

# A Calculus of Communicating Systems (CCS)

- labelled transition systems
- process algebras
- informal introduction to CCS
- syntax of CCS
- semantics of CCS

# Labelled Transition System

## Definition

A **labelled transition system** (LTS) is a triple  $(Proc, Act, \{\xrightarrow{a} \mid a \in Act\})$  where

- $Proc$  is a set of **states** (or **processes**),
- $Act$  is a set of **labels** (or **actions**), and
- for every  $a \in Act$ ,  $\xrightarrow{a} \subseteq Proc \times Proc$  is a binary relation on states called the **transition relation**.

We will use the infix notation  $s \xrightarrow{a} s'$  meaning that  $(s, s') \in \xrightarrow{a}$ .

Sometimes we distinguish the **initial** (or **start**) state.

# Sequencing, Nondeterminism and Parallelism

LTS explicitly focuses on **interaction**.

LTS can also describe:

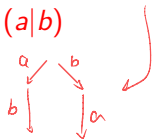
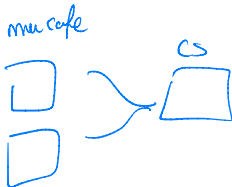
- sequencing  $(a; b)$
- choice (nondeterminism)  $(a + b)$
- limited notion of parallelism (by using interleaving)  $(a|b)$



agent has no control over  
to decide no determinate  
↑ similar prob can  
↓ agent both a/b.



Interleave  
a follows  
→



# Labelled Transition Systems – Notation

Let  $(Proc, Act, \{\xrightarrow{a} \mid a \in Act\})$  be an LTS.

- we extend  $\xrightarrow{a}$  to the elements of  $Act^*$
- $\longrightarrow = \bigcup_{a \in Act} \xrightarrow{a}$
- $\longrightarrow^*$  is the reflexive and transitive closure of  $\longrightarrow$
- $s \xrightarrow{a}$  and  $s \not\xrightarrow{a}$  *← something is not possible*
- reachable states

## Basic Principle

- 1 Define a few **atomic processes** (modelling the simplest process behaviour).
- 2 Define compositionally **new operations** (building more complex process behaviour from simple ones).

## Example

- 1 atomic instruction: assignment (e.g.  $x:=2$  and  $x:=x+2$ )
- 2 new operators:
  - sequential composition ( $P_1; P_2$ )
  - parallel composition ( $P_1 \mid P_2$ )

Now e.g.  $(x:=1 \mid x:=2); x:=x+2; (x:=x-1 \mid x:=x+5)$  is a process.

# CCS Basics (Sequential Fragment)

- *Nil* (or 0) process (the only atomic process)
- action prefixing ( $a.P$ ) ← le a e le acci3n, no el proceso a
- names and recursive definitions ( $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$ )
- nondeterministic choice (+)

## This is Enough to Describe Sequential Processes

Any finite LTS can be (up to isomorphism) described by using the operations above.

# CCS Basics (Parallelism and Renaming)

- parallel composition ( $\parallel$ )  
(synchronous communication between two components = handshake synchronization)
- restriction ( $P \setminus L$ )
- relabelling ( $P[f]$ )

esto es para tener seguridad  
en el contexto o proceso haciendo  
que sea intímite  $L$  sobre  $P$ .

re-etiquetado (?)  $\Downarrow$

no es que solo a alguien que te dice que no puedes  
usar  $L$  sobre  $P \setminus L$  cuando  $L \cap L'(\text{new})$  porque  
 $P \setminus L$  es un dato ya establecido y para usar  $L$   
has que proporcionar  $P$  para obtener  $P \setminus L$ .

# Definition of CCS (channels, actions, process names)

Let

- $\mathcal{A}$  be a set of **channel names** (e.g. *tea*, *coffee* are channel names)

- $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{A} \cup \overline{\mathcal{A}}$  be a set of **labels** where

- $\overline{\mathcal{A}} = \{\bar{a} \mid a \in \mathcal{A}\}$

( $\mathcal{A}$  are called names and  $\overline{\mathcal{A}}$  are called co-names)

- by convention  $\bar{\bar{a}} = a$

- $Act = \mathcal{L} \cup \{\tau\}$  is the set of **actions** where

- $\tau$  is the **internal** or **silent** action

(e.g.  $\tau$ , *tea*,  $\overline{\text{coffee}}$  are actions)

- $\mathcal{K}$  is a set of **process names (constants)** (e.g. CM).

 esta es la **interacción** → le usamos como medio del sistema interno para evitar la interacción con el exterior, pero también se puede interpretar (invisible) como la  $\tau$  de **interacción**.



# Definition of CCS (expressions)

$P :=$	$K$		process constants ( $K \in \mathcal{K}$ )
	$\alpha.P$		prefixing ( $\alpha \in Act$ )
	$\sum_{i \in I} P_i$		summation ( $I$ is an arbitrary index set)
	$P_1   P_2$		parallel composition
	$P \setminus L$		restriction ( $L \subseteq \mathcal{A}$ )
	$P[f]$		relabelling ( $f : Act \rightarrow Act$ ) such that
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <math>f(\tau) = \tau</math></li><li>• <math>f(\bar{a}) = \overline{f(a)}</math></li></ul>

The set of all terms generated by the abstract syntax is called **CCS process expressions** (and denoted by  $\mathcal{P}$ ).

## Notation

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

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

*regles de precedence u orden de operaciones*

## Precedence

- 1 restriction and relabelling (tightest binding)
- 2 action prefixing
- 3 parallel composition
- 4 summation

Example:  $R + a.P|b.Q \setminus L$  means  $R + ((a.P)|(b.(Q \setminus L)))$ .

# Definition of CCS (defining equations)

## CCS program

A collection of **defining equations** of the form

$$K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P$$

where  $K \in \mathcal{K}$  is a process constant and  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  is a CCS process expression.

- Only one defining equation per process constant.
- Recursion is allowed: e.g.  $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \bar{a}.A \mid A$ .

$\text{Clock} = \text{tick}.\text{Clock}$  ← aquí hay que visualizar que la propia definición de Clock provee semantic al segundo término sin tener que definir Clock previamente

# Semantics of CCS

y más con procesos se clasifica como  
un variable libre, todo cada proceso  
como si ese término externo haciendo  
proceso como  $\tau x$ .

Syntax

**CCS**

(collection of defining equations)



Semantics

**LTS**

(labelled transition systems)

HOW?

# Structural Operational Semantics for CCS

## Structural Operational Semantics (SOS) – G. Plotkin 1981

Small-step operational semantics where the behaviour of a system is inferred using syntax driven rules.

Given a collection of CCS defining equations, we define the following LTS  $(Proc, Act, \{\xrightarrow{a} \mid a \in Act\})$ :

- $Proc = \mathcal{P}$  (the set of all CCS process expressions)
- $Act = \mathcal{L} \cup \{\tau\}$  (the set of all CCS actions including  $\tau$ )
- transition relation is given by **SOS rules** of the form:

$$\text{RULE } \frac{\text{premises}}{\text{conclusion}} \quad \text{conditions}$$

# SOS rules for CCS ( $\alpha \in Act$ , $a \in \mathcal{L}$ )

$$\text{ACT} \quad \frac{}{\alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P} \qquad \text{SUM}_j \quad \frac{P_j \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'_j}{\sum_{i \in I} P_i \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'_j} \quad j \in I$$

$$\text{COM1} \quad \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'|Q}$$

$$\text{COM2} \quad \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P|Q'}$$

$$\text{COM3} \quad \frac{P \xrightarrow{a} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{a}} Q'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P'|Q'}$$

$$\text{RES} \quad \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P \setminus L \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \setminus L} \quad \alpha, \bar{\alpha} \notin L$$

$$\text{REL} \quad \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P[f] \xrightarrow{f(\alpha)} P'[f]}$$

$$\text{CON} \quad \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{K \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'} \quad K \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} P$$

# Deriving Transitions in CCS

Let  $A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a.A$ . Then

$$((A \mid \bar{a}.Nil) \mid b.Nil)[c/a] \xrightarrow{c} ((A \mid \bar{a}.Nil) \mid b.Nil)[c/a].$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{ACT} \frac{}{a.A \xrightarrow{a} A} \\ \text{CON} \frac{a.A \xrightarrow{a} A}{A \xrightarrow{a} A} A \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} a.A \\ \text{COM1} \frac{}{A \mid \bar{a}.Nil \xrightarrow{a} A \mid \bar{a}.Nil} \\ \text{COM1} \frac{}{(A \mid \bar{a}.Nil) \mid b.Nil \xrightarrow{a} (A \mid \bar{a}.Nil) \mid b.Nil} \\ \text{REL} \frac{}{((A \mid \bar{a}.Nil) \mid b.Nil)[c/a] \xrightarrow{c} ((A \mid \bar{a}.Nil) \mid b.Nil)[c/a]} \end{array}$$

# LTS of the Process $a.Nil \mid \bar{a}.Nil$

