

Stratification Criteria and Rewriting Techniques for Checking Chase Termination

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- Areas of application: query optimization, data exchange, consistent query answering,...

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- Chase termination: undecidable problem (Deutsch et al. [2008])

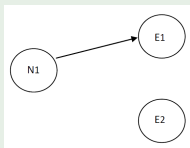
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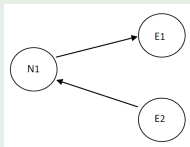
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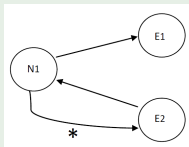
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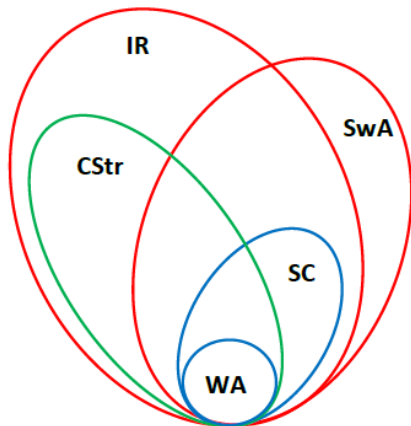
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WA , SC , $CStr$, IR and SwA Relationships



Contributions

- Introduction of new chase termination criteria
 - *WA*-stratification (*SC*-stratification and *SwA*-stratification)
 - Local Stratification
- New rewriting technique improved by analyzing affected positions

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A set of constraint Σ is c-stratified if every cycle in the c-chase graph is weakly acyclic.

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we have that $r \prec_c r$ and $\{r\}$ is not weakly acyclic

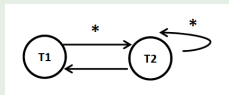


Figure: Dependency graph $Dep(\Sigma)$

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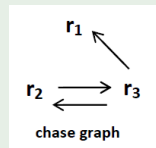
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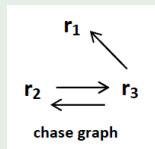


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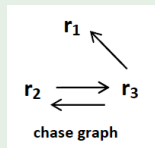
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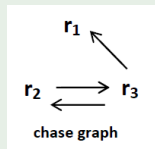
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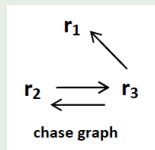
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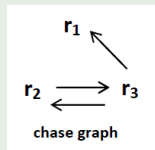


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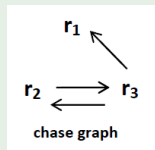
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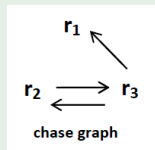
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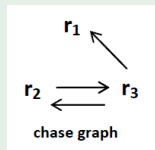
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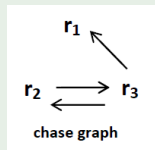
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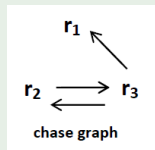
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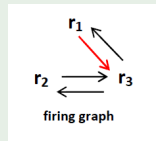
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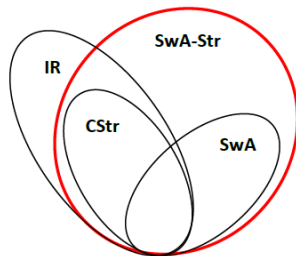
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Let Σ be a set of WA-stratified (resp. SC-stratified, SwA-stratified) TDGs and let D be a database. Then, the length of every chase sequence of Σ over D is polynomial in the size of D .

SwA-stratification

Theorem

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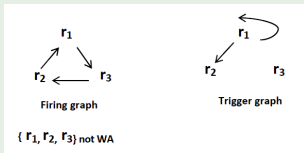
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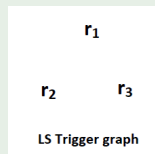
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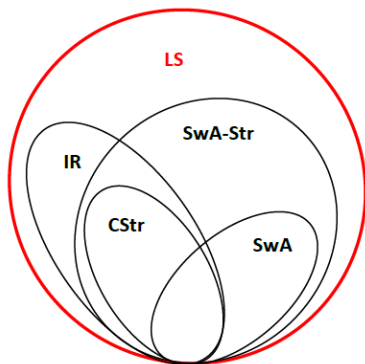
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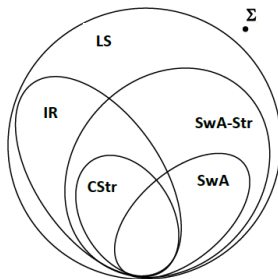
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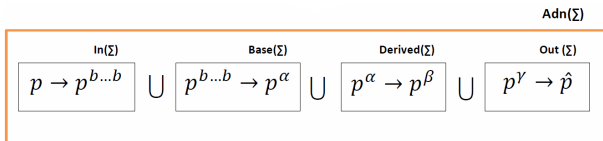
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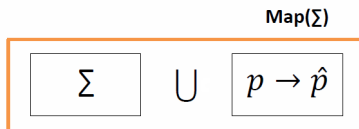
Constraints Rewriting Technique

Constraints Rewriting Technique [GrecoS10]

- Idea: rewrite Σ into an 'equivalent' set Σ^α and verify the structural properties for chase termination on Σ^α
 - introduction of adornments associated with predicates



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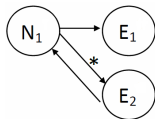
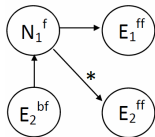
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Chase Termination Checking

- Test chase termination criteria over rewritten constraints
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Figure: $Dep(\Sigma)$ Figure: $Dep(Adn(\Sigma))$

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- $Adn\text{-}\mathcal{T}$: class of sets of TGDs Σ s.t. $Adn(\Sigma)$ is in \mathcal{T}

Theorem

$\mathcal{T} \not\subseteq Adn\text{-}\mathcal{T}$ for $\mathcal{T} \in \{WA, SC, CStr, IR, SwA, WAStr, \dots, \mathcal{LS}\}$.

- Rewriting technique is orthogonal to termination conditions
- improves current chase termination criteria

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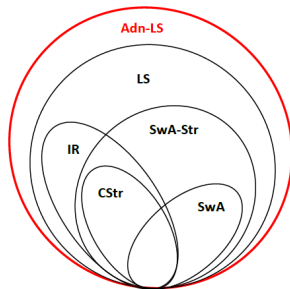


Figure: Criteria Relationships

Improving Rewriting Algorithm

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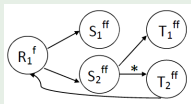
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- $Adn(\Sigma) \notin \mathcal{LS}$

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- $chase(D, \Sigma)$ terminates for all database D

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Lemma

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$Adn\text{-}\mathcal{T} \not\subseteq Adn^{++}\text{-}\mathcal{T}$, for

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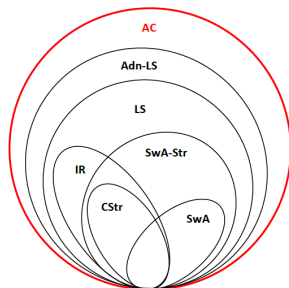


Figure: Criteria Relationships

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- We proposed new sufficient chase termination criteria, such as *WA-Stratification* and *Local Stratification*
- We proposed new rewriting techniques which are orthogonal to termination conditions and improves current chase termination criteria.
- **Current work:** extending Adn^{++} algorithm with EGDs

Thank you!

Any questions?