Offer #2024-07934

Post-Doctoral Research Visit F/M Exploring Logic Programming semantics via a connection to Boolean Networks through Petri nets.

Contract type: Fixed-term contract
Level of qualifications required: PhD or equivalent
Function: Post-Doctoral Research Visit

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Context

Inria is the French national institute for research in computer science, control, and applied mathematics promoting scientific excellence and technology transfer. The research topics of our group are at the intersection of mathematical biology, theoretical computer science and formal methods applied to problems in biology.

Assignment

We recently introduced the Trap space semantics for Logic Programs. One objective of this project is to generalize the trap space semantics to disjunctive logic programs.

We also want to find efficient methods for computing ≤s-minimal stable trap spaces (equivalently regular models) of a logic program.

Finally, we would like to explore more new results on relating the recently introduced dependence graph and models of a logic program.

Main activities

For the generalization to disjunctive programs, the candidate will try an approach similar to the existing generalizations of the stable model, stable partial model, regular model, and stable class semantics.

To compute ≤s-minimal trap spaces, the intended approach is to make a transformed program whose set of stable models corresponds to the set of ≤s-minimal stable trap spaces of the original program.

For the dependence graph, it is natural to explore the use of both positive and negative cycles simultaneously, in order to obtain improved results. Moreover, the conjecture that the upper bound for tight logic program is also valid for generic logic programs will be explored.

Skills

Logic Programming and ASP knowledge are necessary.

Benefits package

- Subsidized meals
- Partial reimbursement of public transport costs
- Leave: 7 weeks of annual leave + 10 extra days off due to RTT (statutory reduction in working hours) + possibility of exceptional leave (sick children, moving home, etc.)
Possibility of teleworking and flexible organization of working hours
Professional equipment available (videoconferencing, loan of computer equipment, etc.)
Social, cultural and sports events and activities
Access to vocational training
Social security coverage

Remuneration
According to profile

General Information

- **Theme/Domain:** Computational Biology
  Software engineering (BAP E)
- **Town/city:** Palaiseau
- **Inria Center:** Centre Inria de Saclay
- **Starting date:** 2024-10-01
- **Duration of contract:** 12 months
- **Deadline to apply:** 2024-09-30

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