

Semantics and Verification

Lecture 3

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Last lecture:

- CCS: syntax
- semantics of CCS (as transition systems)

This lecture:

- Behavioral equivalences: strong bisimilarity

Next lecture:

- Weak bisimilarity

Behavioral Equivalences: Strong Bisimilarity

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- 2 Behavioral Equivalences
- 3 Trace Equivalence
- 4 Strong Bisimilarity
- 5 Bisimulation Games

Main Idea

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$$\text{Nil} \mid \text{Nil} \mid \text{Bank}(103)$$

Parametrized Process Constants

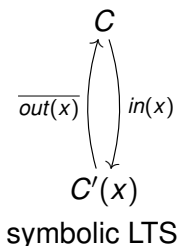
For example: $\text{Bank}(\text{total}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{save}(x).\text{Bank}(\text{total} + x).$

Translation of Value Passing CCS to Standard CCS

Value Passing CCS

$$C \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} in(x).C'(x)$$

$$C'(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{out(x)}.C$$

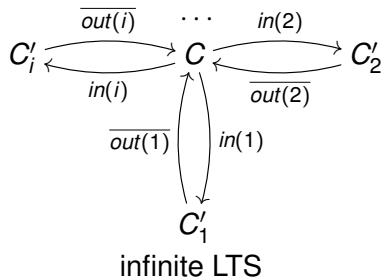


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Standard CCS

$$C \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i \in \mathbb{N}} in(i).C'_i$$

$$C'_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{out(i)}.C$$



Behavioral Equivalence

Implementation

$$CM \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.CM$$

$$CS \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\text{pub}}.\overline{\text{coin}}.\text{coffee}.CS$$

$$Uni \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (CM \mid CS) \setminus \{\text{coin}, \text{coffee}\}$$

Specification

$$Spec \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\text{pub}}.Spec$$

Question

Are the processes *Uni* and *Spec* behaviorally equivalent?

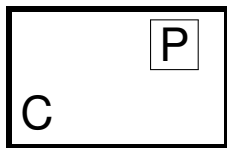
$$Uni \equiv Spec$$

What should a reasonable behavioral equivalence satisfy?

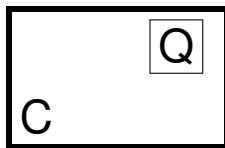
- abstract from states (consider only the behavior – actions)
- abstract from nondeterminism
- abstract from internal behavior

What else should a reasonable behavioral equivalence satisfy?

- **reflexivity** $P \equiv P$ for any process P
- **transitivity** $Spec_0 \equiv Spec_1 \equiv Spec_2 \equiv \dots \equiv Impl$ implies that $Spec_0 \equiv Impl$
- **symmetry** $P \equiv Q$ iff $Q \equiv P$
- an **equivalence relation**



$C(P)$



$C(Q)$

Congruence Property

$P \equiv Q$ implies that $C(P) \equiv C(Q)$

$$\text{CTM} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.\text{CTM} + \overline{\text{tea}}.\text{CTM}$$

$$\text{CTM}' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.\text{CTM}' + \text{coin}.\overline{\text{tea}}.\text{CTM}'$$

Should those two be equivalent?

No: Let $\text{CA} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \overline{\text{coin}}.\text{coffee}.\text{CA}$ and take the context

$$C(P) = (\text{CA} \mid P) \setminus \{\text{coin}, \text{coffee}, \text{tea}\}$$

Then $C(\text{CTM})$ and $C(\text{CTM}')$ have quite different behavior!

First Idea: Trace Equivalence

Let $(Proc, Act, \{\xrightarrow{a} \mid a \in Act\})$ be an LTS.

Trace Set for $s \in Proc$

$$Traces(s) = \{w \in Act^* \mid \exists s' \in Proc. s \xrightarrow{w} s'\}$$

Let $s \in Proc$ and $t \in Proc$.

Trace Equivalence

We say that s and t are **trace equivalent** ($s \equiv_T t$) if and only if $Traces(s) = Traces(t)$

– **Not good enough**: CTM and CTM' are trace equivalent!

Second Idea: Black-Box Experiments

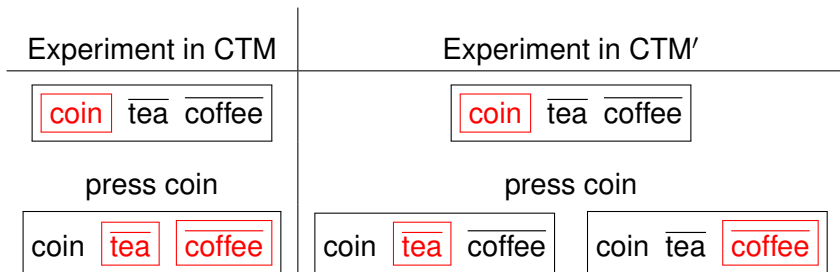
Experiment in CTM

coin $\overline{\text{tea}}$ $\overline{\text{coffee}}$

Experiment in CTM'

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Main Idea

Two processes are behaviorally equivalent if and only if an **external observer** cannot tell them apart.

Strong Bisimilarity

Let $(Proc, Act, \{\xrightarrow{a} \mid a \in Act\})$ be an LTS.

Strong Bisimulation

A binary relation $R \subseteq Proc \times Proc$ is a **strong bisimulation** iff whenever $(s, t) \in R$ then for each $a \in Act$:

- if $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$ then $t \xrightarrow{a} t'$ for some t' such that $(s', t') \in R$
- if $t \xrightarrow{a} t'$ then $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$ for some s' such that $(s', t') \in R$.

Strong Bisimilarity

Two processes $p_1, p_2 \in Proc$ are **strongly bisimilar** ($p_1 \sim p_2$) if and only if there exists a strong bisimulation R such that $(p_1, p_2) \in R$.

$$\sim = \bigcup \{R \mid R \text{ is a strong bisimulation}\}$$

Theorem

\sim is an equivalence relation (reflexive, symmetric, transitive).

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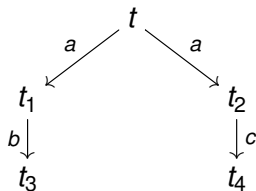
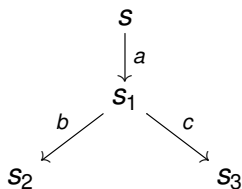
\sim is the largest strong bisimulation.

Theorem

$s \sim t$ if and only if for each $a \in \text{Act}$:

- if $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$ then $t \xrightarrow{a} t'$ for some t' such that $s' \sim t'$,
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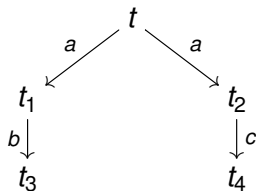
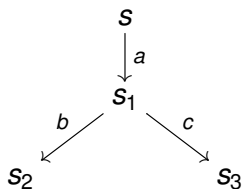
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- Make certain **observations** which will enable to disqualify many bisimulation candidates in one step.
- Use **game characterization** of strong bisimilarity. (**Less expensive**)

Strong Bisimulation Game

Let $(Proc, Act, \{\xrightarrow{a} \mid a \in Act\})$ be an LTS and $s, t \in Proc$.

Define a two-player game of an 'attacker' and a 'defender' starting from s and t .

- The game is played in **rounds** and configurations of the game are pairs of states from $Proc \times Proc$.
- In every round exactly one configuration is called **current**. Initially the configuration (s, t) is the current one.

Intuition

The defender wants to show that s and t are strongly bisimilar while the attacker aims to prove the opposite.

Game Rules

In each round the players change the current configuration as follows:

- 1 the attacker chooses one of the processes in the current configuration and makes an \xrightarrow{a} -move for some $a \in Act$, and
- 2 the defender must respond by making an \xrightarrow{a} -move in the other process under the same action a .

The newly reached pair of processes becomes the current configuration. The game then continues by another round.

Result of the Game

- If one player cannot move, the other player wins.
- If the game is infinite, the defender wins.

Theorem

- States s and t are **strongly bisimilar** if and only if the **defender** has a *universal winning strategy* starting from the configuration (s, t) .
- States s and t are **not strongly bisimilar** if and only if the **attacker** has a *universal winning strategy* starting from the configuration (s, t) .

Remark

Bisimulation games can be used to prove both bisimilarity and nonbisimilarity of two processes. It very often provides elegant arguments for the negative case.