

Metric Reasoning About λ -Terms: The Affine Case

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- ▶ Other equivalence notion: Bisimilarity

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► **Deterministic** setting:

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► **Probabilistic** setting:

- Operational Semantics: $\llbracket M \rrbracket \in \text{Distr}(\mathbf{V})$.
- Observables: Convergence Probability.

$$Obs(M) = \sum_{V \text{ a value}} \llbracket M \rrbracket(V) \in [0, 1]$$

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- ▶ Variations: **Small-Step Semantics**, **Call-by-value Evaluation**.

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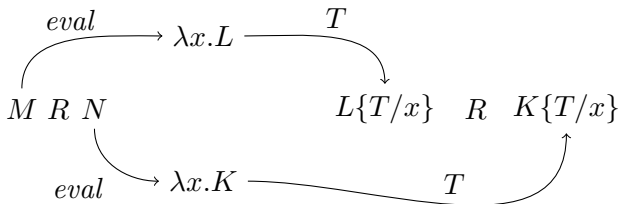
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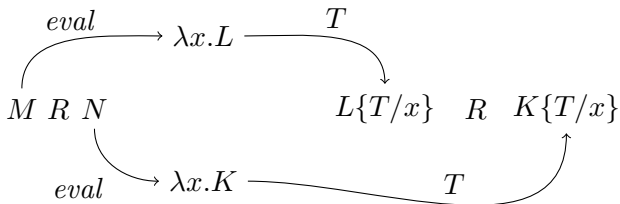
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- **Similarity:** union of all simulations, denoted \lesssim ;
- **Bisimilarity:** union of all bisimulations, denoted \sim .

Theorem

$M \equiv N$ iff $M \sim N$.

Applicative Bisimulation for a Probabilistic Language

(1): Trace Equivalence

The weighted **Trace** LTS:

- ▶ states: $\text{Distr}(\mathbf{V})$
- ▶ labels: $@\text{Terms}$
- ▶ weight function: $w(\mathcal{D}) = \sum_V \mathcal{D}(V)$
- ▶ Transition relation:

$$\begin{array}{l} \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{@M} \sum_V \mathcal{D}(V) \cdot \llbracket VM \rrbracket \\ \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{@N} \sum_V \mathcal{D}(V) \cdot \llbracket VN \rrbracket \\ \qquad \qquad \qquad \vdots \end{array}$$

Definition

$M \equiv^{tr} N$ if $\llbracket M \rrbracket R \llbracket N \rrbracket$ when R is a bisimulation with respect to the trace LTS such that $\mathcal{D} R \mathcal{E} \Rightarrow w(\mathcal{D}) = w(\mathcal{E})$.

Alternative Equivalent Definition: Evaluation Contexts

- ▶ Traces: contexts having a nice peculiar form

$$s ::= \epsilon \mid @V \cdot s.$$

- ▶ **Success probability of a trace:** $Pr(M, s)$.

- ▶ $s \longrightarrow \mathcal{C}_s$:

$$Pr(M, s) = \sum_V \llbracket \mathcal{C}_s[M] \rrbracket(V)$$

- ▶ Examples: $M = \lambda x.(I \oplus \Omega) \oplus \Omega$.

$$s = \epsilon \quad \mathcal{C}_s = [\cdot] \quad Pr(M, s) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t = @I \cdot \epsilon \quad \mathcal{C}_t = [\cdot]I \quad Pr(M, t) = \frac{1}{4}$$

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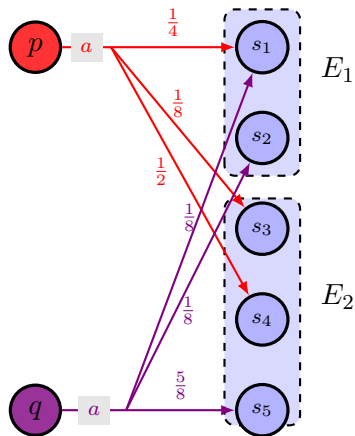
(2): Probabilistic Bisimulation

Labelled Markov Chain (LMC): a triple $\mathcal{M} = (\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P})$,
where

- ▶ \mathcal{S} is a countable set of *states*;
- ▶ \mathcal{L} is a set of *labels*;
- ▶ \mathcal{P} is a *transition probability matrix*, i.e., a function $\mathcal{P} : \mathcal{S} \times \mathcal{L} \times \mathcal{S} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that for every state s and for every label l , $\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{S}, l, t) = \sum_{t \in \mathcal{S}} \mathcal{P}(s, l, t) \leq 1$;

Bisimilarity (probabilistic case)

Let $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{L}, \mathcal{P})$ be a LMC (Labelled Markov Chain).



Bisimulation: R such that

- ▶ R equivalence relation on \mathcal{S} .
- ▶ $(p, q) \in R \Rightarrow$ for every equivalence class E , $a \in \mathcal{L}$,

$$\sum_{s \in E} \mathcal{P}(p, a, s) = \sum_{s \in E} \mathcal{P}(q, a, s)$$

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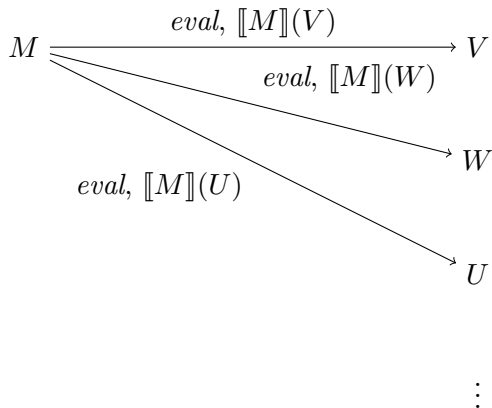
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Context Equivalence vs. Bisimulation

Theorem

\sim is included in \equiv .

Lemma

\sim is a congruence.

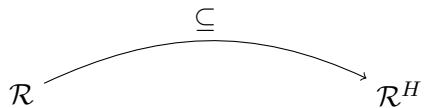
- ▶ $M \sim N \implies C[M] \sim C[N]$
- ▶ Howe's technique.

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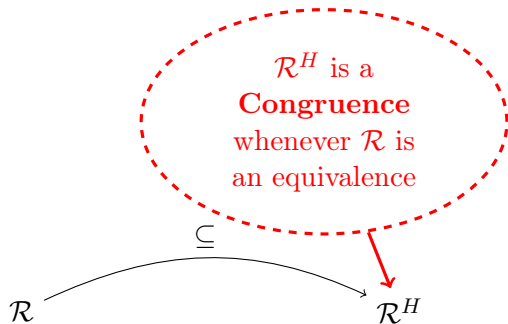
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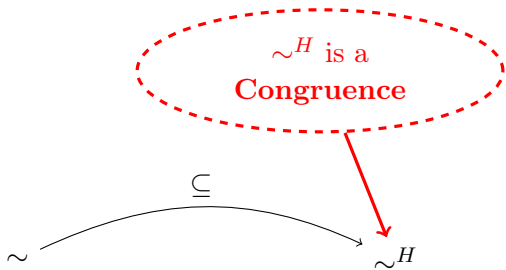
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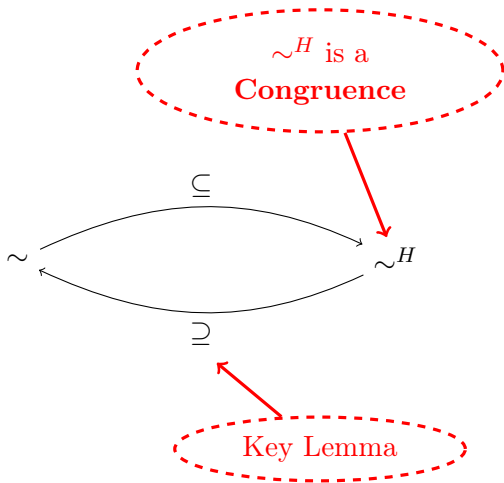
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Full Abstraction?

- ▶ \sim is a **sound** methodology for program equivalence.
- ▶ Is it also **complete**?
- ▶ **CBN: No** [DLSA2014]
Counterexample:

$$M = \lambda x. \lambda y. (\Omega \oplus I); \quad N = \lambda x. (\lambda y. \Omega) \oplus (\lambda y. I).$$

- ▶ **CBV: Yes** [CDL2014]

Theorem

δ^b is fully abstract

Proof:

- ▶ Bisimulation in a LMC is characterized by a test language:
 $t ::= \omega \mid a \cdot t \mid \langle t, t \rangle;$
- ▶ Tests can be simulated by CBV-contexts.

Our Neighborhood

- ▶ Λ , where we observe **convergence**

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[Abramsky1990,Howe1993]

- ▶ Λ_{\oplus} with nondeterministic semantics, where we observe **convergence**, in its **may** or **must** flavors.

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[Ong1993,Lassen1998]

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Toward a notion of distance

- ▶ Two very similar probabilistic programs:

$$\begin{aligned}M &= \Omega ::= (\lambda x.xx)(\lambda x.xx); \\N &= \Omega \oplus^\epsilon \lambda x.x \quad \text{where } \epsilon \ll 1.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ We want to express the fact that M and N are **not** equivalent, but have a very **similar** behaviour.
- ▶ **Context Distance:**

$$\delta^{\text{ctx}}(M, N) = \sup_{\mathcal{C} \text{ a context}} |\text{Obs}(\mathcal{C}[M]) - \text{Obs}(\mathcal{C}[N])|$$

- ▶ M and N are at context distance ϵ .

The Trivialization Phaenomenon

- ▶ Two other very similar programs:

$$M = I ::= \lambda x.x$$

$$N = I \oplus^\epsilon \Omega \quad \text{with } \epsilon \ll 1$$

- ▶ We can construct a sequence of **amplification contexts** \mathcal{C}_n such that:

$$Obs(\mathcal{C}_n[M]) = 1 \quad Obs(\mathcal{C}_n[N]) = (1 - \epsilon)^n$$

$$\mathcal{C}_n = (\lambda x. \underbrace{(xI) \cdots (xI)}_n)[\cdot]$$

- ▶ M and N are at context distance 1.
- ▶ In a language with **copying capabilities**, the contextual metric is itself too discriminating.

Λ_{\oplus} : An Affine λ -Calculus

- ▶ Every function uses its argument **at most once**.
- ▶ Low expressivity, but interesting structure of contextual metric.
- ▶ Syntax of the calculus:

$$M ::= x \mid \lambda x.M \mid MM \mid M \oplus M \mid \Omega \\ \mid \mathbf{let} \langle x, y \rangle = M \mathbf{in} M \mid \langle M, M \rangle.$$

We restrict ourselves to affine terms.

$$\frac{}{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash x : \sigma} \quad \frac{\Gamma, x : \sigma \vdash M : \tau}{\Gamma \vdash \lambda x.M : \sigma \rightarrow \tau} \\ \frac{\Gamma \vdash M : \sigma \quad \Gamma \vdash N : \sigma}{\Gamma \vdash M \oplus N : \sigma}$$

- ▶ CBV probabilistic semantics.

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Pseudo-Metric on Λ_{\oplus} :

$\mu : \Lambda_{\oplus} \times \Lambda_{\oplus} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ such that:

- ▶ Symmetry;
- ▶ $\mu(M, M) = 0$;
- ▶ Triangular inequality.

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- ▶ Running examples:

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Proof: It holds that:

$$\begin{aligned}\llbracket \mathcal{C}[M_1] \rrbracket &= \sum p_i \cdot \mathcal{D}_i; \\ \llbracket \mathcal{C}[N_1] \rrbracket &= \sum p_i \cdot \mathcal{E}_i;\end{aligned}$$

where

- ▶ either $\sum_V \mathcal{D}_i(V) \leq 1/2$ and $\mathcal{E}_i = \emptyset$,
- ▶ either $\mathcal{D}_i = \{\mathcal{E}_i[M_1]^1\}$ and $\mathcal{E}_i = \{\mathcal{F}_i[N_1]^1\}$.

Trace Distance

- Generalisation of the Trace LTS: labels =

$$@\mathbf{V} \cup \otimes L \quad x, y \vdash L$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 w(\mathcal{D}) &= \sum_V \mathcal{D}(V) \\
 \otimes L &\rightarrow \sum_V \mathcal{D}(\langle M, N \rangle) \cdot \llbracket M \rrbracket(V) \cdot \llbracket W \rrbracket \cdot \llbracket L\{V, W/x, y\} \rrbracket \\
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- Generalisation of the weight condition:
 R_ϵ : The biggest bisimulation R on this LTS such that
 $\mathcal{D}R\mathcal{E} \Rightarrow |w(\mathcal{D}) - w(\mathcal{E})| \leq \epsilon$.
- **Trace Distance:** $\delta^{\text{tr}}(M, N) = \inf\{\epsilon \mid \{M^1\}R_\epsilon\{N^1\}\}$
- **Characterisation by traces:**

$$\delta^{\text{tr}}(M, N) = \sup_{s \text{ a trace}} |Pr(M, s) - Pr(N, s)|$$

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- ▶ Adequacy: $\delta^{\text{tr}}(M, N) \geq |\text{Obs}(M) - \text{Obs}(N)|$.
- ▶ **Soundness:** $\delta^{\text{ctx}}(M, N) \leq \delta^{\text{tr}}(M, N)$.

Proof: $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Adequacy} \\ \text{Non-Expansiveness} \end{array} \right\} \implies \text{Soundness} .$

- ▶ **Completeness:** $\delta^{\text{tr}}(M, N) \leq \delta^{\text{ctx}}(M, N)$.

Proof: Every trace can be simulated by a context.

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Proof Of Non-Expansiveness Theorem

- ▶ Plain induction on contexts fails.
- ▶ We need an operational semantics for terms in contexts:

$$\mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{s}_{\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{P}} \mathcal{E}$$

for $\mathcal{D}, \mathcal{E} \in \text{Distr}(\text{Terms} \times \mathbf{C})$

- ▶ Stronger notion of proximity: $\mathcal{D} \Delta_{\varepsilon} \mathcal{E}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \mathcal{D} \Delta_{\varepsilon} \mathcal{E} \\ \mathcal{D} \xrightarrow{s}_{\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{P}} \mathcal{F} \\ \mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{s}_{\mathbf{C} \times \mathbf{P}} \mathcal{G} \end{array} \right\} \implies \mathcal{F} \Delta_{\varepsilon} \mathcal{G}$$

Trace Distance on Examples

- ▶ $M_1 = \Omega \oplus I$ and $N_1 = \Omega$

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- ▶ We have to consider traces of the form $\otimes L \cdot \epsilon$.
- ▶ Not simpler than contextual distance.

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δ^b is non-expansive, thus sound with respect to context distance.

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$$\boxed{\lambda x. M, W, U} \xrightarrow[\llbracket M \{V \{W/x_2\}\} / x \rrbracket(T)]{@(\{x_2\}, V)^1} \boxed{T, U}$$

- ▶ Tuple Distance:

$$\delta^{\text{mul}}(M, N) = \sup_s |Pr(\llbracket M \rrbracket, s) - Pr(\llbracket N \rrbracket, s)|$$

Theorem

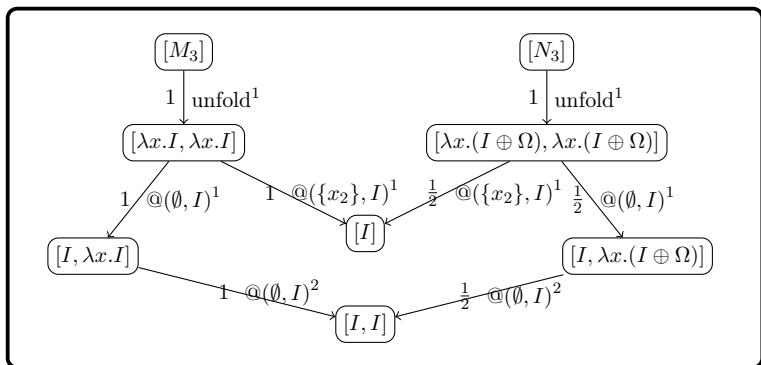
- ▶ δ^{mul} is non-expansive.
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Example for Tuple Distance

$$M_3 = \langle \lambda x.I, \lambda x.I \rangle \quad \text{and} \quad N_3 = \langle \lambda x.(I \oplus \Omega), \lambda x.(I \oplus \Omega) \rangle$$

Proposition

$$\delta^{mul}(M_3, N_3) = \frac{3}{4}$$



Calculus with copying capabilities

Generalize the tuple distance:

- ▶ explicit !-construct in the syntax.
- ▶ transition for copying : $[!A] \longrightarrow [!A, A]$.



We obtain a sound and complete distance.

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- ▶ **Further Work:**

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Thank you.

Questions ?