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Preface

This volume contains the papers presented at the 7th International Workshop on Reachability Problems (RP 2013) held during September 24–26, 2013, at Norrlands nation in the heart of central Uppsala. The workshop was organized by the Department of Information Technology, Uppsala University, Sweden.

RP 2013 was the seventh in the series of workshops following six successful meetings at the University of Bordeaux, France, in 2012, the University of Genoa, Italy, in 2011, Masaryk University of Brno, Czech Republic, in 2010, Ecole Polytechnique, France, in 2009, at the University of Liverpool, UK, in 2008, and at Turku University, Finland, in 2007.

The workshop is specifically aimed at gathering together scholars from diverse disciplines and backgrounds interested in reachability problems that appear in algebraic structures, computational models, hybrid systems, logic, and verification.

Reachability is a fundamental problem that appears in several different contexts: finite- and infinite-state concurrent systems, computational models like cellular automata and Petri nets, decision procedures for classical, modal, and temporal logic, program analysis, discrete and continuous systems, time critical systems, hybrid systems, rewriting systems, algebraic structures (groups, semigroups and rings), deterministic or non-deterministic iterative maps, probabilistic and parametric systems, and open systems modelled as games.

Typically, for a fixed system description given in some form (rewriting rules, transformations by computable functions, systems of equations, logical formulas, etc.) a reachability problem consists in checking whether a given set of target states can be reached starting from a fixed set of initial states. The set of target states can be represented explicitly or via some implicit representation (e.g., a system of equations, a set of minimal elements with respect to some ordering on the states). Sophisticated quantitative and qualitative properties can often be reduced to basic reachability questions. Decidability and complexity boundaries, algorithmic solutions, and efficient heuristics are all important aspects to be considered in this context. Algorithmic solutions are often based on different combinations of exploration strategies, symbolic manipulations of sets of states, decomposition properties, reduction to linear programming problems, and they often benefit from approximations, abstractions, accelerations, and extrapolation heuristics. Ad hoc solutions as well as solutions based on general-purpose constraint solvers and deduction engines are often combined in order to balance efficiency and flexibility.

The purpose of the conference is to promote exploration of new approaches for the predictability of computational processes by merging mathematical, algorithmic, and computational techniques. Topics of interest include (but are not limited to): reachability for infinite state systems; rewriting systems;

reachability analysis in counter/timed/cellular/communicating automata; Petri-nets; computational aspects of semigroups, groups, and rings; reachability in dynamical and hybrid systems; frontiers between decidable and undecidable reachability problems; complexity and decidability aspects; predictability in iterative maps and new computational paradigms.

All these aspects were discussed in the presentations of the seventh edition of the RP workshop. The proceedings of the previous editions of the workshop appeared in the following volumes:

Mika Hirvensalo, Vesa Halava, Igor Potapov, Jarkko Kari (Eds.): Proceedings of the Satellite Workshops of DLT 2007. TUCS General Publication No 45, June 2007. ISBN: 978-952-12-1921-4.

Vesa Halava and Igor Potapov (Eds.): Proceedings of the Second Workshop on Reachability Problems in Computational Models (RP 2008). Electronic Notes in Theoretical Computer Science. Volume 223, Pages 1-264 (26 December 2008).

Olivier Bournez and Igor Potapov (Eds.): Reachability Problems, Third International Workshop, RP 2009, Palaiseau, France, September 23-25, 2009, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 5797, Springer 2009.

Antonin Kucera and Igor Potapov (Eds.): Reachability Problems, 4th International Workshop, RP 2010, Brno, Czech Republic, August 28-29, 2010, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 6227, Springer 2010.

Giorgio Delzanno, Igor Potapov (Eds.): Reachability Problems, 5th International Workshop, RP 2011, Genoa, Italy, September 28-30, 2011, Lecture Notes in Computer Science, 6945, Springer 2011.

Alain Finkel, Jerome Leroux, Igor Potapov (Eds.): Reachability Problems, 6th International Workshop, RP 2012, Bordeaux, France, September 17-19, 2012. Lecture Notes in Computer Science 7550, Springer 2012.

The five keynote speakers at the 2013 conference were:

- **Patricia Bouyer**, CNRS Cachan, “Robustness in Timed Automata”
- **Daniel Kroening**, Oxford University, “Automated Verification of Concurrent Software”
- **Rupak Majumdar**, MPI-SWS, “Provenance Verification”
- **Shaz Qadeer**, Microsoft Research Redmond, “Reachability Modulo Theories”
- **Thomas Schwentick**, TU Dortmund University, “The Dynamic Complexity of the Reachability Problem on Graphs”

There were 24 submissions. Each submission was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members. The full list of the members of the Program Committee and the list of external reviewers can be found on the next two

pages. The Program Committee is grateful for the highly appreciated and high-quality work produced by these external reviewers. Based on these reviews, the Program Committee decided to accept 14 papers, in addition to the five invited talks. The workshop also provided the opportunity to researchers to give informal presentations that are prepared very shortly before the event and inform the participants about current research and work in progress.

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