

Undecidability of Dyadic First-Order Logic in Coq

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 - Axiom-free, intuitionistic approach

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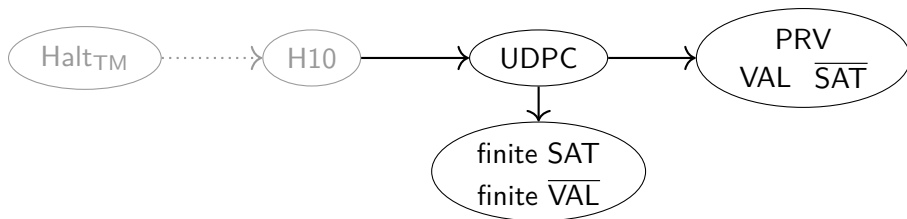
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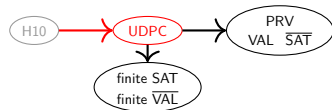
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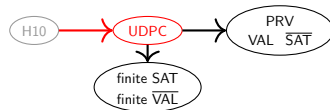
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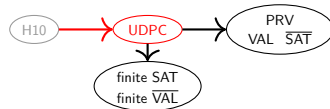
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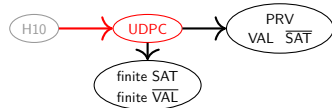
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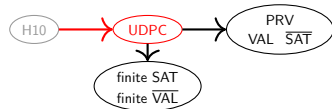
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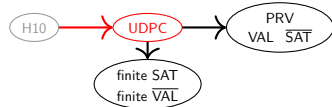
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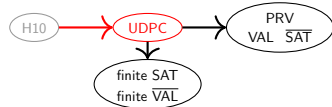
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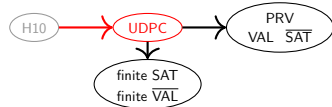
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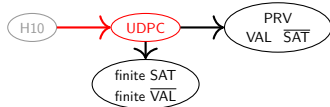
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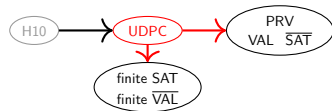
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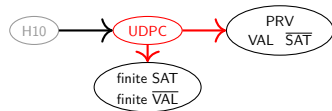
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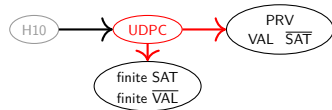
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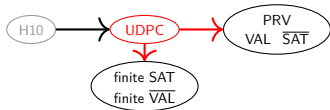


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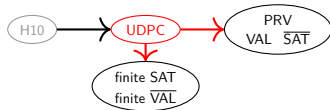
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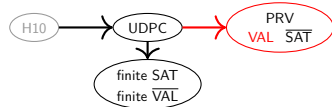
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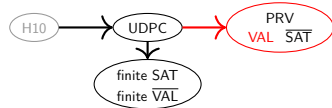
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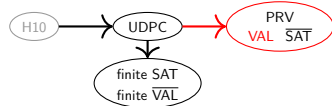
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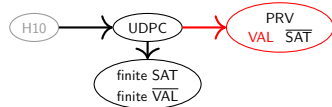


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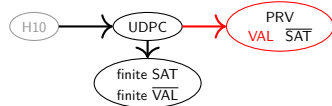


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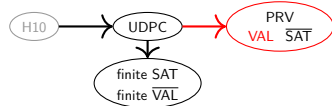


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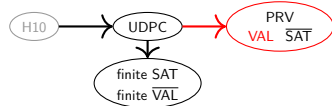


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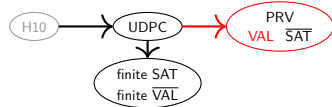
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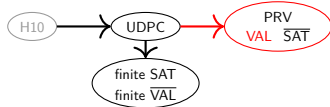
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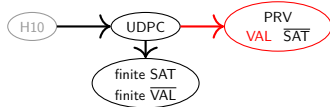
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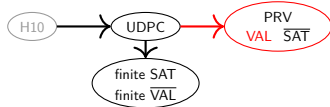
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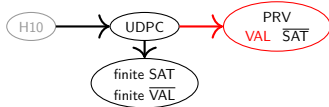
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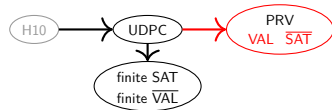
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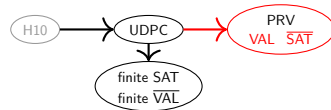


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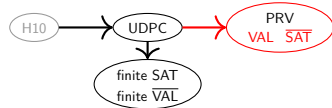
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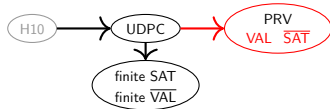
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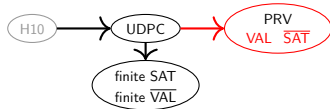
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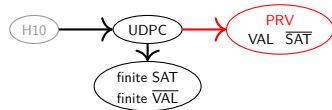
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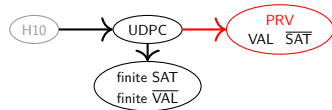
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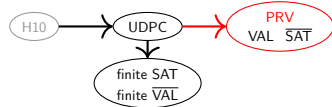
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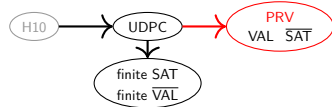
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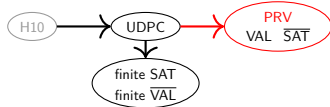


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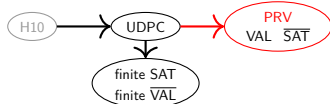


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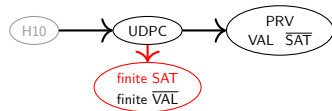
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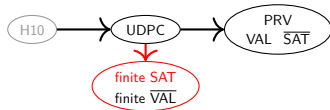
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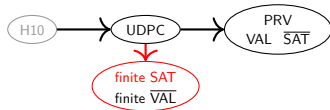
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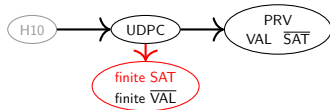
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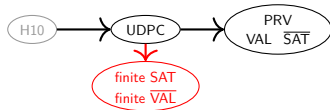
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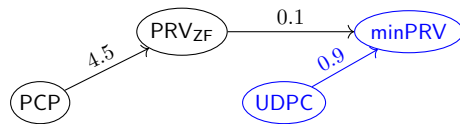
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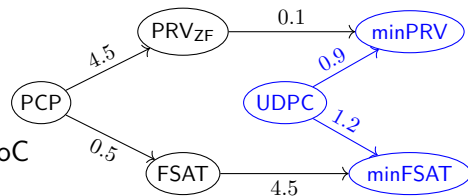
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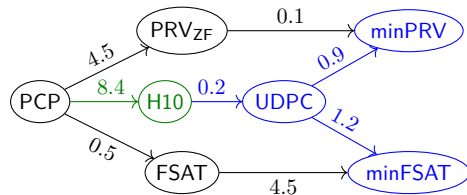
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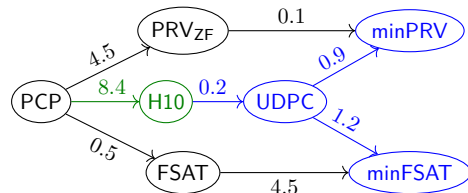
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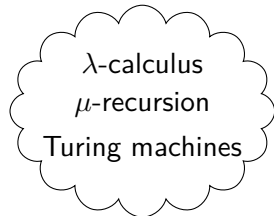
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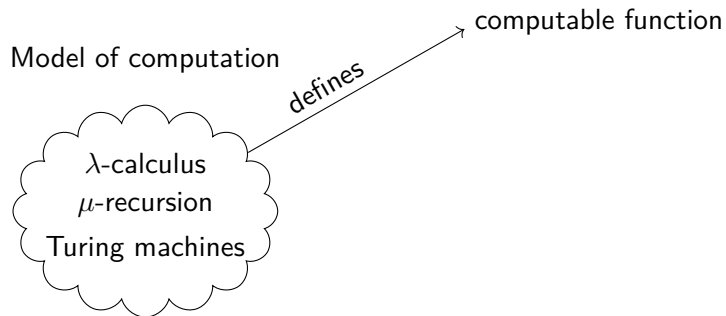
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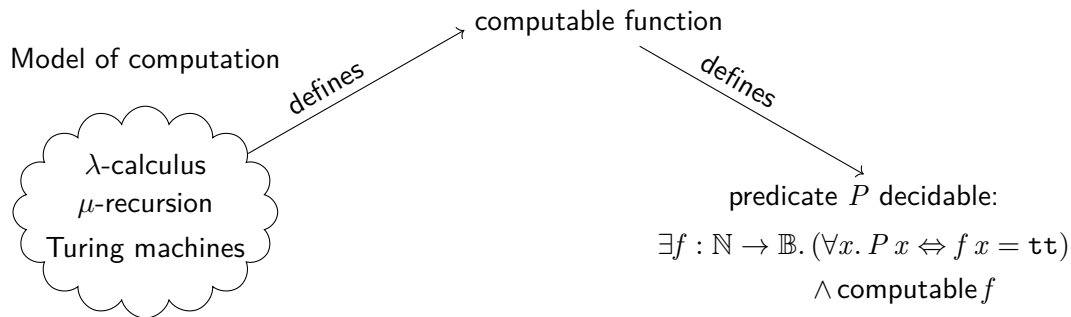
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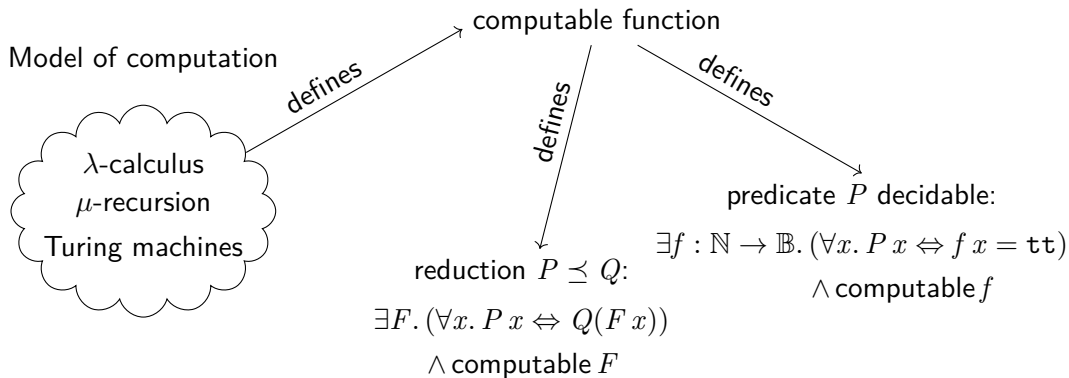
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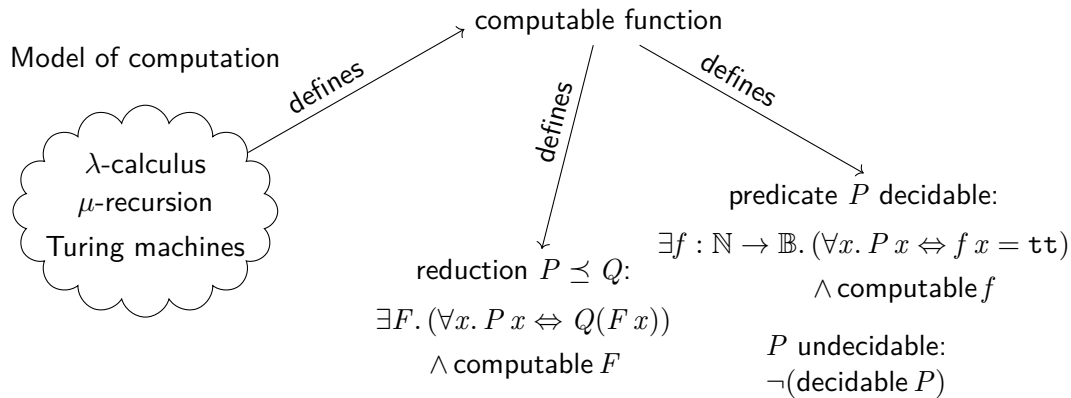
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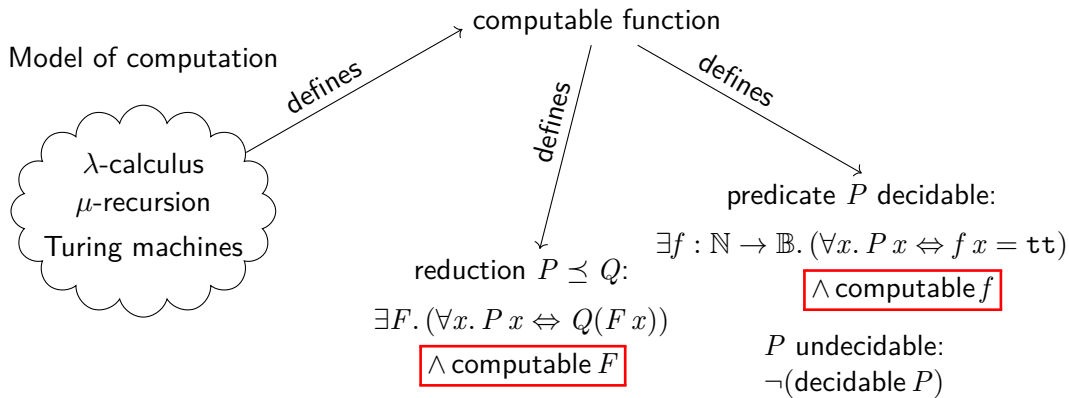
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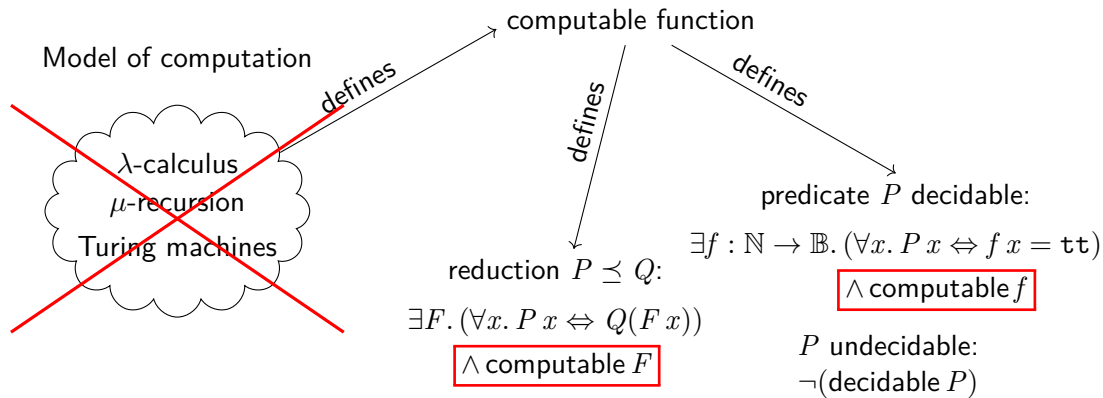
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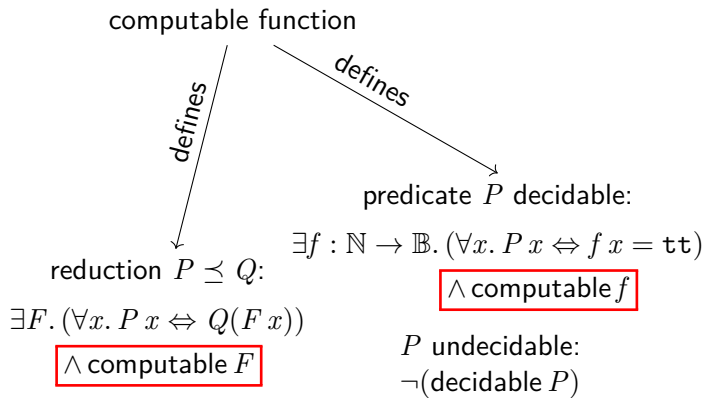
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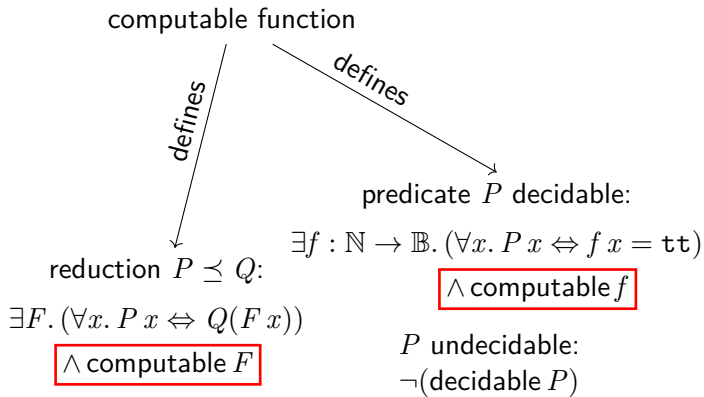
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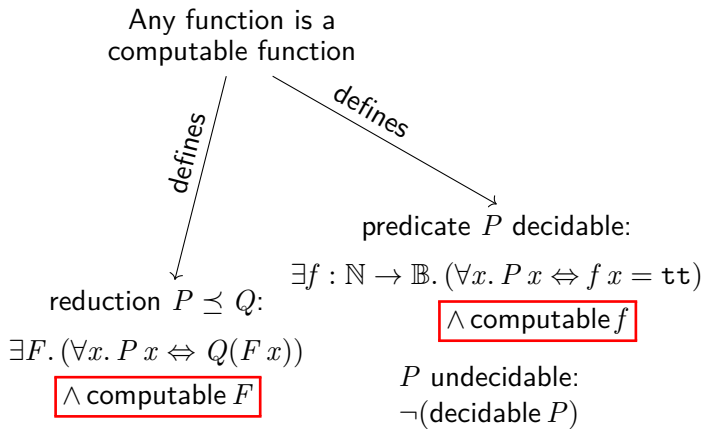
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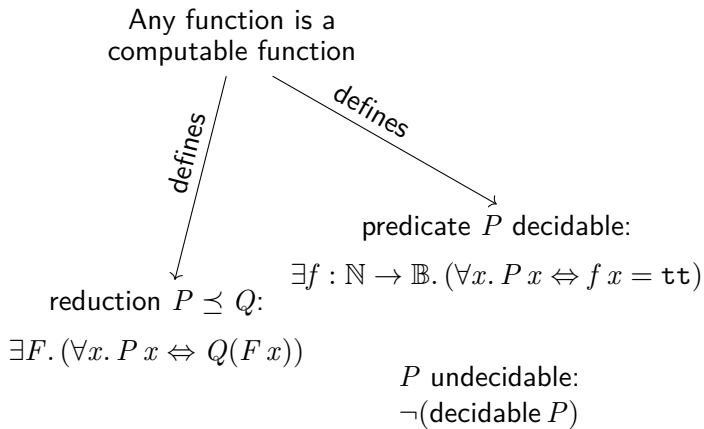
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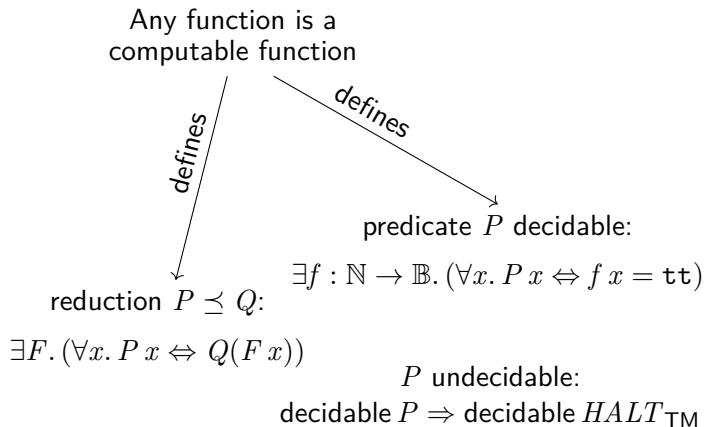
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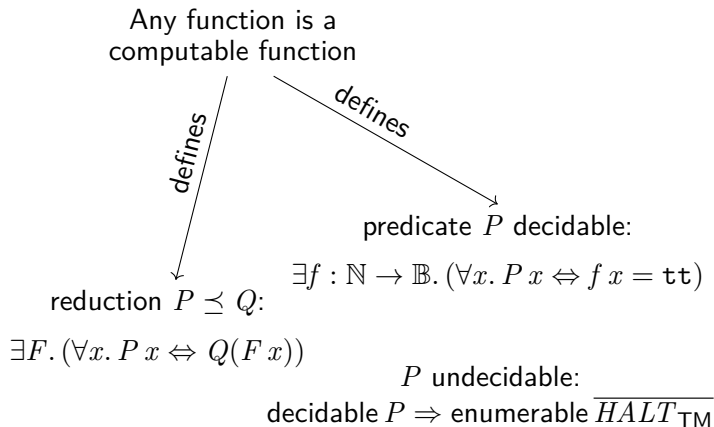
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Deduction system

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$\Gamma \vdash_c \varphi$ also has Pierce rule $((\varphi \rightarrow \psi) \rightarrow \varphi) \rightarrow \varphi$.

[Trakhtenbrot, 1950]

- ▶ Very ancient notation
- ▶ Given a general-recursive function f , construct formula \mathfrak{U} that is finitely satisfied only if f has a root
- ▶ Construction by induction on syntax of f
- ▶ Paper leaves actual construction to the reader
- ▶ Reduction is an interesting approach which might be elegantly mechanizable
- ▶ Paper is not concerned with minimal representation
 - [Kalmár, 1937] already published a reduction from FOL to FOL with minimal signature
 - [Kalmár, 1937] claims the reduction should work for finite models without presenting proof
 - The fact that one can reduce to a dyadic signature was folklore knowledge in 1950

[Kirst and Larchey-Wendling, 2020]

Part on Trakhenbrot:

- ▶ Show *FSAT* undecidable by reducing from *PCP*
- ▶ Signature compression chain:
 - Arbitrary FOL with equality to arbitrary FOL without equality
 - ▶ Take quotient over first-order indistinguishability
 - Arbitrary FOL to single predicate FOL
 - ▶ Actually three different reductions
 - ▶ Compress functions to predicates
 - ▶ Compress predicates to one predicate + unary functions
 - ▶ Compress functions to free variables
 - single predicate to dyadic predicate
 - ▶ Construction using \in and HF-sets

Other results:

- ▶ Monadic signature is shown decidable
 - Function and relation symbols have arity ≤ 1 , or
 - Relation symbols have arity 0

[Libkin, 2004]

- ▶ Textbook on Finite Model Theory
- ▶ Interesting section for us is 9.1
- ▶ Reduction from Turing Machine Halting Problem to *FSAT*
- ▶ Making this use minimal signature is (explicitly) left to the reader

The full reduction

1. Syntactic sugar:

- $N k := k \# k$
- $P' k := k \# k \rightarrow \perp$
- $P p l r := P' p \wedge N l \wedge N r \wedge l \# p \wedge p \# r$
- $(a, b) \# (c, d) := \exists p q, P p a b \wedge P q c d \wedge p \# q$
- $x \equiv y := \forall k, k \# x \leftrightarrow k \# y \wedge x \# k \leftrightarrow y \# k$
- $x \leq y := N x \wedge N y \wedge x \# y$
- $x < y := x \leq y \wedge x \neq y$
- $rel a b c d m := (a, b) \# (c, d) \wedge a \leq m \wedge b \leq m \wedge c \leq m \wedge d \leq m$

2. Axioms:

- $\forall xyz, x < y \rightarrow y < z \rightarrow x < z$
- $\forall a, N a \rightarrow a \neq 0 \rightarrow \exists a', (a', 0) \# (a, 0)$
- $\forall ab, (a, 0) \# (b, 0) \rightarrow a < b \wedge \forall k, k < b \rightarrow k \leq a$
- $\forall abcd, (a, b) \# (c, d) \rightarrow b \neq 0 \rightarrow$
 $\exists b' c' d', (b', 0) \# (b, 0) \wedge (c', 0) \# (c, 0) \wedge (a, b') \# (c', d') \wedge (d', b') \# (d, d') \wedge d' < d$
- $\forall acd, (a, 0) \# (c, d) \rightarrow d \equiv 0$

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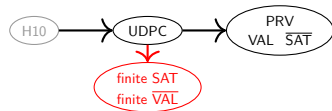
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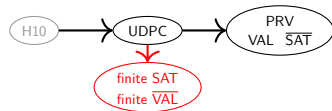
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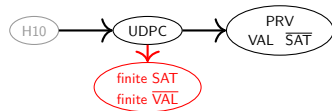
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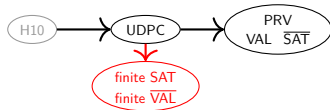
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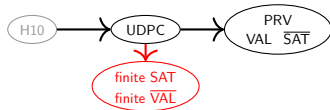


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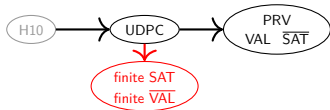
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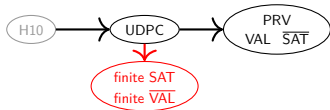
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