

Rewriting Techniques, 2: termination, interpretation

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Exercise 1 :

Show that the strict order $>$ defined by

$$s > t \text{ iff } |s| > |t| \text{ and, for all } x \in FV(t), |s|_x > |t|_x$$

is a reduction order, where $|s|$ is the *size* of s and $|s|_x$ is the number of occurrences of x in s .

A **matrix interpretation on integers** is the following:

- a positive integer d ;
- for every symbol f of arity n , n matrices $M_{f,1} \dots, M_{f,n} \in \mathbb{N}^{d \times d}$;
- for every symbol of arity n , a vector $V_f \in \mathbb{N}^d$;
- a non-empty set $I \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\}$ satisfying that for every symbol f of arity n the map

$$L_f : (\mathbb{N}^d)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^d \text{ defined as } L_f(X_1, \dots, X_n) = V_f + \sum_{i=1}^n M_{f,i} X_i$$

is monotonic with respect to $>_I$ where $X >_I Y$ holds if and only if for every $i \in \{1, \dots, d\}$, $X[i] \geq Y[i]$ and there is $j \in I$ such that $X[j] > Y[j]$.

Then $(\mathbb{N}^d, (L_f)_f, >_I)$ is a well-founded monotone algebra.

Exercise 2 :

Consider the TRS $\{ s(a) \rightarrow s(p(a)), p(b) \rightarrow p(s(b)) \}$.

1. Prove that its termination cannot be proved by a polynomial interpretation on integers;
2. Use the following matrix interpretation to prove termination w.r.t. $>_{\{1,2\}}$.

$$L_s(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} X \quad L_p(X) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} X \quad L_a = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad L_b = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

3. Why does it fail if we take $>_{\{1\}}$ instead? Is there another matrix interpretation that works with this ordering?

Exercise 3 :

Consider exercise on semantic labeling of TD1, where the following rewriting system was defined

$$\begin{aligned} f(s X) &\rightarrow f(p(s X)) \diamond (s X) & p(s z) &\rightarrow z \\ p(s(s X)) &\rightarrow s(p(s X)) \end{aligned}$$

1. Prove that RPO cannot prove the termination of the system.
2. Prove that a labeled system can be proved terminating with RPO.

Exercise 4 :

We consider the Ackermann's function

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ack } 0 \ y &= y + 1 \\ \text{Ack } x \ 0 &= \text{Ack } (x - 1) \ 1 \\ \text{Ack } x \ y &= \text{Ack } (x - 1) (\text{Ack } x (y - 1)) \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Prove its termination by induction.

(b) The following rewrite system simulates Ack

$$\begin{aligned} a(0, y) &\rightarrow s(y) \\ a(s(x), 0) &\rightarrow a(x, s(0)) \\ a(s(x), s(y)) &\rightarrow a(x, a(s(x), y)) \end{aligned}$$

Prove its termination using a LPO.

(c) Consider the well-founded domain $(\text{Mult}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}), (>_{\text{lex}})_{\text{mul}})$. Prove the termination of Ack using the following abstraction:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi : T(\{a, s\}, X) &\rightarrow \text{Mult}(\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}) \\ t &\rightarrow \{ (|u|, |v|) \mid t|_{p \in \text{Pos}(t)} = a(u, v) \} \end{aligned}$$

where $|0| = 1$, $|a(x, y)| = |x| + |y| + 1$ and $|s(x)| = |x| + 1$.

Exercise 5 :

Let $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and P_f be respectively the domain and the interpretation, for each function symbol f , of a polynomial interpretation of integers for a TRS (*note: the TRS is therefore terminating*). Take $a \in A \setminus \{0\}$.

1. Define $\pi_a : T(F, X) \rightarrow A$ as the function which maps every variable x to a and every term of the form $f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ to $P_f(\pi_a(t_1), \dots, \pi_a(t_n))$. Prove that $\pi_a(t)$ is greater or equal to the length of every reduction starting from t .
2. for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $f \in F_n$, Show that there exists d_f and k_f positive integers such that for every $a_1, \dots, a_n \in A \setminus \{0\}$, $P_f(a_1, \dots, a_n) \leq d_f \prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{k_f}$.
3. From the previous point, pick d_f to be also greater or equal than a for all f and fix $c_f \geq k_f + \log_2(d_f)$. For every $t \in T(F, X)$ let $c_t = \max_{f \in F_t} c_f$ where F_t is the finite set of all functions symbols appearing in t , then prove that $\pi_a(t) \leq 2^{2^{c_t|t|}}$.

Consider now any finite TRS R and a function symbol f . Prove that there exists an integer k such that if $s \rightarrow_R t$ then $|t|_f \leq k(|s|_f + 1)$, where $|\cdot|_f$ is the number of f .

Deduce that the TRS

$$\{ a(0, y) \rightarrow s(y), a(s(x), 0) \rightarrow a(x, s(0)), a(s(x), s(y)) \rightarrow a(x, a(s(x), y)) \},$$

simulating the Ackermann's function, cannot be proved terminating using a polynomial interpretation over integers.

A weight function for a signature Σ is a pair (w, w_0) consisting of a mapping $w : \Sigma \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ and a constant $w_0 > 0$ such that $w(c) \geq w_0$ for all *constant* $c \in \Sigma$. Let (w, w_0) be a weight function. The weight of a term t is defined as follows

$$w(t) = \begin{cases} w_0 & \text{if } t \text{ is a variable} \\ w(f) + \sum_{i=1}^n w(t_i) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

We denote $|s|_x$ for x a variable the number of times that x occurs in s . Let $>$ be a precedence and (w, w_0) a weight function. We define the *Knuth-Bendix order* (KBO) $>_{\text{kbo}}$ on terms inductively as follows: $s >_{\text{kbo}} t$ if $|s|_x \geq |t|_x$ for all variables x and either

1. $w(s) > w(t)$, or
2. $w(s) = w(t)$ and one of the following alternatives holds
 - (a) t is a variable and $s = f^n(t)$ for some unary function symbol f and $n > 0$,
 - (b) $s = f(s_1, \dots, s_n), t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$ and there is $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ such that $s_j = t_j$ for all $1 \leq j < i$ and $s_i >_{\text{kbo}} t_i$, or
 - (c) $s = f(s_1, \dots, s_n), t = g(t_1, \dots, t_m)$ and $f > g$.

Exercise 6 :

Using a KBO, prove the termination of:

1. $\{ l(x) + (y + z) \rightarrow x + (l(l(y)) + z), l(x) + (y + (z + w)) \rightarrow x + (z + (y + w)) \}$
2. $\{ r^n(l^k(x)) \rightarrow l^k(r^m(x)) \}$, where $n, k > 0$ and $m \geq 0$.