

# Formalization of Classical Confluence Results for Left-Linear Term Rewrite Systems

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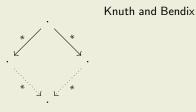
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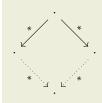
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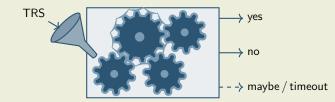
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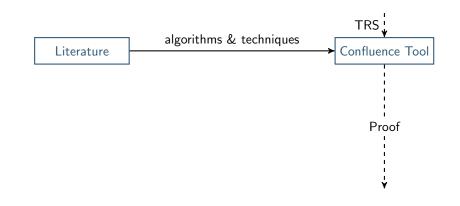


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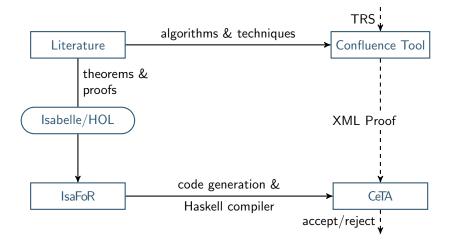
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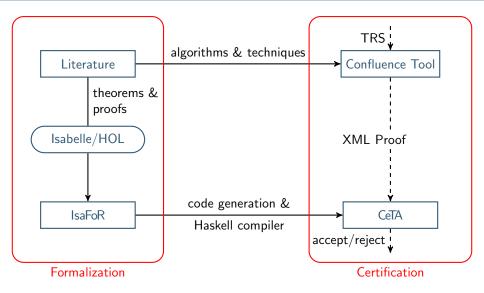
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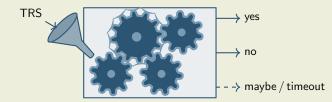


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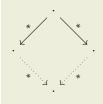


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#### Lemma

For linear term t, position  $p \in \mathcal{P}os(t)$  with  $t|_p = x$  and substitutions  $\sigma$  and  $\tau$  with  $\sigma(y) = \tau(y)$  for all  $y \in \mathcal{V}ars(t)$  such that  $y \neq x$  we have  $t\tau = t\sigma[\tau(x)]_p$ 

#### Lemma

If  $s \rightarrow_{\ell_1 \rightarrow r_1, p_1, \sigma_1} t$  and  $s \rightarrow_{\ell_2 \rightarrow r_2, p_2, \sigma_2} u$  with  $p_1 \leq p_2$  in a linear, strongly closed TRS there are terms v and w with  $t \rightarrow^* v \stackrel{=}{\leftarrow} u$  and  $t \rightarrow \stackrel{=}{\to} w \stackrel{*}{\leftarrow} u$ 

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- if  $q \notin \mathcal{P}os_{\mathcal{F}}(\ell_1)$  obtain positions  $q_1$ ,  $q_2$  and variable x with  $q = q_1q_2$ ,  $q_1 \in \mathcal{P}os(\ell_1) \ \ell_1|_{q_1} = x$ , and  $(x\sigma_1)|_{q_2} = \ell_2\sigma_2$
- define  $\tau$  as

$$\tau(y) = \begin{cases} (x\sigma_1)[r_2\sigma_2]_{q_2} & \text{if } y = x \\ y\sigma_1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- since  $\ell_1$  is linear we have  $\ell_1 \tau = (\ell_1 \sigma_1)[(x\sigma_1)[r_2\sigma_2]_{q_2}]_{q_1}$  using Lemma
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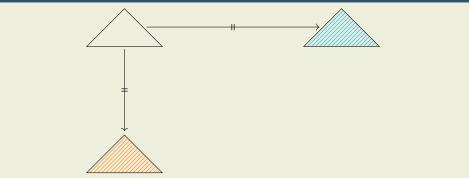
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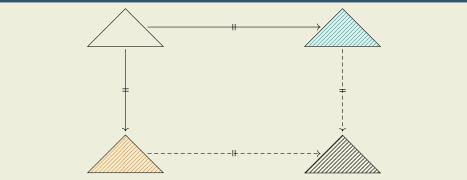
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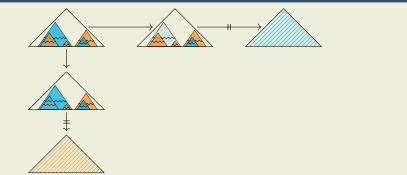
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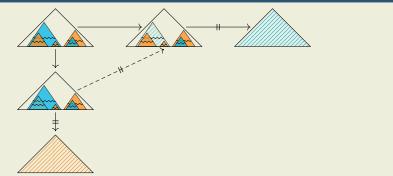
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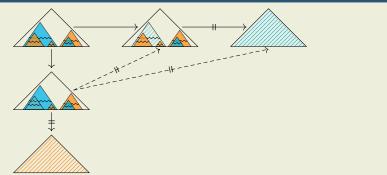
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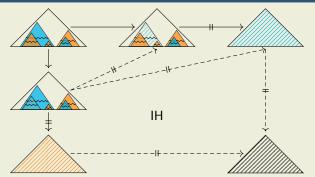
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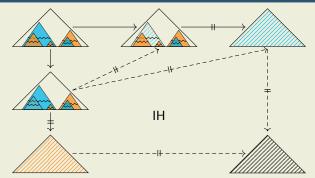
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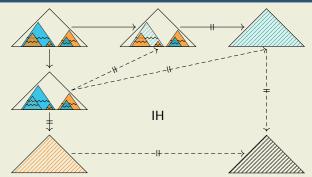


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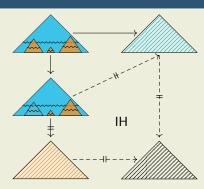


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