# Characterizing co-NL by a Group Action 

## Focus Meeting

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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 $\left(\otimes_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{N}_{s}\right) \rtimes_{\hat{\alpha}} G$ contains a subalgebra generated by $\mathfrak{G}$ that we will denote $\mathfrak{G}$.
$\left(\mathfrak{N}_{0}, \mathfrak{G}\right)$ is a normative pair in $\left(\otimes_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathfrak{N}_{s}\right) \rtimes_{\hat{\alpha}} G$ (the type $\|_{1}$ hyperfinite factor).

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Definition ( $P_{\geqslant 0}$ and $P_{+}$)
Let $\left(\mathfrak{N}_{0}, \mathfrak{G}\right)$ be a normative pair, $\left(\phi_{i, j}\right)_{0 \leqslant i, j \leqslant 6 d} \in \mathfrak{M}_{6}(\mathfrak{G}) \otimes \mathfrak{M}_{d}(\mathbb{C})$ an observation, we define:

$$
[\phi]=\left\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid \phi\left(N_{n} \otimes 1_{0}\right) \text { is nilpotent }\right\}
$$

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

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\phi_{i, j}=\sum_{l=0}^{m} \alpha_{l} \lambda\left(g_{l}\right) \text { with } \alpha_{l} \geqslant 0\left(\text { resp. with } \alpha_{l}=1\right)
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## Remark (Arnaud Durand)

In fact, NDPM are (slightly modified) 2NFA(k), and it is proven that $N L=\cup_{k \geqslant 1} \mathcal{L}(2 N F A(k))$.

## 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, $Q=\left\{\mathbf{q}_{0}, \mathbf{q}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{q}_{e}\right\}$;
- $\Sigma=\{0,1, \star\}$ is the alphabet;
- $\rightarrow \subseteq\left(\Sigma^{p} \times Q\right) \times\left(\wp\left(\left(P^{p} \times Q\right) \backslash \emptyset\right) \cup\{\right.$ accept, reject $\left.\}\right)$ is the binary transition relation.
where $P$ is the set of instructions: $P=\left\{p_{i-}, \epsilon_{i}, p_{i}+\mid i \in\{1, \ldots, p\}\right\}$.
- Fixed (constant) number of pointers
- No access to the adresses
- Non-determinist


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

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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 $S$.

## Encoding ANDPM

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For any acyclic NDPM M and pseudo-configuration $c \in C_{M}$, there exists an observation $M_{c}^{\bullet} \in \mathfrak{M}_{6}(\mathfrak{D}) \otimes \mathfrak{Q}_{M}$ such that for all $N_{n} \in \mathfrak{M}_{6}\left(\mathfrak{N}_{0}\right)$

$$
M_{c}(n) \text { accepts iff } M_{c}^{*}\left(N_{n} \otimes 1_{\mathfrak{Q}_{M}}\right) \text { is nilpotent. }
$$

Moreover, $M_{c}^{*} \in P_{+}$.

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Theorem
A Turing Machine can decide if an observation accepts.

## Some transformations

## Lemma

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

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

whose basis contains elements of the form

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\left(\pi, a_{1}, \ldots, a_{p} ; \sigma ; e\right)
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$$
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## Checking the nilpotency in co-NL

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## Conclusion

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