

Rewrite-based satisfiability procedures for Recursive Data Structures

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Derivation : $S_0 \vdash_{\mathcal{SP}_\succ} S_1 \vdash_{\mathcal{SP}_\succ} \dots \vdash_{\mathcal{SP}_\succ} S_i \dots$

Set of *persistent* clauses : $S_\infty = \bigcup_{j \geq 0} \bigcap_{i > j} S_i$.

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Some upper-bounds on the sizes of S_∞ :

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- Theory of arrays : $O(2^{n^2})$

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- An infinite presentation : $\text{cdr}(x) \neq x$, $\text{cdr}(\text{cdr}(x)) \neq x$, etc...
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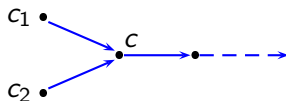
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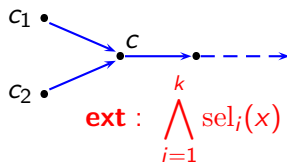
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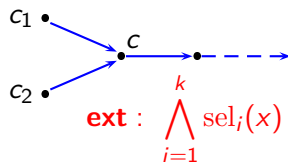
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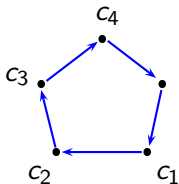
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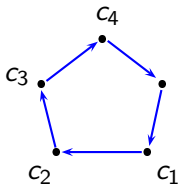


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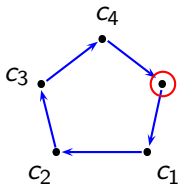


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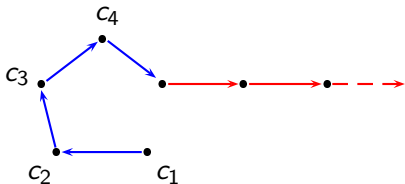


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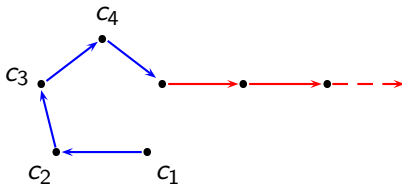


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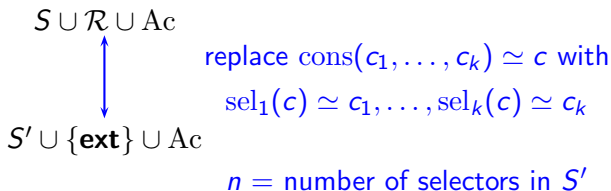
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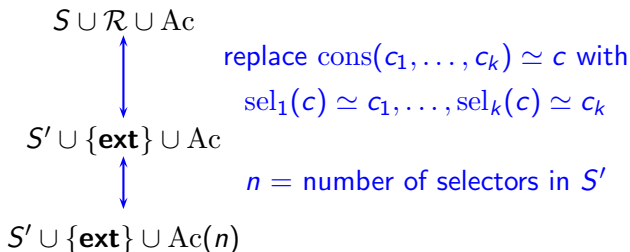
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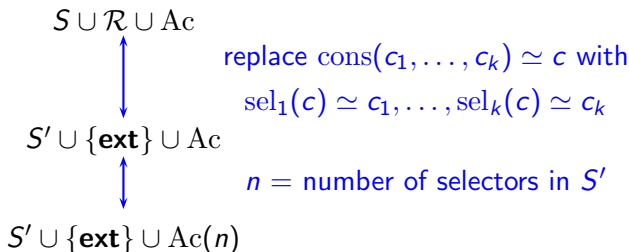
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Any theory of recursive data structures can be combined with the ones mentioned above.

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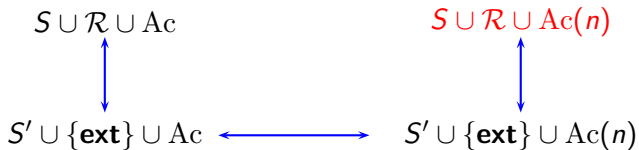
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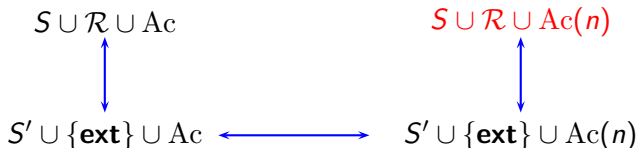
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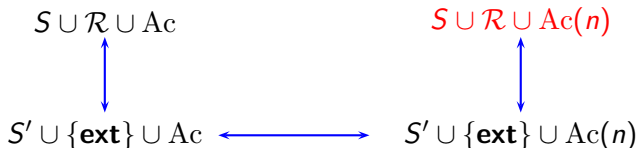
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