

# A Characterization of Quasi-Decreasingness<sup>\*</sup>

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# Motivation



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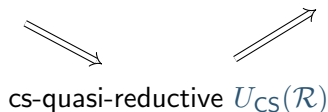
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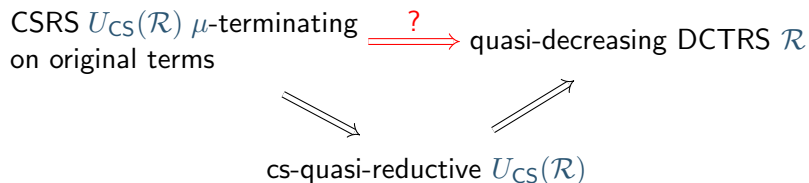


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# Basics



$$l \rightarrow r \Leftarrow \underbrace{s_1 \approx t_1, \dots, s_k \approx t_k}_c$$

- $\approx$  interpreted as  $\rightarrow_{\mathcal{R}}^*$
- $l \notin \mathcal{V}$
- $\mathcal{V}(r) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(l, c)$
- $\mathcal{V}(s_i) \subseteq \mathcal{V}(l, t_1, \dots, t_{i-1})$

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## Theorem (Simulation completeness)

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## Remarks

- **VMTL** *cannot* show  $\mu$ -non-termination on original terms
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	$\mathcal{R}$			$U_{CS}(\mathcal{R})$		
	AProVE	MU-TERM	VMTL	AProVE	MU-TERM	VMTL
YES	80	78	80	78	78	79
NO	–	12	–	–	–	–

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Table: (Non-)quasi-decreasingness of 103 DCTRSs from Cops.



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# Appendix

CSRS  $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$  is *context-sensitively quasi-reductive* if there is

- $\mathcal{F}' \supseteq \mathcal{F}$
- $\mu$  (with  $\mu(f) = \{1, \dots, n\}$  for every  $n$ -ary  $f \in \mathcal{F}$ )
- partial order  $\succ_{\mu}$  on  $\mathcal{T}(\mathcal{F}', \mathcal{V})$

such that:

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