

Lecture 3: Higher-order logic

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- every other transitive relation which includes R also includes $\text{TC}(R)$:

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Diaconescu's theorem

Theorem (Diaconescu)

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