

# Combinatorics on Words formalized Lyndon Words

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```
theory Lyndon
imports Combinatorics-Words.CoWBasic
begin
```

# Chapter 1

## Lyndon words

A Lyndon word is a non-empty word that is lexicographically strictly smaller than any other word in its conjugacy class, i.e., than any its rotations. They are named after R. Lyndon who introduced them in [4] as “standard” sequences.

We present elementary results on Lyndon words, mostly covered by results in [3, Chapter 5] and [1, 2].

This definition assumes a linear order on letters given by the context.

### 1.1 Definition and elementary properties

#### 1.1.1 Underlying order

```
lemma (in linorder) lexordp-mid-pref: ord-class.lexordp u v ==> ord-class.lexordp  
v (u·s) ==>  
  u ≤p v  
(proof)
```

```
lemma (in linorder) lexordp-ext: ord-class.lexordp u v ==> ¬ u ≤p v ==>  
ord-class.lexordp (u·w) (v·z)  
(proof)
```

```
context linorder  
begin
```

```
abbreviation Lyndon-less :: 'a list ⇒ 'a list ⇒ bool (infixl <lex> 50)  
where Lyndon-less xs ys ≡ ord-class.lexordp xs ys
```

```
abbreviation Lyndon-le :: 'a list ⇒ 'a list ⇒ bool (infixl ≤lex 50)  
where Lyndon-le xs ys ≡ ord-class.lexordp-eq xs ys
```

```
interpretation rlex: linorder (≤lex) (<lex)  
(proof)
```

**interpretation** *dual-rlex*: *linorder*  $\lambda x y. y \leq_{lex} x \wedge x y. y <_{lex} x$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *sorted-dual-rev-iff*: *dual-rlex.sorted ws*  $\longleftrightarrow$  *rlex.sorted (rev ws)*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

Several useful lemmas that are formulated for relations, interpreted for the default linear order.

**lemmas** *lexord-suf-linorder* = *lexord-sufE[of - - - - {(x, y). x < y}, folded lexordp-conv-lexord]*

**and** *lexord-append-leftI-linorder* = *lexord-append-leftI[of - - {(x, y). x < y} -, folded lexordp-conv-lexord]*

**and** *lexord-app-right-linorder* = *lexord-sufI[of - - {(x, y). x < y} -, folded lexordp-conv-lexord]*

**and** *lexord-take-index-conv-linorder* = *lexord-take-index-conv[of - - {(x, y). x < y}, folded lexordp-conv-lexord]*

**and** *mismatch-lexord-linorder* = *mismatch-lexord[of - - {(x, y). x < y}, folded lexordp-conv-lexord]*

**and** *lexord-cancel-right-linorder* = *lexord-cancel-right[of - - - - {(a,b). a < b}, folded lexordp-conv-lexord]*

### 1.1.2 Lyndon word definition

**fun** *Lyndon* :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  bool

**where** *Lyndon w* = (*w*  $\neq \varepsilon \wedge (\forall n. 0 < n \wedge n < |w| \longrightarrow w <_{lex} \text{rotate } n w)$ )

**lemma** *LyndonD*: *Lyndon w*  $\Longrightarrow 0 < n \Longrightarrow n < |w| \Longrightarrow w <_{lex} \text{rotate } n w$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *LyndonD-nemp*: *Lyndon w*  $\Longrightarrow w \neq \varepsilon$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *LyndonI*: *w*  $\neq \varepsilon \Longrightarrow \forall n. 0 < n \wedge n < |w| \longrightarrow w <_{lex} \text{rotate } n w \Longrightarrow$   
*Lyndon w*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-sing*: *Lyndon [a]*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-prim*: **assumes** *Lyndon w*  
**shows** primitive *w*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-conj-greater*: *Lyndon (u·v)*  $\Longrightarrow u \neq \varepsilon \Longrightarrow v \neq \varepsilon \Longrightarrow u·v <_{lex} v·u$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

### 1.1.3 Code equations for Lyndon words

**primrec** *Lyndon-rec* :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  nat  $\Rightarrow$  bool **where**

$\text{Lyndon-rec } w \ 0 = \text{True} \mid$   
 $\text{Lyndon-rec } w \ (\text{Suc } n) = (\text{if } w <_{\text{lex}} \text{rotate} \ (\text{Suc } n) \ w \text{ then } \text{Lyndon-rec } w \ n \text{ else}$   
 $\text{False})$

**lemma** *Lyndon-rec-all*: **assumes**  $\text{Lyndon-rec} \ (a \ # \ w) \ (|w|)$   
**shows**  $n < |a\#w| \implies 0 < n \implies \text{Lyndon-rec} \ (a\#w) \ n$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-Lyndon-rec*: **assumes**  $\text{Lyndon } w$   
**shows**  $0 < n \implies n < |w| \implies \text{Lyndon-rec } w \ n$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-code [code]*:  
 $\text{Lyndon Nil} = \text{False}$   
 $\text{Lyndon} \ (a \ # \ w) = \text{Lyndon-rec} \ (a \ # \ w) \ (|w|)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

#### 1.1.4 Properties of Lyndon words

**Lyndon words are unbordered**

**theorem** *Lyndon-unbordered*: **assumes**  $\text{Lyndon } w$  **shows**  $\neg \text{bordered } w$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**Each conjugacy class contains a Lyndon word**

**lemma** *conjug-Lyndon-ex*: **assumes** primitive  $w$   
**obtains**  $n$  **where**  $\text{Lyndon} \ (\text{rotate } n \ w)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *conjug-Lyndon-ex'*: **assumes** primitive  $w$   
**obtains**  $v$  **where**  $w \sim v$  **and**  $\text{Lyndon } v$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 1.2 Characterization by suffixes

**lemma** *Lyndon-suf-less*: **assumes**  $\text{Lyndon } w \ s \leq_{ns} w \ s \neq w$   
**shows**  $w <_{\text{lex}} s$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-pref-suf-less*: **assumes**  $\text{Lyndon } w \ p \leq_p w \ s \leq_{ns} w \ s \neq w$   
**shows**  $p <_{\text{lex}} s$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *suf-less-Lyndon*: **assumes**  $w \neq \varepsilon$  **and**  $\forall s. (s \leq_{ns} w \implies s \neq w \implies w <_{\text{lex}} s)$   
**shows**  $\text{Lyndon } w$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**corollary** *Lyndon-suf-char*:  $w \neq \varepsilon \implies \text{Lyndon } w \longleftrightarrow (\forall s. s \leq ns \implies w \leq s \neq w)$   
 $\longrightarrow w <_{\text{lex}} s)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-suf-le*:  $\text{Lyndon } w \implies s \leq ns \implies w \leq s$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 1.3 Unbordered prefix of a Lyndon word is Lyndon

**lemma** *unbordered-pref-Lyndon*:  $\text{Lyndon } (u \cdot v) \implies u \neq \varepsilon \implies \neg \text{bordered } u \implies \text{Lyndon } u$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 1.4 Concatenation of Lyndon words

**theorem** *Lyndon-concat*: **assumes** *Lyndon u and Lyndon v and  $u <_{\text{lex}} v$*   
**shows** *Lyndon  $(u \cdot v)$*   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

### 1.5 Longest Lyndon suffix

```
fun longest-Lyndon-suffix:: 'a list ⇒ 'a list (⟨LynSuf⟩) where
  longest-Lyndon-suffix ε = ε |
  longest-Lyndon-suffix (a#w) = (if Lyndon (a#w) then a#w else longest-Lyndon-suffix w)
```

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-ext*:  $\neg \text{Lyndon } (a \# w) \implies \text{LynSuf } w = \text{LynSuf } (a \# w)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-suf*:  $w \neq \varepsilon \implies \text{LynSuf } w \leq_s w$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-max*:  
 $v \leq_s w \implies \text{Lyndon } v \implies v \leq_s (\text{LynSuf } w)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-Lyndon-id*: **assumes** *Lyndon w*  
**shows** *LynSuf w = w*  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-longest*:  $w \neq \varepsilon \implies v' \leq_s w \implies \text{Lyndon } v' \implies |v'| \leq |(\text{LynSuf } w)|$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-sing*:  $\text{LynSuf } [a] = [a]$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-Lyndon*:  $w \neq \varepsilon \implies \text{Lyndon}(\text{LynSuf } w)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-nemp*:  $w \neq \varepsilon \implies \text{LynSuf } w \neq \varepsilon$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-sufI*:  
**assumes**  $q \leq_s w$  **and**  $\text{Lyndon } q$  **and** *all-s*:  $(\forall s. (s \leq_s w \wedge \text{Lyndon } s) \longrightarrow s \leq_s q)$   
**shows**  $\text{LynSuf } w = q$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**corollary** *longest-Lyndon-sufI'*:  
**assumes**  $q \leq_s w$  **and**  $\text{Lyndon } q$  **and** *all-s*:  $\forall s. (s \leq_s w \wedge \text{Lyndon } s) \longrightarrow |s| \leq |q|$   
**shows**  $\text{LynSuf } w = q$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

The next lemma is fabricated to suit the upcoming definition of longest Lyndon factorization.

**lemma** *longest-Lyndon-suf-shorter*: **assumes**  $w \neq \varepsilon$   
**shows**  $|w^{<-1}(\text{LynSuf } w)| < |w|$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

## 1.6 Lyndon factorizations

**function** *Lyndon-fac*::'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a list list (*LynFac*)  
**where**  $\text{Lyndon-fac } w = (\text{if } w \neq \varepsilon \text{ then } ((\text{Lyndon-fac } (w^{<-1}(\text{LynSuf } w))) \cdot [\text{LynSuf } w]) \text{ else } \varepsilon)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$   
**termination**  
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

The factorization *LynFac*  $w$  obtained by taking always the longest Lyndon suffix is well defined, and called “Lyndon factorization (of  $w$ )”.

**lemma** *Lyndon-fac-simp*:  $w \neq \varepsilon \implies \text{Lyndon-fac } w = \text{Lyndon-fac } (w^{<-1} \text{LynSuf } w) \cdot (\text{LynSuf } w \# \varepsilon)$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-fac-emp*:  $\text{Lyndon-fac } \varepsilon = \varepsilon$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Note that the Lyndon factorization of a Lyndon word is trivial.

**lemma** *Lyndon-fac-longest-Lyndon-id*:  $\text{Lyndon } w \implies \text{Lyndon-fac } w = [w]$   
 $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$

Lyndon factorization is composed of Lyndon words ...

**lemma** *Lyndon-fac-set*:  $z \in \text{set}(\text{Lyndon-fac } w) \implies \text{Lyndon } z$

$\langle proof \rangle$

...and it indeed is a factorization of the argument.

**lemma** *Lyndon-fac-longest-dec*:  $\text{concat}(\text{Lyndon-fac } w) = w$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

The following lemma makes explicit the inductive character of the definition of *LynFac*.

**lemma** *Lyndon-fac-longest-pref*:  $us \leq p \text{Lyndon-fac } w \implies \text{Lyndon-fac}(\text{concat } us) = us$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

We give name to an important predicate: monotone (nonincreasing) list of Lyndon words.

**definition** *Lyndon-mono* :: 'a list list  $\Rightarrow$  bool **where**  
 $\text{Lyndon-mono } ws \longleftrightarrow (\forall u \in \text{set } ws. \text{Lyndon } u) \wedge (\text{rlex.sorted } (\text{rev } ws))$

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-set*:  $\text{Lyndon-mono } ws \implies u \in \text{set } ws \implies \text{Lyndon } u$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-sorted*:  $\text{Lyndon-mono } ws \implies \text{rlex.sorted } (\text{rev } ws)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-nth*:  $\text{Lyndon-mono } ws \implies i \leq j \implies j < |ws| \implies ws!j \leq \text{lex } ws!i$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-empty[simp]*:  $\text{Lyndon-mono } \varepsilon$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-sing*:  $\text{Lyndon } u \implies \text{Lyndon-mono } [u]$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-fac-Lyndon-mono*:  
**assumes**  $ps \leq f ws$  **and**  $\text{Lyndon-mono } ws$  **shows**  $\text{Lyndon-mono } ps$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

Lyndon factorization is monotone! Altogether, we have shown that the Lyndon factorization is a monotone factorization into Lyndon words.

**theorem** *fac-Lyndon-mono*:  $\text{Lyndon-mono } (\text{Lyndon-fac } w)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

Now we want to show the converse: any monotone factorization into Lyndon words is the Lyndon factorization

The last element in the Lyndon factorization is the smallest suffix.

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-last-smallest*:  $\text{Lyndon-mono } ws \implies s \leq ns \text{ (concat } ws) \implies \text{last } ws \leq \text{lex } s$

$\langle proof \rangle$

A monotone list, if seen as a factorization, must end with the longest suffix

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-last-longest*: **assumes**  $ws \neq \varepsilon$  **and** *Lyndon-mono ws*  
**shows** *LynSuf (concat ws) = last ws*  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

Therefore, by construction, any monotone list is the Lyndon factorization of its concatenation

**lemma** *Lyndon-mono-fac*:  
 $Lyndon\text{-mono } ws \implies ws = Lyndon\text{-fac} (\text{concat } ws)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

This implies that the Lyndon factorization can be characterized in two equivalent ways: as the (unique) monotone factorization (into Lyndon words) or as the "suffix greedy" factorization (into Lyndon words).

**corollary** *Lyndon-mono-fac-iff*:  $Lyndon\text{-mono } ws \longleftrightarrow ws = LynFac (\text{concat } ws)$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**corollary** *Lyndon-mono-unique*: **assumes** *Lyndon-mono ws* **and** *Lyndon-mono zs*  
**and** *concat ws = concat zs*  
**shows**  $ws = zs$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

### 1.6.1 Standard factorization

**lemma** *Lyndon-std*: **assumes** *Lyndon w 1 < |w|*  
**obtains**  $l m$  **where**  $w = l \cdot m$  **and** *Lyndon l* **and** *Lyndon m* **and**  $l <_{lex} m$   
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**corollary** *Lyndon-std-iff*:  
 $Lyndon w \longleftrightarrow (|w| = 1 \vee (\exists l m. w = l \cdot m \wedge Lyndon l \wedge Lyndon m \wedge l <_{lex} m))$   
**(is**  $?L \longleftrightarrow ?R$ **)**  
 $\langle proof \rangle$

**end** — end context linorder

**end**

**theory** *Lyndon-Addition*  
**imports** *Lyndon Szpilrajn.Szpilrajn*

**begin**

### 1.6.2 The minimal relation

We define the minimal relation which guarantees the lexicographic minimality of  $w$  compared to its nontrivial conjugates.

```
inductive-set rotate-rel :: 'a list  $\Rightarrow$  'a rel for w
  where  $0 < n \implies n < |w| \implies (\text{mismatch-pair } w (\text{rotate } n w)) \in \text{rotate-rel } w$ 
```

A word is Lyndon iff the corresponding order of letters is compatible with  $\text{rotate-rel } w$ .

```
lemma (in linorder) rotate-rel-iff: assumes  $w \neq \varepsilon$ 
  shows Lyndon  $w \longleftrightarrow \text{rotate-rel } w \subseteq \{(x,y). x < y\}$  (is ?L  $\longleftrightarrow$  ?R)
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 
```

It is well known that an acyclic order can be extended to a total strict linear order. This means that a word is Lyndon with respect to some order iff its  $\text{rotate-rel } w$  is acyclic.

```
lemma Lyndon-rotate-rel-iff:
  acyclic (rotate-rel w)  $\longleftrightarrow (\exists r. \text{strict-linear-order } r \wedge \text{rotate-rel } w \subseteq r)$  (is ?L
   $\longleftrightarrow$  ?R)
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 
```

```
lemma slo-linorder: strict-linear-order r  $\implies$  class.linorder ( $\lambda a b. (a,b) \in r^=$ ) ( $\lambda a b. (a,b) \in r$ )
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 
```

Application examples

```
lemma assumes  $w \neq \varepsilon$  and acyclic (rotate-rel w) shows primitive w
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 
```

```
lemma assumes  $w \neq \varepsilon$  and acyclic (rotate-rel w) shows  $\neg$  bordered w
   $\langle \text{proof} \rangle$ 
```

end

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