A small universal spiking neural P system

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Introduction

- In this talk we present two small universal spiking neural P systems.
- Spiking neural P systems are the result of a synergy inspired by spiking neural networks and P systems.
- These systems were first presented and proved universal in 2006 by Ionescu, Păun and Yokomori.

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Previous small spiking neural P systems

- Păun and Păun gave a strongly universal spiking neural P system with 84 neurons and another that has extended rules with 49 neurons.
- Subsequently, the number of neurons used for strong universality was reduced from 84 to 67 and from 49 to 41 by Zhang et al.
- Recently we proved that there exists no universal (extended) spiking neural P system that simulates Turing machines in less then exponential time and space.
- A universal spiking neural P system with exhaustive use of extended rules has been given that simulates Turing machines in polynomial time. This system has only 18 neurons.

Our results

- Here we present a weakly universal spiking neural P system that has extended rules and only 12 neurons. This system simulates a weakly universal 2 register machine.
- By adapting our algorithm we can simulated more general register machines with more registers. We show that there exists a strongly universal spiking neural P system that has extended rules and 18 neurons.

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Extended spiking neural P systems

A spiking extended neural P system is a tuple $\Pi = (O, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \cdots, \sigma_m, syn, in, out)$, where: 1. $O = \{s\}$ is the unary alphabet (s is known as a spike), 2. $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \cdots, \sigma_m$ are neurons, of the form $\sigma_i = (n_i, R_i), 1 \leq i \leq m$, where: 2.1 $n_i \ge 0$ is the initial number of spikes contained in σ_i , 2.2 R_i is a finite set of rules of the following two forms: 2.2.1 $E/s^b \rightarrow s^c$; d, where E is a regular expression over s, $b \ge c \ge 1$ and $d \ge 0$. 2.2.2 $s^e \rightarrow \lambda$, where λ is the empty word, $e \ge 1$, and for all $E/s^b \rightarrow s$; d from $R_i s^e \notin L(E)$ where L(E) is the language defined by E.

- 3. $syn \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, m\} \times \{1, 2, \dots, m\}$ is the set of synapses between neurons, where $i \neq j$ for all $(i, j) \in syn$,
- 4. in, out $\in \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \cdots, \sigma_m\}$ are the input and output neurons, respectively.

Extended spiking neural P system



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Register machine definition

A register machine is a tuple $C = (z, r_1, r_m, Q, q_1, q_h)$, where z gives the number of registers, r_1 and r_m are the input and output registers respectively, $Q = \{q_1, q_2, \dots, q_h\}$ is the set of instructions, $q_1, q_h \in Q$ are the initial and halt instructions, respectively.

Register machine operation

Each register r_j stores a natural number value $x \ge 0$. Each instruction q_i is of one of the following two forms $q_i : INC(j)$ or $q_i : DEC(j)q_k$, and is executed as follows:

- ▶ q_i : INC(j) increment the value x stored in register r_j by 1 and move to instruction q_{i+1}.
- ► q_i : DEC(j)q_k if the value x stored in register r_j is greater than 0 then decrement this value by 1 and move to instruction q_{i+1}, otherwise if x = 0 move to instruction q_k.

Korec's notions of universality for register machines

Let $(\phi_0, \phi_1, \phi_2, ...)$ be a Gödel enumeration of all unary partial recursive functions. A register machine U is weakly universal if $\phi_x(y) = f(U(g(x, y)) \text{ or } \phi_x(y) = U(g(x, y))$ where g and f are recursive functions. A register machine U is strongly universal if $\phi_x(y) = U(x, y)$ where g and f are recursive functions.

Universality of 2 register machines

In his book "Finite and infinite machines", Minsky proves the universality 2 register machines by showing that they simulate Turing machines. If we use Minsky's algorithm to construct a universal 2 register machine it will in fact be weakly universal.

A weakly universal spiking neural P system

We give a universal spiking neural P system that simulates a universal 2 register machine. Using Minsky's algorithm to encode a Turing machine, and its input, as input to our spiking neural P system we get recursive encoding and decoding functions.

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Encoding



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Let x_1 and x_2 be the values stored in the registers r_1 and r_2 , respectively. Then x_1 and x_2 are stored as $4hx_1$ and $4hx_2$ spikes in neurons σ_4 and σ_5 , respectively. The next instruction q_i to be executed is stored in each of the neurons σ_4 and σ_5 as 2(h + i)spikes.













$$t_{j+1}: \sigma_4 = 4hx_1,$$

$$\sigma_5 = 4hx_2,$$

$$\sigma_6, \sigma_7, \sigma_8 = 2(h+i),$$

$$\sigma_9, \sigma_{11}, \sigma_{12} = 2(h+i),$$

$$\sigma_{10} = 2(h+i),$$

$$s^{2(h+i)}/s^2$$

$$s^{2(h+i)}/s^{2(h+i)} \to s^{2h}; 0,$$

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At time t_{j+2} the simulation of $q_i : INC(1)$ is complete. The encoded register value has been incremented by increasing it from $4hx_1$ to $4h(x_1 + 1)$. The encoding 2(h + i + 1) of the next instruction q_{i+1} has been established.

Simulate $q_i : DEC(1)q_k$ for $x_1 > 0$



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Simulate $q_i : DEC(1)q_k$ for $x_1 > 0$



$$\begin{aligned} t_{j+1} &: \sigma_4 = 4h(x_1 - 1), \\ \sigma_5 &= 4hx_2, \\ \sigma_6, \sigma_7, \sigma_9, \sigma_{11}, \sigma_{12} &= 2(h + i) + 1, \\ \sigma_8 &= 2(h + i) + 1, \\ \sigma_{10} &= 2(h + i) + 1, \\ \sigma_{10} &= 2(h + i) + 1, \\ \end{array}$$

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Simulate $q_i : DEC(1)q_k$ for $x_1 > 0$



At time t_{j+2} the simulation of $q_i : DEC(1)$ is complete. The encoded register value has been decremented by decreasing it from $4hx_1$ to $4h(x_1 - 1)$. The encoding 2(h + i + 1) of the next instruction q_{i+1} has been established.

Simulate $q_i : DEC(1)q_k$ for $x_1 = 0$



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Simulate $q_i : DEC(1)q_k$ for $x_1 = 0$



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Simulate $q_i : DEC(1)q_k$ for $x_1 = 0$



$$\begin{split} t_{j+1} : \sigma_5 &= 4hx_2, \\ \sigma_6, \sigma_7, \sigma_9, \sigma_{11}, \sigma_{12} &= 2(h+i), \\ \sigma_8 &= 2(h+i), \\ \sigma_{10} &= 2(h+i), \\ \sigma_{10} &= 2(h+i), \\ \end{split}$$

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Simulate $q_i : DEC(1)q_k$ for $x_1 = 0$



Note that at time t_{j+2} , when the simulation is complete, the encoding 2(h+k) of the next instruction q_{i+1} has been established.



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Conclusions

- We have given an extended spiking neural P system with 12 neurons that is weakly universal and another with 18 neurons that is strongly universal.
- We have given a new simulation technique of register machines for spiking neural P system.
- The simulation technique given for our spiking neural P systems is easily adapted to simulate more general register machines.
- There exist spiking neural P systems with 8 neurons which have undecidable reachability questions.