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**Tutorials for “Decision Procedures SS19”**  
**Exercise sheet 4**

**Exercise 4.1:**

Construct  $N_{\mathcal{I}}$  for the ground clause set

$$N = \{f(a) \approx b \vee f(b) \approx a, f(f(b)) \approx a, f(f(b)) \not\approx a \vee a \approx b\}$$

with respect to a KBO where all function symbols have weight one and  $f \succ b \succ a$  and nothing is selected. Find the minimal false clause, perform the respective superposition inference and recompute the partial model with respect to the extended clause set.

**Exercise 4.2:**

Use superposition to show that the following set of (implicitly universally quantified) clauses is not satisfiable:

$$\begin{aligned} f(a, x) &\approx x \\ x &\approx a \vee x \approx g(a) \\ x &\not\approx g(x) \\ f(a, g(a)) &\approx g(b) \\ b &\not\approx a \end{aligned}$$

Use the LPO with precedence  $f > g > a > b$ . Compute only inferences that are required according to the ordering restrictions of the superposition calculus.

**Exercise 4.3:**

Prove that superposition Factoring without equality is an instance of Equality Factoring with respect to the translation of literals to equations and the elimination of redundant literals.