

Dyck Language

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Abstract

The Dyck language over a pair of brackets, e.g. (and), is the set of balanced strings/words/lists of brackets. That is, the set of words with the same number of (and), where every prefix of the word contains no more) than (. In general, a Dyck language is defined over a whole set of matching pairs of brackets.

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1 Dyck Languages

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theory Dyck_Language
imports Main
begin
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Dyck languages are sets of words/lists of balanced brackets. A bracket is a pair of type $bool \times 'a$ where *True* is an opening and *False* a closing bracket. That is, brackets are tagged with elements of type *'a*.

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type_synonym 'a bracket = bool  $\times$  'a
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abbreviation Open a  $\equiv$  (True,a)
abbreviation Close a  $\equiv$  (False,a)
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1.1 Balanced, Inductive and Recursive

Definition of what it means to be a *balanced* list of brackets:

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inductive bal :: 'a bracket list  $\Rightarrow$  bool where
  bal [] |
  bal xs  $\Longrightarrow$  bal ys  $\Longrightarrow$  bal (xs @ ys) |
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$bal\ xs \implies bal\ (Open\ a\ \# \ xs\ @\ [Close\ a])$

declare $bal.intros(1)[iff]$ $bal.intros(2)[intro,simp]$ $bal.intros(3)[intro,simp]$

lemma $bal2[iff]$: $bal\ [Open\ a,\ Close\ a]$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

The inductive definition of balanced is complemented with a functional version that uses a stack to remember which opening brackets need to be closed:

fun $bal_stk :: 'a\ list \Rightarrow 'a\ bracket\ list \Rightarrow 'a\ list * 'a\ bracket\ list$ **where**
 $bal_stk\ s\ [] = (s, []) \mid$
 $bal_stk\ s\ (Open\ a\ \#\ bs) = bal_stk\ (a\ \# \ s)\ bs \mid$
 $bal_stk\ (a' \ \# \ s)\ (Close\ a \ \# \ bs) =$
 $(if\ a = a' \ then\ bal_stk\ s\ bs\ else\ (a' \ \# \ s,\ Close\ a \ \# \ bs)) \mid$
 $bal_stk\ bs\ stk = (bs, stk)$

lemma $bal_stk_more_stk$: $bal_stk\ s1\ xs = (s1', []) \implies bal_stk\ (s1@s2)\ xs =$
 $(s1'@s2, [])$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma $bal_stk_if_Nils[simp]$: $ASSUMPTION(bal_stk\ []\ bs = ([], [])) \implies bal_stk$
 $s\ bs = (s, [])$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma bal_stk_append :
 $bal_stk\ s\ (xs\ @\ ys)$
 $= (let\ (s', xs') = bal_stk\ s\ xs\ in\ if\ xs' = []\ then\ bal_stk\ s'\ ys\ else\ (s', xs' @ ys))$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma $bal_stk_append_if$:
 $bal_stk\ s1\ xs = (s2, []) \implies bal_stk\ s1\ (xs\ @\ ys) = bal_stk\ s2\ ys$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma bal_stk_split :
 $bal_stk\ s\ xs = (s', xs') \implies \exists\ us.\ xs = us@xs' \wedge bal_stk\ s\ us = (s', [])$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

1.2 Equivalence of bal and bal_stk

lemma $bal_stk_if_bal$: $bal\ xs \implies bal_stk\ s\ xs = (s, [])$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma bal_insert_AB :
 $bal\ (v\ @\ w) \implies bal\ (v\ @\ (Open\ a\ \# \ Close\ a\ \# \ w))$
 $\langle proof \rangle$

lemma $bal_if_bal_stk$: $bal_stk\ s\ w = ([], []) \implies bal\ (rev(map\ (\lambda x.\ Open\ x)\ s)\ @\ w)$

<proof>

corollary *bal_iff_bal_stk*: $bal\ w \longleftrightarrow bal_stk\ []\ w = ([], [])$
<proof>

1.3 More properties of *bal*, using *bal_stk*

theorem *bal_append_inv*: $bal\ (u\ @\ v) \implies bal\ u \implies bal\ v$
<proof>

lemma *bal_insert_bal_iff[simp]*:
 $bal\ b \implies bal\ (v\ @\ b\ @\ w) = bal\ (v@w)$
<proof>

lemma *bal_start_Open*: $\langle bal\ (x\ \#\ xs) \implies \exists a. x = Open\ a \rangle$
<proof>

lemma *bal_Open_split*: **assumes** $\langle bal\ (x\ \#\ xs) \rangle$
shows $\langle \exists y\ r\ a. bal\ y \wedge bal\ r \wedge x = Open\ a \wedge xs = y\ @\ Close\ a\ \#\ r \rangle$
<proof>

1.4 Dyck Language over an Alphabet

The Dyck/bracket language over a set Γ is the set of balanced words over Γ :

definition *Dyck_lang* :: 'a set \Rightarrow 'a bracket list set **where**
Dyck_lang $\Gamma = \{w. bal\ w \wedge snd\ '\ (set\ w) \subseteq \Gamma\}$

lemma *Dyck_langI[intro]*:
assumes $\langle bal\ w \rangle$
and $\langle snd\ '\ (set\ w) \subseteq \Gamma \rangle$
shows $\langle w \in Dyck_lang\ \Gamma \rangle$
<proof>

lemma *Dyck_langD[dest]*:
assumes $\langle w \in Dyck_lang\ \Gamma \rangle$
shows $\langle bal\ w \rangle$
and $\langle snd\ '\ (set\ w) \subseteq \Gamma \rangle$
<proof>

Balanced subwords are again in the Dyck Language.

lemma *Dyck_lang_substring*:
 $\langle bal\ w \implies u\ @\ w\ @\ v \in Dyck_lang\ \Gamma \implies w \in Dyck_lang\ \Gamma \rangle$
<proof>

end