Confluence for topological rewriting systems

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Abstraction

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Abstract properties common to all concrete rewriting systems: **termination**, **confluence**, **normal forms**

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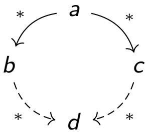

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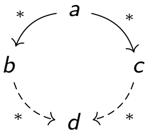

Example

Multivariate division with respect to R is **confluent** iff R is a **Gröbner basis**

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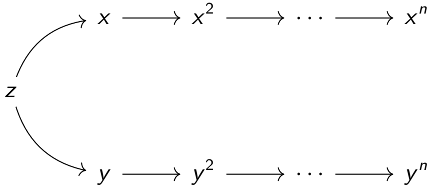

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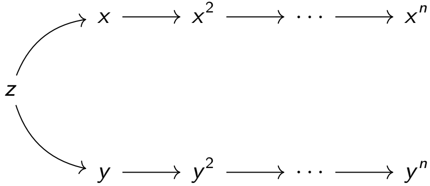

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Hence the system is **not** **confluent**

However with the (x, y, z)-adic topology both branches converge to 0

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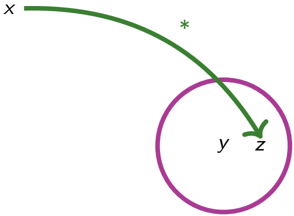

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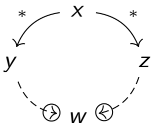

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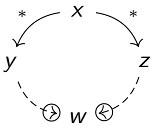

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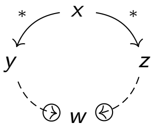

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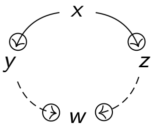

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Of interest in computer science: **infinitary λ/Σ-terms**

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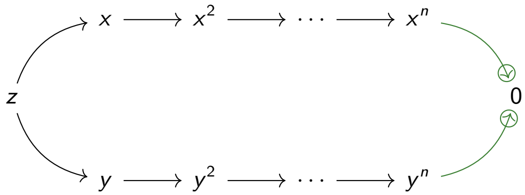

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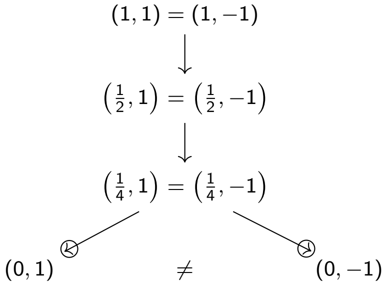

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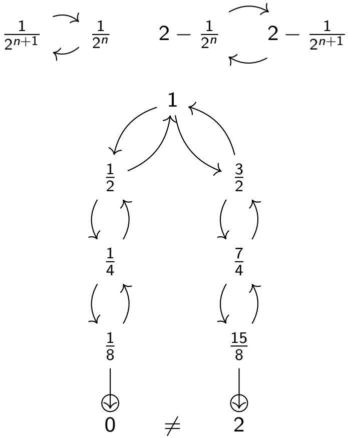

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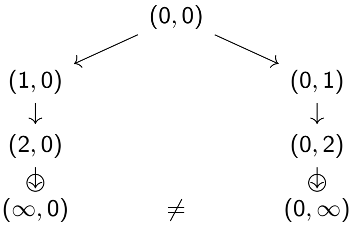

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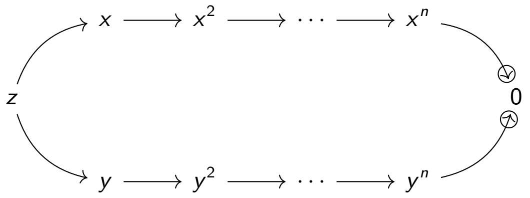

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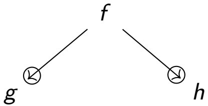

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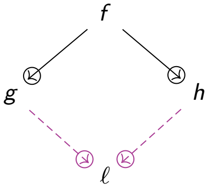

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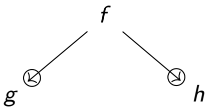

Goal

Construct inductively **two rewriting sequences** starting from g and h respectively that will be proven to be **Cauchy**

It will turn out that the limits are then equal and hence give a **common topological successor** to g and h

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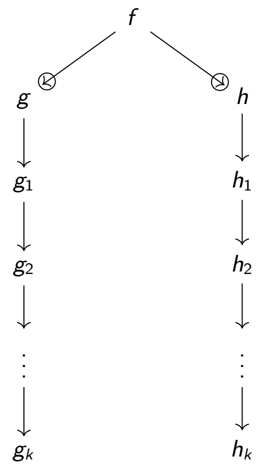

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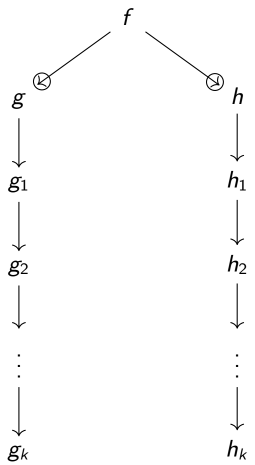

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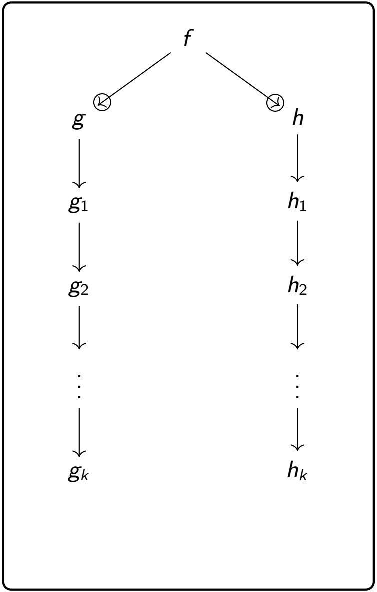

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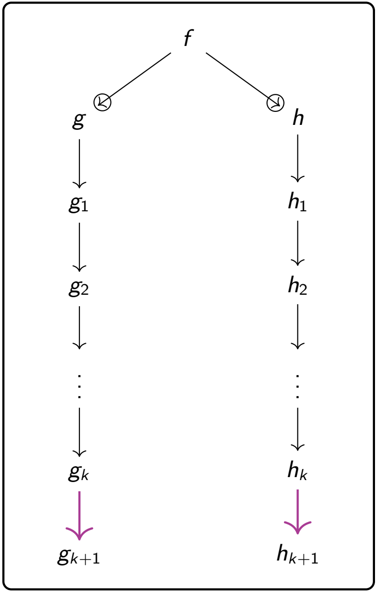

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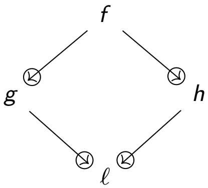

Which shows that $\to$ is **infinitary confluent**

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