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Tutorials for “Automated Reasoning”
Exercise sheet 13

Exercise 13.1: (3 P)

Apply the Knuth-Bendix completion procedure to the set of equations $\{f(f(x)) \approx x, f(a) \approx b\}$ using the Knuth-Bendix ordering with weight 1 for all function symbols and variables. Use precedence $f > a > b$.

Exercise 13.2: (3 P)

Use the method described in Theorem 4.34 and unfailing completion to prove that the equation $f(g(x), x) \approx f(x, g(y))$ is a consequence of these equations:

$$\begin{aligned}f(x, y) &\approx f(y, z) \\g(x) &\approx x.\end{aligned}$$

Use a KBO with constant weight 1 and $f > g$.

Exercise 13.3: (2 P)

Prove that the following term rewrite system is confluent:

$$\begin{aligned}f(g(x)) &\rightarrow x \\g(f(x)) &\rightarrow x \\f(b) &\rightarrow c \\b &\rightarrow g(c).\end{aligned}$$

Exercise 13.4: (2 P)

Prove or disprove: every term rewrite system consisting of a single rule is confluent.

Exercise 13.5: (3 P)

For a term rewrite system R , we define $\text{LSymb}(R)$ as the set of all function symbols occurring

on the left hand side of the rewrite rules of R . Formally

$$\text{LSymb}(R) = \bigcup_{l \rightarrow r \in R} \text{symb}(l)$$

where $\text{symb}(t)$ is a set of function (and constant) symbols in a term t . The union of two rewrite systems is just a system which rule set is the union of their rewrite rules. Prove or disprove: for two confluent rewrite systems R_1 and R_2 their union $R_1 \cup R_2$ is confluent if and only if $\text{LSymb}(R_1) \cap \text{LSymb}(R_2) = \emptyset$.

Exercise 13.6: (2 Bonus Points)

Show that if E is a set of ground identities, then the instance rule of equational reasoning is redundant, i.e. if $E \Rightarrow^* s \approx t$ then there is a proof of $E \Rightarrow^* s \approx t$ that does not involve instantiation.

Submit your solution in lecture hall 001 during the lecture **on July 16**. Please write your name and the date of your tutorial group on your solution.

Note: Joint solutions are not permitted (work in groups is encouraged).