

# Universal Rewriting Rules for the Parikh Matrix Injectivity Problem

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# Basic Notation

- Number of occurrences of  $u$  in  $w$  as subsequence is denoted as  $|w|_u$ .
- E.g.  $|abbabc|_{ab} = 4$
- E.g.  $|aab|_{ab} = 2$
- E.g.  $|abbbc|_{abc} = 3$
  
- Infix, substring:  $v$  is infix of  $x$  if  $x = uvw$  for some  $u, w \in \Sigma^*$ .

# Parikh Vector

- $\Psi: \Sigma^* \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^{|\Sigma|}$
- For an ordered alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  and word  $w$ , Parikh vector of  $w$  is defined as follows:  
$$\Psi(w) = (|w|_{a_1}, |w|_{a_2}, \dots, |w|_{a_n}).$$
- E.g.  $\Sigma := \{a < b < c\}$ ,  $\Psi(aaabbbac) = (4, 3, 1)$

# Parikh Matrix

- Given ordered alphabet  $\Sigma$ , Parikh matrix mapping  $\Psi_M$  is a homomorphism from  $\Sigma^*$  (with concatenation) to  $\mathbb{N}^{(|\Sigma|+1) \times (|\Sigma|+1)}$  (with matmul).
- E.g. For  $\Sigma = \{a < b < c\}$ ,

$$\Psi_M(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Psi_M(b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Psi_M(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Parikh Matrix

• E.g.  $\Psi_M(abca) = \Psi_M(a)\Psi_M(b)\Psi_M(c)\Psi_M(a)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

# Parikh Matrix

- **Proposition 1. [Mateescu et al. 2001]**

For an ordered alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_k\}$ , and  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,

$$[\Psi_M(w)]_{i,j} = 0 \text{ for } 1 \leq j < i \leq k + 1$$

$$[\Psi_M(w)]_{i,i} = 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq k + 1$$

$$[\Psi_M(w)]_{i,j} = |w|_{a_i a_{i+1} \dots a_j} \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq j \leq k.$$

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$\Sigma = \{a < b < c < d\}$ , and  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,

$$\Psi_M(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & |w|_a & |w|_{ab} & |w|_{abc} & |w|_{abcd} \\ 0 & 1 & |w|_b & |w|_{bc} & |w|_{bcd} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & |w|_c & |w|_{cd} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & |w|_d \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Parikh Matrix

*Proof(sketch).*

Proof can be done by induction on length of the word. Compare two:

$$|aw|_{av} = (\text{pick } av \text{ in } w) + (\text{use first } a, \text{pick } v \text{ in } w) = |w|_{av} + |w|_v \cdots (1)$$

$$\Psi_M(aw) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & |w|_a & |w|_{ab} & |w|_{abc} \\ 0 & 1 & |w|_b & |w|_{bc} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & |w|_c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & |w|_a + 1 & |w|_{ab} + |w|_b & |w|_{abc} + |w|_{bc} \\ 0 & 1 & |w|_b & |w|_{bc} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & |w|_c \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \cdots (2)$$

# Parikh Matrix

**Definition(M-equivalence).** Two words  $w_1$  and  $w_2$  are M-equivalent ( $w_1 \equiv_M w_2$ ) if and only if  $\Psi_M(w_1) = \Psi_M(w_2)$ .

**Q.** Characterize M-equivalence. In other words, come up with a nice condition  $p$ , s.t.  $w_1 \equiv_M w_2$  if and only if  $p(w_1, w_2)$ .

# M-equivalence

Fact 1. For  $\forall x, y \in \Sigma^*$ ,  $w_1 \equiv_M w_2$  if and only if  $xw_1y \equiv_M xw_2y$ .

*Proof*( $\Rightarrow$ ). If  $\Psi_M(w_1) = \Psi_M(w_2)$ , then

$$\Psi_M(xw_1y) = \Psi_M(x)\Psi_M(w_1)\Psi_M(y) = \Psi_M(x)\Psi_M(w_2)\Psi_M(y) = \Psi_M(xw_2y).$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) For reverse direction, we should use the fact that Parikh matrix is invertible.

If  $\Psi_M(xw_1y) = \Psi_M(xw_2y)$ ,

then

$$[\Psi_M(x)]^{-1}\Psi_M(xw_1y)[\Psi_M(y)]^{-1} = \Psi_M(w_1) \text{ and}$$

$$[\Psi_M(x)]^{-1}\Psi_M(xw_2y)[\Psi_M(y)]^{-1} = \Psi_M(w_2). \quad \square$$

# M-equivalence

Fact 2. If  $w_1 \equiv_M w_2$  and  $v_1 \equiv_M v_2$ , then  $w_1 v_1 \equiv_M w_2 v_2$   
(i.e.  $\equiv_M$  is a congruence relation w.r.t. concatenation.).

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**Definition(Atanasiu07).** For binary alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a < b\}$ , rewriting rule A is defined as follows:

A.  $abyba \leftrightarrow bayab$  for  $\forall \gamma \in \Sigma^*$ .

E.g.  $abbaaab \leftrightarrow baabaab \leftrightarrow abababa \leftrightarrow \dots$

Rewriting rule is applied to arbitrary infix of the string(Context freely).

Note that  $\equiv_M$  is already congruence relation.

# M-equivalence

**Theorem 1 (Atanasiu07).** For binary alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a < b\}$ ,  $w_1 \equiv_M w_2$  if and only if  $w_1 \leftrightarrow_A^* w_2$ .

*Remark.*  $\square^*$  means transitive and reflexive closure.

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*Proof*( $\Leftarrow$ ). 1.  $|abyba|_a = |bayab|_a$  (Trivial.)

2.  $|abyba|_b = |bayab|_b$  (Trivial.)

3.  $|abyba|_{ab} = |abba|_{ab} + |ab|_a |\gamma|_b + |\gamma|_{ab} + |\gamma|_a |ba|_b$   
 $= 2 + |\gamma|_b + |\gamma|_{ab} + |\gamma|_a$ .

$|bayab|_{ab} = |baab|_{ab} + |ba|_a |\gamma|_b + |\gamma|_{ab} + |\gamma|_a |ab|_b$   
 $= 2 + |\gamma|_b + |\gamma|_{ab} + |\gamma|_a$ .  $\square$



# M-equivalence

**Theorem 2(Atanasiu02).** For binary alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a < b\}$ ,  $w_1 \equiv_M w_2$  if and only if  $w_1 \leftrightarrow_{A'}^* w_2$ .

$A'.x \leftrightarrow y$  for  $\forall x, y \in \Sigma^*$  where 1.  $x$  and  $y$  are palindrome, 2.  $x$  and  $y$  have same Parikh vector.

*Proof( $\Leftarrow$ ).* 1.  $|x|_a = |y|_a$  2.  $|x|_b = |y|_b$  (Same Parikh vector).

3. First, note that  $|w|_{ab} + |w|_{ba} = |w|_a |w|_b$  for any  $w \in \Sigma^*$ .

As  $x$  and  $y$  are palindrome,  $|x|_{ab} = |y|_{ab} = \frac{|x|_a |x|_b}{2}$ .  $\square$

# M-equivalence

**Proposition 1(Atanasiu02).** For an alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n\}$ ,  $w_1 \equiv_M w_2$  if  $w_1 \leftrightarrow^* w_2$  with respect to following rules.

A1.  $a_i a_{i+1} a_{i+1} a_i \leftrightarrow a_{i+1} a_i a_i a_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ .

A2.  $a_i a_j \leftrightarrow a_j a_i$  for  $|i - j| \geq 2$ .

*Proof(A2).* WLOG let  $i > j$ .  $|a_i a_j|_{a_i a_{i+1} \dots a_j} = 0 = |a_j a_i|_{a_i a_{i+1} \dots a_j}$ .

Similar can be seen for every other subsequence occurrences that appears in Parikh matrix.

# M-equivalence

Problem with Atanasiu's rewriting system:

For  $\Sigma = \{a < b < c\}$ ,

$abcba bacab \equiv_M bacab abcba$ . However,

$abcba bacab \leftrightarrow abcba bcaab$

$\leftrightarrow abcba baacb$  and

$bacab abcba \leftrightarrow bcaab abcba$

$\leftrightarrow baacb abcba,$

but  $abcba bacab \not\leftrightarrow bacab abcba$ . *Need more powerful representation!*

# Exponent-string

String(Finite sequence of symbols)

*aabbcc*

Notation using exponents

$a^2 b^3 c^2$

*Fact.* When denoting words with power notation, only natural numbers can be exponent.

# Exponent-string

## Exponent-string

(Finite sequence of pairs)

$(a, 7.1), (b, \sqrt{2}), (c, 0.2)$

## Notation of exponent-string

$a^{7.1} b^{\sqrt{2}} c^{0.2}$

Take contrapositive:

If exponents are not integers, we are not notating words.

⇒ We call this discovery an exponent-string!

# Exponent-string

Quick remarks about exponent-strings:

1. For semigroup  $S$ ,  $S$ -exponent-strings are allowed to have elements of  $S$  as exponents.

1-2. Let  $S := (Q^+, +)$  and  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ .

Then, we let  $a^2 b^{3.5} c^{\frac{7}{3}} = a^{1.3} a^{0.7} b^{3.5} c c c^{\frac{1}{3}} = a^2 b^{2.5} b c^{\frac{7}{3}} = \dots$  (Same  $S$ -exponent-string with different notation.).

1-3. For semigroup  $\mathbb{N}' := (N, \times)$  and  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ ,

$a^8 b^6 c^2 = a^{2 \times 4} b^6 c^2 = a^2 a^4 b^6 c^2 = \dots$ .

# Exponent-string

Quick remarks about exponent-strings:

2. For semigroup of natural numbers  $\mathbb{N} := (N, +)$ ,  
monoid of  $\mathbb{N}$ -exponent-strings is isomorphic with monoid of strings.

2-1.  $\mathbb{N}$ -exponent-string

$$a^1 b^2 \cdot b^1 c^1 = a^1 b^3 c^1$$

Strings

$$abb \cdot bc = abbcb$$

# Exponent-string

Quick remarks about exponent-strings:

3. For semigroups  $S_1$  and  $S_2$ , if  $S_1$  is a subsemigroup of  $S_2$ , then monoid of  $S_1$ -exponent-strings is a submonoid of the monoid of  $S_2$ -exponent-strings.

Let  $\mathbb{Q}^+ := (Q^+, +)$  and  $\mathbb{R}^+ := (R^+, +)$ .

4. From 2 and 3,  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -exponent string and  $\mathbb{R}^+$ -exponent string are extensions of string( $\mathbb{N}$ -exponent-string)!



# Parikh Matrix defined over $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -exponent-string

- *Recall*

- For  $\Sigma = \{a < b < c\}$ ,

$$\Psi_M(a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \Psi_M(b) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \Psi_M(c) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Psi_M(abca) = \Psi_M(a)\Psi_M(b)\Psi_M(c)\Psi_M(a).$$

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$$\Psi_M^{\mathbb{Q}^+} \left( a^{\frac{3}{2}} b c^{\frac{1}{5}} a^{\frac{4}{3}} \right) = [\Psi_M(a)]^{\frac{3}{2}} [\Psi_M(b)]^1 [\Psi_M(c)]^{\frac{1}{5}} [\Psi_M(a)]^{\frac{4}{3}}.$$

# Parikh Matrix defined over $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -exponent-string

- How to calculate  $\left( \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right)^{\frac{7}{11}}$  ?

# Parikh Matrix defined over $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -exponent-string

$$\bullet \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^{\frac{7}{11}} = \left[ I + \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \right]^{\frac{7}{11}} = [I + A]^{\frac{7}{11}}$$

$$= I + \frac{\frac{7}{11}}{1!} A + \frac{\frac{7}{11}(\frac{7}{11}-1)}{2!} A^2 + \frac{\frac{7}{11}(\frac{7}{11}-1)(\frac{7}{11}-2)}{3!} A^3 + \dots$$

# Parikh Matrix defined over $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -exponent-string

$$\bullet = I + \frac{7}{11}A + O + O + \dots = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{7}{11} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

# Parikh Matrix defined over $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -exponent-string

• *Recall*

$\Sigma = \{a < b\}$ , and  $w \in \Sigma^*$ ,

$$\Psi_M(w) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & |w|_a & |w|_{ab} \\ 0 & 1 & |w|_b \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\Psi_M(a^2 b^3 a) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Parikh Matrix defined over $\mathbb{Q}^+$ -exponent-string

- For  $\mathbb{Q}$ -exponent-strings:

$$\bullet \Psi_M^{\mathbb{Q}^+}(a^3 b^{\frac{5}{3}} a^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \frac{7}{2} & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{5}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \Sigma = \{a < b\}.$$

$$\bullet \Psi_M^{\mathbb{Q}^+}(a^2 b^{\frac{1}{2}} c^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 1 & 0.5 & 0.25 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ for } \Sigma = \{a < b < c\}.$$

# EM-equivalence

- **Definition(EM-equivalence).** For  $p, q \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}^+}^*$ ,  $p \equiv_{EM} q$  if and only if  $\Psi_M^{\mathbb{Q}^+}(p) = \Psi_M^{\mathbb{Q}^+}(q)$ .
- *Remark.*  $\equiv_M$  is restriction of  $\equiv_{EM}$  to  $\Sigma^*$ .
- Characterization of M-equivalence is followed if we characterize EM-equivalence!



# EM-equivalence

- **Theorem 3(Universal rewriting rule).** Let  $\Sigma = \{a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_n\}$ . Then for  $\forall p, q \in \Sigma_{\mathbb{Q}^+}^*$ ,  $p \equiv_{EM} q$  if and only if  $p \leftrightarrow^* q$ .

R1.  $a_i^x a_j^y \leftrightarrow a_j^y a_i^x$  for  $|i - j| \geq 2$ , and  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ .

R2.  $a_i^x a_{i+1}^{2y} a_i^x \leftrightarrow a_{i+1}^y a_i^{2x} a_{i+1}^y$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$ , and  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}^+$ .

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