\mathbf{m}_0)}/z_{\mathbf{m}_0}], \ldots, \mathcal{G}([F_{n-1}])[z_{\alpha^{-1}(\mathbf{m}_{n-1})}/z_{\mathbf{m}_{n-1}}] \rangle \end{aligned}$$

Proposition

We have a faithful (ie, locally 1-1) morphism of sm Lawvere theories:

$$\mathcal{G}$$
: Place $_{\mathcal{K}} \longrightarrow \mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{I}$

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Identification of place graphs

Theorem

 $\textbf{Place}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is the free symmetric monoidal Lawvere theory L with

- **1** a specified commutative monoid $\langle +_L, 0_L \rangle$ on 1, and
- Specified unary morphisms $K_L: 1 \rightarrow 1$ on 1, for $K \in \mathcal{K}$.

Proof.

By the freeness of $\mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{\prime}$ there is a suitable morphism $\mathcal{F}:\mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{\prime} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Place}_{\mathcal{K}}$. Composing with \mathcal{G} and using the proposition we see that $\mathcal{GF}:\mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{\prime} \longrightarrow \mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{\prime}$ is also a suitable morphism. So, by the freeness of $\mathbf{CMon}_{\mathcal{K}}^{\prime}$, we have: $\mathcal{GF} = \mathrm{id}$. So $\mathcal{GFG} = \mathcal{G}$.

So, $\mathcal{FG} = id$ as \mathcal{G} is faithful. So \mathcal{F} and \mathcal{G} are mutually

inverse.

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- Up to isomorphism, the category Place_K of place graphs with signature K is given by a standard term model construction.
- This identifies it as the linear equational theory of a commutative monoid with unary function symbols K, for K ∈ K.

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Definition of link graphs

- Signature A set \mathcal{K} of controls K with natural number arities, written K:k.
- Concrete Link Graph A tuple

$$F = \langle V, E, \operatorname{ctrl}, \operatorname{link} \rangle \colon X \to Y$$

where:

- *V*, *E* are, respectively, the sets of nodes and edges.
- $X, Y \subseteq_{\text{fin}} \mathcal{X}$, the set of names, are the inner and outer faces.
- $\operatorname{ctrl}: V \to \mathcal{K}$ is the control map.
- link: $X \cup P \rightarrow E \cup Y$ is the link map, assumed to cover E, where the set P of ports is:

$$P =_{def} \{ \langle v, i \rangle \mid \operatorname{ctrl}(v) : k, i < k \}$$

• Abstract Link Graph An isomorphism class [*F*] of concrete link graphs.





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Composition of abstract link graphs

$$X \xrightarrow{[\langle V, E, \operatorname{ctrl}, \operatorname{link} \rangle]} Y \xrightarrow{[\langle V', E', \operatorname{ctrl}', \operatorname{link}' \rangle']} Z = X \xrightarrow{[\langle V \cup V', E \cup E', \operatorname{ctrl} \cup \operatorname{ctrl}', \operatorname{link}'' \rangle^{-}]} Z$$

where

$$\operatorname{link}''(x) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{link}(x) & (x \in X \cup P, \operatorname{link}(x) \notin Y) \\ \operatorname{link}'(\operatorname{link}(x)) & (x \in X \cup P, \operatorname{link}(x) \in Y) \\ \operatorname{link}'(x) & (x \in P') \end{cases}$$

and where $\langle \ldots \rangle^-$ is $\langle \ldots \rangle^-$, less any uncovered edges. This gives a category.

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Tensor of abstract link graphs

$$(X \xrightarrow{[(V,E,\operatorname{ctrl},\operatorname{link})]} Y) \otimes (X' \xrightarrow{[(V',E',\operatorname{ctrl}',\operatorname{link}')']} Y')$$
$$= X \cup X' \xrightarrow{[(V \cup V',E \cup E',\operatorname{ctrl} \cup \operatorname{ctrl}',\operatorname{link}' \cup \operatorname{link}')]} Y \cup Y'$$

... but this only gives a partial symmetric monoidal category.

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A sm category of link graphs

Using the above partial smc, we define a total smc $\text{Link}_{\mathcal{K}}$:

- Objects the natural numbers \mathbb{N}
- Morphisms

$$I \xrightarrow{[F]} m$$

for
$$F : \{n_0, \dots, n_{l-1}\} \to \{n_0, \dots, n_{m-1}\}$$

- Composition (as above)
- Tensor

$$(I \xrightarrow{[F]} m) \otimes (I' \xrightarrow{[F']} m') = I + I' \xrightarrow{[F] \otimes (\sigma_{0,m,m'} \circ [F'] \circ \sigma_{I,0,I'})} m + m'$$

where $\sigma_{k,l,m} = [n_l/n_k, ..., n_{l+m-1}/n_{k+m-1}]$

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Some structure in the category **Link**_{\mathcal{K}} of link graphs

We have:

- A commutative monoid $\langle n_0/\{n_0, n_1\}, n_0/\epsilon \rangle$ on 1
- whose zero $n_0/\epsilon: 0 \rightarrow 1$ has a left inverse $/n_0: 1 \rightarrow 0$, ie:

$$\epsilon \xrightarrow{n_0/\epsilon} \mathbf{1} \xrightarrow{/n_0} \mathbf{0} = \mathbf{0} \xrightarrow{\mathrm{id}} \mathbf{0}$$

• and morphisms

$$K_{n_0,\ldots,n_{k-1}}: \mathbf{0} \to \mathbf{k}$$

for $K : k \in \mathcal{K}$.

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Symmetric monoidal equational logic (CCS style)

- Signature Σ of operation symbols op with arities and co-arities: op: m → n
- Atomic terms These are either
 - Wires

$$a = y/x$$

when:

$$IV(a) =_{def} \{x\}$$
 $OV(a) =_{def} \{y\}$

or

Boxes

$$a = op(x_0, ..., x_{m-1}; y_0, ..., y_{n-1})$$

for op: $m \rightarrow n$, where no two of $x_0, \ldots, x_{m-1}, y_0, \ldots, y_{n-1}$ are the same, when:

$$IV(a) =_{def} \{x_0, \dots, x_{m-1}\}$$
 $OV(a) =_{def} \{y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}\}$



• Terms are acyclic multisets of atomic terms:

$$t =_{def} \{a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}\} : \mathrm{IV}(t) \longrightarrow \mathrm{OV}(t)$$

where no two atomic terms a_i have a common input or output variable, and when:

 $IV(t) =_{def} \bigcup IV(a_i) \setminus \bigcup OV(a_i) \qquad OV(t) =_{def} \bigcup OV(a_i) \setminus \bigcup IV(a_i)$

The term *t* is said to be acyclic if this graph is:

$$\{\langle x, y \rangle \mid \exists i. x \in \mathrm{IV}(a_i) \land y \in \mathrm{OV}(a_i)\}$$

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More on terms			

• Free variables

$$FV(t) =_{def} IV(t) \cup OV(t)$$

Bound Variables

$$BV(t) =_{def} IV(t) \cap OV(t)$$

We identify terms up to α -equivalence; acyclicity is invariant under α -equivalence.

Substitution

$$t[y/x]$$
 $(x \in FV(t), y \notin FV(t))$

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Equational reasoning

Equations

$$t = u$$

provided IV(t) = IV(u) and OV(t) = OV(u).

Rules Those of an equivalence relation, plus:

• Congruence

$$\frac{t = u}{t, a = u, a}$$

provided $IV(t) \cap IV(a) = OV(t) \cap OV(a) = \emptyset$.

• Rewiring

$$t, y/x = t[y/x] \qquad (x \in OV(t))$$

$$t, y/x = t[x/y] \qquad (y \in IV(t))$$

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Corresponding category L

- Objects The natural numbers ${\mathbb N}$
- Morphisms These are equivalence classes of terms:

 $[t]: m \rightarrow n$

where $IV(t) = \{z_0, \dots, z_{m-1}\}$ and $OV(t) = \{z'_0, \dots, z'_{n-1}\}$. (We assume mutually disjoint fixed infinite sequences z_0, z_1, \dots and z'_0, z'_1, \dots and etc, of distinct variables.) • Composition

$$I \xrightarrow{[t]} m \xrightarrow{[u]} n = I \xrightarrow{[t[z_0''/z_0', \dots, z_{m-1}''], u[z_0''/z_0, \dots, z_{m-1}''/z_{m-1}]]} n$$

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Corresponding symmetric monoidal Lawvere theory

• Tensor of morphisms

$$(m \xrightarrow{[t]} n) \otimes (m' \xrightarrow{[u]} n') =$$

$$(m + m') \xrightarrow{[t,u[z_m/z_0,...,z_{m+m'-1}/z_{m'-1}][z'_n/z'_0,...,z'_{n+n'-1}/z'_{n'-1}]]} (n + n')$$

• The functor $I: \mathbb{B}^{op} \to \mathbf{L}$ is given by:

$$I(f:n \cong n) = [z'_{f(0)}/z_0, \dots, z'_{f(n-1)}/z_{n-1}]$$

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Equational theory for link graphs

• Signature

- $||: 2 \to 1, \text{ NIL}: 0 \to 1, \text{ NIL}^{-1}: 1 \to 0$
- $K: 0 \rightarrow k (K:k)$.

Axioms

$$\|(x, y; u), \|(u, z; v) = \|(y, z; u), \|(x, u; v)$$

NIL(; u), $\|(u, x; y) = y/x =$ NIL(; u), $\|(x, u; y)$
NIL(; x), NIL⁻¹(x;) =

Note We are omitting the multiset brackets.

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Abbreviatory conventions

• Two conventions For unary $op: n \rightarrow 1$ (eg, $\|$, NIL),

$$op'(\ldots, op(\ldots), \ldots; \ldots) \equiv_{def} op(\ldots; x), op'(\ldots, x, \ldots; \ldots)$$

$$op(\ldots)^{x} \equiv_{def} op(\ldots;x)$$

Examples

$$\|(\|(x,y),z)^{v} = \|(x,\|(y,z))^{v}\|$$
$$\|(\text{NIL}(),x)^{y} = y/x = \|(x,\text{NIL}())^{y}\|$$
$$\text{NIL}^{-1}(\text{NIL}();) =$$

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Normal forms: Atomic terms

Atoms

$$\mathcal{K}(\mathbf{y}_0,\ldots,\mathbf{y}_{k-1}):\epsilon \to \{\mathbf{y}_0,\ldots,\mathbf{y}_{k-1}\} \qquad (\mathcal{K}:k\in\mathcal{K})$$

Elementary substitutions

$$y/x_0, \ldots, x_{n-1}: \{x_0, \ldots, x_{n-1}\} \to \{y\}$$

where the x_i and y are all distinct

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Normal forms: terms

These are multisets of atomic terms

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t = \{a_0, \dots, a_{n-1}\}/X
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"closed-off" by a finite set of variables, such that:

- no two atomic terms have a common input variable,
- no input variable of an elementary substitution is an output variable of any a_i.
- for every output variable of an *a_i*, there is exactly one elementary substitution with that as its output variable, and
- $X \subseteq \bigcup \operatorname{OV}(a_i)$.

We set:

$$IV(t) =_{def} \bigcup IV(a_i) \qquad OV(t) =_{def} \bigcup OV(a_i) \setminus X$$

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From link graphs to normal forms

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$$(V, E, \operatorname{ctrl}, \operatorname{link}: X \cup P \to E \cup Y): X \to Y$$

where $X = \{n_{i_0}, \ldots, n_{i_{|X|-1}}\}$ and $Y = \{n_{o_0}, \ldots, n_{o_{|Y|-1}}\}$ and n_0, \ldots enumerates the set of names, obtain the term:

$$(\{K(\text{link}(v,0),...,\text{link}(v,k-1)) \mid v \in V, K = \text{ctrl}(v), K:k\} + \{n/\text{link}^{-1}(n) \cap X \mid n \in Y\}$$

+ $\{e/\text{link}^{-1}(e) \cap X \mid e \in E\}) \setminus E : X \to Y$

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$$(\{K(\operatorname{var}(\operatorname{link}(v,0)),\ldots,\operatorname{var}(\operatorname{link}(v,k-1))) \mid v \in V, K = \operatorname{ctrl}(v), K:k\} + \{\operatorname{var}(n)/\operatorname{var}(\operatorname{link}^{-1}(n) \cap X) \mid n \in Y\} + \{\operatorname{var}(e)/\operatorname{var}(\operatorname{link}^{-1}(e) \cap X) \mid e \in E\}) \setminus \operatorname{var}(E) : \operatorname{var}(X) \to \operatorname{var}(Y)$$

where:

$$\operatorname{var}(x) = \begin{cases} z_i & x = n_i \\ z''_i & x = e_i \end{cases} \quad \operatorname{var}(x) = \begin{cases} z'_i & x = n_i \\ z''_i & x = e_i \end{cases}$$

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Identification of link graphs

Theorem

 $\text{Link}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is the free symmetric monoidal Lawvere theory L with

- **1** a specified commutative monoid $\langle ||_L, NIL_L \rangle$ on 1,
- a specified left inverse NIL⁻¹ of 0_L, and
- Specified k-ary morphisms $K_L: 0 \longrightarrow k$ on 1, for $K \in \mathcal{K}$.

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- Up to isomorphism the category Link_K of link graphs with signature K is given by a standard term model construction.
- This identifies it as the commutative monoidal equational theory of a commutative monoid, whose zero has a left inverse, and with *k*-ary constants for each *k*-ary control.

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Definition of bigraphs

- Signature A set \mathcal{K} of controls K with arities K:k.
- Concrete Bigraph A tuple

$$F = \langle V, E, \text{ctrl}, \text{prnt}, \text{link} \rangle \colon \langle m, X \rangle \to \langle n, Y \rangle$$

where:

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$$F_p =_{def} \langle V, ctrl, prnt \rangle : m \to n$$

is a concrete place graph, and

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$$F_{I} =_{def} \langle V, E, ctrl, link \rangle : X \to Y$$

is a concrete link graph.

 Abstract Bigraph An isomorphism class [F] of concrete bigraphs. And we set [F]_p =_{def} [F_p] and [F]_l =_{def} [F_l].



Example Bigraphs



plus:

- Every place graph $F: m \rightarrow n$ can be regarded as a bigraph $F: \langle m, \epsilon \rangle \rightarrow \langle n, \epsilon \rangle$. Examples: $1:0 \rightarrow 1$, *join*: $2 \rightarrow 1$.
- Every link graph F:X → Y can be regarded as a bigraph F: (0, X) → (0, Y).
 Examples: Elementary substitutions y/X:X → {y} and closures /x:x → ε.



A partial symmetric monoidal category of bigraphs

- Objects Pairs $\langle m, X \rangle$
- Morphisms Abstract bigraphs

 $[F]{:}\langle m,X\rangle \to \langle n,Y\rangle$

where $F: \langle m, X \rangle \rightarrow \langle n, Y \rangle$.

• Composition is uniquely specified by:

 $([G] \circ [F])_{\rho} = [G_{\rho}] \circ [F_{\rho}] \qquad ([G] \circ [F])_{I} = [G_{I}] \circ [F_{I}]$

Tensor Product

$$\langle m,X\rangle\otimes\langle n,Y\rangle=\langle m+n,X\,\dot\cup\,Y\rangle$$

and the (partial) tensor of morphisms is inherited from the place and link tensors, analogously to the case of composition.



A total symmetric monoidal category of bigraphs

The smc $\textbf{Bigraph}_{\mathcal{K}}$ is given as follows:

- Objects Pairs $\langle m, n \rangle \in \mathbb{N}^2$
- Morphisms Abstract bigraphs

$$[F]{:}\langle m,n\rangle \to \langle m',n'\rangle$$

where $[F_{\rho}]: m \to n$ in **Place**_{\mathcal{K}} and $[F_{I}]: m' \to n'$ in **Link**_{\mathcal{K}}.

- Composition Inherited as before.
- Tensor Product On objects:

$$\langle m,n\rangle\otimes\langle m',n'
angle=_{ ext{def}}\langle m+m',n+n'
angle$$

and on morphisms defined as before, so it is total.

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• Distinguished place and link objects P and L where:

$$P =_{def} \langle 1, 0 \rangle$$
 $L =_{def} \langle 0, 1 \rangle$

- A commutative monoid (1, *join*) on P.
- A commutative monoid (n₀/{n₀, n₁}, n₀/ε) on L whose zero has a left inverse /n₀.
- For each control *K* : *k* a morphism:

$$\mathcal{K}_{n_0,\ldots,n_{k-1}}: \mathbf{P} \to \mathbf{P} \otimes \overbrace{\mathbf{L} \otimes \ldots \otimes \mathbf{L}}^{k \text{ times}}$$

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Multisorted Symmetric Monoidal Lawvere Theories (aka coloured PROPs)

Assume a set S of sorts. These are structures:

$$(\mathbb{B}^{\mathsf{S}})^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{l} \mathsf{L}$$

where

• L is a small symmetric monoidal category, and

• *I* is a strict symmetric monoidal identity-on-objects functor Example With $S_b =_{def} \{p, l\}$, bigraphs form an S_b -sorted symmetric monoidal Lawvere theory

$$(\mathbb{B}^{S_b})^{\mathrm{op}} \xrightarrow{l} \mathbf{Bigraphs}_{\mathcal{K}}$$

for an evident *I* (and suitably identifying \mathbb{B}^{S_b} and \mathbb{B}^2).

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Multisorted symmetric monoidal equational logic

- Signature Σ of sorted operation symbols op: s → s', for s, s' ∈ S^{*}_b.
- Sorted variables x^s ($s \in S$).
- Atomic terms are:
 - Wires

$$y^s/x^s{:}\{x^s\}\to\{y^s\}$$

Boxes

 $op(x_0^{s_0}, \dots, x_{m-1}^{s_{m-1}}; y_0^{s'_0}, \dots, y_{n-1}^{s'_{n-1}}): \{x_0^{s_0}, \dots, x_{m-1}^{s_{m-1}}\} \to \{y_0^{s'_0}, \dots, y_{n-1}^{s'_{n-1}}\}$ for op: $s_0 \dots s_{m-1} \to s'_0 \dots s'_{n-1}$

• Terms are suitable multisets of atomic terms:

$$t = \{a_0, \ldots, a_{n-1}\}: \mathrm{IV}(t) \longrightarrow \mathrm{OV}(t)$$

Input and output variables, and variable constraints as before.

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Unary open place normal forms

- Variables Place variables: *p*, *q*, ... Link variables *x*, *y*, ...
- Atomic terms
 - Molecules

$$\frac{t:\epsilon \to \mathbf{Y}}{\mathbf{K}(t; \mathbf{y}_0, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{k-1}):\epsilon \to \mathbf{Y} \cup \{\mathbf{y}_0, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{k-1}\}} \qquad (\mathbf{K}: \mathbf{k} \in \mathcal{K})$$

Place Variables

$$p:\epsilon \to \epsilon$$

Terms Multisets of atomic terms

$$\frac{a_i:\epsilon \to Y_i \quad (i=0,n-1)}{\{a_o,\ldots,a_{n-1}\}:\epsilon \to \bigcup Y_i}$$

with no place variable occurring twice.

Correspond to bigraphs of type $m \rightarrow \langle 1, Y \rangle$ with no edges.

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Unary normal forms

These have the form:

$$\frac{t:\epsilon \to Y \quad w_i:X_i \to Y_i \quad (i < n)}{\langle t, \{w_0, \dots, w_{n-1}\} \rangle / X : \bigcup X_i \to (Y \cup \bigcup Y_i) \backslash X}$$

where the "wires" w_i are either:

- substitutions $y/x_0, \ldots, x_{n-1}: \{x_0, \ldots, x_{n-1}\} \rightarrow \{y\}$, or

$$- \operatorname{closures} / x : \{x\} \to \epsilon$$

and such that:

- no two of the *w_i* have a common input link variable,
- no input link variable of an a_i is an output link variable of t or any a_i,
- for every $y \in OLV(w_i) \cup OLV(t)$, there is exactly one elementary substitution of type $X \rightarrow y$, and
- $X \subseteq OLV(t) \cup \bigcup OLV(a_i)$.

Correspond to bigraphs of type $\langle m, X \rangle \rightarrow \langle 1, \underline{Y} \rangle$.

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Characterisation of **Bigraphs**_{\mathcal{K}}

Theorem

Bigraphs_{\mathcal{K}} is the free S_b-sorted sm Lawvere theory $(\mathbb{B}^S)^{\text{op}} \xrightarrow{l} \mathbf{L}$ with:

- a specified commutative monoid on $P_L =_{def} I(1,0)$,
- a specified commutative monoid on L_L =_{def} I(0,1) with a left-inverse of its zero, and
- a specified morphism

$$\mathcal{K}_{\boldsymbol{L}} \colon \boldsymbol{P} \to \boldsymbol{P} \otimes \overbrace{\boldsymbol{L} \otimes \ldots \otimes \boldsymbol{L}}^{k \text{ times}}$$

for each $K : k \in \mathcal{K}$.

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- Up to isomorphism the category Bigraph_K of bigraphs with signature K is given by a standard term model construction.
- This identifies it as the multi-sorted commutative monoidal equational theory with:
 - two sorts P and L,
 - a commutative monoid on P,
 - a commutative monoid on L whose zero has a left inverse, and
 - morphisms

$$\mathcal{K} \colon P \to P \otimes \overbrace{L \otimes \ldots \otimes L}^{k \text{ times}}$$

for $K : k \in \mathcal{K}$.

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- Finish present work.
- Statics Relate to sorting and other kinds of bigraphs, eg. binding bigraphs (cf Garner, Hirschowitz, and Pardon).
- Dynamics Relate to term-rewriting. In sm equational logic, CCS style, a rule is just an oriented equation t ⇒ t', as usual, and its application takes on a simple form:

$$\frac{t \Rightarrow t'}{t, u \Rightarrow t', u}$$

(cf Krivine, Milner, Troina).

• Externally For bio applications, consider replacing link graphs by *κ*-graphs, after Danos, Laneve.

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