



Confluence of Logically Constrained Rewrite Systems

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IWC Quiz ①

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and well-founded order \sqsubset_{Int} on integers

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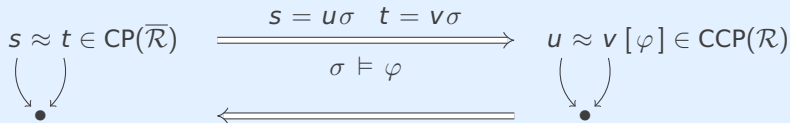
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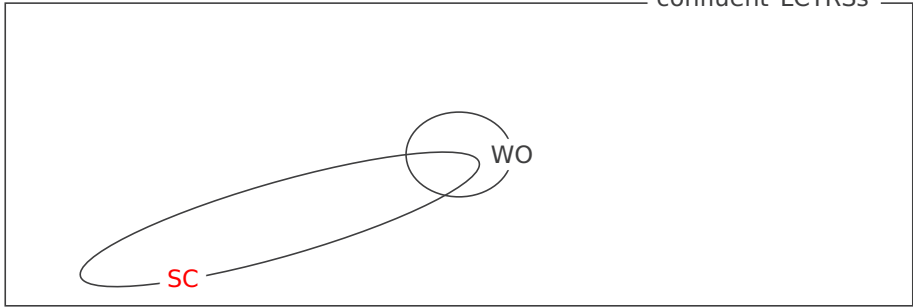
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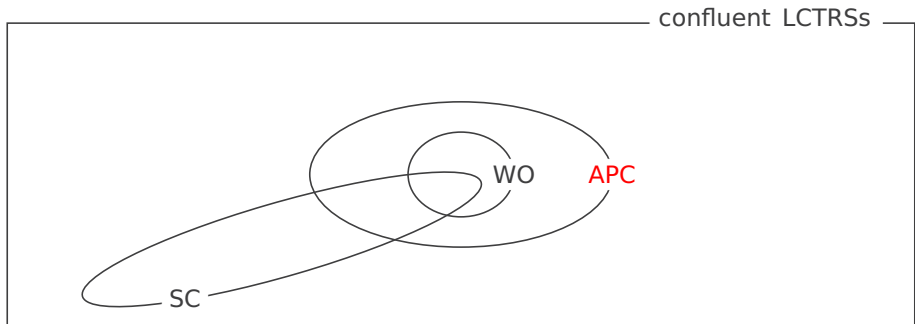
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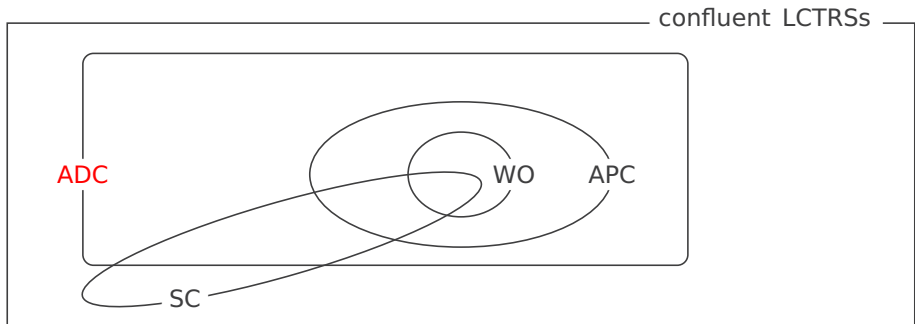
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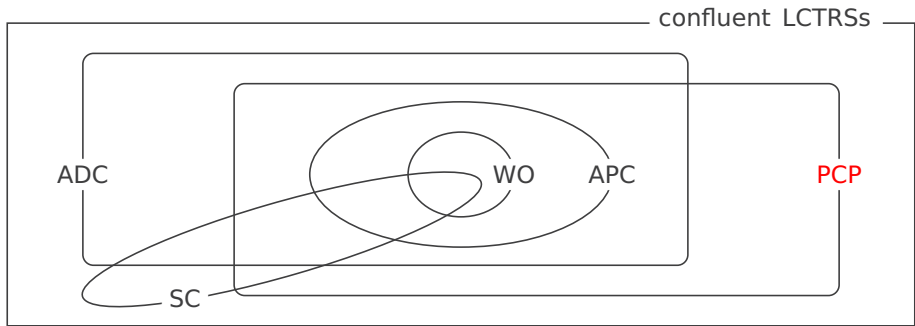
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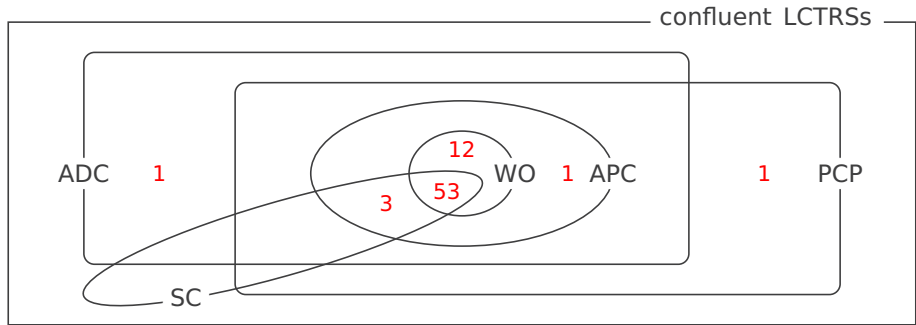
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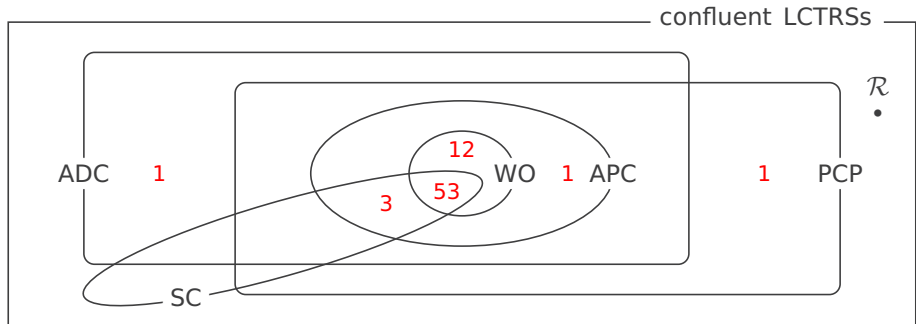
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