

# Layer Systems for Confluence — Formalized

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# Context

## Automating Confluence

- CSI – tool for proving (non-)confluence of term rewrite systems

## Certification

- CeTA – certifier for termination, confluence and more

## Formalization

- IsaFoR – formalization of rewriting

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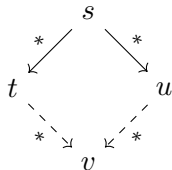
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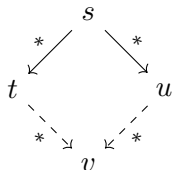
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where  $I = @(@(S, K), K)$

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- disjoint signatures  $\implies$  confluent by modularity 😊



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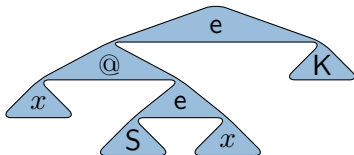
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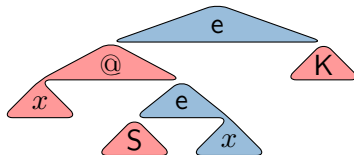
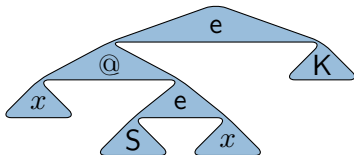
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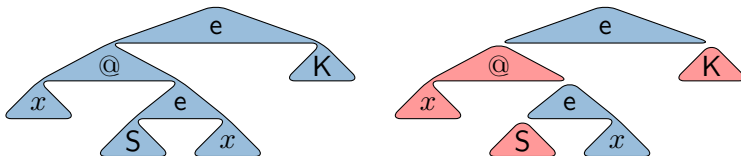
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## Applications

- modularity:  $\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2$  is layered by  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{V}) \cup \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}_2, \mathcal{V})$ .
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# Layer Systems Definition

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Under the following conditions, the TRS  $\mathcal{R}$  is layered wrt.  $\mathcal{L}$ :

- $L_1$  Every term in  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{V})$  has a non-empty top
- $L_2$  If  $x \in \mathcal{V}$  and  $C \in \mathcal{C}$ , then  $C[x]_p \in \mathcal{L}$  if and only if  $C[\square]_p \in \mathcal{L}$
- $L_3$  If  $L, N \in \mathcal{L}$ ,  $p \in \mathcal{Pos}_{\mathcal{F}}(L)$ , and  $L|_p \sqcup N$  is defined, then  $L[L|_p \sqcup N]_p \in \mathcal{L}$
- $W$  If  $M$  is the max-top of  $s$ ,  $p \in \mathcal{Pos}_{\mathcal{F}}(M)$ , and  $s \rightarrow_{p, \ell \rightarrow r} t$  with  $\ell \rightarrow r \in \mathcal{R}$ , then  $M \rightarrow_{p, \ell \rightarrow r} L$  for some  $L \in \mathcal{L}$
- $C_1$  In  $(W)$ , either  $L$  is the max-top of  $t$  or  $L = \square$
- $C_2$  If  $L, N \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $L \sqsubseteq N$ , then  $L[N|_p]_p \in \mathcal{L}$  for any  $p \in \mathcal{Pos}_{\square}(L)$

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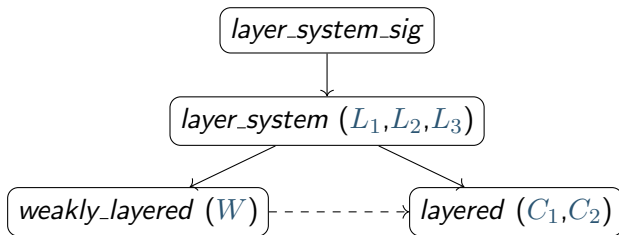
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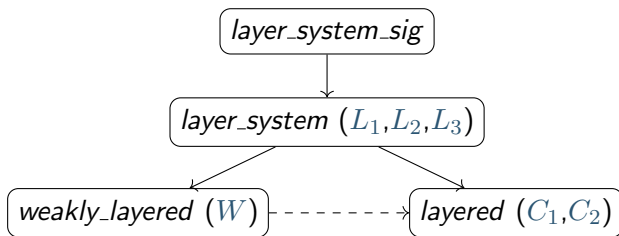
## Miscellanea

- express properties algebraically
- *obvious*  
nice abstraction for multi-hole contexts
- motivation

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## Locales

- bundle assumptions and conclusions (the interface)
- can be instantiated (for applications)
- results based on the assumptions can be proved inside the locale (for main result)

# Results and Effort

(BF) definitions, basic results about layers	3.2k
(BF) if $\mathcal{R}$ is layered by $\mathcal{L}$ , and $\mathcal{R}$ is confluent on $\mathcal{L}$ , then $\mathcal{R}$ is confluent	2.0k
(FR) for disjoint $\mathcal{R}_1$ and $\mathcal{R}_2$ , $\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2$ is layered by homogeneous terms $\implies$ modularity	0.8k
(FR) for many-sorted $\mathcal{R}$ , $\mathcal{R}$ is layered by well-typed terms $\implies$ persistence	1.5k
(FR) for any $\mathcal{R}$ , $\text{Cu}(\mathcal{R})$ is layered by a layer system $\implies$ preservation of confluence by currying	3.8k
(BF) executable persistence check for CeTA	0.6k

total: 12k lines of proof

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## Notes

- part of CSI
- order-sorted persistence was available
- add many-sorted persistence
- add proof output

## CSI + CeTA

## Demo



## Experiments

	CSI✓	+pd✓	+os	CSI
yes	148	153+	155	244
no	162	162	162	162
maybe	127	122	120	31
total	437	437	437	437

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