Type systems and models of linear logic for higher-order verification

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A well-known approach in verification: model-checking.

- Construct a model of a program
- Specify a property in an appropriate logic
- Make them interact in order to determine whether the program satisfies the property.

Interaction is often realized by translating the formula into an equivalent automaton, which then runs over the model.

Need to balance expressivity vs. complexity in the choice of the model and of the logic.

Consider the most naive possible model-checking problem where:

- Actions of the program are modelled by a finite word
- The property to check corresponds to a finite automaton

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Now the model-checking problem can be solved by:

- computing the interpretation of a word
- and check whether it belongs to M

This is reminiscent of interpretations in logical models.

In this talk, we explore these ideas of typing and of interpretation in logical models, in a more general case than the one of finite words and of finite automata.

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This model-checking problem is decidable:

- Ong 2006 (game semantics)
- Hague-Murawski-Ong-Serre 2008 (game semantics, higher-order pushdown automata)
- Kobayashi-Ong 2009 (intersection types)
- Salvati-Walukiewicz (interpretation in finite models)
- ...

Our aim is to deepen the semantic understanding we have of this result, using existing relations between alternating automata, intersection types, (linear) logic and its models.

Is it possible to extend to this situation the setting for finite automata?

We would like to interpret the tree of behaviours in an algebraic structure, so that

acceptance by the automata

would reduce to

checking whether some element belongs to the semantics of the tree.

Higher-order recursion schemes

Idea: it is a kind of grammar whose parameters may be functions and which generates trees.

Alternatively, it is a formalism equivalent to λY calculus with uninterpreted constants from a ranked alphabet Σ .

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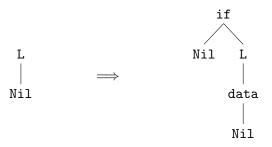
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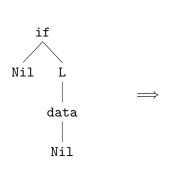


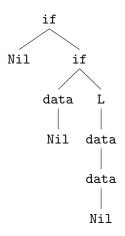
Notice that substitution and expansion occur in one same step.

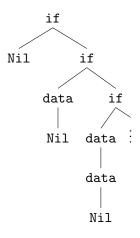
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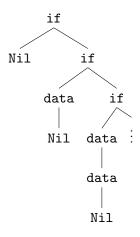
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Representation of recursion schemes

The only finite representation of such a tree is actually the scheme itself — even for this very simple, order-1 recursion scheme.

This suggests that we should interpret the associated λY -term in an algebraic structure suitable for higher-order interpretations: a logical model (a domain).

Another recursion scheme

An order 2 example from Serre et al.:

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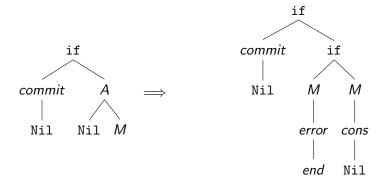
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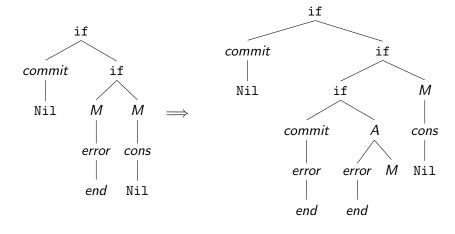
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Notice that two different non-terminals may be reduced here....

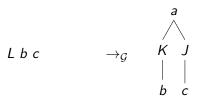


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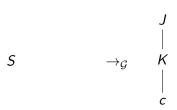
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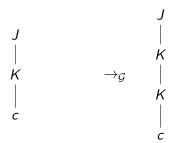
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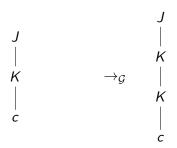
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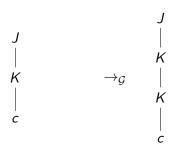
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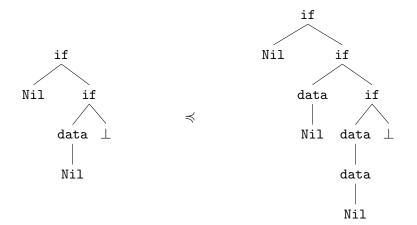
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(it is very similar to CBN vs. CBV !)

Formally, an order over partial computation trees is defined



The value tree of \mathcal{G} is defined as the supremum in this order.

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We add to the λ -calculus (to the syntax of terms) a family of operators

$$Y_{\kappa}$$
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which act as fixpoint. This action is modelled by the relation δ of the λY -calculus:

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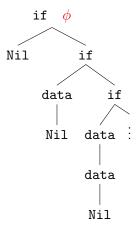
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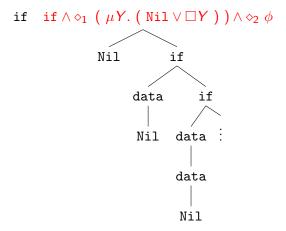
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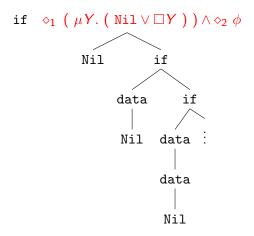
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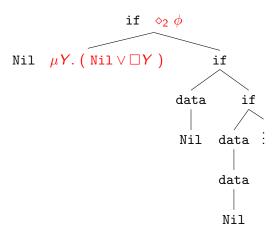
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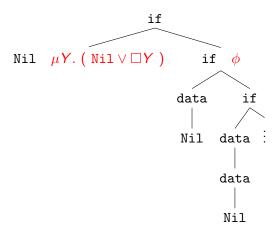
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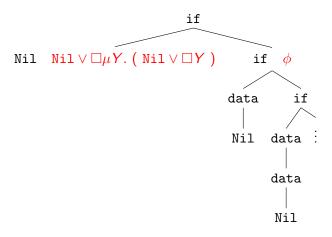
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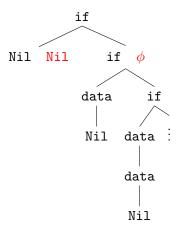
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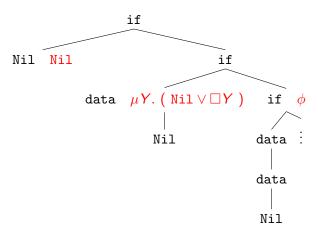
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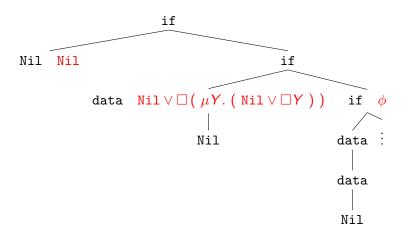
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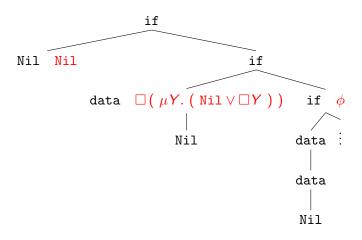
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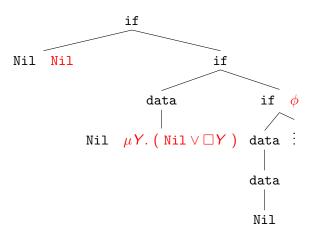
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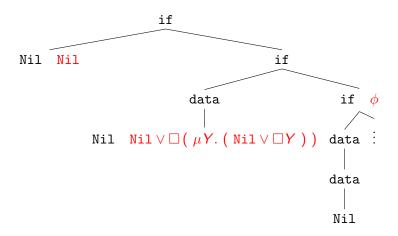
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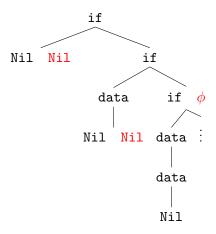
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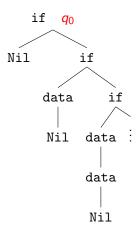
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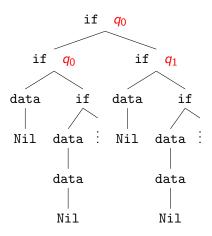
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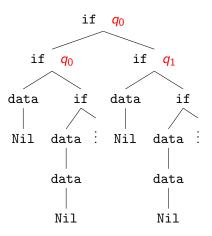
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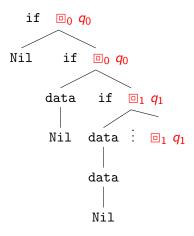
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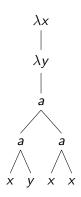
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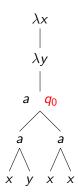
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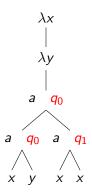
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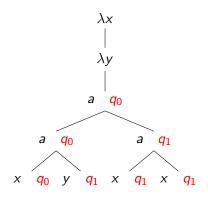


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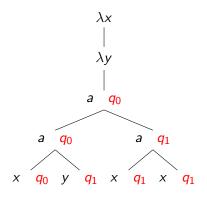
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The proof relies on

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- and on a correspondence between the typing proofs of the latter system and the relational denotations of terms.

Hidden relation between qualitative and quantitative semantics. . .

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Since schemes produce infinite trees, we need to shift to an infinitary variant of *Rel*.

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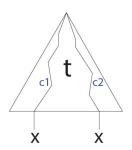
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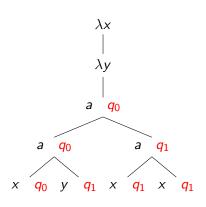
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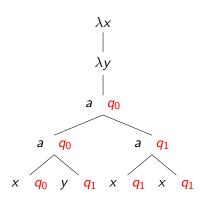


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$$\frac{Y \leq_{ \not \! A} X \quad \alpha \leq_{ \not \! B} \beta}{X \to \alpha \leq_{ \not \! A \multimap B} Y \to \beta}$$

Denotations and typing derivations

We recast the parity condition over derivation trees, and obtain

Theorem

Given a λY -term t, the sequent

$$\Gamma = x_1 : X_1 :: \sigma_1, \ldots, x_n : X_n :: \sigma_n \vdash t : \alpha :: \tau$$

has a winning derivation tree in the type system with recursion iff

$$(X_1,\ldots,X_n,\alpha)\in \llbracket\Gamma\vdash t::\tau\rrbracket_{fin}\subseteq (\mathbf{f}\llbracket\sigma_1\rrbracket_{fin}\otimes\cdots\otimes\mathbf{f}\llbracket\sigma_n\rrbracket_{fin})\multimap\llbracket\tau$$

where the denotation is computed in the finitary coloured model enriched with a coloured parameterized fixed point operator.

Decidability of higher-order model-checking

Note that the finiteness of the model implies, together with the memoryless decidability of parity games, that every element of the denotation of a term can be extracted from a finitary typing: a finite typing derivation with backtracking pointers, which unravels to the original one.

This implies:

Theorem

An APT $\mathcal A$ has a winning execution tree of initial state q_0 over the value tree $[\![\mathcal G]\!]$ of a HORS $\mathcal G$ if and only if its interpretation in the coloured Scott semantics with fixpoint $[\![\mathcal G]\!]_{fin}$ contains q_0 .

Decidability of selection

Given an APT \mathcal{A} and a recursion scheme \mathcal{G} , the selection problem is to compute \mathcal{G}' whose value tree is a winning run-tree of \mathcal{A} over $[\![\mathcal{G}]\!]$.

From a finitary typing, we can build such a scheme, leading to

Theorem

The APT selection problem is decidable.

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