

Why one should reset the noninput variables of M if it is used more than once in a program.

Consider the URM M_x^z —that is, URM with input/output choice as shown—below:

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1:  $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
2:  $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
3:  $z \leftarrow 0$ 
4: stop
```

Here $M_x^z = \lambda z.2$.

What happens if we stack two copies of M on top of each other? *Let's choose the same I/O variables.*

We obtain, N_x^z below:

```
1:  $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
2:  $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
3:  $z \leftarrow 0$ 
4:  $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
5:  $x \leftarrow x + 1$ 
6:  $z \leftarrow 0$ 
7: stop
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Note that $N_x^z = \lambda z.4$. *This is odd given that N is*

M
 M

and *each M separately* computes $\lambda z.2$.

What happened?

The bottom M *does not work as expected!* WHY?

Because the noninput variable (x) of the second M was NOT set to 0. The second M starts off with *initial value* for x equal to 2.