# Random Descent 

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Abstract Rewriting Systems

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evaluation rules:

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\mathrm{p} x \rightarrow \text { if } x=0 \text { then } 1 \text { else } 2 \cdot \mathrm{p}(x-1)
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if false then $x$ else $y \rightarrow y$
if true then $x$ else $y \rightarrow x$

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## Another Evaluation of the Expression



## And Yet Another


if $1=0$ then 1 else $2 \cdot($ if $(1-1)=0$ then 1 else $2 \cdot p((1-1)-1))$

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## Abstracting away Expressions and Evaluation

Graph: Nodes as Expressions, Edges as Evaluation Steps


## Abstract Rewrite System = Graph

> We are concerned with two kinds of entities, "objects" and the "moves" performed on them, and each move is associated with two objects, "initial" and "final." We are therefore dealing essentially with indexed 1-complexes (in which, therefore, a positive sense is assigned in each 1 -cell), the vertices being the "objects," and the positive 1-cells the "moves." It will be convenient to make use of this topological terminology. ${ }^{3}$ The incidence relations are in no way restricted: there may be many cells with the same vertices, and the initial and final vertices of a cell may coincide. In diagrams the positive 1-cells slope down the paper, and some of the terms used are chosen accordingly.

[^0]Newman 1942, page 224

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Definition (Terese 2003)
Strategy : sub-ARS having same objects, normal forms

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ARS strategy for itself!


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Original ARS again


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## Arrows colour convention

step
reduction

## ARS


optimal strategy

(blue, cool, open)
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## Sorting by Swapping



Reduction graph: Arrows start at first element swapped

Sorting by Swapping Abstractly


## Sorting Strategy: Inversion



Inversion: only swap elements in wrong order

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Reduction graph: inversions vs. anti-inversions

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Better: max $\triangleright$ reduction not longer than max $\triangleright$ reduction

## OLCOM $\Rightarrow$ Better (Proof)



Induction on $n$

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## Corollary

Inversion sort normalising and minimal w.r.t. swapping
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Terminates ...

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Terminates ... but always so?

## Analysis

Random Descent: all maximal reductions have same length

## Newman 1942, page 226

In these examples it is obvious that if an end-form exists it is reached by random descent. This is necessarily so in all systems with non-interference of moves:

Theorem 2. Under the conditions of Theorem 1, if there is a descending path of $k$ cells from a to an end $e$, no descending path from a contains more than $k$ cells.

If $k=1, \Sigma$ cannot contain a cell $a y$ with $y \neq e$, since if it does $b$ exists such that $y \mu b$ and $e \mu b$, and $e$ is not an end. In the general case let $\pi$ be a descending path $\xi_{1}+\xi_{2}+\cdots+\xi_{k}$ joining $a$ to $\dot{e}$, and let $\eta_{1}+\eta_{2}+\cdots+\eta_{j}$ be any descending path from $a$. Let $\xi_{1}$ and $\eta_{1}$ be cells $a x$ and $a y$. If $x=y$ it follows immediately from an induction that $j \leqq k$. If not, let the cells $\zeta$ and $\omega$ descend from $x$ and $y$ to the common vertex $w$. By Theorem 1 there is a descending path $\sigma$ from $w$ to a vertex $\leqq e$, i.e., since $e$ is an end, to $e$ itself. Since $\xi_{2}+\cdots+\xi_{k}$ has $k-1$ cells, $\zeta+\sigma$ has, by an inductive hypothesis, at most $k-1$ cells; therefore $\omega+\sigma$, and finally also $\eta_{2}+\cdots+\eta_{j}$, have at most $k-1$ cells, i.e. $j \leqq k$.

Corollary 2.1. Every descending path from $a$ is part of a descending path of $k$ cells from a to $e$ (i.e. there is "random descent" to e).

Conditions of Theorem 1: join local peak in 0 or 1 steps

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## OWCR $\Rightarrow$ Random Descent

$\operatorname{OWCR}(\rightarrow) \Leftrightarrow$
OLCOM $(\rightarrow, \rightarrow) \Rightarrow$
$\rightarrow$ better than itself $\Rightarrow$
$\rightarrow$ maximal, minimal!
Corollary
Bowls and beans has random descent
Proof.
OWCR $\Rightarrow$
RD $\Rightarrow$
all reductions to final state have same length

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By induction on the number of beans

## Existing generalizations of Newman's condition

Let $A=\langle D, \rightarrow\rangle$ be an abstract reduction system.
Definition 3. $A=\langle D \rightarrow\rangle$ (or $\rightarrow$ ) is balanced weakly Church-Rosser ( $B W C R$ ) iff $\forall x, y, z \in D,\left[x \rightarrow y \wedge x \rightarrow z \Rightarrow \exists w \in D, \exists k \geq 0, y \rightarrow^{k} w \wedge z \rightarrow^{k} w\right]$ (Figure 1).

Lemma 1 (BWCR Lemma). Let $A=\langle D, \rightarrow\rangle$ be $B W C R$. Let $x=y$ and $y \in N F$. Then,
(1) $x$ is complete,
(2) all the reductions from $x$ to $y$ have the same length (i.e., the same number of reduction steps).

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$d(\mathcal{C})=$ number of forward steps minus number of backward steps OWCR $\Leftrightarrow$ RD (cf. Church-Rosser)

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[^0]:    ${ }^{3}$ The notions that arise are closely related to those of the theory of partially ordered sets, but usually not identical. Except in the case of identity the terms of that theory are therefore avoided.

