

Term Rewriting Systems

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Exercise 1: Syntax and Semantics

Give a set of equalities that describes the functions $ge : \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ and $odd : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{B}$ with $\mathbb{B} = \{\top, \perp\}$:

$$ge(x, y) = \begin{cases} \top & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
$$odd(x) = \begin{cases} \top & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Use symbols $true, false \in \Sigma_0$ to represent \top resp. \perp .

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$$\text{ge}(x, y) = \begin{cases} \top & \text{if } x \geq y \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{ge}(x, \mathcal{O}) \equiv \text{true}$$

$$\text{ge}(\mathcal{O}, s(y)) \equiv \text{false}$$

$$\text{ge}(s(x), s(y)) \equiv \text{ge}(x, y)$$

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$$\text{odd}(x) = \begin{cases} \top & \text{if } x \text{ is odd} \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{odd}(\mathcal{O}) \equiv \text{false}$$

$$\text{odd}(s(\mathcal{O})) \equiv \text{true}$$

$$\text{odd}(s(s(x))) \equiv \text{odd}(x)$$

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Consider $\mathcal{E} = \{\text{plus}(\mathcal{O}, y) \equiv y, \text{plus}(s(x), y) \equiv s(\text{plus}(x, y))\}$.
Prove that $\mathcal{E} \not\models \text{plus}(x, y) \equiv \text{plus}(y, x)$.

Hint: You can use a model $A = (\mathcal{A}, \alpha)$ where \mathcal{A} does not only consist of \mathbb{N} , but also contains additional elements (e.g., all words over some alphabet Π). Then define $\alpha_{\text{plus}}(n, m)$ such that it models addition for $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, but behaves differently if n or m are not from \mathbb{N} (e.g., such that $\alpha_{\text{plus}}(n, m)$ models concatenation if $n, m \in \Pi^*$).

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$$A = (\mathbb{N} \cup \{a, b\}^* \cup \{\perp\}, \alpha)$$

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Proof of $A \models \text{plus}(\mathcal{O}, y) \equiv y$:

$$\begin{aligned} & \alpha_{\text{plus}}(\alpha_{\mathcal{O}}, y) \\ = & \alpha_{\text{plus}}(0, y) \\ = & y \end{aligned}$$

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Proof of $A \models \text{plus}(s(x), y) \equiv s(\text{plus}(x, y))$:

We consider the cases...

- ▶ $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$
- ▶ $x, y \in \{a, b\}^*$
- ▶ $x = 0, y \notin \mathbb{N}$
- ▶ $x \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}, y \notin \mathbb{N}$
- ▶ $x \notin \mathbb{N}, \{x, y\} \not\subseteq \{a, b\}^*$

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$$\begin{array}{ll} \alpha_{\text{plus}}(\alpha_s(0), y) & \alpha_s(\alpha_{\text{plus}}(0, y)) \\ = \alpha_{\text{plus}}(1, y) & = \alpha_s(y) \\ = \perp & = \perp \end{array}$$

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Exercise 2: Matching

Consider the following pairs of terms. Give a suitable matcher or a brief explanation why there is no matcher.

1. $f(y, y), f(a, a)$: $\{y/a\}$
2. $f(y, a), f(a, x)$: a cannot be replaced by x using a substitution
3. $f(y, y), f(a, x)$: y cannot be replaced by a and x at the same time using a substitution
4. $f(x, y), f(f(x, z), f(x, z))$: $\{x/f(x, z), y/f(x, z)\}$

Exercise 2: Matching

Let \sim be the matching relation. Prove or disprove:

1. For all terms s , t , and q we have $s \sim t \wedge t \sim q \implies s \sim q$.
2. For all terms s and t we have $s \neq t \wedge \mathcal{V}(s) = \mathcal{V}(t) \implies s \not\sim t$.

1. The proposition is true.

- ▶ $s \sim t$ implies that there is a substitution σ such that $s\sigma = t$
- ▶ $t \sim q$ implies that there is a substitution θ such that $t\theta = q$
- ▶ We get $s\sigma\theta = t\theta = q$
- ▶ Hence, $\sigma\theta$ is a matcher for s and q

$\implies s \sim q$

2. The proposition is wrong.

- ▶ Let $s = x$ and $t = f(x)$
- ▶ For $\sigma = \{x/f(x)\}$ we have $s\sigma = t$

Exercise 3: Induction

Let $t \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{V})$, $\pi \in \text{Occ}(t)$, and $\sigma \in \text{SUB}(\Sigma, \mathcal{V})$. Show by induction over π that $(t|_{\pi})\sigma = (t\sigma)|_{\pi}$ holds.

IB ($\pi = \epsilon$): $t\sigma|_{\pi} = t\sigma = (t|_{\pi})\sigma$

IS ($\pi = i\pi'$):

- ▶ **IH**: The proposition holds for π'
- ▶ As $\pi \in \text{Occ}(t)$, we have $t = f(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)$
- ▶ $(t|_{i\pi'})\sigma = (q_i|_{\pi'})\sigma$ (by Definition)
- ▶ $(q_i|_{\pi'})\sigma = (q_i\sigma)|_{\pi'}$ (by **IH**)
- ▶ $(q_i\sigma)|_{\pi'} = (f(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)|_i\sigma)|_{\pi'}$
- ▶ $(f(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)|_i\sigma)|_{\pi'} = ((f(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)\sigma)|_i)|_{\pi'}$
- ▶ $((f(q_1, \dots, q_i, \dots, q_n)\sigma)|_i)|_{\pi'} = (t\sigma)|_{i\pi'}$

$\implies (t|_{i\pi'})\sigma = (t\sigma)|_{i\pi'}$

Exercise 4: Stability

Prove or disprove that the following relations are stable.

▶ $t \trianglelefteq s$

▶ Let π be the position s.t. $t|_{\pi} = s$

▶ $t\sigma|_{\pi} = t|_{\pi}\sigma \stackrel{t|_{\pi}=s}{=} s\sigma$

$\implies t\sigma \trianglelefteq s\sigma$

▶ $s \sim t$ iff s matches t

▶ Let $s = f(x)$, $t = f(y)$

▶ For $\sigma = \{x/a\}$, we have $s\sigma = f(a)$, $t\sigma = f(y)$

▶ $s\sigma$ does *not* match $t\sigma$

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Prove or disprove that the following relations are stable.

- ▶ $s \approx t$ iff $\mathcal{V}(s) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(t)$
 - ▶ Let $x \in \mathcal{V}(s\sigma)$, show $x \in \mathcal{V}(t\sigma)$
 - ▶ Case 1: There is a $y \in \text{DOM}(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{V}(s)$ with $x \in \mathcal{V}(y\sigma)$ (“ σ introduces x ”)
 - ▶ $y \in \mathcal{V}(s)$ implies $y \in \mathcal{V}(t)$
 - ▶ $y \in \mathcal{V}(t)$ implies $t|_{\pi}\sigma = y\sigma$ for some $\pi \in \text{Occ}(t)$
 - ⇒ $x \in \mathcal{V}(t\sigma)$
 - ▶ Case 2: There is no $y \in \text{DOM}(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{V}(s)$ with $x \in \mathcal{V}(y\sigma)$ (“ σ does not introduce x ”)
 - ▶ Since $x \in \mathcal{V}(s\sigma)$, we have $x \in \mathcal{V}(s)$
 - ▶ $x \in \mathcal{V}(s)$ and $x \in \mathcal{V}(s\sigma)$ implies $x \in \mathcal{V}(x\sigma)$ (“ σ does not remove x ”)
 - ▶ Hence, we get $x\sigma = x$
 - ▶ $x \in \mathcal{V}(s)$ implies $x \in \mathcal{V}(t)$
 - ▶ $x \in \mathcal{V}(t)$ and $x = x\sigma$ implies $x \in \mathcal{V}(t\sigma)$