

# Proving termination using the dependency pair method and SAT

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# Papers

- SAT Solving for Termination Analysis with Polynomial Interpretations  
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# Substitutions

$$\sigma: \mathcal{V} \rightarrow \mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{V})$$

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$$\sigma(x) = x, \sigma(y) = \neg(y \vee x)$$

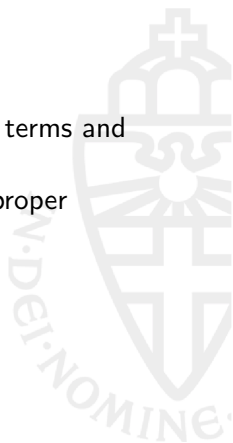
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**Lemma.** For every term  $t \in \mathcal{T}_\infty$  there exist a rewrite rule  $l \rightarrow r$ , a substitution  $\sigma$ , and a non-variable subterm  $u$  of  $r$  such that

$$t \xrightarrow{>\epsilon^*} l\sigma \xrightarrow{\epsilon} r\sigma \supseteq u\sigma \text{ and } u\sigma \in \mathcal{T}_\infty$$

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The set of all dependency pairs of  $\mathcal{R}$  is denoted by  $DP(\mathcal{R})$ .

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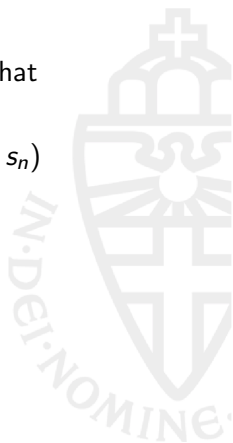
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- Reduced termination problem to proving that there cannot be infinitely many  $DP(\mathcal{R})$  steps

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Note that for instance DP rule 10 can only be followed (directly) by DP rule 19 and 20

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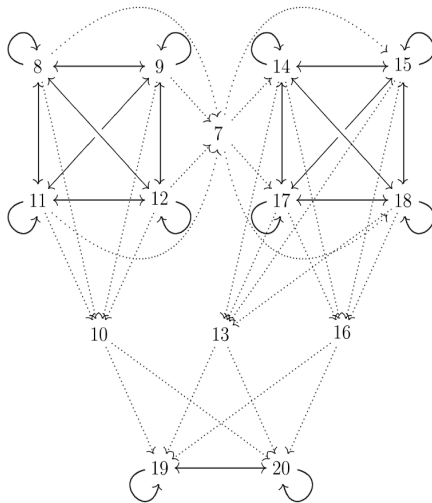
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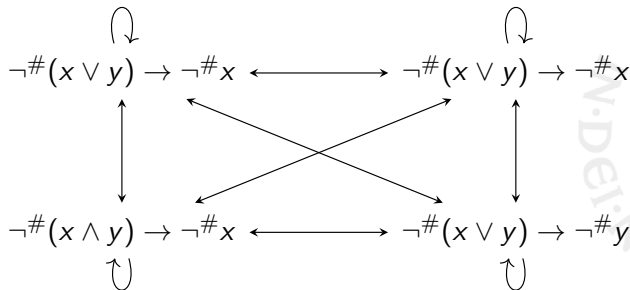


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Cycle of earlier example:

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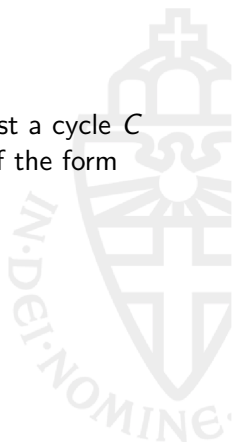


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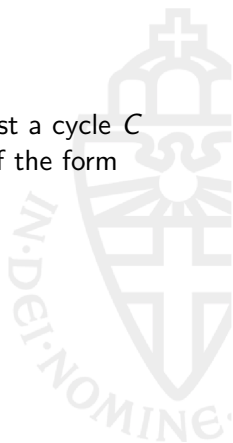
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We call such an infinite rewrite sequence  $\mathcal{C}$ -minimal



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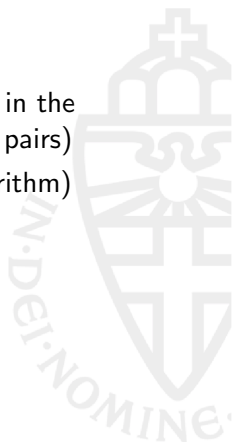
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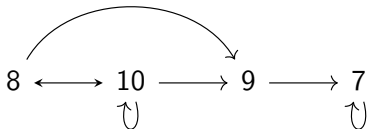
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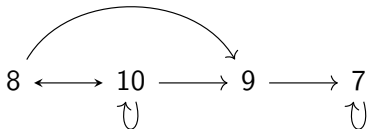
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Contains two SCCs:  $\{7\}$  and  $\{8, 10\}$

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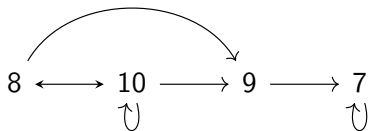
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After removing, 7 and 10, we are only left with 8.



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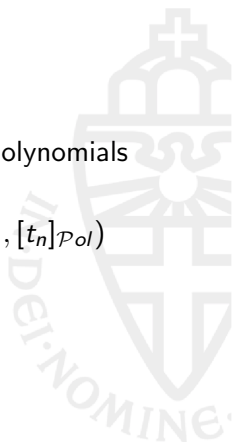
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Thus all rules are weakly decreasing and the DP's are strictly decreasing

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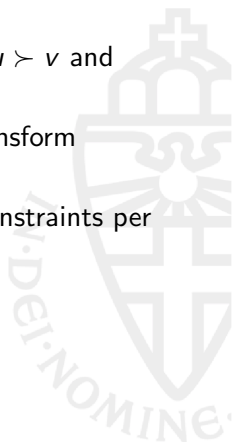
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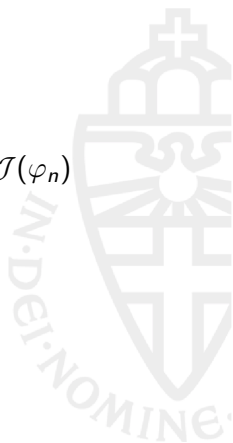
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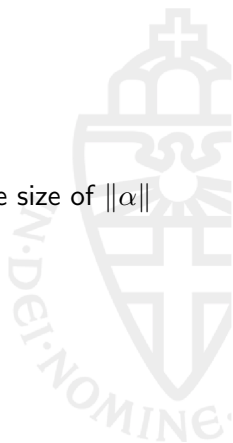
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- $\{0, \dots, 2^k - 1\}$
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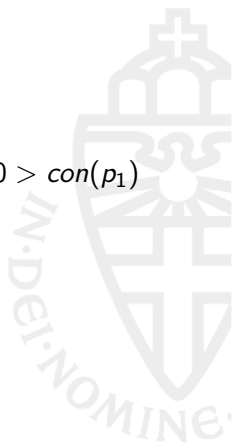
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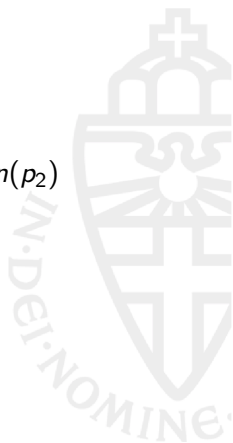
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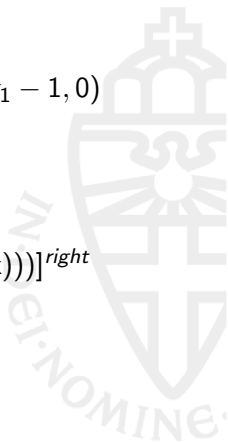




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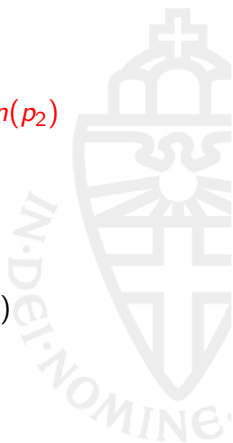
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## Results

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60s	1	1	421	0	45.5	421	0	61.6	421	1	151.8
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# Questions

