

# Concurrency 4

CCS : Axiomatization, unique solutions, Hennessy-Milner logic

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# Strong axiomatization (1/4)

For finitary CCS (no recursion, finite guarded sums),  $P \sim Q$  iff  $\mathcal{A}_1 \vdash P = Q$ , where  $\mathcal{A}_1$  is :

- (1)  $\Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i = \Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_{f(i)} \cdot P_{f(i)}$  (permutation)
- (2)  $\Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i + \mu_j \cdot P_j = \Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i$  ( $j \in I$ ) (idempotency)
- (3)  $P \mid Q = \Sigma\{\mu \cdot (P' \mid Q) \mid P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'\} + \Sigma\{\mu \cdot (P \mid Q') \mid Q \xrightarrow{\mu} Q'\}$   
 $+ \Sigma\{\tau \cdot (P' \mid Q') \mid P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \text{ and } Q \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha}} Q'\}$  (expansion)
- (4)  $(\nu a) (\Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i) = \Sigma_{\{j \in I \mid \mu_j \neq a, \bar{a}\}} \mu_j \cdot (\nu a) P_j$

plus the rules for equational reasoning : reflexivity, symmetry, transitivity and

$$\frac{\vdash P_i = Q_i \text{ (for all } i)}{\vdash \Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i = \Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i Q_i} \quad \frac{\vdash P_1 = Q_1 \quad \vdash P_2 = Q_2}{\vdash (P_1 \mid P_2) = (Q_1 \mid Q_2)} \quad \frac{\vdash P = Q}{\vdash (\nu a) P = (\nu a) Q}$$

**Exercise 1** Show that  $\mathcal{A}_1 \vdash (\nu b)(a \cdot (b \mid c) + \tau \cdot (b \mid \bar{b} \cdot c)) = \tau \cdot \tau \cdot c \cdot 0 + a \cdot c \cdot 0$ .

# Strong axiomatization (2/4)

First step : each process is provably equal to a synchronization tree (guarded sums only), using only

$$(3) \quad P \mid Q = \Sigma\{\mu \cdot (P' \mid Q) \mid P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'\} + \Sigma\{\mu \cdot (P \mid Q') \mid Q \xrightarrow{\mu} Q'\} \\ + \Sigma\{\tau \cdot (P' \mid Q') \mid P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P' \text{ and } Q \xrightarrow{\bar{\alpha}} Q'\}$$

$$(4) \quad (\nu a) (\Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i) = \Sigma_{\{j \in I \mid \mu_j \neq a, \bar{a}\}} \mu_j \cdot (\nu a) P_j$$

We associate with a process  $P$  the multi-set of the sizes of all its subterms  $(\nu a)Q$  and  $Q_1 \mid Q_2$ . This multi-set decreases at each application of rules (3)-(4).

## Strong axiomatization (3/4)

Second step : If  $P = \sum_{i=1\dots m} \alpha_i \cdot P_i$  and  $Q = \sum_{j=m+1\dots n} \alpha_j \cdot P_j$ , and if  $P \sim Q$ , then  $P$  and  $Q$  are provably equal, using only

$$(1) \quad \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_{f(i)} \cdot P_{f(i)} \quad (f \text{ permutation})$$

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i + \mu_j \cdot P_j = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i \quad (j \in I)$$

Induction on  $\text{size}(P) + \text{size}(Q)$  : Let  $\Leftrightarrow$  be the equivalence relation on  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  defined by  $i \Leftrightarrow j$  iff  $\alpha_i = \alpha_j$  and  $P_i \sim P_j$ .

By strong bisimilarity, each  $\Leftrightarrow$  equivalence class contains at least one element of  $[1, m]$  and at least one element of  $[m + 1, n]$ . Now for each of the equivalence classes we pick one representative in  $[1, m]$  and one in  $[m + 1, n]$ . Call them  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  and  $q_1, \dots, q_k$ , respectively. Then we have :

$$\vdash \sum_{i=1\dots m} \alpha_i \cdot P = \sum_{l=1\dots k} \alpha_{p_l} \cdot P_{p_l} \quad \text{and} \quad \vdash \sum_{j=m+1\dots n} \alpha_j \cdot P_j = \sum_{l=1\dots k} \alpha_{q_l} \cdot P_{q_l}$$

with  $P_{p_l} \sim P_{q_l}$  for all  $l$ , so we can apply induction.

(Note that the finiteness of sums is crucial.)

# Weak axiomatization (1/6)

For finitary CCS,  $P \approx Q$  iff  $\mathcal{A}_1 + \mathcal{A}_2 \vdash P = Q$ , where  $\mathcal{A}_2$  is :

$$(\tau_0) \quad P = \tau \cdot P$$

$$(\tau_1) \quad \tau \cdot P + R = P + \tau \cdot P + R$$

$$(\tau_2) \quad \alpha \cdot (\tau \cdot P + Q) + R = \alpha \cdot (\tau \cdot P + Q) + \alpha \cdot P + R$$

(In general, we do **not** have  $\vdash P + Q = \tau \cdot P + Q$ .)

## Weak axiomatization (2/6)

We can limit ourselves to synchronization trees (ST).

There is a notion of ST in **fully standard form** such that :

- each ST  $P$  is provably equal (by  $\mathcal{A}_2$ ) to a ST in **fully standard form**
- if  $P, Q$  are in **fully standard form** and  $P \approx Q$ , then  $P$  and  $Q$  are provably equal

## Weak axiomatization (3/6)

**Definition** :  $P = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i$  is in fully standard form if and only if

each  $P_i$  is in fully standard form and

$$\forall \mu, P' (P \xrightarrow{\mu} P' \text{ and } P' \neq P) \Rightarrow P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$$

## Weak axiomatization (4/6)

**Lemma** : For any ST  $P$ , if  $P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$  and  $P \neq P'$ , then  $\vdash P = P + \mu.P'$ .

Then, given  $P = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i$ , first convert each  $P_i$  to a fully standard form  $P'_i$ . Next, consider all  $(\nu_j, P''_j)$  such that  $P' = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P'_i \xrightarrow{\nu_j} P''_j$ . Then

$$\vdash P = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P'_i = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P'_i + \sum_j \nu_j \cdot P''_j = Q'$$

and  $Q'$  is in fully standard form :

- Each  $P''_j$ , being a subterm of some  $P'_i$ , is in fully standard form.
- Suppose  $Q' \xrightarrow{\nu} Q''$ , passing through  $P''_{j_0}$  :
  1.  $\nu = \nu_{j_0} = \alpha$  and  $P''_{j_0} \xrightarrow{\tau} Q''$ . Then

$$(P' \xrightarrow{\nu_{j_0}} P''_{j_0} \text{ and } P''_{j_0} \xrightarrow{\tau} Q'') \Rightarrow P' \xrightarrow{\nu} Q''$$

2.  $\nu_{j_0} = \tau$  and  $P''_{j_0} \xrightarrow{\nu} P''$ . Then we get also  $P' \xrightarrow{\nu} Q''$ .

Then by definition of  $Q'$  we have  $\nu = \nu_{j_1}$  and  $Q'' = P''_{j_1}$  for some  $j_1$ .



# Weak axiomatization (5/6)

Proof of the lemma (by induction on  $\text{size}(P)$ ) :

(1)  $P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$ . Then  $P = P_1 + \mu \cdot P'$  and  $\vdash P = P + \mu \cdot P'$  by idempotency.

(2)  $P \xrightarrow{\tau} P'' \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$  and  $P' \neq P''$ . Then  $P = P_1 + \tau \cdot P''$ , and hence  $\vdash P = P + P''$  by  $(\tau_1)$ . By induction we have  $\vdash P'' = P'' + \mu \cdot P'$ , so we conclude :

$$\vdash P = P + P'' = P + (P'' + \mu \cdot P') = (P + P'') + \mu \cdot P' = P + \mu \cdot P'$$

(3)  $\mu = \alpha$ ,  $P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'' \xrightarrow{\tau} P'$ , and  $P' \neq P''$ . Then  $P = P_1 + \alpha \cdot P''$ , and by induction  $\vdash P'' = P'' + \tau \cdot P'$ . Hence, by  $(\tau_2)$  :

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash P = P_1 + \alpha \cdot P'' &= P_1 + \alpha \cdot (P'' + \tau \cdot P') \\ &= P_1 + \alpha \cdot (P'' + \tau \cdot P') + \alpha \cdot P' = P + \alpha \cdot P' \end{aligned}$$

## Weak axiomatization (6/6)

If  $P = \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i$  and  $Q = \sum_{j \in J} \nu_j \cdot Q_j$  are in fully standard form and  $P \approx Q$ , then we have “almost”  $P \sim Q$ .

Indeed, for every  $P \xrightarrow{\mu_i} P_i$  there exists  $Q'$  such that  $Q' \approx P_i$  and  $Q \xrightarrow{\mu_i} Q'$ , and hence  $Q \xrightarrow{\mu_i} Q'$ , the only possible exception being when  $\mu_i = \tau$  and  $Q' = Q$ .

We prove  $\vdash P = Q$  by induction on  $\text{size}(P) + \text{size}(Q)$ . If the exceptional case does not apply, we proceed as for strong bisimulation. Otherwise :

$$\exists i_0 (\mu_{i_0} = \tau \text{ and } P_{i_0} \approx Q \text{ and } \nexists j (\mu_j = \tau \text{ and } Q_j \approx P_{i_0}))$$

Now, we have :

$$(Q \approx \sum_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i \text{ and } \nexists j (\mu_j = \tau \text{ and } Q_j \approx P_{i_0})) \Rightarrow Q \approx \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{i_0\}} \mu_i \cdot P_i$$

Hence by induction  $\vdash P_{i_0} = Q$  and  $\vdash Q = \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{i_0\}} \mu_i \cdot P_i$ , and we conclude with  $(\tau_1)$  and  $(\tau_0)$  :

$$\vdash Q = \tau \cdot Q = Q + \tau \cdot Q = \sum_{i \in I \setminus \{i_0\}} \mu_i \cdot P_i + \tau \cdot P_{i_0} = P$$

# Unique solutions (1/13)

**Definition** : A process variable  $K$  is **weakly guarded** in  $P$  (notation  $wg(K, P)$ ) if **each** occurrence of  $K$  is within some subterm of the form  $\mu \cdot P'$  of  $P$ . Formally :

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{wg(K, \Sigma_{i \in I} \mu_i \cdot P_i)} \quad \frac{(K \neq L)}{wg(K, L)} \\
 \\
 \frac{wg(K, P_1) \quad wg(K, P_2)}{wg(K, P_1 | P_2)} \quad \frac{wg(K, P)}{wg(K, (\nu a)P)} \quad \frac{wg(K, P_1) \dots wg(K; P_n) \quad (K \notin \vec{L})}{wg(K, (let \vec{L} = \vec{P} in L_i))}
 \end{array}$$

**Unique solution theorem (strong case)** : If  $\vec{K} = \vec{P}$  is a system of equations where all  $K$ 's are **weakly guarded** in all  $P$ 's, and if  $\vec{Q}$  and  $\vec{R}$  are **solutions** of the system in the sense that  $\vec{Q} \sim \vec{P}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$  and  $\vec{R} \sim \vec{P}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}]$ , then  $\vec{Q} \sim \vec{R}$ .

## Unique solutions (2/13)

**Lemma** : If  $K_1, \dots, K_n$  are **weakly guarded** in some process  $P$ , and if  $P[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} T$  for some  $Q$  and  $T$ , then  $T$  has the form  $P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$  for some  $P'$  such that  $P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$  (and hence  $P[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}'] \xrightarrow{\mu} P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}']$  for any other  $Q'$ ).

By induction on the **size of the proof of  $P[K \leftarrow Q] \xrightarrow{\mu} T$** , and by **cases** on the structure of  $P$ . We pick three cases :

$P = K$  : This case cannot happen by the weak guardedness assumption.

Case  $P = P_1|P_2$  and

$$\frac{P_1[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} T_1}{(P_1|P_2)[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} T_1|(S_2[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]) = T}$$

Then by induction ( $K$  is weakly guarded in  $P_1$ ) we know that

$$\exists P'_1 (P_1 \xrightarrow{\mu} P'_1 \text{ and } T_1 = P'_1[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}])$$

Then, setting  $P' = P'_1|P_2$ , we have  $P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$  and  $T = P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$ .

## Unique solutions (3/13)

Case  $P = (\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S} \text{ in } L_i)$  and

$$\frac{S_i[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}][\vec{L} \leftarrow (\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \text{ in } \vec{L})] \xrightarrow{\mu} T}{(\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S} \text{ in } L_i) \xrightarrow{\mu} T}$$

(By definition,  $(\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S} \text{ in } L_i)[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] = (\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \text{ in } L_i)$ .)

We have (commuting substitutions) :

$$S_i[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}][\vec{L} \leftarrow (\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \text{ in } \vec{L})] = S_i[\vec{L} \leftarrow (\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S}_i \text{ in } \vec{L})][\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$$

We apply induction to  $S'_i = S_i[\vec{L} \leftarrow (\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S}_i \text{ in } \vec{L})]$  (the proof of  $S'_i[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} T$  is shorter, and  $K$  is weakly guarded in  $S_i$ , hence a fortiori in  $S'_i$ ). Hence  $\exists P'$  ( $S'_i \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$  and  $T = P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$ ). Finally, by folding :

$$\frac{S_i[\vec{L} \leftarrow (\text{let } \vec{L} = \vec{S}_i \text{ in } \vec{L})] \xrightarrow{\mu} P'}{P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'}$$

## Unique solutions (4/13)

Proof of the theorem : the set of all pairs

$$(S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}], S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}])$$

where  $S$  is arbitrary, is a bisimulation up to  $\sim$ .

(And hence, in particular, taking  $S = K_i : Q_i \sim R_i$ .)

Let  $S' = S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{P}]$ . The key remark is that  $K$  is weakly guarded in  $S'$ .

We have

$$S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \sim S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{P}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]] = S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$$

Hence if  $S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} Q'$ , then  $S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} Q''$  for some  $Q''$  such that  $Q' \sim Q''$ . By the lemma, there exists  $P'$  such that

$$S' \xrightarrow{\mu} P' \quad \text{and} \quad Q'' = P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \quad \text{and} \quad S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \xrightarrow{\mu} P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}]$$

Finally, since  $S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \sim S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}]$ , there exists  $R'$  such that  $S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \xrightarrow{\mu} R'$  and  $P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \sim R'$ . Putting everything together, we have :

$$Q' \sim P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \mathcal{R} P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \sim R'$$

## Unique solutions (5/13)

For weak bisimulation, we need strengthened hypotheses.

**Definition** : A process variable  $K$  is **guarded** in  $P$  if **each** occurrence of  $K$  is within some subterm of the form  $\alpha \cdot P'$  of  $P$ .

A process variable  $K$  is **sequential** in  $P$  if **no** occurrence of  $K$  is within a subterm of  $P$  which is a parallel composition.

Example :  $K$  is weakly guarded, but neither guarded nor sequential in  $(\tau \cdot K | a \cdot 0)$ .

**Unique solution theorem (weak case)** : If  $\vec{K} = \vec{P}$  is a system of equations where all  $K$ 's are **guarded and sequential** in all  $P$ 's, and if  $\vec{Q}$  and  $\vec{R}$  are solutions of the system in the sense that  $\vec{Q} \approx \vec{P}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$  and  $\vec{R} \approx \vec{P}[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}]$ , then  $\vec{Q} \approx \vec{R}$ .

## Unique solutions (6/13)

We need to be able to apply the lemma repeatedly (for  $\tau$ -actions).  
Hence we need to have that when  $P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$  then  $P'$  is again **guarded**.  
This is true under the additional **sequential** assumption :

1. If  $P$  is **sequential** and if  $P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'$ , then  $P'$  is **sequential** ;
2. If  $P$  is **sequential** and **guarded** and if  $P \xrightarrow{\tau} P'$ , then  $P'$  is **guarded**.

**Exercise 2** Prove it.

Counterexamples supporting these assumptions :

- $P = a \cdot K | \bar{a} \cdot 0 \xrightarrow{\tau} K | 0 = P'$  :  $K$  is guarded but not sequential in  $P$ , and is not guarded in  $P'$
- $P = \tau \cdot K \xrightarrow{\tau} K = P'$  :  $K$  is weakly guarded in  $P$ , but (not even weakly) guarded in  $P'$ .



# Unique solutions (7/13)

Proof of the theorem. One shows that the set of all pairs

$$(S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}], (S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}]))$$

where  $S$  is any process in which all the  $K$ 's are sequential, is a bisimulation up to  $\approx$ .

Case 1 :  $S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} Q'$ . We proceed exactly as in the strong case, replacing

- $\sim$  by  $\approx$ ,
- $S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\mu} Q''$  by  $S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xRightarrow{\mu} Q''$ , and the same for all subsequent uses of  $\xrightarrow{\mu}$ ,
- and a single use of the lemma by repeated uses of the lemma. It is possible because the  $K$ 's are guarded and sequential in  $S' = S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}]$  (here we use the assumption on  $S$ !).

## Unique solutions (8/13)

Case 2 :  $S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'$ . Then we begin in the same way, and we get that  $S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\tau} Q''' \xrightarrow{\tau} Q''$ , with  $Q' \approx Q''$ .

By repeated use of the lemma, there exists  $P'$  such that the  $K$ 's are sequential in  $P'$ ,

$$P \xrightarrow{\mu} P \quad \text{and} \quad Q''' = P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \quad \text{and} \quad S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\tau} P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}]$$

From there, we proceed **exactly** as in **Case 1**, with the only change that the initial assumption is now  $P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\tau} Q''$  (instead of a  $\xrightarrow{\mu}$  – this does not affect the rest of the argument, why?). Thus we get  $R''$  such that  $Q'' (\approx \mathcal{R} \approx) R''$  and  $P'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \xrightarrow{\tau} R''$ , and hence :  $S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{Q}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} R''$ .

Finally, since  $S'[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \approx S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}]$ , there exists  $R'$  such that  $R'' \approx R'$  and  $S[\vec{K} \leftarrow \vec{R}] \xrightarrow{\alpha} R'$ . We are done, as  $Q' \approx Q'' (\approx \mathcal{R} \approx) R'' \approx R'$ .

## Unique solutions (9/13)

We illustrate the theorem with the example of a slot machine :

Specification :

$$SPEC\langle x \rangle = s \cdot (\tau \cdot \bar{l} \cdot SPEC\langle x + 1 \rangle + \sum_{1 \leq y \leq x+1} \tau \cdot \bar{w} \cdot SPEC\langle x + 1 - y \rangle) .$$

Implementation : Let  $IO, B, D$  be given as follows :

$$\text{(user)} \quad IO = s \cdot \bar{b} \cdot (L \cdot \bar{l} \cdot IO + R(y) \cdot \bar{w}\langle y \rangle \cdot IO)$$

$$\text{(bank)} \quad B\langle x \rangle = b \cdot \bar{\mu}\langle x + 1 \rangle \cdot \lambda(y) \cdot B\langle y \rangle$$

$$\text{(oracle)} \quad D = \mu(z) \cdot (\bar{L} \cdot \bar{\lambda}\langle z \rangle \cdot D + \sum_{1 \leq y \leq z} \bar{R}\langle y \rangle \cdot \bar{\lambda}\langle z - y \rangle \cdot D)$$

Our objective is to prove  $SPEC\langle n \rangle \approx SM\langle n \rangle$ , where

$$SM\langle n \rangle = (\nu b, \mu, \lambda, L, R)(IO \mid B\langle n \rangle \mid D)$$

We write  $(\vec{\nu})$  as shorthand for  $(\nu b, \mu, \lambda, L, R)$ .

# Unique solutions (10/13)

By algebraic laws, we have :

$$\begin{aligned}
 \vdash SM\langle n \rangle &= s \cdot ((\vec{\nu})((\bar{b}) \cdot (L \cdot \bar{l} \cdot IO + R(y) \cdot \bar{w}\langle y \rangle \cdot IO) \mid B\langle n \rangle \mid D)) \\
 &= s \cdot \tau \cdot ((\vec{\nu})((L \cdot \bar{l} \cdot IO + R(y) \cdot \bar{w}\langle y \rangle \cdot IO) \mid \bar{\mu}\langle n+1 \rangle \cdot \lambda(y) \cdot B\langle y \rangle \mid D)) \\
 &= s \cdot \tau \cdot \tau \cdot P' \\
 &= s \cdot P' = s \cdot (\tau \cdot P'_0 + \sum_{1 \leq y \leq n+1} \tau \cdot P'_y)
 \end{aligned}$$

where

$$P' = (\vec{\nu}) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (L \cdot \bar{l} \cdot IO + R(y) \cdot \bar{w}\langle y \rangle \cdot IO \\ \mid \lambda(y) \cdot B\langle y \rangle \\ \mid \bar{L} \cdot \bar{\lambda}\langle n+1 \rangle \cdot D + \sum_{1 \leq y \leq n+1} \bar{R}\langle y \rangle \cdot \bar{\lambda}\langle n+1-y \rangle \cdot D) \end{array} \right.$$

$$P'_0 = (\nu b, \mu, \lambda, L, R) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{l} \cdot IO \\ \mid \lambda(y) \cdot B\langle y \rangle \\ \mid \bar{\lambda}\langle n+1 \rangle \cdot D) \end{array} \right. \quad P'_y = (\nu b, \mu, \lambda, L, R) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{w}\langle y \rangle \cdot IO \\ \mid \lambda(y) \cdot B\langle y \rangle \\ \mid \bar{\lambda}\langle n+1-y \rangle \cdot D) \end{array} \right.$$

## Unique solutions (11/13)

So far, we have  $\vdash SM\langle n \rangle = \tau \cdot P'_0 + \sum_{1 \leq y \leq n+1} \tau \cdot P'_y$ , where

$$P'_0 = (\nu b, \mu, \lambda, L, R) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{l} \cdot IO \\ | \lambda(y) \cdot B\langle y \rangle \\ | \bar{\lambda}\langle n+1 \rangle \cdot D) \end{array} \right. \quad P'_y = (\nu b, \mu, \lambda, L, R) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} (\bar{w}\langle y \rangle \cdot IO \\ | \lambda(y) \cdot B\langle y \rangle \\ | \bar{\lambda}\langle n+1-y \rangle \cdot D) \end{array} \right.$$

We shall prove  $\vdash P'_0 = \bar{l} \cdot SM\langle n+1 \rangle$  and  $\vdash P'_y = \bar{w} \cdot SM\langle n+1-y \rangle$ , from which it follows that

$$\vdash SM\langle n \rangle = s \cdot (\tau \cdot \bar{l} \cdot SM\langle n+1 \rangle + \sum_{1 \leq y \leq n+1} \tau \cdot \bar{w} \cdot SM\langle n+1-y \rangle)$$

and we conclude by the **unique solution** theorem.

## Unique solutions (12/13)

We just check  $\vdash P'_0 = \bar{l} \cdot SM\langle n+1 \rangle$ . We have :

$$\vdash P'_0 = \bar{l} \cdot (\tau \cdot SM\langle n+1 \rangle + s \cdot \tau \cdot P'') + \tau \cdot \bar{l} \cdot SM\langle n+1 \rangle$$

where  $P''$  is such that  $\vdash SM\langle n+1 \rangle = s \cdot P''$  So we have :

$$\begin{aligned} \vdash P'_0 &= \bar{l} \cdot (\tau \cdot s \cdot P'' + s \cdot \tau \cdot P'') + \tau \cdot \bar{l} \cdot s \cdot P'' \\ &= \bar{l} \cdot (\tau \cdot s \cdot P'' + s \cdot P'') + \tau \cdot \bar{l} \cdot s \cdot P'' \\ &= \bar{l} \cdot \tau \cdot s \cdot P'' + \tau \cdot \bar{l} \cdot s \cdot P'' \\ &= \bar{l} \cdot s \cdot P'' + \tau \cdot \bar{l} \cdot s \cdot P'' \\ &= \bar{l} \cdot s \cdot P'' \\ &\approx \bar{l} \cdot SM\langle n+1 \rangle \end{aligned}$$

# Unique solutions (13/13)

Hindsight : We did not treat the constructs of CCS uniformly :

- recursion  $\rightarrow$  unique solution
- the other constructions :  $\rightarrow$  congruence

Note the following :

1. Formulating congruence for the recursive definitions would force us to define bisimulation for processes with free variables  $K$ .
2. We can avoid reasoning inside recursive definitions by unfolding them prior to the reasoning. This is exactly what happens in the example that we just unrolled.

# Hennessy-Milner logic (1/14)

We revert to an arbitrary LTS, with its set of actions  $Act$ . We make the assumption that the LTS is **image finite** :

$$\forall P, \mu \ (\{(P' \mid P \xrightarrow{\mu} P'}\} \text{ is finite})$$

We write  $Proc$  for the set of all states / processes.



# Hennessy-Milner logic (2/14)

The set of formulas of Hennessy-Milner logic is defined by :

$$A := T \mid A \wedge A \mid \neg A \mid \langle \mu \rangle A$$

A formula  $A$  is interpreted by the **the set of processes which satisfy it**, whence two notations :  $\llbracket A \rrbracket = \{P \mid P \models A\}$  :

$$\llbracket T \rrbracket = Proc$$

$$\llbracket A \wedge B \rrbracket = \llbracket A \rrbracket \cap \llbracket B \rrbracket$$

$$\llbracket \neg A \rrbracket = Proc \setminus \llbracket A \rrbracket$$

$$\langle \mu \rangle A = \{P \mid (\exists P' \ P \xrightarrow{\mu} P' \text{ and } P' \models A)\}$$

Derived operators :  $A \vee B = \neg((\neg A) \wedge (\neg B))$ ,  $[\mu]A = \neg(\langle \mu \rangle(\neg A))$

# Hennessy-Milner logic (3/14)

**Theorem** : Under the image finiteness assumption,

$$P \sim Q \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \{A \mid P \models A\} = \{A \mid Q \models A\}$$

The theorem can be applied to finitary CCS (both strong and weak bisimulation). When weak bisimulation is meant, we write  $\langle\langle\mu\rangle\rangle A$  and  $\llbracket\mu\rrbracket A$ .

It works also for the larger fragment of CCS with finite sums and recursive definitions where each recursively defined  $K$  is **guarded** and **sequential** in its definition.

More generally, it works for all pair of  $P, Q$  which are both **hereditarily image finite**, i.e., say, whenever  $P \xrightarrow{s} Q$  ( $s \in Act^*$ ), then  $Q$  is image finite.

Remark : The interpretation  $P \models A$  is compositional / congruential in  $A$ , not in  $P$ , hence the result does not help to establish that bisimilarity is a congruence.

# Hennessey-Milner logic (4/14)

Let  $L_n$  be the subset of formulas with depth of at most  $n$ , where depth is defined by :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{depth}(T) &= 0 & \text{depth}(A \wedge B) &= \max(\text{depth}(A), \text{depth}(B)) \\ \text{depth}(\neg A) &= \text{depth}(A) & \text{depth}(\langle \mu \rangle A) &= \text{depth}(A) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Remember that  $\sim$  is the **greatest fixed point** of some operator  $G_K$ , which is **anti-continuous** (image-finiteness!). Hence ( $\omega$  stands for the set of natural numbers) :

$$\sim = \bigcap_{n \in \omega} \sim_n \quad \text{where} \quad \sim_0 = \text{Proc} \times \text{Proc} \quad \text{and} \quad \sim_{n+1} = G_K(\sim_n)$$

Unfolding the definition of  $G_K$  :

$$P \sim_{n+1} Q \Leftrightarrow \forall \mu, P' (P \xrightarrow{\mu} P' \Rightarrow \exists Q' (Q \xrightarrow{\mu} Q' \text{ and } P' \sim_n Q')) \text{ and conversely}$$

# Hennessy-Milner logic (5/14)

We set  $L_n(P) = \{A \in L_n \mid P \models A\}$ . We prove by induction on  $n$  :

$$P \sim_n Q \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad L_n(P) = L_n(Q)$$

Case  $n = 0$ . Notice that for every  $A \in L_0$  we have either  $\llbracket A \rrbracket = \emptyset$  or  $\llbracket A \rrbracket = Proc$  (by induction on  $A$ , which is  $\langle - \rangle$  free). It follows that  $P \in \llbracket A \rrbracket$  if and only if  $Q \in \llbracket A \rrbracket$ , for arbitrary  $P, Q$ .

## Hennessy-Milner logic (6/14)

$P \not\sim_{n+1} Q \Rightarrow L_{n+1}(P) \neq L_{n+1}(Q)$ .

Since  $P \not\sim_{n+1} Q$ , there exists  $a, P'$  such that for all  $Q'_1, \dots, Q'_n$  (we are using image-finiteness) such that  $Q \xrightarrow{a} Q'$  we have  $P' \not\sim_n Q'_i$  for all  $i$ .

Now  $L_n(P') \neq L_n(Q'_i)$  by induction. Hence there exists  $A_i$  in  $L_n(P')$  not in  $L_n(Q'_i)$  or there exists  $B$  in  $L_n(Q'_i)$  not in  $L_n(P')$ . But in the latter case, we can take  $\neg B$ , hence we may assume that there exists  $A_i$  in  $L_n(P')$  not in  $L_n(Q'_i)$ . Let  $A = A_1 \wedge \dots \wedge A_n$ .

Then  $P' \models A$ , and since  $Q'_i \not\models A_i$  we have a fortiori  $Q'_i \not\models A$  for all  $i$ . From there it follows that  $P \models \langle a \rangle A$  and  $Q \not\models \langle i \rangle A$ .

## Hennessy-Milner logic (7/14)

$$P \sim_{n+1} Q \Rightarrow L_{n+1}(P) = L_{n+1}(Q).$$

Let  $A \in L_{n+1}(P)$ . We proceed by structural induction on  $A$ . The only non-trivial case is  $A = \langle a \rangle B$ .

Since  $P \models A$ , there exist  $a, P'$  such that  $P \xrightarrow{a} P'$  and  $P' \models B$ .

Since  $P \sim_{n+1} Q$ , there exists  $Q'$  such that  $Q \xrightarrow{a} Q'$  and  $P' \sim_n Q'$ .

By induction, since  $B \in L_n$ , we get  $Q' \models B$  and hence  $A \in L_{n+1}(Q)$ .

# Hennessy-Milner logic (8/14)

How should we adapt this to overcome the image finiteness limitation ?  
We have to go to **infinite conjunctions**.

**Ordinals** are needed on both sides of the equivalence

$$P \sim_{\kappa} Q \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad L_{\kappa}(P) = L_{\kappa}(Q)$$

- On the left side, this is because the non image-finiteness entails non-anti-continuity of the operator of which  $\sim$  is a fixpoint. And it is always true that  $\sim$  is the intersection of the  $\sim_{\kappa}$ , but we then have to go beyond ordinal  $\omega$ .

- on the right side, this is because of infinite branching, as the depth of a sum is the sup of the depths. In this way we may reach, say, depth  $\omega = \sup\{1, \dots, n, \dots\}$ .

**Exercice 3** Show that  $a^{\omega} + \sum_{n \in \omega} a^i$  (with infinite sum) and  $\sum_{n \in \omega} a^i$  satisfy the same formulas (without infinite conjunction) but are not bisimilar (where  $a^0 = 0$ ,  $a^{i+1} = a \cdot a^i$ ,  $a^{\omega} = (\text{let } K = a \cdot K \text{ in } K)$ ). (Hint : prove that if  $a^{\omega} \models A$ , then  $a^i \models A$  for all sufficiently large  $i$ , and for this use the alternative syntax  $A := T \mid F \mid A \wedge A \mid A \vee A \mid \langle \mu \rangle A$ )

## Hennessy-Milner logic (9/14)

Recall that  $P = a \cdot (b + c)$  and  $Q = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$  are not bisimilar.

Here is a formula that separates them :

$$P \models \langle a \rangle (\langle b \rangle T \wedge \langle c \rangle T) \quad Q \not\models \langle a \rangle (\langle b \rangle T \wedge \langle c \rangle T)$$



# Hennessy-Milner logic (10/14)

As a more sophisticated example, we show the correctness of the unbounded counter (cf. course CCS-2) :

$$C = \text{inc} \cdot (C \frown C) + \text{dec} \cdot D \quad D = \bar{d} \cdot C + \bar{z} \cdot B \quad B = \text{inc} \cdot (C \frown B) + \text{zero} \cdot B$$

Notation :  $\langle\langle \epsilon \rangle\rangle A = A$  and  $\langle\langle as \rangle\rangle A = \langle\langle a \rangle\rangle (\langle\langle s \rangle\rangle A)$  (similarly for  $\langle s \rangle A$ ,  $\llbracket s \rrbracket A$ ,  $\llbracket s \rrbracket A$ ).  $F = \neg T$ .  $\#_{\text{inc}}(s)$  is the number of occurrences of  $\text{inc}$  in  $s$ .  $\leq$  is the prefix ordering. We define :

$$\begin{aligned} (s \succeq 0) &= (\forall s' \leq s (\#_{\text{inc}}(s') \geq \#_{\text{dec}}(s')) \wedge \\ &\quad \forall s' (s'0 \leq s \Rightarrow (\#_{\text{inc}}(s') = \#_{\text{dec}}(s')))) \\ (s \succ 0) &= (s \succeq 0) \wedge (\#_{\text{inc}}(s) > \#_{\text{dec}}(s)) \\ (s = 0) &= (s \succeq 0) \wedge (\#_{\text{inc}}(s) = \#_{\text{dec}}(s)) \end{aligned}$$

We shall show  $C \models_{AC} A_C$  where :

$$A_C = \begin{cases} (\bigwedge_{s \succeq 0} \langle\langle s \rangle\rangle T) \wedge (\bigwedge_{s \succ 0} \llbracket s \rrbracket (\langle\langle \text{inc} \rangle\rangle T \wedge \langle\langle \text{dec} \rangle\rangle T \wedge \llbracket \text{zero} \rrbracket F)) \wedge \\ (\bigwedge_{s=0} \llbracket s \rrbracket (\langle\langle \text{inc} \rangle\rangle T \wedge \langle\langle \text{zero} \rangle\rangle T \wedge \llbracket \text{dec} \rrbracket F)) \wedge (\bigwedge_{s \not\succeq 0} \llbracket s \rrbracket F) \end{cases}$$

# Hennessy-Milner logic (11/14)

It can be shown, using algebraic laws and unique solution (as for the slot machine), that  $C \approx Cnt_0$ , where (specification) :

$$Cnt_0 = inc \cdot Cnt_1 + zero \cdot Cnt_0$$

$$Cnt_n = inc \cdot Cnt_{n+1} + dec \cdot Cnt_{n-1}$$

Then, by the logical characterization of bisimilarity, our goal can be reformulated as  $Cnt_0 \models A_C$ . Since the execution of  $Cnt_0$  involves no  $\tau$  actions, satisfaction of  $A_C$  is equivalent to satisfaction of the same formula where all  $\langle\langle s \rangle\rangle_-$  and  $\llbracket s \rrbracket_-$  are replaced by  $\langle s \rangle_-$  and  $[s]_-$ , respectively.

# Hennesy-Milner logic (12/14)

We are thus left to show :

$$Cnt_0 \models \begin{cases} (\bigwedge_{s \geq 0} \langle s \rangle T) \wedge (\bigwedge_{s > 0} [s](\langle inc \rangle T \wedge \langle dec \rangle T \wedge [zero] F)) \wedge \\ (\bigwedge_{s=0} [s](\langle inc \rangle T \wedge \langle zero \rangle T \wedge [dec] F)) \wedge (\bigwedge_{s \neq 0} [s] F) \end{cases}$$

This is an easy consequence of the following equivalence, which is proved by induction on the length of  $s$  :

$$Cnt_0 \xrightarrow{s} P \quad \Leftrightarrow (s \geq 0 \text{ and } P = C_{\#inc(s) - \#dec(s)})$$

It can be shown that the formula  $A_C$  is a **characteristic formula** for  $C$ , i.e. that  $Q \models A$  if and only if  $Q \approx C$ .

# Hennesy-Milner logic (13/14)

Some perspective. It looks like :

- (weak) **bisimulation** or equational techniques used to show  $P \approx Q$  where  $P$  is an “**implementation**” and  $Q$  is a “**specification**” is a tool for **total correctness**
- **Hennesy-Milner logic** or its extensions used to show  $P \models A$  where  $P$  is a process and  $A$  is a property is a tool for **partial correctness**.

# Hennessy–Milner logic (14/14)

But the picture is more mixed :

1. One can express a property of a process  $P$  in the form of another process  $Q$  and prove that  $P$  satisfies  $Q$  in the sense that for a suitable context  $C$  one has  $C[P] \approx Q$ . See Milner's red book [chapter 5] for an example where  $P$  is a scheduler of  $n$  tasks initiated in cycle each by an action  $a_i$ ,  $C$  implements hiding of all the other actions of the tasks, and  $Q = a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n \cdot Q$ .
2. For finite state LTS's, there is a characteristic formula (cf. example above) for each process / state, in an extension of the logic with a greatest fixed point operator (see, e.g. the course notes at <http://www.cs.aau.dk/~luca/SV/intro2ccs.pdf>)

# Beyond Hennessy-Milner

Given a formula  $A$ , consider the following property, or set of processes (‘no matter what transitions are made,  $A$  always holds’ ) :

$$Inv(A) = \{P \mid \forall s (P \xrightarrow{s} P' \Rightarrow P' \models A)\} = \bigwedge_{s \in Act^*} [s]A$$

Proposition :  $Inv(F)$  is the **greatest fixed point** of the equation  $X = A \wedge (\bigwedge_{a \in Act} [a]X)$  in  $\mathcal{P}(Proc)$ .

**Exercise 4** Prove it

More generally, **safety** and **liveness** properties ( “whatever state is reached, it is possible to continue in such way” ) can be expressed by means of greatest and least fixed points, respectively (much more on this in the notes at <http://www.cs.aau.dk/~luca/SV/intro2ccs.pdf>).

**Exercise 5** Find a formula that distinguishes the two processes of exercise 2.