

On the computational complexity of spiking neural P systems

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Introduction

- ▶ In this talk we give results regarding the time/space efficiency of 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.

Previous 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 gave an extended spiking neural P system with 12 neurons that is weakly universal and another with 18 neurons that is strongly universal.
- ▶ Spiking neural P systems with exhaustive use of extended rules were proved universal by Ionescu, Păun and Yokomori.
- ▶ A number of time efficient solutions to NP-hard problems have been given that rely families of spiking neural P systems.

Our results

- ▶ It is shown that there exists no standard spiking neural P system that simulates Turing machines with less than exponential time and space overheads.
 - ▶ This is done by proving counter machines simulate spiking neural P systems in linear time and space.
- ▶ Here we present a universal spiking neural P system with exhaustive use of extended rules that has only 18 neurons and simulates Turing machines in polynomial time.
 - ▶ This system is shown to be universal by giving an efficient polynomial time simulation of an existing small universal Turing machine.

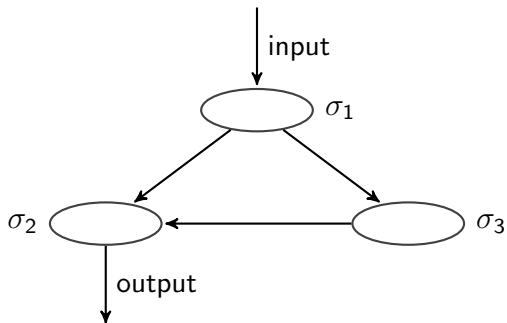
Spiking neural P systems

A spiking neural P system is a tuple

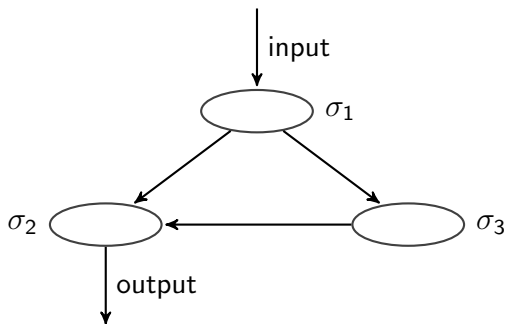
$\Pi = (O, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m, syn, in, out)$, where:

1. $O = \{s\}$ is the unary alphabet (s is known as a spike),
2. $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m$ are neurons, of the form $\sigma_i = (n_i, R_i)$, $1 \leq i \leq m$, where:
 - 2.1 $n_i \geq 0$ 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 $E/s^b \rightarrow s; d$, where E is a regular expression over s , $b \geq 1$ and $d \geq 1$,
 - 2.2.2 $s^e \rightarrow \lambda$, where λ is the empty word, $e \geq 1$, 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. $in, out \in \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m\}$ are the input and output neurons, respectively.

Spiking neural P system



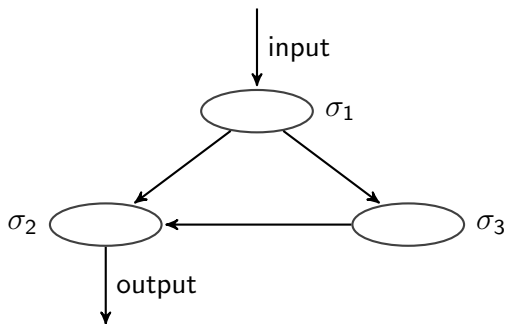
Spiking neural P system



$$t_1 : \sigma_1 = 4, \quad (s^2)^*/s^3 \rightarrow s; 3.$$

On the left $\sigma_k = y$ gives the number y of spikes in neuron σ_k at time t_j ; and on the right is the next rule that is to be applied at time t_1 if there is an applicable rule at that time.

A spiking neural P systems executing rule $E/s^b \rightarrow s; d$

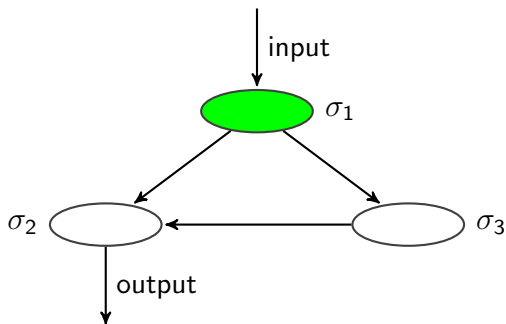


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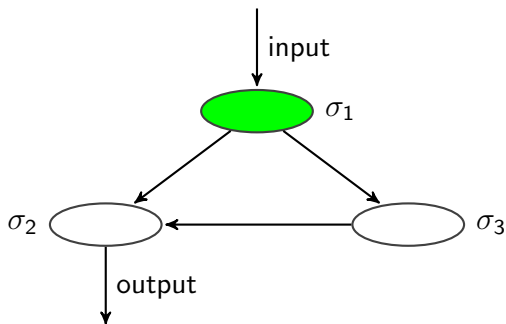


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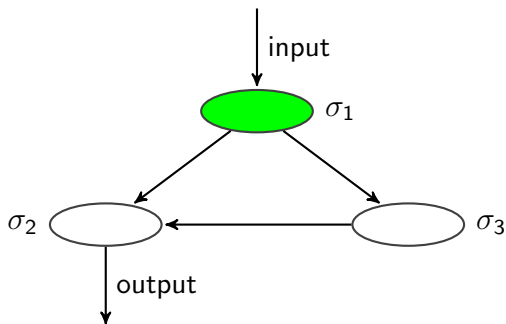


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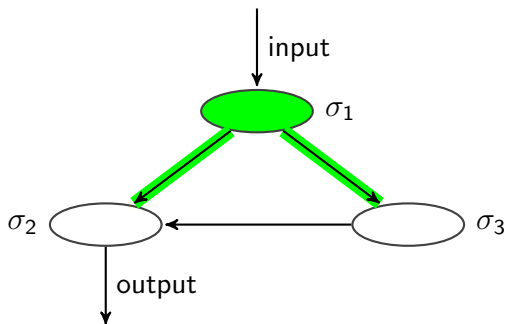


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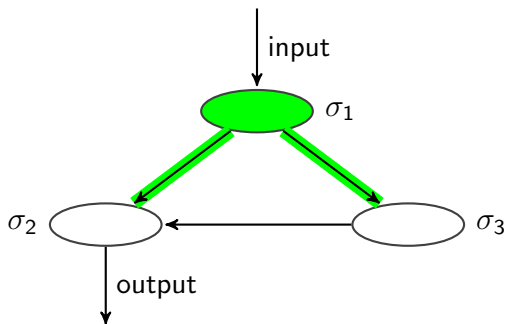


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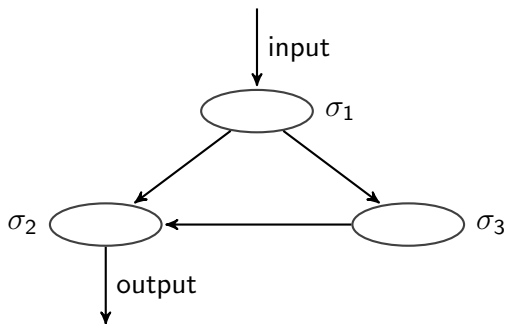


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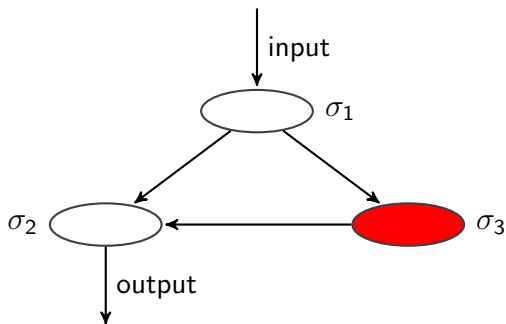
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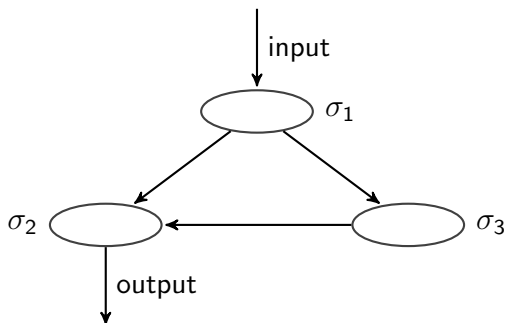
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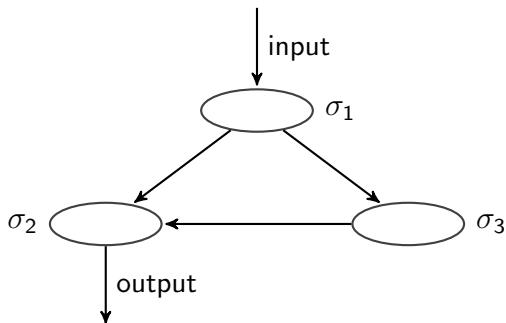
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A spiking neural P systems executing rule $s^e \rightarrow \lambda$



$$t_5 : \sigma_1 = 1,$$
$$\sigma_2 = 1,$$
$$\sigma_3 = 0,$$

Spiking neural P system input and output



The input is a binary sequence $w = \{0, 1\}^*$. The output is the time between the first and second spike.

Counter machines

A counter machine is a tuple $C = (z, c_m, Q, q_0, q_h, \Sigma, f)$, where z gives the number of counters, c_m is the output counter, $Q = \{q_0, q_1, \dots, q_h\}$ is the set of states, $q_0, q_h \in Q$ are the initial and halt states respectively, Σ is the input alphabet and f is the transition function

$$f : (\Sigma \times Q \times g(i)) \rightarrow (\{Y, N\} \times Q \times \{INC, DEC, NULL\})$$

where $g(i)$ is a binary valued function and $0 \leq i \leq z$, Y and N control the movement of the input read head, and INC , DEC , and $NULL$ indicate the operation to carry out on counter c_j .

Counter machines simulate spiking neural P systems in linear time and space

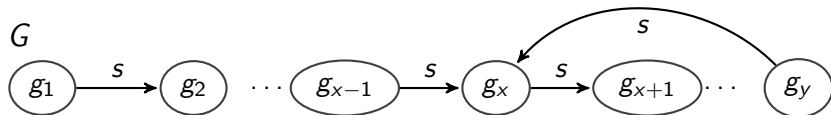
- ▶ Let $\Pi = (O, \sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_m, syn, in, out)$ be a spiking neural P system that completes its computation in time T and space S .
- ▶ We explain the operation of a non-deterministic counter machine C_Π that simulates the operation of Π in time $O(T(x)^2 m + Tm^2)$ and space $O(S)$.

Counter machines simulate spiking neural P systems

- ▶ There are $m + 1$ counters $c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_m, c_{m+1}$ in counter machine C_{Π} .
- ▶ Each counter c_i emulates the activity of a neuron σ_i . If σ_i contains y spikes then counter c_i will store the value y .
- ▶ The states of the counter machine are used to control which neural rules are simulated in each counter and also to synchronise the operations of the simulated neurons (counters).

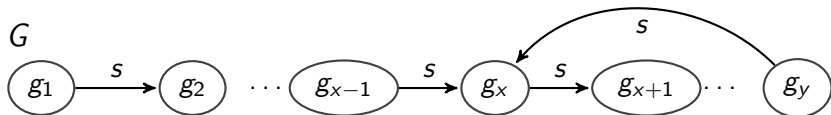
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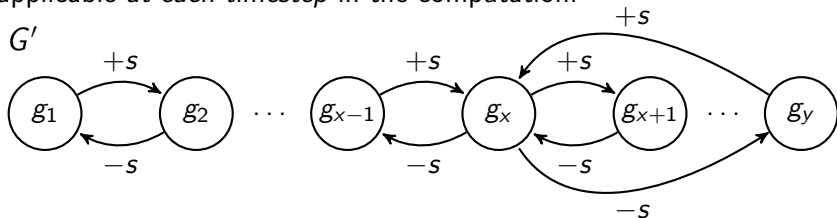


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Machine G' keeps track of the movement of spikes into and out of the neuron and decides whether or not a particular rule is applicable *at each timestep* in the computation.



Counter machines simulate spiking neural P systems

- ▶ The algorithm used by counter machine C_{Π} is presented as three stages. These three stages simulate the synchronous update of all the neurons in Π at an arbitrary timestep.
- ▶ Recall that each neuron σ_i in Π is simulated by a counter c_i in C_{Π} .
- ▶ A single iteration of Stage 1 identifies which applicable rule to simulate in a simulated open neuron c_i . If the rule $E/s^b \rightarrow s; d$ is to be executed then b simulated spikes are removed by decrementing the counter b times. Also, the d value for σ_i is recorded in the states of the counter machine.
- ▶ Stage 1 is iterated until all simulated open neurons have had the correct number of simulated spikes removed.
- ▶ Note that during Stage 1 if a rule of the form $E/s^b \rightarrow s; d$ is executed $d > 0$ this is also recorded in the states of the counter machine.

Counter machines simulate spiking neural P systems

- ▶ A single iteration of Stage 2 identifies all the synapses leaving a firing neuron and increments every counter that simulates an open neuron at the end of one of these synapses.
- ▶ Stage 2 is iterated until all firing neurons have been simulated by incrementing the appropriate counters.
- ▶ Stage 3 synchronises each neuron with the global clock and increments the output counter if necessary.

Counter machines simulate spiking neural P systems in linear time and space

C_{Π} simulates Π in space of $O(S)$.

- ▶ Stage 1. A single iteration of Stage 1 take $O(x^2)$ time. This stage is iterated a maximum of m times per simulated timestep giving $O(x^2m)$ time.
- ▶ Stage 2. The maximum number of synapses leaving a neuron σ_i is m . A single spike traveling along a neuron is simulated in one step. Stage 2 is iterated a maximum of m times per simulated timestep giving $O(m^2)$ time.
- ▶ Stage 3. Takes a small constant number of steps.

Thus, a single timestep of Π is simulated by C_{Π} in $O(x^2m + m^2)$ time and T timesteps of Π are simulated in linear time $O(Tx^2m + Tm^2)$ by C_{Π} .

Counter machines simulate spiking neural P systems in linear time and space

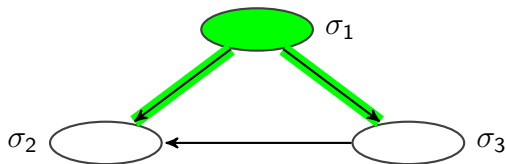
- ▶ Fischer et al. have previously shown that counter machines require exponential time and space to simulate Turing machines.
- ▶ From our result and Fischer's it immediately follows that spiking neural P systems require exponential time and space to simulate Turing machines.

A universal spiking neural P system that is both small and time efficient

- ▶ We present a small universal spiking neural P system with exhaustive use of extended rules and simulates Turing machines in polynomial time.
- ▶ This system has only 18 neurons and simulates the computation of an existing small universal Turing machine $U_{6,4}$.

Extended spiking neural P systems with exhaustive use of rules

- ▶ An extended spiking neural P system has more general rules of the form $E/s^b \rightarrow s^p; d$, where $b \geq p \geq 0$.
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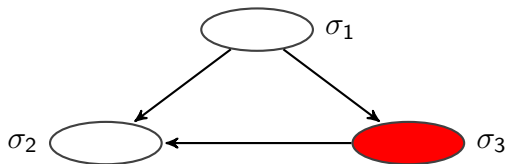


$$t_1 : \sigma_1 = 20,$$

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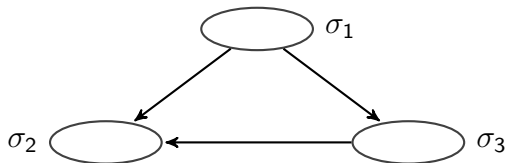
$$\sigma_2 = 12,$$

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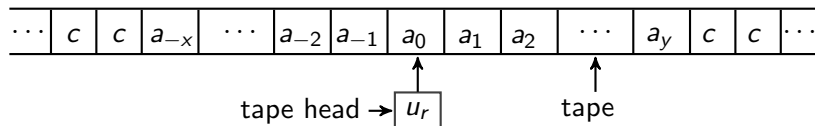
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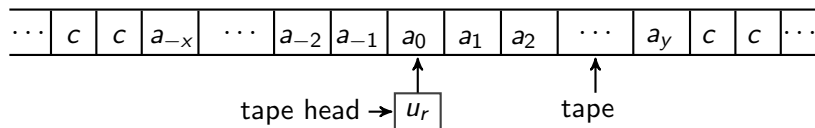
$$\begin{aligned}t_3 : \sigma_1 &= 2, \\ \sigma_2 &= 12, \\ \sigma_3 &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

Configuration of universal Turing machine $U_{6,4}$



The current state of $U_{6,4}$ is u_r and c is the blank symbol. The cells between a_{-x} and a_y include all of the cells on $U_{6,4}$'s tape that have either been visited by the tape head prior to configuration C_k above or contain part of the input to $U_{6,4}$.

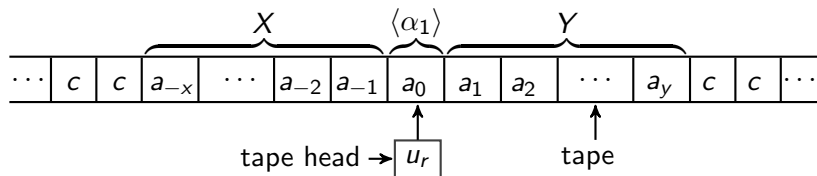
Encoding a configuration of $U_{6,4}$



- ▶ The encoding of each object z is given by $\langle z \rangle$.
- ▶ The states and symbols of $U_{6,4}$ are encoded as numerical values.
- ▶ Each encoded tape cell a_i is encoded as $\langle a_i \rangle = \langle \alpha \rangle$ where α is a tape symbol of $U_{6,4}$. The tape contents to the left and right of the tape head are encoded as the numbers $X = \sum_{i=1}^x 32^i \langle a_i \rangle$ and $Y = \sum_{j=1}^y 32^j \langle a_j \rangle$, respectively.

Encoding a configuration of $U_{6,4}$

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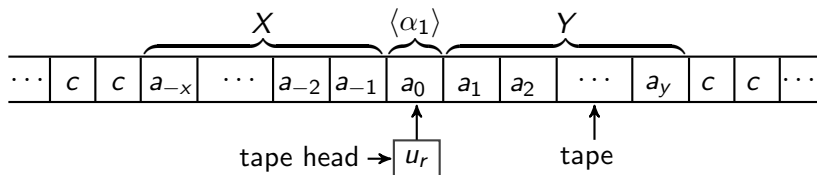


Thus the entire configuration C_k is encoded as three natural numbers via the equation

$$\langle C_k \rangle = (X, Y, \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle)$$

Simulating the transition rule $u_r, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, L, u_s$ on $\langle C_K \rangle$

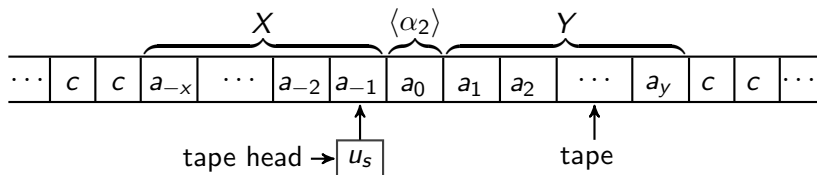
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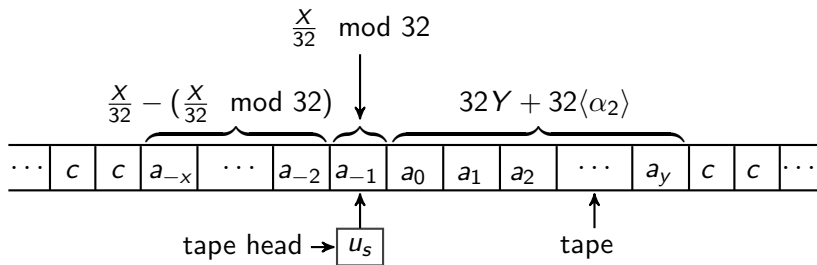
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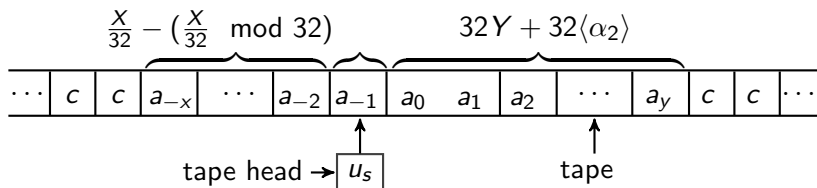
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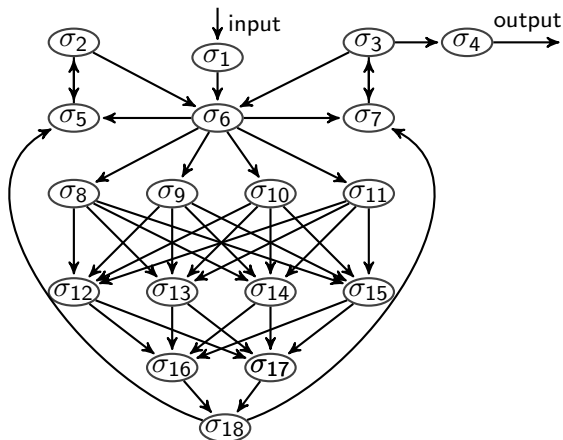
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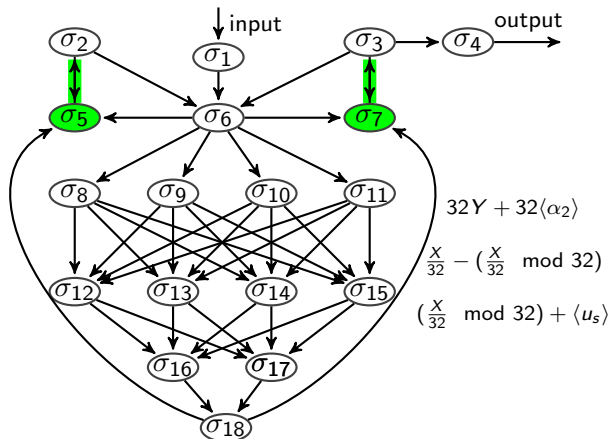
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Universal spiking neural P system



Simulating $u_r, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, L, u_s$



$$t_i : \sigma_2 = X,$$

$$\sigma_3 = Y,$$

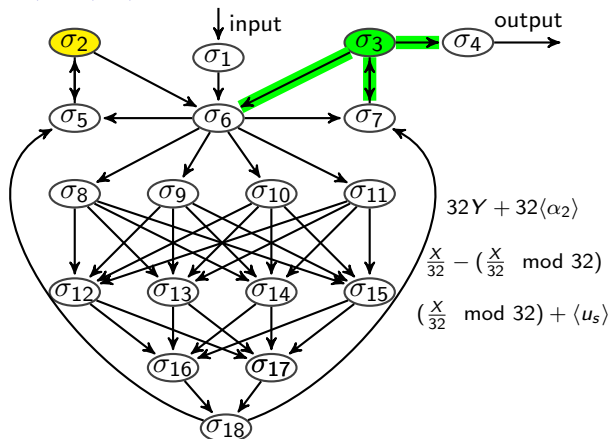
$$\sigma_5 = \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

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$$s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s \rightarrow s; 1,$$

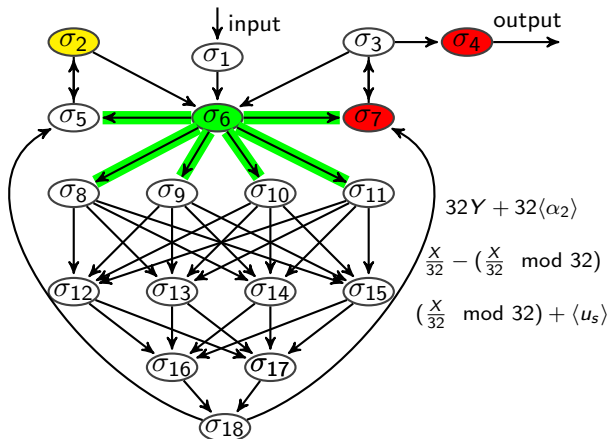
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Simulating $u_r, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, L, u_s$



$$\begin{aligned}
 t_{i+1} : \sigma_2 &= X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, & s^{64}(s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} &\rightarrow s; 9, \\
 \sigma_3 &= Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, & (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s &\rightarrow s; 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Simulating $u_r, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, L, u_s$



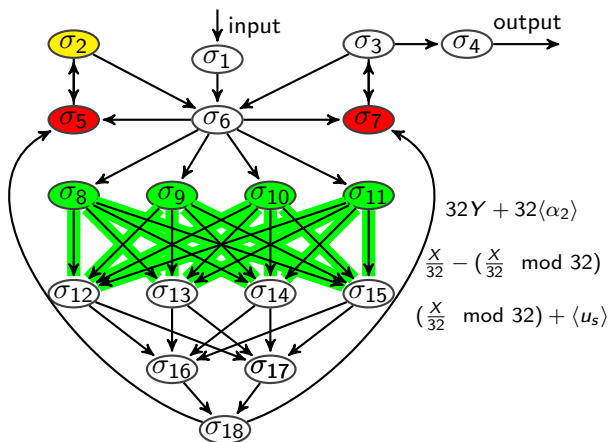
$$t_{i+2} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, \quad s^{64} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 8,$$

$$\sigma_4 = Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, \quad s \rightarrow \lambda; 0,$$

$$\sigma_6 = Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, \quad (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s \rightarrow s; 1,$$

$$\sigma_7 = Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, \quad s^{32} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s \rightarrow \lambda; 0.$$

Simulating $u_r, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, L, u_s$



$$t_{i+3} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

$$\sigma_5, \sigma_7 = Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

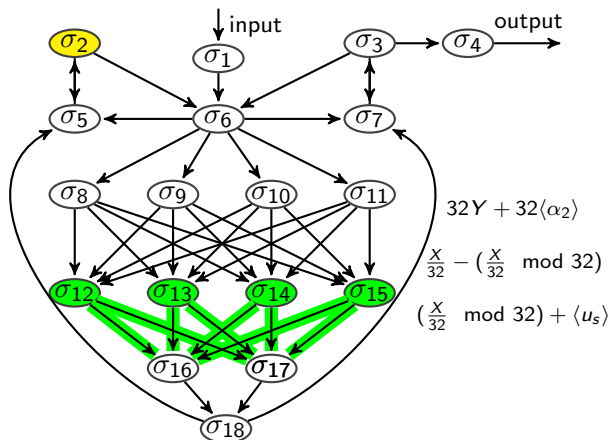
$$\sigma_8, \sigma_9, \sigma_{10}, \sigma_{11} = Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

$$s^{64} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 7,$$

$$s^{32} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s \rightarrow \lambda; 0,$$

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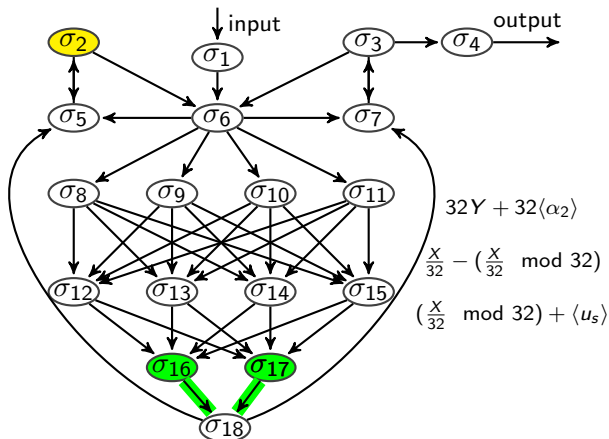
$$t_{i+4} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

$$\sigma_{12}, \sigma_{13}, \sigma_{14}, \sigma_{15} = 4(Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle),$$

$$s^{64} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 6,$$

$$(s^{128})^* s^{4(\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle)} / s \rightarrow s; 1.$$

Simulating $u_r, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, L, u_s$



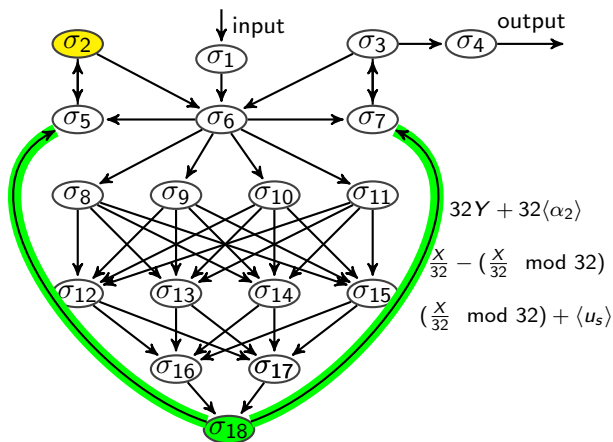
$$t_{i+5} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

$$\sigma_{16}, \sigma_{17} = 16(Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle),$$

$$s^{64} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 5,$$

$$(s^{512})^* s^{16(\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle)} / s \rightarrow s; 1.$$

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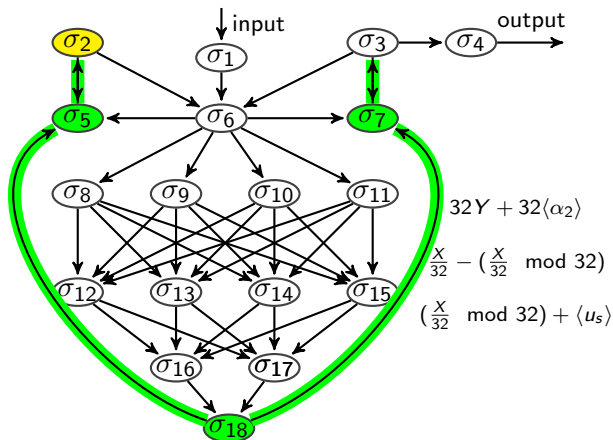
$$t_{i+6} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

$$\sigma_{18} = 32(Y + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle),$$

$$s^{64} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 4,$$

$$(s^{32^2})^* s^{32(\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle)} / s^{32^2} \rightarrow (s^{32^2}); 1.$$

Simulating $u_r, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, L, u_s$



$$t_{i+7} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle,$$

$$\sigma_5 = 32Y,$$

$$\sigma_7 = 32Y,$$

$$\sigma_{18} = 32(\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle),$$

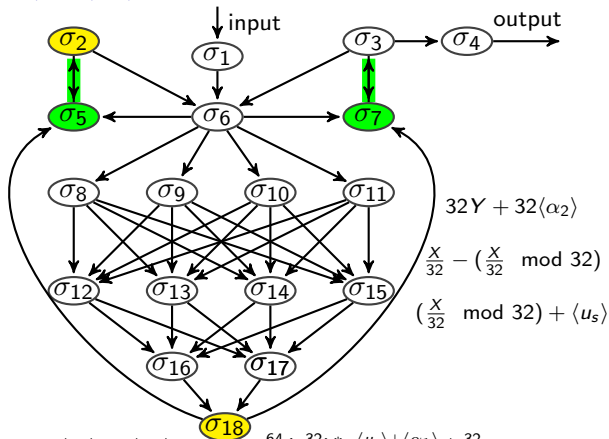
$$s^{64}(s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 3,$$

$$(s^{32})^* / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 1,$$

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$$s^{32(\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle)} / s^{32(\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle) - \langle u_s \rangle} \rightarrow s^{32\langle \alpha_2 \rangle}; 1.$$

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$$t_{i+8} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, \quad s^{64} (s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 2,$$

$$\sigma_3 = 32Y,$$

$$\sigma_5 = 32\langle \alpha_2 \rangle,$$

$$(s^{32})^* / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 1,$$

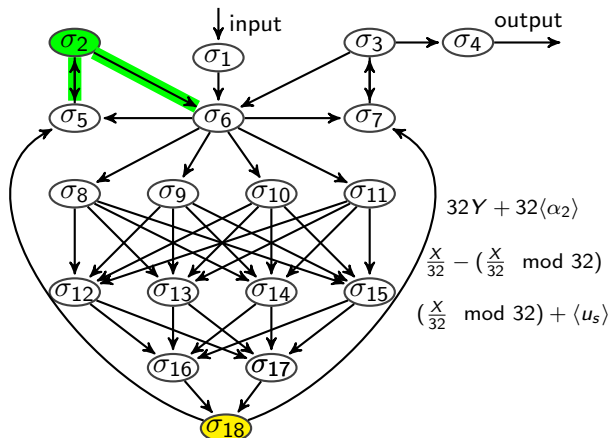
$$\sigma_7 = 32\langle \alpha_2 \rangle,$$

$$(s^{32})^* / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 1,$$

$$\sigma_{18} = \langle u_s \rangle,$$

$$s^{\langle u_s \rangle} / s \rightarrow s; 4.$$

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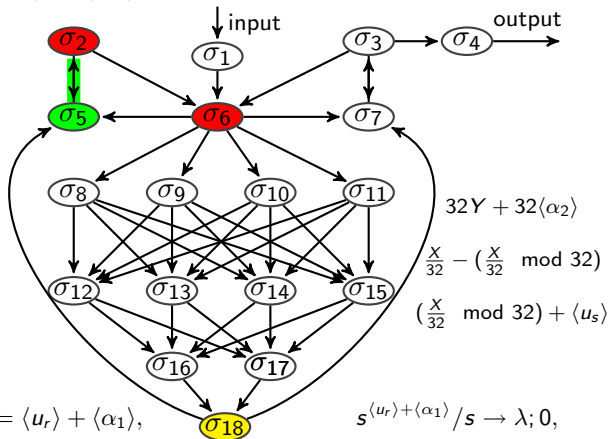


$$t_{i+9} : \sigma_2 = X + \langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle, \quad s^{64}(s^{32})^* s^{\langle u_r \rangle + \langle \alpha_1 \rangle} / s^{32} \rightarrow s; 1,$$

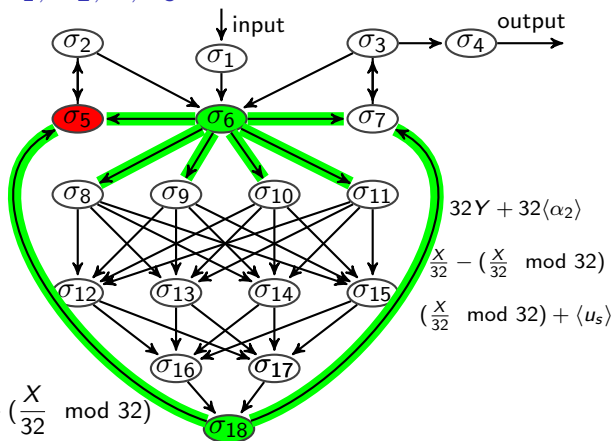
$$\sigma_3 = 32Y + 32\langle \alpha_2 \rangle,$$

$$\sigma_{18} = \langle u_s \rangle, \quad s^{\langle u_s \rangle} / s \rightarrow s; 3.$$

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$$t_{i+11} : \sigma_2 = \frac{X}{32} - \left(\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32 \right)$$

$$\sigma_3 = 32Y + 32\langle \alpha_2 \rangle$$

$$\sigma_5 = \frac{X}{32} \bmod 32$$

$$\sigma_6 = \frac{X}{32} \bmod 32$$

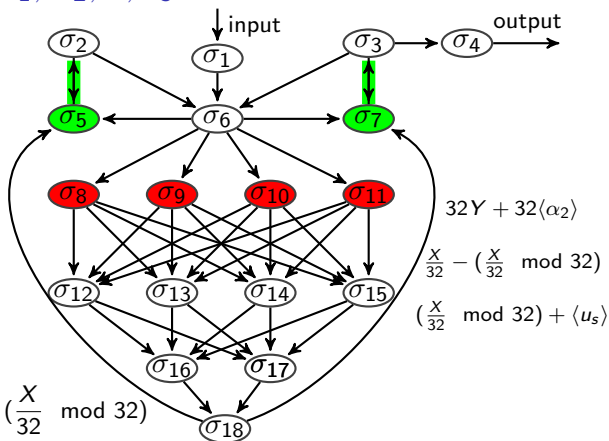
$$\sigma_{18} = \langle u_s \rangle,$$

$$s^{\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32} / s^{\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32} \rightarrow \lambda; 0$$

$$s^{\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32} / s^{\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32} \rightarrow s; 1$$

$$s^{\langle u_s \rangle} / s \rightarrow s; 1$$

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$$t_{i+12} : \sigma_2 = \frac{X}{32} - \left(\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32\right)$$

$$\sigma_3 = 32Y + 32\langle\alpha_2\rangle$$

$$\sigma_5 = \left(\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32\right) + \langle u_s \rangle$$

$$s^{\left(\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32\right) + \langle u_s \rangle} / s \rightarrow s; 1$$

$$\sigma_7 = \left(\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32\right) + \langle u_s \rangle$$

$$s^{\left(\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32\right) + \langle u_s \rangle} / s \rightarrow s; 1,$$

$$\sigma_8, \sigma_9, \sigma_{10}, \sigma_{11} = \frac{X}{32} \bmod 32 \quad s^{\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32} / s^{\frac{X}{32} \bmod 32} \rightarrow \lambda; 0.$$

Conclusions

- ▶ Standard (extended) spiking neural P systems require exponential time and space to simulate Turing machines.
- ▶ Extended spiking neural P systems with exhaustive use of rules simulate Turing machines in polynomial time and exponential space.
- ▶ The simulation technique given for the universal spiking neural P system is easily adapted to give other more time efficient spiking neural P systems.