

# Functional Reactive Agent-Based Simulation

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## Abstract

Agent-Based Simulation (ABS) is a methodology in which a system is simulated in a bottom-up approach by modelling the (micro) interactions of its constituting parts, called agents, out of which interactions the global (macro) system behaviour emerges. So far, the Haskell community hasn't been much in contact with the community of ABS due to the latter's primary focus on the object-oriented programming paradigm. This paper tries to bridge the gap between those two communities by introducing the Haskell community to the concepts of ABS using the simple SIR model from epidemiology. Further we present our library *FrABS* which allows to implement ABS the first time in Haskell. In this library we leverage the basic concepts of ABS with functional reactive programming using Yampa which results in a surprisingly powerful and convenient EDSL for formulating ABS.

## Index Terms

Functional Reactive Programming, Agent-Based Simulation

## I. INTRODUCTION

In Agent-Based Simulation (ABS) one models and simulates a system by modeling and implementing the pro-active constituting parts of the system, called *Agents* and their local interactions. From these local interactions then the emergent property of the system emerges. ABS is still a young field, having emerged in the early-to-mid 90s primarily in the fields of social simulation and computational economics.

The authors of the seminal Sugarscape model [1] explicitly advocate object-oriented programming as "a particularly natural development environment for Sugarscape specifically and artificial societies generally.". They implemented their simulation software in Object Pascal and C where they used the former for programming the agents and the latter for low-level graphics [2]. Axelrod [3] recommends Java for experienced programmers and Visual Basic for beginners. Up until now most of the ABS community seems to have followed these suggestions and are implemented using programming languages of the object-oriented imperative paradigm.

A serious problem of object-oriented implementations is the blurring of the fundamental difference between agent and object - an agent is first of all a metaphor and *not* an object. In object-oriented programming this distinction is obviously lost as in such languages agents are implemented as objects which leads to the inherent problem that one automatically reasons about agents in a way as they were objects - agents have indeed become objects in this case. The most notable difference between an agent and an object is that the latter one do not encapsulate behaviour activation [4] - it is passive. Also it is remarkable that [4] a paper from 1999 claims that object-orientation is not well suited for modelling complex systems because objects behaviour is too fine granular and method invocation a too primitive mechanism.

In [5] Axelrod reports the vulnerability of ABS to misunderstanding. Due to informal specifications of models and change-requests among members of a research-team bugs are very likely to be introduced. He also reported how difficult it was to reproduce the work of [6] which took the team four months which was due to inconsistencies between the original code and the published paper. The consequence is that counter-intuitive simulation results can lead to weeks of checking whether the code matches the model and is bug-free as reported in [3]. As ABS is almost always used for scientific research, producing often break-through scientific results as pointed out in [5] and used for policy making, these ABS need to be *free of bugs*, *verified against their specification*, *validated against hypotheses* and ultimately be *reproducible*.

Pure functional programming in Haskell claims [7], [8] to overcome these problems or at least allows to tackle them more effectively due to its declarative nature, free of side-effects, strong static type system. The aim of this paper is to show how ABS can be done in Haskell and what the benefits and drawbacks are. We do this by introducing the SIR model of epidemiology and derive an agent-based implementation for it which is based on our *FrABS* library. By doing this we give the reader a good understanding of what ABS is, what the challenges are when implementing it and how we solved these in our library. We then discuss the benefits and drawbacks of our approach and compare it to existing methodology. The contribution is a novel approach to implementing ABS with more emphasis on specification and possibilities to reason about the correctness of the simulation.



Fig. 1: Transitions in the SIR compartment model.

## II. BACKGROUND

### A. Agent Based Simulation

We understand ABS as a method of modelling and simulating a system where the global behaviour may be unknown but the behaviour and interactions of the parts making up the system is of knowledge. Those parts, called agents, are modelled and simulated out of which then the aggregate global behaviour of the whole system emerges. So the central aspect of ABS is the concept of an agent which can be understood as a metaphor for a pro-active unit, situated in an environment, able to spawn new agents and interacting with other agents in a network of neighbours by exchange of messages [9]. It is important to note that we focus our understanding of ABS on a very specific kind of agents where the focus is on communicating entities with individual, localized behaviour from out of which the global behaviour of the system emerges. We informally assume the following about our agents:

- They are uniquely addressable entities with some internal state over which they have full, exclusive control.
- They are pro-active which means they can initiate actions on their own e.g. change their internal state, send messages, create new agents, terminate themselves.
- They are situated in an environment and can interact with it.
- They can interact with other agents which are situated in the same environment by means of message-passing.

Epstein [10] identifies ABS to be especially applicable for analysing "*spatially distributed systems of heterogeneous autonomous actors with bounded information and computing capacity*". Thus in the line of the simulation models *Statistical*<sup>†</sup>, *Markov*<sup>‡</sup>, *System Dynamics*<sup>§</sup>, *Discrete Event*<sup>⊖</sup>, ABS is the most powerful one as it allows to model the following:

- Linearity & Non-Linearity<sup>†‡⊖</sup> - the dynamics of the simulation can exhibit both linear and non-linear behaviour.
- Time<sup>†§⊖</sup> - agents act over time, time is also the source of pro-activity.
- States<sup>‡⊖</sup> - agents encapsulate some state which can be accessed and changed during the simulation.
- Feedback-Loops<sup>§⊖</sup> - because agents act continuously and their actions influence each other and themselves, feedback-loops are the norm in ABS.
- Heterogeneity<sup>⊖</sup> - although agents can have same properties like height, sex,... the actual values can vary arbitrarily between agents.
- Interactions - agents can be modelled after interactions with an environment or other agents, making this a unique feature of ABS, not possible in the other simulation models.
- Spatiality & Networks - agents can be situated within e.g. a spatial (discrete 2d, continuous 3d,...) or network environment, making this also a unique feature of ABS, not possible in the other simulation models.

### B. Functional Reactive Programming

TODO: short introduction, following all the other papers which is basically useless because it only scratches the surface... For a good introduction into FRP using Yampa we refer to the papers of [11], [12] and [13].

## III. THE SIR MODEL

To explain the concepts of ABS and of our functional reactive approach to it, we introduce the SIR model as a motivating example. The SIR model is a very well studied and understood compartment model from epidemiology which allows to simulate the dynamics of an infectious disease spreading through a population. In this model, people in a population of size  $N$  can be in either one of three states *Susceptible*, *Infected* or *Recovered* at a particular time, where it is assumed that initially there is at least one infected person in the population. People interact with each other *on average* with a given rate  $\beta$  per time-unit and get infected with a given probability  $\gamma$  when interacting with an infected person. When infected, a person recovers *on average* after  $\delta$  time-units and is then immune to further infections. An infected person interaction with another infected one is never re-infected, thus interactions amongst infected people is not important in this model. This definition gives rise to three compartments with the transitions as seen in Figure 1.

The dynamics of this model over time can be formalized using the System Dynamics (SD) approach which models a system through differential equations. For the SIR model we get the following equations:

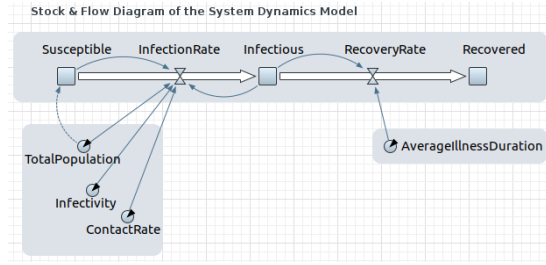


Fig. 2: A visual representation of the SD stocks and flows of the SIR compartment model. Picture taken using AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition 8.1.0.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{dS}{dt} &= -infectionRate \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= infectionRate - recoveryRate \\ \frac{dR}{dt} &= recoveryRate\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}infectionRate &= \frac{I\beta S\gamma}{N} \\ recoveryRate &= \frac{I}{\delta}\end{aligned}$$

Solving these equations is then done by integrating over time. In the SD terminology, the integrals are called *Stocks* and the values over which is integrated over time are called *Flows*<sup>1</sup>.

$$\begin{aligned}S(t) &= N + \int_0^t -infectionRate \, dt \\ I(t) &= 1 + \int_0^t infectionRate - recoveryRate \, dt \\ R(t) &= \int_0^t recoveryRate \, dt\end{aligned}$$

There exist a huge number of software-packages which allow to conveniently express SD models using a visual approach like in Figure 2.

Running the SD simulation over time results in the dynamics as shown in Figure 3 with the given variables.

#### An Agent-Based approach

The SD approach is inherently top-down because the emergent property of the system is formalized in differential equations. The question is if such a top-down behaviour can be emulated using ABS, which is inherently bottom-up. Also the question is if there are fundamental drawbacks and benefits when doing so using ABS. Indeed such questions were asked before and modelling the SD approach of the SIR model is possible using an agent-based approach. It is important to note that SD treats the population completely continuous which results in non-discrete values of stocks e.g. 3.1415 infected persons. Thus the fundamental approach to map the SIR model to an ABS is to discretize the population and model each person in the population as an individual agent. The transition between the states are no longer happening according to continuous differential equations but due to discrete events caused both by interactions amongst the agents and time-outs.

- Every agent makes on average contact with  $\beta$  random other agents per time unit. In ABS we can only contact discrete agents thus we model this by generating a random event on average every  $\beta$  time units. Note that we need to sample from an exponential CDF because the rate is proportional to the size of the population as [14] pointed out.
- An agent does not know the other agents' state when making contact with it, thus we need a mechanism in which agents reveal their state in which they are *at the moment of making contact*. Obviously the already mentioned messaging-mechanism which allows agents to interact is perfectly suited to do this.

<sup>1</sup>The 1+ in  $I(t)$  amounts to the initially infected agent - if there wouldn't be a single infected one, the system would immediately reach equilibrium.

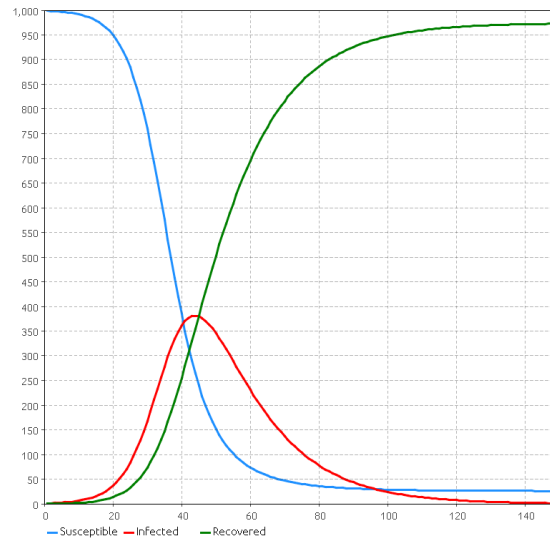


Fig. 3: Dynamics of the SIR compartment model using the System Dynamics approach. Population Size  $N = 1000$ , contact rate  $\beta = 1/5$ , infection probability  $\gamma = 0.05$ , illness duration  $\delta = 15$  with initially 1 infected agent. Simulation run of 150 time-steps. Dynamics generated with AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition 8.1.0.

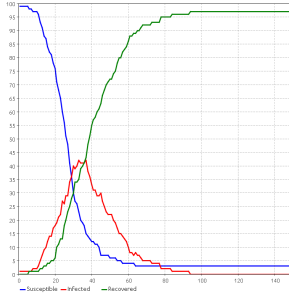
- *Susceptible* agent: there is actually no need for a susceptible agent to contact others as making contact with a susceptible agent has no influence on the state of the contacted agent.
- *Infected* agent: sends an "Infected" message to other agents as described above.
- *Recovered* agent: does not need to send messages because contacting it or being contacted by it has no influence on the state.
- Transition of susceptible to infected state - A susceptible agent needs to have made contact with an infected agent which happens when it receives an "Infected" message. If this happens an infection occurs with a probability of  $\gamma$ . The infection can be calculated by drawing  $p$  from a uniform random-distribution between 0 and 1 - infection occurs in case of  $\gamma \geq p$ . Note that this needs to be done for *every* received "Infected" message.
- Transition of infected to recovered - a person recovers *on average* after  $\delta$  time unites. This is implemented by drawing the duration from an exponential distribution [14] with  $\lambda = \frac{1}{\delta}$  and making the transition after this duration.

We will derive the implementation of this approach in the following sections and finally present it in our FrABS library. As will be seen the library allows us express this behaviour very explicitly and is looking very much like a formal ABS specification of the problem. In Figure 4 we give the dynamics simulating the SIR model with the agent-based approach.

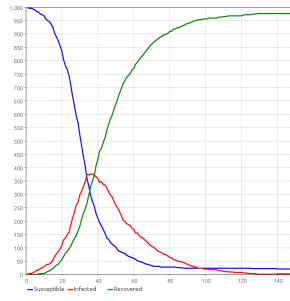
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TODO: reproducing about the same dynamics of the SD-solution (1.0 dt) - super-sampling: contact-rate ss high, illness time-out low - agent number: 1000 vs. 10.000 agents - Susceptibles making contact and infected response VS. only Infected make contact - update-strat: Sequential vs. Parallel

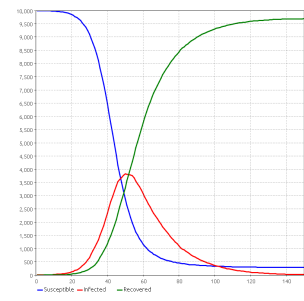
As previously mentioned the agent-based approach is a discrete one which means that with increasing number of agents, the discrete dynamics approximate the continuous dynamics of the SD simulation. Still the dynamics of 10,000 Agents do not match the dynamics of the SD simulation to a satisfactory level as the susceptibles in SD fall off earlier and the peak is reached a bit earlier. This is because as opposed to the SD simulation the agent-based approach is inherently a stochastic one as we continuously draw from random-distributions which drive our state-transitions. What we see in Figure 4 is then just a single run where the dynamics would result in slightly different shapes when run with a different random-number generator seed. The agent-based approach thus generates a distribution of dynamics over which ones needs to average to arrive at the correct solution. This can be done using replications in which the simulation is run with the exact same parameters multiple times but each with a different random-number generator see. The resulting dynamics are then averaged and the result is then regarded as the correct dynamics. We have done this as can be seen in Figure 5, using 1000 replications, which matches the



(a) 100 Agents



(b) 1000 Agents



(c) 10,000 Agents

Fig. 4: Approximating the continuous dynamics of the SD simulation using the agent-based approach. Model-parameters are the same ( $\beta = 1/5$ ,  $\gamma = 0.05$ ,  $\delta = 15$  with initially 1 infected agent) except population size. All simulations run for 150 time-steps. Dynamics generated with AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition 8.1.0. TODO: replace by my own pictures

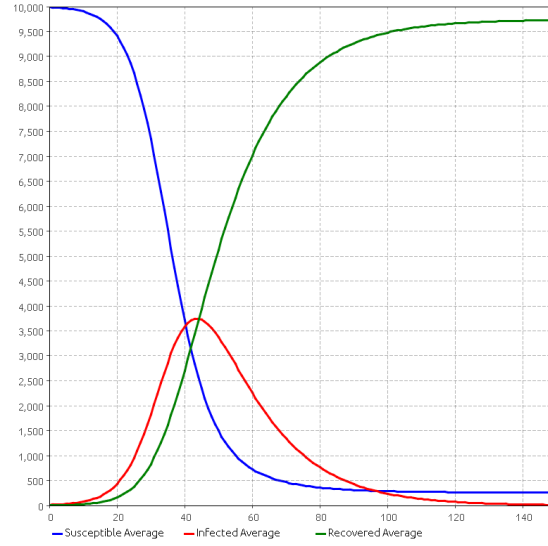


Fig. 5: Dynamics of the SIR compartment model using the agent-based approach with same parameters as in SD ( $\beta = 1/5$ ,  $\gamma = 0.05$ ,  $\delta = 15$ ) but with a population of 10,000 where 10 are initially infected and the dynamics averaged over 1000 replications. Dynamics generated with AnyLogic Personal Learning Edition 8.1.0.

SD dynamics to a very satisfactory level <sup>2</sup>.

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For a more in-depth introduction of how to approximate an SD model by ABS see [15] who discusses a general approach and how to compare dynamics and [14] which explain the need to draw the illness-duration from an exponential-distribution.

#### IV. FUNCTIONAL REACTIVE SIR

The challenges one faces when implementing an ABS plain, without support from a library are manifold. In the paper (TODO: cite my own paper on update-strategies) the authors discuss already the fundamental things to consider in a programming language agnostic way. Generally one faces the following challenges:

- Agent Representation - how do we represent an agent? The ABS community implements agents as objects (as in Java, Python or C++) as they claim that the mapping of an agent on an object is natural. The question is how to represent an agent in Haskell?

<sup>2</sup>Note that in the replications we are using 10 initially infected agents to ensure that no simulation run will terminate too early (meaning that the disease gets extinct after a few time steps) which would offset the dynamics completely. This happens due to "unlucky" random distributions which can be repaired by introducing more initially infected agents which increases the probability of spreading the disease in the very early stage of the simulation drastically. We found that when using 10 initially infected agents in a population of 10,000 (which amounts to 0.1%) is enough to never result in an early terminating simulation. This is also a fundamental difference between SD and ABS: the dynamics of the agent-based approach can result in a wide range of scenarios which includes also the one in which the disease gets extinct in the early stages (a lucky coincidence for mankind) - this is simply not possible in the SD approach. So we can argue that ABS is much closer to reality than SD as it allows to explore alternate futures in the dynamics.

- Agent-Agent Interaction - how can agents interact with other agents? In object-orientation we have method-calls which allows to call other objects and mutate their state. Also this is not available in Haskell, so how do we solve this problem without resorting to the IO monad?
- Environment representation - how can we represent an environment? Also an environment must have the ability to update itself e.g. regrow some resources.
- Agent-Environment interaction - how can agents interact (read / write) with the environment they are situated in?
- Agent Updating - how is the set of agents organised, how are they updated and how is it managed (deleting, adding during simulation)? In object-oriented implementations due to side-effects and mutable data in-order updates are easily done but this is not available in Haskell without resorting to the IO monad.

In the next subsections we will discuss each point by deriving a functional reactive implementation of the agent-based SIR model. For us it is absolutely paramount that the simulation should be pure and never run in the IO Monad (except of course the surrounding Yampa loop which allows rendering and output). The complete source-code can be seen in Appendix TODO: ref.

### A. Agent Representation

An agent can be seen as a tuple  $\langle id, s, m, e, b \rangle$ .

- **id** - the unique identifier of the agent
- **s** - the generic state of the agent
- **m** - the set of messages the agent understands
- **e** - the type of the environment the agent is situated in and can interact with
- **b** - the behaviour of the agent

The id is simply represented as an Integer and must be unique for all currently existing agents in the system as it is used for message-delivery. A stronger requirement would be that the id of an agent is unique for the whole simulation-run and will never be reused - this would support replications and operations requiring unique agent-ids.

Each agent may have a generic state which could be any data type or compound data. A SIR agent's state can be represented using the an AGDT as follows:

```
data SIRState = Susceptible | Infected | Recovered
```

The behaviour of the agent is a signal-function which maps a tuple of an AgentIn and the environment to an AgentOut and the environment. It has the following signature:

```
type AgentBehaviour s m e = SF (AgentIn s m e, e) (AgentOut s m e, e)
```

AgentIn provides the necessary data to the agent-behaviour: its id, incoming messages, the current state *s* and a random-number generator.

AgentOut allows the agent to communicate changes: kill itself, create new agents, sending messages, an updated state *s* and a changed random-number generator.

The behaviour also gets the environment passed in, which the agent can read and also write by changing it and returning it along side the AgentOut. It is important to note, that the environment is completely generic and we do not induce any type-bounds on it.

Obviously AgentIn is read-only<sup>3</sup> whereas AgentOut is both read- and write-able. The first thing an agent-behaviour does is creating the default AgentOut from the existing AgentIn using the function.

```
agentOutFromIn :: AgentIn s m e -> AgentOut s m e
```

This will copy the relevant fields over to AgentOut on which one now primarily acts. The read-only and read/write character of both types is also reflected in the EDSL where most of the functions implemented also work that way: they may read the AgentIn and read/write an AgentOut.

Relevant functions for working on the agent-definition are:

```
kill :: AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e
isDead :: AgentOut s m e -> Bool
onStart :: (AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e) -> AgentIn s m e -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e

setDomainState :: s -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e
updateDomainState :: (s -> s) -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e

createAgent :: AgentDef s m e -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e
```

The function *kill* marks an agent for removal after the current iteration. The function *isDead* checks if the agent is marked for removal. The function *onStart* allows to change the AgentOut in the case of the start-event which happens on the very first time the agent runs. The function *setDomainState* allows to change the state of the agent by overriding it and *updateDomainState*

<sup>3</sup>Of course one could change it, but the changes are never propagated out of the function thus ultimately making them never happen due to lazy evaluation.

allows to change it by keeping parts of it. The function *createAgent* allows to add an agent-definition <sup>4</sup> to the *AgentOut* which results in creating a new agent from the given definition which will be active in the next iteration of the simulation.

TODO: introduce reactive functions which allow implementing time-semantics and reactions on events in a model

```
setDomainStateR :: s -> AgentBehaviour s m e
updateDomainStateR :: (s -> s) -> AgentBehaviour s m e

transitionAfterExp :: RandomGen g => g -> Double -> AgentBehaviour s m e -> AgentBehaviour s m e -> AgentBehaviour s m e

type EventSource s m e = SF (AgentIn s m e, AgentOut s m e) (AgentOut s m e, Event ())
transitionOnEvent :: EventSource s m e -> AgentBehaviour s m e -> AgentBehaviour s m e -> AgentBehaviour s m e
```

TODO: explain the functions

We also introduce a wrapper which wraps a signal-function which is the same as agent-behaviour but omits the environment from the in-/out tuples. When this wrapper is used one can guarantee statically at compile-time that the environment will not be accessed by the agent-behaviour.

```
ignoreEnv :: SF (AgentIn s m e) (AgentOut s m e) -> AgentBehaviour s m e
```

## B. Agent-Agent Interaction

TODO: general introduction (object-oriented approach uses methods). we need both: asynchronous messaging and synchronous conversations

1) *Messaging*: As discussed in the literature reflection in Chapter ??, inspired by the actor model we will resort to synchronized, reliable message passing with share nothing semantics to implement agent-agent interactions. Each Agent can send a message to an other agent through *AgentOut-Signal* where the messages are queued in the *AgentIn-Signal* and can be processed when the agent is updated the next time. The agent is free to ignore the messages and if it does not process them they will be simply lost. Note that due to the fact we don't have method-calls in FP, messaging will always take some time, which depends on the sampling interval of the system. This was not obviously clear when implementing ABS in an object-oriented way because there we can communicate through method calls which are a way of interaction which takes no simulation-time.

Agents communicate with each other through messages and thus need to have an agreed set of messages they understand. This is usually implemented as an AGDT.

```
data SIRMMsg = Contact SIRState
```

```
type AgentMessage m = (AgentId, m)
```

```
sendMessage :: AgentMessage m -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e
sendMessageTo :: AgentId -> m -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e
sendMessages :: [AgentMessage m] -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e
broadcastMessage :: m -> [AgentId] -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e

hasMessage :: (Eq m) => m -> AgentIn s m e -> Bool
onMessage :: (AgentMessage m -> acc -> acc) -> AgentIn s m e -> acc -> acc
onFilterMessage :: MessageFilter m -> (AgentMessage m -> acc -> acc) -> AgentIn s m e -> acc -> acc
onMessageFrom :: AgentId -> (AgentMessage m -> acc -> acc) -> AgentIn s m e -> acc -> acc
onMessageType :: (Eq m) => m -> (AgentMessage m -> acc -> acc) -> AgentIn s m e -> acc -> acc
```

TODO: explain The type-variables *m* are then usually replaced by *SIRMMsg*.

TODO: we also have reactive message signal-functions

```
type MessageSource s m e = (e -> AgentOut s m e -> (AgentOut s m e, AgentMessage m))

sendMessageOccasionallySrcSS :: RandomGen g => g
    -> Double
    -> Int
    -> MessageSource s m e
    -> SF (AgentOut s m e, e) (AgentOut s m e)

constMsgReceiverSource :: m -> AgentId -> MessageSource s m e
randomNeighbourNodeMsgSource :: m -> MessageSource s m (Network l)
randomNeighbourCellMsgSource :: (s -> Discrete2dCoord) -> m -> Bool -> MessageSource s m (Discrete2d AgentId)
randomAgentIdMsgSource :: m -> Bool -> MessageSource s m [AgentId]

transitionOnMessage :: (Eq m) => m -> AgentBehaviour s m e -> AgentBehaviour s m e -> AgentBehaviour s m e
```

2) *Conversations*: The messaging as implemented above works well for one-directional, virtual asynchronous interaction where we don't need a reply at the same time. A perfect use-case for messaging is making contact with neighbours in the SIRS-model: the agent sends the contact message but does not need any response from the receiver, the receiver handles the message and may get infected but does not need to communicate this back to the sender. A different case is when agents

<sup>4</sup>AgentDef simply contains the initial state, behaviour and id of the agent (amongst others).



need to transact in the time-step one or multiple times: agent A interacts with agent B where the semantics of the model (and thus messaging) need an immediate response from agent B - which can lead to further interactions initiated by agent A. The Sugarscape model has three use-cases for this: sex, warfare and trading amongst agents all need an immediate response (e.g. wanna mate with me?, I just killed you, wanna trade for this price?). The reason is that we need to transact now as all of the actions only work on a 1:1 relationship and could violate resource-constraints. For this we introduce the concept of a conversation between agents. This allows an agent A to initiate a conversation with another agent B in which the simulation is virtually halted and both can exchange an arbitrary number of messages through calling and responding without time passing (something not possible without this concept because in each iteration the time advances). After either one agent has finished with the conversation it will terminate it and the simulation will continue with the updated agents (note the importance here: *both* agents can change their state in a conversation). The conversation-concept is implemented at the moment in the way that the initiating agent A has all the freedom in sending messages, starting a new conversation,... but that the receiving agent B is only able to change its state but is not allowed to send messages or start conversations in this process. Technically speaking: agent A can manipulate an AgentOut whereas agent B can only manipulate its next AgentIn. When looking at conversations they may look like an emulation of method-calls but they are more powerful: a receiver can be unavailable to conversations or simply refuse to handle this conversation. This follows the concept of an active actor which can decide what happens with the incoming interaction-request, instead of the passive object which cannot decide whether the method-call is really executed or not.

### C. Environment representation

TODO: update, we have now also 2d-continuous AND networks!

So far we only implemented a 2d-discrete environment. It can be understood to be a tuple of  $\langle b, d, n, w, cs \rangle$ .

- **b** - the optional behaviour of the environment
- **d** - the dimensions of the environment: its maximum boundary extending from (0,0)
- **n** - the neighbourhood of the environment (Neumann, Moore)
- **w** - the wrapping-type of the environment (clipping, horizontal, vertical, both)
- **cs** - the cells of the environment of type c

We represent the environment-behaviour as a signal-function as well but one which maps an environment to itself. It has the following signature:

```
type EnvironmentBehaviour c = SF (Environment c) (Environment c)
```

This is a regular SF thus having also the time of the simulation available and is called after all agents are updated. Note that the environment cannot send messages to agents because it is not an agent itself. An example of an environment behaviour would be to regrow some good on each cell according to some rate per time-unit (inspired by SugarScape regrowing of Sugar).

The cells are represented as a 2-dimensional array with indices from (0,0) to limit and a cell of type c at every position. Note that the cell-type c is the same environment-cell type ec of the agent.

Each agent has a copy of the environment passed in through the AgentIn and can change it by passing a changed version of the environment out through AgentOut.

### D. Agent-Environment interaction

TODO: again cite my own work where I discussed the problem of environments

Each agent has a copy of the environment passed in through the AgentIn and can change it by passing a changed version of the environment out through AgentOut. In the sequential update-strategy the environment of the agent i will then be passed to all agents i + 1 AgentIn in the current iteration and override their old environment. Thus all steps of changes made to the environment are visible in the AgentOuts. The last environment is then the final environment in the current iteration and will be returned by the callback function together with the current AgentOuts. In the parallel update-strategy the environment is duplicated to each agent and then each agent can work on it and return the changed environment. Thus after one iteration there are n versions of environments where n is equals to the number of agents. These environments must then be collapsed into a final one which is always domain-specific thus needs to be done through a function provided in the environment itself. In both the sequential and parallel update-strategy after one iteration there is one single environment left. An environment can have an optional behaviour which allows the environment to update its cells. This is a regular SF thus having also the time of the simulation available. Note that the environment cannot send messages to agents because it is not an agent itself. An example of an environment behaviour would be to regrow some good on each cell according to some rate per time-unit (inspired by SugarScape regrowing of Sugar).



## E. Agent Updating

need to be updated for pro-activity. also need to run the behaviour regularly because they. important in our approach: a single behaviour function which means we merge both pro-activity (time-depeneent behaviour) and message-receiving behaviour (exception are conversations)

Building on the foundations laid out in my paper about iteration-strategies in Appendix ??, we implement two of the four strategies: sequential- and parallel-strategy. We deliberately ignore the concurrent- and actor-strategy for now and leave this for further research <sup>5</sup>. Implementing iteration-strategies using Haskell and FRP is not as straight-forward as in e.g. Java because one does not have mutable data which can be updated in-place. Although my work on programming paradigms in Appendix ?? did not take FRP into account, general concepts apply equally as well.

1) *Sequential*: In this strategy the agents are updated one after another where the changes (messages sent, environment changed,...) of one agent are visible to agents updated after. Basically this strategy is implemented as a variant of fold which allows to feed output of one agent (e.g. messages and the environment) forward to the other agents while iterating over the list of agents. For each agent the agent-behaviour signal-function is called with the current AgentIn as input to retrieve the according AgentOut. The messages of the AgentOut are then distributed to the receivers AgentIn. The environment of the agent, which is passed in through AgentIn and returned through AgentOut will then be passed forward to all agents  $i + 1$  AgentIn in the current iteration and override their old environment. Thus all steps of changes made to the environment are visible in the AgentOuts. The last environment is then the final environment in the current iteration and will be returned by the callback function together with the current AgentOuts.

2) *Parallel*: The parallel strategy is *much* easier to implement than the sequential but is of course not applicable to all models because of it different semantics. Basically this strategy is implemented as a map over all agents which calls each agent-behaviour signal-function with the agents AgentIn to retrieve the new AgentOut. Then the messages are distributed amongst all agents. A problem in this strategy is that the environment is duplicated to each agent and then each agent can work on it and return a changed environment. Thus after one iteration there are  $n$  versions of environments where  $n$  is equals to the number of agents. These environments must then be collapsed into a final one which is always domain-specific thus needs to be done through a function provided in the environment itself.

## V. NON-REACTIVE FEATURES

TODO: discuss non-reactive features of FrABS: pure & monadic approach and mixes of pure, monadic & reactive

Not all models have such explicit time-semantics as the SIR model. Such models just assume that the agents act in some order but don't rely on any time-outs, timed transitions or rates. These models are more of imperative nature and map therefore naturally to a monadic style of programming using the do-notation. Unfortunately we don't have this functionality available within a SF thus to support the programming of such imperative models, we implemented wrapper-functions which allow to provide both non-monadic and monadic functionality which runs within a wrapper-signal function.

```
type AgentBehaviour s m e = SF (AgentIn s m e, e) (AgentOut s m e, e)
```

### A. Non-monadic pure wrappers

```
agentPure :: (e -> Double -> AgentIn s m e -> AgentOut s m e -> (AgentOut s m e, e)) -> AgentBehaviour s m e
agentPureReadEnv :: (e -> Double -> AgentIn s m e -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e) -> AgentBehaviour s m e
agentPureIgnoreEnv :: (Double -> AgentIn s m e -> AgentOut s m e -> AgentOut s m e) -> AgentBehaviour s m e
```

The function *agentPure* wraps a non-monadic (pure) function and wraps it in a SF. This pure function has the following arguments: the environment, the current local time of the agent, the AgentIn, a default AgentOut and must return the tuple of AgentOut and the environment.

The function *agentPureReadEnv* works the same as *agentPure* but omits the environment from the return-type thus ensuring statically at compile-time that an agent which implements its behaviour in this way can only read the environment but never change it.

The function *agentPureIgnoreEnv* is an even stricter version of *agentPureReadEnv* and omits environment from the agents behaviour altogether thus ensuring statically at compile-time that an agent which wraps its behaviour in this function will never access the environment.

### B. Monadic wrapping

The monadic wrappers work basically the same way as the pure version, with the difference that they run within the state-monad with AgentOut being the state to pass around.

```
agentMonadic :: (e -> Double -> AgentIn s m e -> State (AgentOut s m e) e) -> AgentBehaviour s m e
agentMonadicReadEnv :: (e -> Double -> AgentIn s m e -> State (AgentOut s m e) ()) -> AgentBehaviour s m e
agentMonadicIgnoreEnv :: (Double -> AgentIn s m e -> State (AgentOut s m e) ()) -> AgentBehaviour s m e
```

<sup>5</sup>Also both strategies would require running in the STM-Monad, which is not possible with Yampa. The work of Ivan Perez in [16] implemented a library called Dunai, which is the same as Yampa but capable of running in an arbitrary Monad.

We also provide monadic versions of the previously mentioned functions which build our EDSL.

```
agentIdM :: State (AgentOut s m e) AgentId

sendMessageM :: AgentMessage m -> State (AgentOut s m e) ()
sendMessageToM :: AgentId -> m -> State (AgentOut s m e) ()
onMessageM :: (Monad mon) => (acc -> AgentMessage m -> mon acc) -> AgentIn s m e -> acc -> mon acc

createAgentM :: AgentDef s m e -> State (AgentOut s m e) ()

killM :: State (AgentOut s m e) ()
isDeadM :: State (AgentOut s m e) Bool

getDomainStateM :: State (AgentOut s m e) s
updateDomainStateM :: (s -> s) -> State (AgentOut s m e) ()
setDomainStateM :: s -> State (AgentOut s m e) ()
domainStateFieldM :: (s -> t) -> State (AgentOut s m e) t
```

## VI. DISCUSSION

### A. Other Models

TODO: mention that we have also implemented other models, which also work without time-semantics (all agents make a move at discrete time-steps and do not really rely on some notion of time).

### B. Time-Semantics

The main reason for building our pure functional ABMS approach on top of Yampa was to leverage the powerful time-semantics of Yampa which allows us to implement important concepts of ABMS:

- state-chart: agents are at all time of their life-cycle in one state and can switch between multiple states using transitions
- timed transitions: transition to another state/behaviour happens at a discrete time rate transitions: transition happens with a given rate
- message transition: transition upon receiving a given message

### C. Agents as Signals

Due to the underlying nature and motivation of Functional Reactive Programming (und im speziellen) Yampa, Agents can be seen as Signals which is generated and consumed by a Signal-Function which is the behaviour of an Agent. If an Agent does not change the OUTPUT-signal is constant, if the agent changes e.g. by sending a message, changing its state,... the OUTPUT signal changes. A dead agent has no signal at all.

### D. Time-Sampling

sampling rate depends on the transition times & rates of the model. when e.g. the contact rate is 5 then the sampling dt should be below 0.2

### E. System Dynamics

can emulate system dynamics due to the parallel update-strategy and continuous time-flow semantics

### F. Discrete Event Simulation

DES in FrABMS? how easily can we implement server/queue systems? do they also look like a specification? potential problem: ordering of messages is not guaranteed by now

advantages: - no side-effects within agents leads to much safer code - edsl for time-semantics - declarative style: agent-implementation looks like a model-specification - reasoning and verification - sequential and parallel - powerful time-semantics - arrowized programming is optional and only required when utilizing yampas time-semantics. if the model does not rely on time-semantics, it can use monadic-programming by building on the existing monadic functions in the EDSL which allow to run in the State-Monad which simplifies things very much - when to use yampas arrowized programing: time-semantics, simple state-chart agents - when not using yampas facilities: in all the other cases e.g. SugarScape is such a case as it proceeds in unit time-steps and all agents act in every time-step - can implement System Dynamics building on Yampas facilities with total ease - get replications for free without having to worry about side-effects and can even run them in parallel without headaches - cant mess around with time because delta-time is hidden from you (intentional design-decision by Yampa). this would be only very difficult and cumbersome to achieve in an object-oriented approach. TODO: experiment with it in Java - how could we actually implement this? I think it is impossible: may only achieve this through complicated application of patterns and inheritance but then has the problem of how to update the dt and more important how to deal with functions like integral which accumulates a value through closures and continuations. We could do this in OO by having a general base-class e.g. ContinuousTime which provides functions like updateDt and integrate, but we could only accumulate a single integral value. - reproducibility statically guaranteed - cannot mess around with dt - code == specification - rule out serious

class of bugs - different time-sampling leads to different results e.g. in wildfire & SIR but not in Prisoners Dilemma. why? probabilistic time-sampling? - reasoning about equivalence between SD and ABS implementation in the same framework - recursive implementations

- we can statically guarantee the reproducibility of the simulation because: no side effects possible within the agents which would result in differences between same runs (e.g. file access, networking, threading), also timedeltas are fixed and do not depend on rendering performance or userinput

disadvantages: - performance is low - reasoning about performance is very difficult - very steep learning curve for non-functional programmers - learning a new EDSL - think ABMS different: when to use async messages, when to use sync conversations

[ ] important: increasing sampling frequency and increasing number of steps so that the same number of simulation steps are executed should lead to same results. but it doesnt. why? [ ] hypothesis: if time-semantics are involved then event ordering becomes relevant for emergent patterns. there are no time semantics in heroes and cowards but in the prisoners dilemma [ ] can we implement different types of agents interacting with each other in the same simulation ? with different behaviour funcs, different state? yes, also not possible in NetLogo to my knowledge. but they must have the same messages, environment

[ ] Hypothesis: we can combine with FrABS agent-based simulation and system dynamics

## VII. RELATED RESEARCH

The amount of research on using the pure functional paradigm using Haskell in the field of ABS has been moderate so far. Most of the papers look into how agents can be specified using the belief-desire-intention paradigm [17], [18], [19]. A library for Discrete Event Simulation (DES) and System Dynamics (SD) in Haskell called *Aivika 3* is described in [20]. It comes with very basic features for ABS but only allows to specify simple state-based agents with timed transitions. [19] which discuss using functional programming for DES mention the paradigm of functional reactive programming (FRP) to be very suitable to DES. Tim Sweeney, CTO of Epic Games gave an invited talk in which he talked about programming languages in the development of game-engines and scripting of game-logic [21]. Although the fields of games and ABS seem to be very different, in the end they have also very important similarities: both are simulations which perform numerical computations and update objects in a loop either concurrently or sequential <sup>6</sup>. In games these objects are called *game-objects* and in ABS they are called *agents* but they are conceptually the same thing. The two main points Sweeney made were that dependent types could solve most of the run-time failures and that parallelism is the future for performance improvement in games. He distinguishes between pure functional algorithms which can be parallelized easily in a pure functional language and updating game-objects concurrently using software transactional memory (STM).

The thesis of [23] constructs two frameworks: an agent-modelling framework and a DES framework, both written in Haskell. They put special emphasis on parallel and concurrency in their work. The author develops two programs with strong emphasis on parallelism: HLogo which is a clone of the NetLogo agent-modelling framework and HDES, a framework for discrete event simulation.

[24] and [25] present a domain-specific language for developing functional reactive agent-based simulations. This language called FRABJOUS is human readable and easily understandable by domain-experts. It is not directly implemented in FRP/Haskell but is compiled to Yampa code - a FRP library for Haskell - which they claim is also readable. It seems that FRP is a promising approach to ABS in Haskell, an important hint we will follow in the section below.

## VIII. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE RESEARCH

TODO: don't sell this paper as an opposing view against OOP (e.g. OOP is bad) but as a positive view: "for the first time it is possible to do ABMS in pure functional programming".

TODO: the first (of two) contribution of this paper is: an explanation of one way of how ABS can be done in pure functional programming and its benefits: declarative style where the code looks very much like specification, fewer LoC, fewer Bugs, reasoning and proves

TODO: main second contribution is: show that the SD and the ABS implementation of the SIR model are the same by proving that ABS solves the SD equation. this should be possible by now using reasoning techniques (and quickcheck?)

further research - verification & validation - switch to Dunai to allow usage of Monadic programming in the arrows - use dunai to implement concurrent & actor strategy by running in the STM monad

In his 1st year report about Functional Reactive GUI programming, Ivan Perez <sup>7</sup> writes: "FRP tries to shift the direction of data-flow, from message passing onto data dependency. This helps reason about what things are over time, as opposed to how changes propagate". This of course raises the question whether FRP is *really* the right approach, because the way we implement ABS, message-passing is an essential concept. It is important to emphasize that agent-relations in interactions are never fixed in advance and are completely dynamic, forming a network. Maybe one has to look at message passing in a different way in

<sup>6</sup>Gregory [22] defines computer-games as *soft real-time interactive agent-based computer simulations*

<sup>7</sup>main author of the paper [16]

FRP, and to view and model it as a data-dependency but it is not clear how this can be done. The question is whether there is a mechanism in which we have explicit data-dependency but which is dynamic like message-passing but does not try to fake method-calls? Maybe the concept of conversations (see above) are a way to go but we leave this for further research at the moment.

future research: STM in FrABS: run them in parallel but concurrently and advance time through a separate STM loop in the main loop. constant time should then keep the agents constant unless some discrete event happens e.g. message arrives. sugarscape wouldnt work but FrSIR. but still we have random results. also i could implement this in java unless i use STM specific stuff

random local time-steps: we can emulate the behaviour of actors but with reproducible results by using dunai and letting each agent do its own time-sampling with random intervals in a given range: should use parallel strategy

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APPENDIX A  
FRABS SIR CODE

```
1 data SIRState = Susceptible | Infected | Recovered deriving (Eq, Show)
2 data FrSIRMsg = Contact SIRState deriving (Eq, Show)
3
4 type FrSIRAgentState = SIRState
5
6 type FrSIREnvironment = [AgentId]
7
8 type FrSIRAgentDef = AgentDef FrSIRAgentState FrSIRMsg FrSIREnvironment
9 type FrSIRAgentBehaviour = AgentBehaviour FrSIRAgentState FrSIRMsg FrSIREnvironment
10 type FrSIRAgentIn = AgentIn FrSIRAgentState FrSIRMsg FrSIREnvironment
11 type FrSIRAgentOut = AgentOut FrSIRAgentState FrSIRMsg FrSIREnvironment
12 type FrSIRAgentObservable = AgentObservable FrSIRAgentState
13
14 type FrSIREventSource = EventSource FrSIRAgentState FrSIRMsg FrSIREnvironment
15 type FrSIRMessageSource = MessageSource FrSIRAgentState FrSIRMsg FrSIREnvironment
16 type FrSIRReplicationConfig = ReplicationConfig FrSIRAgentState FrSIRMsg FrSIREnvironment
17
18 -----
19 infectivity :: Double
20 infectivity = 0.05
21
22 contactRate :: Double
23 contactRate = 5
24
25 illnessDuration :: Double
26 illnessDuration = 15
27
28 contactSS :: Int
29 contactSS = 20
30
31 illnessTimeoutSS :: Int
32 illnessTimeoutSS = 2
33
34 -----
35 createFrSIRNumInfected :: Int -> Int -> IO ([FrSIRAgentDef], FrSIREnvironment)
36 createFrSIRNumInfected agentCount numInfected = do
37   let agentIds = [0 .. (agentCount-1)]
38   let infectedIds = take numInfected agentIds
39   let susceptibleIds = drop numInfected agentIds
40
41   adefsSusceptible <- mapM (frSIRAgent Susceptible) susceptibleIds
42   adefsInfected <- mapM (frSIRAgent Infected) infectedIds
43
44   return (adefsSusceptible ++ adefsInfected, agentIds)
45
46 frSIRAgent :: SIRState -> AgentId -> IO FrSIRAgentDef
47 frSIRAgent initS aid = do
48   rng <- newStdGen
49   let beh = sirAgentBehaviour rng initS
50   let adef = AgentDef {
51     adId = aid
52     , adState = initS
53     , adBeh = beh
54     , adInitMessages = NoEvent
55     , adConversation = Nothing
56     , adRng = rng
57   }
58
59   return adef
60
61 -----
62 -- UTILITIES
63 gotInfected :: FrSIRAgentIn -> Rand StdGen Bool
64 gotInfected ain = onMessageM gotInfectedAux ain False
65   where
66     gotInfectedAux :: Bool -> AgentMessage FrSIRMsg -> Rand StdGen Bool
67     gotInfectedAux False (_, Contact Infected) = randomBoolM infectivity
68     gotInfectedAux x _ = return x
69
70 respondToContactWith :: SIRState -> FrSIRAgentIn -> FrSIRAgentOut -> FrSIRAgentOut
71 respondToContactWith state ain ao = onMessage respondToContactWithAux ain ao
```

```

72   where
73     respondToContactWithAux :: AgentMessage FrSIRMsg -> FrSIRAgentOut -> FrSIRAgentOut
74     respondToContactWithAux (senderId, Contact _) ao = sendMessage (senderId, Contact state) ao
75
76   -- SUSCEPTIBLE
77   sirAgentSuceptible :: RandomGen g => g -> FrSIRAgentBehaviour
78   sirAgentSuceptible g =
79     transitionOnEvent
80       sirAgentInfectedEvent
81       (sirAgentSusceptibleBehaviour g)
82       (sirAgentInfected g)
83
84   sirAgentInfectedEvent :: FrSIREventSource
85   sirAgentInfectedEvent = proc (ain, ao) -> do
86     let (isInfected, ao') = agentRandom (gotInfected ain) ao
87     infectionEvent <- edge <- isInfected
88     returnA <- (ao', infectionEvent)
89
90   sirAgentSusceptibleBehaviour :: RandomGen g => g -> FrSIRAgentBehaviour
91   sirAgentSusceptibleBehaviour g = proc (ain, e) -> do
92     let ao = agentOutFromIn ain
93     ao1 <- doOnce (setDomainState Susceptible) <- ao
94     ao2 <- sendMessageOccasionallySrcSS
95       g
96       (1 / contactRate)
97       contactSS
98       (randomAgentIdMsgSource (Contact Susceptible) True) <- (ao1, e)
99     returnA <- (ao2, e)
100
101   -- INFECTED
102   sirAgentInfected :: RandomGen g => g -> FrSIRAgentBehaviour
103   sirAgentInfected g =
104     transitionAfterExpSS
105       g
106       illnessDuration
107       illnessTimeoutSS
108       (sirAgentInfectedBehaviour g)
109       sirAgentRecovered
110
111   sirAgentInfectedBehaviour :: RandomGen g => g -> FrSIRAgentBehaviour
112   sirAgentInfectedBehaviour g = proc (ain, e) -> do
113     let ao = agentOutFromIn ain
114     ao1 <- doOnce (setDomainState Infected) <- ao
115     let ao2 = respondToContactWith Infected ain ao1
116     returnA <- (ao2, e)
117
118   -- RECOVERED
119   sirAgentRecovered :: FrSIRAgentBehaviour
120   sirAgentRecovered = setDomainStateReact Recovered
121
122   -- INITIAL CASES
123   sirAgentBehaviour :: RandomGen g => g -> SIRState -> FrSIRAgentBehaviour
124   sirAgentBehaviour g Susceptible = sirAgentSuceptible g
125   sirAgentBehaviour g Infected = sirAgentInfected g
126   sirAgentBehaviour _ Recovered = sirAgentRecovered
127
128   -----
129   runFrSIRSteps :: IO ()
130   runFrSIRSteps = do
131     -- no collapsing/updating of environment
132     params <- initSimulation updateStrategy Nothing Nothing shuffleAgents (Just rngSeed)
133
134     (initAdefs, initEnv) <- createFrSIRNumInfected agentCount numInfected
135
136     let dynamics = simulateAggregateTime initAdefs initEnv params dt t aggregate
137
138     print dynamics
139
140   aggregate :: ([FrSIRAgentObservable], FrSIREnvironment) -> (Double, Double, Double)
141   aggregate (aobs, _) = (susceptibleCount, infectedCount, recoveredCount)
142   where
143     susceptibleCount = fromIntegral $ length $ filter ((Susceptible==) . snd) aobs
144     infectedCount = fromIntegral $ length $ filter ((Infected==) . snd) aobs
145     recoveredCount = fromIntegral $ length $ filter ((Recovered==) . snd) aobs

```

## APPENDIX B FRSD SIR CODE

```
1  totalPopulation :: Double
2  totalPopulation = 1000
3
4  infectivity :: Double
5  infectivity = 0.05
6
7  contactRate :: Double
8  contactRate = 5
9
10 avgIllnessDuration :: Double
11 avgIllnessDuration = 15
12
13 -- Hard-coded ids for stocks & flows interaction
14 susceptibleStockId :: AgentId
15 susceptibleStockId = 0
16
17 infectiousStockId :: AgentId
18 infectiousStockId = 1
19
20 recoveredStockId :: AgentId
21 recoveredStockId = 2
22
23 infectionRateFlowId :: AgentId
24 infectionRateFlowId = 3
25
26 recoveryRateFlowId :: AgentId
27 recoveryRateFlowId = 4
28
29 -----
30 -- STOCKS
31 susceptibleStock :: Stock
32 susceptibleStock initValue = proc ain -> do
33   let infectionRate = flowInFrom infectionRateFlowId ain
34
35   stockValue <- (initValue+) ^<< integral -< (-infectionRate)
36
37   let ao = agentOutFromIn ain
38   let ao0 = setDomainState stockValue ao
39   let ao1 = stockOutTo stockValue infectionRateFlowId ao0
40
41   returnA -< ao1
42
43 infectiousStock :: Stock
44 infectiousStock initValue = proc ain -> do
45   let infectionRate = flowInFrom infectionRateFlowId ain
46   let recoveryRate = flowInFrom recoveryRateFlowId ain
47
48   stockValue <- (initValue+) ^<< integral -< (infectionRate - recoveryRate)
49
50   let ao = agentOutFromIn ain
51   let ao0 = setDomainState stockValue ao
52   let ao1 = stockOutTo stockValue infectionRateFlowId ao0
53   let ao2 = stockOutTo stockValue recoveryRateFlowId ao1
54
55   returnA -< ao2
56
57 recoveredStock :: Stock
58 recoveredStock initValue = proc ain -> do
59   let recoveryRate = flowInFrom recoveryRateFlowId ain
60
61   stockValue <- (initValue+) ^<< integral -< recoveryRate
62
63   let ao = agentOutFromIn ain
64   let ao' = setDomainState stockValue ao
65
66   returnA -< ao'
67
68 -----
69 -- FLOWS
70 infectionRateFlow :: Flow
71 infectionRateFlow = proc ain -> do
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72     let susceptible = stockInFrom susceptibleStockId ain
73     let infectious = stockInFrom infectiousStockId ain
74
75     let flowValue = (infectious * contactRate * susceptible * infectivity) / totalPopulation
76
77     let ao = agentOutFromIn ain
78     let ao' = flowOutTo flowValue susceptibleStockId ao
79     let ao'' = flowOutTo flowValue infectiousStockId ao'
80
81     returnA -< ao''
82
83 recoveryRateFlow :: Flow
84 recoveryRateFlow = proc ain -> do
85     let infectious = stockInFrom infectiousStockId ain
86
87     let flowValue = infectious / avgIllnessDuration
88
89     let ao = agentOutFromIn ain
90     let ao' = flowOutTo flowValue infectiousStockId ao
91     let ao'' = flowOutTo flowValue recoveredStockId ao'
92
93     returnA -< ao''
94
95 -----
96 createSysDynSIR :: [SDDef]
97 createSysDynSIR =
98     [ susStock
99     , infStock
100     , recStock
101     , infRateFlow
102     , recRateFlow
103     ]
104 where
105     initialSusceptibleStockValue = totalPopulation - 1
106     initialInfectiousStockValue = 1
107     initialRecoveredStockValue = 0
108
109     susStock = createStock susceptibleStockId initialSusceptibleStockValue susceptibleStock
110     infStock = createStock infectiousStockId initialInfectiousStockValue infectiousStock
111     recStock = createStock recoveredStockId initialRecoveredStockValue recoveredStock
112
113     infRateFlow = createFlow infectionRateFlowId infectionRateFlow
114     recRateFlow = createFlow recoveryRateFlowId recoveryRateFlow
115
116 -----
117 runSysDynSIRSteps :: IO ()
118 runSysDynSIRSteps = print dynamics
119 where
120     -- SD run completely deterministic, this is reflected also in the types of
121     -- the createSysDynSIR and runSD functions which are pure-functions
122     sdDefs = createSysDynSIR
123     sdObs = runSD sdDefs dt t
124
125     dynamics = map calculateDynamics sdObs
126
127 -- NOTE: here we rely on the fact the we have exactly three stocks and sort them by their id to access them
128 --     stock id 0: Susceptible
129 --     stock id 1: Infectious
130 --     stock id 2: Recovered
131 --     the remaining items are the flows
132 calculateDynamics :: [SDObservable] -> (Double, Double, Double)
133 calculateDynamics unsortedStocks = (susceptibleCount, infectedCount, recoveredCount)
134 where
135     stocks = sortBy (\s1 s2 -> compare (fst s1) (fst s2)) unsortedStocks
136     (_, susceptibleCount) : (_, infectedCount) : (_, recoveredCount) : _ = stocks

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