

Approximate by Thinning: Deriving Fully Polynomial-Time Approximation Schemes Supplementary Proofs

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For the next few proofs, recall condition 3 of Theorem 6:

$$S^\dagger \circ F[Q]_\star^\delta \subseteq [Q]_+^\delta \circ S^\dagger$$

1 Proofs Regarding the 0-1 Knapsack Problem

Let $S = [nil, S']$ where $S' = scon\ s \cup snd$ and let \preceq^- be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} x \preceq^\delta y &\equiv x \leq_v^\delta y \wedge x \geq_w y \\ x \leq_v^\delta y &\equiv vx \leq \delta \cdot vy. \end{aligned}$$

We check that, letting $Q := (\preceq^-)$, S and \preceq^- satisfy condition 3. Note that $S^\dagger = [\langle nil, const\ 1 \rangle, \langle S' \circ (id \times fst), suc \circ snd \circ snd \rangle]$. Base case:

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle nil, const\ 1 \rangle \subseteq [\preceq^-]_+^\delta \circ \langle nil, const\ 1 \rangle \\ &\equiv ([], 1) \Leftarrow [\preceq^-]_+^\delta ([], 1) \\ &\equiv \{ \text{definition of } [\preceq^-]_+^\delta \} \\ &([], 1) \preceq^{\delta^0} ([], 1) \\ &\equiv \{ \text{definition of } \preceq^\delta \} \\ &[] \leq_v [] \wedge [] \geq_w [] \\ &\equiv \text{true}. \end{aligned}$$

For the non-empty case, let $S' = scon\ s \cup snd$, we need that for $a :: Item$, $x_1, y_1, y_2 :: [Item]$, $n :: \mathbb{N}$, and $\delta :: \mathbb{R} \geq 1$:

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, n+1) \Leftarrow S'^\dagger(a, (y_1, n)) \wedge (y_1, n) \Leftarrow [\preceq^-]_\star^\delta(y_2, n) &\Rightarrow \\ (\exists x_2 | : (x_1, n+1) \Leftarrow [\preceq^-]_+^\delta(x_2, n+1) \wedge & \\ (x_2, n+1) \Leftarrow S'^\dagger(a, (y_2, n))). & \end{aligned}$$

Expanding the liftings, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 \leftarrow S' (a, y_1) \wedge y_1 \preceq^{\delta^n} y_2 &\Rightarrow \\ (\exists x_2 \mid x_1 \preceq^{\delta^n} x_2 \wedge x_2 \leftarrow S' (a, y_2)). & \end{aligned}$$

Case: $x_1 = y_1$. Choose $x_2 = y_2$. Using the assumption we immediately have $x_1 = y_1 \preceq^{\delta^n} y_2 = x_2$.

Case: $x_1 = a : y_1$. Choose $x_2 = a : y_2$. We then have to show that $a : y_1 \preceq^{\delta^n} a : y_2$, that is, $a : y_1 \leq_v^{\delta^n} a : y_2 \wedge a : y_1 \geq_w a : y_2$. To show that $a : y_1 \leq_v^{\delta^n} a : y_2$, we reason:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{value } (a : y_1) \\ &= \text{value } a + \text{value } y_1 \\ &\leq \{ \text{since } y_1 \preceq^{\delta^n} y_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \leq^{\delta^n} y_2 \} \\ & \quad \text{value } a + \delta^n \cdot \text{value } y_2 \\ &\leq \{ \text{since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\ & \quad \delta^n \cdot \text{value } a + \delta^n \cdot \text{value } y_2 \\ &= \delta^n \cdot \text{value } (a : y_2). \end{aligned}$$

To show that $a : y_1 \geq_w a : y_2$, we reason:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{weight } (a : y_1) \\ &= \text{weight } a + \text{weight } y_1 \\ &\geq \{ \text{since } y_1 \preceq^{\delta^n} y_2 \Rightarrow y_1 \geq_w y_2 \} \\ &= \text{weight } a + \text{weight } y_2 \\ &= \text{weight } (a : y_2). \end{aligned}$$

Note that, since $\text{weight } (a : y_1) \leq W$, the above also implies that $\text{weight } (a : y_2) \leq W$.

2 Proofs Regarding Minimising Total Late Work

Let $S = [\langle \text{nil}, \text{nil} \rangle, S']$ where $S' = \text{work} \cup \text{drop}$ and let \succeq^- be defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, y_1) \succeq^{\delta} (x_2, y_2) &\equiv (x_1, y_1) \geq_p^{\delta} (x_2, y_2) \wedge \\ & \quad \text{totalspan } x_1 \geq \text{totalspan } x_2, \end{aligned}$$

We check that S and $Q := \succeq^-$ satisfies condition 3. Note that

$$S^\dagger = [\langle \langle \text{nil}, \text{nil} \rangle, \text{const } 2 \rangle, \langle S' \circ (\text{fst} \times \text{id}), \text{suc} \circ \text{snd} \circ \text{fst} \rangle].$$

Base case:

$$\langle \langle \text{nil}, \text{nil} \rangle, \text{const } 2 \rangle \subseteq [\preceq^-]_+^{\delta} \circ \langle \langle \text{nil}, \text{nil} \rangle, \text{const } 2 \rangle$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\equiv (([], []), 2) \leftarrow [\succeq^-]_+^\delta (([], []), 2) \\
&\equiv \{ \text{definition of } [\succeq^-]_+^\delta \} \\
&\quad ([], 1) \succeq^{\delta^2} ([], 1) \\
&\equiv \{ \text{definition of } \succeq^- \} \\
&\quad ([], []) \succeq_p^{\delta^2} ([], []) \wedge \text{totalspan } [] \geq \text{totalspan } [] \\
&\equiv \text{true}.
\end{aligned}$$

The inductive case simplifies to that for all $zw_1, xy_1, xy_2 :: \text{Sche}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
zw_1 \leftarrow S' (xy_1, a) \wedge xy_1 \succeq^{\delta^n} xy_2 &\Rightarrow \\
(\exists zw_2 \mid : zw_1 \succeq^{\delta^n} zw_2 \wedge zw_2 \leftarrow S' (xy_2, a)). &
\end{aligned}$$

Let $xy_1 = (x_1, y_1) \succeq^\delta (x_2, y_2) = xy_2$.

Case $zw_1 = \text{work } ((x_1, y_1), a) = (x_1 \triangleright a, y_1)$. We choose $zw_2 = (x_2 \triangleright a, y_2)$. Certainly, $\text{totalspan } (x_1 \triangleright a) \geq \text{totalspan } (x_2 \triangleright a)$. To show that $zw_1 \succeq_p^{\delta^n} zw_2$ we reason (abbreviating *penalty* to p):

$$\begin{aligned}
&\delta^n \cdot p (x_1 \triangleright a, y_1) \\
&= \delta^n \cdot ((\text{span } a + \text{totalspan } x_1 - \text{due } a) \uparrow 0) + \delta^n \cdot p (x_1, y_1) \\
&\geq \{ \text{since } \delta^n \cdot p (x_1, y_1) \geq p(x_2, y_2) \} \\
&\quad \delta^n \cdot ((\text{span } a + \text{totalspan } x_1 - \text{due } a) \uparrow 0) + p (x_2, y_2) \\
&\geq \{ \text{since } \text{totalspan } x_1 \geq \text{totalspan } x_2 \} \\
&\quad \delta^n \cdot ((\text{span } a + \text{totalspan } x_2 - \text{due } a) \uparrow 0) + p (x_2, y_2) \\
&> \{ \text{since } \delta > 1 \} \\
&\quad ((\text{span } a + \text{totalspan } x_2 - \text{due } a) \uparrow 0) + p (x_2, y_2) \\
&= p (x_2 \triangleright a, y_2).
\end{aligned}$$

Case $zw_1 = \text{drop } ((x_1, y_1), a) = (x_1, y_1 \triangleright a)$. We choose $zw_2 = (x_2, y_2 \triangleright a)$. It is still true that $\text{totalspan } x_1 \geq \text{totalspan } x_2$. To show that $zw_1 \succeq_p^{\delta^n} zw_2$ we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\delta^n \cdot p (x_1, y_1 \triangleright a) \\
&= \delta^n \cdot (\text{delays } x_1 + \text{totalspan } y_1 + \text{span } a) \\
&\geq \{ \text{since } xy_1 \succeq_p^{\delta^n} xy_2 \} \\
&= \text{delays } x_2 + \text{totalspan } y_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{span } a \\
&\geq \{ \text{since } \delta > 1 \} \\
&= \text{delays } x_2 + \text{totalspan } y_2 + \text{span } a \\
&= p (x_2, y_2 \triangleright a).
\end{aligned}$$

3 Proofs Regarding the Tree Partitioning Problem

Let $(\preceq^\delta) = (\preceq_s^\delta) \cup (\preceq_d^\delta)$, where \preceq_s^δ and \preceq_d^δ are defined by:

$$\begin{aligned} (t, ts) \preceq_s^\delta (u, us) &\equiv \text{existsS } t \wedge \text{existsS } u \wedge \\ &\quad (t, ts) \leq_{\text{ff}}^\delta (u, us) \wedge t \leq_m u, \\ (t, ts) \preceq_d^\delta (u, us) &\equiv \text{allD } t \wedge \text{allD } u \wedge \\ &\quad (t, ts) \leq_{\text{ex}}^\delta (u, us) \wedge t \geq_d u. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore, $\preceq_{\text{ex}}^\delta$ is defined by:

$$(t, ts) \preceq_{\text{ex}}^\delta (u, us) \equiv \text{demand } t + \text{fulfilment } ts \leq \text{demand } u + \delta \cdot \text{fulfilment } us.$$

Lemma 1.

$$(t, ts) \preceq_d^\delta (u, us) \Rightarrow ts \leq_{\text{ff}}^\delta us \Rightarrow (t, ts) \leq_{\text{ff}}^\delta (u, us).$$

Proof. We abbreviate *demand* to *d*. To prove the first implication:

$$\begin{aligned} &(t, ts) \preceq_d^\delta (u, us) \\ \Rightarrow &(t, ts) \preceq_{\text{ex}}^\delta (u, us) \wedge t \geq_d u \\ \equiv &dt + \text{ff } ts \leq du + \delta \cdot \text{ff } us \wedge t \geq_d u \\ \Rightarrow &\{ \text{using } t \geq_d u \} \\ &dt + \text{ff } ts \leq dt + \delta \cdot \text{ff } us \\ \equiv &\text{ff } ts \leq \delta \cdot \text{ff } us. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the penultimate step would not go through had the righthand side be $\delta \cdot (du + \text{ff } us)$. The second implication is immediate since $\text{ff } t = \text{ff } u = 0$. \square

The condition 3 in Theorem 6 we need to show is that for all $tts_1, uus_1, vvs_1 :: \text{Part}$ (where $i \in \{1, 2\}$), and $m, n : \mathbb{N}$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} &tts_1 \leftarrow S (uus_1, vvs_1) \wedge uus_1 \preceq^{\delta^m} uus_2 \wedge vvs_1 \preceq^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \\ \Rightarrow &(\exists tts_2 : tts_1 \preceq^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge tts_2 \leftarrow S (uus_2, vvs_2)), \end{aligned}$$

where $S = \text{felink} \cup \text{sep}$. Note the superscript: if uus_2 subsumes uus_1 by δ^m and vvs_2 subsumes vvs_1 by δ^n , we want tts_2 to subsume tts_1 by δ^{m+n} .

Let $uus_i = (u_i, us_i)$ and similarly for tts_i and vvs_i , for $i \in \{1, 2\}$.

Case 1. *allD* u_i and *allD* v_i . That is, $uus_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^m} uus_2 \wedge vvs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vvs_2$. We further distinguish between two cases:

Case 1.1. $tts_1 = \text{sep}(uus_1, vvs_1) = (v_1, \uparrow u_1] \cup us_1 \cup vs_1$.

For this case we pick $tts_2 = (v_2, \lceil u_2 \rceil \cup us_2 \cup vs_2)$. The task is to show that $tts_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, which expands to

$$tts_1 \preceq_{ex}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge v_1 \geq_d v_2.$$

To show that $tts_1 \preceq_{ex}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, we reason:

$$\begin{aligned} & d v_1 + \text{ff } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\ \leq & \{ \text{ since } u_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^m} us_2 \text{ and thus } u_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^m} us_2 \} \\ & d v_1 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\ \leq & \{ \text{ since } vs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vs_2 \text{ and thus } vs_1 \leq_{ex}^{\delta^n} vs_2 \} \\ & d v_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\ \leq & \{ \text{ since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\ & d v_2 + \delta^{m+n} \cdot (\text{ff } u_2 + \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_2). \end{aligned}$$

That $v_1 \geq_d v_2$ follows from $vs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vs_2$.

Case 1.2. $tts_1 = \text{felink}(u_1, vs_1) = (\mathbf{N}a(u_1 : ws_1), u_1 \cup vs_1)$, where $\mathbf{N}a ws_1 = v_1$. For this case, we pick $tts_2 = (\mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2), u_2 \cup vs_2)$, where $\mathbf{N}a ws_2 = v_2$. Since none of u_i and v_i contain supply nodes, both of the new roots are feasible.

The task is to show that $tts_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, which expands to

$$tts_1 \preceq_{ex}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge \mathbf{N}a(u_1 : ws_1) \geq_d \mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2).$$

For $tts_1 \preceq_{ex}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$ we reason:

$$\begin{aligned} & d(\mathbf{N}a(u_1 : ws_1)) + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\ = & da + du_1 + dws_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\ = & d v_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 + du_1 + \text{ff } us_1 \\ \leq & \{ \text{ since } u_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^m} us_2 \text{ and thus } u_1 \leq_{ex}^{\delta^m} us_2 \} \\ & d v_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 + du_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 \\ \leq & \{ \text{ since } vs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vs_2 \text{ and thus } vs_1 \leq_{ex}^{\delta^n} vs_2 \} \\ & d v_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 + du_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 \\ \leq & \{ \text{ since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\ & d v_2 + \delta^{m+n} \cdot \text{ff } vs_1 + du_2 + \delta^{m+n} \cdot \text{ff } us_2 \\ = & d(\mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2)) + \delta^{m+n} \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_2. \end{aligned}$$

For $\mathbf{N}a(u_1 : ws_1) \geq_d \mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2)$ we reason:

$$\begin{aligned} & d(\mathbf{N}a(u_1 : ws_1)) \\ = & da + du_1 + dws_1 \\ = & d v_1 + du_1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\geq \{ \text{since } uus_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^m} uus_2 \text{ and } vvs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \} \\
&= dv_2 + du_2 \\
&= d(\mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

Case 2: *existsS* u_i and *allD* v_i . That is, $uus_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^m} uus_2$ and $vvs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vvs_2$. We further distinguish between two possible sub-cases:

Case 2.1. tts_1 is generated by *sep*, that is, $tts_1 = (v_1, \lceil u_1 \rceil \cup us_1 \cup vs_1)$. For this case we also pick $tts_2 = (v_2, \lceil u_2 \rceil \cup us_2 \cup vs_2)$. The task is to show that $tts_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, which expands to

$$tts_1 \preceq_{ex}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge v_1 \geq_d v_2.$$

For $tts_1 \preceq_{ex}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$ we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
&d v_1 + \text{ff } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } uus_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^m} uus_2 \text{ and thus } uus_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^m} uus_2 \} \\
&\quad d v_1 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } vvs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \text{ and thus } vvs_1 \leq_{ex}^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \} \\
&\quad d v_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\
&\quad d v_2 + \delta^{m+n} \cdot (\text{ff } u_2 + \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_2).
\end{aligned}$$

That $v_1 \geq_d v_2$ follows immediately from $vvs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vvs_2$.

Case 2.2. tts_1 is generated by *felink*, that is, v_1 can be decomposed into $\mathbf{N}a ws_1$, and $tts_1 = (\mathbf{N}a(u_1 : ws_1), us_1 \cup vs_1)$. For this partition to be feasible, we must have *margin* $u_1 \geq$ *demand* v_1 .

For this case we also decompose v_2 into $\mathbf{N}a ws_2$, and pick $tts_2 = (\mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2), us_2 \cup vs_2)$.

We have to show that $\mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2)$ is feasible, that is

$$\text{margin } u_2 \geq \text{demand } v_2. \tag{1}$$

Then we show that $tts_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, which expands to

$$tts_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge \tag{2}$$

$$\mathbf{N}a(u_1 : ws_1) \leq_m \mathbf{N}a(u_2 : ws_2). \tag{3}$$

For (1), we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{margin } u_2 \\
&\geq \{ \text{since } uus_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^m} uus_2 \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{margin } u_1 \\
& \geq \{ \text{since } \mathbf{N} a (u_1 : ws_1) \text{ is feasible} \} \\
& \quad \text{demand } v_1 \\
& \geq \{ \text{since } vvs_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \} \\
& \quad \text{demand } v_2.
\end{aligned}$$

For (3), we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{margin } (\mathbf{N} a (u_1 : ws_1)) \\
& = \{ \text{the supply node is in } u_1 \} \\
& \quad \text{margin } u_1 - \text{demand } v_1 \\
& \leq \{ \text{since } u_1 \leq_m u_2 \text{ and } v_1 \geq_m v_2 \} \\
& \quad \text{margin } u_2 - \text{demand } v_2 \\
& = \{ \text{the supply node is in } u_2 \} \\
& \quad \text{margin } (\mathbf{N} a (u_2 : ws_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

To show (2), we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{fulfilment } tts_1 \\
& = \text{ff } u_1 + \text{demand } v_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\
& \leq \{ \text{since } uus_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^m} uus_2 \} \\
& \quad \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \text{demand } v_1 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\
& \leq \{ \text{since } vvs_1 \preceq_{ex}^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \} \\
& \quad \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \text{demand } v_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\
& \leq \{ \text{since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\
& \quad \delta^{m+n} \cdot (\text{ff } u_2 + \text{demand } v_2 + \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_2) \\
& = \delta^{m+n} \cdot \text{fulfilment } tts_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Case 3: *allD* u_i and *existsS* v_i . That is, $uus_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^m} uus_2 \wedge vvs_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^n} vvs_2$. We further distinguish between two possible sub-cases:

Case 3.1. tts_1 is generated by *sep*, that is, $tts_1 = (v_1, \lceil u_1 \rceil \cup us_1 \cup vs_1)$. For this case we also pick $tts_2 = (v_2, \lceil u_2 \rceil \cup us_2 \cup vs_2)$. The task is to show that $tts_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, which expands to

$$tts_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge v_1 \leq_m v_2.$$

For $tts_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$ we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{ff } v_1 + \text{ff } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\
& \leq \{ \text{since } vvs_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \text{ and thus } vvs_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } v_2 + \text{ff } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\
\leq & \quad \{ \text{ since } uus_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^m} uus_2 \text{ and thus } uus_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^m} uus_2 \} \\
& \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } v_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\
\leq & \quad \{ \text{ since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\
& \delta^{m+n} \cdot (\text{ff } v_2 + \text{ff } u_2 + \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_2).
\end{aligned}$$

That $v_1 \leq_m v_2$ follows immediately from $vvs_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^n} vvs_2$.

Case 3.2. tts_1 is generated by *felink*, that is, v_1 can be decomposed into $\text{Na } us_1$, and $tts_1 = (\text{Na } (u_1 : ws_1), us_1 \cup vs_1)$. For this partition to be feasible, we must have $\text{margin } v_1 \geq \text{demand } u_1$.

For this case we also decompose v_2 into $\text{Na } ws_2$, and pick $tts_2 = (\text{Na } (u_2 : ws_2), us_2 \cup vs_2)$.

We have to show that $\text{Na } (u_2 : ws_2)$ is feasible, that is

$$\text{margin } v_2 \geq \text{demand } u_2. \quad (4)$$

Then we show that $tts_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, which expands to

$$tts_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge \quad (5)$$

$$\text{Na } (u_1 : ws_1) \leq_m \text{Na } (u_2 : ws_2). \quad (6)$$

For (4), we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{margin } v_2 \\
\geq & \quad \{ \text{ since } vvs_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \} \\
& \text{margin } v_1 \\
\geq & \quad \{ \text{ since } \text{Na } (u_1 : ws_1) \text{ is feasible } \} \\
& \text{demand } u_1 \\
\geq & \quad \{ \text{ since } uus_1 \preceq_d^{\delta^m} uus_2 \} \\
& \text{demand } u_2.
\end{aligned}$$

For (6), we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{margin } (\text{Na } (u_1 : ws_1)) \\
= & \quad \{ \text{ the supply node is in } v_1 \} \\
& \text{margin } v_1 - \text{demand } u_1 \\
\leq & \quad \{ \text{ since } u_1 \leq_m u_2 \text{ and } v_1 \geq_m v_2 \} \\
& \text{margin } v_2 - \text{demand } u_2 \\
= & \quad \{ \text{ the supply node is in } v_2 \} \\
& \text{margin } (\text{Na } (u_2 : ws_2)).
\end{aligned}$$

To show (5), we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{fulfilment } tts_1 \\
&= \text{ff } v_1 + \text{demand } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } vvs_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \} \\
&\quad \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } v_2 + \text{demand } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_1 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } uus_1 \leq_{ex}^{\delta^n} uus_2 \} \\
&\quad \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } v_2 + \text{demand } u_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\
&\quad \delta^{m+n} \cdot (\text{ff } v_2 + \text{demand } u_2 + \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_2) \\
&= \delta^{m+n} \cdot \text{fulfilment } tts_2.
\end{aligned}$$

Case 4: *existsS* u_i and *existsS* v_i . That is, $uus_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^m} uus_2 \wedge vvs_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^n} vvs_2$. For this case the only possibility is to generate tts_1 by *sep*, that is, $tts_1 = (v_1, \lceil u_1 \rceil \cup us_1 \cup vs_1)$. We also pick $tts_2 = (v_2, \lceil u_2 \rceil \cup us_2 \cup vs_2)$. The task is to show that $tts_1 \leq_s^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$, which expands to

$$tts_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2 \wedge v_1 \leq_m v_2.$$

For $tts_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^{m+n}} tts_2$ we reason:

$$\begin{aligned}
& \text{ff } v_1 + \text{ff } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \text{ff } vs_1 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } vvs_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \text{ and thus } vvs_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^n} vvs_2 \} \\
&\quad \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } v_2 + \text{ff } u_1 + \text{ff } us_1 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } uus_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^m} uus_2 \text{ and thus } uus_1 \leq_{\text{ff}}^{\delta^m} uus_2 \} \\
&\quad \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } v_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } u_2 + \delta^m \cdot \text{ff } us_2 + \delta^n \cdot \text{ff } vs_2 \\
&\leq \{ \text{since } \delta \geq 1 \} \\
&\quad \delta^{m+n} \cdot (\text{ff } v_2 + \text{ff } u_2 + \text{ff } us_2 + \text{ff } vs_2).
\end{aligned}$$

That $v_1 \leq_m v_2$ follows immediately from $vvs_1 \preceq_s^{\delta^n} vvs_2$.