# Characterizing **co-NL** by a Group Action Séminaire L.I.P.N.

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(A)NDPM Observations

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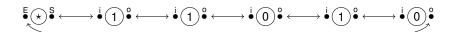
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The computation ends if  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

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## Proposition

Let G be the group of finite permutations over  $\mathbb{N}$ ,  $\alpha$  an action of G and for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\mathfrak{N}_n = \mathfrak{R}$ . The algebra( $\otimes_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{N}_s$ )  $\rtimes_{\hat{\alpha}} G$  contains a subalgebra generated by G that we will denote  $\mathfrak{G}$ .

 $(\mathfrak{N}_0,\mathfrak{G})$  is a normative pair in  $(\otimes_{n\in\mathbb{N}}\mathfrak{N}_s)\rtimes_{\hat{\alpha}}G$  (the type  $II_1$  hyperfinite factor).

# Sets and complexity classes

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$$[\phi] = \{ n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \phi(N_n \otimes 1_{\circ}) \text{ is nilpotent} \}$$

An observation is said to be *positive* (resp. boolean) when for all i, j,

$$\phi_{i,j} = \sum_{l=0}^{m} \alpha_l \lambda(g_l)$$
 with  $\alpha_l \geqslant 0$  (resp. with  $\alpha_l = 1$ )

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 $\{P\} = \{[\phi] \mid \phi \in P\}$ 

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## + circular input

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# Definition (Non-Deterministic Pointer Machines)

A non-deterministic pointer machine (NDPM) with  $p \in \mathbb{N}$  pointers is a triplet  $M = \{Q, \Sigma, \rightarrow\}$  where

- Q is the set of *states*,  $Q = \{\mathbf{q}_0, \mathbf{q}_1, \dots, \mathbf{q}_e\}$ ;
- $\Sigma = \{0, 1, \star\}$  is the *alphabet*;
- →⊆ (Σ<sup>ρ</sup> × Q) × (℘((P<sup>ρ</sup> × Q)\∅) ∪ {accept, reject}) is the binary transition relation.

where *P* is the set of instructions:  $P = \{p_i -, \epsilon_i, p_i + \mid i \in \{1, \dots, p\}\}.$ 

- · Fixed (constant) number of pointers
- No access to the adresses
- Non-determinist



# The NDPM characterizes co-NL

#### **Theorem**

There exists a NMDP that decides s-t-conn-Comp, a **co-NL** complete problem.

#### Definition

Let {NDPM} (resp. {ANDPM}) be the class of sets S such that there exists a NDPM (resp. an acyclic NDPM) that decides S.

# Corollary

 $\textit{co-NL} \subseteq \{\textit{NDPM}\}$ 

**co-NL** 
$$\subseteq$$
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A ANDPM can be encoded in an observation.

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# Definition (Acyclicity)

A NDPM M is said to be *acyclic* when for all  $c \in C_M$  and all entry  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $M_c(n)$  halts.

#### Lemma

For all NDPM M that decides a set S there exists an acyclic NDPM M' that decides S.

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For any acyclic NDPM M and pseudo-configuration  $c \in C_M$ , there exists an observation  $M_c^{\bullet} \in \mathfrak{M}_6(\mathfrak{O}) \otimes \mathfrak{Q}_M$  such that for all  $N_n \in \mathfrak{M}_6(\mathfrak{N}_0)$ 

$$M_c(n)$$
 accepts iff  $M_c^{\bullet}(N_n \otimes 1_{\Omega_M})$  is nilpotent.

Moreover,  $M_c^{\bullet} \in P_+$ .

# Proposition

$$co\text{-NL} \subseteq \{ANDPM\} = \{NDPM\} \subseteq \{P_+\} \subseteq \{P_{\geqslant 0}\}$$

#### **Theorem**

A Turing Machine can decide if an observation accepts.

#### Lemma

There exist a morphism  $\Phi$  and two matrices M and  $\bar{\phi}$  such that  $\Phi(M \otimes 1_{\mathfrak{E}}) = N_n \otimes 1_{\mathfrak{E}}$  and  $\Phi(\bar{\phi}) = \phi$ . So we have  $\phi(N_n \otimes 1_{\mathfrak{E}})$  nilpotent if and only if  $(M \otimes 1_{\mathfrak{E}})\bar{\phi}$  nilpotent.

#### Remark

It is equivalent to consider

$$\mathfrak{M}_6(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes \underbrace{\mathfrak{M}_6(\mathbb{C}) \otimes \ldots \otimes \mathfrak{M}_6(\mathbb{C})}_{p \text{ times}} \otimes \mathfrak{M}_k(\mathbb{C})$$

and

$$\mathfrak{M}_{6}(\mathbb{C})\otimes((\underbrace{\mathfrak{M}_{n+1}(\mathbb{C})\otimes\cdots\otimes\mathfrak{M}_{n+1}(\mathbb{C})}_{p\ times})\rtimes G_{p})\otimes\mathfrak{E}$$

whose basis contains elements of the form

$$(\pi, a_1, \ldots, a_p; \sigma; e)$$

# Checking the nilpotency in co-NL

$$\bar{\phi}(\pi, a_1, \dots, a_{\rho}; \sigma; \mathbf{e}) = \sum_{i=0}^{K} \alpha_i(\rho, a_{\tau_i(1)}, \dots, a_{\tau_i(\rho)}; \tau_i \sigma; \mathbf{e}_i)$$

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With  $b_i^l$  the elements of the basis encountered and k the dimensions of the underlying space,  $6(n+1)^p p! d$  where d is the dimension of  $\mathfrak{E}$ .

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