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Term Rewriting Systems

Exercise Sheet 6

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Exercise 27

Let u, x, y, and z be variables. Use the unification algorithm introduced in the lecture to solve the following two unification problems:

a)
$$S_1 := \{f(h(x), g(x, u)) = {}^? f(z, g(f(y, y), z))\}$$

b) $S_2 := \{h(x, g(x, y), y) = {}^? h(x, g(a, y), y), z = {}^? h(x, g(x, b), b)\}$

Exercise 28

From the unification algorithm introduced in the lecture, design a direct decision procedure for the matching problem.

Hint:

'Direct' means that no constants are introduced in the right term. Instead, the rules are to be modified such that the new algorithm returns 'the input terms do not match' or a matcher for the input terms as soon as possible.

Exercise 29

Prove the undecidability of the *uniform* halting problem by a reduction of the halting problem.