

L11: Algebraic Path Problems with applications to Internet Routing

Lecture 13

Reduction Redux

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Recall : Reduced semigroup.

Here I have made equality explicit.

If $(S, =, \bullet)$ is semigroup and $r \in S \rightarrow S$, then define

$$\text{reduce}((S, =, \bullet), r) \equiv (S_r, =, \bullet_r)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} S_r &\equiv \{s \in S \mid r(s) = s\} \\ x \bullet_r y &\equiv r(x \bullet y) \end{aligned}$$

General vs classical reductions

Both require $\text{RIP}(\mathcal{S}, r)$.

General Reduction (note quantification over S_r)

$$\text{RAS}((\mathcal{S}, \bullet), r) \equiv \forall x, y, z \in S_r, r(x \bullet r(y \bullet z)) = r(r(x \bullet y) \bullet z)$$

Classical reduction (all quantification over S)

$$\text{RLC}((\mathcal{S}, \bullet), r) \equiv \forall x, y \in S, r(r(x) \bullet y) = r(x \bullet y)$$

$$\text{RRC}((\mathcal{S}, \bullet), r) \equiv \forall x, y \in S, r(x \bullet r(y)) = r(x \bullet y)$$

Example of a non-classical reduction?

Recall our “hack” from Lecture 9:

We redefined the multiplication \otimes of

$$\text{AddZero}(\infty, (\mathbb{N}, \min, +) \vec{\times} \text{epaths}(V))$$

as follows:

$$x \otimes' \text{inr}(\infty) = \text{inr}(\infty)$$

$$\text{inr}(\infty) \otimes' x = \text{inr}(\infty)$$

$$\text{inl}(d_1, X) \otimes' \text{inl}(d_2, Y) = \begin{cases} \text{inr}(\infty) & \text{if } X \tilde{\circ} Y = \{\} \\ \text{inl}(d_1 + d_2, X \tilde{\circ} Y) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Ah, can we do this as a reduction?

Example of a non-classical reduction?

Define r as

$$\begin{aligned} r(\text{inr}(\infty)) &\equiv \text{inr}(\infty) \\ r(\text{inl}(d, X)) &\equiv \begin{cases} \text{inr}(\infty) & \text{if } X = \{\} \\ \text{inl}(d, X) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Lets look at $\text{reduce}(\text{AddZero}(\infty, (\mathbb{N}, \text{min}, +) \vec{\times} \text{epaths}(V)), r)$

The additive component:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{S}_r &\equiv ((\mathbb{N} \times \mathcal{P}_{\text{fin}}(\text{elem}(V))) \uplus \{\infty\})_r \\ \oplus_r &\equiv ((\text{min } \vec{\times} \cup)_{\infty}^{\text{id}})_r \end{aligned}$$

Example of a non-classical reduction?

Let's construct a violation of

$$\text{RLC}((\mathcal{S}, \oplus), r) \equiv \forall x, y \in \mathcal{S}, r(r(x) \oplus y) = r(x \oplus y)$$

Suppose $d < d'$ and $X \neq \{\}$, then let

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv \text{inl}(d, \{\}) \\y &\equiv \text{inl}(d', X) \\ \overline{\infty} &\equiv \text{inr}(\infty)\end{aligned}$$

then

$$\begin{aligned}\text{lhs} &\equiv r(r(x) \oplus y) = r(\overline{\infty} \oplus y) = r(y) = y \\ \text{rhs} &\equiv r(x \oplus y) = r(x) = \overline{\infty}\end{aligned}$$

This gives us an example that violates associativity:

$$(x \oplus_r \overline{\infty}) \oplus_r y \neq x \oplus_r (\overline{\infty} \oplus_r y)$$

Example of a non-classical reduction?

But r does satisfy RAS for \oplus and \otimes

$$\text{RAS}((\mathcal{S}, \oplus), r) \equiv \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{S}_r, r(x \oplus r(y \oplus z)) = r(r(x \oplus y) \oplus z)$$

$$\text{RAS}((\mathcal{S}, \otimes), r) \equiv \forall x, y, z \in \mathcal{S}_r, r(x \otimes r(y \otimes z)) = r(r(x \otimes y) \otimes z)$$

where

$$\otimes \equiv ((+ \times \tilde{\odot})_{\infty}^{\text{ann}})$$

However, distributivity is lost!

In general, we want for all $a, b, c \in S_r$

$$a \otimes_r (b \oplus_r c) = (a \otimes_r b) \oplus_r (a \otimes_r c)$$

That is

$$r(a \otimes r(b \oplus c)) = r(r(a \otimes b) \oplus r(a \otimes c))$$

Construct a counterexample:

- lhs : Suppose $b \oplus c = b$, $r(b) = b$ and $r(a \otimes b) = \overline{\infty}$ because of a loop.
- rhs :
 $r(r(a \otimes b) \oplus r(a \otimes c)) = r(\overline{\infty} \oplus r(a \otimes c)) = r(r(a \otimes c)) = r(a \otimes c)$,
and suppose $a \otimes c$ is loop-free.
- Then lhs \neq rhs.

Fully reduced semigroup.

If $(S, =, \bullet)$ is semigroup and $r \in S \rightarrow S$, then define

$$\text{fullReduce}((S, =, \bullet), r) \equiv (S, =^r, \bullet^r)$$

where we assume $\text{RIP}(S, r)$ and define

$$\begin{aligned} s =^r s' &\equiv r(s) = r(s') \\ x \bullet^r y &\equiv r((r(x) \bullet r(y))) \end{aligned}$$

Remarks

- Easy to show that $(S, =^r)$ is an equivalence relation iff $(S_r, =)$ is an equivalence relation (proof requires $\text{RIP}(S, r)$).
- In standard programming languages (those without dependent types) it is much easier to implement $\text{fullReduce}((S, =, \bullet), r)$ than $\text{reduce}((S, =, \bullet), r)$.

Associativity?

Fact

$$\text{AS}(\text{reduce}((\mathcal{S}, =, \bullet), r)) \leftrightarrow \text{AS}(\text{fullReduce}((\mathcal{S}, =, \bullet), r))$$

Proof is rather tedious: It relies heavily on $\text{RIP}(\mathcal{S}, r)$ and congruences:

$$\text{RCONG}(\mathcal{S}, =, r) \equiv \forall s_1, s_2 \in \mathcal{S}, s_1 = s_2 \rightarrow r(s_1) = r(s_2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CONG}(\mathcal{S}, =, \bullet) &\equiv \forall s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 \in \mathcal{S}, \\ &\quad (s_1 = s_2 \wedge s_3 = s_4) \rightarrow s_1 \bullet s_3 = s_2 \bullet s_4 \end{aligned}$$