

# Introduction to labelled transition systems

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# Reactive systems

## Reactive system

system that computes by reacting to stimuli from its environment along its overall computation

- in contrast to sequential systems whose meaning is defined by the results of finite computations, the behaviour of reactive systems is mainly determined by **interaction** and **mobility** of **non-terminating** processes, evolving **concurrently**.
- **observation**  $\equiv$  interaction
- **behaviour**  $\equiv$  a structured record of interactions

# Labelled Transition System

## Definition

A LTS over a set  $N$  of names is a tuple  $\langle S, N, \longrightarrow \rangle$  where

- $S = \{s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots\}$  is a set of states
- $\longrightarrow \subseteq S \times N \times S$  is the transition relation, often given as an  $N$ -indexed family of binary relations

$$s \xrightarrow{a} s' \equiv \langle s', a, s \rangle \in \longrightarrow$$

# Labelled Transition System

## Morphism

A **morphism** relating two LTS over  $N$ ,  $\langle S, N, \longrightarrow \rangle$  and  $\langle S', N, \longrightarrow' \rangle$ , is a function  $h : S \longrightarrow S'$  st

$$s \xrightarrow{a} s' \quad \Rightarrow \quad h s \xrightarrow{a}' h s'$$

morphisms **preserve** transitions

# Labelled Transition System

## System

Given a LTS  $\langle S, N, \longrightarrow \rangle$ , each state  $s \in S$  determines a **system** over all states reachable from  $s$  and the corresponding restriction of  $\longrightarrow$ .

## LTS classification

- deterministic
- non deterministic
- finite
- finitely branching
- image finite
- ...

# Reachability

## Definition

The reachability relation,  $\longrightarrow^* \subseteq S \times N^* \times S$ , is defined inductively

- $s \xrightarrow{\epsilon}^* s$  for each  $s \in S$ , where  $\epsilon \in N^*$  denotes the empty word;
- if  $s \xrightarrow{a} s''$  and  $s'' \xrightarrow{\sigma}^* s'$  then  $s \xrightarrow{a\sigma}^* s'$ , for  $a \in N, \sigma \in N^*$

## Reachable state

$t \in S$  is **reachable** from  $s \in S$  iff there is a word  $\sigma \in N^*$  st  $s \xrightarrow{\sigma}^* t$

# Process algebras

## CCS - Syntax

$$\mathcal{P} \ni P, Q ::= K \mid \alpha.P \mid \sum_{i \in I} P_i \mid P[f] \mid P|Q \mid P \setminus L$$

where

- $\alpha \in N \cup \bar{N} \cup \{\tau\}$  is an action
- $K$  is a collection of process names or process constants
- $I$  is an indexing set
- $L \subseteq N \cup \bar{N}$  is a set of labels
- $f$  is a function that renames actions s.t.  $f(\tau) = \tau$  and  $f(\bar{a}) = \overline{f(a)}$
- notation:

$$0 = \sum_{i \in \emptyset} P_i$$

$$P_1 + P_2 = \sum_{i \in \{1,2\}} P_i$$

$$[f] = [b_1/a_1, \dots, b_n/a_n]$$

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## Exercise: Which are syntactically correct?

$$a.b.A + B \quad (1)$$

$$(a.\mathbf{0} + \bar{a}.A) \setminus \{a, b\} \quad (2)$$

$$(a.\mathbf{0} + \bar{a}.A) \setminus \{a, \tau\} \quad (3)$$

$$a.B + [a/b] \quad (4)$$

$$\tau.\tau.B + \mathbf{0} \quad (5)$$

$$(a.B + b.B)[a/a, b/\tau] \quad (6)$$

$$(a.B + \tau.B)[a/b, a/a] \quad (7)$$

$$(a.b.A + \bar{a}.\mathbf{0})|B \quad (8)$$

$$(a.b.A + \bar{a}.\mathbf{0}).B \quad (9)$$

$$(a.b.A + \bar{a}.\mathbf{0}) + B \quad (10)$$

$$(\mathbf{0}|\mathbf{0}) + \mathbf{0} \quad (11)$$



# CCS semantics - building an LTS

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 \hline
 \alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P
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Exercise: Draw the LTS's

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# mCRL2

<http://mcr12.org>

- Formal [specification language](#) with an associated toolset
- Used for [modelling](#), [validating](#) and [verifying](#) concurrent systems and protocols

## mCRL2

## Syntax (by example)

$$a.P \rightarrow a.P$$

$$P_1 + P_2 \rightarrow P_1 + P_2$$

$$P \setminus L \rightarrow \text{block}(L, P)$$

$$P[f] \rightarrow \text{rename}(f, P)$$

$$a.P \mid \bar{a}.Q \rightarrow \text{hide}(\{a\}, \text{comm}(\{a_1 \mid a_2 \rightarrow a\}, a_1.P \mid a_2.P))$$

$$a.P \mid \bar{a}.Q \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow \text{hide}(\{a\}, \text{block}(\{a_1, a_2\}, \text{comm}(\{a_1 \mid a_2 \rightarrow a\}, a_1.P \mid a_2.P)))$$

## mCRL2

**act**

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coin, coin', coinCom,  
coffee, coffee', coffeeCom, pub';
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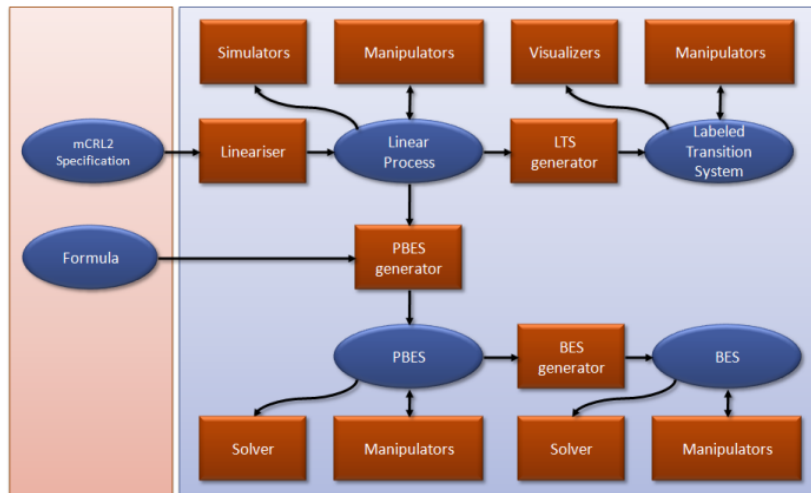
**proc**

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CM = coin.coffee'.CM;  
CS = pub'.coin'.coffee.CS;  
CMCS = CM || CS;  
SmUni = hide({coffeeCom, coinCom},  
             block({coffee, coffee', coin, coin'},  
                  comm({coffee|coffee' → coffeeCom,  
                      coin|coin'      → coinCom},  
                      CMCS )));
```

**init**

```
SmUni;
```

# mCRL2 toolset overview



– mCRL2 tutorial: Modelling part –

# Behavioural Equivalences – Intuition

Two LTS should be **equivalent** if they cannot be distinguished by interacting with them.

## Equality of functional behaviour

is not preserved by **parallel** composition: non **compositional** semantics, cf,

$x:=4; x:=x+1$  and  $x:=5$

## Graph isomorphism

is too strong (why?)

# Trace

## Definition

Let  $T = \langle S, N, \longrightarrow \rangle$  be a labelled transition system. The set of **traces**  $\text{Tr}(s)$ , for  $s \in S$  is the minimal set satisfying

$$(1) \quad \epsilon \in \text{Tr}(s)$$

$$(2) \quad a\sigma \in \text{Tr}(s) \Rightarrow \langle \exists s' : s' \in S : s \xrightarrow{a} s' \wedge \sigma \in \text{Tr}(s') \rangle$$

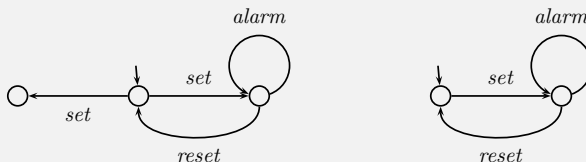


# Trace equivalence

## Definition

Two states  $s, r$  are **trace equivalent** iff  $\text{Tr}(s) = \text{Tr}(r)$   
(i.e. if they can perform the same finite sequences of transitions)

## Example



**Trace equivalence** applies when one can neither interact with a system, nor distinguish a slow system from one that has come to a stand still.

# Simulation

the quest for a **behavioural equality**:  
able to identify states that cannot be distinguished by any **realistic**  
form of observation

## Simulation

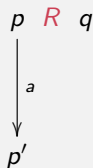
A state  $q$  **simulates** another state  $p$  if  
every transition from  $q$  is corresponded by a transition from  $p$  and  
this capacity is kept along the whole life of the system to which  
state space  $q$  belongs to.

# Simulation

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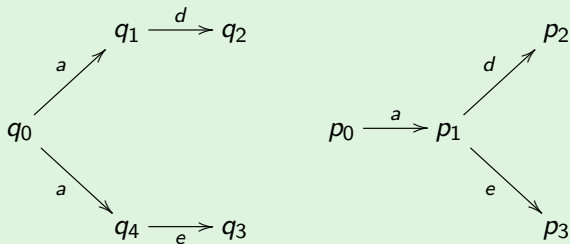
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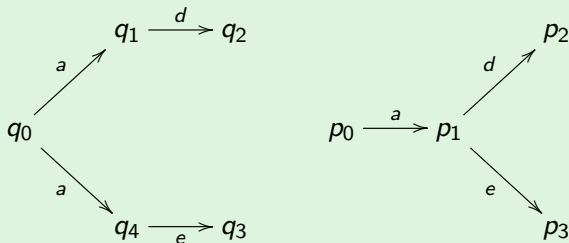
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$$q_0 \lesssim p_0 \quad \text{cf.} \quad \{ \langle q_0, p_0 \rangle, \langle q_1, p_1 \rangle, \langle q_4, p_1 \rangle, \langle q_2, p_2 \rangle, \langle q_3, p_3 \rangle \}$$

# Similarity

## Definition

$$p \lesssim q \equiv \langle \exists R :: R \text{ is a simulation and } \langle p, q \rangle \in R \rangle$$

## Lemma

The similarity relation is a preorder  
(ie, reflexive and transitive)

# Bisimulation

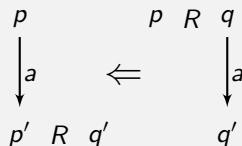
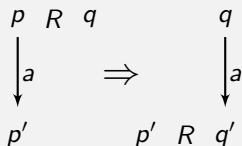
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I.e., whenever  $\langle p, q \rangle \in R$  and  $a \in N$ ,

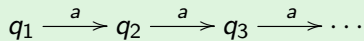
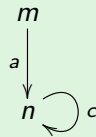
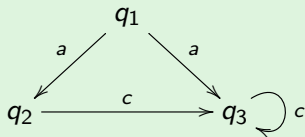
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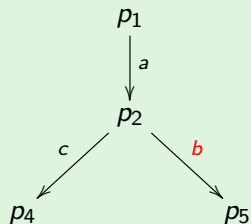
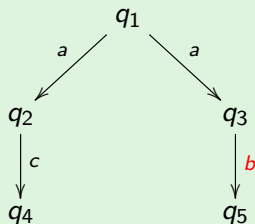
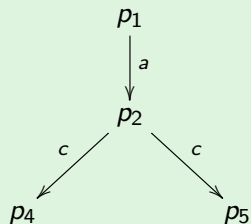
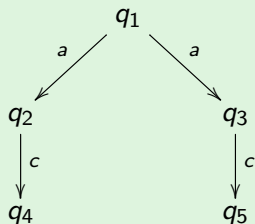
## Find bisimulations





# Examples

## Find bisimulations



## After thoughts

- Follows a  $\forall, \exists$  pattern:  $p$  in all its transitions challenge  $q$  which is called to find a match to each of those (and conversely)
- Tighter correspondence with transitions
- Based on the information that the transitions convey, rather than on the shape of the LTS
- Local checks on states
- Lack of hierarchy on the pairs of the bisimulation (no temporal order on the checks is required)

which means bisimilarity can be used to reason about infinite or circular behaviours.

## After thoughts

Compare the definition of bisimilarity with

$p == q$  if, for all  $a \in N$

$$(1) \quad p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p' \Rightarrow \langle \exists q' : q' \in S_2 : q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q' \wedge p' == q' \rangle$$

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- The meaning of  $==$  on the pair  $\langle p, q \rangle$  requires having already established the meaning of  $==$  on the derivatives
- ... therefore the definition is **ill-founded** if the state space reachable from  $\langle p, q \rangle$  is infinite or contain loops
- ... this is a **local** but **inherently inductive** definition (to revisit later)

# After thoughts

## Proof method

To prove that two behaviours are bisimilar, find a bisimulation containing them ...

- ... **impredicative** character
- **coinductive** vs **inductive** definition

# Properties

## Definition

$$p \sim q \equiv \langle \exists R :: R \text{ is a bisimulation and } \langle p, q \rangle \in R \rangle$$

## Lemma

- 1 The identity relation  $\text{id}$  is a bisimulation
- 2 The empty relation  $\perp$  is a bisimulation
- 3 The converse  $R^\circ$  of a bisimulation is a bisimulation
- 4 The composition  $S \cdot R$  of two bisimulations  $S$  and  $R$  is a bisimulation
- 5 The  $\bigcup_{i \in I} R_i$  of a family of bisimulations  $\{R_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a bisimulation

# Properties

## Lemma

The bisimilarity relation is an equivalence relation  
(ie, reflexive, symmetric and transitive)

## Lemma

The class of all bisimulations between two LTS has the structure of a **complete lattice**, ordered by set inclusion, whose top is the **bisimilarity** relation  $\sim$ .

# Properties

## Lemma

In a **deterministic** labelled transition system, two states are bisimilar iff they are trace equivalent, i.e.,

$$s \sim s' \Leftrightarrow \text{Tr}(s) = \text{Tr}(s')$$

Hint: define a relation  $R$  as

$$\langle x, y \rangle \in R \Leftrightarrow \text{Tr}(x) = \text{Tr}(y)$$

and show  $R$  is a bisimulation.



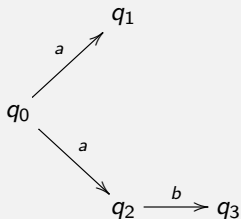
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## Warning

The bisimilarity relation  $\sim$  is not the symmetric closure of  $\lesssim$

## Example

$$q_0 \lesssim p_0, p_0 \lesssim q_0 \quad \text{but} \quad p_0 \not\sim q_0$$



$$p_0 \xrightarrow{a} p_1 \xrightarrow{b} p_3$$

# Notes

Similarity as the greatest simulation

$$\lesssim \triangleq \bigcup \{S \mid S \text{ is a simulation}\}$$

Bisimilarity as the greatest bisimulation

$$\sim \triangleq \bigcup \{S \mid S \text{ is a bisimulation}\}$$

# Exercises

## P,Q Bisimilar?

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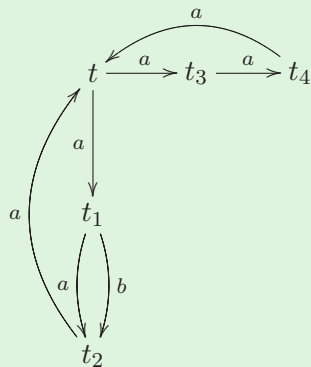
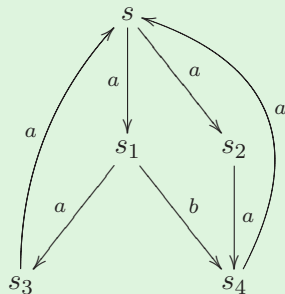
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# Exercises

## Find a bisimulation



# More bisimulations

## Considering $\tau$ -transitions

### Weak transition

$$p \xRightarrow{\alpha} q \quad \text{iff} \quad p (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* q_1 \xrightarrow{a} q_2 (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* q$$

where  $\alpha \neq \tau$  and  $(\xrightarrow{\tau})^*$  is the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\xrightarrow{\tau}$ .

### Weak bisimulation (vs. strong)

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### Branching bisimulation

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(1.1)  $a = \tau$  and  $\langle p', q' \rangle \in R$  or

(1.2)  $\langle \exists q', q'' \in S_2 :: q(\xrightarrow{\tau}_2)^* q' \xrightarrow{a}_2 q'' \wedge \langle p, q' \rangle \in R \wedge \langle p', q'' \rangle \in R \rangle$

(2) if  $q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q'$  then either

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