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PREFACE

jump to ch1?

term rewriting

= logic

+ universal algebra

+ automated theorem proving

+ functional programming.

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said

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journals → Symbolic Computation
automated reasoning.

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abstract reduction systems

Combining word problems

Prerequisites:

discrete mathematics

(linear) algebra

theoretical computer science.

SURPRISE EXAMPLESEQUATIONAL REASONING

pen... classes of algebra \rightarrow groups, rings

we want to define addition of natural numbers using (constant) 0 and successor function s

$$x + 0 \approx x$$

$$x + s(y) \approx s(x + y)$$

} identities

$$1 + 2$$

$$\approx s(0) + s(s(0))$$

$$\approx s(s(0) + s(0))$$

$$\approx s(s(s(0) + 0))$$

$$\approx s(s(s(0)))$$

$$\approx 3$$

interpreting
identities as
rewrite rules

term rewriting
systems

- variables
- constant symbols
- function symbols

in general,

identities can be applied in both directions

rewrite rules

 \rightarrow instead of \approx

computation mechanism

deduction mechanism

A VERY BASIC EXAMPLES THAT THE CHICKENS CALL
SYMBOLIC DIFFERENTIATION

$$R_1 \quad D_x(x) \rightarrow 1$$

R

$$R_2 \quad D_x(y) \rightarrow 0$$

P

$$R_3 \quad D_x(u+v) \rightarrow D_x(u) + D_x(v)$$

$$R_4 \quad D_x(u * v) \rightarrow (u * D_x(v)) + (D_x(u) * v)$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 D_x(x * x) \\
 \downarrow R_4 \\
 (x * D_x(x)) + (D_x(x) * x) \\
 \swarrow R_1 \quad \searrow R_1 \\
 (x * 1) + (D_x(x) * x) \quad (x * D_x(x)) + (1 * x) \\
 \swarrow R_1 \quad \searrow R_1 \\
 (x * 1) + (1 * x)
 \end{array}$$

< symbolic differentiation of $D_x(x * x)$. >

TERMINATION

expression to which no more rules apply
→ normal form.

$R1-R4$ is terminating (but how?)

ex (non terminating rule) →

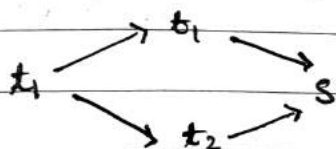
$$u + v \rightarrow v + u$$

commutativity of addition

non-termination may not be because of just one rule it could also result from the interaction of several rules.

CONFLUENCE

if there are different ways of applying rules to a given term t , leading to different terms t_1 and t_2 , can t_1 and t_2 be joined, i.e., can we find a common term s that can be reached from t_1 and t_2 by rule application.

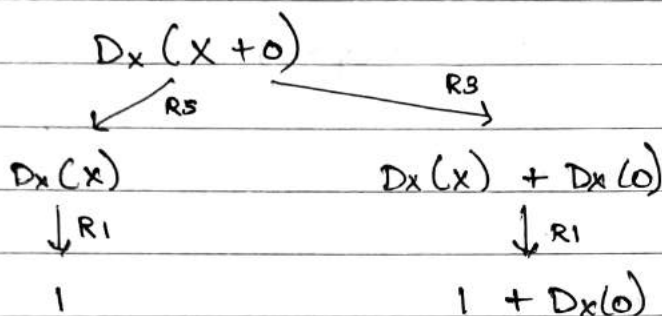


$R1-R4$: confluent
but how?

if we add the simplification rule

$$R5 \quad u + 0 \rightarrow u$$

we lose the confluence property



non confluence of $R1-R5$ can be overcome by adding

$$R6 \quad D_x(0) \rightarrow 0$$

can we always make a non-confluent system confluent by adding implied rules (completion of term rewriting systems).

$R1-R4 \rightarrow$ functional program

termination $\rightarrow D_x$ is a total function.

confluence \rightarrow computation independent of strategy

all term rewriting systems that constitute functional programs are confluent.

GROUP THEORY

- binary function symbol
- i unary function symbol
- e constant symbol

$$a_1 \quad (x \circ y) \circ z \approx x \circ (y \circ z)$$

$$a_2 \quad e \circ x \approx x$$

$$a_3 \quad i(x) \circ x \approx e$$

e

$$\approx i(x \circ i(x)) \circ (x \circ i(x))$$

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$$\approx x \circ i(x)$$

word-problems for set of identities.

we want unidirectional rewrite rules

abstract treatment of reduction

- traversal of some directed graph
- stepwise execution of some computation.
- gradual transformation of some object (i.e., term)

ARS $\xrightarrow{\text{Set}} A \xrightarrow{\text{reduction}} C \subseteq A \times A$

$$(a, b) \in \rightarrow \\ a \rightarrow b \quad \{aRb\}$$

Undirected search expensive

We can decide equivalence of a, b if their normal forms are identical.

• reduction terminates

• normal forms unique

$$R \subseteq A \times B \quad R \circ S = \{(a, c) \in A \times C \mid \exists b \in B \text{ where } (a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in S\}$$

$$S \subseteq B \times C$$

$$\overset{0}{\rightarrow} := \{(a, a) \mid a \in A\} \quad \text{identity}$$

$$\overset{(i+1)}{\rightarrow} := \overset{i}{\rightarrow} \circ \rightarrow \quad \text{(ci) fold composition}$$

$$\overset{+}{\rightarrow} := \bigcup_{i \geq 0} \overset{i}{\rightarrow} \quad \text{transitive closure}$$

$$\overset{*}{\rightarrow} := \overset{+}{\rightarrow} \cup \overset{0}{\rightarrow} \quad \text{reflexive transitive closure}$$

$$\overset{=}{\rightarrow} := \rightarrow \cup \overset{0}{\rightarrow} \quad \text{reflexive closure}$$

$$\overset{\leftarrow}{\rightarrow} := \{(a, b) \mid a \rightarrow b\} \quad \text{inverse}$$

$$\leftarrow := \overset{\leftarrow}{\rightarrow} \quad \text{inverse}$$

$$\longleftrightarrow := \rightarrow \cup \leftarrow \quad \text{symmetric closure}$$

$\leftrightarrow^+ := (\leftrightarrow)^+$ transitive symmetric closure
 $\leftrightarrow^* := (\leftrightarrow)^*$ reflexive transitive symmetric closure

R^*, R^{-1}, \dots

$a \xrightarrow{n} b$ path of length n from (a) to (b) .

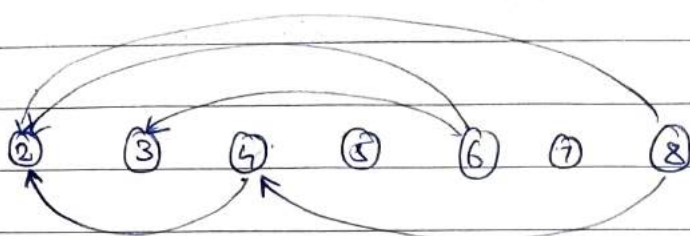
$a \xrightarrow{*} b$ path from (a) to (b) .

$a \xrightarrow{+} b$ non-empty path from (a) to (b) .

Pclosure is the least set
 with property P which
 contains R .

- ① (a) is reducible iff there is a (b) st. $a \rightarrow b$.
- ② (a) is in normal form iff it is not reducible.
- ③ (b) is a normal form of (a) iff $a \xrightarrow{*} b$ and (b) is in normal form. if (a) has a uniquely defined normal form, it is denoted by $a \downarrow$.
- ④ (b) is a direct successor of (a) iff $a \rightarrow b$.
- ⑤ (b) is a successor of (a) iff $a \xrightarrow{+} b$.
- ⑥ (a) and (b) are joinable iff $\exists c$ st. $a \xrightarrow{*} c \xleftarrow{*} b$, $(a \downarrow b)$.

① $A := \mathbb{N} - \{0, 1\} \rightarrow := \{ (m, n) \mid m > n \text{ and } n \mid m \}$



(a) m is in normal form iff m is prime

(b) p is a normal form of m iff p is a prime factor of m .

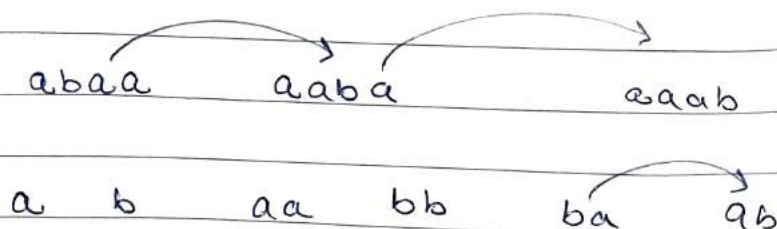
(c) $m \downarrow n$ iff m and n are not relatively prime.

(d) $\xrightarrow{+} = \rightarrow$ because $>$ and "divides" are already transitive.

(e) $\xleftrightarrow{*} A \times A$

② $A := \{a, b\}^*$ (Set of words over alphabet $\{a, b\}$)
 $\rightarrow := \{ (uabv, uabv) \mid u, v \in A \}$

③



- (a) w is in normal form iff w is sorted, i.e. of the form a^*b^* .
- (b) every w has a unique normal form $w\downarrow$, the result of sorting w .
- (c) $w_1\downarrow w_2$ iff $w_1 \xleftrightarrow{*} w_2$ iff w_1 and w_2 contain the same no. of a 's and b 's.

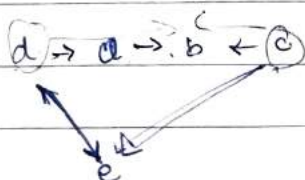
Church-Rosser iff $a \xleftrightarrow{*} b \Rightarrow a\downarrow b$

confluent iff $b_1 \xleftrightarrow{*} a \xleftrightarrow{*} b_2 \Rightarrow b_1\downarrow b_2$

terminating iff there is no infinite chain or loop

normalizing iff every element has a normal form,

convergent iff it is both confluent & terminating



WELL FOUNDED INDUCTION

$$\text{(weak induction)} \quad \frac{\forall a \in A; (\forall b \in A \ a \rightarrow b \Rightarrow P(b))}{\forall a \in A \ P(a)} \Rightarrow P(a)$$

$$\frac{\forall a \in A; (\forall b \in A \ a \rightarrow b \Rightarrow P(b))}{\forall a \in A \ P(a)} \Rightarrow P(a)$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a \in A \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} a \rightarrow b \\ a \rightarrow c \end{array} \right\} \\ \Rightarrow b \downarrow c \end{array}$$

$$b = c.$$

elaboration vs evaluation.

