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# UCSP: Implementation

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**Abstract**

This article proposes a system for generating possible *University Classes Schedules*. It uses multi-agent negotiation to find satisfactory solutions to the problem, while trying to consider *personal preferences* of the represented people and institutions.

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**1 Implementation**

**1.1 University Classes**

A class is an en event, that brings together a *group of students*, and a *professor* in certain *classroom* in order to learn/teach the specified *discipline*. It happens periodically, usually weekly, at the established *day of week* and *time*.

A *discipline* should describe an atomic (not dividable) educational activity. For example, if the students are required to take a normal class and also do some specific laboratory practice, then two disciplines should be created, one of them describing the required lab equipment.

```

data Discipline = Discipline { disciplineId      :: String
                              , disciplineMinutesPerWeek :: Int
                              , disciplineRequirements  :: Set Requirement
                              }
deriving (Typeable, Show, Eq, Ord)
newtype Requirement = Requirement String deriving (Show, Eq, Ord)

```

For inner usage, the classes are divided into

- *abstract* — without day and time;
- *concrete* — with full time information.

```

class (Ord c, Show c, Typeable c) =>
  AbstractClass c where classDiscipline :: c -> Discipline
                        classGroup      :: c -> GroupRef
                        classProfessor  :: c -> ProfessorRef
                        classRoom       :: c -> ClassroomRef
                        classNumber     :: c -> Word

class (AbstractClass c, DiscreteTime time) =>
  ConcreteClass c time | c -> time
  where classDay      :: c -> Day
        classBegins  :: c -> time
        classEnds    :: c -> time

data Class      = ∀c time. ConcreteClass c time => Class c
data SomeClass = ∀c      . AbstractClass c      => SomeClass c

```

The “System.Time.Day” is redefined, dropping the “Sunday”.

```

data Day = Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday
        | Thursday | Friday | Saturday
deriving (Eq, Ord, Enum, Bounded, Ix, Read, Show)

```

The classes are negotiated by the interested parties: 1) students / groups, 2) professors, 3) classrooms. Each negotiation participant has a *timetable*, holding a schedule for one week, that repeats throughout the academic period. The *timetable* is actually a table: the columns represent days of week; the rows — discrete time intervals. Actual timetable structure may vary, as can be seen in figure 1.

```

class (Ord t, Bounded t, Show t, Typeable t) => DiscreteTime t where
  toMinutes    :: t -> Int
  fromMinutes  :: Int -> t

data SomeTime = ∀t. (DiscreteTime t) => SomeTime t
  someTimeMinutes (SomeTime t) = toMinutes t

```

--

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
08:30 – 09:00						
09:00 – 09:30						
09:30 – 10:00						
10:00 – 10:30						
10:30 – 11:00						
11:00 – 11:30						
11:30 – 12:00						
⋮						

(a) Timetable without recesses.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
08:30 – 09:10						
09:15 – 09:55						
10:05 – 10:45						
10:50 – 11:30						
11:40 – 12:20						
12:25 – 13:05						
13:15 – 13:55						
⋮						

(b) Timetable with recesses.

Figure 1: Possible *timetable* structures.

**instance** *Eq SomeTime* **where**  $(\equiv) = (\equiv)$  ‘on’ *someTimeMinutes*  
**instance** *Ord SomeTime* **where** *compare* = *compare* ‘on’ *someTimeMinutes*

**class** (*DiscreteTime time*)  $\Rightarrow$  *Timetable tt e time* | *tt*  $\rightarrow$  *time*  
*tt*  $\rightarrow$  *e*  
*e*  $\rightarrow$  *time*

**where** *listEvents* :: *tt*  $\rightarrow$  [*e*]  
*eventsOn* :: *tt*  $\rightarrow$  *Day*  $\rightarrow$  [*e*]  
*eventsAt* :: *tt*  $\rightarrow$  *time*  $\rightarrow$  [(*Day*, *e*)]  
*eventAt* :: *tt*  $\rightarrow$  *Day*  $\rightarrow$  *time*  $\rightarrow$  *Maybe e*

One should distinguish the resulting timetables, shown in figure 1 and the timetable, held an agent during the negotiation. The first one is immutable and is the result of agent’s participation in the negotiation. The set of such timetables, produced by every the participant, is the **university schedule** for given academic period.

During the negotiation, an agent’s inner timetable gets changed on the fly, in order to record agreements made. This means that we are dealing with *side effects*, that need to be explicitly denoted in Haskell. The following definition leaves it free to choose the monad abstraction for those effects.

```

class (DiscreteTime time, Monad m) =>
  TimetableM tt m e time | tt → time
                        , tt → e
                        , e → time
  where putEvent  :: tt → e → m tt
        delEvent  :: tt → e → m tt
        ttSnapshot :: (Timetable ts x time) => tt → m ts

```

## 1.2 Negotiating Agents

As it was mentioned before, the schedule is formed in a negotiation between *professors*, *groups* and *classrooms*. To distinguish those three types of participants, agent's role is introduced. The role: 1) identifies the kind of person/entity, represented by the agent; 2) defines agent's reaction on the messages received; 3) defines agent's goal.

A *representing agent* is a computational entity, that represents a *real person* or *object* in it's virtual environment. In current case, it represents one's interests in a *negotiation*. Such an agent must

- (1) pursue the *common goal* — it must consider the common benefits, while being egoistic enough to achieve it's own goal;
- (2) respond to the messages received in correspondence with (1);
- (3) initiate conversations (send messages, that are not responses), driven by (1);
- (4) become more susceptible (less egoistic) with passage of time.

```

data NegotiationRole = GroupRole
                    | FullTimeProfRole
                    | PartTimeProfRole
                    | ClassroomRole

deriving (Show, Typeable)

data Role' (r :: NegotiationRole) = Role'

instance Show (Role' GroupRole) where
  show _ = "Role: Group"
instance Show (Role' FullTimeProfRole) where
  show _ = "Role: Professor (full time)"
instance Show (Role' PartTimeProfRole) where
  show _ = "Role: Professor (part time)"
instance Show (Role' ClassroomRole) where
  show _ = "Role: Classroom"
-- -----
class RoleIx r where roleIx :: Role' r → Int

```

```

-- -----
data AnyRole =  $\forall r. (Show (Role' r), RoleIx r) \Rightarrow$ 
    AnyRole (Role' r)
roleIx' (AnyRole r) = roleIx r
instance Show AnyRole where show (AnyRole r) = show r
instance Eq AnyRole where ( $\equiv$ ) = ( $\equiv$ ) 'on' roleIx'
instance Ord AnyRole where compare = compare 'on' roleIx'

```

### 1.2.1 Common Goal

Agent's own *goal* represents its egoistical interests. They may (and will) contradict another agent's interests, thus creating *incoherence*. The general rule in this case is to strive for solutions, benefiting the whole schedule. Because the schedule doesn't yet exist as a whole during the negotiation, an agent should consider instead the benefits, obtained by itself and the rest of the agents.

The *common goal* is incorporated in the *contexts* mechanism, and is discussed in Section 1.4.5.

## 1.3 Coherence

The coherence mechanism is based on [?]. It uses the *contexts* as means of separating (and further prioritizing) different *cognitive aspects*. The contexts used are based on *BDI* agent architecture.

The *combined coherence* is used as a measure of goal achievement. It's combined of coherence values, calculated by agent's contexts.

The *binary relations* connect some information pieces, assigning to the edge some value. The *whole graph relations*, on the other side, are applied to the graph as a whole and produce a single value.

The relations used, as well as the information in the graph, depend on the *context*.

The coherence is calculated over an *information graph*, that represents some aspect of agent's knowledge. The nodes of the graph are some *pieces of information* and the edges represent some *relations* between these pieces.

### 1.3.1 Information

The proposed system makes use of the following information:

1. **Personal knowledge**, known only by one actor.
  - (a) **Capabilites**: information about what an agent can do, what kind of arrangements it can make.
  - (b) **Obligations**: information about *strong restrictions*, imposed over the agent.
  - (c) **Preferences**: information about *weak restrictions*.

2. **Shared knowledge**, obtained in the negotiation.

- (a) **Others' capabilities** — information about the counterpart agents, that are known to be (un-) capable of doing something.
- (b) **Classes proposals**:
  - i. **Abstract** — has no specific time assigned.  
**Concrete** — has a specific time defined.
  - ii. **Complete** — references all three representing agents: a *group*, a *professor* and a *classroom*.  
**Partial** — references less then three representing agents.
- (c) **Classes decisions**:
  - i. **Class acceptance** — a mark for *accepted classes proposals*. Only *complete* proposals can be accepted; all the three mentioned agents must accept it, or none.
  - ii. **Class rejection** — a mark for *ignored classes proposals*, a result of *yield* decision, discussed in Section ??.

```

data InformationScope = Personal | Shared
-- “Ord” instance is mainly needed to create “Set”s.
class (Typeable i, Eq i, Ord i) ⇒ InformationPiece i
  where type IScope i :: InformationScope
class (InformationPiece i, Personal~IScope i) ⇒ PersonalInformation i
class (InformationPiece i, Shared~IScope i) ⇒ SharedInformation i
  where sharedBetween :: i → Set AgentRef
--
instance Eq SomeClass where
  (SomeClass a) ≡ (SomeClass b) = cast a ≡ Just b
  -- TODO
instance Ord SomeClass
instance InformationPiece SomeClass where
  type IScope SomeClass = Shared
instance SharedInformation SomeClass
--
instance Eq Class
instance Ord Class
instance InformationPiece Class where type IScope Class = Shared
instance SharedInformation Class
--
data Information = ∀i. InformationPiece i ⇒ Information i
collectInf :: (Typeable a) ⇒ Information → Maybe a
collectInf (Information i) = cast i

```

```

instance Eq Information where
  (Information i1) ≡ (Information i2) =
    case cast i1 of Just x      → x ≡ i2
                     -          → False

instance Ord Information where
  (Information i1) ≦ (Information i2) = ⊥
  -- -----

newtype Needs = Needs (Set Discipline)
  deriving (Eq, Ord, Show, Typeable)

newtype CanTeach = CanTeach (Set Discipline)
  deriving (Eq, Ord, Show, Typeable)

instance InformationPiece Needs
instance InformationPiece CanTeach

```

### 1.3.2 Relations

```

class InformationRelation r where
  relationName :: r a → String
  coerceRelation :: (Coercible a b) ⇒ r a → r b

class InformationRelation r ⇒
  BinaryRelation r where
    binRelValue :: (Num a) ⇒ r a → Information → Information → Maybe a

class InformationRelation r ⇒
  WholeRelation r where
    wholeRelValue :: r a → IGraph → a

class InformationRelation r ⇒
  BinaryIORelation r where
    binRelIOValue :: (Num a, Typeable a, Show a) ⇒ r a → Information → Information → IOMaybe a

type IOMaybe a = IO (Maybe a)
  -- -----

data RelValBetween a = RelValBetween {
    relBetween    :: (Information, Information)
    ,
    relValBetween :: a
  }

type RelValsBetween a = Map (IRelation a) [RelValBetween a]

newtype RelValWhole a = RelValWhole a
  unwrapRelValWhole (RelValWhole a) = a

type RelValsWhole a = Map (IRelation a) (RelValWhole a)
  -- -----

data IRelation a = ∀r. BinaryRelation r    ⇒ RelBin (r a)

```



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```

|  $\forall r. \text{BinaryIORelation } r \Rightarrow \text{RelBinIO } (r \ a)$ 
|  $\forall r. \text{WholeRelation } r \Rightarrow \text{RelWhole } (r \ a)$ 

relName (RelBin a) = relationName a
relName (RelWhole a) = relationName a

instance Eq (IRelation a) where ( $\equiv$ ) = ( $\equiv$ ) ‘on’ relName
instance Ord (IRelation a) where compare = compare ‘on’ relName

coerceIRelation :: (Coercible a b)  $\Rightarrow$  IRelation a  $\rightarrow$  IRelation b
coerceIRelation (RelBin r) = RelBin (coerceRelation r)
coerceIRelation (RelWhole r) = RelWhole (coerceRelation r)

-- -----
type RelValue a = Either [RelValBetween a] (RelValWhole a)

```

### 1.3.3 Information graph

```

newtype IGraph = IGraph (Set Information)

graphNodes :: IGraph  $\rightarrow$  [Information]
graphNodes (IGraph inf) = Set.toList inf

graphJoin :: IGraph  $\rightarrow$  [Information]  $\rightarrow$  IGraph
graphJoin (IGraph inf) new = IGraph (inf  $\cup$  Set.fromList new)

fromNodes :: [Information]  $\rightarrow$  IGraph
fromNodes = IGraph  $\circ$  Set.fromList

relationOn :: (Num a, Typeable a, Show a)  $\Rightarrow$  IRelation a  $\rightarrow$  IGraph  $\rightarrow$  IO (RelValue a)
relationOn rel iGraph = case rel of
  RelBin r  $\rightarrow$  return  $\circ$  Left $ do  $i_1 \leftarrow$  graphNodes iGraph
     $i_2 \leftarrow$  graphNodes iGraph
    if  $i_1 \equiv i_2$  then []
    else maybeToList $
      RelValBetween ( $i_1, i_2$ ) <$>
      binRelValue r  $i_1 \ i_2$ 

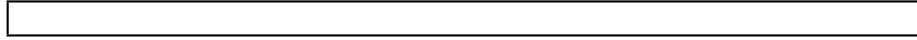
  RelBinIO r  $\rightarrow$  fmap (Left  $\circ$  concat)  $\circ$  sequence $ do
     $i_1 \leftarrow$  graphNodes iGraph
     $i_2 \leftarrow$  graphNodes iGraph
    return $ if  $i_1 \equiv i_2$  then return []
      else fmap (maybeToList
         $\circ$  fmap (RelValBetween ( $i_1, i_2$ )))
        (binRelIOValue r  $i_1 \ i_2$ )

  RelWhole r  $\rightarrow$  return  $\circ$  Right  $\circ$  RelValWhole $ wholeRelValue r iGraph

```

## 1.4 Contexts

In order to use contexts for information *coherence assessment*, the concepts of *context-specific information graph* and *assessed information* are introduced.



The context-specific graph holds the information, already known/accepted by the agent, and is relevant for the context in question. The assessed one is *assumed* during the evaluation process.

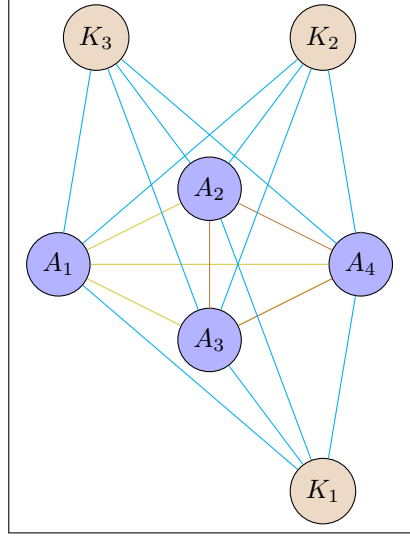


Figure 2: Binary relations within an information graph. One can distinguish the relations between the assessed information pieces and the relations between assessed and the known ones.

To assess some information, it's propagated through the contexts, in the *specified order*, that stands for contexts priority. Each context should have a *coherence threshold* specified; after the assessed information's coherence has been estimated, it's compared against the threshold and either **Success** or **Failure** is returned, along with the evaluated coherence value. The information, that has successfully passed a context, is propagated further; otherwise the failure is returned.

```

class Context (c :: * → *) a where
  contextName      :: c a → String
  contextInformation :: c a → IO IGraph
  contextRelations  :: c a → IO [IRelation a]
  contextThreshold  :: c a → IO a

  combineBinRels    :: c a → RelValsBetween a → Maybe (CBin a)
  combineWholeRels  :: c a → RelValsWhole a → Maybe (CWhole a)
  combineRels       :: c a → CBin a → CWhole a → a

  newtype CBin a = CBin a
  newtype CWhole a = CWhole a

  getCBin (CBin a) = a
  getCWhole (CWhole a) = a

```

```

data AssessmentDetails a -- TODO
data SomeContext a =  $\forall c. \text{Context } c \ a \Rightarrow \text{SomeContext } (c \ a)$ 

-- -----

type AnyFunc1 res =  $\forall a. a \rightarrow res \ a$ 
mapEither :: AnyFunc1 r  $\rightarrow \text{Either } a \ b \rightarrow \text{Either } (r \ a) \ (r \ b)$ 
mapEither f (Left a) = Left $ f a
mapEither f (Right a) = Right $ f a

assessWithin' :: (Context c a, Num a, Typeable a, Show a)  $\Rightarrow$ 
  [Information]
   $\rightarrow$  c a
   $\rightarrow$  IO (Maybe a, AssessmentDetails a)

assessWithin' inf c = do
  contextInf  $\leftarrow$  contextInformation c
  contextRels  $\leftarrow$  contextRelations c
  let assumed = contextInf 'graphJoin' inf
  relsIO = sequence $ ( $\lambda r \rightarrow \text{mapEither } ((,) \ r) \ <\$> \ r \ \text{'relationOn' } assumed)$ 
     $\<\$> \ \text{contextRels}$ 
  (bins, whole)  $\leftarrow$  partitionEithers  $\<\$> \ \text{relsIO}$ 
  let assessed = case (bins, whole) of
    ([], [])  $\rightarrow$  Nothing
    (–, [])  $\rightarrow$  getCBBin  $\<\$> \ c \ \text{'combineBinRels' } \ \text{Map.fromList } bins$ 
    ([], –)  $\rightarrow$  getCWhole  $\<\$> \ c \ \text{'combineWholeRels' } \ \text{Map.fromList } whole$ 
    –  $\rightarrow$  do rBin  $\leftarrow$  c 'combineBinRels' Map.fromList bins
      rWhole  $\leftarrow$  c 'combineWholeRels' Map.fromList whole
      return $ combineRels c rBin rWhole
  return (assessed,  $\perp$ )

-- -----

data AssessedCandidate a = AssessedCandidate {
  assessedAt :: SomeContext a
, assessedVal :: Maybe a
, assessedDetails :: AssessmentDetails a
}

data Candidate a = Success { assessHistory :: [AssessedCandidate a]
, candidate :: [Information]
}
| Failure { assessHistory :: [AssessedCandidate a]
, candidate :: [Information]
}

-- -----

assessWithin :: (Context c a, Num a, Ord a, Typeable a, Show a)  $\Rightarrow$ 
  Candidate a  $\rightarrow$  c a  $\rightarrow$  IO (Candidate a)
assessWithin f@Failure {} – = return f

```

```

assessWithin (Success hist c) cxt = do
  (mbA, details)    ← c 'assessWithin' cxt
  threshold        ← contextThreshold cxt
  let ac = AssessedCandidate (SomeContext cxt) mbA details
  return $ if mbA > Just threshold
    then    Success (ac : hist) c
    else    Failure (ac : hist) c

```

Some contexts might also be capable of *splitting* information graphs into *valid candidates* – the sub-graphs, that are *valid* at the context. The candidates can be assessed by the rest of the contexts.

```

class (Context c a) ⇒ SplittingContext c a where
  splitGraph :: c a → IGraph → IO [Candidate a]

```

#### 1.4.1 Capabilities

The capabilities context handles question “Am I able to do it?”. It’s main purpose is to discard immediately any proposal that would never be accepted.

- *Group*: “Am I interested in the discipline?”
- *Professor*: “Am I qualified to teach the disciple?”
- *Classroom*: “Do I suit the disciple?”, “Do I have the capacity required?”

An agent should mark any other agent, that has declined some proposal for *capabilities* reasons, describing the reason. It should further avoid making same kind of proposals to the incapable agent.

```

data family Capabilities (r :: NegotiationRole) :: * → *
data instance Capabilities GroupRole a = GroupCapabilities {
  needsDisciplines :: [Discipline]
}
data instance Capabilities FullTimeProfRole a = FullTimeProfCapabilities {
  canTeachFullTime :: [Discipline]
}
-- -----
data CanTeachRel a = CanTeachRel
instance InformationRelation CanTeachRel where
  relationName _ = "CanTeach"
  coerceRelation = coerce
instance BinaryRelation CanTeachRel where
  binRelValue _ a b =
    let v ds c = if classDiscipline c ∈ ds then 1 else 0

```

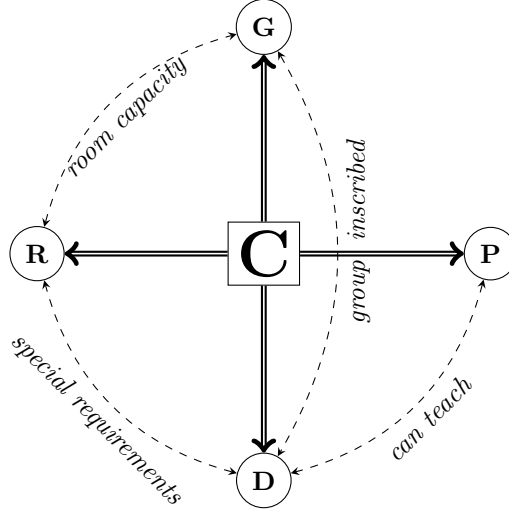


Figure 3: Capabilities required to form a *class*.

```

in case collectInf a of
  Just (CanTeach ds)  $\rightarrow$  let
    r1 = case collectInf b of Just (SomeClass c)  $\rightarrow$  Just $ v ds c
    r2 = case collectInf b of Just (Class c)       $\rightarrow$  Just $ v ds c
  in r1 <|> r2
  _  $\rightarrow$  Nothing
-- -----

data NeedsDisciplineRel a = NeedsDisciplineRel
instance InformationRelation NeedsDisciplineRel where -- TODO
instance BinaryRelation NeedsDisciplineRel where -- TODO
-- -----

-- product X
combineBinRelsStrict _ bRels | null bRels = Nothing
combineBinRelsStrict _ bRels = Just  $\circ$  CBin  $\circ$  product
                                 $\circ$  concatMap (map relValBetween)
                                $ Map.elems bRels

combineWholeRelsStrict _ wRels | null wRels = Nothing
combineWholeRelsStrict _ wRels = Just  $\circ$  CWhole  $\circ$  product
                                 $\circ$  map unwrapRelValWhole
                                $ Map.elems wRels

combineRelsStrict _ (CBin b) (CWhole w) = b * w
-- -----

instance (Num a)  $\Rightarrow$  Context (Capabilities GroupRole) a where

```

--	--

```

contextName _      = "Capabilities"
contextInformation = return ◦ fromNodes ◦ (:[])
                  ◦ Information ◦ Needs
                  ◦ Set.fromList ◦ needsDisciplines
contextRelations _ = return [RelBin NeedsDisciplineRel]
contextThreshold _ = return 0

combineWholeRels = combineWholeRelsStrict
combineBinRels   = combineBinRelsStrict
combineRels      = combineRelsStrict

instance (Num a) ⇒ Context (Capabilities FullTimeProfRole) a where
  contextName _      = "Capabilities"
  contextInformation = return ◦ fromNodes ◦ (:[])
                    ◦ Information ◦ CanTeach
                    ◦ Set.fromList ◦ canTeachFullTime
  contextRelations _ = return [RelBin CanTeachRel]
  contextThreshold _ = return 0
  combineWholeRels   = combineWholeRelsStrict
  combineBinRels     = combineBinRelsStrict
  combineRels        = combineRelsStrict

```

#### 1.4.2 Beliefs

The beliefs is a *splitting* context, that uses as it's internal knowledge: 1) *state of the timetable*, that represents *best* candidate, generated until now; 2) *interesting* proposals, both generated by agent itself and received from the others, that are preserved throughout agent's lifetime.

**Assessing** yields one of three values

$$\begin{cases} -1 & \text{if two proposals intersect in time} \\ 0 & \text{if both proposals have the same } \textit{abstract} \text{ part} \\ 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

**should be written in another place, not in this context**

The assessment of *concrete proposals* (containing concrete classes) in the graph consists in

1. *assuming* the proposal information;
2. *splitting* the assumed information graph into valid candidates;
3. *propagating* of the candidates through the rest of the contexts;
4. comparing the *best candidate* with the previous *best*.

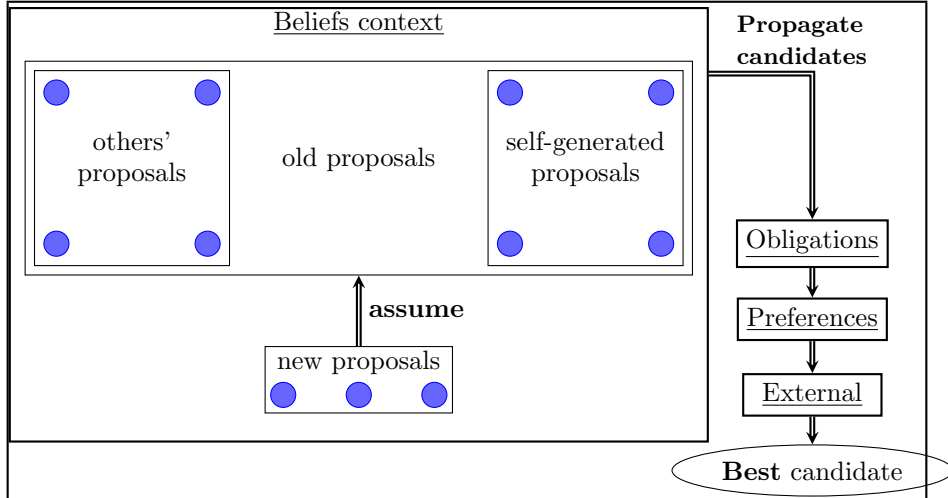
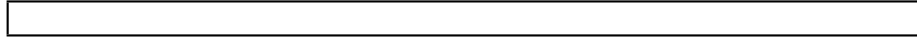


Figure 4: Assessing proposal coherence, starting from *Beliefs* context.

? The proposal is called *interesting* and is accepted (and the assumed graph becomes the new information graph of *beliefs* context) if it's assumption causes better candidate generation. It's rejected otherwise (and the assumed graph is discarded).

**Splitting** is a process of extraction of *acceptable* sub-graphs, that compares the coherence values at graph's edges against a threshold. The splitting can be achieved with one of two following strategies:

1. *Joining* proposals while validness is preserved.
2. *Partitioning* of proposals until validness is achieved.

First strategy is used in this project, due to less memory consumption (it doesn't have to generate or store big invalid graphs, that would be present at the first steps of the second strategy).

The splitting is implemented as follows:

Let  $C = \{c\}$  be a set of *class proposals*.

$A_i = \{a_i\}$  be a set of *acceptable candidates*, composed of  $i$  proposals.

$A = \bigcup_i A_i$  be a set of *acceptable candidates*.

1. Each single candidate is acceptable:  $A_1 = \{[c] \mid \forall c \in C\}$ .
2. Form  $A_2$  by extending each candidate  $[c'] = a_1 \in A_1$  with  $c \in C$ , if and only if  $c'$  and  $c$  do not intersect. If  $A_1 \neq \emptyset$ , then try to form  $A_2$ .

⋮

- i. Form  $A_i$  by extending each candidate  $[c'_1, \dots, c'_{i-1}] = a_{i-1} \in A_{i-1}$  with  $c \in C$ , if and only if  $\forall c' \in a_{i-1}$ ,  $c'$  and  $c$  do not intersect. If  $A_i \neq \emptyset$ , then try to form  $A_{i+1}$ .

⋮

- n.  $A_n = \emptyset \implies$  all the *acceptable candidates* were generated. Done.

---

```

data Beliefs a = Beliefs { knownProposals :: IORef IGraph }
data TimeConsistency a = TimeConsistency
instance InformationRelation TimeConsistency where
  relationName _ = "TimeConsistency"
  coerceRelation = coerce
instance BinaryRelation TimeConsistency where
  binRelValue _ i1 i2 = do
    Class c1 ← collectInf i1
    Class c2 ← collectInf i2
    let sameParticipant = classGroup c1 ≡ classGroup c2
                        ∨ classProfessor c1 ≡ classProfessor c2
                        ∨ classRoom c1 ≡ classRoom c2
        sameDay = classDay c1 ≡ classDay c2
        timeIntersects x y = classBegins x ≤ classBegins y
                           ∧ classEnds x ≥ classBegins y
        sameAbstract = classDiscipline c1 ≡ classDiscipline c2
                      ∧ classGroup c1 ≡ classGroup c2
                      ∧ classProfessor c1 ≡ classProfessor c2
                      ∧ classRoom c1 ≡ classRoom c2
                      ∧ classNumber c1 ≡ classNumber c2
        intersect = sameParticipant
                  ∧ sameDay
                  ∧ (timeIntersects c1 c2 ∨ timeIntersects c2 c1)
    return $ if sameAbstract then 0
              else if intersect then -1 else 1
instance (Num a) ⇒ Context Beliefs a where
  contextName _ = "Beliefs"
  contextInformation = readIORef ∘ knownProposals
  contextRelations _ = return [RelBin TimeConsistency]
  contextThreshold _ = return 0
  combineWholeRels = combineWholeRelsStrict

```



```

combineBinRels    = combineBinRelsStrict
combineRels       = combineRelsStrict

instance (Num a) => SplittingContext Beliefs a where
  splitGraph b gr = do
    iGraph ← readIORef $ knownProposals b
    let cNodes = catMaybes $ collectInf <$> graphNodes gr
        consistent x y = binRelValue TimeConsistency x y ≡ Just 1
        extendCandidate Failure { } = []
        extendCandidate Success { candidate = inf } = do
          c ← cNodes
          [Success { assessHistory = [], candidate = graphNodes gr ++ [c] }
           | all (consistent c) inf]
        a1 = Success [] ∘ (:[]) <$> cNodes
    return $ fix (λf acc last → let ext = concatMap extendCandidate last
                                in if null ext
                                   then acc
                                   else f (acc ++ ext) ext
                    ) a1 a1

```

### 1.4.3 Obligations

Obligations determine the rest *strong restrictions* over the classes. Possible obligations might depend on agent's role and are usually determined by the institution. For example: maximum classes per day, lunch recess, lower/upper class time limit, two classes must/cannot follow etc.

The expected values are

0 if the obligation is broken;

1 otherwise.

All the obligations must comply over a candidate.

```

data Obligations a = Obligations {
  obligationsInfo :: [Information],
  obligationsRels :: [IRelation (ZeroOrOne a)]
}

instance (Num a) => Context Obligations a where
  contextName _ = "Obligations"
  contextInformation = return ∘ fromNodes ∘ obligationsInfo
  contextRelations    = return ∘ map coerceIRelation ∘ obligationsRels
  contextThreshold _ = return 0
  combineBinRels      = combineBinRelsStrict
  combineWholeRels    = combineWholeRelsStrict
  combineRels         = combineRelsStrict

```

```
-- This constructor should be hidden.
newtype ZeroOrOne a = ZeroOrOne a
complies = ZeroOrOne 0
fails    = ZeroOrOne 1
```

#### 1.4.4 Preferences

Preferences determine *weak restrictions*, that are intended to be set by the represented person (the institution in case of the classroom).

The expected value must be inside  $[0, 1]$  (unit) interval. They are combined as follows:

Binary:

$$\forall \text{ binary preference relation } \text{pref}_i \implies$$

$$P_{\text{bin}}^i = \frac{\sum_{\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle} \text{pref}_i(n_1, n_2)}{|\{\langle n_1, n_2 \rangle\}|}$$

$$P_{\text{bin}} = \prod_i P_{\text{bin}}^i; \quad P_{\text{bin}}^i \in [0, 1]; \quad P_{\text{bin}} \in [0, 1].$$

Whole:

$$\forall \text{ whole graph relation } \text{pref}_i$$

$$P_{\text{whole}} = \prod_i \text{pref}_i(\text{graph})$$

Combined:  $P = P_{\text{whole}} \times P_{\text{bin}}$

The context should diminish its influence over time to avoid possible over-restrictions due to conflicting personal interests.

```
data Preferences a = Preferences {
  preferencesInfo      :: [Information],
  preferencesRels      :: [IRelation (InUnitInterval a)],
  preferencesThreshold :: IORef a
}
```

```
instance (Fractional a) => Context Preferences a where
  contextName _ = "Preferences"
  contextInformation = return ◦ fromNodes ◦ preferencesInfo
  contextRelations   = return ◦ map coerceIRelation ◦ preferencesRels
  contextThreshold   = readIORef ◦ preferencesThreshold
```

```

combineBinRels _ = fmap CBin ◦ combineBinRelsMeansProd'
combineWholeRels _ = fmap CWhole ◦ combineWholeRelsProd'
combineRels = combineRelsProd

-- -----

maybeMean [] = Nothing
maybeMean xs = Just $ sum xs / fromIntegral (length xs)
combineBinRelsMeansProd' :: (Fractional a) ⇒ RelValsBetween a → Maybe a
combineBinRelsMeansProd' = foldr f Nothing
  where mean' = maybeMean ◦ map relValBetween
        f xs acc@(Just _) = ((* <$> acc <*> mean' xs) <|> acc)
        f xs _ = mean' xs
combineWholeRelsProd' mp | null mp = Nothing
combineWholeRelsProd' mp = Just ◦ product ◦ map unwrapRelValWhole
  $ Map.elems mp
combineRelsProd _ (CBin bin) (CWhole whole) = bin * whole

-- -----

newtype InUnitInterval a = InUnitInterval a
inUnitInterval :: (Fractional a, Ord a) ⇒ a → Maybe (InUnitInterval a)
inUnitInterval x | x ≥ 0
                 ∧ x ≤ 1 = Just $ InUnitInterval x
inUnitInterval _ = Nothing
fromUnitInterval (InUnitInterval x) = x
instance Eq (InUnitInterval a) where
instance Ord (InUnitInterval a) where

```

#### 1.4.5 External

External contexts take into account the *opinions* of the agents that are referenced by the solution candidate. It is responsible for *common goal* assessment. The assessment must be *objective* — it must give no preference to agent's own interests.

The *context-specific information* consists of references to the known agents with cached information about their capabilities.

There is a single binary relation in this context — *opinion* of agent  $ag_i^{\text{role}}$  on class  $c_i$ , of which consists the proposal in question  $p_k$ . They are combined using  $\text{op}$  operation.

```

data KnownAgent a = ∀ r :: NegotiationRole. KnownAgent {
  knownAgentRef      :: AgentRef,
  knownAgentRole     :: Role' r,
  knownAgentCapabilities :: [Capabilities r a]
}
deriving Typeable

```

```

askKnownAgent :: (MessageT msg a) ⇒ KnownAgent a
               → msg a
               → IOMaybe (ExpectedResponse1 msg a)

askKnownAgent knownAg message =
  case knownAgentRef knownAg of
    AgentRef comm → do resp ← askT comm message
                        return $ gcast resp

instance Eq (KnownAgent a) where
  (≡) = (≡) 'on' knownAgentRef

instance Ord (KnownAgent a) where
  compare = compare 'on' knownAgentRef

instance (Typeable a) ⇒ InformationPiece (KnownAgent a)

-- -----

data External a = External {
  knownAgents      :: IORef [KnownAgent a]
, externalThreshold :: IORef a
}

instance (Typeable a, Num a) ⇒ Context External a where
  contextName _      = "External"
  contextInformation = fmap (fromNodes ∘ map Information)
                        ∘ readIORef ∘ knownAgents
  contextRelations r = return [RelBinIO OpinionRel]
  contextThreshold   = readIORef ∘ externalThreshold
  combineBinRels     = combineBinRelsStrict
  combineWholeRels   = ⊥
  combineRels        = ⊥

-- -----

data OpinionRel a = OpinionRel

newtype OpinionAbout a = OpinionAbout (Class, a) deriving (Typeable, Show)

data MyOpinion a = MyOpinion (Maybe (InUnitInterval a)) deriving (Typeable, Show)

type instance ExpectedResponse1 OpinionAbout = MyOpinion
extractMyOpinion (MyOpinion mbOpinion) = mbOpinion

-- -----

instance InformationRelation OpinionRel where
  relationName _ = "Opinion"
  coerceRelation = coerce

instance BinaryIORelation OpinionRel where
  binRelIOValue rel a b = fromMaybe (return Nothing)
    $ do knownAg ← collectInf a
         class'   ← collectInf b
         return $ do resp ← askKnownAgent knownAg (OpinionAbout class')
                      return ∘ fmap fromUnitInterval $ extractMyOpinion << resp

```

## 1.5 Agent

```
-- -----
data GroupRef    = GroupRef    String deriving (Show, Eq, Ord)
data ProfessorRef = ProfessorRef String deriving (Show, Eq, Ord)
data ClassroomRef = ClassroomRef String deriving (Show, Eq, Ord)
```

```
-- -----
instance AgentComm GroupRef where -- TODO
instance AgentComm ProfessorRef where -- TODO
instance AgentComm ClassroomRef where -- TODO
```

Misc code:

```
instance Show Class where -- TODO
instance (Show a)  $\Rightarrow$  Show (InUnitInterval a) where show (InUnitInterval x) = show x
```

### 1.5.1 Behavior definition

Agent's behavior is defined by its *action loop* and incoming *messages handling*.

```
data AgentBehavior states = AgentBehavior {
  act ::  $\forall i. (AgentInnerInterface i) \Rightarrow i \rightarrow states \rightarrow IO ()$ ,
  handleMessages :: AgentHandleMessages states
}
```

Messages can be just *sent* to any agent or a specific *response* may be *asked*.

```
class (Typeable ref, Ord ref)  $\Rightarrow$  AgentComm ref where
  agentId :: ref  $\rightarrow$  AgentId
  send    :: (Message msg)  $\Rightarrow$  ref  $\rightarrow$  msg  $\rightarrow IO ()$ 
  ask     :: (Message msg)  $\Rightarrow$  ref  $\rightarrow$  msg  $\rightarrow IO (ExpectedResponse msg)$ 
  askT    :: (MessageT msg t)  $\Rightarrow$  ref  $\rightarrow$  msg  $t \rightarrow IO (ExpectedResponse1 msg t)$ 
```

These messages are handled by the corresponding agent's functions.

```
data AgentHandleMessages states = AgentHandleMessages {
```

- react to sent messages (sent with **send**):

```
  handleMessage ::  $\forall msg i. (Message msg$ 
    , AgentInnerInterface i)  $\Rightarrow$ 
    i  $\rightarrow$  states  $\rightarrow$  msg  $\rightarrow IO ()$ ,
```

- respond un-typed messages (responding to **ask**):

```
respondMessage :: ∀msg resp i. (Message msg
                               , ExpectedResponse msg ~ resp
                               , AgentInnerInterface i) ⇒
i → states → msg → IO resp,
```

- respond typed messages (responding to **askT**):

```
respondTypedMessage :: ∀msg resp t i. (MessageT msg t
                                       , ExpectedResponse1 msg t ~ resp t
                                       , AgentInnerInterface i) ⇒
i → states → msg t → IO (resp t)
}
```

The expected response type should be defined for every message that is intended to get responses.

```
type family ExpectedResponse (msg :: *)      :: *
type family ExpectedResponse1 (msg :: * → *) :: * → *
```

Restriction for messages is having instances of **Typeable** and **Show**.

```
type Message msg    = (Typeable msg, Show msg)
type MessageT msg t = (Typeable t, Typeable msg, Show (msg t))
data StartMessage = StartMessage deriving (Typeable, Show)
data StopMessage  = StopMessage  deriving (Typeable, Show)
```

Agent interface is used to reference agent-self within behavior definitions.

```
class AgentInnerInterface i where selfRef :: i → AgentRef
                                selfStop :: i → IO ()
```

### 1.5.2 Role-depending behavior

The expected response may depend on agent's *role*.

```
class (AgentComm ref) ⇒ AgentCommRole ref where
  type AgentRole ref :: *
  askR :: (Message msg)      ⇒ ref
                                → msg
                                → IO (ExpectedResponseForRole (AgentRole ref) msg)
  askRT :: (MessageT msg t) ⇒ ref
                                → msg t
                                → IO (ExpectedResponseForRole1 (AgentRole ref) msg t)
```

```

type family ExpectedResponseForRole r (msg :: *) :: *
type family ExpectedResponseForRole1 r (msg :: * → *) :: * → *

-- System role.
data System = System
-- Generic role.
data Generic = Generic

```

### 1.5.3 Referencing agents

Agents are identified (also compared and searched) by its **AgentId**, that must contain a *unique* string, for example an UUID.

```

data AgentId = AgentId String deriving (Show, Eq, Ord)

```

Normal agent reference is a container for types of class **AgentComm**.

```

data AgentRef =  $\forall \text{ref}. (\text{AgentComm } \text{ref}) \Rightarrow \text{AgentRef } \text{ref}$ 

```

A reference itself provides **AgentComm** interface for the underlying agent.

```

instance AgentComm AgentRef where
  agentId (AgentRef ref) = agentId ref
  send (AgentRef ref) = send ref
  ask (AgentRef ref) = ask ref
  askT (AgentRef ref) = askT ref

```

It is used the referenced agent's id for establishing **Eq** and **Ord** relations over it.

```

instance Eq AgentRef where AgentRef a  $\equiv$  AgentRef b = agentId a  $\equiv$  agentId b
instance Ord AgentRef where AgentRef a  $\leq$  AgentRef b = agentId a  $\leq$  agentId b

```

### 1.5.4 Agent control

Agents should support *priority messages*, that are processed before any normal message.

```

class (AgentComm ref)  $\Rightarrow$  AgentCommPriority ref where
  sendPriority :: (Message msg)  $\Rightarrow$  ref  $\rightarrow$  msg  $\rightarrow$  IO ()
  askPriority :: (Message msg)  $\Rightarrow$  ref  $\rightarrow$  msg  $\rightarrow$  IO (ExpectedResponse msg)
  askTPriority :: (MessageT msg t)  $\Rightarrow$  ref  $\rightarrow$  msg t  $\rightarrow$  IO (ExpectedResponse1 msg t)

```

A *control interface* should be based on the priority messages.

```

class (AgentCommPriority ag)  $\Rightarrow$  AgentControl ag where
  startAgent :: ag  $\rightarrow$  IO ()
  stopAgent :: ag  $\rightarrow$  IO ()
  stopAgentNow :: ag  $\rightarrow$  IO ()

```

### 1.5.5 Agent extended referencing

A `AgentFullRef` is used for agent control and status monitoring. It contains some instance of `AgentControl` and the information about agent's threads.

```
data AgentFullRef =  $\forall \text{ref}.$ (AgentControl ref)  $\Rightarrow$ 
    AgentFullRef ref AgentThreads
```

Each agent is expected to be composed of two execution threads: *message handling* and *actions*.

```
data AgentThreads = AgentThreads { _actThread      :: AgentThread
                                   , _messageThread :: AgentThread
                                   }
```

```
fromFullRef (AgentFullRef ref _) = AgentRef ref
extractThreads (AgentFullRef _ (AgentThreads act msg)) = (act, msg)
```

The information about agent's thread permits checking on its status, waiting for it to finish or killing it, using the provided `ThreadId`.

```
data AgentThread = AgentThread { _threadId      :: ThreadId
                                   , _threadFinished :: IO Bool
                                   , _waitThread    :: IO ()
                                   }
```

```
forceStopAgent :: AgentFullRef  $\rightarrow$  IO ()
forceStopAgent fref = do _killThread act
                      _killThread msg
  where (act, msg) = extractThreads fref
        _killThread = killThread  $\circ$  _threadId

waitAgent :: AgentFullRef  $\rightarrow$  IO ()
waitAgent fref = do _waitThread act
                  _waitThread msg
  where (act, msg) = extractThreads fref
```

Just like a normal reference, the full one is compared and tested by the `AgentId`.

```
instance Eq AgentFullRef where
    AgentFullRef a _  $\equiv$  AgentFullRef b _ = agentId a  $\equiv$  agentId b
instance Ord AgentFullRef where
    AgentFullRef a _  $\leq$  AgentFullRef b _ = agentId a  $\leq$  agentId b
```

It also provides instances of `AgentComm`, `AgentCommPriority` and `AgentControl`.

```
instance AgentComm AgentFullRef where
    agentId (AgentFullRef ref _) = agentId ref
    send    (AgentFullRef ref _) = send ref
```



```

ask      (AgentFullRef ref _) = ask ref
askT     (AgentFullRef ref _) = askT ref

instance AgentCommPriority AgentFullRef where
  sendPriority (AgentFullRef ref _) = sendPriority ref
  askPriority  (AgentFullRef ref _) = askPriority ref
  askTPriority (AgentFullRef ref _) = askTPriority ref

instance AgentControl AgentFullRef where
  startAgent (AgentFullRef ref _) = startAgent ref
  stopAgent  (AgentFullRef ref _) = stopAgent ref
  stopAgentNow (AgentFullRef ref _) = stopAgentNow ref

```

### 1.5.6 Agent Creation

Generic creation is defined in for types from and ag.

```

class (AgentControl ag) => AgentCreate from ag where
  createAgent :: from -> IO (ag, AgentFullRef)

```

A simple *agent descriptor* that can be used for agent creation.

```

data AgentDescriptor states = AgentDescriptor {
  agentBehaviour :: AgentBehavior states,
  newAgentStates :: IO states,
  nextAgentId    :: IO AgentId
}

```

### 1.5.7 Agent Management

A manager registers/unregisters agent references and provides agent-related operations over them.

```

class AgentsManager m where
  newAgentsManager :: IO m
  listAgents       :: m -> IO [AgentFullRef]
  registerAgent    :: m -> AgentFullRef -> IO ()
  unregisterAgent  :: m -> AgentFullRef -> IO ()

  mapAgents        :: (AgentFullRef -> IO a) -> m -> IO [a]
  mapAgents_       :: (AgentFullRef -> IO ()) -> m -> IO ()
  foreachAgent     :: m -> (AgentFullRef -> IO a) -> IO [a]
  foreachAgent_    :: m -> (AgentFullRef -> IO ()) -> IO ()
  foreachAgent     = flip mapAgents
  foreachAgent_    = flip mapAgents_

class AgentsManagerOps m where
  agentsStopped :: m -> IO Bool

```

--

$waitAllAgents$	$:: m \rightarrow IO ()$
$sendEachAgent$	$:: (Message\ msg) \Rightarrow m \rightarrow msg \rightarrow IO ()$
$orderEachAgent$	$:: (Message\ msg) \Rightarrow m \rightarrow msg \rightarrow IO ()$
$createWithManager$	$:: (AgentCreate\ from\ ag) \Rightarrow m \rightarrow from \rightarrow IO\ (ag, AgentFullRef)$