

ALGORITHM 69
CHAIN TRACING

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procedure CHAIN tracing (iteration counter, number of identifiers, number of identifier links, final linkage matrix, couples);

Boolean array final linkage matrix;

integer array couples;

integer iteration counter, number of identifiers, number of identifier links;

begin comment This procedure is given a list of pairs of integers, the second being related to the first in some way. It finds those pairs of integers which are related to each other if the relation is transitive. It is supplied with,

couples a matrix whose bound pairlist is [1:2, 1:number of identifier links] where couples [2, i] is related to couples [1, i] in some way.

final linkage matrix a matrix whose bound pair list is [1:number of identifiers, 1:number of identifiers] and into which the procedure puts **true** if the second subscript expression is an integer which is related to the integer corresponding to the first subscript expression, if the relation is **irreflexive** then the diagonal entries of this matrix are **false**.

iteration counter a place for the procedure to put the length of the longest chain it finds. CHAIN tracing can be applied to any system which can be represented by a Turing machine by letting the integers in couples correspond to the Turing machine states. Two integers j, k are related if there is an input symbol which causes state j to change to state k . If the Turing machine always stops whatever the sequence of input symbols, then its final linkage matrix will have **false** for all leading diagonal entries;

integer i, j ;

Boolean array working linkage matrix [1:number of identifiers, 1:number of identifiers];

Boolean procedure PROGRESS;

begin PROGRESS := **false**;

for $i := 1$ **step** 1 **until** number of identifiers

do for $j := 1$ **step** 1 **until** number of identifiers

do begin if Working linkage matrix [i, j] $\equiv \neg$ Final linkage matrix [i, j] **then** PROGRESS := **true**;
Final linkage matrix [i, j] := Working linkage matrix [i, j]

end of comparison

end of PROGRESS;

BEGIN OF PROGRAM:

for iteration counter := -1, 0, iteration counter + 1 **while** PROGRESS

do for $i := 1$ **step** 1 **until** number of identifier links

do for $j := 1$ **step** 1 **until** number of identifiers

do begin if iteration number = -1

then Final linkage Matrix [couples [1, i], j]

:= Working linkage Matrix [couples [1, i], j]

:= couples [2, i] = j

else Working linkage Matrix [couples [1, i], j]

:= Working linkage Matrix [couples [1, i], j]

\vee Working linkage Matrix [couples [2, i], j];

end of setting one linkage

end of CHAIN tracing;