

HIGHER - DIMENSIONAL
SUBDIAGRAM MATCHING

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HIGHER-DIMENSIONAL REWRITING :

A rewrite from l to r

is

an $(n+1)$ -cell whose n -dim boundary is subdivided into an $input$ and an $output$ half

CELL COMPLEXES : HOMOTOPY TYPES

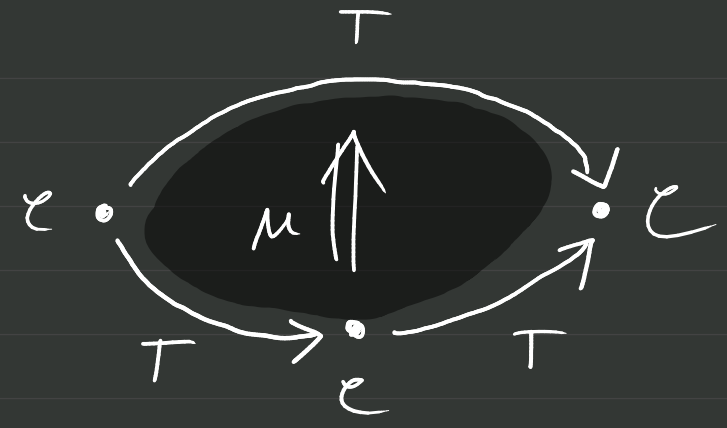
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HIGHER REWRITE SYSTEMS : HIGHER CATEGORIES

As there are many models of
cell complexes (point-set, combinatorial, ...)

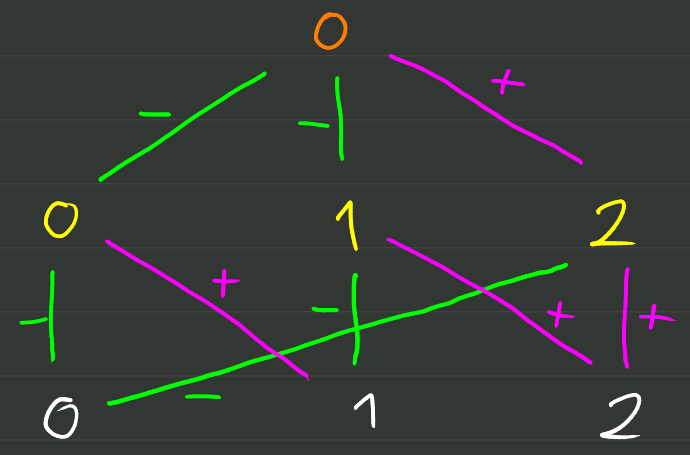
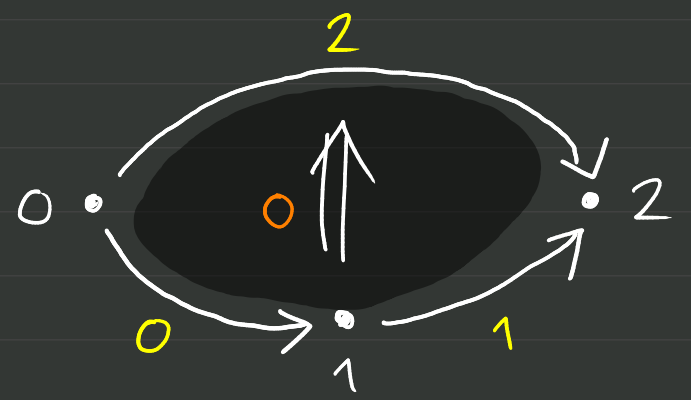
there can be many models of
higher-dimensional rewrite systems.

DIAGRAM



= SHAPE

U



+ LABELLING

$\tau: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$

$0, 1, 2 \mapsto \mathcal{C}$

$0, 1, 2 \mapsto T$

$0 \mapsto \mu$

Def An oriented graded poset is a graded poset together with an edge-labelling of its Hasse diagram in $\{-, +\}$

For $x \in P$,

$$\Delta_x := \{y \in P \mid \begin{array}{c} x \\ | \\ y \end{array} \in \text{Il} P\} \quad \text{# FACES}$$

$$\Delta_x^- := \{y \in P \mid \begin{array}{c} x \\ |^- \\ y \end{array} \in \text{Il} P\} \quad \text{INPUT FACES}$$

$$\Delta_x^+ := \{y \in P \mid \begin{array}{c} x \\ |^+ \\ y \end{array} \in \text{Il} P\} \quad \text{OUTPUT FACES}$$

Basic terminology about o.g. posets:

① **CLOSED SUBSET** $U \subseteq P$:
lower set i.e. downwards closed subset

$d U$: downward closure of U

② **DIMENSION** $\dim x$: rank/grade of x

$\dim U$: $\begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } U = \emptyset \\ \max \{ \dim x \mid x \in U \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

③ **COFACES** ∇_x^α in $P \equiv \Delta_x^\alpha$ in P^{op}

④ $U_k := \{ x \in U \mid \dim x = k \}$

$$\left(\alpha \in \{-, +\}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N} \right)$$

Def $\Delta_k^\alpha U := \{ x \in U_k \mid \nabla^{-\alpha} x \cap U = \emptyset \}$

Def $(\text{Max } U)_k := \Delta_k^- U \cap \Delta_k^+ U$

i.e. elements of U_k that are maximal in U

Def

$$\mathcal{I}_k^\alpha U := \mathcal{I} \left(\Delta_k^\alpha U \cup \bigcup_{j < k} (\text{Max } U)_j \right)$$

INPUT & OUTPUT k -BOUNDARY

WELL-FORMED SHAPES OF DIAGRAMS



"REGULAR MOLECULES"

\mathcal{R} inductive subclass of a.g. posets

- ① The point 1 is in \mathcal{R}
- ② If $U, V \in \mathcal{R}$ and $\partial_k^+ U \cong \partial_k^- V$,
 $U \#_k V$, the *pasting* of U and V
along the k -boundary, is in \mathcal{R}
- ③ If $U, V \in \mathcal{R}$, $\dim U = \dim V$, $\partial^\alpha U \cong \partial^\alpha V$,
and U, V are *round*, then $U \Rightarrow V$,
the *rewrite* of U into V , is in \mathcal{R}

ISOMORPHISM CLASSES OF
REGULAR MOLECULES

+

PAST IN \mathcal{Q}

form a strict ω -category

In our model,

a diagram is

- a regular molecule U , with
- a labelling $\tau: U \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$

in some set of names/variables.

(The diagram is a cell
if U has a greatest element.)

Our implementation:

rewalt

a Python library for higher-dim
rewriting

Documentation: rewalt.readthedocs.io

Joint work with Diana Kessler:

Understanding algorithmic aspects of
higher-dim rewriting in this model

① Data structures for topologically sound
higher-dimensional diagram rewriting

ACT 2022, arXiv: 2209.09509

② Higher-dimensional subdiagram matching

LICS 2023, arXiv: 2304.09216

An abstract machine operating by
 n -dimensional diagram rewriting:

- input: an n -dim diagram

$$z: U \rightarrow X$$

- The machine goes through a finite list $(r_i: V_i \rightarrow X)_{i=1}^m$ of admissible rewriters, in the form of $(n+1)$ -cells, and searches for matches of

$$\partial^- r_i = r_i|_{\partial^- V_i} \quad \text{with subdiagrams}$$

$$s = z|_w, \quad w \cong \partial^- V_i, \quad w \in U$$

- if it finds a match of ∂r_i with $s = t/w$, it substitutes $\partial^+ r_i$ for s in τ .

$W \sqsubseteq U$:

there exists a pasting decomposition of U in which W is a factor

Necessary for substitution to always produce a well-formed diagram!

If the resulting n -dimensional
rewrite system is **convergent**
(confluent + terminating),

The machine can be seen as
computing a function from
 n -dim diagrams to n -dim diagrams.

Q: How does the derivational complexity of the rewrite system relate to the worst-case time complexity of an implementation of this abstract machine?

Depends on the computational complexity of subdiagram matching in dimension n !

SUBDIAGRAM MATCHING PROBLEM:

Given diagrams $T: U \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$,

$$S: V \rightarrow \mathbb{K}$$

s.t. $n = \dim U = \dim V$ and V

is round,

Find, if any, all embeddings

$V \hookrightarrow U$ s.t.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad i(V) \subseteq U$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad t \circ i = S.$$

We can split into subproblems:

① Find all embeddings $V \hookrightarrow U$
(MOLECULE MATCHING PROBLEM)

② Given $V \hookrightarrow U$, decide
if $i(V) \subseteq U$
(REWRITABLE SUBMOLECULE PROBLEM)

③ Check if labellings match.
↑ EASY

In our ACT 2022 paper:

$O(N^2 \log N)$ algorithm for
the molecule isomorphism problem

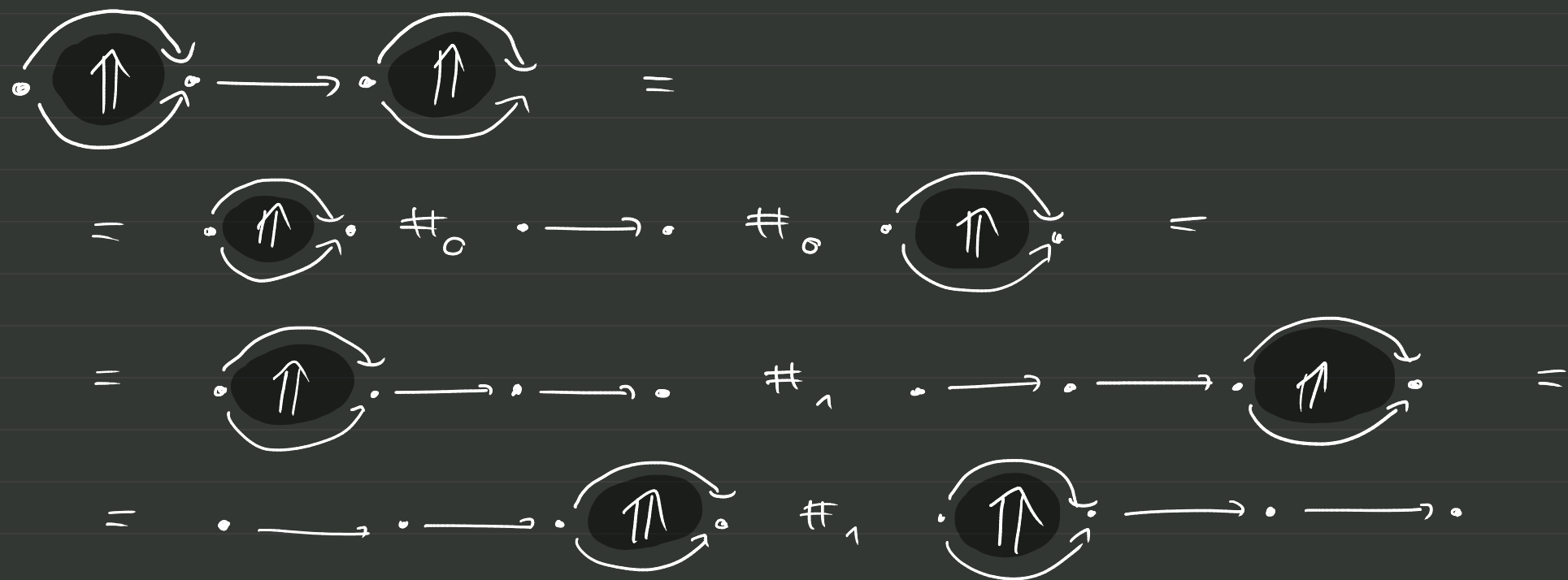
It turns out that molecule
matching of V into U can be
solved with $|U_n|$ calls to
the molecule isomorphism algorithm
for V .

OUR RESULTS ON THE REWRITABLE SUBMOLECULE PROBLEM

- ① A decision algorithm valid in all dimensions, with a *super-polynomial* (factorial) upper bound;
- ② A *linear-time* improvement for a class of molecules satisfying a condition we call *stable frame-acyclicity*, which includes all molecules up to dim 3

The difficulty:

Pasting decompositions are highly **non-unique** due to interchange!



Let U be a regular molecule.

For $k \geq -1$, consider the set

$$\bigcup_{j > k} (\text{Max } U)_j. \quad (*)$$

Def A k -layering of U is a sequence $(U^{(i)})_{i=1}^m$ of submolecules of U s.t.

① $U \cong U^{(1)} \#_k \dots \#_k U^{(m)}$

② each $U^{(i)}$ contains exactly one element of $(*)$

IDEA :

We can, essentially,
reduce the rewritable
submolecule problem
to the problem of
finding an $(n-1)$ -layering
of U in which maximal
elements in the image
of V are consecutive,
+ extra conditions,

Def The layering dimension of \cup is
the integer

$$lydim(\cup) := \min \{ k \geq -1 \mid \# \bigcup_{j > k+1} (Max U)_j \leq 1 \}$$

Def The frame dimension of \cup is
the integer

$$frdim(\cup) :=$$

$$\dim \bigcup \{ \mathcal{C}\{x\} \cap \mathcal{C}\{y\} \mid x, y \in Max U, x \neq y \}$$

Theorem U regular molecule

$\text{fdim}(U)$

$\hat{=}$

$\min \{ k \mid \text{a } k\text{-layering of } U \text{ exists} \}$

$\hat{=}$

$\text{lydim}(U)$

\wedge

$\text{dim}(U)$

- Def The maximal k -flow graph of U is the directed graph $M_k U$ with
- vertex set $\bigcup_{j > k} (\text{Max } U)_j$
 - an edge $x \rightarrow y$ iff $\Delta_k^+ x \cap \Delta_k^- y \neq \emptyset$.

Def A k -ordering of U is a topological sort of $M_k U$.

Proposition

Every k -layering of \cup
determines a unique k -ordering.

THE CONVERSE IS NOT TRUE IN
GENERAL!

IDEA OF THE ALGORITHM:

- ① Compute $M_{h-1} \cup U$.
- ② Find a topological sort in which vertices in V are consecutive.
- ③ Check if it is induced by an $(h-1)$ -layering satisfying the conditions; if not, iterate.

Each step can be computed efficiently...

but we may have to try out factorially many topological sorts before we find a layering.

Def U is frame-acyclic if $\forall V \in U$, if $r := \text{fr dim } V$, then $M_r V$ is acyclic.

Seems contrived, but has some remarkable consequences for which it appears to be somewhat tight:

- k -layerings are bijective with k -orderings, for all k
- U "is equivalent" to a polygraph

Def U is stably frame-acyclic if
 $\forall V \subseteq U$, every substitution in V
produces a frame-acyclic molecule.

When U is stably frame-acyclic, either...

ALL $(n-1)$ -layerings such that vertices
in V are consecutive satisfy the
extra conditions, or

NONE do,

so there is no need to iterate!

Proposition

If $\dim U \leq 3$, then U is stably frame-acyclic.

There is a counterexample in $\dim 4$!

- Is there a PTIME algorithm for subdiagram matching in $\dim 4$?
- Or, the more interesting option: is it NP-complete?

