# **Equivalence Semantics of CCS**

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## Trace Equivalence

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# Example

Usage of Concurrent Workbench



# **Trace Equivalence**



- Let us consider trace equivalence (i.e. language equivalence) =<sub>T</sub>
  - $T(P) = \{ s \in Act^* | s \text{ is an execution trace of } P \}$
  - P =<sub>T</sub> Q iff T(P) = T(Q)

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## **Observational Trace Equivalence**

#### Sys =<sub>T</sub> Spec?

- **4** No. Sys has  $\tau$  which Spec does not
  - $T(Sys) = \{in, in.\tau, in.\tau.out', in.\tau.out'.\tau,...\}$
  - T(Spec) = {in , in.out' ...}

Sys= (Buf1 | Buf2)\{comm1,comm2} Buf1 = in.comm1.Buf1', Buf1' = comm2.Buf1 Buf2 =

comm1'.Buf2',Buf2'=out.comm2'.Buf2

- 4 Yes. τ is an internal hidden action not visible outside (not observable). Thus, τ should not be included in an execution
  - If s∈Act\*, then ŝ ∈ (Act -{τ})\* is the action sequence obtained by deleting all occurrences of τ from s.

- Ex> s =  $a.\tau.b.\tau.c$ , then  $\hat{s}$  = a.b.c

- A set of observable execution traces: T'(P) = { $\hat{s} \mid s \in T(P)$ }
- P =<sub>OT</sub>Q iff T'(P) = T'(Q)
- Sys =<sub>OT</sub> Spec because T'(Sys) = {in, in.out',...}, T'(Spec) = {in, in.out', ...}



#### **Bisimulation Equivalence**

- P =<sub>BS</sub> Q iff for all  $\alpha \in Act$ 
  - Whenever P -α-> P', then for some Q', Q -α-> Q' and P' =<sub>BS</sub> Q'
  - 4 Whenever Q -α-> Q', then for some P', P -α-> P' and P' =<sub>BS</sub> Q'
- Note

**4** =<sub>BS</sub> is an equivalence relation (reflexive, transitive, symmetric)

- $\blacksquare$  P =<sub>BS</sub> Q implies P =<sub>T</sub> Q, but not vice versa
- Example>
  - $+ C_0 = b'.C_1 + a.C_2, C_1 = a.C_3, C_2 = b'.C_3, C_3 = b'.C_1 + a.C_2$
  - $\blacksquare$  D<sub>0</sub> = b'.D<sub>1</sub> +a.D<sub>2</sub>, D<sub>1</sub>=a.D<sub>0</sub>, D<sub>2</sub>=b'.D<sub>0</sub>
  - **4** A binary relation R proves that  $C_0 =_{BS} D_0$ 
    - $\mathsf{R} = \{(\mathsf{C}_0, \mathsf{D}_0), (\mathsf{C}_1, \mathsf{D}_1), (\mathsf{C}_2, \mathsf{D}_2), (\mathsf{C}_3, \mathsf{D}_0)\}$



# **Observational Bisimulation Equivalence**

- We cannot simply ignore  $\tau$  for observational bisimulation equivalence. Thus, we define a new observational transition = $\alpha$ =>
- P =<sub>OBS</sub> Q iff for all  $\alpha \in Act$ 
  - 4 Whenever P = $\alpha$ => P', then for some Q', Q = $\alpha$ => Q' and P' =<sub>OBS</sub> Q'
  - **4** Whenever Q = $\alpha$ => Q', then for some P', P = $\alpha$ => P' and P' =<sub>OBS</sub> Q'
- P =  $\alpha$  => Q iff P (- $\tau$ ->)\*- $\alpha$ ->(- $\tau$ ->)\* Q where  $\alpha \in Act$ -{ $\tau$ }
  - Let  $s \in (Act-\{\tau\})^*$ . Then  $q = s = \gamma q'$  if there exists s' s.t.  $q-s'-\gamma q'$  and  $s=\hat{s}'$
  - **4** P = a.P + b.P, Q1=a.Q1 + τ.Q2, Q2=b.Q1
    - Suppose that 'a' means pushing button 'a'. Similarly for 'b'
      - P always allows a user to push any buttons.
      - Q1 allows a user to push button 'a' sometimes, button 'b' sometimes.
    - Thus, we need to distinguish P from Q1 (P and Q1 are not observationally bisimilar), which can be done using = $\alpha$ => instead of - $\alpha$ ->
      - Q1-a->Q1 implies Q1=a=>Q1. Similary Q2-b->Q1 implies Q2=b=>Q1
      - Q1-a->Q1- $\tau$ ->Q2 implies Q1=a=>Q2. Q2-b->Q1- $\tau$ ->Q2 implies Q2=b=>Q2



#### **Observational Bisimulation Equivalence (cont)**

- Sys =<sub>BS</sub> Spec? (see slide 3)
  - 4 No. Sys has τ which Spec does not (i.e. not strongly bisimilar)
- Sys =<sub>OBS</sub> Spec?
  - 4 Yes. Sys is observationally bismilar to Spec
    - Proof: R = { (s0,Spec), (s1,Spec'),(s3,Spec),(s2,Spec')}
      - s0 -in->s1 implies s0=in=> s1. Similarly, s2-out->s3 implies s2=out=>s3
      - s0 -in->s1 - $\tau$ ->s2 implies s0=in=>s2.
      - s2-out->s3-τ-> s0 implies s2=out=>s0

