

KBO Orientability

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- weight function (w, w_0) is **admissible** for precedence $>$ if

$$w(f) > 0 \quad \text{or} \quad f \geq g$$

for all unary functions f and all functions g

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therefore

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