

# Coherent interaction graphs: an interactive account of chordless alternating cycles

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We show how cographs and chordless alternating cycles can be obtained this way in an extension of Seiller’s *interaction graphs*.

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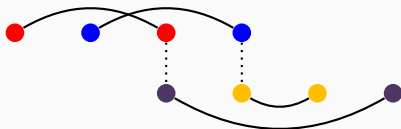
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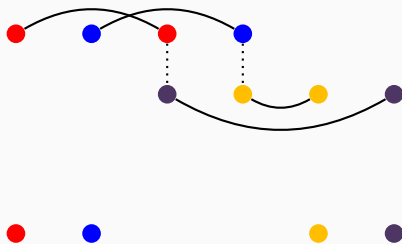
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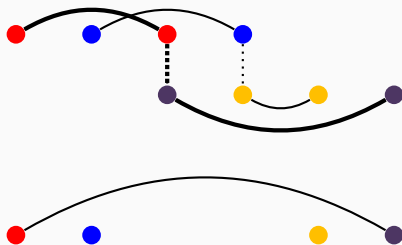
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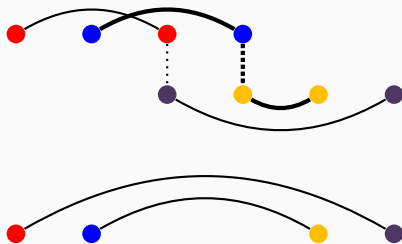
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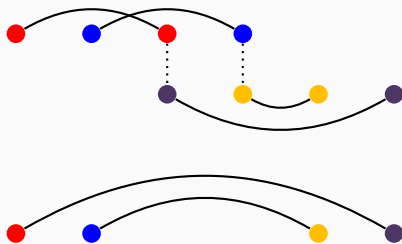
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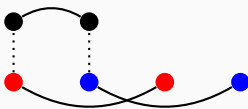
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Geometry of Interaction: predict normal form by following paths

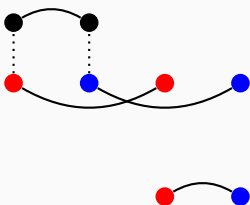
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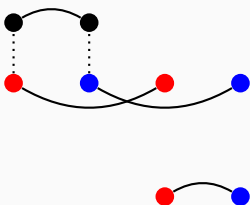
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*Alternating paths*  $\simeq$  composition of strategies in game semantics



# From matchings to Interaction Graphs

- Matchings are both a GoI and a sort of game semantics
- Execution can be extended to arbitrary graphs:

## Definition

Let  $G, H$  be two graphs. Their *execution*  $G :: H$  is the graph whose vertex set is  $V(G) \Delta V(H)$ , and whose edges correspond to *alternating paths* between  $G$  and  $H$ .

$\llbracket - \rrbracket : \{\text{MLL proofs}\} \rightarrow \{\text{matchings}\} \subset \{\text{graphs}\}$  then enjoys:

## Proposition

$$\llbracket \text{cut}(\pi, \rho) \rrbracket = \llbracket \pi \rrbracket :: \llbracket \rho \rrbracket$$

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- In general, a whole family of models, depending on choices of parameters (e.g. monoid of weights  $\rightarrow$  quantitative semantics)
- Extension to MELL: generalize from graphs to *graphings* (from measure theory) to represent exponentials

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- **Tests are also given by graphs**, acting as counter-proofs
- Proofs and counter-proofs related by symmetric *orthogonality*  $\perp$

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- What is  $\perp$ ? Parameter of the model!
- In general one can define orthogonality as any reasonable predicate on the set of *alternating cycles* between  $G$  and  $H$
- This talk: simple choice avoiding technical complications, that also validates the Mix rule



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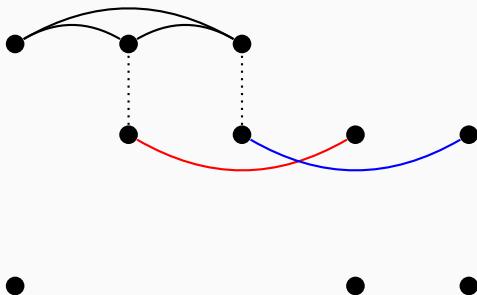
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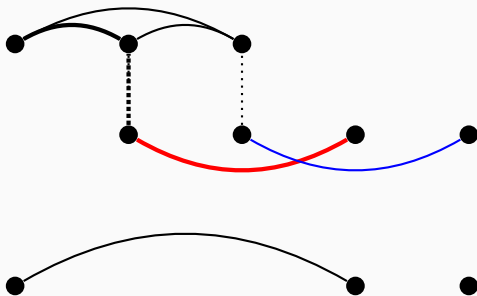


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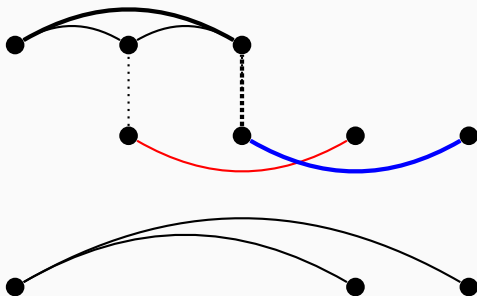


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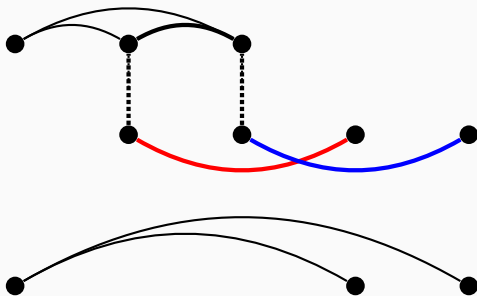


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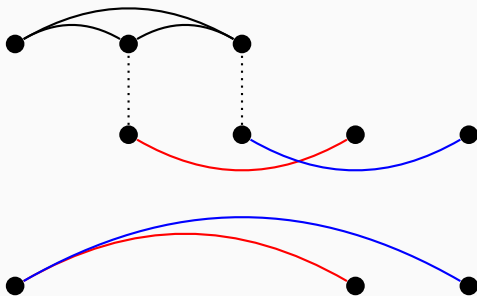
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Also, think of a coherent graph  $(V, E)$  as the formal sum

$$\sum_{C \subseteq E} (V, C) \quad (C \text{ clique})$$

$\simeq$  non-deterministic superposition of programs

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Analogously,  $\{G\}^\perp \otimes \{H\}^\perp = \{G \wp H\}^\perp$  where  $G \wp H = (G^c \sqcup H^c)^c$  (with the right coherence relation).

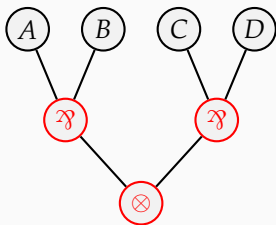
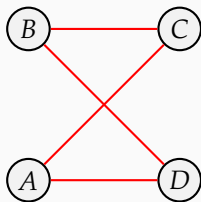
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- Formula  $F \rightarrow$  conduct (w/ atoms sent to  $\{*\}$ )  $\rightarrow$  test  $T(F)$ 
  - $T(F)$  generated from  $\{*\}$  by  $\wp$  and  $\sqcup$
- $\text{LCA}_F(A, B)$ : least common ancestor of atoms  $A, B$  in formula  $F$

## Proposition

*The underlying graph of  $T(F)$  is the cograph of  $F$ :*

- $V(T(F)) = \{\text{atoms of } F\}$
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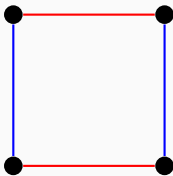
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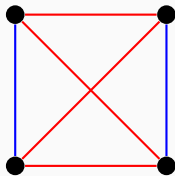
For all  $e \neq f \in E(T(F))$ ,  $e \not\perp f \iff$   
 $e$  and  $f$  incident or  $\exists g \in E(T(F))$  incident to both  $e$  and  $f$ .

## Proposition

Let  $G, H$  be graphs and let  $\supset_G, \supset_H$  satisfy the above. Then alternating paths/cycles between  $G$  and  $H$  are coherent iff they are chordless.



Chordless cycle



All cycles have chords

## Characterizing denotations of proofs

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- $\llbracket \pi \rrbracket \in \llbracket A \rrbracket = \{T(A)\}^\perp$ , equivalently  $\llbracket \pi \rrbracket \perp T(A)$
- $\rightarrow$  necessary condition for a graph to come from a proof of  $A$
- Converse?

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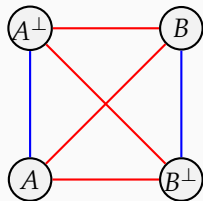
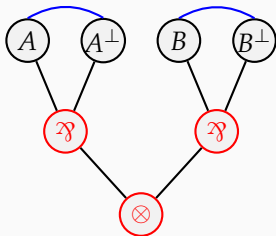
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- paraproof = all coherent graphs  
a large enough universe to provide good tests
- actual proofs = perfect matchings

# Cographic proof nets

- Proof nets = axiom matching + type information
- Traditionally, type tree; but cographs can encode the same thing



# Cographic correctness criterion

- Cographic proof structure:  $(M, G)$  with  $V(M) = V(G)$   
( $M$  matching,  $G$  cograph)
- Cographic proof net: is the translation of some sequent proof

## Theorem (Retoré 2003 (rediscovered by Ehrhard 2014))

*A cographic proof structure  $(M, G)$  is a MLL+Mix proof net if and only if there is no chordless alternating cycle between  $M$  and  $G$ .*

- Which we wrote previously as  $M \perp G$ :  
orthogonality reflects this *correctness criterion*
- Using coherent interaction graphs, we recovered “only if”
- We used “if” – the sequentialization theorem – to deduce our full completeness result

## Extension to pomset logic

This part is unpublished (but too trivial to be in a new paper!)

We work with *directed* graphs (everything works the same way...)

### Definition

$\mathbf{A} \triangleleft \mathbf{B} = \{G \sqcup H + \text{some dir. edges from } V(G) \text{ to } V(H) \mid G \in \mathbf{A}, H \in \mathbf{B}\}$

### Proposition

If  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  are conducts, then  $\mathbf{A} \triangleleft \mathbf{B}$  is a conduct and  $(\mathbf{A} \triangleleft \mathbf{B})^\perp = \mathbf{A}^\perp \triangleleft \mathbf{B}^\perp$ .

### Proposition

$\{G\}^\perp \triangleleft \{H\}^\perp = \{G \triangleleft H\}^\perp$  where

$$G \triangleleft H = G \sqcup H + \text{all directed edges from } V(G) \text{ to } V(H)$$

with the chordless coherence relation.

Again, we recover Retoré's correctness criterion for pomset logic!

# Geometry of Interaction and correctness criteria

- Traditional correctness criteria for proof nets:
  - Generate set of *switchings* from type tree
  - Test each switching against the axiom matching
- Founding observation of GoI: switchings can be seen as counter-proofs (switchings for  $A \simeq$  some paraproofs of  $A^\perp$ )
  - Girard's "Multiplicatives" paper, mentioned at the beginning
- $\rightarrow$  tests for a type = switchings
  - Exponentially many switchings
  - Forgetting they all come from the same concise object
- Coherent IGs: single test  $\simeq$  superposition of switchings
  - We recover a notion of proof net from this model