

# Are ground-complete systems unique?

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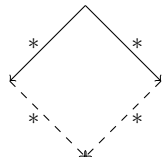
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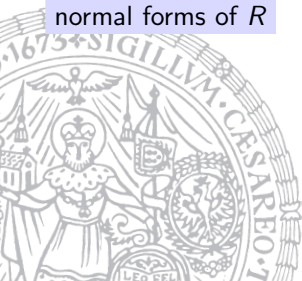


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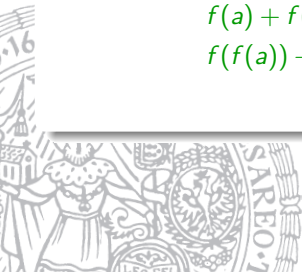
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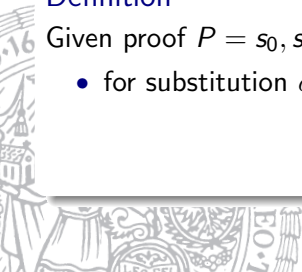
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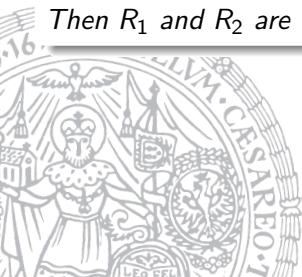
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How about ground-complete systems for same theory and reduction order?

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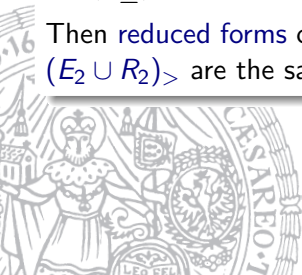
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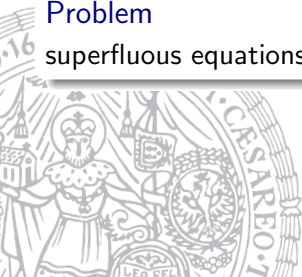
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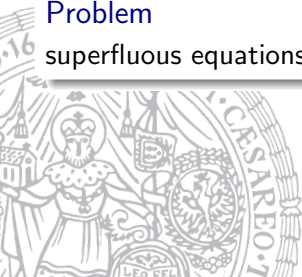
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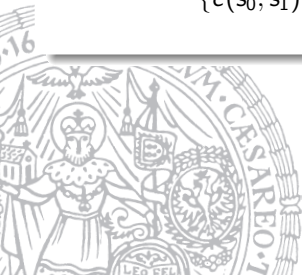
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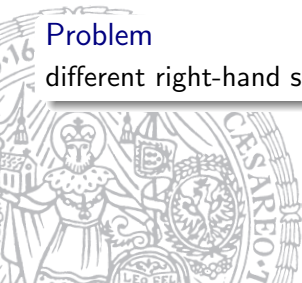
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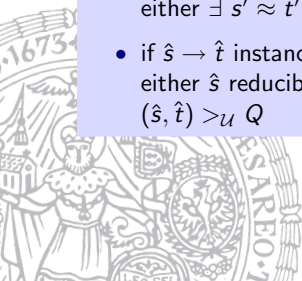


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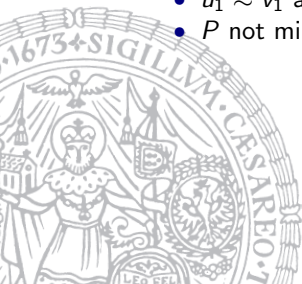
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- $P$  not minimal as  $(E_2, R_2)$  fairly constructed





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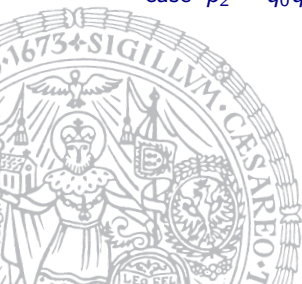
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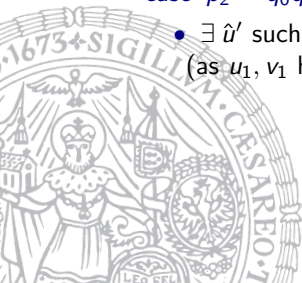
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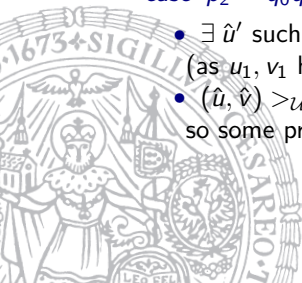
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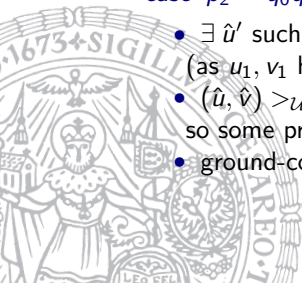
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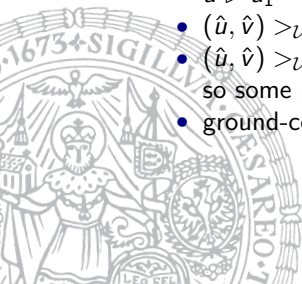
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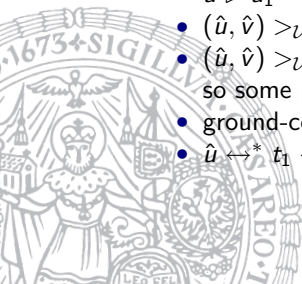
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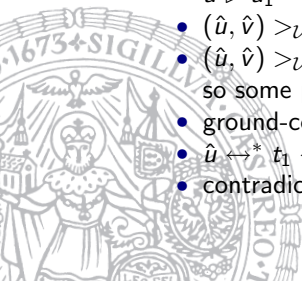
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case  $u \approx v$  is equation in  $E_1$

(wlog,  $\hat{u} > \hat{v}$ )



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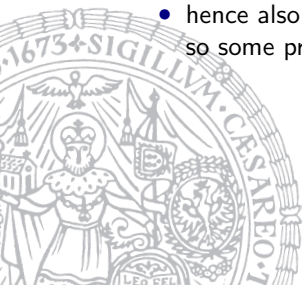
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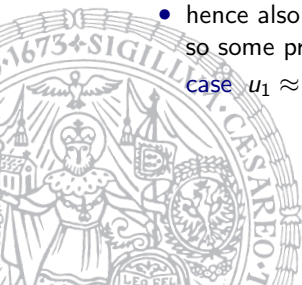
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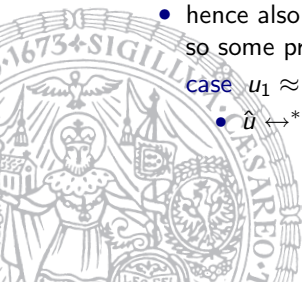
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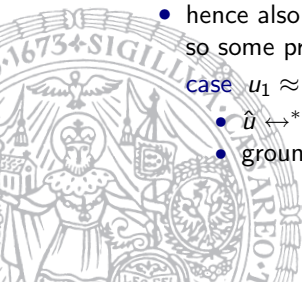
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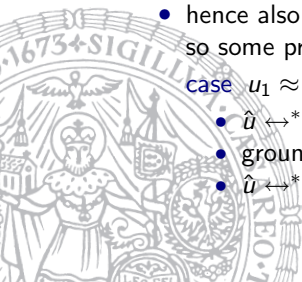
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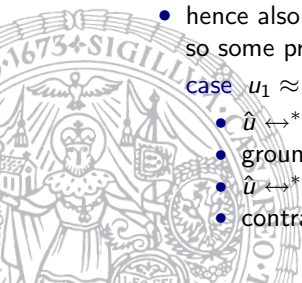
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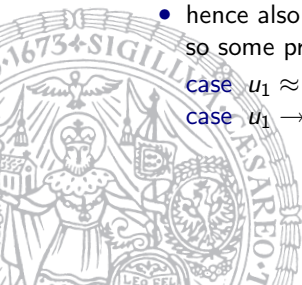
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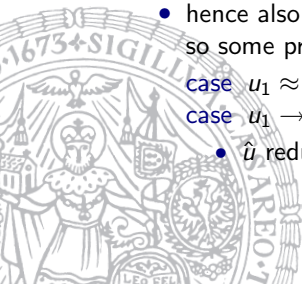
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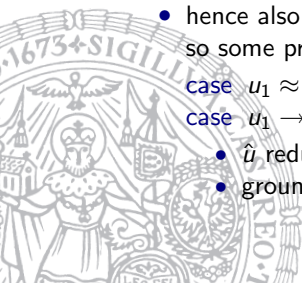
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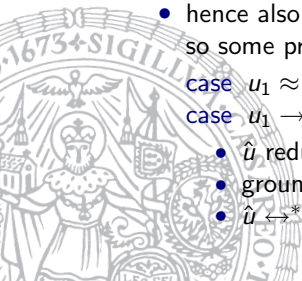
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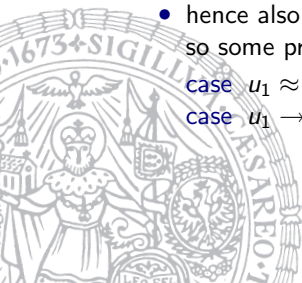
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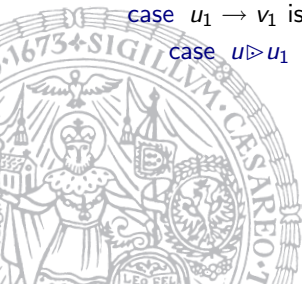
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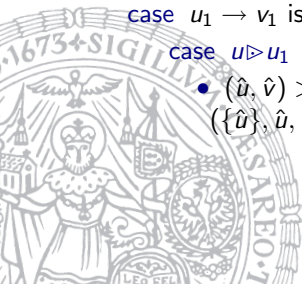
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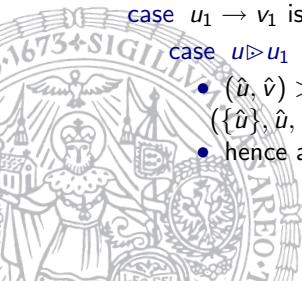
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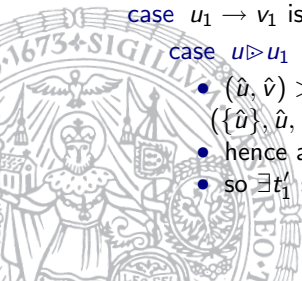
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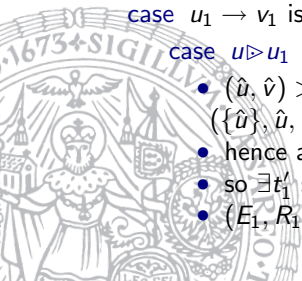
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(wlog,  $\hat{u} > \hat{v}$ )

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- contradicts choice of  $(\hat{u}, \hat{v})$

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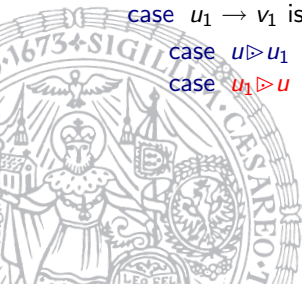
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case  $u_1 \triangleright u$



## Example

yet another pair of ground-complete systems for same theory

$$(E_1, R_1) = \begin{cases} 0' + y \approx y + 0 \\ 0 + 0 \rightarrow 0 \end{cases} \quad (E_2, R_2) = \begin{cases} 0' + (x + y) \approx (x + y) + 0 \\ 0 + 0 \rightarrow 0 \\ 0' + 0 \rightarrow 0 \end{cases}$$

compatible with simplification order



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## Further work

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