

# Undecidability methods for residuated lattices

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Other examples include *lattice-ordered groups*, *relation algebras*, models of logical systems (MV, BL, Relevance, linear).

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Therefore the configuration of a machine can be represented by the monoid term

$$qS_0r_1^{n_1}S_1 \cdots S_{k-1}r_k^{n_k}S_k.$$

The auxiliary letters  $S_0, \dots, S_k$  are called *stoppers*.

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For example, consider the machine that has set of states

$Q = \{q_1, q_F\}$ , with initial and final state  $q_F$ , set of registers

$R = \{r_1, r_2\}$  and set of instructions

$P = \{q_F r_1 S_1 \leq q_1 S_1, q_1 r_2 S_2 \leq q_F S_2\}$ , then we have

$$\begin{aligned} q_F S_0 r_1 S_1 r_2 S_2 &\leq S_0 q_F r_1 S_1 r_2 S_2 \\ &\leq S_0 q_1 S_1 r_2 S_2 \\ &\leq S_0 S_1 q_1 r_2 S_2 \\ &\leq S_0 S_1 q_F S_2 \\ &\leq S_0 q_F S_1 S_2 \\ &\leq q_F S_0 S_1 S_2. \end{aligned}$$

The only initial configurations that are accepted are of the form

$q_F S_0 r_1^n S_1 r_2^n S_2$ , where  $n$  is a natural number, so the machine checks if we have an equal number of  $r_1$ -tokens as  $r_2$ -tokens.



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**Corollary.** If  $\mathbf{W}$  is a residuated frame then the *Galois/dual algebra*  $\mathbf{W}^+ = (\gamma[\mathcal{P}(W)], \cap, \cup_\gamma, \circ_\gamma, \gamma(1), \backslash, /)$  is a residuated lattice, where

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$$X \backslash Y = \{z : X \circ \{z\} \subseteq Y\}$$

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Unfortunately, the encoding does not work for commutativity  $xy = yx$ , as by applications of commutativity tokens can move past the stoppers and then the **zero-test** may not be implemented correctly. A different encoding is needed.

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The quasiequational theory in the  $\{\cdot, 1, \leq\}$ -fragment is actually decidable, so no encoding will work in this language. The idea is to involve the connective of join  $\vee$  to implement *parallel computation*. The main strand of the computation proceeds on transitioning to the next state by the zero-test without any restrictions, while the auxiliary computation safeguards that the zero-test is applied correctly, by terminating only when the value of the register was empty. Therefore, we consider joins of configurations, which we call *instantaneous descriptions*, IDs. and we represent by  $C_1 \vee \dots \vee C_m$ , where the  $C_i$ s are configurations; so IDs of the machine are elements of the free join-semilattice over the set  $QR^*$ . We assume that this sits inside a commutative idempotent semiring generated by  $Q \cup R$ . Due to commutativity, stoppers play no role (and are omitted) and monoid words are of the form  $qr_1^{n_1} r_2^{n_2} \dots r_k^{n_k}$ . We call this formalization an *And-branching Counter Machine*.

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For example this interferes with the computation of the machine  $M_{even}$  which then accepts all ID's.

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**Theorem** If a simple equation is not prespinal, then the word problem for its variety is undecidable.

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for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $k, c_1, \dots, c_n \geq 1$ , then we can reduce the decidability of the quasiequational equational theory (or at least of the part we have shown to be undecidable) to that of the equational theory.

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$$(x \wedge 1)^k \leq \bigvee_{i=1}^n (x \wedge 1)^{k+c_i} \quad (1)$$

for some  $n \geq 1$  and  $k, c_1, \dots, c_n \geq 1$ , then we can reduce the decidability of the quasiequational equational theory (or at least of the part we have shown to be undecidable) to that of the equational theory.

For example the equational theory of  $x \leq x^2 \vee x^3$  is undecidable and the same holds for equations of the form  $x^k \leq x^{k+c_1} \vee \dots \vee x^{k+c_n}$ .