

# Confluence Tools

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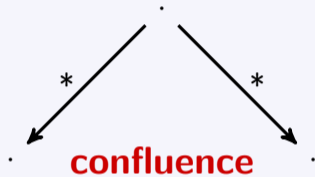
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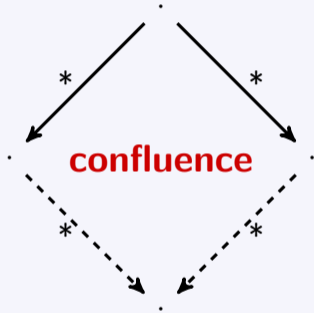
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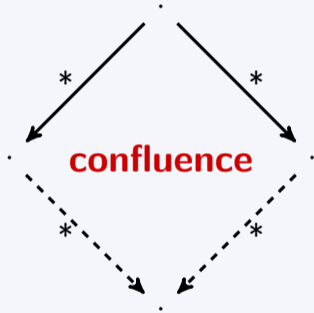
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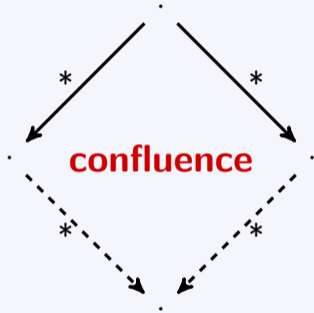
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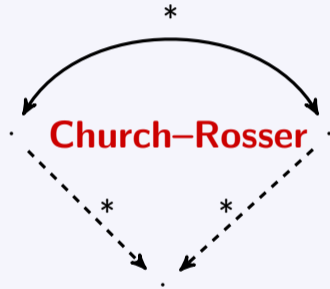
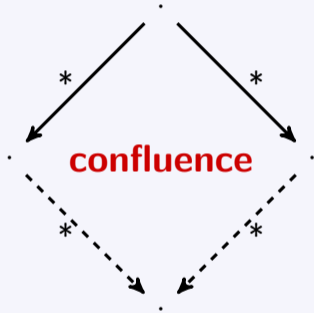
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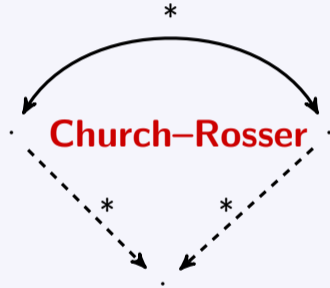
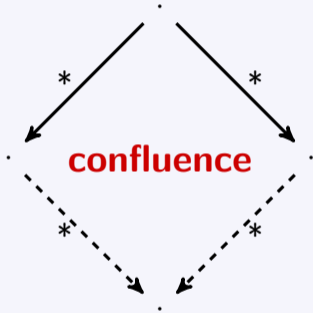
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## Fact

confluence and Church-Rosser property are equivalent



# ARI Format

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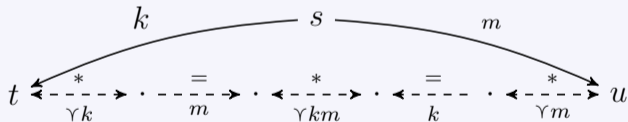
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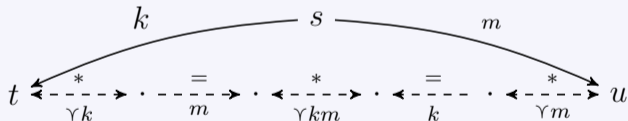
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### Proof.

immediate from decreasing diagram techniques (van Oostrom 1995) □

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**Note:** given join sequences, suitable labeling can be found by SAT/SMT

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## Exercise

compute  $\text{PCP}(\mathcal{R})$  for  $\mathcal{R} = \{f(g(x), g(y)) \rightarrow x, g(a) \rightarrow a\}$



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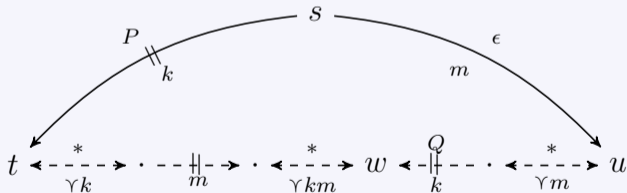
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here  $\rightarrow_k$  is rewrite step of  $\{\ell \rightarrow r \in \mathcal{R} \mid \phi(\ell \rightarrow r) \leq k\}$



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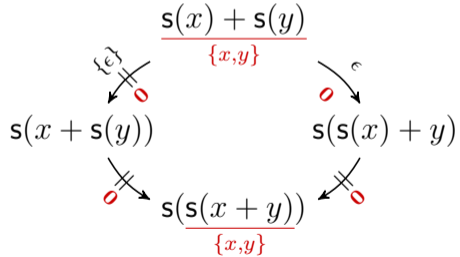
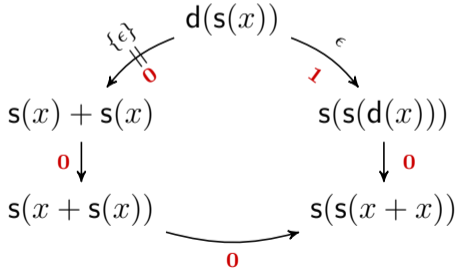
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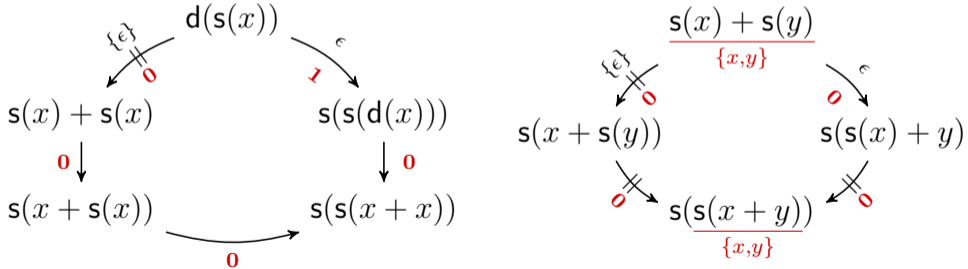


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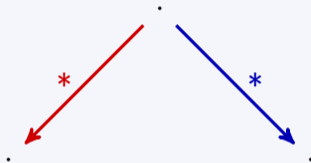
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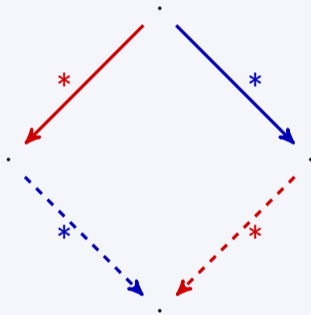
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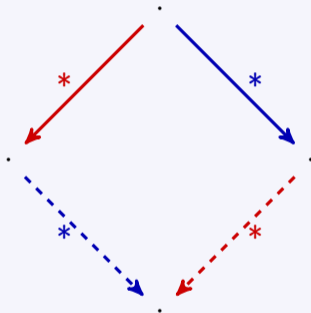
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## Fact

confluence of  $\mathcal{R}$  is equivalent to commutation of  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$  and  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}$

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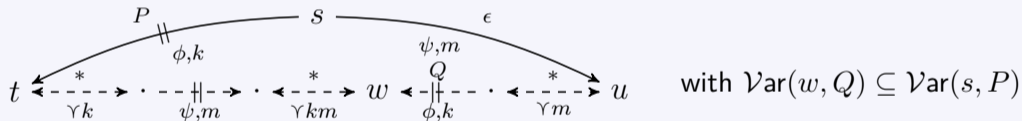


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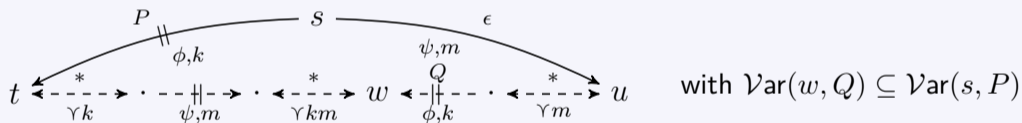


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### Theorem

*left-linear TRS is confluent if*

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## Example for Rule Labeling with Two Labelings

TRS

$$x + y \xrightarrow{1,0} y + x$$

$$(x + y) + z \xrightarrow{1,0} x + (y + z)$$

all parallel critical peaks  $t \xrightarrow{1} s \xrightarrow{0} u$  satisfies

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# Persistency Decomposition

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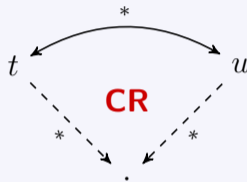
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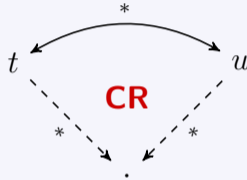
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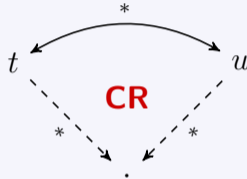
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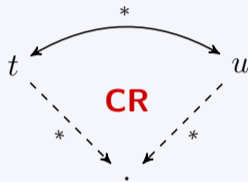
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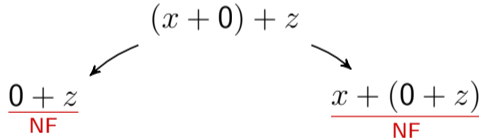
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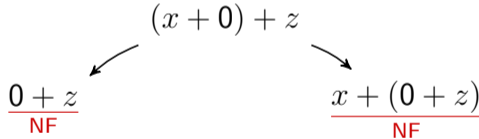
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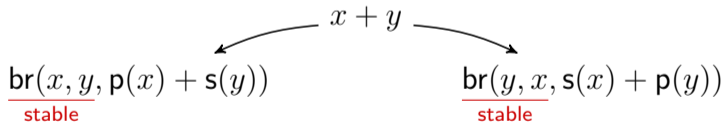
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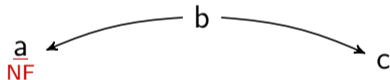
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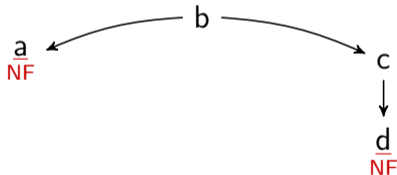
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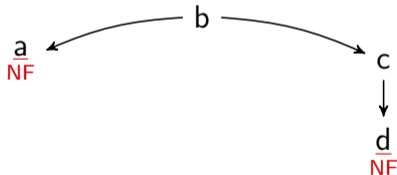
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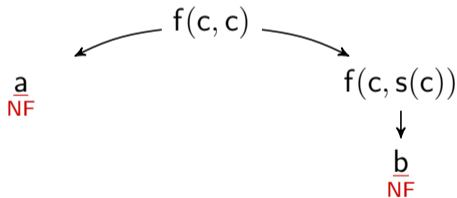
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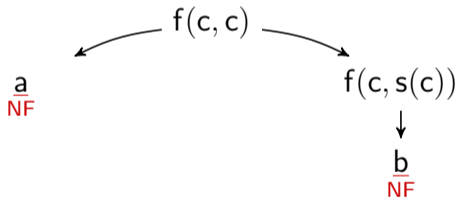
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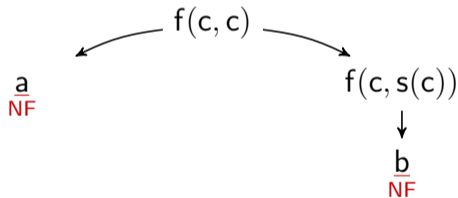
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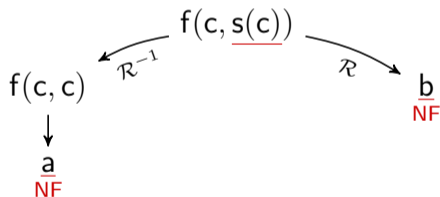
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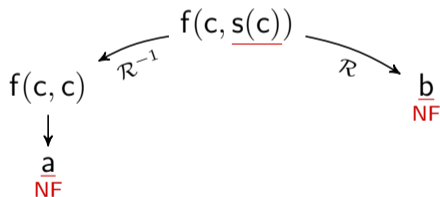
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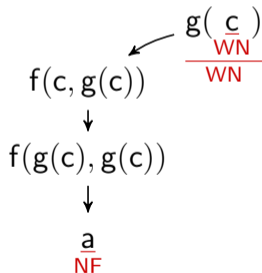
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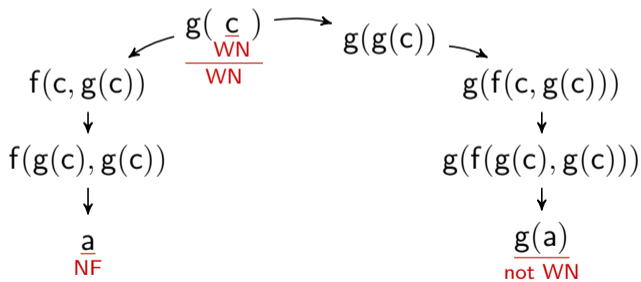
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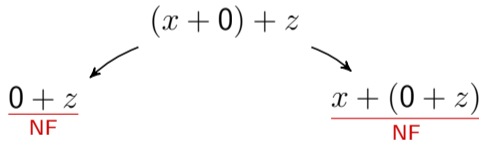
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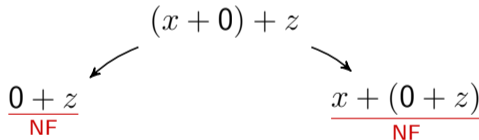
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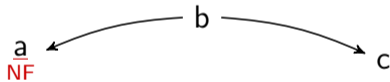
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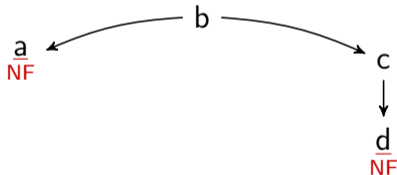
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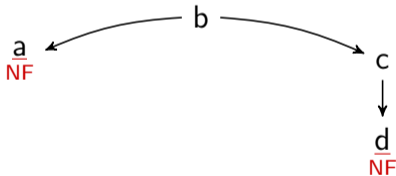
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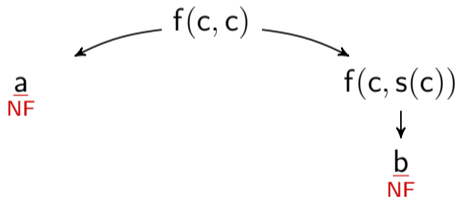
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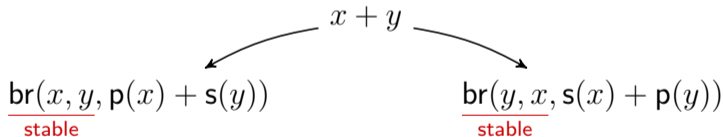
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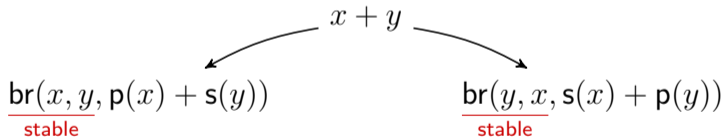


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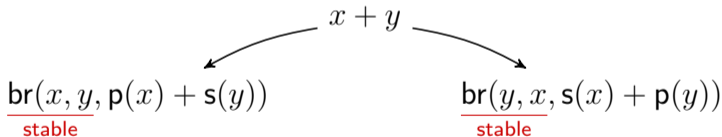
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# Testing Non-Joinability by Tree Automata

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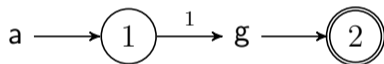
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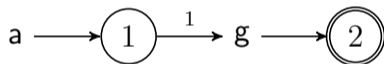
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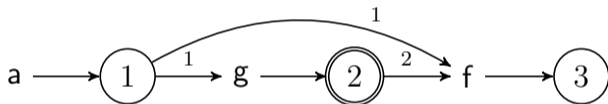
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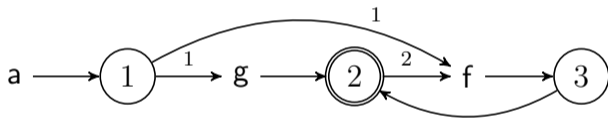
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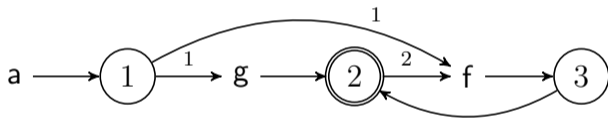
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### Fact (simulation of $\text{tcap}$ by tree automata)

for every ground term  $t$  there exists tree automaton  $M$  such that

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and  $L(M)$  is closed under  $\mathcal{R}$ -rewriting

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