

Formalizing Strong Normalization Proofs

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Part I

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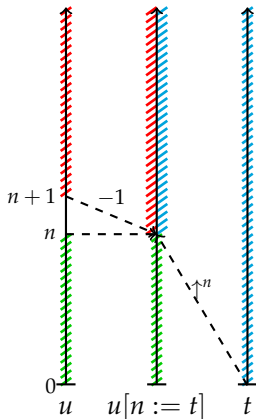
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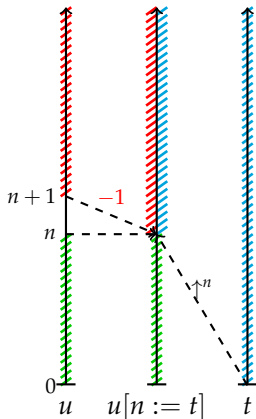
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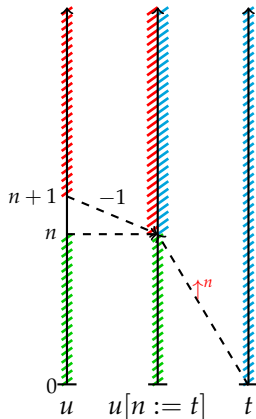
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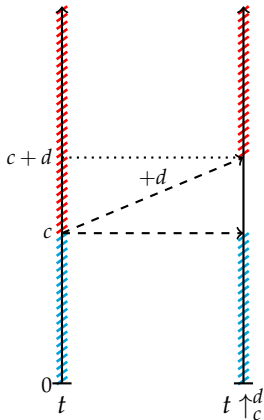
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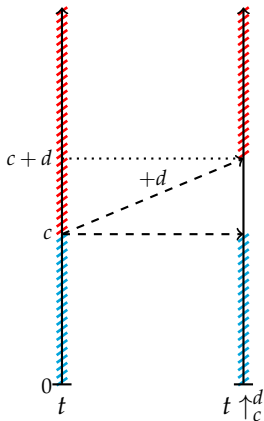
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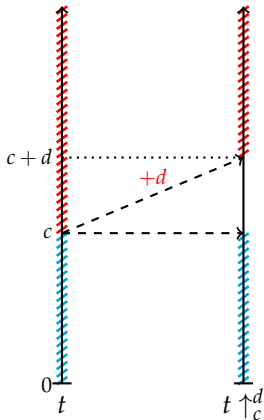
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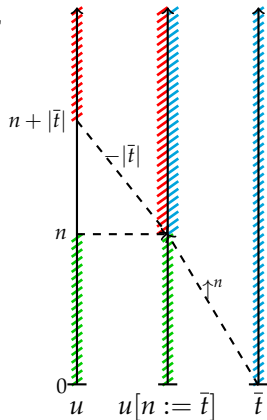
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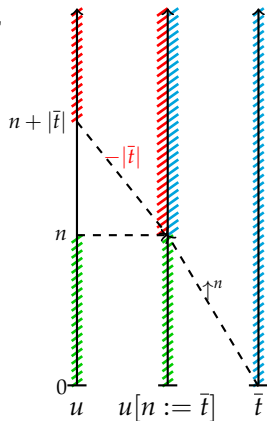
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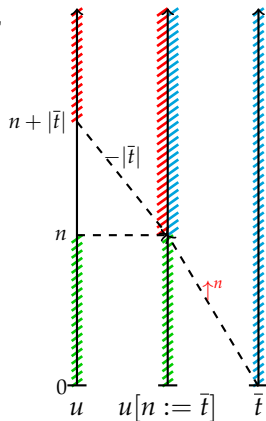
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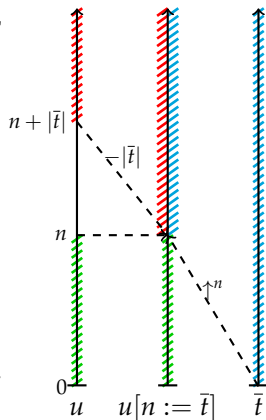
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This is useful for proving the strong normalization theorem.



Equational Properties

of Shift and Parallel Substitution

$$t \uparrow_n^0 = t \quad (1)$$

$$c \leq c' \leq c + d \Rightarrow t \uparrow_c^d \uparrow_{c'}^{d'} = t \uparrow_c^{d'+d} \quad (2)$$

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$$c \leq n \wedge |\bar{u}| + n \leq d + c \Rightarrow$$

$$t \uparrow_c^d [n := \bar{u}] = t \uparrow_c^{d-|\bar{u}|} \quad (6)$$

$$m \leq n \Rightarrow t[m := \bar{u}][n := \bar{v}] = t[|\bar{u}| + n := \bar{v}][m := \bar{u}[n - m := \bar{v}]] \quad (7)$$

$$t[|\bar{v}| + n := \bar{u}][n := \bar{v}] = t[n := \bar{v} \uparrow \bar{u}] \quad (8)$$

$$t[n := []] = t \quad (9)$$

where $\bar{t} \uparrow_c^d = [t \uparrow_c^d \mid t \leftarrow \bar{t}]$

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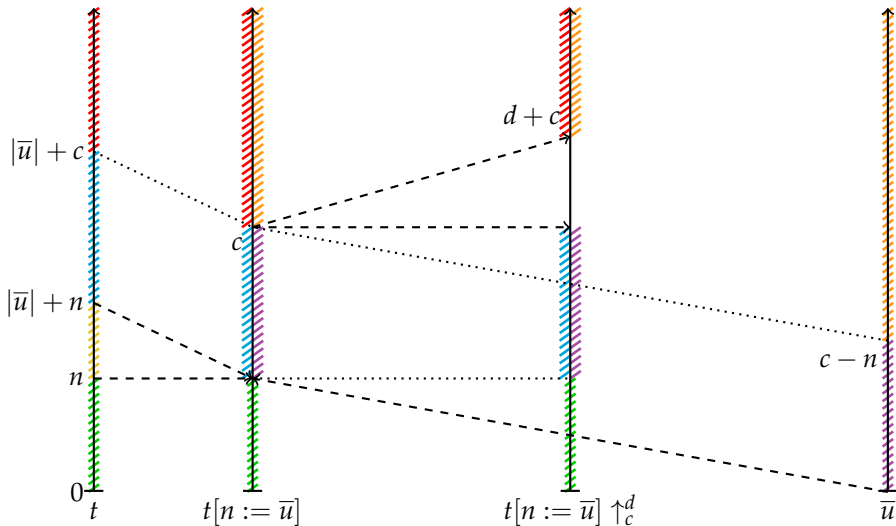
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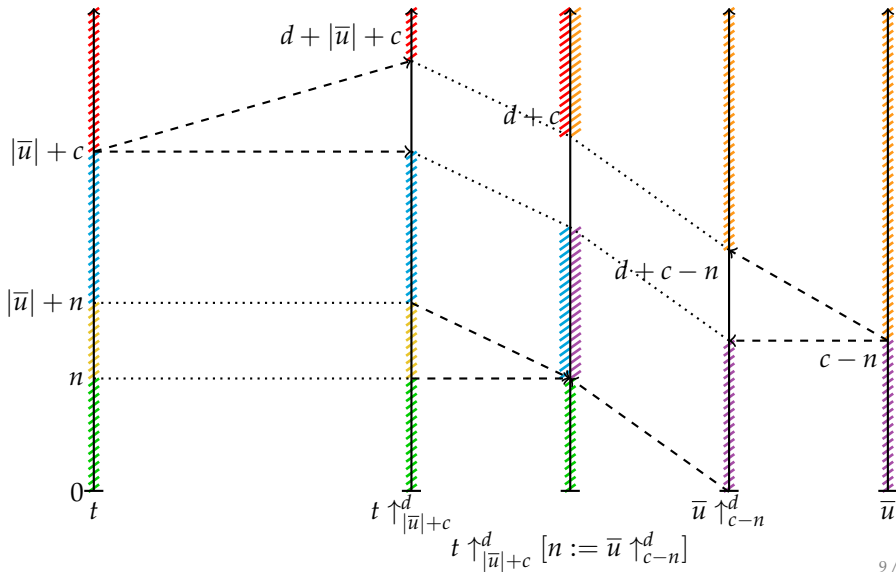
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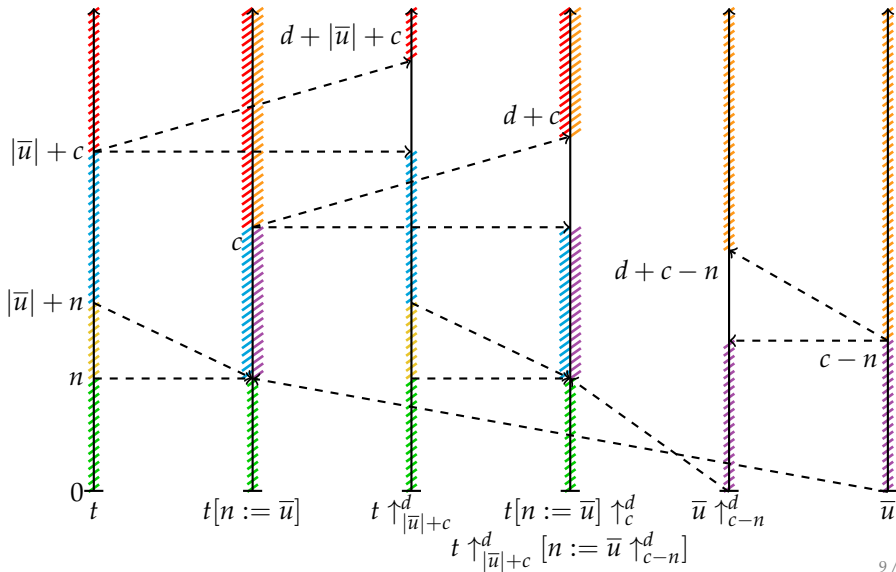
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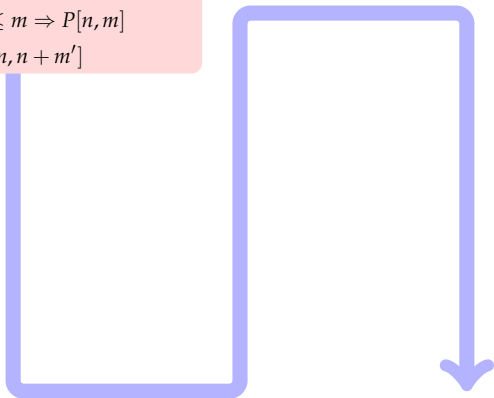
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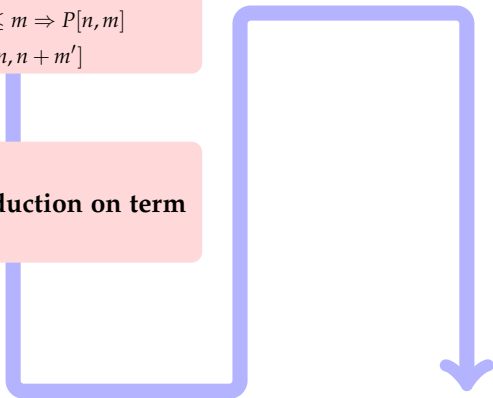
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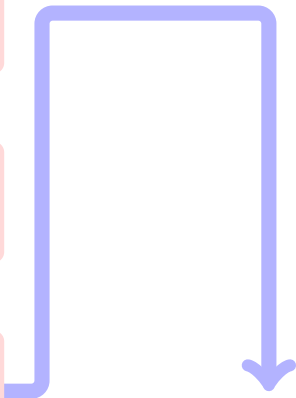
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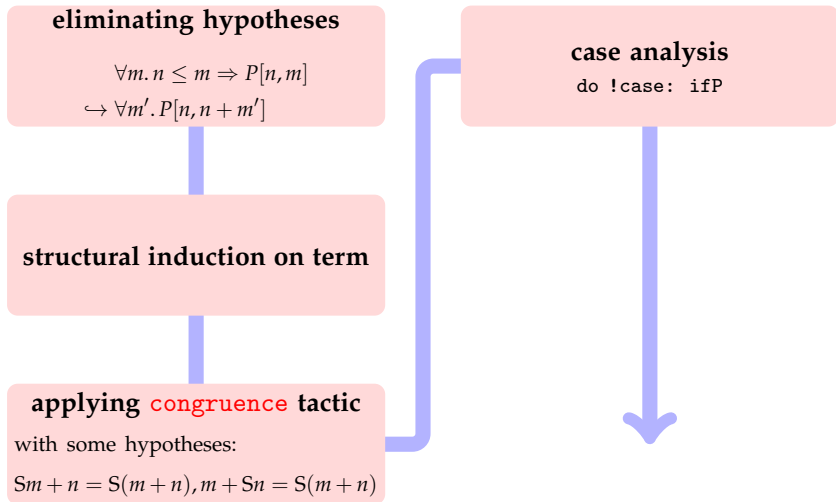
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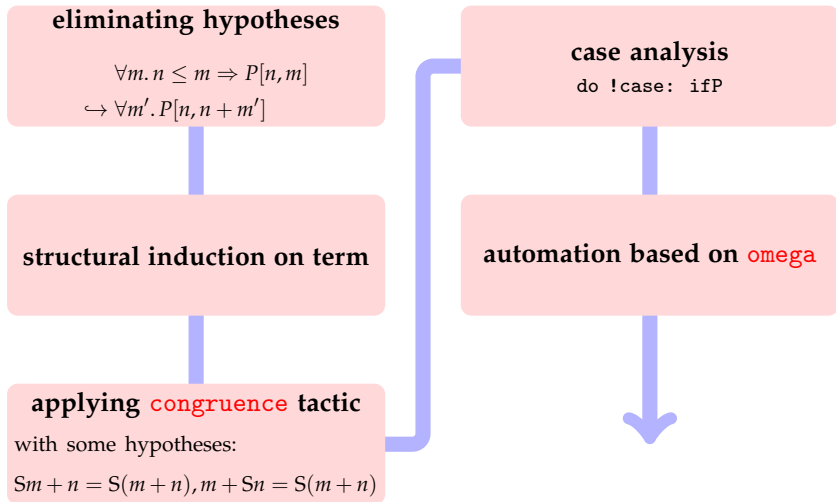
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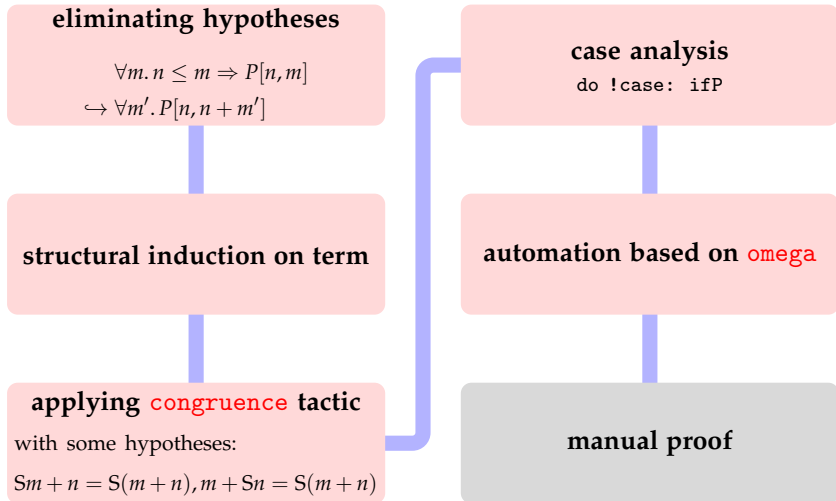
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  (shift d (size ts + c) t).
```

Proof.

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elimleq; elim: t n; congruence' => v n; elimif_omega.  
- rewrite !nth_default ?size_map /=; elimif_omega.  
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λ^{\rightarrow} : Simply Typed λ -Calculus

types and terms:

$$U ::= X \\ | (U \rightarrow U)$$

$$t ::= x \\ | (tt) \\ | (\lambda x : U. t)$$

typing rules:

$$\frac{\Gamma(x) = U}{\Gamma \vdash x : U}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : U \rightarrow V \quad \Gamma \vdash u : U}{\Gamma \vdash tu : V}$$

$$\frac{\{x : U\} + \Gamma \vdash t : V}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x : U. t : U \rightarrow V}$$

reduction rules:

$$(\lambda x : U. t) u \rightarrow_{\beta} t[x := u]$$

$$\frac{t_1 \rightarrow_{\beta} t_2}{t_1 u \rightarrow_{\beta} t_2 u} \quad \frac{u_1 \rightarrow_{\beta} u_2}{t u_1 \rightarrow_{\beta} t u_2}$$

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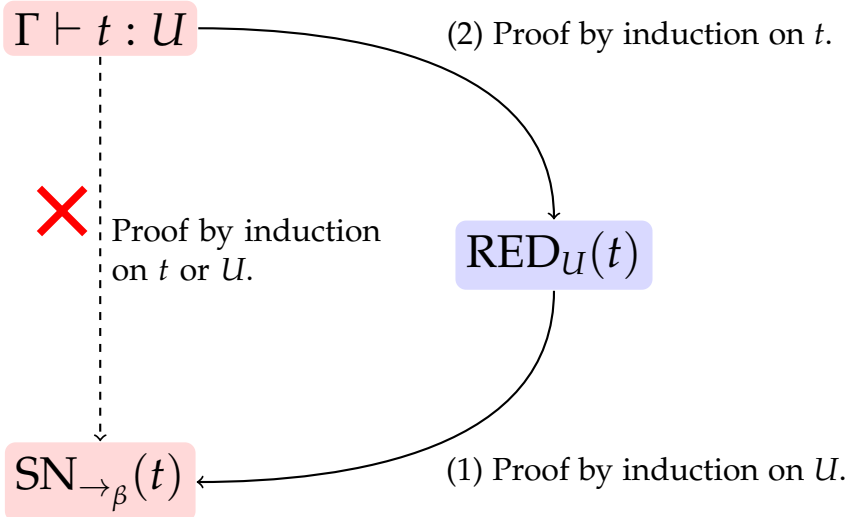
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In typical definitions, RED_U is a set of typed terms. But this definition of RED_U contains untyped terms. For example,

$$(\lambda x : U. x x) \in RED_X.$$

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
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In case of $n = 0$, this proposition is equivalent to

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There are 2 ways to solve this issue:

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- ▶ Redefine RED_U as a Kripke logical predicate.

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$\lambda 2$: System F [Gir72, GTL89]

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$$t ::= \dots$$
$$| (tU)$$
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1808  72327  coq/LC/Debruijn/F.v
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- ▶ <https://github.com/pi8027/lambda-calculus>

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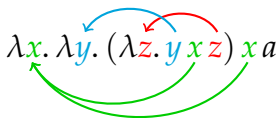
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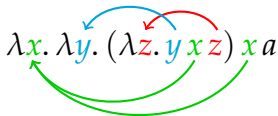


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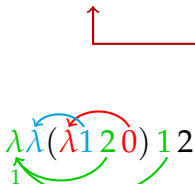
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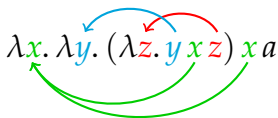
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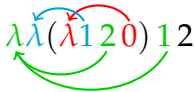
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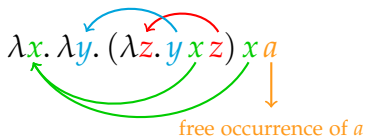


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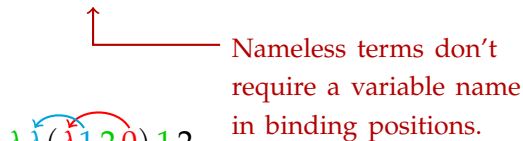
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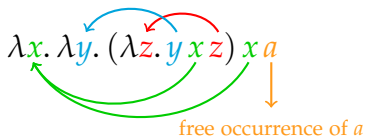


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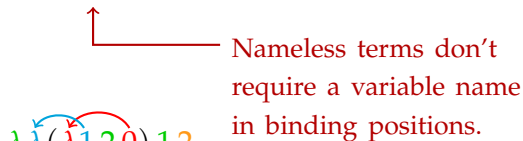
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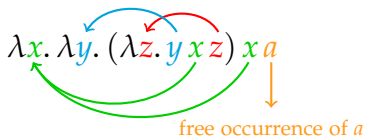


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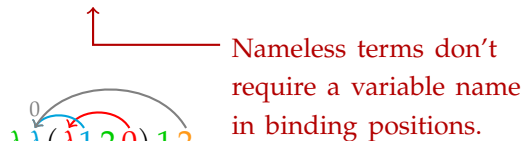
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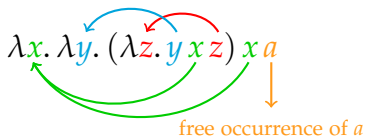


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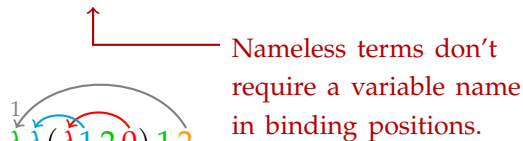
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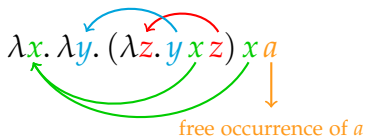
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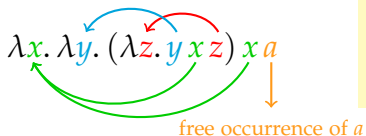


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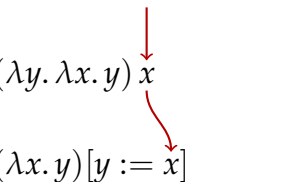
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