

ISR 2026 — Basic Track

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Weak Church Rosser or local confluence

two divergent steps

- caused by **parallel redexes** are joinable
- caused by **nested non-overlapping redexes** are joinable
- two divergent steps caused by **overlapping redexes** are joinable
if the underlying critical pair(s) is (are) joinable

critical pairs

- arise from a **most general common instance** of two left-hand sides
- can be **computed** using a unification algorithm
- are **ordered**
- from an overlap at the root by different rules we get **two**

for terminating TRSs, WCR and hence CR are decidable

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Example (equational system for addition)

$$0 + y \approx y$$

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

what follows from these equations?

what does it mean to 'follow' from equations?

Example (equational system for booleans)

$$\text{and}(\text{true}, x) \approx x$$

$$\text{and}(\text{false}, x) \approx \text{false}$$

$$\text{not}(\text{true}) \approx \text{false}$$

$$\text{not}(\text{false}) \approx \text{true}$$

$$\text{or}(x, y) \approx \text{not}(\text{and}(\text{not}(x), \text{not}(y)))$$

Example (equational systems for groups)

$$e \cdot x \approx x$$

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$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z \approx x \cdot (y \cdot z)$$

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Example (addition again)

ES $(\Sigma, \mathcal{E})$ with signature Σ

0 (constant) s (unary) $+$ (binary, infix)

and equations $\mathcal{E}$

$$0 + y \approx y$$

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

often we only give the equations

What follows from an equation?

Intuitively: what we get 'replacing equals by equals'.

Informal example:

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

This can be made more formal.

Equality is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

We can use a substitution instance of a given equation.

We can use an equation in a larger term.

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[c] congruence

$$\frac{s_1 \approx t_1, \dots, s_n \approx t_n}{f(s_1, \dots, s_n) \approx f(t_1, \dots, t_n)}$$

 $\forall n\text{-ary } f$

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 \end{array}$$

Definition (Syntactic Consequence)

$\mathcal{E} \vdash s \approx t \quad (s \approx_{\mathcal{E}} t) \quad \text{if equation } s \approx t \text{ is derivable.}$

So: if there exists a derivation that has our equality as conclusion.

We have seen: $\mathcal{E} \vdash s(s(0) + s(0)) \approx s(s(s(0)))$

It may be hard to show that an equation is not derivable.

a more attractive approach

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with rules $l \rightarrow r$ and $r \rightarrow l$ for every equation $l \approx r$ in $\mathcal{E}$

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Given a signature Σ

a Σ -algebra is given by:

a non-empty carrier set A

for every function symbol f of arity n a mapping

$$[f] : A^n \rightarrow A$$

Examples (algebras for addition)

- $\mathcal{A}$: carrier set is $\mathbb{N}$ and the interpretation of the function symbols is $[0] = 0$, $[s](x) = x + 1$, $[+](x, y) = x + y$
- $\mathcal{B}$: carrier set is $\mathbb{N}$ and the interpretation of the function symbols is $[0] = 1$, $[s](x) = x + 1$, $[+](x, y) = 2x + y$
- $\mathcal{C}$: carrier set is $A = \{a, b, c\}$ and the interpretation of the function symbols is $[0] = a$, and

$[s]$	
a	a
b	a
c	a

$[+]$	a	b	c
a	b	c	a
b	c	a	b
c	a	b	c

Definition

An equation $s \approx t$ is **valid** in the Σ -algebra $\mathcal{A}$ ($\mathcal{A} \models s \approx t$) if

$$[s, \alpha]_{\mathcal{A}} = [t, \alpha]_{\mathcal{A}}$$

for all assignments α .

assignments map variables to elements in the carrier set

we do not always mention them explicitly

Back to the examples

the equation $s(x) + y \approx s(x + y)$ is valid in $\mathcal{A}$

the equation $s(x) + y \approx s(x + y)$ is not valid in $\mathcal{B}$

the equation $s(s(0)) \approx 0$ is valid in $\mathcal{C}$

Definition

Σ -algebra $\mathcal{A}$ is **model** of ES $(\Sigma, \mathcal{E})$

if $\mathcal{A} \models s \approx t$ for all equations $s \approx t \in \mathcal{E}$.

Examples

- $\mathcal{A}$ is a model for the equational system for addition
- $\mathcal{B}$ is not a model for the equational system for addition
- $\mathcal{C}$ is not a model for the equational system for addition:

$0 + y \approx y$ is not valid in $\mathcal{C}$ (taking a for y)

Definition

- $\mathcal{E} \models s \approx t$ if equation $s \approx t$ is valid in all models of $\mathcal{E}$.
- The **equational theory** of $\mathcal{E}$ consists of all equations $s \approx t$ such that $\mathcal{E} \models s \approx t$.

Example

$$\mathcal{E} \not\models x + y \approx y + x$$

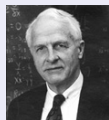
Consider model $\mathcal{D} = (\mathbb{N}, [\cdot])$

with $[0] = 0$, $[s](x) = x$, $[+](x, y) = y$.

Theorem (Birkhoff)

Equational reasoning is *sound* and *complete*

$$\forall ES \mathcal{E}: \quad \mathcal{E} \vdash s \approx t \iff \mathcal{E} \models s \approx t$$



Example

$\mathcal{E} \models s(s(0) + s(0)) \approx s(s(s(0)))$ because $\mathcal{E} \vdash s(s(0) + s(0)) \approx s(s(s(0)))$

$\mathcal{E} \not\models x + y \approx y + x$ because $\mathcal{E} \not\vdash x + y \approx y + x$

if we want to show that an equation is not derivable,

we can give a model in which that equation is not valid

$\mathcal{E} \vdash s \approx t$ if **there exists** a derivation with conclusion $s \approx t$

$\mathcal{E} \models s \approx t$ if $s \approx t$ is valid in **all** models of $\mathcal{E}$

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Example (Combinatory Logic)

$$I \cdot x \approx x$$

$$(K \cdot x) \cdot y \approx x$$

$$((S \cdot x) \cdot y) \cdot z \approx (x \cdot z) \cdot (y \cdot z)$$

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completion: intuition

if a terminating TRS is not WCR

add a rule to make it WCR

preserving termination

this works often

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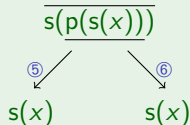
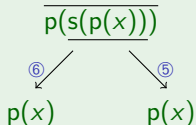
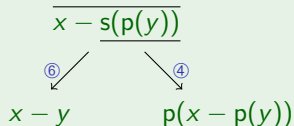
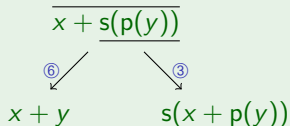
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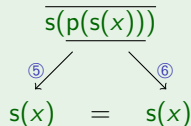
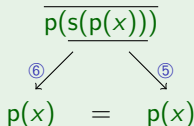
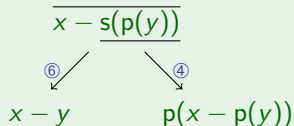
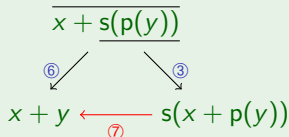
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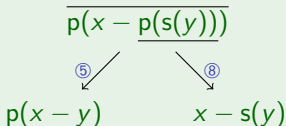
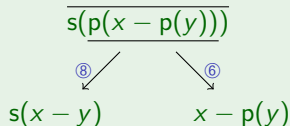
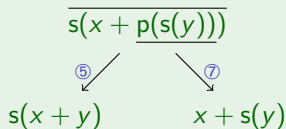
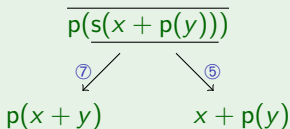
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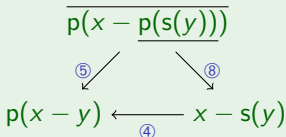
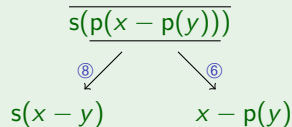
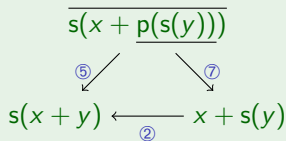
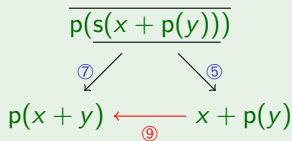
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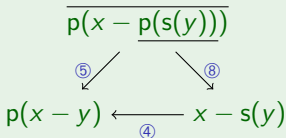
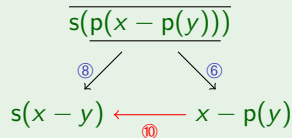
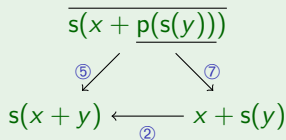
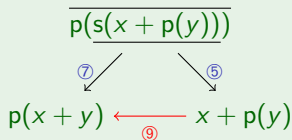
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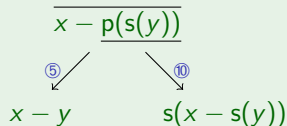
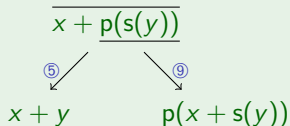
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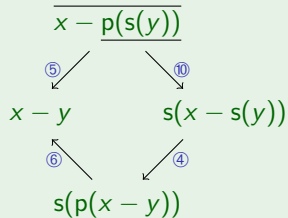
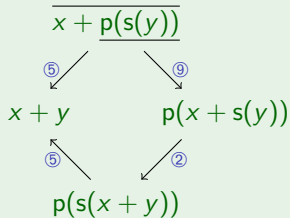
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Knuth–Bendix Completion Procedure (Simple Version)

input ES $\mathcal{E}$ and reduction order $>$

output complete TRS R such that $\xleftrightarrow[\mathcal{E}]{}^* = \xleftrightarrow[R]{}^*$

$R := \emptyset \quad C := \mathcal{E}$

while $C \neq \emptyset$ do

choose $s \approx t \in C \quad C := C \setminus \{s \approx t\}$

compute R -normal forms s' and t' of s and t

if $s' \neq t'$ then

if $s' > t'$ then

$\alpha := s' \quad \beta := t'$

else if $t' > s'$ then

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else

failure (try another reduction order $>$)

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Knuth-Bendix completion procedure may

- 3 not terminate (divergence)

Example

- rewrite rules

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

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$$g(h(a)) \rightarrow f(b)$$

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$$g(h(h(h(a)))) \rightarrow f(f(f(b)))$$

- LPO with precedence $a > f > g > h > b$...

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