# Rule-based modeling and application to biomolecular networks Abstract interpretation of protein-protein interactions networks Questions set

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## **1** Abstract Interpretation

**Definition 1 (partial order).** A partial order  $(D, \leq)$  is given by a set D and a binary relation  $\leq \in D \times D$  such that:

- 1. (reflexivity)  $\forall a \in D, a \leq a$ ;
- 2. (antisymmetry)  $\forall a, a' \in D, [a \le a' \land a' \le a] \implies a = a';$
- 3. (transitivity) and  $\forall a, a', a'' \in D$ ,  $[a \leq a' \land a' \leq a''] \implies a \leq a''$ .

**Definition 2 (closure).** Given a partial order  $(D, \leq)$  and a mapping  $\rho : D \to D$ .

- 1. We say that  $\rho$  is a upper closure operator, if and only if:
  - (a) (idempotence)  $\forall d \in D, \ \rho(\rho(d)) = \rho(d);$
  - (b) (extensivity)  $\forall d \in D, d \leq \rho(d);$
  - (c) (monotonicity)  $\forall d, d' \in D, \ d \leq d' \implies \rho(d) \leq \rho(d').$
- 2. We say that  $\rho$  is a lower closure operator, if and only if:
  - (a) (idempotence)  $\forall d \in D, \ \rho(\rho(d)) = \rho(d);$
  - (b) (antiextensivity)  $\forall d \in D, \ \rho(d) \leq d;$
  - (c) (monotonicity)  $\forall d, d' \in D, d \leq d' \implies \rho(d) \leq \rho(d').$

**Definition 3 (least upper bound).** Given a partial order  $(D, \leq)$  and a subset  $X \subseteq A$ , we say that  $m \in D$  is a least upper bound for X, if and only if:

- 1. (bound)  $\forall a \in X, a \leq m$ ;
- 2. (least one) and  $\forall a \in D, \ [\forall a' \in X, a' \leq a] \implies m \leq a$ .

By antisymmetry, if it exists a least upper bound is unique, thus we call it the least upper bound.

**Definition 4 (greatest lower bound).** Given a partial order  $(D, \leq)$  and a subset  $X \subseteq A$ , we say that  $m \in D$  is a greatest lower bound for X, if and only if:

- 1. (bound)  $\forall a \in X, m \leq a$ ;
- 2. (least one) and  $\forall a \in D, \ [\forall a' \in X, a \leq a'] \implies a \leq m$ .

By antisymmetry, if it exists a greatest lower bound is unique, thus we call it the greatest lower bound.

**Definition 5 (complete lattice).** Given a partial order  $(D, \leq)$ , we say that D is a complete lattice if any subset X has a least upper bound  $\sqcup X$ .

In a complete lattice, any subset X has a greatest lower bound  $\sqcap X$ . Moreover,

$$\sqcap(X) = \sqcup \{ d \in X \mid \forall x \in X, d \le x \}.$$

The element  $\top = \sqcup(D)$  is the greatest element of D, and the element  $\bot = \sqcup(\emptyset)$  is the least element. A complete lattice is usually denoted by  $(D, \leq, \bot, \top, \sqcup, \sqcap)$ . **Definition 6 (chain-complete partial order).** Given a partial order  $(D, \leq)$ , we say that  $(D, \leq)$  is a chain-complete partial order if and only if any chain  $X \subseteq D$  has a least upper bound  $\sqcup X$ .

A chain-complete partial order is denoted by a triple  $(D, \leq, \sqcup)$ .

**Definition 7 (inductive function).** Given a chain-complete partial order  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$ , we say that a function  $\mathbb{F} : D \to D$  is inductive if and only if the two following properties are satisfied:

1.  $\forall x \in D, x \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x) \implies \mathbb{F}(x) \subseteq \mathbb{F}(\mathbb{F}(x));$ 

2. for any chain C of elements in D such that  $x \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x)$ , for any  $x \in C$ , we have:  $\cup C \subseteq \mathbb{F}(\cup C)$ .

**Proposition 1.** Let  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  be a chain-complete partial order and  $\mathbb{F} : D \to D$  be a function such that:  $\forall x, y \in D, x \subseteq y \implies \mathbb{F}(x) \subseteq \mathbb{F}(y).$ 

Then  $\mathbb{F}$  is an inductive function.

**Definition 8 (inductive definition).** Let  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  be a chain-complete partial order,  $x_0 \in D$  be an element such that  $x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_0)$ , and  $\mathbb{F} : D \to D$  be an inductive function.

There exists a unique collection of elements  $(X_o)$  such that for any ordinal o:

 $\begin{cases} X_o = x_0 & \text{whenever } o = 0\\ X_o = \mathbb{F}(X_{o-1}) & \text{whenever } o \text{ is a succesor ordinal}\\ X_o = \cup \{X_\beta \mid \beta < o\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$ 

The collection  $(X_o)$  is called the transfinite iteration of  $\mathbb{F}$  starting from  $x_0$ . For each ordinal o, the element  $X_o$  is usually denoted by  $\mathbb{F}^o(x_0)$ .

**Proposition 2.** Let  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  be a chain-complete partial order,  $x_0 \in D$  be an element such that  $x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_0)$ , and  $\mathbb{F} : D \to D$  an inductive function.

Then:

1. for any pair of ordinals (o, o'),  $[o < o'] \implies \mathbb{F}^{o}(x_0) \subseteq \mathbb{F}^{o'}(x_0)$ ;

2. for any ordinal  $o, x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}^o(x_0)$ .

#### Lemma 1 (least fix-point). Let:

- 1.  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  be a chain-complete partial order;
- 2.  $\mathbb{F} \in D \to D$  be a monotonic map;
- 3.  $x_0 \in D$  be an element such that:  $x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_0)$ .

Then: there exists  $y \in D$  such that:

 $\begin{array}{l} - x_0 \subseteq y, \\ - \mathbb{F}(y) = y, \\ - \forall z \in D, \ [[\mathbb{F}(z) = z \land x_0 \subseteq z] \implies y \subseteq z]. \end{array}$ 

This element is called the least fix-point of  $\mathbb{F}$  which is greater than  $x_0$ , and is written  $lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F}$ .

**Definition 9 (Galois connexion).** Given two partial orders  $(D, \subseteq)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \sqsubseteq)$ , we say that the pair of maps  $(\alpha, \gamma)$  forms a Galois connection between D and  $D^{\sharp}$  if and only if:

1. 
$$\alpha : D \to D^{\sharp};$$
  
2.  $\gamma : D^{\sharp} \to D;$   
3. and  $\forall d \in D, \forall d^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}, [\alpha(d) \sqsubseteq d^{\sharp} \Leftrightarrow d \subseteq \gamma(d^{\sharp})].$ 

In such a case, we write:

$$D \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\alpha} D^{\sharp}$$

**Proposition 3.** Let  $(D, \subseteq)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \subseteq)$  be partial orders, and  $D \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\longrightarrow} D^{\sharp}$  be a Galois connexion. The following properties are satisfied:

- 1.  $\forall d \in D, d \subseteq \gamma(\alpha(d));$
- 2.  $\forall d^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}, \ \alpha(\gamma(d^{\sharp})) \sqsubseteq d^{\sharp};$
- 3. ( $\alpha$  is monotonic)  $\forall d, d' \in D, d \subseteq d' \implies \alpha(d) \sqsubseteq \alpha(d');$
- 4. ( $\gamma$  is monotonic)  $\forall d^{\sharp}, d'^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}, d^{\sharp} \sqsubseteq d'^{\sharp} \Longrightarrow \gamma(d^{\sharp}) \subseteq \gamma(d'^{\sharp});$
- 5.  $\forall d \in D, \ \alpha(d) = \alpha(\gamma(\alpha(d)));$
- 6.  $\forall d^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}, \ \gamma(d^{\sharp}) = \gamma(\alpha(\gamma(d)));$
- 7.  $\gamma \circ \alpha$  is an upper closure operator;
- 8.  $\alpha \circ \gamma$  is a lower closure operator.

**Proposition 4.** Let  $(D, \subseteq, \bot, \top, \cup, \cap)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \subseteq, \bot^{\sharp}, \top^{\sharp}, \cup, \cap)$  be two complete lattices. Let  $\alpha$  be a mapping between D and  $D^{\sharp}$  such that for any subset  $X \subseteq D$ , we have  $\alpha(\cup X) = \sqcup \{\alpha(d) \mid d \in X\}$ .

Then there exists a unique mapping  $\gamma$  between  $D^{\sharp}$  and D such that:

$$D \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\alpha} D^{\sharp}$$

is a Galois connexion.

Moreover, for any element  $d^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}$ , we have:

$$\gamma(d^{\sharp}) = \cup \{d \mid \alpha(d) \sqsubseteq d^{\sharp}\}.$$

**Proposition 5.** Given  $(D, \subseteq)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \sqsubseteq)$  two partial orders,  $D \stackrel{\gamma}{\underset{\alpha}{\longleftarrow}} D^{\sharp}$  a Galois connexion, and  $X \subseteq D$  a subset of D, if, X has a least upper bound  $\cup X$  and  $\{\alpha(d) \mid d \in X\}$  has a least upper bound  $\cup \{\alpha(d) \mid d \in X\}$ , then we have:

$$\alpha(\cup X) = \sqcup \{ \alpha(d) \mid d \in X \}.$$

**Proposition 6.** Given  $(D, \subseteq)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \subseteq)$  two partial orders,  $D \stackrel{\gamma}{\longleftarrow} D^{\sharp}$  a Galois connexion, and  $X^{\sharp} \subseteq D^{\sharp}$  a subset of  $D^{\sharp}$ , if,  $X^{\sharp}$  has a least upper bound  $\sqcup X^{\sharp}$  and  $\{\gamma(d^{\sharp}) \mid d^{\sharp} \in X^{\sharp}\}$  has a least upper bound  $\cup \{\gamma(d^{\sharp}) \mid d^{\sharp} \in X^{\sharp}\}, \text{ then we have:}$ 

$$\gamma(\sqcup X^{\sharp}) = \gamma(\alpha(\cup\{\gamma(d^{\sharp}) \mid d^{\sharp} \in X^{\sharp}\})).$$

## Lemma 2. Let:

- 1.  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \subseteq, \cup)$  be chain-complete partial orders;
- 2.  $D \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\longleftrightarrow} D^{\sharp}$  be a Galois connexion; 3.  $\mathbb{F} \in \overset{\gamma}{D} \to D$  be a monotonic mapping;
- 4.  $\mathbb{F}^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp} \to D^{\sharp}$  be mapping such that:  $[\forall d^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}, \mathbb{F}(\gamma(d^{\sharp})) \subseteq \gamma(\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}(d^{\sharp}))];$
- 5.  $x_0 \in D$  such that  $x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_0)$ .

Then:

$$\alpha(x_0) \sqsubseteq \mathbb{F}^{\sharp}(\alpha(x_0)).$$

#### Theorem 1 (soundness). Let:

- 1.  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \subseteq, \cup)$  be chain-complete partial orders;
- 2.  $D \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\longrightarrow} D^{\sharp}$  be a Galois connexion;
- 3.  $\mathbb{F} \in \overset{\sim}{D} \to D$  and  $\mathbb{F}^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp} \to D^{\sharp}$  be monotonic mappings such that:  $[\forall d^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}, \mathbb{F}(\gamma(d^{\sharp})) \subset \gamma(\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}(d^{\sharp}))];$
- 4.  $x_0 \in D$  be an element such that:  $x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_0)$ .

Then, both  $lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F}$  and  $lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}$  exist, and moreover:

$$lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F} \subseteq \gamma(lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}).$$

#### **Theorem 2.** We suppose that:

1.  $(D, \subseteq)$  be a partial order; 2.  $(D^{\sharp}, \sqsubseteq, \sqcup)$  be chain-complete partial order; 3.  $D \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\longrightarrow} D^{\sharp}$  be a Galois connexion; 4.  $\mathbb{F} \in D \to D$  and  $\mathbb{F}^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp} \to D^{\sharp}$  are monotonic; 5.  $\forall d^{\sharp} \in D^{\sharp}, \mathbb{F}(\gamma(d^{\sharp})) \subseteq \gamma(\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}(d^{\sharp}));$ 6.  $x_{0}, inv \in D$  such that:  $-x_{0} \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_{0}) \subseteq \mathbb{F}(inv) \subseteq inv,$   $-inv = \gamma(\alpha(inv)),$  $- and \alpha(\mathbb{F}(\gamma(\alpha(inv)))) = \mathbb{F}^{\sharp}(\alpha(inv));$ 

Then,  $lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}$  exists and  $\gamma(lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}) \subseteq inv.$ 

## **Theorem 3.** We suppose that:

1.  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \sqsubseteq, \sqcup)$  are chain-complete partial orders; 2.  $(D, \subseteq) \xleftarrow{\gamma} (D^{\sharp}, \sqsubseteq)$  is a Galois connexion; 3.  $\mathbb{F} : D \to D$  is a monotonic map; 4.  $x_0$  is a concrete element such that  $x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_0)$ ; 5.  $\mathbb{F} \circ \gamma \subseteq \gamma \circ \mathbb{F}^{\sharp}$ ; 6.  $\mathbb{F}^{\sharp} \circ \alpha = \alpha \circ \mathbb{F} \circ \gamma \circ \alpha$ .

Then:

$$\begin{array}{l} - \ lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F} \ and \ lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp} \ exist; \\ - \ lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F} \in \gamma(D^{\sharp}) \Longleftrightarrow \ lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F} = \gamma(lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}) \end{array}$$

Corollary 1 (relative completeness). We suppose that:

1.  $(D, \subseteq, \cup)$  and  $(D^{\sharp}, \sqsubseteq, \sqcup)$  are chain-complete partial orders; 2.  $(D, \subseteq) \xleftarrow{\gamma}{\alpha} (D^{\sharp}, \sqsubseteq)$  is a Galois connexion; 3. for any chain  $X^{\sharp} \subseteq D^{\sharp}, \cup (\gamma(X^{\sharp})) \in \gamma(D^{\sharp});$ 4.  $\mathbb{F} : D \to D$  is a monotonic map; 5.  $x_0$  is a concrete element such that  $x_0 \subseteq \mathbb{F}(x_0);$ 6.  $\alpha \circ \mathbb{F} \circ \gamma = \mathbb{F}^{\sharp};$ 7.  $x_0 \in \gamma(D^{\sharp});$ 8.  $\mathbb{F}(\gamma(D^{\sharp})) \subseteq \gamma(D^{\sharp}).$ 

Then, both  $lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F}$  and  $lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}$  exist, and moreover:

$$lfp_{x_0}\mathbb{F} = \gamma(lfp_{\alpha(x_0)}\mathbb{F}^{\sharp}).$$

## 2 Site-graphs

Let  $\mathbb{N}$  be a countable set of agent identifiers. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite set of agent types. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a finite set of site types.

Definition 10 (site-graphs). A site-graph is a triple (Ag, Site, Link) where:

- $-Ag : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathcal{A}$  is a partial map between  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathcal{A}$  such that the subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  of the elements *i* such that Ag(i) is defined is finite;
- Site  $\subseteq \mathbb{N} \times S$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{N} \times S$  such that for any pair  $(i, s) \in Site$ , Ag(i) is defined;
- $Link \subseteq Site^2$  is a relation over Site such that:
  - 1. for any site  $a \in Site$ ,  $(a, a) \notin Link$ ;
  - 2. for any pair  $(a, b) \in Link$ , we have  $(b, a) \in Link$ ;
  - 3. for any sites  $a, b, b' \in Site$ , if both  $(a, b) \in Link$  and  $(a, b') \in Link$ , then b = b'.
  - Whenever  $(a, b) \in Link$ , we say that there is a link between the site a and the site b.

Whenever  $a \in Site$ , but there exists no  $b \in Site$  such that  $(a,b) \in Link$ , we say that a is free.

**Definition 11 (embeddings).** An embedding between two site-graphs (Ag, Site, Link) and (Ag', Site', Link') is given by a partial mapping  $\phi : \mathbb{N} \to \mathbb{N}$ , such that:

- 1. (agent mapping) For any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , Ag(i) is defined if and only if  $\phi(i)$  is defined;
- 2. (well-formedness) For any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , if Ag(i) is defined, then  $Ag'(\phi(i))$  is defined;
- 3. (into mapping) For any  $i, i' \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $\phi(i)$  and  $\phi'(i)$  are defined, then  $\phi(i) = \phi(i') \implies i = i'$ ;
- 4. (agent types) For any  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , if Ag(i) is defined, then  $Ag(i) = Ag'(\phi(i))$ ;
- 5. (site types) For any site  $(i, s) \in Site$ ,  $(\phi(i), s) \in Site'$ ;
- 6. (free sites) For any pair  $(i, s) \in Site$  such that for any  $(i', s') \in Site$ ,  $((i, s), (i', s')) \notin Link$ , then for any  $(i'', s'') \in Site'$ ,  $((\phi(i), s), (i'', s'')) \notin Link$ ;
- 7. (links) For any link  $((i, s), (i', s')) \in Link, ((\phi(i), s), (\phi(i'), s')) \in Link'$ .

**Definition 12 (automorphism).** An embedding between a site-graph and itself is called an automorphism.

**Definition 13 (paths).** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (Ag, Site, Link)$  be a site-graph. We define a path of length n > 0 in the site-graph  $\mathcal{G}$  a sequence  $(i_k, s_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n-1}$  of  $2 \times n$  pairs of sites in Site such that:

- 1. For any j such that  $0 \le j < n$ ,  $((i_{2 \times j}, s_{2 \times j}), (i_{2 \times j+1}, s_{2 \times j+1})) \in Link$ .
- 2. For any j such that  $1 \leq j < n$ ,  $i_{2 \times j} = i_{2 \times j-1}$  and  $s_{2 \times j} \neq s_{2 \times j-1}$ .

**Proposition 7 (sub-paths).** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (Ag, Site, Link)$  be a site-graph and  $(i_k, s_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n-1}$  be a path of length n > 0 in the site-graph  $\mathcal{G}$ . Let m, m' be two integers such that  $0 \le m < m' \le n$ , then,  $(i_k, s_k)_{2 \times m \le k \le 2 \times m'-1}$  is a path in the site-graph  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proposition 8 (path composition).** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (Ag, Site, Link)$  be a site-graph and  $(i_k, s_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n-1}$  and  $(i'_k, s'_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n'-1}$  be two paths of length n > 0 and n' > 0 in the site-graph  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $i_{2 \times n-1} = i'_0$  and  $s_{2 \times n-1} \neq s'_0$ .

Then, the sequence  $(i''_k, s''_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times (n+n')-1}$  where:

 $\begin{cases} (i_k'', s_k'') = (i_k, s_k) & \text{whenever } 0 \le k \le 2 \times n - 1 \\ (i_k'', s_k'') = (i_{k-2 \times n}', s_{k-2 \times n}') & \text{whenever } 2 \times n \le k \le 2 \times (n+n') - 1 \end{cases}$ 

is a path of length n + n' in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Proposition 9 (path image).** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (Ag, Site, Link)$  be a site-graph,  $\phi$  be an automorphism of  $\mathcal{G}$ , and  $(i_k, s_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n-1}$  be a path of length n > 0 in  $\mathcal{G}$ , then  $(\phi(i_k), s_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n-1}$  is a path of length n in  $\mathcal{G}$ .

**Definition 14 (connected components).** A site-graph (Ag, Site, Link) is a connected component, if and only if, for any pair  $(i, i') \in \mathbb{N}^2$  of agent identifiers such that Ag(i) and Ag(i') are defined and  $i \neq i'$ , there exists a pair  $(s, s') \in S^2$  of site types, such that  $(i, s) \in Site$ ,  $(i', s') \in Site$ , and there is a path in  $\mathcal{G}$  between the site (i, s) and the site (i', s').

**Definition 15 (cycle).** Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be a site-graph. A cycle of length n > 0 is a path  $(i_k, s_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n-1}$  in the site-graph  $\mathcal{G}$  such that  $i_0 = i_{2 \times n-1}$  and  $s_0 \ne s_{2 \times n-1}$ .

**Lemma 1 (rigidity)** An embedding between two connected components is fully characterized by the image of one agent.

**Proposition 10.** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (Ag, Site, Link)$  be a connected component without any cycle. Let  $\phi$  be an automorphism of  $\mathcal{G}$ . Let i be an agent identifier such that Ag(i) is defined. Let  $(i_k, s_k)_{0 \le k \le 2 \times n-1}$  be a path between i and  $\phi(i)$ .

*Then*  $s_0 = s_{2 \times n-1}$ .

**Lemma 2 (automorphism)** Let  $\mathcal{G} = (Ag, Site, Link)$  be a connected component without any cycle.

- $\mathcal{G}$  has at most two automorphisms.
- If  $\phi$  is a automorphism over  $\mathcal{G}$ , such that there exists  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that Ag(i) is defined and  $\phi(i) \neq i$ , then there exist two agent identifiers  $i, i' \in \mathbb{N}$  and a site type  $s \in \mathcal{S}$ , such that  $Ag(i) = Ag(i'), (i, s), (i', s) \in Site$ , and  $((i, s), (i', s)) \in Link$ .

Lemma 3 (Euler) If a site-graph has no cycle, then it has an agent with at most one bound site.