

The reachability problem for Vector Addition Systems with one zero-test

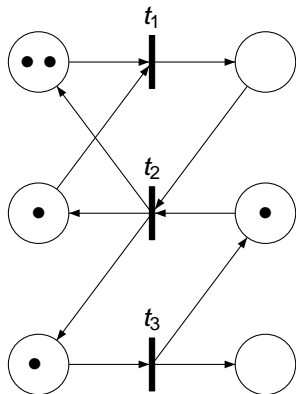
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Petri Nets and Vector Addition Systems

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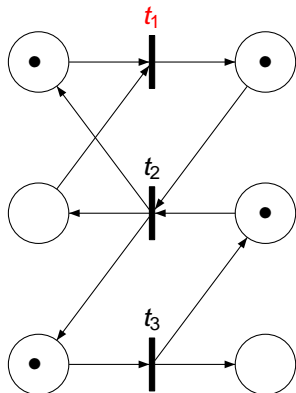
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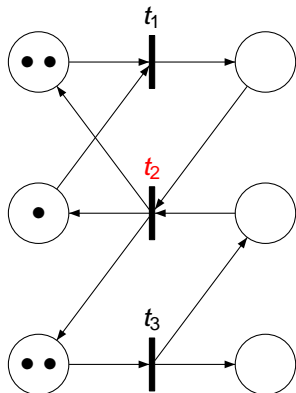
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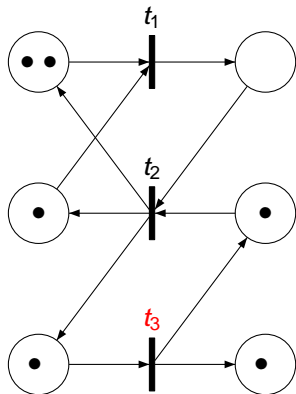
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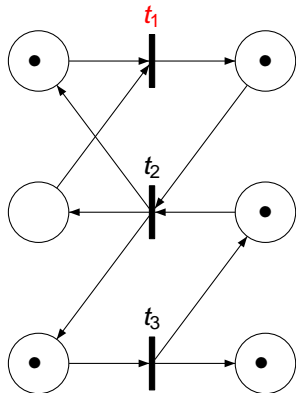
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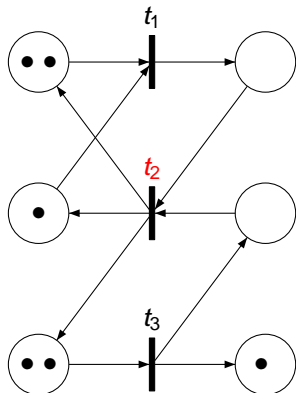
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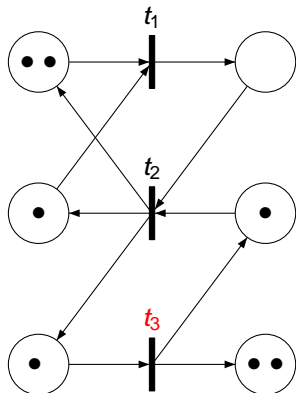
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Definition : VAS_0

A Vector Addition System with one zero-test is a tuple $\langle A_z, \delta, a_z \rangle$ where:

- $A_z = A \cup \{a_z\}$ is the set of transition labels
- δ a function from A_z to \mathbb{Z}^d .
- a_z is the special zero-test transition.

- For $a \in A_z$, \xrightarrow{a} is defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} x \xrightarrow{a} y &\iff y = x + \delta(a) & a \neq a_z \\ x \xrightarrow{a_z} y &\iff \begin{cases} y = x + \delta(a_z) \\ x(1) = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Notation:

$$x \xrightarrow{L} y \iff \exists u \in L, x \xrightarrow{u} y$$

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A partial bibliography of the reachability problem

- [Mayr '81] *An Algorithm for the General Petri Net Reachability Problem*: An algorithm for decidability of reachability for VAS.
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- [Leroux '11] *The Vector Addition System Reachability Problem*: A new proof of reachability for VAS, independant from earlier proofs.
- [B. '11] *Reachability for Vector Addition Systems with one zero-test*: A new proof of reachability for VAS_0 , based on the principles introduced by Leroux.

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Not Reachable!

$v[1] + v[2] + v[3] + 2v[4] + v[5] = 5$ is an invariant!

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Our claim

This is also true for VAS_0 .

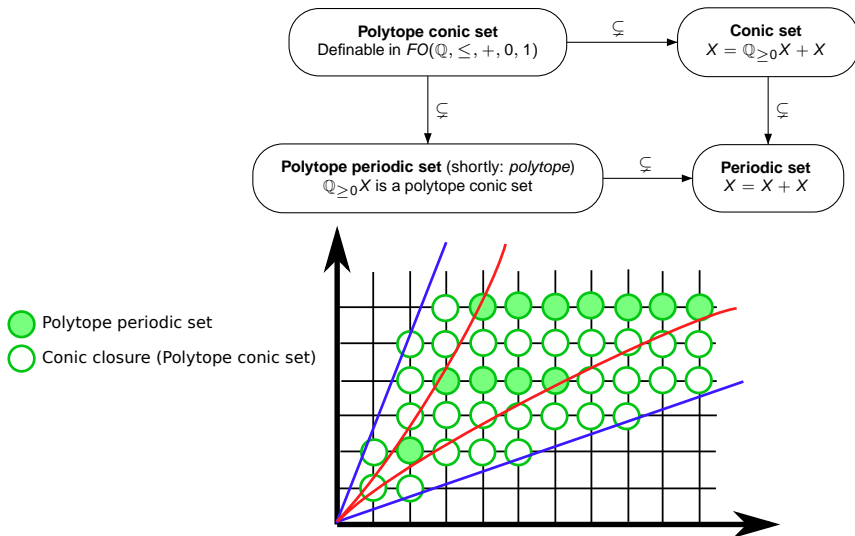
Showing the existence of an invariant

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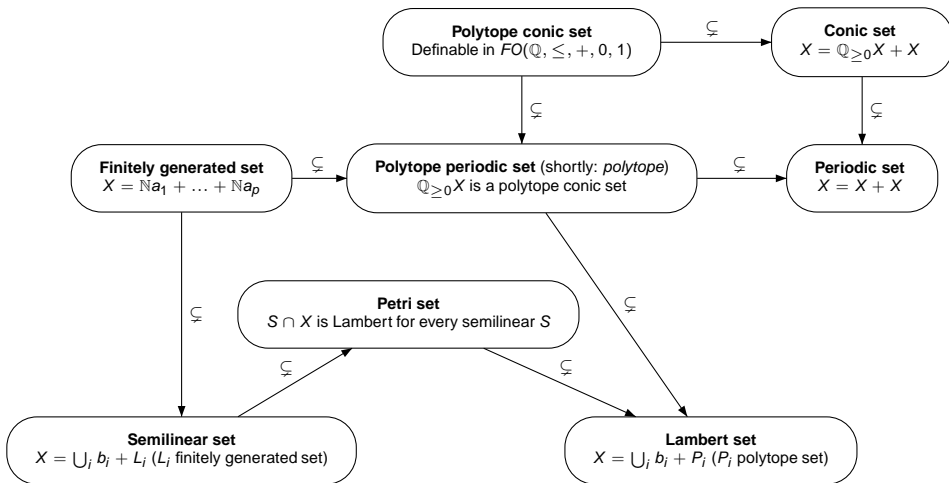
Let R be a relation such that R^* is *Petri*^a. If there exists x and y such that $(x, y) \notin R^*$, then there exists a semilinear set X that is an invariant for R with $x \in X$ and $y \notin X$.

^aTo be defined in next slides

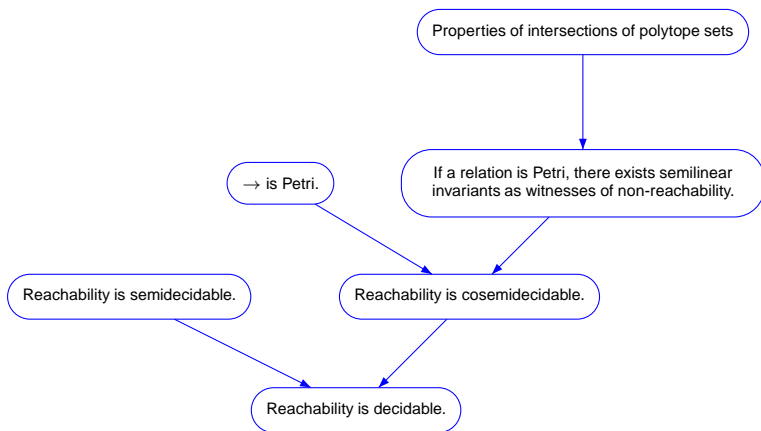
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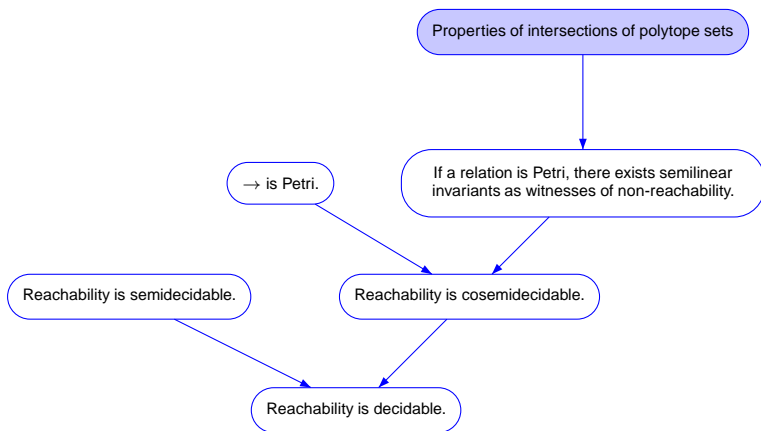
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Properties of polytope sets

Definition : Linerization

Let $P \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^d$ be a periodic set.

$$\text{lin}(P) = (P - P) \cap \overline{\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} P}$$

This is a finitely generated set.

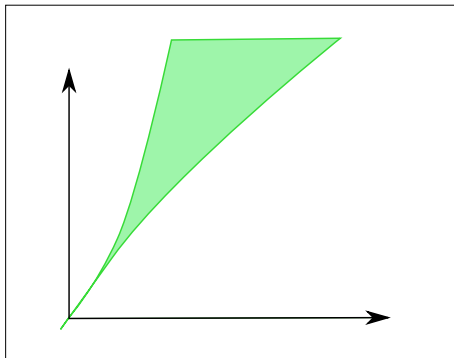
There exists a notion of dimension for polytope periodic sets such that:

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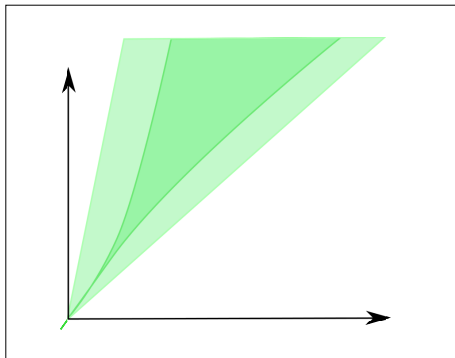
Let $b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^d$ and let P_1, P_2 be two polytope periodic sets such that the intersection $(b_1 + P_1) \cap (b_2 + P_2)$ is empty. The intersection $X = (b_1 + \text{lin}(P_1)) \cap (b_2 + \text{lin}(P_2))$ satisfies:

$$\dim(X) < \max(b_1 + \dim(P_1), b_2 + \dim(P_2))$$

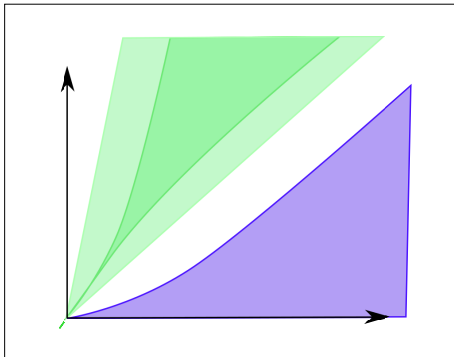
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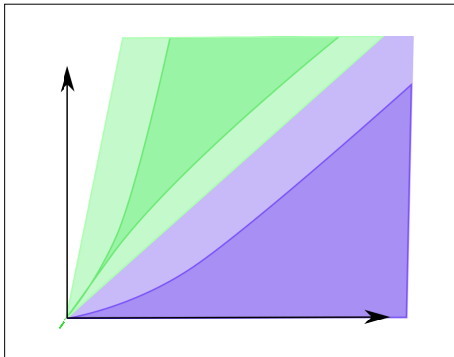
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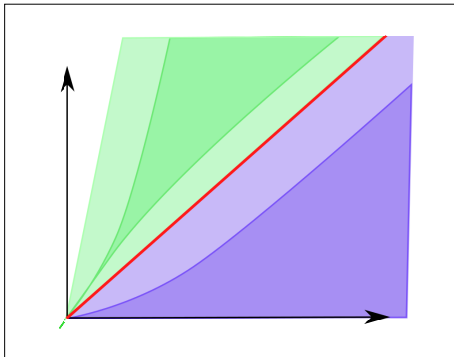
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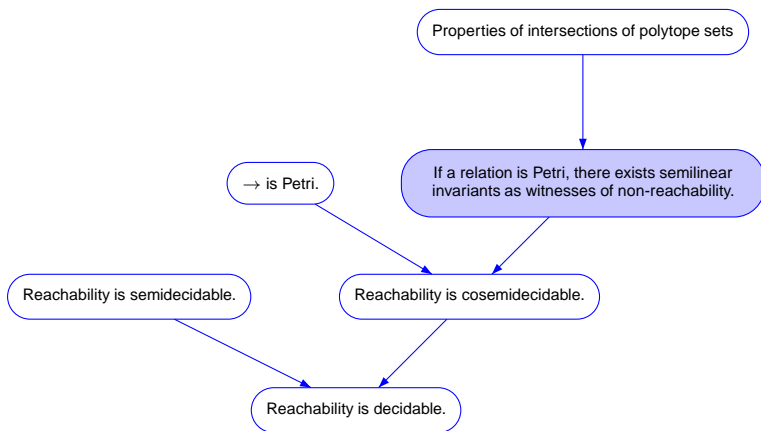
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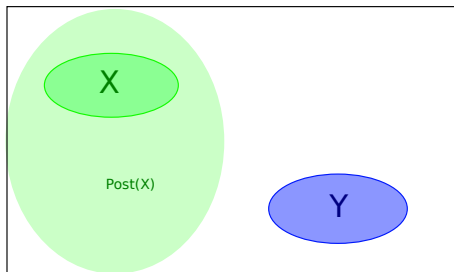
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Proof:

A couple (X, Y) of Presburger sets is a *separator* if $(X \times Y) \cap R^*$ is empty.

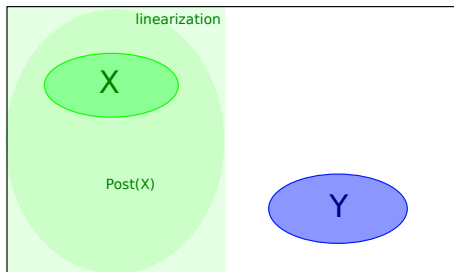
We are interested in minimizing the "gap" $D(X, Y) = \mathbb{Z}^d \setminus (X \cup Y)$. If $D(X, Y) = \emptyset$, then X is a Presburger invariant.

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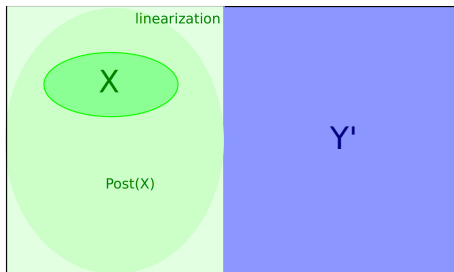
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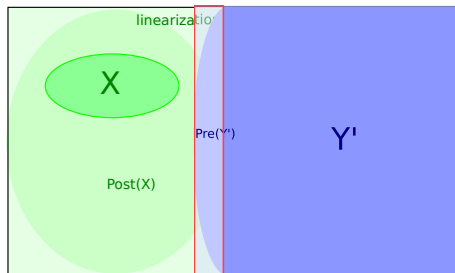
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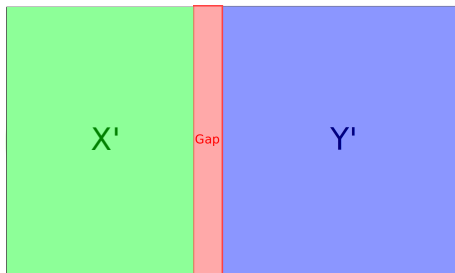
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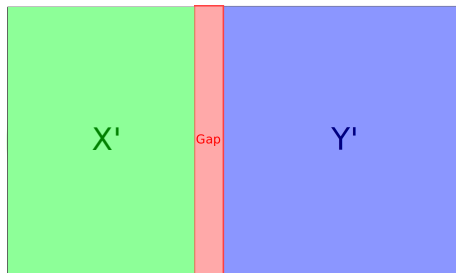
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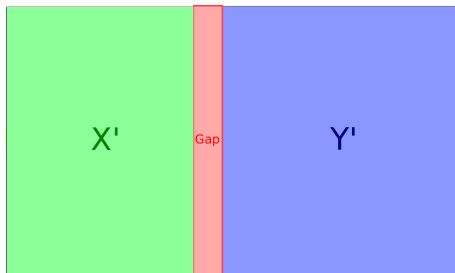
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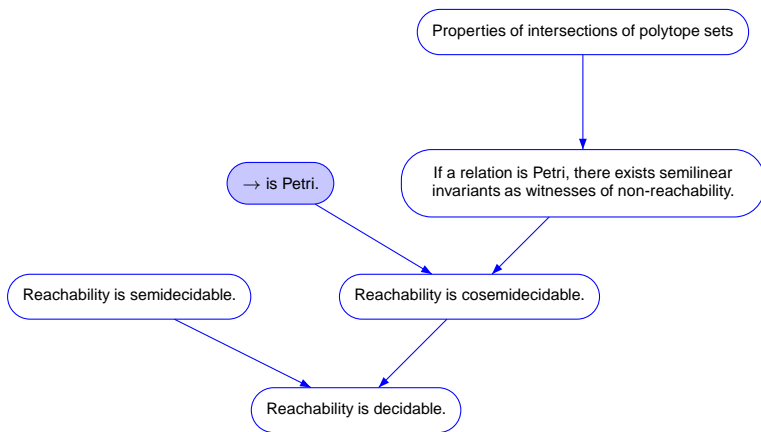
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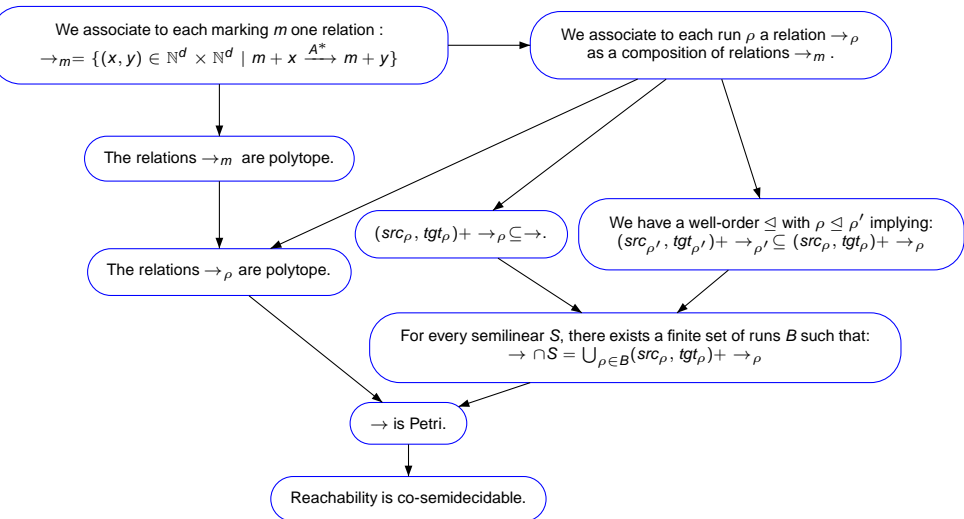
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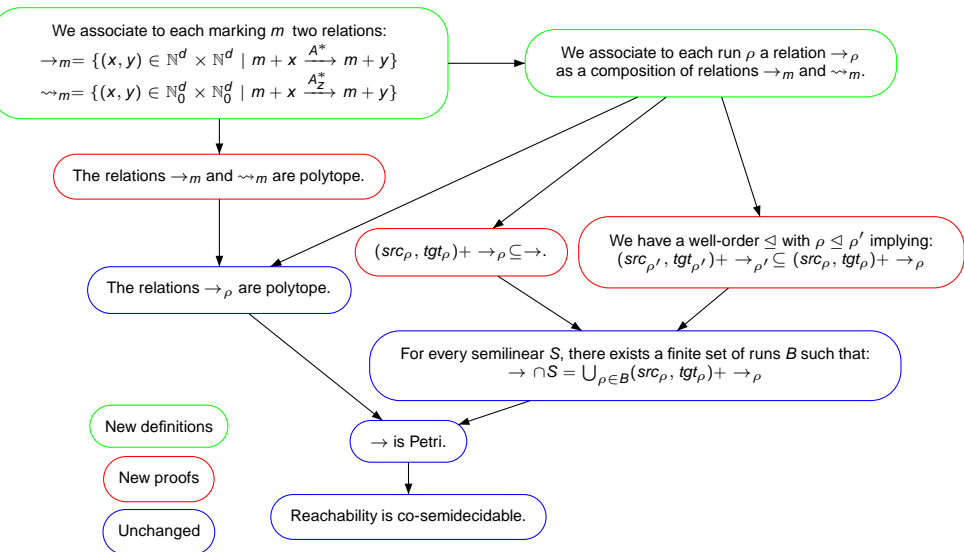
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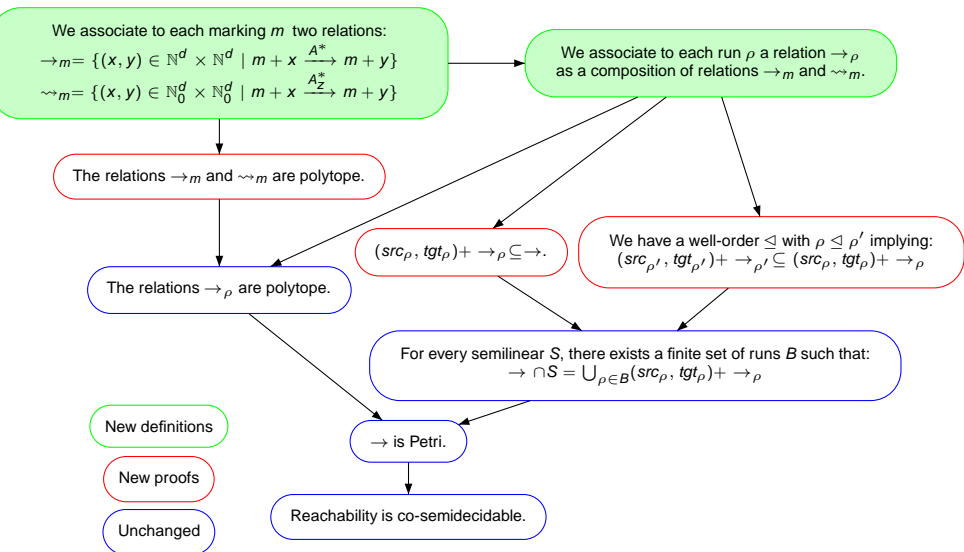
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Definition [Leroux' 11]

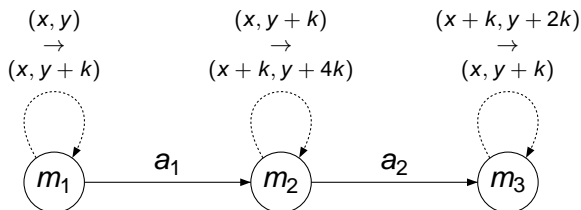
Let $\rho = [m_0 \xrightarrow{a_1} m_1 \cdots \xrightarrow{a_n} m_n]$ be a run without a_z . We have:

$$\rightarrow_\rho = \rightarrow_{m_0} \circ \rightarrow_{m_1} \circ \cdots \circ \rightarrow_{m_n}$$

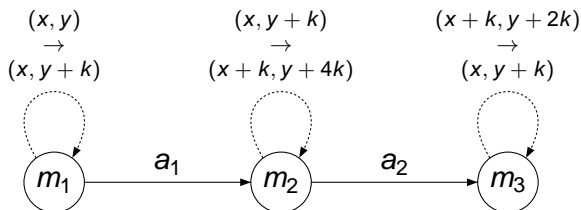
Production relations have nice properties:

- They contain the identity. $m + x \rightarrow m + x$
- They are periodic. $\begin{cases} m + x \rightarrow m + x' \\ m + y \rightarrow m + y' \end{cases} \implies m + x + y \rightarrow m + x + y' \rightarrow m + x' + y'$
- They have monotonic behavior.
 $\begin{cases} m \leq m' \\ (x, y) \in \rightarrow_{m'} \end{cases} \implies (x + (m' - m), y + (m' - m)) \in \rightarrow_m$
- (To be shown) They are polytopes.

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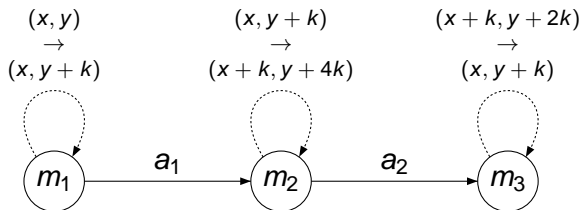


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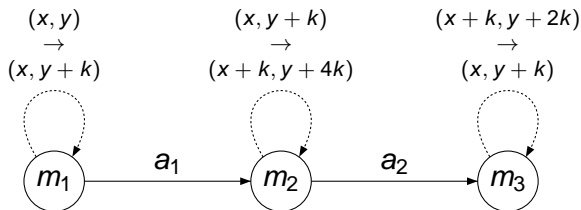
$$m_1 + (0, 0) \xrightarrow{a_1} m_2 + (0, 0) \xrightarrow{a_2} m_3 + (0, 0)$$

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$$m_1 \rightarrow m_1 + (0, 2) \xrightarrow{a_1} m_2 + (0, 2) \rightarrow m_2 + (2, 8) \xrightarrow{a_2} m_3 + (2, 8) \rightarrow m_3 + (0, 4)$$

Production relations for runs



$$m_1 \rightarrow m_1 + (0, 12) \xrightarrow{a_1} m_2 + (0, 12) \rightarrow m_2 + (15, 72) \xrightarrow{a_2} m_3 + (15, 72)$$

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- $\rightsquigarrow_m = \{(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \times \mathbb{N}_0^d \mid m + \mathbf{x} \xrightarrow{A_z^*} m + \mathbf{y}\}$

We split a run $\mu = [m_0 \xrightarrow{a_1} \dots \xrightarrow{a_n} m_n]$ of a VAS_0 in sequences without a_z :

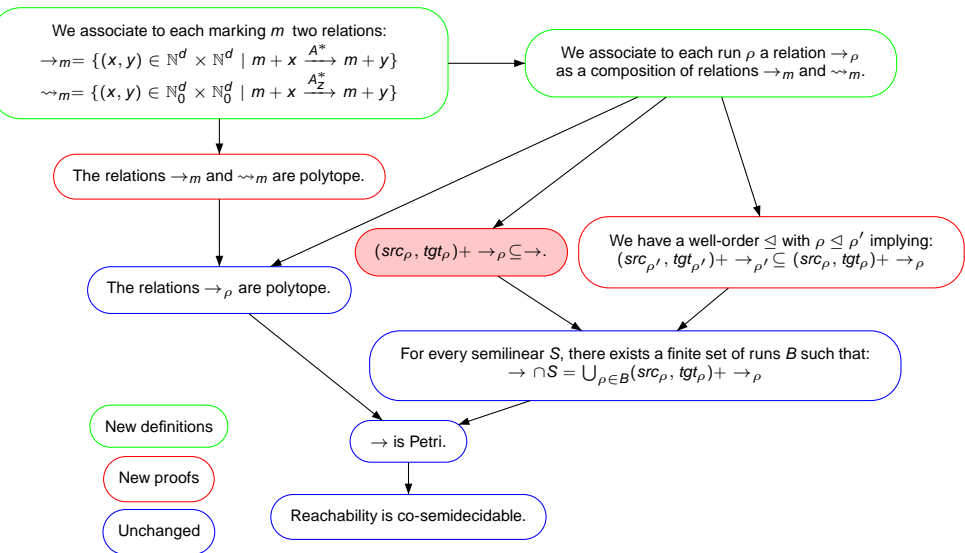
$$\mu = [\rho_0] \xrightarrow{a_z} [\rho_1] \xrightarrow{a_z} \dots \xrightarrow{a_z} [\rho_p]$$

Definition

Assuming μ is decomposed as above, we define the relation \rightarrow_μ by:

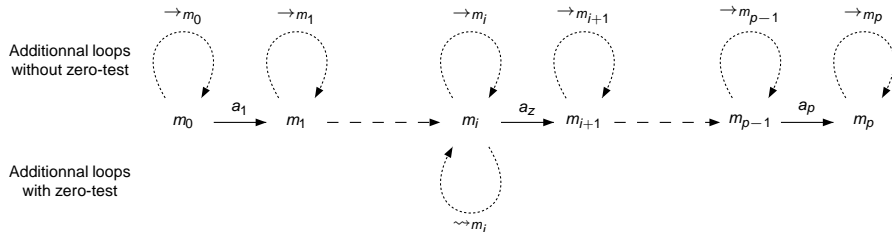
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Soundness of production relations

A production relation represents the possible "additions" to a run.



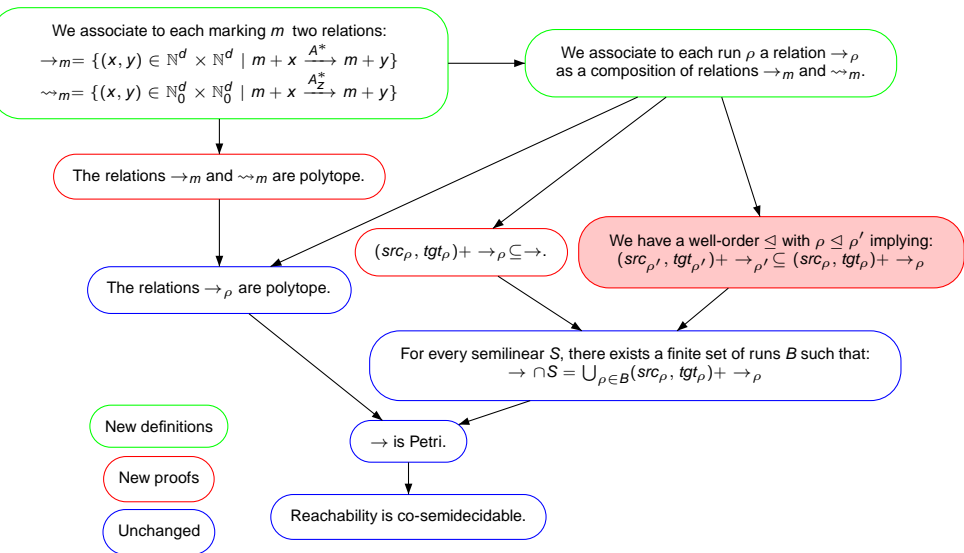
Proposition

$$(m_0, m_p) + \rightarrow_{m_0} \circ \rightarrow_{m_1} \circ \cdots \rightarrow_{m_i} \circ \rightsquigarrow_{m_i} \circ \rightarrow_{m_{i+1}} \circ \cdots \rightarrow_{m_{p-1}} \circ \rightarrow_{m_p} \subseteq \xrightarrow{A_z^*}$$

Ideas behind the proof:

- Loops can be composed.
- $\rightsquigarrow_m \in \mathbb{N}_0^d \times \mathbb{N}_0^d$, hence a_z can be fired after such a loop.

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Definition: Well-order

X is well-ordered (by \leq) iff:

- \leq is a partial order on X .
- It admits no infinite strictly decreasing sequence.
- It admits no infinite set of pairwise incomparable elements.

Word embedding and Higman's lemma

Definition : Word embedding

Let \preceq be an ordering on X . The \preceq^{emb} (word embedding) ordering is defined on X^* by $(a_i, b_i \in X)$:

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 \dots a_n \preceq^{emb} b_1 \dots b_m \\ \iff \\ \exists f : \{1, \dots, n\} \mapsto \{1, \dots, m\}, \text{ strictly increasing,} \\ \forall i, a_i \preceq b_{f(i)} \end{aligned}$$

Higman's lemma

If X is well-ordered by \preceq , then X^* is well-ordered by \preceq^{emb} .

A well-ordering on runs

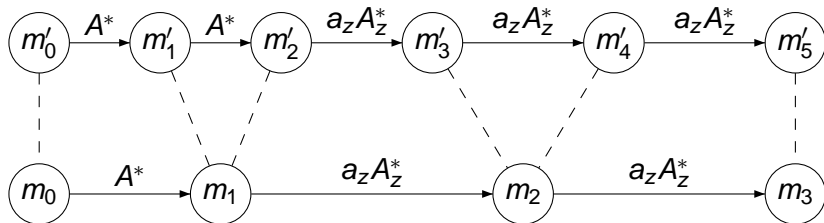
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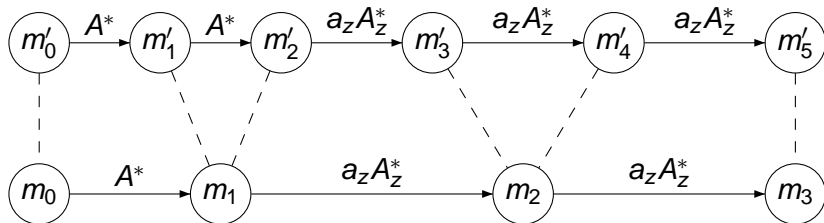


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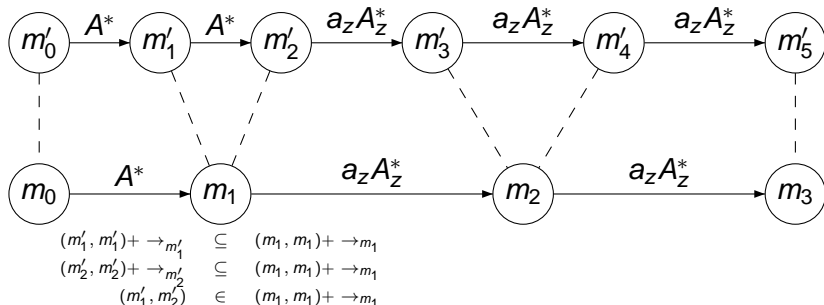
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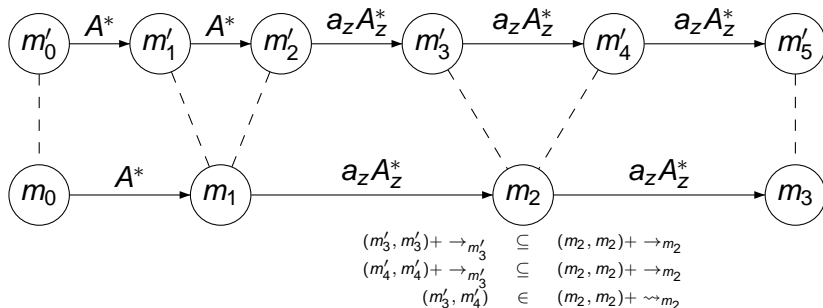


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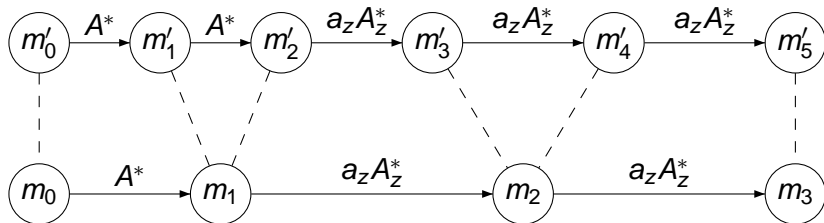


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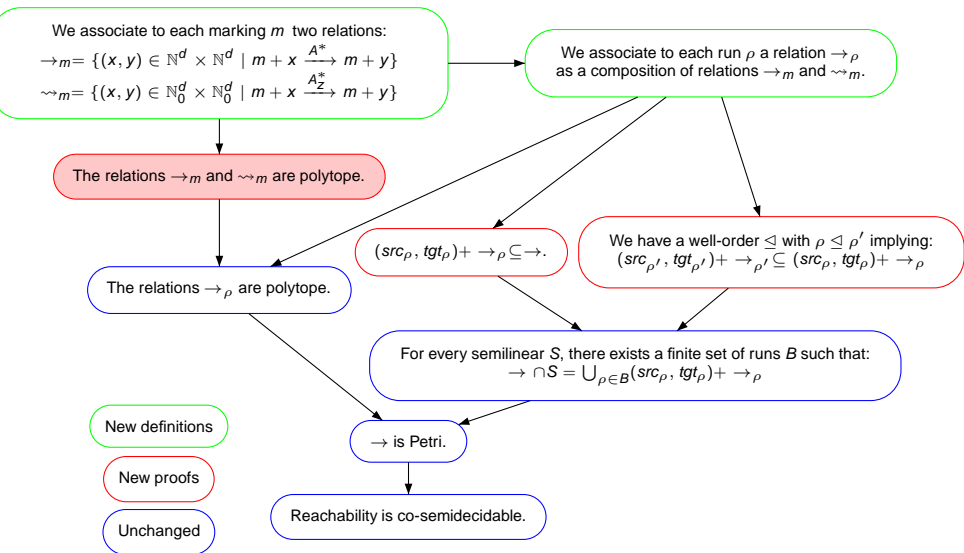
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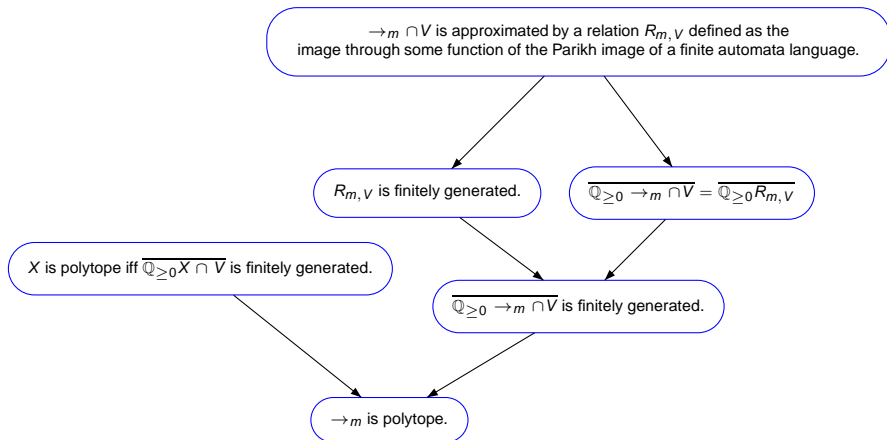


$$(m'_5, m'_5) + \rightarrow_{\mu'} \subseteq (m_3, m_3) + \rightarrow_{\mu}$$

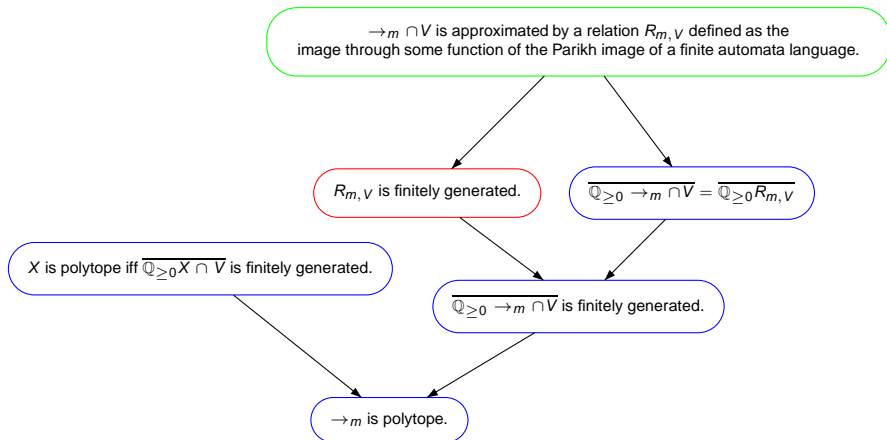
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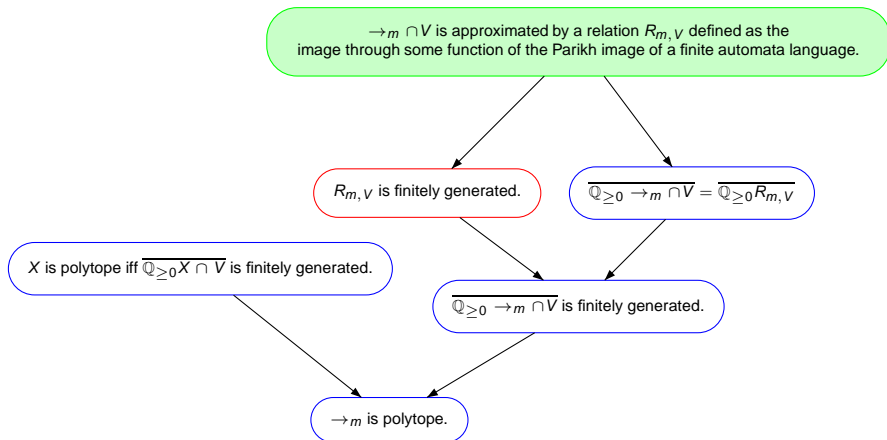
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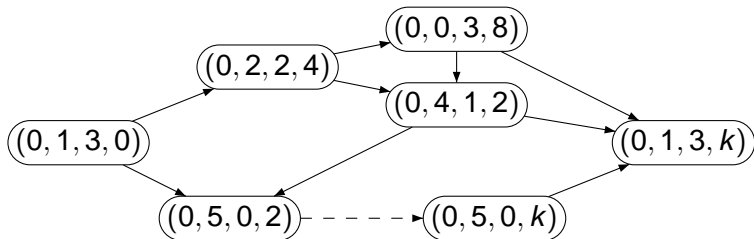


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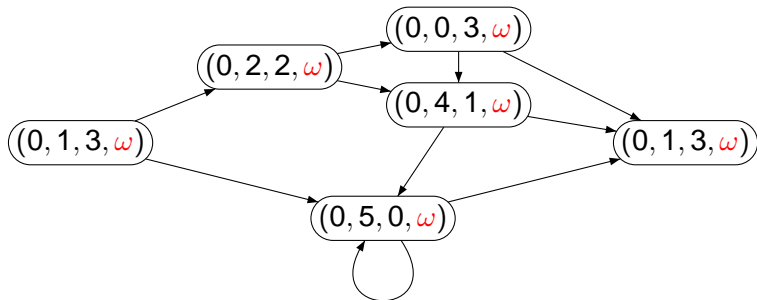
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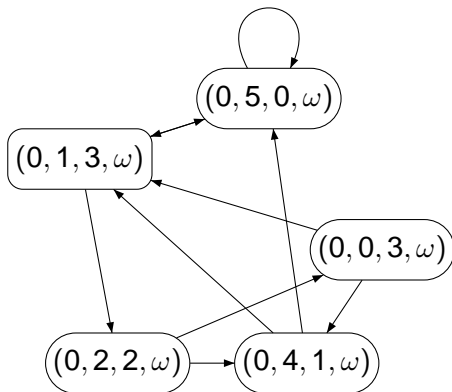
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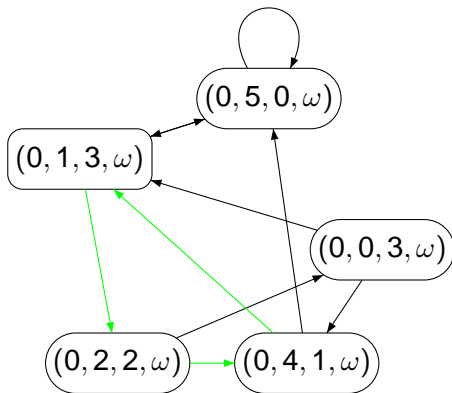


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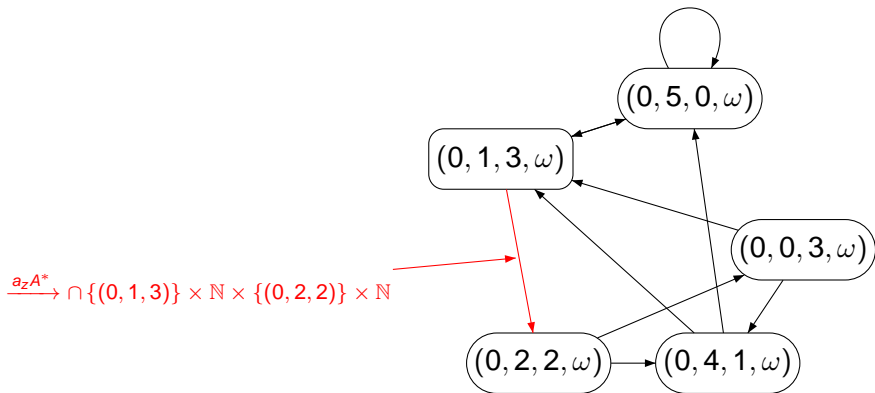


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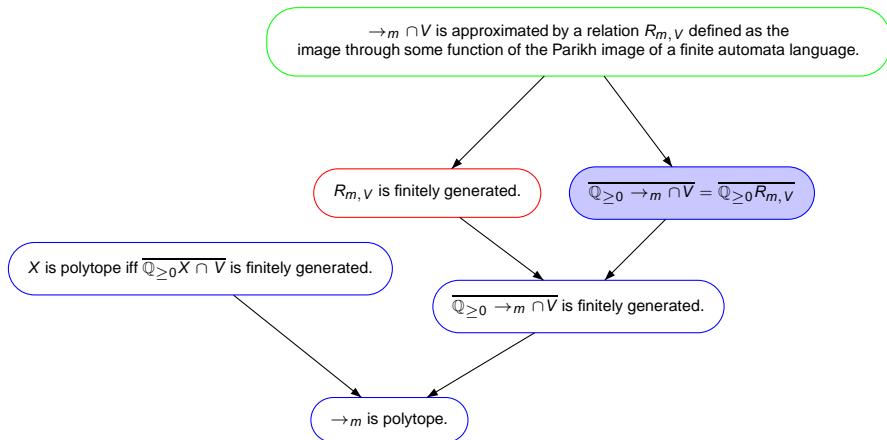
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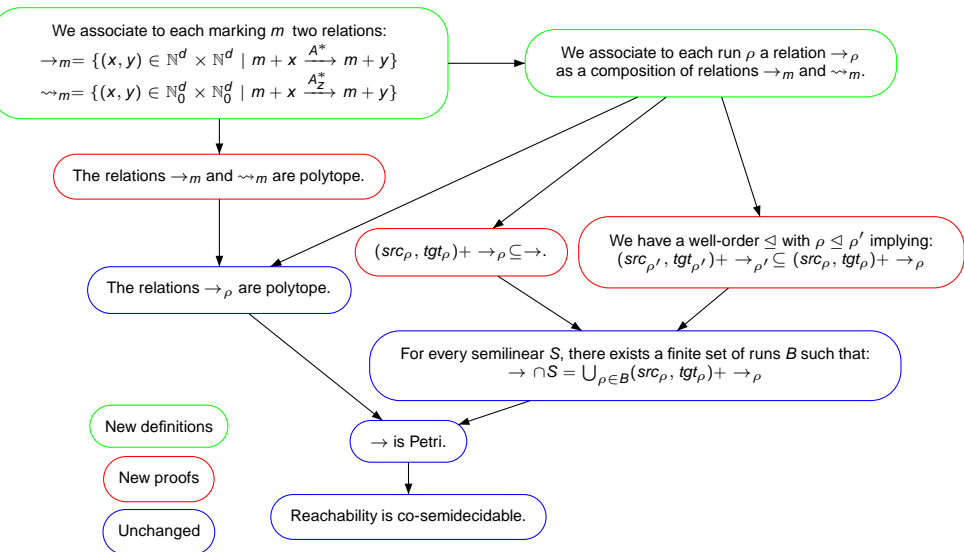
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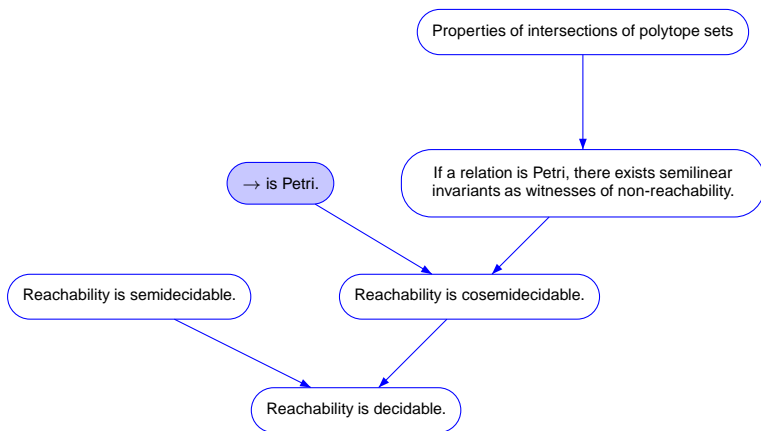
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Overview of decidable problems on VAS_0

	VAS	VAS_0
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Coverability	decidable (EXPSPACE) [Karp and Miller '69, Rackoff '78]	decidable [Abdulla and Mayr '09]
Reachability	decidable [Mayr '81, Kosaraju '82, Leroux '11]	decidable [Reinhardt '08, B. '11]
Cover	effective [Karp and Miller '69]	effective [B., Finkel, Leroux, Zeitoun '10]
LTL on actions	decidable (EXPSPACE) [Esperza '94, Habermehl '97]	decidable [B. '11]
LTL on states, CTL	undecidable [Esperza '94]	undecidable

Reachability in VAS_0

- We proposed an alternative proof for the decidability of reachability for VAS_0 .
- It shows the existence of witnesses of non-reachability as Presburger invariants.
- This proof is an extension of the work by Leroux on VAS.
- The main change from the proof of Leroux is the use of a more complex production relations on runs, and a new well-ordering on them.

Decidability of problems in VAS_0

- It seems all problems that are decidable in VAS are decidable for VAS_0 .
- No results on complexity.