

Using semantic labelling with natural numbers for proving termination automatically.

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SLnat - general idea

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SLnat - general idea (continued)

And how about this one?



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\operatorname{args}_{\leftarrow}(l, r) = l

\operatorname{args}_{\rightarrow}(l, r) = r

\operatorname{args}_{\leftrightarrow}(l, r) = l + r

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f_{i,j} \otimes g_{k,l} if \operatorname{args}_{\Gamma_f}(i, j) = \operatorname{args}_{\Gamma_g}(k, l) \wedge \Delta_{=} = \otimes

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 Those three conditions assure that some weight-function on indexes

decrease along the cycle.

$$\cdots \xrightarrow{X \ge Y} f \xrightarrow{Y \ge Z} \cdots X \ge Y = Y \ge Z$$

Conjecture:

Relation is well-founded, and hence can be extended to precedence, if every cycle in its multigraph is safe.



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TPA v.1.0b

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and semantic labelling over N\setminus\{0,1\} defaults are 2 for constants, identity for unary
symbols and x+y-2 for binary symbols. For semantic labelling over \{0,1\} (booleans)
defaults are 0 for constants, identity for unary symbols and disjunction for binary
symbols.
[1] TRS as loaded from the input file:
(1) o(lambda(x), y) \rightarrow lambda(o(x, d(1, o(y, p))))
(2) o(d(x,y),z) \rightarrow d(o(x,z),o(y,z))
(3) \circ (\circ (x, y), z) \rightarrow \circ (x, \circ (y, z))
(4) lambda(x) \rightarrow x
(5) \circ (x, y) \rightarrow x
(6) o(x, y) \rightarrow y
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[2] Label this TRS using following interpretation over N\setminus\{0,1\}:
[lambda(x)] = x + 1
[d(x,y)] = max(x, y)
rest default
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Termination proof of SUBST as given by TPA (cont.)

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This interpretation is a quasi-model and yields following TRS:
(D1) lambda\{i + 1\}(x) \rightarrow = lambda\{i\}(x)
(D2) o\{i + 1, j\} (x, y) \rightarrow = o\{i, j\} (x, y)
(D3) o\{i, j + 1\}(x, y) \rightarrow = o\{i, j\}(x, y)
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[3] All the rules of this TRS can be oriented with RPO with the following precedence:
Status: o: Lex-LR,
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o\{i, j\} > d\{k, l\} for all i, j, k, l
o\{i,j\} > 1 for all i, j
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