

Theorem 1 Let $\alpha_1 = \langle T_{1,1}, T_{2,1}, \dots, T_{m,1} \rangle$ and $\alpha_2 = \langle T_{1,2}, T_{2,2}, \dots, T_{n,2} \rangle$ be two paths such that their last transitions $T_{m,1}$ and $T_{n,2}$ are parallelisable. Then, α_1 and α_2 are parallelisable.

Proof 1 Let it not be so. From Definition of parallelisable pairs of paths, we have the following cases:

- Case 1: $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2$. From Definition of successor relationship between two paths, there exist at least one set of paths $\alpha_{k_1}, \alpha_{k_2}, \dots, \alpha_{k_n}$ and a set of places $p_1 \in {}^\circ\alpha_1$ and $p_{k_m} \in {}^\circ\alpha_{k_m}$, $1 \leq m \leq n$, such that $\langle \text{last}(\alpha_2), p_{k_1} \rangle, \langle \text{last}(\alpha_{k_1}), p_{k_2} \rangle, \dots, \langle \text{last}(\alpha_{k_n}), p_1 \rangle \in O \subseteq T \times P$, $n \geq 0$, and none of them is a back edge. Therefore, using the fact that $\text{last}(\alpha) > \text{first}(\alpha)$, for any path α , and reading the above sequence of edges backward, we have $\text{last}(\alpha_1) = T_{m,1} > \text{first}(\alpha_1) > \text{last}(\alpha_{k_n}) > \text{first}(\alpha_{k_n}) > \text{last}(\alpha_{k_{n-1}}) > \dots > \text{first}(\alpha_{k_2}) > \text{last}(\alpha_{k_1}) > \text{first}(\alpha_{k_1}) > \text{last}(\alpha_2) = T_{n,2}$. Hence, $T_{m,1} > T_{n,2} \Rightarrow T_{n,2} \neq T_{m,1}$ (Contradiction).
- Case 2: $\alpha_2 > \alpha_1$. Following the same argument, as for Case 1, by symmetry with α_1 and α_2 interchanged, we again obtain the refutation of the hypothesis $T_{m,1} \asymp T_{n,2}$.
- Case 3: $\exists \alpha_k, \alpha_l, (\alpha_k \neq \alpha_l \wedge \alpha_1 \geq \alpha_k \wedge \alpha_2 \geq \alpha_l \wedge {}^\circ\alpha_k \cap {}^\circ\alpha_l \neq \emptyset)$. ${}^\circ\alpha_k \cap {}^\circ\alpha_l \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \exists t_{i,k} \in \alpha_k, \exists t_{j,l} \in \alpha_l$ such that ${}^\circ t_{i,k} \cap {}^\circ t_{j,l} \neq \emptyset$. Let the last transitions of the paths α_k and α_l be $t_{r,k}$ and $t_{s,l}$, respectively. Since $\alpha_1 \geq \alpha_k$, $T_{m,1} \geq t_{r,k} \geq t_{i,k}$; (recall that $T_{m,1} = \{t_{m,1}\}$). Similarly, since $\alpha_2 \geq \alpha_l$, $T_{n,2} \geq t_{s,l} \geq t_{j,l}$. Thus, $T_{m,1} \geq t_{i,k}$, $T_{n,2} \geq t_{j,l}$ and ${}^\circ t_{i,k} \cap {}^\circ t_{j,l} \neq \emptyset$. Therefore, $T_{m,1}$ is not parallelisable with $T_{n,2}$ (from Definition of parallelisable paths).

Theorem 2 Let Π be the set of all paths of a PRES+ model obtained from a set of static cut-points. For any computation μ_p of an out-port p of the model, there exists a reorganized sequence μ_p^r of paths of Π such that $\mu_p \simeq \mu_p^r$.

Construction of a sequence μ_p^r of (concatenation of) paths from μ_p : Algorithm 1 (construct-PathSequence) describes a recursive function for constructing from a given computation μ_p and a set Π of paths the desired reorganized sequence μ_p^r of paths of Π such that $\mu_p^r \simeq \mu_p$. If μ_p is not empty, then a path α is selected from Π such that $\text{last}(\alpha) \cap \text{last}(\mu_p) \neq \emptyset$; if all its transitions are found to occur in μ_p , then it is put as the last member in the reorganized sequence; the member transitions of α are deleted from μ_p examining the latter backward; the transitions in the last member of α are always deleted from μ_p ; each of the other transitions of α is deleted from μ_p only if it does not occur in any other path in Π . If $|\text{last}(\mu_p)| > 1$, then each member transition of $\text{last}(\mu_p)$ will result in one path which has to be processed separately through above steps. Once all these paths are processed, the $\text{last}(\mu_p)$ will get deleted from μ_p . The resulting μ_p is then reordered recursively; the process terminates when the input μ_p becomes empty.

Proof 2 ($\mu_p^r \simeq \mu_p$): We first prove that Algorithm 1 terminates; this is accomplished in two steps; first, it is shown that each invocation comprising four loops terminate; we next show that there are only finitely many recursive invocations.

Termination of the while loop comprising lines 16-18 is obvious; either i becomes less than one or a member $\mu_p.T_i$ is found to contain $\text{last}(\alpha')$ (for some $i > 1$). The for loop comprising lines 22-26 iterates only finitely many times because the number of transitions in any member set of a path (and hence $\mu_p.T_i$) is finite; the while loop comprising lines 15-29 terminates, because in every iteration, it is examined whether the computation μ_p contains the last member of α' ; if so, α' loses this member in line 27 and the next iteration of the loop executes with α' having one member less. Finally, the for loop comprising lines 10-35 terminates because the set $\text{last}(\mu_p)$ of transitions (before entering the loop), and hence the set $\Pi_{\text{last}(\mu_p)}$ of paths are finite.

The second step follows from the fact that in each recursive invocation, μ_p has one member (namely, its last member) less than the previous invocation (line 40 in the if statement comprising lines 37-41). Hence, if μ_p has n members, then there are n total invocations ($n - 1$ of them being recursive).

Now, for proving $\mu_p^r \simeq \mu_p$, let the first parameter μ_p for the k^{th} invocation be designated as $\mu_p^{(k)}$, $1 \leq k \leq n$; the second parameter Π remains the same for all invocations; let the value returned by the k^{th} invocation be $\mu_p^{r(k)}$; specifically, $\mu_p = \mu_p^{(1)}$; $\mu_p^{(n-1)}$ comprises just one member and $\mu_p^{(n)} = \langle \rangle$; $\mu_p^{r(n)} = \langle \rangle$ and $\mu_p^{r(1)}$ is the final reordered sequence of paths μ_p^r .

We prove $\mu_p^{(n-m)} \simeq \mu_p^{r(n-m)}$, $0 \leq m \leq n - 1$, by induction on m . Note that specifically for $m = n - 1$, $\mu_p^{(n-m)} = \mu_p^{(1)} = \mu_p$ and $\mu_p^{r(n-m)} = \mu_p^{r(1)} = \mu_p^r$ (by line 41 of the first invocation). Hence, the inductive proof would help us establish that $\mu_p^r \simeq \mu_p$.

Basis $m = 0$: $\mu_p^{(n)} = \langle \rangle = \mu_p^{r(n)}$ (by line 2 of the n^{th} invocation)

Induction Hypothesis: Let for $m = k - 1$, $\mu_p^{(n-k+1)} \simeq \mu_p^{r(n-k+1)}$

Induction step: Let m be k . Let us assume that

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_p^{(n-k)} &\simeq \mu_p^{(n-k+1)} \cdot \mu_l^{r(n-k)} \text{ (Lemma 1 – proved subsequently)} \\ &\simeq \mu_p^{r(n-k+1)} \cdot \mu_l^{r(n-k)} \text{ (by induction hypothesis)} \\ &\simeq \mu_p^{r(n-k)} \text{ (by line 40 (return statement) for the } (n - k)^{\text{th}} \text{ invocation)} \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 1 $\mu_p^{(n-k)} \simeq \mu_p^{(n-k+1)} \cdot \mu_l^{r(n-k)}$

Proof 3 We mould the lemma for the k^{th} invocation directly as

$$\mu_p^{(k)} \simeq \mu_p^{(k+1)} \cdot \mu_l^{r(k)} \simeq \mu_p^{(k+1)} \cdot \langle \alpha_{1,k}, \alpha_{2,k}, \dots, \alpha_{s,k} \rangle, 1 \leq k \leq n, \quad (1)$$

assuming that $\langle \alpha_{1,k}, \alpha_{2,k}, \dots, \alpha_{s,k} \rangle$ is what is extracted as $\mu_l^{r(k)}$ from $\mu_p^{(k)}$ in line 40 of the k^{th} iteration. Now, by step 6, the last transition of all the paths in the sequence $\mu_l^{r(k)}$ are parallelisable; hence, from Theorem 1, the paths of $\mu_l^{r(k)}$ are parallelisable. We prove that their transitions can be suitably placed in the member sets of $\mu_p^{(k+1)}$ (as larger sets of parallelisable transitions) to get back $\mu_p^{(k)}$.

In the k^{th} invocation, $\mu_p^{(k)}$ is the value of μ_p before entry to the for-loop comprising lines 10-35 and $\mu_p^{(k+1)}$ is the value of μ_p at the exit of this loop. Since we are speaking about only the k^{th} invocation, we drop the superfix k for clarity. Instead, we depict $\mu_p^{(k)}$ as μ_p^- , $\mu_p^{(k+1)}$ as μ_p^+ and $\mu_l^{r(k)}$ as μ_l^r . So we have to prove that $\mu_p^- \simeq \mu_p^+ \cdot \mu_l^r$.

Let $\mu_l^r = \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s \rangle$ before line 37 just after the end of the for-loop comprising lines 10 – 35, where s is the cardinality $|\Pi_{\text{last}}(\mu_p)|$ before entry to the loop (because any path has only one unit set of transitions as its last member). Thus, the for-loop comprising lines 10 – 35 executes s times visiting step 33; let $\mu_p^{-(i)}$, $\mu_p^{+(i)}$ respectively denote the values of μ_p before and after the i^{th} iteration of the loop. Let $\mu_l^{r(i)}$ be the value of μ_l^r after the i^{th} execution of the loop. We have the following boundary conditions: $\mu_p^- = \mu_p^{-(1)}$, $\mu_p^+ = \mu_p^{+(s)}$, $\mu_l^{r(1)} = \langle \alpha_1 \rangle$ and $\mu_l^r = \mu_l^{r(s)} = \langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s \rangle$. The i^{th} iteration of the for-loop comprising lines 10 – 35 starts with $\mu_l^{r(i-1)}$ and obtains $\mu_l^{r(i)}$, $1 \leq i \leq s$; so let $\mu_l^{r(0)} = \langle \rangle$ be the value of μ_l^r with which the first execution of the loop takes place.

Algorithm 1 SEQUENCE **constructPathSequence** (μ_p, Π)**Inputs:** μ_p : computation of an out-port p and Π : set of paths**Outputs:** A sequence of paths equivalent to μ_p .

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1: if  $\mu_p = \langle \rangle$  then
2:   return  $\langle \rangle$ ;
3: else
4:   Let  $\mu_p$  be  $\langle T_1, T_2, \dots, T_i, \dots, T_n \rangle$ ;
5:   Let  $\mu'_i = \langle \rangle$ ;
   /* a local sub-sequence of paths which, at the return statement 40, contains the sequence of paths with their last
   transitions in  $T_n$  */
6:   Let  $\Pi_{last(\mu_p)} = \{\alpha \mid last(\alpha) \cap last(\mu_p) \neq \emptyset\}$ ;
7:   if  $\Pi_{last(\mu_p)} = \emptyset$  then
8:      $\mu_p.T_n = \emptyset$ ; //Ignore intermediary transitions of paths
9:   else
10:    for all  $\alpha \in \Pi_{last(\mu_p)}$  do
11:       $\alpha' = \alpha - last(\alpha)$ ;
12:       $\mu'_p = \mu_p$ ; // work on a copy of  $\mu_p$ 
13:       $\mu'_p.T_n = \mu'_p.T_n - last(\alpha)$ ;
      /* Delete the last transition of  $\alpha$ ; if it occurs in any other paths (as an intermediary transition), then such
      a path has already been detected. Now detect whether all the remaining transitions of  $\alpha$  are available in
       $\mu_p(\mu'_p)$ ; as a transition is detected, it is deleted from  $\mu'_p$  and the copy  $\alpha'$  of  $\alpha$  only if it does not occur in any
      other path in  $\Pi$ . If all the transitions of  $\alpha$  do not occur in  $\mu_p$ , (i.e.,  $\alpha'$  does not become empty), then  $\alpha$  is
      ignored and the next path from  $\Pi_{last(\mu_p)}$  is taken in the next iteration. */
14:       $i \leftarrow n - 1$ ; // detection of transitions proceeds backward
15:      while  $\alpha' \neq \langle \rangle$  do
16:        while  $(i \geq 1 \wedge last(\alpha') \not\subseteq \mu'_p.T_i = \emptyset)$  do
17:           $i = i - 1$ ;
18:        end while
19:        if  $i = 0$  then
20:          break;
21:        else
22:          for all  $t \in last(\alpha')$  do
23:            if  $t$  does not occur in any path in  $\Pi - \{\alpha\}$  then
24:               $\mu'_p.T_i \leftarrow \mu'_p.T_i - \{t\}$ ;
25:            end if
26:          end for
27:           $\alpha' = \alpha' - last(\alpha') \cap \mu_p.T_i$ ;
28:        end if
29:      end while
30:      /* both  $\alpha' \neq \langle \rangle$  and  $\alpha' = \langle \rangle$  are possible */
31:      if  $\alpha' = \langle \rangle$  then
32:        append  $(\alpha, \mu'_i)$ ;
33:         $\mu_p = \mu'_p$ ;
34:      end if
35:    end for
36:  end if
37:  if original member  $\mu_p.T_n$  is not empty then
38:    report failure with  $\mu_p$ 
39:  else
40:    return (concatenate (constructPathSequence( $\mu_p, \Pi$ ),  $\mu'_i$ ));
41:  end if
42: end if

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We prove that $\mu_p^{-(i)} \simeq \mu_p^{+(i)}. \alpha_i, 1 \leq i \leq s$. If this relation indeed holds, then specifically for $i = 1$,

$\mu_p^{-(1)} \simeq \mu_p^{+(1)}.\alpha_1$; for $i = 2$, $\mu_p^{-(2)} (= \mu_p^{+(1)}) \simeq \mu_p^{+(2)}.\alpha_2$. Combining these two, therefore,
 $\mu_p^- = \mu_p^{-(1)} \simeq \mu_p^{+(1)}.\alpha_1 \simeq (\mu_p^{+(2)}.\alpha_2).\alpha_1 \simeq \mu_p^{+(2)}.\alpha_2.\alpha_1 \simeq \mu_p^{+(2)}.\alpha_1.\alpha_2 \simeq \mu_p^{+(2)}.\mu_l^{r(2)}$.

Proceeding this way, we have $\mu_p^- = \mu_p^{-(1)} \simeq \dots \simeq \mu_p^{+(l)}.\mu_l^{r(l)} = \mu_p^+.\mu_l^r$.

Now, let $\mu_p^{-(i)} = \langle T_{1,i}, T_{2,i}, \dots, T_{k_i,i} \rangle$, $\alpha_i = \langle T'_{1,i}, T'_{2,i}, \dots, T'_{l_i,i} \rangle$ and $\mu_p^{+(i)} = \langle T_{1,i}^+, T_{2,i}^+, \dots, T_{n_i,i}^+ \rangle$. Note that $\{\alpha_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq s\} \subseteq \Pi_{\text{last}(\mu_p)}$ and unless all the paths are extracted out, $T_{k_i,i}$ does not become empty and hence $\mu_p^{-(i)}$, $1 \leq i \leq s$, do not change in length. For each transition set $T'_{j,i}$ of α_i , $1 \leq j \leq n$, there exists some transition set $T_{k,i}$ of $\mu_p^{-(i)}$, $1 \leq k \leq k_i$, such that $T'_{j,i} \subseteq T_{k,i}$. Specifically, for $j = l_i$, $T'_{l_i,i} \subseteq T_{k_i,i}$, since $\alpha_i \in \Pi_{\text{last}(\mu_p^-)}$ as ensured in step 6. For other values of j , $1 \leq j < l_i$, the while-loop in steps 16-18, identifies proper $T_{k,i}$ in $\mu_p^{-(i)}$ such that $T'_{j,i} \subseteq T_{k,i}$; note that since α_i has figured in μ_l^r , step 32 is surely executed for α_i ; so α' has been rendered empty ($\langle \rangle$) through execution of step 27 and hence the while-loop in steps 16-18 does not exit with $i = 0$. Now, step 13 and the for-loop in steps 22-26 ensure that $T_{k,i}^+ \cup T_{j,i} = T_{k,i}$.

Let $T'_{j,i} \subseteq T_{n_j,i}$, $1 \leq j \leq l_i$. So, $T_{k,i} = T_{k,i}^+$ for $k \neq n_j$, for any j , $1 \leq j \leq l_i$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_p^+(i).\alpha_i &= \langle T_{1,i}^+, T_{2,i}^+, \dots, T_{n_i,i}^+ \rangle.\langle T'_{1,i}, T'_{2,i}, \dots, T'_{l_i,i} \rangle \\ &= \langle T_{1,i}, \dots, (T_{n_1,i}^+ \parallel T'_{1,i}), \dots, (T_{n_2,i}^+ \parallel T'_{2,i}), \dots, (T_{n_{l_i-1,i}}^+ \parallel T'_{l_i-1,i}), \dots, (T_{n_i,i}^+ \parallel T'_{l_i,i}) \rangle \\ &\quad \text{(by commutativity of independent transitions)} \\ &= \langle T_{1,i}, \dots, T_{n_1,i}, \dots, T_{n_2,i}, \dots, T_{n_{l_i-1,i}}, \dots, T_{n_i,i} \rangle \\ &= \mu_p^{-(i)} \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1 If μ_l^r is of the form $\langle \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \rangle$, for all j , $1 \leq j \leq i-1$, $\alpha_j \not\simeq \alpha_i$.

Theorem 3 A PRES+ model N_0 is contained in another PRES+ model N_1 , denoted as $N_0 \sqsubseteq N_1$, if there exists a finite path cover $\Pi_0 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_m\}$ of N_0 for which there exists a set $\Psi_1 = \{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_m\}$ of sets of paths of N_1 such that for all i , $1 \leq i \leq m$, (i) $\alpha_i \simeq \beta$, for all $\beta \in \Gamma_i$. (ii) For each α_i , $1 \leq i \leq m$, each pre-place of α_i has a place-correspondence with some pre-place of β , where $\beta \in \Gamma_i$, (iii) all the post-places of α_i have correspondence with all the post-places of $\beta \in \Gamma_i$.

Proof 4 Consider any computation $\mu_{0,p}$ of an out-port p of N_0 . From Theorem 2, corresponding to $\mu_{0,p}$, there exists a reorganized sequence $\mu_{0,p}^r = \langle \alpha_1^p, \alpha_2^p, \dots, \alpha_n^p \rangle$, say, of not necessarily distinct paths of N_0 such that (i) $\alpha_j^p \in \Pi_0$, $1 \leq j \leq n$, (ii) for each occurrence of a transition t in $\mu_{0,p}$, there exists exactly one path in $\mu_{0,p}^r$ containing that occurrence, (iii) $p \in (\alpha_n^p)^\circ$ and (iv) $\mu_{0,p} \simeq \mu_{0,p}^r$.

Let us now construct from the sequence $\mu_{0,p}^r$, a sequence $\mu_{1,p'}^r = \langle \Gamma_1^{p'}, \Gamma_2^{p'}, \dots, \Gamma_n^{p'} \rangle$ of not necessarily distinct sets of paths of N_1 , where (i) $\Gamma_n^{p'} = \{\beta_1\}$ and $p' \in \beta_1^\circ$, and for all j , $1 \leq j \leq n$, for each $\beta \in \Gamma_j^{p'}$, (ii) $\beta \simeq \alpha_j^p$, and (iii) each pre-place of β has correspondence with some pre-place of α_j^p . It is required to prove that (1) $p' = f_{\text{out}}(p)$ and (2) there exists a computation $\mu_{1,p'}$ of N_1 such that $\mu_{1,p'} \simeq \mu_{1,p'}^r$.

The proof of (1) is as follows. Since $p' \in \beta_1^\circ$ and $\beta_1 \simeq \alpha_n$, from hypothesis (iii) of the theorem, p' has correspondence with p ; since the place $p \in P_0$ is an out-port and the place $p' \in P_1$, p' must be an out-port of N_1 and $p' = f_{\text{out}}(p)$ (because an out-port of N_0 has correspondence with exactly one out-port of N_1 specifically, its image under the bijection f_{out}).

For the proof of (2), we first give a mechanical construction of $\mu_{1,p'}$ from $\mu_{1,p'}^r$; we then show that they are equivalent; finally, we argue that $\mu_{1,p'}$ is a computation of p' in N_1 .

Algorithm 2 Sequence **parallelizeSeqSetsOfPaths** (μ_p^r)**Inputs:** μ_p^r : a sequence of sets of paths**Outputs:** $\mu_{||}$: a sequence of maximally parallelisable sets of transitions of all the paths in μ_p^r .

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1:  $\Gamma = \text{head}(\mu_p^r); \mu_p^r = \text{tail}(\mu_p^r);$ 
2:  $\mu_{||} = \text{some path } \beta \in \Gamma; \Gamma = \Gamma - \{\beta\};$  //  $\beta$  chosen arbitrarily
3: while  $\mu_p^r \neq \emptyset$  do
4:   if  $\Gamma \neq \emptyset$  then
5:      $\Gamma = \text{head}(\mu_p^r); \mu_p^r = \text{tail}(\mu_p^r);$  // except for the first iteration, if-condition holds
6:   end if
7:   for each  $\beta \in \Gamma$  do
8:     Let  $c = 1;$ 
      /* index to the members of  $\mu_{||} - c^{th}$  member is  $\mu_{||,c}$ ; for each path of  $\mu_p^r$ , checking has to be from the first member of  $\mu_{||}$ . */
9:     while  $\beta \neq \emptyset$  do
10:       $T_c = \mu_{||,c};$ 
11:       $T_p = \text{head}(\beta);$ 
      /*  $T_p$  is the maximally parallelisable set (member) of  $\beta$  presently being considered for fusion with  $T_c$  */
12:       $\beta = \text{tail}(\beta);$ 
13:      while  $T_p > T_c \wedge c \leq \text{length}(\mu_{||})$  do
14:        /*  $T_p$  succeeds  $T_c$  */
15:         $c++;$ 
16:         $T_c = \mu_{||,c};$ 
17:      end while
18:      if  $c > \text{length}(\mu_{||})$  then
19:        /*  $T_p$  is found to be parallelisable with none of the members of  $\mu_{||}$ ; so  $T_p > T, \forall T \in \mu_{||}$  concatenate all the members (including  $T_p$ ) of  $\beta$  after  $\mu_{||}$  */
20:         $\mu_{||} \leftarrow \text{concatenate}(\mu_{||}, \beta); \beta = \emptyset;$ 
21:      else
22:         $\mu_{||,c} = \mu_{||,c} \cup T_p; c++;$ 
        /*  $T_c \times T_p$  or  $T_c = T_p - \text{absorb } T_p \text{ in } T_c$  */
23:      end if
24:    end while
25:  end for
26: end while
27: return  $\mu_{||};$ 

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Construction of $\mu_{1,p'}$ from $\mu_{1,p}^r$:

Algorithm 2 describes the construction method of $\mu_{1,p'}$ from $\mu_{1,p}^r$ (and hence will be invoked with its input μ_p^r instantiated with $\mu_{1,p}^r$). The parallelized version of the input μ_p^r is computed in $\mu_{||}$ which is to be assigned to $\mu_{1,p'}$ on return. In the initialization step (step 1), a working set Γ of paths is initialized to the first member of μ_p^r and the latter is removed from μ_p^r . In step 2, some path β is taken from Γ and put into $\mu_{||}$. In the outermost while-loop (steps 3-26), member sets of Γ are taken one by one (in steps 4-6) from μ_p^r ; for each chosen set, its member paths are taken in the loop comprising steps 7-25; for each chosen path β , its member sets (of maximally parallelisable transitions) are examined one after another and checked against the members of $\mu_{||}$ from the beginning for fusion with them to construct larger sets of parallelisable transitions (steps 9 – 24). For each chosen set T_p of transitions of β , one of the following two situations may arise:

Case 1 : The member T_p of the chosen path β of μ_p^r is found to succeed all the members in $\mu_{||}$, i.e., T_p is not parallelisable with any member of $\mu_{||}$. In this case, all the remaining members (including T_p) of β is concatenated at the end of $\mu_{||}$ [Steps 18-20] .

Case 2 : The member T_p of β is found not to succeed the c^{th} member $\mu_{||,c}$ of $\mu_{||}$, i.e., T_p is parallelisable with $\mu_{||,c}$, as argued later. In this case, T_p is combined (through union) with $\mu_{||,c}$; the successor transition sets of β need to be compared with only the subsequent members of $\mu_{||}$, i.e., with $\mu_{||,c+1}$ onwards [Step 22].

Termination: The algorithm terminates because all the three while loops and the for-loop terminate as given below:

The outer loop (steps 3-26) terminates because μ_p^r is finite to start with; (step 1 outside the loop reduces its length by one;) step 5 inside the loop reduces its length by one on every iteration of the loop. The for-loop (steps 7-25) terminates because the set Γ contains a finite number of paths and loses the chosen path in each iteration as per the semantics of the for-construct. The loop comprising steps 9-24 terminates because every path β in μ_p^r contains a finite number of sets of transitions and step 12 reduces the length by one in every iteration of the loop; if, however, any of these iterations do visit steps 19-20, then in step 20, β becomes empty and hence, this will be the last iteration of the while loop comprising steps 9 to 24. The loop comprising steps 13-17 terminates because at any stage, and hence on entry to the loop, $\mu_{||}$ has only a finite number of sets of transitions and in every iteration c increases by one; so finally, the second condition $c \leq \text{length}(\mu_{||})$ is bound to become false if the first condition does not become false by then.

Proof of $\mu_{1,p'} \simeq \mu_{1,p}^r$: Let the initial value of μ_p^r (with which the function in Algorithm 2 is invoked), denoted as $\mu_p^r(-1)$, be of the form $\mu_p^r(-1) = \langle \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, \dots, \Gamma_n \rangle$, where, for all $i, 1 \leq i \leq n, \Gamma_i = \{\beta_{1,i}, \beta_{2,i}, \dots, \beta_{t_i,i}\}$. So the outermost while-loop (steps 3-26) executes n times; for the i -th execution of this loop, the inner for-loop executes t_i times; together, there are $t_1 \times t_2 \times \dots \times t_n = t$, say, iterations in each of which a path $\beta_{j,i}$ is accounted for. The algorithm treats these paths identically without making any distinction among paths from the same set or different sets. Hence we can treat the members of μ_p^r as a flat sequence of paths of the form $\langle \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_t \rangle$. Let $\mu_p^r(i)$ and $\mu_{||}(i)$ respectively indicate the values of μ_p^r and $\mu_{||}$ at step 8 after the i -th path β_i in the above sequence has been treated. So, the first time step 8 is executed, the value of $\mu_{||}$ is $\mu_{||}(0) =$ the first member β_1 of $\mu_p^r(-1)$ and $\mu_p^r(0)$ contains all the remaining members β_2, \dots, β_t of $\mu_p^r(-1)$. The final value returned by the algorithm (step 27) is $\mu_{||}(t)$ and $\mu_p^r(t) = \emptyset$ (by negation of the condition of the outermost while loop (steps 3-26)). We have to prove that $\mu_{1,p'} = \mu_{||}(t) \simeq \mu_p^r(-1) = \mu_{1,p}^r \simeq \mu_{0,p}^r \simeq \mu_{0,p}$. We prove the invariant

$$\mu_{||}(i) \cdot \mu_p^r(i) \simeq \mu_p^r(-1), \forall i, 0 \leq i \leq t \dots \dots \text{Inv}(1) \quad (2)$$

by induction on i , where the operator $'.'$ stands for concatenation of two sequences. Note that in this invariant, for $i = t$,

$\mu_{||}(t) \cdot \mu_p^r(t) \simeq \mu_p^r(-1) \Rightarrow \mu_{1,p'} \cdot \emptyset \simeq \mu_p^r \Rightarrow \mu_{1,p'} \simeq \mu_{1,p}^r$, which would accomplish the proof as $\mu_{1,p}^r \simeq \mu_{0,p}^r$ holds because the former has been obtained by equivalence substitution of each member in the latter and $\mu_{0,p}^r \simeq \mu_{0,p}$ by Theorem 2.

Basis ($i = 0$): $\mu_{||}(0) \cdot \mu_p^r(0) = \langle \beta_1 \rangle \cdot \langle \beta_2, \dots, \beta_t \rangle = \langle \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_t \rangle \simeq \mu_p^r(-1)$.

Induction Hypothesis: Let $\mu_{||}(i) \cdot \mu_p^r(i) \simeq \mu_p^r(-1)$, for $i = m - 1$.

Induction step ($i = m$): R.T.P $\mu_{||}(m) \cdot \mu_p^r(m) \simeq \mu_p^r(-1)$. Let the m^{th} path chosen be $\beta_m = \langle T_{1,m}, T_{2,m}, \dots, T_{l_m,m} \rangle$. Let $\mu_{||}(m - 1) = \langle T_1, T_2, \dots, T_k \rangle$. For $T_{1,m} (= T_p)$, comparison starts with the first member $T_1 = T_c$ of $\mu_{||}(m - 1)$.

Now we need to consider the inner while loop comprising steps 9-24, where the members of β_m , i.e., $T_{j,m}$, $1 \leq j \leq l_m$, are taken one by one and compared with the members of $\mu_{||}(m - 1)$. Note that the inner loop need not always execute l_m times. Let it execute $n_m \leq l_m$ times. Let $\mu_p^r(m - 1)(j)$, $1 \leq j \leq n_m$, represent

the value of $\mu_p^r(m-1)$ after the j^{th} iteration of this loop for the path β_m . Thus, $\mu_p^r(i-1)(0)$ is the value of $\mu_p^r(i-1)$ at step 8 when no members of β_i have yet been considered. Hence, $\mu_p^r(m-1)(0) = \mu_p^r(m-1)$. Also, $\mu_p^r(i-1)(n_i) = \mu_p^r(i)$. Let $\beta_m(j)$ be the value of β_m and $\mu_{||}(m-1)(j)$ be the value of $\mu_{||}(m-1)$ after the j^{th} execution of the inner while loop (steps 9-24) for the path β_m . We prove the invariant

$$\mu_{||}(m-1).\beta_m \simeq \mu_{||}(m-1)(j).\beta_m(j), \forall j, 0 \leq j \leq n_m \dots \text{Inv}(2) \quad (3)$$

Let us first examine how the Inv (2) helps us accomplish the proof of the induction step of Inv (1). Putting $j = n_m$ in Inv (2),

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{||}(m-1).\beta_m &\simeq \mu_{||}(m-1)(n_m).\beta_m(n_m) = \mu_{||}(m).\emptyset \\ &\text{(since, } \mu_{||}(m-1)(n_m) = \mu_{||}(m) \text{ and } \beta_m(n_m) = \emptyset \text{ from the termination} \\ &\text{condition of the loop comprising steps 9-24).} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } \beta_m.\mu_p^r(m) &= \mu_p^r(m-1) \text{ [when } \beta_m \text{ is chosen at step 7]. So for the inductive step proof goal,} \\ \mu_{||}(m).\mu_p^r(m) &= (\mu_{||}(m-1).\beta_m).\mu_p^r(m) \\ &= \mu_{||}(m-1).(\beta_m.\mu_p^r(m)) \text{ [by associativity of concatenation operation ' ']} \\ &= \mu_{||}(m-1).\mu_p^r(m-1) \simeq \mu_p^r(-1) \text{ [by induction hypothesis]} \end{aligned}$$

We now carry out the inductive proof of Inv (2) by induction on j .

Basis ($j = 0$): The basis case holds because $\mu_{||}(i-1)(0) = \mu_{||}(i-1)$ and $\beta_i(0) = \beta_i$.

Induction Hypothesis: Let the invariant Inv (2) is true for $j = k-1$, i.e.,

$$\mu_{||}(m-1).\beta_m \simeq \mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1).\beta_m(k-1).$$

Induction step ($j = k$): R.T.P $\mu_{||}(m-1).\beta_m \simeq \mu_{||}(m-1)(k).\beta_m(k)$. Let $\beta_m(k-1) = \langle T_{k,m}, T_{k+1,m}, \dots, T_{l_m,m} \rangle$. Without loss of generality, let the iterations $1, \dots, k-1$ of the loop of steps 9-24 did not visit step 20; otherwise, the loop will not be executed k^{th} time. In the k^{th} iteration of the loop, $T_{k,m}$ is compared with some $T_c \in \mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1)$. We have the following two cases:

Case 1: $T_{k,m}$ is found to succeed all the members of $\mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1)$ from T_c onwards— Hence, $T_{k,m}$ is parallelisable with no members of $\mu_{||}(m-1)(k)$. In this case, step 20 is executed resulting in concatenation of all the transition sets of $\beta_m(k-1)$ with $\mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1)$ and $\beta_m(k)$ becomes empty. So, $\mu_{||}(m-1)(k) = \mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1).\beta_m(k-1)$;

$$\begin{aligned} \text{hence, } \mu_{||}(m-1).\beta_m &\simeq \mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1).\beta_m(k-1) \text{ [by Induction hypothesis]} \\ &= \mu_{||}(m-1)(k).\beta_m(k) \text{ (since } \beta_m(k) = \emptyset) \end{aligned}$$

Case 2: $T_{k,m} \not\succeq T_c$ — This implies $T_{k,m} \asymp T_c$, as argued below. Note that between the two transition sets $T_{k,m}$ and T_c , there can be three mutually exclusive relations possible namely, $T_{k,m} \succ T_c$, $T_c \succ T_{k,m}$ and $T_{k,m} \asymp T_c$. It is given that $T_{k,m} \not\succeq T_c$; now, let $T_c \succ T_{k,m}$. The transition set T_c in $\mu_{||}(m-1)$ is contributed to by paths which precede the path β_m in μ_p^r . Hence T_c does not succeed $T_{k,m}$. Therefore, $T_{k,m} \asymp T_c$. Let $\mu_{||}(m-1) = \langle T_1, T_2, \dots, T_c, T_{c+1}, \dots, T_{k-1}, \dots, T_{k_m-1} \rangle$. For all $s, 1 \leq s \leq k_m-1-c$, $T_c \not\succeq T_{c+s}$. By an identical reasoning, $T_{k,m}$ does not also succeed T_{c+s} because otherwise T_{c+s} would have preceded in the path β_m . Therefore, $T_{c+s}.T_{k,m} \simeq T_{k,m}.T_{c+s}$. So, the concatenation $\langle T_{c+1}, \dots, T_{k_m-1} \rangle.\langle T_{k,m}, T_{k+1,m}, \dots, T_{l_m,m} \rangle$ is computationally equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle T_{k,m}, T_{c+1}, \dots, T_{k_m-1} \rangle.\langle T_{k+1,m}, \dots, T_{l_m,m} \rangle. \text{ Now,} \\ \mu_{||}(m-1).\beta_m &\simeq \mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1).\beta_m(k-1) \text{ [by induction hypothesis]} \\ &= \langle T_1, T_2, \dots, T_c, T_{c+1}, \dots, T_{k_m-1} \rangle.\langle T_{k,m}, T_{k+1,m}, \dots, T_{l_m,m} \rangle \\ &\simeq \langle T_1, T_2, \dots, T_c, T_{k,m}, T_{c+1}, \dots, T_{k_m-1} \rangle.\langle T_{k+1,m}, \dots, T_{l_m,m} \rangle \\ &\simeq \langle T_1, T_2, \dots, T_c \cup T_{k,m}, T_{c+1}, \dots, T_{k_m-1} \rangle.\beta_m(k) \\ &\quad \text{[since, by step 12, } \beta_m(k) = \langle T_{k+1,m}, \dots, T_{l_m,m} \rangle] \\ &= \mu_{||}(m-1)(k).\beta_m(k) \text{ [by step 22].} \end{aligned}$$

Note that since $T_{k,m} > T_{c-1}$ in $\mu_{||}(m-1)(k-1)$, as identified in the loop steps 13-17, T_c cannot be combined with T_{c-1} through union.

Proof of $\mu_{1,p'}$ being a computation: Recall that $\mu_{1,p'}$ is obtained from the sequence $\mu_{1,p'}^r = \langle \Gamma_1^{p'}, \Gamma_2^{p'}, \dots, \Gamma_n^{p'} \rangle = \langle \{\beta_{1,1}, \beta_{2,1}, \dots, \beta_{l_1,1}\} \{\beta_{1,2}, \beta_{2,2}, \dots, \beta_{l_2,2}\}, \dots, \{\beta_n\} \rangle$ of sets of paths of N_1 , which, in turn, was constructed from the sequence $\mu_{0,p}^r = \langle \alpha_1^p, \alpha_2^p, \dots, \alpha_n^p \rangle$ of paths of Π_0 satisfying the following properties: (i) $p' = \beta_n^\circ$, (ii) for all $j, 1 \leq j \leq n$, for all $k, 1 \leq k \leq l_j, \beta_{k,j} \simeq \alpha_j^p$, (iii) each of the places in ${}^\circ\Gamma_j^{p'}$ has correspondence with some place in ${}^\circ\alpha_j$ and (iv) all the places in Γ_j° have correspondence with with all the places in α_j° .

Let $\mu_{1,p'}$ be $\langle T_1, T_2, \dots, T_l \rangle$, where T_1 is the first member of $\beta_{1,1}$ (by step 1 and first time execution of steps 7 and 11 of Algorithm 2). By property (iii) above, the places in ${}^\circ\beta_{1,1} \supseteq {}^\circ T_1$ have correspondence with those in ${}^\circ\alpha_1^p \subseteq \text{in}P_0$. Since only the input places of N_1 have correspondence with the input places of N_0 , ${}^\circ T_1 \subseteq {}^\circ\beta_{1,1} \subseteq \text{in}P_1$. It has already been proved that $p' = f_{\text{out}}(p) \in \text{out}P_1$. Since Algorithm 2 introduces the transition sets of the paths strictly in order from $\Gamma_1^{p'}$ to $\Gamma_n^{p'}$, T_1 is a unit set containing the last transition of β_n and hence, $p' \in T_1^\circ$. Now, consider any $T_i \in \mu_{1,p'}$, $1 \leq i < l$; $T_{i+1} > T_i$ as ensured by the condition $T_p > T_c$ associated with the while loop of steps 13-17. For any $i, 1 \leq i < l$, let $T_{i+1}^\circ \subseteq P_{M_{i+1}}$ and $T_i^\circ \subseteq P_{M_i}$. It is required to prove that $M_{i+1} = M_i^+$, where $P_{M_i^+} = \{p \mid p \in t^\circ \wedge t \in T_m\} \cup \{p \mid p \in P_M \wedge p \notin T_m^\circ\}$, by first clause of Definition of successor marking. We have the following two cases:

Case 1: $p_1 \in T_{i+1}^\circ \subseteq P_{M_{i+1}} - p_1 \in T_{i+1}^\circ \Rightarrow \exists t_1 \in T_{i+1}$ such that $p \in t_1^\circ$. Now, $T_{i+1} = T_{M_i}$, the set of enabled transitions for the marking M_i . So, $p_1 \in t_1^\circ$ and $t_1 \in T_{i+1} = T_{M_i} \Rightarrow p_1 \in P_{M_i^+}$ by virtue of its being in the first subset of $P_{M_i^+}$.

Case 2: $p_1 \notin T_{i+1}^\circ$ but $\in P_{M_{i+1}}$ - So, $p_1 \notin T_{i+1}^\circ = T_{M_i}$. Hence, $p_1 \in P_{M_i}$ because $p_1 \in T_{i-k}^\circ$ for some $k \geq 1$. So $p_1 \in P_{M_i^+}$ by virtue of its being in the second subset of $P_{M_i^+}$. Therefore, $M_{i+1} = M_i^+$.