3. Introduction to mCRL2

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mCRL2



http://mcrl2.org

- Formal specification language with an associated toolset
- Used for modelling, validating and verifying concurrent systems and protocols
- Tool suggestion: use mcrl2ide (not mcrl2-gui)

Recall CCS semantics



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(act)} & \text{(sum-1)} & \text{(sum-2)} \\ P_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' & P'_1 & P_2 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P'_2 \\ \hline P_1 + P_2 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P'_1 & P_1 + P_2 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P'_2 \\ \hline P_1 + P_2 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' & P_1 & P_2 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' \\ \hline P \setminus L \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' \setminus L & P_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' & P_2 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' \\ \hline P \mid Q \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' \mid Q & P \mid Q' & P \mid Q \stackrel{\tau_3}{\rightarrow} P' \mid Q' \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Processes in mCRL2

CCS in mCRL2



Syntax (by example)

$$a.\mathbf{0}
ightarrow \mathbf{a}$$
 $a.P
ightarrow \mathbf{a}.P$ $P_1 + P_2
ightarrow P_1 + P_2$ $P \backslash L
ightarrow \mathrm{block}(\mathrm{L},\mathrm{P})$ $P[f]
ightarrow \mathrm{rename}(\mathbf{f},\mathrm{P})$ $a.P | \overline{a}.Q
ightarrow \mathrm{comm}(\{\mathbf{a1}|\mathbf{a2}\text{-}>\mathbf{a}\},\mathbf{a1}.\mathrm{P} | | \mathbf{a2}.\mathrm{Q})$ $a.P | \overline{a}.Q \backslash \{a\}
ightarrow \mathrm{block}(\{\mathbf{a1},\mathbf{a2}\},\mathrm{comm}(\{\mathbf{a1}|\mathbf{a2}\text{-}>\mathbf{a}\},\mathbf{a1}.\mathrm{P} | | \mathbf{a2}.\mathrm{Q}))$

CCS in mCRL2 hiding communication



Syntax (by example)

$$a.\mathbf{0} \rightarrow \mathbf{a}$$
 $a.P \rightarrow \mathbf{a}.P$
 $P_1 + P_2 \rightarrow P_1 + P_2$
 $P \setminus L \rightarrow \mathsf{block}(\mathsf{L},\mathsf{P})$
 $P[f] \rightarrow \mathsf{rename}(\mathsf{f},\mathsf{P})$
 $a.P \mid \overline{a}.Q \rightarrow \mathsf{hide}(\{a\},\mathsf{comm}(\{a1 \mid a2 -> a\},a1.P \mid | a2.Q))$
 $a.P \mid \overline{a}.Q \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow \mathsf{hide}(\{a\},\mathsf{block}(\{a1,a2\},\mathsf{comm}(\{a1 \mid a2 -> a\},a1.P \mid | a2.Q)))$

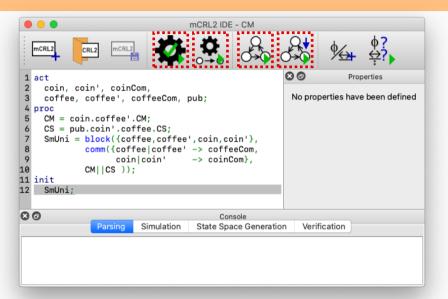


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CM = \text{coin.coffee.} CM
CS = \text{pub.coin.coffee.} CS
SmUni = (CM|CS) \setminus \{\text{coin, coffee}\}
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```
act
 coin, coin', coinCom,
 coffee, coffee', coffeeCom, pub;
proc
 CM = coin.coffee'.CM;
 CS = pub.coin'.coffee.CS;
 SmUni = block({coffee,coffee',coin,coin'},
          comm({coffee|coffee' -> coffeeCom.
                coin|coin' -> coinCom},
          CMIICS )):
init
 SmUni:
```

mCRL2 IDE





Parse

Simulate

Visualize

Minimize & Visualize

Specifications *.mcrl2



```
act
  action1, action2, ...;
  action3, action4 : Type;
proc
 P1 = ...:
 P2(x: Bool) = ...;
      % Process expression
init
  SmUni:
```

```
sort List = struct
    empty | cons(A,List);

map sum2: Int # Int -> Int;

var x, y: Int;

eqn
    sum2(x,y) = (x+y) * (x+y);
    % Data patterns & expressions
```

https://mcrl2.org/web/user_manual/language_reference/index.html

Process Expressions



$$P = PE$$
;

- a Action
- a|b *Multi-action*
 - P Process
- delta Deadlock
- a(DataExpr) Parameterized Act.
- P(DataExpr) Parameterized Proc.
 - a.PE Sequencing
 - PE1 + PE2 Choice
 - PE1||PE2 Parallel

- block({a,b},PE) Block
- allow({a,b},PE) Allow
- rename({a->b},PE) Rename
- comm({a|b->c},PE) Communicate
 - sum m: Nat . PE Gen. Choice

Data Expressions

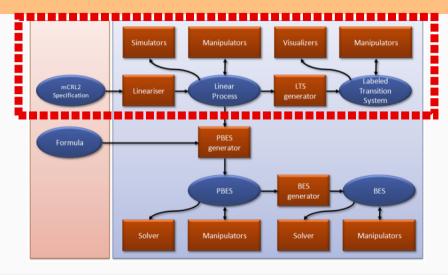


P(exp)

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true Boolean
                                                          exp + exp Sum
                 42 Pos. Nat. Int. Real
                                                     \max(exp, exp) And
               exp! Not
                                                       exp mod exp Remainder of div.
         exp && exp And
                                                   [exp, exp, ...] List
          exp \mid \mid exp \mid Or
                                                   \{exp, exp, \ldots\} Set
         exp => exp Implies
                                              \{exp:2, exp:1, \ldots\} Bag
forall n:Nat . exp For all
                                               lambda n:Nat . exp Function
exists n:Nat . exp Exists
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mCRL2 toolset overview





Assignment 1 (first part): tba

mCRL2 tutorial

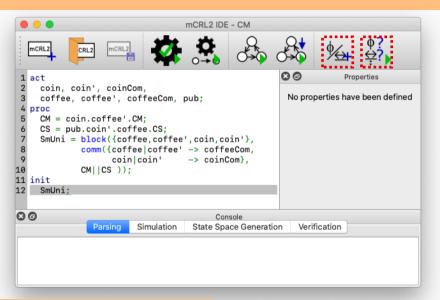


https://dcc-fm.github.io/sv2425/exercises/adventurers-tutorial-mcrl2.zip

Logic and Verification

mCRL2 IDE





Add properties

Verify properties

mCRL2 - modal logic



Syntax (simplified)

$$\phi = \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \text{forall x:T.}\phi \mid \text{exists x.:T}\phi$$

$$\mid \phi \ OP \ \phi \mid !\phi \mid [\text{expr}]\phi \mid <\text{expr}>\phi \mid \dots$$

$$expr = \alpha \mid \text{nil} \mid expr+expr \mid expr.expr \mid expr* \mid expr+$$

$$\alpha = \text{a(d)} \mid \text{a|b|c} \mid \text{true} \mid \text{false} \mid \alpha \ OP \ \alpha \mid !\alpha$$

$$\mid \text{forall x:T.}\alpha \mid \text{exists x:T.}\alpha \mid \dots$$

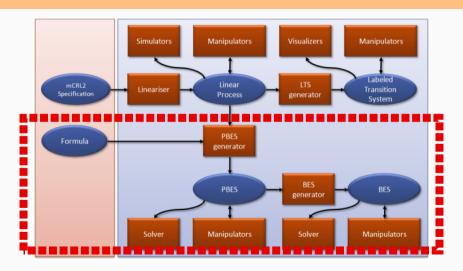
where
$$T = \{Bool, Nat, Int, \ldots\}$$
 and $OP = \{=>, \&\&, ||\}$

Example

"[true*.a] true" means: whenever an 'a' appears after any number of steps, it must be immediately followed by 'b'.

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Assignment 1 (second part): tba