2018-00429 - [Campagne Post-Doctorant 2018/CRI LILLE - Equivalence of Tree Transducers (M/F)

Contract type : Public service fixed-term contract
Level of qualifications required : PhD or equivalent
Fonction : Post-Doctoral Research Visit
Level of experience : Recently graduated

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Context

Job environnements

This Post-doc project takes place within the ANR project Colis. Its goal is to certify properties of Linux installation scripts. Our partner of University Paris Diderot models the actions of these scripts as transformations of file systems viewed as data trees. Then the automatic verification of installation scripts can be obtained using algorithms that manipulate such transformations. Many of the properties that need to be verified can be reduced to the problem of equivalence of those tree transformations.

For instance, does the composition of an install script and its uninstall counterpart leave the file system unchanged ? We view these tree transformations as tree transducers of various sorts and thus the overall objective is to develop algorithms to solve the equivalence problem of tree transducers efficiently.

Assignment

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The objective of this project is to define normalisation techniques for models of tree transducers equivalent to Monadic Second Order (MSO) logic. Similar techniques have been developed by members of the Links projects (https://www.inria.fr/equipes/links) on models such as deterministic top-down tree transducers (LMM10), or Tree to String Transducers (LLL+11, BPG16). Both those models have a sequential behavior. Sequentiality enables normal forms based on the notion of ‘earliest’ production which is already present in the work of [Cho03] on word transducers. However, these classes are not expressive enough to capture the whole class of MSO tree transformations. The class of Macro Tree Transducers (MTT) captures MSO transformations [EM99], but this models seems to lack the sequentiality properties necessary to apply the same techniques.

We propose to investigate other alternate models equivalent to MTT for which the notion of earliestness could be defined. These models would then serve as means to obtain normal forms. In turn this would lead to efficient equivalence algorithms for the whole class of MSO tree transformations.

Main activities

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Research and collaboration with the team working on transducers.
Skills
The candidate is expected to have a good competence in formal models, with a focus on models for tree transformations.

Benefits package

Benefits
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Remuneration

Remunerating
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