

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

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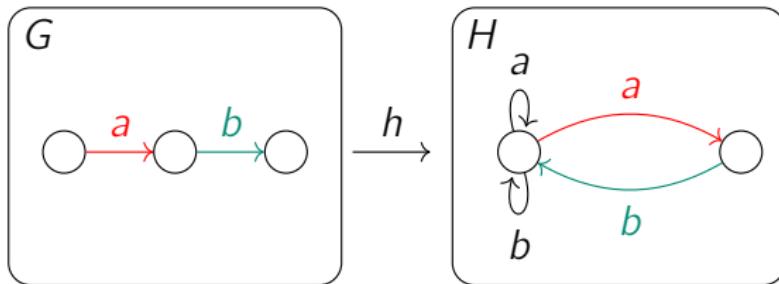
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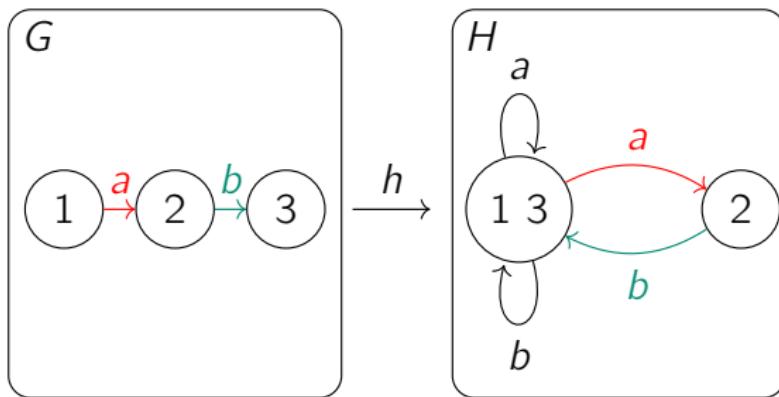
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Graph Morphisms: Structure-Preserving Functions



Colors show edge correspondence.



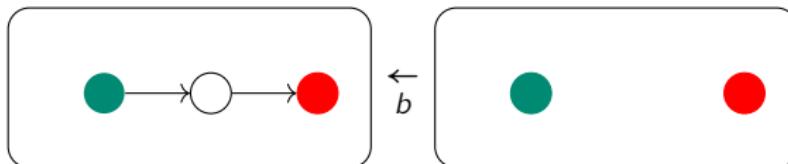
Numbers show node correspondence.

h : morphism name

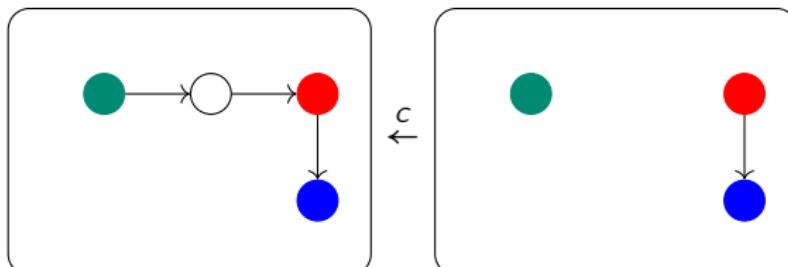
Commutative Diagram

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \xleftarrow{b} & K \\ \downarrow a & & \downarrow d \\ G & \xleftarrow{c} & C \end{array}$$

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

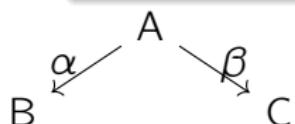


$$d \quad \downarrow$$



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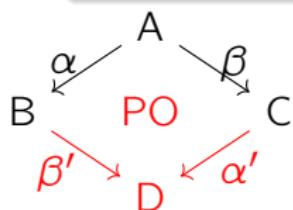
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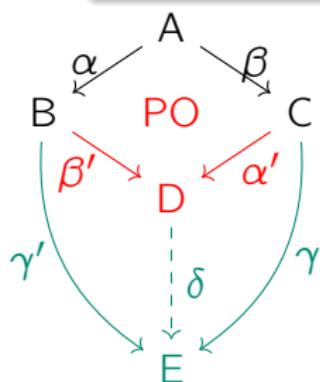
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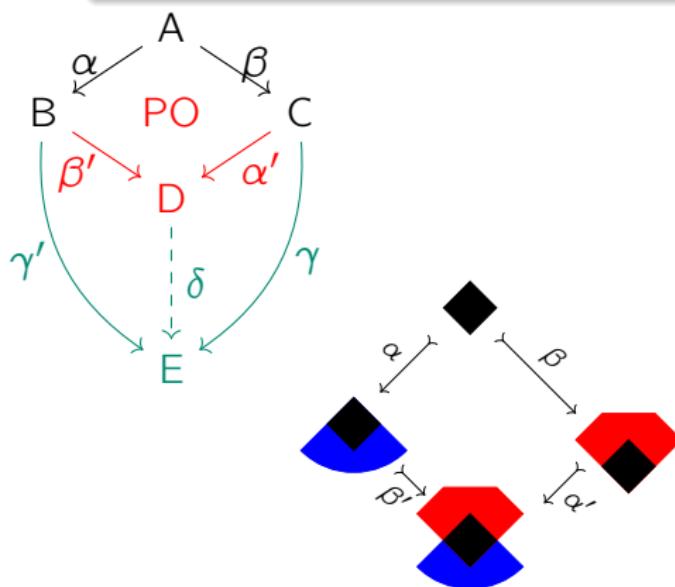
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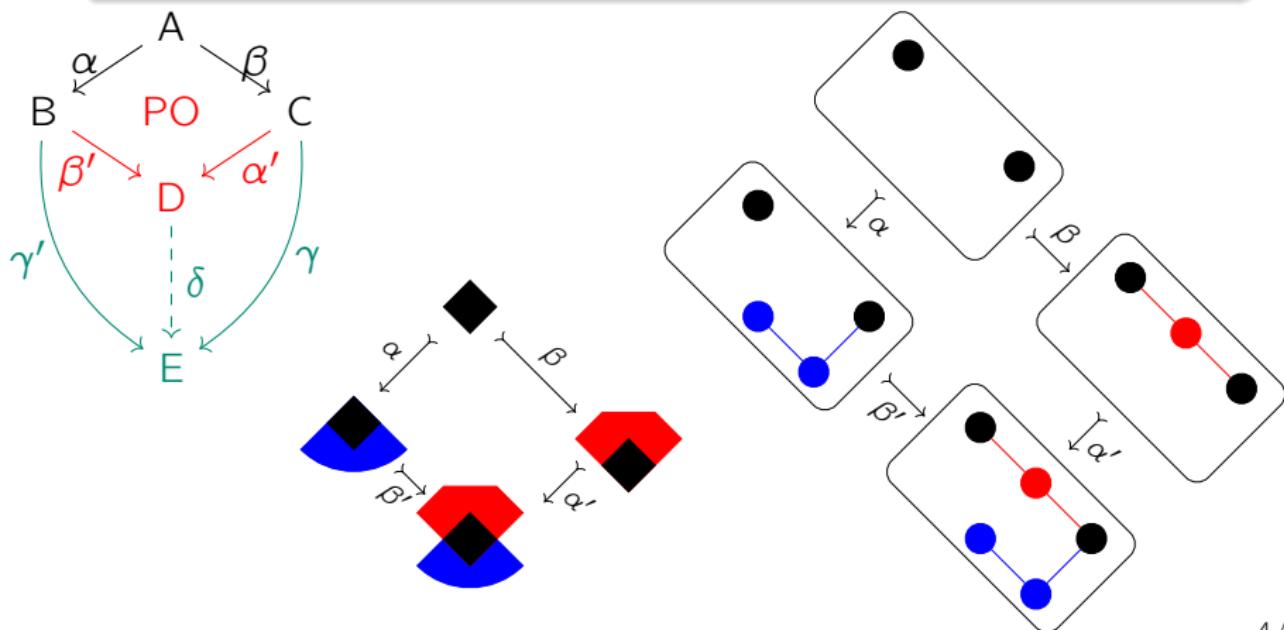
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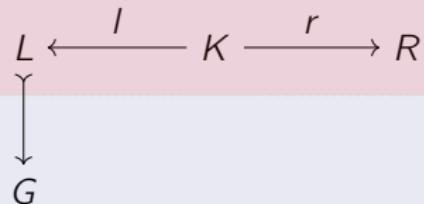
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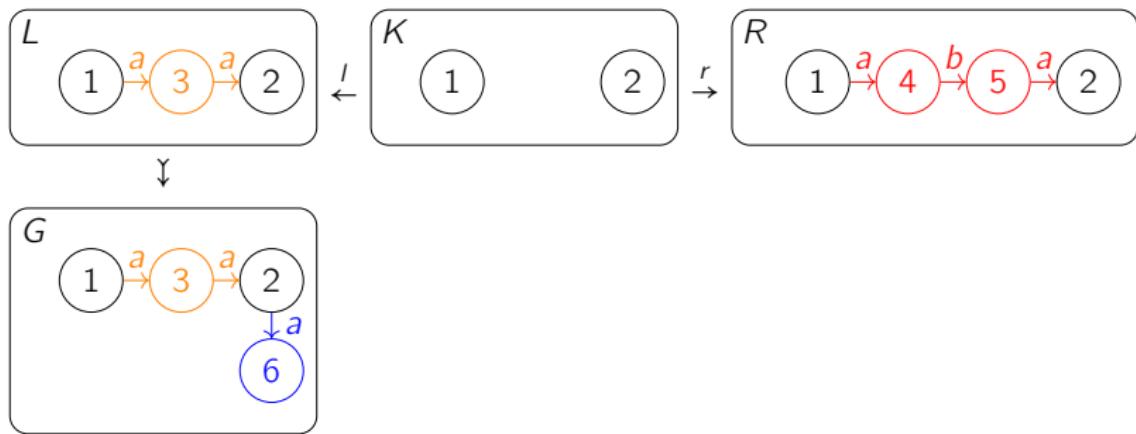
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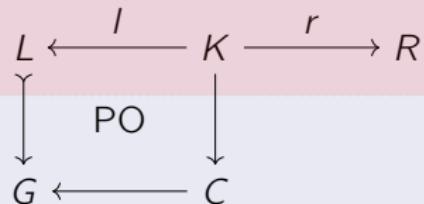
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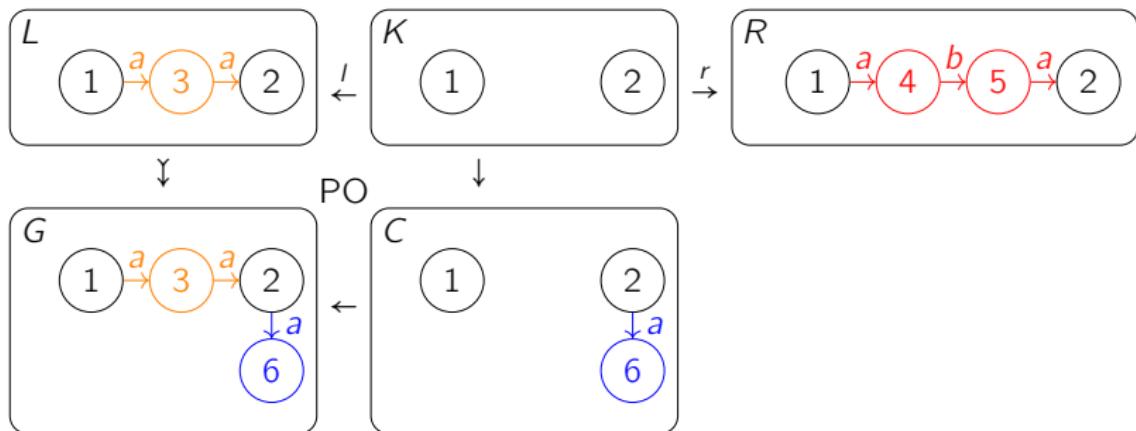
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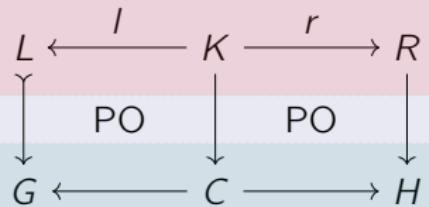
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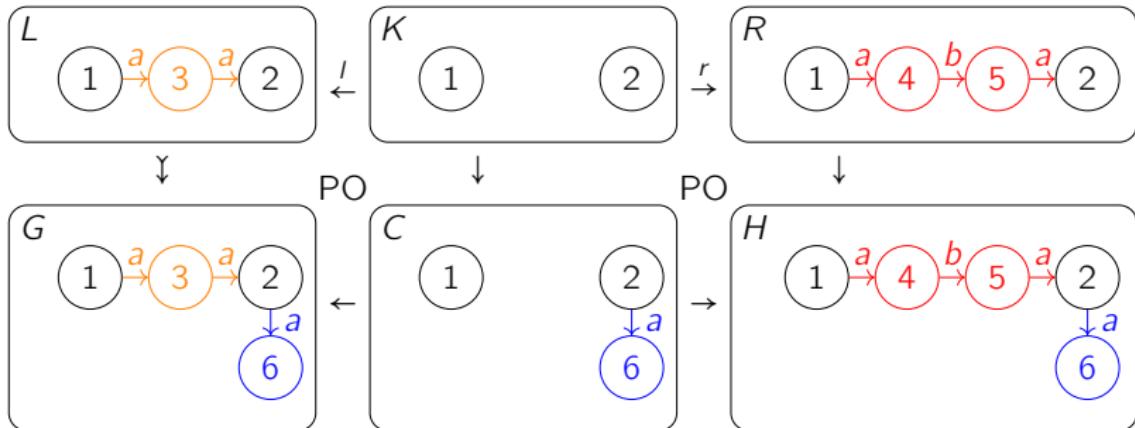


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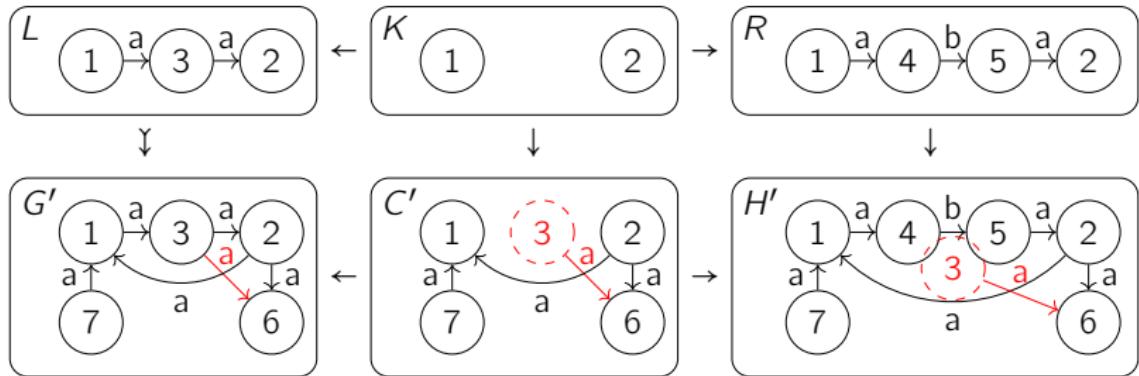


Rewriting rule with interface K

rewriting step $G \Rightarrow H$



An Invalid Rewriting Step



No implicit edge deletion by construction

Toward greater usability

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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:

$$G \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{F}(G, T)$$

$$\rightsquigarrow \text{weight}(\mathcal{F}(G, T))$$

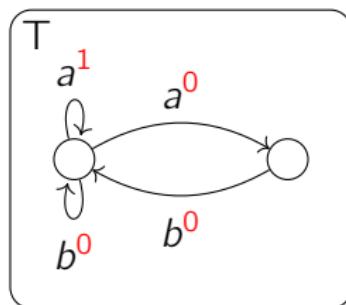
$$\rightsquigarrow \text{aggregator}(\text{weight}(\mathcal{F}(G, T))) \in \mathbb{N}$$

What is the morphism weight?

What is the graph weight?

Weighted Type Graph

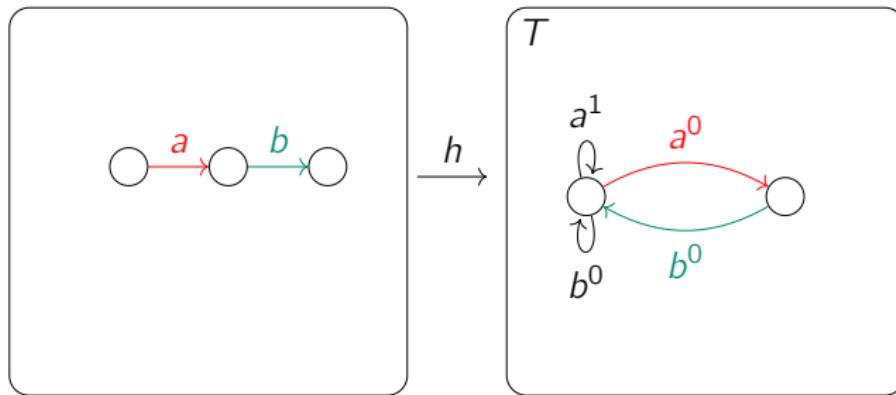
A weighted type graph is a graph with weights on edges.



Morphism Weight

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

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

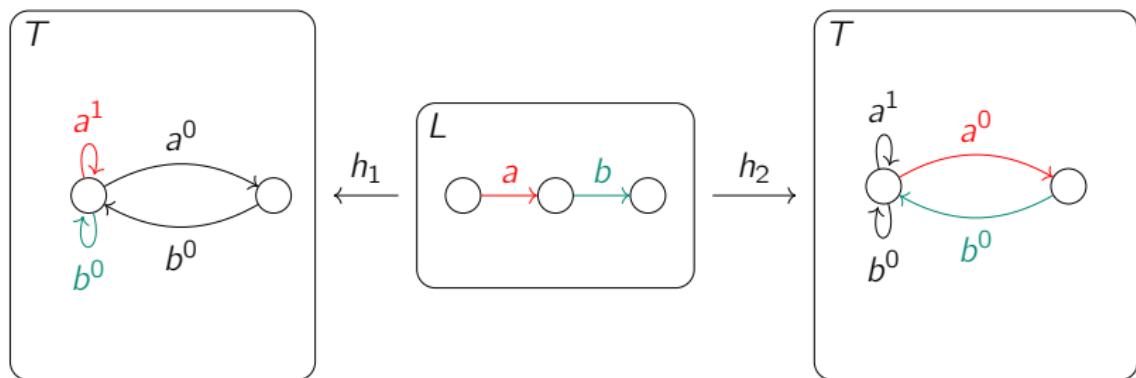


$$\text{weight}_T(h) = 0 + 0 = 0$$

Graph Weight

The weight of a graph L is

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

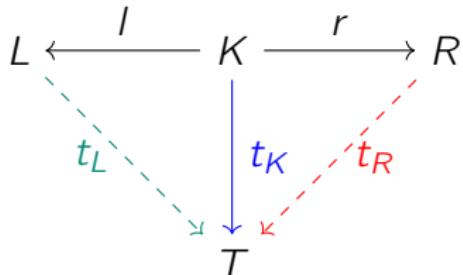


$$\text{weight}_T(h_1) = 1 + 0 = 1$$

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

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

Termination Criterion [Bru+15]



Every rewriting step strictly decreases the weight if

- ▶ for all t_K , if there is t_L such that ΔKLT 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 be 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 δ .

Searching for Weighted Type Graphs over $\mathbb{X} \mathbb{R}$

User-specified parameters:

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

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reals with binary variables:

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- ▶ $k^2 m$ ~~integer~~ real variables

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are $2^{k^2 m}$ linear programs which have polynomial-time
average-case complexity.

Complexity Comparison

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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

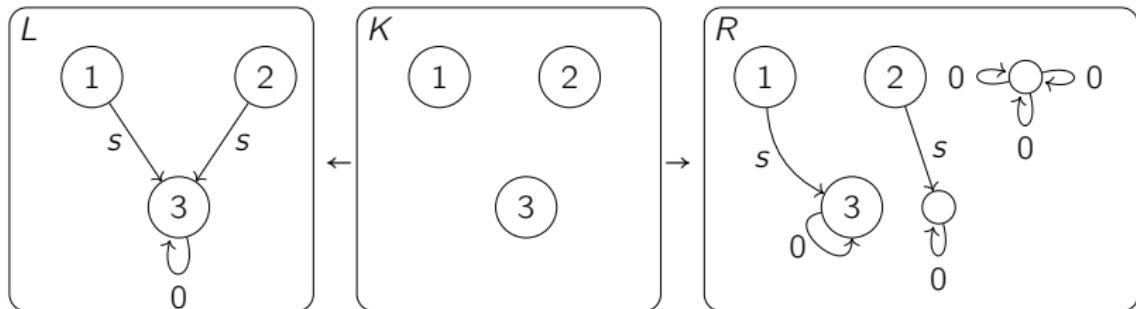
Tool in Ocaml

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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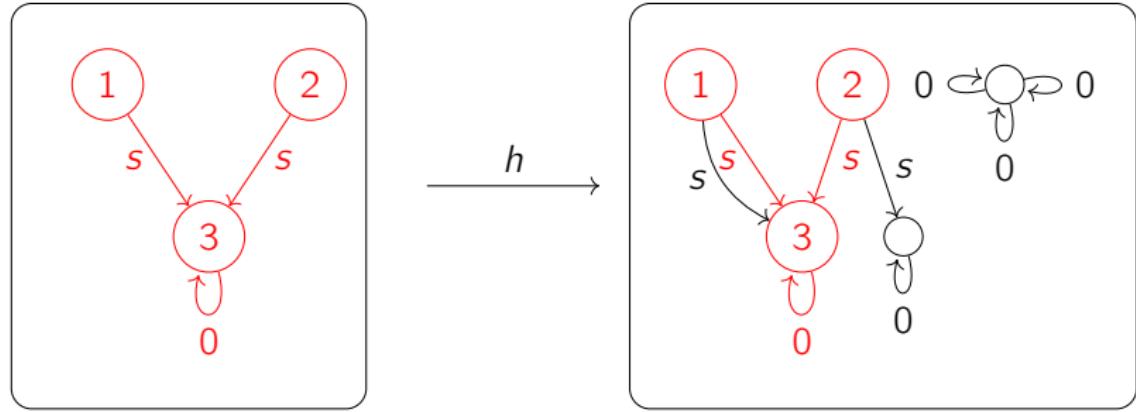
Morphism Counting

Termination by interpretation

Parameter: a graph X

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

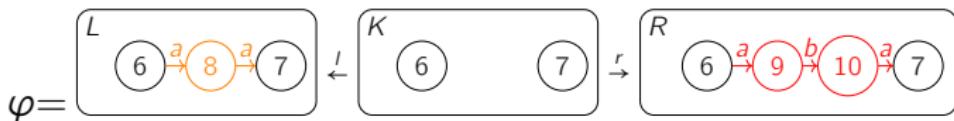
Inclusions: morphisms h with $h(x) = x$ for all x .



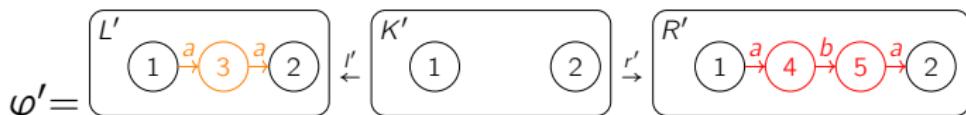
Subgraph

Graph Rewriting with Injective Rules

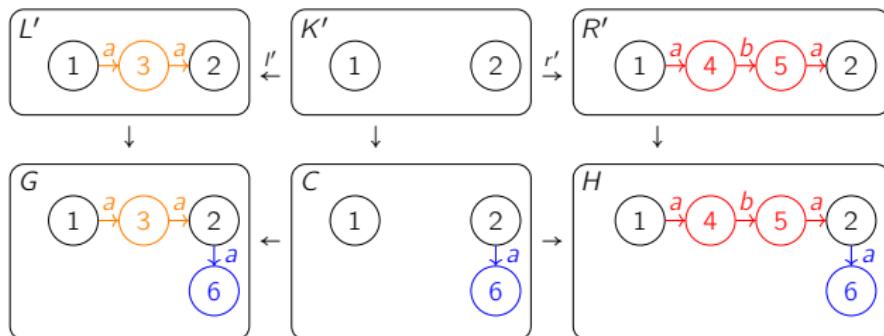
A rewriting rule consists of two inclusions.



An equivalent rewriting rule expresses the same transformation.

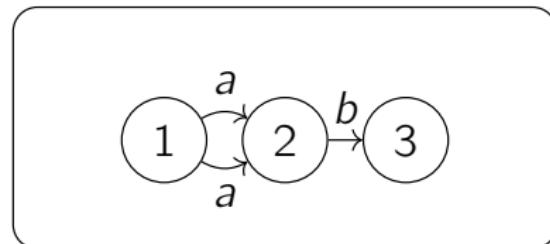


A rewriting step with φ is defined by a DPO diagram with inclusions and φ' .

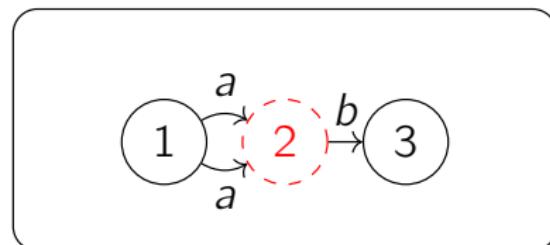


Pre-Graphs

Graph:



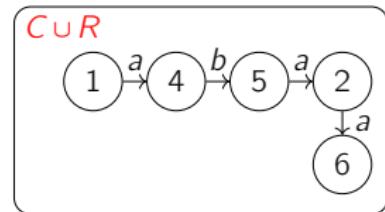
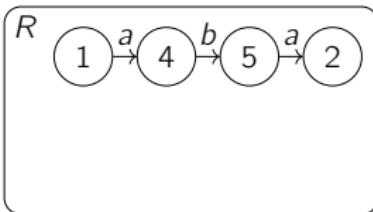
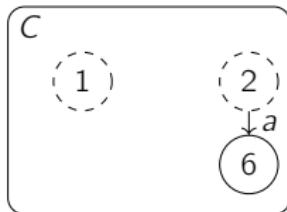
Pre-graphs obtained by removing node 2:



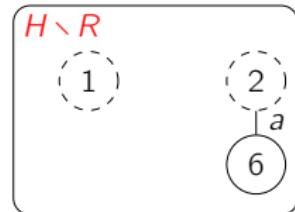
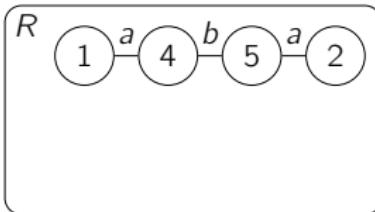
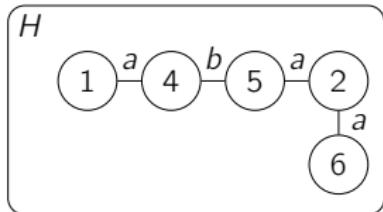
All edges are dangling.

Pre-Graph Operations

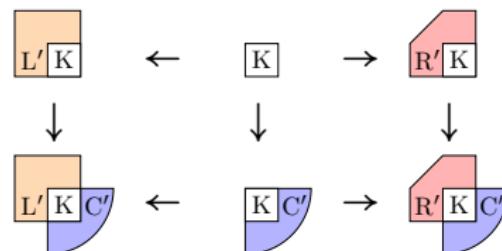
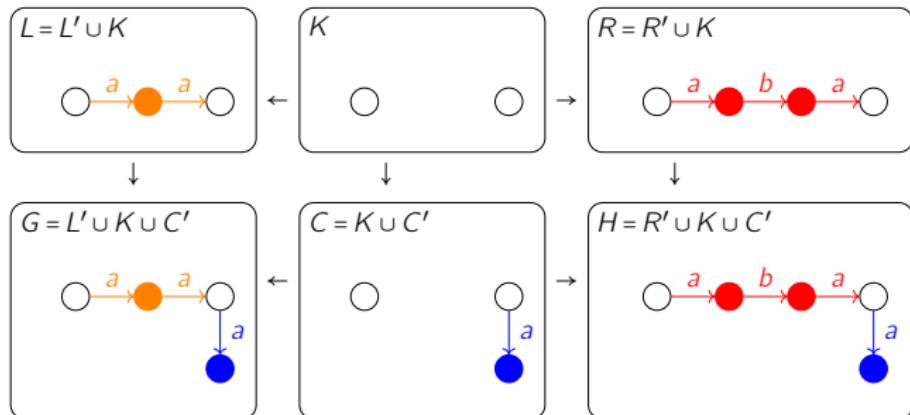
Union of two pre-graphs $C \subseteq G$ and $R \subseteq G$, denoted $C \cup R$.



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



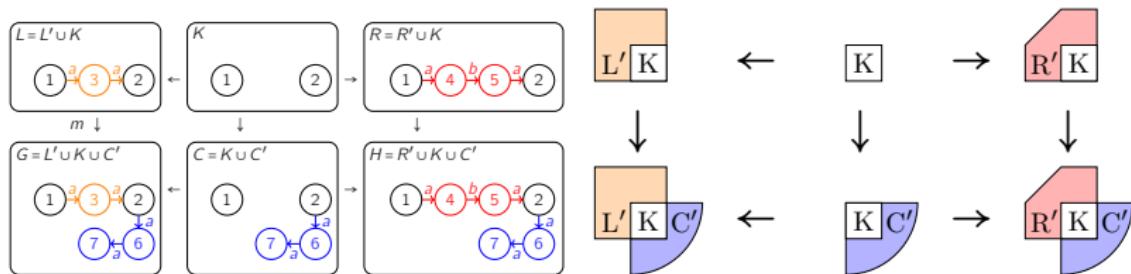
Decomposition of Graphs in Rewriting Steps



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.



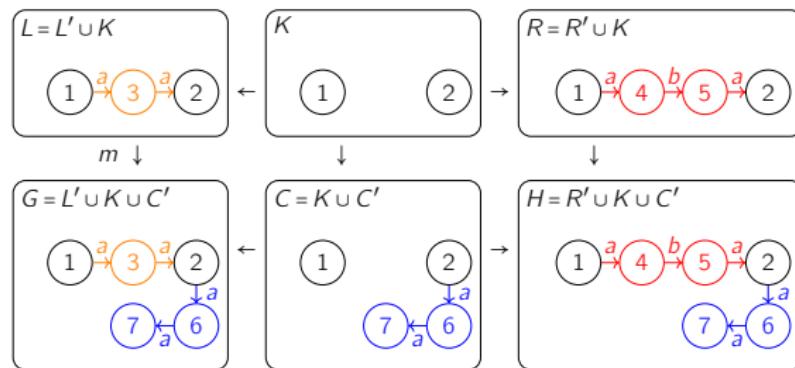
An **X-occurrence** is

- ▶ **explicit** if $\text{Im}(x)$ is included in $L' \setminus K$
- ▶ **shared** if $\text{Im}(x)$ is included in $K \cup C'$
- ▶ **implicit** if $\text{Im}(x)$ has elements in both L' and C'

Similarly, in H .

Implicit, Explicit and Shared Morphisms

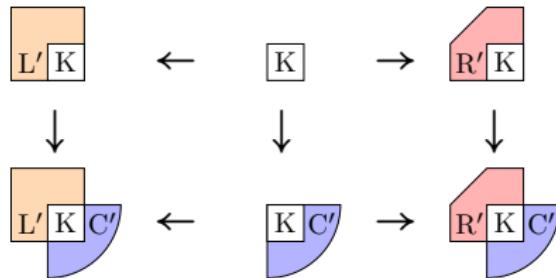
Let X be the graph $\bullet \xrightarrow{a} \bullet \xrightarrow{a} \bullet$.



The morphisms from X has their images:

- in G and L :
- in H and R : None
- shared by G and H :
- formed by subgraphs of L and C :
- formed by subgraphs of R and C :

A Sufficient Condition for Termination

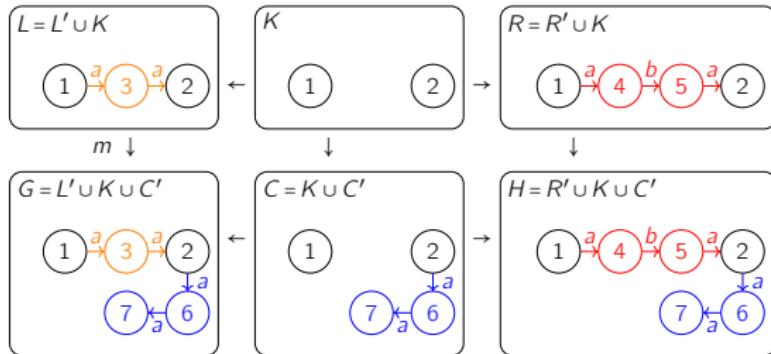


Suppose that there are strictly more X-morphisms with image in

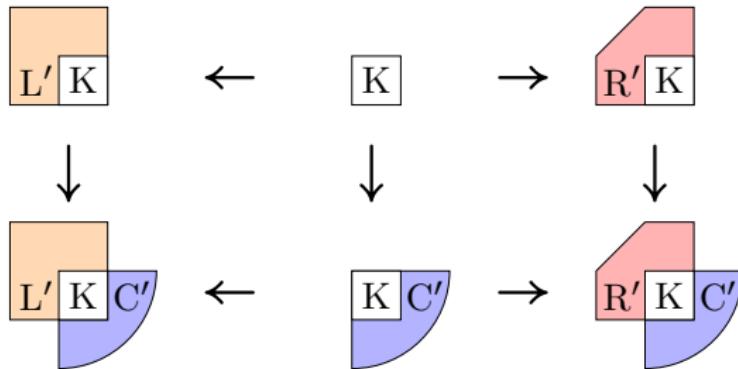
$L'K$ then in $R'K$, φ terminates if, in every rewriting step, there are more X-morphisms whose image has elements in both L' and C' and in both R' and C' .

Challenge: the pregraph C' is unknown.

Analysis of Implicit Occurrences



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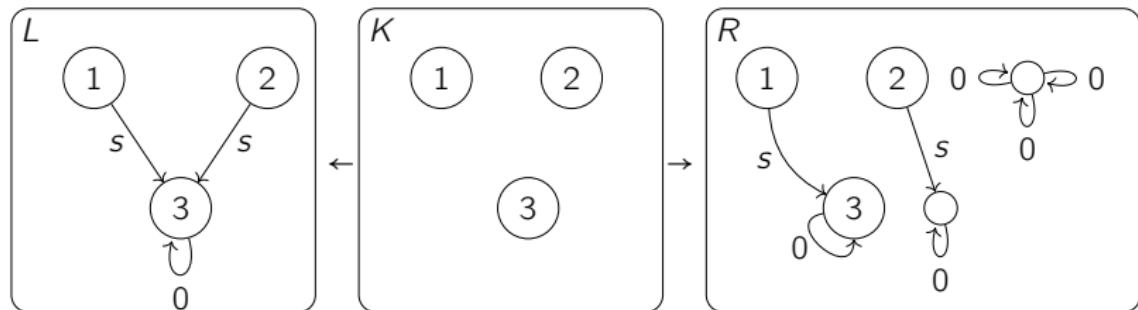
There are more implicit X -occurrences before rewriting, if

- ▶ 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 $\bullet \xrightarrow{s} \bullet \xleftarrow{s} \bullet$.

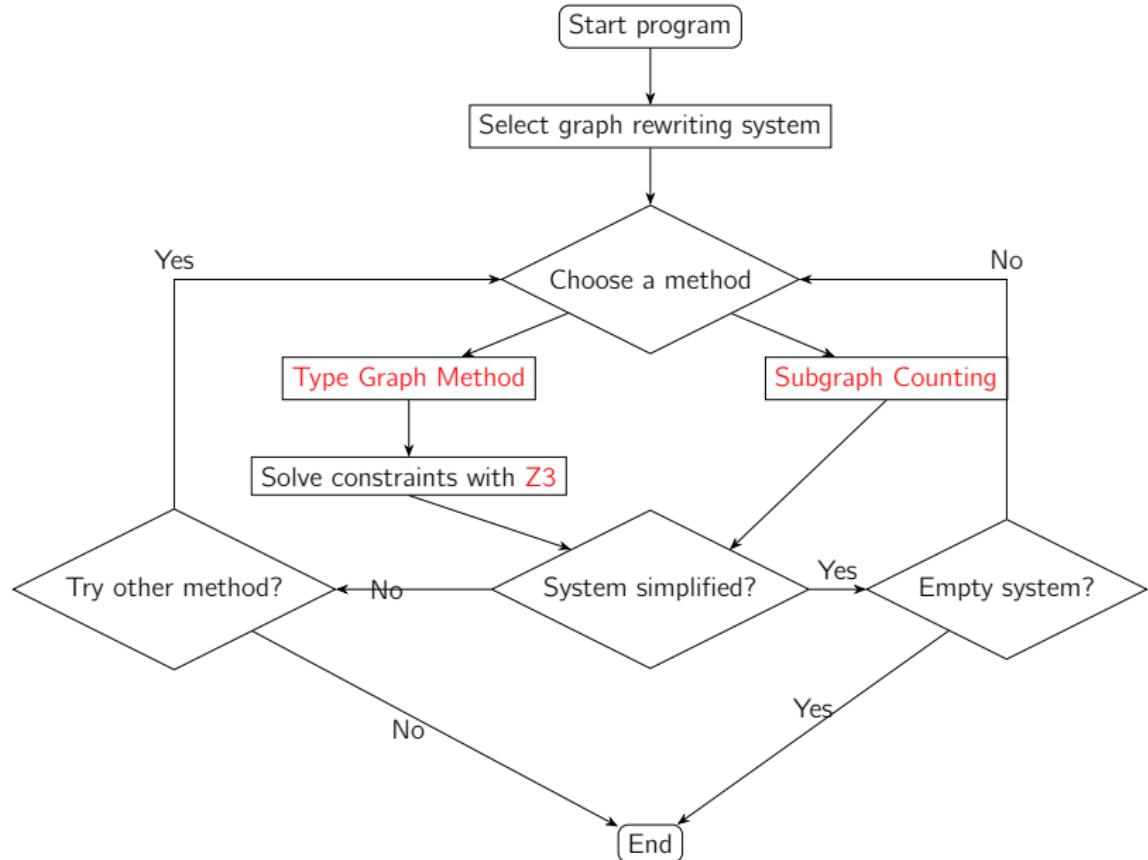
LyonParallel

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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