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RELATIONAL PRESHEAVES AS LABELLED TRANSITION SYSTEMS

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MODELS FOR CONCURRENCY





(Winskel and Nielsen `93)

Category Theory ought to inform Concurrency Theory

- characterise (or improve) common constructions using universal properties (e.g. limits, colimits, adjoints)
- use universal properties to identify interesting constructions and get a quick "feel" for any particular model

PLAN

• Examples of algebraic structure on labels

- ExI: observability, weak bisimulation, tau-closure
- Ex2: operational accounts of wiring
- Ex3: Jensen's weak reactive systems, tile systems
- LTSs categorically
- Introduction to relational presheaves
- Adjoints to change of base

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This is anathema in my religion: the Monotheistic Milner's weak Church of Bisimilarity

WEAK BISIMULATION

Another way: close LTS with the following two rules and consider bisimilarity

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P \xrightarrow{\tau} Q & Q \xrightarrow{a} R & R \xrightarrow{\tau} S \\ \hline P \xrightarrow{\tau} P & P & P \xrightarrow{a} S \end{array}$$

- isn't this kind of like making tau the identity of a monoid of actions?
- what is the mathematical status of this saturation?

EXAMPLE 2: OPERATIONAL THEORIES OF WIRING

(SICE`09, SCONCUR`I0; Bruni, Melgratti, Montanari CONCUR`II) inspired by RFC Walters' work on Span(Graph)

- Idea: explore process calculi that have symmetric monoidal categories as their algebras of processes (terms up to bisimilarity)
 - real syntax (no structural congruence)
 - bisimilarity is a congruence wrt operations
 - extremely close operational correspondences with various variants of Petri nets with boundaries
 - interesting algebra of underlying (symmetric monoidal, compact closed, etc.) categories of processes

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 $\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha}{\beta} P' \quad P' \xrightarrow{\alpha}{\beta'} Q}{P \xrightarrow{\alpha+\alpha'}{\beta+\beta'} Q}$

UNEXPECTED BEHAVIOUR

$$\Delta \xrightarrow{a}{aa} \Delta \quad \bigvee \xrightarrow{a(1-a)}{a} \lor \bigvee$$

$$\Delta; V \rightarrow \frown$$

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transitions - $X \rightarrow Y$ for if M a multiset of transitions X + post(M) = Y + pre(M)

P/T NETS WITH BOUNDARIES



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semantics:
 states - multisets of places (markings)
 transitions - X → Y & a = source(M), b = target(M)















minimal synchronisation



CORRESPONDENCE

- for each net N there is a term t_N such that { (N, t_N) | N a P/T net with boundaries} is a bisimulation
- there is an recursively defined translation from terms to nets such that { (t, [N_t]_≅) | is a bisimulation }
- induces an isomorphism of underlying process categories

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Lemma 3.22 In a reactive system with all RPOs the following hold:

(1)
$$a \stackrel{id}{\Rightarrow} a$$
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(2) If $a \xrightarrow{L} a'$ then $a \xrightarrow{L} a'$;

(3) If
$$a \stackrel{L_1}{\Longrightarrow} \cdots \stackrel{L_n}{\Longrightarrow} a'$$
 and $L = L_n \circ \cdots \circ L_1$ then $a \stackrel{L}{\Rightarrow} a'$;

(4) If $a \stackrel{L}{\Rightarrow} a'$ then $a \stackrel{L_1}{\longrightarrow} \cdots \stackrel{L_n}{\longrightarrow} a'$ for some L_1, \cdots, L_n such that $L = L_n \circ \cdots \circ L_1$.

LTS++

- Several LTSs have algebraic structure on the set of labels
 - labels are elements of a monoid
 - transitions are closed under:

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{a} Q \quad Q \xrightarrow{b} R}{P \xrightarrow{\iota} P} \qquad \frac{P \xrightarrow{a} Q \quad Q \xrightarrow{b} R}{P \xrightarrow{a \star b} R}$$

- labels are arrows of a category (e.g. reactive systems), transitions are closed under identities and composition
- other examples: Span(Graph), tile systems, ...

PLAN

• Examples of algebraic structure on labels

• LTSs categorically

- presheaves and open maps
- coalgebra
- how to capture algebraic structure on labels?
- Introduction to relational presheaves
- Adjoints to change of base

PRESHEAVES

Winskel Nielsen '96 - Presheaves as transition systems

- presheaves can be thought of as transition systems via an elements construction
- indexing category can be thought of as a "category of paths"
- morphisms are functional simulations
- functional bisimulations are characterised as open maps wrt path category obtained via Yoneda

COALGEBRA

- LTS are coalgebras for the $P(A \times -)$ functor on **Set**
 - the labels are "wrapped up" inside the functor

...

- coalgebra morphisms are functional bisimulations
- Coalgebras are versatile with a mature theory and 100s of great papers
 - some constructions are notoriously tricky (e.g. weak bisimulation)

LABELS WITH STRUCTURE FROM COALGEBRATO?

 $X \to \mathcal{P}(A \times X)$ $X \to \mathcal{P}(X)^A$ $\overline{A \to \mathcal{P}(X)^X}$

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some kind of structure preserving $A \rightarrow \mathbf{Rel}$

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- Introduction to relational presheaves
 - relational presheaves and their morphisms
 - functional morphisms vs relational morphisms
 - quantaloids
 - examples, correspondence with simulations and bisimulations
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RELATIONAL PRESHEAVES

(Kimmo Rosenthal, The theory of quantaloids)

Relational presheaf C on = lax functor from C^{op} to Rel

$h\colon \mathbf{C}^{op} \to \mathbf{Rel}$

for each object *h* gives a set, for each arrow a relation

laxness means:

 $h(b); h(a) \subseteq h(a; b)$ $I_{h(x)} \subseteq h(I_x)$

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in this talk **C** will be a monoid or a category (monoidoloid?)

EXAMPLE

Take C to be a 1-object category (monoid)

 $h: \mathbf{C}^{op} \to \mathbf{Rel}$ $* \longmapsto X + \text{lax functoriality}$ $m \longmapsto X \to X$

$$h(b); h(a) \subseteq h(a; b)$$
 $I_{h(x)} \subseteq h(I_x)$

so same thing as a transition system, with labels in M satisfying

$$\frac{x \xrightarrow{a} y \quad y \xrightarrow{b} z}{x \xrightarrow{\iota} x \quad x \quad x \xrightarrow{a \star b} z}$$

MORPHISMS OF RELATIONAL PRESHEAVES

Functional morphisms

 $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{C})$

arrows - functional oplax natural transformations

$$\begin{array}{c} hC \xrightarrow{\varphi_C} h'C \\ hf \downarrow & \subseteq & \downarrow h'f \\ hD \xrightarrow{\varphi_D} h'D \end{array}$$

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EXAMPLE





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So functional simulations and ordinary simulations

RECAP

• For M a monoid we have

 $\mathcal{R}(M)$

 $\mathcal{R}^*(M)$

objects: labelled transition systems with monoidal structure on labels

arrows: functional simulations

arrows: simulations 2-cells: inclusions

for general C, relational presheaves can be considered LTSs via Grothendieck construction

QUANTALOIDS

- Are the categorification of quantales
 - quantale = complete lattice with monoidal structure that commutes with sup
 - quantaloid = locally small category in which homs are complete lattices and sups are preserved by composition in both directions
 - \cdot if ${f C}$ is locally small then ${\cal R}^*({f C})$ is a quantaloid
 - in our examples this essentially means that unions of simulations are simulations

FUNCTIONAL BISIMULATIONS

• Are maps, i.e. left adjoints in the 2-categorical sense

$$\begin{array}{ll} h,h' \in \mathcal{R}^{*}(\mathbf{C}) & \varphi \colon h \to h' \\ \psi \colon h' \to h \end{array}$$

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Q. What are the other objects of $\mathcal{R}^*(A^*)$?

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Adjoints to change of base

- Change of base
- Niefield's theorem
- extensions and applications

CHANGE OF BASE

• Suppose we have a functor $u : \mathbf{D} \to \mathbf{C}$ change of base (2-)functors $\mathcal{R}\mathbf{C} \xrightarrow{u^*} \mathcal{R}\mathbf{D} \qquad \mathcal{R}^*\mathbf{C} \xrightarrow{u^*} \mathcal{R}^*\mathbf{D} \qquad h \longmapsto h \circ u$

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LTS Example: Given a function $f: A \rightarrow B$, $f^*: \mathcal{R}^*(B^*) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}^*(A^*)$ $x \xrightarrow{a} x'$ in f^*h

 $\begin{array}{ll} (B^*) \to \mathcal{R}^*(A^*) & \text{takes an LTS with labels in A to LTS} \\ with same statespace and transitions \\ x \xrightarrow{a} x' \text{ in } f^*h & \Leftrightarrow & x \xrightarrow{fa} x' \text{ in } h \end{array}$

ADJOINTS TO CHANGE OF BASE IN $\mathcal{R}(\mathbf{C})$.

(Niefield - Change of base for relational variable sets 2004)

• Given u : D→C





weakening of Giraud-Conduché FLP that characterises exponentiable objects of **Cat**/B

Facts:

left adjoint always exists right adjoint exists iff u satsifies WFLP



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LEFT ADJOINTS TO CHANGE OF BASE IN $\mathcal{R}^*(\mathbf{C})$. Σ_u $\mathcal{R}^*\mathbf{C} \perp \mathcal{R}^*\mathbf{D}$ • Left 2-adjoints always exist u^*

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with help from Tom Hirschowitz



EXAMPLE

• Let A be a set of actions

$$u: A + \{\tau\} \to A^*$$
$$a \longmapsto a$$
$$\tau \longmapsto \epsilon$$

Induces a change of base functor

$$\mathcal{R}^*A^* \xrightarrow{u^*} \mathcal{R}^*(A + \{\tau\})^*$$

intuition: add tau transition for each epsilon transition

LEFT ADJOINT



LEFT ADJOINT



WEAK (BI)SIMULATIONS

 $\mathcal{R}^*(A + \{\tau\}) \xrightarrow{\Sigma_u} \mathcal{R}^*A^*$

to give a weak simulation from h to h' is to give an arrow

 $\varphi\colon \Sigma_u h \to \Sigma_u h'$

CONCLUSIONS AND FUTURE WORK

- What I tried to say
 - there are several interesting examples of LTSs that don't seem at home as coalgebras
 - relational presheaves are a natural mathematical universe for such examples
 - some common constructions can be characterised by universal properties