



**Exercise 2 (Reduction orders):**

**(3 + 3 + 4 = 10 points)**

In this exercise, we will prove termination using the so called *polynomial* and *matrix orders*. In a polynomial order, one uses a polynomial interpretation  $\mathcal{P}$  that maps each function symbol  $f$  of arity  $n$  to a polynomial  $f_{\mathcal{P}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$  using the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and coefficients  $c_0, \dots, c_n$  from  $\mathbb{N}$ . Such an interpretation for function symbols can then be extended to terms using the following rules:

- $\mathcal{P}(x) := x$  for all variables  $x$ .
- $\mathcal{P}(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) := f_{\mathcal{P}}(\mathcal{P}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{P}(t_n))$  for all terms  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .

As example, consider the term  $t = \text{minus}(s(x), s(y))$ . We choose  $s_{\mathcal{P}}(x_1) = 1 + x_1$  and  $\text{minus}_{\mathcal{P}}(x_1, x_2) = 1 + x_1 + x_2$ . Then we have  $\mathcal{P}(s(x)) = 1 + x$  and thus  $\mathcal{P}(t) = 1 + (1 + x) + (1 + y) = 3 + x + y$ .

Using  $\mathcal{P}$ , we can then define the polynomial order over  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{V})$  such that  $s \succ_{\mathcal{P}} t$  holds if and only if  $\mathcal{P}(s) > \mathcal{P}(t)$  holds for all variable assignments with values from  $\mathbb{N}$ . As example, consider the rule

$$\text{minus}(s(x), s(y)) \rightarrow \text{minus}(x, y)$$

and our interpretation from above. We have  $\text{minus}(s(x), s(y)) \succ_{\mathcal{P}} \text{minus}(x, y)$  as  $\mathcal{P}(\text{minus}(s(x), s(y))) = 3 + x + y > 1 + x + y = \mathcal{P}(\text{minus}(x, y))$  holds for all natural numbers  $x, y$ .

Of course, to use  $\succ_{\mathcal{P}}$  as a reduction order, we need to ensure that it is well founded, stable, and monotonic. To this end, one requires that in  $f_{\mathcal{P}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = c_0 + c_1x_1 + \dots + c_nx_n$ ,  $c_i > 0$  holds for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . However,  $c_0 = 0$  is allowed.

- a)** Show termination of the following TRS  $\mathcal{R}_1$  using a polynomial interpretation  $\mathcal{P}_1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{plus}(\mathcal{O}, y) &\rightarrow y \\ \text{plus}(s(x), y) &\rightarrow s(\text{plus}(x, y)) \\ \text{plus}(s(x), y) &\rightarrow \text{plus}(x, s(y)) \end{aligned}$$

The signature of  $\mathcal{R}_1$  is  $\Sigma = \Sigma_0 \cup \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ , where  $\Sigma_0 = \{\mathcal{O}\}$ ,  $\Sigma_1 = \{s\}$  and  $\Sigma_2 = \{\text{plus}\}$ .

Give a polynomial  $f_{\mathcal{P}_1}$  for each symbol  $f$  from  $\Sigma$  and show that  $l \succ_{\mathcal{P}_1} r$  holds for all  $l \rightarrow r \in \mathcal{R}_1$ .

Hints:

- You do not need coefficients that are greater than 2.

- b)** Show termination of the following TRS  $\mathcal{R}_2$  using a polynomial interpretation  $\mathcal{P}_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f(s(s(x)), 42) &\rightarrow f(x, 23) \\ f(x, 23) &\rightarrow f(s(x), 42) \end{aligned}$$

The signature of  $\mathcal{R}_2$  is  $\Sigma = \Sigma_0 \cup \Sigma_1 \cup \Sigma_2$ , where  $\Sigma_0 = \{23, 42\}$ ,  $\Sigma_1 = \{s\}$  and  $\Sigma_2 = \{f\}$ .

Give a polynomial  $f_{\mathcal{P}_2}$  for each symbol  $f$  from  $\Sigma$  and show that  $l \succ_{\mathcal{P}_2} r$  holds for all  $l \rightarrow r \in \mathcal{R}_2$ .

Hints:

- You do not need coefficients that are greater than 3.

- c)** An extension of polynomial order are *matrix orders*.<sup>1</sup> A matrix interpretation maps each term to a *vector* from  $\mathbb{N}^k$ , where  $k$  may be  $> 1$ . The coefficients in the interpretations for the function symbols are not numbers, but instead *matrices* of numbers.

For example, for  $k = 2$ , we define a matrix interpretation  $\mathcal{M}$  that maps each function symbol  $f$  of arity  $n$  to a function

$$f_{\mathcal{M}}\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{0,1} \\ d_{0,1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,1} & c_{1,2} \\ d_{1,1} & d_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} c_{n,1} & c_{n,2} \\ d_{n,1} & d_{n,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

using the variables  $x_1, y_1, \dots, x_n, y_n$  and the coefficients  $c_{i,j}, d_{i,j}$  from  $\mathbb{N}$ . Here  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are standard matrix addition and multiplication, respectively. Similar to polynomial interpretations, such an interpretation for function symbols can then be extended to terms as follows:

<sup>1</sup>This class of orders was discovered only recently in 2006.

- $\mathcal{M}(x) := \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$  for all variables  $x$ .
- $\mathcal{M}(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) := f_{\mathcal{M}}(\mathcal{M}(t_1), \dots, \mathcal{M}(t_n))$  for all terms  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ .

To compare vectors, we define

$$\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \end{pmatrix} > \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

iff  $a_1 > b_1$  and  $a_2 \geq b_2$ .<sup>2</sup> Using  $\mathcal{M}$ , we define the matrix order over  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{V})$  such that  $s \succ_{\mathcal{M}} t$  holds if and only if  $\mathcal{M}(s) > \mathcal{M}(t)$  holds for all variable assignments with values from  $\mathbb{N}$ . To ensure that matrix orders are reduction orders, we require that in

$$f_{\mathcal{M}}\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}, \dots, \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} c_{0,1} \\ d_{0,2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,1} & c_{1,2} \\ d_{1,1} & d_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} + \dots + \begin{pmatrix} c_{n,1} & c_{n,2} \\ d_{n,1} & d_{n,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_n \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$c_{i,1} > 0$  holds for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . All other  $c_{i,j}, d_{i,j}$  may also be 0.

One can find matrix orders  $\succ_{\mathcal{M}}$  and terms  $s, t$  with  $s \succ_{\mathcal{M}} t$  although  $t \succ_{emb} s$  holds. In other words, matrix orders are not necessarily simplification orders. We will now benefit from this property of matrix orders to prove termination of the term rewriting system  $\mathcal{R}_3$ :

$$f(f(x)) \rightarrow f(g(f(x)))$$

The signature of  $\mathcal{R}_3$  is  $\Sigma = \Sigma_1$ , where  $\Sigma_1 = \{f, g\}$ . The TRS  $\mathcal{R}_3$  was presented in the lecture as an example for a TRS where termination cannot be proved using any simplification order.

Give a matrix interpretation  $\mathcal{M}_3$  and show that  $f(f(x)) \succ_{\mathcal{M}_3} f(g(f(x)))$  holds.

Hints:

- You do not need coefficients that are greater than 1.
- We provide part of a possible solution:

$$f_{\mathcal{M}_3}\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & a_{1,2} \\ b_{1,1} & b_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$g_{\mathcal{M}_3}\left(\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 & c_{1,2} \\ d_{1,1} & d_{1,2} \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

### Exercise 3 (Unification): (Only relevant for diploma students: 3 + 3 = 6 points)

Apply the algorithm UNIFY from the lecture to compute a most general unifier for the following sets of terms:

- $\{f(h(x_1), f(x_3, x_4)), f(x_2, f(x_4, x_2)), f(x_3, f(x_2, x_2))\}$
- $\{f(h(x_1), f(x_3, x_4)), f(x_2, f(x_4, x_2)), f(x_1, f(x_2, x_2))\}$

Include all intermediate sets that are created in the computation and note which rule you applied to generate each of the sets from its predecessor in the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \{h(a) =? h(x)\} & \implies \text{(term reduction)} \\ \{a =? x\} & \implies \text{(swap)} \\ \{x =? a\} & \end{aligned}$$

If the computation fails, note the type of the error.

<sup>2</sup>Note that for well-foundedness, one does not have to require  $a_2 > b_2$ .

**Challenge Exercise 4 (Unification):**

**(4\* points)**

Apply the algorithm UNIFY from the lecture to compute a most general unifier for the terms

$$g(x_1, x_2, f(y_0, y_0), f(y_1, y_1), f(y_2, y_2))$$

$$g(f(x_0, x_0), f(x_1, x_1), y_1, y_2, x_2)$$

Use the same format as in Exercise 3.