$$\begin{array}{lll} \mbox{Delete} & S \uplus \{t = {}^? t\} & \Longrightarrow & S \\ \mbox{Reduce Term} & S \uplus \{f(s_1, ..., s_n) = {}^? f(t_1, ..., t_n)\} & \Longrightarrow & S \cup \{s_1 = {}^? t_1, \ldots, s_n = {}^? t_n\} \\ \mbox{Exchange} & S \uplus \{t = {}^? x\} & \Longrightarrow & S \cup \{x = {}^? t\}, \mbox{ if } t \notin \mathcal{V} \\ \mbox{Reduce Var.} & S \uplus \{x = {}^? t\} & & \Longrightarrow & \{u\sigma = {}^? v\sigma \mid u = {}^? v \in S\} \cup \{x = {}^? t\}, \\ \mbox{ if } \sigma = \{x/t\}, x \notin \mathcal{V}(t), x \in \mathcal{V}(S) \end{array}$$

$$\{g(f(a), g(x, x)) = {}^{?} g(x, g(x, y))\} \implies ReduceTerm \\ \{f(a) = {}^{?} x, g(x, x) = {}^{?} g(x, y)\} \implies ReduceTerm \\ \{x = {}^{?} f(a), g(x, x) = {}^{?} g(x, y)\} \implies ReduceVar. \\ \{x = {}^{?} f(a), g(f(a), f(a)) = {}^{?} g(f(a), y)\} \implies ReduceTerm \\ \{x = {}^{?} f(a), f(a) = {}^{?} f(a), f(a) = {}^{?} y\} \implies Delete \\ \{x = {}^{?} f(a), f(a) = {}^{?} y\} \implies Exchange \\ \{x = {}^{?} f(a), g(a) = {}^{?} y\} \implies Exchange \\ \{x = {}^{?} f(a), y = {}^{?} f(a)\}$$

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Thm. 5.1.9 (Soundness of the Unification Algorithm)

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