



# Proving Termination of Constrained Term Rewriting Systems

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# Background

- We have proposed a method for proving equivalence of imperative programs
  - Transforming imperative programs into constrained TRSs
  - Proving inductive theorems of constrained TRSs
    - We have proposed rewriting induction on constrained TRSs to prove inductive theorems
    - Termination of constrained TRSs is necessary to prove inductive theorems (like KB)



# Purpose

- We propose a method for proving termination of constrained TRSs

# Constrained TRS[1/2]

- A constrained TRS  $R$  is a finite set of rewriting rules **with constraint** of the form

$$l \rightarrow r \Leftarrow \phi$$

when  $l, r \in T(F \cup G, V)$  and  $\phi \in QF(G, P, V)$

- $C[l\theta] \rightarrow_R C[r\theta]$  if for any  $l \rightarrow r \Leftarrow \phi \in R, C, \theta$ ,  
 **$(\phi\theta)^M$  is true** w.r.t a  $(G, P)$ -structure  $M$ 
  - For simply, we think  $M$  is integers

# Constrained TRS[2/2]

$$R = \left\{ \begin{array}{llll} f(x) & \rightarrow & g(x, 0, p(0)) & \Leftarrow x > 0 \\ f(x) & \rightarrow & 0 & \Leftarrow x \leq 0 \\ g(n, i, z) & \rightarrow & g(n, s(i), \text{minus}(z, f(i))) & \Leftarrow i < n \\ g(n, i, z) & \rightarrow & z & \Leftarrow i \geq n \\ \text{minus}(x, y) & \rightarrow & p(\text{minus}(x, p(y))) & \Leftarrow y > 0 \\ \text{minus}(x, y) & \rightarrow & s(\text{minus}(x, s(y))) & \Leftarrow y < 0 \\ \text{minus}(x, y) & \rightarrow & x & \Leftarrow y = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$0^M = 0, s^M(x_1) = x_1 + 1, p^M(x_1) = x_1 - 1, \text{minus}^M(x_1, x_2) = x_1 - x_2$$

$$f(f(0)) \rightarrow_R f(0) \quad (0 \leq 0)^M \text{ is true}$$

$$\not\rightarrow_R f(g(0, 0, s(0))) \quad (0 > 0)^M \text{ is false}$$

$$\not\rightarrow_R 0 \quad f(0) \leq 0 \text{ is not over } QF(G, P)$$



# Results

- We propose a method for proving termination of constrained TRSs
  - Based on DP framework
    - Dependency pair : natural extension
    - Chain : natural extension
    - Processor : proposed a new processor  
(using tree homomorphisms)

# Dependency pairs

## ■ Definition

- $l^\# \rightarrow t^\# \Leftarrow \phi \in DP(R)$  iff  $l \rightarrow r \Leftarrow \phi \in R$  and  $t$  is a subterm of  $r$  and  $root(t)$  is a defined symbol

## ■ Example

$$g(n, i, z) \rightarrow g(n, s(i), \text{minus}(z, f(i))) \Leftarrow i < n$$



$$g^\#(n, i, z) \rightarrow g^\#(n, s(i), \text{minus}(z, f(i))) \Leftarrow i < n$$

$$g^\#(n, i, z) \rightarrow \text{minus}^\#(z, f(i)) \Leftarrow i < n$$

$$g^\#(n, i, z) \rightarrow f^\#(i) \Leftarrow i < n$$



# Chains

## ■ Definition

- $s_1 \rightarrow t_1 \Leftarrow \phi_1, s_2 \rightarrow t_2 \Leftarrow \phi_2, \dots \in P$  is a  $(P, R)$ -chain with  $\theta$  iff for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots$ ,
  - $t_i \theta \xrightarrow{*}_R s_{i+1} \theta$
  - $(\phi_i \theta)^M$  is true

## ■ Theorem

- $R$  is terminating iff there exists no infinite  $(DP(R), R)$ -chain



# Tree homomorphism[1/2]

## ■ Definition

- A tree homomorphism is a homomorphic extension of a mapping  $H: F \rightarrow T(F \cup G, V)$  such that
  - $H(f^\#) \in T(G, \{x_1, \dots, x_{\text{arity}(f^\#)}\})$
  - $H(f) = f(x_1, \dots, x_{\text{arity}(f)})$

## ■ Example

- If  $H(g^\#) = \text{minus}(x_1, x_3)$  then
  - $H(g^\#(n, i, z)) = \text{minus}(n, z)$
  - $H(g^\#(n, s(i), \text{minus}(z, f(i)))) = \text{minus}(n, \text{minus}(z, f(i)))$

# Tree homomorphism[2/2]

## ■ Lemma

□ If  $s^\# \xrightarrow{*}_R t^\#$  then  $H(s^\#) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(t^\#)$

□ Illustrated by an example

We think an example such that  $H(g^\#) = \text{minus}(x_1, x_3)$ ,  
 $s^\# \equiv g^\#(f(0), 0, \text{minus}(s(0), 0))$  and  $t^\# \equiv g^\#(0, 0, s(0))$ .

At this time,  $f(0) \xrightarrow{*}_R 0$  and  $\text{minus}(s(0), 0) \xrightarrow{*}_R s(0)$ .

On the other hand,  $H(s^\#) = \text{minus}(f(0), \text{minus}(s(0), 0))$   
and  $H(t^\#) = \text{minus}(0, s(0))$ .

So,  $H(s^\#) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(t^\#)$ .



# Order used in processor

- Monotonicity of  $\geq$  is not necessary
  - **Minus operator** can be treated
    - $R$  is assumed to be locally sound
- Well-foundedness of  $>$  is not necessary
  - **$>$  over integer** can be treated
    - Lower bound of integer sequences should be specified from processor

# Processor

Let  $P_X = \{s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \mid X\}$  be a set of dependency pairs such that for each  $X$  of the following conditions

A1 :  $Var(H(t)) \subseteq fv(\phi) \cup Var(H(s))$  and  $H(s), H(t) \in T(G, V)$

A2 :  $Var(H(t)) \subseteq fv(\phi)$

B1 :  $\neg\phi \vee H(s) \geq H(t)$  is  $M$ -valid

B2 :  $\neg\phi \vee H(s) > H(t)$  is  $M$ -valid

C :  $\neg\phi \vee H(t) > u$  is  $M$ -valid for some  $u \in T(G)$

Lower bound

Processor  $Proc_H$  defined that

$$Proc_H((P, R)) = \begin{cases} \{(P \setminus P_{A_2}, R), (P \setminus P_{B_2}, R), (P \setminus P_C, R)\} & \text{if } P \subseteq P_{A_1} \cap P_{B_1} \\ \{(P, R)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

# Property of $P_{A1} \sim P_C$

For each  $s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi$  in a  $(P, R)$ -chain with  $\theta$ ,

$$s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_{A1} : t\theta \in T(G) \text{ if } s\theta \in T(G)$$

$$s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_{A2} : t\theta \in T(G)$$

$$s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_{B1} : H(s\theta)^M \geq H(t\theta)^M \text{ if } s\theta, t\theta \in T(G)$$

$$s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_{B2} : H(s\theta)^M > H(t\theta)^M \text{ if } s\theta, t\theta \in T(G)$$

$$s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_C : H(t\theta)^M > u^M \text{ for some } \underline{u \in T(G)}$$

Lower bound



# Theorem : Soundness of $Proc_H$

- Let  $R$  be a locally sound constrained TRS and  $H$  be a tree homomorphism.

Then  $Proc_H$  is sound.

- A DP processor  $Proc$  is sound iff

there exists no infinite  $(P, R)$ -chain if there exist no infinite  $(P', R')$ -chain for all  $(P', R') \in Proc((P, R))$

$$Proc_H((P, R)) = \begin{cases} \{(P \setminus P_{A_2}, R), (P \setminus P_{B_2}, R), (P \setminus P_C, R)\} & \text{if } P \subseteq P_{A_1} \cap P_{B_1} \\ \{(P, R)\} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



# Proof

- If  $(P, R) \in Proc_H((P, R))$  then
  - $Proc_H$  is clearly sound
- If  $(P, R) \notin Proc_H((P, R))$  then
  - $P_{A2} \cap P, P_{B2} \cap P, P_C \cap P$  are not empty set
  - We show there exists no infinite  $(P, R)$ -chain by contradiction when we assume there exist no infinite  $(P \setminus P_{A2}, R)$ -chain,  $(P \setminus P_{B2}, R)$ -chain and  $(P \setminus P_C, R)$ -chain



# Proof

$$s_i^\# \theta \rightarrow_P t_i^\# \theta \xrightarrow{*}_R s_{i+2}^\# \theta \rightarrow_P t_{i+2}^\# \theta \xrightarrow{*}_R s_{i+2}^\# \theta \rightarrow_P t_{i+2}^\# \theta \xrightarrow{*}_R$$

$$H(s_i^\# \theta) \quad H(t_i^\# \theta) \quad H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) \quad H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \quad H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) \quad H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta)$$

First, we assume infinite  $(P, R)$ -chain such that

- all DPs in  $(P, R)$ -chain are also in  $P_{A1} \cap P_{B1}$
- there exists infinite number of DPs are in  $P_{A2}$ ,  $P_{B2}$  and  $P_C$

Next, all terms in the  $(P, R)$ -chain apply H

# Proof

$$s_i^\# \theta \rightarrow_P t_i^\# \theta \xrightarrow{*}_R s_{i+2}^\# \theta \rightarrow_P t_{i+2}^\# \theta \xrightarrow{*}_R s_{i+2}^\# \theta \rightarrow_P t_{i+2}^\# \theta \xrightarrow{*}_R$$

$$H(s_i^\# \theta) \quad H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) \quad H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) \quad H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R$$

From lemma of tree homomorphism,  $H(t_j^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(s_{j+1}^\# \theta)$

■ Lemma of tree homomorphism

□ If  $s^\# \xrightarrow{*}_R t^\#$  then  $H(s^\#) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(t^\#)$

# Proof

$$H(s_i^\# \theta) \quad H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) \quad H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) \quad H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R$$

$$\cap \\ T(G)$$

From property of  $P_{A2}$ ,  $H(t_i^\# \theta) \in T(G)$  for some  $i$   
because there exists infinite number of DPs are in  $P_{A2}$

■ Property of  $P_{A2}$

- For each  $s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi$  in a  $(P, R)$ -chain with  $\theta$ ,
- $s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_{A2} : H(t\theta) \in T(G)$

# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & \\ \cap & & \cap & & & & \\ T(G) & & T(G) & & & & \end{array}$$

From local soundness of  $R$  ,  $H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) \in T(G)$

■ Local soundness of  $R$

□ for all  $s$  and  $t$  ,  $s \in T(G)$  and  $s \xrightarrow{*} t$  imply that

■  $t \in T(G)$

■  $s^M = t^M$  is true

# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & \\
 \cap & & \cap & \cap & & & \\
 T(G) & & T(G) & T(G) & & & 
 \end{array}$$

From property of  $P_{A1}$ ,  $H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \in T(G)$

because all DPs in  $(P, R)$ -chain are also in  $P_{A1} \cap P_{B1}$

■ Property of  $P_{A1}$

□ For each  $s \rightarrow t \leftarrow \phi$  in a  $(P, R)$ -chain with  $\theta$ ,

$s \rightarrow t \leftarrow \phi \in P_{A1} : H(t\theta) \in T(G)$  if  $H(s\theta) \in T(G)$

# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & \\
 \cap & & \cap & \cap & \cap & \cap & \dots \\
 T(G) & & T(G) & T(G) & T(G) & T(G) & 
 \end{array}$$

From property of  $P_{A1}$  and local soundness of  $R$  ,  
 $H(s_j^\#), H(t_j^\#) \in T(G)$  for all  $j > i$

# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*}_R \\
 \mathbb{M} & & \mathbb{M} & \mathbb{M} & \mathbb{M} & \mathbb{M} \\
 T(G) & & T(G) & T(G) & T(G) & T(G)
 \end{array}$$

$$H(s_i \theta) \quad H(t_i \theta)^M \equiv H(s_{i+1} \theta)^M \quad H(t_{i+1} \theta)^M \equiv H(s_{i+2} \theta)^M \quad H(t_{i+2} \theta)^M \equiv$$

From local soundness of  $R$ ,  $H(t_j^\# \theta)^M = H(s_{j+1}^\# \theta)^M$  for all  $j \geq i$

- Local soundness of  $R$

- for all  $s$  and  $t$ ,  $s \in T(G)$  and  $s \xrightarrow{*}_R t$  imply that

- $t \in T(G)$

- $s^M = t^M$  is true

# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccc}
 H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} \\
 \mathbb{M} & & \mathbb{M} & & \mathbb{M} & \\
 T(G) & & T(G) & & T(G) & T(G)
 \end{array}$$

$$H(s_i \theta) \quad H(t_i \theta)^M \equiv H(s_{i+1} \theta)^M \quad H(t_{i+1} \theta)^M \equiv H(s_{i+2} \theta)^M \quad H(t_{i+2} \theta)^M \equiv$$

If  $\xrightarrow{*}_R$  is transformed into  $\geq$ , monotonicity of  $\geq$  is necessary because rewriting position is not root. However,  $\xrightarrow{*}_R$  is transformed into  $=$  now, so monotonicity of  $\geq$  is not necessary. Instead, monotonicity of  $=$  is necessary, but it is clear.



# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & & & \\
 \cap & & \cap & \cap & \cap & \cap & & & \\
 T(G) & & T(G) & T(G) & T(G) & T(G) & & & 
 \end{array}$$

$$H(s_i \theta) \quad H(t_i \theta)^M = H(s_{i+1} \theta)^M \geq H(t_{i+1} \theta)^M = H(s_{i+2} \theta)^M \geq H(t_{i+2} \theta)^M =$$

From property of  $P_{B1}$ ,  $H(s_j^\# \theta)^M \geq H(t_j^\# \theta)^M$  for all  $j > i$  because all DPs in  $(P, R)$ -chain are also in  $P_{A1} \cap P_{B1}$

■ Property of  $P_{B1}$

□ For each  $s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi$  in a  $(P, R)$ -chain with  $\theta$ ,

$s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_{B1} : H(s\theta)^M \geq H(t\theta)^M$   
if  $H(s\theta), H(t\theta) \in T(G)$

# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) & \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) & \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) & \xrightarrow{*} \\
 \mathbb{M} & \mathbb{M} & & \mathbb{M} & \mathbb{M} & & \mathbb{M} & \mathbb{M} & \\
 \mathbb{T}(G) & \mathbb{T}(G) & & \mathbb{T}(G) & \mathbb{T}(G) & & \mathbb{T}(G) & \mathbb{T}(G) & 
 \end{array}$$

$$H(s_i \theta) \quad H(t_i \theta)^M = H(s_{i+1} \theta)^M \boxed{>} H(t_{i+1} \theta)^M = H(s_{i+2} \theta)^M \geq H(t_{i+2} \theta)^M =$$

From property of  $P_{B2}$ , there exist infinite number of  $j > i$  such that  $H(s_j^\# \theta)^M > H(t_j^\# \theta)^M$  because there exists infinite number of DPs are in  $P_{B2}$

■ Property of  $P_{B2}$

□ For each  $s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi$  in a  $(P, R)$ -chain with  $\theta$ ,

$s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_{B2} : H(s\theta)^M > H(t\theta)^M$   
if  $H(s\theta), H(t\theta) \in \mathbb{T}(G)$

# Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc}
 H(s_i^\# \theta) & H(t_i^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+1}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+1}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & H(s_{i+2}^\# \theta) & H(t_{i+2}^\# \theta) \xrightarrow{*} & & & \\
 \cap & & \cap & \cap & \cap & \cap & & & \\
 T(G) & & T(G) & T(G) & T(G) & T(G) & & & \\
 H(s_i \theta) & H(t_i \theta)^M = & H(s_{i+1} \theta)^M & > & H(t_{i+1} \theta)^M = & H(s_{i+2} \theta)^M & \geq & H(t_{i+2} \theta)^M = & \\
 & & & & & & & & \boxed{\bigvee} \\
 & & & & & & & & u^M
 \end{array}$$

From property of  $P_C$ , there exist infinite number of  $j > i$  such that  $H(t_j^\# \theta)^M > u^M$

because there exists infinite number of DPs are in  $P_C$

■ Property of  $P_C$

- For each  $s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi$  in a  $(P, R)$ -chain with  $\theta$ ,  
 $s \rightarrow t \Leftarrow \phi \in P_C: H(t\theta)^M > u^M$  for some  $u \in T(G)$   
 if  $H(s\theta), H(t\theta) \in T(G)$



# Proof

$$H(s_i\theta) \quad H(t_i\theta)^M = H(s_{i+1}\theta)^M > H(t_{i+1}\theta)^M = H(s_{i+2}\theta)^M \geq H(t_{i+2}\theta)^M = \underbrace{\quad}_{u^M}$$

Infinite  $(P, R)$ -chain is transformed into a integer decreasing sequence such that **all integers in the sequence are greater than  $u^M$** . However, there exists no such sequence.

So there exists no infinite  $(P, R)$ -chain.



# Note

- $M$  is not restricted to integers if
  - $\succ$  over  $M$  is transitive
  - $\succ$  and  $\succeq$  over  $M$  are compatible
  - $\succ$  over  $M$  is Non-Infinitesimal
  
- Non-Infinitesimal [Giesl et.al. 07]
  - There don't exist any  $t, s_0, s_1, \dots$  with  $s_i \succ s_{i+1}$  and  $s_i \succ t$  for all  $i$



# Conclusion

- We have proposed proving method of termination on constrained TRSs
  - Based on DP framework
  - Proposed new processor
- We have proved soundness of processor