

# Automated Termination Proving: Contributions to Graph Rewriting via Extended Weighted Type Graphs and Morphism Counting

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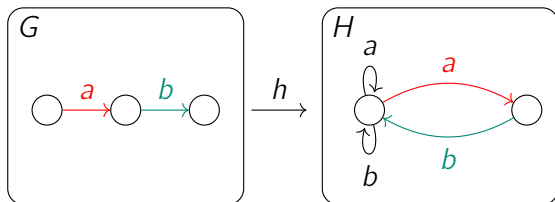


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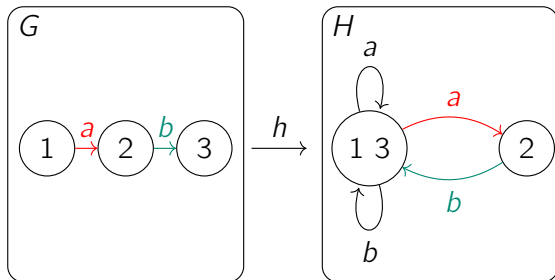


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# Graph Morphisms: Structure-Preserving Functions



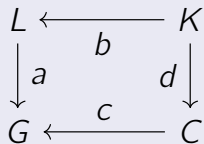
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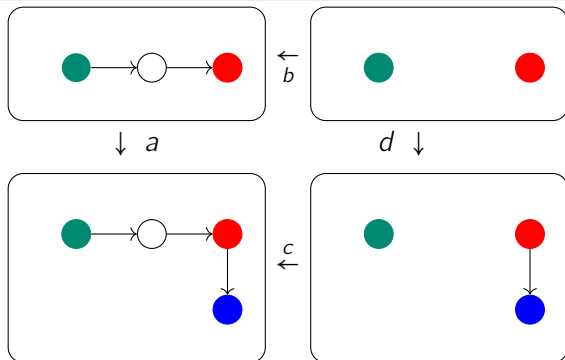
Numbers show node correspondence.

$h$  : morphism name

# Commutative Diagram

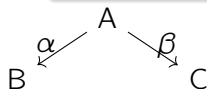


commutes if  $a \circ b = c \circ d$ .



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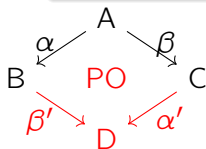
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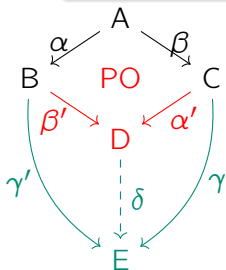
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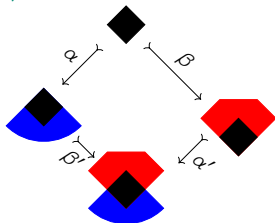
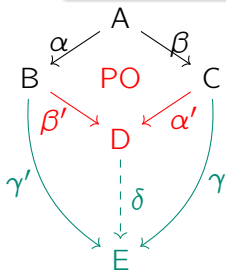
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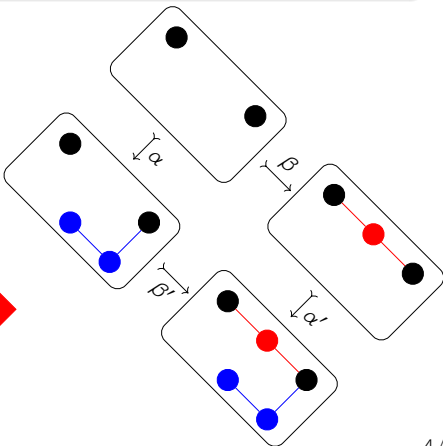
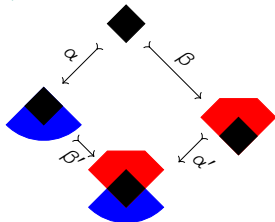
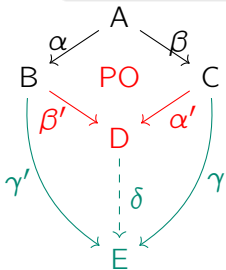
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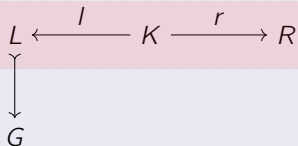
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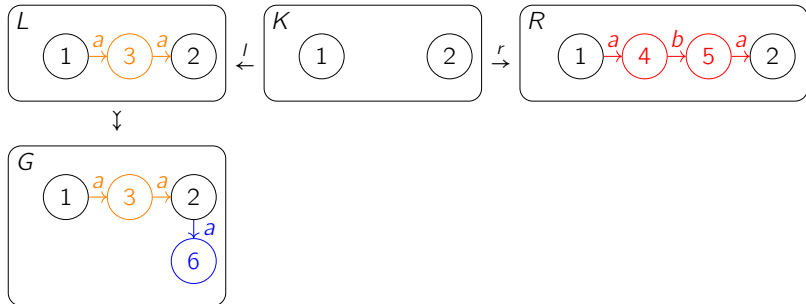
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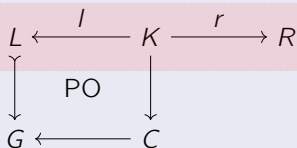
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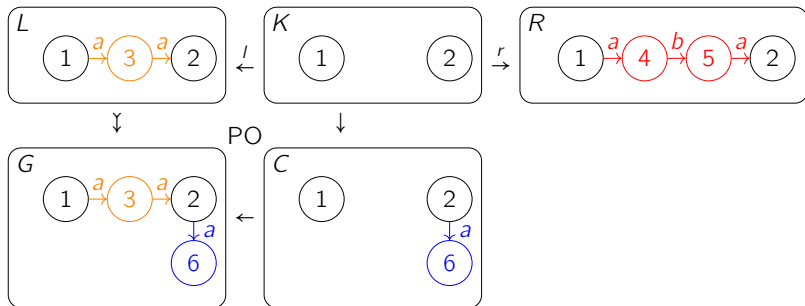
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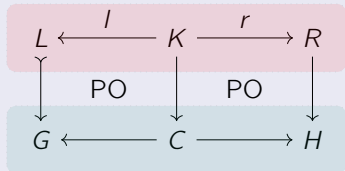
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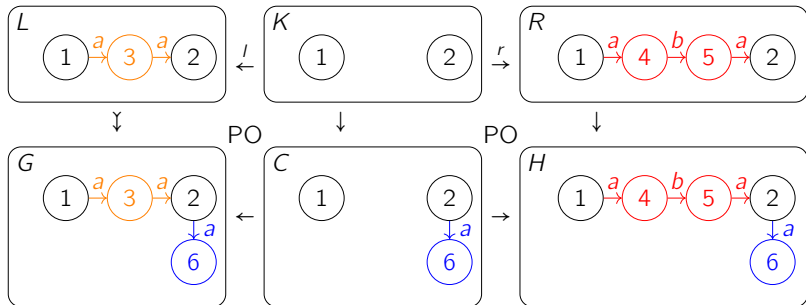


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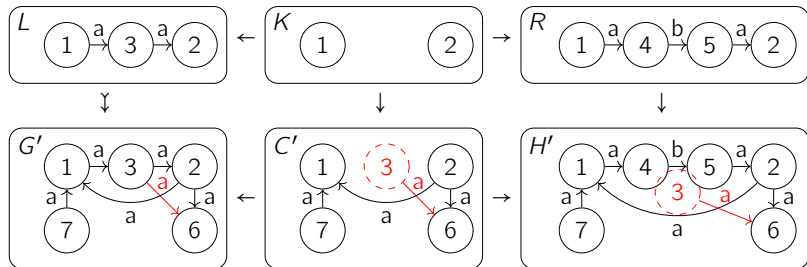


Rewriting rule with **interface  $K$**

rewriting step  $G \Rightarrow H$



# An Invalid Rewriting Step



No implicit edge deletion by construction

Toward greater usability

Toward greater power

LyonParallel—A Tool for Termination of Graph Rewriting

# Weighted Type Graph Method [BKZ14; Bru+15; EO24b]

Termination by interpretation

Parameter: an object  $T$  in the category, called **type graph**

Terminology: every graph is “typed” as morphisms to  $T$

Interpretation:

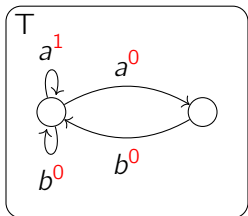
$$\begin{aligned} G &\rightsquigarrow \mathcal{F}(G, T) \\ &\rightsquigarrow \text{weight}(\mathcal{F}(G, T)) \\ &\rightsquigarrow \text{aggregator}(\text{weight}(\mathcal{F}(G, T))) \in \mathbb{N} \end{aligned}$$

What is the morphism weight?

What is the graph weight?

# Weighted Type Graph

A weighted type graph is a graph with weights on edges.

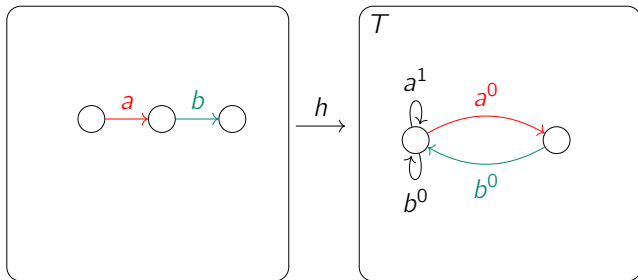




# Morphism Weight

The weight of a morphism  $h: G \rightarrow T$  is

$$\sum_{e \in \text{Edge}(G)} \text{weight}(h(e))$$

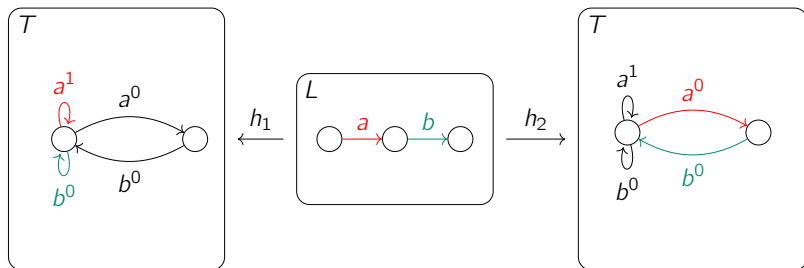


$$\text{weight}_T(h) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

# Graph Weight

The weight of a graph  $L$  is

$$\min\{h : L \rightarrow T \mid \text{weight}_T(h)\}$$

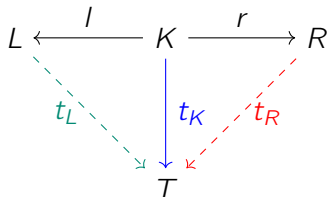


$$\text{weight}_T(h_1) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

$$\text{weight}_T(L) = \min\{1, 0\} = 0$$

$$\text{weight}_T(h_2) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

# Termination Criterion [Bru+15]



Every rewriting step strictly decreases the weight if

- ▶ for all  $t_K$ , if there is  $t_L$  such that  $\Delta KLT$  commutes, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \min\{\text{weight}_T(t_L) \mid t_L. \Delta KLT \text{ commutes}\} \\ & > \min\{\text{weight}_T(t_R) \mid t_R. \Delta KRT \text{ commutes}\} \end{aligned}$$

How to find a suitable weighted type graph?

# Searching for Weighted Type Graphs over $\mathbb{N}$

User-specified parameters:

- ▶  $k$  nodes
- ▶ maximum edge weight  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Assumption:

- ▶ no parallel edges of the same label

The problem amounts to checking the satisfiability of an existential Presburger arithmetic theory with:

- ▶  $k^2m$  binary variables where  $m$  is the number of labels
- ▶  $k^2m$  integer variables

Challenge:

- ▶  $2^{k^2m} \cdot n^{k^2m}$  possible assignments of weights
- ▶ maximum edge weight hard to guess

# Problem of the Size of the Search Space

With natural numbers as weights:

# nodes (k)	# labels (m)	# weights	# possibilities
2	2	2	$\approx 10^4$
3	3	3	$\approx 10^{21}$
3	3	10	$\approx 10^{45}$
3	3	100	$\approx 10^{87}$
4	4	4	$\approx 10^{57}$
4	4	10	$\approx 10^{95}$
4	4	100	$\approx 10^{181}$

Problems can solved by Z3 in exponential-time with respect to the number of variables  $2k^2m$ .

# Idea

Using positive real numbers as weights

Additional constraint: there is  $\delta > 0$  such that every rewriting step decreases the weight by at least  $\delta$ .

# Searching for Weighted Type Graphs over ~~$\mathbb{N}$~~ $\mathbb{R}$

User-specified parameters:

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- ▶ ~~edge weights in  $\{0, 1, \dots, n\}$~~

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With weights in  $\mathbb{R}$ :

# nodes (k)	# labels (m)	# variables	# linear programs in $\mathbb{R}$
2	2	8	$\approx 10^2$
3	3	27	$\approx 10^8$
4	4	64	$\approx 10^{19}$

Linear programs can be solved in polynomial time with respect to the number of variables on average.



# Experimental Results

	A	a	T	t	N	n
[EO24a, Example 6.3]					2.74	1.16
[EO24a, Example D.3]	2.25	1.18			2.24	1.18
[Plu95, Example 3.8]	2.95	1.90	2.94	1.87	3.49	1.87
[Plu18, Example 4]	4.26	3.19	4.24	3.13	5.82	timeout
[Plu18, Example 5]	5.54	5.55	5.53	5.50	9.11	5.62
[Bru+15, Example 4]	2.44	2.46	2.47	2.54	4.58	2.46
[Bru+15, Example 5]					7.80	timeout
[Bru+15, Example 6]					9.75	timeout
[BKZ14, Example 1]	2.26	1.18			2.24	1.18
[BKZ14, Example 4]	2.25	1.22	2.24	1.18	2.25	1.19
[BKZ14, Example 5]	4.23	3.23	4.25	3.28	5.82	timeout

“A”, “T”, “N” : different configurations with weights over the natural numbers. “a”, “t”, “n” : corresponding configurations over the real numbers.

# Implementation

LyonParallel

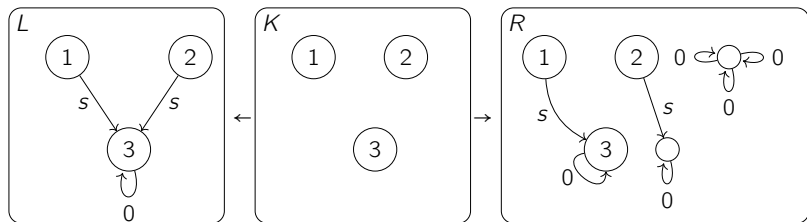
Tool in Ocaml

Relative termination

Search parallel with 6 configurations

Z3 for constraint solving

# A Limitation of the Weighted Type Graph Method



All existing automated methods fail.

Intuition: the number of morphisms from  $\bullet \xrightarrow{s} \bullet \xleftarrow{s} \bullet$  strictly decreases.

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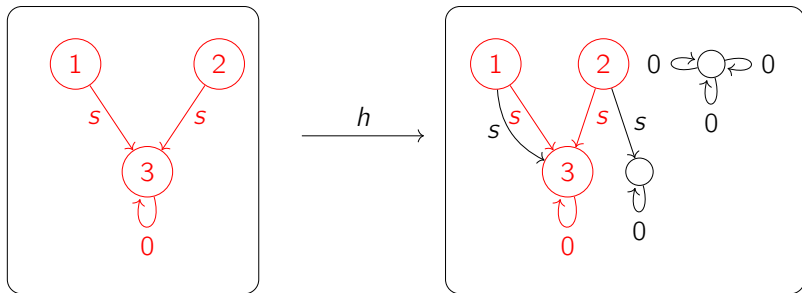
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Interpretation of a graph  $G$  : number of morphisms from  $X$  to  $G$

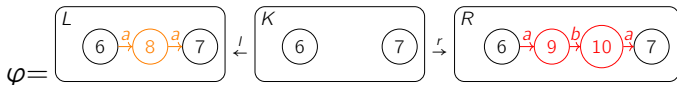
Inclusions: morphisms  $h$  with  $h(x) = x$  for all  $x$ .



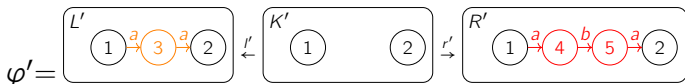
Subgraph

# Graph Rewriting with Injective Rules

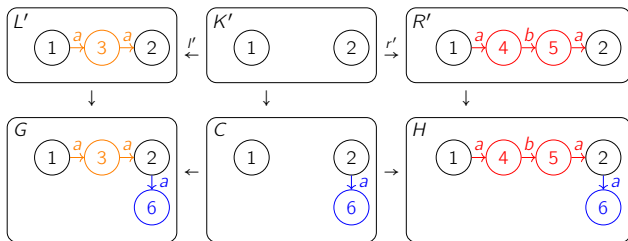
A rewriting rule consists of two inclusions.



An equivalent rewriting rule expresses the same transformation.

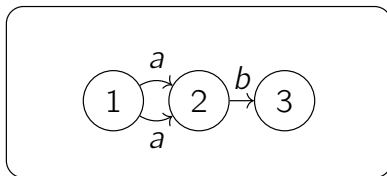


A rewriting step with  $\varphi$  is defined by a DPO diagram with inclusions and  $\varphi'$ .

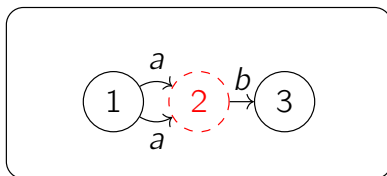


# Pre-Graphs

Graph:



Pre-graphs obtained by removing node 2:

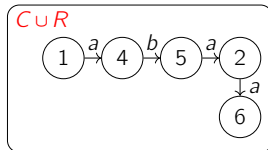
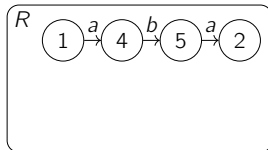
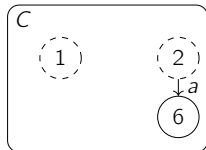


All edges are dangling.

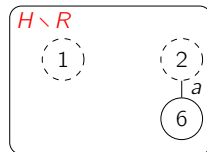
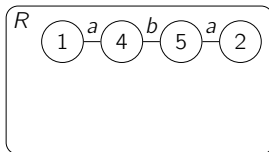
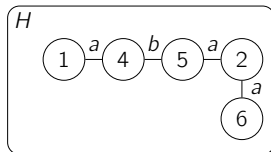


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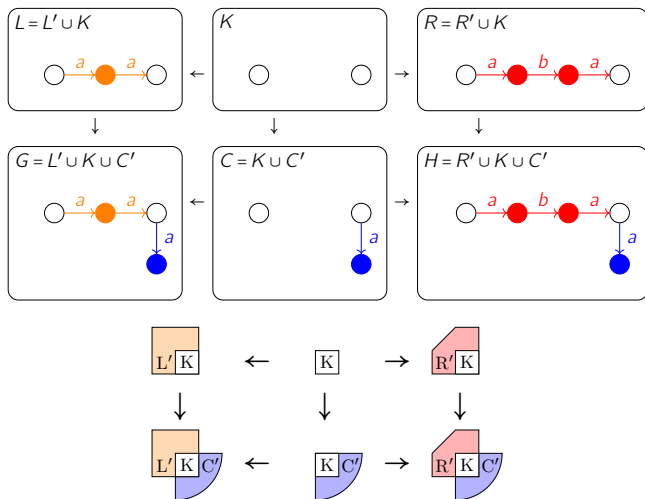
**Union** of two pre-graphs  $C \subseteq G$  and  $R \subseteq G$ , denoted  $C \cup R$ .



**Relative complement** of  $R$  in  $H$  where  $R \subseteq H$ , denoted  $H \setminus R$ .



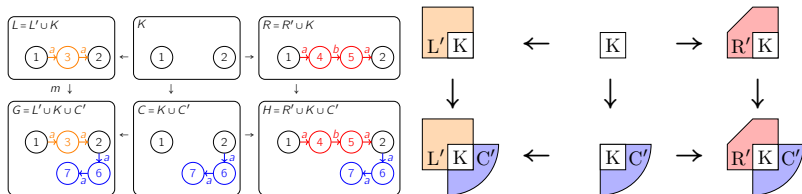
# Decomposition of Graphs in Rewriting Steps



This coloring provides a classification of morphisms in rewriting steps by image node colors.

# Morphisms by Image Node Colors

An **X-occurrence** is an injective morphism from  $X$ .



An  $X$ -occurrence is

► **explicit** if  $\text{Im}(x)$  is included in



► **shared** if  $\text{Im}(x)$  is included in



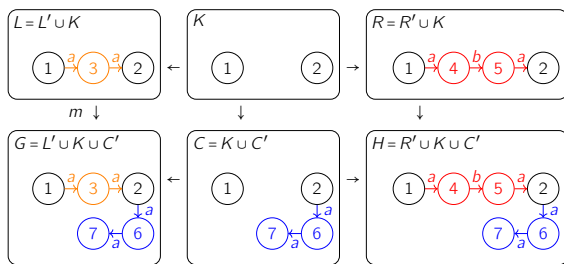
► **implicit** if  $\text{Im}(x)$  has elements in both



Similarly, in  $H$ .

# Implicit, Explicit and Shared Morphisms

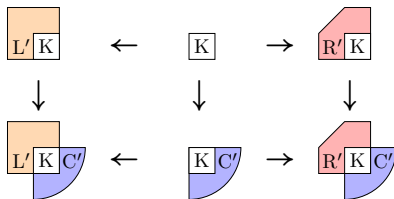
Let  $X$  be the graph  $\bullet \xrightarrow{a} \bullet \xrightarrow{a} \bullet$ .





The morphisms from  $X$  has their images:





- ▶ in  $G$  and  $L$ :  $1 \xrightarrow{a} 3 \xrightarrow{a} 2$
- ▶ in  $H$  and  $R$ : None
- ▶ shared by  $G$  and  $H$ :  $2 \xrightarrow{a} 6 \xrightarrow{a} 7$
- ▶ formed by subgraphs of  $L$  and  $C$ :  $3 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{a} 6$
- ▶ formed by subgraphs of  $R$  and  $C$ :  $5 \xrightarrow{a} 2 \xrightarrow{a} 6$

# A Sufficient Condition for Termination



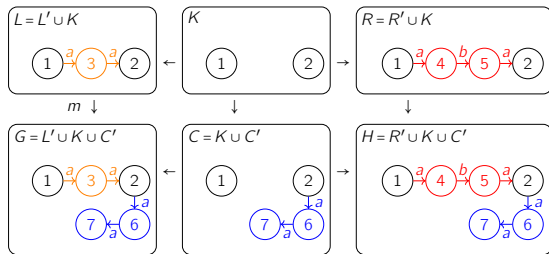
Suppose that there are strictly more  $X$ -morphisms with image in

 then in ,  $\varphi$  terminates if, in every rewriting step, there are more  $X$ -morphisms whose image has elements in both

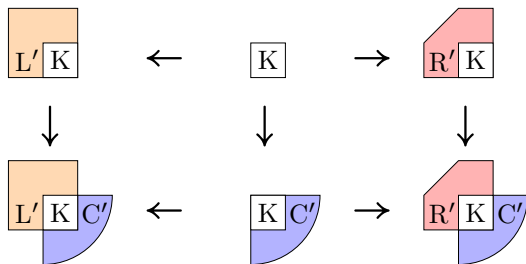
 and  then  $X$ -morphisms whose image has elements in both  and .

**Challenge:** the pregraph  $C'$  is unknown.

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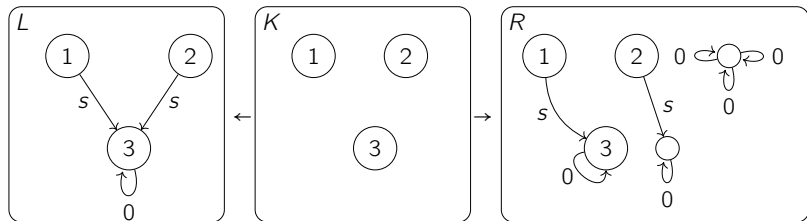
There are more implicit  $X$ -occurrences before rewriting, if

- ▶ all subgraphs of  $R'K$  that can form an implicit  $X$ -occurrence in some rewriting step can be mapped to distinct subgraphs in  $L'K$  while preserving the interface elements.

# Imcomparable with Existing Methods

Fail in some cases where other methods succeed.

Succeed in the following case where other methods fail.



Termination proved by counting morphisms from  $\bullet \xrightarrow{s} \bullet \xleftarrow{s} \bullet$ .



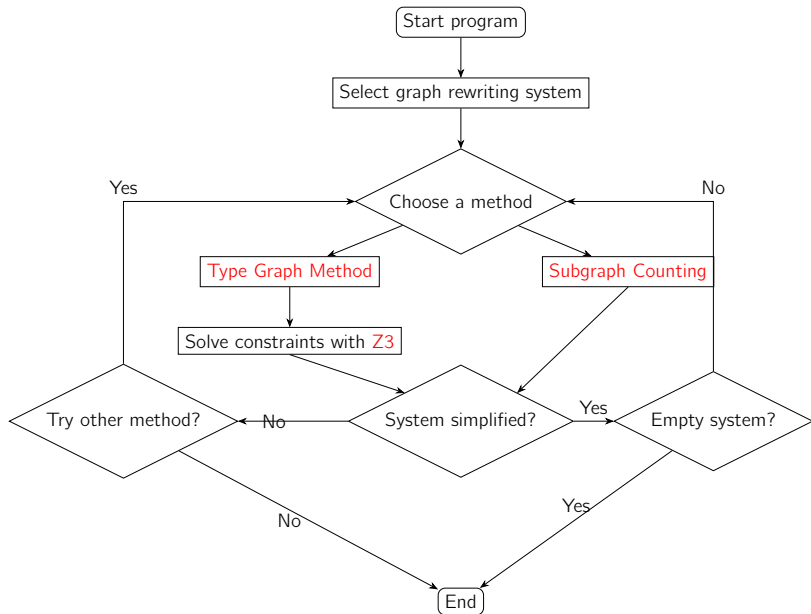
# LyonParallel

Automated tool in Ocaml

Iterative elimination of graph rewriting rules

Available : <https://github.com/Qi-tchi/LyonParallel>

# Process Flowchart of LyonParallel



# Conclusion and Future Work

## Contributions

- ▶ Extended the Weighted Type Graph Method to improve usability.
- ▶ Proposed a termination criterion applicable to new cases.
- ▶ Implemented an automated tool for termination analysis.

## Future work

- ▶ Formally verify the methods.
- ▶ Generalize Morphism Counting Method to Multiple Forbidden Contexts.
- ▶ Extend the approach to other rewriting frameworks.

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