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# **Term Rewriting Systems**

### **Exercise Sheet 11**

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# **Exercise 56**

Consider the following sets of identities:

$$E_1 := \{f(g(f(x))) \approx x\}$$
$$E_2 := \{f(g(f(x))) \approx f(g(x))\}$$

- a) Apply the basic completion procedure to  $E_1$  and  $E_2$ .
- b) What happens if the improved completion procedure that also simplifies rules is applied to  $E_1$ ?

# Exercise 57

Show that the encompassment quasi-order  $\supseteq$  is in fact a quasi-order and that the associated strict order  $\supseteq$  is a well-founded strict order.

### **Exercise 58**

Let  $\equiv$  denote the equivalence relation associated to  $\supseteq$ , i.e.  $s \equiv t$  iff  $s \supseteq t$  and  $t \supseteq s$ . Show that:

- a)  $s \equiv t$  iff s and t are equal up to variable renaming.
- b) For a given term *s*, there exist up to variable renaming only finitely many terms  $t_i$  such that  $s \supseteq t_i$ .