

# Splicing/Fusion Grammars and Their Relation to (Chomsky and) Hypergraph Grammars

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# Motivation

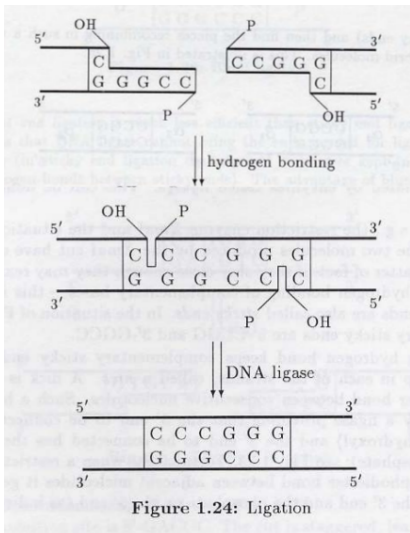
We introduced fusion grammars at ICGT17.

Formal framework for fusion processes in:

- ▶ DNA computing
- ▶ chemistry
- ▶ tiling
- ▶ fractal geometry
- ▶ visual modeling
- ▶ etc

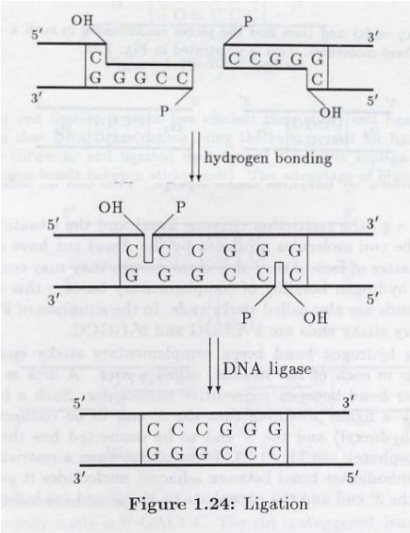
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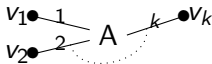


splicing  
(triggered by enzymes)

Figure 1.24: Ligation

# Hypergraph

We consider *hypergraphs* over  $\Sigma$  with *hyperedges* like



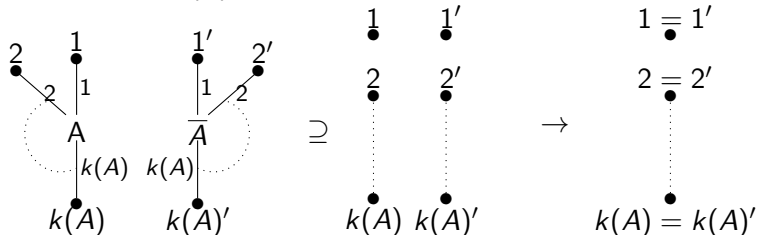
where  $A \in \Sigma$ .

The class of all hypergraphs over  $\Sigma$  is denoted by  $\mathcal{H}_\Sigma$ .

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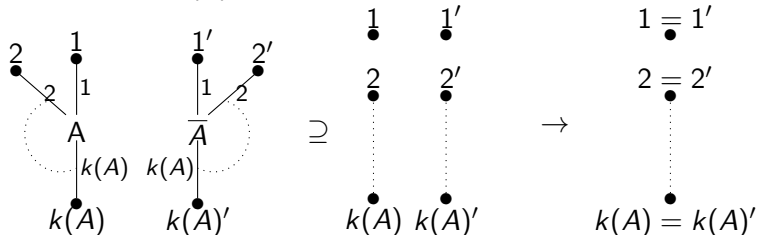
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where  $K = [k(A)]$ ,  $in$  is the inclusion of  $K$  into  $A^\bullet$  and  $\bar{in}$  is the inclusion of  $K$  into  $\bar{A}^\bullet$ .

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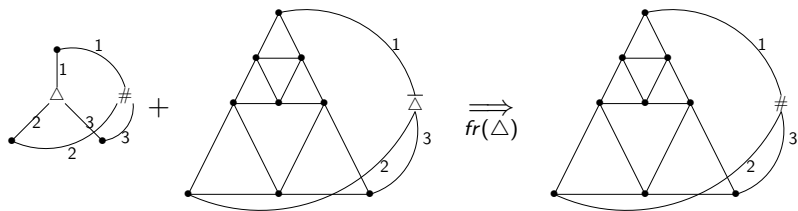
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where matching morphism  $f: A^\bullet + \bar{A}^\bullet \rightarrow H$  satisfies the gluing condition always.

- ▶  $C$  is unique up to isomorphism because  $in + \bar{in}$  is injective.
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# Example



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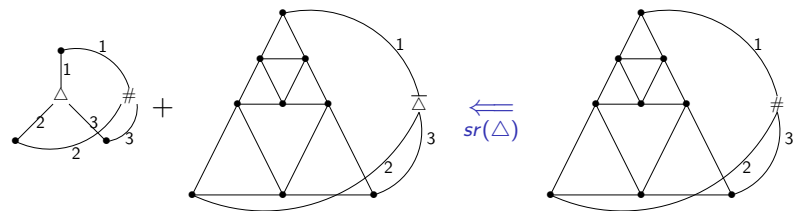
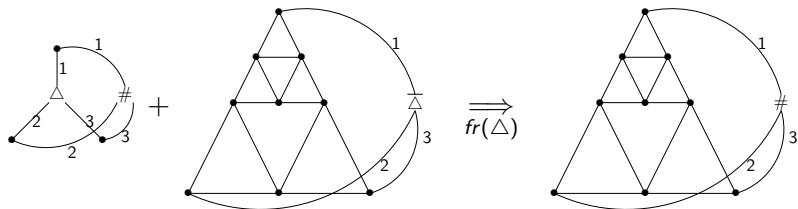
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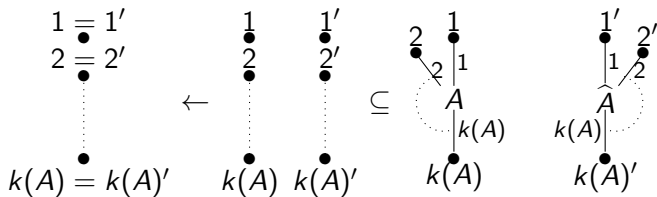
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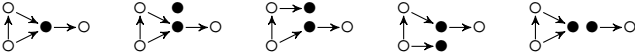
- ▶  $C$  is not uniquely determined, because lefthand-side morphism is not injective.
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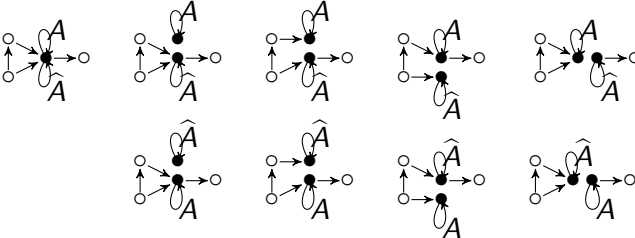
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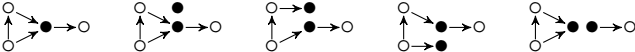


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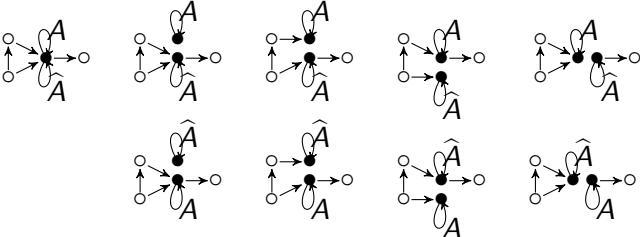
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This waste nondeterminism is often undesirable.  
 To cut it down, one may use [context conditions](#).

## Splicing rule with fixed disjoint context

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It is applicable to  $H$  if the pushout complement can be chosen in the following way

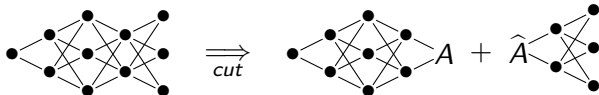
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where  $m: Y \rightarrow H$  is injective.

- ▶ The complement consists of two disjoint parts one of which is  $X$ .
- ▶ It is unique if it exists.
- ▶  $X$  gets an  $\hat{A}$ -hyperedge and  $Y$  get an  $A$ -hyperedge.

# Example

$$\text{cut} = \left( \begin{array}{c} \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \\ \bullet \end{array} \supseteq [2] \leftarrow [2] + [2] \subseteq A^\bullet + \widehat{A}^\bullet \right)$$



## Splicing/fusion grammar $SFG = (Z, F, M, T, SR)$

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# Generative power

ICGT17:

- ▶ Fusion grammars can simulate hyperedge replacement grammars.
- ▶ Their membership problem is decidable.

How powerful are splicing/fusion grammars?



# Transformation of Chomsky grammars into splicing/fusion grammars

Let  $(N, T, P, S)$  be a Chomsky grammar.

Let  $p = (u_1 \dots u_k, v_1 \dots v_l) \in P$ .

Let  $x_1 \dots x_n = x_1 \dots x_{i-1} u_1 \dots u_k x_{i+k} \dots x_n$

Then

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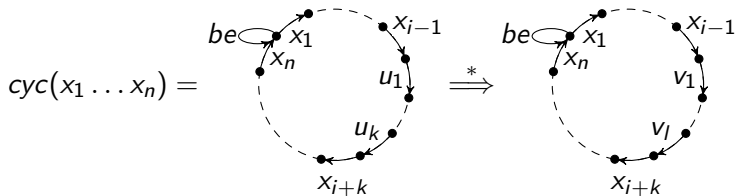
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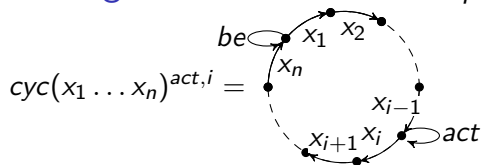
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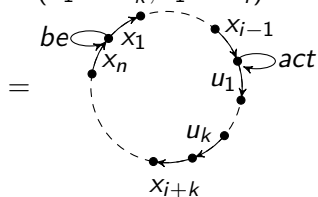
Adapting a transformation of Chomsky grammars into iterated splicing systems (cf. [Păun, Rozenberg, Salomaa:1998]).



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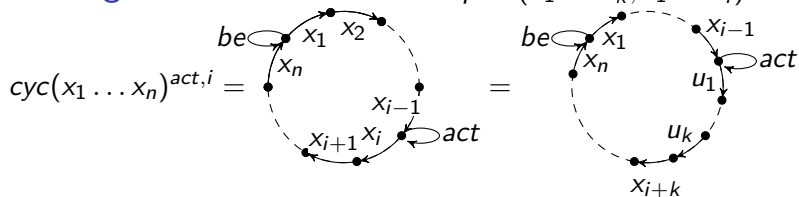


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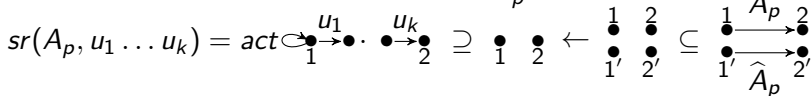
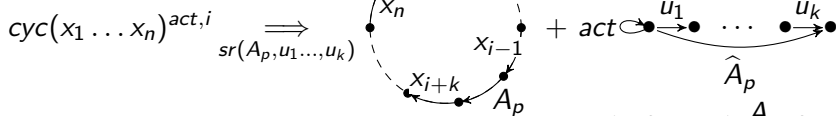


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i.e., for each  $x \in N \cup T$ :

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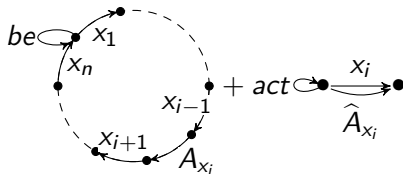
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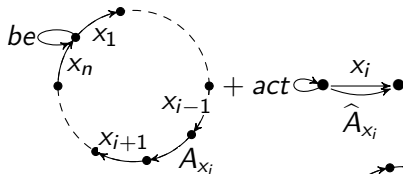
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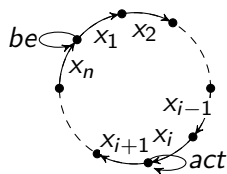
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$$cyc(x_1 \dots x_n)^{act, i} \xRightarrow{sr(A_{x_i}, x_i)}$$



2. *fusion*, i.e.,

$$cyc(x_1 \dots x_{i-1} A_{x_i} x_{i+k} \dots x_n) + c_{x_i} \xRightarrow{fr(A_{x_i})}$$





# Transformation Chomsky grammars into splicing/fusion grammars

Given Chomsky grammar  $CG = (N, T, P, S)$ .

Let  $Q = P \cup \{(x, x) \mid x \in N \cup T\}$ .

$SFG(CG) = (Z(CG), N(CG), \emptyset, T(CG), SR(CG))$

$N(CG) = \{A_y \mid y \in N \cup T \cup P\} \cup \{act\}$

$T(CG) = T \cup \{be\}$

$Z(CG) = S \overset{be}{\curvearrowright} act + \overset{be}{\curvearrowright} act + \sum_{p=(u, v_1 \dots v_l) \in Q} \overset{v_1 \dots v_l}{\curvearrowright} act$

$SR(CG) = \{sr(A_p, u_1 \dots, u_k) \mid p = (u_1 \dots u_k, v) \in Q\}$

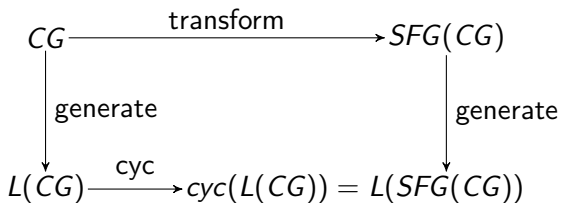
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# Theorem 1

Let  $CG = (N, T, P, S)$  be a Chomsky grammar and  $SFG(CG)$  the corresponding splicing/fusion grammar. Then

$$cyc(L(CG)) = L(SFG(CG)).$$



# Hypergraph grammar $HGG = (N, T, P, S)$

- ▶  $N, T \subseteq \Sigma, T \cap N = \emptyset, S \in N$ ,  
 $A \in N$  has a type  $k(A) \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $P$  is a finite set of rules of the form  $r = (L \xleftarrow{a} K \xrightarrow{b} R)$   
where  $L, K, R \in \mathcal{H}_\Sigma$ ,  $K$  discrete and  $a$  injective.
- ▶ A rule application  $H \xRightarrow[r]{*} H'$  (direct derivation) is defined by a double pushout

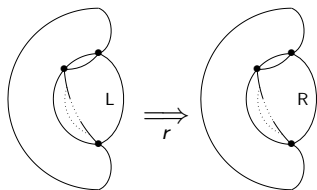
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where matching morphism  $g: L \rightarrow H$  is subject to the gluing condition.

- ▶  $L(HGG) = \{X \in \mathcal{H}_T \mid S^\bullet \xRightarrow[P]{*} X\}$ .

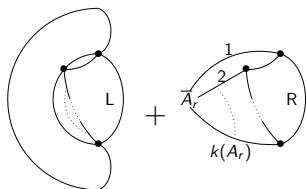
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$$HGG : r = (L \supseteq K \xrightarrow{b} R)$$



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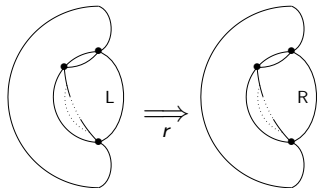
*SFG* :



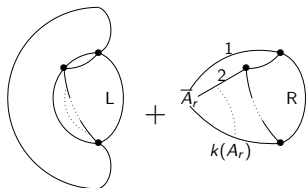
$R$  together with an additional  $\bar{A}_r$ -hyperedge attached to  $b(1) \cdots b(k)$ .

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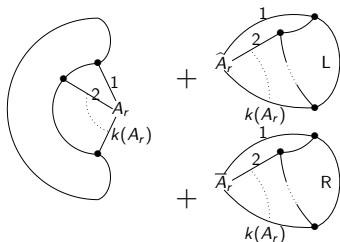

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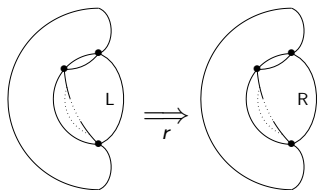
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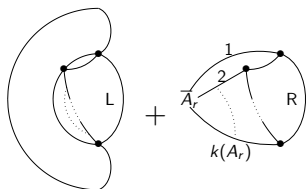


# Simulating a direct derivation

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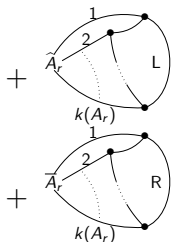
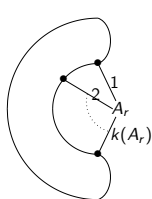

 $\Leftrightarrow$ 

*SFG* :

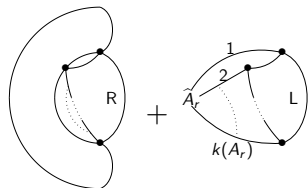


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$\Rightarrow$   
 $sfdc(A_r, a)$   
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$\Rightarrow$   
 $fr(A_r)$



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Theorem (2)

Let  $HGG = (N, T, P, S)$  be a connective hypergraph grammar and  $SFG(HGG)$  its corresponding splicing/fusion grammar.

Then

$$L(HGG) = L(SFG(HGG)).$$

In other words, splicing/fusion grammars can simulate hypergraph grammars, but connectedness must be preserved.



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$$SFG(HGG) = (Z(HGG), F(HGG), M(HGG), T(HGG), SR(HGG))$$

- ▶  $F(HGG) = \{A_r \mid r = (L \supseteq [k] \rightarrow R) \in P, k(A_r) = k\}$ ,  
 $M(HGG) = \{\mu\}$  with  $k(\mu) = 0$ ,  $T(HGG) = T$
- ▶  $F(HGG), \bar{F}(HGG), \hat{F}(HGG), M(HGG), T$  are pairwise disjoint.
- ▶  $Z(HGG) = S_\mu^\bullet + \sum_{r \in P} C(r)$

where  $C(r)$  for  $r = (L \supseteq [k] \xrightarrow{b} R)$  is  $R$  together with an additional  $\bar{A}_r$ -hyperedge attached to  $b(1) \cdots b(k)$ .

- ▶  $SR(HGG) = \{srfdc(A_r, a) \mid r = (L \supseteq [k] \rightarrow R) \in P\}$  where

$$srfdc(A_r, a) = (L \supseteq [k(A_r)] \xleftarrow{\langle 1_{[k(A_r)]}, 1_{[k(A_r)]} \rangle} [k(A_r)] + [k(A_r)] \xrightarrow{in+\hat{in}} A_r^\bullet + \hat{A}_r^\bullet)$$

# Pushout property

## Lemma

Let  $C$  be a category with finite coproduct (denoted by  $+$ ) and pushouts. Consider the following diagrams:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} L & \xleftarrow{a} & K \\ g \downarrow & (1) & \downarrow d \\ H & \xleftarrow{m} & I \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} K & \xleftarrow{\langle 1_K, 1_K \rangle} & K + K \\ g \circ a \downarrow & (2) & \downarrow d + a \\ H & \xleftarrow{\langle m, g \rangle} & I + L \end{array}$$

Then the left diagram is a pushout if and only if the right diagram is a pushout.

# Conclusion

- ▶ We have extended fusion grammars by splicing rules with fixed disjoint context.
- ▶ Transformation of Chomsky grammars into splicing/fusion grammars.
- ▶ Transformation of connective hypergraph grammars into splicing/fusion grammars.

## Further work:

- ▶ Are there other meaningful conditions for splicing besides fixed disjoint context?
- ▶ How are DNA computing models related to splicing/fusion grammars?
- ▶ How can we overcome the limitation of generating connected components?
- ▶ Are there interesting examples where one can use all connected component resulting from splicing?

Thank you!

Questions?