

# Semantics and Verification of Software

## Lecture 20: Nondeterminism and Parallelism V (Wrap-Up)

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## Definition (Semantics of CCS)

A process definition  $(A_i(a_{i1}, \dots, a_{ini}) = P_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq k)$  determines the **labeled transition system (LTS)**  $(Prc, Act, \longrightarrow)$  whose transitions can be inferred from the following rules ( $P, P', Q, Q' \in Prc$ ,  $\alpha \in Act$ ,  $\lambda \in N \cup \bar{N}$ ,  $a, b \in N$ ,  $A \in Pid$ ):

$$(Act) \frac{}{\alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P}$$

$$(Com) \frac{P \xrightarrow{\lambda} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{\lambda}} Q'}{P \parallel Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P' \parallel Q'}$$

$$(Sum_1) \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P + Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

$$(Sum_2) \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P + Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}$$

$$(Par_1) \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P \parallel Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \parallel Q}$$

$$(Par_2) \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P \parallel Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P \parallel Q'}$$

$$(New) \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \quad (\alpha \notin \{a, \bar{a}\})}{\text{new } a \, P \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{new } a \, P'}$$

$$(Call) \frac{P[\vec{a} \mapsto \vec{b}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{A(\vec{b}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'} \text{ if } A(\vec{a}) = P$$

(Here  $P[\vec{a} \mapsto \vec{b}]$  denotes the replacement of every  $a_i$  by  $b_i$  in  $P$ .)

# Definition of Strong Bisimulation

## Definition (Strong bisimulation)

A relation  $\rho \subseteq Prc \times Prc$  is called a **strong bisimulation** if  $P\rho Q$  implies, for every  $\alpha \in Act$ ,

- ①  $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \Rightarrow \text{ex. } Q' \in Prc \text{ such that } Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q' \text{ and } P'\rho Q'$
- ②  $Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q' \Rightarrow \text{ex. } P' \in Prc \text{ such that } P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \text{ and } P'\rho Q'$

$P, Q \in Prc$  are called **strongly bisimilar** (notation:  $P \sim Q$ ) if there exists a strong bisimulation  $\rho$  such that  $P\rho Q$ .

## Theorem

$\sim$  is an equivalence relation.

## Proof.

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# The Problem

We now show that the **word problem for strong bisimulation**

Problem (Word problem for strong bisimulation)

Given:  $P, Q \in \text{Prc}$

Question:  $P \sim Q$ ?

is **decidable for finite-state processes** (i.e., for those with  $|\text{Prc}(P)|, |\text{Prc}(Q)| < \infty$  where  $\text{Prc}(P) := \{P' \in \text{Prc} \mid P \rightarrow P'\}$ )  
(in general it is undecidable).

To this aim we give an algorithm which **iteratively partitions** the state set of an LTS such that the single blocks correspond to the  $\sim$ -equivalence classes.

# The Partitioning Algorithm I

## Theorem 20.1 (Partitioning algorithm for $\sim$ )

Input:  $LTS (S, Act, \longrightarrow)$  ( $S$  finite)

- Procedure:
- ① Start with initial partition  $\Pi := \{S\}$
  - ② Let  $B \in \Pi$  be a block and  $\alpha \in Act$  an action
  - ③ For every  $P \in B$ , let
$$\alpha(P) := \{C \in \Pi \mid \text{ex. } P' \in C \text{ with } P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'\}$$
be the set of  $P$ 's  $\alpha$ -successor blocks
  - ④ Partition  $B = \bigcup_{i=1}^k B_i$  such that
$$P, Q \in B_i \iff \alpha(P) = \alpha(Q) \text{ for every } \alpha \in Act$$
  - ⑤ Let  $\Pi := (\Pi \setminus \{B\}) \cup \{B_1, \dots, B_k\}$
  - ⑥ Continue with (2) until  $\Pi$  becomes stable

Output: Partition  $\hat{\Pi}$  of  $S$

Then, for every  $P, Q \in S$ ,

$$P \sim Q \iff \text{ex. } B \in \hat{\Pi} \text{ with } P, Q \in B$$



**Remark:** if states from two disjoint LTSs  $(S_1, Act_1, \longrightarrow_1)$  and  $(S_2, Act_2, \longrightarrow_2)$  (where  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$ ) are to be compared, their union  $(S_1 \cup S_2, Act_1 \cup Act_2, \longrightarrow_1 \cup \longrightarrow_2)$  is chosen as input (here usually  $Act_1 = Act_2$ )

## Example 20.2

Binary semaphore (on the board)

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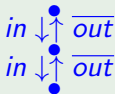
# Inadequacy of Strong Bisimulation

**Observation:** requirement of **exact matching** sometimes too strong

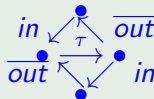
## Example 20.3

Sequential and parallel two-place buffer:

$$\begin{aligned} B_0(in, out) &= in.B_1(in, out) & B_{\parallel}(in, out) &= \text{new } com (B(in, com) \parallel B(com, out)) \\ B_1(in, out) &= \overline{out}.B_0(in, out) + in.B_2(in, out) & B(in, out) &= in.\overline{out}.B(in, out) \\ B_2(in, out) &= \overline{out}.B_1(in, out) \end{aligned}$$



$\not\sim$



# Definition of Weak Bisimulation I

**Idea:** abstract from silent actions

## Definition 20.4

- Given  $w \in Act^*$ ,  $\widehat{w} \in (N \cup \overline{N})^*$  denotes the sequence of non- $\tau$ -actions in  $w$  (in particular,  $\widehat{\tau^n} = \varepsilon$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).
- For  $w = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n \in Act^*$  and  $P, Q \in Prc$ , we let

$$P \xrightarrow{w} Q \iff P (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* \dots (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* Q$$

(and hence:  $\xrightarrow{\varepsilon} = (\xrightarrow{\tau})^*$ ).

- A relation  $\rho \subseteq Prc \times Prc$  is called a **weak bisimulation** if  $P \rho Q$  implies, for every  $\alpha \in Act$ ,
  - $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \Rightarrow \text{ex. } Q' \in Prc \text{ such that } Q \xrightarrow{\widehat{\alpha}} Q' \text{ and } P' \rho Q'$
  - $Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q' \Rightarrow \text{ex. } P' \in Prc \text{ such that } P \xrightarrow{\widehat{\alpha}} P' \text{ and } P' \rho Q'$
- $P, Q \in Prc$  are called **weakly bisimilar** (notation:  $P \approx Q$ ) if there exists a weak bisimulation  $\rho$  such that  $P \rho Q$ .

# Definition of Weak Bisimulation II

**Remark:** each of the two clauses in the definition of weak bisimulation subsumes **two cases**:

- $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$  where  $\alpha \neq \tau$   
 $\Rightarrow$  ex.  $Q' \in Prc$  such that  $Q (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* Q'$  and  $P' \rho Q'$
- $P \xrightarrow{\tau} P'$   
 $\Rightarrow$  ex.  $Q' \in Prc$  such that  $Q (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* Q'$  and  $P' \rho Q'$   
(where  $Q' = Q$  is admissible)

## Example 20.5

Sequential and parallel two-place buffer (on the board)

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# Summary: Nondeterminism and Concurrency

- Requires precise formal description of **parallelism** and **interaction**
- Classical “**Input**  $\rightarrow$  **Output**” **view** not sufficient (non-terminating/reactive behaviour)
- Parallelism = **nondeterminism** + **sequential execution** (interleaving)
  - alternative approach: “**true**” **concurrency** (Petri nets, event structures, ...)
- Interaction:
  - **shared variables** (ParWHILE)
  - **value-passing channels** (CSP)
  - **synchronous handshaking** (CCS)
- Requires new notions of program/process equivalence (**bisimulation**)

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# Semantics of Functional Languages I

- Program = list of **function definitions**
- Simplest setting: **first-order** function definitions of the form

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t$$

- function name  $f$
  - formal parameters  $x_1, \dots, x_n$
  - term  $t$  over (base and defined) function calls and  $x_1, \dots, x_n$
- **Operational semantics** (only function calls)
  - **call-by-value** case:

$$\frac{t_1 \rightarrow z_1 \quad \dots \quad t_n \rightarrow z_n \quad t[x_1 \mapsto z_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto z_n] \rightarrow z}{f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow z}$$

- **call-by-name** case:

$$\frac{t[x_1 \mapsto t_1, \dots, x_n \mapsto t_n] \rightarrow z}{f(t_1, \dots, t_n) \rightarrow z}$$

- Denotational semantics
  - program = **equation system** (for functions)
  - induces call-by-value and call-by-name **functional**
  - **monotonic and continuous** w.r.t. graph inclusion
  - semantics := **least fixpoint** (Tarski/Knaster Theorem)
  - **coincides** with operational semantics
- **Extensions:** higher-order types, data types, ...
- see [Winskel 1996, Sct. 9] and **Functional Programming** course [Giesl]

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- Remaining lectures:

- Wed 17 July: recap?
- Thu 18 July: exercise class

- Oral exams:

- Mon 22 July – Fri 26 July
- Thu 15 August – Wed 21 August
- Wed 4 September – Fri 11 October

Just drop me a mail!

- Teaching in Winter 2013/14:

- Course **Introduction to Model Checking** [Katoen]
- Course **Concurrency Theory** [Katoen/Noll]
- Seminar **Trends in Computer-Aided Verification** [Katoen/Noll/NN]