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## Examples of Term Rewriting Systems

## Example (Addition on Natural Numbers in Unary Notation)

signature      0 (constants)    s (unary)    + (binary, infix)

terms            s(s(0))    s(0) + s(s(0))    s(x) + y

rewrite rules       $0 + y \rightarrow y$   
 $s(x) + y \rightarrow s(x + y)$

rewriting           $s(0) + s(s(0)) \rightarrow s(0 + s(s(0)))$                        $y \mapsto s(s(0))$   
 $\rightarrow s(s(s(0)))$

## Example (Combinatory Logic)

signature      S K I (constants)    · (application, binary, infix)

terms          S     $((K \cdot I) \cdot I) \cdot S$      $(x \cdot z) \cdot (y \cdot z)$

rewrite rules

$$I \cdot x \rightarrow x$$

$$(K \cdot x) \cdot y \rightarrow x$$

$$((S \cdot x) \cdot y) \cdot z \rightarrow (x \cdot z) \cdot (y \cdot z)$$

rewriting

$$((S \cdot K) \cdot K) \cdot x \rightarrow (K \cdot x) \cdot (K \cdot x)$$

$$\rightarrow x$$

inventor        **Moses Schönfinkel** (1924)



## Example (Addition on Natural Numbers in Decimal Notation)

signature	0 1 $\dots$ 9 (constants)	+ :	(binary, infix)
terms	1 + 3    2 + (7 : 3)    (2 : (3 : x)) + ((1 + 7) : 2)		
rewrite rules	$0 + 0 \rightarrow 0$ $1 + 0 \rightarrow 1$ $\dots$ $9 + 0 \rightarrow 9$ $0 + 1 \rightarrow 1$ $1 + 1 \rightarrow 2$ $\dots$ $9 + 1 \rightarrow 1 : 0$ $0 + 2 \rightarrow 2$ $1 + 2 \rightarrow 3$ $\dots$ $9 + 2 \rightarrow 1 : 1$ $0 + 3 \rightarrow 3$ $1 + 3 \rightarrow 4$ $\dots$ $9 + 3 \rightarrow 1 : 2$ $0 + 4 \rightarrow 4$ $1 + 4 \rightarrow 5$ $\dots$ $9 + 4 \rightarrow 1 : 3$ $0 + 5 \rightarrow 5$ $1 + 5 \rightarrow 6$ $\dots$ $9 + 5 \rightarrow 1 : 4$ $0 + 6 \rightarrow 6$ $1 + 6 \rightarrow 7$ $\dots$ $9 + 6 \rightarrow 1 : 5$ $0 + 7 \rightarrow 7$ $1 + 7 \rightarrow 8$ $\dots$ $9 + 7 \rightarrow 1 : 6$ $0 + 8 \rightarrow 8$ $1 + 8 \rightarrow 9$ $\dots$ $9 + 8 \rightarrow 1 : 7$ $0 + 9 \rightarrow 9$ $1 + 9 \rightarrow 1 : 0$ $\dots$ $9 + 9 \rightarrow 1 : 8$ $x + (y : z) \rightarrow y : (x + z)$ $0 : x \rightarrow x$ $(x : y) + z \rightarrow x : (y + z)$ $x : (y : z) \rightarrow (x + y) : z$		
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rewriting	$(2 : 3) + (7 : 7) \rightarrow^* (1 : 0) : 0$			normal form		

## Example (Binary Trees)

signature      0 1  $\dots$  9 (constants)    + : (binary, infix)  
                  leaf sum (unary)    node (binary)

terms            leaf((1 : 0) : 0)    node(leaf(1), leaf(2))    leaf(node(1, leaf(2)))

rewrite rules

$\dots$   
 $\text{sum}(\text{leaf}(x)) \rightarrow x$   
 $\text{sum}(\text{node}(x, y)) \rightarrow \text{sum}(x) + \text{sum}(y)$

rewriting

$\text{sum}(\text{node}(\text{leaf}(2 : 3), \text{leaf}(7 : 7)))$   
 $\rightarrow \text{sum}(\text{leaf}(2 : 3)) + \text{sum}(\text{leaf}(7 : 7))$   
 $\rightarrow^* (2 : 3) + (7 : 7)$   
 $\rightarrow^* (1 : 0) : 0$

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# Term Rewriting Systems

## Definition

- signature  $\Sigma$  function symbols  $f \in \Sigma$  with arities  $\#(f)$
- variables  $\mathcal{X}$   $\Sigma \cap \mathcal{X} = \emptyset$  infinitely many
- terms  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$  smallest set such that
  - $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$
  - if  $f \in \Sigma$  has arity 0 then  $f \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$
  - if  $f \in \Sigma$  has arity  $n \geq 1$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$  then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$

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- **ground terms**  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$  smallest set such that
  - if  $f \in \Sigma$  has arity  $n \geq 0$  and  $t_1, \dots, t_n \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$  then  $f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma)$

## Definitions (Operations on Terms)

- $\mathcal{V}\text{ar}(\cdot)$ , the variables of a term

$$\mathcal{V}\text{ar}((2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)) = \{x, y\}$$

$$\mathcal{V}\text{ar}(t) = \begin{cases} \{t\} & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \\ \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{V}\text{ar}(t_i) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

- $\mathcal{F}\text{un}(\cdot)$ , the function symbols

$$\mathcal{F}\text{un}((2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)) = \{1, 2, :\}$$

$$\mathcal{F}\text{un}(t) = \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \\ \{f\} \cup \bigcup_{i=1}^n \mathcal{F}\text{un}(t_i) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

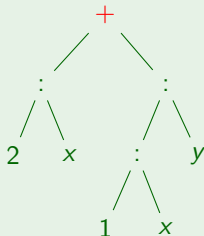
## Definition (Operations on Terms)

- $\text{root}(\cdot)$ , the root of a term

$$\text{root}(t) = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \\ f & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

## Example

$(2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)$





## Definitions (Operations on Terms)

- $|\cdot|$ , the size of a term

$$|t| = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \\ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n |t_i| & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

$$|(2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)| = 9$$

- $\|\cdot\|$ , the **number of function symbols**

$$\|t\| = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \\ 1 + \sum_{i=1}^n \|t_i\| & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

$$\|(2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)\| = 6$$

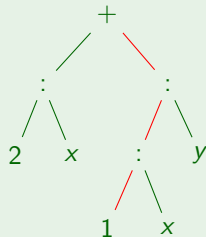
## Definition (Operations on Terms)

- $\text{height}(\cdot)$ , the height (or depth) of a term

$$\text{height}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \text{ or } t \text{ is a constant} \\ 1 + \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} \text{height}(t_i) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \text{ with } n \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

## Example

$$\text{height}((2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)) = 3$$



## Definitions

- $s \sqsubseteq t$   $s$  is subterm of  $t$ 
  - $s = t$  or
  - $t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n)$  and  $s \sqsubseteq t_i$  for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$
- $s \triangleleft t$   $s$  is proper subterm of  $t$ 
  - $s \sqsubseteq t$  and  $s \neq t$

## Example

term  $(2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)$  has subterms

2    x    2 : x    1    1 : x    y    (1 : x) : y    (2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)

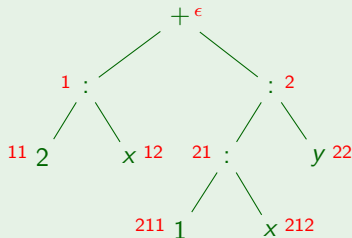
## Definition (Positions)

- $\mathcal{P}os(\cdot)$ , the set of positions of a term

$$\mathcal{P}os(t) = \begin{cases} \{\epsilon\} & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \\ \{\epsilon\} \cup \{ip \mid p \in \mathcal{P}os(t_i)\} & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

## Example

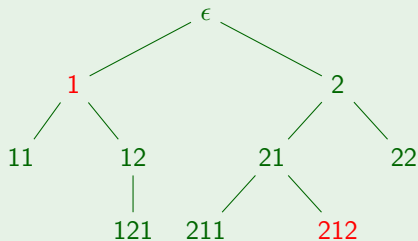
$(2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)$



## Definition

- $p < q$  if  $\exists r \neq \epsilon: pr = q$  “ $p$  is strictly above  $q$ ” “ $q$  is strictly below  $q$ ”
- $p \leq q$  if  $\exists r: pr = q$  “ $p$  is above  $q$ ” “ $q$  is below  $q$ ”
- $p \parallel q$  if  $p \not\leq q$  and  $q \not\leq p$  “ $p$  and  $q$  are **parallel**”

## Example



- $2 < 211$
- $1 \parallel 2$
- $1 \parallel 212$

## Definitions

- $t|_p$  subterm of  $t$  at position  $p$

$$t|_p = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } p = \epsilon \\ t_i|_q & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \text{ and } p = iq \end{cases}$$

- $t(p)$  symbol in  $t$  at position  $p$

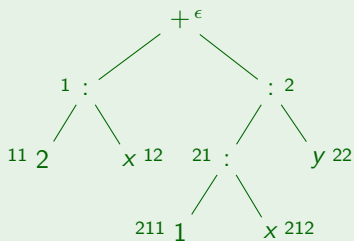
$$t(p) = \begin{cases} \text{root}(t) & \text{if } p = \epsilon \\ t_i(q) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \text{ and } p = iq \end{cases}$$

- $t[s]_p$  replace subterm in  $t$  at position  $p$  by  $s$

$$t[s]_p = \begin{cases} s & \text{if } p = \epsilon \\ f(t_1, \dots, t_i[s]_q, \dots, t_n) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \text{ and } p = iq \end{cases}$$

## Example

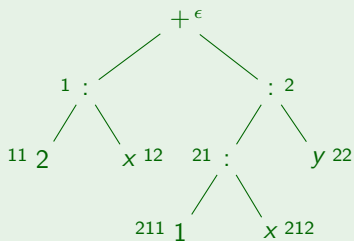
$$t = (2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)$$



- $t|_{21} = ?$

## Example

$$t = (2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)$$

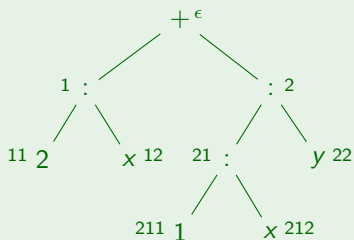


- $t|_{21} = 1 : x$
- $t(212) = ?$



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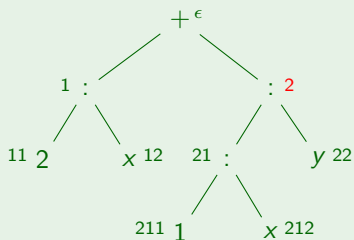
$$t = (2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)$$



- $t|_{21} = 1 : x$
- $t(212) = x$
- $t[x + 3]_2 = ?$

## Example

$$t = (2 : x) + ((1 : x) : y)$$



- $t|_{21} = 1 : x$
- $t(212) = x$
- $t[x + 3]_2 = (2 : x) + (x + 3)$

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## Definitions

- context is term with one hole  $\square$ ,  
i.e., element of  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma \cup \{\square\}, \mathcal{X})$  that contains exactly one occurrence of  $\square$
- $C[t]$  denotes result of replacing hole in context  $C$  by term  $t$
- relation  $R$  on terms is closed under contexts if  $\forall$  terms  $s, t$

$$s R t \implies \forall \text{ contexts } C: C[s] R C[t]$$

## Examples

- $\square \quad s(0) + s(s(\square)) \quad \square + x$
- $\square[s(0)] = s(0) \quad (\square + x)[0 + x] = (0 + x) + x$

## Lemmata

- $s \trianglelefteq t \iff \exists \text{ context } C: t = C[s]$
- $s \triangleleft t \iff \exists \text{ context } C \neq \square: t = C[s]$

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- substitution is mapping  $\sigma: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$  such that its domain

$$\text{Dom}(\sigma) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} \mid \sigma(x) \neq x\}$$

is finite

- empty substitution  $\varepsilon$  ( $\text{Dom}(\varepsilon) = \emptyset$ )
- application of substitution  $\sigma$  to term  $t$

$$t\sigma = \begin{cases} \sigma(t) & \text{if } t \in \mathcal{X} \\ f(t_1\sigma, \dots, t_n\sigma) & \text{if } t = f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \end{cases}$$

- relation  $R$  on terms is closed under substitutions if  $\forall$  terms  $s, t$

$$s R t \implies \forall \text{ substitutions } \sigma: s\sigma R t\sigma$$

## Example

$$t = x + s(y + z) \quad \sigma = \{x \mapsto s(y), y \mapsto x + s(0)\} \quad t\sigma = s(y) + s((x + s(0)) + z)$$

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## Definitions

- A rewrite rule ( $\ell \rightarrow r$ ) is a pair  $(\ell, r)$  of terms such that
  - $\ell \notin \mathcal{X}$  (the lhs is not a variable)
  - $\text{Var}(r) \subseteq \text{Var}(\ell)$  (all variables in the rhs occur in the lhs)
 The terms  $\ell$  and  $r$  are called left-hand side (lhs) and right-hand side (rhs).
- A term rewrite system (TRS) is pair  $(\Sigma, R)$  consisting of
  - $\Sigma$  signature
  - $R$  set of rewrite rules between terms in  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$

## Example

TRS  $(\Sigma, R)$  with signature  $\Sigma$

0 (constant)    s (unary)    add (binary)

$\#(0) = 0$ ,  $\#(s) = 1$ ,  $\#(\text{add}) = 2$ , and rewrite rules  $R$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{add}(0, y) &\rightarrow y \\ \text{add}(s(x), y) &\rightarrow s(\text{add}(x, y)) \end{aligned}$$



## Definition (Term Rewriting)

Let  $\mathcal{R} = (\Sigma, R)$  be a TRS. The **rewrite relation**  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$  on  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$  is defined as:

$$C[l\sigma] \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} C[r\sigma]$$

for every:

- rule  $\ell \rightarrow r \in R$ ,
- context  $C$ , and
- substitution  $\sigma$ .

Let  $p$  be the position of  $\square$  in  $C$ . Then we say that the rewrite step is at position  $p$ .

## Example

The rule  $\text{add}(0, y) \rightarrow y$  with  $y \mapsto s(0)$  and  $C = \text{add}(0, \square)$  gives rise to the step:

$$\text{add}(0, \text{add}(0, s(0))) \rightarrow \text{add}(0, s(0))$$

at position 2.

## Lemma

*The rewrite relation  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$  is the smallest relation on  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$  that:*

- contains the rules  $R$ ,*
- is closed under context, and*
- is closed under substitutions.*

*That is,  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$  is the closure of  $R$  under contexts and substitutions.*

## Properties of Term Rewriting Systems

We consider TRSs  $\mathcal{R} = (\Sigma, R)$  as

$$\text{ARSs } \langle \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X}), \rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}} \rangle$$

TRSs inherit the properties: CR, WCR, SN, WN, NF, UN,  $\text{UN}^{\rightarrow}$ , ...

### Example

- A term  $t \in \mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$  is called terminating if  $t$  admits no infinite rewrite sequence  $t = t_1 \rightarrow t_2 \rightarrow t_3 \rightarrow \dots$
- A TRS  $(\Sigma, R)$  is called terminating if all terms in  $\mathcal{T}(\Sigma, \mathcal{X})$  are.
- ...

## Example

TRS  $R$  modeling **Sieve of Eratostheness** for generating list of prime numbers

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 \text{primes} \rightarrow \text{sieve}(\text{from}(\text{s}(\text{s}(0)))) & \text{sieve}(0 : y) \rightarrow \text{sieve}(y) \\
 \text{from}(x) \rightarrow x : \text{from}(\text{s}(x)) & \text{sieve}(\text{s}(x) : y) \rightarrow \text{s}(x) : \text{sieve}(\text{filter}(x, y, x)) \\
 \text{head}(x : y) \rightarrow x & \text{filter}(0, y : z, w) \rightarrow 0 : \text{filter}(w, z, w) \\
 \text{tail}(x : y) \rightarrow y & \text{filter}(\text{s}(x), y : z, w) \rightarrow y : \text{filter}(x, z, w)
 \end{array}$$

- $R$  is confluent but not terminating

$$\text{from}(0) \rightarrow 0 : \text{from}(\text{s}(0)) \rightarrow 0 : (\text{s}(0) : \text{from}(\text{s}(\text{s}(0)))) \rightarrow \dots$$

- how to prove confluence of  $R$  ?      **orthogonality**      (lecture 8)
- $\exists$  non-terminating terms with (unique) normal form

$$\text{head}(\text{tail}(\text{tail}(\text{primes}))) \rightarrow^! \text{s}(\text{s}(\text{s}(\text{s}(0))))$$

- how to compute normal forms in  $R$  ?      **strategy**      (lecture 9)

## Example (Combinatory Logic)

$$I \cdot x \rightarrow x$$

$$I x \rightarrow x$$

$$I x \rightarrow x$$

$$(K \cdot x) \cdot y \rightarrow x$$

$$(K x) y \rightarrow x$$

$$K x y \rightarrow x$$

$$((S \cdot x) \cdot y) \cdot z \rightarrow (x \cdot z) \cdot (y \cdot z) \quad ((S x) y) z \rightarrow (x z) (y z) \quad S x y z \rightarrow x z (y z)$$

- applicative notation: suppress  $\cdot$  and adopt left-association
- CL is confluent but not terminating

$$SII(SII) \rightarrow I(SII)(I(SII)) \rightarrow SII(I(SII)) \rightarrow SII(SII)$$

- CL is **consistent**

$$S \not\rightarrow^* K$$

## Definition

TRS  $R$  over signature  $\Sigma$  is **string rewrite system (SRS)** if  $\Sigma$  consists of unary function symbols

## Example

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{Red} ( \text{Green} (x) ) \rightarrow \text{Blue} ( \text{Blue} (x) ) \quad \text{Green} ( \text{Red} (x) ) \rightarrow \text{Blue} ( \text{Blue} (x) ) \\
 \text{Blue} ( \text{Red} (x) ) \rightarrow \text{Green} ( \text{Green} (x) ) \quad \text{Red} ( \text{Blue} (x) ) \rightarrow \text{Green} ( \text{Green} (x) ) \\
 \text{Green} ( \text{Blue} (x) ) \rightarrow \text{Red} ( \text{Red} (x) ) \quad \text{Blue} ( \text{Green} (x) ) \rightarrow \text{Red} ( \text{Red} (x) )
 \end{array}$$

## Definition

TRS  $R$  over signature  $\Sigma$  is **string rewrite system (SRS)** if  $\Sigma$  consists of unary function symbols

## Example

