# Set Graphs VI Logic Programming and Bisimulation 

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## Introduction

- Several forms of graph Equivalence are used in computer science
- Graph/Subgraph isomorphism are central notions in complexity theory
- Graph (DFA) minimization is a key notion in Hardware definition
- Graph/Sugraph bisimulation is used in concurrency theory, temporal logic, model checking, web databases, and, of course, in hyper-set theory
- We focus on the graph bisimulation problem and consider its encoding(s) in logic programming paradigms.


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In particular, if $x$ is s.t. $x=\{x\}$ then $x$ is not empty, its unique element $y$ is $x$ itself, and $x \cap y=\{y\} \neq \emptyset$ contradicting the axiom.

## Sets as graphs

An accessible pointed graph (apg) $\langle G, \nu\rangle$ is a directed graph $G=\langle N, E\rangle$ together with a distinguished node $\nu \in N$ (the point) such that all the nodes in $N$ are reachable from $\nu$.

Intuitively, an edge $a \longrightarrow b$ means that the set "represented by $b$ " is an element of the set "represented by $a$ ".

$$
a \longrightarrow b \quad a \rightarrow b \quad a \rightarrow b \quad a \ni b
$$

The above idea can be used to decorate an apg, namely, assigning a (possibly non-well founded) set to each of the nodes.

Sinks, i.e., nodes without outgoing edges have no elements and are therefore decorated as the empty set $\emptyset$.

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Two apgs denote the same hyperset if and only if their decoration is the same.

Applying extensionality axiom ( $E$ ) for verifying equality would lead to a circular argument.

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If they are bisimilar, they represent the same set (their point is decorated by the same set).

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- Instead, establishing whether $G_{1}$ is bisimilar to $G_{2}$ is in P: $O\left(\left|E_{1}+E_{2}\right| \log \left|N_{1}+N_{2}\right|\right)$.


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Therefore, we might restrict our search to bisimulations on $G$ that are reflexive and symmetric relations on $N$ such that:

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\begin{array}{r}
\forall u_{1}, u_{2}, v_{1} \in N\left(u_{1} b u_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{1}, v_{1}\right\rangle \in E \Rightarrow\right.  \tag{1}\\
\left.\left(\exists v_{2} \in N\right)\left(v_{1} b v_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{2}, v_{2}\right\rangle \in E\right)\right)
\end{array}
$$

The symmetric requirement makes the second case of the definition of bisimulation superfluous. We will use the following logical rewriting in some encodings:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \neg \exists u_{1}, u_{2}, v_{1} \in N\left(u_{1} b u_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{1}, v_{1}\right\rangle \in E \wedge\right. \\
& \left.\quad \neg\left(\left(\exists v_{2} \in N\right)\left(v_{1} b v_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{2}, v_{2}\right\rangle \in E\right)\right)\right) \tag{1'}
\end{align*}
$$

## Bisimulation

Another characterization of the maximum bisimulation is based on the notion of stability. Given a set $N$, a partition $P$ of $N$ is a collection of non-empty disjoint sets (blocks) $B_{1}, B_{2}, \ldots$ such that $\bigcup_{i} B_{i}=N$. Let $E$ be a relation on the set $N$, with $E^{-1}$ we denote its inverse relation. A partition $P$ of $N$ is said to be stable with respect to $E$ if and only if

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\forall B_{1} \in P\right)\left(\forall B_{2} \in P\right)\left(B_{1} \subseteq E^{-1}\left(B_{2}\right) \vee B_{1} \cap E^{-1}\left(B_{2}\right)=\emptyset\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

which is in turn equivalent to state that there do not exist two blocks $B_{1} \in P$ and $B_{2} \in P$ such that:

$$
\left(\exists x \in B_{1}\right)\left(\exists y \in B_{1}\right)\left(x \in E^{-1}\left(B_{2}\right) \wedge y \notin E^{-1}\left(B_{2}\right)\right)
$$

## Bisimulation

## Maximum fixpoint

A class $B_{2}$ of $P$ splits a class $B_{1}$ of $P$ if $B_{1}$ is replaced in $P$ by $B_{1} \cap E^{-1}\left(B_{2}\right)$ and $B_{1} \backslash E^{-1}\left(B_{2}\right)$ (both not empty)


Starting from the partition $P=\{N\}$, after at most $|N|-1$ split operations a procedure halts determining the coarsest stable partition (CSP) w.r.t. $E$. The CSP "corresponds" to the maximum bisimulation.

Paige and Tarjan showed us the way for fast implementations (1987).

## Encoding

apg's are represented by

- facts node (1) . node (2) . node (3) . ... for nodes
- facts edge ( $u, v$ ). where $u$ and $v$ are nodes, for edges
- node 1 is the point of the apg
http://clp.dimi.uniud.it


## Prolog

$\forall u_{1}, u_{2}, v_{1} \in N\left(u_{1} b u_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{1}, v_{1}\right\rangle \in E \Rightarrow\left(\exists v_{2} \in N\right)\left(v_{1} b v_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{2}, v_{2}\right\rangle \in E\right)\right)$

## $\forall \Rightarrow$ recursion on list. (Generate \& Test; B is reflexive and symmetric)

```
bis(B) :- bis(B,B). % Recursively analyze B
bis([],_).
bis([ (U1,U2) |RB],B) :-
    successors(U1,SU1),
    successors(U2,SU2),
    allbis(SU1,SU2,B),
    bis(RB,B).
allbis([],_,_).
allbis([V1 | SU1],SU2,B) :-
    member(V2,SU2),
    member( (V1,V2),B),
    allbis(SU1,SU2,B).
%%% if U1 bis U2
%%% Collect the successors SU1 of U1
%%% Collect the successors SU2 of U2
%%% Then recursively consider SU1
%%% If V1 is a successor of U1
%%% there is a V2 successor of U2
%%% such that V1 bis V2
successors(X,SX) :- findall(Y,edge(X,Y),SX).
```


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bis :- size(N), M is N*N, %%% Define the N * N Boolean
    length(B,M), domain(B,0,1), %%% Matrix B
    constraint(B,N), Max #= sum(B), %%% Max is the number of pairs
    labeling([maximize(Max),ffc,down],B). %%% in the bisimulation
constraint(B,N) :- reflexivity(N,B), symmetry(1,2,N,B), morphism(N,B).
morphism(N,B) :-
    findall( (X,Y),edge(X,Y),EDGES),
    foreach( E in EDGES, U2 in 1..N, morphismcheck(E,U2,N,B)).
morphismcheck( (U1,V1),U2,N,B) :-
    access(U1,U2,B,N,BU1U2), % Flag BU1U2 stands for (U1 B U2)
    successors(U2, SuccU2), % Collect all edges (U2,V2)
    collectlist(SuccU2,V1,N,B,BLIST),% BLIST contains all flags BV1V2
    BU1U2 #=< sum(BLIST). % If (U1 B U2) there is V2 s.t. (V1 B V2)
```


## ASP

$\neg \exists u_{1}, u_{2}, v_{1} \in N\left(u_{1} b u_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{1}, v_{1}\right\rangle \in E \wedge \neg\left(\left(\exists v_{2} \in N\right)\left(v_{1} b v_{2} \wedge\left\langle u_{2}, v_{2}\right\rangle \in E\right)\right)\right)$

## $\forall=\neg \exists \Rightarrow$ : ASP constraints

```
%% Reflexivity and Symmetry
bis(I,I) :- node(I).
bis(I,J) :- node(I;J), bis(J,I).
%%% Nondeterministic choice
{bis(I,J)} :- node(I;J).
%%% Morphism requirement (1')
:- node(U1;U2;V1), bis(U1,U2), edge(U1,V1), not one_son_bis(V1,U2).
one_son_bis(V1,U2) :- node(V1;U2;V2), edge(U2,V2), bis(V1,V2).
%% Minimization (max bisimulation)
non_rep_node(A) :- node(A), bis(A,B), B < A.
rep_node(A) :- node(A), not non_rep_node(A).
rep_nodes(N) :- N=#sum[rep_node(A)].
#minimize [rep_nodes(N)=N].
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CO-LP
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co-LP semantics is based on the greatest fixpoint (for coinductive predicates)

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bis(U,V) :-
    successors(U,SU),
    successors(V,SV),
    allbis(SU,SV),
    allbis(SV,SU).
allbis([],_ ).
allbis([U|R],SV ) :-
    member(V,SV),
    bis(U,V),
    allbis(R,SV).
```

member and successors are inductive. No need of extra code for "maximization"

## $\{\log \}$ and (main predicate of) Prolog

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```
stable(P) :-
    forall(B1 in P, forall(B2 in P, stablecond(B1,B2) ) ).
stablecond(B1,B2) :-
    edgeinv(B2,InvB2) &
    (subset(B1,InvB2) or disj(B1,InvB2)).
edgeinv(A,B) :-
    B = {X : exists(Y,(Y in A & edge(X,Y)))}.
stablecond(B1,B2) :- edgeinv(B2,InvB2),
    (subseteq(B1,InvB2) ; emptyintersection(B1,InvB2)).
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## CLP(FD)

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stability(B,N) :-
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    foreach( I in 1..N, J in 1..N, stability_cond(I, J, B,N)).
    ```
stability_cond(I,J,B,N) :-
                            % Blocks BI and BJ are considered
    inclusion(1,N,I,J,B, Cincl), % Nodes in 1..N are analyzed
    emptyintersection(1,N,I,J,B,Cempty), % Cincl and Cempty are reified
    Cincl + Cempty #> 0. % OR condition
```

inclusion (X,N,_,_,_, 1) :- X $>\mathrm{N}$, !.
inclusion(X,N, I, J, B, Cout) :- \% Node X is considered
alledges (X,B,J,Flags), $\quad$ Flags stores existence of edge (X,Y) with
LocFlag \#= ((B[X] \#= I) \#=> (Flags \#> 0)), \% Inclusion check:
$X 1$ is $X+1$, $\quad$ If $X$ in $B I$ then $X$ in $E-1(B J)$
inclusion(X1,N,I, J, B, Ctemp), \% Recursive call
Cout \#= Ctemp*LocFlag. \% AND condition (forall nodes it should hol
alledges (X,B,J,Flags) :- \% Collect the successors of $X$
successors (X,OutgoingX), \% And use them for assigning the Flags var
alledgesaux (OutgoingX, B, J, Flags).
alledgesaux ([],_r_, 0).
alledgesaux ([Y|R],B,J,Flags) :- \% The Flags variable is created

## ASP

```
(\existsx\in\mp@subsup{B}{1}{})(\existsy\in\mp@subsup{B}{1}{})(x\in\mp@subsup{E}{}{-1}(\mp@subsup{B}{2}{})\wedgey\not\in\mp@subsup{E}{}{-1}(\mp@subsup{B}{2}{}))
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```
blk(I) :- node(I).
%%% Function assigning nodes to blocks
1{inblock(A,B):blk(B)}1 :- node(A).
%%% STABILITY (2')
:- blk(B1;B2), node(X;Y), X != Y, inblock(X,B1), inblock(Y,B1),
        connected(X,B2), not connected(Y,B2).
connected(Y,B) :- edge(Y,Z),blk(B),inblock(Z,B).
%% Basic symmetry-breaking rules (optional)
:- node(A), internal(A), inblock(A,1).
internal(X) :- edge(X,Y).
leaf(X) :-node(X), not internal(X).
non_empty_block(B) :- node(A), blk(B), inblock(A,B).
empty_block(B) :- blk(B), not non_empty_block(B).
:- blk(B1;B2), 1 < B1, B1 < B2, empty_block(B1), non_empty_block(B2).
%% Minimization
number_blocks(N) :- N=#sum[non_empty_block(B)].
#minimize [number_blocks(N)=N].
```

```
stable_comp(Final, Nclasses) :-
    findall(X,node (X),Nodes),
    initialize(Nodes, Initial),
    maxfixpoint(Initial, 2, Final, Nclasses). % start with "2"
%%% maxfixpoint procedure. If possible, split, else stop.
maxfixpoint(AssIn, I, AssOut, C) :-
    split(I,AssIn,AssMid),!,
    I1 is I+1,
    maxfixpoint(AssMid, I1, AssOut, C).
%%% When stop, simply compute the number of classes used
maxfixpoint(Stable,C,Stable,C1) :-
    count_classes(C,Stable,C1).
%%% Split operation.
%%% First locate a block that can be split. Then find the splitter
split(MaxBlock,AssIn,AssMid) :-
    between(1,MaxBlock,I),
    findall(X,member(X-I,AssIn),BI),
    BI = [_, _ | _], %% BI might be split (not empty, not singleton)
    %%% Find potential splitters BJ (and remove duplicates)
    findall(Q,(member(V-Q,AssIn), edge( W,V),member(W,BI)),SP),
    sort(SP,SPS), member(J,SPS),
    findall(Z,(member(Y-J,AssIn), edge(Z,Y)),BJinv),
    my_delete(BI,BJinv,[D|ELTA]), %%% The difference is computed when
    MaxBlock1 is MaxBlock + 1,
    update(AssIn,AssMid,MaxBlock1, [D|ELTA]).
```


## Benchmarks



Figure : From left to right, the graphs $G_{1}, G_{2}$ ( $n$ odd), $G_{2}$ ( $n$ even), $G_{3}$, and $G_{5}$ used in the experiments. $G_{4}$ is the complete graph (not reported).

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