



Computability Theory

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- ▶ other courses in **Logic and Learning** specialization:
 - ▶ Machine Learning for Theorem Proving LVA 703819
 - ▶ Program and Resource Analysis LVA 703316

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- ▶ $f(x, \vec{y}): \mathbb{N}^{n+1} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by

$$\begin{aligned}f(0, \vec{y}) &= g(\vec{y}) \\f(x + 1, \vec{y}) &= h(f(x, \vec{y}), x, \vec{y})\end{aligned}$$

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