

Calculi of Communicating Processes

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Process Algebras and Concurrent Systems

CCS: Calculus of Communicating Processes

Milner - 1980

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Moreover we have:

- $\mu \in Act_\tau$;
- $L \subseteq \Lambda$;
- $f : Act_\tau \rightarrow Act_\tau$;
- $f(\bar{\alpha}) = \overline{f(\alpha)}$ and $f(\tau) = \tau$.

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SCCS: Synchronous Calculus of Communicating Processes

Milner - 1983

The set of actions Act is an Abelian group containing a set of labels Λ , and of complementary actions $\bar{\Lambda}$ with over-dashed actions, the neutral element is 1, the syntax is

$$E ::= nil \mid \mu : E \mid E \upharpoonright L \mid E_1 + E_2 \mid E_1 \times E_2 \mid recX.E$$

where

- $\mu \in Act \cup \{1\}$,
- $L \subseteq \Lambda$,
- $:$ denotes action prefixing

There is no relabelling operator, it is expressible via the other operators.

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TCSP: Theoretical Communicating Sequential Processes

Brookes-Hoare-Roscoe - 1984

The set of actions is a set Λ , and the syntax is

$$\begin{aligned} E ::= & \text{stop} \mid \text{skip} \mid a \rightarrow E \mid E \setminus L \mid E[f] \mid E_1; E_2 \mid E_1 \sqcap E_2 \\ & \mid E_1 \square E_2 \mid E_1 \parallel E_2 \mid E_1 \parallel\!\!\parallel E_2 \mid E_1 \parallel [L] \parallel E_2 \mid A \end{aligned}$$

where

- $a \in \Lambda$, $L \subseteq \Lambda$, $f : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$,
- the operators \sqcap and \square denote internal and external choice respectively;
- the operator \rightarrow denotes action prefixing
- A is a process constant

CSP has been studied with Failure Semantics - a variant of Testing Sem.

ACP: Algebra of Communicating Processes

Bergstra-Klop - 1984

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- the operator \cdot denotes sequential composition;
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- The original notation for operators $\cdot \setminus L$, \cdot / L e $\cdot [f]$ are $\delta_L(\cdot)$, $\tau_L(\cdot)$ and $\rho_f(\cdot)$ respectively.

ACP has been studied with Bisimulation and Branching Bis. Semantics

LOTOS: Language of Temporal Order Specification

Standard ISO - 1988

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$$E ::= \text{stop} \mid \text{exit} \mid \mu; E \mid E/L \mid E[f] \mid E_1 \gg E_2 \mid E_1 [> E_2 \\ \mid E_1 + E_2 \mid E_1 \parallel E_2 \mid E_1 \parallel\!\!\parallel E_2 \mid E_1 \parallel [L] E_2 \mid A$$

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Syntax of π -calculus

We assume a countably infinite set of names \mathcal{N} is defined.

(Processes) P	$::=$	S	sum
		$P_1 P_2$	parallel composition
		$(\nu x)P$	name restriction
		$!P$	replication
(Sums) S	$::=$	$\mathbf{0}$	inactive process (nil)
		$\pi.P$	prefix
		$S_1 + S_2$	choice
(Prefixes) π	$::=$	$\bar{x}\langle y \rangle$	sends y on x
		$x(z)$	replaces z with the name received on x
		τ	internal action
		$[x = y]\pi$	matching: tests equality of x and y

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- In $x(z).P$ e $(\nu z)P$, the name z is *bound* in P (i.e., P is the scope of such name). A name that is not bound is called *free*.
- $fn(P)$ e $bn(P)$ are the sets of all free, resp. bound, names of P .
- We take processes up to *alpha-conversion*, denoted by $=_\alpha$, which permits renaming of a bound name with a *fresh* name that is not already used.

An LTS for π -calculus

$$(IN) \ a(x).P \xrightarrow{ab} P[b/x]$$

$$(COM) \ \frac{P \xrightarrow{ab} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{a}b} Q'}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P' \mid Q'}$$

$$(RES) \ \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{(\nu b)P \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\nu b)P'} \quad b \notin n(\alpha)$$

$$(CLO) \ \frac{P \xrightarrow{ab} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{a}(b)} Q'}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\tau} (\nu b)(P' \mid Q')} \quad b \notin fn(P)$$

$$(PAR) \ \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P \mid Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \mid Q} \quad bn(\alpha) \cap fn(Q) = \emptyset$$

$$(EQ) \ \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{[a = a]P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

$$(OUT) \ \bar{a}\langle b \rangle.P \xrightarrow{\bar{a}b} P$$

Symmetric Com Rule

$$(OP) \ \frac{P \xrightarrow{\bar{a}b} P'}{(\nu b)P \xrightarrow{\bar{a}(b)} P'} \quad a \neq b$$

Symmetric Close Rule

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$$(REP) \ \frac{P \mid !P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{!P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}$$

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By taking processes up to a suitable structural congruence we can:

- 1 Write processes in a canonical form.
- 2 Represent all possible interactions with fewer rules.

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Canonical Form

For each π -calculus process P there exist:

- 1 a finite number of names x_1, \dots, x_k ,
- 2 a finite number of sums S_1, \dots, S_n , and
- 3 a finite number of processes P_1, \dots, P_m such that

$$P \equiv (\nu x_1) \dots (\nu x_k) (S_1 | \dots | S_n | !P_1 | \dots | !P_m)$$

The structural congruence permits rearranging the terms describing π -calculus processes so that any two possibly interacting subterms (composed in parallel) can be put side by side.

All interactions can then be expressed by considering only a very small number of cases.

Reduction Semantics: An alternative sem. for π -calculus

The so-called *reduction semantics* focuses on *internal* moves $P \longmapsto Q$ only and takes significantly advantage of structural congruence.

$$(RTAU) \quad \overline{(\tau.P + S) \longmapsto P}$$

$$(RCOM) \quad \overline{(a(x).P_1 + S_1) | (\bar{a}\langle b \rangle.P_2 + S_2) \longmapsto P_1[b/x] | P_2}$$

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$$(RSTRUCT) \quad \frac{P \equiv Q \quad Q \longmapsto Q' \quad Q' \equiv P'}{P \longmapsto P'}$$

Harmony Lemma

The reduction semantics and the LTS semantics can be tightly reconciled.

Notation

Given two relations \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{S} on processes, we write $P \mathcal{R} \mathcal{S} Q$ if there exists a process R such that $P \mathcal{R} R$ and $R \mathcal{S} Q$.

Theorem (Harmony Lemma)

For any π -calculus process P we have:

- ① $P \equiv \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ implies $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} \equiv P'$
- ② $P \longmapsto P'$ if and only if $P \xrightarrow{\tau} \equiv P'$

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Rival could use *wire* because it is a public channel.

A secure propaganda would be:

$$\text{SecureAd} \triangleq (\nu \text{air}, \text{wire})(\text{Speaker} \mid \text{Microphone} \mid \text{Loudspeaker})$$

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We can code Alice, Bob and the Server as follows:

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Establishing Secure Communication Channels

Consider two processes Alice e Bob, that want to establish a secret channel using a Trusted Server with which they have a trustworthy (secret) communication link. We have that

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$$(\nu c_{AS}, c_{BS})(A|S|B) \longrightarrow \longrightarrow \longrightarrow (\nu c_{AS}, c_{BS}, c_{AB})(S \mid < use\ mess >)$$