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**Advanced Topics in Software Verification**

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## Last Time

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- Equations and Term Rewriting
- Confluence and Termination of reduction systems
- Term Rewriting in Isabelle

## Applying a Rewrite Rule

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- $l \longrightarrow r$  **applicable** to term  $t[s]$   
if there is substitution  $\sigma$  such that  $\sigma l = s$
- **Result:**  $t[\sigma r]$
- **Equationally:**  $t[s] = t[\sigma r]$

### Example:

**Rule:**  $0 + n \longrightarrow n$

**Term:**  $a + (0 + (b + c))$

**Substitution:**  $\sigma = \{n \mapsto b + c\}$

**Result:**  $a + (b + c)$

# Conditional Term Rewriting

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Rewrite rules can be conditional:

$$[[P_1 \dots P_n]] \Longrightarrow l = r$$

is **applicable** to term  $t[s]$  with  $\sigma$  if

- $\sigma l = s$  and
- $\sigma P_1, \dots, \sigma P_n$  are provable by rewriting.

## Rewriting with Assumptions

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Last time: Isabelle uses assumptions in rewriting.

**Can lead to non-termination.**

**Example:**

**lemma** " $f\ x = g\ x \wedge g\ x = f\ x \implies f\ x = 2$ "

simp	<b>use and simplify</b> assumptions
(simp (no_asm))	<b>ignore</b> assumptions
(simp (no_asm_use))	<b>simplify</b> , but do <b>not use</b> assumptions
(simp (no_asm_simp))	<b>use</b> , but do <b>not simplify</b> assumptions

# Preprocessing

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Preprocessing (recursive) for maximal simplification power:

$$\neg A \mapsto A = \textit{False}$$

$$A \longrightarrow B \mapsto A \implies B$$

$$A \wedge B \mapsto A, B$$

$$\forall x. A x \mapsto A ?x$$

$$A \mapsto A = \textit{True}$$

**Example:**

$$(p \longrightarrow q \wedge \neg r) \wedge s$$

$\mapsto$

$$p \implies q = \textit{True} \quad p \implies r = \textit{False} \quad s = \textit{True}$$

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## Case splitting with simp

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$$\begin{aligned} & P \text{ (if } A \text{ then } s \text{ else } t) \\ & \quad = \\ & (A \longrightarrow P s) \wedge (\neg A \longrightarrow P t) \end{aligned}$$

**Automatic**

$$\begin{aligned} & P \text{ (case } e \text{ of } 0 \Rightarrow a \mid \text{Suc } n \Rightarrow b) \\ & \quad = \\ & (e = 0 \longrightarrow P a) \wedge (\forall n. e = \text{Suc } n \longrightarrow P b) \end{aligned}$$

**Manually: apply** (simp split: nat.split)

Similar for any data type **t**: **t.split**

## Congruence Rules

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**congruence rules are about using context**

**Example:** in  $P \longrightarrow Q$  we could use  $P$  to simplify terms in  $Q$

For  $\Longrightarrow$  hardwired (assumptions used in rewriting)

For other operators expressed with conditional rewriting.

**Example:**  $\llbracket P = P'; P' \Longrightarrow Q = Q' \rrbracket \Longrightarrow (P \longrightarrow Q) = (P' \longrightarrow Q')$

**Read:** to simplify  $P \longrightarrow Q$

- first simplify  $P$  to  $P'$
- then simplify  $Q$  to  $Q'$  using  $P'$  as assumption
- the result is  $P' \longrightarrow Q'$

## More Congruence

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Sometimes useful, but not used automatically (slowdown):

**conj\_cong:**  $\llbracket P = P'; P' \implies Q = Q' \rrbracket \implies (P \wedge Q) = (P' \wedge Q')$

Context for if-then-else:

**if\_cong:**  $\llbracket b = c; c \implies x = u; \neg c \implies y = v \rrbracket \implies$   
 $(\text{if } b \text{ then } x \text{ else } y) = (\text{if } c \text{ then } u \text{ else } v)$

Prevent rewriting inside then-else (default):

**if\_weak\_cong:**  $b = c \implies (\text{if } b \text{ then } x \text{ else } y) = (\text{if } c \text{ then } x \text{ else } y)$

- declare own congruence rules with **[cong]** attribute
- delete with **[cong del]**

## Ordered rewriting

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**Problem:**  $x + y \longrightarrow y + x$  does not terminate

**Solution:** use permutative rules only if term becomes lexicographically smaller.

**Example:**  $b + a \rightsquigarrow a + b$  but not  $a + b \rightsquigarrow b + a$ .

For types `nat`, `int` etc:

- lemmas **add\_ac** sort any sum (+)
- lemmas **times\_ac** sort any product (\*)

**Example:** `apply (simp add: add_ac)` yields  
 $(b + c) + a \rightsquigarrow \dots \rightsquigarrow a + (b + c)$

## AC Rules

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### Example for associative-commutative rules:

**Associative:**  $(x \odot y) \odot z = x \odot (y \odot z)$

**Commutative:**  $x \odot y = y \odot x$

These 2 rules alone get stuck too early (not confluent).

Example:  $(z \odot x) \odot (y \odot v)$

We want:  $(z \odot x) \odot (y \odot v) = v \odot (x \odot (y \odot z))$

We get:  $(z \odot x) \odot (y \odot v) = v \odot (y \odot (x \odot z))$

**We need: AC rule**  $x \odot (y \odot z) = y \odot (x \odot z)$

If these 3 rules are present for an AC operator  
Isabelle will order terms correctly

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## Back to Confluence

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**Last time:** confluence in general is undecidable.

**But:** confluence for terminating systems is decidable!

**Problem:** overlapping lhs of rules.

### Definition:

Let  $l_1 \longrightarrow r_1$  and  $l_2 \longrightarrow r_2$  be two rules with disjoint variables.

They form a **critical pair** if a non-variable subterm of  $l_1$  unifies with  $l_2$ .

### Example:

Rules: (1)  $f x \longrightarrow a$     (2)  $g y \longrightarrow b$     (3)  $f (g z) \longrightarrow b$

Critical pairs:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
 (1)+(3) & \{x \mapsto g z\} & a \xleftarrow{(1)} f (g z) \xrightarrow{(3)} b \\
 (3)+(2) & \{z \mapsto y\} & b \xleftarrow{(3)} f (g y) \xrightarrow{(2)} f b
 \end{array}$$

# Completion

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$$(1) f x \longrightarrow a \quad (2) g y \longrightarrow b \quad (3) f (g z) \longrightarrow b$$

is not confluent

**But it can be made confluent by adding rules!**

**How:** join all critical pairs

**Example:**

$$(1)+(3) \quad \{x \mapsto g z\} \quad a \xleftarrow{(1)} f (g z) \xrightarrow{(3)} b$$

shows that  $a = b$  (because  $a \xleftarrow{*} b$ ), so we add  $a \longrightarrow b$  as a rule

This is the main idea of the Knuth-Bendix completion algorithm.



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# Orthogonal Rewriting Systems

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## Definitions:

A **rule**  $l \longrightarrow r$  is **left-linear** if no variable occurs twice in  $l$ .

A **rewrite system** is **left-linear** if all rules are.

A system is **orthogonal** if it is left-linear and has no critical pairs.

**Orthogonal rewrite systems are confluent**

Application: functional programming languages

## We have learned today ...

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- Conditional term rewriting
- Congruence rules
- AC rules
- More on confluence