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Networks of Evolutionary Processors: Words and Pictures

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1. Preliminaries

- **Goal:** To apply distributed computing methods to networks of sub-microprocessor devices, e.g., biological cellular networks or networks of nano-devices.
- **Question:** do tiny bio/nano nodes “compute” and/or “communicate” essentially the same as a computer?
- **Our attempt:** Although the computation and communication capabilities of each individual device in the new model are, by design, much weaker than those of a computer, we show that some of the most important and extensively studied distributed computing problems can still be solved efficiently.
- Theorists: **YES, WE CAN!**
- Engineers: ?
- Biologists: ?



1. Preliminaries

- V is an alphabet

$$V^* = \{\omega \mid \omega = \omega_1\omega_2\dots\omega_p, \omega_i \in V \wedge p \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

- ω is a word over V and V^* is the set of words over V
- The alphabet of ω is defined by $alph(\omega) = \{a \in V \mid a \in \omega\}$
- $L \subseteq V^*$ is a language over V



1. Preliminaries

- A picture π over an alphabet V is a two-dimensional array of elements from V .

$$\pi = (p_i^j)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}^{j \in \mathbb{N}} \wedge p_i^j \in V$$

$$V_*^* = \{\pi \mid \pi \text{ is a picture over } V\}$$

$\overline{\pi}$ is the number of rows of π

$|\pi|$ is the number of columns of π

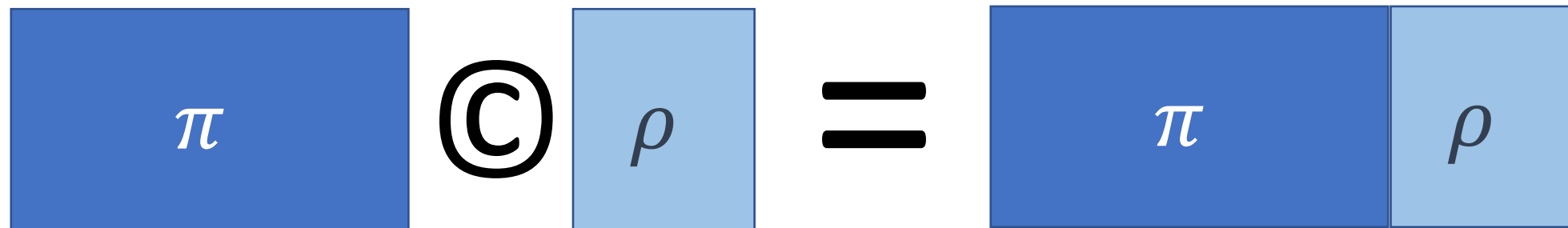
$$\text{size}(\pi) = (\overline{\pi}, |\pi|)$$

2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- Row and column concatenation operations

Let π and $\rho \in V_^*$ two pictures over V
 $size(\pi) = (m, n)$, $size(\rho) = (m', n')$*

- $\pi \textcircled{C} \rho$ is the column concatenation of π and ρ and it is defined only if
 $m = m'$

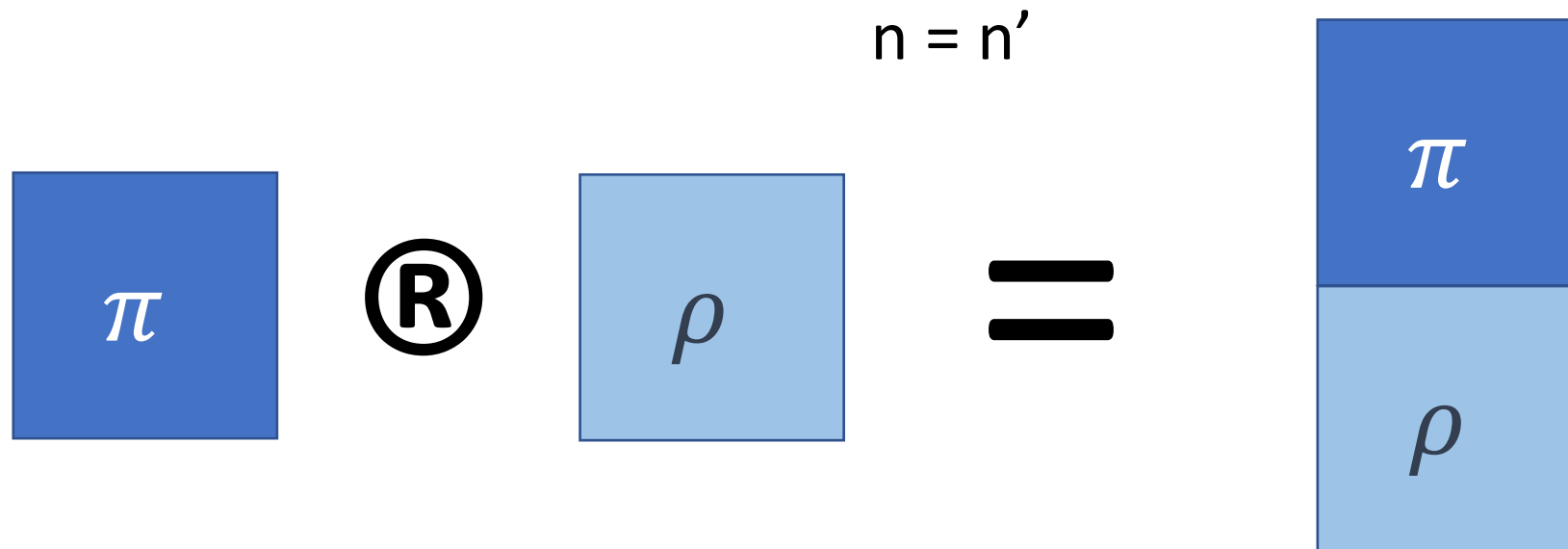


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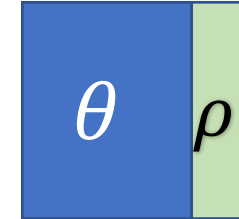
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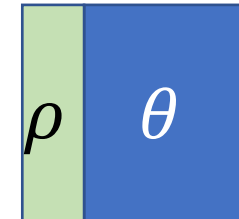
- Column right-quotient of π with ρ

$$\pi / \leftarrow \rho = \theta \iff \pi = \theta \odot \rho$$



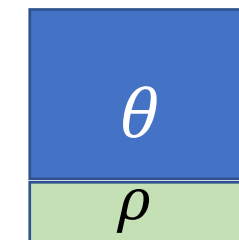
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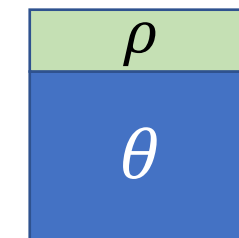
- Row down – quotient of π with ρ

$$\pi / \downarrow \rho = \theta \iff \pi = \theta \circledast \rho$$



- Row up – quotient of π with ρ

$$\pi / \uparrow \rho = \theta \iff \pi = \rho \circledast \theta$$





2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- Evolutionary rules

$\sigma \equiv a \rightarrow b$, is a:

- substitution rule iff $a \neq \varepsilon \wedge b \neq \varepsilon$
- deletion rule iff $a \neq \varepsilon \wedge b = \varepsilon$
- insertion rule iff $a = \varepsilon \wedge b \neq \varepsilon$



2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- Definitions:

$$Sub_V = \{\sigma \mid \sigma \text{ is a substitution rule}\}$$
$$Del_V = \{\sigma \mid \sigma \text{ is a deletion rule}\}$$



2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- Actions for evolutionary rules when are applied on pictures

Given a rule σ an a picture $\pi \in V_m^n$ we defined the following actions:

$$\sigma^{\leftarrow}(\pi)$$

$$\sigma^{\rightarrow}(\pi)$$

$$\sigma^{\uparrow}(\pi)$$

$$\sigma^{\downarrow}(\pi)$$

$$\sigma^{|}(\pi)$$

$$\sigma^{-}(\pi)$$

$$\sigma^{+}(\pi)$$



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–If $\sigma \equiv a \rightarrow b \in \text{Sub}_V$ then

–If the first column of contains an occurrence of a , then $\sigma^{\leftarrow}(\pi)$ is the set of all pictures π' such that the following conditions are satisfied:

i. $\exists 1 \leq i \leq m, \pi(i, 1) = a \wedge \pi'(i, 1) = b,$

ii. $\pi(k, l) = \pi'(k, l)$ for all $(k, l) \in [m] \times [n] - \{(i, 1)\}.$

–If this column does not contain any occurrence of a , then $\sigma^{\leftarrow}(\pi) = \{\pi\}$

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$$\sigma^{\leftarrow} \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ b & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\sigma^{\leftarrow} \left(\begin{bmatrix} c & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ b & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} c & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ b & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



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- In an analogous way can be defined

$$\sigma^{\rightarrow}(\pi), \sigma^{\uparrow}(\pi), \sigma^{\downarrow}(\pi), \sigma^{+}(\pi)$$

as the set of all pictures obtained by applying σ to the right most column, to the first row, to the last row, and to any column/row of π .

2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

$$\sigma^{\rightarrow} \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & b \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\sigma^{\uparrow} \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

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$$\sigma_{\downarrow} \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ \color{red}{a} & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ \color{red}{b} & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

$$\sigma_{+} \left(\begin{bmatrix} \color{red}{a} & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & \color{green}{a} \\ c & c & b & c \\ \color{orange}{a} & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} \color{red}{b} & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & \color{green}{b} \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ \color{orange}{b} & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- If $\sigma \equiv a \rightarrow \varepsilon \in Del_V$ then

$$\sigma^{\leftarrow}(\pi) = \begin{cases} \pi / \leftarrow \rho \\ \pi, \textit{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Where ρ is the leftmost column of π , and ρ contains at least one occurrence of 'a'

$$\sigma^{\leftarrow} \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & c \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \begin{bmatrix} b & b & c \\ b & b & a \\ c & b & c \\ b & c & b \end{bmatrix}$$



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2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- Analogously are defined

$$\sigma^{\rightarrow}(\pi), \sigma^{\uparrow}(\pi), \sigma^{\downarrow}(\pi)$$



2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- Furthermore $\sigma^l(\pi)$ ($\sigma^r(\pi)$) is the set obtained from π by deleting an arbitrary column (row) of π containing the symbol 'a', then each column (row) is removed from different copies of π .
- If π does not contain a copy of 'a' then

$$\sigma^l(\pi) = \sigma^r(\pi) = \{\pi\}$$

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$$\sigma_1 \left(\begin{bmatrix} a & b & b & a \\ c & b & b & a \\ c & c & b & c \\ a & b & c & b \end{bmatrix} \right) = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} b & b & a \\ b & b & a \\ c & b & c \\ b & c & b \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} a & b & b \\ c & b & b \\ c & c & b \\ a & b & c \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$



2. Evolutionary Pictures Operations

- Definitions:

- For every rule σ , symbol $\alpha = \{\leftarrow, \rightarrow, \uparrow, \downarrow, |, -, +\}$ and $L \subseteq V_*^*$; we define the α -action of σ on L by

$$\sigma^\alpha(L) = \bigcup_{\pi \in L} \sigma^\alpha(\pi)$$

Note: + is defined only for substitution rules M, while | and – are defined only for deletion rules.



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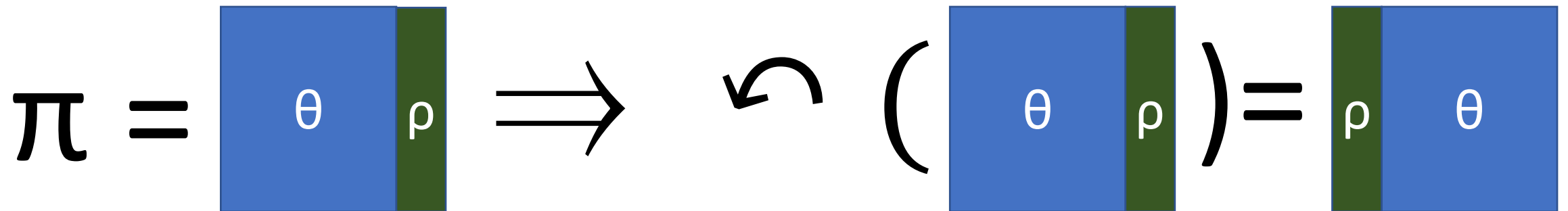
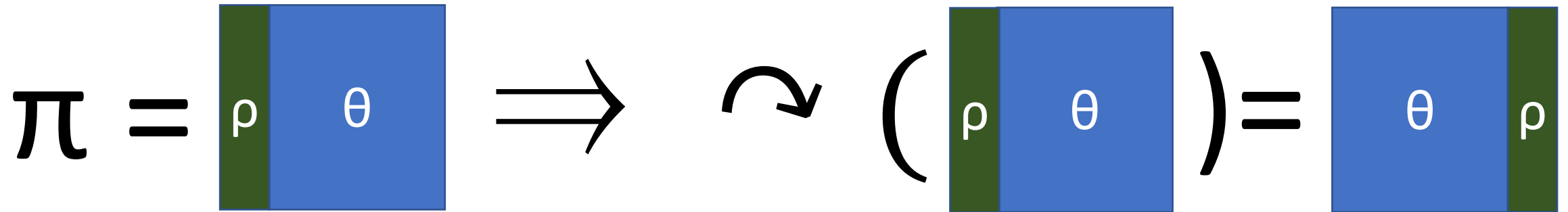
Definitions:

- ii. Given a finite set of rules M , we define the α -action of M on the picture π and the language L by

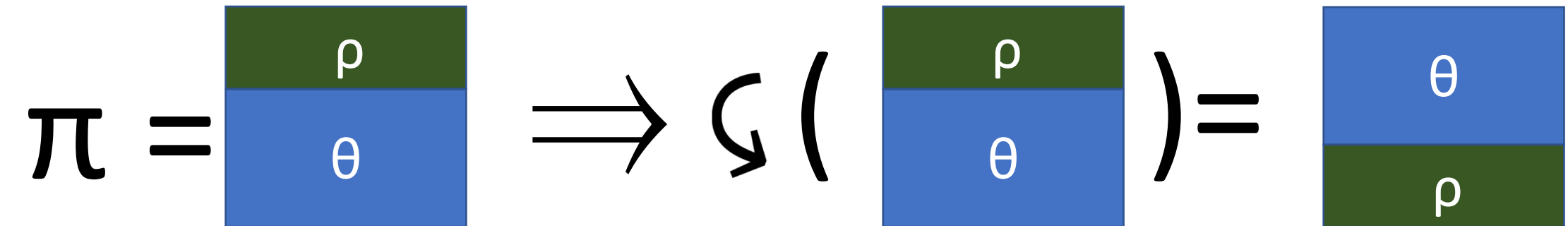
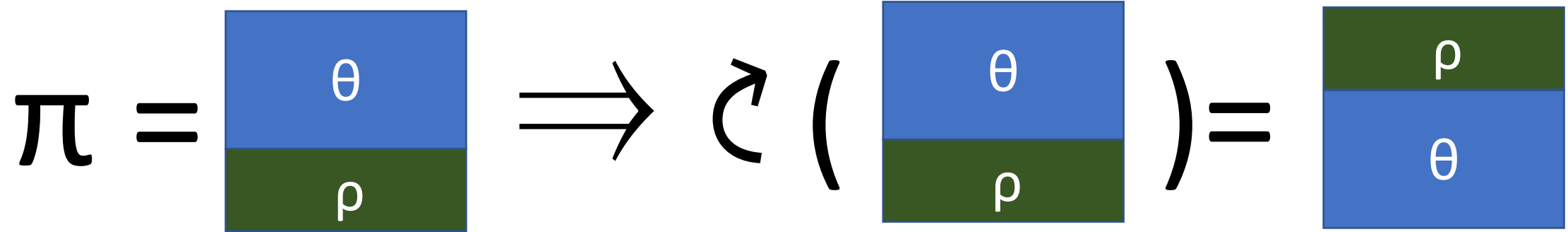
$$M^\alpha(\pi) = \bigcup_{\sigma \in M} \sigma^\alpha(\pi) \text{ and}$$

$$M^\alpha(L) = \bigcup_{\pi \in L} M^\alpha(\pi)$$

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- Definitions:

For every $\circ \in \{\curvearrowright, \curvearrowleft, \wr, \zeta\}$ and $L \subseteq V_*^*$,
we define

$$\circ(L) = \{\circ(\pi) \mid \pi \in L\}$$



4. Filters Predicates

- As usual, we define two different policies for defining filters, strong and weak defined by the following two predicates.
- Consider $P, F \subseteq V$ the set of permitting and forbidding symbols respectively

$$rc_s(\pi; P, F) \equiv P \subseteq alph(\pi) \wedge F \cap alph(\pi) = \emptyset$$

$$rc_w(\pi; P, F) \equiv P \cap alph(\pi) \neq \emptyset \wedge F \cap alph(\pi) = \emptyset$$



4. Filters Predicates

- For every picture language $L \subseteq V_*^*$ and $\beta \in \{s, w\}$ we define:

$$rc_\beta(L; P, F) = \{\pi \in L \mid rc_\beta(\pi; P, F) = true\}$$



5. Picture Processors

- Evolutionary Picture Processor (EPP)

An evolutionary picture Processor (EPP) over V is a 5-tuple

$$(M, PI, FI, PO, FO)$$

where:

- $M \subseteq Sub_V$ or $M \subseteq Del_V$ (specialization)
- $PI, FI \subseteq V$ (permitting / forbidding input symbols)
- $PO, FO \subseteq V$ (permitting / forbidding output symbols)



5. Picture Processors

- Circularly Permuted Picture Processor (CPPP)

A CPPP over V is a 5-tuple

$$(M, PI, PO, FI, FO)$$

where:

- $\circ \in \{ \curvearrowleft, \curvearrowright, \curvearrowup, \curvearrowdown \}$
- The rest of parameters are identical to those defined for evolutionary processors.

6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

- An ANPP is a 9-tuple

$$\Gamma = (V, U, G, N, \alpha, \beta, \underline{In}, \underline{Halt}, \underline{Accept})$$

where:

- V, U are the input and network alphabet respectively
 $V \subseteq U,$
- $G = (X_G, E_G)$ is an undirected graph without loops,
- N is a mapping which associates each node $x \in X_G$ the picture processor

$$N(x) = (M_x, PI_x, PO_x, FI_x, FO_x)$$



6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

- $\alpha: X_G \rightarrow \{\rightarrow, \leftarrow, \uparrow, \downarrow, |, -, *\}$ gives the action mode of the rules of node x on the pictures existing in that node. If x is a CPPP then $\alpha(x) = *$
- $\beta: X_G \rightarrow \{s, w\}$ defines the type of input and output filters

Input filter: $\rho_x(.) = rc_{\beta(x)}(.; PI_x, FI_x)$

Output filter: $\tau_x(.) = rc_{\beta(x)}(.; PO_x, FO_x)$

- In , $Halt$, $Accept$ $\in X_G$ are the input node, the halting node and the accepting node of Γ respectively.

6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

• Definitions:

1. We say that $Card(X_G)$ is the size of Γ .
2. A configuration of an ANPP Γ is a mapping

$$C: X_G \rightarrow 2^{U_*^*}$$

which associates a finite set of pictures with every node in the graph.



6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

- Given a picture $\pi \in V_*^*$, the initial configuration of Γ on π is defined by

$$C_0^{(\pi)}(\underline{In}) = \{\pi\}$$
$$C_0^{(\pi)}(x) = \emptyset \text{ for all } x \in X_G \setminus \{\underline{In}\}$$

A configuration can change via a processing step or a communication step



6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

- Processing step

$$C \Rightarrow C' \text{ iff}$$
$$C'(x) = M_x^{\alpha(x)}(C(x)) \forall x \in X_G \setminus \{\underline{In}\}$$



6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

- Communication step

$$C \vdash C' \text{ iff}$$
$$C'(x) = (C(x) \setminus \tau_x(C(x))) \cup \bigcup_{\{x,y\} \in E_G} (\tau_y(C(y)) \cap \rho_x(C(y))), \forall x \in X_G$$

6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

- Definition:

Let Γ be an ANPP; the configuration of Γ on an input picture $\pi \in V_*^*$ is a sequence of configurations

$$C_0^{(\pi)} \Rightarrow C_1^{(\pi)} \vdash C_2^{(\pi)} \Rightarrow \dots C_n^{(\pi)}$$

where $C_0^{(\pi)}$ is the initial configuration of Γ on π



6. Accepting Networks of Picture Processors (ANPP)

- A computation halts if there exists a configuration such that the set of pictures existing in the halting node is non-empty.

- The picture language decided by Γ is:

$$L(\Gamma) = \{ \pi \in V_*^* \mid \text{the computation of } \Gamma \text{ on } \pi \text{ halts with a non - empty accepting node} \}$$

7. Problems

- 2-Dimensional pattern matching

Given a picture π one can decide whether π is a subpicture of a given picture

SOLVED

What about 2-disjoint or overlapping occurrences?





7. Problems

- **Th. [BBLM – TPNC 2014]**

1. *Let π be a picture of size $(k; n)$ for some $1 \leq k \leq 3$ and $n \geq 1$. The language $\{\pi\}$ can be accepted by an ANEPP.*
2. *Given a finite set F of patterns of size $(k; l)$ and $(l; k)$ for all $1 \leq k \leq 3$ and $l \geq 1$, the pattern matching problem with patterns from F can be solved by ANEPPs in $O(n+m+kl+k)$ computational (processing and communication) steps.*

H. Bordihn, P. Bottoni, A. Labella and V. Mitrana: "Solving 2D-Pattern Matching with Networks of Picture Processors", Proceedings of Theory and Practice of Natural Computing - Third International Conference, 157--168, 2014.



7. Problems

- Let F be a finite set of pictures; the picture language F_*^* is the minimal set of pictures such that:

i. $F \subseteq F_*^*$,

- ii. If $\pi, \rho \in F_*^*$, then $\pi \textcircled{R} \rho \in F_*^*$ and $\pi \textcircled{C} \rho \in F_*^*$ provided that both of them exist

For a given picture π , one can decide whether $\pi \in F_*^*$?

- If all picture of F are of the same size, THE PROBLEM IS SOLVED



7. Problems

- **Th. [BBLM – Soft Computing 2016]**
- *Let $(k; l)$ be two positive integers and F be a finite set of pictures of size $(k; l)$. The language F_*^* can be decided by ANEPPs in $O(n + m + kl)$ computational (processing and communication) steps.*

H. Bordihn, P. Bottoni, A. Labella, V. Mitrana: "Networks of picture processors as problem solvers", Soft Computing, 2016.



7. Problems

- A picture π is row/column scattered in a picture ϑ if ϑ contains a subpicture ρ such that all the row/column of π appears as row/column of ρ in the same order.

For a given pattern π and an arbitrary picture ϑ one can decide whether π is row/column scattered in ϑ



6. Problems

- The Hamming distance between 2 pictures of the same size is the number of positions at which the corresponding symbols are different.

For a given pattern π , a positive integer k , and an arbitrary picture ϑ one can decide whether ϑ contains a subpicture that is at the Hamming distance of at most k from π ?



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Thank you very much