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The consistency of a noninterleaving and an
interleaving model for full TCSP

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1. Introduction

Various formalisms have been proposed in the past for the description of nondeterministic concurrent systems, the most well-known of which are CCS [14,15], ACP [2] and TCSP [6,13,17]. These languages or calculi have been given a variety of semantical descriptions [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,18,19,20,21]. A first classification of this semantics distinguishes between interleaving and noninterleaving models.

In noninterleaving models as [3,4,8,10,11,12,18,21,23] an attempt is made to capture 'true parallelism' where as interleaving models as [1,2,5,6,7,19] somehow reduce concurrency to nondeterministic sequential behaviour by arbitrary interleaving of atomic actions, e.g. the process $\alpha.stop \parallel \beta.stop$ 'behaves' like $\alpha.\beta.stop \square \beta.\alpha.stop$, if $\alpha, \beta \neq \tau$.

In this paper we compare an interleaving semantics of full TCSP based on a transition system with a noninterleaving model based on labelled event structures [16,22,23,24].

In an earlier paper [11] have shown for finite TCSP processes without recursion and *div* that the interleaving transition system based description and the respective event structure semantics are consistent. As recursion is a very powerful tool to build concurrent systems, it is an interesting question if this result carries over to full TCSP. We show here that this question has a positive answer. The result is in particular interesting, as it not only relates an interleaving specification with a noninterleaving but also relates at the same time an operational specification with a compositional one, that provides semantic operators for all syntactical constructs including *fix*.

2. The syntax of guarded TCSP

Let *Comm* be the set of possible communications. A special action τ , as in CCS, is introduced to describe internal actions which may not communicate. For notational convenience, we allow τ to occur syntactically in expressions denoting processes.

So let the set *Act* of actions be defined as

$$Act := Comm \cup \{ \tau \}.$$

Let *Idf* be a set of identifiers which will serve as variables for programs. The set *TCSP* of *TCSP terms* is defined by the following production system :

$$P := stop \mid \alpha.P \mid div \mid P \text{ or } Q \mid P \square Q \mid \\ P \parallel_A Q \mid P \setminus \beta \mid x \mid fix \ x.P,$$

where $\alpha \in Act$, $\beta \in Comm$, $A \subseteq Comm$, $x \in Idf$.

2.1 Definition :

An occurrence of an identifier x is called *free* in a term $P \in TCSP$ iff it does not occur within a subterm of the form *fix* $x.Q$. A TCSP term P is said to be *closed* iff it does not contain identifiers which occur free in P .

An identifier x is *guarded* in a term $P \in TCSP$ iff each free occurrence of x in P is in the scope of a prefixing operation $Q \mapsto \alpha.Q$.

A term $P \in TCSP$ is called *guarded* iff in each subterm *fix* $x.Q$ of P the identifier x is guarded in Q .

Let *GTCS*P be the set of all guarded TCSP terms.

A *GTCS*P process is a closed, guarded TCSP term.

2.2 Definition :

Let $P, A_1, \dots, A_n \in \text{GTCS}$ P and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \text{Idf}$ pairwise distinguished identifiers. The GTCSP term

$$P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n] \text{ or shortly } P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$$

arises from P by substituting each free occurrence of the identifiers x_1, \dots, x_n in P simultaneously by the GTCSP terms A_1, \dots, A_n .

3. Transition systems

3.1 Definition :

$A = (S, L, \rightarrow, q_0)$ is called a (*labelled*) *transition system* iff

- (a) S is a set of *states*.
- (b) L is a set of *labels*.
- (c) $\rightarrow \subseteq S \times L \times S$, where we will write $p \xrightarrow{\alpha} q$ instead of $(p, \alpha, q) \in \rightarrow$.
- (d) $q_0 \in S$, q_0 is called the *initial state* of A .

3.2 Definition :

Two equally labelled transition systems $A_i = (S_i, L, \rightarrow_i, q_i)$, $i = 1, 2$, are *bisimilar* ($A_1 \approx A_2$) if there exists a *bisimulation* R between A_1 and A_2 , i.e. a relation $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$ with $(q_1, q_2) \in R$ and, for all $(p, q) \in R$:

1. Whenever $p \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 p'$ for some $p' \in S_1$ then there exists some $q' \in S_2$ with $(p', q') \in R$ and $q \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 q'$
and symmetrically
2. whenever $q \xrightarrow{\alpha}_2 q'$ for some $q' \in S_2$ then there exists some $p' \in S_1$ with $(p', q') \in R$ and $p \xrightarrow{\alpha}_1 p'$.

4. An interleaving transition system based description for guarded TCSP

4.1 Definition :

Let \rightarrow be the binary relation on TCSP that is defined as follows :

- (a) **Prefixing**
 $\alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P$
- (b) **Internal nondeterminism**
 $P \text{ or } Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P, P \text{ or } Q \xrightarrow{\tau} Q$
- (c) **External nondeterminism**

External choice : $\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P \square Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}, \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P \square Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}, \text{ where } \alpha \neq \tau.$

$$\text{Internal choice : } \frac{P \xrightarrow{\tau} P'}{P \square Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P' \square Q}, \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\tau} Q'}{P \square Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P \square Q'}$$

(d) **Parallel composition**

$$\text{Synchronisation case : } \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P', Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P \parallel_A Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \parallel_A Q'}, \text{ where } \alpha \in A.$$

Independent execution (modelled by interleaving):

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P \parallel_A Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \parallel_A Q}, \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P \parallel_A Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P \parallel_A Q'}, \text{ where } \alpha \notin A.$$

(e) **Hiding**

$$\frac{P \xrightarrow{\beta} P'}{P \setminus \beta \xrightarrow{\tau} P' \setminus \beta}, \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P \setminus \beta \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \setminus \beta}, \text{ where } \alpha \neq \beta.$$

(f) **Recursion**

$$\frac{P[\text{fix } x.P/x] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q}{\text{fix } x.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q}$$

(g) **Divergence**

$$\text{div} \xrightarrow{\tau} \text{div}.$$

An interleaving model of a closed GTCSP term P is the transition system

$$A(P) = (GTCSP, Act, \rightarrow, P).$$

4.2 Definition :

For $P, Q \in GTCSP$ and $\omega \in Comm^*$, we define :

$P \xRightarrow{\omega} Q$, iff there exists a sequence

$$P = P_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha_1} P_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\alpha_n} P_{n+1} = Q$$

where $n \geq 0$ and ω results from $\alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n \in Act^*$ by skipping all occurrences of τ . We call Q a *derivative* of P .

Let P be a closed GTCSP term. Then, the transition system

$$O(P) = (GTCSP, Comm^*, \Rightarrow, P)$$

gives an operational semantics for P that specifies only the observable behaviour of the process P .

5. Labelled event structures

5.1 Definition :

$\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$ is called a (*labelled*) *event structure* iff

- (a) E is a set (of events),
- (b) \leq is a partial order on E ,
- (c) $\#$ is an irreflexive, symmetric relation on E , called *conflict relation*, with :

$$\forall e_1, e_2, e_3 \in E : (e_1 \leq e_2 \text{ and } e_1 \# e_3) \implies e_2 \# e_3,$$

- (d) $l : E \rightarrow Act$, where Act is the alphabet of actions (*labelling functions*).

5.2 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$ be an event structure, $E' \subset E$, $e \in E$.

(a) $\#(e) := \{ e' \in E : e' \# e \}$.

(b) $\#(E') := \bigcup_{e \in E'} \#(e)$.

(c) $\downarrow e := \{ e' \in E : e' \leq e \text{ and } e' \neq e \}$ is called the *preset* of e .

5.3 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$ be an event structure, $e \in E$.

$$depth(e) = \begin{cases} 1 & : \text{if } \downarrow e = \emptyset \\ \max\{depth(e') : e' \in \downarrow e\} + 1 & : \text{if } \downarrow e \text{ is finite} \\ \infty & : \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

5.4 Definition :

An event structure $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$ is called (*finitely*) *approximable* iff

- (a) for each $e \in E$, $depth(e)$ is finite and
- (b) for each $n \in N$, $\{e \in E : depth(e) = n\}$ is finite.

Ev denotes the set of all finitely approximable event structures where we abstract from the names of the events, i.e. we will not distinguish isomorphic event structures. Two event structures $\varepsilon_i = (E_i, \leq_i, \#_i, l_i)$, $i = 1, 2$ are *isomorphic* if there exists a bijective mapping $f : E_1 \rightarrow E_2$ so that

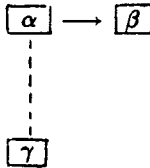
1. $e_1 \leq_1 e_2 \iff f(e_1) \leq_2 f(e_2) \quad \forall e_1, e_2 \in E_1$,
2. $e_1 \#_1 e_2 \iff f(e_1) \#_2 f(e_2) \quad \forall e_1, e_2 \in E_1$ and
3. $l_2(f(e)) = l_1(e) \quad \forall e \in E_1$.

Event structures can be depicted graphically by representing events as boxes (inscribed with the event label) and connecting them with their direct predecessors and successors.

A conflict between two events is a *direct* conflict if no predecessors of the events are in conflict. Direct conflicts are depicted graphically by a broken line.

Example :

The event structure $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$ with $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3\}$, $e_1 \leq e_2$, $e_1 \# e_3$, $e_2 \# e_3$ and $l(e_1) = \alpha$, $l(e_2) = \beta$, $l(e_3) = \gamma$ is shown as

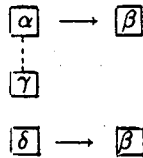


6. Composition operations for event structures

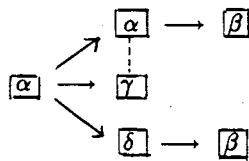
The event structure semantics for GTCSP to be defined is compositional, which means that composition operators corresponding to the syntactical operators prefix, or , \square , \parallel_A , $\setminus\beta$ and fix have to be defined. This has been done in [11], we will here explain examples only and refer for the precise definitions to the appendix.

6.1 Example : Prefixing

$\alpha.\varepsilon$ describes a process that first performs α and then behaves like ε . If ε is

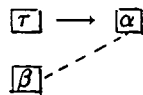


then $\alpha.\varepsilon$ is



6.2 Example : \square - choice

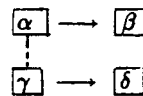
Let ε_1 be $\tau \rightarrow \alpha$ and ε_2 be β . Then $\varepsilon_1 \square \varepsilon_2$ is given by



which describes that ε_1 may perform its τ -actions independently and that a decision has to take place as soon as communications are involved.

6.3 Example : \square - choice

Let ε_1 be $\alpha \rightarrow \beta$ and ε_2 be $\gamma \rightarrow \delta$, then $\varepsilon_1 \square \varepsilon_2$ is



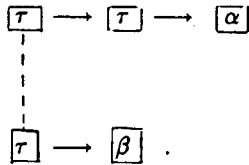
describing external choice.

6.4 Example : or-choice

The *or-choice* reflects internal nondeterminism .

Let ε_1 be $\tau \rightarrow \alpha$ and ε_2 be β .

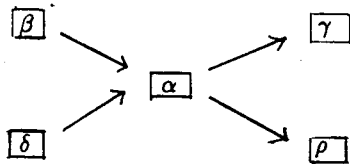
Then ε_1 or ε_2 is given by



The internal character of the *or-choice* is modelled by prefixing the respective event structures with internal actions and by imposing a conflict between these internal actions .

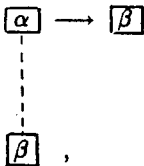
6.5 Example : Parallel composition \parallel_A

Let ε_1 be $\beta \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \gamma$ and ε_2 be $\delta \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \rho$, then $\varepsilon_1 \parallel_{\{\alpha\}} \varepsilon_2$ is given by

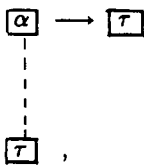


6.6 Example : Hiding

Let ε be



then $\varepsilon \setminus \beta$ is



i.e. hiding transforms actions labelled by β into actions labelled by τ .

7. The metric space of finite approximable event structures

In this section we will define a metric d on finite approximable event structures. [15] have shown that (Ev, d) is a complete ultrametric space. Thus, every Banach-contractive mapping $\Phi : Ev \rightarrow Ev$ has a unique fixpoint in Ev .

7.1 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in Ev, n \in N, \varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$.

- (a) The *truncation* of ε (of the depth n) is defined as follows :

$$\varepsilon^n := (E^n, \leq|_{E^n}, \#|_{E^n}, l|_{E^n})$$

where $E^n := \{e \in E : \text{depth}(e) \leq n\}$.

- (b) The distance between the event structures $\varepsilon, \varepsilon'$ is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} d(\varepsilon, \varepsilon') = 0 & \quad : \iff \varepsilon = \varepsilon' \\ d(\varepsilon, \varepsilon') = \frac{1}{2^n} & \quad : \iff \varepsilon \neq \varepsilon' \text{ and } n = \max\{i : \varepsilon^i = \varepsilon'^i\}. \end{aligned}$$

We recall that we deal with isomorphism class of event structures, i.e. we abstract of the names of the events $e \in E$. It is clear that the distance $d(\varepsilon, \varepsilon')$ is independent of chosen representatives.

7.2 Definition :

Let $Env := \{\sigma : \sigma : Idf \rightarrow Ev\}$ the set of *environments*. These are mappings which assign a meaning to free identifiers of a term.

For $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n \in Ev$, we define $\sigma[\varepsilon_1/x_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n/x_n] : Idf \rightarrow Ev$ by

$$\begin{aligned} x_i & \mapsto \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \\ y & \mapsto \sigma(y) \quad \text{if } y \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let $\Phi : GTCSP \times Env \times Id \rightarrow (Ev \rightarrow Ev)$ be given by

$$\Phi(P, \sigma, x)(\varepsilon) := M[P]\sigma[\varepsilon/x],$$

where M is the meaning function

$$M : GTCSP \times Env \rightarrow Ev$$

given by :

Let $\sigma \in Env, \alpha \in Act, \beta \in Comm, A \subseteq Comm, P, P_1, P_2 \in GTCSP$.

- (a) $M[x]\sigma := \sigma(x)$ where $x \in Idf$.
- (b) $M[\alpha.P]\sigma := \alpha.M[P]\sigma$.
- (c) $M[P \setminus \beta]\sigma := M[P]\sigma \setminus \beta$.
- (d) $M[P_1 \square P_2]\sigma := M[P_1]\sigma \square M[P_2]\sigma$.
- (e) $M[P_1 \text{ or } P_2]\sigma := M[P_1]\sigma \text{ or } M[P_2]\sigma$.
- (f) $M[P_1 \parallel_A P_2]\sigma := M[P_1]\sigma \parallel_A M[P_2]\sigma$.
- (g) $M[\text{fix } x.P]\sigma := \text{fix } \Phi(P, \sigma, x)$

where $\text{fix } \Phi(P, \sigma, x)$ denotes the unique fixpoint of the Banach - contractive mapping $\Phi(P, \sigma, x)$. See [11], where it has been shown that $\Phi(P, \sigma, x)$ is Banach - contractive.

Lemma 1 :

Let $x \in Idf$ be guarded in $P \in GTCSP$.

- (a) $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in Env, \sigma_1(y) = \sigma_2(y) \forall y \in Idf \setminus \{x\} \implies fix\Phi(P, \sigma_1, x) = fix\Phi(P, \sigma_2, x)$.
- (b) If P is closed then $fix\Phi(P, \sigma, x)$ is independent of the environment σ .
- (c) Let x_1, \dots, x_n be pairwise different identifiers, $A_1, \dots, A_n \in GTCSP$, then :

$$M[P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n]]\sigma = M[P]\sigma[M[A_1]\sigma/x_1, \dots, M[A_n]\sigma/x_n].$$

Proof:

- (a) follows immediately from the definition of Φ .
- (b) is clear .
- (c) By structural induction on the syntax of P .

Lemma 2 :

Let $P, B, A_1, \dots, A_n \in GTCSP$ and let $x_1, \dots, x_n, y \in Idf$ be pairwise different identifiers, so that y does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n . Then,

$$P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, B[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]/y] = P[B/y][\bar{A}/\bar{x}].$$

Proof :

By induction on the syntax of P .

Lemma 3 :

Let $P \in GTCSP$. Then, for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in Idf$ pairwise different identifiers, which are guarded in P , and for all $A_1, \dots, A_n \in GTCSP$:

If $P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$, then there exists $P' \in GTCSP$ with

1. $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and
2. $P'[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n] = Q$.

Proof :

By induction on the syntax of P .

Remark :

Let $P, Q, A_1, \dots, A_n \in GTCSP$ and $x_1, \dots, x_n \in Idf$ be pairwise different identifiers which are guarded in P so that $P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$.

Then, there exists $P' \in GTCSP$ with

1. $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and
2. $P'[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = Q$.

It is easy to see that for all terms $B_1, \dots, B_n \in GTCSP$:

$$P[\bar{B}/\bar{x}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'[\bar{B}/\bar{x}].$$

Remark :

If $A \in GTCSP$ is closed then

$$M[A]\sigma_1 = M[A]\sigma_2 \quad \forall \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in Env.$$

So, we can define

$$M[A] := M[A]\sigma \quad \text{where } \sigma \in Env.$$

7.3 Definition :

For $\omega = \alpha_1 \dots \alpha_n \in Act^*$, we define $\hat{\omega}$ to be the word in $Comm^*$ which arises from ω by eliminating all actions labelled by τ .

I.e., $\hat{\omega} = \alpha_{i_1} \dots \alpha_{i_k}$ where $1 \leq i_1 < \dots < i_k \leq n$ are the indices $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ with $\alpha_i \in Comm$.

7.4 Definition :

- (a) Let $\mu \in Act$, $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in Ev$, $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$. The transition relation $\rightarrow \subseteq Ev \times Act \times Ev$ on event structures is defined by :
- $\varepsilon \xrightarrow{\mu} \varepsilon'$ iff there exists some event $e \in E$ with $depth(e) = 1$, $l(e) = \mu$ and $\varepsilon' = (E', \leq|_{E'}, \#|_{E'}, l|_{E'})$ where $E' = E \setminus (\{e\} \cup \#(e))$.
- (b) When we abstract from τ -events we get the transition relation $\Rightarrow \subseteq Ev \times Comm^* \times Ev$:
- $\varepsilon \Rightarrow \varepsilon'$ iff there exists a sequence

$$\varepsilon = \varepsilon_1 \xrightarrow{\mu_1} \varepsilon_2 \xrightarrow{\mu_2} \dots \xrightarrow{\mu_n} \varepsilon_{n+1} = \varepsilon'$$

where $n \geq 0, \mu_1, \dots, \mu_n \in Act$ and $\omega \in Comm^*$ results from $\mu_1 \mu_2 \dots \mu_n$ by removing all $\mu_i = \tau$.

- (c) The (observable) interleaving semantics of $\varepsilon \in Ev$ is defined as the transition system

$$O(\varepsilon) = (Ev, Comm^*, \Rightarrow, \varepsilon).$$

7.5 Definition :

The event structures $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ are called τ -equivalent, written $\varepsilon_1 \approx_\tau \varepsilon_2$, iff there exists event structures $\varepsilon, Int_1, Int_2$, where all events in Int_1, Int_2 are labelled by τ , with $\varepsilon_i = \varepsilon \parallel_\emptyset Int_i$, $i = 1, 2$.

It is easy to see that τ -equivalence is an equivalence relation on Ev . [11] have shown that if $\varepsilon_1 \approx_\tau \varepsilon_2$ and $\varepsilon_1 \Rightarrow \varepsilon'_1$ then there exists $\varepsilon'_2 \in Ev$ with $\varepsilon'_1 \approx_\tau \varepsilon'_2$ and $\varepsilon_2 \Rightarrow \varepsilon'_2$.

Lemma 4 :

Let $P \in GTCSP$, $\alpha \in Act$, $\sigma \in Env$.

- (a) If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ then $M[P]\sigma \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} M[P']\sigma$.
- (b) If x_1, \dots, x_n be the pairwise different identifiers that occur free in P and if $\sigma(x_i) = M[A_i]$ where A_i is a closed GTCSP term, $i = 1, \dots, n$, then, for all event structures $\varepsilon' \in Ev$ with $M[P]\sigma \xrightarrow{\alpha} \varepsilon'$, there exists a term $P' \in GTCSP$ with
1. $P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n] \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} P'$ and
 2. $M[P']\sigma \approx_\tau \varepsilon'$.

Proof : We will prove the statements by induction on the structure of P .

- (a) We assume that $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$. Basis of induction :
1. $P = stop$ has no derivatives.
 2. $P = div$, then $\alpha = \tau$ and $P' = div$, $M[P]\sigma = M[P']\sigma$.
 3. $P = z \in Idf$, then P has no derivatives.

Induction step :

The most interesting operator is the *fix*- operator.

$P = \text{fix } x.Q$, then $Q[\text{fix } x.Q/x] \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$.

By Lemma 3, there exists $Q' \in \text{GTCSP}$ with $Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'$ and $Q'[\text{fix } x.Q/x] = P'$.

By induction hypothesis :

$$M[Q]\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x] \xrightarrow{\alpha} M[Q']\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x]$$

On the other side, we have :

$$M[P]\sigma = \text{fix}\Phi(Q, \sigma, x) = M[Q]\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x]$$

and

$$M[P']\sigma = M[Q'[\text{fix } x.Q/x]]\sigma = M[Q'[P/x]]\sigma = M[Q']\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x]$$

(Lemma 1c). Then, $M[P]\sigma \xrightarrow{\alpha} M[P']\sigma$.

(b) Induction step :

Again, we only consider the *fix* - operator : $P = \text{fix } x.Q$.

The identifiers occurring free in Q are x_1, \dots, x_n and x . We get :

$$M[P]\sigma = \text{fix}(Q, \sigma, x) = \Phi(Q, \sigma, x)(M[P]\sigma) = M[Q]\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x]$$

and

$$M[P]\sigma = M[P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n]]$$

(by Lemma 1c).

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma[M[P]\sigma/x](x) &= M[P]\sigma = M[P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]] \text{ and} \\ \sigma[M[P]\sigma/x](x_i) &= \sigma(x_i) = M[A_i], \quad i = 1, \dots, n. \end{aligned}$$

Since $M[P]\sigma \xrightarrow{\alpha} \epsilon'$, we get by Lemma 1c and Lemma 2 :

$$M[Q]\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x] \xrightarrow{\alpha} \epsilon'.$$

By induction hypothesis, there exists $P' \in \text{GTCSP}$ with

$$Q[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]/x] \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \text{ and } M[P']\sigma \approx_r \epsilon'.$$

Since the terms A_1, \dots, A_n are closed, we get :

$$\begin{aligned} Q[\bar{A}/\bar{x}][P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]/x] &= Q[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]/x]. \\ \Rightarrow Q[\bar{A}/\bar{x}][\text{fix } x.Q[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]/x] &\xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \\ \Rightarrow P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = \text{fix } x.Q[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] &\xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \end{aligned}$$

Corollary :

Let $R := \{ (P, \varepsilon) : P \in GTCSP, P \text{ closed}, \varepsilon \in Ev, \varepsilon \approx_\tau M[P] \}$.
Then R is a bisimulation.

Proof :

Let $(P, \varepsilon) \in R$.

1. When $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$, so we have by Lemma 4a :

$$M[P] \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} M[P'].$$

Since $\varepsilon \approx_\tau M[P]$, there exists $\varepsilon' \in Ev$ with

$$\varepsilon \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} \varepsilon' \text{ and } \varepsilon' \approx_\tau M[P'].$$

Then $(P', \varepsilon') \in R$.

2. When $\varepsilon \xrightarrow{\alpha} \varepsilon'$, then there exists $\varepsilon'' \in Ev$ with

$$M[P] \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} \varepsilon'' \text{ and } \varepsilon' \approx_\tau \varepsilon''.$$

By Lemma 4b, it is easy to show that there exists $P' \in GTCSP$, P' closed, with

$$P \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} P', M[P'] \approx_\tau \varepsilon''$$

Then, $M[P'] \approx_\tau \varepsilon'$ and $(P', \varepsilon') \in R$.

Theorem :

For every closed $P \in GTCSP$ (i.e. every guarded process), the transition systems $O(P)$ and $O(M[P])$ are bisimilar.

8. Conclusion

We have shown that an interleaving specification of a GTCSP process P and a noninterleaving meaning of P are 'bisimilar'. One difficulty in establishing such a result, in particular when including recursion via the *fix*-operator, is, that a compositional semantics that provides semantic operators for the syntactical constructs, is compared with an operational semantics using a transition system. Hence, in order to establish a relation between the two meanings of a process P we may not simply perform an induction on the structure of P . In particular, in the case of recursion, we have no operator that determines the 'meaning' of *fix* $x.Q$ from the 'meaning' of Q in the transition system case.

Our proof works by obtaining information on the behaviour of a process P from the knowledge of the behaviour of $P[A/\bar{x}]$, see lemma 3 and lemma 4.

The obtained theorem may be interpreted as a consistency result.

Consistency problems concerning noninterleaving and interleaving models are discussed in [9,18,20]. These investigations differ from the present work in particular in the noninterleaving model (petri nets, prime event structures) and / or in the language studied and in the proof method.

Appendix

This section gives the operations for finite approximable event structures modelling the operations of GTCSP as defined in [11].

A.1 Definition :

Let $stop \in Ev$ to be defined as

$$stop := (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset).$$

A.2 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l) \in Ev, \alpha \in Act, e_0 \notin E$. Then, the event structure $\alpha.\varepsilon$ will describe a process which first performs α and then behaves like ε .

$$\alpha.\varepsilon = (E', \leq', \#', l')$$

where

1. $E' = E \cup \{e_0\}$,
2. $e_1 \leq' e_2 \iff e_1 = e_0$ or $(e_1, e_2 \in E \ \& \ e_1 \leq e_2)$
3. $e_1 \# e_2 \iff e_1, e_2 \in E \ \& \ e_1 \# e_2$
4. $l' : E' \rightarrow Act$ is defined by $l'(e) = l(e)$, if $e \in E$, and $l'(e_0) = \alpha$.

A.3 Definition :

For $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l) \in Ev$, we define the set of *initial internal events* by

$$In(\varepsilon) := \{e \in E : \forall e' \in E, e' \leq e : l(e') = \tau\}$$

A.4 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon_i = (E_i, \leq_i, \#_i, l_i) \in Ev, i = 1, 2$, w.l.o.g. $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$. The *conditional composition* of ε_1 and ε_2 is defined by

$$\varepsilon_1 \square \varepsilon_2 := (E, \leq, \#, l)$$

where

1. $E = E_1 \cup E_2$
2. $\leq = \leq_1 \cup \leq_2$
3. $e_1 \# e_2 \iff (e_1, e_2 \in E_1 \ \& \ e_1 \#_1 e_2)$ or $(e_1, e_2 \in E_2 \ \& \ e_1 \#_2 e_2)$ or $(e_1 \in In(\varepsilon_1) \ \& \ e_2 \in In(\varepsilon_2))$ or $(e_1 \in In(\varepsilon_2) \ \& \ e_2 \in In(\varepsilon_1))$
4. $l : E \rightarrow Act, l(e) = l_i(e)$ if $e \in E_i, i = 1, 2$.

$\varepsilon_1 \square \varepsilon_2$ describes the process which behaves like one of the event structures ε_1 or ε_2 where the decision which alternative is left open as long as only internal actions are being performed.

A.5 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon_i = (E_i, \leq_i, \#_i, l_i) \in Ev, i = 1, 2$, w.l.o.g. $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$. The *nondeterministic combination* of ε_1 and ε_2 is defined by

$$\varepsilon_1 \text{ or } \varepsilon_2 := (E, \leq, \#, l)$$

where

1. $E = E_1 \cup E_2 \cup \{f_1, f_2\}$, $f_1, f_2 \notin E_1 \cup E_2$
2. $e_1 \leq e_2 \iff (e_1, e_2 \in E_i \ \& \ e_1 \leq_i e_2, \ i = 1 \text{ or } i = 2) \text{ or}$
 $(e_i = f_i \ \& \ e_2 \in E_i, \ i = 1 \text{ or } i = 2) \text{ or } e_1 = e_2$
3. $\#$ is the symmetric closure of $\#_1 \cup \#_2 \cup ((E_1 \cup \{f_1\}) \times (E_2 \cup \{f_2\}))$
4. $l: E \rightarrow Act$, $l(e) = l_i(e)$ if $e \in E_i$ and $l(f_i) = \tau, i = 1, 2$.

The nondeterministic combination ε_1 or ε_2 behaves like ε_1 or like ε_2 where an internal decision choose the alternative .

A.6 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon_i = (E_i, \leq_i, \#_i, l_i) \in Ev$, $i = 1, 2$ and $A \subseteq Comm$.

1. The *syntactical communication* of ε_1 and ε_2 on A is defined by

$$Comm_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) := \{ (e, \star) : e \in E_1 \ \& \ l_1(e) \notin A \\ \text{or } e \in E_2 \ \& \ l_2(e) \notin A \} \\ \cup \{ (e_1, e_2) \in E_1 \times E_2 : l_1(e_1) = l_2(e_2) \in A \} .$$

There \star is an auxiliary symbol, $\star \notin E_1 \cup E_2$.

2. Two communications $(e_1, e_2), (e'_1, e'_2) \in Comm_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ are *in conflict* iff they contain conflicting events, i.e. $e_1 \#_1 e'_1$ or $e_2 \#_2 e'_2$, or one event communicates with two distinct events, i.e. $(e_1 = e'_1 \wedge e_2 \neq e'_2)$ or $(e_2 = e'_2 \wedge e_1 \neq e'_1)$.
3. A subset C of $Comm_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ is *conflict-free* iff no two communications in C are in conflict.
4. Let $C \subseteq Comm_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ be conflict-free, $(e_1, e_2), (f_1, f_2) \in C$.

- (a) The relation \prec is defined by

$$(e_1, e_2) \prec (f_1, f_2) \iff ((e_1 \leq f_1) \wedge \neg(e_2 > f_2)) \text{ or } ((e_2 \leq f_2) \wedge \neg(e_1 > f_1)).$$

We say (e_1, e_2) *precedes* (f_1, f_2) if $(e_1, e_2) \prec (f_1, f_2)$.

- (b) C is called *complete* iff

$\forall (e_1, e_2) \in C, \forall f_1 \in E_1$ with $f_1 \leq_1 e_1$ there exists $(e_2, f_2) \in C$ with

$$(f_1, f_2) \prec (e_1, e_2)$$

and symmetrically

$\forall (e_1, e_2) \in C, \forall f_2 \in E_2$ with $f_2 \leq_2 e_2$ there exists $(f_1, f_2) \in C$ with

$$(f_1, f_2) \prec (e_1, e_2).$$

- (c) C is called *cycle-free* iff the transitive closure of \prec is antisymmetric.

5. The *parallel composition* of ε_1 and ε_2 with communication on $A \subseteq Comm$ is given by

$$\varepsilon_1 \parallel_A \varepsilon_2 := (E, \leq, \#, l)$$

where

- (a) $E = \{C_{(e_1, e_2)} : C_{(e_1, e_2)} \subseteq Comm_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) \text{ is conflict-free, cycle-free, complete}$
and $(e_1, e_2) \in C_{(e_1, e_2)}$ is the only maximal element (with respect to \prec) $\}$.

- (b) $\leq = \subseteq$

- (c) $\# = \{ (C_1, C_2) \in E \times E : \exists (e_1, e_2) \in C_1, (f_1, f_2) \in C_2 \text{ with}$
 $(e_1, e_2), (f_1, f_2) \text{ in conflict} \}$

- (d) $l : E \rightarrow Act$, $l(C_{(e_1, e_2)}) = label(e_1, e_2)$
 where $label(e_1, e_2) = l_1(e_1)$ if $e_1 \in E_1$ and $label(e_1, e_2) = l_2(e_2)$ if $e_2 \in E_2$.

The parallel composition $\varepsilon_1 \parallel_A \varepsilon_2$ describes the independent execution of ε_1 and ε_2 where the actions of A may only be executed as joint actions by both processes together. In particular, \parallel_\emptyset stand for fully independent execution (without synchronisation), and on the other extrem, \parallel_{Comm} only allows actions which are performed in common.

A.7 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l) \in Ev, \beta \in Comm$.

$$\varepsilon \setminus \beta := (E, \leq, \#, l')$$

where $l' : E \rightarrow Act$, $l'(e) = l(e)$ if $l(e) \neq \beta$ and $l'(e) = \tau$ otherwise.

The hiding operator transforms the actions labelled by β into internal actions, i.e. τ -events.

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