

Constraint Logic Programming

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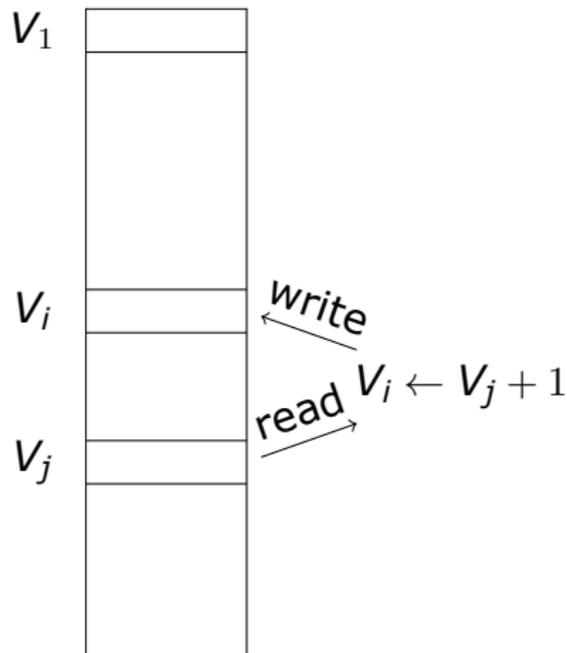
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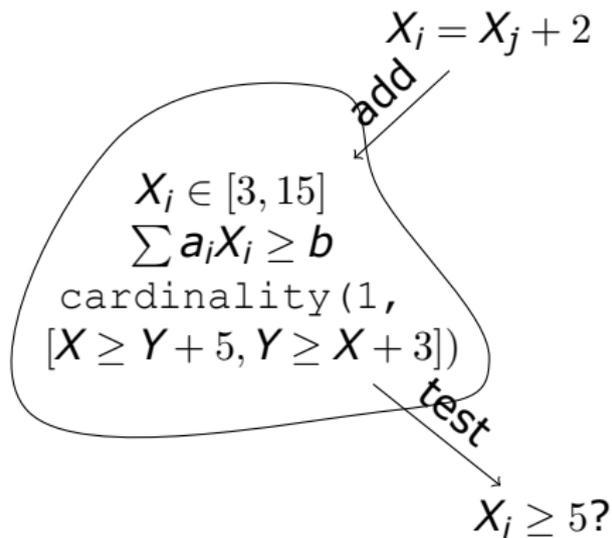
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The Paradigm of Constraint Programming

memory of values
programming variables



memory of constraints
mathematical variables

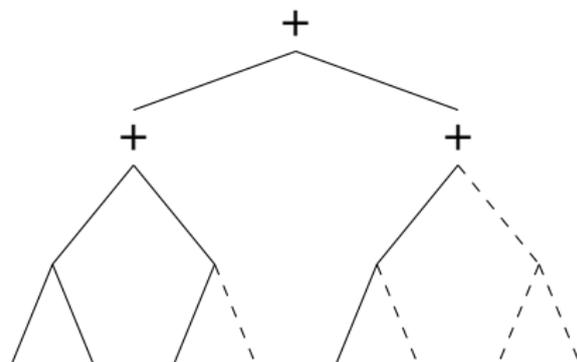
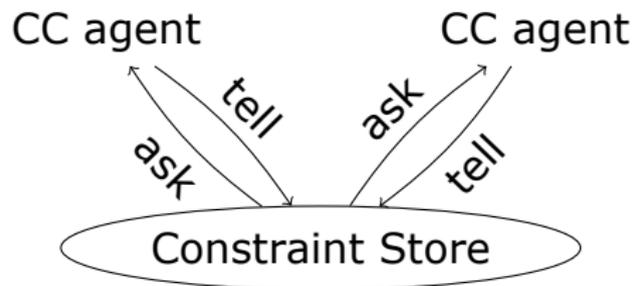


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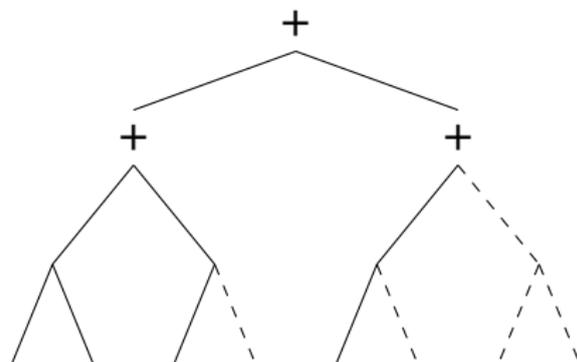
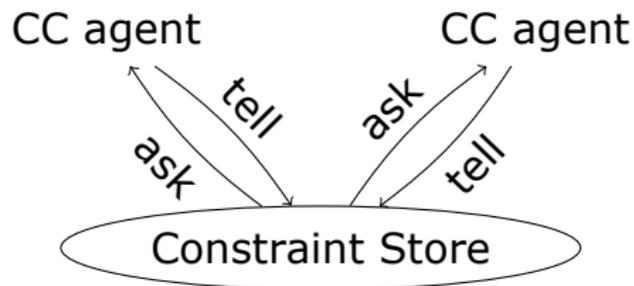
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Translating CLP(\mathcal{X}) into CC(\mathcal{X}) Declarations

CLP(\mathcal{X}) program:

```
A ← c | B, C  
A ← d | D, E  
B ← e
```

equivalent CC(\mathcal{X}) declaration:

```
A = tell(c) || B || C + tell(d) || D || E  
B = tell(e)
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This is just a **process calculus** syntax for CLP programs...

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The ask operation $c \rightarrow A$ has no CLP equivalent.

It is a new **synchronization primitive** between agents.

CC Computations

Concurrency = communication (shared variables)
+ synchronization (ask)

Communication channels, i.e., variables, are **transmissible** by agents (like in π -calculus, unlike CCS, CSP, Occam,...)

Communication is additive (a constraint will never be removed), **monotonic accumulation** of information in the store (as in CLP, as in Scott's information systems)

Synchronization makes computation both **data-driven and goal-directed**.

No private communication, all agents sharing a variable will see a constraint posted on that variable.

Not a parallel implementation model.

CC(\mathcal{X}) Configurations

Configuration $(\vec{x}; c; \Gamma)$: store c of constraints, multiset Γ of agents, modulo \equiv the smallest congruence s.t.:

$$\mathcal{X}\text{-equivalence} \quad \frac{c \dashv\vdash_{\mathcal{X}} d}{c \equiv d}$$

$$\alpha\text{-Conversion} \quad \frac{z \notin \text{fv}(A)}{\exists y A \equiv \exists z A[z/y]}$$

$$\text{Parallel} \quad (\vec{x}; c; A \parallel B, \Gamma) \equiv (\vec{x}; c; A, B, \Gamma)$$

$$\text{Hiding} \quad \frac{y \notin \text{fv}(c, \Gamma)}{(\vec{x}; c; \exists y A, \Gamma) \equiv (\vec{x}, y; c; A, \Gamma)} \quad \frac{y \notin \text{fv}(c, \Gamma)}{(\vec{x}, y; c; \Gamma) \equiv (\vec{x}; c; \Gamma)}$$

CC(\mathcal{X}) Transitions

Interleaving semantics

Procedure call
$$\frac{(p(\vec{y}) = A) \in \mathcal{D}}{(\vec{x}; c; p(\vec{y}), \Gamma) \longrightarrow (\vec{x}; c; A, \Gamma)}$$

Tell
$$(\vec{x}; c; \text{tell}(d), \Gamma) \longrightarrow (\vec{x}; c \wedge d; \Gamma)$$

Ask

Blind choice
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CC(\mathcal{X}) extra rules

Guarded choice
(global/external)

$$\frac{c \vdash_{\mathcal{X}} C_j}{(\vec{X}; c; \Sigma_i C_i \rightarrow A_i, \Gamma) \longrightarrow (\vec{X}; c; A_j, \Gamma)}$$

AskNot

$$\frac{c \vdash_{\mathcal{X}} \neg d}{(\vec{X}; c; \forall \vec{y} (d \rightarrow A), \Gamma) \longrightarrow (\vec{X}; c; \Gamma)}$$

Sequentiality

$$\frac{(\vec{X}; c; \Gamma) \longrightarrow (\vec{X}; d; \Gamma')}{(\vec{X}; c; (\Gamma; \Delta), \Phi) \longrightarrow (\vec{X}; d; (\Gamma'; \Delta), \Phi)}$$

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tell and *ask* are monotonic (monotonic conditions in guards). □

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Properties of CC Transitions (2)

A configuration without $+$ is called **deterministic**.

Theorem 3 (Confluence)

For any deterministic configuration κ with deterministic declarations,

if $\kappa \longrightarrow \kappa_1$ and $\kappa \longrightarrow \kappa_2$ then $\kappa_1 \longrightarrow \kappa'$ and $\kappa_2 \longrightarrow \kappa'$ for some κ' .

Corollary 4

Independence of the scheduling of the execution of parallel agents.

Properties of CC Transitions (3)

Theorem 5 (Extensivity)

If $(\vec{x}; c; \Gamma) \longrightarrow (\vec{y}; d; \Delta)$ then $\exists \vec{y}d \vdash_{\mathcal{X}} \exists \vec{x}c$.

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Higher-order constraints

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The semantics of a constraint propagator c can be defined as a closure operator over \mathcal{E} , noted \bar{c} , i.e., a mapping $\mathcal{E} \rightarrow \mathcal{E}$ satisfying

- 1 (extensivity) $E \sqsubseteq \bar{c}(E)$,
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Example in $CC(\mathcal{FD})$

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we have

$$\begin{aligned}\overline{b}E(x) &= [2, 10] \\ \overline{c}E(x) &= [1, 9] \\ (\overline{b} \sqcup \overline{c})E(x) &= [2, 9]\end{aligned}$$

The closure operator $\overline{b, c}$ associated to the conjunction of constraints $b \wedge c$ gives the intended semantics:

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Chaotic Iteration of Monotone Operators

Let $L(\sqsubset, \perp, \top, \sqcup, \sqcap)$ be a complete lattice, and $F : L^n \rightarrow L^n$ a monotone operator over L^n with $n > 0$.

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Theorem 9 ([CC77popl])

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Constraint Propagation as Chaotic Iteration

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$$\llbracket \text{tell}(\text{true}) \rrbracket = \mathcal{C}$$

$$\llbracket \text{tell}(\text{true}) + \text{tell}(c) \rrbracket = \mathcal{C}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{ts}(\text{tell}(\text{true}); \text{true}) = \{\text{true}\}$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{ts}(\text{tell}(\text{true}) + \text{tell}(c); \text{true}) = \{\text{true}, c\}$$

Idea: define $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket : \mathcal{D} \times A \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{C}))$ to distinguish between branches.

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Theorem 12 ([FGMP97tcs])

For any process $\mathcal{D}.\mathcal{A}$,

$\mathcal{O}_{ts}(\mathcal{D}.\mathcal{A}; c) = \{d \mid \text{there exists } X \in \llbracket \mathcal{D}.\mathcal{A} \rrbracket \text{ s.t. } d = \min(\uparrow c \cap X)\}.$

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No!

for $\text{merge}(X, [1|Y], Z)$ we don't necessarily get 1 in Z , the merging is not *greedy*...

Sequentiality

Let us define a new operator, \bullet , as follows:

$$\frac{(X; c; A) \longrightarrow (Y; d; B)}{(X; c; A \bullet C, \Gamma) \longrightarrow (Y; d; B \bullet C, \Gamma)} \quad (X; c; \emptyset \bullet A) \longrightarrow (X; c; A)$$

We can characterize completely the observables of any CC_{seq} program, $\mathcal{D}.A$, by those of a new CC (without \bullet) program, $\mathcal{D}^\bullet.A^\bullet$, in a new constraint system, \mathcal{C}^\bullet .

Idea

Let ok be a **new** relation symbol of arity one. \mathcal{C}^\bullet is the constraint system \mathcal{C} to which ok is added, without any non-logical axiom. The program $\mathcal{D}^\bullet.A^\bullet$ is defined inductively as follows:

$$(p(\vec{y}) = A)^\bullet = p^\bullet(x, \vec{y}) = A_x^\bullet$$

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