# 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
$\Rightarrow$ highly intricate stochastic dynamics!



## Historical overview (rough sketch)



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## Modern systems biology: pathways



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

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## The basic setup for compositional rewriting

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

A category $\mathbf{C}$ is said to be adhesive if
(i) C has pushouts along monomorphisms,
(ii) $\mathbf{C}$ has pullbacks, and if
(iii) pushouts along monomorphisms are van Kampen (VK) squares.

If $\mathbf{C}$ in addition possesses a strict initial object $\varnothing \in o b(\mathbf{C})$, i.e. an object s.th. $\forall X \in o b(\mathbf{C}): \exists!i_{X}: \varnothing \hookrightarrow X$ and all $X \rightarrow \varnothing$ 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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- pullback (PB) along monomorphisms in the category Set:


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## Double-Pushout (DPO), $D P O^{\dagger}$ and Sesqui-Pushout (SqPO) rewriting

$$
\operatorname{Lin}(\mathbf{C}):=\{O \stackrel{o}{\leftarrow} K \xrightarrow{i} I \mid o, i \in \operatorname{mono}(\mathbf{C})\} / \cong
$$

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

$$
\begin{aligned}
& O \leftharpoonup r=r \\
& m^{*} \downarrow \mathbb{T} \downarrow m \quad:=m^{*} \vdots \quad(B) \quad \vdots \quad(A) \downarrow m \\
& \left.r_{m}(X) \Longleftarrow X \quad r_{m}(X) \prec \cdots \cdots \cdots \bar{K}----\right\rangle X
\end{aligned}
$$

The precise details and $\mathbb{T}$-type admissibility are defined via

| Type $\mathbb{T}$ | nature of $(B)$ | nature of $(A)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $D P O$ | PO | POC |
| $D P O^{\dagger}$ | POC | PO |
| $S q P O$ | PO | 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 $\mathbb{T} \in\{D P O, S q P O\}$ :

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathbf{M}_{r_{2}}^{\mathbb{\top}}\left(r_{1}\right):=\left\{\mu_{21}=\left(I_{2} \leftarrow M_{21} \rightarrow O_{2}\right) \mid n_{1}, n_{2} \text { in } \mathbf{P O}\left(\mu_{21}\right)=\left(I_{2} \xrightarrow{n_{2}} N_{21} \stackrel{n_{1}}{\longleftrightarrow} O_{1}\right)\right. \\
\text { satisfy } \left.n_{2} \in \mathbf{M}_{r_{2}}^{\mathbb{\top}}\left(N_{21}\right) \wedge n_{1} \in \mathbf{M}_{r_{1}}^{D P O^{\dagger}}\left(N_{21}\right)\right\} .
\end{gathered}
$$

For a $\mathbb{T}$-type admissible match $\mu_{21}=\left(I_{2} \leftarrow M_{21} \rightarrow O_{2}\right) \in \mathbf{M}_{r_{2}}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(r_{1}\right)$, construct


From this diagram, one may compute (via pullback composition $\circ$ of the two composable spans in the bottom row) a span of monomorphisms
$\left(O_{21} \Leftarrow I_{21}\right) \in \operatorname{Lin}(\mathbf{C})$, which we define to be the $\mathbb{T}$-type composition of $r_{2}$ with $r_{1}$ along $\mu_{21}$ (for $\mathbb{T} \in\{D P O, S q P O\}$ as in (9)):

$$
r_{2}{ }^{\mu_{21}} \triangleleft_{\mathbb{T}} r_{1}:=\left(O_{21} \Leftarrow I_{21}\right)=\left(O_{21} \Leftarrow N_{21}\right) \circ\left(N_{21} \Leftarrow I_{21}\right) .
$$

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x^{0}
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$$
O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\stackrel{ }{c}} I_{1}
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x^{0}
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x^{2}
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\begin{aligned}
& O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\stackrel{( }{4}} I_{1} \\
& \downarrow m_{1}^{*} \quad m_{1} \downarrow \\
& X_{1} \Longleftarrow{ }_{r_{1}, m_{1}} X_{0}
\end{aligned}
$$



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\begin{aligned}
& O_{2} \stackrel{r_{2}}{\stackrel{ }{2}} I_{2} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\stackrel{ }{2}} I_{1} \\
& \downarrow m_{1}^{*} m_{1} \downarrow \\
& X_{1} \Longleftarrow{ }_{r_{1}, m_{1}} X_{0}
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& O_{2} \stackrel{r_{2}}{\stackrel{ }{2}} I_{2} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\stackrel{ }{r}} I_{1} \\
& m_{2} \downarrow \downarrow m_{1}^{*} \quad m_{1} \downarrow \\
& X_{1} \Longleftarrow{ }_{r_{1}, m_{1}} X_{0}
\end{aligned}
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& O_{2} \stackrel{r_{2}}{\stackrel{ }{2}} I_{2} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\stackrel{ }{r}} I_{1} \\
& \downarrow m_{2}^{*} \quad m_{2} \downarrow \downarrow^{m_{1}^{*}} m_{1} \downarrow \\
& X_{2} \Longleftarrow{ }_{r_{2}, m_{2}} X_{1} \Longleftarrow r_{1, m_{1}} X_{0}
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& O_{2} \stackrel{r_{2}}{\leftrightarrows} I_{2} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\leftrightarrows} I_{1} \\
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\end{aligned}
$$



$$
O_{n} \stackrel{r_{n}}{\underset{n}{n}} I_{n}
$$



$O_{n} \stackrel{r_{n}}{=} I_{n}$

$X_{n-1} \quad \cdots$
$O_{2} \stackrel{r_{2}}{\leftrightarrows} I_{2} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\leftrightarrows} I_{1}$ $\downarrow m_{2}^{*} \quad m_{2} \downarrow \downarrow_{1}^{*} \quad m_{1} \downarrow$
$X_{2} \Longleftarrow{ }_{r_{2}, m_{2}} X_{1} \Longleftarrow r_{1, m_{1}} X_{0}$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& O_{n} \stackrel{r_{n}}{ } I_{n} \\
& \mathcal{L}^{*}{ }_{n} m_{n} \downarrow \\
& X_{n} \Longleftarrow \Gamma_{r_{n}, m_{n}} X_{n-1} \quad \cdots \quad X_{2} \Longleftarrow r_{r_{2}, m_{2}} X_{1} \Longleftarrow r_{r_{1}, m_{1}} X_{0}
\end{aligned}
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forbidden
patterns:


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O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\longleftarrow} I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}}
$$


$X_{0}$
forbidden
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O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\leftrightharpoons} I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}}
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O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\longleftarrow} I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}}
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patterns:


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O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\hookrightarrow} I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}}
$$

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& O_{n} \stackrel{r_{n}}{\leftrightarrows} I_{n} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{n}} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\leftrightarrows} I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}} \\
& \downarrow \mathbb{T} \quad m_{n} \\
& X_{n} \Longleftarrow X_{n-1} \cdots X_{1} \Longleftarrow X_{0}
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& O_{n} \stackrel{r_{n}}{\stackrel{1}{2}} I_{n} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{n}} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\leftrightarrows} I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}} \\
& \downarrow \mathbb{T} \quad \downarrow m_{n} \downarrow \mathbb{T} \quad \downarrow^{m_{1}} \\
& X_{n} \Longleftarrow X_{n-1} \cdots X_{1} \Longleftarrow X_{0}
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
& O_{n} \stackrel{r_{n}}{\leftrightharpoons} I_{n} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{n}} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{ } I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}} \\
& \downarrow \mathbb{T} \downarrow \\
& O_{n \cdots 1}^{\downarrow} \Longleftarrow Y_{n, n-1}^{(n)} \cdots \quad Y_{2,1}^{(n)} \Longleftarrow I_{n \cdots 1}^{\downarrow} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{n} \cdots 1} \\
& \begin{array}{l}
\underset{X_{0}}{\downarrow m_{n \ldots 1}} \\
X_{0}
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$



$$
\begin{aligned}
& O_{n} \stackrel{r_{n}}{=} I_{n} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{n}} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{ } I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}} \\
& \downarrow \mathbb{T} \downarrow \\
& O_{n \cdots 1}^{\downarrow} \Longleftarrow Y_{n, n-1}^{(n)} \cdots \quad Y_{2,1}^{(n)} \Longleftarrow I_{n \cdots 1}^{\downarrow} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{n} \cdots 1}
\end{aligned}
$$


(a) Tracelets as (minimal) derivation traces.


(b) Tracelet generation (Definition 2.1).

(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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## Tracelets - "generative" definition [9]

Let $\mathbb{T} \in\{D P O, S q P O\}$ be the type of rewriting, and let $\overline{\operatorname{Lin}}(\mathbf{C})$ denote the set of linear rules with conditions over $\mathbf{C}$.

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

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Tracelets of length $n+1$ : given tracelets $T_{n+1} \in \mathscr{T}_{1}^{\mathbb{T}}$ of length 1 and $T_{n \cdots 1} \in \mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}}$ of length $n$ (for $n \geqslant 1$ ), we define a span of monomorphisms $\mu=\left(I_{n+1} \hookleftarrow M \hookrightarrow O_{n \cdots 1}\right)$ as $\mathbb{T}$-admissible, denoted $\mu \in \mathbf{M T}_{T_{1}}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(T_{n \cdots 1}\right)$, if the following diagram is constructible:


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

$$
\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{c}_{(n+1) \ldots}:= & \operatorname{Shift}\left(I_{n \cdots 1} \hookrightarrow I_{(n+1) \cdots 1}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{n \cdots 1}}\right) \\
& \bigwedge \operatorname{Trans}\left(Y_{n+1, n}^{(n+1)} \Leftarrow I_{(n+1) \cdots 1}, \operatorname{Shift}\left(I_{n+1} \hookrightarrow Y_{n+1, n}^{(n+1)}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{n+1}}\right)\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

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If $\mu \in \mathbf{M T}_{T_{1}}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(T_{n \cdots 1}\right)$, we define a tracelet $T_{n+1} \mu \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_{n \cdots 1}$ of length $n+1$ as


We define the set $\mathscr{T}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{T}}$ of type $\mathbb{T}$ tracelets of length $n+1$ as

$$
\mathscr{T}_{n+1}^{\mathbb{T}}:=\left\{T_{n+1}^{\mu} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_{n \cdots 1} \mid T_{n+1} \in \mathscr{T}_{1}^{\mathbb{T}}, T_{n \cdots 1} \in \mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}}, \mu \in \mathbf{M T}_{T_{1}}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(T_{n \cdots 1}\right)\right\} .
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For later convenience, we introduce the tracelet evaluation operation [[.]],

$$
[[.]]: \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}} \rightarrow \overline{\operatorname{Lin}}(\mathbf{C}): \mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}} \ni T \mapsto[[T]]:=\left(\left(O_{n \cdots 1} \leftharpoonup I_{n \cdots 1}\right), \mathbf{c}_{I_{n} \cdots 1}\right),
$$

with $\mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}:=\bigcup_{n \geqslant 1} \mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}}$, and where $\left(O_{n \cdots 1} \leftharpoonup I_{n \cdots 1}\right)$ denotes the span composition

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## Tracelet composition

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## Tracelet composition [9]

For tracelets $T^{\prime}, T \in \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}$ of lengths $m$ and $n$, respectively, a span of monomorphisms $\mu=\left(I_{m \cdots 1}^{\prime} \hookleftarrow M \hookrightarrow O_{n \cdots 1}\right)$ is defined to be an admissible match of $T$ into $T^{\prime}$, denoted $\mu \in \mathbf{M T}_{T^{\prime}}^{\mathbb{T}}(T)$, if (i) all requisite pushout complements exist to form the type $D \mathrm{PO}^{\dagger}$ derivations (in the sense of rules without conditions) to construct the diagram below, where $p:=m+n+1$,

and if (ii) the condition $\mathbf{c}_{I_{(m+n+1) \ldots 1}}$ below does not evaluate to false:

$$
\mathbf{c}_{I_{(m+n+1) \ldots}}:=\boldsymbol{\operatorname { S h i f t }}\left(I_{n \cdots 1} \hookrightarrow I_{(m+n+1) \cdots 1}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{n \cdots 1}}\right)
$$

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

## Tracelet composition [9]

For tracelets $T^{\prime}, T \in \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}$ of lengths $m$ and $n$, respectively, a span of monomorphisms $\mu=\left(I_{m \cdots 1}^{\prime} \hookleftarrow M \hookrightarrow O_{n \cdots 1}\right)$ is defined to be an admissible match of $T$ into $T^{\prime}$, denoted $\mu \in \mathbf{M T}_{T^{\prime}}^{\mathbb{T}}(T)$, if (i) all requisite pushout complements exist to form the type $D P O^{\dagger}$ derivations (in the sense of rules without conditions) to construct the diagram below, where $p:=m+n+1$,


Then for $\mu \in \mathbf{M T}_{T^{\prime}}^{\mathbb{T}}(T)$, we define the type $\mathbb{T}$ tracelet composition of $T^{\prime}$ with $T$ along $\mu$ as

$$
\begin{aligned}
& O_{m}^{\prime} \stackrel{r_{m}^{\prime}}{\stackrel{r_{m}}{s}} I_{m}^{\prime} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{m}^{\prime}} \quad O_{1} \stackrel{r_{1}}{\stackrel{ }{\leftrightarrows} I_{1} \triangleleft \mathrm{c}_{I_{1}}}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Theorem: properties of the tracelet composition operation [9]

Let.$\triangleleft \mathbb{T}$. denote the $\mathbb{T}$-type rule composition, and let the set of $\mathbb{T}$-admissible matches be denoted by $\mathbf{M}_{r_{2}}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(r_{1}\right)$ (for $r_{2}, r_{1} \in \overline{\mathbf{L i n}}(\mathbf{C})$ ).
(i) For all $T^{\prime}, T \in \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}, \mathbf{M T}_{T^{\prime}}^{\mathbb{T}}(T)=\mathbf{M}_{\left[\left[T^{\prime}\right]\right]}^{\mathbb{T}}([[T]])$.
(ii) For all $T^{\prime}, T \in \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}$ and $\mu \in \mathbf{M T}_{T^{\prime}}^{\mathbb{T}}(T),\left[\left[T^{\prime \mu} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T\right]\right]=\left[\left[T^{\prime}\right]\right]^{\mu} \triangleleft_{\mathbb{T}}[[T]]$.
(iii) The $\mathbb{T}$-type tracelet composition is associative, i.e. for any three tracelets $T_{1}, T_{2}, T_{3} \in \mathscr{T}^{\mathbb{T}}$, there exists a bijection $\varphi: S_{3(21)} \xlongequal{\cong} S_{(32) 1}$ between the sets pairs of $\mathbb{T}$-admissible matches of tracelets (with $T_{j i}:=T_{j} \mu_{j i} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_{i}$ and using property (i))

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{3(21)} & :=\left\{\left(\mu_{21}, \mu_{3(21)}\right) \mid \mu_{21} \in \mathbf{M}_{\left[\left[T_{2}\right]\right]}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(\left[\left[T_{1}\right]\right]\right), \mu_{3(21)} \in \mathbf{M}_{\left[\left[T_{3}\right]\right]}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(\left[\left[T_{21}\right]\right]\right)\right. \\
S_{(32) 1} & :=\left\{\left(\mu_{32}, \mu_{(32) 1}\right) \mid \mu_{32} \in \mathbf{M}_{\left[\left[T_{3}\right]\right]}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(\left[\left[T_{2}\right]\right]\right), \mu_{(32) 1} \in \mathbf{M}_{\left[\left[T_{32}\right]\right]}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(\left[\left[T_{1}\right]\right]\right)\right\}
\end{aligned}
$$

such that for all $\left(\mu_{32}^{\prime}, \mu_{(32) 1}^{\prime}\right)=\varphi\left(\left(\mu_{21}, \mu_{3(21)}\right)\right)$

$$
T_{3}{ }^{\mu_{3(21)}} \angle_{\mathbb{T}}\left(T_{2}{ }^{\mu_{21}} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_{1}\right) \cong\left(T_{3} \mu_{32}^{\prime} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_{2}\right)^{\mu_{(32) 1}^{\prime}} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T_{1} .
$$

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

## 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 $\mathbf{C}$, and for all monomorphisms $\left(m: I_{n \cdots 1} \hookrightarrow X_{0}\right)$ such that $m \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T]]}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(X_{0}\right)$, there exists a type- $\mathbb{T}$ direct derivation $D=T_{m}\left(X_{0}\right)$ 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 $R_{j}=\left(r_{j}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{j}}\right) \in \overline{\operatorname{Lin}}(\mathbf{C})$ starting at an object $X_{0}$ of $\mathbf{C}$ may be cast into the form $D=T_{m}\left(X_{0}\right)$ for some tracelet $T$ of length $n$ and a $\mathbb{T}$-admissible match $m \in \mathbf{M}_{[[T]]}^{\mathbb{T}}\left(X_{0}\right)$ that are uniquely determined from $D$ (up to isomorphisms).

## Tracelet analysis



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$t_{(j \mid j-1)}:=\prod_{Y_{j+1, j}^{(n)} \Longleftarrow}^{O_{j \mid j-1} \longleftarrow Y_{j-1, j-2}^{(n)}}{ }^{I_{j \mid j-1} \triangleleft c_{I_{j \mid j-1}}}, \quad T_{(j \mid j-1)}:=T\left(r_{j}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{j}}\right)^{\mu} \iota_{\mathbb{T}} T\left(r_{j-1}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{j-1}}\right)$
Here, $\mu=\left(I_{j} \hookleftarrow M \hookrightarrow O_{j-1}\right)$ is the span of monomorphisms obtained by taking the pullback of the cospan $\left(I_{j} \hookrightarrow Y_{j, j-1}^{(n)} \hookleftarrow O_{j-1}\right)$, and this $\mu$ is always a $\mathbb{T}$-admissible match. By associativity of the tracelet composition, this extends to consecutive sequences $t_{j}|\ldots| t_{j-k}$ of subtracelets in $T$ inducing diagrams $t_{(j|\ldots| j-k)}$ and tracelets of length $1 T_{(j|\ldots| j-k)}$, where for $k=0, t_{(j)}=t_{j}$ and $T_{(j)}=T\left(r_{j}, \mathbf{c}_{I_{j}}\right)$.

## Tracelet abstraction equivalence

Two tracelets $T, T^{\prime} \in \mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}}$ of the same length $n \geqslant 1$ are defined to be abstraction equivalent, denoted $T \equiv_{A} T^{\prime}$, if there exist suitable isomorphisms on the objects in $T$ in order to transform $T$ into $T^{\prime}$ (with transformations on morphisms induced by object isomorphisms).

## Tracelet shift equivalence

Let $T, T^{\prime} \in \mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}}$ be two tracelets of the same length $n \geqslant 1$. If there exist subtracelets $t_{j}|\ldots| t_{j-k}$ and $t_{j}^{\prime}|\ldots| t_{j-k}^{\prime}$ such that
(i) the subtracelets have the same rule content (up to isomorphisms), i.e. there exists a permutation $\sigma \in S_{k}$ such that $\left[\left[T_{(p)}\right]\right] \cong\left[\left[T_{(\sigma(p)}^{\prime}\right]\right]$ for all $j-k \leqslant p \leqslant j$, and
(ii) the diagrams $t_{1}|\ldots| t_{(j|\ldots| j-k)}|\ldots| t_{n}$ and $t_{1}^{\prime}|\ldots| t_{(j|\ldots| j-k)}^{\prime}|\ldots| t_{n}^{\prime}$ are isomorphic, then $T$ and $T^{\prime}$ are defined to be shift equivalent, denoted $T \equiv_{S} T^{\prime}$. Extending $\equiv_{S}$ by transitivity then yields an equivalence relation on $\mathscr{T}_{n}^{\mathbb{T}}$ for every $n \geqslant 1$.

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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).

## Feature-driven Explanatory Traclet Analysis (FETA)

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Algorithm 1: Feature-driven Explanatory Tracelet Analysis (FETA)
    Data: \(N_{\max } \geq 2 \leftarrow\) maximal length of tracelets to be generated
    \(T_{E}:=T(E) \leftarrow\) tracelet of length 1 associated to the rule \(E\)
    \(\mathrm{T}_{1}:=\left\{T\left(R_{j}\right) \mid j \in J\right\} \leftarrow\) set of tracelets of length 1 associated to the transitions
    Result: sets \(\mathrm{P}_{i}\left(i=2, \ldots, N_{\text {max }}\right)\) of strongly compressed pathways
    begin
        \(P_{1}:=\left\{T_{E}\right\} \leftarrow\) the only pathway of length 1 ;
        for \(2<n \leq N_{\max }\) do
            \(\operatorname{pre}_{n}:=\left\{P^{\mu} \angle_{\mathbb{T}} T \mid P \in \mathrm{P}_{n-1}, T \in \mathrm{~T}_{1}, \mu \in \mathrm{MT}_{P}^{\mathbb{T}}(T)\right\} ;\)
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## Prototypical example: a rewriting system in FinGraph

Let $\mathbf{C}=$ FinGraph be the category of finite directed multigraphs. Let $\mathscr{R}=\{r\}$ be a one-element transition set (for a rule $r \in \operatorname{Lin}($ FinGraph) without conditions), and let $e_{1}, e_{2} \in \mathbf{L i n}($ FinGraph $)$ be two rules modeling alternative target events:

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For the target event $e_{2}$ the algorithm detects no pathways $\mathbb{P}_{n}^{\prime}$ for $n \geqslant 2$.

(a) Tracelets as (minimal) derivation traces.


(b) Tracelet generation (Definition 2.1).

(d) Tracelet analysis (Section 3).

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

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