# Böhm Reduction in Infinitary Term Graph Rewriting Systems 

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## Overview

## 1. Motivation

- Why term graphs?
-Why infinitary term graph rewriting?
- Why Böhm reduction?

2. Böhm Reduction on Terms
3. Böhm Reduction on Term Graphs

## From Terms to Term Graphs

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- lambda calculi with letrec ${ }^{2,3}$
- these calculi are non-confluent
- but there is a notion of infinite normal forms

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## In previous work

- both yield confluence for infinitary term rewriting ${ }^{4,5}$
- partial order approach yields completeness property for infinitary term graph rewriting ${ }^{6}$

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## Failure of Infinitary Confluence

for Orthogonal Term Rewriting Systems

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f(x) \rightarrow x
$$

$$
g(x) \rightarrow x
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| $g$ | 0 |
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- for each meaningless term $t$, add rule $t \rightarrow \perp$
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Böhm reduction $=$ infinitary rewriting with $\perp$-rules

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The Good \& The Bad
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+ no need for infinitely many reduction rules
- captures only a particular set of meaningless terms (namely: root-active terms)

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## Future Work

- Infinitary confluence for term graphs
- Coinductive definition of infinitary term graph rewriting
- Axiomatic account of meaningless term graphs
- Partial-order reduction corresponding to Böhm reductions other than root-active terms


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Where $n=$ maximum depth $d$ s.t. $g \dagger d \cong h \dagger d$.

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