

Exercises to the Lecture FSVT

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sheet 9

Exercise 1: [Termination]

Prove the following theorem:

Let A be a set, $>$ a total well-founded ordering on A and I a function mapping every k -ary function symbol f to a mapping $I(f) : A^k \rightarrow A$, strictly monotonously increasing in every argument (i.e. for all $a_1, \dots, a_k \in A, i \in \{1, \dots, k\}$, and $a_i > a$ holds: $I(f)(a_1, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_k) > I(f)(a_1, \dots, a_{i-1}, a, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_k)$).

Let $I(\beta) : \text{Term}(F, V) \rightarrow A$ be defined as:

$$I(\beta)(t) = \beta(t), \text{ if } t \in V$$

$$I(\beta)(f(t_1, \dots, t_n)) = I(f)(I(\beta)(t_1), \dots, I(\beta)(t_n)).$$

Let G be a term-rewriting system and let $I(\beta)(l) > I(\beta)(r)$ for every rule $l \rightarrow r \in G$ and for every variable assignment $\beta : V \rightarrow A$. Then G is terminating.

Exercise 2: [Example for termination]

Consider the rule system $R : f(x) \rightarrow h(s(x)), h(0) \rightarrow h(s(0))$ with $x \in V$. Prove:

1. The theorem of exercise 1 is not applicable to R for $A = \mathbb{N}$.
2. R is confluent.
3. R is terminating.

Exercise 3: [Completion]

Let $E = \{x + 0 = x, x + s(y) = s(x + y), x + p(y) = p(x + y), x - 0 = x, x - s(y) = p(x - y), x - p(y) = s(x - y), s(p(x)) = x, p(s(x)) = x, ((x + y) - x) = y, (x + (y - x)) = y, ((x - y) + y) = x\}$

1. Complete E using any reduction ordering you like.

Be verbose, write down for at least 5 most general unifiers how you determined them when looking for critical pairs. Write down all critical pairs, you have looked at.

Hint: Start with CPs of the last three equations.

2. Show, that completion will not succeed. Make a suggestion, what can be done on this problem.

Exercise 4: [Completion modulo \sim]

Let $>$ be a Knuth-Bendix-ordering with weight function φ defined by $\varphi(s) = 1$ for $s \in F \cup V$.

Let $E = \{f(x + y) \rightarrow f(x) * f(y), f(0) \rightarrow 1, x + 0 \rightarrow x, 0 + x \rightarrow x, x * 1 \rightarrow x, 1 * x \rightarrow x\}$
and $G = \{x + y = y + x, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z), x * y = y * x, (x * y) * z = x * (y * z)\}$.

Complete E modulo G with respect to $>$.

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