

Boston Comp. Club Meeting #1

Programming from Hallor's Connections

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① Motivation

Programming problems are often of the form

“solve this, under this constraint”

How can we formalize this notion of notions?

We will use Galois connections to define an operator \uparrow , s.t. we can write

solve this \uparrow under this condition

② Galois Connections

Def A “Galois Connection” is a pair of functions $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow A$, and preorders \leq on B and \sqsubseteq on A , such that:

$$f(a) \leq b \iff a \sqsubseteq g(b)$$

Coming up next: EXAMPLES



Z-continued examples of Galois connections

(a) division vs multiplication for $a, b, c > 0$

$$a \times c \leq b \iff a \leq b \div c$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_f \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_g$

(b) addition vs subtraction

$$a + c \leq b \iff a \leq b - c$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_f \qquad \underbrace{\hspace{2em}}_g$

(c) length vs take

$$\text{length } z \leq n \wedge z \in X \iff z \in \text{take}(n, X)$$

let S be the set of finite-length strings and \mathbb{N} the set of string-lengths.

let \leq be the normal order on \mathbb{N} .

let \sqsubseteq be the prefix order on S .

let \trianglelefteq be the preorder on $\mathbb{N} \times S$ defined by

$$(n, x) \trianglelefteq (m, y) \iff n \leq m \text{ and } x \sqsubseteq y.$$

let $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times S$ be the function $x \mapsto (\text{length } x, x)$

let $g: \mathbb{N} \times S \rightarrow S$ be the function

$(n, x) \mapsto x[0:n-1]$ returning the n -length prefix.

then the Galois connection is $(f, g, \trianglelefteq, \sqsubseteq)$.

Cool, right? \longrightarrow

③ Consider the following Galois relation:

$$f(x) \leq y \iff x \sqsubseteq g(y)$$

express \leq and \sqsubseteq as relations:

$$(f(x), y) \in (\leq) \iff (x, g(y)) \in (\sqsubseteq)$$

express f°, g as relations

$$(x, y) \in f^\circ \cdot (\leq) \iff (x, y) \in (\sqsubseteq) \cdot g$$

x, y are free variables, so express in point-free form

$$f^\circ \cdot (\leq) = (\sqsubseteq) \cdot g$$

Split relational equality into two subset statements

$$f^\circ \cdot (\leq) \subseteq (\sqsubseteq) \cdot g \quad \text{and} \quad (\sqsubseteq) \cdot g \subseteq f^\circ \cdot (\leq)$$

(I)

(II)

Assume f and g are monotonic. Then:

(II) \Rightarrow { is \sqsubseteq a preorder? }

$$g \subseteq \text{id} \cdot g \subseteq (\sqsubseteq) \cdot g \quad \text{so} \quad g \subseteq f^\circ \cdot (\leq)$$

\Rightarrow { by monotonicity of \circ }

$$(\sqsubseteq) \cdot g \subseteq (\sqsubseteq) \cdot f^\circ \cdot (\leq)$$

\Rightarrow { by monotonicity of f° }

$$(\sqsubseteq) \cdot g \subseteq f^\circ \cdot (\leq) \cdot (\leq)$$

\Rightarrow { by associativity of \subseteq , noting therefore $(\sqsubseteq) \cdot (\leq) \subseteq (\leq)$ }

$$(\sqsubseteq) \cdot g \subseteq f^\circ \cdot (\leq)$$

Note also that (I) = $f^\circ \cdot (\leq) \subseteq (\sqsubseteq) \cdot g$

\Rightarrow { taking converses / both sides }

$$(f^\circ \cdot (\leq))^\circ \subseteq ((\sqsubseteq) \cdot g)^\circ = g^\circ \cdot (\supseteq)$$

\Rightarrow { shunting g° to the left }

$$g^\circ \cdot (f^\circ \cdot (\leq))^\circ \subseteq (\supseteq)$$

Finally:

$$f \circ (\leq) = (\geq) \circ g$$

\Leftrightarrow

(a) $g \in f \circ (\leq)$ The "easy" part

and

(b) $g \circ (f \circ (\leq)) \circ \circ \in (\geq)$ The "hard" part

Call this part \rightarrow "S".

Then (a) means f must return a result permitted by S .

(b) means that if S maps x to y , then $gx \geq y$, meaning, g must return a maximum result.

Definition: Given relations

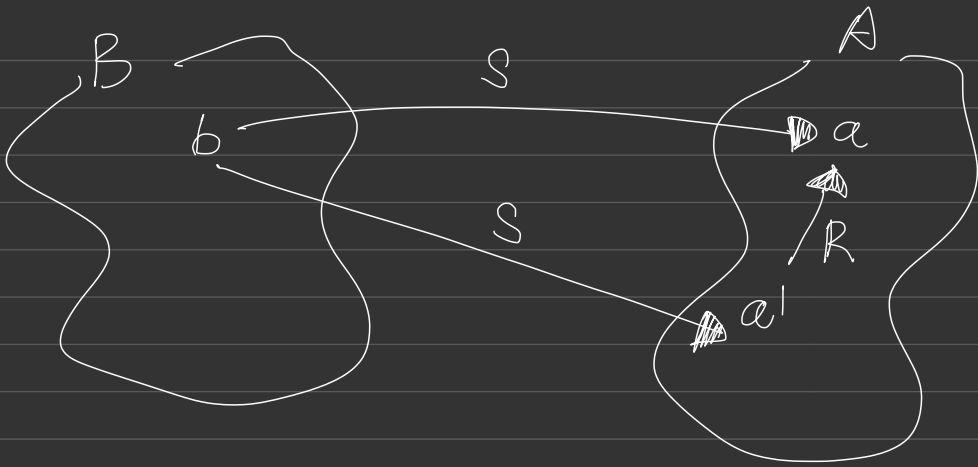


Define "S shrunk by R" to be

$$S \uparrow R = S \cap R / S \circ$$

i.e., $g \in (f \circ (\leq)) \uparrow (\geq)$

SAR takes $b \in B$ to $a \in A$ such that:



This is a very topological idea.

We are shrinking S to only perform maps that are unmolested by R.

If R is a maximizing function, then we are shrinking S to only accept maximal solutions.

④ What can we do with it?

TODO: Carve Scheduling

PROBLEM: Let A be a set of tasks;

for each $a \in A$, let $g(a)$ be the set of tasks that must wait for a to complete before they may begin;

let $\text{spans}: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$ give the timespan of each task;

and let $\text{schedule}: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^+$ give starting times to tasks.

Given g , the problem is to compute a function

$f_g: \text{spans} \rightarrow \text{schedule}$
that gets all the tasks done as quickly as possible.

let $\text{lazy}_g: \text{schedule} \rightarrow \text{spans}$ compute for each task in the schedule its max. execution time.

So, $\sum_{s \in \text{lazy}_g(\text{schedule})} s = \text{max time the schedule could take to execute.}$

$\Rightarrow f_g = ((\text{lazy}_g)^{\circ} (\geq)) \uparrow (\leq)$

So what is the converse of $(\text{lazy}_g)^{\circ}$?
(this is where I'm lost)

(c) length vs take

$$\text{length } z \leq n \wedge z \subseteq X \iff z \subseteq \text{take}(n, X)$$

let \triangleleft be \subseteq on X .

$$(\text{length } z, z) \triangleleft (n, X) \iff z \subseteq \text{take}(n, X)$$

$$\text{let } f(z) = (\text{length } z, z)$$

$$f(z) \triangleleft (n, X) \iff z \subseteq \text{take}(n, X)$$

rewrite using \wedge operator

$$\text{take} \subseteq (f^\circ \circ (\triangleleft)) \wedge (\exists)$$

rewrite according to def of f

$$\text{take} \subseteq (\text{length}^\circ \circ (\leq), \text{id}^\circ \circ (\subseteq)) \wedge (\exists)$$

obviously $\text{id}^\circ = \text{id}$ so

$$\text{take} \subseteq (\text{length}^\circ \circ (\leq), (\subseteq)) \wedge (\exists)$$

so, $\text{take}(n, X)$ is some z such that

$$\text{(easy part): } \begin{array}{l} \text{length}(z) \leq n \\ z \subseteq X \end{array} \quad \text{and}$$

(hard part): z is longest possible.

The calculational aspect is to synthesize length° .