

Problem #34 (Solved !)

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Summary: Is there a set of inference rules that always succeeds in computing a convergent set of rewrite rules for a given set of equations and an ordering, provided that it exists?

Ordered rewriting computes a given convergent set of rewrite rules for an equational theory E and an ordering $>$ whenever such a set R exists for $>$, provided $>$ can be made total on ground terms. Unfortunately, this is not always possible, even if $>$ is derivability (\rightarrow_R^+) in R . Is there a set of inference rules that will always succeed in computing R whenever R exists for $>$?

Remark

A proposal appears in [Dev91]; more work is called for.

A positive answer has been given in [BGNR99].

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