## Vertex Sequences Induced by Chains<sup>1</sup>

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**Summary.** In the three preliminary sections to the article we define two operations on finite sequences which seem to be of general interest. The first is the *cut* operation that extracts a contiguous chunk of a finite sequence from a position to a position. The second operation is a glueing catenation that given two finite sequences catenates them with removal of the first element of the second sequence. The main topic of the article is to define an operation which for a given chain in a graph returns the sequence of vertices through which the chain passes. We define the exact conditions when such an operation is uniquely definable. This is done with the help of the so called two-valued alternating finite sequences. We also prove theorems about the existence of simple chains which are subchains of a given chain. In order to do this we define the notion of a finite subsequence of a typed finite sequence.

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The articles [16], [20], [9], [21], [6], [7], [4], [5], [19], [15], [8], [3], [1], [14], [10], [11], [2], [18], [17], [12], and [13] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

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#### 1. Preliminaries

We adopt the following convention: p, q are finite sequences, X, Y are sets, and i, k, l, m, n, r are natural numbers.

The scheme FinSegRng deals with natural numbers  $\mathcal{A}, \mathcal{B}$ , a unary functor  $\mathcal{F}$  yielding a set, and a unary predicate  $\mathcal{P}$ , and states that:

 $\{\mathcal{F}(i): \mathcal{A} \leq i \land i \leq \mathcal{B} \land \mathcal{P}[i]\} \text{ is finite}$ 

for all values of the parameters.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (1)  $m+1 \le k$  and  $k \le n$  iff there exists a natural number *i* such that  $m \le i$  and i < n and k = i + 1.
- (2) If  $q = p \upharpoonright \text{Seg } n$ , then  $\text{len } q \leq \text{len } p$  and for every i such that  $1 \leq i$  and  $i \leq \text{len } q$  holds p(i) = q(i).
- (3) If  $X \subseteq \operatorname{Seg} k$  and  $Y \subseteq \operatorname{dom} \operatorname{Sgm} X$ , then  $\operatorname{Sgm} X \cdot \operatorname{Sgm} Y = \operatorname{Sgm} \operatorname{rng}(\operatorname{Sgm} X \upharpoonright Y)$ .
- (4) For all natural numbers m, n holds  $\overline{\{k : m \le k \land k \le m + n\}} = n + 1.$
- (5) For every l such that  $1 \leq l$  and  $l \leq n$  holds  $(\text{Sgm}\{k_1 : k_1 \text{ ranges over natural numbers}, m+1 \leq k_1 \land k_1 \leq m+n\})(l) = m+l.$

### 2. The cut operation for finite sequences

Let p be a finite sequence and let m, n be natural numbers. The functor  $\langle p(m), \ldots, p(n) \rangle$  yields a finite sequence and is defined by:

- (Def.1) (i)  $\operatorname{len}\langle p(m), \ldots, p(n) \rangle + m = n+1$  and for every natural number *i* such that  $i < \operatorname{len}\langle p(m), \ldots, p(n) \rangle$  holds  $\langle p(m), \ldots, p(n) \rangle (i+1) = p(m+i)$  if  $1 \le m$  and  $m \le n+1$  and  $n \le \operatorname{len} p$ ,
  - (ii)  $\langle p(m), \ldots, p(n) \rangle = \varepsilon$ , otherwise.

We now state several propositions:

- (6) If  $1 \le m$  and  $m \le \operatorname{len} p$ , then  $\langle p(m), \dots, p(m) \rangle = \langle p(m) \rangle$ .
- (7)  $\langle p(1), \ldots, p(\operatorname{len} p) \rangle = p.$
- (8) If  $m \le n$  and  $n \le r$  and  $r \le \operatorname{len} p$ , then  $\langle p(m+1), \dots, p(n) \rangle \cap \langle p(n+1), \dots, p(r) \rangle = \langle p(m+1), \dots, p(r) \rangle$ .
- (9) If  $1 \le m$  and  $m \le \operatorname{len} p$ , then  $\langle p(1), \ldots, p(m) \rangle^{\widehat{}} \langle p(m+1), \ldots, p(\operatorname{len} p) \rangle = p$ .
- (10) If  $1 \le m$  and  $m \le n$  and  $n \le \operatorname{len} p$ , then  $\langle p(1), \ldots, p(m) \rangle \land \langle p(m + 1), \ldots, p(n) \rangle \land \langle p(n + 1), \ldots, p(\operatorname{len} p) \rangle = p$ .
- (11)  $\operatorname{rng}\langle p(m), \ldots, p(n) \rangle \subseteq \operatorname{rng} p.$

Let D be a set, let p be a finite sequence of elements of D, and let m, n be natural numbers. Then  $(p(m), \ldots, p(n))$  is a finite sequence of elements of D.

Next we state the proposition

- (12) If  $p \neq \varepsilon$  and  $1 \leq m$  and  $m \leq n$  and  $n \leq \operatorname{len} p$ , then  $\langle p(m), \dots, p(n) \rangle(1) = p(m)$  and  $\langle p(m), \dots, p(n) \rangle(\operatorname{len} \langle p(m), \dots, p(n) \rangle) = p(n)$ .
  - 3. The glueing catenation of finite sequences

Let p, q be finite sequences. The functor  $p \sim q$  yielding a finite sequence is defined as follows:

(Def.2)  $p \frown q = p \cap \langle q(2), \dots, q(\operatorname{len} q) \rangle.$ 

Next we state several propositions:

(13) If  $q \neq \varepsilon$ , then  $\operatorname{len}(p \frown q) + 1 = \operatorname{len} p + \operatorname{len} q$ .

(14) If  $1 \le k$  and  $k \le \operatorname{len} p$ , then  $(p \frown q)(k) = p(k)$ .

(15) If  $1 \le k$  and  $k < \operatorname{len} q$ , then  $(p \frown q)(\operatorname{len} p + k) = q(k+1)$ .

(16) If  $1 < \operatorname{len} q$ , then  $(p \frown q)(\operatorname{len}(p \frown q)) = q(\operatorname{len} q)$ .

(17)  $\operatorname{rng}(p \frown q) \subseteq \operatorname{rng} p \cup \operatorname{rng} q.$ 

Let D be a set and let p, q be finite sequences of elements of D. Then  $p \sim q$  is a finite sequence of elements of D.

Next we state the proposition

(18) If  $p \neq \varepsilon$  and  $q \neq \varepsilon$  and  $p(\operatorname{len} p) = q(1)$ , then  $\operatorname{rng}(p \frown q) = \operatorname{rng} p \cup \operatorname{rng} q$ .

4. Two valued alternating finite sequences

A finite sequence is two-valued if:

(Def.3) card rng it = 2.

The following proposition is true

(19) p is two-valued iff len p > 1 and there exist arbitrary x, y such that  $x \neq y$  and rng  $p = \{x, y\}$ .

A finite sequence is alternating if:

(Def.4) For every natural number i such that  $1 \le i$  and  $i + 1 \le len it$  holds  $it(i) \ne it(i + 1)$ .

One can check that there exists a finite sequence which is two-valued and alternating.

In the sequel  $a, a_1, a_2$  are two-valued alternating finite sequences.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (20) If len  $a_1 = \text{len } a_2$  and rng  $a_1 = \text{rng } a_2$  and  $a_1(1) = a_2(1)$ , then  $a_1 = a_2$ .
- (21) If  $a_1 \neq a_2$  and  $\operatorname{len} a_1 = \operatorname{len} a_2$  and  $\operatorname{rng} a_1 = \operatorname{rng} a_2$ , then for every *i* such that  $1 \leq i$  and  $i \leq \operatorname{len} a_1$  holds  $a_1(i) \neq a_2(i)$ .
- (22) If  $a_1 \neq a_2$  and  $\operatorname{len} a_1 = \operatorname{len} a_2$  and  $\operatorname{rng} a_1 = \operatorname{rng} a_2$ , then for every a such that  $\operatorname{len} a = \operatorname{len} a_1$  and  $\operatorname{rng} a = \operatorname{rng} a_1$  holds  $a = a_1$  or  $a = a_2$ .

- (23) If  $X \neq Y$  and n > 1, then there exists  $a_1$  such that  $\operatorname{rng} a_1 = \{X, Y\}$  and  $\operatorname{len} a_1 = n$  and  $a_1(1) = X$ .
  - 5. Finite subsequence of finite sequences

Let us consider X and let  $f_1$  be a finite sequence of elements of X. A finite subsequence is called a FinSubsequence of  $f_1$  if:

(Def.5) It  $\subseteq f_1$ .

In the sequel  $s_1$  will denote a finite subsequence. The following propositions are true:

- (24) If  $s_1$  is a finite sequence, then  $\operatorname{Seq} s_1 = s_1$ .
- (25) If rng  $p \subseteq \text{dom } s_1$ , then  $s_1 \cdot p$  is a finite sequence.
- (26) Let f be a finite subsequence and let g, h,  $f_2$ ,  $f_3$ ,  $f_4$  be finite sequences. If rng  $g \subseteq \text{dom } f$  and rng  $h \subseteq \text{dom } f$  and  $f_2 = f \cdot g$  and  $f_3 = f \cdot h$  and  $f_4 = f \cdot (g \cap h)$ , then  $f_4 = f_2 \cap f_3$ .

We follow the rules:  $f_1$ ,  $f_5$ ,  $f_6$  will be finite sequences of elements of X and  $f_7$ ,  $f_8$  will be FinSubsequence of  $f_1$ .

We now state four propositions:

- (27) dom  $f_7 \subseteq$  dom  $f_1$  and rng  $f_7 \subseteq$  rng  $f_1$ .
- (28)  $f_1$  is a FinSubsequence of  $f_1$ .
- (29)  $f_7 \upharpoonright Y$  is a FinSubsequence of  $f_1$ .
- (30) For every FinSubsequence  $f_9$  of  $f_5$  such that Seq  $f_7 = f_5$  and Seq  $f_9 = f_6$ and  $f_8 = f_7 \upharpoonright \operatorname{rng}(\operatorname{Sgm} \operatorname{dom} f_7 \upharpoonright \operatorname{dom} f_9)$  holds Seq  $f_8 = f_6$ .

### 6. Vertex sequences induced by chains

In the sequel G is a graph.

Let us consider G. One can verify that the vertices of G is non empty.

We follow the rules:  $v, v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4$  will denote elements of the vertices of G and e will be arbitrary.

We now state two propositions:

- (31) If e joins  $v_1$  with  $v_2$ , then e joins  $v_2$  with  $v_1$ .
- (32) If e joins  $v_1$  with  $v_2$  and e joins  $v_3$  with  $v_4$ , then  $v_1 = v_3$  and  $v_2 = v_4$  or  $v_1 = v_4$  and  $v_2 = v_3$ .

Let us consider G. We see that the chain of G is a finite sequence of elements of the edges of G.

Let us consider G. A path of G is a path-like chain of G.

We follow the rules:  $v_5$ ,  $v_6$ ,  $v_7$  will denote finite sequences of elements of the vertices of G and c,  $c_1$ ,  $c_2$  will denote chains of G.

The following proposition is true

(33)  $\varepsilon$  is a chain of G.

Let us consider G. One can check that there exists a chain of G which is empty.

Let us consider G, X. The functor (G)-VSet(X) yields a set and is defined as follows:

(Def.6) (G)-VSet(X) = { $v : \bigvee_{e: \text{ element of the edges of } G} e \in X \land (v = (\text{the source of } G)(e) \lor v = (\text{the target of } G)(e))$ }.

Let us consider G,  $v_5$  and let c be a finite sequence. We say that  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c if and only if:

(Def.7) len  $v_5 = \text{len } c + 1$  and for every n such that  $1 \le n$  and  $n \le \text{len } c$  holds c(n) joins  $\pi_n v_5$  with  $\pi_{n+1} v_5$ .

One can prove the following four propositions:

- (34) If  $c \neq \varepsilon$  and  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c, then (G)-VSet(rng c) = rng  $v_5$ .
- (35)  $\langle v \rangle$  is vertex sequence of  $\varepsilon$ .
- (36) There exists  $v_5$  which is vertex sequence of c.
- (37) Suppose  $c \neq \varepsilon$  and  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of c and  $v_7$  is vertex sequence of c and  $v_6 \neq v_7$ . Then  $v_6(1) \neq v_7(1)$  and for every  $v_5$  such that  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c holds  $v_5 = v_6$  or  $v_5 = v_7$ .

Let us consider G and let c be a finite sequence. We say that c alternates vertices in G if and only if:

(Def.8) len  $c \ge 1$  and (G)-VSet $(\operatorname{rng} c) = 2$  and for every n such that  $n \in \operatorname{dom} c$  holds (the source of G) $(c(n)) \ne$  (the target of G)(c(n)).

One can prove the following propositions:

- (38) If c alternates vertices in G and  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c, then for every k such that  $k \in \text{dom } c$  holds  $v_5(k) \neq v_5(k+1)$ .
- (39) Suppose c alternates vertices in G and  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c. Then rng  $v_5 = \{(\text{the source of } G)(c(1)), (\text{the target of } G)(c(1))\}.$
- (40) Suppose c alternates vertices in G and  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c. Then  $v_5$  is a two-valued alternating finite sequence.
- (41) Suppose c alternates vertices in G. Then there exist v<sub>6</sub>, v<sub>7</sub> such that
  (i) v<sub>6</sub> ≠ v<sub>7</sub>,
  - (ii)  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of c,
  - (iii)  $v_7$  is vertex sequence of c, and
- (iv) for every  $v_5$  such that  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c holds  $v_5 = v_6$  or  $v_5 = v_7$ .
- (42) Suppose  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c. Then the vertices of  $\overline{G} = 1$  or  $c \neq \varepsilon$ and c does not alternate vertices in G if and only if for every  $v_6$  such that  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of c holds  $v_6 = v_5$ .

Let us consider G, c. Let us assume that the vertices of  $\overline{G} = 1$  or  $c \neq \varepsilon$  and c does not alternate vertices in G. The functor vertex-seq(c) yielding a finite sequence of elements of the vertices of G is defined as follows:

(Def.9) vertex-seq(c) is vertex sequence of c.

We now state several propositions:

- (43) If  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c and  $c_1 = c \upharpoonright \text{Seg } n$  and  $v_6 = v_5 \upharpoonright \text{Seg}(n+1)$ , then  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of  $c_1$ .
- (44) If  $1 \le m$  and  $m \le n$  and  $n \le \text{len } c$  and  $q = \langle c(m), \ldots, c(n) \rangle$ , then q is a chain of G.
- (45) If  $1 \leq m$  and  $m \leq n$  and  $n \leq \text{len } c$  and  $c_1 = \langle c(m), \ldots, c(n) \rangle$  and  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c and  $v_6 = \langle v_5(m), \ldots, v_5(n+1) \rangle$ , then  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of  $c_1$ .
- (46) If  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of  $c_1$  and  $v_7$  is vertex sequence of  $c_2$  and  $v_6(\operatorname{len} v_6) = v_7(1)$ , then  $c_1 \cap c_2$  is a chain of G.
- (47) Suppose  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of  $c_1$  and  $v_7$  is vertex sequence of  $c_2$  and  $v_6(\operatorname{len} v_6) = v_7(1)$  and  $c = c_1 \cap c_2$  and  $v_5 = v_6 \frown v_7$ . Then  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c.

# 7. Vertex sequences induced by simple chains, paths and ordered chains

Let us consider G. A chain of G is simple if it satisfies the condition (Def.10).

(Def.10) There exists  $v_5$  such that  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of it and for all n, m such that  $1 \leq n$  and n < m and  $m \leq \operatorname{len} v_5$  and  $v_5(n) = v_5(m)$  holds n = 1 and  $m = \operatorname{len} v_5$ .

Let us consider G. One can check that there exists a chain of G which is simple.

In the sequel  $s_2$  denotes a simple chain of G.

Next we state several propositions:

- $(49)^2$   $s_2 \upharpoonright \text{Seg } n \text{ is a simple chain of } G.$
- (50) If  $2 < \text{len } s_2$  and  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of  $s_2$  and  $v_7$  is vertex sequence of  $s_2$ , then  $v_6 = v_7$ .
- (51) If  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of  $s_2$ , then for all n, m such that  $1 \le n$  and n < m and  $m \le \operatorname{len} v_5$  and  $v_5(n) = v_5(m)$  holds n = 1 and  $m = \operatorname{len} v_5$ .
- (52) Suppose c is not a simple chain of G and  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c. Then there exists a FinSubsequence  $f_{10}$  of c and there exists a FinSubsequence  $f_{11}$  of  $v_5$  and there exist  $c_1$ ,  $v_6$  such that len  $c_1 < \text{len } c$  and  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of  $c_1$  and len  $v_6 < \text{len } v_5$  and  $v_5(1) = v_6(1)$  and  $v_5(\text{len } v_5) = v_6(\text{len } v_6)$  and Seq  $f_{10} = c_1$  and Seq  $f_{11} = v_6$ .
- (53) Suppose  $v_5$  is vertex sequence of c. Then there exists a FinSubsequence  $f_{10}$  of c and there exists a FinSubsequence  $f_{11}$  of  $v_5$  and there exist  $s_2$ ,  $v_6$  such that Seq  $f_{10} = s_2$  and Seq  $f_{11} = v_6$  and  $v_6$  is vertex sequence of  $s_2$  and  $v_5(1) = v_6(1)$  and  $v_5(\ln v_5) = v_6(\ln v_6)$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The proposition (48) has been removed.

Let us consider G. One can check that every chain of G which is empty is also path-like.

We now state the proposition

(54) If p is a path of G, then  $p \upharpoonright \text{Seg } n$  is a path of G.

Let us consider G. One can verify that there exists a path of G which is simple.

We now state two propositions:

(55) If  $2 < \operatorname{len} s_2$ , then  $s_2$  is a path of G.

(56)  $s_2$  is a path of G iff len  $s_2 = 0$  or len  $s_2 = 1$  or  $s_2(1) \neq s_2(2)$ .

Let us consider G. Observe that every chain of G which is empty is also oriented.

Let us consider G and let  $o_1$  be an oriented chain of G. Let us assume that  $o_1 \neq \varepsilon$ . The functor vertex-seq $(o_1)$  yields a finite sequence of elements of the vertices of G and is defined as follows:

# (Def.11) vertex-seq $(o_1)$ is vertex sequence of $o_1$ and (vertex-seq $(o_1)$ )(1) = (the source of G) $(o_1(1))$ .

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