

Call For Informal Presentations

Machines, Computations and Universality 2013

Zürich, Switzerland, September 9-12, 2013

There will be an informal presentation session at MCU 2013, in which presenters will give a short talk on topics within the scope of MCU. These informal presentations can discuss ongoing work, present partial results and/or conjectures, or propose new research directions.

Scope

MCU explores computation in the setting of various discrete models (Turing machines, register machines, cellular automata, tile assembly systems, rewriting systems, neural models etc.) and analog and hybrid models (BSS machines, infinite time cellular automata, real machines, quantum computing etc.). There is particular (but not exclusive) emphasis given towards the following:

1. the search for frontiers between decidability and undecidability in the various models. (For example, what is the smallest number of pairs of words for which the Post correspondence problem is undecidable, or what is the largest state-symbol product for which the halting problem is decidable for Turing machines.)
2. the search for the simplest universal models (such as small universal Turing machines, universal rewriting systems with few rules, universal cellular automata with small neighborhoods and a small number of states, etc.)
3. the computational complexity of predicting the evolution of computations in the various models. (For example, is it possible to predict an arbitrary number of time steps for a model more efficiently than explicit step by step simulation of the model.)
4. universality and undecidability in continuous models of computation.

Abstract preparation and submission for informal presentations

Researchers are invited to submit an abstract of no more than 2 pages (including references) via the EasyChair system at <https://www.easychair.org/conferences/?conf=mcu2013>. The main criterion for acceptance is that the topic outlined for presentation be of interest to the MCU audience. Submissions must be in the form of a PDF prepared using the EPTCS style file (available at <http://style.eptcs.org/>). The title page of the abstract should include the names, affiliations and email addresses of each of the authors.

Important dates

Submission of informal presentations: June 30, 2013

Notification: July 7, 2013

Conference: September 9-12, 2013

Conference proceedings

The proceedings will be published in Electronic Proceedings in Theoretical Computer Science (EPTCS) and will be available at the conference, and freely available online. For more information see the EPTCS website at <http://about.eptcs.org/>.

Following the conference, authors of selected papers will be invited to submit an extended version of their work to a special issue of an international journal.

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