

# Automated Termination Analysis of Term Rewriting

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## Example (Termination can be simple)

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**In practice:**

- Encode only one proof **step** at a time  
→ try to prove only **part** of the program terminating
- **Repeat** until the whole program is proved terminating

## I. Termination Proving for Rewrite Systems

- 1 Term Rewrite Systems (TRSs)
- 2 Logically Constrained TRSs (LCTRSs)
- 3 Certification of Termination Proofs

## II. Beyond Termination of Rewriting

- 1 Proving Program Termination via Rewrite Systems: Java
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- For TRS  $\mathcal{R}$  build dependency pairs  $\mathcal{P}$  ( $\sim$  function calls)
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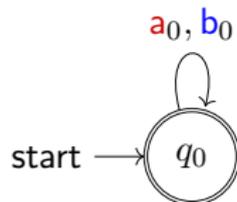
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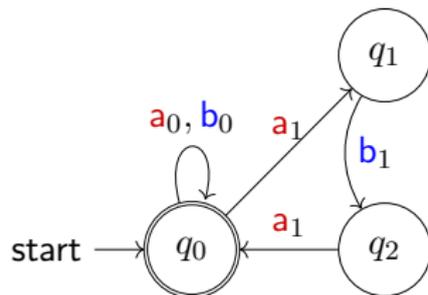
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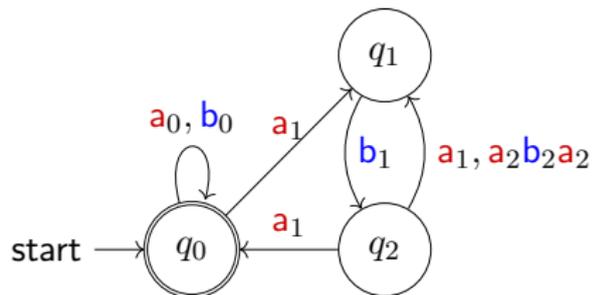
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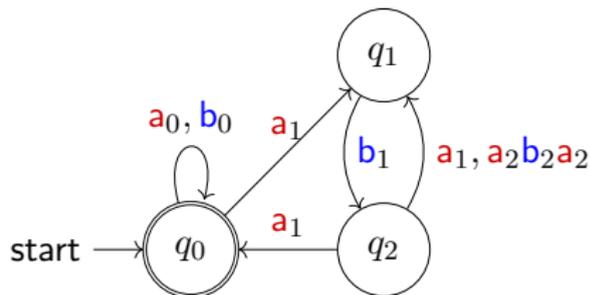
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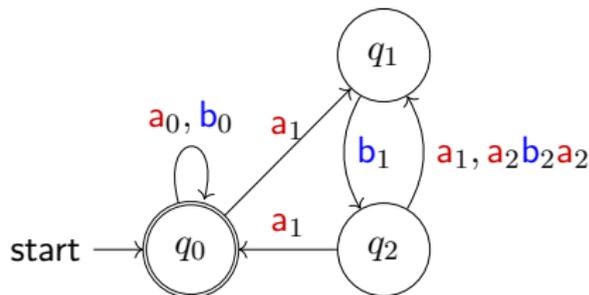
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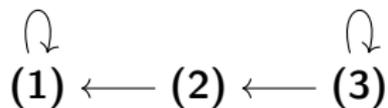
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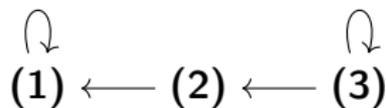
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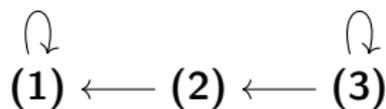
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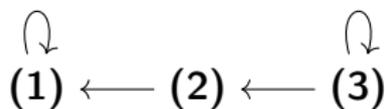
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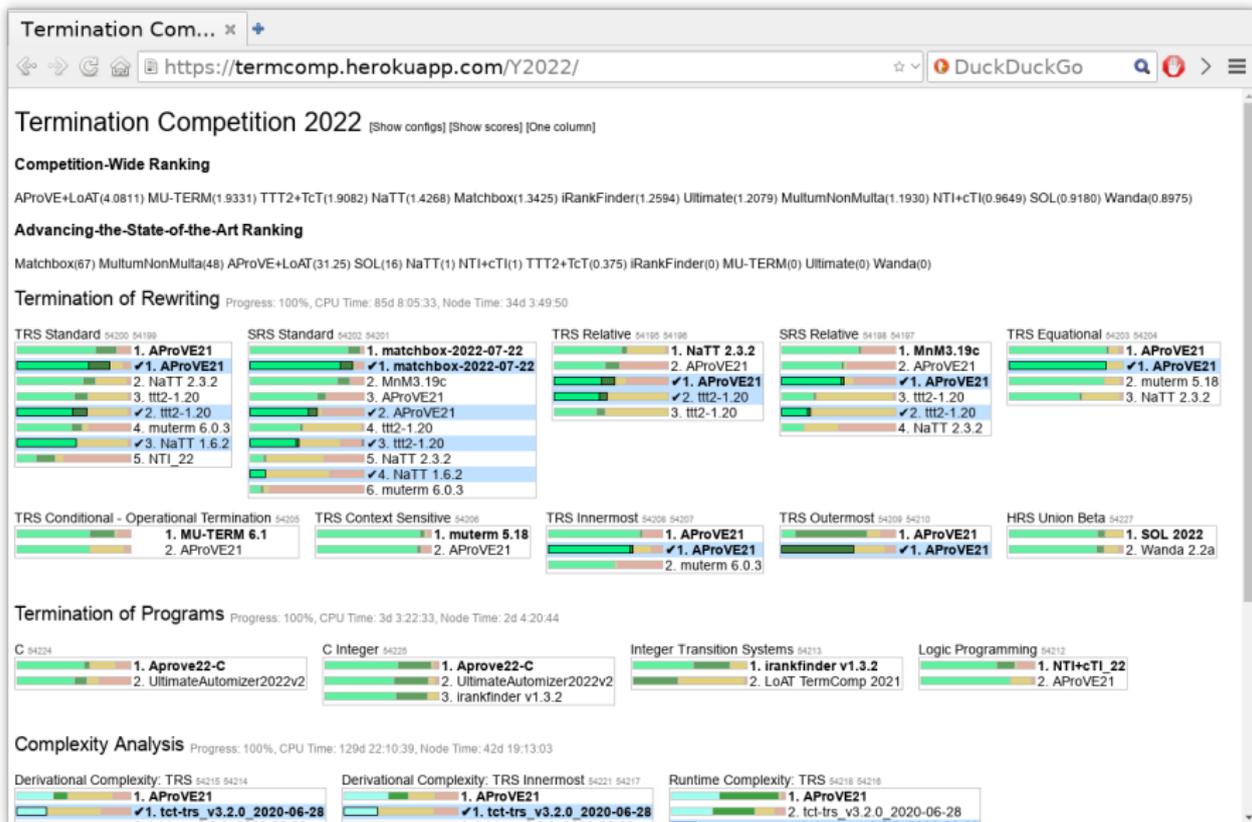
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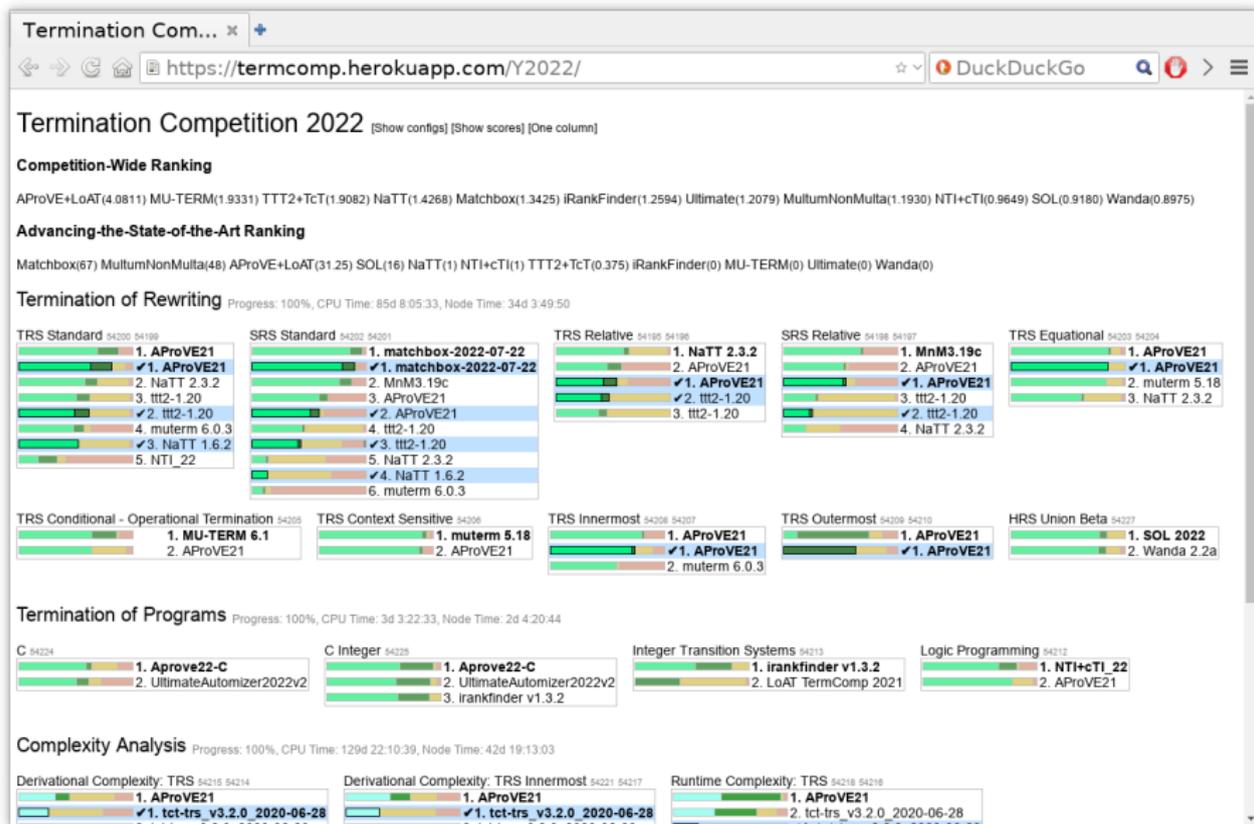
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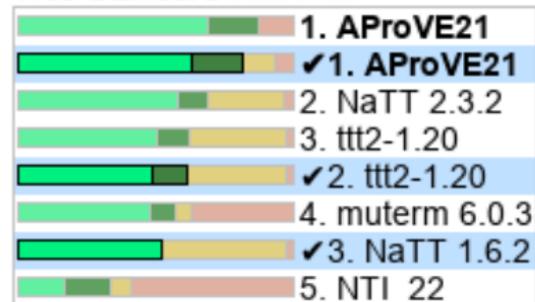
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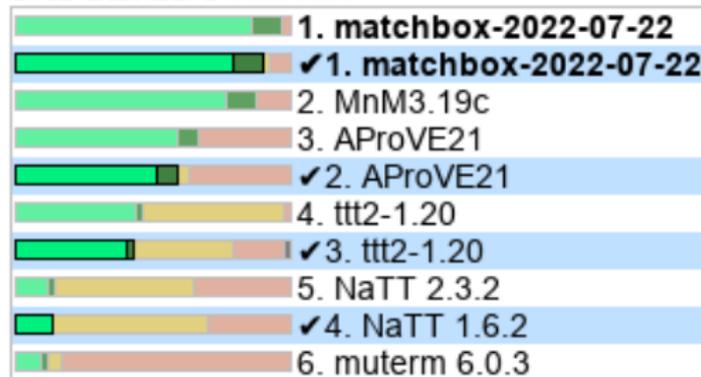
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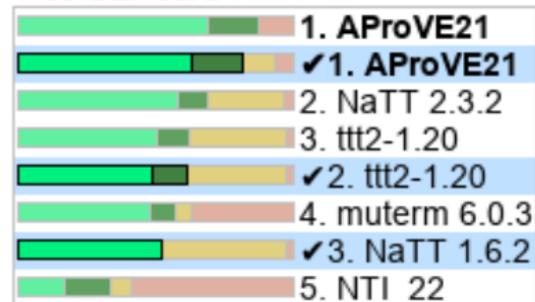
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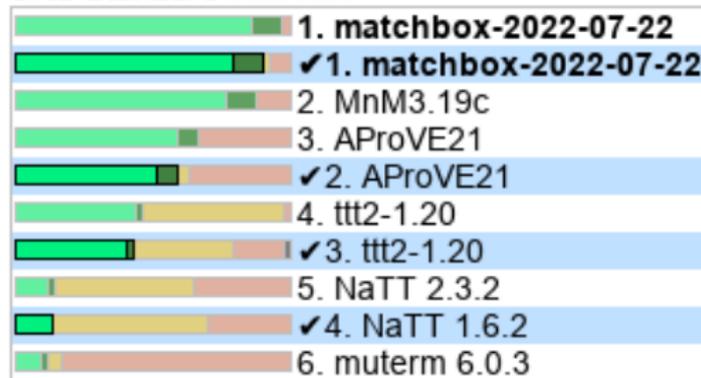
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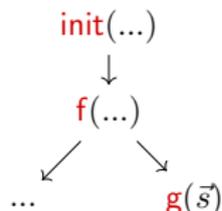
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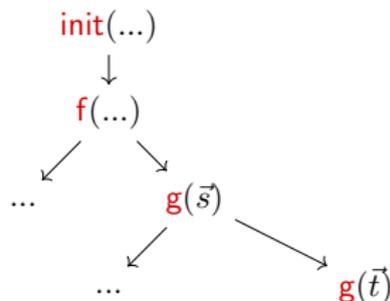
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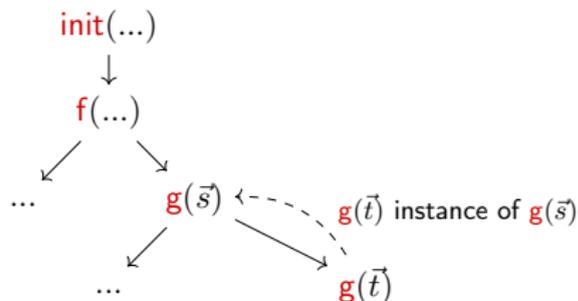
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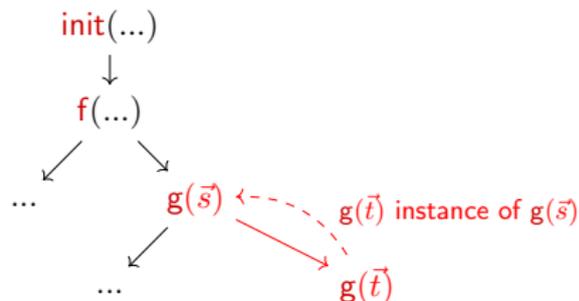
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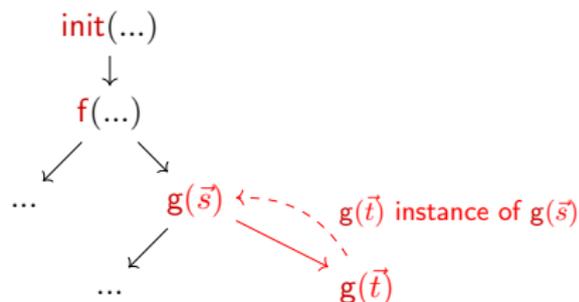
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Java: object-oriented imperative language

- sharing and aliasing (several references to the same object)
- side effects
- cyclic data objects (e.g., `list.next == list`)
- object-orientation with inheritance
- ...

# Java Example

```
public class MyInt {  
  
    // only wrap a primitive int  
    private int val;  
  
    // count "num" up to the value in "limit"  
    public static void count(MyInt num, MyInt limit) {  
        if (num == null || limit == null) {  
            return;  
        }  
        // introduce sharing  
        MyInt copy = num;  
        while (num.val < limit.val) {  
            copy.val++;  
        }  
    }  
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```

Does **count** terminate for all inputs? Why (not)?

(Assume that **num** and **limit** are not references to the same object.)

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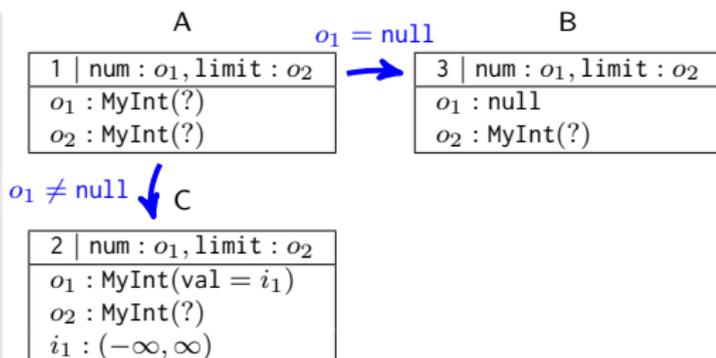
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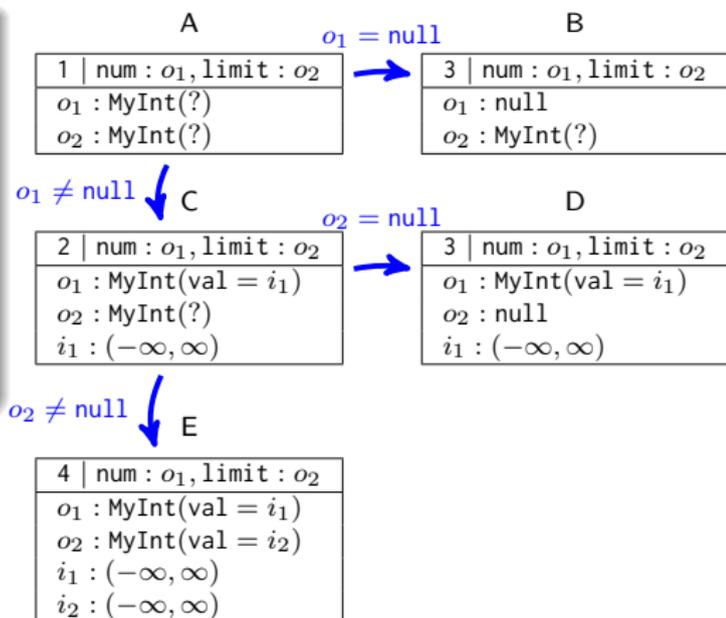


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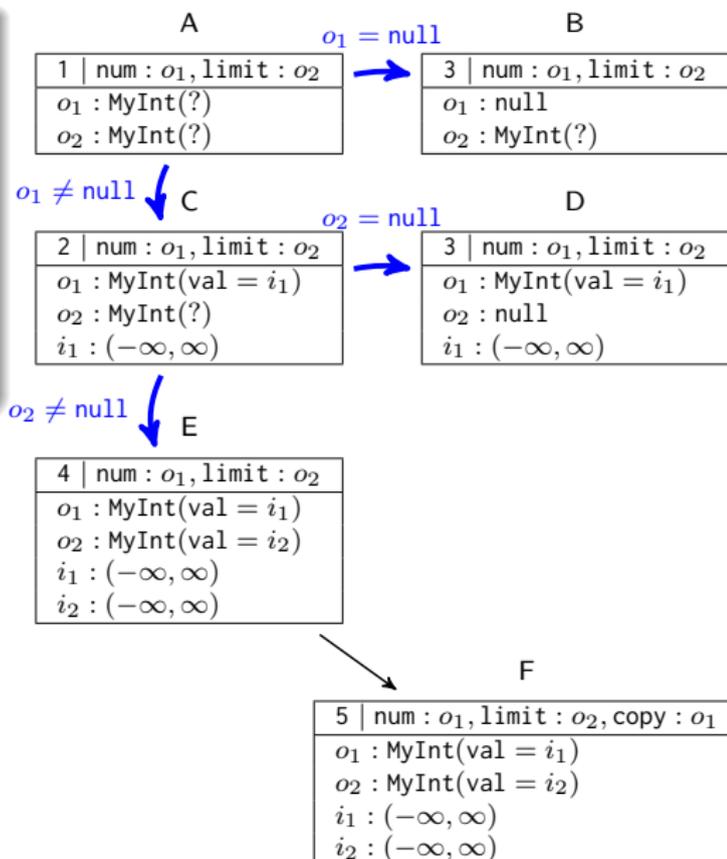


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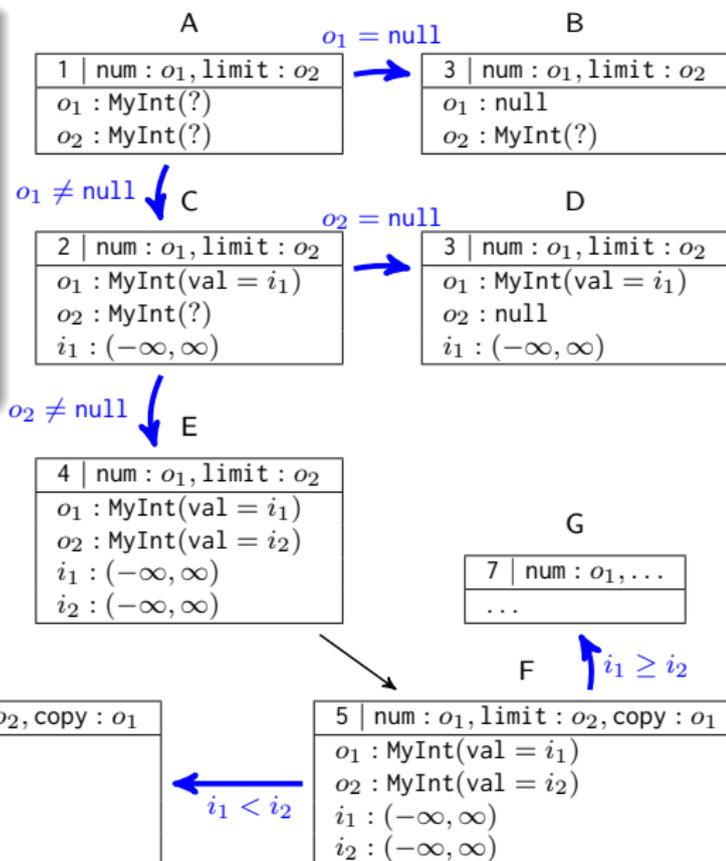


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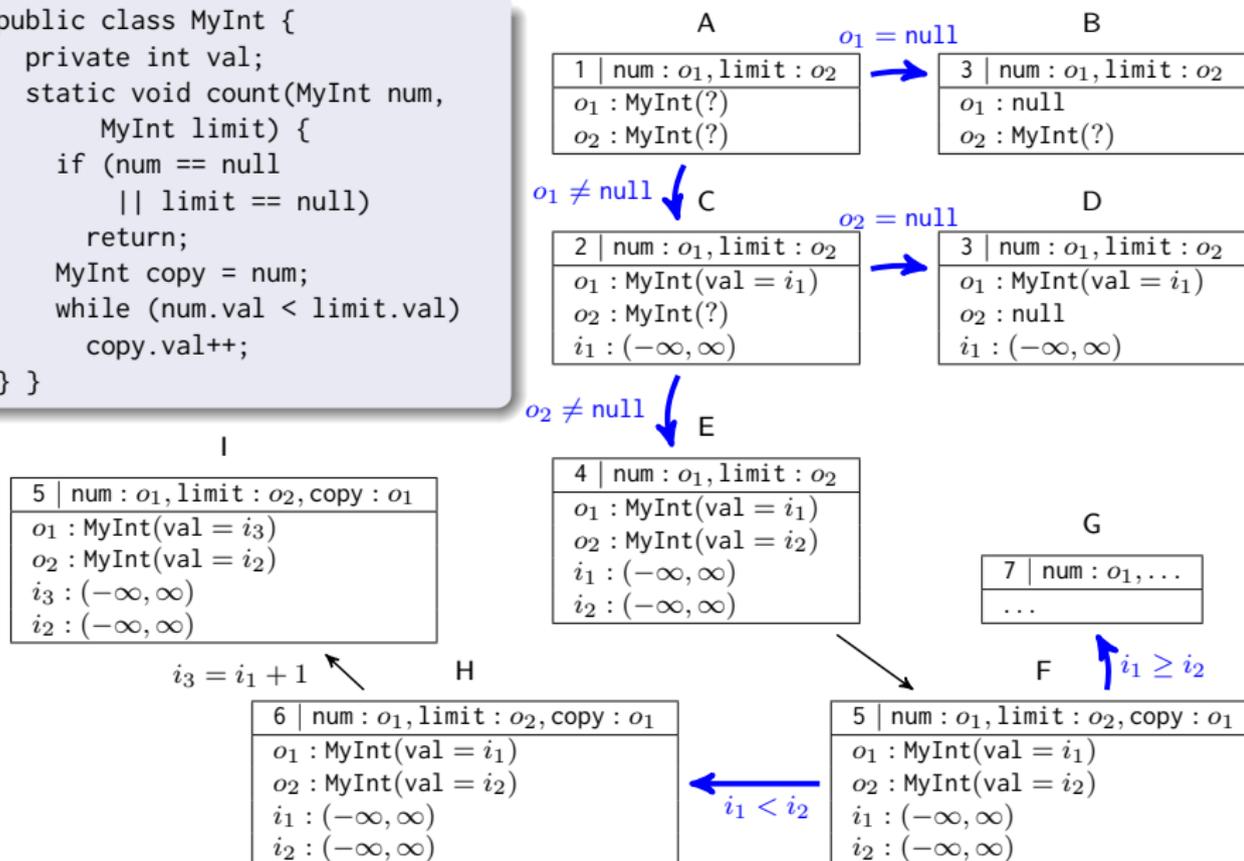
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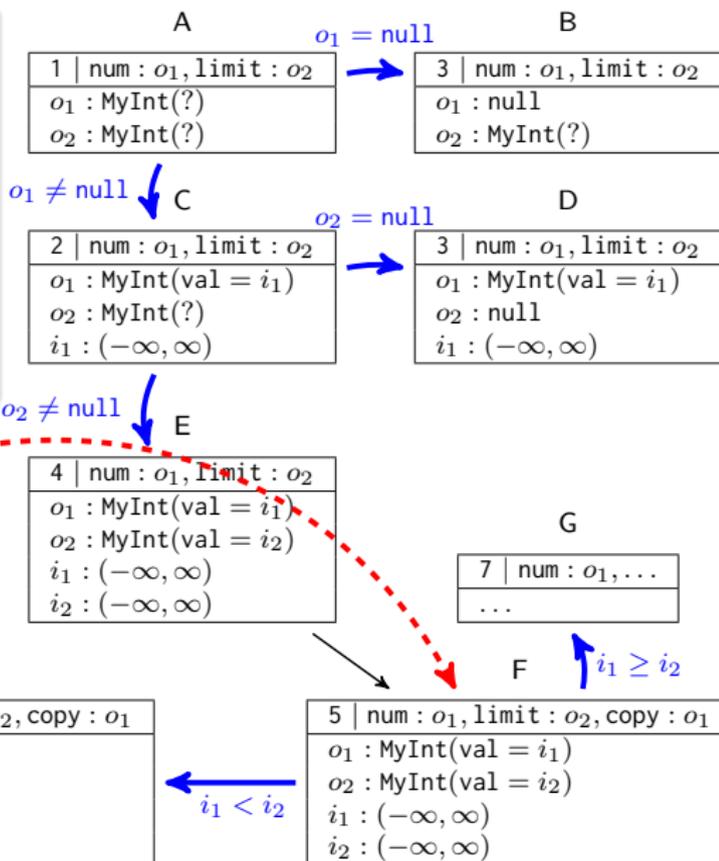
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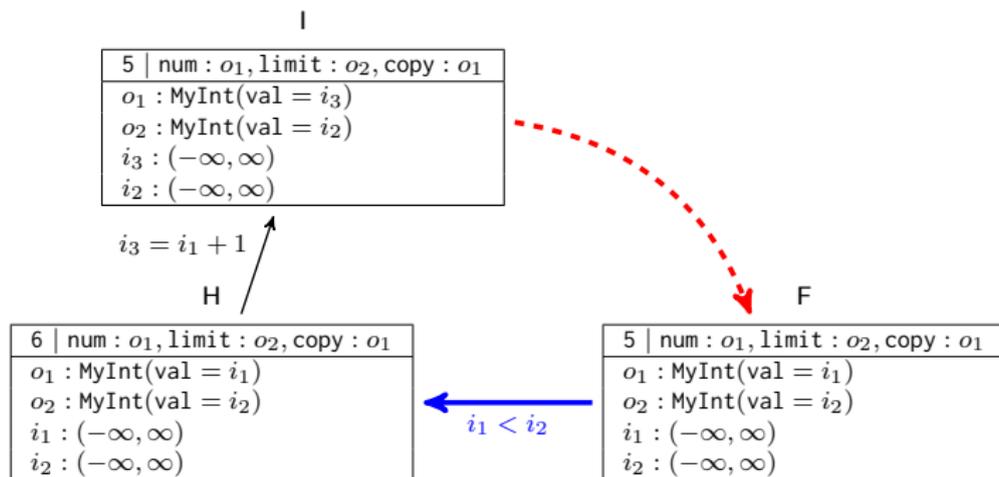
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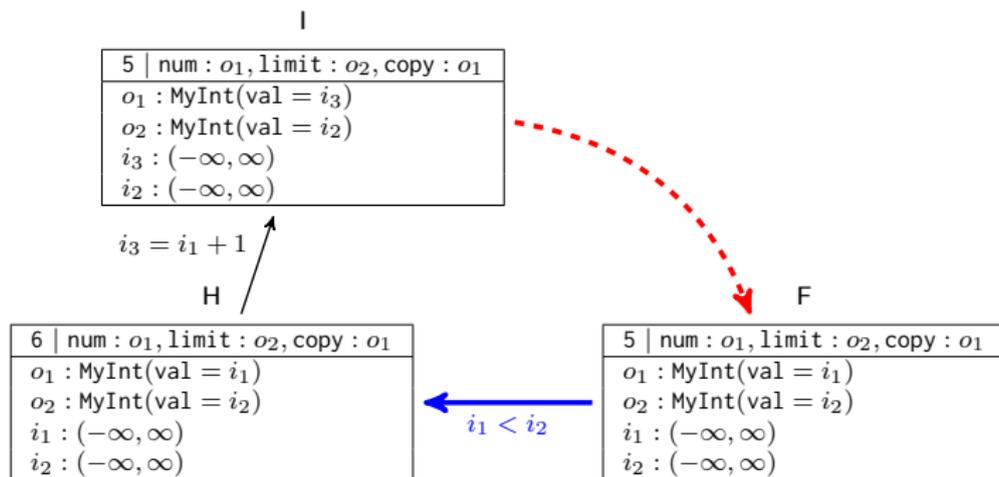
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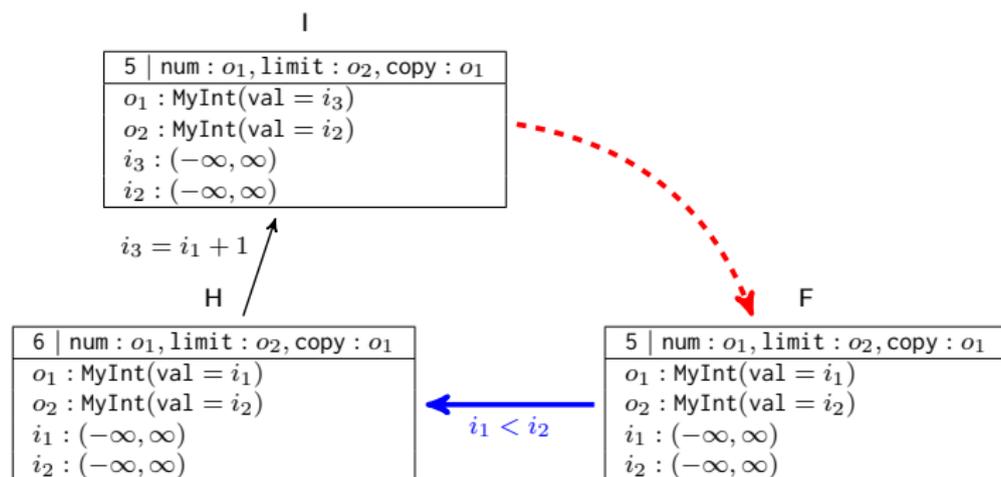
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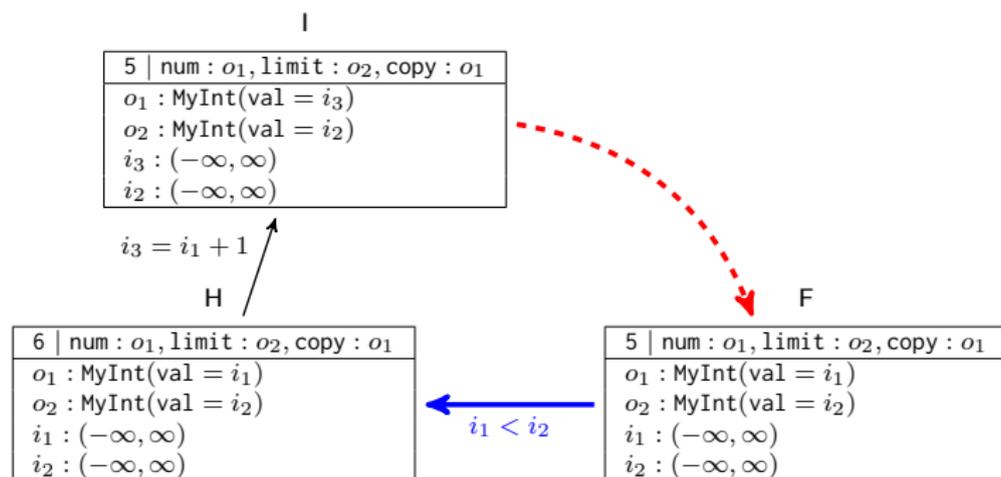
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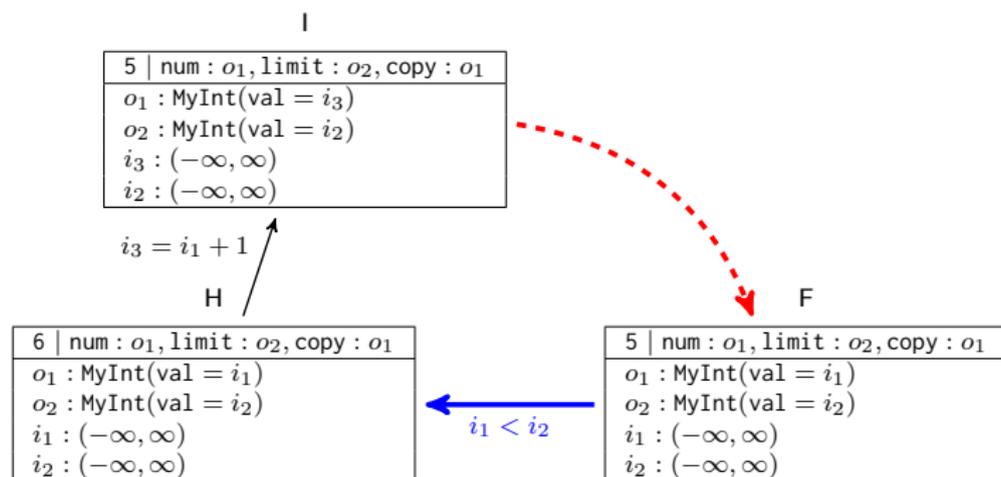
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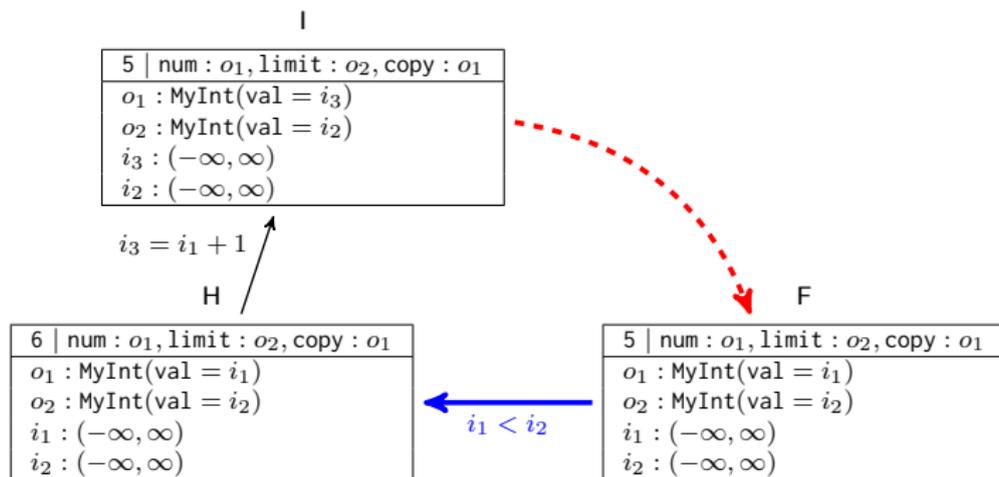
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**Example:**  $[\text{double}](x) = 3 \cdot x$ ,  $[s](x) = x + 1$ ,  $[0] = 1$

This proves more than just termination...

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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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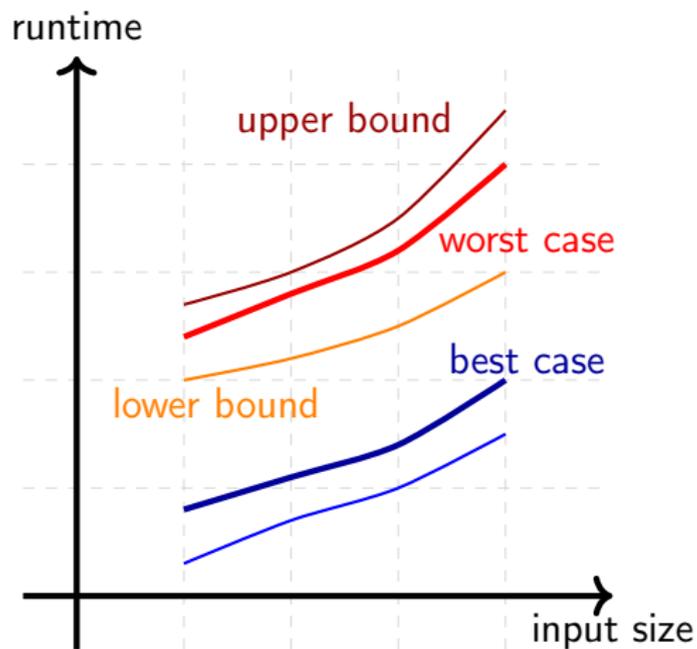
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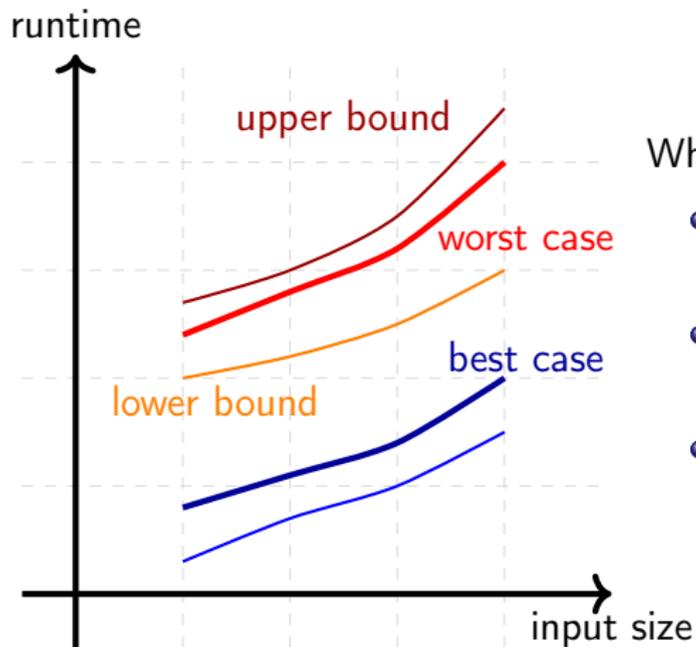
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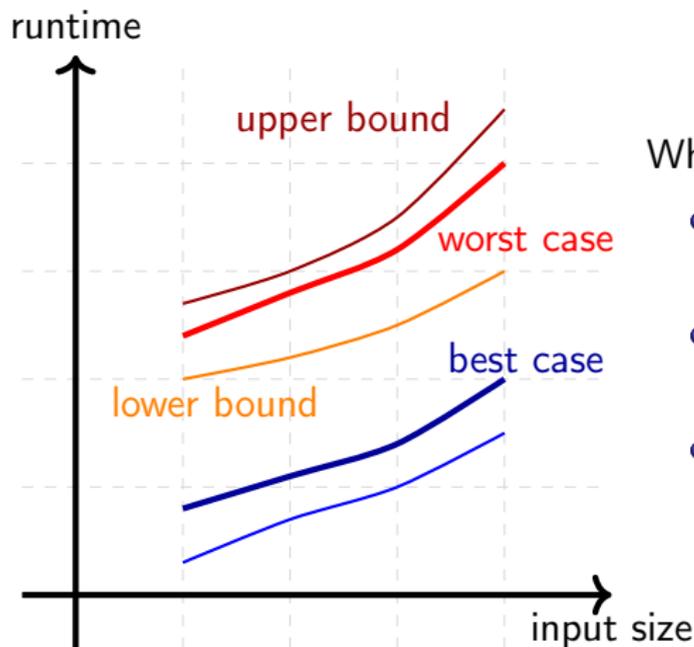
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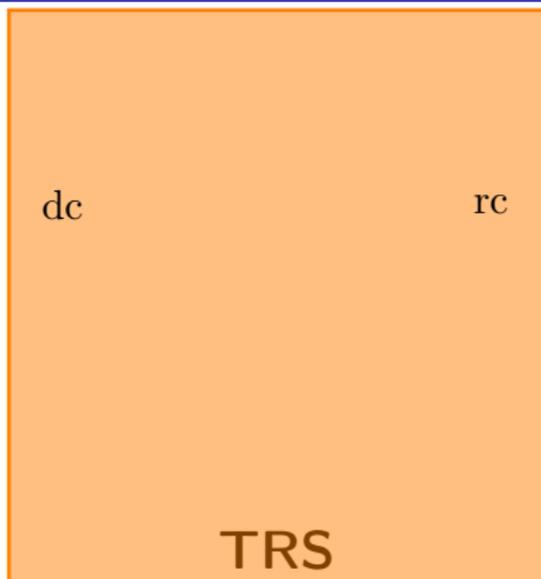
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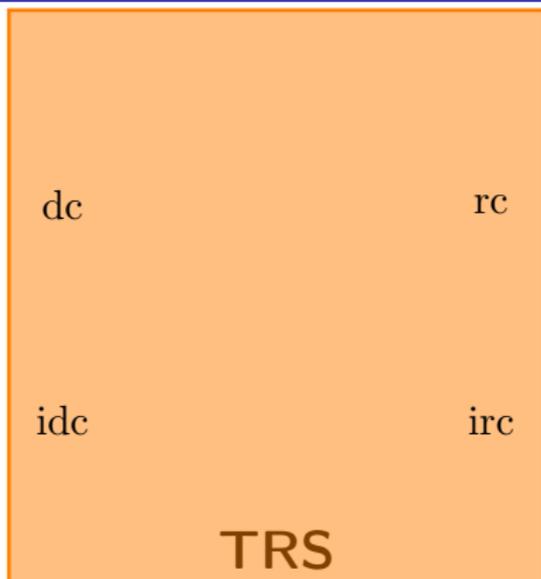
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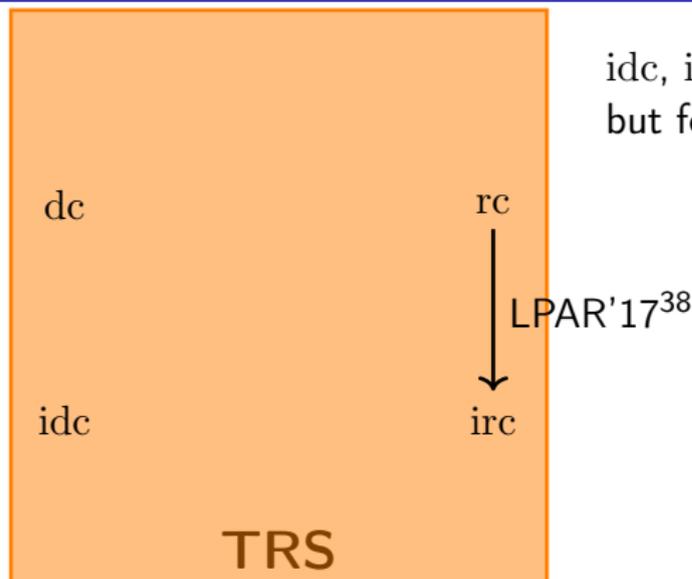


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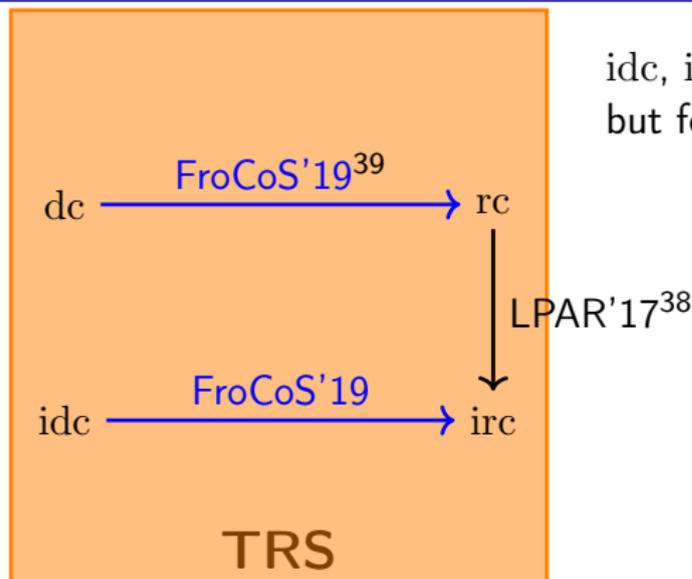


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## Theorem (Derivational Complexity via Runtime Complexity)

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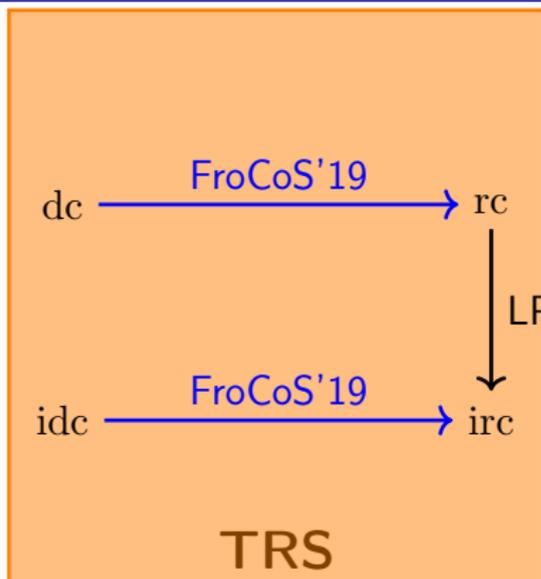
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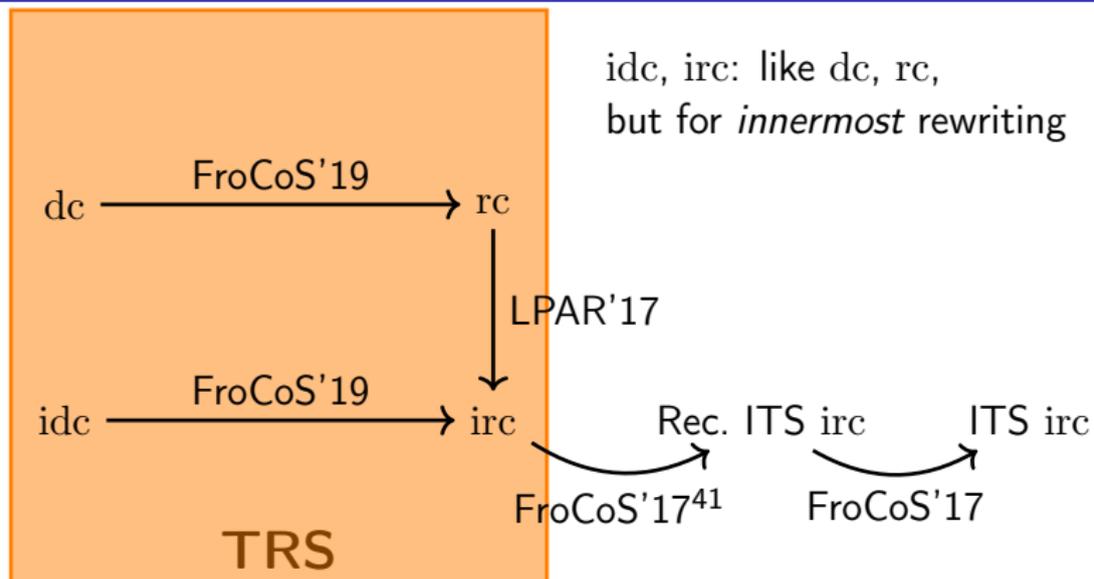


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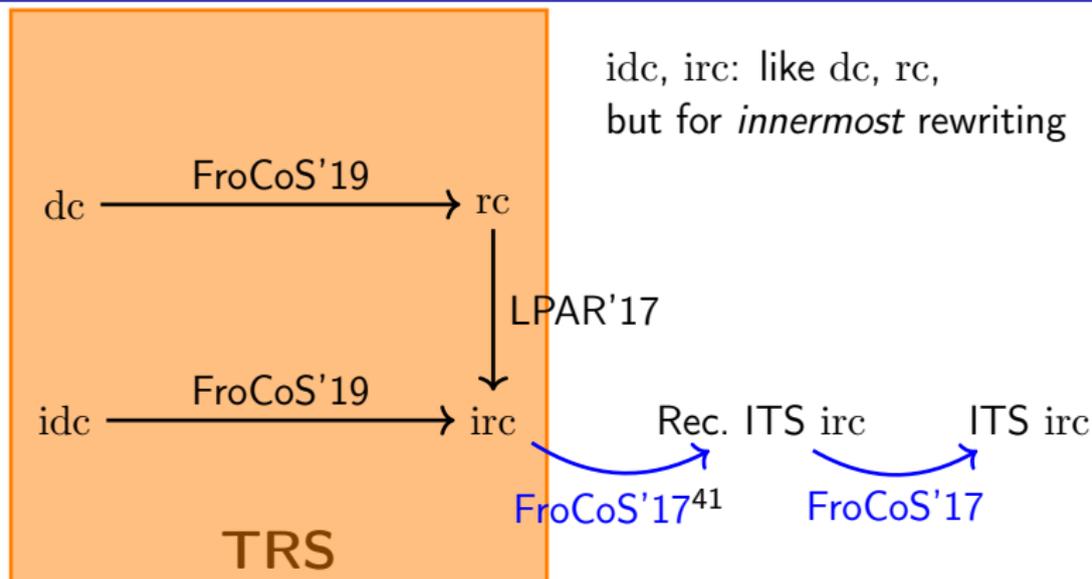
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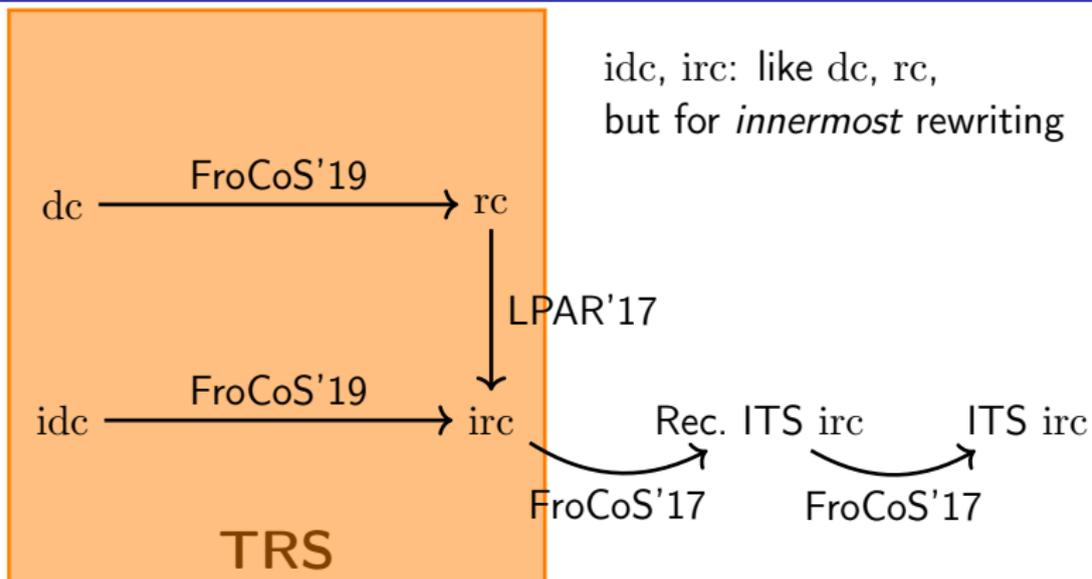
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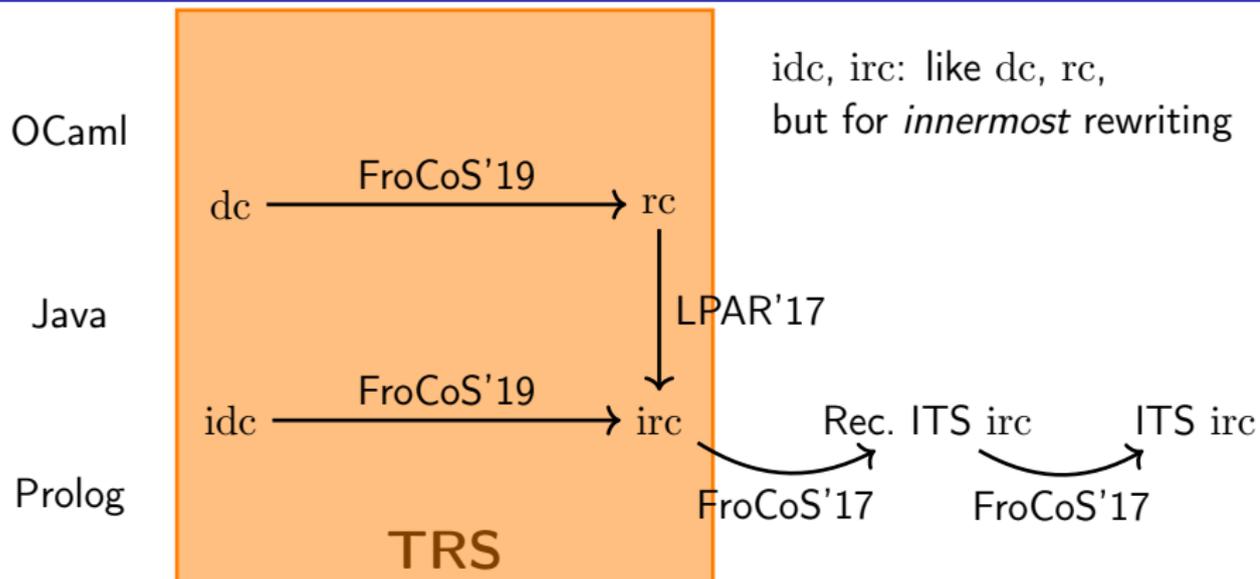
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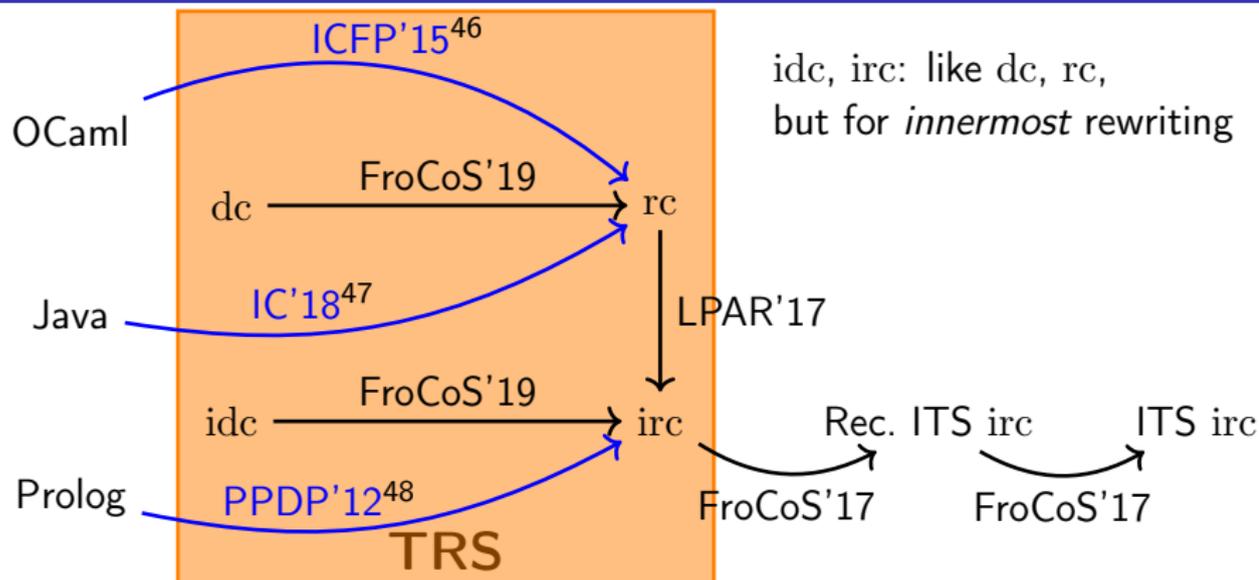
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