



Logical Foundations of Multiset Rewriting

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Outline

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- Logical extension
 - First-order multiset rewriting
 - ω -multisets
- Applications
 - Specification of security protocols
 - A bridge to process algebra





Motivations

Multiset rewriting (a.k.a. **Petri nets**)

- Fundamental model of distributed computing
 - Competitor: Process Algebras
 - Basis for security protocol spec. languages
 - MSR family
 - ... several others
 - Many extensions, more or less ad hoc
- Shallow relations to logic
 - Simple encodings
 - No deep insight

This Work

- Show that multiset rewriting has deeper relations to logic
 - Interpretation as logic, rather than
 - Interpretation in logic
- Explain and rationalize extensions
- Better specification languages
- Bridge to process algebra



Multiset Rewriting

- Multiset: set with repetitions allowed

$$\underline{a} ::= \bullet \mid a, \underline{a}$$

- Commutative monoid

- “,” is operation
- “•” is identity

(“,” is commutative, associative, with “•” as unit)

- Rewrite rule:

$$\underline{a} \rightarrow \underline{b}$$

- Monoidal rewriting



Semantics of Multiset Rewriting

- Base step: $\underline{s} \rightarrow_R \underline{s}'$

$$\underline{a}, \underline{s} \rightarrow_{R, (\underline{a} \rightarrow \underline{b})} \underline{b}, \underline{s}$$

- Reachability

$$\underline{s}_0 \rightarrow_R^* \underline{s}_n$$

- Iteration of \rightarrow
- R&T closure of \rightarrow

- Infinity

$$\underline{s}_0 \rightarrow_R^*$$

- Limit of $_ \rightarrow_R^* _$

Linear Logic

Logic with formulas as resources

- Formulas

$$A ::= a \mid A \otimes A \mid 1 \mid A \multimap A \mid \dots$$

- Judgment (DILL / LV sequent)

$$\Gamma; \Delta \multimap A$$

Unrestricted context

- subject to exchange, weakening and contraction
- behaves like context in traditional logic

Linear context

- subject to exchange only

Some Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta, A, B \multimap C}{\Gamma; \Delta, A \otimes B \multimap C}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta_1 \multimap A \quad \Gamma; \Delta_2 \multimap B}{\Gamma; \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \multimap A \otimes B}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \multimap C}{\Gamma; \Delta, 1 \multimap C}$$

$$\frac{}{\Gamma; \cdot \multimap 1}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta_1 \multimap A \quad \Gamma; \Delta_2, B \multimap C}{\Gamma; \Delta_1, \Delta_2, A \multimap B \multimap C}$$

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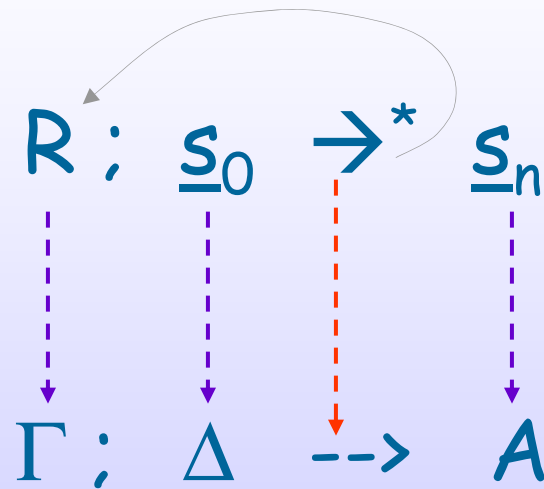
$$\frac{}{\Gamma; A \multimap A}$$



LL Interpretation of MSR

- Several possibilities
 - "Conjunctive" encoding

- Objective



- Reachability mapped to derivability



Encoding

● R

➤ → ⇒ — 0

● s_0

➤ , ⇒ ,

➤ • ⇒ •

... or like s_n

● s_n

➤ , ⇒ ⊗

➤ • ⇒ 1



Encoding

- R

➤ $[a \rightarrow b] = [a] \text{---} \text{---} [b]$

- S_0

➤ $[[a]] = a$

➤ $[[\bullet]] = \bullet$ or $[\bullet]$

➤ $[[\underline{a} , \underline{b}]] = [[a]] , [[b]]$ or $[\underline{a} , \underline{b}]$

Well defined because

- $(\Delta s, ", "\bullet")$ is a commutative monoid
- $(As, \otimes, 1)_{\rightarrow}$ is a commutative monoid

- S_n

➤ $[a] = a$

➤ $[\bullet] = 1$

➤ $[\underline{a} , \underline{b}] = [\underline{a}] \otimes [\underline{b}]$

Property

$$s_0 \rightarrow_R^* s_n \text{ iff } [R] ; [[s_0]] \dashrightarrow [s_n]$$

➤ For appropriate inverse encodings

$$\Gamma ; A \dashrightarrow B \text{ iff } [A] \rightarrow_{[\Gamma]}^* [B]$$

Encoding of MSR in LL



End of the Story ?

- ~~Yes~~ NO!
- From interpretation of MSR in logic to interpretation of MSR as logic
- Multiset rewriting semantics = left sequent rules
- First, a few rough edges to smooth



Context vs. Formulas (1)

- Either go against tradition of logic
 - $(As, \otimes, 1)$ is a congruence w.r.t. derivability
- Identify contexts and formulas
 - Whenever formula is expected
 - Turn $,$ into \otimes
 - Turn \bullet into 1
 - Consistent with categorical semantics of logic
 - Has to be done with extreme care



Context vs. Formulas (2)

- ... or go against tradition of rewriting

- Distinguish states and multisets

- state constructors: , and •
 - mset constructors: \otimes and 1

- Additional transition rules

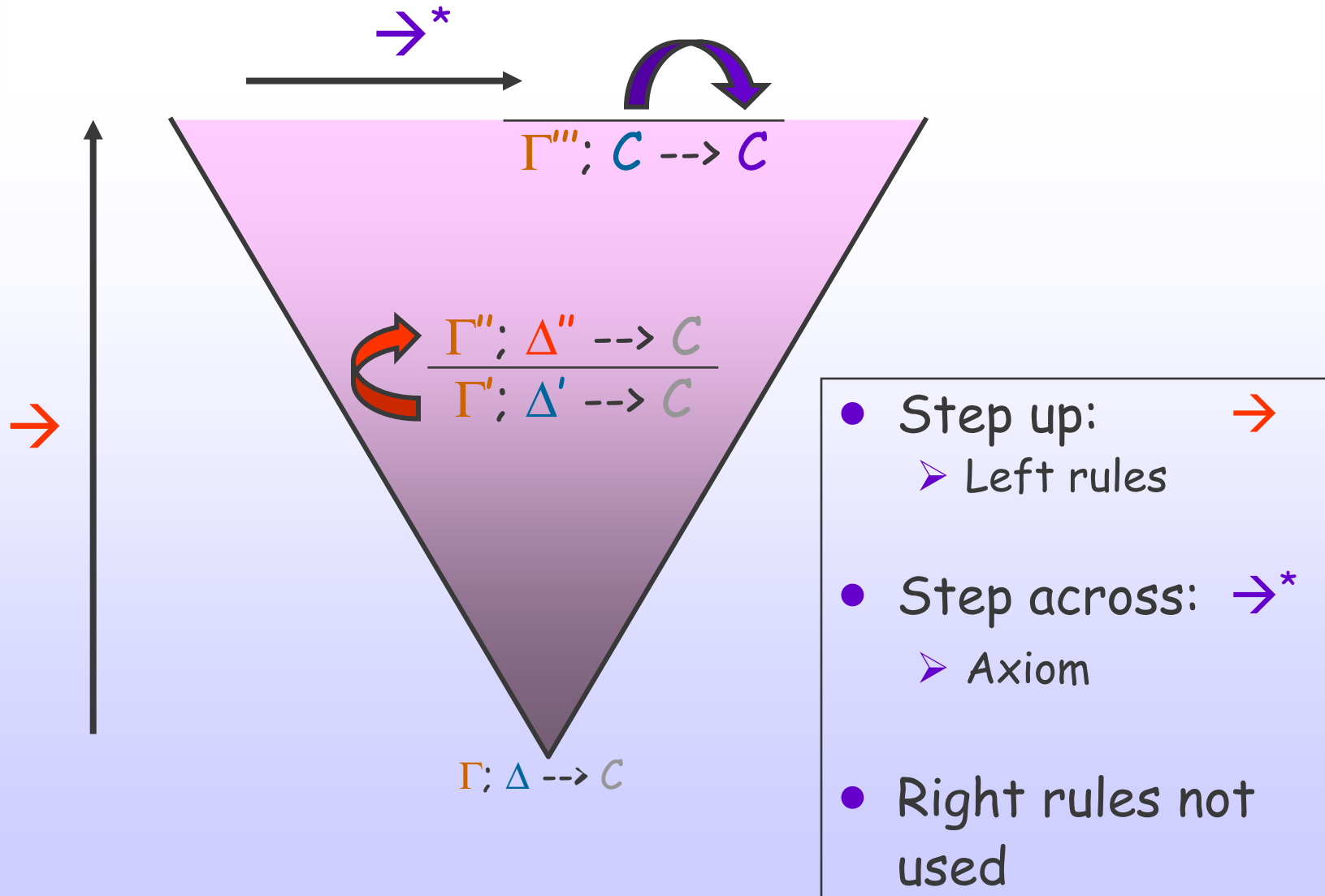
- $\underline{s}, a \otimes b \rightarrow_R \underline{s}, a, b$
 - $\underline{s}, 1 \rightarrow_R \underline{s}$

- This research is compatible with both

- We will lean towards (2)



Rewriting View of Derivations



Rewriting Semantics as Left Rules



$\underline{s} \rightarrow_R^* \underline{s}$	$\frac{}{\Gamma; A \dashrightarrow A}$
$\underline{s}, a \otimes b \rightarrow_R \underline{s}, a, b$	$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta, A, B \dashrightarrow C}{\Gamma; \Delta, A \otimes B \dashrightarrow C}$
$\underline{s}, 1 \rightarrow_R \underline{s}$	$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \dashrightarrow C}{\Gamma; \Delta, 1 \dashrightarrow C}$
$\underline{s}, a \rightarrow_{R, (a \rightarrow b)} \underline{s}, b$	$\frac{\Gamma, A \multimap B; \Delta, B \dashrightarrow C}{\Gamma, A \multimap B; A, \Delta \dashrightarrow C}$

➤ Not quite, but not too far off
 ■ Admissible rule

$$\frac{\Gamma, A; \Delta, A \dashrightarrow C}{\Gamma, A; \Delta \dashrightarrow C} \quad + \quad \frac{\Gamma; \Delta_1 \dashrightarrow A \quad \Gamma; \Delta_2, B \dashrightarrow C}{\Gamma; \Delta_1, \Delta_2, A \multimap B \dashrightarrow C}$$

Questions

- Can we make the correspondence precise?
 - Yes
- Does it extend to other connectives?
 - Yes ... to a large extent
- What are the implications?
 - Logical explanation of multiset rewriting
 - Not just interpretation
 - Now MSR **is** logic
 - Guideline to design rewrite systems
 - Can we do this with other logics?
 - Derivations do not need to be finite
 - Goal is important only for reachability



First Proof of Concept

- First-Order Multiset Rewriting (MSR 1.0)

- Multiset elements are FO atomic formulas

- Rules have the form

$$\forall x_1 \dots x_n. \underline{a}(x) \rightarrow \exists y_1 \dots y_k. \underline{b}(x, y)$$

- Semantics (\rightarrow^*)

$$\Sigma ; \underline{a}(t), \underline{s} \rightarrow_{R, (\underline{a}(x) \rightarrow \exists y. \underline{b}(x, y))} \Sigma, y ; \underline{b}(t, y), \underline{s} \quad \text{if } \Sigma \vdash t$$

- Encoding is simple extension of prop. case



Semantics from Left Rules

- Updated judgment forms

$$\triangleright \Sigma; \underline{s} \rightarrow_R \Sigma; \underline{s}$$

$$\triangleright \Gamma; \Delta \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C$$

- Semantics (\rightarrow^{**})

...	...
$\Sigma; \underline{s}, \forall x.a \rightarrow_R \Sigma; \underline{s}, [t/x]a$ <p style="text-align: right;">if $\Sigma \vdash t$</p>	$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta, [t/x]A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C \quad \Sigma \vdash t}{\Gamma; \Delta, \forall x.A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$
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Comparing Semantics

Lemma

- If $\underline{a} \rightarrow_R^* (\underline{b})$, then $\underline{a} \rightarrow_R^{**} (\underline{b})$
- And viceversa
 - Careful with non-observable steps



Second Proof of Concept

- Minimal ω -multiset rewriting

- Language

$$\omega ::= a \mid \bullet \mid \omega, \omega \mid \omega \rightarrow \omega$$

- No distinction between atoms and formulas

- Semantics (v.1)

- $\underline{s}, (a \rightarrow b), a \rightarrow \underline{s}, b$

- Check against left rule for \multimap

$$\frac{\Delta_1 \dashrightarrow A \quad \Delta_2, B \dashrightarrow C}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2, A \multimap B \dashrightarrow C}$$

- Semantics (v.2)

- $\underline{s}_1, \underline{s}_2, (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \underline{s}_2, b$ if $\underline{s}_1 \rightarrow^* a$
- Step depends on reachability!



Comparing Semantics

- Lemma

$$\underline{a} \rightarrow_{v.1}^* (\underline{b}) \quad \text{iff} \quad \underline{a} \rightarrow_{v.2}^* (\underline{b})$$

(\Rightarrow) Trivial by reflexivity

(\Leftarrow) Recursively turn every step

- $\underline{s}_1, \underline{s}_2, (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow_{v.2} \underline{s}_2, b$ if $\underline{s}_1 \rightarrow_{v.2}^* a$
into

- $\underline{s}_1, \underline{s}_2, (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow_{v.1}^* a, \underline{s}_2, (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow_{v.1} \underline{s}_2, b$

- However

- Do all extensions support transformation?
 - Use v.1 when adequate, v.2 other times
- Seems to be an instance of cut elimination
 - (see later)



Adding Persistent Multisets

- Language

$\omega ::= a \mid \bullet \mid \omega, \omega \mid \omega \rightarrow \omega \mid \forall x. \omega \mid \exists x. \omega \mid !\omega$

- Judgment

➤ $\Sigma; p; \underline{s} \rightarrow \Sigma; p; \underline{s}$

- Semantics from left rules

...	...
$\Sigma; p; \underline{s}, !a \rightarrow \Sigma; p, a; \underline{s}$	$\frac{\Gamma, A; \Delta \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}{\Gamma; \Delta, !A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$
$\Sigma; p, a; \underline{s} \rightarrow \Sigma; p, a; \underline{s}, a$	$\frac{\Gamma, A; \Delta, A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}{\Gamma, A; \Delta \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$

A Word of Caution



$$!(a \otimes b) \neq !a \otimes !b$$

a and b can be
used only together

a and b can be used
independently

- \otimes corresponds to “,” in Δ , but not in Γ
 - Distinguish \otimes and “,” in ωMSR
 - Consider only sublanguages
 - Use different symbol “,” in p
 - p is multiset of multisets, not multiset

Additive Conjunction and Unit

- Language

$\omega ::= \dots \mid \omega \& \omega \mid \top$

- Semantics from left rules

...	...
$\Sigma; p; \underline{s}, a_1 \& a_2 \rightarrow \Sigma; p; \underline{s}, a_i$ Non-deterministic choice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usually written + 	$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta, A_i \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}{\Gamma; \Delta, A_1 \& A_2 \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$
(no \top -transition) Absence of any choice	(no left rule)



Additive Disjunction and Unit

- Language

$$\omega ::= \dots \mid \omega \oplus \omega \mid 0$$

- Semantics from left rules

$$\Sigma ; p : \underline{s}, 0 \rightarrow^* \underline{s}_n$$

- Inconsistency?
- Forced reachability?

$$\frac{}{\Gamma ; \Delta, 0 \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$$

The case of \oplus

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta, A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C \quad \Gamma; \Delta, B \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}{\Gamma; \Delta, A \oplus B \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$$

$$\Sigma; p; \underline{s}, a \oplus b \rightarrow \begin{cases} \Sigma; p; \underline{s}, a \rightarrow^* (c) \\ \Sigma; p; \underline{s}, b \rightarrow^* (c) \end{cases}$$

(Dashed arrows indicate synchronization between the two paths leading to state (c))

- The 2 computations shall be synchronized
 - If one "ends", the other "ends" in the same way
 - Breakpoint, or final state
 - If one diverges, the other shall diverge
- Flavor of
 - Confluence
 - Bisimulation?



Multiplicative Disjunction and Unit

- Language:

$\omega ::= \dots \mid \omega \wp \omega \mid \perp$

- Semantics from left rules

$\Sigma ; p ; \perp \rightarrow^* \bullet$

➤ Abort?

➤ Deadlock?

$\frac{}{\Gamma ; \perp \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} \bullet}$

The Case of \wp

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta_1, A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} \Psi_1 \quad \Gamma; \Delta_2, B \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} \Psi_2}{\Gamma; \Delta_1, \Delta_2, A \wp B \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} \Psi_1, \Psi_2}$$

$$\Sigma; p; \underline{s}_1, \underline{s}_2, a \wp b \rightarrow \begin{cases} \Sigma; p; \underline{s}_1, a \\ \Sigma; p; \underline{s}_2, b \end{cases}$$

- Start of completely independent computations involving a and b

The Axiom Rule

$$\frac{}{\Gamma; A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} A}$$

$$\Sigma; p; a \rightarrow^* a$$

- Makes a reachability statement
- Turns \rightarrow into \rightarrow^*



The Cut Rules

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta_1 \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} A \quad \Gamma; \Delta_2, A \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}{\Gamma; \Delta_1, \Delta_2 \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma; \bullet \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} A \quad \Gamma, A; \Delta \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}{\Gamma; \Delta \dashrightarrow_{\Sigma} C}$$

$$\Sigma; p; \underline{s}_1, \underline{s}_2 \rightarrow \Sigma; p; a, \underline{s}_2 \quad \text{if } \Sigma; p; \underline{s}_2 \rightarrow^* a$$

$$\Sigma; p; \underline{s} \rightarrow \Sigma; p, a; \underline{s} \quad \text{if } \Sigma; p; \bullet \rightarrow^* a$$

➤ Compositionality laws

• Does cut elimination hold?

• Note

➤ Not as deep as in Logic

▪ No right rules



Summary: ω -Multisets

ω	$::=$	a	atomic object
		\bullet	empty mset
		ω, ω	mset formation
		$\omega \rightarrow \omega$	mset rewrite
		\top	no-op
		$\omega + \omega$	choice
		$! \omega$	replication
		$\forall x. \omega$	instantiation
		$\exists x. \omega$	generation
		0	
		$\omega \oplus \omega$	
		\perp	
		$\omega \wp \omega$	
		$? \omega$	
		ω^\perp	

???



Summary: ω -Multisets Semantics

- $\Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, 1) \rightarrow \Sigma : \underline{p} : \underline{s}$
- , $\Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, a \otimes b) \rightarrow \Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, a, b)$
- \rightarrow $\Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, a, a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, b)$
- \top (no rule)
- & $\Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, a_1 \& a_2) \rightarrow \Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, a_i)$
- ! $\Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, !a) \rightarrow \Sigma : (\underline{p}, a) : \underline{s}$
- \forall $\Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, \forall x. a) \rightarrow \Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, [t/x]a)$
- \exists $\Sigma : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, \exists x. a) \rightarrow (\Sigma, x) : \underline{p} : (\underline{s}, a)$
- $\Sigma : (\underline{p}, a) : \underline{s} \rightarrow \Sigma : (\underline{p}, \underline{a}) : (\underline{s}, a)$



Applications to Security

- MSR: family of security protocol specification languages
 - MSR 1: first-order multiset rewriting
 - MSR 2: MSR 1 + dependent types
 - MSR 3: ω -multiset (+ dependent types)
- Unified logical view
 - Better understanding of where we are
 - Hint about where to go next



NSPK in MSR 2.0

$$\begin{array}{l} A \rightarrow B: \{N_A, A\}_{KB} \\ B \rightarrow A: \{N_A, N_B\}_{KA} \\ A \rightarrow B: \{N_B\}_{KB} \end{array}$$

$\forall A: \text{princ.}$

$\{ \exists L: \text{princ} \times \Sigma B: \text{princ. pubK } B \times \text{nonce} \rightarrow \text{mset.}$

$\forall B: \text{princ. } \forall K_B: \text{pubK } B.$

•

$\rightarrow \exists N_A: \text{nonce.}$

$\text{net} (\{N_A, A\}_{KB}), L(A, B, K_B, N_A)$

$\forall B: \text{princ. } \forall K_B: \text{pubK } B.$

$\forall K_A: \text{pubK } A. \forall K_A': \text{prvK } K_A.$

$\forall N_A: \text{nonce. } \forall N_B: \text{nonce.}$

$\text{net} (\{N_A, N_B\}_{KA}), L(A, B, K_B, N_A)$

$\rightarrow \text{net} (\{N_B\}_{KB})$

}

NSPK in MSR 3

$A \rightarrow B: \{N_A, A\}_{KB}$
$B \rightarrow A: \{N_A, N_B\}_{KA}$
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MSR 3.0

- Succinct representations
 - Simpler specifications
 - Economy of reasoning
- Logical foundations
- Bridge between
 - State-based representation
 - Process-based representations
 - Logical foundation of process algebra?

MSR vs. Process Algebra

MSR

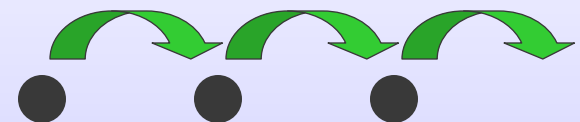
- NRL Prot. Analyzer, CAPSL/CIL, Paulson's approach, ...

and Process Algebra

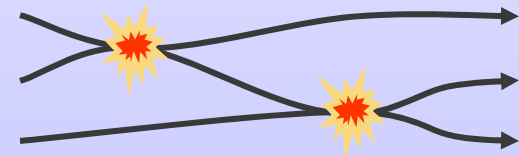
- Strand spaces, spi-calculus, other process-based lang.

operate in very different ways:

- State transitions



- Contact evolution



Representing Protocols

- MSR 2 $\left[\begin{array}{l} n \rightarrow a_1, n' \\ n'', a_1 \rightarrow a_2, n''' \\ \dots \end{array} \right]$

- a_i pass control/data to the next rule

- PA $\underline{n}.n'.\underline{n''}.n''' \dots .0$

- Control is implicit

NS: MSR rules for Alice

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{A0}(A) &\rightarrow A_0(A), \pi_{A0}(A) \\ A_0(A), \pi_{A1}(B) &\rightarrow \exists N_A. A_1(A, B, N_A), N(\{N_A, A\}_{KB}), \pi_{A1}(B) \\ A_1(A, B, N_A), N(\{N_A, N_B\}_{KA}) &\rightarrow A_2(A, B, N_A, N_B) \\ A_2(A, B, N_A, N_B) &\rightarrow A_3(A, B, N_A, N_B), N(\{N_B\}_{KB}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{where } \pi_{A0}(A) &= Pr(A), PrvK(A, K_A^{-1}) \\ \pi_{A1}(B) &= Pr(B), PubK(B, K_B) \end{aligned}$$

Relating Strands and Multiset Rewriting for Security Protocols

NS: Parametric Strand for Alice

Alice (A, B, N_A, N_B) :

N_A Fresh, $\pi_A(A, B)$

$$\begin{aligned} \{N_A, A\}_{KB} &\longrightarrow \\ &\Downarrow \\ \{N_A, N_B\}_{KA} &\longleftarrow \\ &\Downarrow \\ \{N_B\}_{KB} &\longrightarrow \end{aligned}$$

where

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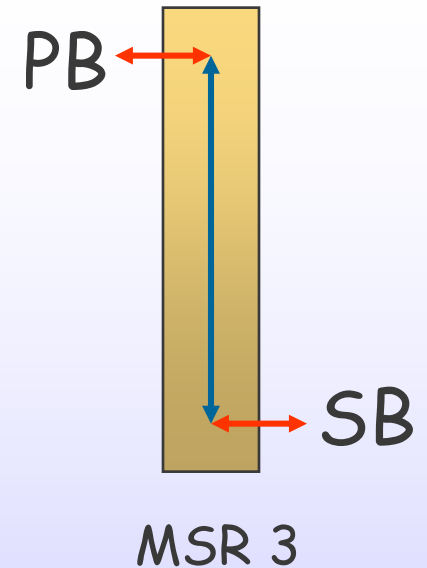
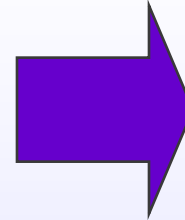
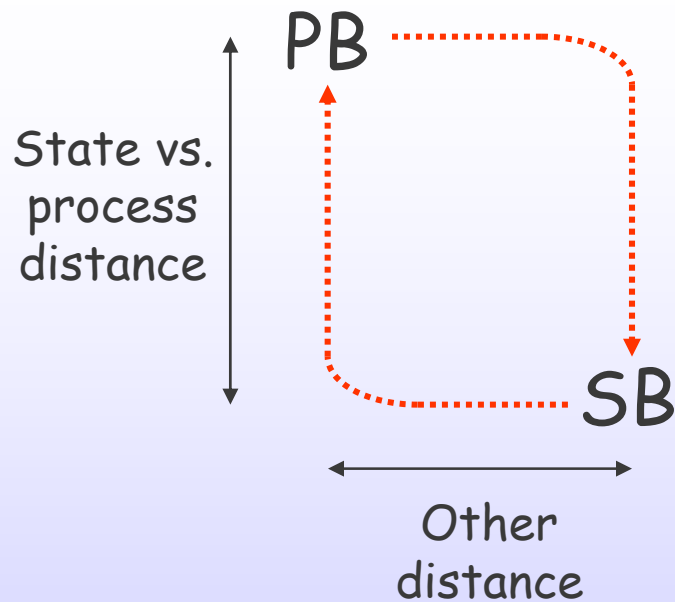
Relating Strands and Multiset Rewriting for Security Protocols

ω -Multisets and Process Algebra

- Similarities
 - ω -Multisets behave like very general process algebra
 - π -calculus
 - Join calculus
- Differences
 - PA's structural equivalences
- Towards a logical foundation of Process Algebra?



Encoding Distributed Algorithms



State \leftrightarrow Process
translation done
once and for all

Conclusions

- Interpretation of multiset rewriting guided by left rules of linear logic
- Definition of ω -multisets
- Hint at application in security protocol specification
 - MSR 3.0
- Possible relationship with process algebras

