

On the Decidability of Comparing Many-Valued Logics: A WSkS Approach

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From matrices to partial non-deterministic matrices

- Non-determinism (1980s Kearns, Lev; 2001, Avron *et al.*)
- Partiality (2013, Baaz, Lahav, Zamansky)
- Finite-valued semantics for logics not characterizable by finite matrices
- Compositionality results and bridge with analytic calculi

Definition

A **PNmatrix** over a signature Σ is a tuple $\mathbb{M} = \langle A, \cdot_{\mathbb{M}}, D \rangle$

- A is the set of truth-values,
- $D \subseteq A$ is the set of designated truth-values,
- for every $\odot \in \Sigma^{(n)}$, $\odot_{\mathbb{M}} : A^n \rightarrow \wp(A)$ is the interpretation of $\odot$ in $\mathbb{M}$.

Total if the $\odot_{\mathbb{M}}(\vec{a})$ are non-empty (Nmatrix), *partial* (Pmatrix) if either singletons or empty and *deterministic* (or matrix) if all singletons.

A **valuation** $v \in \text{Val}(\mathbb{M})$ is a function $v : \text{Fm} \rightarrow A$ s.t.

$$v(\odot(\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_n)) \in \odot_{\mathbb{M}}(v(\varphi_1), \dots, v(\varphi_n)).$$

Partiality restricts which sets of values can coexist in one valuation.

PNmatrix Semantics

Set $\times$ Set: Scottian consequence relation

$$\Gamma \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}} \Delta$$

iff no valuation v over $\mathbb{M} = \langle A, \cdot_{\mathbb{M}}, D \rangle$ designates every premise in Γ while designating no conclusion in Δ :

$$v(\Gamma) \subseteq D \quad \text{and} \quad v(\Delta) \subseteq A \setminus D.$$

Thm and Set $\times$ Fmla as fragments

- Theorems (Thm): $\text{Thm}_{\mathbb{M}} = \{\varphi : \emptyset \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}} \{\varphi\}\}$
- Tarskian consequence relation (Set $\times$ Fmla): $\Gamma \vdash_{\mathbb{M}} \varphi$ iff $\Gamma \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}} \{\varphi\}$

Total components

Definition

For $X \subseteq A$, let $\mathbb{M}_X$ be the restriction of $\mathbb{M}$ to X :

$$\mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{M}_X}(a_1, \dots, a_k) := \mathbb{C}_{\mathbb{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_k) \cap X.$$

A non-empty X is a *total component* if every entry of $\mathbb{M}_X$ is non-empty.

PNmatrices pack Nmatrices

A PNmatrix packs a family of Nmatrices together: an empty entry simply forbids a valuation from crossing between components.

$$\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}} = \bigcap_{X \in \text{TotComp}(\mathbb{M})} \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_X}, \quad \vdash_{\mathbb{M}} = \bigcap_X \vdash_{\mathbb{M}_X}, \quad \text{Thm}_{\mathbb{M}} = \bigcap_X \text{Thm}_{\mathbb{M}_X}.$$

Subcase: deterministic total components

If every $\mathbb{M}_X$, with $X \in \text{TotComp}(\mathbb{M})$, is deterministic, then $\mathbb{M}$ is just packaging a finite family of finite matrices.

Two finite-valued PNmatrices

Modal logic without possible worlds (Kearns 1981)

$$\mathbb{K} = \langle \{F, f, t, T\}, \cdot_{\mathbb{K}}, \{t, T\} \rangle$$

$\vee_{\mathbb{K}}$	F	f	t	T	$\rightarrow_{\mathbb{K}}$	F	f	t	T		$\neg_{\mathbb{K}}$	$\Box_{\mathbb{K}}$
F	F	f	t	T	F	T	T	T	T	F	T	F, f
f	f	f	t, T	T	f	t	t, T	t, T	T	f	t	F, f
t	t	t, T	t, T	T	t	f	f	t, T	T	t	f	F, f
T	T	T	T	T	T	F	f	t	T	T	F	t, T

Processors dealing with multiple-sources (Avron&Ben-Naim&Konikowska 2007)

$$\mathbb{S} = \langle \{f, \perp, \top, t\}, \cdot_{\mathbb{S}}, \{\top, t\} \rangle$$

$\wedge_{\mathbb{S}}$	f	$\perp$	$\top$	t	$\vee_{\mathbb{S}}$	f	$\perp$	$\top$	t		$\neg_{\mathbb{S}}$
f	f	f	f	f	f	$f, \top$	$t, \perp$	$\top$	t	f	t
$\perp$	f	$f, \perp$	f	$f, \perp$	$\perp$	$t, \perp$	$t, \perp$	t	t	$\perp$	$\perp$
$\top$	f	f	$\top$	$\top$	$\top$	$\top$	t	$\top$	t	$\top$	$\top$
t	f	$f, \perp$	$\top$	$t, \top$	t	t	t	t	t	t	f

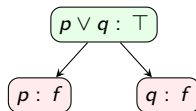
$$\triangleright_S \not\equiv \triangleright_K$$

Comparing their $\{\vee\}$ -fragment

Take $\Upsilon = \{p, q, p \vee q\}$, finite and subformula-closed.

Green = designated, Red = undesignated.

Try the valuation $v(p) = v(q) = f$:



- $p \vee q \not\triangleright_S p, q$: $D_S = \{\top, t\}$ and $f \vee_S f = \{f, \top\}$, so take $v(p \vee q) = \top$.

- $p \vee q \triangleright_K p, q$: $D_K = \{t, T\}$; with $v(p), v(q) \in \{F, f\}$,

$\vee_K$	F	f
F	F	f
f	f	f

keeps $v(p \vee q) \in \{F, f\} \notin D_K$.

Motivation: when does $\triangleright_{\mathcal{M}} \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathcal{M}/\equiv}$? (Set $\times$ Set)

$\mathcal{M}$ a class of matrices [Czelakowski 1983]

$$\text{Matr}(\triangleright_{\mathcal{M}}) = \overleftarrow{H}_s H_s S P_u(\mathcal{M}).$$

H_s : strict homomorphic images (quotients by a congruence compatible with designation). $\overleftarrow{H}_s$: strict homomorphic preimages. S : submatrices. P_u : ultraproducts.

- H_s -image is a quotient by an (operationally well-understood) congruence $\equiv$, and $\triangleright_{\mathcal{M}} = \triangleright_{\mathcal{M}/\equiv}$

$\mathcal{M}$ a class of Nmatrices [Caleiro, M & Riveccio 2023]

$$\text{Nmatr}(\triangleright_{\mathcal{M}}) = H_s^{\triangleright} \overleftarrow{H}_s S P_u(\mathcal{M}).$$

- In Nmatrices it makes sense to make quotients by arbitrary equivalence relations $\equiv$ compatible with designated values.
- **Always have** $\triangleright_{\mathcal{M}/\equiv} \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathcal{M}}$ but not necessarily $\triangleright_{\mathcal{M}/\equiv} = \triangleright_{\mathcal{M}}$
- H_s is replaced by $H_s^{\triangleright} := \{\triangleright\text{-sound images}\}$.

Congruences, where art thou?

For matrices

On a matrix the congruences compatible with the designated values form a lattice with a maximum (the Leibniz congruence), giving a unique reduced model.

Nmatrices: this breaks

$\exists \mathbb{M}$ with $\mathbb{M}/\equiv_{01}$, $\mathbb{M}/\equiv_{12}$ both $\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}}$ -sound, but no $\equiv \supseteq \equiv_{01} \cup \equiv_{12}$ stays compatible *and* sound.

- No join, no canonical max: “the” reduced model doesn’t exist.
- Still, we want the **generalization of the Leibniz operator**: for matrices it gives one reduced model, but for (P)Nmatrices the set of maximal sound $\equiv$ ’s (Nmatrix congruences) and their quotients $\mathbb{M}/\equiv$ (the reduced models). The comparison problem is a first step.

The problem: comparing logics defined by finite PNmatrices

Given two finite semantic presentations $\mathbb{M}_1, \mathbb{M}_2$, can we effectively decide whether the logic defined by $\mathbb{M}_1$ is included in the logic defined by $\mathbb{M}_2$?



- 1 Parameters: the notion of logic ($\text{Thm}, \text{Set} \times \text{Fmla}, \text{Set} \times \text{Set}$) and of the structures used to present it ((P)(N)matrices).
- 2 For Finite logical matrices: comparison decidable.
- 3 With non-determinism: $\text{Thm-}, \text{Set} \times \text{Fmla}$ -comparison undecidable;
 $\text{Set} \times \text{Set}$ -comparison **OPEN**.

Spoiler: Good problems bite back



Plan: encode $\triangleright_{M_1} \overset{?}{\subseteq} \triangleright_{M_2}$
in WSkS.



Implement the encoding
in a WSkS solver
(MONA).



Wait: SameForm is not
WSkS.

Decidability direction: WSkS reduction was
wrong, we found out when **implementing** in
MONA.



Undecidability direction: We have not been able
to adapt the strategies for undecidability of
 $\text{Thm}, \text{Set} \times \text{Fmla}$ to $\text{Set} \times \text{Set}$.



Finite logical matrices: folklore

Finite set of formulas suffices

For finite logical matrices $\mathbb{M}_1 = \langle A_1, \cdot_{\mathbb{M}_1}, D_1 \rangle$ and $\mathbb{M}_2 = \langle A_2, \cdot_{\mathbb{M}_2}, D_2 \rangle$, let

$$m = \max(|A_1|, |A_2|).$$

To compare their induced logics, it is enough to test formulas in Fm_m .

For $\varphi \in \text{Fm}_m$, let $[\varphi]_i$ be its term-function in $\mathbb{M}_i$. Finitely many pairs $([\varphi]_1, [\varphi]_2)$ exist, so closing P_m under the connectives, adding a formula only for new pairs, terminates in a finite $\Theta \subseteq \text{Fm}_m$ with

$$\forall \varphi \in \text{Fm}_m \exists \varphi^* \in \Theta : \varphi \Vdash_1 \varphi^* \text{ and } \varphi \Vdash_2 \varphi^*.$$

For comparing $\text{Thm} (\emptyset \triangleright_i \varphi)$, $\text{Set} \times \text{Fmla} (\Gamma \triangleright_i \varphi)$, and $\text{Set} \times \text{Set} (\Gamma \triangleright_i \Delta)$ testing $\varphi, \Gamma, \Delta \subseteq \Theta$ is enough.

Set $\times$ Set-logics seem easier to compare (Czelakowski 1983)

For finite $\mathbb{M}_1, \mathbb{M}_2$,

$$\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_1}^{\text{Set} \times \text{Set}} = \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_2}^{\text{Set} \times \text{Set}} \iff \mathbb{M}_1^* \cong \mathbb{M}_2^*.$$

Non-determinism breaks the argument

Deterministic case: local tabularity

For a finite matrix $\mathbb{M}$, $\text{Fm}_n / \dashv\vdash_{\mathbb{M}}$ is finite.

φ induces a term-function $[\varphi]_i$. If $[\varphi]_i = [\psi]_i$ (same function), then $\varphi \dashv\vdash_i \psi$.

Non-determinism: local tabularity lost...

For $\varphi \in \text{Fm}_n$ with variables $p_1, \dots, p_n$, let its *multifunction* $[\varphi]_{\mathbb{M}} : A^n \rightarrow \wp(A)$ be

$$[\varphi]_{\mathbb{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \{v(\varphi) : v \in \text{Val}(\mathbb{M}), v(p_i) = a_i, 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

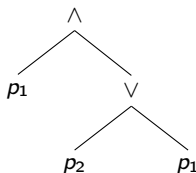
Then $[\varphi]_{\mathbb{M}} = [\psi]_{\mathbb{M}}$ need not give $\varphi \dashv\vdash_{\mathbb{M}} \psi$: $\text{Fm}_n / \dashv\vdash_{\mathbb{M}}$ not always finite. Worse

$$[\varphi \odot \psi]_{\mathbb{M}}(\vec{a}) \subseteq \bigcup_{x \in [\varphi]_{\mathbb{M}}(\vec{a}), y \in [\psi]_{\mathbb{M}}(\vec{a})} \odot_{\mathbb{M}}(x, y),$$

possibly *strictly*; depends on shared subformulas, syntax dependent.

Formulas as Trees

- If maximum arity of the connectives is k , then the set of all formulas can be seen as a k -ary tree (or forest).
- More generally, a finite *set of formulas closed under subformulas* is encoded by marking finitely many such tree positions; repeated subformulas may occur at different nodes.



We **decorate** the tree using various predicates:

- one for each variable P_i for $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$
- one for each connective, C_f for $f \in \Sigma$
- one for each truth value (under a valuation), V_a for $a \in A$
- one for the associated bivaluation, B

The WSkS strategy

Recall: formulas are labelled trees (P_i, C_f) ; valuations and bivaluations add labels (V_a, B)

- For a bivaluation b , write $B_\Upsilon = \{b|_\Upsilon : b \in B\}$. Then

$$\triangleright_{M_1}^n \subseteq \triangleright_{M_2}^n \quad \text{iff} \quad (B_{M_2})_\Upsilon \subseteq (B_{M_1})_\Upsilon \quad \text{for every finite } \Upsilon = \text{sub}(\Upsilon) \subseteq \text{Fm}_n.$$

- Shared vocabulary is only P_i, C_f, B (V_a is internal to each M_i , witnessed existentially).
- The question:** are the M_2 -labelled trees contained in the M_1 -labelled trees?

Why WSkS

Logic of labelled k -ary trees, quantifying over **finite sets of nodes** (MSO); **decidable** (Rabin, 1969). The predicate vocabulary is finite, P_i (n variables), C_f ($f \in \Sigma$), V_a ($a \in A$), B . Only the number of variables n is unbounded, so it must be *fixed* before the encoding is written.

Everything we need to encode

A labelling of the tree must be checkable, in WSkS, as a legal Υ -bivaluation pattern:

- **Well-formed formulas:** each node has exactly one P_i or C_f , arities match.
- **Legal valuation:** at a C_f -node with children $x_1, \dots, x_k$, V_a holds only for $a \in f_{\mathbb{M}}(a_1, \dots, a_k)$, a_j the child values.
- **Valuation Coherence:** same subformula, same value:

$$\text{SameForm}(x, y) \rightarrow (V_a(x) \leftrightarrow V_a(y)) \text{ for all } a.$$

- **Designation:** $B(x) \leftrightarrow \bigvee_{a \in D} V_a(x)$.
- **Inside a total component:** all values forced into a single total component,

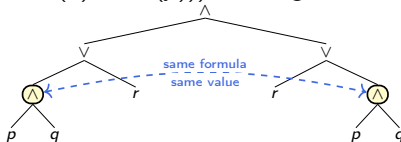
$$\bigvee_{X \in \text{TotComp}(\mathbb{M})} \forall x \bigvee_{a \in X} V_a(x).$$

One of these is not like the others

SameForm was where the encoding broke down.

Where the encoding breaks

Same subformula $\Rightarrow$ same value; easy for variables
 $(\bigwedge_{i,a} (P_i(x) \wedge P_i(y) \rightarrow V_a(x) \leftrightarrow V_a(y)))$, but in general:



The slipped step: SameForm is not a WSkS formula

$$\text{SameForm}(\vec{S}, x, y) := \bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq n} (P_i(x) \leftrightarrow P_i(y)) \wedge \bigwedge_{f \in \Sigma} (C_f(x) \leftrightarrow C_f(y)) \wedge \\ \bigwedge_{1 \leq j \leq k} ((\text{IsForm}(\vec{S}, x_j) \vee \text{IsForm}(\vec{S}, y_j)) \rightarrow \text{SameForm}(\vec{S}, x_j, y_j))$$

SameForm appears on *both* sides, recursion, not allowed in WSkS! A genuinely *binary* predicate on nodes seems to be needed, not allowed in WSkS!

What nondeterminism adds: with a genuine non-deterministic connective (e.g. $t \wedge_S t = \{t, \top\}$), we need to force two occurrences of the same formula to have the same value, which we failed express within the WSkS.

Error found during implementation

Not caught on paper

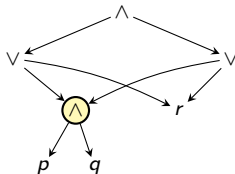
This was not caught by inspecting the construction, only when implementing in MONA (a concrete WSkS solver).



When the idea survives

Exactly when the input PNmatrices are (packaging) a finite set of deterministic matrices, where no binary predicate is needed.

The undecidability of the Thm and Set $\times$ Fmla comparison



Dag-Automata universality problem = $\exists \text{Thm}$ (for Nmatrices)

A term-DAG never repeats an isomorphic closed subgraph. Build $\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{A}}$ from $\mathcal{A} = \langle \Sigma, Q, F, \delta \rangle$ with $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{A}) = \text{Fm}(\emptyset) \setminus \text{Thm}(\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{A}})$, so

$$\mathcal{A} \text{ universal} \iff \text{Thm}(\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{A}}) = \emptyset = \text{Thm}(\mathbf{2}_{\text{unc}}).$$

Here $\mathbf{2}_{\text{unc}} = \langle \{0, 1\}, \cdot_{\text{unc}}, \{1\} \rangle$, $f_{\text{unc}}(\vec{x}) = \{0, 1\}$ (no theorems).

Thm, Set $\times$ Fmla undecidable; Set $\times$ Set a road block

$\exists \text{Thm}$ is undecidable for Nmatrices, so Thm-comparison is and Set $\times$ Fmla, via a finiteness-preserving operation onto the *smallest* Set $\times$ Fmla-logic with the same theorems. For Set $\times$ Set that operation is *not* minimal: the reduction breaks, Set $\times$ Set stays **open**, perhaps even decidable.

Corrected positive result

Fixed-variable Set $\times$ Set-comparison

For every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, the problem of deciding whether

$$\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_1}^n \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_2}^n$$

is decidable for finite Σ -PNmatrices $\mathbb{M}_1, \mathbb{M}_2$ whose maximal total components are deterministic.

The WSkS reduction:

$$\Phi_{\mathbb{M}_1 \mathbb{M}_2}^n := \forall \vec{S} \vec{B}. ((\text{IsSetOfForm}(\vec{S}) \wedge \text{Bival}_{\mathbb{M}_2}^{\text{detTC}}(\vec{S}, \vec{B})) \rightarrow \text{Bival}_{\mathbb{M}_1}^{\text{detTC}}(\vec{S}, \vec{B})).$$

$$\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_1}^n \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_2}^n \iff \Phi_{\mathbb{M}_1 \mathbb{M}_2}^n \text{ is valid in WSkS.}$$

What WSkS does here

Checks whether every $\mathbb{M}_2$ -bivaluation is also an $\mathbb{M}_1$ -bivaluation. $\text{Bival}^{\text{detTC}}$ replaces the formula SameForm by SameVar.

Bounded-depth variant. For a fixed depth k , one may instead replace SameForm by the finite WSkS unrolling $\text{SameForm}_{\leq k}$, provided IsSetOfForm is also changed so that every formula satisfies $\text{IsForm}_{\leq k}$.

Packaging Kleene's logic of order into a Pmatrix

Packaging by partiality

Kleene's logic of order can be presented by a family of deterministic matrices, for example

$$\text{Log}\{\langle K_3, \{1\} \rangle, \langle K_3, \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\} \rangle\}.$$

Order-preserving logics record more than preservation of a single designated set.

Package both as one PNmatrix over $\{0, a, b, 1\}$ with $D = \{b, 1\}$: a plays $\frac{1}{2}$ under D_1 ,
 b plays $\frac{1}{2}$ under D_2 .

$\wedge$	0	a	b	1	$\times$	$\neg x$
0	0	0	0	0	0	1
a	0	a	$\emptyset$	a	a	a
b	0	$\emptyset$	b	b	b	b
1	0	a	b	1	1	0

$\vee$ mirrors $\wedge$: singleton or $\emptyset$ everywhere, never a real choice.

Packaging OL_3 's logic of order into a PNmatrix

Every entry of the Kleene PNmatrix above has size ≤ 1 (only *partiality*, never real choice).

Instead, consider $OL_3 = \langle \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\}; \wedge, \vee, \rightarrow, \neg \rangle$: $\text{Log}\langle OL_3, \{\frac{1}{2}\} \rangle$ versus $\text{Log}\langle OL_3, \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\} \rangle$, packaged by doubling 1 into $1^-, 1^+$ with a *single* $D = \{\frac{1}{2}, 1^+\}$.

$\wedge$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1^-	1^+
0	0	0	0	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	1^-	1^+
1^-	0	1^-	1^-	$\emptyset$
1^+	0	1^+	$\emptyset$	1^+

$\neg x$	x
$1^-, 1^+$	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	1^-
0	1^+

$\vee, \rightarrow$ likewise: singleton or $\emptyset$ everywhere.

Still “fake” nondeterminism

$\neg(0) = \{1^-, 1^+\}$ seems genuinely non-deterministic. Yet erasing 1^- gives $D \cap X = \{\frac{1}{2}, 1\}$, erasing 1^+ gives $D \cap X = \{\frac{1}{2}\}$: each a deterministic OL_3 matrix. Both maximal total components are still deterministic.

Comparing logics of finite sets of finite matrices, still folklore

Same argument, now simultaneous

Deterministic total components mean $\mathbb{M}_1$ is, semantically, a finite family of matrices $\mathbb{M}_{1,1}, \dots, \mathbb{M}_{1,k_1}$, and likewise $\mathbb{M}_2$ is $\mathbb{M}_{2,1}, \dots, \mathbb{M}_{2,k_2}$, with $\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_i} = \bigcap_j \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_{i,j}}$. For $\varphi \in \text{Fm}_m$ use the simultaneous tuple

$$[\varphi]^\# = ([\varphi]_{1,1}, \dots, [\varphi]_{1,k_1}, [\varphi]_{2,1}, \dots, [\varphi]_{2,k_2}),$$

where each coordinate is the term-function of φ in that component. Again, there is a finite Θ such that every $\varphi \in \text{Fm}_m$ has a representative $\varphi^* \in \Theta$ with the same term-function in every total component of both PNmatrices.

Finite variables are enough

In particular,

$$n = \max\{|X| : X \in \text{TotComp}(\mathbb{M}_1) \cup \text{TotComp}(\mathbb{M}_2)\}.$$

Then $\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_1} \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_2} \iff \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_1}^n \subseteq \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}_2}^n$.

So what did WSkS actually buy us?

No new decidability

The reduction only reaches PNmatrices with deterministic maximal total components, i.e. finite families of matrices, where $\text{Set} \times \text{Set}$ -comparison was *already* decidable by standard means.

Practical upside

Still, WSkS handles the *packaged* object directly (one MONA run on M_1, M_2 as given), and the encoding yields benchmark formulas for MONA and other WSkS solvers.

Final remarks

Summary

- The WSkS reduction survives exactly when the PNmatrices in play are (packaging) a finite set of deterministic matrices.
- This strategy highlights the connection to automata-theoretic methods and how non-determinism pushes beyond the limits of WSkS.

So the problem remains open

- **In the positive direction:** For bounded n , try to encode the problem in a decidable logic *extending* WSkS. Suggestions?
 - $n = \omega$ would be covered if finite PNmatrices axiomatizable with a computable number of variables, also open! (true for monadic ones: $\max \text{Arity}(\Sigma) + 1$).
 - Finding the right notion of *congruence* for PNmatrices would need just the subproblem $\triangleright_{\mathbb{M}} \overset{?}{\subseteq} \triangleright_{\mathbb{M}} / \equiv$ decidable. Can it be easier?
- **In the negative direction:** Try to extend the DAG-automata/Counter Machines undecidability strategy to $\text{Set} \times \text{Set}$...pick other undecidable problems? Suggestions?

Thank you!

