

Maximally Parallel Contextual String Rewriting

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Hyphenation rules!

(for Romanian)

- Hyphenation for Romanian seems simple
 - 8 **insertion** rules for *regular* words [Dinu, 2003]
 - Regular: no consecutive vowels (to exclude diphthongs, triphthongs).

In the rules below *vs* stand for vowels, *cs* for consonants

- 1 $(v_1, -, cv_2)$
- 2 $(v_1, -, c_1c_2v_2)$ if $c_1c_2 \in \{\text{ch, gh}\}$ or $(c_1, c_2) \in \{\text{b, c, d, f, g, h, p, t}\} \times \{\text{l, r}\}$
- 3 $(v_1c_1, -, c_2v_2)$ if $c_1c_2 \notin \{\text{ch, gh}\}$ and $(c_1, c_2) \notin \{\text{b, c, d, f, g, h, p, t}\} \times \{\text{l, r}\}$
- 4 $(v_1c_1c_2, -, c_3v_2)$ if $c_1c_2c_3 \in \{\text{lpt, mpt, mpt}, \text{ncș, nct, nct}, \text{ndv, rct, rtf, stm}\}$
- 5 $(v_1c_1, -, c_2c_3v_2)$ if $c_1c_2c_3 \notin \{\text{lpt, mpt, mpt}, \text{ncș, nct, nct}, \text{ndv, rct, rtf, stm}\}$
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- 7 $(v_1c_1, -, c_2c_3c_4v_2)$ if $c_2c_3c_4 \notin \{\text{gst, nbl}\}$
- 8 $(v_1c_1c_2, -, c_3c_4c_5v_2)$ if $c_1c_2c_3c_4c_5 \in \{\text{ptspr, stscr}\}$

Hyphenation example

- lingvistică

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- lingvistică
- lin-gvistică

by rule (5)

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Hyphenation example

- lingvistică
- lin-gvistică by rule (5)
- lin-gvis-tică by rule (3)
- lin-gvis-ti-că by rule (1)

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Parallel hyphenation

Approach [Dinu, 2009]

- Insertion systems can model syllabification
 - Insertion can be done in parallel by sharing the context
 - Maximally parallel application of rules yields one-step hyphenation
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- Why? Suggested as possible at cognitive level by some linguists
lingvistică \implies lingvistică \implies lin-vis-ti-că

$(V_1, -, CV_2)$

$(V_1 C_1, -, C_2 V_2)$ if $C_1 C_2 \notin \{ch, gh\}$ and $(C_1, C_2) \notin \{b, c, d, f, g, h, p, t\} \times \{l, r\}$

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Connections with other formalisms

Contextual description of rules

- Insertion/Deletion Systems [Kari, 1991]
 - String Rewriting + Insertion Rules + Deletion Rules + Parallel application
- \mathbb{K} concurrent rewriting [Roşu, Şerbănuţă, 2010]
 - Term rewriting + contextual \mathbb{K} rules + Parallel application

Maximally parallel application of rules

- L-Systems [Lindenmayer, 1968]
 - Context free grammars with maximally parallel derivation
 - Context Sensitive L-Systems have some notion of sharing
 - However, the context is usually altered during the rewrite
- P Systems [Păun, 1998]
 - Multiset rewriting with local rules
 - Contextual sharing in the promoter/inhibitor variant

Contributions

- Contextual string rewriting rules
 - as a (slight) variation of rules from Insertion/Deletion Systems
 - as a specialization of \mathbb{K} rules to string rewriting
- Formal definition for (maximal) parallel matching and derivation
- Transformations to TRSs
 - for simulating one-step maximal parallel derivation

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Formal languages

- **Alphabets:** Σ, \dots
 - are sets of **letters:** a, b, c, \dots
- **Words:** u, v, w, x, y, \dots
 - are (finite) sequences of letters
- The set of all words over alphabet Σ is denoted Σ^*
- The **empty word** is denoted by λ
- **Concatenation** of two words is obtained by juxtaposition $__$ and is associative, with unit λ
- $(\Sigma^*, __, \lambda)$ is the free monoid generated by Σ
- A **formal language** over Σ is a subset of Σ^* .

Insertion/Deletion Systems

[Kari, 1991]

Syntax

An **insertion-deletion system** is a tuple $\Gamma = (\Sigma, T, A, I, D)$, where

- Σ is an alphabet
- $T \subseteq \Sigma$ is the **terminal** alphabet
- $A \subseteq \Sigma^*$ is the set of **axioms** (starting symbols)
- I (the insertion rules) and D (the deletion rules) are
 - finite sets of triples of the form (u, x, v) , where $u, x, v \in \Sigma^*$ with $x \neq \lambda$

(Sequential) Semantics

- Insertion rule (u, x, v) specifies insertion of x in context (u, v)

$$u v \Rightarrow u x v$$
- Deletion rule (u, x, v) specifies deletion of x in context (u, v)

$$u x v \Rightarrow u v$$
- The language generated by Γ is $L(\Gamma) = \{w \in T^* \mid \exists u \in A. u \Rightarrow^* w\}$

Insertion grammars with (maximum) parallel derivation

[Dinu, 2009]

Syntax

An **insertion grammar** $\Gamma = (\Sigma, A, I)$ is a special case of insertion/deletion systems, where

- There are no non-terminals ($T = \Sigma$)
- There are no deletion rules ($D = \emptyset$)

Parallel Semantics

$w \Rightarrow_{\Gamma} z$ iff

- $w = \dots$, where $r \geq 1$ (r maximal for maximum derivation)
- for all $1 \leq i \leq r$, there exist $(u_i, x_i, v_i) \in I$ such that
 - w ends with u_i
 - w starts with v_i
- $z = x_1 x_2 \dots x_r$

Insertion grammars derivation examples

Example

Let $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, d\}$, $A = \{abcd\}$, and $I = \{(a, a, b), (b, b, c), (c, cd, d)\}$

Language for non-maximally parallel derivation: $a^+b^+c^nd^n$

Language for maximum parallel derivation: $a^n b^n c^n d^n$

Example

Let $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, $A = \{a, b\}$, and $I = \{(a, b, \lambda), (\lambda, ba, b)\}$.

Language for non-maximally parallel derivation:

$$\{a\} \cup \{(ab^+)^+\} \cup \{b(ab^+)^*\}$$

Language for maximum parallel derivation: “Fibonacci words”:

$$\{a, b, ab, bab, abbab, bababbab, abbabbababbab, \dots\}$$

\mathbb{K} rewriting

[Roşu, Şerbănuţă, 2010]

Contextual rules for concurrent term rewriting with sharing

Syntax

A \mathbb{K} rule is of the form $k[l_1 \rightarrow r_1, \dots, l_n \rightarrow r_n]$ where

- k is an n -ary context (shared by concurrent rule applications)
- l_1, \dots, l_n are the parts to be rewritten
- r_1, \dots, r_n are their corresponding replacements
- 2D notation: $k[\underbrace{l_1}_{r_1}, \dots, \underbrace{l_n}_{r_n}]$

Semantics

Non-Concurrent through flattening to term rewrite rules

$$k[l_1, \dots, l_n] \Rightarrow k[r_1, \dots, r_n]$$

Concurrent through graph rewriting

[Şerbănuţă, Roşu, 2011]

Insertion/Deletion rules as \mathbb{K} rules

$$\text{Insertion rule } (u,x,v): \frac{u \cdot v}{x}$$

$$\text{Deletion rule } (u,x,v): \frac{u \ x \ v}{\cdot}$$

- \cdot is the generic unit of \mathbb{K} for the given (associative) operation
It will be instantiated by λ in this particular case.

Natural Question

Why not having general rules of the form $\frac{u \ x \ v}{y}$?

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Contextual String Rewriting

Definition

A Contextual string rewrite rule is of the form $u \langle x \rightarrow y \rangle v$, where

- u, x, y, v are words over Σ
- $uxv, xy \in \Sigma^+$

Reading: x rewrites to y in the context (u, v)

A Contextual SRS is a set \mathcal{R} of contextual string rewrite rules.

Non concurrent semantics

Through rewrite rules: $u x v \Rightarrow u y v$

Formalizing a parallel matching instance

Definition

$$\pi : \langle y_1 \rangle^{\rho_1} \langle y_2 \rangle^{\rho_2} \dots \langle y_r \rangle^{\rho_r}$$

is a **parallel instance** of \mathcal{R} on w if for all $1 \leq i \leq r$,

- ρ_i is the rule $u_j \langle x_j \rightarrow y_j \rangle v_j \in \mathcal{R}$, and
 - ends with u_j
 - starts with v_j

The parallel rewriting step induced by π is

$$x_1 \ x_2 \ \dots \ x_r \ \Rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}, \pi} \ y_1 \ y_2 \ \dots \ y_r$$

Parallel matching instance

Example

Given the rules:

$$\rho_1 : \text{licen} \langle c \rightarrow s \rangle e$$

and

$$\rho_2 : (\langle _ \rightarrow \lambda \rangle$$

a parallel instance for

$$\text{my_licen}c\text{e}(_d\text{riving})$$

could be

$$\pi : \text{my_licen} \langle s \rangle^{p_1} e \langle \lambda \rangle^{p_2} \text{driving}$$

and we have that

$$\text{my_licen}c\text{e}(_d\text{riving}) \Rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}, \pi} \text{my_licen}c\text{e}(\text{driving})$$

Parallel instance refinement

Let $\pi : \langle y_1 \rangle^{\rho_1} \langle y_2 \rangle^{\rho_2} \dots \langle y_r \rangle^{\rho_r}$ be an instance on a word w and let ρ_i be $u_i \langle x_i \rightarrow y_i \rangle v_i$ for each $1 \leq i \leq r$. Then:

- Each ρ_i starts with v_i and ends with u_{i+1}

Definition ($\pi > \pi'$)

π is **refinable** if any w_i , $0 \leq i \leq r$, admits some parallel instance

$$\pi_i : \langle y_{i,1} \rangle^{\rho_{i,1}}$$

such that by replacing w_i by π_i in π we still get a parallel instance of w .

- i.e., π_i still starts with v_i and still ends with u_{i+1}
- iff the “split” of ρ_i was not inside either v_i or u_{i+1}

π is **maximal** if cannot be refined anymore.

Note: To refine π , v_i and u_{i+1} must not overlap on w_i for some $0 \leq i \leq r$

Parallel instance refinement

Example

Given the rules:

$$\rho_1 : \text{licen} \langle \mathbf{c} \rightarrow \mathbf{s} \rangle \mathbf{e} \qquad \rho_2 : (\langle _ \rightarrow \lambda \rangle) \qquad \rho_3 : \langle \lambda \rightarrow _ \rangle ($$

Then, the previous parallel instance of $\text{my_licen}(_ \text{driving})$:

$$\pi : \text{my_licen} \langle \mathbf{s} \rangle^{\rho_1} \mathbf{e} (\langle \lambda \rangle^{\rho_2} \text{driving})$$

can be further refined using ρ_3 to

$$\pi' : \text{my_licen} \langle \mathbf{s} \rangle^{\rho_1} \mathbf{e} \langle _ \rangle^{\rho_3} (\langle \lambda \rangle^{\rho_2} \text{driving})$$

which is maximal w.r.t the rules above, and we have that

$$\text{my_licen}(_ \text{driving}) \Rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}, \pi'} \text{my_license}(\text{driving})$$

Results Summary

Rewriting using parallel instances has the following properties:

- Is sound and complete for regular string rewriting
- The refinement relation terminates
 - Each refinement matches or consumes at least one letter ($uxv \neq \lambda$)
 - Each letter can be matched by at most two rules
 - Therefore, the length of any refinement chain for $|w|$ is at most $2|w|$

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Encoding rules

Idea: make sure the split of a w_i does not occur inside the v_i or u_{i+1} part

- $u \langle x \rightarrow y \rangle v$ and $x \neq \lambda$ or $uv \neq \lambda$ $u \uparrow x \uparrow v \rightarrow \uparrow u \uparrow y \uparrow v \uparrow$
- $\langle \lambda \rightarrow y \rangle v$ $Z \uparrow v \rightarrow Z \uparrow y \uparrow v \uparrow$, and $\uparrow ? \uparrow v \rightarrow \uparrow ? \uparrow y \uparrow v \uparrow$,
- $u \langle \lambda \rightarrow y \rangle$ $u \uparrow Z \rightarrow \uparrow u \uparrow y \uparrow Z$, and $u \uparrow \uparrow ? \rightarrow \uparrow u \uparrow y \uparrow ? \uparrow$,²

Example

We can use the encoding $\uparrow ? \uparrow (\rightarrow \uparrow ? \uparrow _ \uparrow \uparrow)$ of rule $\langle \lambda \rightarrow _ \rangle$ (to refine

my $_ \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$ ic le h se $\uparrow \uparrow$ (λ driving)

to

my $_ \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$ ic le h se $_ \uparrow \uparrow$ (λ driving)

² \uparrow indicates the flags are not modified by the rule (i.e., stands for flag variables); $?$ is a variable of sort letter; Z is a variable of sort word

Results Summary

The proposed transformations have the following properties:

- Properly encoding the refinement of parallel instances
- Erasing the extra flags and marks one obtains the rewritten word (through the current instance)
- Solve the problem of computing a maximal instance
 - Every normal form of the transformed systems encodes a maximal parallel instance
 - The transformed systems terminate for any input
 - Any maximal parallel instance of w is computed in at most $2|w|$ steps

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