Formalizing Strong Normalization Proofs

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Part I

Nameless Terms and Proof Automation

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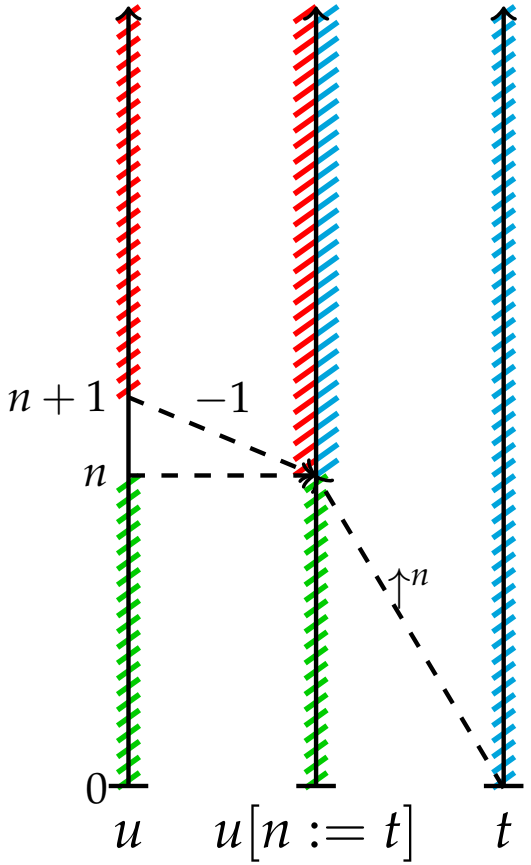

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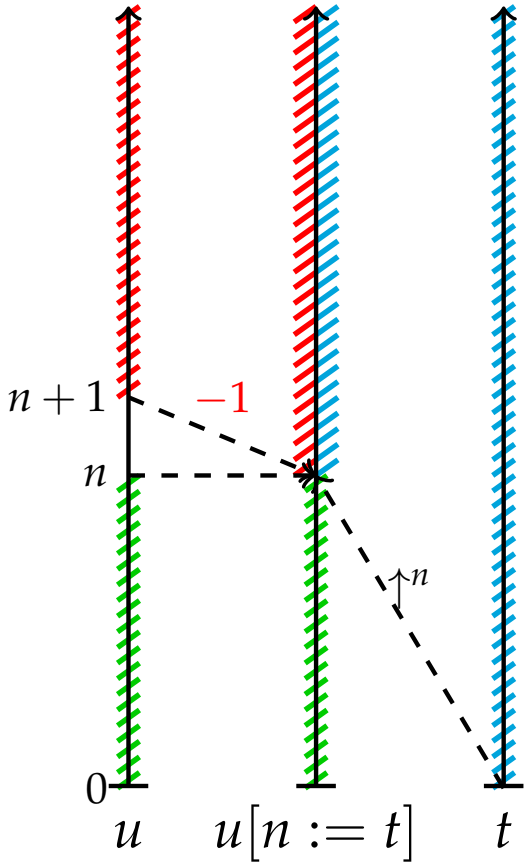

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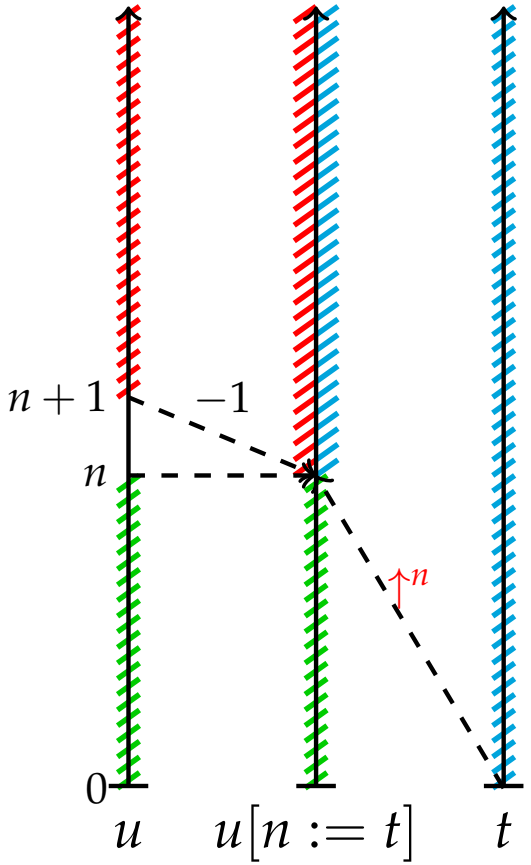

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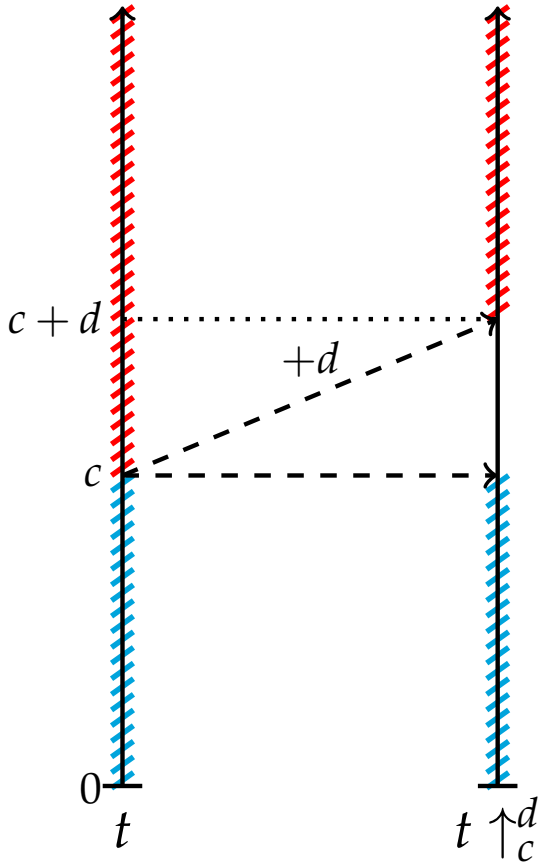

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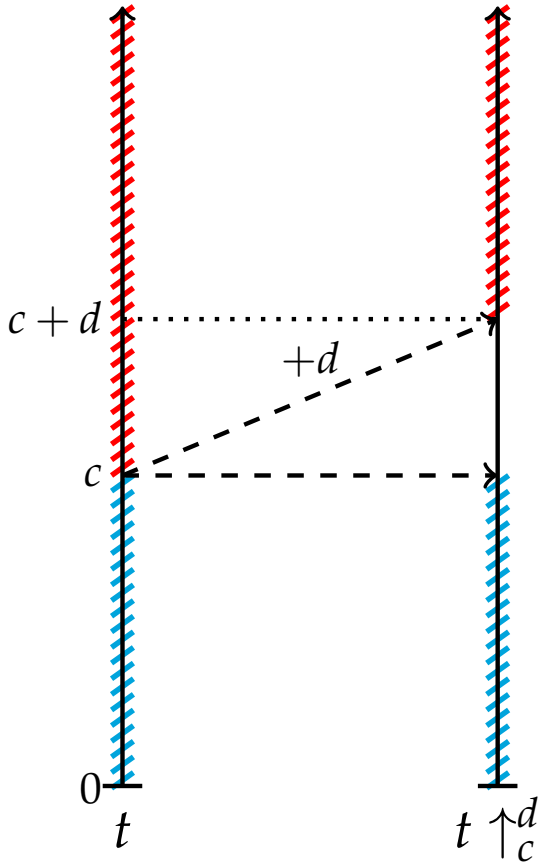

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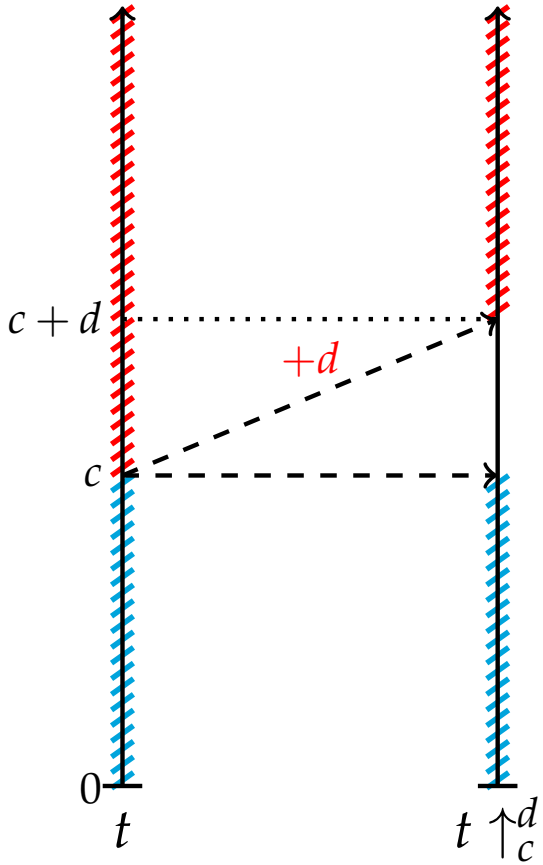

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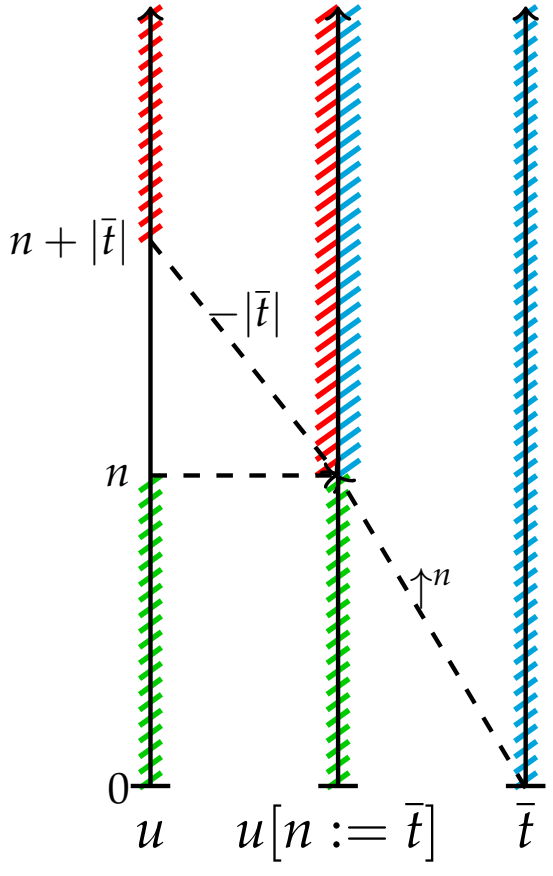

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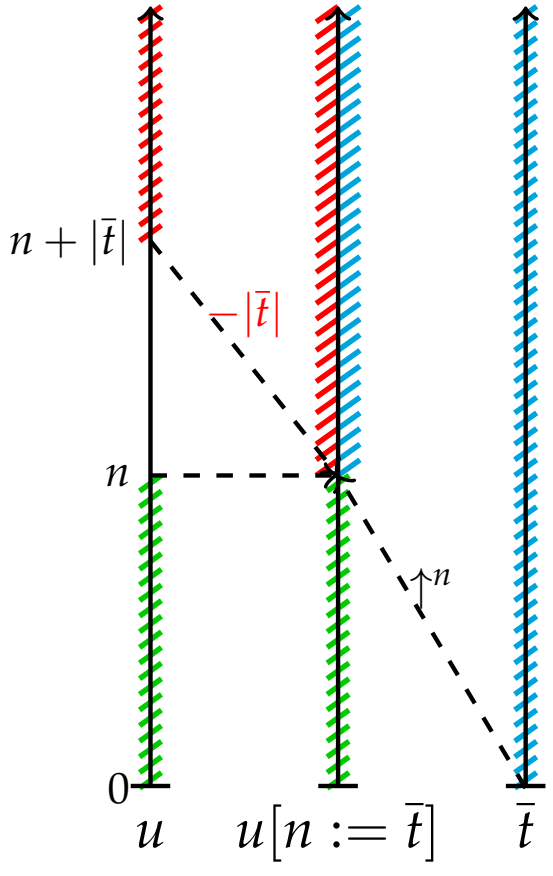

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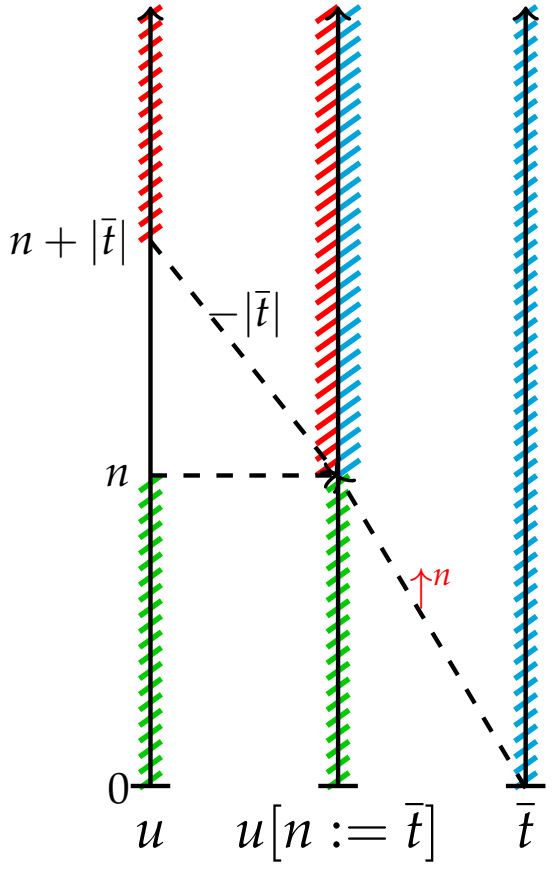

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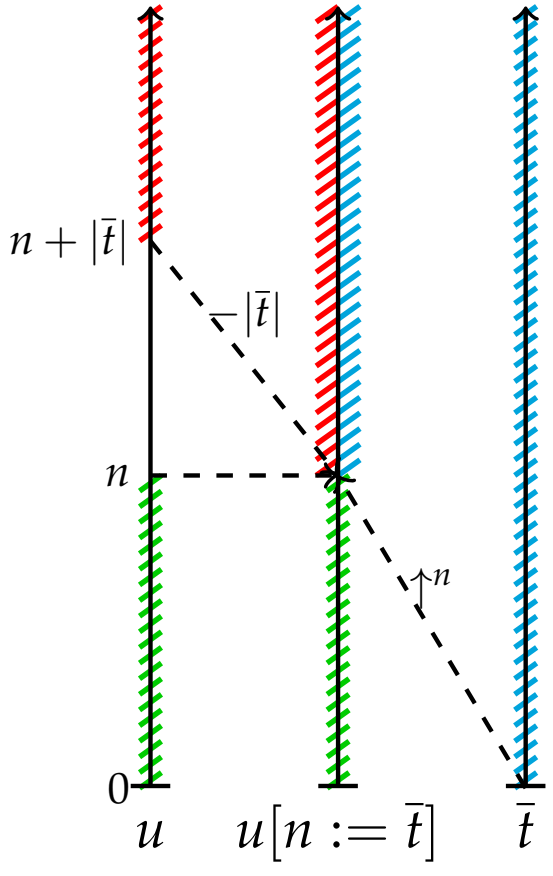

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of Shift and Parallel Substitution

$$t \uparrow_n^0 = t \tag{1}$$

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$$n \le c \Rightarrow t[n := \overline{u}] \uparrow_c^d = t \uparrow_{|\overline{u}|+c}^{d} [n := \overline{u} \uparrow_{c-n}^{d}] \tag{5}$$

$$c \le n \wedge |\overline{u}| + n \le d + c \Rightarrow$$

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$$m \le n \Rightarrow t[m := \overline{u}][n := \overline{v}] = t[|\overline{u}| + n := \overline{v}][m := \overline{u}[n - m := \overline{v}]] \tag{7}$$

$$t[|\overline{v}| + n := \overline{u}][n := \overline{v}] = t[n := \overline{v} +\!\!+ \overline{u}] \tag{8}$$

$$t[n := []] = t \tag{9}$$

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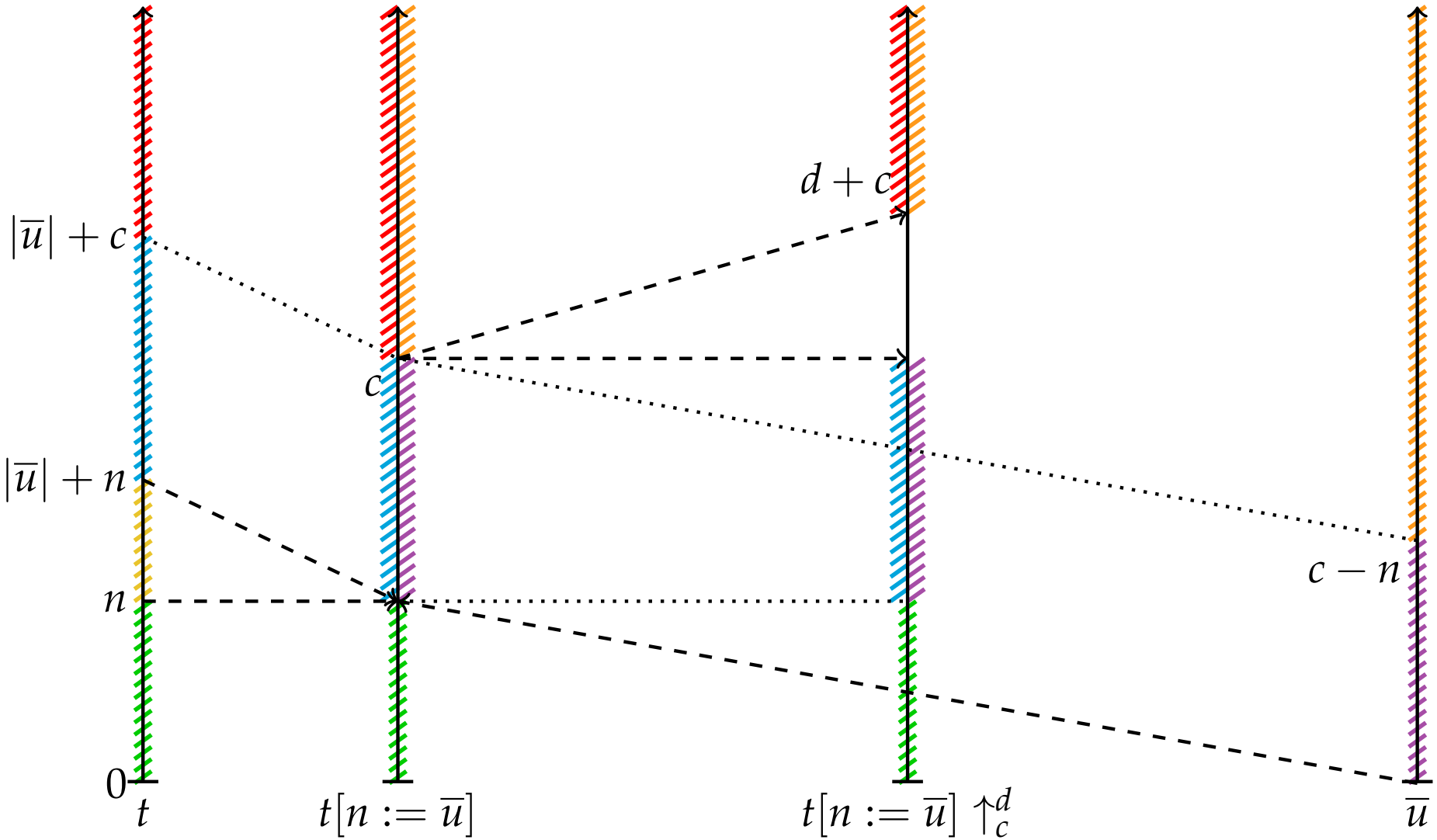

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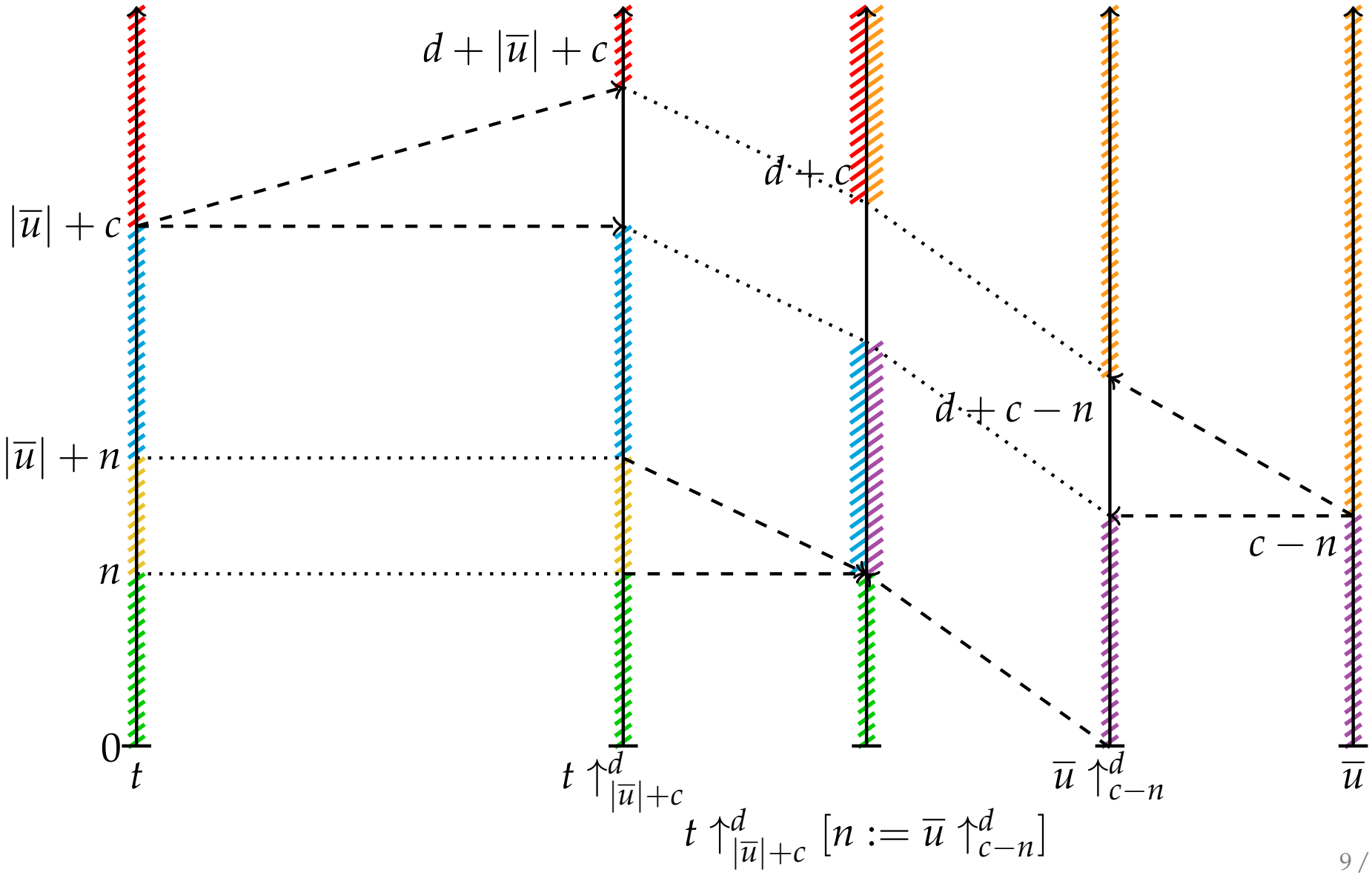

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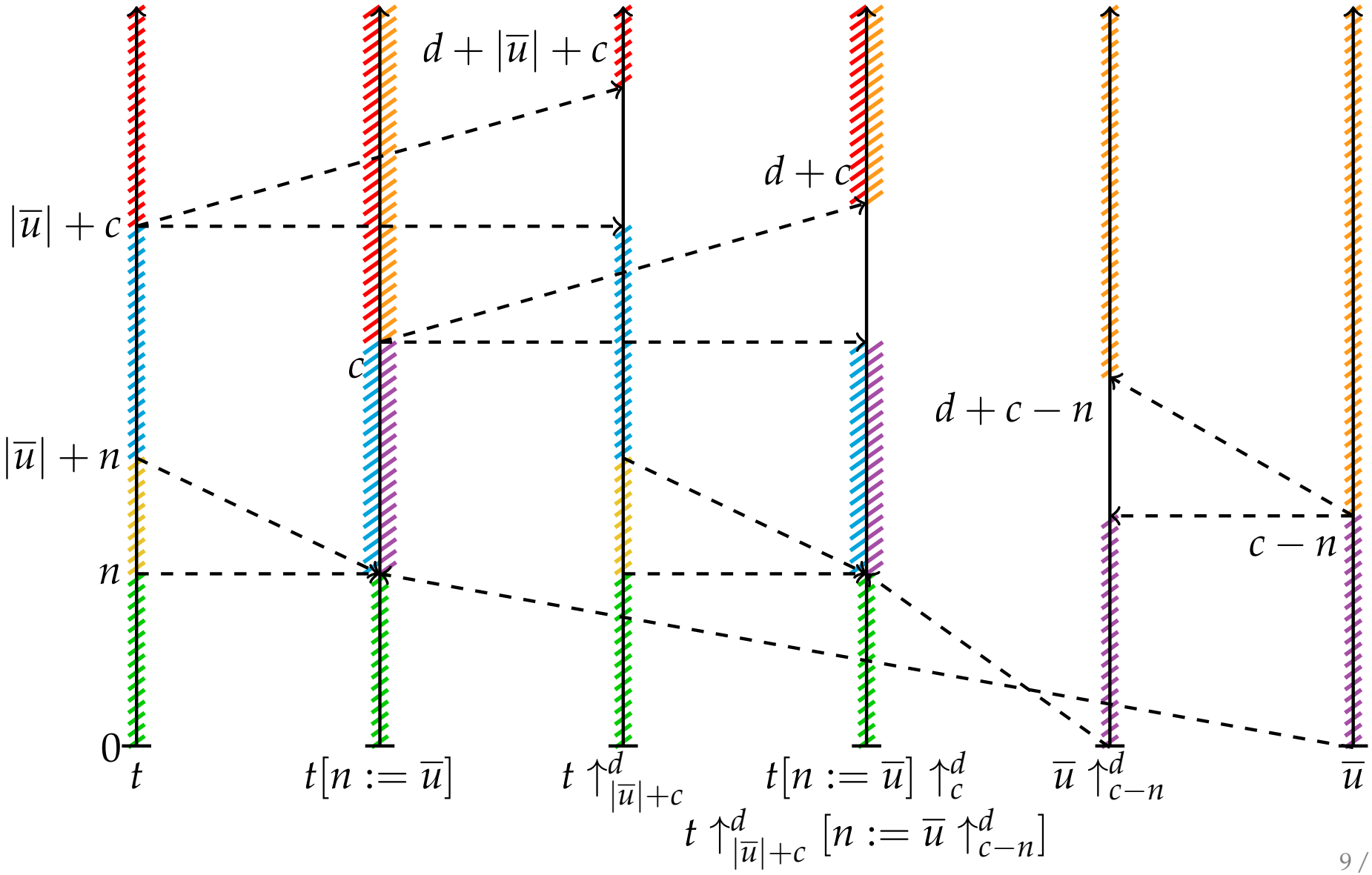

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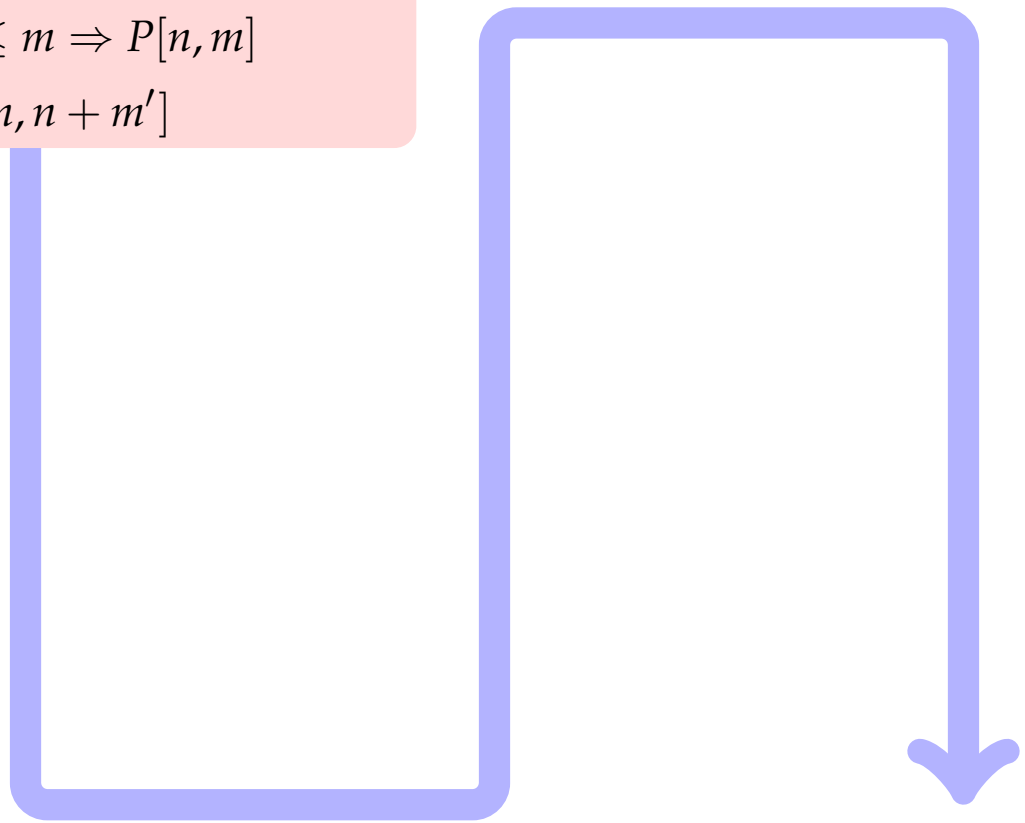

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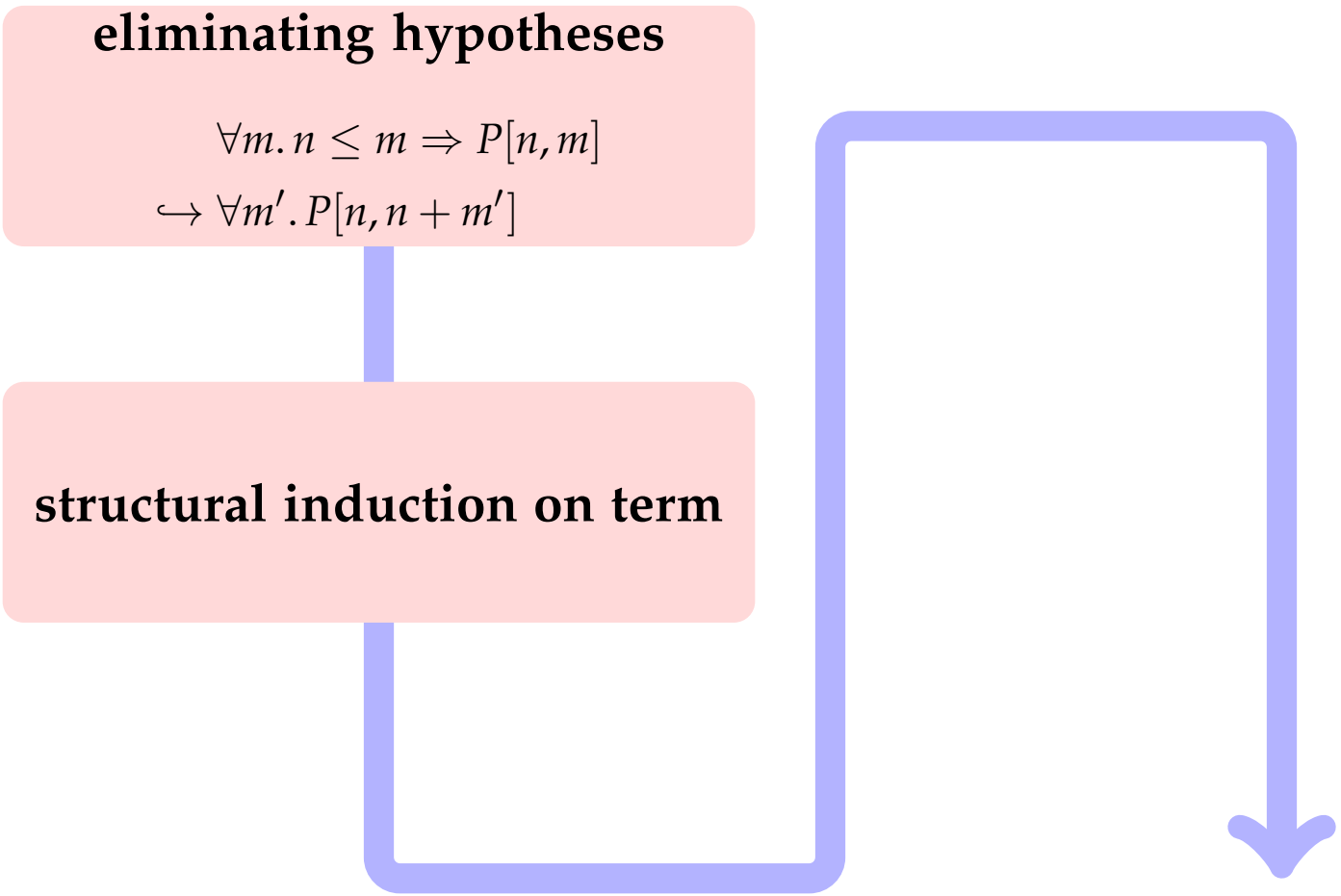

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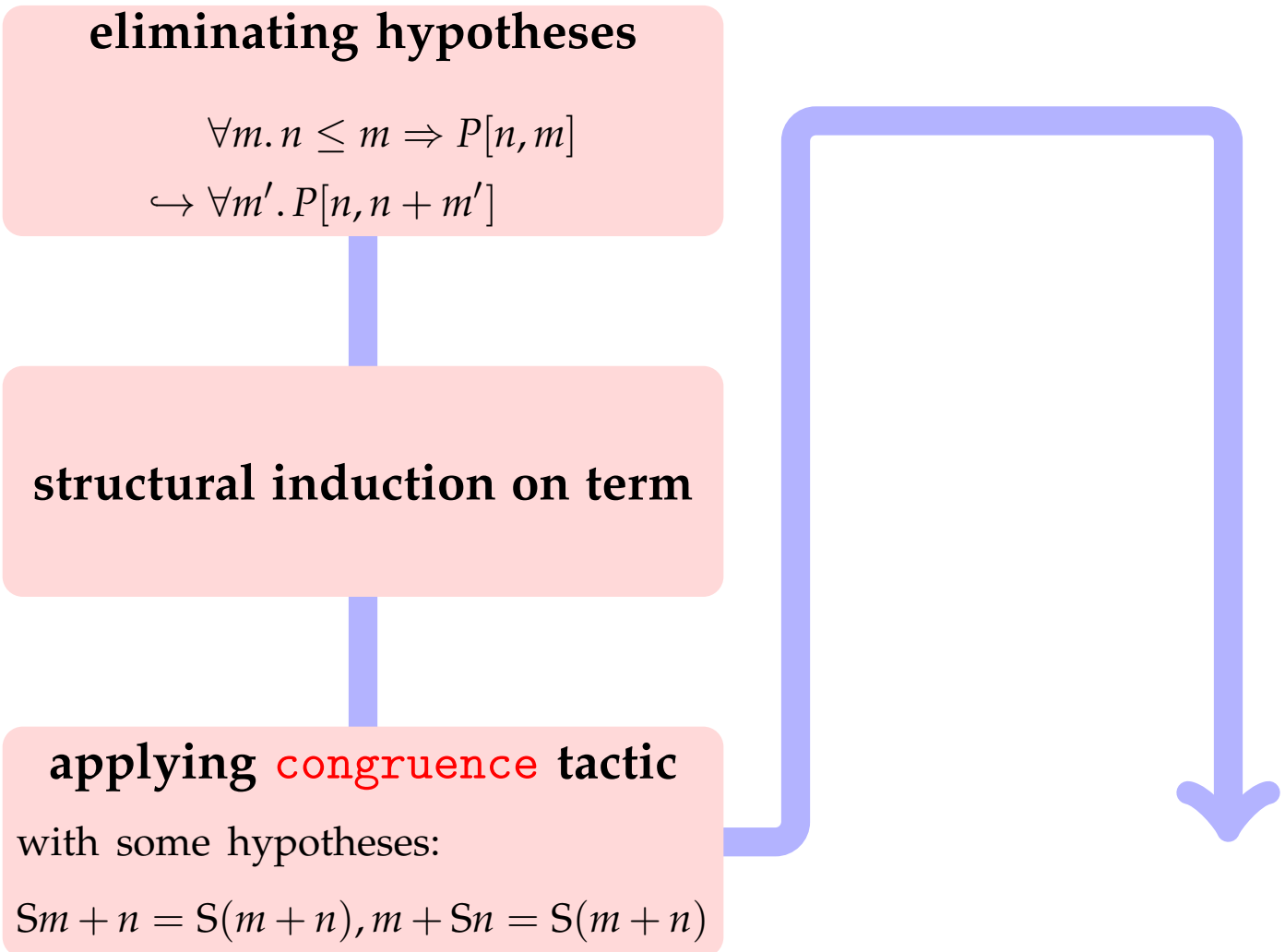

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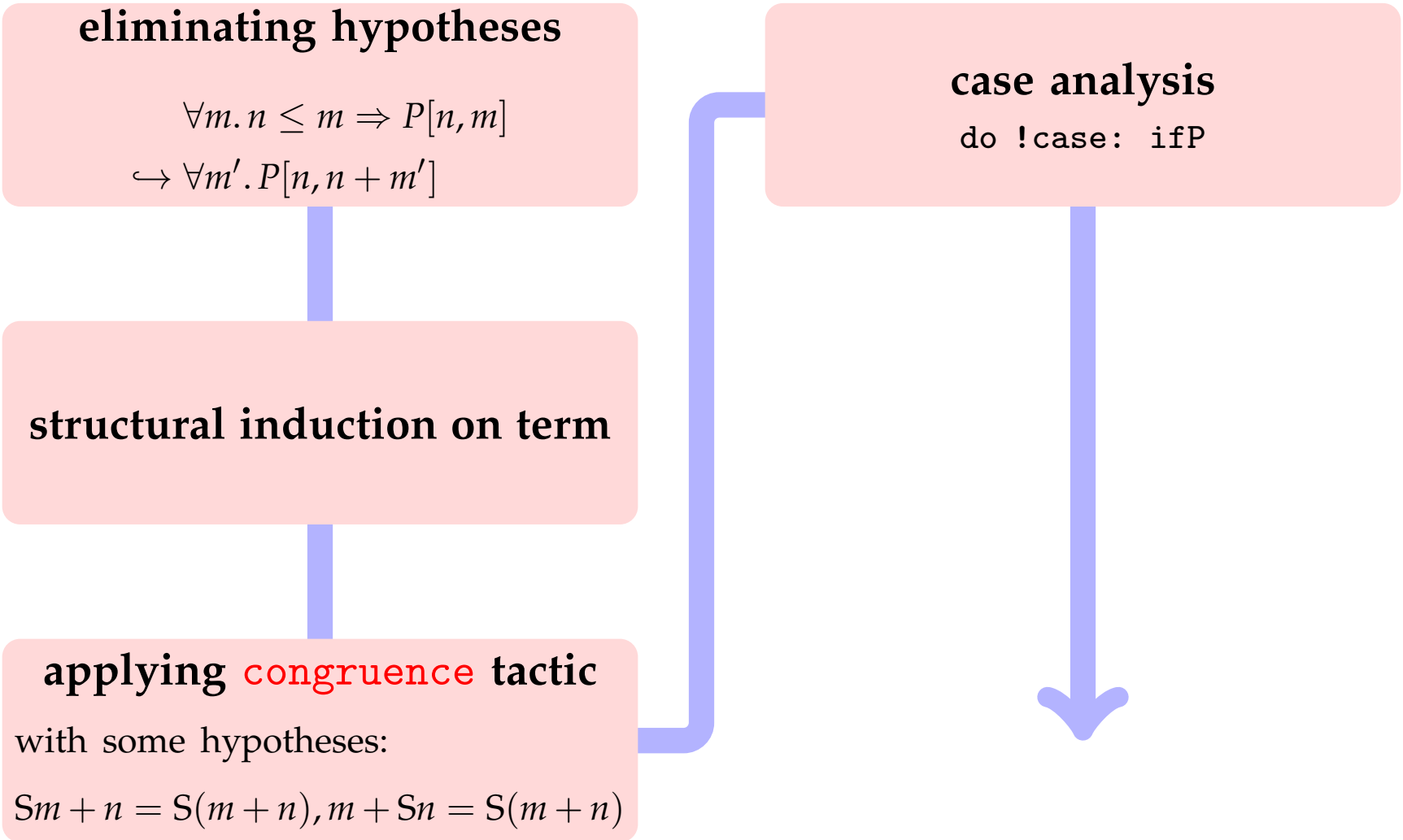

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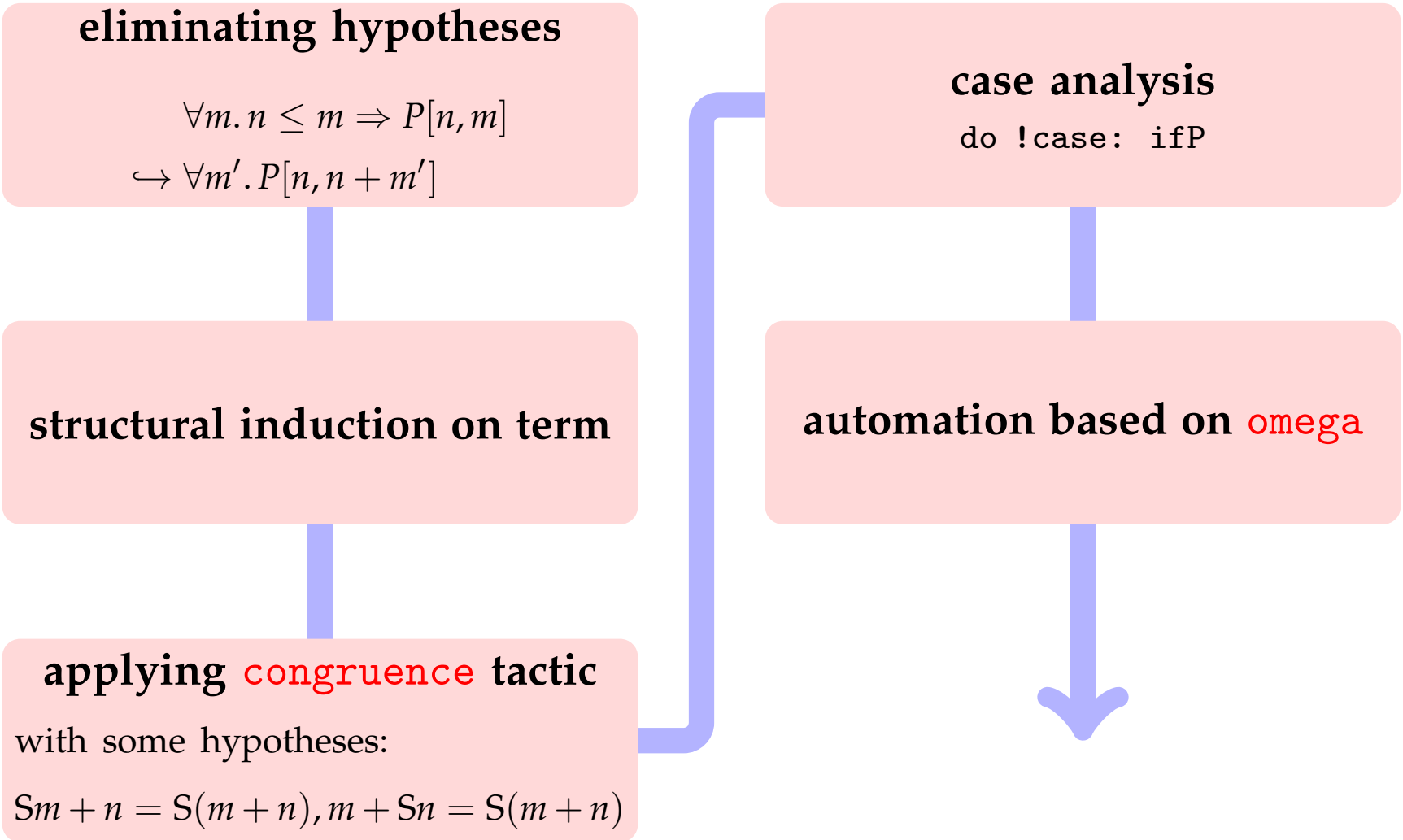

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applying `congruence` tactic

with some hypotheses:

$Sm + n = S(m + n), m + Sn = S(m + n)$

case analysis

`do !case: ifP`

automation based on `omega`

manual proof

Example

```
Lemma subst_shift_distr n d c ts t :
  n <= c ->
  shift d c (substitute n ts t) =
  substitute n (map (shift d (c - n)) ts)
    (shift d (size ts + c) t).
Proof.
  elimleq; elim: t n; congruence' => v n; elimif_omega.
  - rewrite !nth_default ?size_map /=; elimif_omega.
  - rewrite -shift_shift_distr // nth_map' /=;
      congr shift; apply nth_equal;
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Some techniques are required to use the `omega` tactic for proving the equational properties.

Part II

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$\lambda^{\to}$: Simply Typed λ-Calculus

types and terms:

$$U ::= X \mid (U \to U)$$

$$t ::= x \mid (t\,t) \mid (\lambda x : U.\, t)$$

typing rules:

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

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash t : U \to V \qquad \Gamma \vdash u : U}{\Gamma \vdash t\,u : V}$$

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

reduction rules:

$$(\lambda x : U.\, t)\, u \to_\beta t[x := u]$$

$$\frac{t_1 \to_\beta t_2}{t_1\,u \to_\beta t_2\,u} \qquad \frac{u_1 \to_\beta u_2}{t\,u_1 \to_\beta t\,u_2}$$

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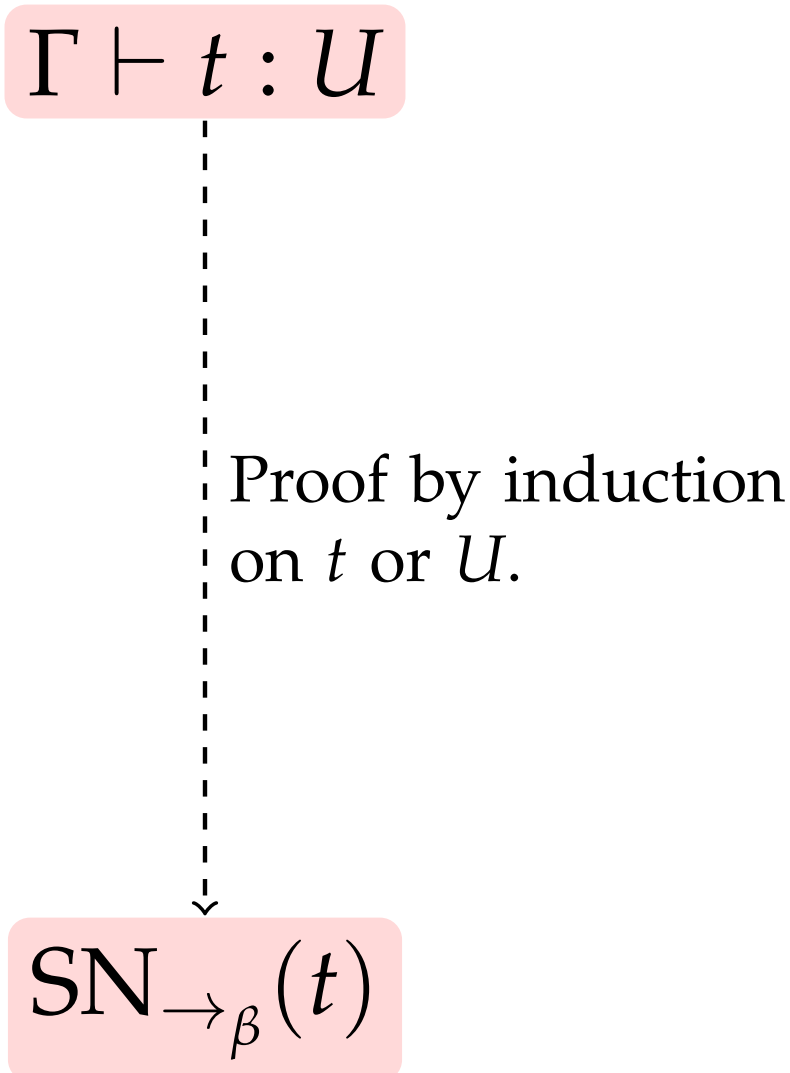

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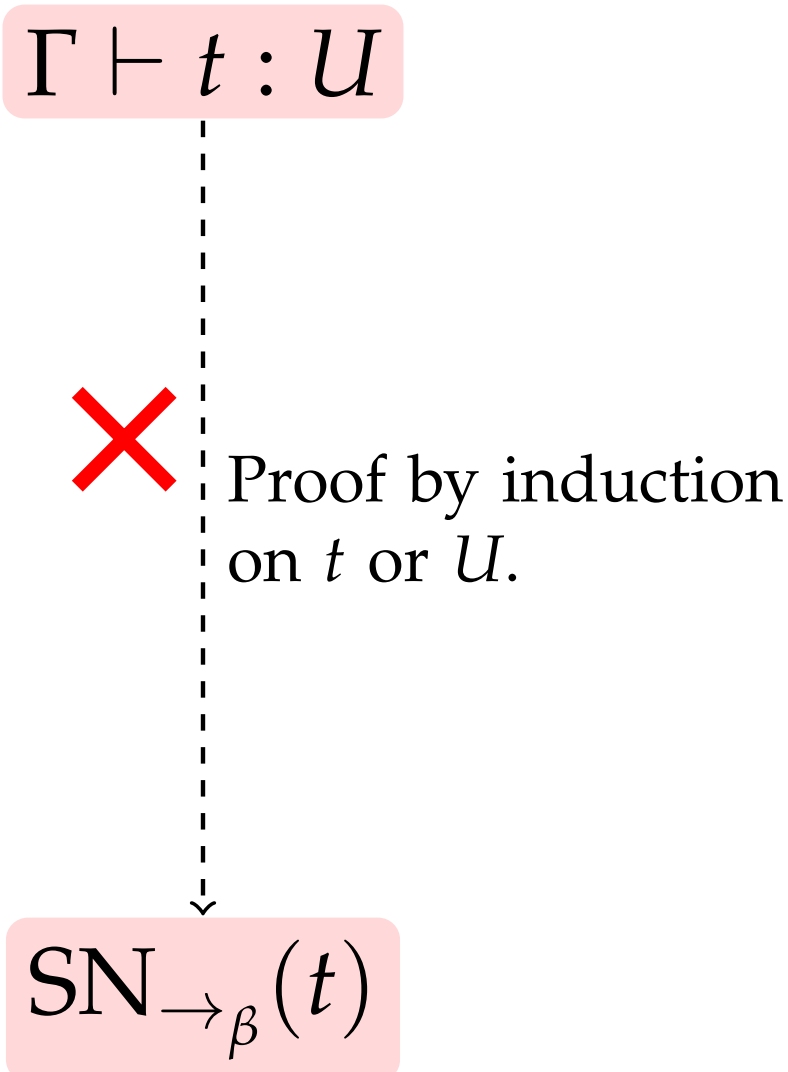

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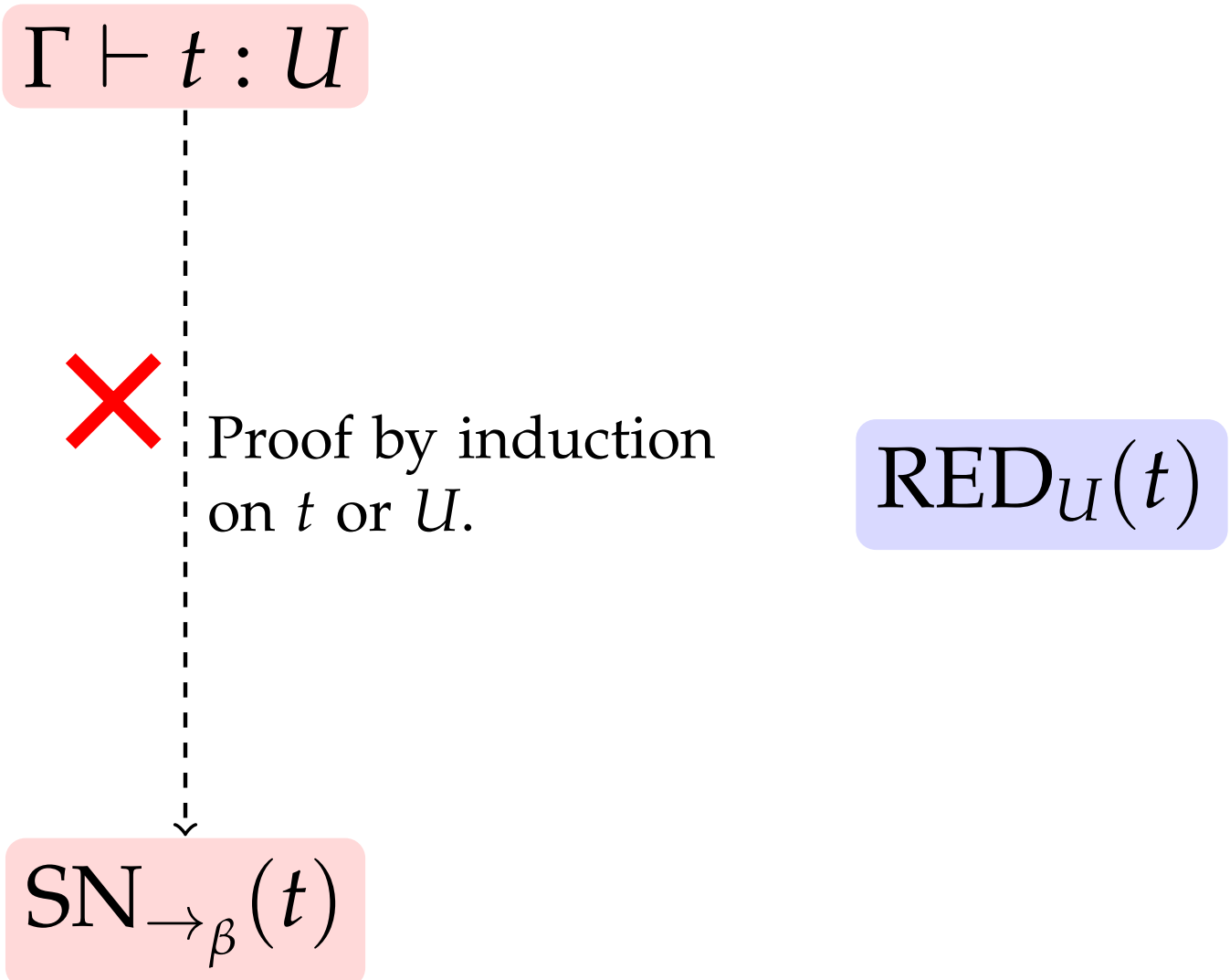

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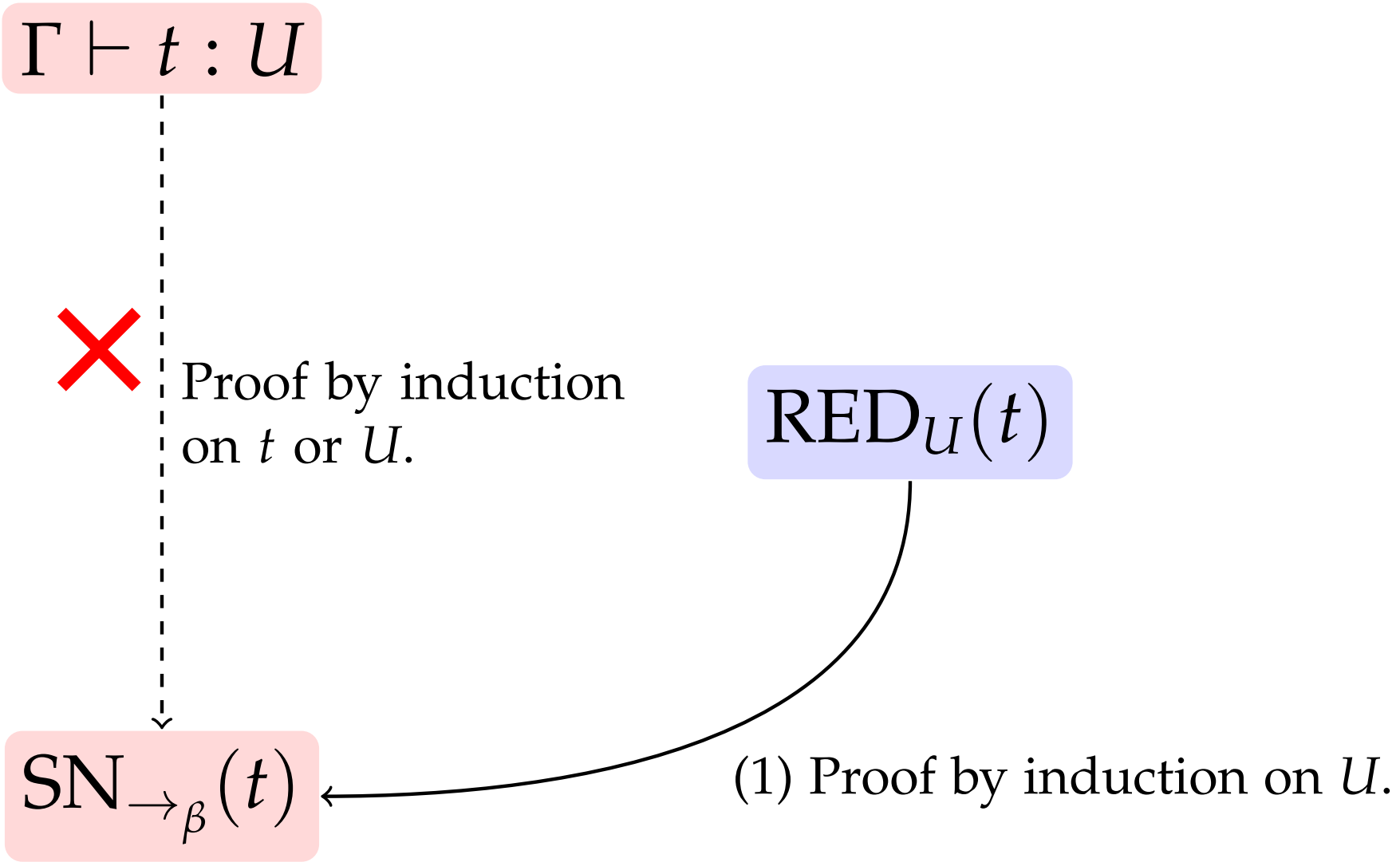

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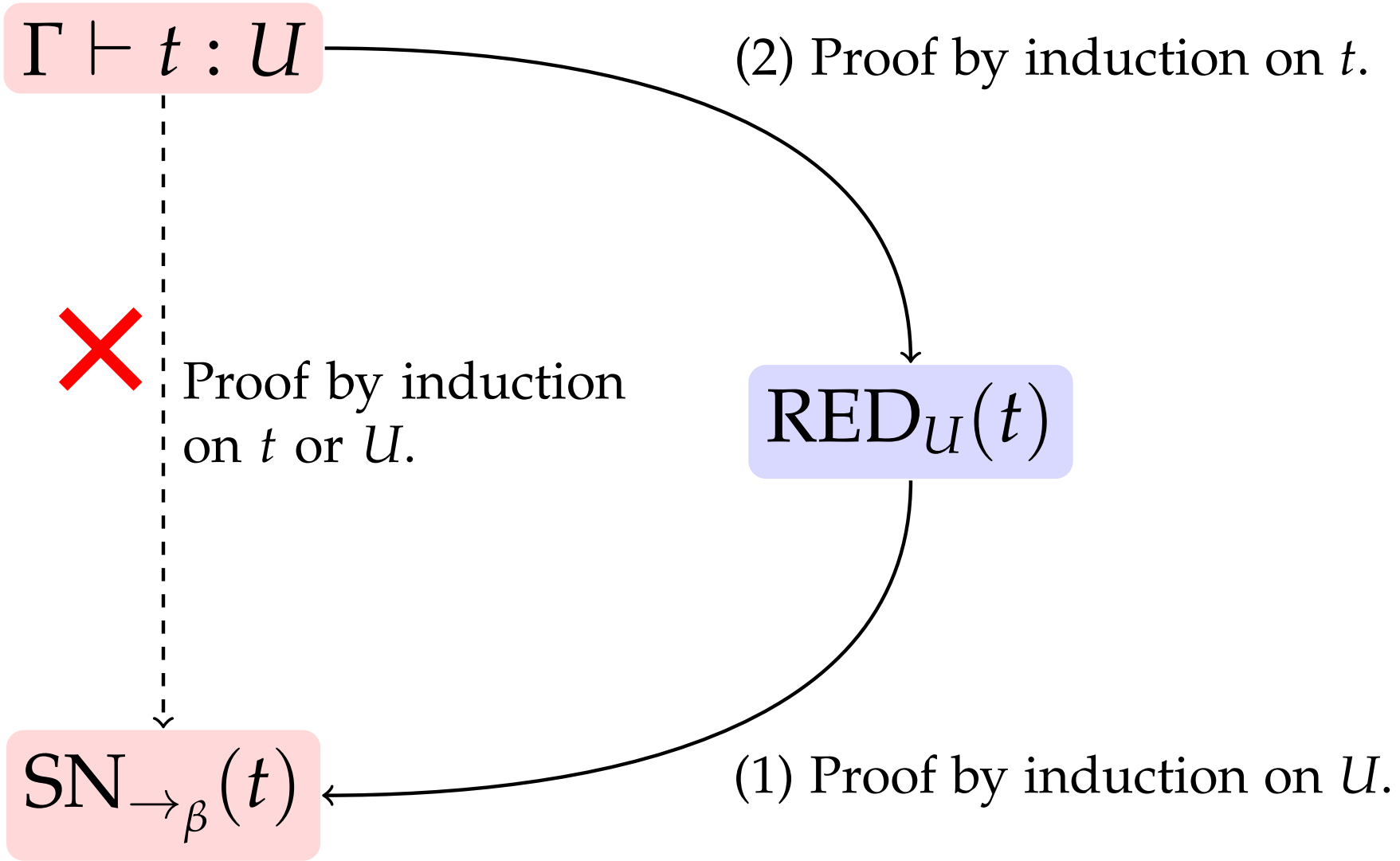

What is RED_U?
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In typical definitions, RED_U is a set of typed terms. But this definition of RED_U contains untyped terms. For example,

$$(\lambda x : U.\, x\,x) \in \mathrm{RED}_X.$$

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Finally, we get a proof of the strong normalization theorem.

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In typed settings, a term of type V is not always existing.

Solutions

There are 2 ways to solve this issue:

- Construct finite set of types by traversing proof tree of $\Gamma \vdash t : U$, and add it to Γ with fresh variables.
- Redefine RED_U as a Kripke logical predicate.

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

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$$t ::= \ldots \mid (t\, U) \mid (\Lambda X.\, t)$$

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Proof outline of the part 1:

1. Define the **reducibility candidates**. This is a (type indexed) family of terms, and defined by conditions like $\mathrm{CR}_{1,2,3}$.
2. Define the **reducibility with parameters**. This corresponds to the reducibility of $\lambda^{\to}$.
3. Prove that the reducibility with parameters is a reducibility candidate.

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Comparison of the SN Proofs

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- Typed reducibilities are capturing the features of reducible terms.

Conclusion

- We formalized strong normalization proofs with 6 different definitions of the reducibility.
- `$ wc -lc **/*.v`

```
...
  1808  72327 coq/LC/Debruijn/F.v
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  3746 138149 total
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- https://github.com/pi8027/lambda-calculus

Appendix

λ-Calculus and Representations of Binding

named representation (name-carrying term)

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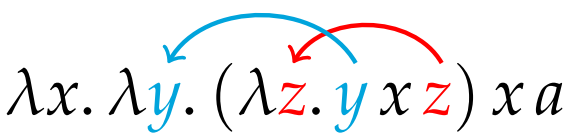

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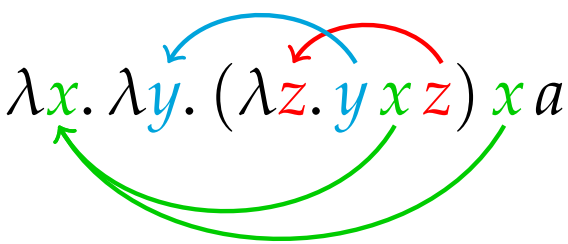

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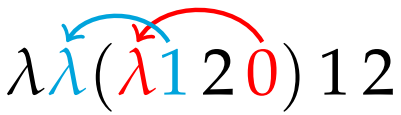

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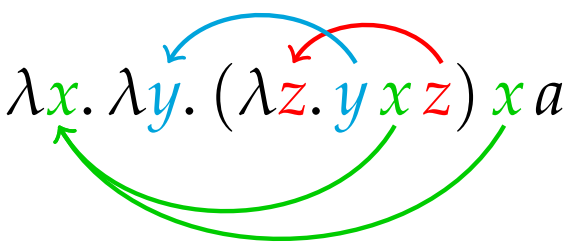

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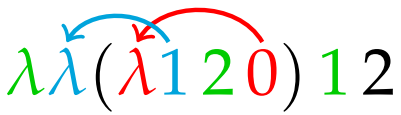

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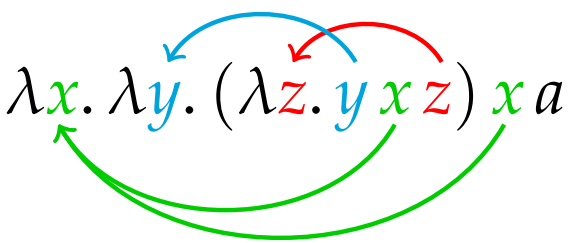

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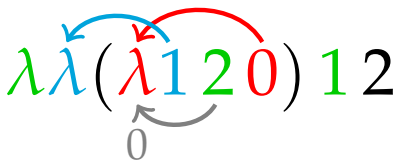

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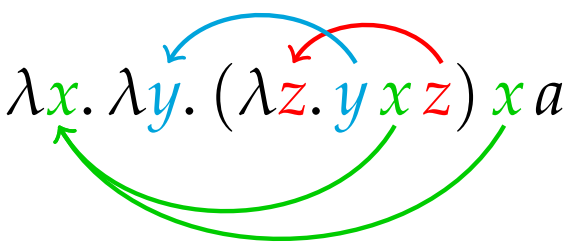

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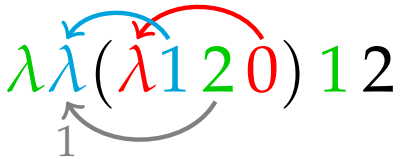

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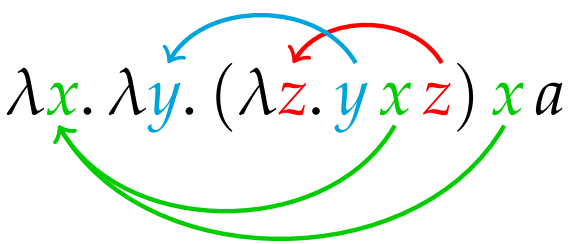

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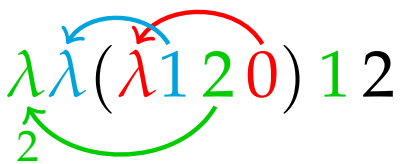

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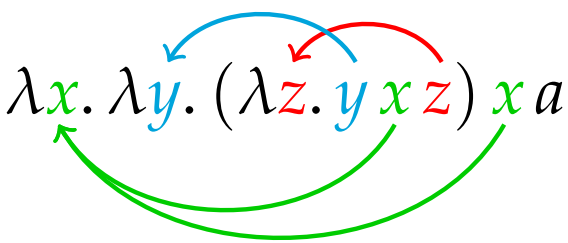

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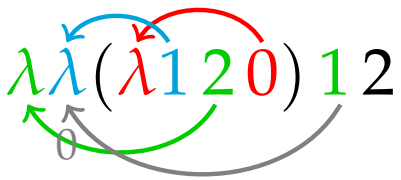

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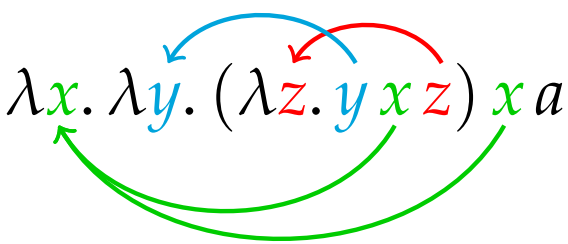

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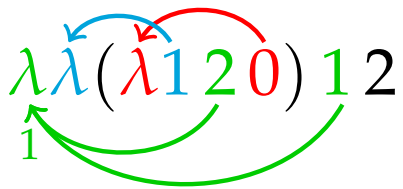

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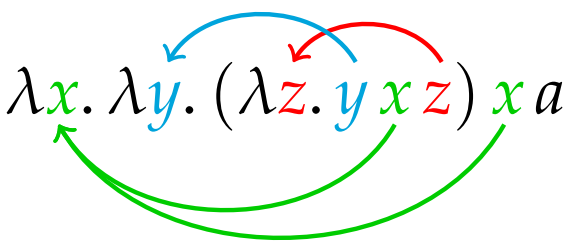

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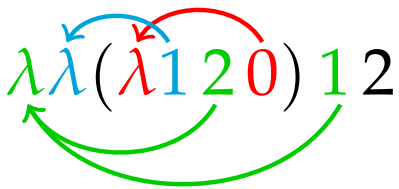

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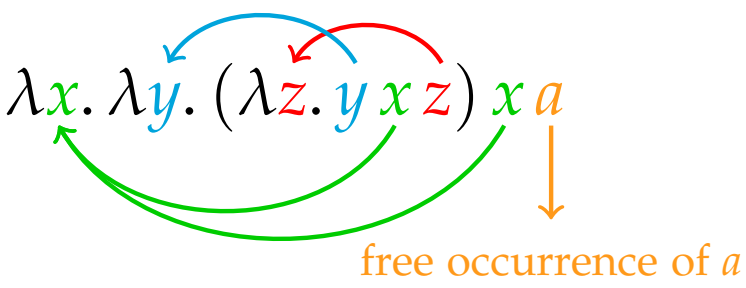

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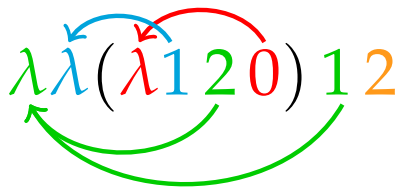

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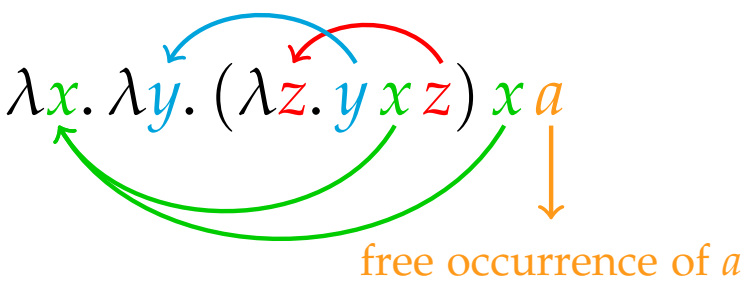

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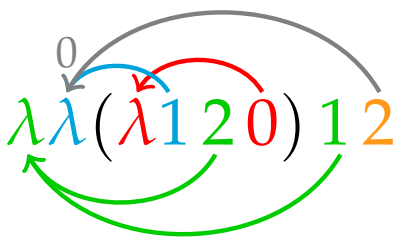

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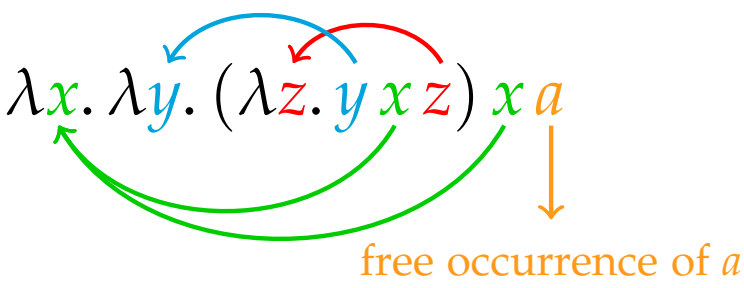

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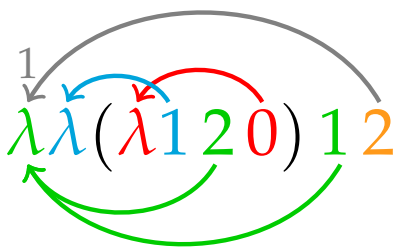

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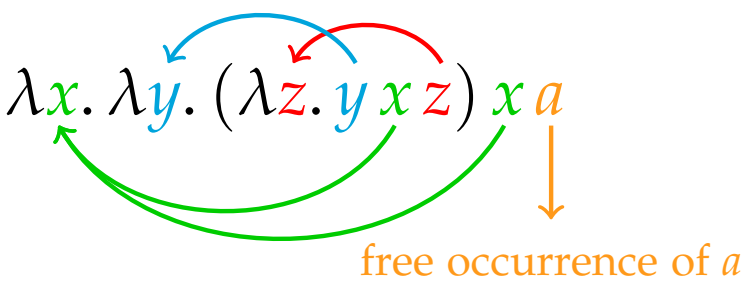

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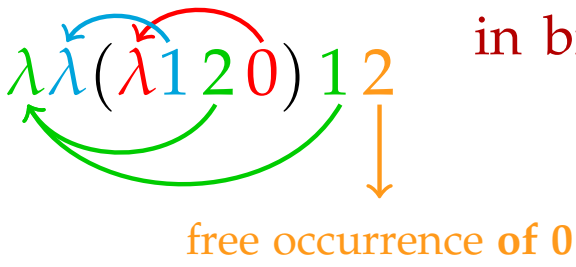

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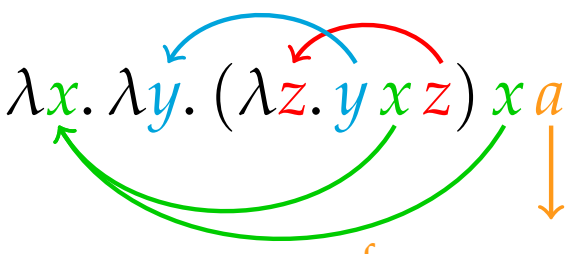

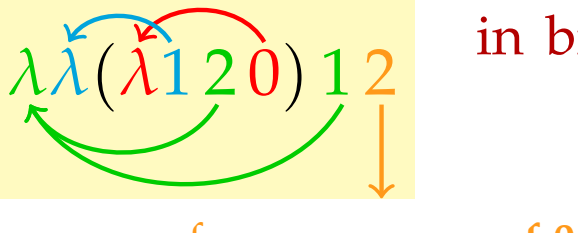

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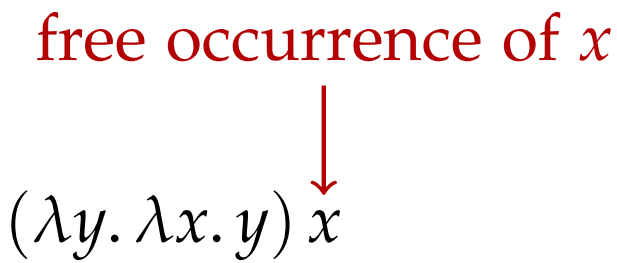

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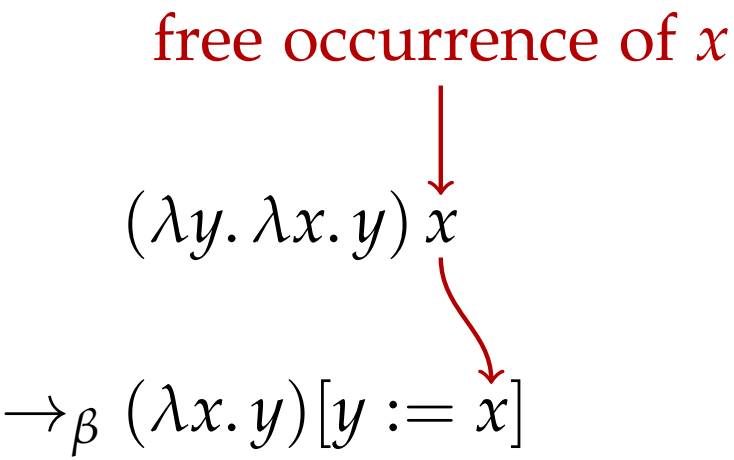

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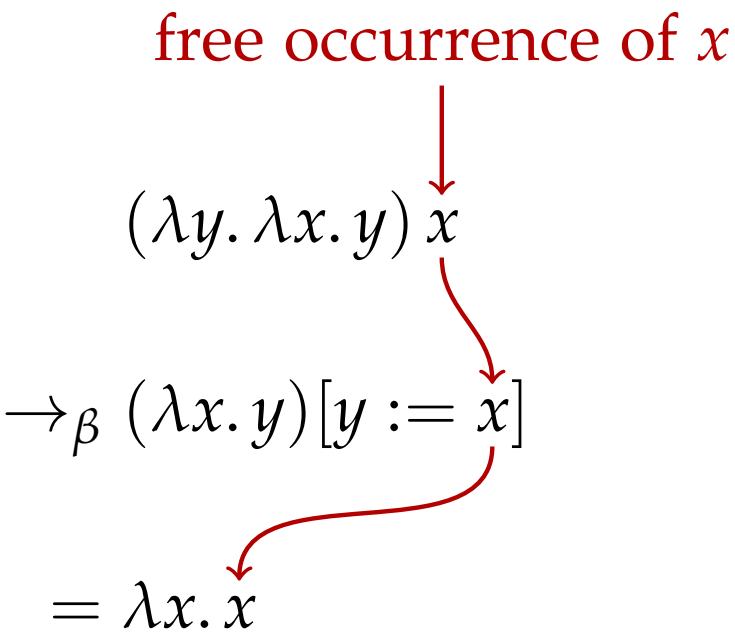
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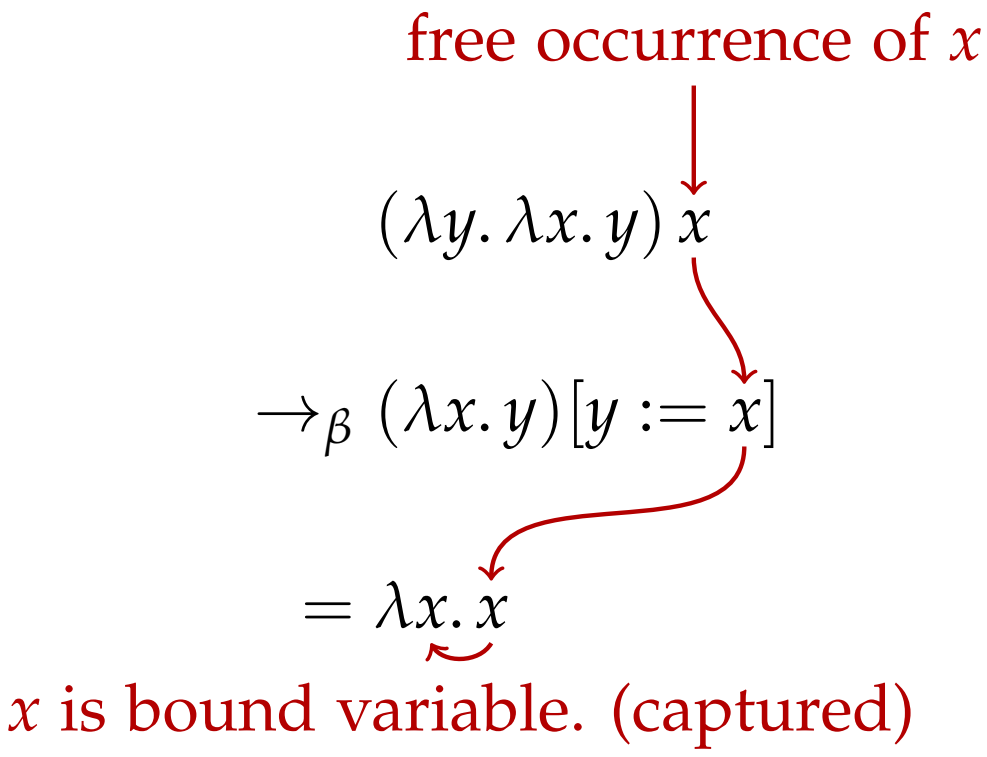
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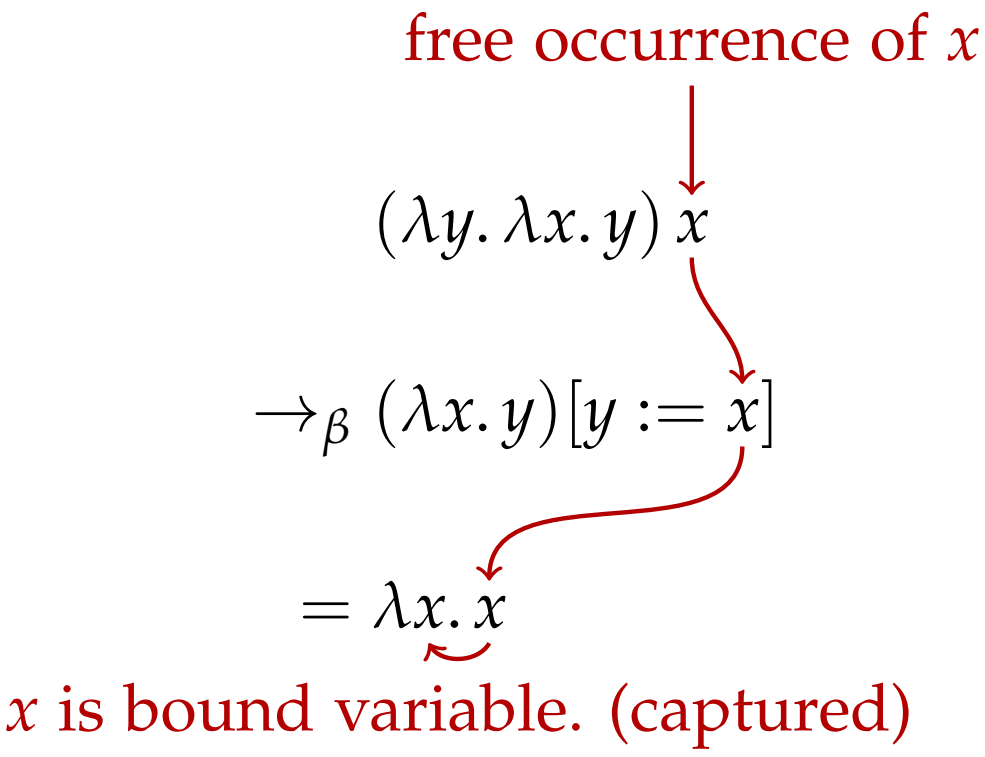

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In the Coq standard library, the strong normalization property is defined as a inductive predicate `Acc`. Constructor and induction principle of `Acc` correspond to SN-Intro and SN-Elim.

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