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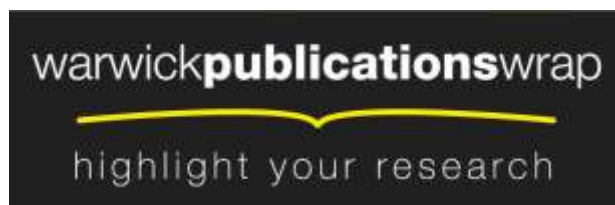
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# Polymorphic Systems with Arrays: Decidability and Undecidability<sup>\*</sup>

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**Abstract.** Polymorphic systems with arrays (PSAs) is a general class of nondeterministic reactive systems. A PSA is polymorphic in the sense that it depends on a signature, which consists of a number of type variables, and a number of symbols whose types can be built from the type variables. Some of the state variables of a PSA can be arrays, which are functions from one type to another. We present several new decidability and undecidability results for parameterised control-state reachability problems on subclasses of PSAs.

## 1 Introduction

*Context.* There has been much interest in recent years in model checking infinite-state systems (e.g. [12]). One of the most common reasons why a system can have infinitely many states is that it has one or more parameters which can be unboundedly large. For example, a system might have an arbitrary number of identical parallel components, or it might work with data from an arbitrarily large data type. In such cases, the aim is usually to verify that the system is correct not for specific instantiations of the parameters, but for all possible instantiations.

When a system has an arbitrary number of identical parallel components, the *counting abstraction* [11] can be used to represent it as a Petri net. If the system uses more than rendez-vous communications between parallel components, extensions of Petri nets are used, such as transfer arcs to represent broadcast communications [9], or non-blocking arcs to represent partially non-blocking rendez-vous [21]. Other abstract models related to Petri nets have also been used for representing infinite-state systems, such as broadcast protocols [7] and multi-set rewriting specifications [6].

Finding decision procedures for model checking problems on Petri nets and related models is therefore useful for verification of a range of infinite-state systems. Undecidability of such problems is also significant, for guiding further

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theoretical and practical work. Many results of both kinds can be found in the literature (e.g. [8, 9, 21, 15, 6]).

In practice, infinite-state systems are often given by UNITY-style syntax, i.e. using state variables, guards and assignments. This kind of syntax is common for defining finite-state systems (e.g. [3]), where the types of state variables are finite enumerated types. It is easily extended for expressing infinite-state systems, by using type variables which can be instantiated by arbitrary sets. For example, if  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are type variables representing processor indices, memory addresses and storable data, then a cache-coherence protocol (e.g. [20]) might have a state variable  $cache : (X \times Y) \rightarrow (Z \times Enum_3)$ . Here,  $cache$  is an array (i.e. a function) indexed by ordered pairs of processor indices and memory addresses, and storing ordered pairs of storable data and tags from the 3-element type  $Enum_3$ . Note that this system is parametric in three dimensions.

It is therefore important to investigate decidability of model checking problems on systems given by UNITY-style syntax with type variables and array state variables. Moreover, it is desirable to find algorithmic translations of such problems to decidable problems on Petri nets and related models. This avoids duplication of work, and enables use of the various techniques implemented for the latter models (e.g. [6]). However, UNITY-like syntax can succinctly express systems which are parametric in several dimensions, compared with Petri nets and related models which are either restricted to one or two dimensions [9, 21, 6] or relatively complex [15]. In particular, relating the two kinds of systems is non-trivial in general.

*Contributions.* In this paper, we fix a UNITY-like syntax with type variables and array state variables, and call such systems polymorphic systems with arrays (PSAs). For generality and succinctness, we use a typed  $\lambda$ -calculus to express guards and right-hand sides of assignments. Basic types are formed from type variables, products and sums (i.e. disjoint unions). We also use first-order function types, as types of array state variables, or types of operation symbols (such as  $\leq_X : X \times X \rightarrow Bool$ ). Assignments to array state variables can express a range of operations, including writing to several array components, or resetting all components to a same value.

A PSA is polymorphic in the sense that it has a signature, which consists of a number of type variables and a number of symbols whose types can be built from the type variables. A signature is instantiated by assigning non-empty sets to its type variables, and concrete elements or operations to its symbols. Given a PSA and an instantiation of its signature, the semantics is a transition system.

We study parameterised verification of PSAs, so a PSA also has a set of all instantiations of its signature which are of interest. The semantics is a transition system consisting of all transition systems for the given instantiations. If infinitely many instantiations are given, this is infinite-state.

We present several new decidability and undecidability results for parameterised control-state reachability problems on subclasses of PSAs. Control-state reachability (CSR) can express a range of safety properties. We distinguish be-

tween initialised CSR, where all arrays are initialised at the start, and uninitialised CSR.

We show that initialised CSR is undecidable for PSAs with each of the following restrictions. In each case, the only allowed array operations are reads and writes, and the type variables are instantiated by arbitrary sets of the form  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ .

- There is only one array, of type  $X \times X \rightarrow Bool$ . The only operation on  $X$  is equality.
- There is only one array, of type  $X \times Y \rightarrow Bool$ . The only operations on  $X$  and  $Y$  are equalities.
- There are only two arrays, of types  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $X \rightarrow Z$ . The only operations on  $X$ ,  $Y$  and  $Z$  are equalities.
- There is only one array, of type  $X \rightarrow Y$ . The only operation on  $X$  is linear order ( $\leq_X$ ),<sup>3</sup> and on  $Y$  equality.

For PSAs with arbitrary array operations, but which have arrays only of types  $X \rightarrow Enum_m$ , where the only operation on  $X$  is linear order, and where  $X$  is instantiated by arbitrary sets of the form  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ , we show that initialised CSR is decidable. The proof is by reducing to a reachability problem for multi-set rewriting specifications with NC constraints, which has an implemented decision procedure [6].

For uninitialised CSR, we obtain similar results.

*Comparisons.* PSAs generalise data-independent systems with arrays [14, 13, 22, 19] by allowing operations on type variables other than equality, and by allowing any array operation expressible using array instruction parameters and assignments of  $\lambda$ -terms to array state variables.

It was shown in [22] that initialised CSR is undecidable for systems with only two arrays, of type  $X \rightarrow Y$ , where the only operations on  $X$  and  $Y$  are equalities. Our undecidability result strengthens this to two arrays with different value types.<sup>4</sup>

Our decidability result extends the decidability result in [22] by allowing linear order on  $X$  instead of only equality, and by allowing a wider range of array operations.

PSAs also generalise the parameterised systems in [16], where parameterisation in only one dimension is considered. On the other hand, [16] treats quantification in guards, which we do not consider in this paper.

Using a type variable  $X$  to represent the set of all process indices, and an array  $s : X \rightarrow Enum_n$  to store the state of each process, any broadcast protocol [7] can be expressed by a PSA. The only operation needed on  $X$  is equality.

<sup>3</sup> An order predicate can express the equality predicate by  $t = t' \Leftrightarrow t \leq t' \wedge t' \leq t$ .

<sup>4</sup> The latter systems are less expressive because different types prevent values contained in the two arrays to be mixed.

*Organisation.* In the next section, we introduce the syntax and semantics of PSAs. We define initialised and uninitialised CSR problems in Section 3. The undecidability and decidability results are in Sections 4 and 5. In Section 6, we briefly point to future work.

We use a model of the Bully Algorithm [10] as a running example.

## 2 Polymorphic systems with arrays

To define PSAs, we start with the syntax of types. We have basic types built from type variables, products and non-empty sums, and function types from one basic type to another. Function types will be used as types of array variables, and also as types of signature symbols such as equality predicates.

$$\begin{aligned} B &::= X \mid B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n \mid B_1 + \cdots + B_{n \geq 1} \\ T &::= B \mid B \rightarrow B' \end{aligned}$$

Next we need a syntax of terms, which will be used to form one-step computations of PSAs. The terms are built from term variables, tuple formation, tuple projection, sum injection, sum case,  $\lambda$ -abstraction, and function application.

We consider only well-typed terms. A signature consists of a finite set  $\Omega$  of type variables, and a type context  $\Gamma$  which is a sequence  $\langle x_1 : T_1, \dots, x_n : T_n \rangle$  of typed and mutually distinct term variables, where the types  $T_i$  can contain only type variables from  $\Omega$ . A well-typed term-in-context is written  $\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t : T$ , where these valid type judgements are deduced by standard typing rules [18].

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{}{\Omega, \Gamma \langle x : T \rangle \Gamma' \vdash x : T} \\ \frac{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t_1 : B_1 \quad \cdots \quad \Omega, \Gamma \vdash t_n : B_n}{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash (t_1, \dots, t_n) : B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n} \\ \frac{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t : B_1 \times \cdots \times B_n}{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash \pi_i(t) : B_i} \\ \frac{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t : B_i}{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash \iota_i^{B_1 + \cdots + B_n}(t) : B_1 + \cdots + B_n} \quad \forall j \neq i. \text{Vars}(B_j) \subseteq \Omega \\ \frac{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t : B_1 + \cdots + B_n \quad \Omega, \Gamma \langle x_1 : B_1 \rangle \vdash t'_1 : T \quad \cdots \quad \Omega, \Gamma \langle x_n : B_n \rangle \vdash t'_n : T}{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash \text{case } t \text{ of } x_1.t'_1 \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } x_n.t'_n : T} \\ \frac{\Omega, \Gamma \langle x : B \rangle \vdash t : B'}{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash \lambda x : B. t : B \rightarrow B'} \\ \frac{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t_1 : B \rightarrow B' \quad \Omega, \Gamma \vdash t_2 : B}{\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t_1[t_2] : B'} \end{array}$$

Using the types and terms above, we can for example express:

- the singleton type *Unit* as the empty product, and its unique element as the empty tuple;

- the boolean type  $Bool$  as the sum of two  $Unit$  types, and terms  $false$ ,  $true$ , and  $if\ t\ then\ t'_1\ else\ t'_2$ ;
- for any positive  $n$ , the  $n$ -element enumerated type  $Enum_n$  as the sum of  $n$   $Unit$  types, its elements  $e_1, \dots, e_n$ , and a case term.

We can also express any given operation on the  $Bool$  and  $Enum_n$  types, of any arity.

Semantics of types is defined as follows. A finite set  $\Omega$  of type variables is instantiated by a mapping  $\omega$  to non-empty sets. For any type  $T$  such that  $Vars(T) \subseteq \Omega$ , its semantics with respect to  $\omega$  is a non-empty set  $\llbracket T \rrbracket_\omega$ , which is defined in the usual way.

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket X \rrbracket_\omega &= \omega \llbracket X \rrbracket \\ \llbracket B_1 \times \dots \times B_n \rrbracket_\omega &= \llbracket B_1 \rrbracket_\omega \times \dots \times \llbracket B_n \rrbracket_\omega \\ \llbracket B_1 + \dots + B_n \rrbracket_\omega &= \{1\} \times \llbracket B_1 \rrbracket_\omega \cup \dots \cup \{n\} \times \llbracket B_n \rrbracket_\omega \\ \llbracket B \rightarrow B' \rrbracket_\omega &= (\llbracket B' \rrbracket_\omega)^{\llbracket B \rrbracket_\omega}\end{aligned}$$

For semantics of terms, a signature  $(\Omega, \Gamma)$  is instantiated by an  $\omega$  as above, and a mapping  $\gamma \in \llbracket \Gamma \rrbracket_\omega$ , i.e.  $Dom(\gamma) = Dom(\Gamma)$  and  $\gamma \llbracket x \rrbracket \in \llbracket T \rrbracket_\omega$  for all  $x : T$  in  $\Gamma$ . For any well-typed term-in-context  $\Omega, \Gamma \vdash t : T$ , its semantics with respect to  $(\omega, \gamma)$  is an element  $\llbracket t \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma}$  of  $\llbracket T \rrbracket_\omega$ , and is defined in the standard way.

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket x \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} &= \gamma \llbracket x \rrbracket \\ \llbracket (t_1, \dots, t_n) \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} &= (\llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma}, \dots, \llbracket t_n \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma}) \\ \llbracket \pi_i(t) \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} &= \pi_i(\llbracket t \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma}) \\ \llbracket t_i^B(t) \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} &= (i, \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma}) \\ \llbracket case\ t\ of\ x_1.t'_1\ or\ \dots\ or\ x_n.t'_n \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} &= \llbracket t'_i \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma \{x_i \mapsto v\}}, \text{ where } (i, v) = \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} \\ \llbracket \lambda x : B. t \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} &= \{v \mapsto \llbracket t \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma \{x \mapsto v\}} \mid v \in \llbracket B \rrbracket_\omega\} \\ \llbracket t_1[t_2] \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma} &= \llbracket t_1 \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma}(\llbracket t_2 \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma})\end{aligned}$$

**Definition 1.** A PSA is a 5-tuple  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  such that:

- $(\Omega, \Gamma)$  is a signature, consisting of type variables and typed term variables (i.e. typed constant or operation symbols) which the PSA is parameterised by.
- $\Theta$  is a type context disjoint from  $\Gamma$ , and such that  $(\Omega, \Gamma\Theta)$  is a signature.  $\Theta$  specifies the state variables of the PSA and their types. According to its type, a state variable is either basic or an array.
- $R$  is a finite set of instructions. Each  $\rho \in R$  is of the form

$$\Phi : c \cdot \{x_1 := t_1, \dots, x_k := t_k\}$$

where:

- $\Phi$  is a type context disjoint from  $\Gamma\Theta$  and such that  $(\Omega, \Gamma\Theta\Phi)$  is a signature,

- $\Omega, \Gamma\Theta\Phi \vdash c : \text{Bool}$ , and
- $x_1, \dots, x_k$  are mutually distinct variables in  $\Theta$ , and  $\Omega, \Gamma\Theta\Phi \vdash t_i : \Theta(x_i)$  for each  $i$ .

The semantics of  $\rho$  will be that  $\Phi$  consists of parameters whose values are chosen nondeterministically subject to satisfying  $c$ , and then the assignments  $x_i := t_i$  are performed simultaneously.

In each state of the system, any instruction in  $R$  can be performed.

- $I$  is a set of instantiations of  $(\Omega, \Gamma)$ .

The following are some array operations which can be expressed as assignments to array variables:

**Reset.** Assigning a value  $t : B'$  to each component of  $a$ :

$$a := \lambda x : B \cdot t$$

where  $x$  is a fresh variable name.

**Copy.** Assigning an array  $a'$  to  $a$ :

$$a := a'$$

**Map.** Applying an operation  $t : (B'_1 \times \dots \times B'_n) \rightarrow B''$  componentwise to several arrays:

$$a := \lambda x : B \cdot t[(a'_1[x], \dots, a'_n[x])]$$

where  $x$  is fresh.

**Multiple partial assign.** Assigning  $t_1, \dots, t_n$  to components  $x$  of  $a$  which satisfy conditions  $d_1, \dots, d_n$  respectively, where  $x$  may occur free in the  $t_i$  and  $d_i$ :

$$a := \lambda x : B \cdot \text{if } d_1 \text{ then } t_1 \text{ elseif } \dots d_n \text{ then } t_n \text{ else } a[x]$$

We may abbreviate this as  $a[x : d_1; \dots; d_n] := t_1; \dots; t_n$ . Note that if  $d_i$  and  $d_j$  with  $i < j$  overlap, assigning  $t_i$  takes precedence.

**Write.** Assigning  $t'_1, \dots, t'_n$  to  $a[t_1], \dots, a[t_n]$ :

$$a[x : x = t_1; \dots; x = t_n] := t'_1; \dots; t'_n$$

where  $x$  is fresh. We may abbreviate this as

$$a[t_1; \dots; t_n] := t'_1; \dots; t'_n$$

**Cross-section.** For example, assigning to a row  $t$  of an array  $a : (B_1 \times B_2) \rightarrow B'$ :

$$a[x : (\pi_1(x) = t)] := t'$$

Using instruction parameters, we can for example also express:

**Choose.** Nondeterministically choosing a whole array:

$$\langle a' : B \rightarrow B' \rangle : \text{true} \cdot \{a := a'\}$$

**Definition 2.** The semantics of a PSA  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  is the transition system  $(S, \rightarrow)$  defined as follows:

- The set of states  $S$  consists of all  $(\omega, \gamma, \theta)$  such that  $(\omega, \gamma) \in I$  and  $\theta \in \llbracket \Theta \rrbracket_\omega$ .
- $(\omega, \gamma, \theta) \rightarrow (\omega', \gamma', \theta')$  iff  $\omega' = \omega$ ,  $\gamma' = \gamma$ , and there exists  $\rho \in R$  which can produce  $\theta'$  from  $\theta$ .

More precisely, as  $\rho$  is of the form  $\Phi : c \cdot \{x_1 := t_1, \dots, x_k := t_k\}$ , there exists  $\phi \in \llbracket \Phi \rrbracket_\omega$  such that  $\llbracket c \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma \theta \phi} = tt$ , and:

- $\theta' \llbracket x_i \rrbracket = \llbracket t_i \rrbracket_{\omega, \gamma \theta \phi}$  for each  $i$ ;
- $\theta' \llbracket x' \rrbracket = \theta \llbracket x' \rrbracket$  for all  $x' \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$ .

*Example 1.* We express as a PSA a model of the Bully Algorithm for leadership election in a distributed system in which process identifiers are linearly ordered [10].

The signature is  $(\{X\}, \langle \leq_X : X \times X \rightarrow Bool \rangle)$ , where  $X$  represents the set of all process identifiers. We consider all instantiations which assign to  $X$  a set of the form  $\{1, \dots, k\}$ , and to  $\leq_X$  the standard ordering.

We model passing of time and detection of failure as follows. A process which has not failed can broadcast to relevant processes with lower identifiers, to signal its presence. At that point, its clock is set to 1. Whenever the system performs a **tock** transition, all clocks are increased by 1. If this would make the clock of a process greater than a constant  $T_S$ , that process fails. Processes can also fail at other times. In any case, it is not possible for an alive process to let  $T_S$  **tock** transitions happen without signalling its presence.

Since processes periodically inform others of their presence, there is no need to have explicit **election** broadcasts: a process in *Elect* mode can simply wait for  $T_E$  time units, and if it does not receive a signal from a higher process during that time, it goes into *Coord* mode.

In order for the system to be within the  $X, \leq$ -to-Enum class, processes do not store identifiers of their coordinators, although a process in *Coord* mode periodically informs all lower processes that it is their coordinator. For specification purposes, we can maintain coordinator identifiers for a bounded number of processes.

The state of a process consists of its mode and two clocks. The primary clock is used to measure the time since the process last signalled its presence. The secondary clock measures waiting time of the process: either during an election, or while awaiting a coordinator, or since it last heard from a coordinator while running. We use one array variable to hold all this information:

$$a : X \rightarrow (\{Elect, Coord, Await, Run, Fld\} \times \{1, \dots, T_S\} \times \{1, \dots, \max\{T_E, T_A, T_R\}\})$$

It remains to present the system's instructions. We write  $a[t].m$ ,  $a[t].c$  and  $a[t].c'$  instead of  $\pi_1(a[t])$ ,  $\pi_2(a[t])$  and  $\pi_3(a[t])$ .

**tock** This instruction increases by 1 the primary clocks of all processes which are not in the *Fld* mode. If that would make the primary clock of a process



greater than  $T_S$ , that process becomes *Fld* and its clocks are reset to 1. The instruction also increases by 1 the secondary clocks of all processes in the *Elect*, *Await*, or *Run* modes. If that would make the secondary clock of a processes greater than the corresponding constant  $T_E$ ,  $T_A$ , or  $T_R$ , the mode of that process is changed and its secondary clock is reset to 1. For example, if a process is *Run*, but has not heard from a *Coord* for  $T_R$  time units, it goes into *Elect* mode.

$$\langle \rangle : true.$$

$$a := \lambda x : X \cdot \text{if } a[x].m \neq \text{Fld} \wedge a[x].c = T_S \text{ then } (\text{Fld}, 1, 1)$$

$$\quad \text{elseif } a[x].m = \text{Elect} \wedge a[x].c' = T_E \text{ then } (\text{Coord}, a[x].c + 1, 1)$$

$$\quad \text{elseif } a[x].m = \text{Await} \wedge a[x].c' = T_A \text{ then } (\text{Elect}, a[x].c + 1, 1)$$

$$\quad \text{elseif } a[x].m = \text{Run} \wedge a[x].c' = T_R \text{ then } (\text{Elect}, a[x].c + 1, 1)$$

$$\quad \text{elseif } a[x].m \neq \text{Fld} \wedge a[x].m \neq \text{Coord}$$

$$\quad \quad \text{then } (a[x].m, a[x].c + 1, a[x].c' + 1)$$

$$\quad \text{elseif } a[x].m = \text{Coord} \text{ then } (a[x].m, a[x].c + 1, a[x].c')$$

$$\quad \text{else } a[x]$$

**signal** This instruction signals the presence of a process to all relevant processes with lower identifiers, and it resets the primary clock of the process to 1. If a process in the *Elect*, *Await*, or *Run* mode signals to a process which is in the *Elect* or *Coord* mode, the latter becomes *Await*. If a *Coord* signals to a process which is not in the *Fld* mode, it “bullies” the latter to go into the *Run* mode. Equality between two terms of type  $X$  is an abbreviation for  $t \leq_X t' \wedge t' \leq_X t$ .

$$\langle x : X \rangle : a[x].m \neq \text{Fld}.$$

$$a := \lambda x' : X \cdot \text{if } x' = x \text{ then } (a[x].m, 1, a[x].c')$$

$$\quad \text{elseif } x' < x \wedge a[x].m \neq \text{Coord} \wedge$$

$$\quad \quad a[x'].m \in \{\text{Elect}, \text{Coord}\} \text{ then } (\text{Await}, a[x'].c, 1)$$

$$\quad \text{elseif } x' < x \wedge a[x].m = \text{Coord} \wedge a[x'].m \neq \text{Fld}$$

$$\quad \quad \text{then } (\text{Run}, a[x'].c, 1)$$

$$\quad \text{else } a[x']$$

**fail** At any point, a process can fail.

$$\langle x : X \rangle : a[x].m \neq \text{Fld} \cdot a[x] := (\text{Fld}, 1, 1)$$

**revive** At any point, a *Fld* process can revive, and it goes into the *Elect* mode.

$$\langle x : X \rangle : a[x].m = \text{Fld} \cdot a[x] := (\text{Elect}, 1, 1)$$

### 3 Model-checking problems

For a range of safety properties of PSAs, where it is assumed that initially all arrays are reset to some specified values, their checking can be reduced to the following decision problem.

**Definition 3.** Suppose we have a PSA  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  with:

- a state variable  $b : \text{Enum}_n$ ,<sup>5</sup>
- $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , and
- for each array state variable  $a : B \rightarrow B'$ , a term  $\Omega, \Gamma_{\Theta_{\text{bas}}} \vdash t_a : B'$ , where  $\Theta_{\text{bas}}$  is  $\Theta$  restricted to basic state variables.

The initialised control-state reachability problem is to decide whether there exists a sequence of transitions from a state satisfying

$$b = e_i \wedge \bigwedge_{a : B \rightarrow B' \in \Theta} \forall x : B \cdot a[x] = t_a$$

to a state satisfying  $b = e_j$ .

For safety properties where it is not assumed that arrays are initialised, we have the following decision problem.

**Definition 4.** Suppose we have a PSA  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  with a state variable  $b : \text{Enum}_n$ , and  $i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ .

The uninitialised control-state reachability problem is to decide whether there exists a sequence of transitions from a state satisfying  $b = e_i$  to a state satisfying  $b = e_j$ .

*Example 2.* The following safety properties of the Bully Algorithm model can be expressed as initialised CSR in an extended system.

- *There are never two distinct processes in Coord mode.* We add a state variable  $b : \{0, 1\}$ , and an instruction

$$\langle x : X, x' : X \rangle : x \neq x' \wedge a[x].m = \text{Coord} \wedge a[x'].m = \text{Coord} \cdot b := 1$$

The check is whether, from a state in which  $b = 0$  and  $\forall x : X \cdot a[x] = (\text{Elect}, 1, 1)$ , the system can reach a state in which  $b = 1$ .

- *A process cannot continuously be Run since receiving a signal from a Coord until receiving a signal from a Coord whose identifier is smaller than that of the previous one.* We add state variables  $b : \{0, 1, 2\}$  and  $y, y' : X$ . We can modify the instructions **tock**, **signal** and **fail**, so that:

- if  $b = 0$  and a *Coord*  $x$  signals to process  $y$ ,  $b$  is set to 1 and  $y'$  is set to  $x$ ;
- if  $b = 1$  and process  $y$  leaves the *Run* mode,  $b$  is set to 0;
- if  $b = 1$  and a *Coord*  $x \geq y'$  signals to process  $y$ ,  $y'$  is set to  $x$ ;
- if  $b = 1$  and a *Coord*  $x < y'$  signals to process  $y$ ,  $b$  is set to 2.

The check is whether, from a state in which  $b = 0$  and  $\forall x : X \cdot a[x] = (\text{Elect}, 1, 1)$ , the system can reach a state in which  $b = 2$ .

- *There is never a Coord process and a Run process with a greater identifier.* We add a state variable  $b : \{0, 1\}$ , and an instruction

$$\langle x : X, x' : X \rangle : x < x' \wedge a[x].m = \text{Coord} \wedge a[x'].m = \text{Run} \cdot b := 1$$

The check is as in the first example.

<sup>5</sup> Any tuple of variables whose types do not contain type variables is isomorphic to a variable of type  $\text{Enum}_n$ .

## 4 Undecidability results

We consider the following classes of PSAs:

**$X \times X$ -to-Bool.** This class consists of all PSAs  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  such that:

- $\Omega = \{X\}$  and  $\Gamma = \langle =_X: X \times X \rightarrow Bool \rangle$ ;
- there is only one array variable in  $\Theta$ , and it is of type  $X \times X \rightarrow Bool$ ;
- instructions in  $R$  do not contain array parameters, and each array assignment is a write;
- $I$  consists of all  $(\omega, \gamma)$  such that  $\omega$  assigns to  $X$  a set of the form  $\hat{k} = \{1, \dots, k\}$ , and  $\gamma$  assigns to  $=_X$  the equality predicate on  $\hat{k}$ .

**$X \times Y$ -to-Bool.** Here  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct type variables, and the restrictions are:

- $\Omega = \{X, Y\}$  and  $\Gamma = \langle =_X: X \times X \rightarrow Bool, =_Y: Y \times Y \rightarrow Bool \rangle$ ;
- there is only one array variable in  $\Theta$ , and it is of type  $X \times Y \rightarrow Bool$ ;
- instructions in  $R$  do not contain array parameters, and each array assignment is a write;
- $I$  consists of all  $(\omega, \gamma)$  such that  $\omega$  assigns to  $X$  and  $Y$  some  $\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{l}$ , and  $\gamma$  assigns to  $=_X$  and  $=_Y$  the equality predicates.

**$X$ -to- $Y, Z$ .** Here  $X, Y, Z$  are distinct type variables, and the restrictions are:

- $\Omega = \{X, Y, Z\}$  and  $\Gamma = \langle =_X: X \times X \rightarrow Bool, =_Y: Y \times Y \rightarrow Bool, =_Z: Z \times Z \rightarrow Bool \rangle$ ;
- there are only two array variables in  $\Theta$ , and they are of types  $X \rightarrow Y$  and  $X \rightarrow Z$ ;
- instructions in  $R$  do not contain array parameters, and each array assignment is a write;
- $I$  consists of all  $(\omega, \gamma)$  such that  $\omega$  assigns to  $X, Y, Z$  some  $\hat{k}, \hat{l}, \hat{m}$ , and  $\gamma$  assigns to  $=_X, =_Y, =_Z$  the equality predicates.

**$X, \leq$ -to- $Y$ .** Here  $X$  and  $Y$  are distinct type variables, and the restrictions are:

- $\Omega = \{X, Y\}$  and  $\Gamma = \langle \leq_X: X \times X \rightarrow Bool, =_Y: Y \times Y \rightarrow Bool \rangle$ ;
- there is only one array variable in  $\Theta$ , and it is of type  $X \rightarrow Y$ ;
- instructions in  $R$  do not contain array parameters, and each array assignment is a write;
- $I$  consists of all  $(\omega, \gamma)$  such that  $\omega$  assigns to  $X$  and  $Y$  some  $\hat{k}$  and  $\hat{l}$ ,  $\gamma \llbracket \leq_X \rrbracket$  is the ordering on  $\hat{k}$ , and  $\gamma \llbracket =_Y \rrbracket$  is the equality predicate on  $\hat{l}$ .

**Theorem 1.** *Initialised CSR is undecidable for each of the classes  $X \times X$ -to-Bool,  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool,  $X$ -to- $Y, Z$ , and  $X, \leq$ -to- $Y$ .*

*Proof.* We first recall some undecidability results for two-counter machines (2CMs).

A 2CM consists of a finite non-empty set  $\{L_1, \dots, L_u\}$  of locations, two counters  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , and for every location  $L_i$ , an instruction of one of the following forms:

- $L_i : c_j := c_j + 1; \text{ goto } L_{i'}$
- $L_i : c_j := c_j - 1; \text{ goto } L_{i'}$
- $L_i : \text{ if } c_j = 0 \text{ then goto } L_{i'} \text{ else goto } L_{i''}$

A configuration of the 2CM is of the form  $(L_i, v_1, v_2)$ , where  $v_1, v_2 \in \mathcal{N}$  are the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ . The instruction at  $L_i$  produces a unique next configuration, except that  $L_i : c_j := c_j - 1$  cannot execute when  $v_j = 0$ .

From [17], *configuration reachability* is undecidable, i.e. whether a given 2CM can reach a given configuration  $(L_j, v_1, v_2)$  from  $(L_1, 0, 0)$ . It is straightforward to reduce this problem to *location reachability*, i.e. whether a given 2CM can reach a configuration with a given location  $L_j$  from  $(L_1, 0, 0)$ , so the latter problem is also undecidable.

Suppose we have a 2CM as above, and a location  $L_j$ . We prove the theorem by showing how to reduce the question whether the 2CM can reach a configuration with location  $L_j$  from  $(L_1, 0, 0)$  to an initialised CSR question for a PSA  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  in each of the classes above in turn. In each case,  $\Omega$ ,  $\Gamma$  and  $I$  are specified in the definition of the class, so it remains to construct the state variables  $\Theta$ , the instructions  $R$ , and the CSR question.

**$X \times X$ -to-Bool.** Let  $\Theta$  equal

$$\langle b : Enum_{5u+1}, x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, x'', x''' : X, a : X \times X \rightarrow Bool \rangle$$

where we shall denote the elements of  $Enum_{5u}$  by  $e_i$  for  $i \in \{0, \dots, u\}$ , and  $e_{j,i}^{j'}$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, u\}$  and  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$ . The  $e_i$  for  $i > 0$  will represent the locations of the 2CM, whereas  $e_0$  and the  $e_{j,i}^{j'}$  will be used as auxiliary control states of the PSA.

The CSR question is whether the PSA can reach a state with  $b = e_j$  from a state with  $b = e_0$  and

$$\forall (x, x') : X \times X \cdot a[(x, x')] = false$$

We represent a value  $v_j$  of a counter  $c_j$  by a sequence of mutually distinct indices  $x_1^j, \dots, x_{v_j+1}^j$  such that  $a[(x_k^j, x_{k+1}^j)]$  is *true* for all  $k$ . The sets indices for  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  will be disjoint. The remaining entries of  $a$  will be *false*.

The state variables  $x_j$  will contain  $x_1^j$ , and  $x'_j$  will contain  $x_{v_j+1}^j$ .

At control state  $e_0$ , we ensure that  $x_1 \neq x_2$ . We then initialise the representations of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  to zero, and move to control state  $e_1$ .

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_0 \wedge x_1 \neq x_2 \cdot \{b := e_1, x'_1 := x_1, x'_2 := x_2\}$$

For any instruction  $L_i : c_j := c_j + 1; goto L_{i'}$  of the 2CM, the PSA has the following four instructions. The first one chooses a value  $x''$  from  $X$  for extending the representation of  $c_j$  by an entry *true* at  $(x_1', x'')$ . It also starts the computation for checking that  $x''$  is a fresh value. An invariant during this computation is that if the control state is  $e_{j,i'}^{j'}$ , then  $x''$  does not occur among the indices in the representation of  $c_{j'}$  up to  $x'''$ .

$$\langle x^\dagger : X \rangle : b = e_i \wedge x^\dagger \neq x_1 \cdot \{b := e_{j,i'}^1, x'' := x^\dagger, x''' := x_1\}$$

If  $x''$  has been compared against the whole representation of  $c_1$ , we move to comparing it against the representation of  $c_2$ :

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^1 \wedge x''' = x_1' \wedge x'' \neq x_2 \cdot \{b := e_{j,i'}^2, x''' := x_2\}$$

When the computation is complete, we extend the representation of  $c_j$  corresponding to the increment by 1, and move to  $e_{i'}$ :

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^2 \wedge x''' = x'_2 \cdot \{b := e_{i'}, x'_j := x'', a[(x'_j, x'')] := true\}$$

The fourth instruction performs a step in comparing  $x''$  with the indices in the representation of  $c_{j'}$ :

$$\langle x^\dagger : X \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^{j'} \wedge x^\dagger \neq x'' \wedge a[(x''', x^\dagger)] \cdot \{x''' := x^\dagger\}$$

For any instruction  $L_i : c_j := c_j - 1; goto L_{i'}$  of the 2CM, the PSA has the following instruction, which reduces the representation of  $c_j$  by moving  $x_1$  to the next index in the sequence:

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^\dagger : X \rangle : b = e_i \wedge a[(x_j, x^\dagger)] \cdot \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x_j := x^\dagger, a[(x_j, x^\dagger)] := false\} \end{aligned}$$

A zero-test instruction of the 2CM is straightforward to represent, since  $c_j$  has value 0 if and only if  $x_j = x'_j$ :

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_i \cdot \{b := if\ x_j = x'_j\ then\ e_{i'}\ else\ e_{i''}\}$$

It is clear that this PSA is in the class  $X \times X$ -to-Bool.

For any configuration  $(L_i, v_1, v_2)$  of the 2CM, let  $F(L_i, v_1, v_2)$  be the set of all states  $(\omega, \gamma, \theta)$  of the PSA such that  $\theta[b] = \llbracket e_i \rrbracket$  and  $\theta$  assigns to  $x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2$  and  $a$  a representation of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  as above. It is straightforward to check that:

- (i) if the 2CM can reach  $(L_{i'}, v'_1, v'_2)$  from  $(L_i, v_1, v_2)$ , then the PSA can reach a state in  $F(L_{i'}, v'_1, v'_2)$  from a state in  $F(L_i, v_1, v_2)$ ;
- (ii) any state  $(\omega, \gamma, \theta)$  which the PSA can reach from a state in  $F(L_i, v_1, v_2)$  and which satisfies  $b \in \{e_1, \dots, e_u\}$ , is in  $F(L_{i'}, v'_1, v'_2)$  for some  $(L_{i'}, v'_1, v'_2)$  which the 2CM can reach from  $(L_i, v_1, v_2)$ .

It follows that the 2CM can reach a configuration with location  $L_j$  from  $(L_1, 0, 0)$  if and only if the PSA satisfies the initialised CSR question above. Alternatively, undecidability of initialised CSR for this class follows from undecidability for the class  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool. Given a PSA  $\mathcal{S}$  in  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool, let  $\mathcal{S}'$  be the PSA in  $X \times X$ -to-Bool obtained from  $\mathcal{S}$  by substituting  $X$  for  $Y$ . Then  $\mathcal{S}$  satisfies an initialised control-state reachability question if and only if  $\mathcal{S}'$  satisfies the same question with  $X$  substituted for  $Y$ .

**$X \times Y$ -to-Bool.** The construction of a PSA in this class which represents the 2CM follows the same pattern as the construction above for the class  $X \times X$ -to-Bool. It is more complex because the array is now indexed by two different types. To represent a value  $v_j$  of a counter  $c_j$ , we use  $2v_j + 1$  entries *true* instead of  $v_j$ .

Let  $\Theta$  equal

$$\langle b : Enum_{5u+1}, x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, x'', x''' : X, y_1, y'_1, y_2, y'_2, y'', y''' : Y, \\ a : X \times Y \rightarrow Bool \rangle$$

where we shall denote the elements of  $Enum_{5u}$  by  $e_i$  for  $i \in \{0, \dots, u\}$ , and  $e_{j,i}^{j'}$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, u\}$  and  $j, j' \in \{1, 2\}$ . The  $e_i$  for  $i > 0$  will represent the locations of the 2CM, whereas  $e_0$  and the  $e_{j,i}^{j'}$  will be used as auxiliary control states of the PSA.

The CSR question is whether the PSA can reach a state with  $b = e_j$  from a state with  $b = e_0$  and

$$\forall(x, y) : X \times Y \cdot a[(x, y)] = false$$

We represent a value  $v_j$  of a counter  $c_j$  by  $2v_j + 1$  entries *true* in the array  $a$ . If their indices are  $(x_k^j, y_k^j)$  for  $k \in \{1, \dots, 2v_j + 1\}$ , then each  $x_{2k}^j$  will equal  $x_{2k+1}^j$ , and each  $y_{2k-1}^j$  will equal  $y_{2k}^j$ . All the  $x_{2k-1}^j$ , and also all the  $y_{2k-1}^j$  will be mutually distinct. Moreover, the sets of all  $x_k^1$  and all  $x_k^2$  will be disjoint, as well as the sets of all  $y_k^1$  and  $y_k^2$ . The remaining entries of  $a$  will be *false*.

The state variables  $x_j$  and  $y_j$  will contain  $x_1^j$  and  $y_1^j$ , and  $x'_j$  and  $y'_j$  will contain  $x_{2v_j+1}^j$  and  $y_{2v_j+1}^j$ .

At control state  $e_0$ , we ensure that  $x_1 \neq x_2$  and  $y_1 \neq y_2$ . We then initialise the representations of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  to zero, and move to control state  $e_1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rangle : b = e_0 \wedge x_1 \neq x_2 \wedge y_1 \neq y_2. \\ \{b := e_1, x'_1 := x_1, y'_1 := y_1, x'_2 := x_2, y'_2 := y_2, \\ a[(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2)] := true; true\} \end{aligned}$$

For any instruction  $L_i : c_j := c_j + 1; goto L_{i'}$  of the 2CM, the PSA has the following four instructions. The first one chooses a value  $x''$  from  $X$  and a value  $y''$  from  $Y$  for extending the representation of  $c_j$  by entries *true* at indices  $(x'', y'_j)$  and  $(x'', y'')$ . It also starts the computation for checking that  $x''$  and  $y''$  are fresh values. An invariant during this computation is that if the control state is  $e_{j,i'}^{j'}$ , then  $x''$  and  $y''$  do not occur among the indices in the representation of  $c_{j'}$  up to  $(x''', y''')$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^\dagger : X, y^\dagger : Y \rangle : b = e_i \wedge x^\dagger \neq x_1 \wedge y^\dagger \neq y_1. \\ \{b := e_{j,i'}^1, x'' := x^\dagger, y'' := y^\dagger, x''' := x_1, y''' := y_1\} \end{aligned}$$

If  $x''$  and  $y''$  have been compared against the whole representation of  $c_1$ , we move to comparing them against the representation of  $c_2$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^1 \wedge x''' = x'_1 \wedge y''' = y'_1 \wedge x'' \neq x_2 \wedge y'' \neq y_2. \\ \{b := e_{j,i'}^2, x''' := x_2, y''' := y_2\} \end{aligned}$$

When the computation is complete, we extend the representation of  $c_j$  corresponding to the increment by 1, and move to  $e_{i'}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^2 \wedge x''' = x'_2 \wedge y''' = y'_2. \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x'_j := x'', y'_j := y'', a[(x'', y'_j); (x'', y'')] := true; true\} \end{aligned}$$

The fourth instruction performs a step in comparing  $x''$  and  $y''$  with the indices in the representation of  $c_j$ :

$$\langle x^\dagger : X, y^\dagger : Y \rangle : \\ b = e_{j,i'}^\dagger \wedge x^\dagger \notin \{x'', x'''\} \wedge y^\dagger \notin \{y'', y'''\} \wedge a[(x^\dagger, y''')] \wedge a[(x^\dagger, y^\dagger)] \cdot \\ \{x''' := x^\dagger, y''' := y^\dagger\}$$

For any instruction  $L_i : c_j := c_j - 1; \text{goto } L_{i'}$  of the 2CM, the PSA has the following instruction, which reduces the representation of  $c_j$  by moving  $x_j$  and  $y_j$  from the first entry *true* to the third:

$$\langle x^\dagger : X, y^\dagger : Y \rangle : b = e_i \wedge x^\dagger \neq x_j \wedge y^\dagger \neq y_j \wedge a[(x^\dagger, y_j)] \wedge a[(x^\dagger, y^\dagger)] \cdot \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x_j := x^\dagger, y_j := y^\dagger, a[(x_j, y_j); (x^\dagger, y_j)] := \text{false}; \text{false}\}$$

A zero-test instruction of the 2CM is straightforward to represent, since  $c_j$  has value 0 if and only if  $x_j = x'_j$  and  $y_j = y'_j$ :

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_i \cdot \{b := \text{if } x_j = x'_j \wedge y_j = y'_j \text{ then } e_{i'} \text{ else } e_{i''}\}$$

It is clear that this PSA is in the class  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool.

For any configuration  $(L_i, v_1, v_2)$  of the 2CM, let  $F(L_i, v_1, v_2)$  be the set of all states  $(\omega, \gamma, \theta)$  of the PSA such that  $\theta[[b]] = [e_i]$  and  $\theta$  assigns to  $x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, y_1, y'_1, y_2, y'_2$  and  $a$  a representation of  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  as above. The rest is as in the case  $X \times X$ -to-Bool.

**$X$ -to- $Y, Z$ .** The proof for this case differs from the case  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool by how the counters are represented.

We represent a value  $v_j$  of a counter  $c_j$  by  $2v_j$  entries in each of the arrays  $a : X \rightarrow Y$  and  $b : X \rightarrow Z$ . If their indices are  $x_k^j$  and  $x'_k{}^j$ , then  $[a](x_{2k-1}^j) = [a](x_{2k}^j)$ ,  $[b](x'_{2k-1}{}^j) = [b](x'_{2k}{}^j)$ , and  $x_{2k}^j = x'_{2k-1}{}^j$ . The values  $[a](x_{2k-1}^j)$  are mutually distinct, and distinct from a value  $y$  which fills the rest of the array  $a$ . In the same way, the values  $[b](x'_{2k-1}{}^j)$  are mutually distinct, and distinct from a value  $z$  which fills the rest of the array  $b$ .

The state variables  $x_j$  will contain  $x_1^j$ , and  $x'_j$  will contain  $x'_{2v_j}{}^j$ . We shall have  $x_j = x'_j$  if and only if  $v_j = 0$ .

$$\Theta = \langle b : \text{Enum}_{5u+1}, x_1, x'_1, x_2, x'_2, x'' : X, y, y' : Y, z, z' : Z, \\ a : X \rightarrow Y, b : X \rightarrow Z \rangle$$

The CSR question is whether the PSA can reach a state with  $b = e_j$  from a state with  $b = e_0$  and

$$\forall x : X \cdot a[x] = y \wedge b[x] = z$$

At control state  $e_0$ , the representations of the counters are initialised to zero, and we move to  $e_1$ :

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_0 \wedge x_1 \neq x_2 \cdot \{b := e_1, x'_1 := x_1, x'_2 := x_2\}$$

For an increment  $L_i : c_j := c_j + 1; goto L_{i'}$ , we have the following four instructions:

$$\langle y^\dagger : Y, z^\dagger : Z \rangle : b = e_i \wedge y^\dagger \neq y \wedge z^\dagger \neq z. \\ \{b := e_{j,i'}, y' := y^\dagger, z' := z^\dagger, x'' := x_1\}$$

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^1 \wedge x'' = x'_1 \cdot \{b := e_{j,i'}^2, x'' := x_2\}$$

$$\langle x^\dagger : X, x^\ddagger : X \rangle : \\ b = e_{j,i'}^2 \wedge x'' = x'_2 \wedge a[x^\dagger] = y \wedge b[x^\dagger] = z \wedge b[x^\ddagger] = z \wedge a[x^\ddagger] = y. \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x'_j := x^\ddagger, a[x'_j; x^\dagger] := y'; y', b[x^\dagger, x^\ddagger] := z', z'\}$$

$$\langle x^\dagger : X, x^\ddagger : X \rangle : \\ b = e_{j,i'}^j \wedge x^\dagger \neq x'' \wedge x^\ddagger \neq x^\dagger \wedge a[x''] = a[x^\dagger] \notin \{y, y'\} \wedge b[x^\dagger] = b[x^\ddagger] \neq z'. \\ \{x'' := x^\ddagger\}$$

For a decrement  $L_i : c_j := c_j - 1; goto L_{i'}$ , we have:

$$\langle x^\dagger : X, x^\ddagger : X \rangle : \\ b = e_i \wedge x^\dagger \neq x_j \wedge x^\ddagger \neq x^\dagger \wedge a[x_j] = a[x^\dagger] \neq y \wedge b[x^\dagger] = b[x^\ddagger]. \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x_j := x^\ddagger, a[x_j; x^\dagger] := y; y, b[x^\dagger, x^\ddagger] := z; z\}$$

A zero-test  $L_i : if\ c_j = 0\ then\ goto\ L_{i'}\ else\ goto\ L_{i''}$  is represented by

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_i \cdot \{b := if\ x_j = x'_j\ then\ e_{i'}\ else\ e_{i''}\}$$

$X, \leq$ -to- $Y$ . Again, the differences from the case  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool are in how the counters are represented.

Here, we represent values  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  of the counters  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  by  $2v_1 + 2v_2 + 2$  entries in an array  $a : X \rightarrow Y$ . If their indices are

$$x_1^1 < \dots < x_{2v_1+1}^1 < x_1^2 < \dots < x_{2v_2+1}^2$$

we have:

- $\llbracket a \rrbracket(x_1^j) = \llbracket a \rrbracket(x_3^j)$ ,
- $\llbracket a \rrbracket(x_{2k}^j) = \llbracket a \rrbracket(x_{2k+3}^j)$  for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, v_j - 1\}$ , and
- $\llbracket a \rrbracket(x_1^1)$ ,  $\llbracket a \rrbracket(x_1^2)$ , and all the values  $\llbracket a \rrbracket(x_{2k}^j)$  are mutually distinct, and distinct from a value  $y$  which fills the rest of the array  $a$ .

The state variables  $x_j$  will contain  $x_1^j$ , and  $x'_j$  and  $x''_j$  will contain  $x_{2v_j}^j$  and  $x_{2v_j+1}^j$ . We shall have  $x_j = x'_j$  if and only if  $v_j = 0$ .

$$\Theta = \langle b : Enum_{5u+1}, x_1, x'_1, x''_1, x_2, x'_2, x''_2, x^b, x^\ddagger : X, \\ y, y' : Y, a : X \rightarrow Y \rangle$$

The CSR question is whether the PSA can reach a state with  $b = e_j$  from a state with  $b = e_0$  and

$$\forall x : X \cdot a[x] = y$$



At control state  $e_0$ , the representations of the counters are initialised to zero, and we move to  $e_1$ :

$$\langle y^\dagger : Y, y^\ddagger : Y \rangle : b = e_0 \wedge x_1 < x_2 \wedge y^\dagger \neq y \wedge y^\ddagger \notin \{y, y^\dagger\} \cdot \\ \{b := e_1, x'_1 := x_1, x''_1 := x_1, x'_2 := x_2, x''_2 := x_2, a[x_1; x_2] := y^\dagger, y^\ddagger\}$$

For an increment  $L_i : c_j := c_j + 1$ ; *goto*  $L_{i'}$ , we have the following five instructions. The third and fourth instructions extend the representations of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  respectively, corresponding to the increment. They differ only because the constraint  $x_{2v_1+1}^1 < x_1^2$  needs to be maintained when incrementing  $c_1$ .

$$\langle y^\dagger : Y \rangle : b = e_i \wedge y^\dagger \notin \{y, a[x_1]\} \cdot \{b := e_{j,i'}, y' := y, x^b := x_1, x^\# := x_1\} \\ \langle \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^1 \wedge x^b = x'_1 \wedge y' \neq a[x_2] \cdot \{b := e_{j,i'}^2, x^b := x_2, x^\# := x_2\} \\ \langle x^\dagger : X, x^\ddagger : X \rangle : b = e_{1,i'}^2 \wedge x^b = x'_2 \wedge x''_1 < x^\dagger < x^\ddagger < x_2 \cdot \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x'_1 := x^\dagger, x''_1 := x^\ddagger, a[x^\dagger; x^\ddagger] := y'; a[x'_1]\} \\ \langle x^\dagger : X, x^\ddagger : X \rangle : b = e_{2,i'}^2 \wedge x^b = x'_2 \wedge x''_2 < x^\dagger < x^\ddagger \cdot \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x'_2 := x^\dagger, x''_2 := x^\ddagger, a[x^\dagger; x^\ddagger] := y'; a[x'_2]\} \\ \langle x^\dagger : X, x^\ddagger : X \rangle : b = e_{j,i'}^j \wedge a[x^b] = a[x^\dagger] \wedge x^\# < x^\dagger < x^\ddagger \wedge y' \neq a[x^\dagger] \cdot \\ \{x^b := x^\dagger, x^\# := x^\ddagger\}$$

For a decrement  $L_i : c_j := c_j - 1$ ; *goto*  $L_{i'}$ , we have:

$$\langle x^\dagger : X, x^\ddagger : X \rangle : b = e_i \wedge a[x_j] = a[x^\dagger] \wedge x_j < x^\dagger < x^\ddagger \wedge a[x^\dagger] \neq y \cdot \\ \{b := e_{i'}, x_j := x^\dagger, x''_j := \text{if } x''_j = x^\ddagger \text{ then } x^\dagger \text{ else } x''_j, a[x_j; x^\ddagger] := y; y\}$$

A zero-test is represented by:

$$\langle \rangle : b = e_i \cdot \{b := \text{if } x_j = x'_j \text{ then } e_{i'} \text{ else } e_{i''}\}$$

□

**Corollary 1.** *For classes of PSAs obtained by extending the classes above to allow resets of arrays, uninitialised CSR is undecidable. □*

In [22], it was shown that uninitialised CSR is decidable for systems with arrays from  $X$  with equality to enumerated types. In [19, Chapter 8], decidability of the same problem was shown for systems with an array from  $X$  with equality to  $Y$  with equality. Theorem 1 tells us that decidability fails when the former arrays are generalised to two-dimensional, and when the latter arrays are generalised to  $X$  with a linear ordering.

By regarding  $X$  as the type of processor indices,  $Y$  as the type of memory addresses, and  $Bool$  as the type of storable data, the class  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool contains classes of cache-coherence protocols (e.g. [4, 20]). By Theorem 1, any decidability result for initialised CSR for such a class of protocols must depend on some properties of the protocols which are not common to the whole class  $X \times Y$ -to-Bool.

## 5 Decidability result

Let  $X, \leq$ -to-Enum be the class of all PSAs  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  such that:

- $\Omega = \{X\}$  and  $\Gamma = \langle \leq_X: X \times X \rightarrow Bool \rangle$ ;
- the type of any array variable in  $\Theta$ , and of any array parameter in  $R$ , is of the form  $X \rightarrow Enum_m$ ;
- $I$  consists of all  $(\omega, \gamma)$  such that  $\omega$  assigns to  $X$  some  $\hat{k}$ , and  $\gamma$  assigns to  $\leq_X$  the linear ordering on  $\hat{k}$ .

**Theorem 2.** *Initialised and uninitialised CSR problems are decidable for the class  $X, \leq$ -to-Enum.*

*Proof.* Suppose we have an instance of the initialised or uninitialised CSR problem, which is for a PSA  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$  in the class  $X, \leq$ -to-Enum. We show how to reduce this to whether a monadic MSR(NC) specification  $(\mathcal{P}, NC, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{R})$  can reach the upward closure of a finite set of constrained configurations  $\mathbf{U}$ . The latter problem was proved decidable in [6].

We can use the following properties of the typed  $\lambda$ -calculus to simplify the state variables  $\Theta$ :

- any variable of product type  $B_1 \times \dots \times B_n$  is representable by variables of types  $B_1, \dots, B_n$ ;
- any variable of sum type  $B_1 + \dots + B_n$  is representable by a variable of the enumerated type  $Enum_n$  and variables of types  $B_1, \dots, B_n$ ;
- a finite number of variables of enumerated types is representable by one variable of enumerated type;
- a finite number of arrays of types  $X \rightarrow Enum_{m_1}, \dots, X \rightarrow Enum_{m_k}$  is representable by one array of type  $X \rightarrow Enum_{m_1 \times \dots \times m_k}$ .

We can therefore assume  $\Theta$  is of the form

$$\langle b : Enum_n, x_1 : X, \dots, x_l : X, a : X \rightarrow Enum_m \rangle$$

The parameters of any instruction in  $R$  can be simplified in the same way. Furthermore, an instruction with a parameter of type  $Enum_{n'}$  is equivalent to  $n'$  instructions without that parameter. We can thus assume the parameters of any  $\rho \in R$  are of the form

$$\langle x_{l+1} : X, \dots, x_{l+l'} : X, a' : X \rightarrow Enum_{m'} \rangle$$

and that this type context is the same for all  $\rho \in R$ .

An instruction whose guard is a disjunction  $c \vee c'$  is equivalent to two instructions with guards  $c$  and  $c'$ . Therefore, using reduction of terms of the typed  $\lambda$ -calculus to normal form, we can assume that the guard of any  $\rho \in R$  is of the form

$$b = f \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{l+l'} a[x_i] = g_i \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{l+l'} a'[x_i] = g'_i \wedge d$$

where  $f \in \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ ,  $g_i \in \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ ,  $g'_i \in \{e_1, \dots, e_{m'}\}$ , and  $d$  is an NC constraint over  $x_1, \dots, x_{l+l'}$ , i.e.<sup>6</sup>

$$d ::= \text{false} \mid \text{true} \mid x_i = x_j \mid x_i < x_j \mid d \wedge d'$$

Finally, using reduction of terms to normal form again, we can assume that the assignments of any  $\rho \in R$  are of the form

$$a := \lambda x : X \cdot \text{if } x = x_1 \text{ then } g''_1 \text{ elseif } \dots x = x_{l+l'} \text{ then } g''_{l+l'} \text{ else } h[(a[x], a'[x])]$$

where  $f' \in \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$ ,  $y_i \in \{x_1, \dots, x_{l+l'}\}$ ,  $g''_i \in \{e_1, \dots, e_m\}$ , and  $h$  represents a function from  $Enum_m \times Enum_{m'}$  into  $Enum_m$ .

We now construct a monadic MSR(NC) specification  $(\mathcal{P}, \text{NC}, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{R})$ . Let  $\mathcal{P}$  consist of:

- nullary predicate symbols  $z, \text{nz}, \mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n$ ;
- unary predicate symbols  $x_1, \dots, x_l$ ;
- unary predicate symbols  $\mathbf{aa}'_{i,j}$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $j \in \{0, 1, \dots, m'\}$ .

NC is the system of name constraints [6]:

$$\varphi ::= \text{false} \mid \text{true} \mid x = x' \mid x < x' \mid \varphi \wedge \varphi'$$

NC constraints are interpreted over the integers  $\mathcal{Z}$ . The usual entailment relation for linear integer constraints is used and denoted  $\sqsubseteq^c$ .

The simplifications of the state variables  $\Theta$  above mean that the CSR problem now refers to a projection of the state variable  $b$ . Thus we need to decide whether a state in which  $b$  has one of a set of values is reachable from a state in which  $b$  has one of another set of values (and the array state variable  $a$  is initialised appropriately). This is equivalent to a finite number of questions for pairs of values of  $b$ , so we can work with the original form of the CSR problem.

If the CSR problem is uninitialised, i.e. to decide whether a state with  $b = e_j$  is reachable from a state with  $b = e_i$ , let  $\mathcal{I}$  consist of all configurations of the form

$$z \mid \mathbf{b}_i \mid x_1(v_1) \mid \dots \mid x_l(v_l) \mid \mathbf{aa}'_{i_1,0}(1) \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{aa}'_{i_k,0}(k)$$

such that  $k$  is a positive integer and  $v_1, \dots, v_l \in \hat{k}$ .

If the CSR problem is initialised, i.e. to decide whether a state with  $b = e_j$  is reachable from a state with  $b = e_i$  and  $\forall x : X \cdot a[x] = t_a$ , let  $\mathcal{I}$  consist of all configurations as above, such that in addition all  $i_{i'}$  equal

$$\llbracket t_a \rrbracket_{\{X \mapsto \hat{k}\}, \{\leq_X \mapsto \leq_{\hat{k}}, b \mapsto i, x_1 \mapsto v_1, \dots, x_l \mapsto v_l\}}$$

For any instruction  $\rho \in R$ , whose form is as above,  $\mathcal{R}$  contains a rule

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{nz} \mid \mathbf{b}_f \mid x_1(x_1) \mid \dots \mid x_l(x_l) \mid \mathbf{aa}'_{g_1, g'_1}(x_1) \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{aa}'_{g_{l+l'}, g'_{l+l'}}(x_{l+l'}) \longrightarrow \\ & \quad z \mid \mathbf{b}_{f'} \mid x_1(y_1) \mid \dots \mid x_l(y_l) \mid \mathbf{aa}'_{g'_1, 0}(x_1) \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{aa}'_{g'_{l+l'}, 0}(x_{l+l'}) \\ & \quad [\mathbf{aa}'_{i,j}(x'_{i,j}) \hookrightarrow \mathbf{aa}'_{\llbracket h \rrbracket(i,j), 0}(x'_{i,j}) : i \in \{1, \dots, m\} \wedge j \in \{1, \dots, m'\}] : d \end{aligned}$$

<sup>6</sup> Here  $t = t'$  and  $t < t'$  are abbreviations for  $t \leq t' \wedge t' \leq t$  and  $t \leq t' \wedge \neg t' \leq t$  respectively.

For simplicity of presentation, we used here multiple occurrences of the variables  $x_1, \dots, x_{l+l'}$  and  $x'_{i,j}$  instead of extending by equalities the constraint of the rule.

The purpose of the predicate symbols  $z$  and  $nz$ , and the indices  $0$  in the reactions  $aa'_{i,j}(x'_{i,j}) \hookrightarrow aa'_{\llbracket h \rrbracket(i,j),0}(x'_{i,j})$ , is to ensure that always  $aa'_{i,j} \neq aa'_{\llbracket h \rrbracket(i',j'),0}$ , as required in [6, Definition 27]. The following rule changes all such indices to 1. Using the predicate symbols  $z$  and  $nz$ , this rule is fired in alternation with the rules above.

$$z \longrightarrow nz[aa'_{i,0}(x'_i) \hookrightarrow aa'_{i,1}(x'_i) : i \in \{1, \dots, m\}] : true$$

When  $j \neq 0$ , an atomic formula  $aa'_{i,j}(x)$  represents  $a[x] = e_i$  and  $a'[x] = e_j$ . The remaining rules, one for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$  and  $j \in \{2, \dots, m'\}$ , can be fired an arbitrary number of times after the previous rule. They ensure that the values  $a'[x]$  can be arbitrary, corresponding to the array  $a'$  being a parameter in the instructions in  $R$ .

$$nz \mid aa'_{i,1}(x) \longrightarrow nz \mid aa'_{i,j}(x) : true$$

For any state  $(\omega, \gamma, \theta)$  of the PSA  $(\Omega, \Gamma, \Theta, R, I)$ , where  $\omega = \{X \mapsto \hat{k}\}$  and  $\gamma = \{\leq_X \mapsto \leq_{\hat{k}}\}$ , let

$$F(\omega, \gamma, \theta) = z \mid b_{\theta \llbracket b \rrbracket} \mid x_1(\theta \llbracket x_1 \rrbracket) \mid \dots \mid x_l(\theta \llbracket x_l \rrbracket) \mid aa'_{\theta \llbracket a \rrbracket(1),0}(1) \mid \dots \mid aa'_{\theta \llbracket a \rrbracket(k),0}(k)$$

It is straightforward to show that the MSR(NC) specification  $(\mathcal{P}, \text{NC}, \mathcal{I}, \mathcal{R})$  can reach a configuration  $\mathcal{M}$  with  $(z) \in \mathcal{M}$  from  $F(\omega, \gamma, \theta)$  if and only if  $\mathcal{M} = F(\omega, \gamma, \theta')$  for some state  $(\omega, \gamma, \theta')$  reachable from  $(\omega, \gamma, \theta)$ .

Let  $\mathbf{U} = \{z \mid b_j : true\}$ . Then the PSA can reach a state with  $b = e_j$  if and only if the MSR(NC) specification can reach a configuration in  $\llbracket \mathbf{U} \rrbracket$ , i.e. a configuration containing  $z$  and  $b_j$ . By [6, Theorem 2], there is an algorithm to decide the latter. (The algorithm in [6] involves elimination of existential quantifiers from NC constraints, which is not possible in general. However, it is straightforward to overcome this problem, by using an auxiliary unary predicate symbol  $\varepsilon(x)$ . Instead of eliminating  $\exists x$ , we keep  $\varepsilon(x)$  in the constrained configuration. These predicates do not change the denotations of the constrained configurations  $\mathcal{M}$ , but they add empty multisets into the strings  $Str(\mathcal{M})$ .)  $\square$

*Example 3.* Our model of the Bully Algorithm is in the class  $X, \leq$ -to-Enum. Theorem 2 gives us a decision procedure for initialised and uninitialised CSR problems, such as those in the example in Section 3.

## 6 Future work

On-going work includes generalising the decidability results in [22] and [19, Chapter 8], and Theorem 2 to classes of PSAs with more than one array type.

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