

# Theories of Iterated Positive Induction

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In 1963 [Kreisel](#) introduced the formal theories of [inductive definitions](#) in both single and iterated form.

In the 1970s these theories were studied in more details. This work culminated in [1].

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