

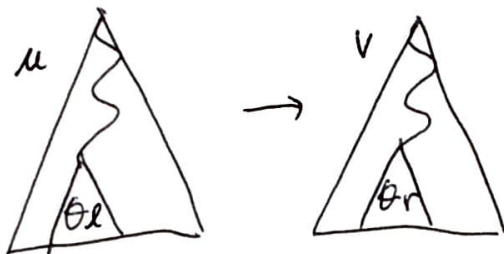
RECAP

\mathcal{E} ... set of identities (ordered)

$D(\mathcal{E})$ vertices: terms (over $\{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$)

$u \rightarrow v$: $u \approx v$ is an immediate consequence of $l \approx r \in \mathcal{E}$, i.e.

$v = u(a: \theta l \rightarrow \theta r)$ for $\theta \in \text{End}(\underline{F})$



$\mathcal{E} \models s \approx t \iff \mathcal{E} \vdash s \approx t \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} s \leftrightarrow^* t$

• If $D(\mathcal{E})$ convergent, i.e.,

• finitely terminating

• normal: $s \leftrightarrow^* t \implies \exists u \begin{matrix} \nearrow^* u^* \\ s \qquad t \end{matrix}$

then • $\forall t \exists!$ terminal $NF(t)$ s.t. $t \rightarrow^* NF(t)$

• $s \leftrightarrow^* t$ iff $NF(s) = NF(t)$

TODAY: how to ensure • finite termination
• normality

FINITE TERMINATION

Finitely terminating?

$$\times \quad \mathcal{E} = \{x \approx xx\}, \quad \mathcal{E} = \{xy \approx yx\}$$

$$\checkmark \quad \mathcal{E} = \{f(f(x)) \approx f(x)\} \quad \mathcal{E} = \{xx \approx x\}$$

$$\times! \quad \mathcal{E} = \{xx \cdot y \approx yy\} \quad (xx \cdot xx \rightarrow xx \cdot xx)$$

Def. A strict ordering $<$ on F is a reduction order if

- \exists no infinite sequence $t_0 > t_1 > t_2 > \dots$
- $s > t \Rightarrow \theta(s) > \theta(t)$ for every $\theta \in \text{End}(F)$
- $s > t \Rightarrow \forall u, a \quad u[a] = s \Rightarrow u > u(a: s \rightarrow t)$

① If \mathcal{E} is compatible with a reduction order, then $D(\mathcal{E})$ is finitely terminating

$$\forall l \approx r \in \mathcal{E} \quad l > r$$

Examples (too simple)

$$\checkmark \quad \Sigma = \{f\} \quad s > t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \#f\text{'s in } s > \#f\text{'s in } t$$

$$\times \quad \Sigma = \{f, +\}$$

$$\checkmark \quad \Sigma \text{ without constants} \quad s > t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \forall \text{var. } x \quad \#x\text{'s in } s \geq \#x\text{'s in } t \text{ and at least 1 strict}$$

$$\times! \quad s > t \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \# \text{variables in } s > \# \text{variables in } t$$

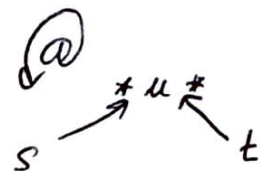
(see $xx \cdot y \approx yy$)

NORMALITY

Theorem: D finitely terminating digraph. \textcircled{a}

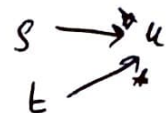
(i) D is normal

$$s \leftrightarrow^* t \Rightarrow \exists u$$



(ii) D is confluent

$$r \begin{matrix} \nearrow^* s \\ \searrow^* t \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \exists u$$



(iii) D is locally confluent

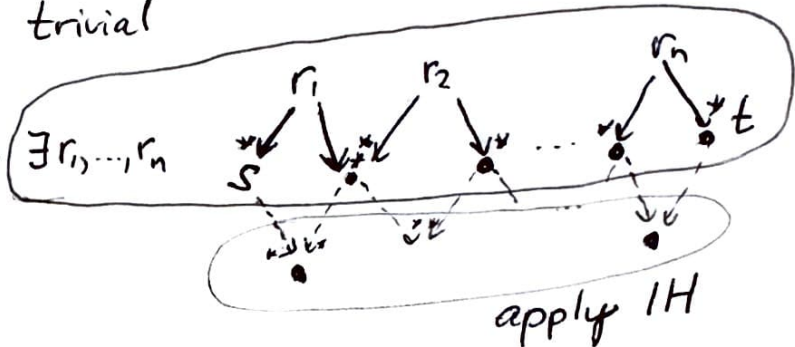
$$r \begin{matrix} \nearrow^* s \\ \searrow^* t \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \exists u$$



Proof: (i) \Rightarrow (ii) \Rightarrow (iii) trivial

(ii) \Rightarrow (i) $s \leftrightarrow^* t \Leftrightarrow \exists r_1, \dots, r_n$

induction on n



(iii) \Rightarrow (ii)

$P :=$ vertices that have directed path to ≥ 2 terminal vert

- $P = \emptyset$ \checkmark (by finite termination)

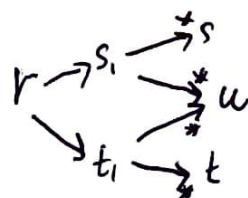
- $P \neq \emptyset$ take $r \in P$ "terminal in P", i.e. s.t. $\forall t \ r \rightarrow t \Rightarrow t \notin P$ (exists by finite termination)

def. of P • take s, t terminals $r \begin{matrix} \nearrow^* s \\ \searrow^* t \end{matrix}$

$\textcircled{b} \ r \neq s, r \neq t$

- consider s_1, t_1 $r \begin{matrix} \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow^* s \\ \rightarrow t_1 \rightarrow^* t \end{matrix}$

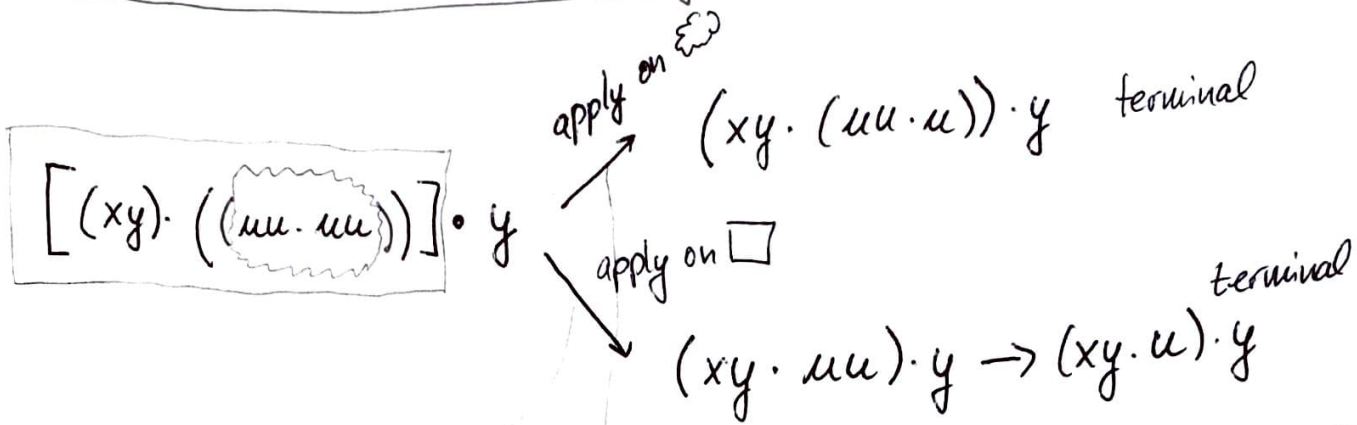
local confluency • take terminal u $r \begin{matrix} \rightarrow s_1 \rightarrow^* s \\ \rightarrow t_1 \rightarrow^* t \end{matrix}$



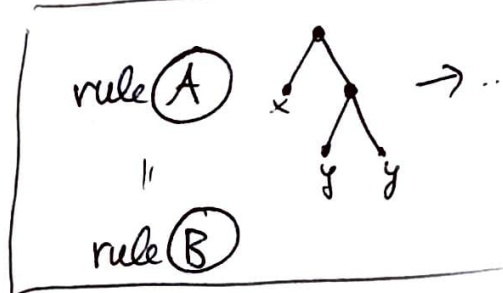
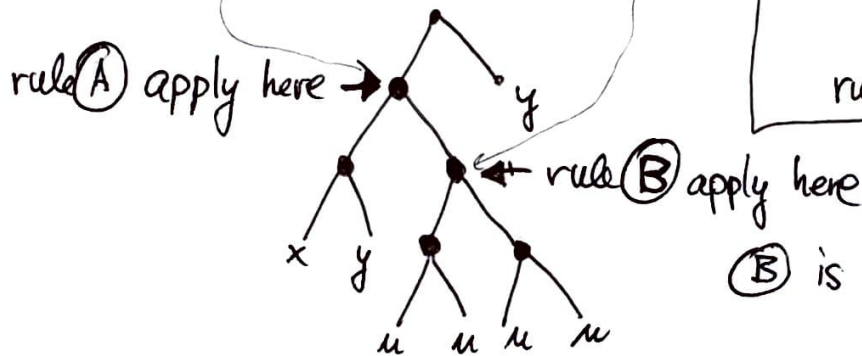
\hookrightarrow to r terminal in P since $s \neq u$ or $u \neq t$

Example $\mathcal{E} = \{x \cdot yy \approx xy\}$

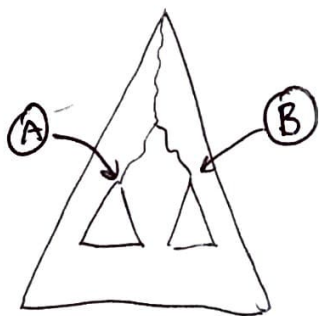
$D(\mathcal{E})$ is not locally confluent



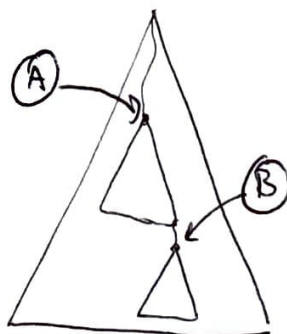
What is the problem?



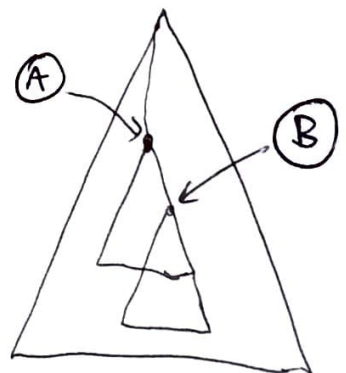
(B) is applied inside (A)



no problem

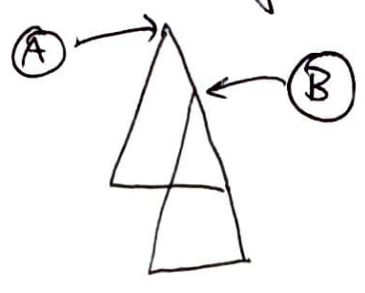


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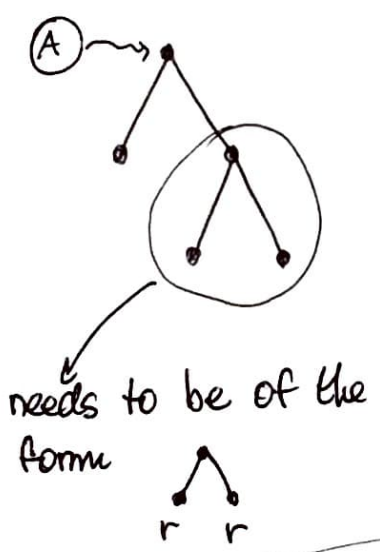


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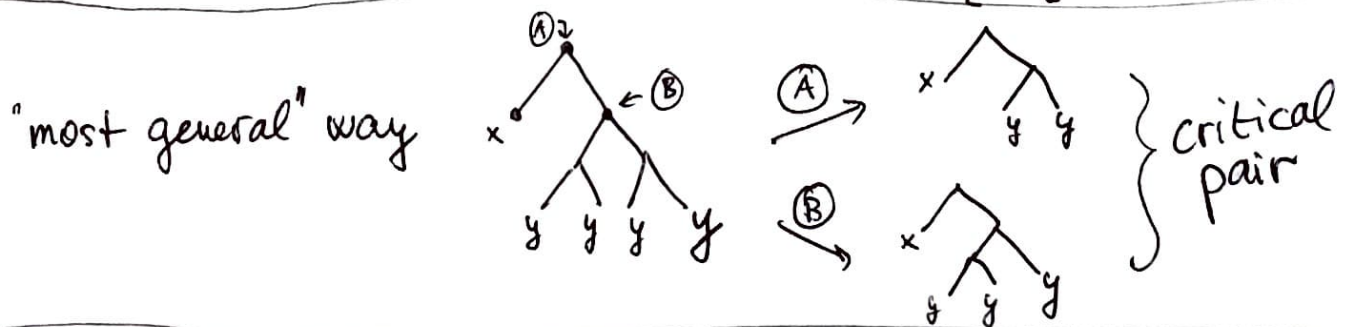
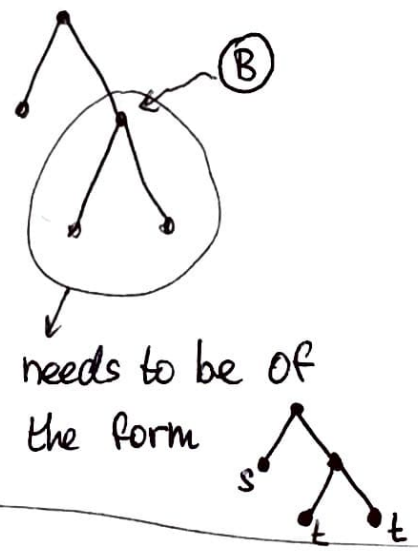
critical pair ... ~~or factor~~ "most general"
"minimal instance" of the overlapping application problem



- A $l_1 \approx r_1 = x.yy \approx xy$
- B $l_2 \approx r_2 = x.yy \approx xy$



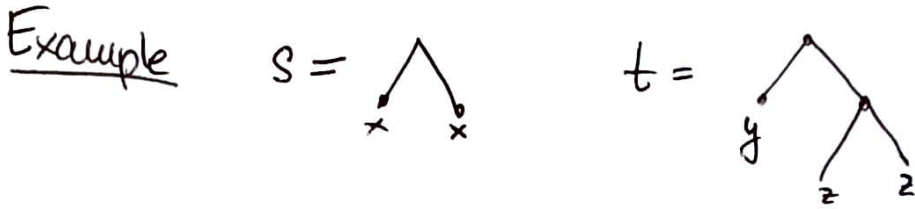
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- more complex terms than x,y --- not general enough
- $x=y$ --- not general enough

MOST GENERAL UNIFIER

Def. $\theta \in \text{End}(F)$ is a unifier of $s, t \in F$ if $\theta(s) = \theta(t)$



unifiers eg.

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|--|--|---|
| <p>① $\theta: x \mapsto xx$
 $y \mapsto xx$
 $z \mapsto x$
 $w \mapsto \cancel{xx}$
 $v \mapsto x$
 \vdots</p> | <p>② $\theta: x \mapsto xx$
 $y \mapsto xx$
 $z \mapsto x$
 $w \mapsto w$
 $u \mapsto u$
 \vdots</p> | <p>③ $\theta: x \mapsto (xy)(xy)$
 $y \mapsto (xy)(xy)$
 $z \mapsto xy$
 $w \mapsto w$
 \vdots</p> |
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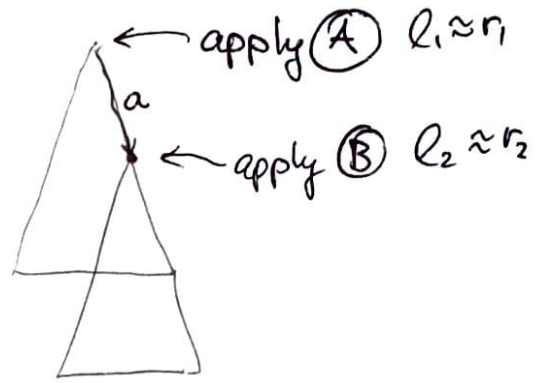
Def. θ is a most general unifier of s, t , $\text{MGU}(s, t)$, if $\theta(s) = \theta(t)$ and \forall unifier ω $\omega = d\theta$ for some $d \in \text{End}(F)$

Example ② is $\text{MGU}(s, t)$, ① & ③ are not

Theorem $\forall s, t$ $\begin{cases} \text{no unifier exists} \\ \exists \text{MGU}(s, t), \text{ unique up to variable renaming} \end{cases}$

Proof: not required

CRITICAL PAIR



Def. Let

- $l_1 \approx r_1, l_2 \approx r_2 \in \mathcal{E}$
- $l_2 \approx r_2$ obtained from $l_2' \approx r_2'$ by renaming variables so that $l_1 \approx r_1, l_2 \approx r_2$ have disjoint sets of variables
- a address, $l' := l_1[a]$, $l' \neq \text{variable}$ (can be $a = \emptyset$)
- $\theta = \text{MGU}(l', l_2')$

Then $(\theta r_1, \theta l_1 (a: \theta l' \rightarrow \theta r_2'))$ is a critical pair.

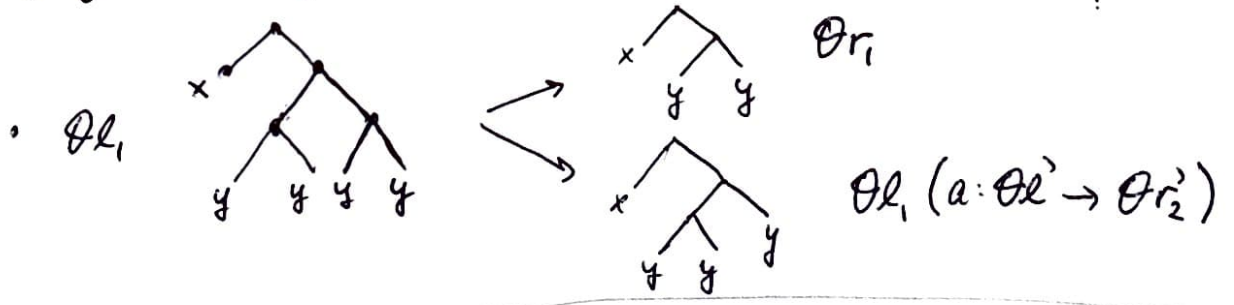
Example (A) $l_1 \approx r_1$
 $x \cdot yy \approx xy$

(B) $l_2 \approx r_2$
 $u \cdot vv \approx uv$

Q: why renaming?

- $a = 2 \quad l' = l_1[2] = yy$
- $\theta = \text{MGU}(l', l_2') = \text{MGU}(yy, u \cdot vv) =$

- $\theta:$
- $y \mapsto yy$
 - $u \mapsto yy$
 - $v \mapsto y$
 - $x \mapsto x$
 - ...



Theorem $D(\mathcal{E})$ finitely terminating and has confluent critical pairs, then $D(\mathcal{E})$ locally confluent (\Rightarrow convergent)

KNUTH-BENDIX ALGORITHM

INPUT: \mathcal{E} a set of identities

OUTPUT: equivalent $\hat{\mathcal{F}}$ which is convergent
(or failure, or works forever)

parameter: $>$ reduction order

- order identities in \mathcal{E} so that $l > r$
for each $l \approx r \in \mathcal{E}$ (or fail if impossible)
- $\mathcal{C} :=$ all critical pairs in \mathcal{E}
- while $\mathcal{C} \neq \emptyset$
 - choose $(s, t) \in \mathcal{C}$ and remove from \mathcal{C}
 - compute terminal vertices s_0, t_0 such that
 $s \xrightarrow{*} s_0 \quad t \xrightarrow{*} t_0$
 - if $s_0 \neq t_0$
 - order (or fail)
 - add to \mathcal{E}
 - update \mathcal{C}