

# Tree Algebras

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Trees: terms over a ranked alphabet  $\Sigma$ ,  $T_\Sigma$ .

**Example**  $\Sigma_0 = \{a, b\}$ ,  $\Sigma_2 = \{f, g\}$ :

$$\begin{array}{c} f \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ g \quad b \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ a \quad b \end{array} = f(g(a, b), b).$$

Contexts: terms over  $\Sigma \cup \{\xi\}$  in which exactly one leaf is  $\xi$ ,  $C_\Sigma$ .

Congruences of a tree language  $T \subseteq \mathbb{T}_\Sigma$ :

(1) for trees,  $t \sim^T t'$  iff

$$p[t] \in T \leftrightarrow p[t'] \in T$$

for every context  $p$

Syntactic algebra of  $T = \mathbb{T}_\Sigma / \sim^T$

► String case: Nerode Congruence,  
Minimal Automata.

(2) for contexts,  $p \approx^T p'$  iff

$$q[p[t]] \in T \leftrightarrow q[p'[t]] \in T$$

for all trees  $t$ , contexts  $q$

Syntactic monoid of  $T = \mathbb{C}_\Sigma / \approx^T$

► String case: Myhill/Syntactic Congruence,  
Syntactic monoid/semigroup.

## Binary $A$ -trees and $A$ -contexts

$$\Sigma_0^A = \{c_a \mid a \in A\} \quad \Sigma_2^A = \{f_a \mid a \in A\}$$

**Example**

$$\begin{array}{c} a \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ b \quad a \\ \swarrow \searrow \\ a \quad b \end{array} = f_a(c_b, f_a(c_a, c_b))$$

$T_A =$  set of  $A$ -trees

- $c_a \in T_A$  for every  $a \in A$
- $f_a(t_1, t_2) \in T_A$  if  $a \in A$  and  $t_1, t_2 \in T_A$
- THAT IS IT!

$C_A =$  set of  $A$ -contexts:

[ •  $\xi \in C_A$  ]

•  $f_a(\xi, t), f_a(t, \xi) \in C_A$  if  $a \in A$  and  $t \in T_A$

•  $f_a(p, t), f_a(t, p) \in C_A$  if  $a \in A$ ,  $t \in T_A$  and  $p \in C_A$

• THAT IS IT!

Signature of tree algebras  $\Gamma = \{\iota, \kappa, \lambda, \rho, \eta, \sigma\}$

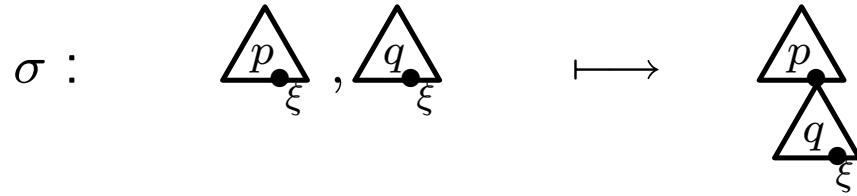
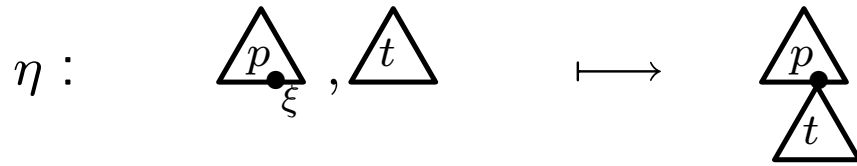
3 sorts: LABEL, TREE, CONTEXT

$$\iota : \quad a \quad \longmapsto \quad \triangle a$$

$$\lambda : \quad a, \triangle t \quad \longmapsto \quad \begin{array}{c} a \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \xi \quad \triangle t \end{array}$$

$$\rho : \quad a, \triangle t \quad \longmapsto \quad \begin{array}{c} a \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \triangle t \quad \xi \end{array}$$

$$\kappa : \quad a, \triangle t, \triangle t' \quad \longmapsto \quad \begin{array}{c} a \\ \swarrow \quad \searrow \\ \triangle t \quad \triangle t' \end{array}$$



$\iota : LABEL \rightarrow TREE$

$\lambda : LABEL \times TREE \rightarrow CONTEXT$

$\rho : LABEL \times TREE \rightarrow CONTEXT$

$\kappa : LABEL \times TREE \times TREE \rightarrow TREE$

$\eta : CONTEXT \times TREE \rightarrow TREE$

$\sigma : CONTEXT \times CONTEXT \rightarrow CONTEXT$

## $\Gamma$ -Algebra of $A$ -trees and $A$ -contexts

$$\mathcal{T}_A = \langle A, T_A, C_A, \Gamma \rangle$$

$$\bullet \iota^{\mathcal{T}_A}(a) = c_a, \quad \bullet \kappa^{\mathcal{T}_A}(a, t, t') = f_a(t, t'),$$

$$\bullet \lambda^{\mathcal{T}_A}(a, t) = f_a(\xi, t), \text{ etc}$$

*Tree Algebra* = a  $\Gamma$ -algebra satisfying Wilke's axioms:

$$\bullet \sigma(\sigma(p, q), r) = \sigma(p, \sigma(q, r)) \quad p \circ (q \circ r) = (p \circ q) \circ r$$

$$\bullet \eta(\sigma(p, q), t) = \eta(p, \eta(q, t)) \quad (p \circ q)[t] = p[q[t]]$$

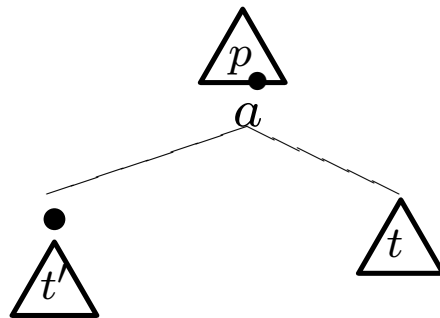
$$\bullet \eta(\lambda(a, t), t') = \kappa(a, t', t)$$

$$\bullet \eta(\rho(a, t), t') = \kappa(a, t, t')$$



$\mathcal{T}_A$  is a tree algebra: all Wilkes' identities hold in  $A$ -trees and  $A$ -contexts.

**Example:**  $\eta(\sigma(p, \lambda(a, t)), t') = \eta(p, \kappa(a, t', t))$



is derivable from the second and the third axioms by  $q = \lambda(a, t)$ .

**Theorem** This axiom system is sound and complete: every identity true in  $\mathcal{T}_A$  is provable in the system, and vice versa.

Yield Function:

$$\mathbf{Y}(\iota(a)) = c_a$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(\kappa(a, t, t')) = f_a(\mathbf{Y}(t), \mathbf{Y}(t'))$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(\lambda(a, t)) = f_a(\xi, \mathbf{Y}(t))$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(\rho(a, t)) = f_a(\mathbf{Y}(t), \xi)$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(\eta(p, t)) = \mathbf{Y}(p)[\xi/\mathbf{Y}(t)]$$

$$\mathbf{Y}(\sigma(p, q)) = \mathbf{Y}(p)[\xi/\mathbf{Y}(q)]$$

**Theorem**  $\text{Ker}(\mathbf{Y}) =$  identities provable in Wilke's system.

Any axiom system satisfying the above theorem can be used for axiomatizing tree algebras.

## Theorem Term-rewriting system

- $\sigma(\sigma(p, q), r) \longrightarrow \sigma(p, \sigma(q, r))$
- $\eta(\sigma(p, q), t) \longrightarrow \eta(p, \eta(q, t))$
- $\eta(\lambda(a, t), t') \longrightarrow \kappa(a, t', t)$
- $\eta(\rho(a, t), t') \longrightarrow \kappa(a, t, t')$

is convergent.

And the congruence it generates consists of the identities derivable from Wilke's axioms.

**Corollary** The Word Problem for tree algebras is solvable.

## Characterizing families of tree languages

Congruence relations of  $V \subseteq T_A$ :

- $t \sim_T^V t' \equiv \forall p \in C_A \left( \eta(p, t) \in V \leftrightarrow \eta(p, t') \in V \right)$
- $p \sim_C^V p' \equiv \forall q \in C_A \forall t \in T_A$   
 $\left( \eta(\sigma(q, p), t) \in V \leftrightarrow \eta(\sigma(q, p'), t) \in V \right)$
- $a \sim_L^V a' \equiv \forall p \in C_A \forall t, t' \in T_A$   
 $\left( \eta(p, \iota(a)) \in V \leftrightarrow \eta(p, \iota(a')) \in V \right) \&$   
 $\left( \eta(p, \kappa(a, t, t')) \in V \leftrightarrow \eta(p, \kappa(a', t, t')) \in V \right)$

Syntactic Tree Algebra =  
 Syntactic Algebra + Syntactic monoid  
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Syntactic Tree Algebra of  $V$  =

$\langle A / \sim_A^V, \underbrace{\text{Syn Alg of } V}_{\text{TREE}}, \underbrace{\text{Syn monoid of } V}_{\text{CONTEXT}} \rangle$   
 not  $A$

**CounterExample**  $U = a \cdot (b \cup c)^+$ :  $b \sim_A^U c, b \neq c$ .

**Example**  $L$  is regular iff its Syntactic Tree Algebra is finite.

**Example** Wilke's axiomatization of  $k$ -frontier testable tree languages. This can be simplified by taking out the CONTEXT sort.

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Also The Syntactic Tree Algebras of tree languages can be characterized  $\Gamma$ -algebraically.