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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 [6,13,17,19]. These languages or calculi have been given a variety of semantical descriptions [1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,10,11,12,18,20,21,22]. 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'. In such models a parallel construct as e.g. $P_1 = \alpha.stop \parallel \beta.stop$, that specifies the parallel execution of the process $\alpha.stop$ (that first performs the action α and then stops) with the process $\beta.stop$, gets a different meaning than the process $P_2 = \alpha.\beta.stop \square \beta.\alpha.stop$ that specifies the choice between $\alpha.\beta.stop$ and $\beta.\alpha.stop$. In interleaving models as [1,2,5,6,7,19] concurrency is reduced to nondeterministic behaviour by arbitrary interleaving of atomic actions, hence P_1 and P_2 have the same meaning in these approaches.

The purpose of this paper is to study the relationship between two semantic specifications of full TCSP [17]. The first specification is an operational interleaving description using a transition system, while the second is a noninterleaving model based on labelled event structures [16,23,24,25].

In an earlier paper [11] it has been shown for *finite* TCSP processes without recursion and *div* that the interleaving transitions system based description and

the respective noninterleaving event structure semantics are consistent. It was an open problem, if this result also holds for full TCSP, i.e. including recursion, see [11]. As recursion is a very powerful and indispensable tool for the definition and modelling of processes, it is an interesting question if the consistency result carries over to full TCSP. We show here that this question has a positive answer. The result is particularly interesting as it not only relates an interleaving with a noninterleaving specification but also relates at the same time an operational transition system based specification with a compositional one, that describes the meaning of processes via structural induction using semantic operators.

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, τ is allowed 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 [6,17,19]:

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

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 $Q \mapsto \alpha.Q$.

The guardedness condition will be needed for the event structure semantics. It is not necessary for the operational specification.

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 distinct identifiers. The *GTCS*P term

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

arises from P by replacing each occurrence of an identifier x in a subterm *fix* $x.Q$ of P by an identifier which does not appear in Q and in A_1, \dots, A_n and then by substituting each free occurrence of the identifiers x_1, \dots, x_n in P simultaneously by the *GTCS*P 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

1. S is a set of *states*.
2. L is a set of *labels*.
3. $\rightarrow \subseteq S \times L \times S$, where we will write $p \xrightarrow{\alpha} q$ instead of $(p, \alpha, q) \in \rightarrow$.
4. $q_0 \in S$, 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 TCSP

Following Plotkin [20], Olderog [17] gives an operational semantics for a process P by structural induction on the syntactic structure of P as below.

4.1 Definition :

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

1. **Prefixing** $\alpha.P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P$

2. **Internal nondeterminism** $P \text{ or } Q \xrightarrow{\tau} P, P \text{ or } Q \xrightarrow{\tau} Q$

3. **External nondeterminism**

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

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

4. **Parallel composition**

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):

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

5. **Hiding**

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

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

7. **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

1. E is a set (of events),
2. \leq is a partial order on E ,
3. $\#$ is an irreflexive, symmetric relation on E , called *conflict relation*, with : $\forall e_1, e_2, e_3 \in E : (e_1 \leq e_2 \text{ and } e_1 \# e_3) \implies e_2 \# e_3$,
4. $l : E \rightarrow Act$, where Act is the alphabet of actions (labelling functions).

5.2 Definition :

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

1. $\#(e) := \{ e' \in E : e' \# e \}$.
2. $\#(E') := \bigcup_{e \in E'} \#(e)$.
3. $\downarrow e := \{ e' \in E : e' \leq e \text{ and } e' \neq e \}$ 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

1. for each $e \in E$, $depth(e)$ is finite and
2. for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\{e \in E : depth(e) = n\}$ 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

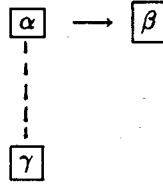
1. $e_1 \leq_1 e_2 \iff f(e_1) \leq_2 f(e_2) \quad \forall e_1, e_2 \in E_1$,
2. $e_1 \#_1 e_2 \iff f(e_1) \#_2 f(e_2) \quad \forall e_1, e_2 \in E_1$ and
3. $l_2(f(e)) = l_1(e) \quad \forall e \in E_1$.

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 .

5.5 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



The \leq relation of an event structure models the causality of actions. Actions that are neither in a causal nor in a conflict relation may take place concurrently. On the other hand, one may derive from an event structure ε an interleaving behaviour by associating with ε a transition system as follows.

5.6 Definition :

1. 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

$$depth(e) = 1, l(e) = \mu \text{ and } \varepsilon' = (E', \leq|_{E' \times E'}, \#|_{E' \times E'}, l|_{E'})$$

where $E' = E \setminus (\{e\} \cup \#(e))$.

2. When we abstract from τ -events, we get the transition relation
 $\Rightarrow \subseteq Ev \times Comm^* \times Ev$:

$\varepsilon \xRightarrow{\omega} \varepsilon'$ 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 $\mu_i = \tau$.

3. The (*observable*) *interleaving semantics* of $\varepsilon \in Ev$ is defined as the transition system

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

5.7 Definition :

The event structures $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2$ are called τ -*equivalent*, written $\varepsilon_1 \approx_\tau \varepsilon_2$, iff there exist 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 $\varepsilon_1 \xRightarrow{\omega} \varepsilon'_1$ then there exists $\varepsilon'_2 \in Ev$ with $\varepsilon'_1 \approx_\tau \varepsilon'_2$ and $\varepsilon_2 \xRightarrow{\omega} \varepsilon'_2$.

5.8 Example :

If ε is $\boxed{\alpha} \longrightarrow \boxed{\tau}$ and Int_1 is $\boxed{\tau} \longrightarrow \boxed{\tau}$, $Int_2 = (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset)$, then

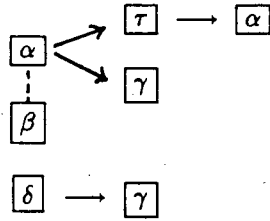
$$\varepsilon \parallel_\emptyset Int_1 \approx_\tau \varepsilon \parallel_\emptyset Int_2 = \varepsilon.$$

$\varepsilon \parallel_\emptyset Int_1$ is given by

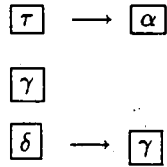
$$\begin{array}{c} \boxed{\alpha} \longrightarrow \boxed{\tau} \\ \boxed{\tau} \longrightarrow \boxed{\tau} \end{array}$$

5.9 Example :

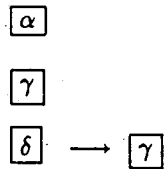
If ε is



then $\varepsilon \xrightarrow{\alpha} \varepsilon'$, where ε' is given by



and we have $\varepsilon \xrightarrow{\alpha} \varepsilon''$, where ε'' is given by



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_B and *fix* have to be defined. This section gives the operations for finite approximable event structures modelling the operations of GTCSP as defined in [11].

6.1 Definition :

Let $stop \in Ev$ to be defined as

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

6.2 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 .

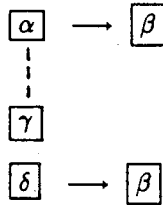
$$\alpha.\varepsilon = (E', \leq', \#', l')$$

where

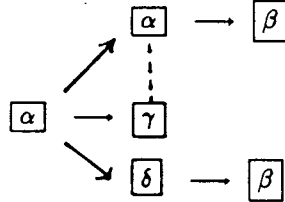
1. $E' = E \cup \{e_0\}$,
2. $e_1 \leq' e_2 \iff e_1 = e_0$ or $(e_1, e_2 \in E \ \& \ e_1 \leq e_2)$
3. $e_1 \# e_2 \iff e_1, e_2 \in E \ \& \ e_1 \# e_2$
4. $l' : E' \rightarrow Act$ is defined by $l'(e) = l(e)$, if $e \in E$, and $l'(e_0) = \alpha$.

6.3 Example : Prefixing

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



then $\alpha.\varepsilon$ is

**6.4 Definition :**

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

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

6.5 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 *conditional composition* of ε_1 and ε_2 is defined by

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

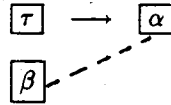
where

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

$\varepsilon_1 \square \varepsilon_2$ 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.

6.6 Example : \square - choice

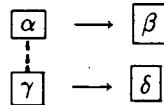
Let ε_1 be $\boxed{\tau} \longrightarrow \boxed{\alpha}$ and ε_2 be $\boxed{\beta}$. Then $\varepsilon_1 \square \varepsilon_2$ is given by



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.

6.7 Example : \square - choice

Let ε_1 be $\boxed{\alpha} \longrightarrow \boxed{\beta}$ and ε_2 be $\boxed{\gamma} \longrightarrow \boxed{\delta}$, then $\varepsilon_1 \square \varepsilon_2$ is



describing external choice.

6.8 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

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

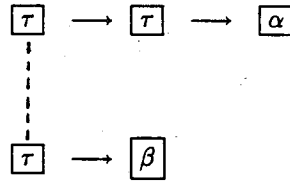
where

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 $\varepsilon_1 \text{ or } \varepsilon_2$ behaves like ε_1 or like ε_2 where an internal decision chooses the alternative.

6.9 Example : *or-choice*

Let ε_1 be $\boxed{\tau} \rightarrow \boxed{\alpha}$ and ε_2 be $\boxed{\beta}$.
Then $\varepsilon_1 \text{ or } \varepsilon_2$ 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.

6.10 Definition :

Let $\varepsilon_i = (E_i, \leq_i, \#_i, l_i) \in Ev$, $i = 1, 2$, w.l.o.g. $E_1 \cap E_2 = \emptyset$ and $A \subseteq Comm$.

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Comm}_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) &= \{ (e, \star) : e \in E_1, l_1(e) \notin A \} \\ &\cup \{ (\star, e) : e \in E_2, l_2(e) \notin A \} \\ &\cup \{ (e_1, e_2) \in E_1 \times E_2 : l_1(e_1) = l_2(e_2) \in A \} \end{aligned}$$

There \star is an auxiliary symbol, $\star \notin E_1 \cup E_2$. We extend the relation \leq_i and $\#_i$ on the argument \star by defining

$$(\star \leq_i e) \vee (e \leq_i \star) \iff e = \star$$

and

$$\neg(\star \#_i e) \quad \forall e \in E_i \cup \{\star\}$$

2. Two communications $(e_1, e_2), (e'_1, e'_2) \in \text{Comm}_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ 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. $(e_1 = e'_1 \neq \star \wedge e_2 \neq e'_2)$ or $(e_2 = e'_2 \neq \star \wedge e_1 \neq e'_1)$.
3. A subset C of $\text{Comm}_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ is *conflict-free* iff no two communications in C are in conflict.
4. Let $C \subseteq \text{Comm}_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2)$ be conflict-free, $(e_1, e_2), (f_1, f_2) \in C$.

- (a) The relation \prec is defined by

$$(e_1, e_2) \prec (f_1, f_2) \iff ((e_1 \leq_1 f_1) \wedge \neg(e_2 >_2 f_2)) \vee ((e_2 \leq_2 f_2) \wedge \neg(e_1 >_1 f_1))$$

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

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

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

and symmetrically

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

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

- (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 $A \subseteq \text{Comm}$ is given by

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

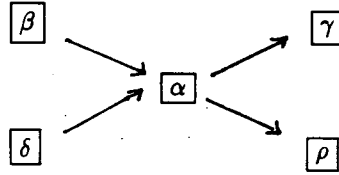
where

- (a) $E = \{C_{(e_1, e_2)} : C_{(e_1, e_2)} \subseteq \text{Comm}_A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2) \text{ is conflict-free, cycle-free, complete and } (e_1, e_2) \in C_{(e_1, e_2)} \text{ is the only maximal element (with respect to } \prec)\}$
- (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) $l : E \rightarrow \text{Act}$, $l(C_{(e_1, e_2)}) = \text{label}(e_1, e_2)$
 where $\text{label}(e_1, e_2) = l_1(e_1)$ if $e_1 \in E_1$ and
 $\text{label}(e_1, e_2) = l_2(e_2)$ 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.

6.11 Example : Parallel composition \parallel_A

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



6.12 Definition :

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

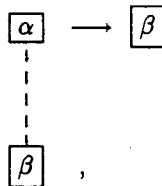
$$\varepsilon \setminus \beta := (E, \leq, \#, l')$$

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

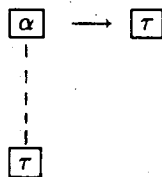
The hiding operator transforms the actions labelled by β into internal actions, i.e. τ -events.

6.13 Example : Hiding

Let ε be



then $\varepsilon \setminus \beta$ is



7 The metric space of finite approximable event structures

In this section we will define a metric d on finite approximable event structures. [11] 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 $\varepsilon, \varepsilon' \in Ev, n \in \mathbb{N}, \varepsilon = (E, \leq, \#, l)$.

1. The *truncation* of ε (of the depth n) is defined as follows :

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

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

2. The distance between the event structures $\varepsilon, \varepsilon'$ is defined by

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

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 $Env := \{\sigma : \sigma \text{ ldf} \rightarrow Ev\}$ 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

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

Let $\Phi : GTCSP \times Env \times Idf \rightarrow (Ev \rightarrow Ev)$ 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 :

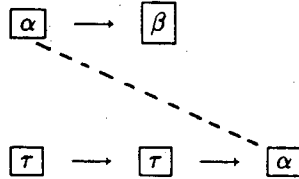
Let $\sigma \in Env$, $\alpha \in Act$, $\beta \in Comm$, $A \subseteq Comm$, $P, P_1, P_2 \in GTCSP$.

1. $M[stop]\sigma := (\emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset) = stop$.
2. $M[div]\sigma := (N, \leq, \emptyset, \tau)$.
3. $M[x]\sigma := \sigma(x)$ where $x \in Idf$.
4. $M[\alpha.P]\sigma := \alpha.M[P]\sigma$.
5. $M[P \setminus \beta]\sigma := M[P]\sigma \setminus \beta$.
6. $M[P_1 \square P_2]\sigma := M[P_1]\sigma \square M[P_2]\sigma$.
7. $M[P_1 \text{ or } P_2]\sigma := M[P_1]\sigma \text{ or } M[P_2]\sigma$.
8. $M[P_1 \parallel_A P_2]\sigma := M[P_1]\sigma \parallel_A M[P_2]\sigma$.
9. $M[fix\ x.P]\sigma := fix\ \Phi(P, \sigma, x)$

where $fix\ \Phi(P, \sigma, x)$ 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.

7.3 Example :

Let $P = \alpha.\beta.stop \square \tau.\tau.\alpha.stop$, then $M[P]\sigma$ is independent of the environment σ :



7.4 Example :

Let $P = \alpha.\tau.stop \text{ or } \tau.x$ and $\sigma \in Env$ where $\sigma(x)$ is given by :

Lemma 1 :

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

1. $\sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in Env, \sigma_1(y) = \sigma_2(y) \forall y \in Idf \setminus \{x\}$
 $\implies fix \Phi(P, \sigma_1, x) = fix \Phi(P, \sigma_2, x)$.
2. $M\{P\}\sigma$ depends only on $\sigma(x_1), \dots, \sigma(x_n)$ where x_1, \dots, x_n are the identifiers which occur free in P . In particular, if P is closed, then $M\{P\}\sigma$ and $fix \Phi(P, \sigma, x)$ are independent of the environment σ .
3. Let x_1, \dots, x_n be pairwise distinct 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 :

1. follows immediately from the definition of Φ .
2. is clear .
3. We define for $P \in GTCSP$: $P(\tilde{A}) := P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n]$ and
for $\sigma \in Env$: $\sigma(\tilde{A}) := \sigma[M[A_1]\sigma/x_1, \dots, M[A_n]\sigma/x_n]$.

By structural induction on the syntax of P we show that

$$M\{P\}\sigma(\tilde{A}) = M\{P(\tilde{A})\}\sigma$$

Basis of induction :

1. $P = stop$ or $P = div$: $P(\tilde{A}) = P$ and $M\{P\}\sigma_1 = M\{P\}\sigma_2 \forall \sigma_1, \sigma_2 \in Env$.
2. $P = x \in Idf$:

$$M\{x\}\sigma(\tilde{A}) = \begin{cases} M[A_i]\sigma = M\{P(\tilde{A})\}\sigma & : \text{if } x = x_i \\ \sigma(x) = M\{x\}\sigma = M\{P(\tilde{A})\}\sigma & : \text{if } x \in Idf \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\} \end{cases}$$

Induction step :

1. $P = P_1 \text{ op } P_2$ where $op \in \{\square, or, ||_A\}$:

$$\begin{aligned} M\{P\}\sigma(\tilde{A}) &= (M\{P_1\}\sigma(\tilde{A})) \text{ op } (M\{P_2\}\sigma(\tilde{A})) \\ &= M\{P_1(\tilde{A})\}\sigma \text{ op } M\{P_2(\tilde{A})\}\sigma \\ &= M\{P_1(\tilde{A}) \text{ op } P_2(\tilde{A})\}\sigma = M\{P(\tilde{A})\}\sigma \end{aligned}$$

2. $P = op(P')$ where $op(P') = \alpha.P'$ or $op(P') = P'/\beta$:

$$\begin{aligned} M\{P\}\sigma(\tilde{A}) &= op(M\{P'\}\sigma(\tilde{A})) = op(M\{P'(\tilde{A})\}\sigma) \\ &= M\{op(P'(\tilde{A}))\}\sigma = M\{P(\tilde{A})\}\sigma \end{aligned}$$

3. $P = \text{fix } x.P'$:

If the identifier x occurs free in A_1, \dots, A_n , then we can deal with $R = \text{fix } z.P'[z/x]$ where $z \in \text{Idf} \setminus \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is an identifier which does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n and P' . Then,

$$M[P(\tilde{A})]\sigma = M[R(\tilde{A})]\sigma$$

and for each $\sigma \in \text{Ev}$:

$$M[P]\sigma = M[R]\sigma.$$

Therefore, we can assume w.o.l.g. that $R = P$, i.e. that x does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n .

Case 1 : $x \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$

$$\Rightarrow P(\tilde{A}) = \text{fix } x.P'(\tilde{A})$$

Then, for all $\sigma \in \text{Env}$:

$$\begin{aligned} M[P'(\tilde{A})]\sigma &= M[P']\sigma(\tilde{A}) && \text{(by induction hypothesis)} \\ \Rightarrow \Phi(P'(\tilde{A}), \sigma, x) &= \Phi(P', \sigma(\tilde{A}), x) \\ \Rightarrow M[P(\tilde{A})]\sigma &= \text{fix } \Phi(P'(\tilde{A}), \sigma, x) = \text{fix } \Phi(P', \sigma(\tilde{A}), x) = \\ &= M[P]\sigma(\tilde{A}). \end{aligned}$$

Case 2 : $x = x_i$ for an index $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$. Then, x does not occur free in P . W.o.l.g. $x = x_1$.

Then, we have : $P(\tilde{A}) = P[A_2/x_2, \dots, A_n/x_n]$.

Since $x = x_1$ does not occur free in $P(\tilde{A})$, we get by case 1 :

$$\begin{aligned} M[P(\tilde{A})]\sigma &= M[P[A_2/x_2, \dots, A_n/x_n]]\sigma \\ &= M[P[A_2/x_2, \dots, A_n/x_n]]\sigma[M[A_1]\sigma/x_1] \\ &= M[P]\sigma[M[A_1]\sigma/x_1][M[A_2]\sigma/x_2, \dots, M[A_n]\sigma/x_n] && \text{(by case 1)} \\ &= M[P]\sigma(\tilde{A}). \end{aligned}$$

Lemma 2 :

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

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

Proof :

We proof the equality by induction on the syntax of P .

We use the following notation :

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

and

$$\tilde{Q} := Q[B/y][\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$$

where $Q \in GTCSP$.

Basis of induction :

1. $P = stop$ or $P = div$: Then, $\bar{P} = \tilde{P} = P$, since P is closed.

2. $P = z \in Idf$:

Case 1 : $z = x_i$ for an index $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{P} = A_i \text{ and } \tilde{P} = P[B/y][\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = A_i.$$

Case 2 : $z = y$, then, $\bar{P} = B[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$ and $\tilde{P} = P[B/y][\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = B[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$.

Case 3 : $z \notin \{y, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, then $\bar{P} = \tilde{P} = P = z$.

Induction step :

1. $P = P_1 \text{ op } P_2$ where $op \in \{\square, or, \parallel_A\}$.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{P} = \bar{P}_1 \text{ op } \bar{P}_2 = \tilde{P}_1 \text{ op } \tilde{P}_2 = \tilde{P}.$$

2. $P = op(P_1)$ where $op(P') = \alpha.P'$ or $op(P') = P' \setminus \beta$.

$$\Rightarrow \bar{P} = op(\bar{P}_1) = op(\tilde{P}_1) = \tilde{P}_1.$$

3. $P = fix z.P'$:

Case 1 : z does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n, B :

$$\Rightarrow \bar{P} = fix z.\bar{P}' = fix z.\tilde{P}' = \tilde{P}.$$

Case 2 : z occurs free in one of the terms A_1, \dots, A_n or B :

Let $w \in Idf \setminus \{y, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ be an identifier which does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n and B . We define

$$R := fix w.P'[w/z].$$

By case 1, it follows:

$$\bar{R} = \tilde{R}.$$

P arises from R by substituting each free occurrence of w in $P'[w/z]$ by z . Therefore, \bar{P} arise from \bar{R} by substituting each free occurrence of w in $P'[\bar{w}/z]$ by z . Analogous, \tilde{P} arises from \tilde{R} by substituting each free occurrence of w in $P'[\tilde{w}/z]$ by z .

$$\Rightarrow \bar{P} = \tilde{P}.$$

Lemma 3 :

Let $P \in GTCSP$. Then, for all $x_1, \dots, x_n \in Idf$ pairwise distinct 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 :

Basis of induction :

1. $P = stop$: $P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = stop$ has no derivative.

2. $P = div$: $P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = div \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$, then $\alpha = \tau$, $Q = div$.

With $P' := div$ follows :

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

3. $P = z \in Idf$:

Since x_i is guarded in P , $i = 1, \dots, n$, we have : $z \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$.

$$\Rightarrow P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = z \text{ has no derivative.}$$

Induction step :

Let $P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$. We consider only the following three cases :

1. $P = \beta.P_1$, then $P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = \beta.P_1[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$

$$\Rightarrow P_1[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = Q \text{ and } \alpha = \beta, P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P_1.$$

2. $P = P_1$ or P_2 , then $P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] = P_1[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$ or $P_2[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \tau \text{ and } (Q = P_1[\bar{A}/\bar{x}] \text{ or } Q = P_2[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]),$$

w.o.l.g. $Q = P_1[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$. Then $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P_1$.

3. $P = \text{fix } x.P_1$.

Case 1 : $x \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ and x does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n . Then,

$$P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] = \text{fix } x.P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}].$$

We define : $x_{n+1} := x$ and $A_{n+1} := \text{fix } x.P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]$.

Then, x_1, \dots, x_{n+1} are pairwise distinct identifiers which are guarded in P_1 . Since x does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n :

$$\begin{aligned} & P_1[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, A_{n+1}/x_{n+1}] \\ &= P_1[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n] [\text{fix } x.P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x] \\ &= P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] [\text{fix } x.P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x]. \end{aligned}$$

Since $P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} Q$:

$$P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] [\text{fix } x.P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x] \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} Q,$$

and since x does not occur free in A_1, \dots, A_n :

$$P_1[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, A_{n+1}/x_{n+1}] \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} Q.$$

By induction hypothesis, there exists $P'_1 \in \text{GTCSP}$ with

1. $P_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P'_1$ and
2. $P'_1[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, A_{n+1}/x_{n+1}] = Q$.

By Lemma 2 :

$$\begin{aligned} & P'_1[\text{fix } x.P_1/x] [\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] \\ &= P'_1[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, (\text{fix } x.P_1)[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x] \\ &= P'_1[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, \text{fix } x.P_1[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x] \\ &= P'_1[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, A_{n+1}/x_{n+1}] \\ &= Q. \end{aligned}$$

Since $P_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P'_1$, we have :

$$P_1[\text{fix } x.P_1/x] \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P'_1[\text{fix } x.P_1/x],$$

and so

$$P = \text{fix } x.P_1 \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P'_1[\text{fix } x.P_1/x].$$

With $P' := P'_1[\text{fix } x.P_1/x]$, we have :

$$P \stackrel{\alpha}{\rightarrow} P' \quad \text{and} \quad P'[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] = Q.$$

Case 2 : $x \notin \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, but there is a free occurrence of x in one of the terms A_i .

Let $z \in Idf \setminus \{x, x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ an identifier which does not occur free in P, A_1, \dots, A_n .

We define $B_i := A_i[z/x]$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. Then,

$$P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] = (fix\ x.P_1[\tilde{B}/\tilde{x}])[x/z].$$

Since $P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q$:

$$fix\ x.P_1[\tilde{B}/\tilde{x}] = P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}][z/x] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q[z/x].$$

Since x does not occur free in B_1, \dots, B_n , we have :

$$fix\ x.P_1[\tilde{B}/\tilde{x}] = (fix\ x.P_1)[\tilde{B}/\tilde{x}] = P[\tilde{B}/\tilde{x}].$$

It follows from case 1 that there exists $P' \in GTCSP$ with

1. $P = fix\ x.P_1 \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and
2. $P'[\tilde{B}/\tilde{x}] = Q[z/x]$.

Since P and A_1, \dots, A_n not contain a free occurrence of z , the terms P' and Q also not contain any free occurrence of z . It follows :

$$P'[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] = P'[\tilde{B}/\tilde{x}][x/z] = Q[z/x][x/z] = Q.$$

Case 3 : $x = x_i$ for an index $i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$, w.l.o.g. $x = x_1$. Then,

$$P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] = P[A_2/x_2, \dots, A_n/x_n]$$

and $x \notin \{x_2, \dots, x_n\}$.

By cases 1 and 2, it follows that there exists a term $P' \in GTCSP$ with

1. $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ and
2. $P'[A_2/x_2, \dots, A_n/x_n] = Q$.

Since the identifier $x = x_1$ does not have free occurrences in P , the term P' does also not contain free occurrences of $x = x_1$.

It follows :

$$P'[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] = P'[A_2/x_2, \dots, A_n/x_n] = Q.$$

8.1 Remark :

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

Then, by lemma 3, there exists $P' \in GTCSP$ with

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

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

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

8.2 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

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

Lemma 4 :

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

1. If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$ then $M[P]\sigma \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} M[P']\sigma$, where $\hat{\alpha} = \alpha$ if $\alpha \neq \tau$ and $\hat{\alpha}$ denotes the empty word in $Comm^*$ if $\alpha = \tau$.
2. If x_1, \dots, x_n be the pairwise distinct identifiers that are guarded in P and 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 closed term $P' \in GTCSP$ with
 1. $P[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n] \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} P'$ and
 2. $M[P'] = M[P']\sigma \approx_{\tau} \varepsilon'$.

Proof :

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

1. 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 :

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

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 1.3.).

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

2. Induction step :

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

The identifiers occuring 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 1.3.).

Hence

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

Since $M[P]\sigma \xrightarrow{\alpha} \epsilon'$,

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

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

$$Q[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x] \stackrel{\dot{=}}{=} P' \quad \text{and} \\ M[P']\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x] \approx_\tau \epsilon'.$$

Since P' is closed, we have : $M[P'] = M[P']\sigma[M[P]\sigma/x] = M[P']\sigma$.

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

$$Q[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}][P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x] = Q[A_1/x_1, \dots, A_n/x_n, P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x].$$

Then : $Q[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}][\text{fix } x.Q[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}]/x] \stackrel{\dot{=}}{=} P'$

We get : $P[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] = \text{fix } x.Q[\tilde{A}/\tilde{x}] \stackrel{\dot{=}}{=} P'$

8.3 Remark :

In Lemma 4.2., we have to deal with τ -equivalence :

When P is a closed GTCSP - term and $M[P] \xrightarrow{\alpha} \epsilon$, so we cannot conclude that there exists $P' \in GTCSP$ with $M[P'] = \epsilon$ and $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$.

8.4 Example :

Let $P = (\alpha.\beta.stop \square \tau.stop) \setminus \beta$, then $M[P]$ is

$$\boxed{\alpha} \longrightarrow \boxed{\tau}$$

$$\boxed{\tau}$$

and we have : $M[P] \xrightarrow{\alpha} \epsilon$, where ϵ is

$$\boxed{\tau}$$

$$\boxed{\tau}$$

On the other side, P has only one α -derivative :

$P \xrightarrow{\alpha} (\beta.stop) \setminus \beta$ and $M[(\beta.stop) \setminus \beta]$ is given by $\boxed{\tau}$.

Corollary :

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

Then, R is a bisimulation between the transition systems $O(P)$ and $O(M[P])$.

Proof :

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

It is easy to see that it is enough to show that :

1. If $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$, then there exists $\varepsilon' \in Ev$ with

$$M[P] \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} \varepsilon' \text{ and } (P', \varepsilon') \in R \text{ and}$$

2. If $M[P] \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} \varepsilon'$, then there exists $P' \in GTCSP$ with

$$P \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} P' \text{ and } (P', \varepsilon') \in R.$$

1. When $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'$, so we have by Lemma 4.1. : $M[P] \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} M[P']$.

Since $\varepsilon \approx_\tau M[P]$, there exists $\varepsilon' \in Ev$ with $\varepsilon \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} \varepsilon'$ and $\varepsilon' \approx_\tau M[P']$.

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

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

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

By Lemma 4.2., 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.

9 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 $\text{fix } x.Q$ 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 $P[\bar{A}/\bar{x}]$, see lemma 3 and lemma 4.

The obtained theorem may be interpreted as a consistency result.

Consistency problems concerning noninterleaving and interleaving models are also discussed in [9,18,21]. 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.

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