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Causal traces



Challenges

Compute minimal traces up to commutation of concurrent events.

This is parametric with respect to:

- the notion of state
- the notion of event

which can be seen at different levels of abstraction.

The choices of the syntax and of the semantics matter.

The biochemical structure is required

Reactions:

$$A \rightarrow {}^{\bullet}A$$
$$A \rightarrow A^{\bullet}$$
$$A \rightarrow {}^{\bullet}A^{\bullet}$$
$$A^{\bullet} \rightarrow {}^{\bullet}A^{\bullet}$$

Causal traces:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & \to & \bullet A \\ A & \to & A^{\bullet} & \to & \bullet A^{\bullet} \end{array}$$



Counters

(Rates depend on the number of sites already phosphorylated)

Without counters:



Commutative events

Two events λ_a and λ_b commute if they satisfies the following commutative diagrams:

• No conflicts:



• No precedence:



Case study



Musical notation

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Causal flow



First case study: Rules



First case study: Reachability analysis



First case study: Local transition system



- Local traces focus on each agent individually (they forget about the context);
- They show the full transition system for each agent.

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First case study: Causal analysis



First case study: Causal analysis



First case study: Causal analysis



- Stories focus on group of individual proteins that interact between each other; (they keep information about the context);
- They focus on the transitions that make progress.

Second case study: Rules







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Second case study: Local transition system



Second case study: Simplicial complexes



Second case study: Causal analysis



Causal analysis

- Reachability analysis provides a limited amount of information:
 - It computes potential configurations for patterns of interest.
 - But, it does not explain how to go from one configuration to another one.
- Causal analysis provides only a summary of the model:
 - It focuses on the events that are necessary in potential scenarios.
 - Maybe use to debugging
 Why the hell is this pattern reachable?



We want to observe the formation of doubly phosphorylated substrate.

1. Compare the result of causal and weak compression.



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- 1. Compare the result of causal and weak compression.
- 2. Compare with what had been obtained on the previous slide.



We want to observe the formation of doubly phosphorylated substrate.

1. Compare the result of weak and strong compression.

Bisimulation/group action

 \mathbb{G} is a group of symmetries compatible with the set of rules. Let *r* be a rule, and $(\sigma_L, \sigma_R) \in \mathbb{G}$ be a pair of transformations. If the following diagram:



is a push-out, then the following diagram:

$$\sigma_{L}.L' \xrightarrow{(\sigma_{L},\sigma_{R}).r} \sigma_{R}.R'$$

$$\sigma_{L}.h_{L} \xrightarrow{(\sigma_{L},\sigma_{R}).r} \sigma_{R}.h_{R}$$

$$(h_{L}.\sigma_{L}).L \xrightarrow{(h_{L}.\sigma_{L},h_{R}.\sigma_{R}).r'} (h_{R}.\sigma_{R}).R$$

is a push-out as well.

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We want to observe the phosphorylation of the site c.

- 1. Compute the result of causal compression.
- 2. Is the result satisfying ?

Take home message

- Causality analysis aims at capturing which events are necessary in potential scenarii.
- Several approaches from different fields.
- Ours is based on concurrency theory based on lack of commutation, combined with combinatorial optimization.
- We do not capture counter-factual causal relationships.

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