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Parallelism for Free: Efficient and Optimal Bitvector Analyses for Parallel Programs*

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Abstract

In this paper we show how to construct optimal bitvector analysis algorithms for parallel programs with shared memory that are as efficient as their purely sequential counterparts, and which can easily be implemented. Whereas the complexity result is rather obvious, our optimality result is a consequence of a new Kam/Ullman-style Coincidence Theorem. Thus using our method, the standard algorithms for sequential programs computing liveness, availability, very business, reaching definitions, definition-use chains, or performing partially redundant expression and assignment elimination, partial dead code elimination or strength reduction, can straightforward be transferred to the parallel setting at almost no cost.

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1 Motivation

Parallel implementations are of growing interest, as they are more and more supported by modern hardware environments. However, despite its importance [SHW, SW, WS], there is currently very little work on classical data flow analysis for parallel languages. Probably, the reason for this deficiency is that a naive adaptation fails [MP] and the straightforward correct adaptation needs an unacceptable effort, which is caused by considering all interleavings that manifest the possible executions of a parallel program.

Thus, either heuristics are proposed to avoid the consideration of all the interleavings [McD], or restricted situations are considered, which do not require to consider the interleavings at all. E.g., in [GS] data independence of parallel components is required. Thus the result of a parallel execution does not depend on the particular choice of the interleaving, which is exploited for the construction of an optimal and efficient algorithm determining the reaching-definition information. Completely different is the approach of abstract interpretation-based state space reduction proposed in [CH1, CH2], which allows general synchronization mechanisms but still requires the construction of an appropriately reduced version of the global state space which is often still unmanageable.

In this paper we show how to construct arbitrary bitvector analysis algorithms for parallel programs with shared memory that

1. optimally cover the phenomenon of *interference*
2. are as *efficient* as their sequential counterparts and

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3. easy to implement.

The first property is a consequence of a Kam/Ullman-style ([KU]) Coincidence Theorem for bitvector analyses stating that the *parallel meet over all paths (PMOP)* solution, which specifies the desired properties, coincides with our *parallel bitvector maximal fixed point ($PMFP_{BV}$)* solution, which is the basis of our algorithm. This result is rather surprising, as it states that although the various interleavings of the executions of parallel components are semantically different, they need not be considered during bitvector analysis, which is the key observation of this paper.

The second property is a simple consequence of the fact that our algorithms behave like standard bitvector algorithms. In particular, they do *not* require the consideration of any kind of global state space. This is important, as even the corresponding reduced state spaces would usually still be exponential in size.

The third property is due to the fact, that only a minor modification of the sequential bitvector algorithm needs to be applied after a preprocess consisting of a single fixed point routine (cf. Section 3.4).

Thus all the well-known algorithms for liveness, availability, very business, reaching definitions, definition-use chains (cf. [He]), partially redundant expression elimination (cf. [DRZ, KRS1, MR]), partial dead code elimination (cf. [KRS3]), partially redundant assignment elimination (cf. [KRS4]), or strength reduction (cf. [Dh, JD, KRS2]) can be adapted for parallel programs at almost no cost on the runtime and the implementation side.

The next section will recall the sequential situation, while Section 3 develops the corresponding notions for parallel programs. Subsequently, Section 4 sketches some applications of our algorithm and Section 5 contains our conclusions. The Appendix, finally, contains the detailed algorithm.

2 Sequential Programs

In this section we summarize the sequential setting of data flow analysis.

2.1 Representation

In the sequential setting it is common to represent procedures as *directed flow graphs* $G = (N, E, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e})$ with node set N and edge set E (cf. [He]). Nodes $n \in N$ represent the statements, edges $(n, m) \in E$ the nondeterministic branching structure of the procedure under consideration, and $\mathbf{s}$ and $\mathbf{e}$ denote the unique *start node* and *end node* of G, which are assumed to possess no predecessors and successors, respectively, and to represent the empty statement `skip`. $pred_G(n) =_{df} \{ m \mid (m, n) \in E \}$ and $succ_G(n) =_{df} \{ m \mid (n, m) \in E \}$ denote the set of all immediate predecessors and successors of a node n, respectively. A *finite path* in G is a sequence $(n_1, \ldots, n_q)$ of nodes such that $(n_j, n_{j+1}) \in E$ for $j \in \{1, \ldots, q-1\}$. $\mathbf{P}_G[m, n]$ denotes the set of all finite paths from m to n, and $\mathbf{P}_G[m, n[$ the set of all finite paths from m to a predecessor of n. Moreover, $\lambda(p)$ denotes the number of node occurrences of p, and ε the unique path of length 0. Finally, every node $n \in N$ is assumed to lie on a path from $\mathbf{s}$ to $\mathbf{e}$.

2.2 Data Flow Analysis

Data flow analysis (DFA) is concerned with the static analysis of programs in order to support the generation of efficient object code by "optimizing" compilers (cf. [He, MJ]). For imperative languages, DFA provides information about the program states that may occur at some given program points during execution. Theoretically well-founded are DFAs that are based on *abstract*

interpretation (cf. [CC1, Ma]). The point of this approach is to replace the "full" semantics by a simpler more abstract version, which is tailored to deal with a specific problem. Usually, the abstract semantics is specified by a *local semantic functional*

$$[\![\ ]\!] : N \to (\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C})$$

which gives abstract meaning to every program statement in terms of a transformation function from a complete lattice $(\mathcal{C}, \sqcap, \sqsubseteq, \bot, \top)$ into itself, where the elements of $\mathcal{C}$ express the DFA-information of interest.[1]

Since `s` and `e` are assumed to represent the empty statement `skip` they are associated with the identity $Id_{\mathcal{C}}$ on $\mathcal{C}$. A local semantic functional $[\![\ ]\!]$ can easily be extended to cover finite paths as well. For every path $p = (n_1, \ldots, n_q) \in \mathbf{P}_G[m, n]$, we define:

$$[\![p]\!] =_{df} \begin{cases} Id_{\mathcal{C}} & \text{if } p \equiv \varepsilon \\ [\![(n_2, \ldots, n_q)]\!] \circ [\![n_1]\!] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2.2.1 The *MOP*-Solution of a DFA

The *MOP*-solution — the solution of the *meet over all paths (MOP)* strategy in the sense of Kam and Ullman [KU] — defines the intuitively desired solution of a DFA. This strategy directly mimics possible program executions in that it "meets" (intersects) all informations belonging to a program path reaching the program point under consideration.

The *MOP*-Solution: $\forall\, n \in N\ \forall\, c_0 \in \mathcal{C}.\ MOP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)(c_0) = \bigsqcap \{ [\![p]\!](c_0) \mid p \in \mathbf{P}_G[\mathbf{s}, n[\}$

In fact, this directly reflects our desires, but is in general not effective.

2.2.2 The *MFP*-Solution of a DFA

The point of the *maximal fixed point (MFP)* strategy in the sense of Kam and Ullman [KU] is to iteratively approximate the greatest solution of a system of equations which specifies the consistency between pre-conditions expressed in terms of $\mathcal{C}$:

Equation System 2.1

$$\mathbf{pre}(n) \quad = \quad \begin{cases} c_0 & \text{if } n = \mathbf{s} \\ \bigsqcap \{ [\![m]\!](\mathbf{pre}(m)) \mid m \in pred_G(n) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Denoting the greatest solution of Equation System 2.1 with respect to the start information $c_0 \in \mathcal{C}$ by $\mathbf{pre}_{c_0}$, the solution of the *MFP*-strategy is defined by:

The *MFP*-Solution: $\forall\, n \in N\ \forall\, c_0 \in \mathcal{C}.\ MFP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)(c_0) = \mathbf{pre}_{c_0}$

For monotonic functionals,[2] this leads to a suboptimal but algorithmic description (see Algorithm A.1 in Appendix A). The question of optimality of the *MFP*-solution was elegantly answered by Kam and Ullman [KU]:

Theorem 2.2 (The (Sequential) Coincidence Theorem)
Given a flow graph $G = (N, E, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e})$, the MFP-solution and the MOP-solution coincide, i.e. $\forall\, n \in N\ \forall\, c_0 \in \mathcal{C}.\ MOP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)(c_0) = MFP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)(c_0)$, whenever all the semantic functions $[\![n]\!]$, $n \in N$, are distributive.[3]

[1] In the following $\mathcal{C}$ will always denote a complete lattice.

[2] A function $f : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$ is called *monotonic* iff $\forall\, c, c' \in \mathcal{C}.\ c \sqsubseteq c'$ implies $f(c) \sqsubseteq f(c')$.

[3] A function $f : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$ is called *distributive* iff $\forall\, C' \subseteq \mathcal{C}.\ f(\bigsqcap C') = \bigsqcap \{f(c) \mid c \in C'\}$. It is well-known that distributivity is a stronger requirement than monotonicity in the following sense: A function $f : \mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C}$ is monotonic iff $\forall\, C' \subseteq \mathcal{C}.\ f(\bigsqcap C') \sqsubseteq \bigsqcap \{f(c) \mid c \in C'\}$.

2.2.3 The Functional Characterization of the *MFP*-Solution

From interprocedural DFA, it is well-known that the *MFP*-solution can alternatively be defined by means of a functional approach [SP]. Here, one iteratively approximates the greatest solution of a system of equations specifying consistency between functions $[\![n]\!]$, $n \in N$. Intuitively, a function $[\![n]\!]$ transforms data flow information that is assumed to be valid at the start node of the program into the data flow information being valid before the execution of n.

Definition 2.3 (The Functional Approach)
The functional $[\![\ ]\!] : N \to (\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C})$ *is defined as the greatest solution of the equation system given by:*

$$[\![n]\!] = \begin{cases} Id_{\mathcal{C}} & \text{if } n = \mathbf{s} \\ \bigsqcap \{ [\![m]\!] \circ [\![m]\!] \mid m \in pred_G(n) \} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The following equivalence result is important [KS]:

Theorem 2.4 $\forall\, n \in N\ \forall\, c_0 \in \mathcal{C}.\ MFP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)(c_0) = [\![n]\!](c_0)$

The functional characterization of the *MFP*-solution will be the (intuitive) key for computing the parallel version of the maximal fixed point solution. As we are only dealing with Boolean values later on, this characterization can easily be coded back into the standard form.

3 Parallel Programs

As usual, we consider a parallel imperative programming language with an interleaving semantics. Formally, this means that we view parallel programs semantically as 'abbreviations' of usually much larger nondeterministic programs, which result from a product construction between parallel components (cf. [CC2, CH1, CH2]). In fact, in the worst case, the size of the nondeterministic 'product' program grows exponentially in the number of parallel components of the corresponding parallel program. This immediately clarifies the dilemma of data flow analysis for parallel programs: even though it can be reduced to standard data flow analysis on the corresponding nondeterministic program, this approach is unacceptable in practice for complexity reasons. Fortunately, as we will see in Section 3.3, bitvector analyses, which are most relevant in practice, can be performed as efficiently on parallel programs as on sequential programs.

The following section establishes the notational background for the formal development and the proofs. One could therefore try to immediately continue with Section 3.3 and to 'backtrack' to Section 3.1 at need.

3.1 Representation

Syntactically, parallelism is expressed by means of a `par` statement whose components are assumed to be executed independently and in parallel on a shared memory.[4] As usual, we assume that there are neither jumps leading into a component of a `par` statement from outside nor vice versa.

Similarly to [GS], we represent a parallel program by a nondeterministic *parallel flow graph* $G^* = (N^*, E^*, \mathbf{s}^*, \mathbf{e}^*)$ with node set N^* and edge set E^*. Except for subgraphs representing `par` statements a parallel flow graph is a nondeterministic flow graph in the sense of Section 2,

[4] Integrating a replicator statement in order to allow a dynamical process creation is straightforward (cf. [CH2, Vo2]).

i.e., nodes $n \in N^*$ represent the statements, edges $(m,n) \in E^*$ the nondeterministic branching structure of the procedure under consideration, and $\mathbf{s}^*$ and $\mathbf{e}^*$ denote the distinct *start node* and *end node*, which are assumed to possess no predecessors and successors, respectively. As in Section 2, we assume that every node $n \in N^*$ lies on a path from $\mathbf{s}^*$ to $\mathbf{e}^*$, and that the start and the end nodes of parallel flow graphs represent the empty statement `skip`. Additionally, $pred_{G^*}(n) =_{df} \{ m \,|\, (m,n) \in E^* \}$ and $succ_{G^*}(n) =_{df} \{ m \,|\, (n,m) \in E^* \}$ denote the set of all immediate predecessors and successors of a node $n \in N^*$, respectively.

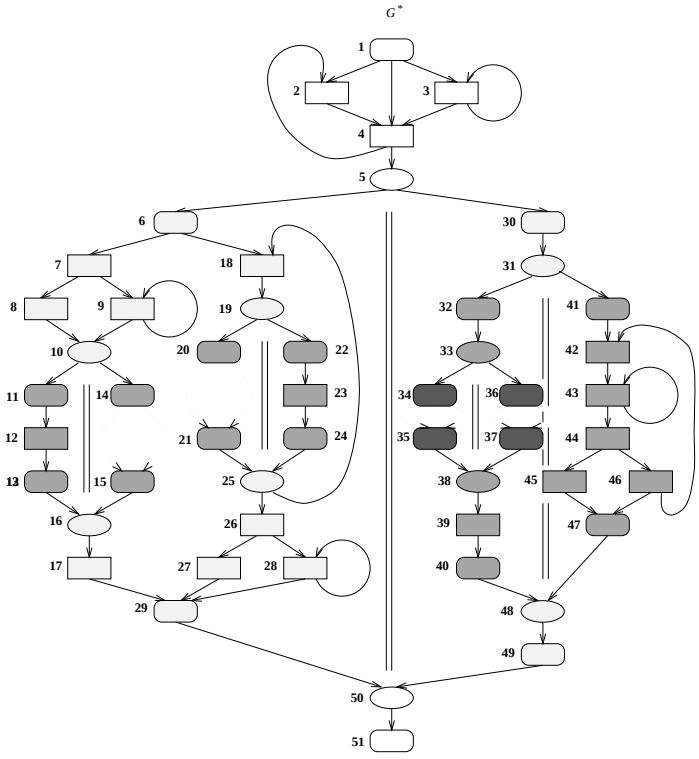

Figure 1: The Parallel Flow Graph G^*

A `par` statement as well as every of its components are also considered parallel flow graphs (cf. Figure 1 for illustration). The start node and the end node of a graph representing a `par` statement have the start nodes and the end nodes of the component flow graphs as their only successors and predecessors, respectively. The set of all subgraphs of G^* representing a `par` statement is denoted by $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$. Additionally,

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}^{max}(G^*) =_{df} \{ G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \,|\, \forall\, G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*).\ G \subseteq G' \Rightarrow G = G' \}$$

denotes the set of *maximal* graphs of $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$.[5] Moreover, for $G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$, $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(G')$ denotes the set of component flow graphs of G', and $CpNodes(G') =_{df} N' \backslash \{\mathbf{s}', \mathbf{e}'\}$ the set of nodes of its component flow graphs.[6] It is worth noting that for $G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$ every component flow graph $G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(G)$ and also G itself is a single-entry/single-exit region of G^*. Moreover, we introduce the following abbreviations for the sets of start nodes and end nodes of graphs of $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$:

$$N^*_N =_{df} \{ \mathbf{s} \,|\, G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \} \quad \text{and} \quad N^*_X =_{df} \{ \mathbf{e} \,|\, G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \}$$

[5] For parallel flow graphs G and G' we define: $G \subseteq G'$ if and only if $N \subseteq N'$ and $E \subseteq E'$.

[6] We use the convention that the node set and the edge set, and the start node and the end node of a flow graph carry the same marking as the flow graph itself. Hence, G and G' stand for the expanded versions $G = (N, E, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e})$ and $G' = (N', E', \mathbf{s}', \mathbf{e}')$, respectively.

Additionally, we need the functions *Nodes*, *start*, *end*, *pfg*, and *cfg*. The functions *Nodes*, *start* and *end* map a flow graph to its node set, and its start node and end node, respectively. The function *pfg* maps a node n occurring in some flow graph $G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$ to the smallest flow graph of $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$ containing n; and it maps the remaining nodes n of N^* to G^*, i.e.,

$$pfg(n) =_{df} \begin{cases} \bigcap \{ G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \mid n \in Nodes(G') \} & \text{if } n \in Nodes(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}^{max}(G^*)) \\ G^* & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Similarly, the function *cfg* maps a node n occurring in a component flow graph of some graph $G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$ to the smallest component flow graph containing n; and it maps the remaining nodes n of N^* to G^*, i.e.,

$$cfg(n) =_{df} \begin{cases} \bigcap \{ G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)) \mid n \in Nodes(G') \} & \text{if } n \in CpNodes(\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}^{max}(G^*)) \\ G^* & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Both *pfg* and *cfg* are well-defined, since `par` statements in a program are either unrelated or properly nested.

Finally, given a parallel flow graph G we define an associated sequential flow graph G_{seq}, which results from G by replacing all nodes belonging to a component flow graph of some graph $G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}^{max}(G)$ together with all edges starting or ending in such a node by an edge leading from $start(G')$ to $end(G')$. Note that G_{seq} is a nondeterministic sequential flow graph in the sense of Section 2. This is illustrated in Figure 2, which shows the sequentialized version of the parallel flow graph of Figure 1.

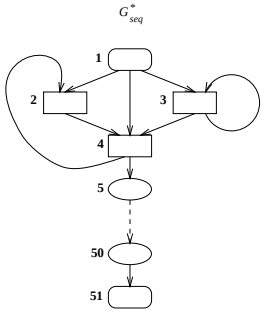

Figure 2: G^*_{seq}

Interleaving Predecessors

Given a sequential flow graph G, the set of nodes that might dynamically precede a node n is precisely given by the set of its static predecessors $pred_G(n)$. Given a parallel flow graph, however, the interleaving of statements of parallel components must be taken care of. In fact, nodes n occurring in a component of some `par` statement additionally can have all nodes as dynamic predecessors, whose execution may be interleaved with that of n. For example, in the program of Figure 1 the execution of node **24**, whose only static predecessor is node **23**, may be interleaved with the execution of the nodes **20**, **21**, and **30**, ..., **49**. We denote these 'potentially parallel' nodes as *interleaving predecessors*. The set of all interleaving predecessors of a node $n \in N^*$ is recursively defined by means of the function $Pred_{G^*}^{Itlvg} : N^* \to \mathcal{P}(N^*)$, where $\mathcal{P}$ denotes the power set operator and *mpe-pfg* a function, which maps a node $n \in N^*$ to its

minimal properly enclosing graph of $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \cup \{G^*\}$:

$$Pred^{Itlvg}_{G^*}(n) =_{df} \begin{cases} \emptyset & \text{if } N^* \setminus CpNodes(\mathcal{G}^{max}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)) \\ CpNodes(mpe\text{-}pfg(n)) \setminus Nodes(cfg(n)) \cup & \\ Pred^{Itlvg}_{G^*}(start(cfg(start(mpe\text{-}pfg(n))))) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where *mpe-pfg* is defined by:

$$mpe\text{-}pfg(n) =_{df} \begin{cases} pfg(start(cfg(n))) & \text{if } n \in N^*_N \cup N^*_X \\ pfg(n) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Program Paths of Parallel Programs

As mentioned already, the interleaving semantics of an imperative parallel programming language can be defined via a translation that reduces parallel programs to (much larger) nondeterministic programs. However, there is also an alternative way to characterize the node sequences constituting a parallel (program) path, following in spirit the definition of an interprocedural program path as proposed by Sharir and Pnueli [SP]. They start by interpreting every branch statement purely nondeterministically, which allows to simply use the definition of *finite path* as introduced in Section 2. This results in a superset of the set of all interprocedurally valid paths, which they now define by means of an additional consistency condition. In our case, we are forced to define our consistency condition on arbitrary node sequences, as the consideration of interleavings invalidates the first step. Here, the following notion of well-formedness is important.

Definition 3.1 (G-Well-Formedness)
Let G be a (parallel) flow graph, and $p =_{df} (n_1, \ldots, n_q)$ be a sequence of nodes. Then p is G-well-formed *if and only if*

1. *the projection $p{\downarrow_{G_{seq}}}$ of p onto G_{seq} lies in $\mathbf{P}_{G_{seq}}[start(G_{seq}), end(G_{seq})]$*
2. *for all node occurrences $n_i \in N^*_N$ of the sequence p there exists a $j \in \{i+1, \ldots, q\}$ such that*
   (a) *$n_j \in N^*_X$,*
   (b) *n_j is the successor of n_i on $p{\downarrow_{G_{seq}}}$ and*
   (c) *the sequence $(n_{i+1}, \ldots, n_{j-1})$ is G'-well-formed for all $G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(pfg(n_i))$.*

Now the set of parallel paths is defined as follows.

Definition 3.2 (Parallel Path)
Let $G^* = (N^*, E^*, \mathbf{s}^*, \mathbf{e}^*)$ be a parallel flow graph, and $p =_{df} (n_1, \ldots, n_q)$ be a sequence of nodes of N^*. Then:

1. *p is a* parallel path from $\mathbf{s}^*$ to $\mathbf{e}^*$ *if and only if p is G^*-well-formed.*
2. *p is a* parallel path from n_1 to n_q *if it is a subpath of some parallel path from $\mathbf{s}^*$ to $\mathbf{e}^*$.*

$\mathbf{PP}_{G^*}[m, n]$ denotes the set of all parallel paths from m to n, and $\mathbf{PP}_{G^*}[m, n[$ the set of all parallel paths from m to a (static or interleaving) predecessor of n, defined by

$$\mathbf{PP}_{G^*}[m, n[=_{df} \{(n_1, \ldots, n_q) \mid (n_1, \ldots, n_q, n_{q+1}) \in \mathbf{PP}_{G^*}[m, n]\}$$

3.2 Data Flow Analysis of Parallel Programs

As for a sequential program, a DFA for a parallel program is completely specified by means of a local semantic functional

$$[\![\ ]\!] : N^* \to (\mathcal{C} \to \mathcal{C})$$

which gives abstract meaning to every node n of a parallel flow graph G^* in terms of a function from $\mathcal{C}$ to $\mathcal{C}$.

As in the sequential case it is straightforward to extend a local semantic functional to cover also finite parallel paths. Thus, given a node n of a parallel program G^*, the parallel version of the *MOP*-solution is clear, and as in the sequential case, it marks the desired solution to the considered data flow problem:

The *PMOP*-Solution:

$$\forall\, n \in N^*\ \forall\, c_0 \in \mathcal{C}.\ PMOP_{(G^*,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)(c_0) = \bigsqcap \{\, [\![\, p \,]\!](c) \mid p \in \mathbf{PP}_{G^*}[\mathbf{s}^*, n[\,\}$$

Referring to the nondeterministic 'product program', which explicitly represents all the possible interleavings, would allow us to straightforward adapt the sequential situation and to state a Coincidence Theorem. However, this would not be of much practical use, as this approach would require to define the *MFP*-solution relative to the potentially exponential product program. Fortunately, as we will see in the next section, for bitvector algorithms there exists an elegant and efficient way out.

3.3 Bitvector Analyses

Bitvector problems can be characterized by the simplicity of their local semantic functional

$$[\![\ ]\!] : N^* \to (\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B})$$

which specifies the effect of a node n on a particular component of the bitvector (see Section 4 for illustration). Here $\mathcal{B}$ is the lattice $(\{ff, tt\}, \sqcap, \sqsubseteq)$ of Boolean truth values with $ff \sqsubseteq tt$ and the logical 'and' as meet operation $\sqcap$, or its dual counterpart with $tt \sqsubseteq ff$ and the logical 'or' as meet operation $\sqcap$.

Despite their simplicity, bitvector problems are highly relevant in practice, as they include problems like liveness, availability, very business, reaching definitions, definition-use chains, partially redundant expression and assignment elimination, partial dead code elimination or strength reduction.

We are now going to show, how to optimize the effort for computing the *PMOP*-solution. This requires the consideration of the semantic domain $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ consisting of the monotonic Boolean functions $\mathcal{B} \to \mathcal{B}$. Obviously we have:

Proposition 3.3 *1. $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ simply consists of the constant functions $Const_{tt}$ and $Const_{ff}$, together with the identity $Id_{\mathcal{B}}$ on $\mathcal{B}$.*

2. $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, together with the pointwise ordering between functions, forms a complete lattice with least element $Const_{ff}$ and greatest element $Const_{tt}$, which is closed under function composition.

3. All functions of $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ are distributive.

The key to the efficient computation of the 'interleaving effect' is based on the following simple observation, which pinpoints the specific nature of a domain of functions $M \to M$, M any set, that only consists of constant functions and the identity.

Lemma 3.4 (Main-Lemma)
Let $f_i : \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}} \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, $1 \leq i \leq q$, $q \in I\!N$, *be functions from* $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ *to* $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$. *Then we have:*

$$\exists\, k \in \{1, \ldots, q\}.\ f_q \circ \ldots \circ f_2 \circ f_1 = f_k \ \wedge\ \forall\, j \in \{k+1, \ldots, q\}.\ f_j = Id_{\mathcal{B}}$$

The essence of this lemma for our application is that it restricts the way of possible interference within a parallel program: if there is any interference than this interference is due to a single statement within a parallel component. Combining this observation with the fact that for $m \in Pred^{Itlvg}_{G^*}(n)$, there exists a parallel path leading to n whose last step requires the execution of m, we obtain that the potential of interference, which in general would be given in terms of paths, is fully characterized by the set $Pred^{Itlvg}_{G^*}(n)$. In fact, considering the computation of universal properties that are described by maximal fixed points (the computation of minimal fixed points requires the dual argument), the obvious existence of a path to n that does not require the execution of any statement of $Pred^{Itlvg}_{G^*}(n)$ implies that the only effect of interference is 'destruction'. This motivates the introduction of the following predicate:

$NonDestructed : N^* \to \mathcal{B}$ defined by

$$\forall\, n \in N^*.\ NonDestructed(n) =_{df} \bigwedge \{\, [\![\, m \,]\!](tt) \mid m \in Pred^{Itlvg}_{G^*}(n) \,\}$$

which indicates that no node of a parallel component destroys the property under consideration, i.e. $[\![\, m \,]\!] \neq Const_{ff}$ for all $m \in Pred^{Itlvg}_{G^*}(n)$. Note that only the constant function induced by this predicate is used in Definition 3.7 to model interference, and in fact, Theorem 3.8 guarantees that this modelling is sufficient. Obviously, this predicate is easily and efficiently computable. Algorithm B.1 computes it as a side result.

Besides taking care of possible interference, we also need to take care of the synchronization required by nodes in N^*_X: in order to leave a parallel statement, all parallel components are required to terminate. The information that is necessary to model this effect can be computed by a hierarchical algorithm that only considers purely sequential programs. The central idea coincides with that of interprocedural analysis [KS]: we need to compute the effect of complete subgraphs, or in this case of complete parallel components. This information is computed in an 'innermost' fashion and then propagated to the next surrounding parallel statement. The following definition describes the complete three-step procedure:

1. Terminate, if G does not contain any parallel components. Otherwise, select successively all maximal flow graphs $G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G)$ that do not contain a parallel statement, and determine the effect $[\![\, G' \,]\!]$ of this (purely sequential) graph according to the equational system of Definition 2.3 with respect to the local semantic functional $[\![\ ]\!]'_{seq} : N'_{seq} \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ given by

$$[\![\, n \,]\!]'_{seq} =_{df} \begin{cases} Id_{\mathcal{B}} \sqcap Const_{NonDestructed(n)} & \text{if } n \in N^*_N \\ [\![\, pfg(n) \,]\!]^* & \text{if } n \in N^*_X \\ [\![\, n \,]\!] & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2. Compute the effect $[\![\, G'' \,]\!]^*$ of the innermost parallel statements G'' of G by

$$[\![\, G'' \,]\!]^* = \bigsqcap \{\, [\![\, end(G'_{seq}) \,]\!] \mid G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(G'') \,\}$$

3. Transform G by replacing all innermost parallel statements $G'' = (N'', E'', \mathbf{s}'', \mathbf{e}'')$ by $(\{\mathbf{s}'', \mathbf{e}''\}, \{(\mathbf{s}'', \mathbf{e}'')\}, \mathbf{s}'', \mathbf{e}'')$, and replace the local semantics of $\mathbf{s}''$ and $\mathbf{e}''$ by $Id_{\mathcal{B}} \sqcap \bigsqcap \{\, [\![\, n \,]\!] \mid n \in N'' \}$ and $[\![\, G'' \,]\!]^*$, respectively. Continue with step 1.

This three step algorithm is a straightforward hierarchical adaptation of the algorithm for computing the functional version of the *MFP*-solution for the sequential case. Only the third step realizing the synchronization at nodes in N^*_X needs some explanation, which is summarized in the following lemma.

Lemma 3.5 *The PMOP-solution of a parallel flow graph G that only consists of purely sequential parallel components $G_1, \ldots, G_k$ is given by:*

$$PMOP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(end(G)) = \bigsqcap \{ [\![end(G_i)]\!] \mid 1 \leq i \leq k \}$$

Also the proof of this lemma is a consequence of the Main Lemma 3.4. As a single statement is responsible for the entire effect of a path, the effect of each complete path through a parallel statement is already given by some path through one of the parallel components (the one containing the vital statement). Thus in order to model the effect (or *PMOP*-solution) of a parallel statement, it is sufficient to meet the effects of all paths that are local to one of the components, and it is exactly this fact, which is formalized in Lemma 3.5.

Now the following theorem can be proved by means of a straightforward inductive extension of the functional version of the sequential Coincidence Theorem 2.2, which is tailored to cover complete paths, i.e. paths going from the start to the end of a parallel statement:

Theorem 3.6 (The Hierarchical Coincidence Theorem)
Let $G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$ be a parallel flow graph, and $[\![\ ]\!] : N^* \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ a local semantic functional. Then we have:

$$PMOP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(end(G)) = [\![G]\!]^*$$

After this hierarchical preprocess the following modification of the equation system for sequential bitvector analyses is optimal:

Definition 3.7 *The functional $[\![\ ]\!] : N^* \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ is defined as the greatest solution of the equation system given by:*[7]

$$[\![n]\!] = \begin{cases} Id_{\mathcal{B}} & \text{if } n = \mathbf{s}^* \\ [\![pfg(n)]\!]^* \circ [\![start(pfg(n))]\!] \sqcap Const_{NonDestructed(n)} & \text{if } n \in N^*_X \\ \bigsqcap \{ [\![m]\!] \circ [\![m]\!] \mid m \in pred_{G^*}(n) \} \sqcap Const_{NonDestructed(n)} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This allows us to define the $PMFP_{BV}$-solution, a fixed point solution for the bitvector case, in the following fashion:

The $PMFP_{BV}$-Solution:

$$PMFP_{BV(G^*,[\![\ ]\!])} : N^* \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}} \text{ defined by } \forall\, n \in N^*\ \forall\, b \in \mathcal{B}.\ PMFP_{BV(G^*,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)(b) = [\![n]\!](b)$$

As in the sequential case the $PMFP_{BV}$-strategy is practically relevant, because it can efficiently be computed (see Algorithm B.1 in Appendix B). The following theorem, whose proof can be found in [KSV1], now establishes that it also coincides with the desired *PMOP*-solution.

Theorem 3.8 (The Parallel Bitvector Coincidence Theorem)
Let $G^* = (N^*, E^*, \mathbf{s}^*, \mathbf{e}^*)$ be a parallel flow graph, and $[\![\ ]\!] : N^* \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ a local semantic functional. Then we have that the PMOP-solution and the $PMFP_{BV}$-solution coincide, i.e.,

$$\forall\, n \in N^*.\ PMOP_{(G^*,[\![\ ]\!])}(n) = PMFP_{BV(G^*,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)$$

[7] Note that $[\![\ ]\!]$ is the straightforward extension of the functional defined in Definition 2.3. Thus the overloading of notation is harmless, as no reference to the sequential version is made in this definition.

3.4 Performance and Implementation

Our algorithm is based on a functional version of an *MFP*-solution, as it is common for interprocedural analyses. However, as bitvector algorithms only deal with Boolean values, proceeding argument-wise, would simply require to apply a standard bitvector algorithm twice. In particular, for regular program structures, all the nice properties of bitvector algorithms apply. In fact, for the standard version of Algorithm B.1 a single execution is sufficient, as we can start here with the same start information as the standard sequential analysis. Thus, even if we count the effort for computing the predicate *NonDestructed* separately, our analysis would simply be a composition of four standard bitvector analyses. In practice, however, our algorithm behaves much better, as the existence of a single destructing statement allows us to skip the analysis of large parts of the program. In fact, in our experience, the parallel version often runs faster than the sequential version on a program of similar size.

The same argumentation also indicates a way for a cheap implementation on top of existing bitvector algorithms. However, we recommend the direct implementation of the functional version, which to our experience, runs even faster than the decomposed standard version. This is not too surprising, as the functional version only needs to consider one additional value and does not require the argumentwise application.

4 Applications

As mentioned in Section 1 and Section 3.3, bitvector problems have a broad scope of applications. In this section we present the local semantic functionals of four bitvector problems in order to give the flavour of a typical bitvector analysis. Moreover, these analyses are all practically relevant, since they are the central components of two algorithms for the computationally optimal placement of computations and assignments in a program, which eliminate all partially redundant expressions [KRS1] and all partially dead assignments in a program [KRS3], respectively.

According to [KRS1] a computationally optimal placement of computations in a program requires to compute the set of program points where a computation is *up-safe*, i.e., where it has been computed on every program path reaching the program point under consideration, and *down-safe*, i.e., where it will be computed on every program continuation reaching the end node of the program.[8] The DFA-problems for up-safety and down-safety are specified by the local semantic functionals $[\![n]\!]_{us}$ and $[\![n]\!]_{ds}$, respectively:

$$[\![n]\!]_{us} =_{df} \begin{cases} Const_{tt} & \text{if } Transp(n) \wedge Comp(n) \\ Id_{\mathcal{B}} & \text{if } Transp(n) \wedge \neg Comp(n) \\ Const_{ff} & \text{if } \neg Transp(n) \end{cases} \qquad [\![n]\!]_{ds} =_{df} \begin{cases} Const_{tt} & \text{if } Comp(n) \\ Id_{\mathcal{B}} & \text{if } \neg Comp(n) \wedge Transp(n) \\ Const_{ff} & \text{if } \neg(Comp(n) \vee Transp(n)) \end{cases}$$

Details on the complete placement transformation for parallel programs can be found in [KSV2].

According to [KRS3] all partially dead assignments in a program can be eliminated by successively moving assignments as far as possible in the direction of the control flow and by subsequently removing all assignments whose left hand side variable is dead after the execution of the assignment under consideration. In order to capture the second order effects of partial dead code elimination, this two step procedure is repeated until the programs eventually stabilizes. Below the local semantic functionals specifying the DFA-problems for the sinking of assignments $[\![n]\!]_{dl}$ and the detection of dead variables $[\![n]\!]_{dd}$ are presented, which are the central components of the algorithm of [KRS3]:

[8] Up-safety and down-safety are also known as *availability* and *anticipability (very business)*, respectively.

$$[\![n]\!]_{dd=_{df}} \begin{cases} Const_{tt} & \text{if } \neg Used(n) \wedge Mod(n) \\ Id_{\mathcal{B}} & \text{if } \neg(Used(n) \vee Mod(n)) \\ Const_{ff} & \text{if } Used(n) \end{cases} \qquad [\![n]\!]_{dl=_{df}} \begin{cases} Const_{tt} & \text{if } LocDelay(n) \\ Id_{\mathcal{B}} & \text{if } \neg(LocDelay \vee LocBlock(n)) \\ Const_{ff} & \text{if } \neg LocDelay \wedge LocBlock(n) \end{cases}$$

5 Conclusions

We have shown how to construct optimal bitvector analysis algorithms for parallel programs with shared memory that are as efficient as their purely sequential counterparts, and which can easily be implemented. At the first sight, the existence of such an algorithm is rather surprising, as the interleaving semantics underlying our programming language is an indication for an exponential effort. However, the restriction to bitvector analysis constrains the possible ways of interference in such a way that we could construct a fixed point algorithm that directly works on the parallel program without taking any interleavings into account. The algorithm is implemented on the *Fixpoint Analysis Machine* of [SCKKM]. Moreover, a variant of the computationally optimal placement algorithm for computations sketched in Section 4 is implemented in the ESPRIT project COMPARE [Vo1, Vo2].

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A Computing the *MFP*-Solution

Algorithm A.1 (Computing the *MFP*-Solution)

Input: *A flow graph $G = (N, E, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e})$, a local semantic functional $[\![\ ]\!] : N \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, and a function $f_{init} \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ reflecting the assumptions on the context in which the procedure under consideration is called. Usually, f_{init} is given by $Id_{\mathcal{B}}$.*

Output: *An annotation of G with functions $[\![n]\!] \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, $n \in N$, representing the greatest solution of the equation system of Definition 2.3. In fact, after termination of the algorithm the functional $[\![\ ]\!]$ satisfies: $\forall n \in N. [\![n]\!] = MFP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(n) = MOP_{(G,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)$*

BEGIN $MFP(G, [\![\ ]\!], f_{init})$ **END**.

where

PROCEDURE $MFP\ (G = (N, E, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e}) : SequentialFlowGraph;$
$[\![\ ]\!] : N \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}\ : LocalSemanticFunctional;\ \ f_{start} : \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}});$
VAR $f : \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$;
BEGIN
(Initialization of the annotation array gtr and the variable workset)
FORALL $n \in N \backslash \{\mathbf{s}\}$ **DO** $[\![n]\!] := Const_{tt}$ **OD**;
$[\![\mathbf{s}]\!] := f_{start}$; $workset := \{ n \mid n = \mathbf{s} \vee [\![n]\!] = Const_{ff} \}$;
(Iterative fixed point computation)
WHILE $workset \neq \emptyset$ **DO**
LET $n \in workset$
BEGIN
$workset := workset \backslash \{ n \}$; $f := [\![n]\!] \circ [\![n]\!]$;
FORALL $m \in succ_G(n)$ **DO**
IF $[\![m]\!] \sqsupset f$ **THEN** $[\![m]\!] := f$; $workset := workset \cup \{ m \}$ **FI OD END**
OD
END.

B Computing the $PMFP_{BV}$-Solution

Algorithm B.1 (Computing the $PMFP_{BV}$-Solution)

Input: *A parallel flow graph $G^* = (N^*, E^*, \mathbf{s}^*, \mathbf{e}^*)$, a local semantic functional $[\![\ ]\!] : N^* \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, a function $f_{init} \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$ and a Boolean value $b_{init} \in \mathcal{B}$, where f_{init} and b_{init} reflect the assumptions on the context in which the procedure under consideration is called. Usually, f_{init} and b_{init} are given by $Id_{\mathcal{B}}$ and ff, respectively.*

Output: *An annotation of G^* with functions $[\![G]\!]^* \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, $G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$, representing the semantic functions computed in step 2 of the three step procedure of Section 3.3, and with functions $[\![n]\!] \in \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, $n \in N^*$, representing the greatest solution of the equation system of Definition 3.7. In fact, after the termination of the algorithm the functional $[\![\ ]\!]$ satisfies: $\forall n \in N^*. [\![n]\!] = PMFP_{BV(G^*,[\![\ ]\!])}(n) = PMOP_{(G^*,[\![\ ]\!])}(n)$*

Remark: *The global variables $[\![G]\!]^*$, $G \in \bigcup \{ \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(G') \mid G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \}$, each of which is storing a function of $\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}$, are used during the hierarchical computation of the $PMFP_{BV}$-solution for storing the global effect of graphs that are a component of some graph $G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$. Additionally, the global variables harmful(G), $G \in \bigcup \{ \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(G') \mid G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \}$, store whether G contains a node n with $[\![n]\!] = Const_{ff}$. These variables are used to compute the value of the predicate NonDestructed of Section 3.3. Finally, every flow graph $G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$ is assumed to have a* rank, *which is recursively defined by:*

$$rank(G) =_{df} \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } G \in \mathcal{G}^{min}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \\ max\{\, rank(G') \mid G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \wedge G' \subset G \,\} + 1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\mathcal{G}^{min}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) =_{df} \{\, G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*) \mid \forall G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*).\ G' \subseteq G \Rightarrow G' = G \,\}$ denotes the set of minimal *graphs of $\mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$.*

BEGIN
$GLOBEFF(G^*, [\![\ ]\!])$; *(Synchronization: Computing* $[\![G]\!]^*$ *for all* $G \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G^*)$ *)*
$PMFP_{BV}(G^*, [\![\ ]\!], f_{init}, b_{init})$ *(Interleaving: Computing the* $PMFP_{BV}$*-Solution* $[\![n]\!]$ *for all* $n \in N^*$ *)*
END.

where

PROCEDURE $GLOBEFF\ (G = (N, E, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e}) : ParallelFlowGraph;$
$\overline{[\![\ ]\!]} : N \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}\ : LocalSemanticFunctional);$
VAR $i : integer;$
BEGIN
FOR $i := 0$ **TO** $rank(G)$ **DO**
FORALL $G' \in \{G'' \mid G'' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{P}}(G) \wedge rank(G'') = i\}$ **DO**
FORALL $G'' \in \{G'''_{seq} \mid G''' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(G')\}$ *where* $G'' = (N'', E'', \mathbf{s}'', \mathbf{e}'')$ **DO**
LET $\forall n \in N''.\ [\![n]\!]'' = \begin{cases} Id_{\mathcal{B}} \sqcap Const_{\forall \bar{G} \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(pfg(n)).\ \neg harmful(\bar{G})} & \text{if } n \in N^*_N \\ [\![pfg(n)]\!]^* & \text{if } n \in N^*_X \\ \overline{[\![n]\!]} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
BEGIN
$harmful(G'') := (\ |\{ n \in N'' \mid [\![n]\!]'' = Const_{ff} \}| \geq 1);$
$MFP(G'', [\![\ ]\!]'', Id_{\mathcal{B}});\ [\![G'']\!]^* := [\![end(G'')]\!]^*$
END OD;
$[\![G']\!]^* := \bigsqcap \{ [\![G'']\!]^* \mid G'' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(G') \}$ **OD OD**
END.

PROCEDURE $PMFP_{BV}\ (G = (N, E, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e}) : ParallelFlowGraph;$
$\overline{[\![\ ]\!]} : N \to \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}}\ : LocalSemanticFunctional;\ f_{start} : \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}};\ harmful : \mathcal{B});$
VAR $f : \mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{B}};$
BEGIN
IF *harmful* **THEN FORALL** $n \in N$ **DO** $[\![n]\!] := Const_{ff}$ **OD**
ELSE
(Initialization of the annotation arrays $[\![\ ]\!]$ *and the variable workset)*
FORALL $n \in N \backslash \{\mathbf{s}\}$ **DO** $[\![n]\!] := Const_{tt}$ **OD**;
$[\![\mathbf{s}]\!] := f_{start};\ workset := \{ n \mid n = \mathbf{s} \vee \overline{[\![n]\!]} = Const_{ff} \};$
(Iterative fixed point computation)
WHILE $workset \neq \emptyset$ **DO**
LET $n \in workset$
BEGIN
$workset := workset \backslash \{ n \};$
IF $n \in N \backslash N^*_N$
THEN
$f := \overline{[\![n]\!]} \circ [\![n]\!];$
FORALL $m \in succ_G(n)$ **DO**
IF $[\![m]\!] \sqsupset f$ **THEN** $[\![m]\!] := f; workset := workset \cup \{ m \}$ **FI OD**
ELSE
FORALL $G' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(pfg(n))$ **DO**
$PMFP_{BV}(G', [\![\ ]\!], [\![n]\!], \sum_{G'' \in \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{C}}(pfg(n)) \backslash \{G'\}} harmful(G''))$ **OD**;
$f := [\![pfg(n)]\!]^* \circ [\![n]\!];$
IF $[\![end(pfg(n))]\!] \sqsupset f$
THEN $[\![end(pfg(n))]\!] := f;\ workset := workset \cup \{ end(pfg(n)) \}$ **FI FI**
END OD FI
END.

Let $[\![n]\!]_{alg}$, $n \in N^*$, denote the final values of the corresponding variables after the termination of Algorithm B.1, and $[\![n]\!]$, $n \in N^*$, the greatest solution of the equation system of Definition 3.7, then we have: $\forall n \in N^*.\ [\![n]\!]_{alg} = [\![n]\!]$