

Syntax and Semantics of Type Theory

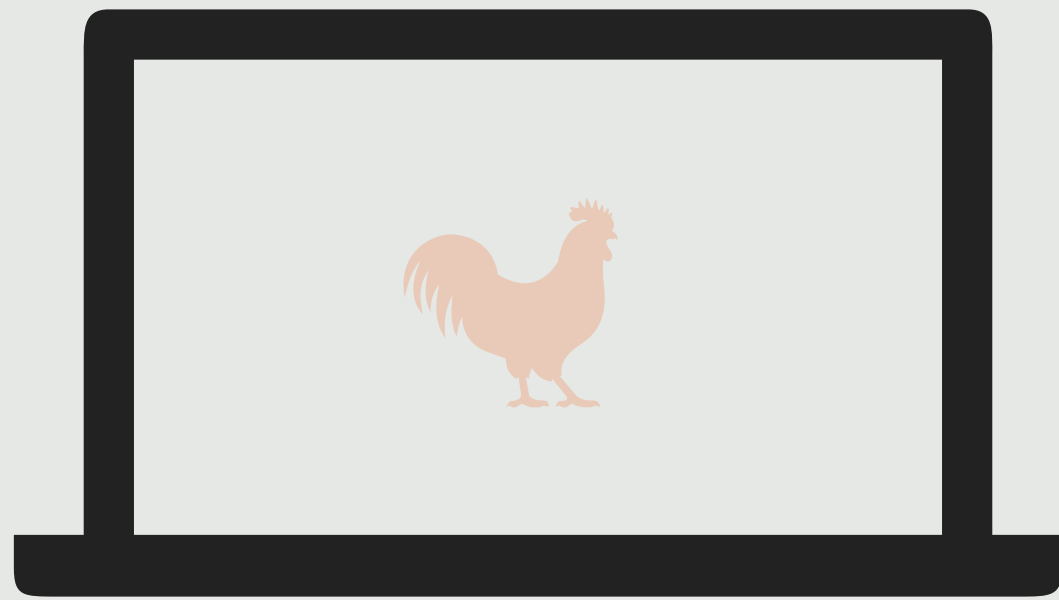
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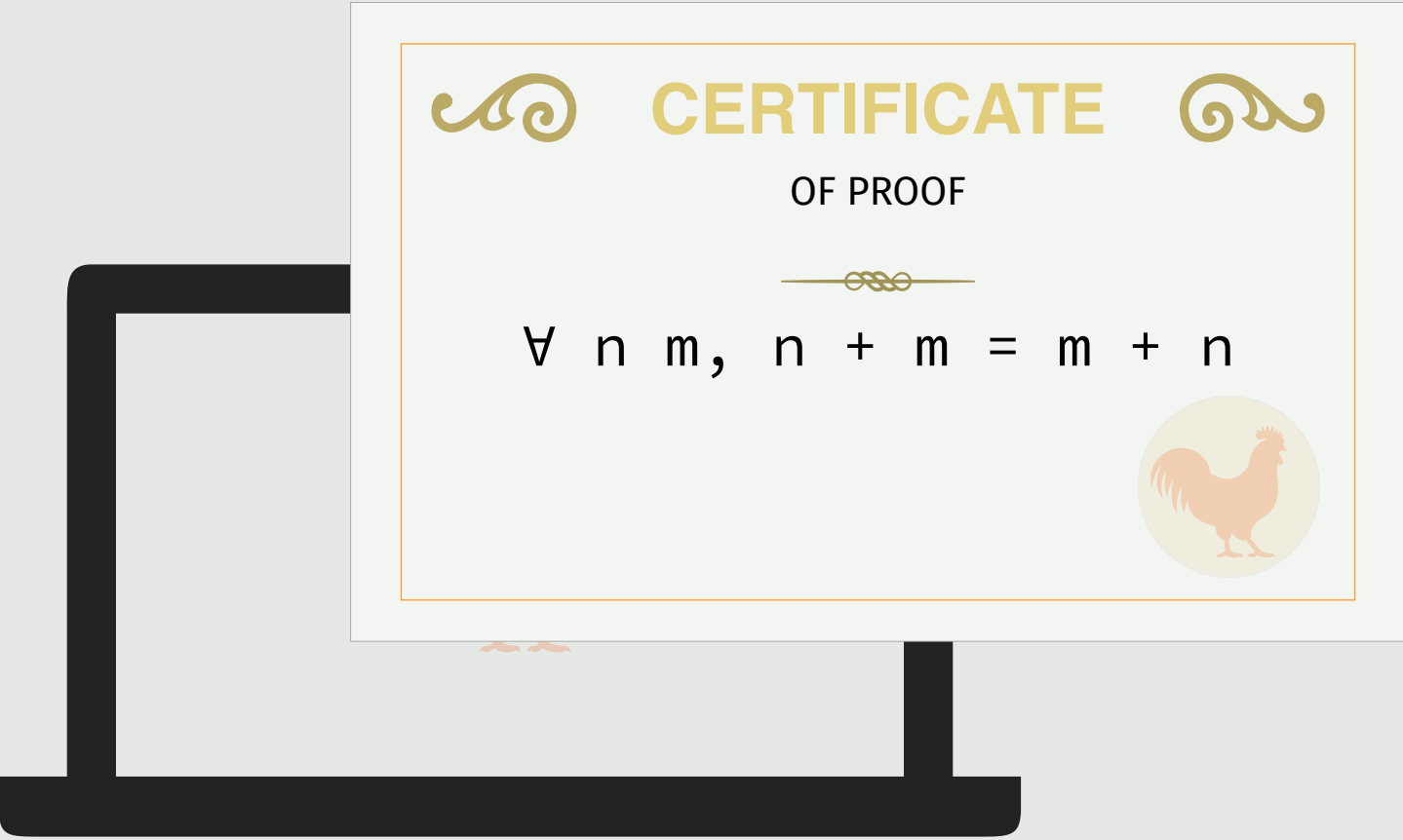
Sound and complete type checking for Coq, in Coq



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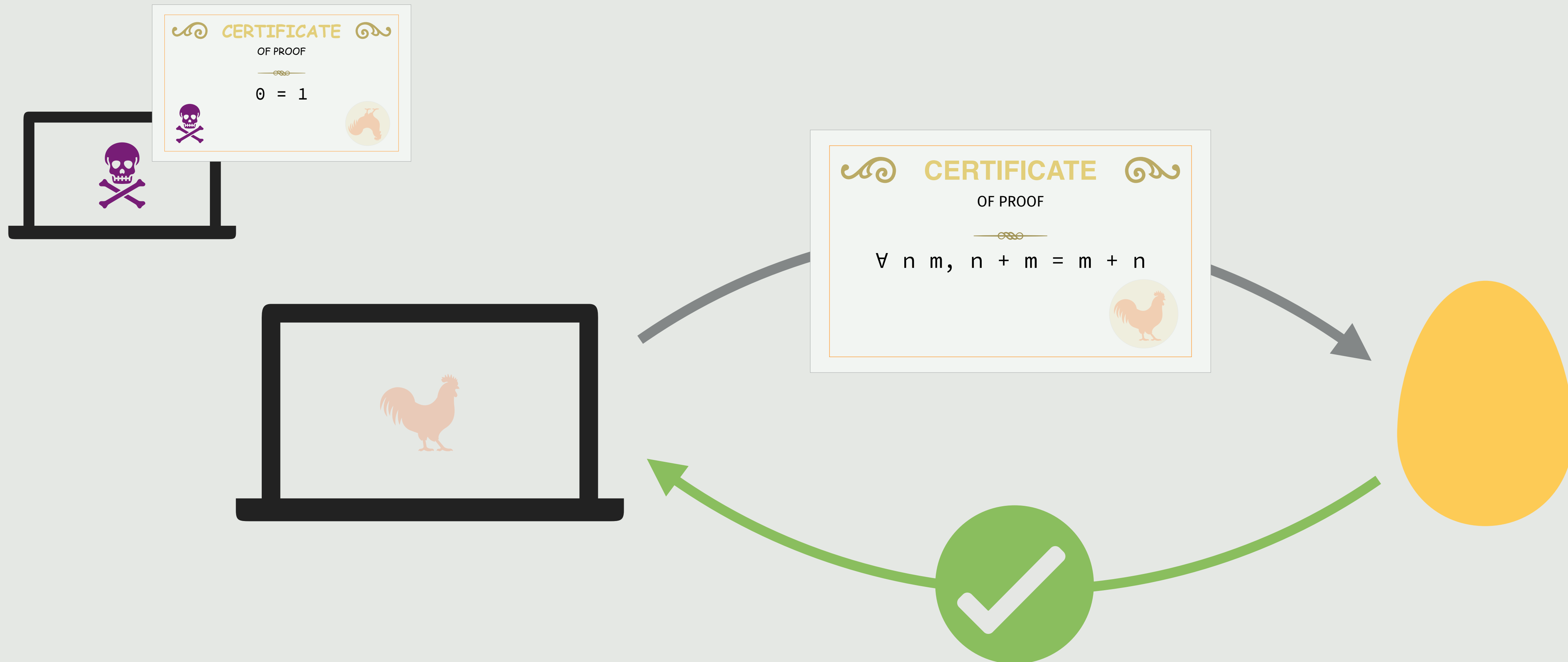
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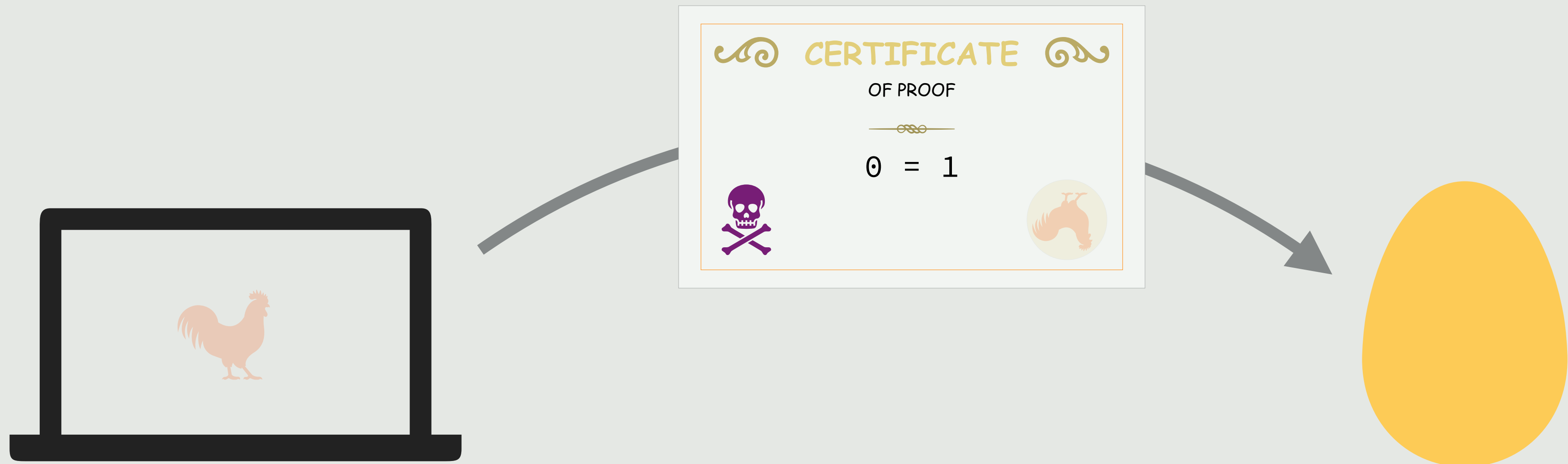
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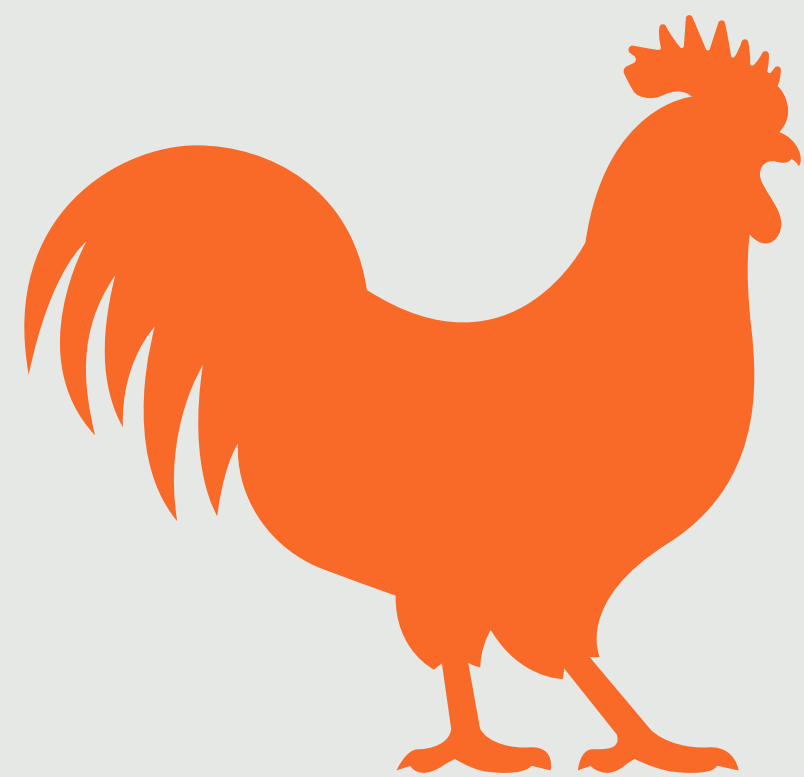
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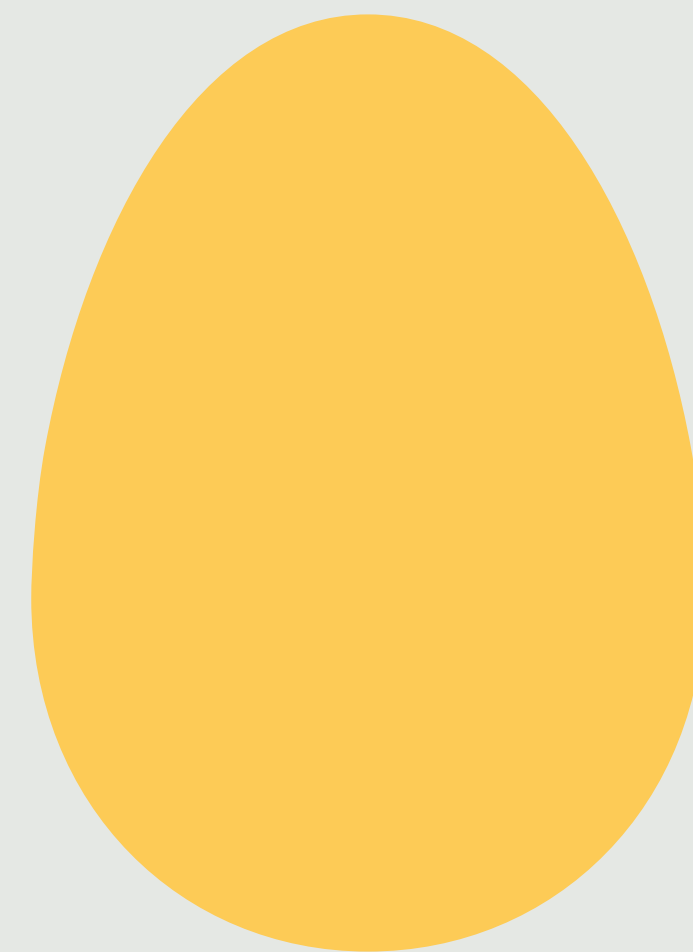
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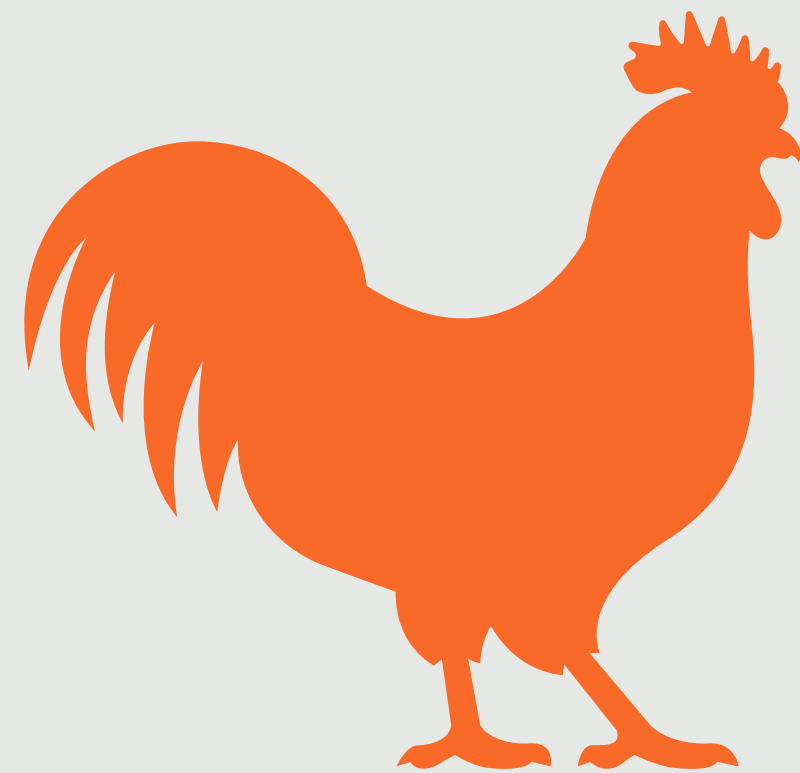
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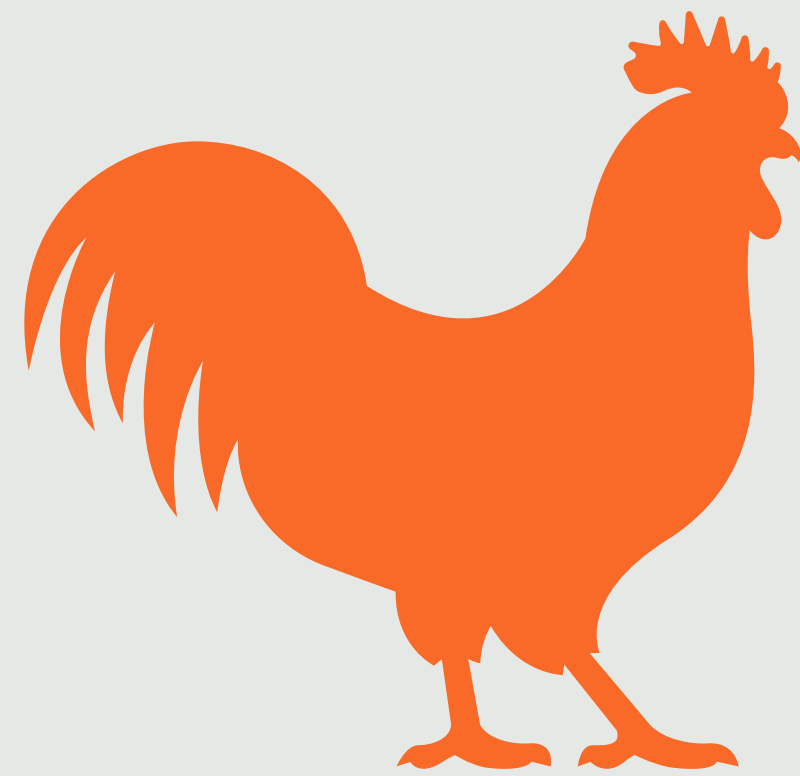


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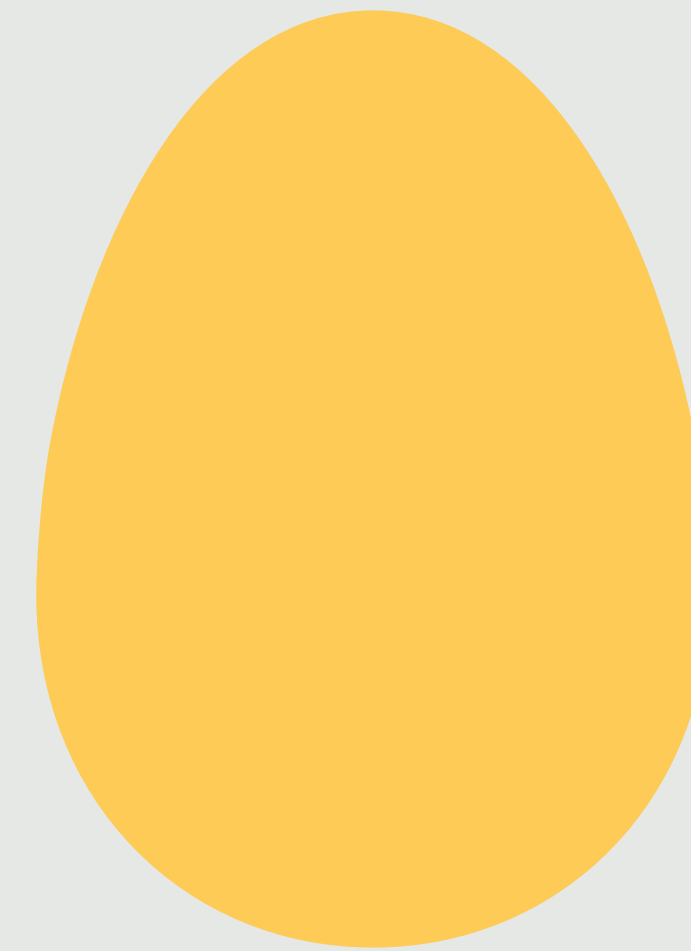


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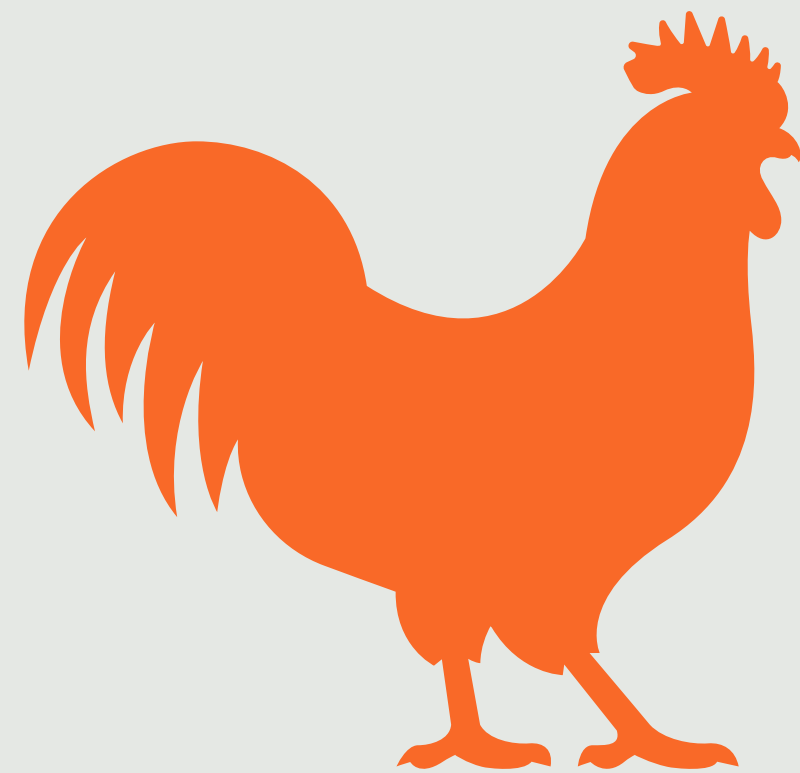


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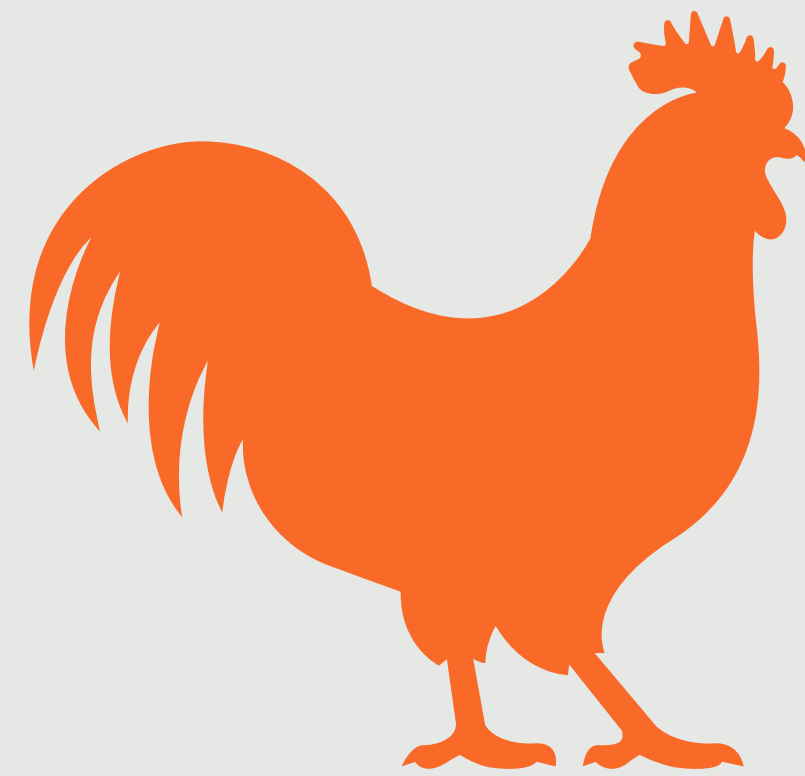


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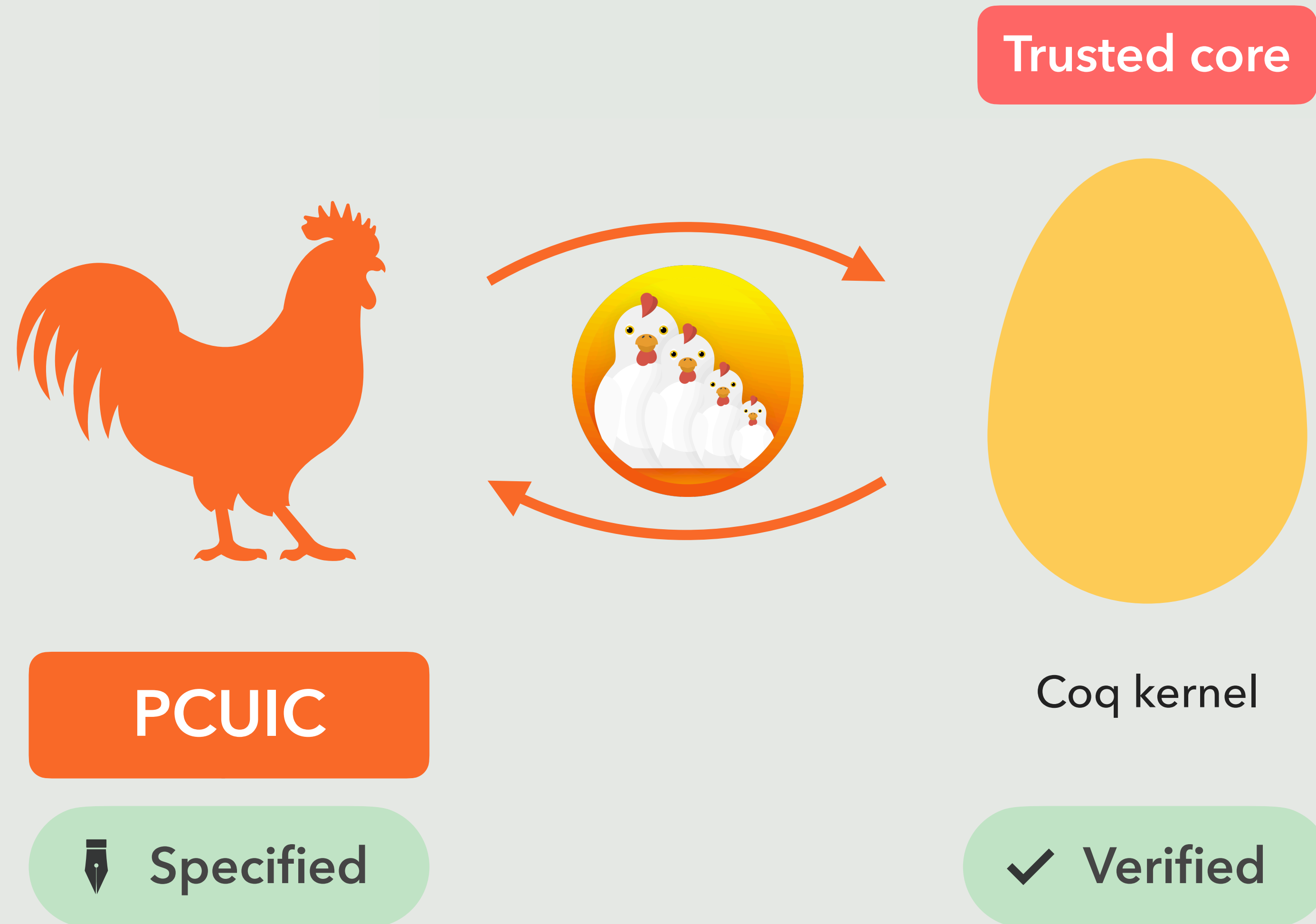


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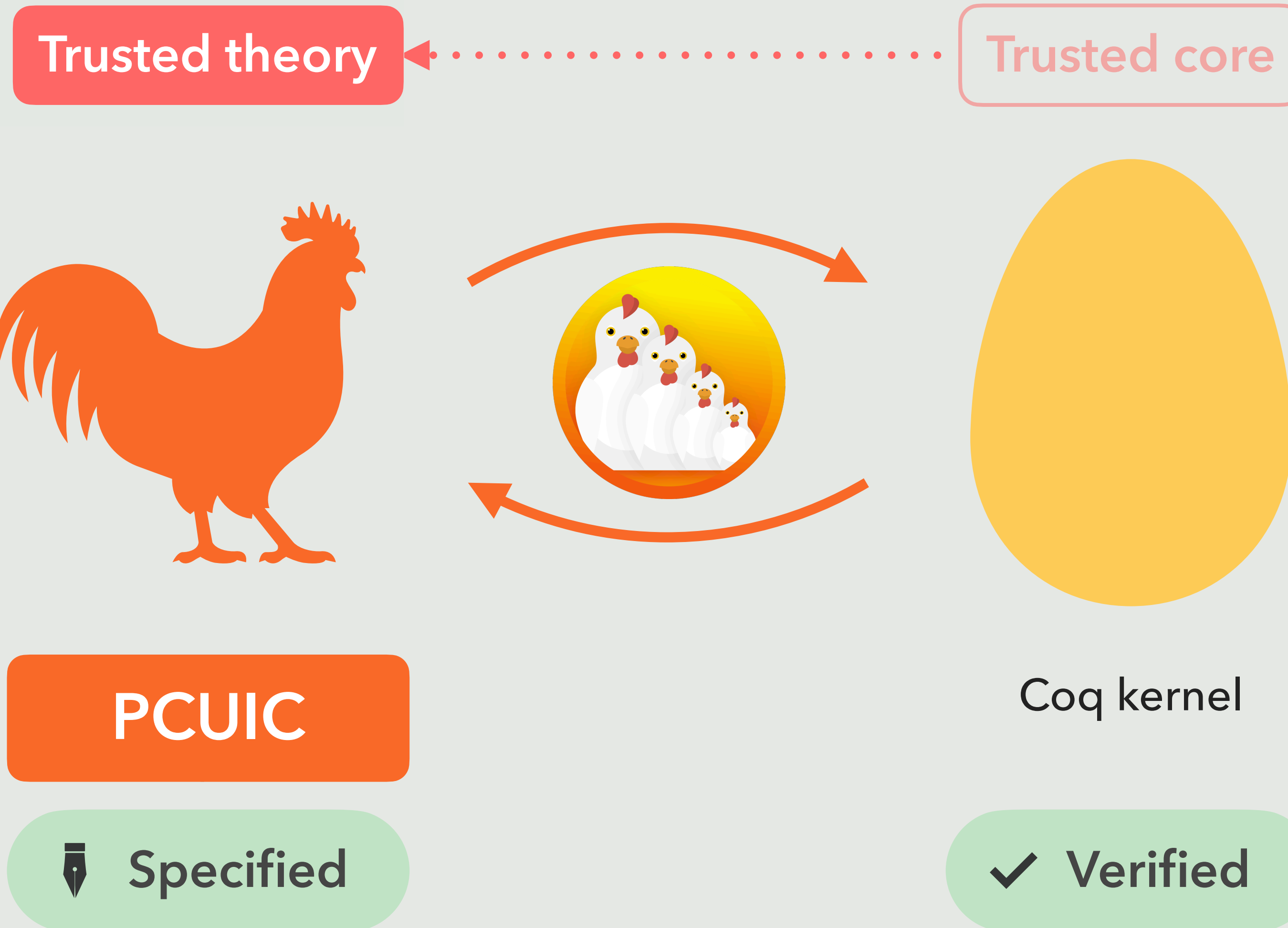


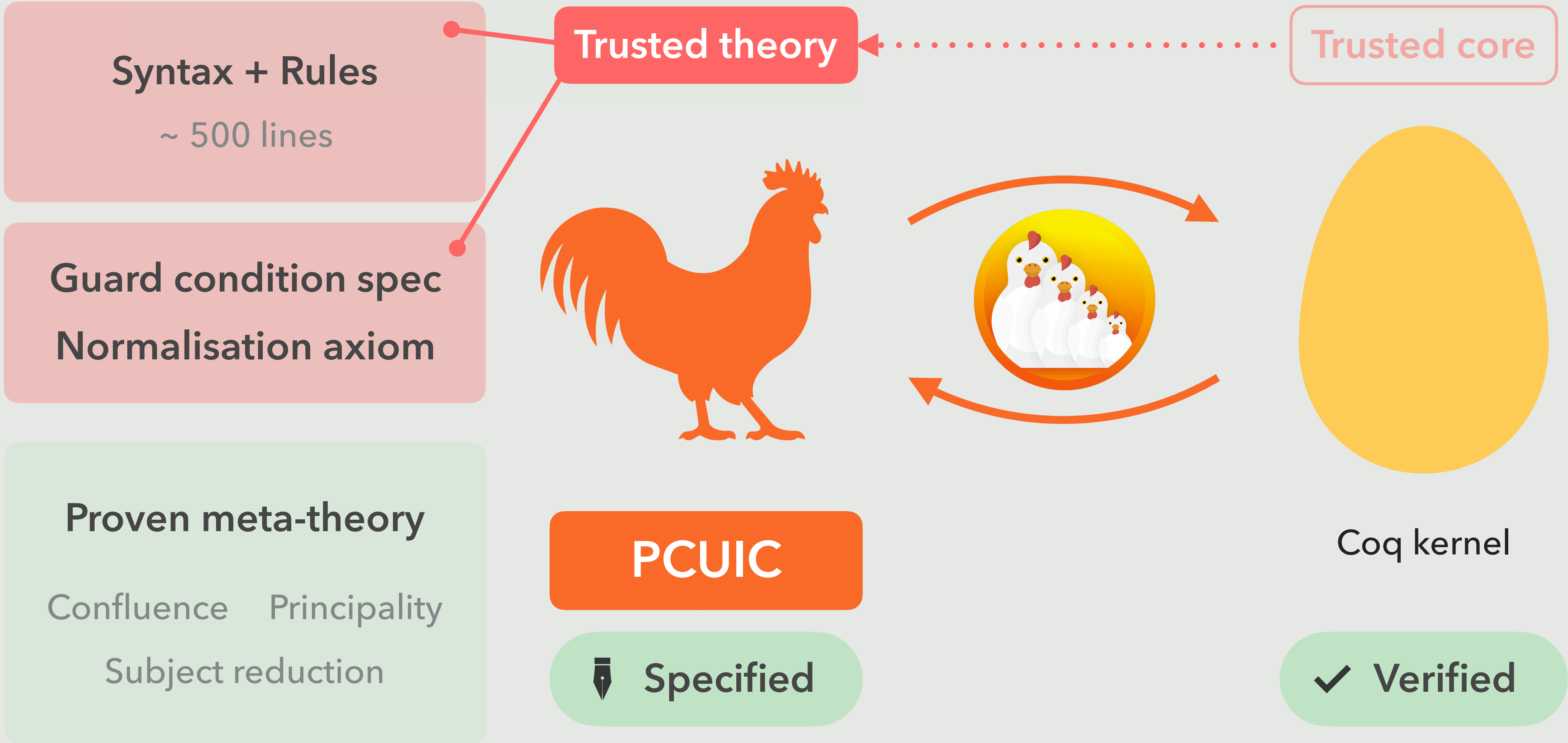
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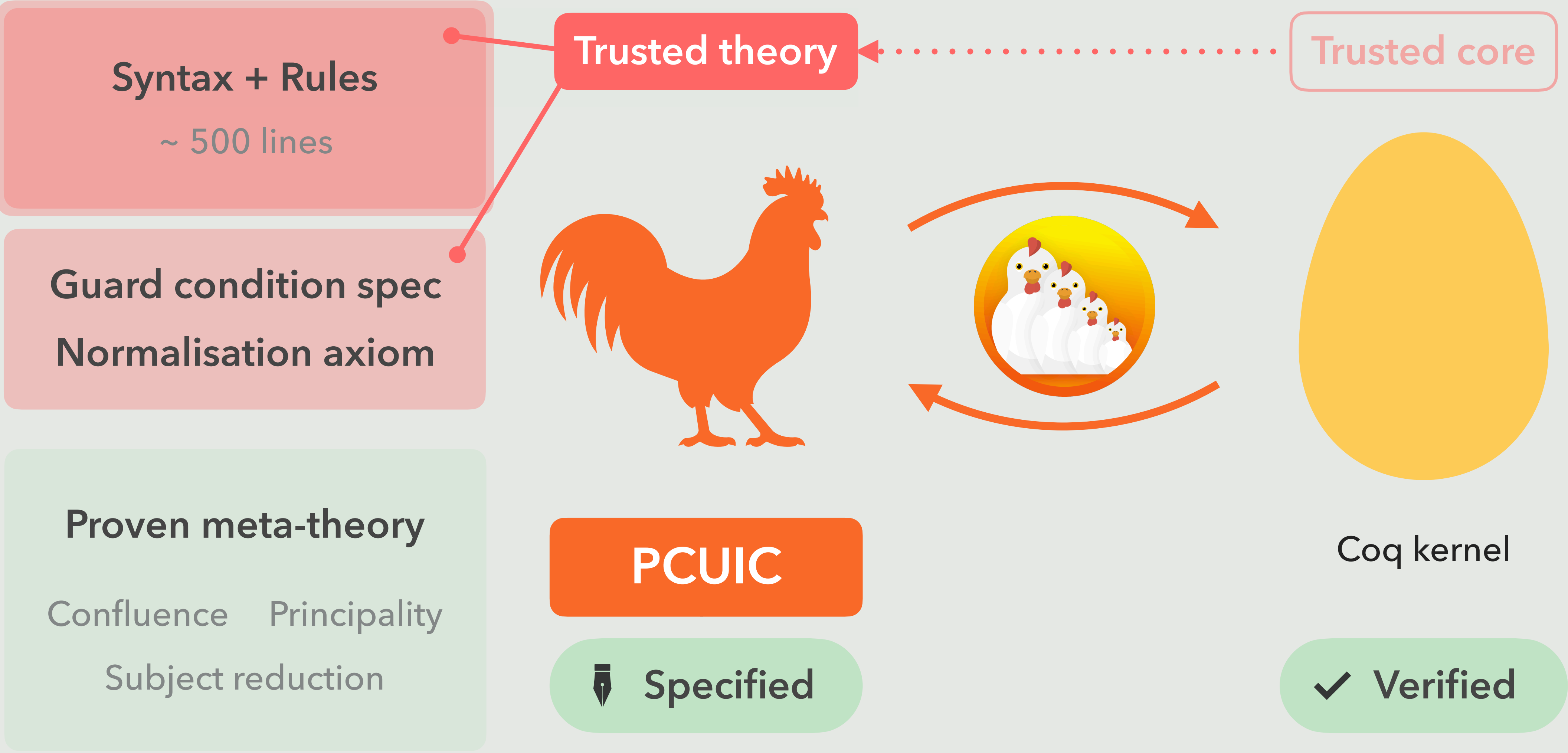
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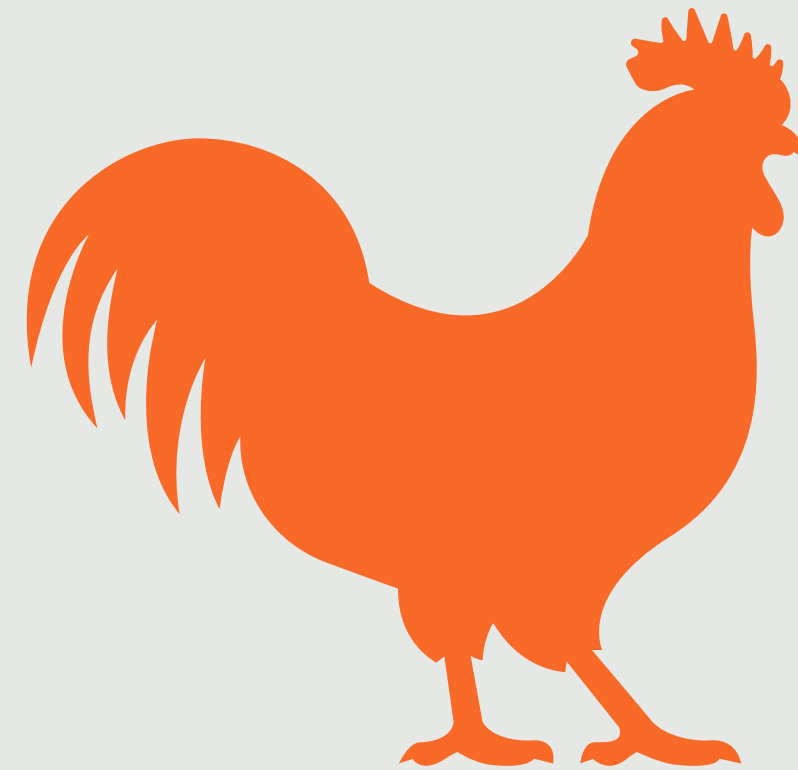






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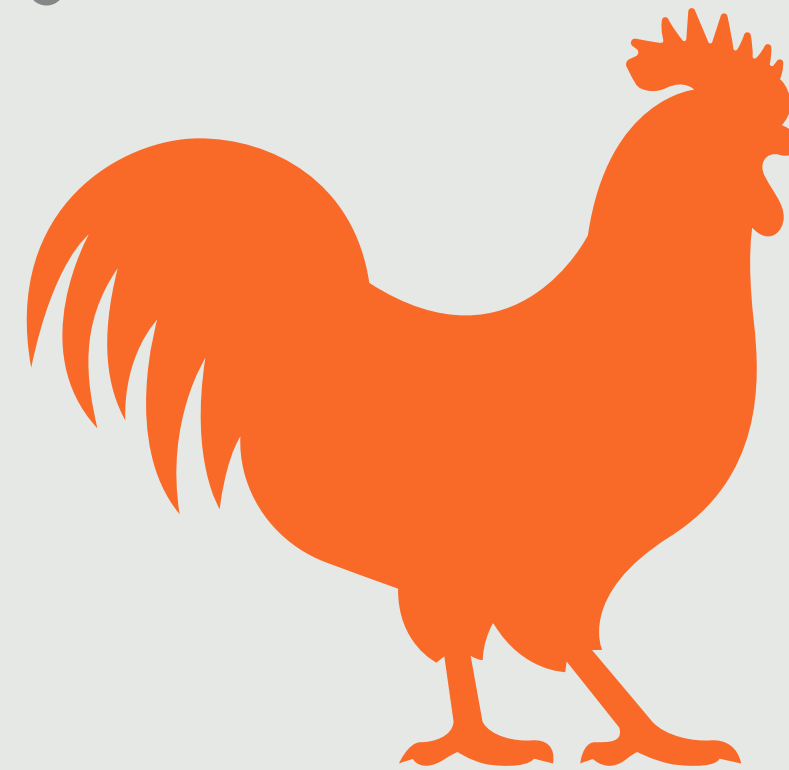


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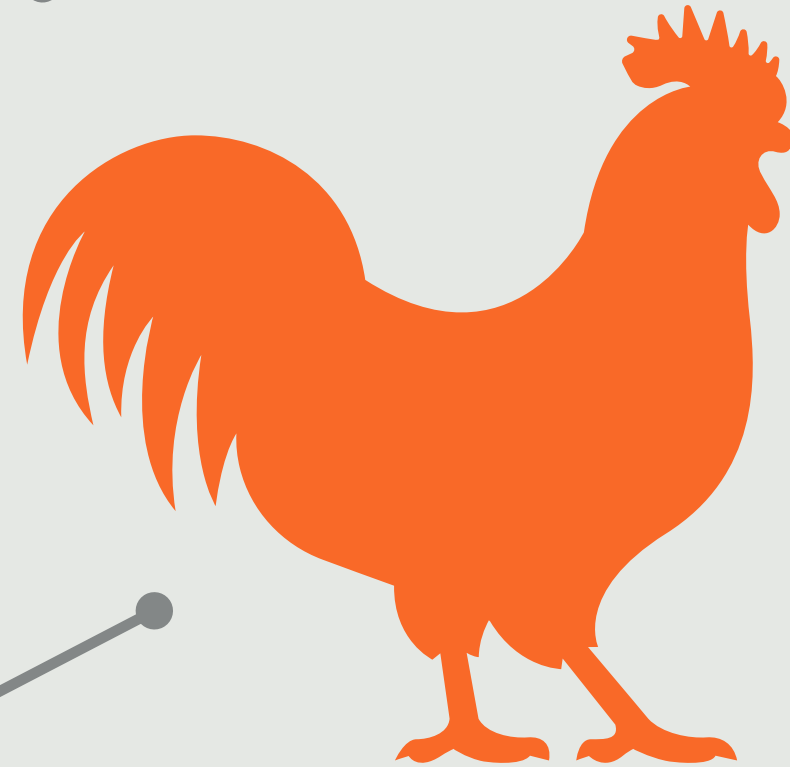
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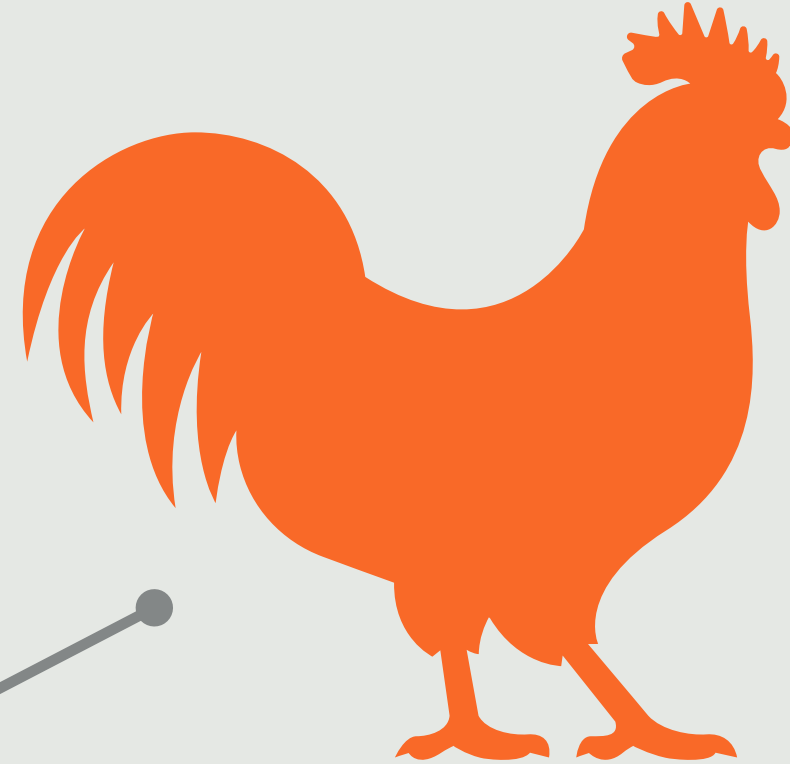
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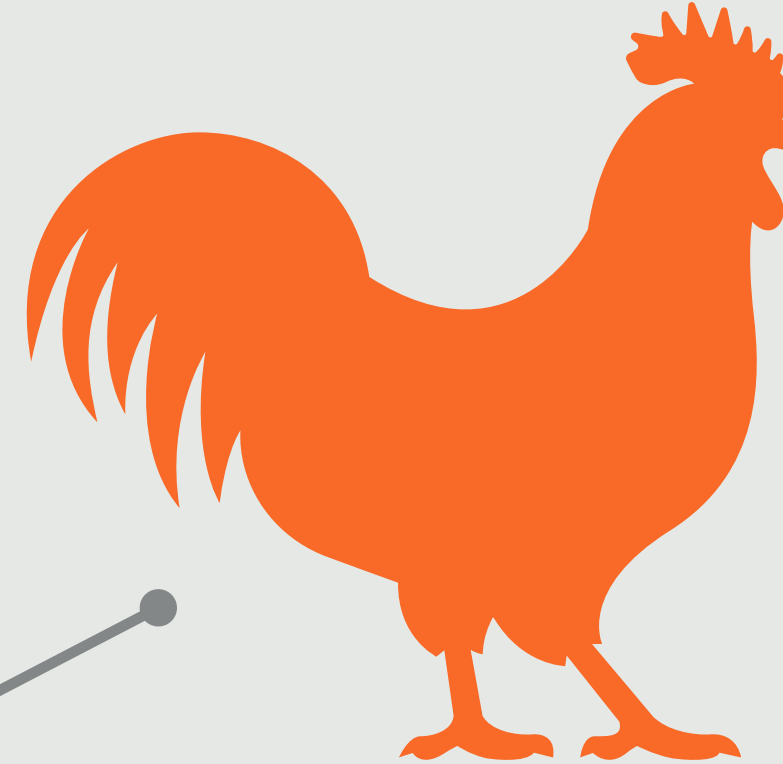
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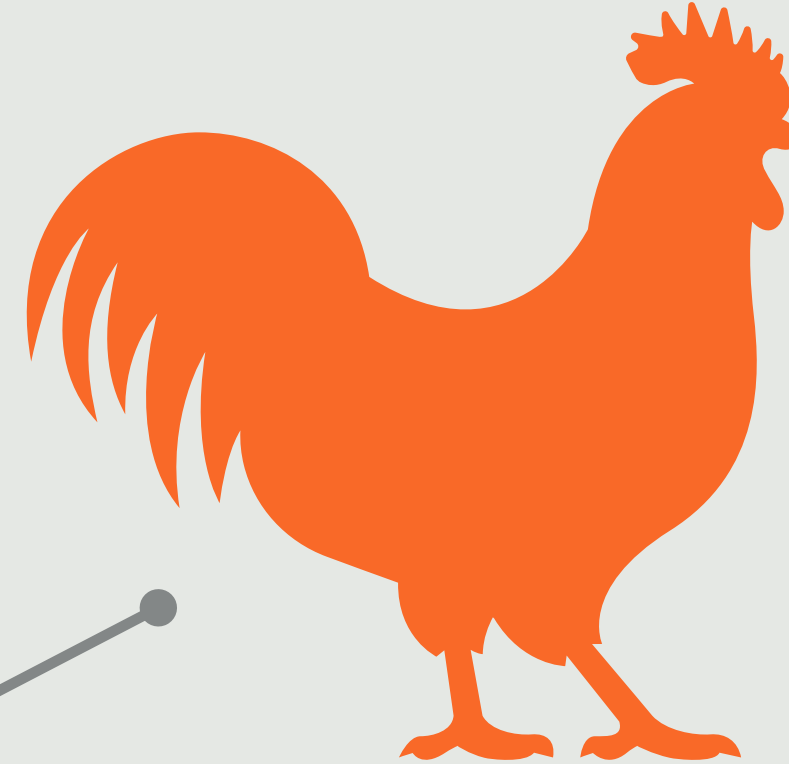
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Template polymorphism

$\text{list nat} : \text{Set}$
 $\text{list Type} : \text{Type}$

η -equalities

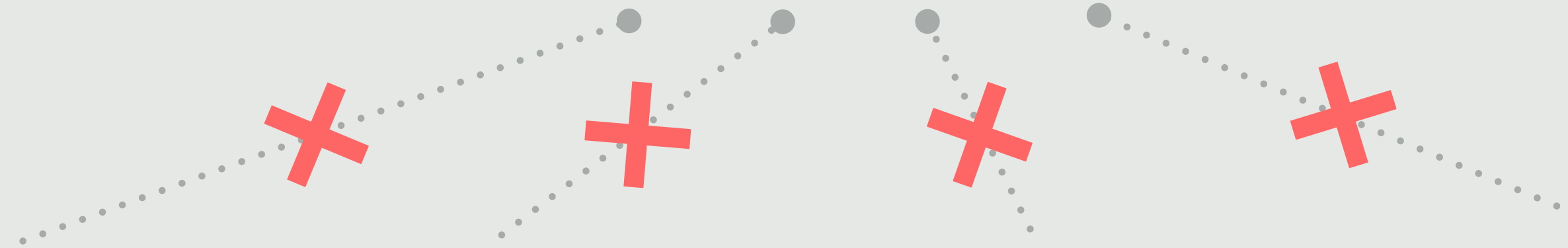
$\lambda x, f x \equiv f$
 $(p.1, p.2) \equiv p$

Modules

Module
Module Type

Definitional proof irrelevance

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Inductive term :=  
| tRel (n : nat)  
| tSort (u : Universe.t)  
| tProd (na : name) (A B : term)  
| tLambda (na : name) (A t : term)  
| tApp (u v : term)  
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$\lambda(P : \text{Prop}). P$

becomes

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tLambda (nNamed "P") (tSort prop) (tRel 0)
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assumptions $x : A$
definitions $x := u$

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$$\Sigma ; \Gamma \vdash u \leq_{pb} v$$

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Inductive cumulSpec0  $\Sigma$   $\Gamma$  pb : term  $\rightarrow$  term  $\rightarrow$  Type :=
| cumul_Sort :  $\forall$  s s',
  compare_universe pb  $\Sigma$  s s'  $\rightarrow$ 
   $\Sigma ; \Gamma \vdash$  tSort s  $\leq_{pb}$  tSort s'
| cumul_beta :  $\forall$  na t b a,
   $\Sigma ; \Gamma \vdash$  tApp (tLambda na t b) a  $\leq_{pb}$  b {0 := a}
| cumul_App :  $\forall$  t t' u u',
   $\Sigma ; \Gamma \vdash$  t  $\leq_{pb}$  t'  $\rightarrow$ 
   $\Sigma ; \Gamma \vdash$  u  $\leq_{pb}$  u'  $\rightarrow$ 
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Σ ; Γ ⊢ u ≤ v := Σ ; Γ ⊢ u ≤Cumul v  
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equality / cumulativity is untyped

$$\Sigma ; \Gamma \vdash t : A$$
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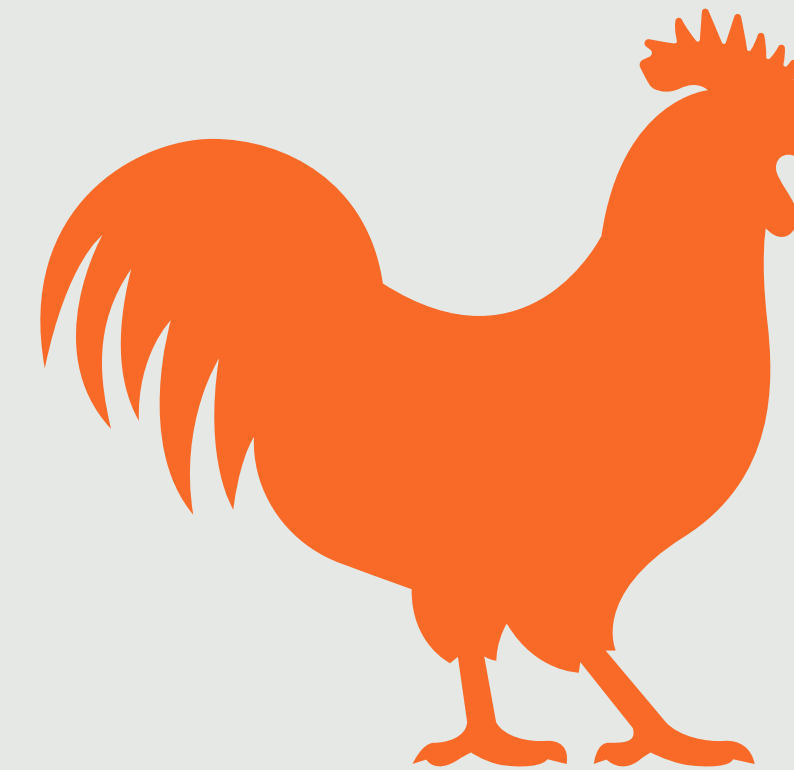
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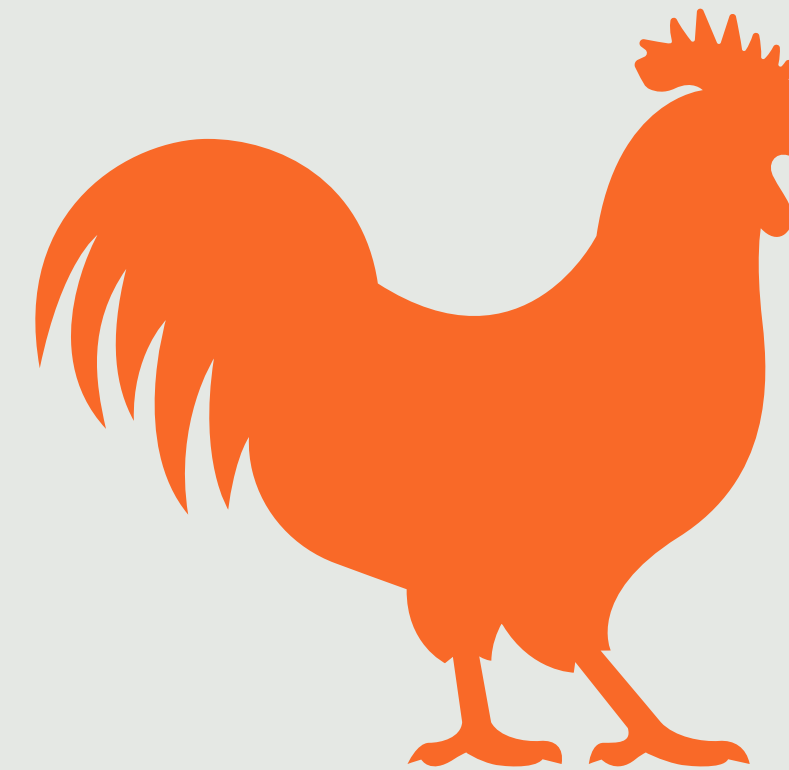
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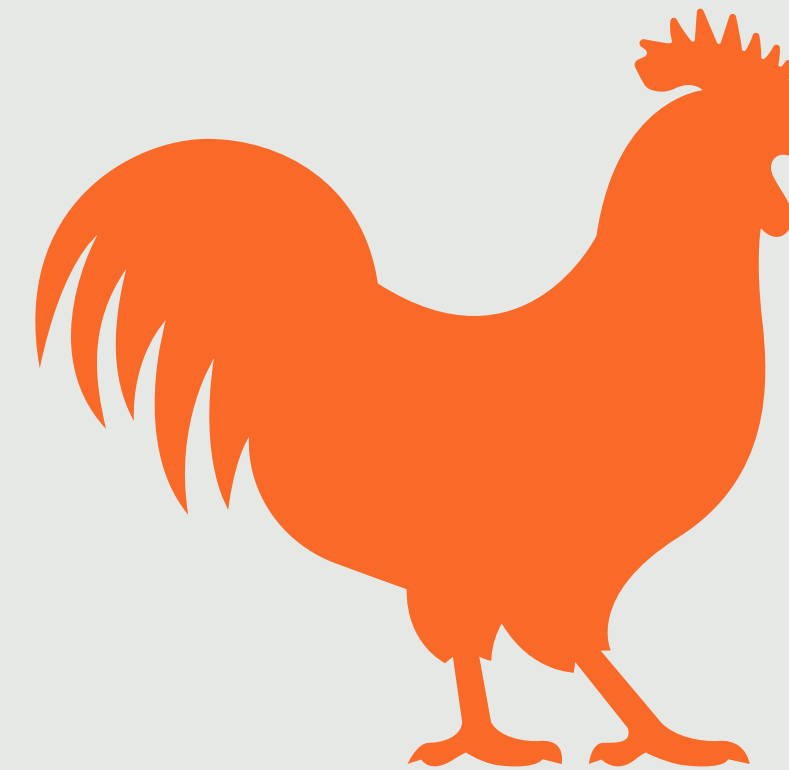
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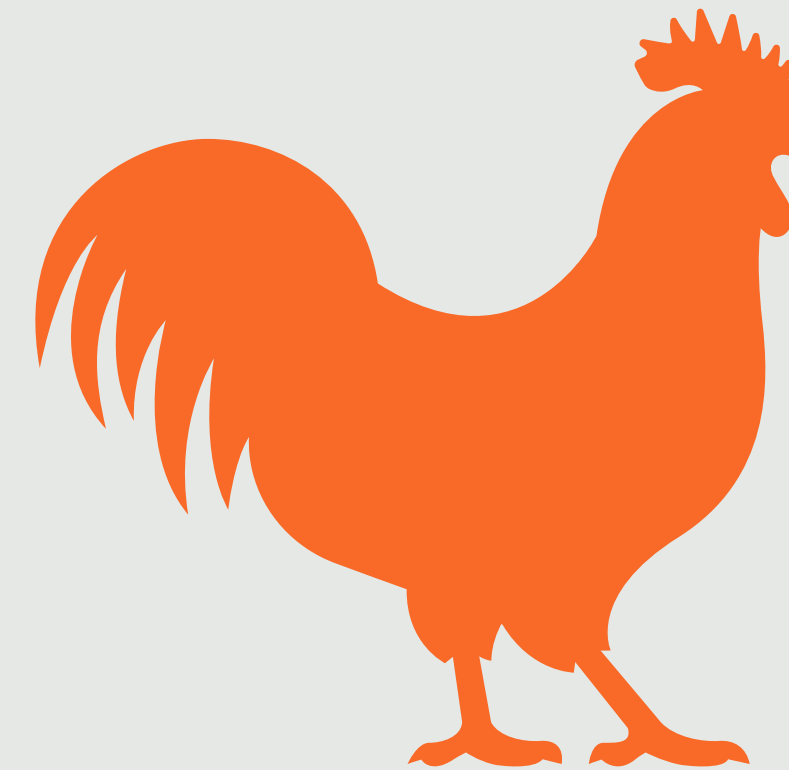
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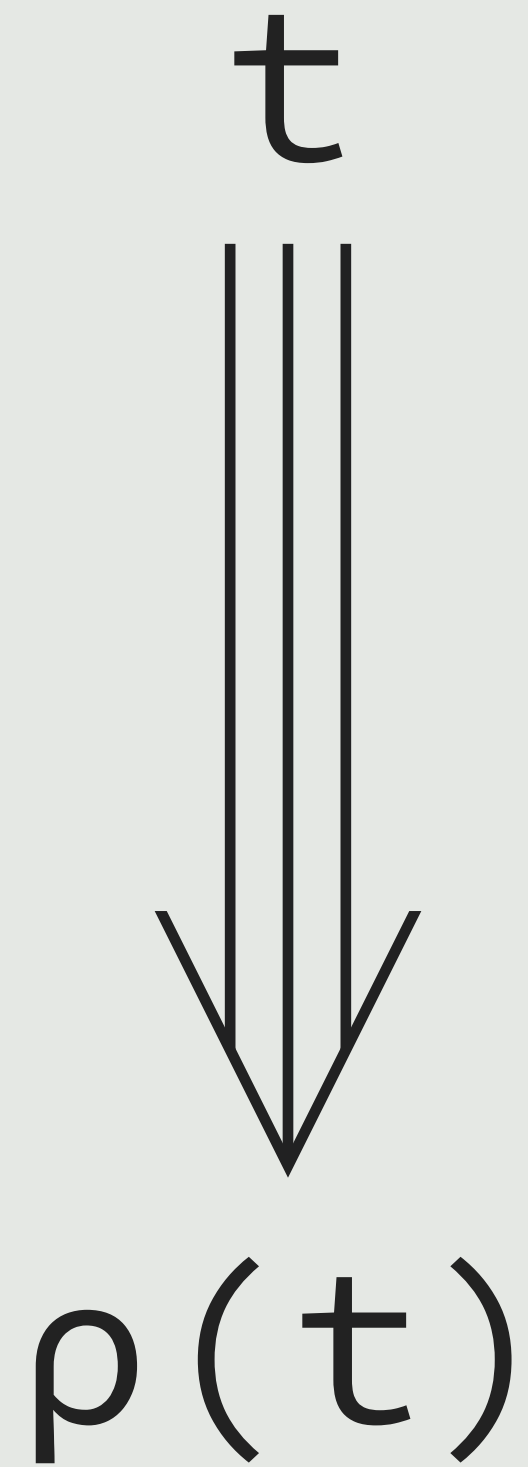
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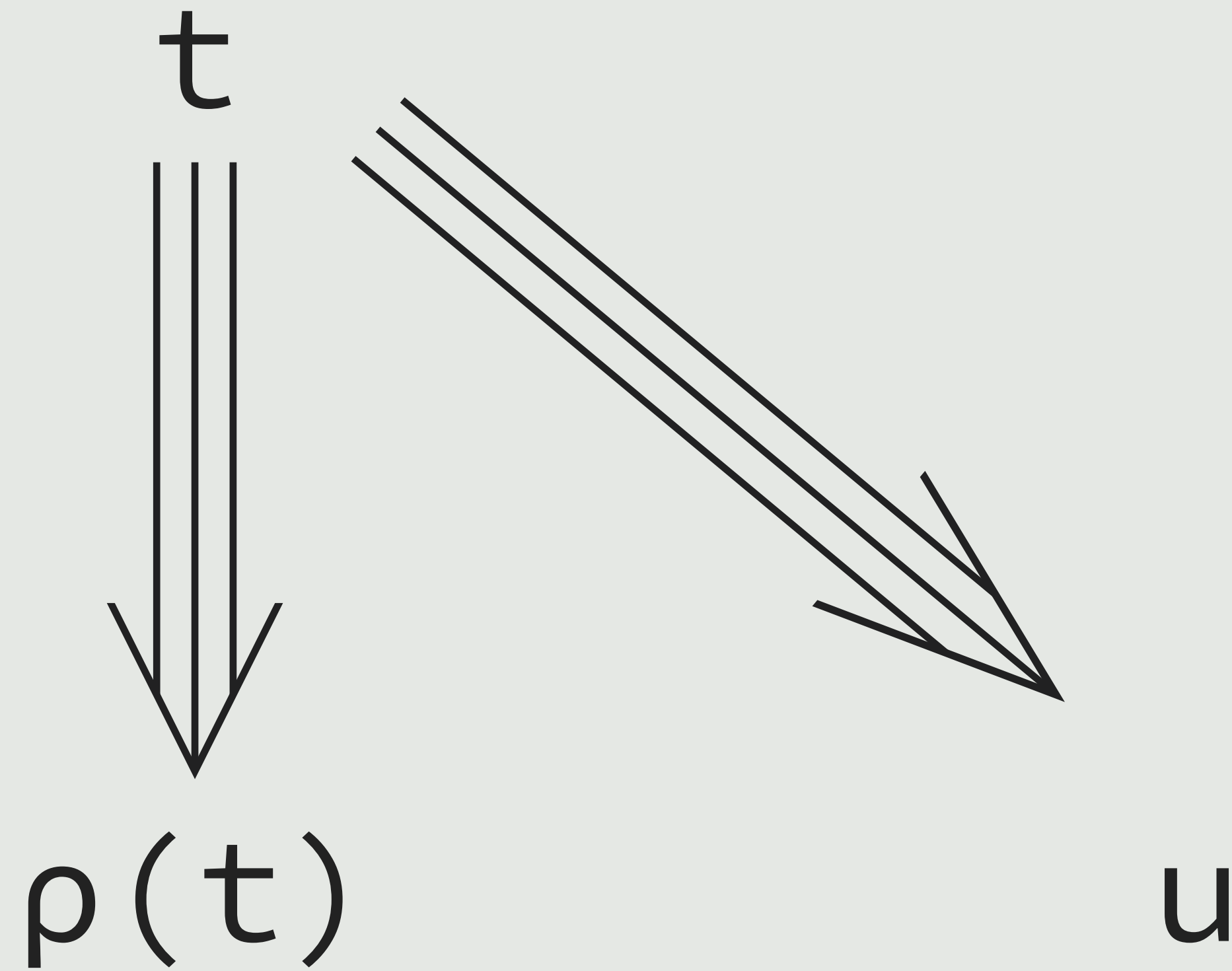
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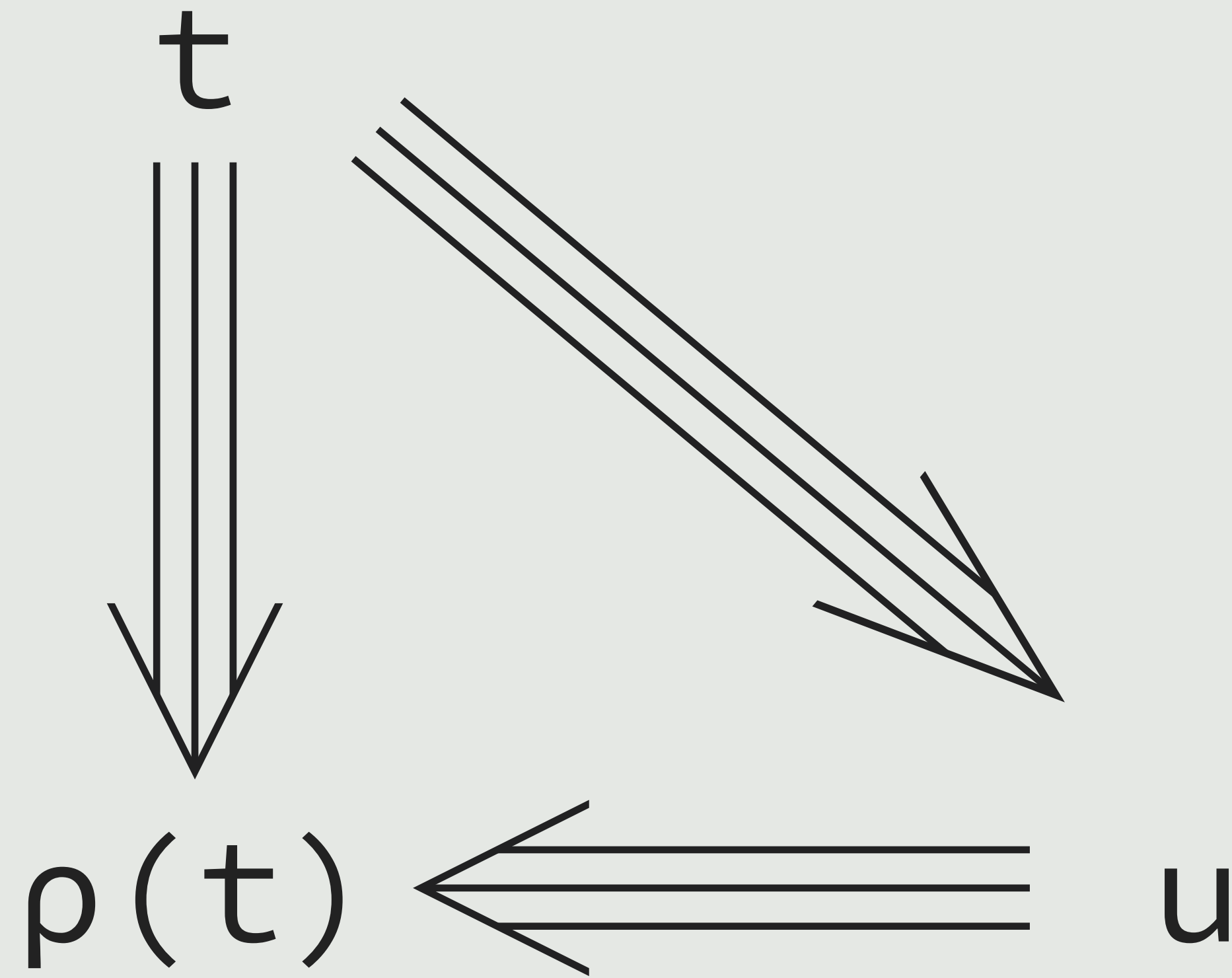
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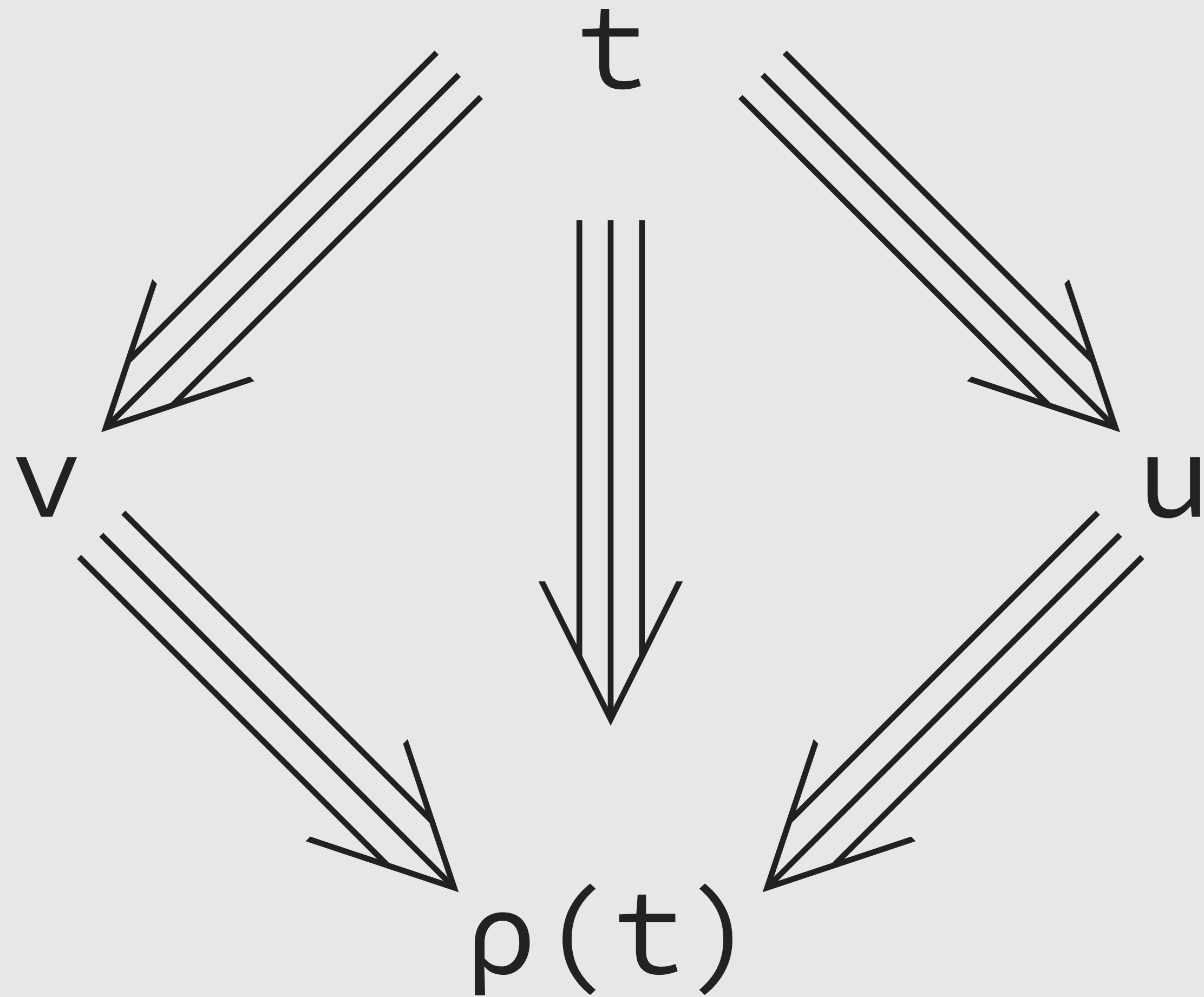
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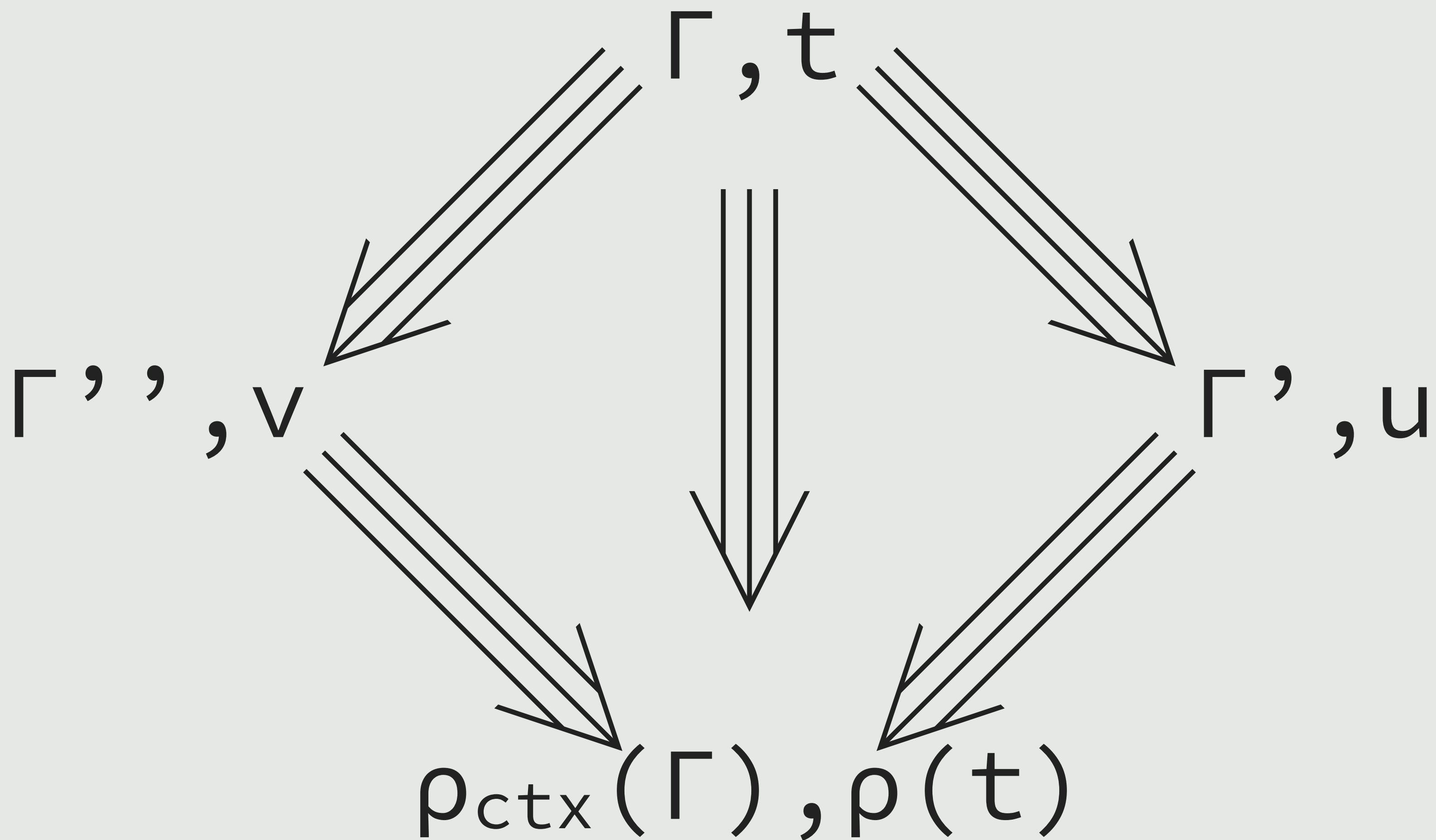


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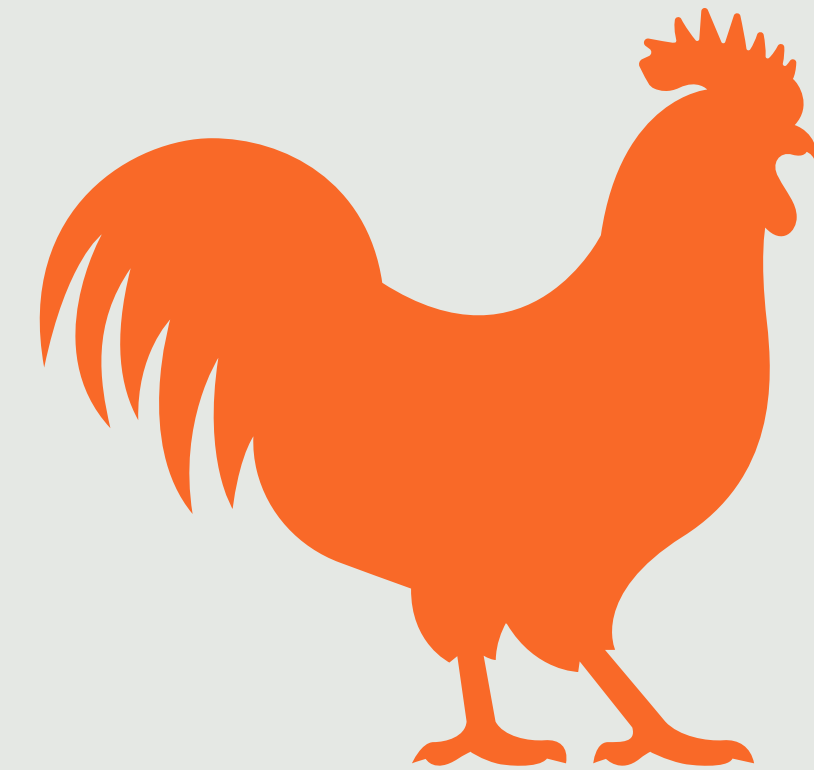


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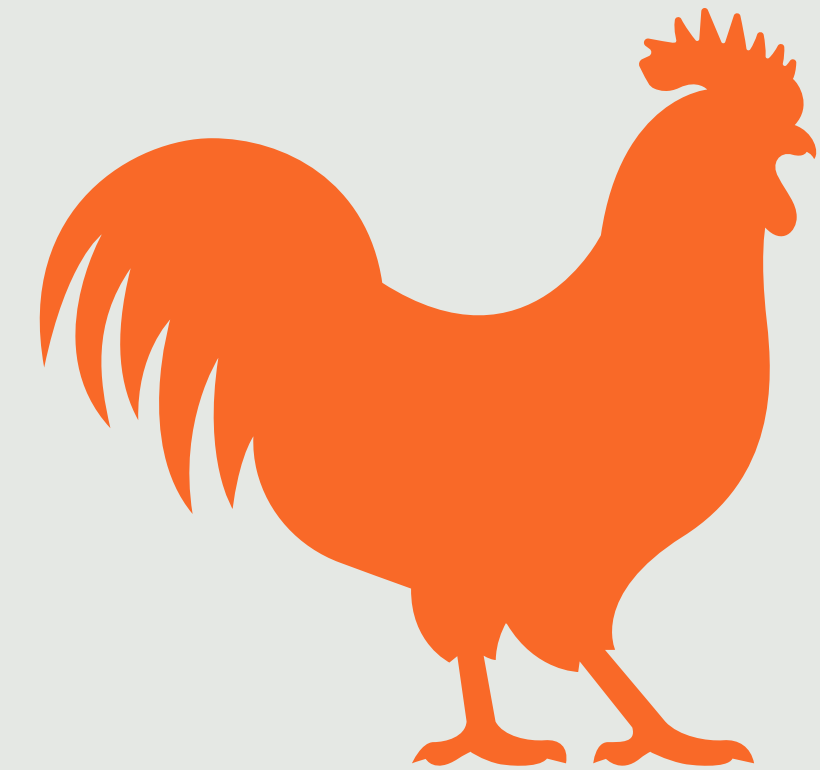
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  ∀ Σ Γ t,  
    wf_ext Σ →  
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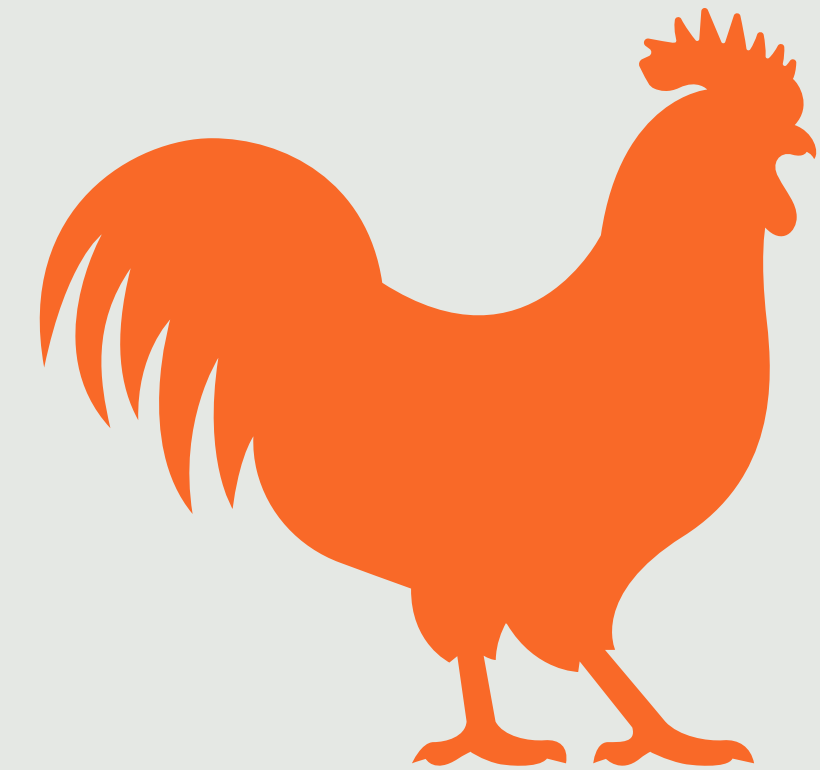
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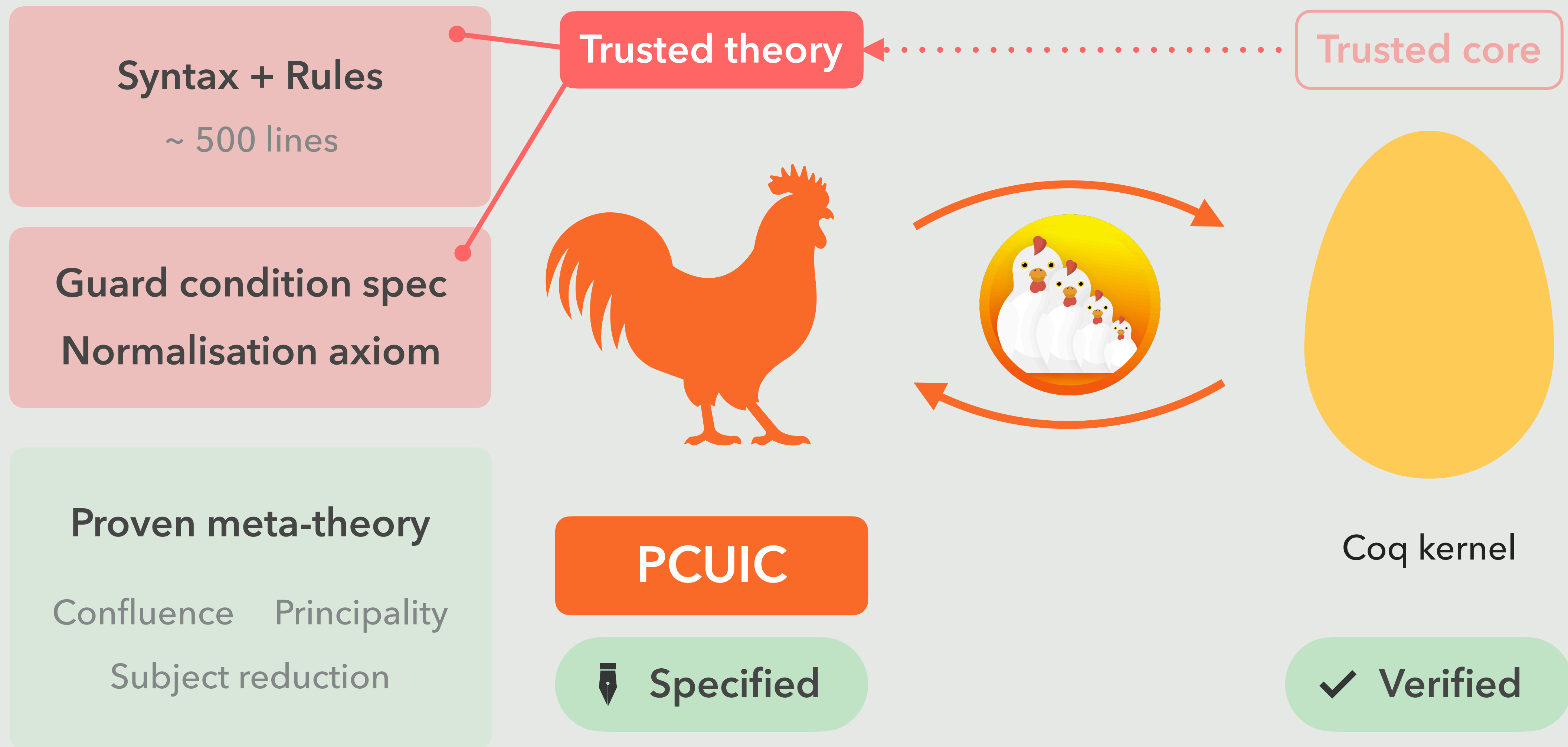
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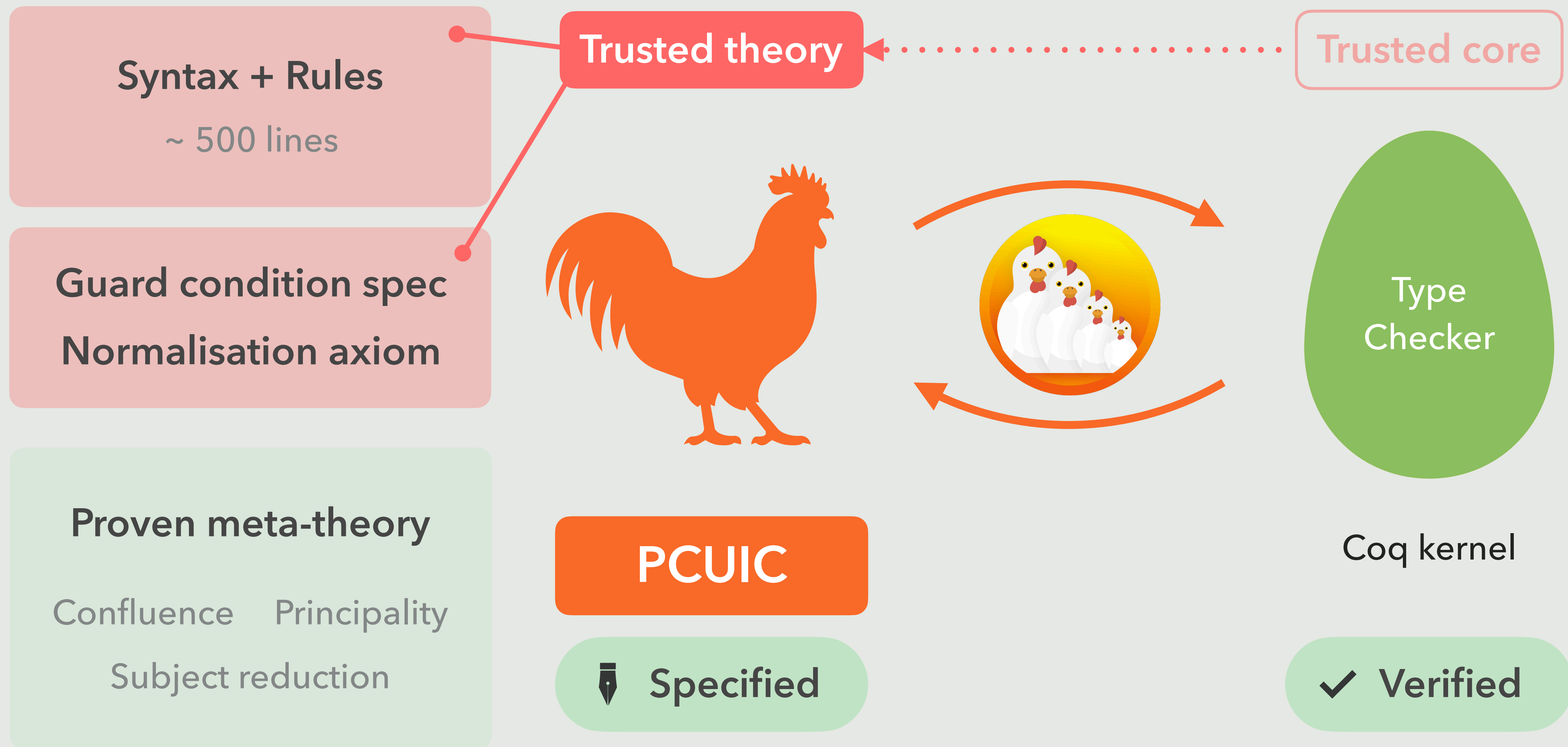


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check : ∀ Σ Γ t A, dec ∥ Σ ; Γ ⊢ t : A ∥
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Type Checker

$\text{dec } A := A + \neg A$

Inference

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Infer t

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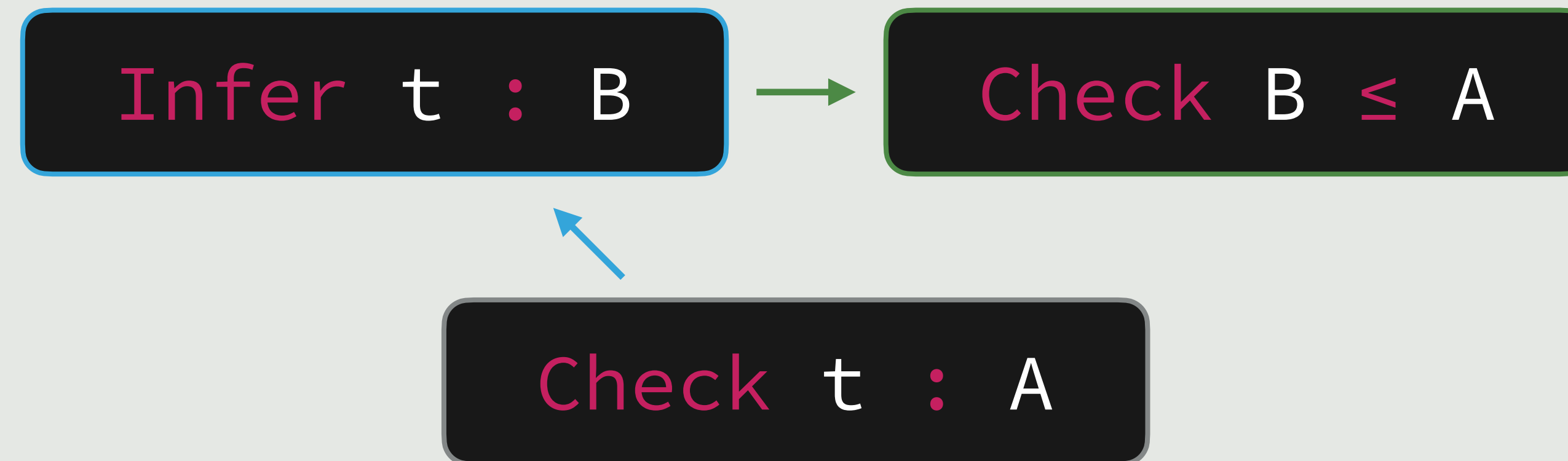
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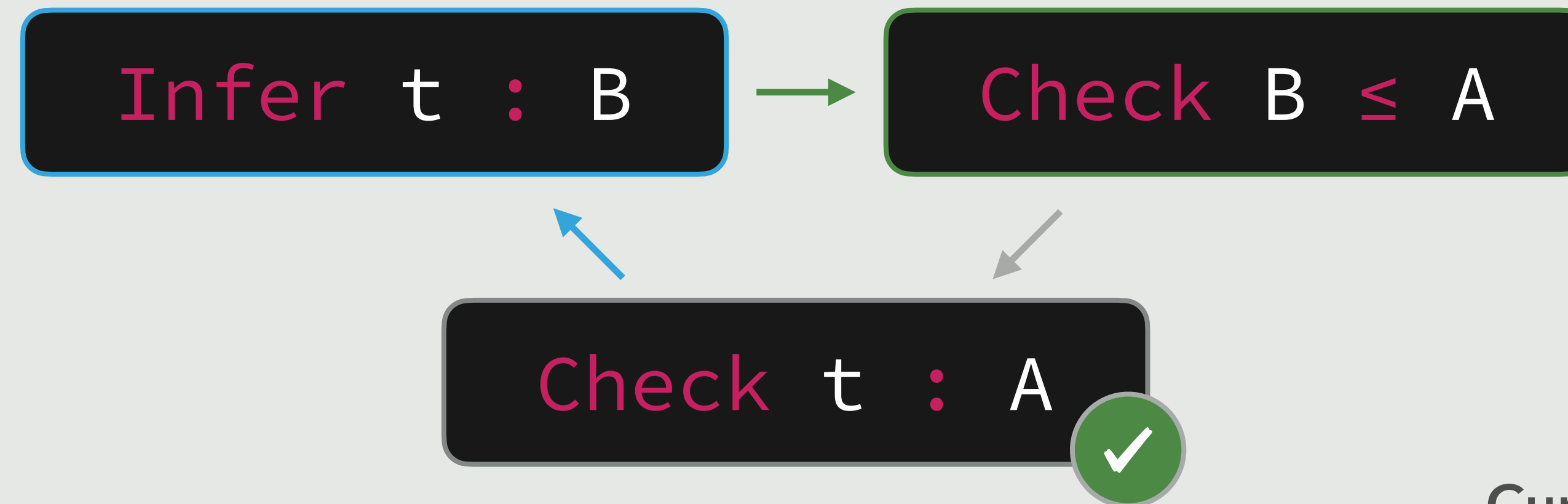
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  ∀ pb Σ Γ u v,
    welltyped Σ Γ u →
    welltyped Σ Γ v →
    dec || Σ ; Γ ⊢ u ≤pb v ||
  
```

Inference

```

infer : ∀ Σ Γ t, dec (Σ A, || Σ ; Γ ⊢ t : A ||)
  
```

```

check : ∀ Σ Γ t A, dec || Σ ; Γ ⊢ t : A ||
  
```

Cumulativity checking

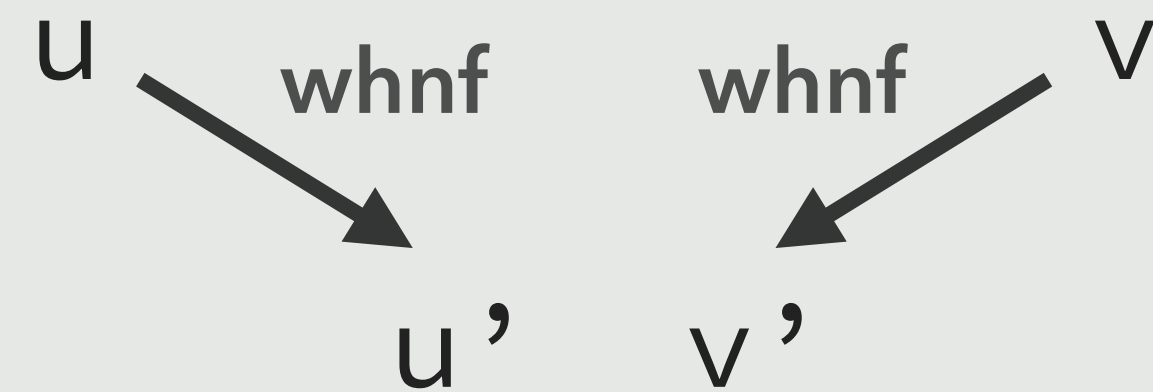
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Compare heads and proceed recursively

Cumulativity checking

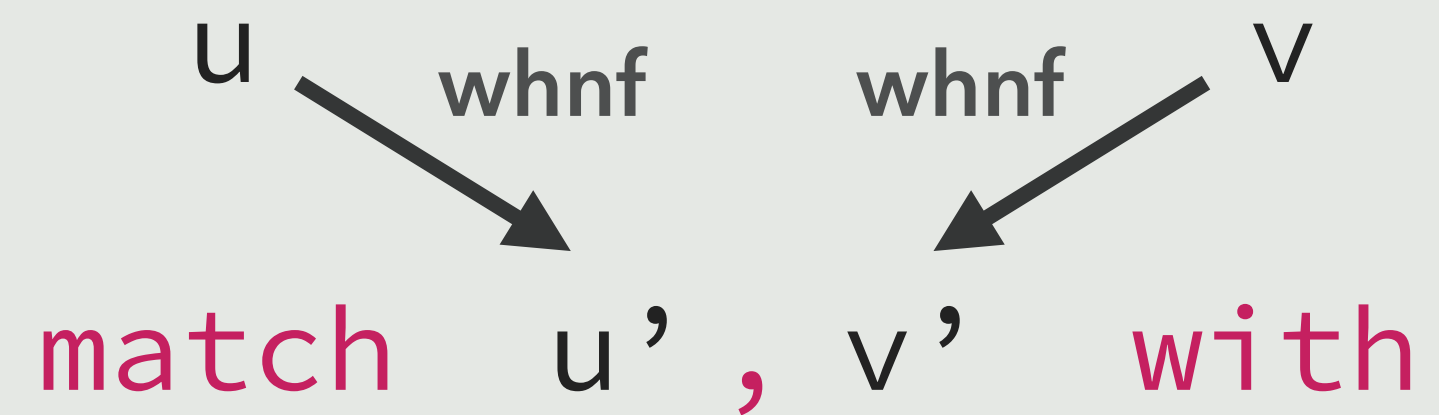
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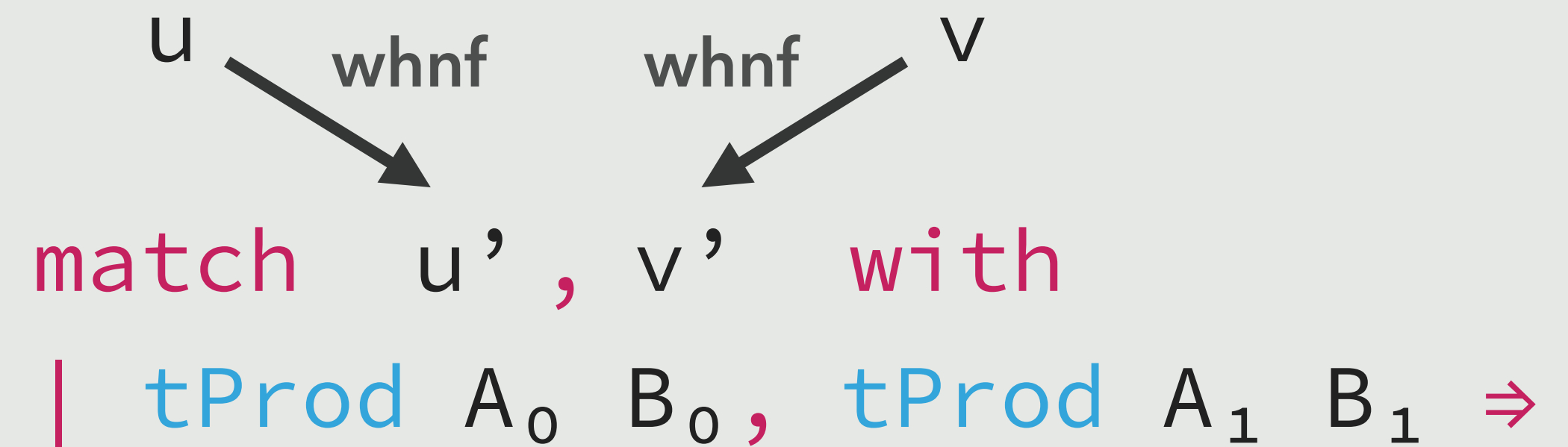
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```

$u \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} u'$ $v \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} v'$

match u' , v' with
| tProd A_0 B_0 , tProd A_1 B_1 ⇒
iscumul pb Σ Γ A_0 A_1 _ _ ;



Compare heads and proceed recursively

Cumulativity checking

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```



Compare heads and proceed recursively

Diagram illustrating the reduction of terms u and v to their weak head normal forms (u' and v') via the whnf relation.

match u' , v' with

| $\text{tProd } A_0 B_0$, $\text{tProd } A_1 B_1 \Rightarrow$

iscumul pb Σ Γ $A_0 A_1$ _ _ ;

iscumul pb Σ (Γ, A_0) $B_0 B_1$ _ _

Cumulativity checking

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```



Compare heads and proceed recursively

Diagram illustrating the reduction of terms u and v to their weak head normal forms (u' and v') via the whnf relation.

```
match u', v' with  
| tProd A0 B0, tProd A1 B1 ⇒  
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  iscumul pb Σ (Γ, A0) B0 B1 _ _  
| (* ... *)  
end
```

Cumulativity checking

```
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```



Compare heads and proceed recursively

Diagram illustrating the reduction of terms u and v to their weak head normal forms (u' and v') via whnf (weak head normal form).

The matching process is defined as follows:

```
match u', v' with  
| tProd A0 B0, tProd A1 B1 ⇒  
  iscumul pb Σ Γ A0 A1 _ _ ;  
  iscumul pb Σ (Γ, A0) B0 B1 _ _  
| (* ... *)  
end
```

Blue lines connect the recursive calls in the code to the **Termination** box, indicating that the function is recursive and thus requires a termination argument.

Termination

Cumulativity checking

```
iscumul :  
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```



Compare heads and proceed recursively

$u \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} u'$ $v \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} v'$

match u' , v' with

- | tProd A_0 B_0 , tProd A_1 B_1 \Rightarrow
iscumul pb Σ Γ A_0 A_1 _ _ ;
iscumul pb Σ (Γ, A_0) B_0 B_1 _ _
- | (* ... *)

end

Termination

Typing

Cumulativity checking

```
iscumul :  
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```



Compare heads and proceed recursively

$u \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} u'$ $v \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} v'$

match u' , v' with

| tProd A_0 B_0 , tProd A_1 B_1 ⇒

 iscumul pb Σ Γ A_0 A_1 _ _ ;

 iscumul pb Σ (Γ, A_0) B_0 B_1 _ _

| (* ... *)

end

Termination

Typing

Cumulativity checking

```
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```



Compare heads and proceed recursively

Soundness

+

Completeness

$u \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} u'$ $v \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} v'$

match u' , v' with

| tProd A_0 B_0 , tProd A_1 B_1 ⇒

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| (* ... *)

end

Termination

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```



Compare heads and proceed recursively

Soundness

+

Completeness

$A_0 \neq A_1 \rightarrow \text{tProd } A_0 \ B_0 \neq \text{tProd } A_1 \ B_1$

$u \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} u' \quad v \xrightarrow{\text{whnf}} v'$

match u', v' with

| tProd $A_0 \ B_0$, tProd $A_1 \ B_1 \Rightarrow$

iscumul pb Σ Γ $A_0 \ A_1$ _ _ ;

iscumul pb Σ (Γ, A_0) $B_0 \ B_1$ _ _

| (* ... *)

end

Termination

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Cumulativity checking

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| (* ... *)

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Soundness

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Completeness

Termination

Typing

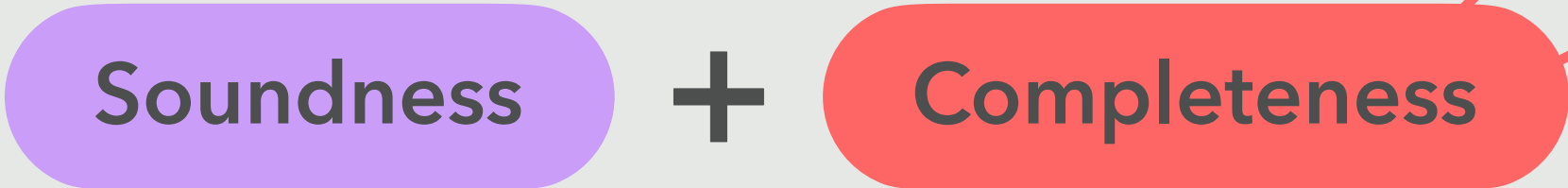
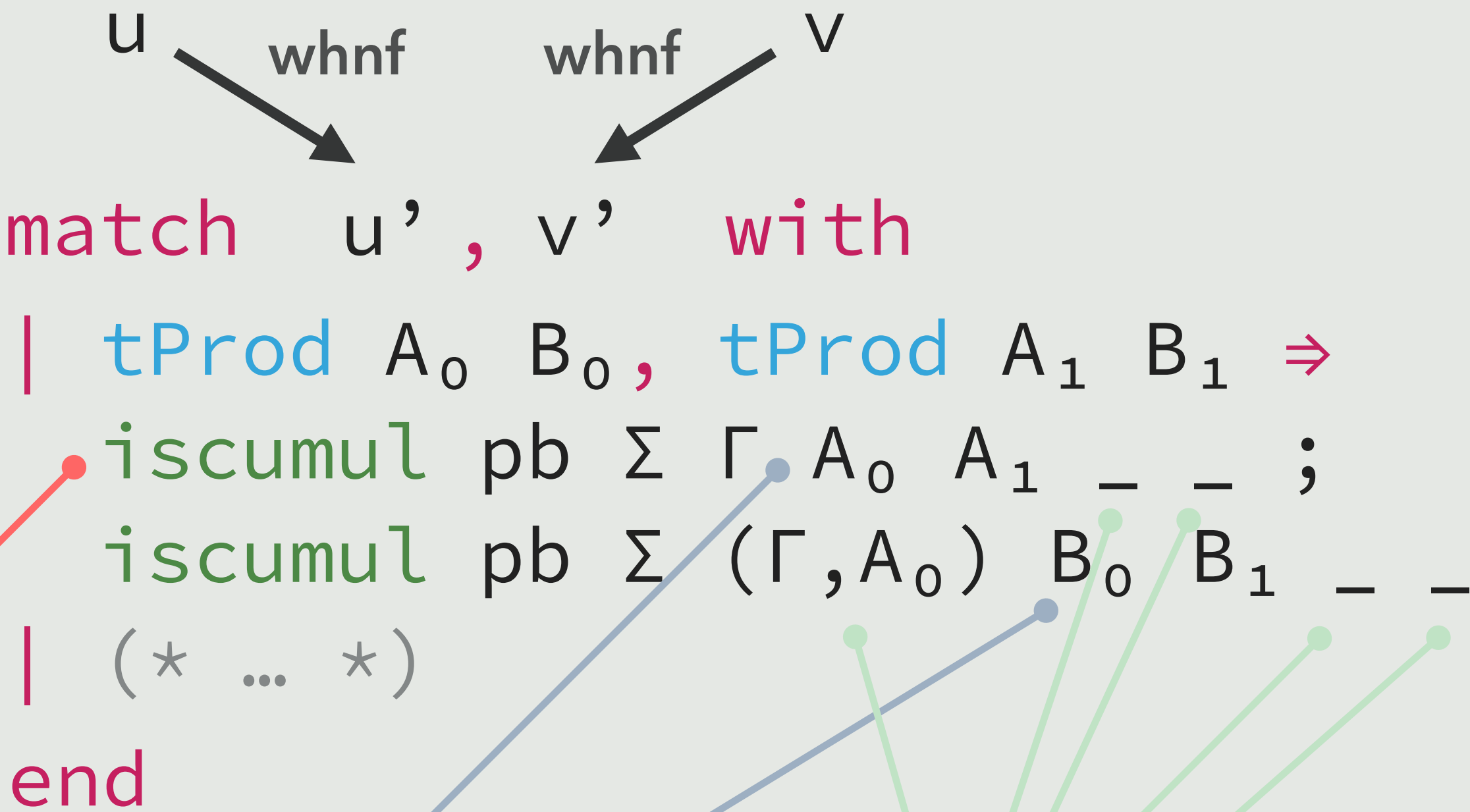
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Cumulativity checking

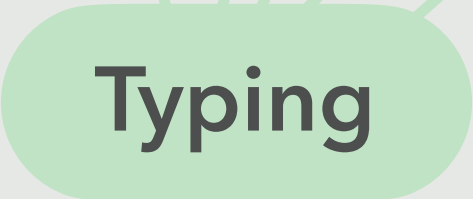
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Compare heads and proceed recursively



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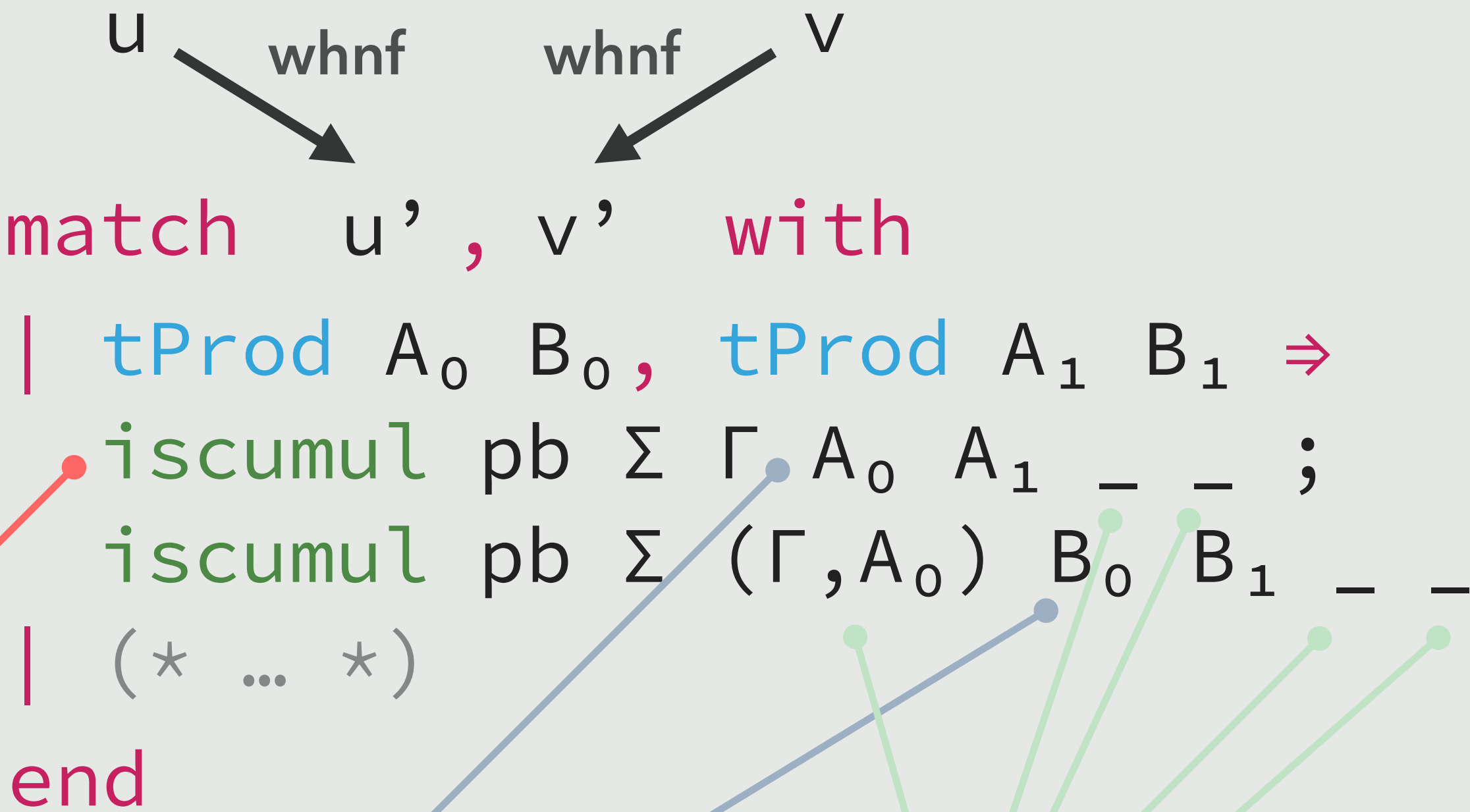


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Termination

SN

Typing

SR + context conversion

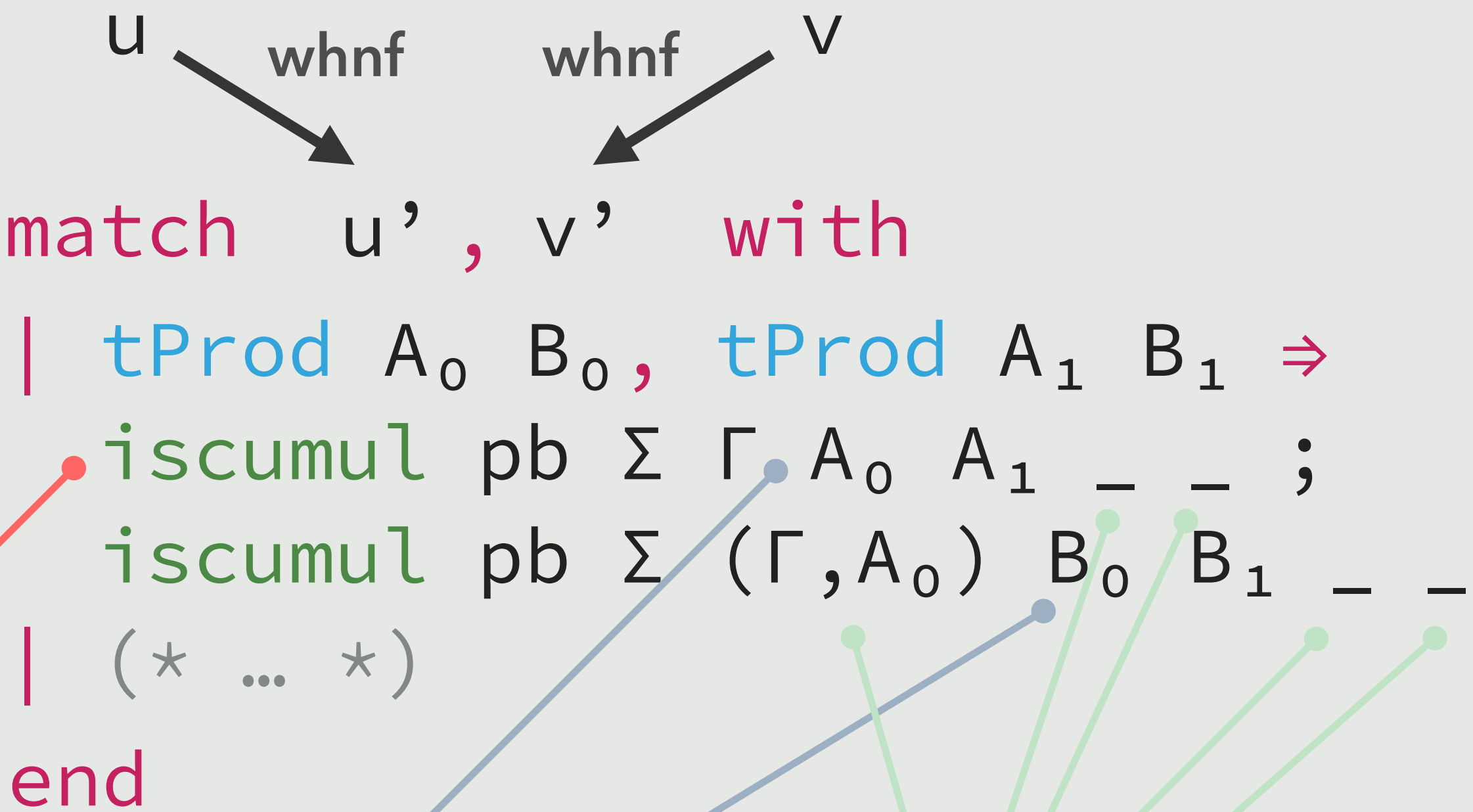
Cumulativity checking

Need algo such that: $u' \leftarrow u \quad u' \text{ whnf}$

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Compare heads and proceed recursively



Soundness + Completeness

$$A_0 \neq A_1 \rightarrow \text{tProd } A_0 \ B_0 \neq \text{tProd } A_1 \ B_1$$

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SR + context conversion

Weak head reduction

Goal

Input

u

Output

v

$u \rightarrow v$

```
weak_head_reduce :  $\forall (u : \text{term}), \Sigma (v : \text{term}), u \rightarrow v$ 
```


Weak head reduction

Example

Input

u

Output

v

u \rightarrow v

Weak head reduction

Example

Input

u

Output

v

u \rightarrow v

```
Definition foo :=  $\lambda$ (x:nat). x.
```

Weak head reduction

Example

Input

u

Output

v

u \rightarrow v

Definition `foo := $\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$.`

foo 0

Weak head reduction

Example

Input

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Output

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foo 0

Weak head reduction

Example

Input

u

Output

v

$u \rightarrow v$

Definition `foo` := $\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$.

foo 0

`foo` \longrightarrow $\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$

Weak head reduction

Example

Input

u

Output

v

u \rightarrow v

Definition `foo := $\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$.`

`$\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$` 0

`foo` \longrightarrow `$\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$`

Weak head reduction

Example

Input

u

Output

v

$u \rightarrow v$

Definition `foo := $\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$.`

0

`foo` \longrightarrow `$\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$`

Weak head reduction

Example

Input

u

Output

v

$u \rightarrow v$

Definition `foo := $\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x$.`

0

$\text{foo } 0 \longrightarrow (\lambda(x:\text{nat}). x) \ 0 \longrightarrow 0$

Weak head reduction

Termination

Input



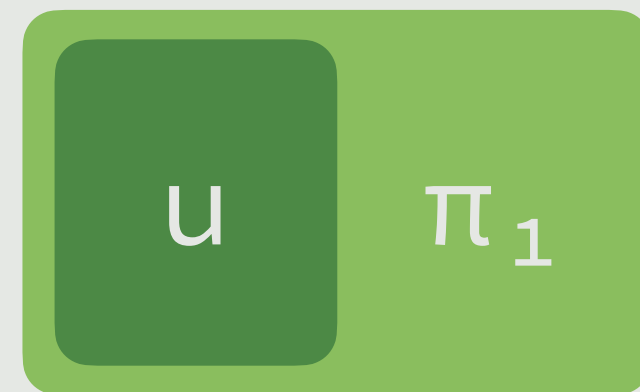
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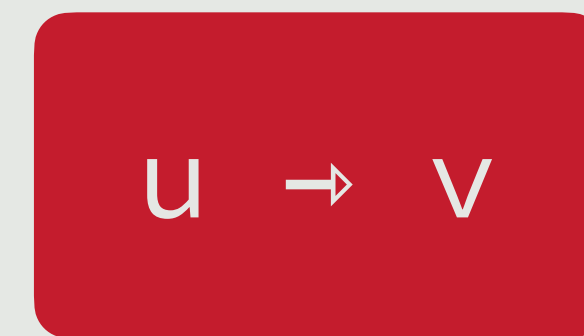
Weak head reduction

Termination

Input



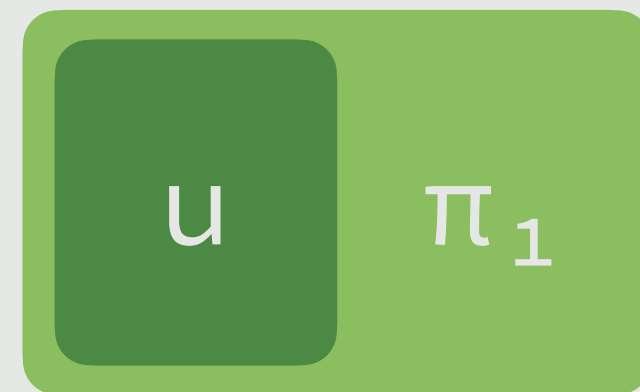
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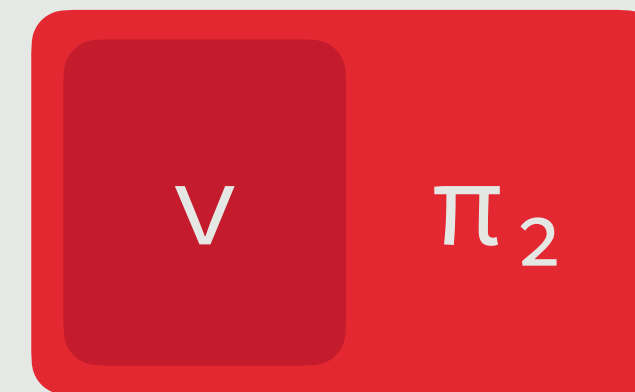
Weak head reduction

Termination

Input



Output



Weak head reduction

Termination

foo 0

Weak head reduction

Termination

foo 0

foo 0

$\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x$ 0

0

Weak head reduction

Termination

foo 0

foo 0

$\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x$ 0

0

$(\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ 0 \longrightarrow 0$

Weak head reduction

Termination

$\text{foo } 0 \longrightarrow (\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ 0$

$\text{foo } 0$

$\text{foo } 0$

$\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x \ 0$

0

$(\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ 0 \longrightarrow 0$

Weak head reduction

Termination

$\text{foo } 0 \longrightarrow (\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ 0$

$\text{foo } 0$

$\text{foo } 0$

$\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x \ 0$

0

$\text{foo } 0 \sqsupset \text{foo}$

$(\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ 0 \longrightarrow 0$

Weak head reduction

Termination

$\text{foo } \text{() } \longrightarrow (\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \text{() }$

$\text{foo } \text{() }$

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$\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x \text{() }$

()

$\text{foo } \text{() } \sqsupset \text{foo}$

$(\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \text{() } \longrightarrow \text{() }$

Weak head reduction

Termination

$\text{foo } 0 \longrightarrow (\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ 0$



$\text{foo } 0 \sqsupset \text{foo}$

$(\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ 0 \longrightarrow 0$



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsupset

Weak head reduction

Termination

$\text{foo } \emptyset \longrightarrow (\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ \emptyset$



$\text{foo } \emptyset \sqsupset \text{foo}$

$(\lambda(x:\text{nat}).x) \ \emptyset \longrightarrow \emptyset$

and $\text{foo } \emptyset = \text{foo } \emptyset$



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsupset

Weak head reduction

Termination



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsubset

Weak head reduction

Termination

p. 1



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsubset

Weak head reduction

Termination



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsubset

Weak head reduction

Termination

p



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsubset

Weak head reduction

Termination

p.1

p



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsubseteq

Weak head reduction

Termination

p.1

p

$p.1 \sqsupset p$



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsupset

Weak head reduction

Termination

$p.1$

p

$p.1 \sqsupset p$

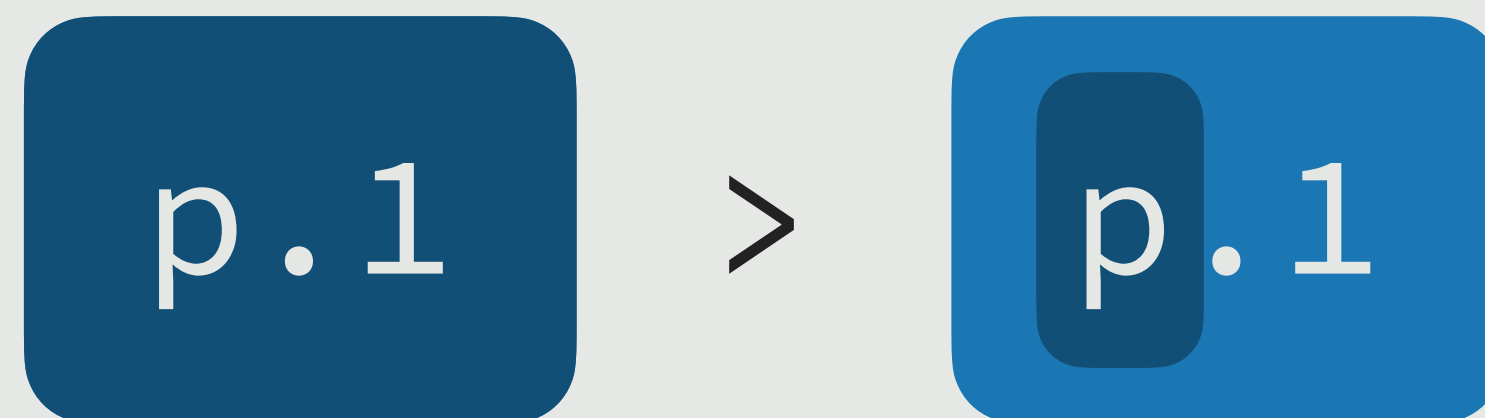
but $p.1 \neq p$



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsupset

Weak head reduction

Termination



$p.1 \sqsupset p$

and $p.1 = p.1$



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsupset

Weak head reduction

Termination



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsubset

Weak head reduction

Termination

```
fix f (n:nat). t end n
```



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and \sqsubseteq

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~~Lexicographic order of λ and ε~~

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Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and an order on positions

Weak head reduction

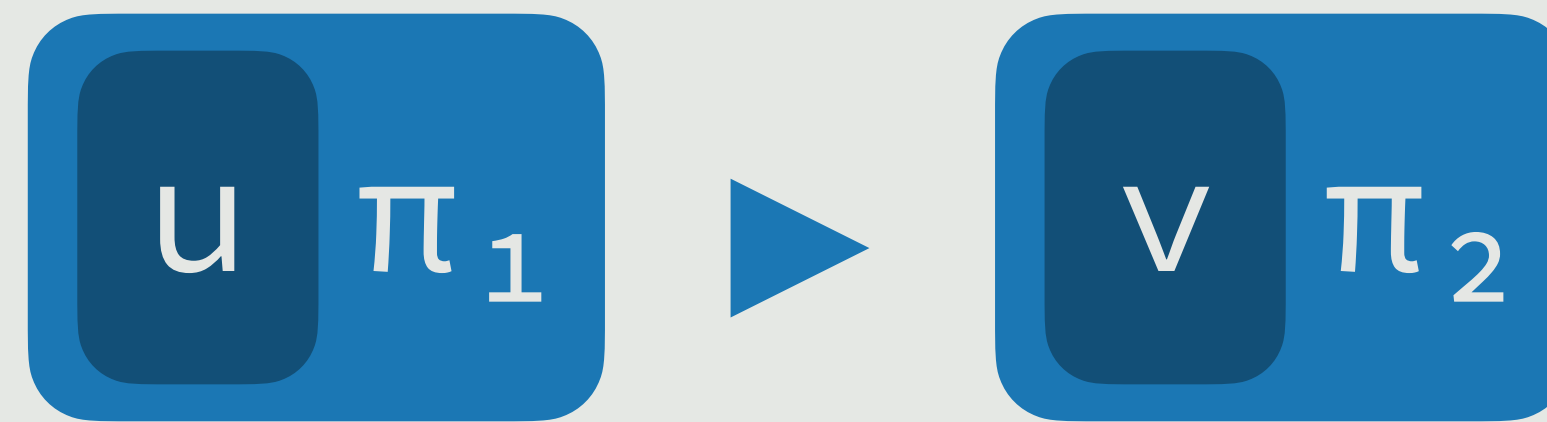
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Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and an order on positions

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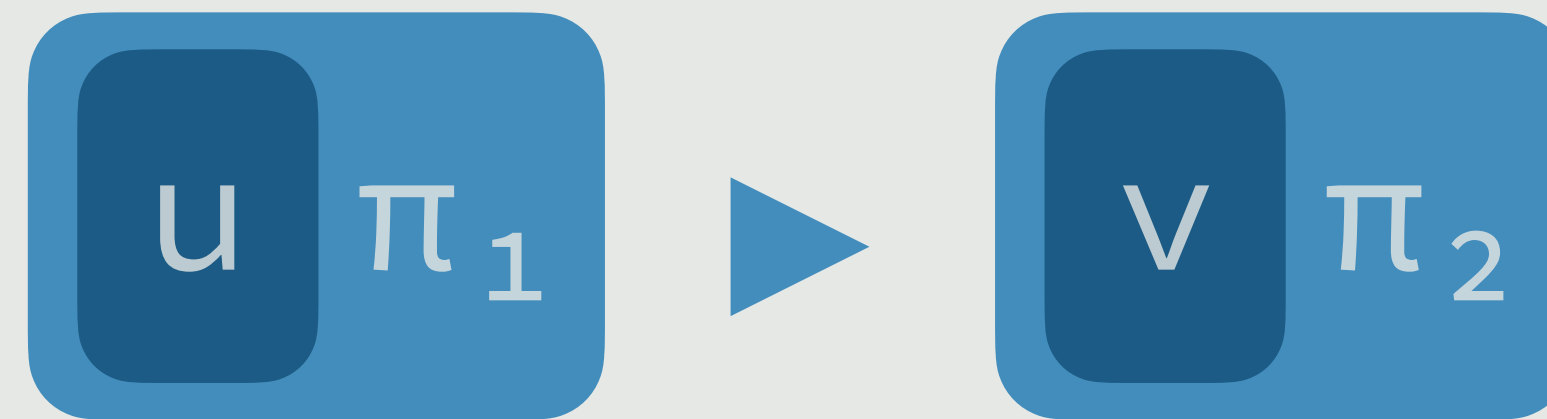
$$\langle u \pi_1, \text{stack_pos } u \pi_1 \rangle > \langle v \pi_2, \text{stack_pos } v \pi_2 \rangle$$



Lexicographic order of \leftarrow and an order on positions

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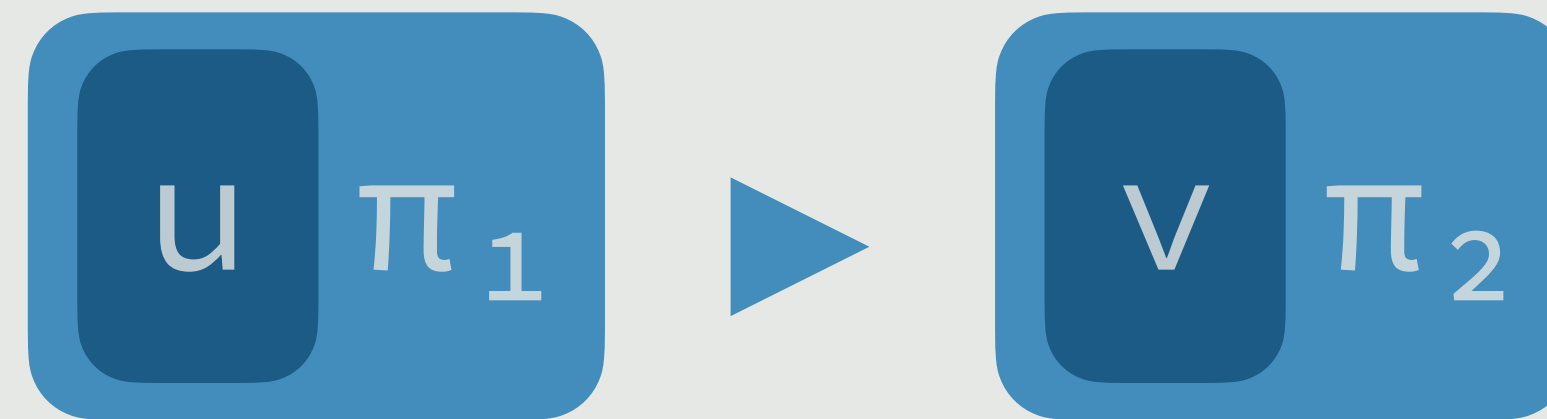
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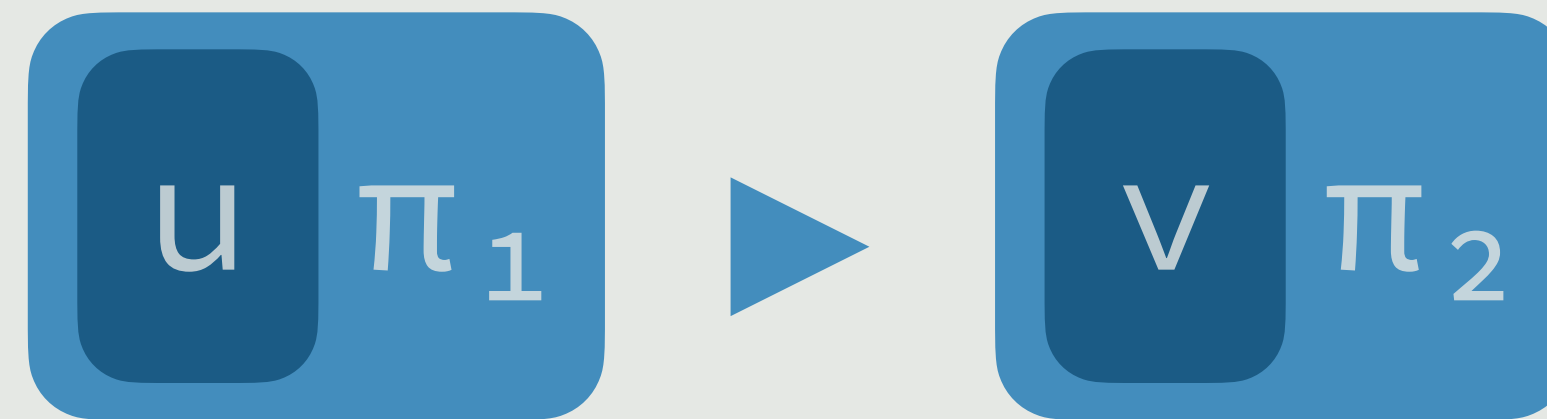
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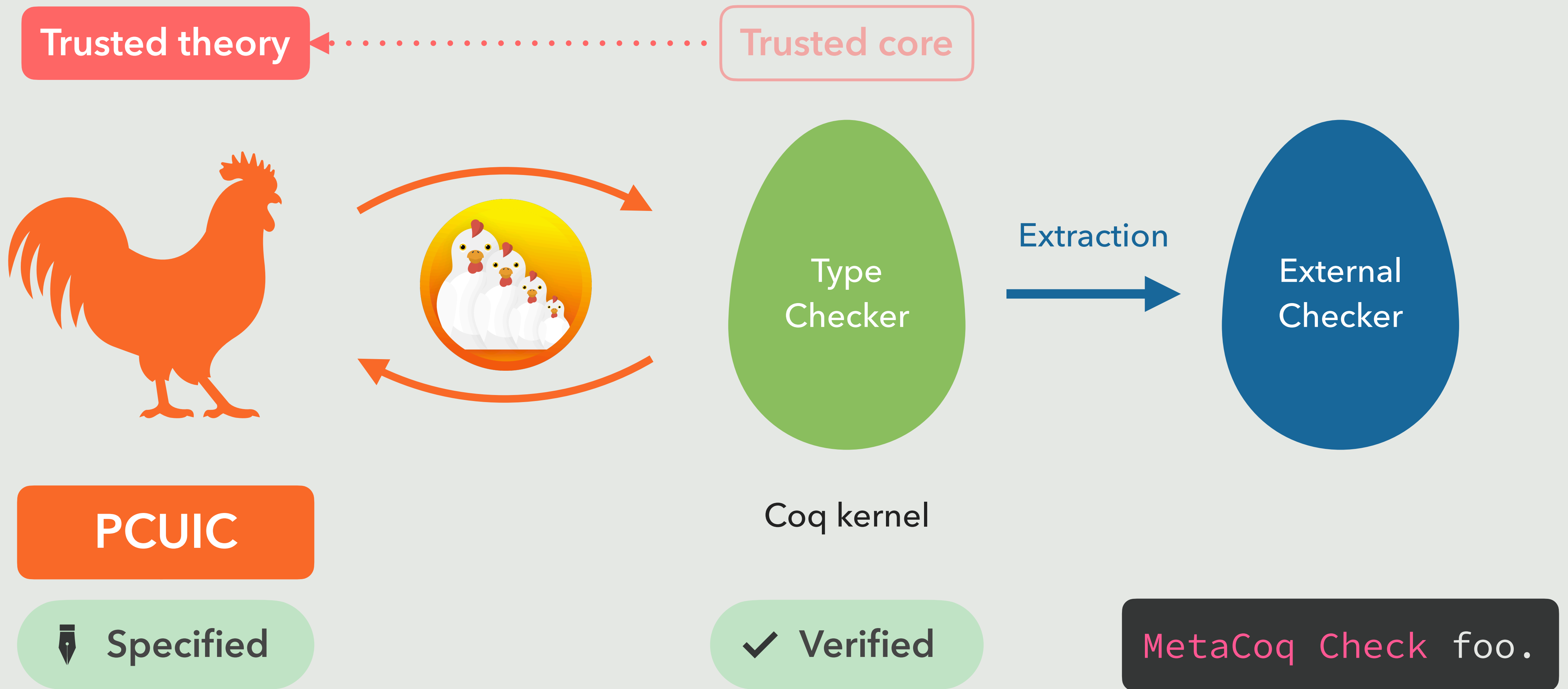
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Dependent lexicographic order of \leftarrow and an order on positions



Conclusion and perspectives

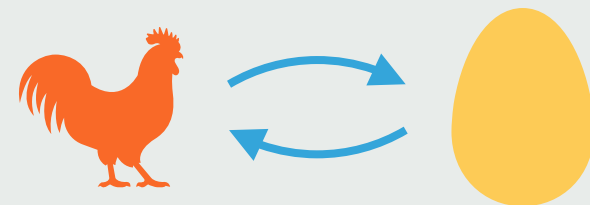


MetaCoq
+ Rewrite rules

Extensible MetaCoq



Guard condition at the
source of a lot of bugs



Coq checks
itself

MiniCoq kernel?



Incompleteness
found in the
implementation!