



Confluence Criteria for Logical Constrained Rewrite Systems



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sum computes $\sum_{i=1}^n i$ for natural number n

Term Rewrite System (TRS)

$\text{sum}(x) \rightarrow \text{sum2}(\text{geq}(0, x), x)$
 $\text{sum2}(\text{true}, x) \rightarrow 0$
 $\text{sum2}(\text{false}, s(x)) \rightarrow \text{plus}(s(x), \text{sum}(x))$
 $\text{plus}(s(x), y) \rightarrow s(\text{plus}(x, y))$
 $\text{plus}(p(x), y) \rightarrow p(\text{plus}(x, y))$
 $\text{plus}(0, y) \rightarrow y$
 $s(p(x)) \rightarrow x$
 $p(s(x)) \rightarrow x$

$\text{geq}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{geq2}(x, y, 0, 0)$
 $\text{geq2}(s(x), y, z, u) \rightarrow \text{geq2}(x, y, s(z), u)$
 $\text{geq2}(p(x), y, z, u) \rightarrow \text{geq2}(x, y, z, s(u))$
 $\text{geq2}(0, s(x), y, z) \rightarrow \text{geq2}(0, x, y, s(z))$
 $\text{geq2}(0, p(x), y, z) \rightarrow \text{geq2}(0, x, s(y), z)$
 $\text{geq2}(0, 0, s(x), s(y)) \rightarrow \text{geq2}(0, 0, x, y)$
 $\text{geq2}(0, 0, x, 0) \rightarrow \text{true}$
 $\text{geq2}(0, 0, 0, s(x)) \rightarrow \text{false}$

Logically Constrained Term Rewrite System (LCTRS)

$\text{sum}(x) \rightarrow 0 [x \leq 0]$

$\text{sum}(x) \rightarrow x + \text{sum}(x - 1) [x > 0]$

Motivation

LCTRS \mathcal{M}

$$\max(x, y) \rightarrow x [x \geq y]$$

$$\max(x, y) \rightarrow y [y \geq x]$$

$$\max(x, y) \rightarrow \max(y, x)$$

with critical pairs (ignoring symmetry)

$$x \approx y [x \geq y \wedge y \geq x]$$

$$x \approx \max(y, x) [x \geq y]$$

$$y \approx \max(y, x) [y \geq x]$$

confluent?

Confluence Criteria

- known criteria:
 - Kop & Nishida 2013: (weak) orthogonality
 - Winkler & Middeldorp 2018: local confluence + termination (Newman's Lemma)
- unexplored criteria:
strongly closedness, (almost) parallel closedness, (almost) development closedness, ...

Can those criteria be adapted towards LCTRSs?

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Important Definitions

- $\mathcal{LVar}(\ell \rightarrow r [\varphi]) = \mathcal{Var}(\varphi) \cup (\mathcal{Var}(r) \setminus \mathcal{Var}(\ell))$
- substitution $\gamma \models \ell \rightarrow r [\varphi]$ if
 - $\text{Dom}(\gamma) = \mathcal{Var}(\ell) \cup \mathcal{Var}(r) \cup \mathcal{Var}(\varphi)$
 - $\gamma(x) \in \mathcal{Val}$ for all $x \in \mathcal{LVar}(\ell \rightarrow r [\varphi])$
 - $\varphi\gamma$ is valid
- substitution $\gamma \models \varphi$

Example

- $\mathcal{LVar}(f(x, y) \rightarrow y [x = u]) = \{x, u\}$
- $\mathcal{LVar}(f(x, y) \rightarrow z [x = 1]) = \{x, z\}$

$\{x \mapsto g(v, 3), y \mapsto 2, z \mapsto 3 + 2\}$ ❌

$\{x \mapsto 2, y \mapsto g(v, 3), z \mapsto 5\}$ ✅

Rewrite Relation

$\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$ for LCTRS \mathcal{R} is union \rightarrow_{ru} and \rightarrow_{ca} :

$$C[l\gamma] \rightarrow_{ru} C[r\gamma]$$

$$C[f(s_1, \dots, s_n)] \rightarrow_{ca} C[v]$$

if $\ell \rightarrow r [\varphi] \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\gamma \models \ell \rightarrow r [\varphi]$

if $f \in \mathcal{F}_{th} \setminus \mathcal{F}_{te}$, $s_1, \dots, s_n \in \mathcal{Val}$,

and v is value of $f(s_1, \dots, s_n)$

Example

LCTRS \mathcal{M}

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{Bool}} = \mathbb{B}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{te}} = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots : \text{Int}$$

$$\mathcal{F}_{\text{th}} = \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots : \text{Int}$$

$$\text{true}, \text{false} : \text{Bool}$$

$$\neg : [\text{Bool}] \Rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{\text{Int}} = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{max} : [\text{Int}] \Rightarrow \text{Int}$$

$$\wedge : [\text{Bool} \times \text{Bool}] \Rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

$$+, - : [\text{Int} \times \text{Int}] \Rightarrow \text{Int}$$

$$\leq, \geq, = : [\text{Int} \times \text{Int}] \Rightarrow \text{Bool}$$

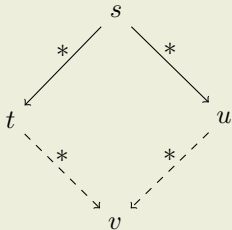
$$\mathcal{M} = \quad \text{max}(x, y) \rightarrow x [x \geq y] \quad \text{max}(x, y) \rightarrow y [y \geq x] \quad \text{max}(x, y) \rightarrow \text{max}(y, x)$$

$$\text{max}(2 + 1, 1 + 3) \rightarrow_{\text{ca}} \text{max}(3, 1 + 3) \rightarrow_{\text{ca}} \text{max}(3, 4) \rightarrow_{\text{ru}} \text{max}(4, 3) \rightarrow_{\text{ru}} 4$$

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Confluence



Critical Pairs (CPs)

- (weak) orthogonality
- Knuth-Bendix criterion
- strongly closed
- (almost) parallel closed
- (almost) development closed
- labeling techniques
- CP closing systems
- commutation based methods
- ...

Constrained Critical Pair (CCP)

Overlap of LCTRS \mathcal{R} is $\langle \rho_1, p, \rho_2 \rangle$ with $\rho_1: \ell_1 \rightarrow r_1$ $[\varphi_1]$ and $\rho_2: \ell_2 \rightarrow r_2$ $[\varphi_2]$, satisfying:

1. ρ_1 and ρ_2 are variable-disjoint variants of rules in $\mathcal{R} \cup \mathcal{R}_{ca}$
2. $p \in \text{Pos}_{\mathcal{F}}(\ell_2)$
3. ℓ_1 and $\ell_2|_p$ unify with mgu σ such that $\sigma(x) \in \text{Val} \cup \mathcal{V}$ for all $x \in \mathcal{LVar}(\rho_1) \cup \mathcal{LVar}(\rho_2)$
4. $\varphi_1\sigma \wedge \varphi_2\sigma$ is satisfiable
5. if $p = \epsilon$ then ρ_1 and ρ_2 are not variants, or $\text{Var}(r_1) \not\subseteq \text{Var}(\ell_1)$

$\ell_2\sigma[r_1\sigma]_p \approx r_2\sigma$ $[\varphi_1\sigma \wedge \varphi_2\sigma \wedge \psi\sigma]$ is constrained critical pair with

$$\psi = \bigwedge \{x = x \mid x \in \mathcal{EVar}(\rho_1) \cup \mathcal{EVar}(\rho_2)\}$$

Example

$$x \approx y [x \geq y \wedge y \geq x]$$

$$x \approx \max(y, x) [x \geq y]$$

$$y \approx \max(y, x) [y \geq x]$$

Constrained Terms

- $s [\varphi]$ with term s and logical constraint φ
- $s [\varphi] \sim t [\psi]$ if for all $\gamma \models \varphi$ exists $\tau \models \psi$ with $s\gamma = t\tau$ (and vice versa)
- important for (confluence) analysis
- $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}}^* := \sim \cdot \rightarrow_{ru} \cup \rightarrow_{ca} \cdot \sim$

Example

LCTRS \mathcal{M}

$$\max(x, y) \rightarrow x [x \geq y]$$

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rewrite constrained terms

$$\max(x, x) [x \geq 4] \rightarrow_{ru} x [x \geq 4] \quad // \quad x \geq 4 \Rightarrow x \geq x$$

$$\max(x + y, 1) [x = 2 \wedge y \geq 0] \rightarrow_{ca} \max(z, 1) [x = 2 \wedge y \geq 0 \wedge z = x + y]$$

$$\max(x, 1) [x = 2] \sim \max(2, 1) \rightarrow_{ru} 2$$

Trivial CCP

CCP $s \approx t [\varphi]$ is trivial if $s\sigma = t\sigma$ for every $\sigma \models \varphi$

Joinability of CCPs

For $s \approx t [\varphi]$ cannot simply be defined as $s [\varphi] \xrightarrow{*}_{\mathcal{R}} \cdot \mathcal{R} \xleftarrow{*} t [\varphi]$. Terminating LCTRS \mathcal{R} :

$$f(x, y) \rightarrow g(x, 1 + 1) \qquad h(f(x, y)) \rightarrow h(g(y, 1 + 1))$$

with CCP $h(g(x, 1 + 1)) \approx h(g(y, 1 + 1))$ for which

$$h(g(x, 1 + 1)) \rightarrow_{ca} h(g(x, z)) [z = 1 + 1] \sim h(g(y, v)) [v = 1 + 1] \leftarrow_{ca} h(g(y, 1 + 1))$$

but

$$h(g(1, 2)) \xleftarrow{*} h(f(1, 2)) \rightarrow^* h(g(2, 2))$$

Joinability

- constrained equation $s \approx t [\varphi]$ is trivial if $s\sigma = t\sigma$ for any $\sigma \models \varphi$
- critical pair $s \approx t [\varphi]$ is joinable if $s \approx t [\varphi] \xrightarrow{\mathcal{R}}^* u \approx v [\psi]$ for trivial $u \approx v [\psi]$

Example cont'd

$$h(g(x, 1 + 1)) \approx h(g(y, 1 + 1))$$

$$\rightarrow_{ca} h(g(x, v)) \approx h(g(y, 1 + 1)) [v = 1 + 1]$$

$$\rightarrow_{ca} h(g(x, v)) \approx h(g(y, z)) [v = 1 + 1 \wedge z = 1 + 1]$$

BUT $\sigma = \{v \mapsto 2, z \mapsto 2\}$ and $\sigma \models v = 1 + 1 \wedge z = 1 + 1$ thus $h(g(x, 2)) \neq h(g(y, 2))$.

Adding Extra Variables

inp models user input: $\text{start}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow \text{comp}(x_1, \dots, x_n, \text{inp})$

Example

LCTRS \mathcal{R}

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

$$g(y) \rightarrow a [y = y]$$

with joinable CCP $g(y) \approx g(y') [y = y \wedge y' = y']$. \mathcal{R} is terminating and hence confluent.
Without trivial equations ψ we have CCP $g(y) \approx g(y') [\text{true}]$ giving wrongly non-confluence.

Strongly Closed (TRS)

CP $s \approx t$ is strongly closed if $s \rightarrow^= \cdot \ast \leftarrow t$ and $s \rightarrow^* \cdot = \leftarrow t$.

Strongly Closed

CCP $s \approx t [\varphi]$ is strongly closed if

1. $s \approx t [\varphi] \xrightarrow{\ast}_{\geq 1} \cdot \xrightarrow{=}_{\geq 2} u \approx v [\psi]$ for some trivial $u \approx v [\psi]$, and
2. $s \approx t [\varphi] \xrightarrow{\ast}_{\geq 2} \cdot \xrightarrow{=}_{\geq 1} u \approx v [\psi]$ for some trivial $u \approx v [\psi]$.

Theorem (Huet 1980)

linear TRS is strongly confluent if all its critical pairs are strongly closed

Theorem

linear LCTRS is strongly confluent if all its constrained critical pairs are strongly closed

Example

LCTRS \mathcal{M} with CCPs:

$$x \approx y [x \geq y \wedge y \geq x] \quad x \approx \max(y, x) [x \geq y] \quad y \approx \max(y, x) [y \geq x]$$

not confluent by any previously existing criterion but

$$x \approx \max(y, x) [x \geq y] \xrightarrow{\geq 2} x \approx x [x \geq y]$$

$$y \approx \max(y, x) [y \geq x] \xrightarrow{\geq 2} y \approx y [y \geq x]$$

linear & strongly closed, thus confluent

Parallel Rewriting

For LCTRS \mathcal{R} the relation $\dashv\vdash_{\mathcal{R}}$ is defined as

1. $x \dashv\vdash_{\mathcal{R}} x$ for all variables x ,
2. $f(s_1, \dots, s_n) \dashv\vdash_{\mathcal{R}} f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ if $s_i \dashv\vdash_{\mathcal{R}} t_i$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$,
3. $\ell\sigma \dashv\vdash_{\mathcal{R}} r\sigma$ with $\ell \rightarrow r [\varphi] \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\sigma \models \ell \rightarrow r [\varphi]$,
4. $f(v_1, \dots, v_n) \dashv\vdash v$ with $f \in \mathcal{F}_{\text{th}} \setminus \mathcal{V}\text{al}$, $v_1, \dots, v_n \in \mathcal{V}\text{al}$ and $v = \llbracket f(v_1, \dots, v_n) \rrbracket$.

Parallel Closed

critical pair $s \approx t [\varphi]$ is parallel closed if

$$s \approx t [\varphi] \dashv\vdash_{\geq 1} u \approx v [\psi]$$

for some trivial $u \approx v [\psi]$

Theorem

left-linear parallel-closed LCTRSs are confluent

Example

LCTRS \mathcal{R}

$$\begin{array}{ll} f(x, y) \rightarrow g(a, y + y) [y \geq x \wedge y = 1] & a \rightarrow b \\ h(f(x, y)) \rightarrow h(g(b, 2)) [x \geq y] & g(x, y) \rightarrow g(y, x) \end{array}$$

single CP

$$\begin{array}{l} h(g(a, y + y)) \approx h(g(b, 2)) [x \geq y \wedge y \geq x \wedge y = 1] \\ \Downarrow_{\geq 1}^* h(g(b, 2)) \approx h(g(b, 2)) [\text{true}] \end{array}$$

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Syntactic Equality is too Weak

$$g(z) [z = 3] \neq g(3)$$

$$g(z) [z = 3] \sim g(3)$$

Triviality Check

formula $T(s, t, \varphi)$ for constrained equation $s \approx t [\varphi]$

$$T(s, t, \varphi) = \begin{cases} \text{true} & \text{if } s = t \\ s = t & \text{if } s, t \in \mathcal{Val} \cup \mathcal{Var}(\varphi) \\ \bigwedge_{i=1}^n T(s_i, t_i, \varphi) & \text{if } s = f(s_1, \dots, s_n) \text{ and } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \\ \text{false} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Lemma

constrained equation $s \approx t [\varphi]$ is trivial if and only if the formula $\varphi \implies T(s, t, \varphi)$ is valid

How to compute equivalences for \mathcal{R} ? $\xrightarrow{*}_{\mathcal{R}} \cdot \mathcal{R}^* \xleftarrow{*}$ is implemented as $\rightarrow^*_{\text{tf}(\mathcal{R})} \cdot \sim \cdot \text{tf}(\mathcal{R})^* \xleftarrow{*}$.

Transformation

Let \mathcal{R} be an LCTRS and $t \in \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{V})$:

$$\text{tf}(t) = \begin{cases} (t, \text{true}) & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{V} \\ (z, z = t) & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{Val} \text{ and } z \text{ is a fresh variable} \\ (f(s_1, \dots, s_n), \varphi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \varphi_n) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \text{ and } \text{tf}(t_i) = (s_i, \varphi_i) \end{cases}$$

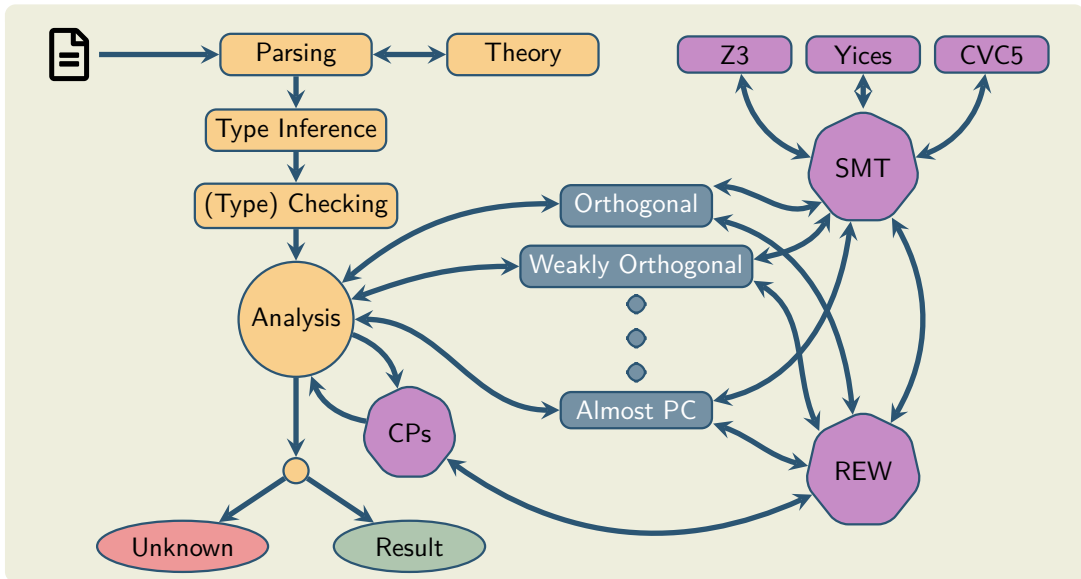
$$\text{tf}(\mathcal{R}) = \{ \ell' \rightarrow r [\varphi \wedge \psi] \mid \ell \rightarrow r [\varphi] \in \mathcal{R} \text{ and } \text{tf}(\ell) = (\ell', \psi) \}$$

Example

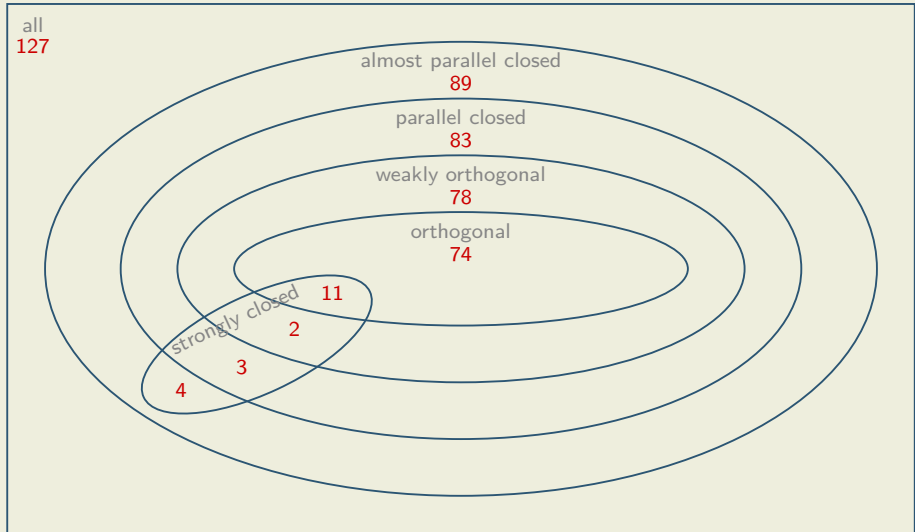
$$f(x) \rightarrow z [z = 3] \qquad g(f(x)) \rightarrow a \qquad g(3) \rightarrow a \qquad (\mathcal{R})$$

CCP $g(z) \approx a [z = 3]$ is joinable with $\text{tf}(\mathcal{R})$ but not \mathcal{R} without initial equivalence

Rough Workflow of Our Tool



Experiments



Summary

- logical constrained rewrite systems
- strong closedness & (almost) parallel closedness for LCTRSs
- automation in tool crest

Outlook

- more elegant & simpler approach (IWC 2023)
- How to resolve encountered problems?
- competition category in CoCo
- raise interest for LCTRSs

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Parallel CPs (PCPs)

- criterion Gramlich 96
- criterion Toyama 81
- criteria Shintani et al. 22
- labeling techniques
- commutation based
- CP closing systems

Simultaneous CPs (SCPs)

- criterion Okui 98

Transformation

redundant rules, order-sorted decomposition, reduction method, ...