



1 Review

- $\mathcal{L} = \aleph \uplus \bar{\aleph}$. Partition the set of actions into two disjoint sets. Note that actions a, \bar{a} are complementary actions.
- $Act = \mathcal{L} \cup \{\tau\}$, where Act is the action-set.
- $P ::= A(\bar{a}) \mid \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i.P_i \mid P_1 \mid P_2 \mid \text{new } \alpha.P$
- Recall the rules necessary for structural congruence

- Sum:
$$\frac{}{M + \alpha.P + N \xrightarrow{\alpha} P}$$
- React:
$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\lambda} P', Q \xrightarrow{\bar{\lambda}} Q'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P'|Q'}$$
- Par-L:
$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'|Q}$$
- Par-R:
$$\frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P|Q'}$$
- Res:
$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{\text{new } \alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} \text{new } \alpha.P'} \text{ if } \alpha \notin \{a, \bar{a}\}$$
- Ident:
$$\frac{\{\bar{b}\}P_A \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{A(\bar{b}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'} \text{ if } A(\bar{a}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P_A$$

2 Notion of Bisimulation



The language of A: $\mathcal{L}(A) = \{ab, ac\}$. The language of B: $\mathcal{L}(B) = \{ab, ac\}$. Both processes recognize the same language. However, as can be seen, B simulates A, but A does not simulate B. Therefore, language equivalence is not good enough.

2.1 Example: One-place buffer

Let $P(x, x', y, y') = x.\bar{y}.P\langle x, x', y, y'\rangle + y'.\bar{x}'.P\langle x, x', y, y'\rangle$
 Let A be an instance of P:

$$A = P\langle a, a', b, b'\rangle \\ \equiv a.\bar{b}.A + b'.\bar{a}'.A$$

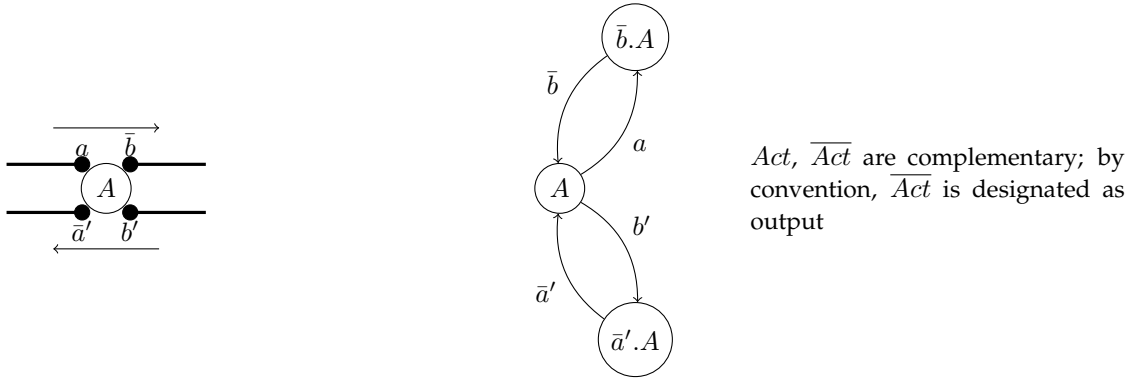


Figure 2.1: Structural diagram (left) and labeled transition system (right) of a one-place buffer

2.2 Example: Two-place buffer

Define another process B, also an instance of P:

$$B = P\langle b, b', c, c'\rangle \\ \equiv b.\bar{c}.B + c'.\bar{b}'.B$$

A Two-place buffer is the parallel composition of processes A and B, $(A|B)$

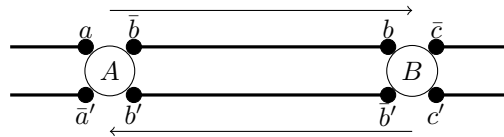


Figure 2.2: Structural Diagram for two-place buffer

2.3 Example: Semaphores

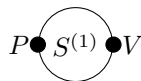


Figure 2.4: Structural Diagram for a one-place semaphore

Consider the definitions below for one-ary (left) and two-ary (right) semaphores:

$$S^{(1)} = p.S_1^{(1)} \qquad S^{(2)} = p.S_1^{(2)} \\ S_1^{(1)} = v.S^{(1)} \qquad S_1^{(2)} = p.S_2^{(2)} + v.S^{(2)} \\ S_2^{(2)} = v.S_1^{(2)}$$

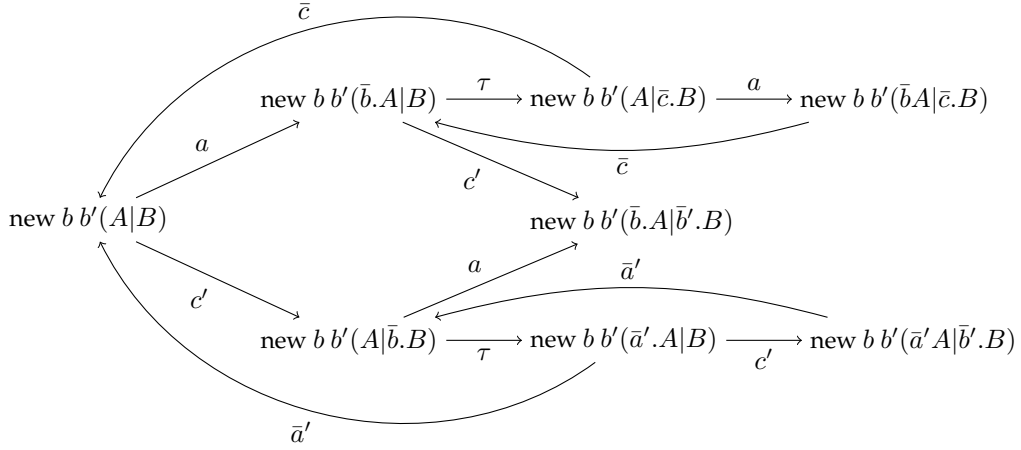


Figure 2.3: Labeled Transition System for a two-place buffer

Proposition. $S^{(1)}|S^{(1)} \sim S^{(2)}$

Proof. Proving this is equivalent to showing that:

$$\mathcal{R} = \{(S^{(1)}|S^{(1)}, S^{(2)}), (S_1^{(1)}|S^{(1)}, S_1^{(2)}), \\ (S^{(1)}|S_1^{(1)}, S_1^{(2)}), (S_1^{(1)}|S_1^{(1)}, S_2^{(2)})\}$$

This is a strong bisimulation, since, for every transition in $S^{(1)}|S^{(1)}$, there is a transition in $S^{(2)}$. Therefore, $S^{(1)}|S^{(1)}$ and $S^{(2)}$ are bisimilar (\sim) \square

3 Strong Simulation

Definition 1. [Strong Simulation up to \equiv (structuralcongruence)]

A binary relation S is a strong simulation up to \equiv if, whenever PSQ , if $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ then $\exists Q'$ such that $Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'$ and $P' \equiv S \equiv Q'$.

Note: $P' \equiv S \equiv Q'$ is a relational composition

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & S & Q \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ P' & \equiv S \equiv & Q' \end{array}$$

Figure 3.1: Criteria for Strong Simulation

Proposition. If S is a strong bisimulation of up to \equiv and PSQ , then $P \sim Q$

Proof. We must show that $\equiv S \equiv$ is a strong bisimulation. If this is true, then $P \sim Q$. Let $P \equiv S \equiv Q$ and $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$. We want to find a Q' that completes the following:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & \equiv S \equiv & Q \\ \alpha \downarrow & & \downarrow \alpha \\ P' & \equiv S \equiv & Q' \end{array}$$

Note that for some P_1 and Q_1 , $P \equiv P_1$, $P_1 S Q_1$, and $Q_1 \equiv Q$. Given the transitivity of \equiv ,

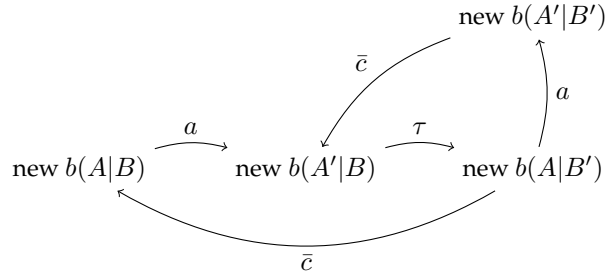
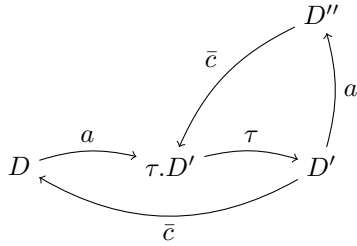
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 P \equiv & P_1 & S & Q_1 & \equiv & Q \\
 \alpha \swarrow & \alpha \swarrow & & \searrow \alpha & & \searrow \alpha \\
 P' \equiv & P'_1 & \equiv & S & \equiv & Q'_1 & \equiv & Q'
 \end{array}$$

Given that structural congruence is a strong bisimulation, and the transitivity of \equiv , we have $P \sim Q$. □

3.1 Another Example

$$\begin{aligned}
 D &= a.\tau.D' \\
 D' &= a.D'' + \bar{c}.D \\
 D'' &= \bar{c}.\tau.D'
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= a.A' \\
 A' &= \bar{b}.A \\
 B &= b.B' \\
 B' &= \bar{c}.B
 \end{aligned}$$



These two processes bisimulate each other. If the rules for the left-hand process were changed to $D = a.\tau.\tau.D'$ and $D'' = \bar{c}.\tau.\tau.D'$, then they are no longer a strong bisimulation. However, they are still weakly bisimilar.

4 Algebraic Properties

- $a|b \sim a.b + b.a$
- $\forall P, P \sim \sum \{\alpha.P' \mid P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'\}$