

Internship subject (Master 2 or Master 1)

Session Types meet Open Automata

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Context

In the previous years, we have studied theoretical foundations for open systems and we defined open automata [4, 2, 3] that can be seen as labelled transition systems (LTSs) with parameters and holes. The transitions of open automata are much more complex than transitions of an LTS: they include guards expressing the relations between the parameters of the automaton with the actions of the holes, and assignments encoding their effects. Holes here are modeling the environment of the open automaton, that can be used to compose open automata together to build bigger systems. We proved that our models have good properties, namely that composition preserves some classes of equivalences.

Establishing whether two open automata are equivalent or not requires the designer to provide the behaviour of all holes in a context where they are used; which consists in describing all the interactions and the series of inputs and outputs of data exchanged between the automata and its environment. To make those reusable, we are interested in enriching holes with description of behaviours to give them enough power and enable us to check equivalences for these open systems. The description will characterise the assumptions that the automaton makes about the behavior of its surroundings in order to guarantee certain conditions.

To tackle this issue, we ask: *Can we synthesise a global type from a collection of automata so as to ensure the composability of an open automaton with a compatible surrounding automaton?*

Objectives

The main objective of the internship is to deal with the characterization of interactions of open automaton with its environment. These interactions can be characterised as behavioural types. More specifically, the internship would follow the following steps:

- Familiarization with technical material: the semantics of open automata and the notion behavioural types [1] that allows to describe the dynamic aspects of processes. In particular the notion of session types that focus on process interactions should be studied.
- Design of an adequate characterisation of compatibility condition suitable for the composition open automata, and which is sufficient to decide if two open automata are compatible or not.

- Application to the proof of absence of deadlock upon composition.
- We additionally have defined a notion of refinement between open automata that would benefit from such behavioural types. One additional objective of the internship could be to improve the definition of refinement based on the notion of behavioural types that has been defined in the previous steps.
- Examples/Algorithm

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