

# Automated Complexity Analysis for Term Rewriting

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2021: Termination Competition 2021 with complexity analysis tools  
AProVE<sup>7</sup>, TcT in July 2021

<https://termcomp.github.io/Y2021-1>

First run just finished!

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to show  $[\ell] \geq [r]$  for all rules and  $[\ell] \geq 1 + [r]$  for all Dependency Tuples

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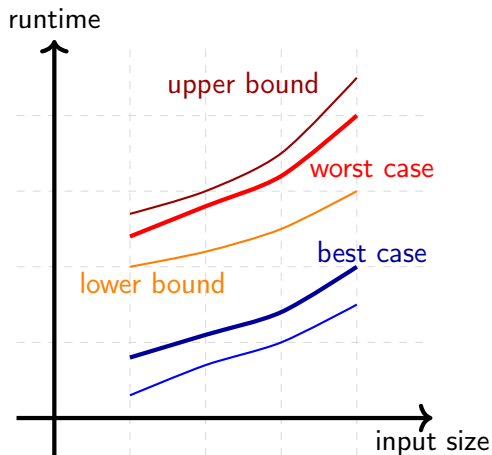
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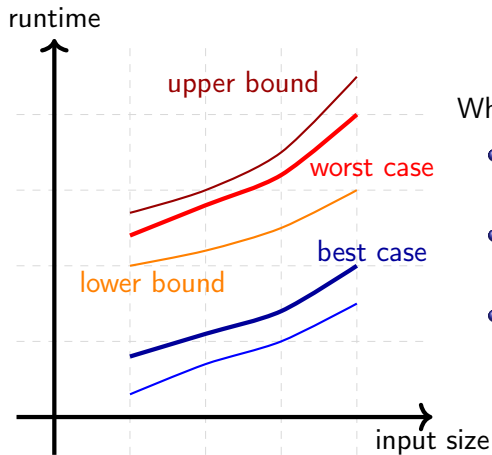
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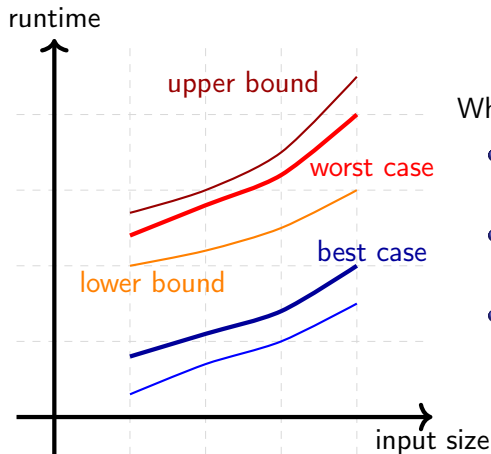
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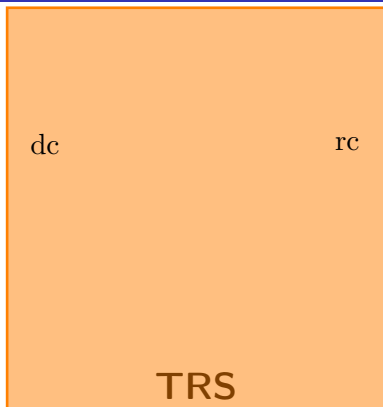
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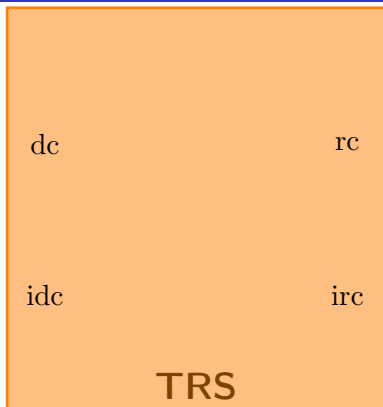
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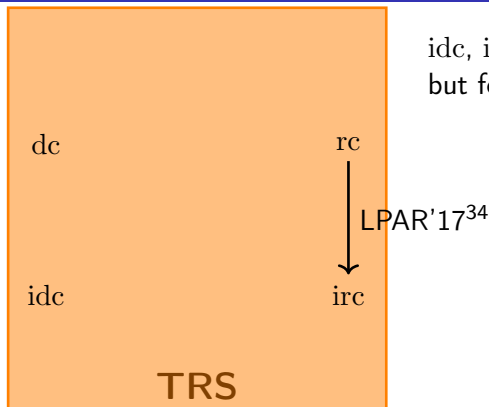
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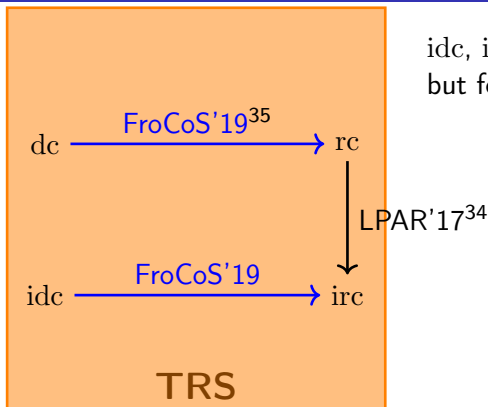


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## Theorem (Derivational Complexity via Runtime Complexity)

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- 2  $\text{idc}_{\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{S}}(n) = \text{irc}_{\mathcal{R}/(\mathcal{S} \cup \mathcal{G})}(n)$  (innermost rewriting)

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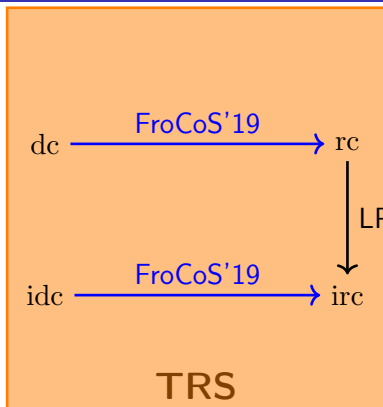
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- Want to adapt **techniques** from runtime complexity analysis to derivational complexity! How?

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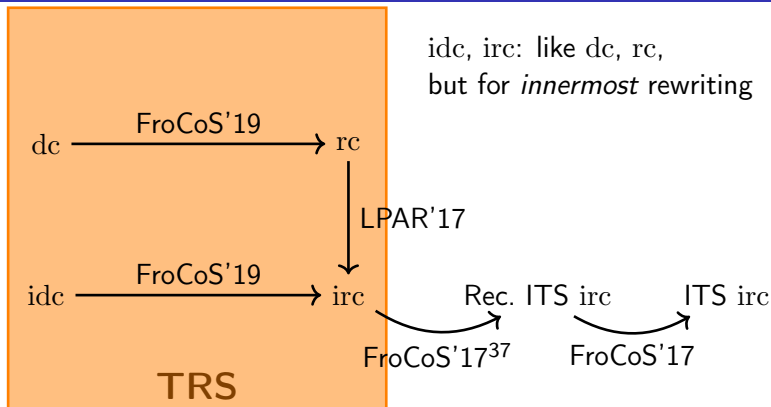


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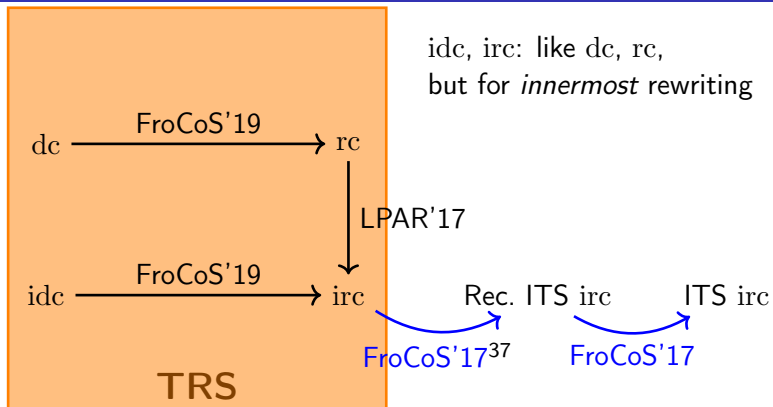
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Recently significant progress in complexity analysis tools for **Integer Transition Systems (ITSs)**:

- CoFloCo<sup>38</sup>
- KoAT<sup>39</sup>
- PUBS<sup>40</sup>

Goal: use these tools to find upper bounds for TRS complexity

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# Bird's Eye View of the Transformation

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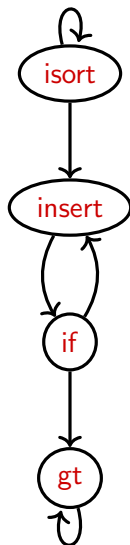


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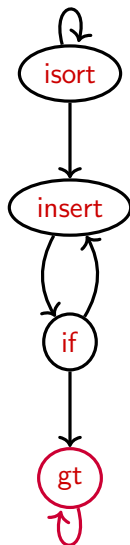
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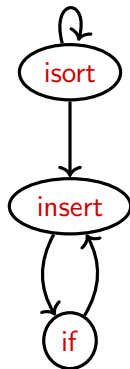
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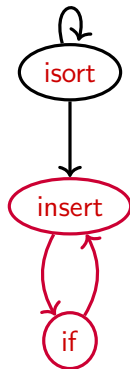
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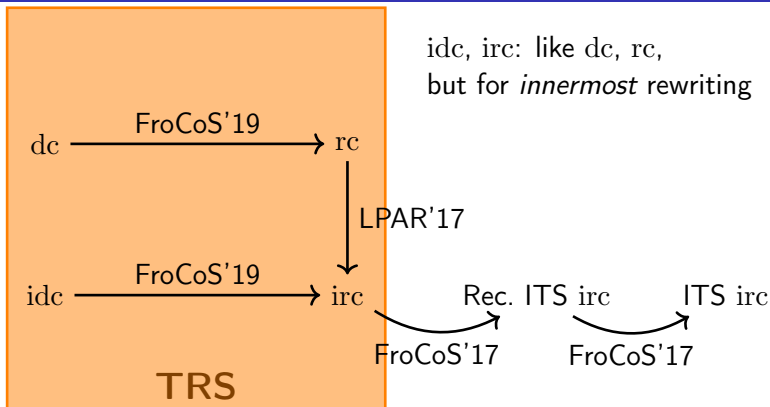
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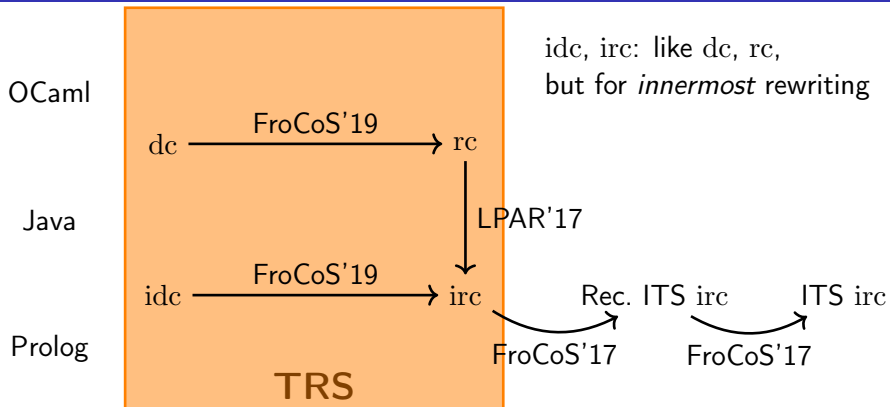
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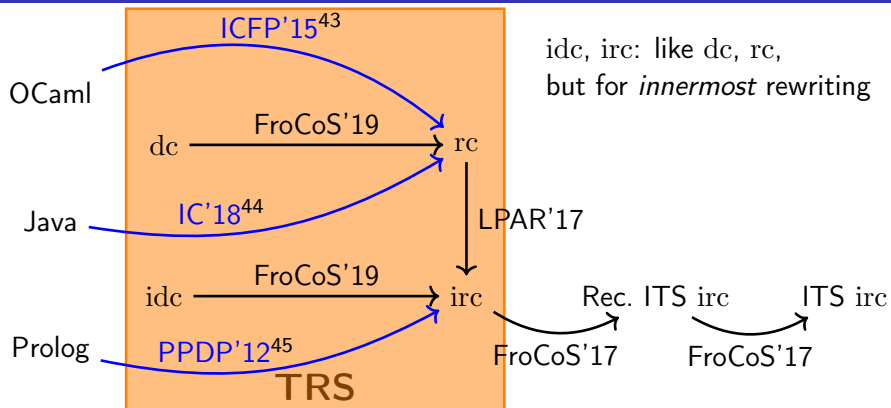
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  - Analyse start term with non-functional parameter types, then partially evaluate functions to instantiate higher-order variables
  - Further program transformations
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- Extract TRS  $\mathcal{R}$  such that  $rc_{\mathcal{R}}(n)$  is provably at least as high as runtime of program on input of size  $n$
- Can represent tree structures of program as terms in TRS!

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