Tracelets

And Tracelet Analysis for Compositional Rewriting Systems

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Chemical reaction systems

- State: a pool of indistinguishable particles (of different types)
- Transition: e.g. $A + B \rightarrow C$
 - (i) **select at random** a type *A* and a type *B* particle; **remove these**
 - (ii) add a particle of type C
- Dynamics: transitions occur at random with probability proportional to number of possibilities that the input pattern may be found in a state
- ⇒ highly intricate stochastic dynamics!





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Modern systems biology: pathways



Model of the circadian clock in mammals. (source: [1])





The basic setup for compositional rewriting

Adhesive and extensive categories (cf. [2], Def. 3.1 ff)

A category C is said to be adhesive if

- (i) C has pushouts along monomorphisms,
- (ii) C has pullbacks, and if

(iii) pushouts along monomorphisms are van Kampen (VK) squares.

If **C** in addition possesses a **strict initial object** $\emptyset \in ob(\mathbf{C})$, i.e. an object s.th. $\forall X \in ob(\mathbf{C}) : \exists ! i_X : \emptyset \hookrightarrow X$ and all $X \to \emptyset$ are isos, the category is said to be **extensive**. It is called **finitary** [3] if every object *X* has only finitely many subobjects (up to iso).

- Examples for finitary adhesive extensive categories [3]:
 - · FinSet, the category of (finite) sets and set functions
 - FinGraph, the category of (finite) directed multigraphs and graph homomorphisms (and also colored/typed graphs, attributed graphs, hypergraphs,...)
 - · different variants of categories of finite typed or attributed graphs (Kappa!)
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- [3] Karsten Gabriel et al. "Finitary *M*-adhesive categories". In: Mathematical Structures in Computer Science 24.04 (June 2014)







· pushout (PO) along monomorphisms in the category Set:



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- · pullback (PB) along monomorphisms in the category Set:



Double-Pushout (DPO), DPO[†] and Sesqui-Pushout (SqPO) rewriting

$$\operatorname{Lin}(\mathbf{C}) := \left\{ O \xleftarrow{o} K \xrightarrow{i} I \middle| o, i \in \operatorname{mono}(\mathbf{C}) \right\} \not \simeq$$

A rule application of a rule $r \in \text{Lin}(\mathbb{C})$ to an object *X* along a **T**-admissible match *m* (resp. m^* for DPO^{\dagger}) is defined via the following type of commutative diagram (referred to as a direct derivation in the literature):



The precise details and T-type admissibility are defined via

Type $\mathbb T$	nature of (B)	nature of (A)
DPO	РО	POC
DPO^{\dagger}	POC	РО
SqPO	РО	FPC

where POC indicates that these POCs must be constructible for admissible matches.

Key operation: rule compositions [4], [5]

Set of \mathbb{T} -type admissible matches of r_2 into r_1 for $\mathbb{T} \in \{DPO, SqPO\}$:

For a \mathbb{T} -type admissible match $\mu_{21} = (I_2 \leftarrow M_{21} \rightarrow O_2) \in \mathbf{M}_{r_2}^{\mathbb{T}}(r_1)$, construct



From this diagram, one may compute (via pullback composition \circ of the two composable spans in the bottom row) a span of monomorphisms $(O_{21} \leftarrow I_{21}) \in \text{Lin}(\mathbb{C})$, which we define to be the \mathbb{T} -type composition of r_2 with r_1 along μ_{21} (for $\mathbb{T} \in \{DPO, SqPO\}$ as in (9)):

$$r_2^{\mu_{21}} \triangleleft_{\mathbb{T}} r_1 := (O_{21} \leftarrow I_{21}) = (O_{21} \leftarrow N_{21}) \circ (N_{21} \leftarrow I_{21}).$$

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 $\begin{array}{cccc} O_2 \swarrow \stackrel{r_2}{-} I_2 & O_1 \swarrow \stackrel{r_1}{-} I_1 \\ & \swarrow \stackrel{r_1}{-} & m_1 \\ \end{array}$ $X_1 \xleftarrow{r_1, m_1} X_0$



$$O_2 \stackrel{r_2}{\longleftarrow} I_2 O_1 \stackrel{r_1}{\longleftarrow} I_1$$

$$m_2 \bigvee \bigwedge m_1^* m_1 \bigvee X_1 \stackrel{r_1,m_1}{\longleftarrow} X_0$$







 $O_2 \stackrel{r_2}{\checkmark} I_2 \qquad O_1 \stackrel{r_1}{\checkmark} I_1$ $\cdots X_2 \xleftarrow{r_2,m_2} X_1 \xleftarrow{r_1,m_1} X_0$





. . .

$$O_{2} \stackrel{r_{2}}{\longleftarrow} I_{2} O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\longleftarrow} I_{1}$$

$$\swarrow m_{2}^{*} m_{2} \bigvee \swarrow m_{1}^{*} m_{1} \bigvee$$

$$X_{2} \stackrel{r_{2},m_{2}}{\longleftarrow} X_{1} \stackrel{r_{1},m_{1}}{\longleftarrow} X_{0}$$
























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forbidden patterns:



































(a) Tracelets as (minimal) derivation traces.



(c) Tracelet composition (Definition 2.2).



(d) Tracelet analysis (Section 3).

Figure 2 Schematic overview of the tracelet and tracelet analysis framework.



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Tracelet generation



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Let $\mathbb{T} \in \{DPO, SqPO\}$ be the type of rewriting, and let $\overline{Lin}(C)$ denote the set of linear rules with conditions over C.

Tracelets of length 1: the set $\mathscr{T}_1^{\mathbb{T}}$ of type \mathbb{T} tracelets T(R) of length 1 is defined as

$$\mathscr{T}_{\mathbf{I}}^{\mathbb{T}} := \left\{ \begin{array}{ccc} O & \stackrel{\frown}{-r} & I \lessdot \mathbf{c}_{I} \\ T(R) = & \parallel & \mathbb{T} & \parallel \\ O & \longleftarrow & I \blacktriangleleft \mathbf{c}_{I} \end{array} \middle| R = (r, \mathbf{c}_{I}) \in \overline{\mathbf{Lin}}(\mathbf{C}) \right\}$$

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Tracelets of length n + 1: given tracelets $T_{n+1} \in \mathscr{T}_1^{\mathbb{T}}$ of length 1 and $T_{n\dots 1} \in \mathscr{T}_n^{\mathbb{T}}$ of length n (for $n \ge 1$), we define a span of monomorphisms $\mu = (I_{n+1} \leftrightarrow M \hookrightarrow O_{n\dots 1})$ as \mathbb{T} -admissible, denoted $\mu \in \mathbf{MT}_{T_1}^{\mathbb{T}}(T_{n\dots 1})$, if the following diagram is constructible:



Constructibility may fail due to non-existence of the requisite pushout complements, or because the tentative composite condition $c_{I_{(n+1)}\dots I}$ might evaluate to false, with

$$\mathbf{c}_{I_{(n+1)\cdots}} := \mathbf{Shift}(I_{n\cdots 1} \hookrightarrow \underline{I_{(n+1)\cdots 1}}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{n\cdots 1}})$$

$$\bigwedge \mathbf{Trans}(Y_{n+1,n}^{(n+1)} \Leftarrow \underline{I_{(n+1)\cdots 1}}, \mathbf{Shift}(I_{n+1} \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1,n}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{n+1}})).$$

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$$\mathscr{T}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{T}} := \left\{ T_{n+1}^{\mu} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_{n\cdots 1} | T_{n+1} \in \mathscr{T}_{1}^{\mathbb{T}}, T_{n\cdots 1} \in \mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}}, \mu \in \mathbf{MT}_{T_{1}}^{\mathbb{T}}(T_{n\cdots 1}) \right\}.$$

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Tracelet composition





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and if (ii) the condition $c_{I_{(m+n+1)\cdots 1}}$ below does not evaluate to false:

$$\mathbf{c}_{I_{(m+n+1)\cdots}} := \mathbf{Shift}(I_{n\cdots 1} \hookrightarrow I_{(m+n+1)\cdots 1}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{n\cdots 1}})$$

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Then for $\mu \in \mathbf{MT}_{T'}^{\mathbb{T}}(T)$, we define the type \mathbb{T} tracelet composition of T' with T along μ as

$$T'^{\mu} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T := \bigcup_{\substack{O_m \\ O_{p\cdots 1}}} I'_m \blacktriangleleft c_{I'_m} \qquad O_1 \checkmark^{r_1} I_1 \blacktriangleleft c_{I_1} \qquad \downarrow T \qquad \downarrow I_1 \backsim c_{I_1} \qquad \downarrow I \qquad \downarrow I_1 \qquad I$$

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Theorem: properties of the tracelet composition operation [9]

Let $: : \bigtriangledown_{\mathbb{T}}$. denote the \mathbb{T} -type rule composition, and let the set of \mathbb{T} -admissible matches be denoted by $\mathbf{M}_{r_2}^{\mathbb{T}}(r_1)$ (for $r_2, r_1 \in \overline{\mathbf{Lin}}(\mathbf{C})$).

(i) For all
$$T', T \in \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}$$
, $\mathbf{MT}_{T'}^{\mathbb{T}}(T) = \mathbf{M}_{[[T']]}^{\mathbb{T}}([[T]])$.

- (ii) For all $T', T \in \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}$ and $\mu \in \mathbf{MT}_{T'}^{\mathbb{T}}(T)$, $\left[\left[T'^{\mu} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T\right]\right] = \left[\left[T'\right]\right]^{\mu} \lhd_{\mathbb{T}}\left[\left[T\right]\right]$.
- (iii) The T-type tracelet composition is **associative**, i.e. for any three tracelets T₁, T₂, T₃ ∈ 𝔅^T, there exists a bijection φ : S₃₍₂₁₎ ≅ S₍₃₂₎₁ between the sets pairs of T-admissible matches of tracelets (with T_{ji} := T_j^{μ_{ji}∠_TT_i and using property (i))}

$$\begin{split} S_{3(21)} &:= \{ (\mu_{21}, \mu_{3(21)}) | \mu_{21} \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T_2]]}^{\mathbb{T}}([[T_1]]), \ \mu_{3(21)} \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T_3]]}^{\mathbb{T}}([[T_{21}]]) \\ S_{(32)1} &:= \{ (\mu_{32}, \mu_{(32)1}) | \mu_{32} \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T_3]]}^{\mathbb{T}}([[T_2]]), \ \mu_{(32)1} \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T_{32}]]}^{\mathbb{T}}([[T_1]]) \} \\ \text{such that for all } (\mu_{32}', \mu_{(32)1}') = \varphi((\mu_{21}, \mu_{3(21)})) \end{split}$$

$$T_3^{\mu_{3(21)}} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} (T_2^{\mu_{21}} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_1) \cong \left(T_3^{\mu_{32}'} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_2 \right)^{\mu_{(321)}'} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_1.$$

Moreover, the bijection φ coincides with the corresponding bijection provided in the associativity theorem for \mathbb{T} -type rule compositions.

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Tracelet characterization theorem [9]

For all type- \mathbb{T} tracelets $T \in \mathscr{T}_n^{\mathbb{T}}$ of length n, for all objects X_0 of \mathbb{C} , and for all monomorphisms $(m : I_{n \dots 1} \hookrightarrow X_0)$ such that $m \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T]]}^{\mathbb{T}}(X_0)$, there exists a type- \mathbb{T} direct derivation $D = T_m(X_0)$ obtained via vertically composing the squares in each column of the diagram below:

Conversely, every \mathbb{T} -direct derivation D of length n along rules $R_j = (r_j, \mathbf{c}_{l_j}) \in \overline{\mathbf{Lin}}(\mathbf{C})$ starting at an object X_0 of \mathbf{C} may be cast into the form $D = T_m(X_0)$ for some tracelet Tof length n and a \mathbb{T} -admissible match $m \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T]]}^{\mathbb{T}}(X_0)$ that are uniquely determined from D (up to isomorphisms).



$$T \equiv t_n | \dots | t_1 = \begin{array}{ccc} O_n \stackrel{\checkmark r_n}{\longrightarrow} I_n \blacktriangleleft c_{I_n} & O_1 \stackrel{\checkmark r_1}{\longrightarrow} I_1 \blacktriangleleft c_{I_1} \\ \downarrow & \uparrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ O_{n \cdots 1} \longleftarrow Y_{n,n-1}^{(n)} & \cdots & Y_{2,1}^{(n)} \longleftarrow I_{n \cdots 1} \blacktriangleleft c_{I_n \cdots 1} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} O_j & & \stackrel{r_j}{\longleftarrow} & I_j \ll \mathsf{c}_{I_j} \\ t_j := & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & &$$

$$T \equiv t_n | \dots | t_1 = \bigcup_{\substack{0 \\ n \\ 0 \\ n \\ \dots 1}}^{O_n} \underbrace{\mathbb{T}}_{n,n-1} \cdots \underbrace{\begin{array}{c} O_1 \\ O_1 \\ 0 \\ \mathbb{T}}_{n} \\ I_1 \\$$

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Here, $\mu = (I_j \leftrightarrow M \hookrightarrow O_{j-1})$ is the span of monomorphisms obtained by taking the pullback of the cospan $(I_j \hookrightarrow Y_{j,j-1}^{(n)} \leftrightarrow O_{j-1})$, and this μ is always a \mathbb{T} -admissible match. By associativity of the tracelet composition, this extends to consecutive sequences $t_j | \dots | t_{j-k}$ of subtracelets in *T* inducing diagrams $t_{(j|\dots|j-k)}$ and tracelets of length 1 $T_{(j|\dots|j-k)}$, where for k = 0, $t_{(j)} = t_j$ and $T_{(j)} = T(r_j, \mathbf{c}_{I_j})$.

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- (ii) the diagrams $t_1 | \dots | t_{(j|\dots|j-k)} | \dots | t_n$ and $t'_1 | \dots | t'_{(j|\dots|j-k)} | \dots | t'_n$ are isomorphic,

then *T* and *T'* are defined to be **shift equivalent**, denoted $T \equiv_S T'$. Extending \equiv_S by transitivity then yields an equivalence relation on $\mathscr{T}_n^{\mathbb{T}}$ for every $n \ge 1$.

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"Pathway generation" or "explanatory synthesis" problem

For the type- \mathbb{T} rewriting system based upon the set of rules \mathscr{R} , synthesize the **maximally compressed** derivation traces ending in an application of *E* such that "*E* cannot occur at an earlier position in a given trace". Here, compression refers to retaining only the smallest traces in a given \equiv_C equivalence class, while the last part of the statement needs to be made precise in a specific application (as it depends on the chosen framework).

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(a) Tracelets as (minimal) derivation traces.



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(d) Tracelet analysis (Section 3).

Figure 2 Schematic overview of the tracelet and tracelet analysis framework.

Thank you!

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