

Bisimulation Can't Be Traced

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- Sorin Istrail
- Albert R. Meyer
- July 1990

Compositionality and Formal Methods

- Process Description
- Specification and Verification
- Exchangeability of Processes

Key Contributions

- Checkable condition for exchangability
 Necessary, but not sufficient
- General rule-format for process algebras
- Sufficient condition for specific extensions
- Seminal contribution
- Defines today's status quo

Overview

- Process Description
- Specification & Verification
- Process Equivalencies
- Testing
- Formats & Rules

Process Description

- Labelled Transition Systems
- Calculus of Comunicating Systems

states



transitions



actions









Formally...

 $(S, Act, (\xrightarrow{a} | a \in Act)),$ $s \xrightarrow{a} s' \in (\xrightarrow{a} | a \in Act).$

Calculus of Communication Systems

- Robin Milner
 - □ A Calculus of Communicating Systems, 1980
- Minus: communicating
- …explained using LTSes

Calculus of Communication Systems

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Process



Calculus of Communication Systems

Process a.P



Calculus of Communication Systems

Process
P + Q



Specification & Verification

- Specify desired behavior
- Model your implementation
- Verify that your implementation meets the specification

Verification using LTS

specification



Verification using LTS



Verification using LTS





What is the catch?
 Process equivalence

What is the catch?
 Process equivalence
 Appropriate modeling
 Specification

Implementation

Trace Equivalence

LTS as "talking boxes"

Compare what they are saying









$$tr(s) =$$

Traces



tr(s) = blablabla...

Traces



Traces

Trace equivalence



Trace congruence



Exchangeability



Exchangeability



High complexity!

We need something we can check automatically!

Bisimulation



Bisimulation



Bisimulation














Not Bisimilar



Not Bisimilar



choice matters

Simulation



Simulation



Simulation



Simulation Equivalence



Bisimulation vs. Simulation Equivalence

















Key Contribution

- Ready simulation implies trace congruence...
- ...and trace congruence means exchangability

Testing

- Testing a process using another process
- Not possible with bisimulation
 - \Box hence the title...
- A brief example...

















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- No testing for bisimilarity using traces in CCS
- Game characterization
- Distinguishing bisimilarity is a metaprocess

Rules & Formats

General structured operational semantics GSOS Rules

premises in some format

conclusions

Rules & Formats

Only requires + and .

$$a.X \xrightarrow{a} X$$

$$\frac{X \xrightarrow{a} Y}{X' + X \xrightarrow{a} X' + Y}$$

Rules & Formats

- No single specific language for process description
- Sparked research on formats

Key Contributions

- GSOS Rules
- Formats
- Ready simulation equivalent to trace congruence for a specific extension
 - □ Fork (copy) operator
 - Controlled communication
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Thank you!