

# Formal Semantics of CCS

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# Review of the Previous Class

## ■ Sequential system v.s. **Reactive** system

- ✦ Ex1. Mathematical functions with given inputs generate outputs
  - Usually **no** environment consideration and timing consideration.
- ✦ Ex2. Ad-hoc On-Demand Vector routing protocol
  - Should model multiple concurrent nodes (environment)
  - Should model communication among the nodes
  - Should model timely behavior (e.g. time-out, etc)

## ■ Modeling of a complex system

- ✦ Concurrency => interleaving semantics
- ✦ Communication => synchronization
- ✦ Hierarchy => refinement



- A process algebra consists of
  - ✦ a set of operators and **syntactic rules** for constructing processes
  - ✦ a **semantic mapping** which assigns meaning or interpretation to every process
  - ✦ a notion of **equivalence** or partial order between processes
- Advantages: A large system can be broken into simpler subsystems and then proved correct in a **modular fashion**. Also, **correctness** can be checked
  - ✦ A hiding or restriction operator allows one to abstract away unnecessary details.
  - ✦ Equality for the process algebra is also a congruence relation; and thus, allows the substitution of one component with another equal component in large systems.



■ A system is described as a set of communicating processes

- + Each process executes a sequence of actions
- + **Actions** represents either **inputs/outputs** or **internal** computation steps

■ A set of actions/events  $Act = L \cup L' \cup \{\tau\}$

- +  $L = \{a, b, \dots\}$  is a set of **names** and  $L' = \{a', b', \dots\}$  is a set of **co-names**
  - $a \in L$  can be considered as the act of **receiving a signal**
  - $a' \in L'$  can be considered as the act of **emitting a signal**
  - $\tau$  is a special action to represent **internal hidden action**
- +  $Act - \{\tau\}$  represents the set of externally **visible** actions:



## Operational (transitional) semantics of CCS process

- Define the “execution steps” that processes may engaged in
- $P \xrightarrow{a} P'$  holds if a process  $P$  is capable of engaging in action  $a$  and then behaving like  $P'$
- Define  $\xrightarrow{a}$  inductively using inference rules for operators
  - premises  
 $\frac{}{\text{conclusion}}$  (*side condition*)

Example 1:

$$\text{Choice}_R \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P + Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}$$

Example 2:

$$\text{Prefix} \frac{}{\alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P}$$



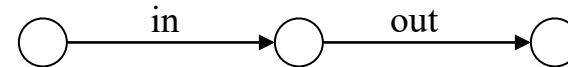
# Operators for Sequential Process

The idea: 7 elementary ways of producing or putting together labelled transition systems

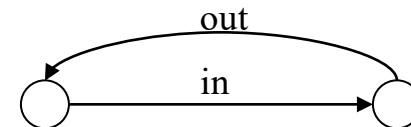
**1.Nil**      0      No transitions (deadlock)

**2.Prefix**       $\alpha.P$  ( $\alpha \in Act$ )      in.out'.0  $\xrightarrow{in}$  out'.0  $\xrightarrow{out}$  0

Prefix  $\frac{(\text{empty})}{\alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P}$



**3.Defn**       $A = P$       Buffer = in.out'.Buffer  
 Buffer- $\xrightarrow{in}$ ->out'.Buffer- $\xrightarrow{out}$ ->Buffer



# Operators for Sequential Process (cont.)

## 4.Choice $P + Q$

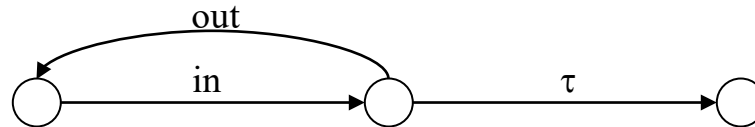
BadBuf = in.( $\tau.0$  + out.BadBuf)

$$\text{Choice}_L \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P+Q \rightarrow P'}$$

$$\text{Choice}_R \frac{Q \rightarrow Q'}{P+Q \rightarrow Q'}$$

BadBuf  $\xrightarrow{\text{in}}$   $\tau.0$  + out.BadBuf

$\xrightarrow{\tau} 0$  or  $\xrightarrow{\text{out}} \text{BadBuf}$



Obs: No priorities between  $\tau$ 's, a's or a's !

May use  $\Sigma$  notation to compactly represent sequential process

$$P = \sum_{i \in I} \alpha_i . P_i$$



# Example: Boolean Buffer of Size 2

## Action and Process Def.

$in_0$  : 0 is coming as input

$in_1$  : 1 is coming as input

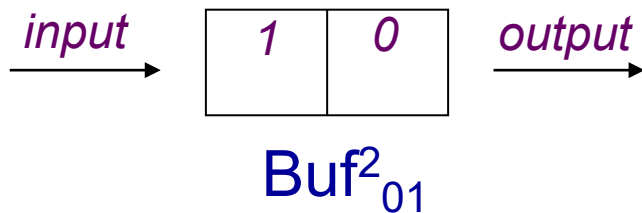
$out_0$  : 0 is going out as output

$out_1$  : 1 is going out as output

$Buf^2$  : Empty 2-place buffer

$Buf^2_0$  : 2-place buffer holding 0

$Buf^2_{01}$  : 2-place buffer holding  
0 at head and 1 at tail



$$Buf^2 = in_0.Buf^2_0 + in_1.Buf^2_1$$

$$Buf^2_0 = out_0.Buf^2 + in_0.Buf^2_{00} + in_1.Buf^2_{01}$$

$$Buf^2_1 = out_1.Buf^2 + in_0.Buf^2_{10} + in_1.Buf^2_{11}$$

$$Buf^2_{00} = out_0.Buf^2_0$$

$$Buf^2_{01} = out_0.Buf^2_1$$

$$Buf^2_{10} = out_1.Buf^2_0$$

$$Buf^2_{11} = out_1.Buf^2_1$$





# Operators for Concurrent Process

## 5. Parallel composition

$$\text{Par}_L \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P|Q \rightarrow P'|Q}$$

$$\text{Par}_R \frac{Q \rightarrow Q'}{P|Q \rightarrow P|Q'}$$

$$\text{Par}_\tau \frac{P \rightarrow P', Q \rightarrow Q'}{P|Q \rightarrow P'|Q'}$$

Buf<sub>1</sub> = in.comm'.Buf<sub>1</sub>  
 Buf<sub>2</sub> = comm.out Buf<sub>2</sub>  
 Buf = Buf<sub>1</sub> | Buf<sub>2</sub>

Par<sub>L</sub> Buf

Par<sub>τ</sub> -in-> comm'.Buf<sub>1</sub> | Buf<sub>2</sub>

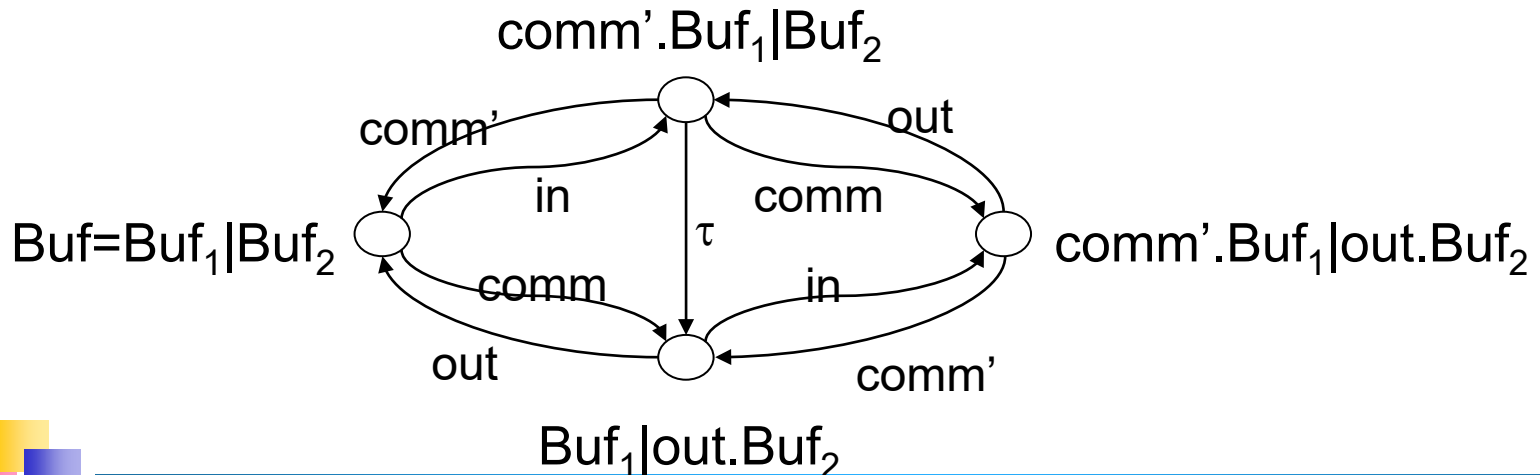
Par<sub>R</sub> -τ> Buf<sub>1</sub> | out Buf<sub>2</sub>

-out-> Buf<sub>1</sub> | Buf<sub>2</sub>

Par<sub>R</sub> Buf

Par<sub>R</sub> -comm-> Buf<sub>1</sub> | out Buf<sub>2</sub>

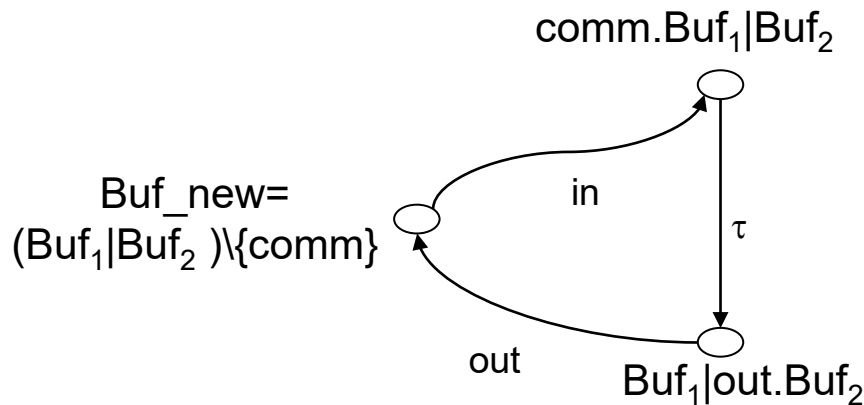
-out-> Buf<sub>1</sub> | Buf<sub>2</sub>



# Operators for Concurrent Process (cont.)

## 6. Restriction $P \backslash L$

$$\text{Res} \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P \backslash L \rightarrow P' \backslash L} \quad \alpha \notin L \cup L'$$



$\text{Buf}_1 = \text{in.comm'.Buf}_1$   
 $\text{Buf}_2 = \text{comm.out.Buf}_2$   
 $\text{Buf\_new} = (\text{Buf}_1 \mid \text{Buf}_2) \backslash \{\text{comm}\}$

$\text{Buf\_new}$

$\text{-in-} \rightarrow (\text{comm.Buf}_1 \mid \text{Buf}_2) \backslash \{\text{comm}\}$   
 $\text{-}\tau\text{-} \rightarrow (\text{Buf}_1 \mid \text{out.Buf}_2) \backslash \{\text{comm}\}$   
 $\text{-out-} \rightarrow (\text{Buf}_1 \mid \text{Buf}_2) \backslash \{\text{comm}\}$

$\text{Buf}$

~~$\text{-comm'-} \rightarrow \text{Buf}_1 \mid \text{out.Buf}_2$~~

$(\text{Buf}_1 \mid \text{Buf}_2) \backslash \{\text{comm}\}$  : a **design** for buffer with separated input/output ports  
 $\text{ReqBuf} = \text{in.out.ReqBuf}$  : a **requirement** for buffer design  
 $(\text{Buf}_1 \mid \text{Buf}_2) \backslash \{\text{comm}\} == \text{ReqBuf}$  means that buffer design **satisfies** the requirement



# Operators for Concurrent Process (cont.)

## 7. Relabelling

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

$P[f]$

$$\text{Buf}_0 = \text{in.out.Buf}_0$$

$$\text{Buf}_1 = \text{Buf}[\text{comm'}/\text{out}]$$

$$= \text{in.comm'.Buf}_1$$

$$\text{Buf}_2 = \text{Buf}[\text{comm}/\text{in}]$$

$$= \text{comm.out.Buf}_2$$

Relabelling function  $f$  must preserve complements:

$$f(a') = f(a)'$$

Relabelling function often given by name substitution as above



# Summary of CCS Semantics

$$\text{Act} \frac{}{\alpha.P \rightarrow P}$$

$\text{in}.P \rightarrow P$

$$\text{Choice}_L \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P+Q \rightarrow P'}, \quad \text{Choice}_R \frac{Q \rightarrow Q'}{P+Q \rightarrow Q'}$$

$\text{in}.P + \text{out}.Q \rightarrow P \text{ or } \rightarrow Q$

$$\text{Par}_L \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P|Q \rightarrow P'|Q}, \quad \text{Par}_R \frac{Q \rightarrow Q'}{P|Q \rightarrow P|Q'}$$

$\text{in}.P | \text{in}'.Q \rightarrow P | \text{in}'.Q \text{ or } \rightarrow P | Q$

$$\text{Par}_\tau \frac{P \rightarrow P', Q \rightarrow Q'}{P|Q \rightarrow P'|Q'}$$

$\text{in}.P | \text{in}'.Q \rightarrow P|Q$

$$\text{Res} \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P \setminus L \rightarrow P' \setminus L} \quad \alpha \notin L \cup L'$$

$(\text{in}.P | \text{in}'.Q) \setminus \{\text{in}\} \rightarrow (P|Q) \setminus \{\text{in}\} \text{ only}$

$$\text{Rel} \frac{P \rightarrow P'}{P[f] \rightarrow P'[f]}$$

$\text{in}.P [\text{out}/\text{in}] \rightarrow P[\text{out}/\text{in}]$



Proof of  $((a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F) \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow_{\tau} (E \mid F) \setminus \{a\}$

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Act} \text{ -----} \\
 a.E \rightarrow a \rightarrow E \\
 \\
 \text{Choice}_L \text{ -----} \quad \text{Act} \text{ -----} \\
 (a.E + b.0) \rightarrow a \rightarrow E \quad a'.F \rightarrow a' \rightarrow F \\
 \\
 \text{Par}_{\tau} \text{ -----} \\
 (a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F \rightarrow_{\tau} (E \mid F) \\
 \\
 \text{Res} \text{ -----} \\
 ((a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F) \setminus \{a\} \rightarrow_{\tau} (E \mid F) \setminus \{a\}
 \end{array}$$



■ Derive following process execution from the inference rules

$$\vdash (a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F \xrightarrow{a} E \mid a'.F$$

$$\vdash (a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F \xrightarrow{a'} (a.E + b.0) \mid F$$

$$\vdash (a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F \xrightarrow{b} 0 \mid a'.F$$

$$\vdash ((a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F) \setminus \{a\} \xrightarrow{b} (0 \mid a'.F) \setminus \{a\}$$

■ Draw corresponding labeled transition diagrams

$$\vdash (a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F$$

$$\vdash ((a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F) \setminus \{a\}$$

$$\vdash A = a.c'.A, B = c.b'.B$$

$$\bullet A \mid B, (A \mid B) \setminus \{c\}$$



## Proof 1

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Prefix} \quad \frac{}{a.E \rightarrow E} \\
 \text{Choice}_L \quad \frac{}{(a.E + b.0) \rightarrow E} \\
 \text{Par}_L \quad \frac{}{(a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F \rightarrow E \mid a'.F}
 \end{array}$$

## Proof 2

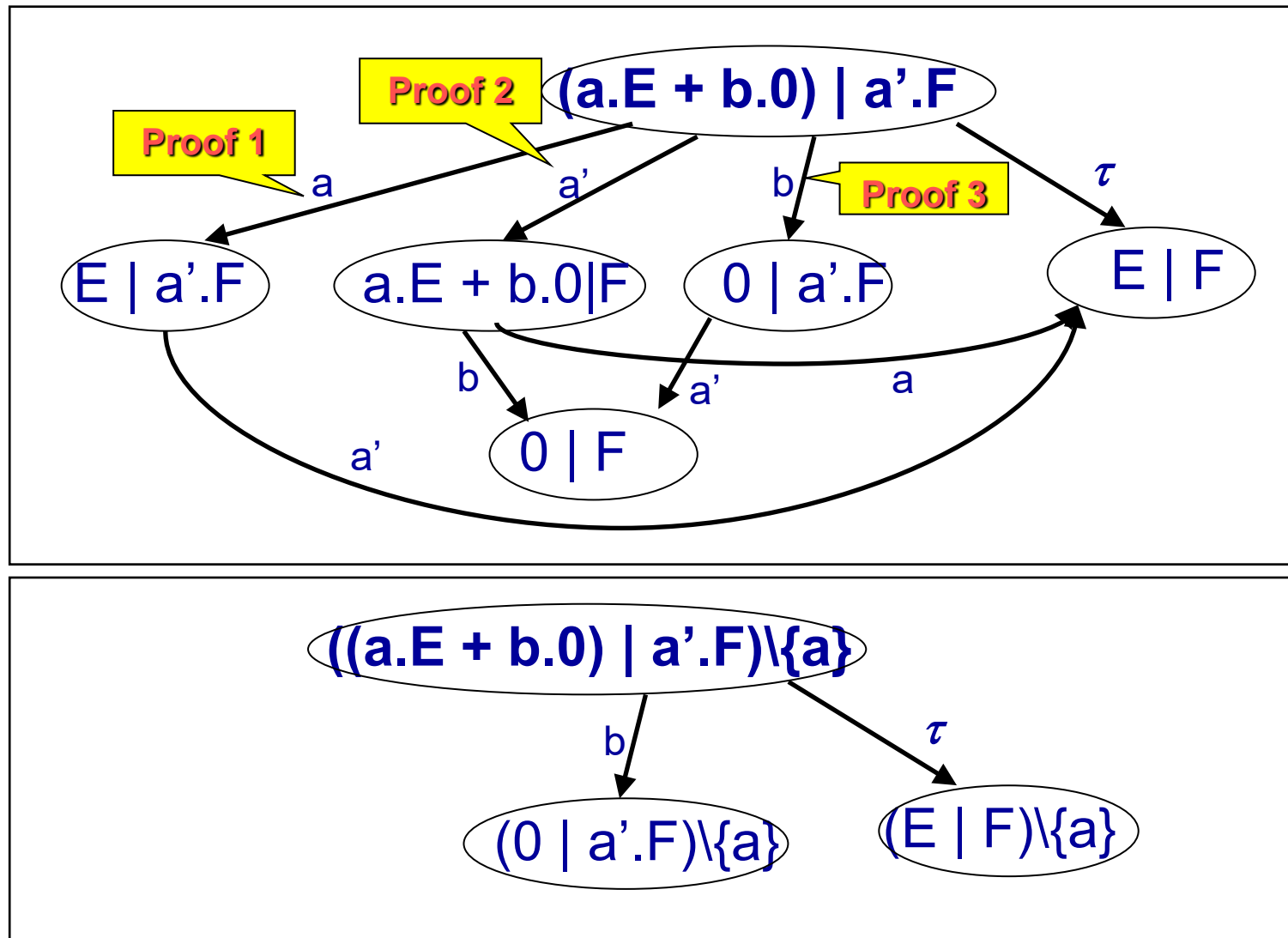
$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Prefix} \quad \frac{}{a'.F \rightarrow F} \\
 \text{Par}_R \quad \frac{}{(a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F \rightarrow (a.E + b.0) \mid F}
 \end{array}$$

## Proof 3

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \text{Prefix} \quad \frac{}{b.0 \rightarrow 0} \\
 \text{Choice}_R \quad \frac{}{(a.E + b.0) \rightarrow 0} \\
 \text{Par}_L \quad \frac{}{(a.E + b.0) \mid a'.F \rightarrow 0 \mid a'.F}
 \end{array}$$



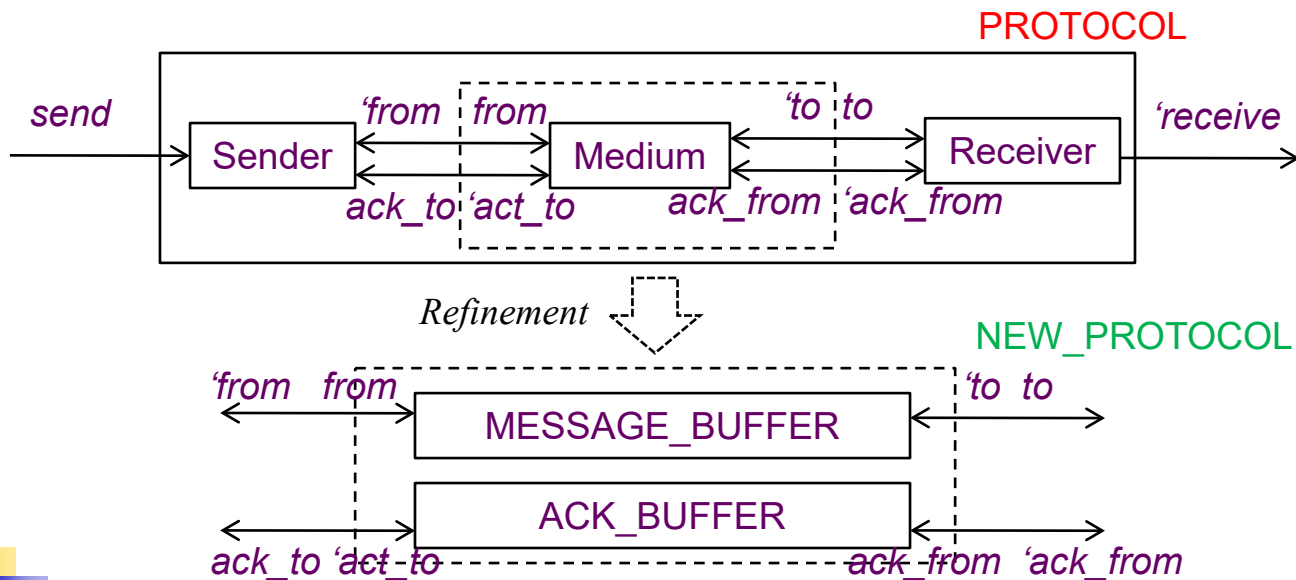
# Labeled Transition Systems





# Simple Protocol Example

```
proc PROTOCOL =  
  (SENDER | MEDIUM | RECEIVER) \ {from,to,ack_from,ack_to}  
proc SENDER = send.'from.ack_to.SENDER  
proc MEDIUM = from.'to.MEDIUM + ack_from.'ack_to.MEDIUM  
proc RECEIVER = to.'receive.'ack_from.RECEIVER  
  
proc NEW_PROTOCOL =  
  (SENDER | NEW_MEDIUM | RECEIVER) \ {to, from, ack_to, ack_from}  
proc NEW_MEDIUM = MESSAGE_BUFFER | ACK_BUFFER  
proc MESSAGE_BUFFER = from.'to.MESSAGE_BUFFER  
proc ACK_BUFFER = ack_from.'ack_to.ACK_BUFFER
```

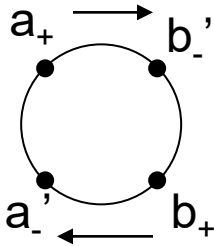


# Example: 2-way Buffers

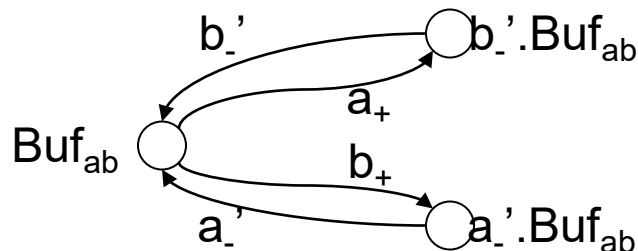
1-place 2-way buffer:

$$\text{Buf}_{ab} = a_+.b'_-.\text{Buf}_{ab} + b_+.a'_-.\text{Buf}_{ab}$$

Interface/architecture of  $\text{Buf}_{ab}$

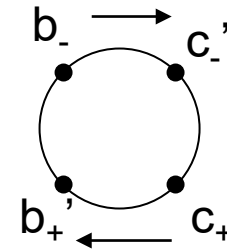


LTS of  $\text{Buf}_{ab}$ :



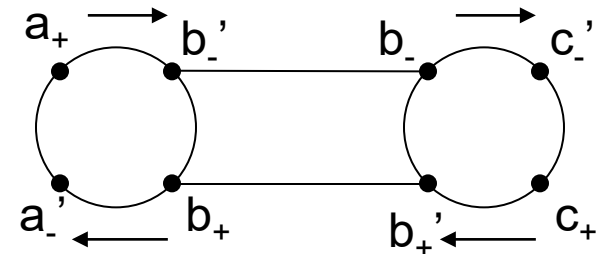
$$\begin{aligned}\text{Buf}_{bc} &= \text{Buf}_{ab}[c_+/b_+, c_-/b'_-, b_-/a_+, b_+/a'_-] \\ &= b'_-.c'_-.\text{Buf}_{bc} + c_+.b_+.\text{Buf}_{bc} \\ &\text{(note. simultaneous substitution)}\end{aligned}$$

Interface/architecture of  $\text{Buf}_{bc}$



$$\text{Sys} = (\text{Buf}_{ab} \mid \text{Buf}_{bc}) \setminus \{b_+, b'_-\}$$

Interface/architecture of Sys



But what's wrong w/ Sys?

Deadlock occurs



# Example: Faulty Mutual Exclusion Protocol (1/2)

```
char cnt=0,x=0,y=0,z=0;
```

```
void enter_crit_sect() {  
    char me = _pid + 1; /* me is 1 or 2*/  
again:
```

```
    x = me;  
    If (y == 0 || y == me) ;  
    else goto again;
```

*Software  
locks*

```
    z = me;  
    If (x == me) ;  
    else goto again;
```

```
    y = me;  
    If (z == me);  
    else goto again;
```

```
    /* enter critical section */
```

```
    cnt++;  
    assert( cnt == 1);  
    cnt --;  
    goto again;
```

*Critical  
section*

```
}
```

***Mutual  
Exclusion  
Algorithm***

Process 0

```
x = 1  
if(y==0 || y == 1)
```

```
z = 1  
if(x==1)  
y = 1  
if(z == 1)  
cnt++
```

Process 1

```
x = 2  
if(y==0 || y == 2)  
z = 2  
if(x==2)
```

```
y = 2  
if(z==2)  
cnt++
```

*Violation detected !!!*

**Counter  
Example**



# Example: Faulty Mutual Exclusion Protocol

```
byte cnt, byte x,y,z;
active[2] proctype user()
{
    byte me = _pid + 1; /* me is 1 or 2*/
again:
    // P1 or P2
    x = me;
    if
    :: (y == 0 || y == me) -> skip
    :: else -> goto again
    fi;

    // P1' or P2'
    z = me;
    if
    :: (x == me) -> skip
    :: else -> goto again
    fi;

    // P1'' or P2''
    y = me;
    if
    :: (z == me) -> skip
    :: else -> goto again
    fi;

    // P1''' or P2'''
    /* enter critical section */
    cnt++;
    assert( cnt == 1);
    cnt--;
    goto again
}
```

```
proc Sys = (P1|P2|X0|Y0|Z0|CNT0){x_[0-2],y_[0-2],z_[0-2],
test_x_[0-2],test_y_[0-2],test_z_[0-2], inc_cnt,dec_cnt}
```

```
proc P1   = x_1.(test_y_0.P1' + test_y_1.P1' + test_y_2.P1)
proc P1'  = z_1.(test_x_0.P1 + test_x_1.P1'' + test_x_2.P1)
proc P1'' = y_1.(test_z_0.P1 + test_z_1.P1''' + test_z_2.P1)
proc P1''' = inc_cnt.dec_cnt.P1
```

```
proc P2   = x_2.(test_y_0.P2' + test_y_1.P2 + test_y_2.P2')
proc P2'  = z_2.(test_x_0.P2 + test_x_1.P2 + test_x_2.P2'')
proc P2'' = y_2.(test_z_0.P2 + test_z_1.P2 + test_z_2.P2''')
proc P2''' = inc_cnt.dec_cnt.P2
```

\* Variable x, y, z, and cnt

```
proc UpdateX = 'x_0.X0 + 'x_1.X1 + 'x_2.X2
```

```
proc X0 = 'test_x_0.X0 + UpdateX
```

```
proc X1 = 'test_x_1.X1 + UpdateX
```

```
proc X2 = 'test_x_2.X2 + UpdateX
```

```
proc UpdateY = 'y_0.Y0 + 'y_1.Y1 + 'y_2.Y2
```

```
proc Y0 = 'test_y_0.Y0 + UpdateY
```

```
proc Y1 = 'test_y_1.Y1 + UpdateY
```

```
proc Y2 = 'test_y_2.Y2 + UpdateY
```

```
proc UpdateZ = 'z_0.Z0 + 'z_1.Z1 + 'z_2.Z2
```

```
proc Z0 = 'test_z_0.Z0 + UpdateZ
```

```
proc Z1 = 'test_z_1.Z1 + UpdateZ
```

```
proc Z2 = 'test_z_2.Z2 + UpdateZ
```

```
proc CNT0 = 'inc_cnt.cnt_1.CNT1
```

```
proc CNT1 = 'inc_cnt.cnt_2.CNT2 + 'dec_cnt.cnt_0.CNT0
```

```
proc CNT2 = 'dec_cnt.cnt_1.CNT1
```

```
proc Req = cnt_1.cnt_0.Reg
```



- help <command>
- load <ccs filename>
- cat <process>
- compile <process>
- es <script file> <output file>
- eq -S <trace|bisim|obseq> <proc1> <proc2>
- le -S may <proc1> <proc2>     /\* Trace subset relation \*/
- quit
- sim <process>
  - ✦ semantics <bisim|obseq>
  - ✦ random <n>
  - ✦ back <n>
  - ✦ break <act list>
  - ✦ history
  - ✦ quit

