

381 (rulers) Rulers are formed as follows. A vertical stroke $|$ is a ruler. If you append a horizontal stroke $-$ and then a vertical stroke $|$ to a ruler you get another ruler. Thus the first few rulers are $|$, $|-$, $|-|$, $|-|-|$, $|-|-|-|$, and so on. No two rulers formed this way are equal. There are no other rulers. What axioms are needed to define bunch *ruler* consisting of all and only the rulers?

After trying the question, scroll down to the solution.

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“|”, *ruler*; “-|”: *ruler*

“|”, *B*; “-|”: $B \Rightarrow \textit{ruler}$; *B*