

# Proof Terms for Rewriting

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# Motivation

- multisteps as first-order terms
- useful for manipulating and analyzing steps
- used by VvO and RdV to investigate equivalences of reductions
- used by AM and JN to formalize proof of development closure

## Goal

- implement operations on proof terms
- provide interactive web interface

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## Reminder

**left-linear** TRS: left-hand side of every rule does not contain multiple occurrences of the same variable

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**multistep** relation  $\multimap$  is inductively defined

- $x \multimap x$  for all variables  $x$
- $f(s_1, \dots, s_n) \multimap f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  if  $s_i \multimap t_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$
- $l\sigma \multimap r\tau$  if  $l \rightarrow r \in \mathcal{R}$  and  $x\sigma \multimap x\tau$  for all variables  $x$

## Proof Terms

- **rule symbol** is associated with each rewrite rule  $\ell \rightarrow r$  of a (left-linear) TRS  $R$
- **proof terms** are terms built from function symbols, variables and rule symbols

## Notation

- function symbols (of arity greater than 0):  $f, g, h$
- constants:  $a, b, c$
- variables:  $x, y, z$
- rule symbols:  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \dots$

## Example

$$f(g(x)) \xrightarrow{\alpha} g(h(x, i(a)))$$

$$g(h(h(i(x), y), f(z))) \xrightarrow{\beta} h(h(y, y), f(z))$$

$$i(x) \xrightarrow{\gamma} x$$

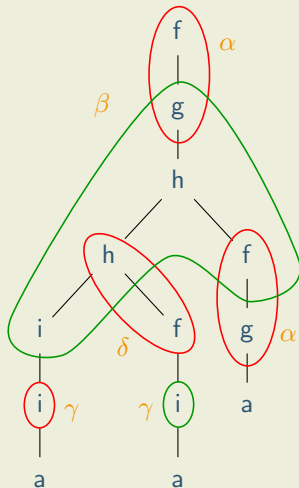
$$h(x, f(y)) \xrightarrow{\delta} h(i(f(y)), f(y))$$

$$g(h(x, y)) \xrightarrow{\varepsilon} h(x, y)$$

$$s = f(g(h(h(i(i(a))), f(i(a))), f(g(a))))$$

$$A = \alpha(h(\delta(i(\gamma(a))), i(a)), \alpha(a))$$

$$B = f(\beta(i(a), f(\gamma(a))), g(a))$$





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## Definitions

rule symbol  $\alpha$  associated with  $\ell \rightarrow r$

- $\text{lhs}(\alpha)$  denotes  $\ell$
- $\text{rhs}(\alpha)$  denotes  $r$
- $\text{var}(\alpha)$  denotes list  $(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  of variables appearing in  $\ell$  in some fixed order
- arity of  $\alpha$  is length of  $\text{var}(\alpha)$
- $\langle t_1, \dots, t_n \rangle_\alpha$  denotes substitution  $\{x_i \mapsto t_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$

## Definitions

- source  $\text{src}(A)$  and target  $\text{tgt}(A)$  of proof term  $A$

$$\text{src}(x) = \text{tgt}(x) = x$$

$$\text{src}(f(A_1, \dots, A_n)) = f(\text{src}(A_1), \dots, \text{src}(A_n))$$

$$\text{src}(\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n)) = \text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle \text{src}(A_1), \dots, \text{src}(A_n) \rangle_\alpha$$

$$\text{tgt}(f(A_1, \dots, A_n)) = f(\text{tgt}(A_1), \dots, \text{tgt}(A_n))$$

$$\text{tgt}(\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n)) = \text{rhs}(\alpha)\langle \text{tgt}(A_1), \dots, \text{tgt}(A_n) \rangle_\alpha$$

- proof terms  $A$  and  $B$  are **co-initial** if  $\text{src}(A) = \text{src}(B)$

## Example



**Tool**

## Definition (Orthogonality)

for proof terms  $A$  and  $B$  define **orthogonality** predicate  $A \perp B$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 x \perp x \\
 f(A_1, \dots, A_n) \perp f(B_1, \dots, B_n) \iff A_i \perp B_i \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n \\
 \alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n) \perp \text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle B_1, \dots, B_n \rangle_\alpha \iff A_i \perp B_i \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n \\
 \text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle_\alpha \perp \alpha(B_1, \dots, B_n) \iff A_i \perp B_i \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n
 \end{array}$$

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## Definition (Join)

for proof terms  $A$  and  $B$  define **join** operation  $A \sqcup B$

$$x \sqcup x = x$$

$$f(A_1, \dots, A_n) \sqcup f(B_1, \dots, B_n) = f(A_1 \sqcup B_1, \dots, A_n \sqcup B_n)$$

$$\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n) \sqcup \alpha(B_1, \dots, B_n) = \alpha(A_1 \sqcup B_1, \dots, A_n \sqcup B_n)$$

$$\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n) \sqcup \text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle B_1, \dots, B_n \rangle_\alpha = \alpha(A_1 \sqcup B_1, \dots, A_n \sqcup B_n)$$

$$\text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle_\alpha \sqcup \alpha(B_1, \dots, B_n) = \alpha(A_1 \sqcup B_1, \dots, A_n \sqcup B_n)$$

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## Definition (Residual)

for proof terms  $A$  and  $B$  define **residual** operation  $A/B$

$$x/x = x$$

$$f(A_1, \dots, A_n)/f(B_1, \dots, B_n) = f(A_1/B_1, \dots, A_n/B_n)$$

$$\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n)/\alpha(B_1, \dots, B_n) = \text{rhs}(\alpha)\langle A_1/B_1, \dots, A_n/B_n \rangle_\alpha$$

$$\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n)/\text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle B_1, \dots, B_n \rangle_\alpha = \alpha(A_1/B_1, \dots, A_n/B_n)$$

$$\text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle A_1, \dots, A_n \rangle_\alpha/\alpha(B_1, \dots, B_n) = \text{rhs}(\alpha)\langle A_1/B_1, \dots, A_n/B_n \rangle_\alpha$$

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## Definition (Deletion)

for proof terms  $A$  and  $B$  define **deletion** operation  $A - B$

$$x - x = x$$

$$f(A_1, \dots, A_n) - f(B_1, \dots, B_n) = f(A_1 - B_1, \dots, A_n - B_n)$$

$$\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n) - \alpha(B_1, \dots, B_n) = \text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle A_1 - B_1, \dots, A_n - B_n \rangle_\alpha$$

$$\alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n) - \text{lhs}(\alpha)\langle B_1, \dots, B_n \rangle_\alpha = \alpha(A_1 - B_1, \dots, A_n - B_n)$$

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## Definitions

- labeled left-hand side of a rule  $\alpha$ :

$$\text{lhs}^\sharp(\alpha) = \varphi(\text{lhs}(\alpha), \alpha, 0)$$

with

$$\varphi(t, \alpha, i) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{V} \\ f_{\alpha^i}(\varphi(t_1, \alpha, i+1), \dots, \varphi(t_n, \alpha, i+1)) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

labels function symbols in  $\text{lhs}(\alpha)$  with  $\alpha$  and distance from root.

- labeled source of a proof term  $A$ :

$$\text{src}^\sharp(A) = \begin{cases} A & \text{if } A \in \mathcal{V} \\ f(\text{src}^\sharp(A_1), \dots, \text{src}^\sharp(A_n)) & \text{if } A = f(A_1, \dots, A_n) \\ \text{lhs}^\sharp(\alpha) \langle \text{src}^\sharp(A_1), \dots, \text{src}^\sharp(A_n) \rangle_\alpha & \text{if } A = \alpha(A_1, \dots, A_n) \end{cases}$$

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## Definition (Merge)

for two co-initial proof terms  $A$  and  $B$   $\text{merge}(A, B)$  computes single labeled term in which all function symbols corresponding to redex patterns in  $A$  and  $B$  are marked

$\text{merge}(A, B) = \text{merge}'(\text{src}^\sharp(A), \text{src}^\sharp(B))$  with  $\text{merge}'(s, t) = s$  for  $s, t \in \mathcal{V}$  and

$$\text{merge}'(s, t) = f_{ab}(\text{merge}'(s_1, t_1), \dots, \text{merge}'(s_n, t_n))$$

if  $s = f_a(s_1, \dots, s_n)$  and  $t = f_b(t_1, \dots, t_n)$

(unlabeled function symbol  $f$  is identified with  $f_-$ )

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## Measure Overlap

measure **amount of overlap** between co-initial proof terms  $A$  and  $B$

$$\blacktriangle(A, B) = \text{measure}(\text{merge}(A, B))$$

with  $\text{measure}(u) = 0$  if  $u \in \mathcal{V}$  and

$$\text{measure}(f_{ab}(u_1, \dots, u_n)) = \begin{cases} 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \text{measure}(u_i) & \text{if } a \neq - \text{ and } b \neq - \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \text{measure}(u_i) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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## Overlaps

- projection functions

$$\ell_1(f_{ab}) = a$$

$$\ell_2(f_{ab}) = b$$

- overlaps**( $A, B$ ) collects all pairs of overlapping redexes in co-initial proof terms

$$\left\{ (p, \alpha, q, \beta) \mid \begin{array}{l} p, q \in \text{Pos}_{\mathcal{F}}(u), \ell_1(u(p)) = \alpha^0, \ell_2(u(q)) = \beta^0, \text{ and either} \\ p \leq q \text{ and } \ell_1(u(q)) = \alpha^{|q \setminus p|} \text{ or } q < p \text{ and } \ell_2(u(p)) = \beta^{|p \setminus q|} \end{array} \right\}$$

with  $u = \text{merge}(A, B)$

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# Implementation



## Vaadin

- automates communication between browser and server
- code is written in Java (or Scala) and executed on the server's JVM
- UI is rendered as HTML5 in the browser
- event driven
- CSS themes
- deployed as Java servlet

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# Future Work

- extend to arbitrary rewrite sequences (composition of proof terms)
- extend to general rewrite systems (not left-linear)
- add export-to-latex functionality to tool
- add ability to show images to the tool