



Improving Confluence Analysis for LCTRSs

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Outline

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Example

term rewrite system (TRS)

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$$\mathsf{add}(\mathsf{0},y) \to y$$

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compute $\sum i$ for natural number n

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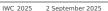
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- 2 calculation rule $x_1 x_2 \rightarrow y$ $[y = x_1 x_2]$
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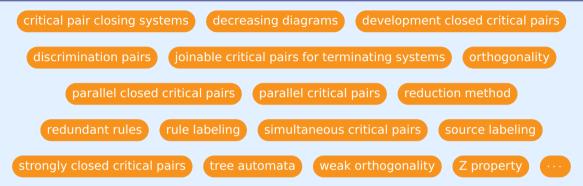
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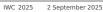
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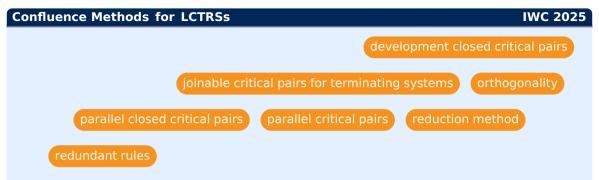
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