# Collaborations between distinguished representatives for labelled stratified graphs 

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#### Abstract

The concept of labelled stratified graph ( $L S G$ ) was introduced in [3] in connection with that of knowledge base with output, but a $L S G$ can be used also in other contexts ([4]). An algebraic mechanism based on Peano algebras and morphisms of partial algebra was obtained so that the information represented in a labelled graph is processed in an algebraic manner. The set $\operatorname{Strat}(G)$ of all LSGs over a labelled graph $G$ is divided into equivalence classes and each class contains an unique element called distinguished representative ([4]). In this paper we present the manner in which two distinguished representatives can be integrated in a common environment such that not only each of them can be uniquely identified but also a collaboration between them can be obtained. Some open problems are enumerated.


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## 1. Introduction

By a labelled graph we understand a tuple $G=\left(S, L_{0}, T_{0}, f_{0}\right)$, where $S$ is a finite set of nodes, $L_{0}$ is a set of elements named labels, $T_{0}$ is a set of binary relations on $S$ and $f_{0}: L_{0} \longrightarrow T_{0}$ is a surjective function. If each element of $S$ is represented by a rectangle specifying the corresponding node then a labelled graph can be specified by some graphical representation. In order to obtain this representation we draw an arc from $x_{1} \in S$ to $x_{2} \in S$ and this arc is labelled by $a \in L_{0}$ if $\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \in f_{0}(a)$. In figure 1 we show this case.


Figure 1. A labelled arc

The concept of Labelled Stratified Graph (shortly, $L S G$ ) was introduced in [3] in connection with that of knowledge base with output. A labelled stratified graph is built over some labelled graph $G$. In order to present this notion the following concepts are used:

[^0]1) We consider a symbol $\sigma$ of arity 2 and define recursively

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
B_{0}=L_{0}  \tag{1}\\
B_{n+1}=B_{n} \cup\left\{\sigma\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \mid\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right) \in B_{n} \times B_{n}\right\}, n \geq 0
\end{array}\right.
$$

We take $B=\bigcup_{n \geq 0} B_{n}$. As an algebraic structure, $B$ gives the support set of a Peano algebra generated by $L_{0}$ ([1]).
2) By $\operatorname{Initial}\left(L_{0}\right)$ we denote some collection of subsets of $B$. Namely, we say that $L \in \operatorname{Initial}\left(L_{0}\right)$ if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- $L_{0} \subseteq L \subseteq B$
- if $\sigma(a, b) \in L$ then $a \in L$ and $b \in L$

3) If $L \in \operatorname{Initial}\left(L_{0}\right)$ then the pair $\left(L,\left\{\sigma_{L}\right\}\right)$, where

- $\operatorname{dom}\left(\sigma_{L}\right)=\{(x, y) \in L \times L \mid \sigma(x, y) \in L\}$
- $\sigma_{L}(x, y)=\sigma(x, y)$ for every $(x, y) \in \operatorname{dom}\left(\sigma_{L}\right)$
becomes a partial algebra.
Working with partial mappings we relieve the fact that $\operatorname{dom}(f)$ represents the definition domain of $f$ and we shall denote by $g \prec f$ the property " $g$ is a restriction of $f^{\prime \prime}$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{dom}(g) \subseteq \operatorname{dom}(f) \\
& \text { if } x \in \operatorname{dom}(g) \text { then } g(x)=f(x)
\end{aligned}
$$

We define the mapping $\operatorname{prod}_{S}: \operatorname{dom}\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right) \longrightarrow 2^{S \times S}$ as follows:
$\operatorname{dom}\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)=\left\{\left(\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right) \in 2^{S \times S} \times 2^{S \times S} \mid \rho_{1} \circ \rho_{2} \neq \emptyset\right\}$
$\operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right)=\rho_{1} \circ \rho_{2}$
where o designates the product operation between two binary relations.
We denote by $R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ the set of all the restrictions of the mapping $\operatorname{prod}_{S}$ :

$$
R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)=\left\{u \mid u \prec \operatorname{prod}_{S}\right\}
$$

If $u$ is an element of $R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ then $C l_{u}\left(T_{0}\right)$ denotes the closure of $T_{0}$ in the partial algebra $\left(2^{S \times S},\{u\}\right)$. This is the smallest subset $Q$ of $2^{S \times S}$ such that $T_{0} \subseteq Q$ and $Q$ is closed under $u$. It is known that this is the union $\bigcup_{n \geq 0} X_{n}$, where

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
X_{0}=T_{0}  \tag{2}\\
X_{n+1}=X_{n} \cup\left\{u\left(\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right) \mid\left(\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}\right) \in \operatorname{dom}(u) \cap\left(X_{n} \times X_{n}\right)\right\}, n \geq 0
\end{array}\right.
$$

It is known that $X_{n}=X_{n+1}$ for some natural number $n$ and thus $C l_{u}\left(T_{0}\right)=\bigcup_{k=0}^{n} X_{k}$ ([2]).
Definition 1.1. ([2], [3], [4]) A labelled stratified graph $\mathcal{G}$ over $G$ is a tuple ( $G, L, T, u, f$ ) where

- $G=\left(S, L_{0}, T_{0}, f_{0}\right)$ is a labelled graph
- $L \in \operatorname{Initial}\left(L_{0}\right)$
- $u \in R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ and $T=C l_{u}\left(T_{0}\right)$
- $f:\left(L,\left\{\sigma_{L}\right\}\right) \longrightarrow\left(2^{S \times S},\{u\}\right)$ is a morphism of partial algebras such that $f_{0} \prec f$, $f(L)=T$ and if $(f(x), f(y)) \in \operatorname{dom}(u)$ then $(x, y) \in \operatorname{dom}\left(\sigma_{L}\right)$

For every $\alpha \in L$ we define $\operatorname{trace}(\alpha)$ as follows:
(1) if $\alpha \in L_{0}$ then trace $(\alpha)=(\alpha)$
(2) if $\alpha=\sigma(u, v)$ then trace $(\alpha)=(p, q)$, where

$$
\operatorname{trace}(u)=(p), \operatorname{trace}(v)=(q)
$$

In [2] we show that for every labelled graph $G$ there exists a labelled stratified graph. In other words, if we denote by $\operatorname{Strat}(G)$ the set of all labelled stratified graphs over $G$ then $\operatorname{Strat}(G) \neq \emptyset$. Moreover, if $G=\left(S, L_{0}, T_{0}, f_{0}\right)$ is a given labelled graph then $G$ and a mapping $u \in R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ define uniquely the elements $L, T, f$ such
that $(G, L, T, u, f) \in \operatorname{Strat}(G)$ (see Proposition 2 and its corollary in [4]). This results motivate the notation $\mathcal{G}(G, u)$ used for the element generated by $u$. In order to obtain this element we can apply the following algorithm ([2]):

Algorithm $\operatorname{LSG}(G ; u)$

- Take a labelled graph $G=\left(S, L_{0}, T_{0}, f_{0}\right)$
- Take $u \in R\left(\right.$ prod $\left._{S}\right)$
- Compute $T=C l_{u}\left(T_{0}\right)$
- Take $\left\{B_{n}\right\}_{n \geq 0}$ as in (1)
- Define recursively for every natural number $n \geq 0$ :
$D_{n+1}=\left\{\sigma(p, q) \in B_{n+1} \backslash B_{n} \mid p, q \in \operatorname{dom}\left(f_{n}\right),\left(f_{n}(p), f_{n}(q)\right) \in \operatorname{dom}(u)\right\}$ $\operatorname{dom}\left(f_{n+1}\right)=\operatorname{dom}\left(f_{n}\right) \cup D_{n+1}$
$f_{n+1}(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}f_{n}(x) \quad \text { if } \quad x \in \operatorname{dom}\left(f_{n}\right) \\ u\left(f_{n}(p), f_{n}(q)\right) \quad \text { if } \quad x=\sigma(p, q) \in D_{n+1}\end{array}\right.$
- Define the mapping $f: \operatorname{dom}(f) \longrightarrow T$ as follows:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{dom}(f)=\bigcup_{n \in N} \operatorname{dom}\left(f_{n}\right)=L_{0} \cup \\
& f(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{lll}
f_{0}(x) & \text { if } & x \in L_{0} \\
f_{k}(x) & \text { if } & x \in D_{k}
\end{array}\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

- Take $L=\operatorname{dom}(f)$
- Obtain $(G, L, T, u, f) \in \operatorname{Strat}(G)$


## End of Algorithm

Remark 1.1. Because some confusion can appear in the notation $C l_{u}\left(T_{0}\right)$, in the remainder of this paper we denote $H_{G}(u)=C l_{u}\left(T_{0}\right)$ in order to highlight the fact that the closure is taken with respect to $G$. This specification is necessary because distinct labelled graphs will be used.

We mention now that two distinct mappings can generate the same labelled stratified graph ([4]). In order to avoid this situation and to identify a set of mappings such that different mappings generate different labelled stratified graphs we introduced in [4] the operator $\theta_{G}$ and the set $\operatorname{MGE}(G)$ as in the next definition:
Definition 1.2. ([4]) Let $G=\left(S, L_{0}, T_{0}, f_{0}\right)$ be a labelled graph. We define the operator

$$
\theta_{G}: R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right) \longrightarrow R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)
$$

taking $\theta_{G}(u) \prec u$ such that $\operatorname{dom}\left(\theta_{G}(u)\right)=\left(H_{G}(u) \times H_{G}(u)\right) \cap \operatorname{dom}(u)$. We denote by $M G E(G)$ the image of the set $R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ by $\theta_{G}$, that is, $M G E(G)=\theta_{G}\left(R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)\right)$.

In order to obtain in a bijective manner all the LSGs over some labelled graph $G$ it suffices to consider only the elements of the set $\operatorname{MGE}(G)$ ([4]).

Let $f$ and $g$ be two mappings such that $f(x)=g(x)$ for every $x \in \operatorname{dom}(f) \cap \operatorname{dom}(g)$. We define the mapping $f \vee g$ as follows:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \operatorname{dom}(f \vee g)=\operatorname{dom}(f) \cup \operatorname{dom}(g) \\
& (f \vee g)(x)=\left\{\begin{array}{l}
f(x) \text { if } x \in \operatorname{dom}(f) \\
g(x) \text { if } x \in \operatorname{dom}(g)
\end{array}\right. \tag{3}
\end{align*}
$$

If $G=\left(S, L_{0}, T_{0}, f_{0}\right)$ is a labelled graph then a path in $G$ is a pair

$$
d=\left(\left[x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n+1}\right],\left[e_{1}, \ldots, e_{n}\right]\right)
$$

such that $x_{1}, \ldots, x_{n+1} \in S, e_{1}, \ldots, e_{n} \in L_{0}$ and $\left(x_{i}, x_{i+1}\right) \in f_{0}\left(e_{i}\right)$ for $i \in\{1, \ldots, n\}$. If this is the case, then $d$ is called a path from $x_{1}$ to $x_{n+1}$ labelled by the sequence $\left(e_{1}, \ldots, e_{n}\right)$.

In [4] we introduced an equivalence relation on the set $\operatorname{Strat}(G)$ of all labelled stratified graphs over $G$. We introduced also a partial order on the set $\operatorname{Strat}(G)$. We proved that there is the least element for each equivalence class $[\mathcal{G}(G, u)]$ (see Proposition 31, [4]). This is $\mathcal{G}\left(G, \theta_{G}(u)\right)$ and it is called the distinguished representative of the class $[\mathcal{G}(G, u)]$. Because this is a special element in the equivalence class generated by $u$, it is denoted by $D R(u)$. On the other hand, $\left(R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right), \prec\right)$ is a partial ordered set such that $\sup \{u, v\}$ exists and $\sup \{u, v\}=u \vee v$. Thus, if $u, v \in R\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ then we can consider the distinguished representatives $D R(u), D R(v)$ and $D R(u \vee v)$. In the next section we shall refer to this representatives.

## 2. Collaboration between distinguished representatives

In the last part of [4] we presented an application whose provenance comes from a fusion action of two companies $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$. The services accomplished by $C_{i}$ are described by a labelled graph $G_{i}(i=1,2)$. In order to obtain a satisfactory description we have to consider the mappings $u=\theta_{G_{1}}\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right), v=\theta_{G_{2}}\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ and $u \vee v$. We are interested to integrate $D R(u)$ and $D R(v)$ in $D R(u \vee v)$. Some collaboration between $D R(u)$ and $D R(v)$ will be obtained in a natural manner but in order to impose additional collaboration we have to complete the graph $D R(u \vee v)$. The description of these operations is the aim of this section.

In order to fix the ideas we shall consider the labelled graphs $G_{1}$ from Figure 2 and $G_{2}$ from Figure 3.

We shall take:

1) $G_{1}=\left(S, L_{0}^{(1)}, T_{0}^{(1)}, f_{0}^{(1)}\right)$ where

- $S=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}, x_{6}, x_{7}\right\}$
- $L_{0}^{(1)}=\left\{a_{1}, b_{1}, c_{1}\right\}$
- $T_{0}^{(1)}=\left\{\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}, \rho_{3}\right\}$, where
$\rho_{1}=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, x_{4}\right)\right\}, \rho_{2}=\left\{\left(x_{2}, x_{3}\right),\left(x_{5}, x_{6}\right)\right\}, \rho_{3}=\left\{\left(x_{6}, x_{7}\right)\right\}$
- $f_{0}\left(a_{1}\right)=\rho_{1}, f_{0}\left(b_{1}\right)=\rho_{2}, f_{0}\left(c_{1}\right)=\rho_{3}$

Taking $u=\theta_{G_{1}}\left(\right.$ prod $\left._{S}\right)$ we obtain Table 1, where x denotes the fact that the corresponding relations can not be composed by the product operation and $\mu_{1}=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{3}\right)\right\}, \mu_{2}=\left\{\left(x_{2}, x_{4}\right)\right\}, \mu_{3}=\left\{\left(x_{5}, x_{7}\right)\right\}, \mu_{4}=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{4}\right)\right\}$
Computing the components of $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{1}, u\right)=\left(G_{1}, L^{(1)}, T^{(1)}\right), f^{(1)}$ we obtain:

- $D_{0}^{(1)}=L_{0}^{(1)}=\left\{a_{1} / \rho_{1}, b_{1} / \rho_{2}, c_{1} / \rho_{3}\right\}$
- $D_{1}^{(1)}=\left\{\sigma\left(a_{1}, b_{1}\right) / \mu_{1}, \sigma\left(b_{1}, a_{1}\right) / \mu_{2}, \sigma\left(b_{1}, c_{1}\right) / \mu_{3}\right\}$
- $D_{2}^{(1)}=\left\{\sigma\left(a_{1}, \sigma\left(b_{1}, a_{1}\right)\right) / \mu_{4}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{1}, b_{1}\right), a_{1}\right) / \mu_{4}\right\}$
- $L^{(1)}=D_{0}^{(1)} \cup D_{1}^{(1)} \cup D_{2}^{(1)}$
- $T^{(1)}=\left\{\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}, \rho_{3}, \mu_{1}, \mu_{2}, \mu_{3}, \mu_{4}\right\}$
where we denoted by $\alpha / \rho$ the property $f^{(1)}(\alpha)=\rho$.

2) $G_{2}=\left(S, L_{0}^{(2)}, T_{0}^{(2)}, f_{0}^{(2)}\right)$ where

- $S=\left\{x_{1}, x_{2}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}, x_{6}, x_{7}\right\}$
- $L_{0}^{(2)}=\left\{a_{2}, b_{2}, c_{2}\right\}$
- $T_{0}^{(2)}=\left\{\rho_{1}, \rho_{2}, \rho_{4}\right\}$, where $\rho_{4}=\left\{\left(x_{4}, x_{5}\right)\right\}$
- $f_{0}\left(a_{2}\right)=\rho_{1}, f_{0}\left(b_{2}\right)=\rho_{2}, f_{0}\left(c_{2}\right)=\rho_{4}$

Taking $v=\theta_{G_{2}}\left(\operatorname{prod}_{S}\right)$ we obtain Table 2, where

| $u$ | $\rho_{1}$ | $\rho_{2}$ | $\rho_{3}$ | $\mu_{1}$ | $\mu_{2}$ | $\mu_{3}$ | $\mu_{4}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\rho_{1}$ | x | $\mu_{1}$ | x | x | $\mu_{4}$ | x | x |
| $\rho_{2}$ | $\mu_{2}$ | x | $\mu_{3}$ | x | x | x | x |
| $\rho_{3}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{1}$ | $\mu_{4}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{2}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{3}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{4}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |

TABLE 1. The mapping $u$ for $G_{1}$

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\(\mu_{5}=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{5}\right)\right\} ; \mu_{6}=\left\{\left(x_{2}, x_{5}\right)\right\} ; \mu_{7}=\left\{\left(x_{2}, x_{6}\right)\right\}\)
\(\mu_{8}=\left\{\left(x_{3}, x_{6}\right)\right\} ; \mu_{11}=\left\{\left(x_{1}, x_{6}\right)\right\}\)
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If we compute the components of $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{2}, v\right)=\left(G_{2}, L^{(2)}, T^{(2)}, v, f^{(2)}\right)$ we obtain:

- $D_{0}^{(2)}=L_{0}^{(2)}=\left\{a_{2} / \rho_{1}, b_{2} / \rho_{2}, c_{2} / \rho_{4}\right\}$
- $D_{1}^{(2)}=\left\{\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right) / \mu_{1}, \sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right) / \nu_{1}, \sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right) / \mu_{2}, \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right) / \nu_{2}\right\}$
- $D_{2}^{(2)}=\left\{\sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{4}, \sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{8}, \sigma\left(b_{2}, \sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{6}\right.$, $\sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right), a_{2}\right) / \mu_{4}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right), \sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{5}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right), c_{2}\right) / \mu_{6}$, $\left.\sigma\left(\sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right), \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{7}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right), b_{2}\right) / \mu_{8}\right\}$
- $D_{3}^{(2)}=\left\{\sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(b_{2}, \sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right)\right)\right) / \mu_{5}, \sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right), c_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{5}\right.$, $\sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right), \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right)\right)\right) / \mu_{11}, \sigma\left(b_{2}, \sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right)\right)\right) / \mu_{7}$, $\sigma\left(b_{2}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right), b_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{7}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right), \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right), b_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{11}$, $\sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right), \sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right)\right)\right) / \mu_{11}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right)\right), c_{2}\right) / \mu_{5}$, $\sigma\left(\sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right), a_{2}\right), c_{2}\right) / \mu_{5}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, \sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right)\right), \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{11}$, $\sigma\left(\sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right), a_{2}\right), \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{2}\right)\right) / \mu_{11}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right), \sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right)\right), b_{2}\right) / \mu_{11}$, $\left.\sigma\left(\sigma\left(b_{2}, \sigma\left(a_{2}, c_{2}\right)\right), b_{2}\right) / \mu_{7}, \sigma\left(\sigma\left(\sigma\left(b_{2}, a_{2}\right), c_{2}\right), b_{2}\right) / \mu_{7}\right\}$
- $L^{(2)}=D_{0}^{(2)} \cup D_{1}^{(2)} \cup D_{2}^{(2)} \cup D_{3}^{(2)}$
- $T^{(2)}=T_{0}^{(2)} \cup\left\{\mu_{1}, \mu_{2}, \nu_{1}, \nu_{2}, \mu_{4}, \mu_{5}, \mu_{6}, \mu_{7}, \mu_{8}, \mu_{11}\right\}$


Figure 2. Labelled graph $G_{1}$


Figure 3. Labelled graph $G_{2}$

| $v$ | $\rho_{1}$ | $\rho_{2}$ | $\rho_{4}$ | $\mu_{1}$ | $\mu_{2}$ | $\nu_{1}$ | $\nu_{2}$ | $\mu_{4}$ | $\mu_{5}$ | $\mu_{6}$ | $\mu_{7}$ | $\mu_{8}$ | $\mu_{11}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\rho_{1}$ | x | $\mu_{1}$ | $\nu_{1}$ | x | $\mu_{4}$ | x | $\mu_{8}$ | x | x | $\mu_{5}$ | $\mu_{11}$ | x | x |
| $\rho_{2}$ | $\mu_{2}$ | x | x | x | x | $\mu_{6}$ | x | x | x | x | x | $\mu_{7}$ | x |
| $\rho_{4}$ | x | $\nu_{2}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{1}$ | $\mu_{4}$ | x | x | x | x | $\mu_{5}$ | x | x | x | x | x | $\mu_{11}$ | x |
| $\mu_{2}$ | x | x | $\mu_{6}$ | x | x | x | $\mu_{7}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\nu_{1}$ | x | $\mu_{8}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\nu_{2}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{4}$ | x | x | $\mu_{5}$ | x | x | x | $\mu_{11}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{5}$ | x | $\mu_{11}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{6}$ | x | $\mu_{7}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{7}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{8}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| $\mu_{11}$ | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |

Table 2. The mapping $v$ for $G_{2}$



Figure 4. Labelled graph $G_{1 \cup 2}$

Taking the union graph for $G_{1}$ and $G_{2}$ we obtain the labelled graph $G_{1 \cup 2}$ represented in Figure 4.

The mapping $u \vee v$ is given in Table 3. If we compute the set $L_{u \vee v}$ of the labels for $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{1 \cup 2}, u \vee v\right)$ we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
L_{u \vee v}=L^{(1)} \cup L^{(2)} \cup L_{(1,2)} \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

Each element $\alpha \in L_{(1,2)}$ has the property that $\operatorname{trace}(\alpha)$ contains both elements from $L_{0}^{(1)}$ and elements from $L_{0}^{(2)}$. Thus the elements of $L_{(1,2)}$ have a structure that shows that $D R(u)$ and $D R(v)$ collaborate in $D R(u \vee v)$.

If we examine the set $L_{(1,2)}$ we find that there is a path from $x_{1}$ to $x_{6}$ because $\left(x_{1}, x_{6}\right) \in \mu_{11}$ and there is, for example, the "combined" label

$$
\alpha=\sigma\left(\sigma\left(a_{1}, b_{2}\right), \sigma\left(a_{1}, \sigma\left(c_{2}, b_{1}\right)\right)\right)
$$

such that $f(\alpha)=\mu_{11}$.
In the same time, none of the binary relations $\rho$ in Table 3 satisfies the condition $\left(x_{1}, x_{7}\right) \in \rho$. Equivalently, this means that $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{1 \cup 2}, u \vee v\right)$ does not authorize the use of any path from $x_{1}$ to $x_{7}$ in $G_{1 \cup 2}$. In order to benefit of such a path we have to fill in some position in Table 3. If we proceed in this manner then we obtain a completion of $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{1 \cup 2}, u \vee v\right)$. For example, if in the place corresponding to the line $\mu_{11}$ and column $\rho_{3}$ we append in Table 3 the element

$$
\operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\mu_{11}, \rho_{3}\right)=\mu_{12}
$$

then the new $L S G$ will authorize the use of the path

$$
\left(\left[x_{1}, x_{1}, x_{3}, x_{4}, x_{5}, x_{6}, x_{7}\right],\left[a_{1}, b_{2}, a_{1}, c_{2}, b_{1}, c_{1}\right]\right)
$$

in $G_{1 \cup 2}$ because $\sigma\left(\alpha, c_{1}\right)$ becomes a label for this $L S G$.
Various completions for $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{1 \cup 2}, u \vee v\right)$ can be obtained. If we fill in all the empty places in Table 3 then we take:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\nu_{1}, \mu_{3}\right)=\operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\mu_{8}, \rho_{3}\right)=\mu_{9} \\
& \operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\rho_{4}, \mu_{3}\right)=\operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\nu_{2}, \rho_{3}\right)=\mu_{10} \\
& \operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\mu_{11}, \rho_{3}\right)=\operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\mu_{5}, \mu_{3}\right)=\mu_{12} \\
& \operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\mu_{7}, \rho_{3}\right)=\operatorname{prod}_{S}\left(\mu_{6}, \mu_{3}\right)=\mu_{13}
\end{aligned}
$$

Let us denote by $L_{c}$ the label set for this case. We can imagine the following situation appeared in an application: the nodes of a labelled graph represent localities of a county; the arcs represent variants for motor-ways; a label represents the weather
state for a variant. We may be interested to convey some goods from $x_{1}$ to $x_{7}$. Suppose the conditions imposed by the quality of the goods require the use of a path containing a minimum number of symbols $a_{2}, b_{2}, c_{2}$. This problem reduces to the finding of the set

$$
L_{\mu_{12}}=\left\{\alpha \in L_{c} \mid f(\alpha)=\mu_{12}, P l(\alpha)=\min \right\}
$$

where $\operatorname{Pl}(\alpha)$ represents the number of places from $\alpha$ such that each place contains a symbol $a_{2}, b_{2}$ or $c_{2}$.

If we compute the elements of $L_{c}$ we find that for each $\alpha \in L_{\mu_{12}}$ we have

$$
\operatorname{trace}(\alpha)=\left(a_{1}, b_{1}, a_{1}, c_{2}, b_{1}, c_{1}\right)
$$

We can conclude by this particular computation that there is only one authorized path satisfying the conditions imposed above and this path has the length 6.

## 3. Conclusions and open problems

Various properties and applications for the set $\operatorname{Strat}(G)$ of all the labelled stratified graphs over some labelled graph $G$ was presented in [2], [3] and [4]. In this paper we inaugurate a possible research line concerning the combination of two such structures which are built over distinct labelled graphs. Various completions of $\mathcal{G}(G, u \vee v)$ can be obtained in order to obtain a better collaboration between $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{1}, u\right)$ and $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{2}, v\right)$. We are interested to develop the following questions:

- Consider the label set $L_{(1,2)}$ from (4) and give an expression by means of which we can compute this set only by the components of $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{1}, u\right)$ and $\mathcal{G}\left(G_{2}, v\right)$. This expression will give an analytical characterization for the collaboration between $D R(u)$ and $D R(v)$ in $D R(u \vee v)$.
- Consider the concept of distinguished representative given in [4] and study the impact of the ideas presented in this paper concerning various combination of such representatives which are built over different labelled graphs.


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