

Automated Termination Analysis of Term Rewriting

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- 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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In practice: use polynomial interpretations together with **Dependency Pairs**

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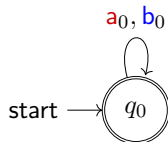
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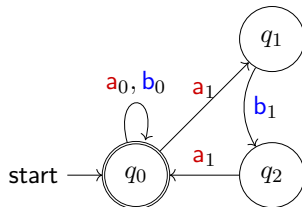
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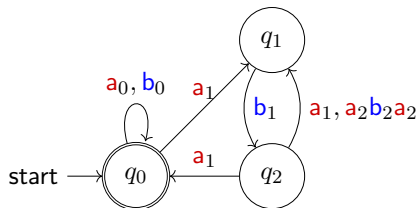
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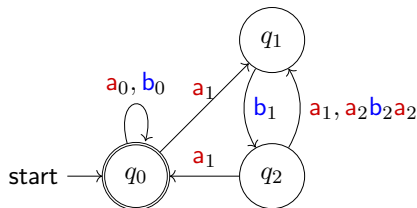
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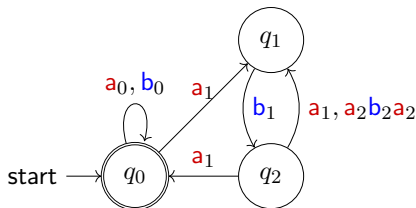
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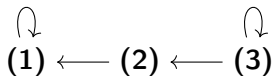
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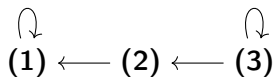
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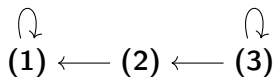
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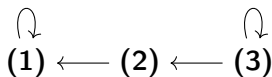
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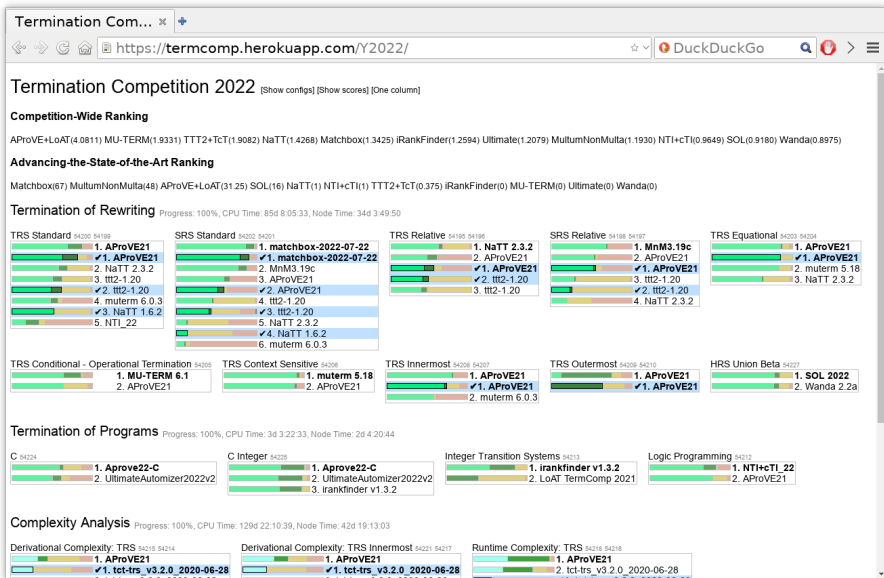
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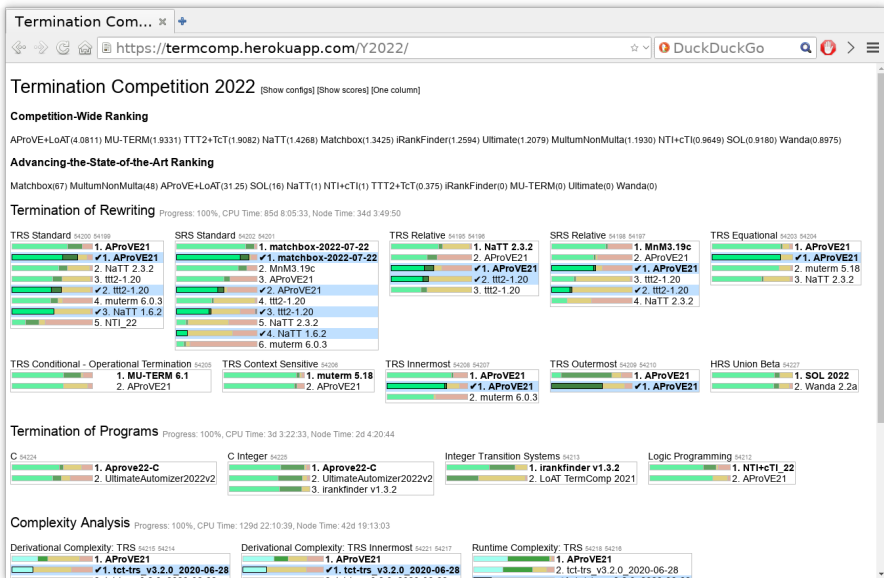
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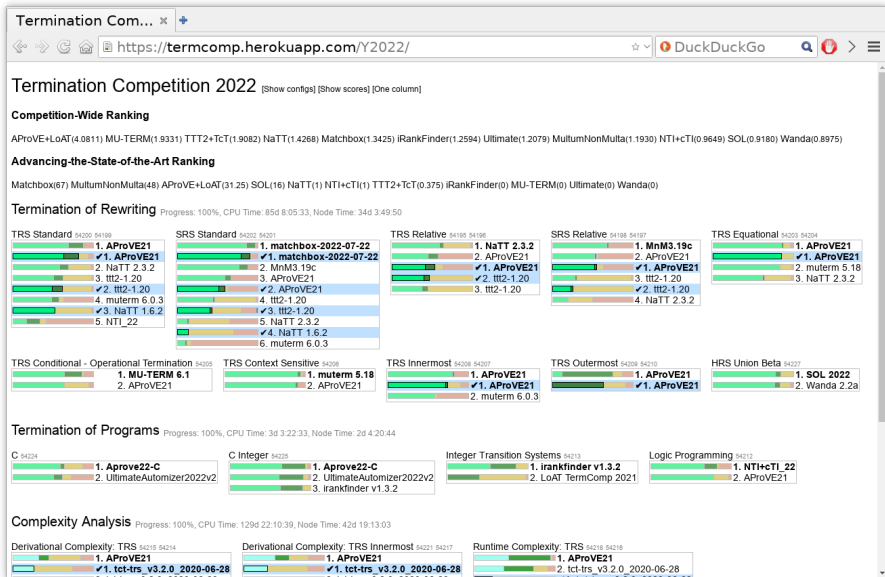
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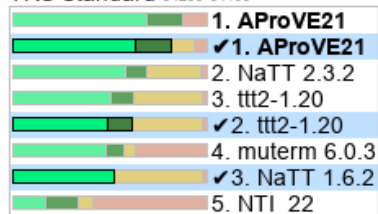
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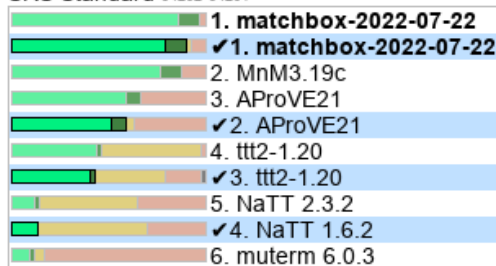
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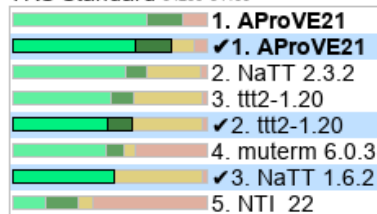
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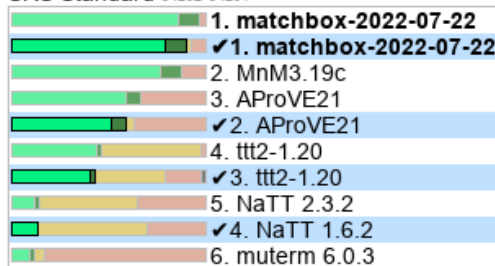
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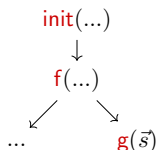
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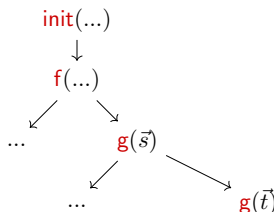
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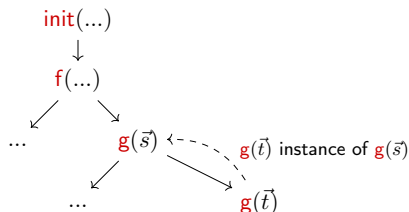
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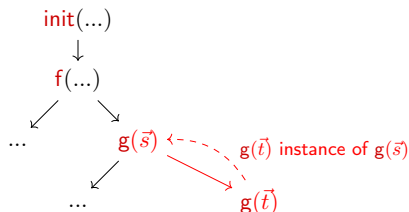
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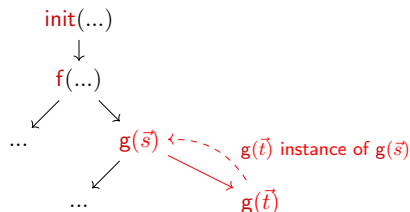
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Java: object-oriented imperative language

- 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;  
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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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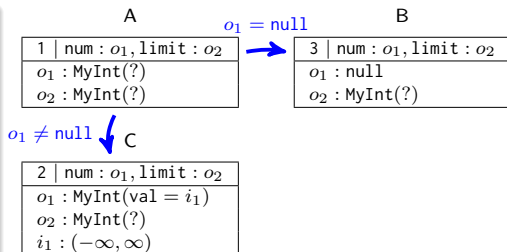
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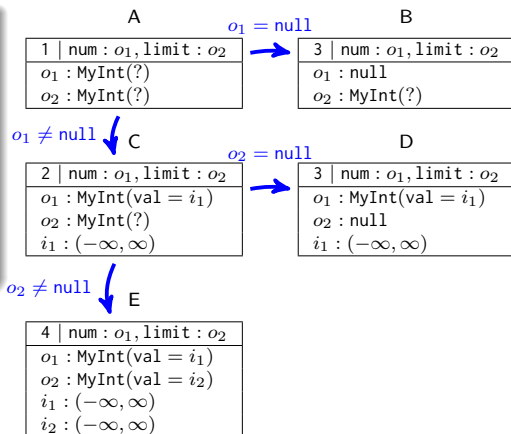


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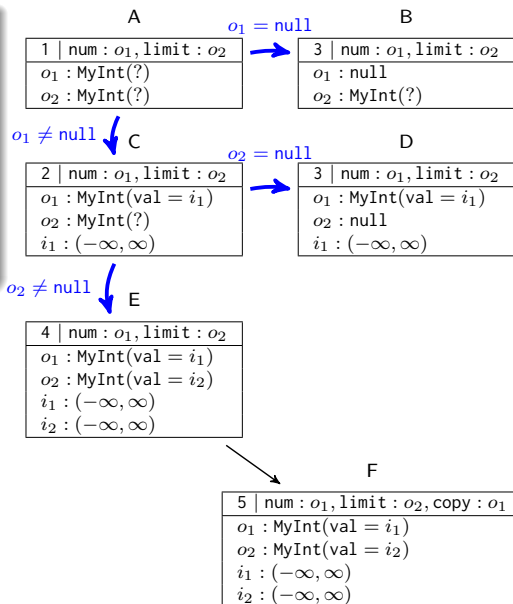


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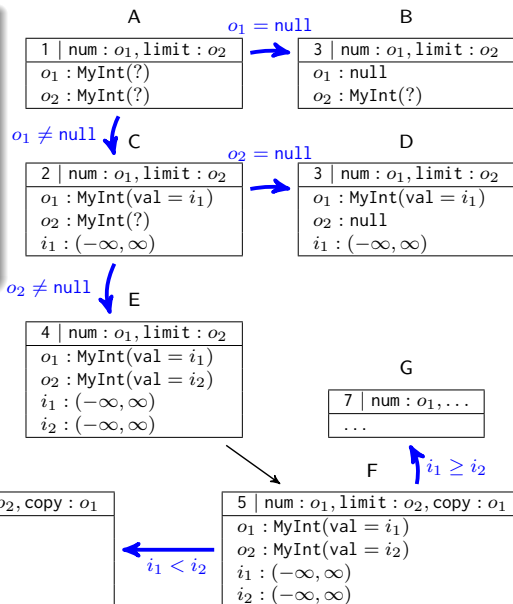
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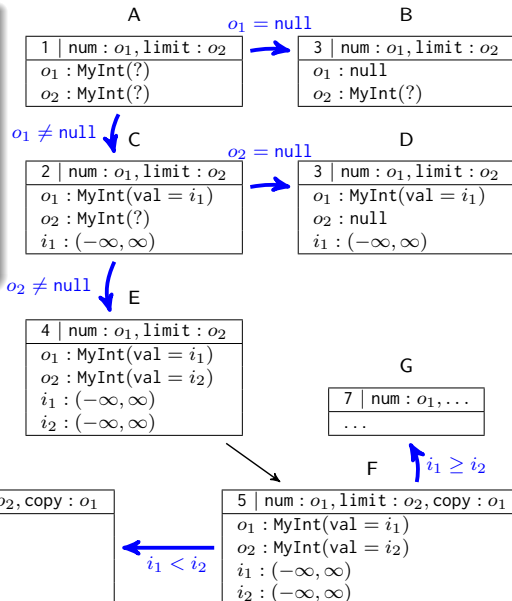
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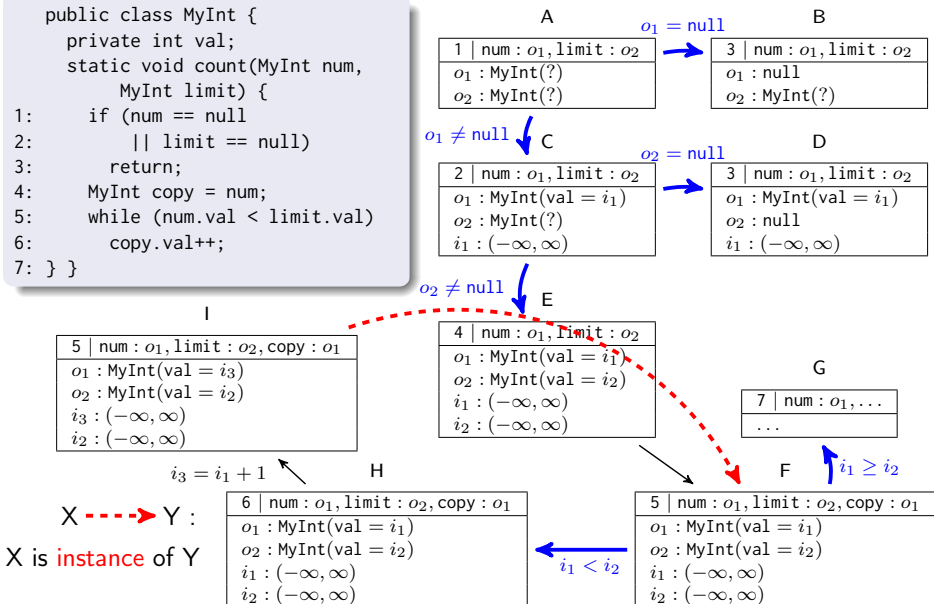
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Using Symbolic Execution Graphs for Termination Proofs

- every concrete Java computation corresponds to a **computation path** in the symbolic execution graph
- symbolic execution graph is called **terminating** iff it has no infinite computation path

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- **term** for i_1 : i_1 with **side constraint** $i_1 \geq 7$
(add invariant $i_1 \geq 7$ to constrained rewrite rules from state Q)

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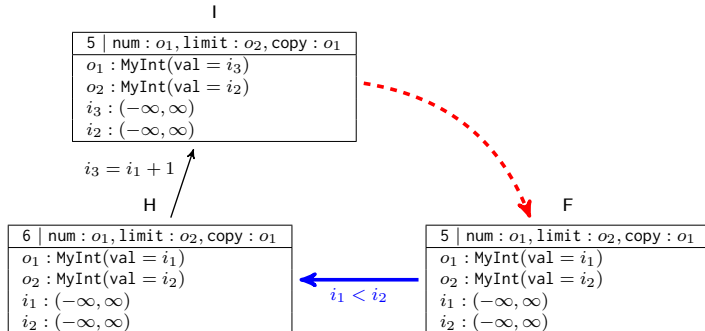
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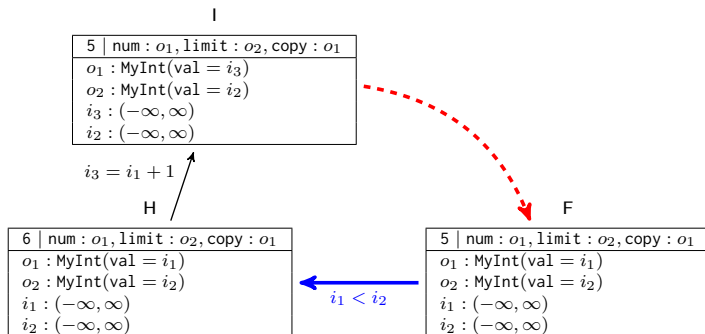
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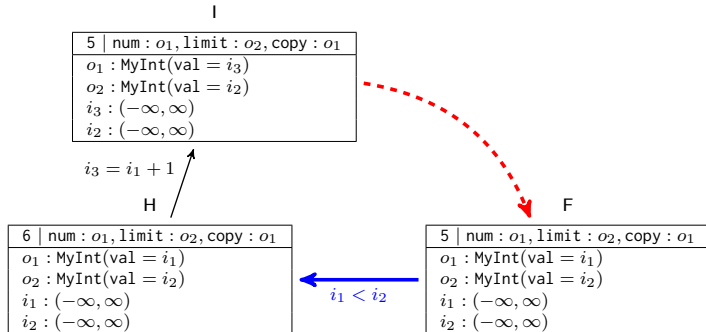
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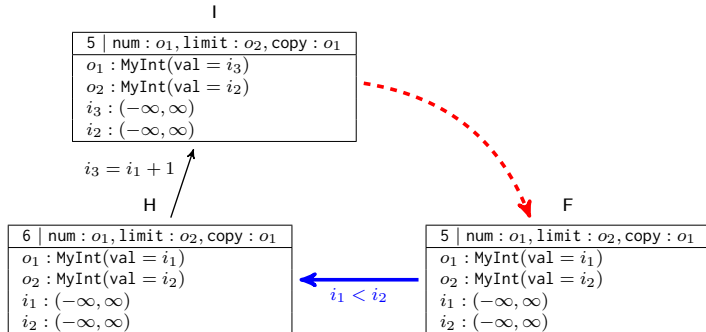


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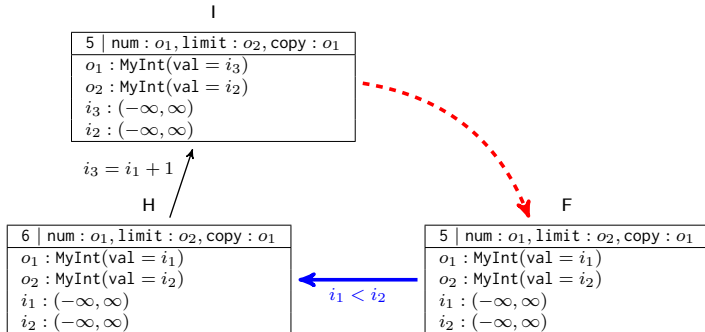
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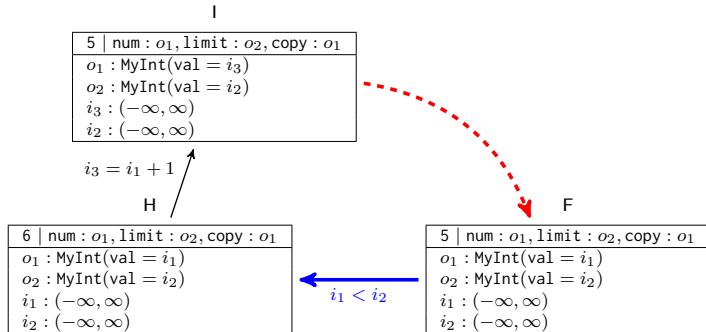
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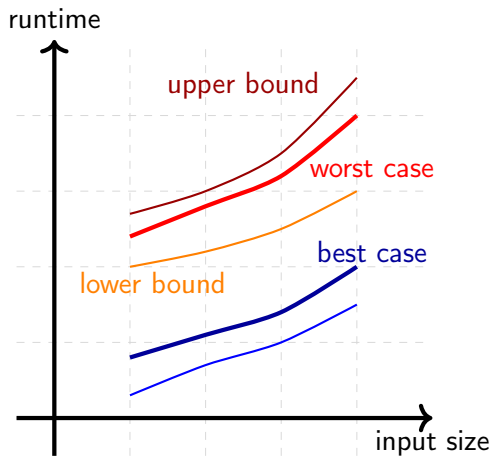
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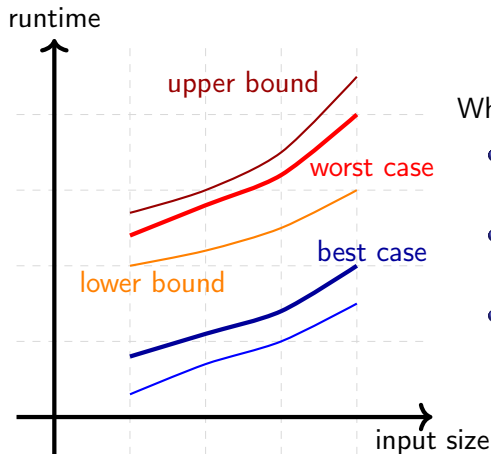
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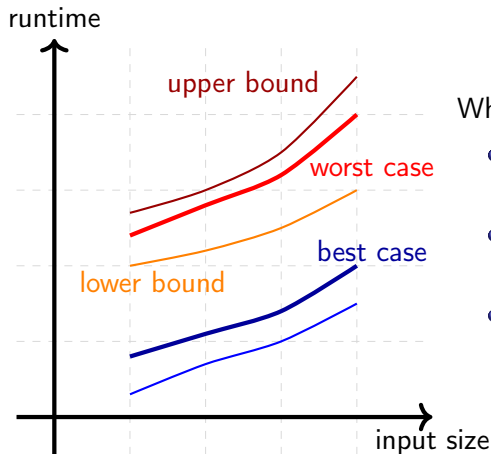
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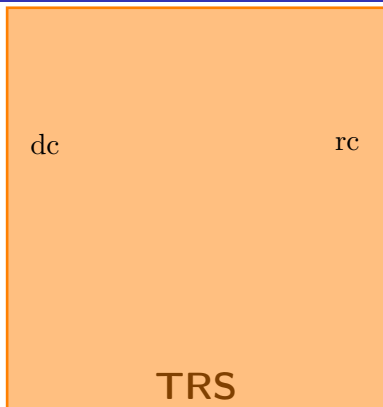
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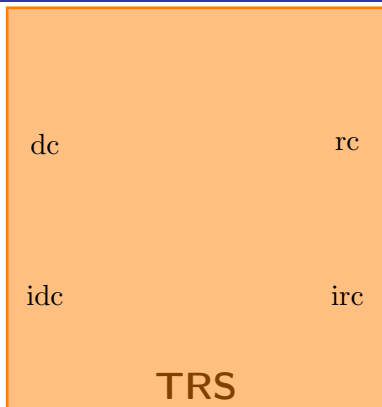
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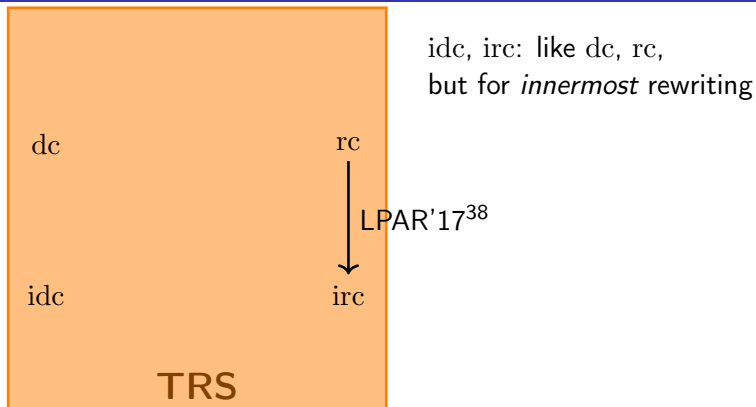


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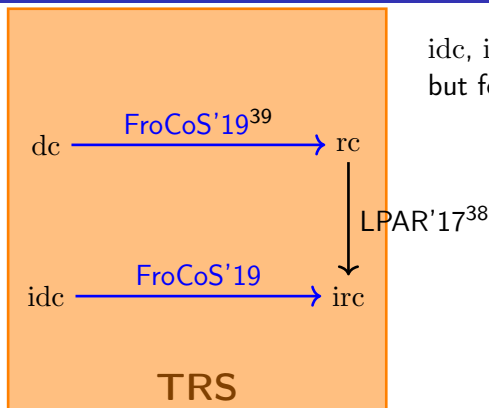
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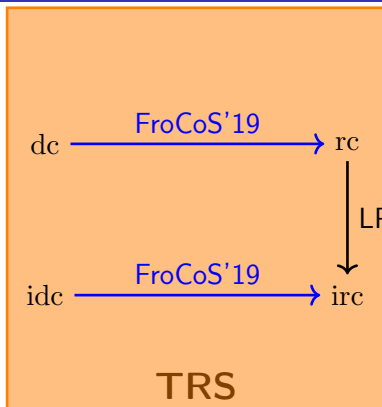
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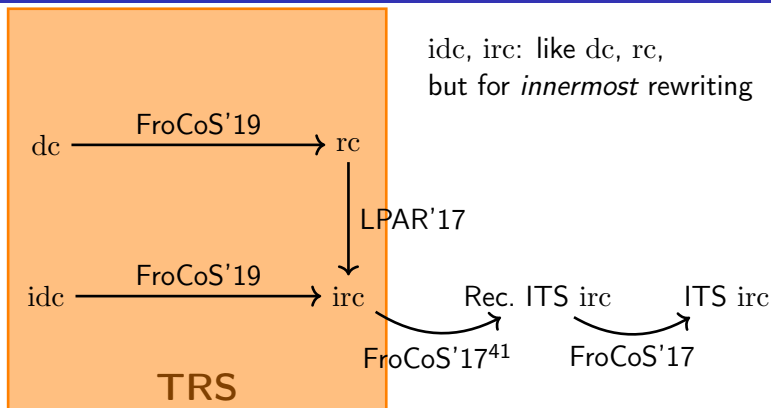


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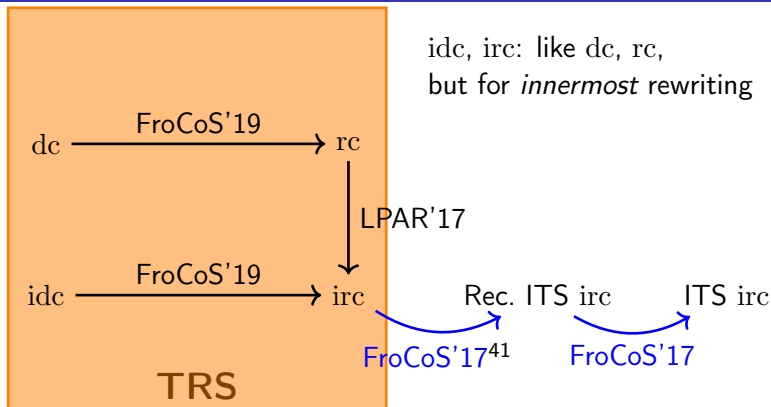
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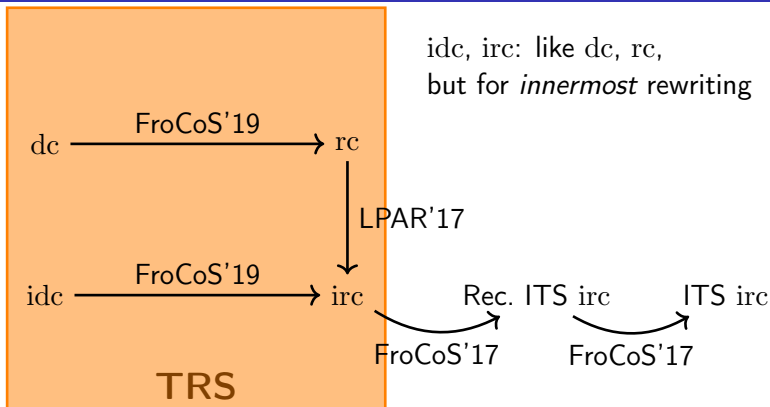
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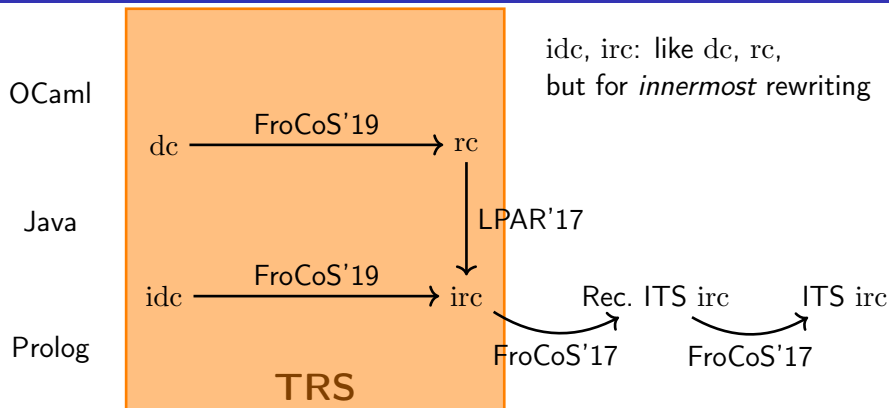
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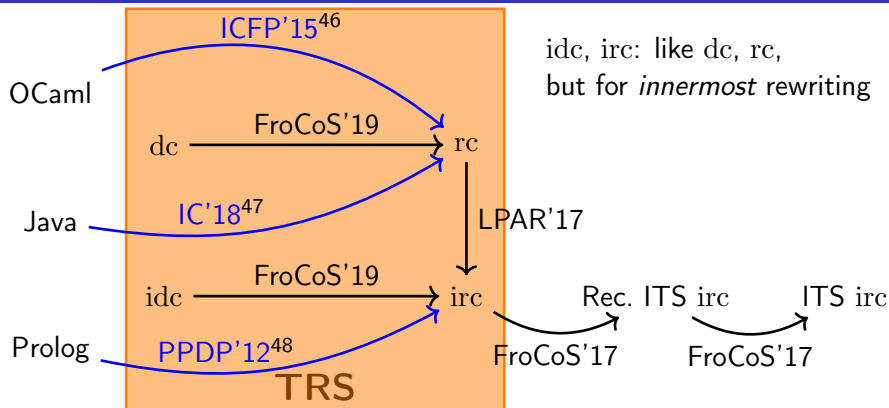

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