

Solving Proximity Constraints

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Motivation

In 1965 Robinson presented his unification algorithm and solved this problem, his algorithm was improved for better(=faster) performance since.

If we consider now the unification problem

$$f(a,x) \simeq^{?} g(a,b)$$

again, we might wonder, if we could not ignore $f \neq g$, if they are "close" to each other, i.e. if they are equal in a fuzzy logic sense. Being close is represented as a proximity relation, which are symmetric and reflexive, but not necessarily transitive. C. Pau and T. Kutsia solved this problem, presenting an algorithm, which we implemented.



Introduction

4 sets:

- P: unification problem to be solved
- C: neighborhood constraint
- \bullet σ : set of pre-unifier
- Φ: name-class mapping





Pre-Unification rules

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(Tri) Trivial: . . .
(Dec) Decomposition: . . .
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Rules for Neigborhood Constraints

(FFS)
$$\{f \approx^? g\} \uplus C; \Phi \Rightarrow C; \Phi; \text{ if } \mathcal{R}(f,g) \geq \lambda$$

(NFS)
$$\{N \approx^? g\} \uplus C; \Phi \Rightarrow C; update(\Phi, N \rightarrow pc(g, \mathcal{R}, \lambda))$$

(FSN)
$$\{g \approx^? N\} \uplus C; \Phi \Rightarrow \{N \approx^? g\} \cup C; \Phi$$

(NN1)

 $\{N \approx^? M\} \uplus C; \Phi \Rightarrow C; update(\Phi, N \rightarrow f, M \rightarrow pc(f, \mathcal{R}, \lambda)),$ where $N \in dom(\Phi), f \in \Phi(N)$

(NN2)
$$\{M \approx^? N\} \uplus C; \Phi \Rightarrow \{N \approx^? M\} \cup C; \Phi$$
, where $M \notin dom(\Phi)$, $N \in dom(\Phi)$

(Fail1)
$$\{f \approx^? g\} \uplus C; \Phi \Rightarrow \bot$$
, if $\mathcal{R}(f,g) < \lambda$

(Fail2) C; $\Phi \Rightarrow \perp$, if there exists $N \in dom(\Phi)$ such that $\Phi(N) = \emptyset$



Simple example

Problem to solve: p(x, y) = ?q(f(a), g(b))

Solution: ...





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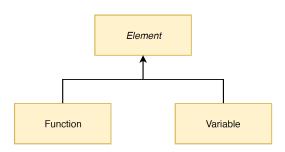
System Model

Project consists of 4 packages:

- elements : deals with elements
- tool : offers important tools (e.g. read input)
- unificationProblem : treats the unification problem
- userInterfaces : allow user interfaces



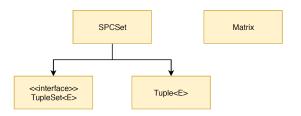
Package elements

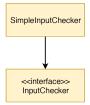






Package tool

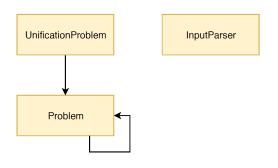








Package unificationProblem



Algorithms





Package userInterfaces



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