



1 Review of CCS

$$P ::= A(\vec{a}) \mid \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \alpha_i.P_i \mid P_1|P_2 \mid \text{new } a P$$

2 Algebraic Properties of Bisimilarity

An example of the kinds of properties exhibited by bisimilarity is $a|b \sim a.b + b.a$

Proposition 1. $\forall P. P \sim \sum \{ \alpha.P' \mid P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \}$

The summation is well-formed, since P' can contain only a finite number of parallel compositions and sums over finite domains.

Proposition 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \forall P_1 \dots P_n. \\ P_1 \mid \dots \mid P_n &\sim \sum \{ \alpha.(P_1 \mid \dots \mid P'_i \mid \dots \mid P_n) \mid P_i \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'_i \wedge 1 \leq i \leq n \} \\ &+ \sum \{ \tau.(P_1 \mid \dots \mid P'_i \mid \dots \mid P'_j \mid \dots \mid P_n) \\ &\quad \mid P_i \xrightarrow{\lambda} P'_i \wedge P_j \xrightarrow{\lambda} P'_j \wedge 1 \leq i < j \leq n \} \end{aligned}$$

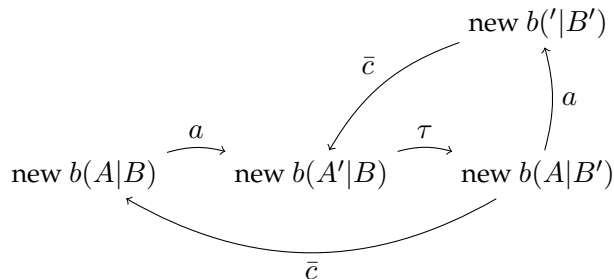
Proposition 3 (Expansion Law).

$$\begin{aligned} \forall P_1 \dots P_n, \vec{a}. \\ \text{new } \vec{a} P_1 \mid \dots \mid P_n &\sim \sum \{ \alpha.\text{new } \vec{a} (P_1 \mid \dots \mid P'_i \mid \dots \mid P_n) \\ &\quad \mid P_i \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'_i \wedge 1 \leq i \leq n \wedge \alpha, \bar{\alpha} \notin \vec{a} \} \\ &+ \sum \{ \tau.\text{new } \vec{a} (P_1 \mid \dots \mid P'_i \mid \dots \mid P'_j \mid \dots \mid P_n) \\ &\quad \mid P_i \xrightarrow{\lambda} P'_i \wedge P_j \xrightarrow{\lambda} P'_j \wedge 1 \leq i < j \leq n \wedge \lambda, \bar{\lambda} \notin \vec{a} \} \end{aligned}$$

2.1 Expansion Law at Work

Consider the following process.

$$\begin{aligned} A &= a.A' & b &= b.B' \\ A' &= \bar{b}.A & B' &= \bar{c}.B \\ \text{new } b(A|B) & & & \end{aligned}$$



By the expansion law, the following properties hold for the above system.

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{new } b (A \mid B) &\sim a.\text{new } b (A' \mid B) \\
\text{new } b (A' \mid B) &\sim \tau.\text{new } b (A \mid B') \\
\text{new } b (A \mid B') &\sim a.\text{new } b (A' \mid B') + \bar{c}.\text{new } b (A' \mid B) \\
\text{new } b (A' \mid B') &\sim \bar{c}.\text{new } b (A' \mid B)
\end{aligned}$$

3 Sequential Composition as a Derived Form

We can express sequential composition in CCS as

$$P; Q = \text{new } start (P[start/done] \mid start.Q)$$

where P signals \overline{done} when it finishes.

Exercise

Show that $(P; Q); R \sim P; (Q; R)$

3.1 Congruence

An **elementary context** is a expression with one hole at the top-level. For instance, the elementary contexts for processes are

$$E ::= \sum_{i \in \mathcal{I}} \alpha_i.P_i + \alpha.\square + \sum_{j \in \mathcal{J}} \alpha_j.P_j \mid \square \mid P \mid P \mid \square \mid \text{new } a \square$$

A **congruence** is a relation closed under substitution in related contexts.

C is a congruence $\iff P C Q$ implies $E[P] C E[Q]$ for all processes P, Q and elementary contexts E .

Proposition 4 (\sim is a congruence).

If $P \sim Q$ then

- $\alpha.P + M \sim \alpha.Q + M$
- $\text{new } a P \sim \text{new } a Q$
- $P \mid R \sim Q \mid R$
- $R \mid P \sim R \mid Q$

4 Experiment LTS

Definition 1. An **experiment** is a sequence $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n \in \mathcal{L}^*$.

Based on the labeled transition system (\rightarrow) we defined for CCS, we now define an **experiment LTS**, whose transitions will be denoted by \Rightarrow .

- $P \Rightarrow Q \iff \underbrace{P \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow Q}_{0 \text{ or more steps}}$

- $P \xrightarrow{e} Q \xleftrightarrow{\Delta} P \Rightarrow \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} P_n \Rightarrow Q$
where $e = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n$

We can intuitively interpret each type of transition as follows

\Rightarrow	0 or more reactions
$\xRightarrow{\tau}$	1 or more reactions
\xRightarrow{e}	Performing experiment e

Definition 2. A binary relation \mathcal{S} is a **weak simulation** if and only if, $(PSQ \wedge P \xRightarrow{e} P')$ implies $\exists Q'. (Q \xRightarrow{e} Q' \wedge P'SQ')$.

We say Q weakly simulates P if there exists a weak simulation \mathcal{S} such that PSQ .

Definition 3 (Weak Bisimulation).

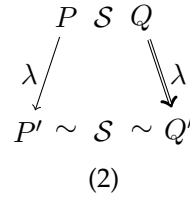
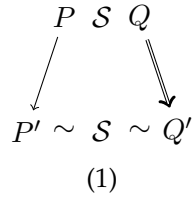
A binary relation \mathcal{S} is a weak bisimulation if both \mathcal{S} and its converse \mathcal{S}^{-1} are weak simulations.

Definition 4 (Weak Bisimilarity).

P is weakly bisimilar to Q , written $P \approx Q$, if there exists a weak bisimulation \mathcal{S} such that PSQ .

Proposition 5. \mathcal{S} is a weak bisimulation if and only if the following hold whenever PSQ .

1. If $P \rightarrow P'$ then $\exists Q'. Q \Rightarrow Q' \wedge P'SQ'$
2. If $P \xrightarrow{\lambda} P'$ then $\exists Q'. Q \xrightarrow{\lambda} Q' \wedge P'SQ'$



Proposition 6.

1. \approx is an equivalence relation.
2. \approx is a weak bisimulation. (In fact, it is the largest one).
3. Every strong bisimulation is a weak bisimulation.
4. Similar to the definition of strong bisimulation up to congruence, we can define weak bisimulation up to strong bisimulation.

Proposition 7. The following subset relation holds: $= \subseteq \equiv \subseteq \sim \subseteq \approx$

Proposition 8. If \mathcal{S} is a weak bisimulation up to strong bisimulation and PSQ , then $P \approx Q$