#-Rewriting Systems

and An Infinite Hierarchy Resulting from Them

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#-Rewriting Systems in Formal Language Theory

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Concept

#-Rewriting System is based on the rules of the form

$$p_m\# \rightarrow q\, x_0 \# x_1 \ldots \# x_n$$

by which the system makes a computational step $\Rightarrow$ as

mth #

$$(p, \ldots \# y_{m-1} \# y_m \# y_{m+1} \cdots) \Rightarrow$$

$$(q, \ldots \# y_{m-1} x_0 \# x_1 \ldots \# x_n y_m \# y_{m+1} \cdots)$$

Definition 1/2

#-Rewriting System (#***RS***) is a quadruple

$$H = (Q, \Sigma, s, R), \text{ where}$$

- Q—finite set of *states*,
- Σ—*alphabet*, # $\in \Sigma$ is called a *bounder*,
- $s \in Q$—*start state*,
- R—*finite set of rules* of the form

$$p_m\# \rightarrow qx$$

where $p, q \in Q$, m is a positive integer, $x \in \Sigma^*$.

Definition 2/2

Configuration: (q, x), $q \in Q$, $x \in \Sigma^*$

Computational step:

$$(p, u\#v) \Rightarrow (q, uxv)\ [p_m\# \rightarrow qx \in R],$$

where the number of #s in u is $m - 1$,

$p, q \in Q$, $u, x, v \in \Sigma^*$.

Generated language:

$$L(H) = \{w \in (\Sigma - \#)^*: (s, \#) \Rightarrow^* (q, w) \text{ in } H, q \in Q\}.$$

Example: #*RS*

#*RS* *H*:

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$$L(H) = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\}$$

Finite index of #*RS*

#-Rewriting systems of ***index k***:

$\Rightarrow$ over configurations with ***k*** or fewer #s

#*RS*$_k$ – the language family generated by #*RS*s of index k

Example: Index $k = 2$:

1. $(p, a\#a\#b) \Rightarrow (q, aa\#aa\#b)$ $[p_1\# \rightarrow qa\#a \in R]$

OK

2. $(p, a\#a\#b) \not\Rightarrow (q, a\#aa\#\#bb)$ $[p_2\# \rightarrow qa\#\#b \in R]$

INCORRECT

Example: #*RS* of finite index

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***H* is of index 2.**

$$L(H) = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\} \in \#RS_2$$

Main Result: An Infinite Hierarchy

Theorem: $\#RS_k \subset \#RS_{k+1}$, for all $k \geq 1$.

Proof:

makes use of programmed grammars (*PG*) of index *k*

Proof: Programmed Grammars

Programmed Grammar (***PG***) is a modification of context-free grammar based on the rules of the form:

$$r\text{: } A \rightarrow x,\ W_r$$

- r: $A \rightarrow x$ is a context-free rule labeled by r,
- W_r—finite set of rule labels

Derivation step ($\Rightarrow$):

after the application of rule r,
a rule from W_r has to be applied

Proof: Finite index of *PG*

Programmed grammars of ***index k***:

- $\Rightarrow$ over sentential forms with ***k*** or fewer occurrences of nonterminals.

P_k – the language family defined by programmed grammars of index k

Example: *PG*

***PG G*:**

1: $S \rightarrow ABC$, {2, 5}

2: $A \rightarrow aA$, {3}

3: $B \rightarrow bB$, {4}

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$$L(G) = \{a^n b^n c^n : n \geq 1\} \in P_3$$

Proof: $\boldsymbol{P_k} = \#\boldsymbol{RS_k}$, $k \geq 1$

$\boldsymbol{P_k} \subseteq \#\boldsymbol{RS_k}$:

Let G be a PG of index k. Construct a $\#RS$ H of index k, so H simulates derivation step

$$a\underline{A}bBc \Rightarrow_G adXYbBc\ [p\text{: } A \rightarrow dXY, \{q, o\}] \Rightarrow_G \ldots [q]$$

as

$$(\langle \underline{A}B, p\rangle, a\underline{\#}b\#c) \Rightarrow_H (\langle XYB, q\rangle, ad\#\#b\#c)$$
$$[\langle \underline{A}B, p\rangle\ {}_1\# \rightarrow \langle XYB, q\rangle\ d\#\#]$$

Proof: $\#RS_k = P_k$, $k \geq 1$

$\#RS_k \subseteq P_k$:

Let H be a $\#RS$ of index k. Construct a PG G of index k, so G simulates a computational step

$$(p, a\#b\#c) \Rightarrow_H (q, aa\#bb\#c) \; [p_1\# \rightarrow q \; a\#b]$$

as

$$a\langle p, 1, 2\rangle b\langle p, 2, 2\rangle c$$

1) Renumbering: $\Rightarrow_G a\langle q'', 1, 2\rangle b\langle p, 2, 2\rangle c$

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2) Rewriting: $\Rightarrow_G aa\langle q', 1, 2\rangle bb\langle q', 2, 2\rangle c$

3) Finalization: $\Rightarrow_G aa\langle q, 1, 2\rangle bb\langle q', 2, 2\rangle c$

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Proof: $\#\boldsymbol{RS}_k \subset \#\boldsymbol{RS}_{k+1}$, $k \geq 1$

Recall that:

- $\boldsymbol{P}_k \subset \boldsymbol{P}_{k+1}$, for all $k \geq 1$

As $\boldsymbol{P}_k = \#\boldsymbol{RS}_k$, for all $k \geq 1$, we have

Theorem: $\#\boldsymbol{RS}_k \subset \#\boldsymbol{RS}_{k+1}$, for all $k \geq 1$.

Future Investigation

- Determinism
- Unlimited index
- Other variants:
  - Right-linear
  - Context-sensitive
  - Parallel

Discussion