

Equivalence Relations for Net and Algebraic Models of Concurrency

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Equivalences for Petri Nets

Abstract: Behavioural equivalences of concurrent systems modeled by Petri nets are considered.

Known basic, back-forth and place bisimulation equivalences are supplemented by new ones.

The equivalence interrelations are examined for the general Petri nets as well as for their subclasses of sequential nets (no concurrent transitions), strictly labeled nets (unlabeled) and T-nets (no place branching).

A logical characterization of back-forth bisimulation equivalences in terms of logics with past modalities is proposed.

An effective net reduction method based on place bisimulation relations is presented.

A preservation of all the equivalences by refinements is investigated to find out their appropriateness for top-down design.

Keywords: Petri nets, sequential nets, strictly labeled nets, T-nets, basic equivalences, back-forth bisimulations, place bisimulations, logical characterization, net reduction, refinement.

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Previous work

The following **basic** equivalences are known:

- **Trace equivalences** (respect protocols of behaviour):
interleaving (\equiv_i) [Hoa80], step (\equiv_s) [Pom86], partial word (\equiv_{pw}) [Gra81] and pomset (\equiv_{pom}) [Pra86].
- **Usual bisimulation equivalences** (respect branching structure of behaviour):
interleaving (\Leftrightarrow_i) [Par81], step (\Leftrightarrow_s) [NT84], partial word (\Leftrightarrow_{pw}) [Vog91a], pomset (\Leftrightarrow_{pom}) [BCa87] and process (\Leftrightarrow_{pr}) [AS92].
- **ST-bisimulation equivalences** (respect the duration or maximality of events in behaviour):
interleaving (\Leftrightarrow_{iST}) [GV87], partial word (\Leftrightarrow_{pwST}) [Vog91a] and pomset (\Leftrightarrow_{pomST}) [Vog91a].
- **History preserving bisimulation equivalences** (respect the “history” of behaviour):
pomset (\Leftrightarrow_{pomh}) [RT88].
- **Conflict preserving equivalences** (respect conflicts of events):
occurrence (\equiv_{occ}) [NPW81].
- **Isomorphism** (coincidence up to renaming of components):
(\simeq).

Back-forth bisimulation equivalences: bisimulation relations do not only require systems to simulate each other's behavior in the **forward** direction but also when going back in history, i.e. **backward**.

They are **connected** with equivalences of logics with **past modalities**.

Interleaving back interleaving forth bisimulation equivalence ($\Leftrightarrow_{ibif} = \Leftrightarrow_i$) [NMV90].

Step back step forth (\Leftrightarrow_{sbsf}), **partial word back partial word forth** (\Leftrightarrow_{pwbpwf}) and **pomset back pomset forth** ($\Leftrightarrow_{pombpomf}$) **bisimulation equivalences** [Che92a, Che92b, Che92c].

All possible **back-forth equivalences** in **interleaving, step, partial word** and **pomset** semantics s.t. **types of backward and forward simulations may differ**. New relations: **step back partial word forth** (\Leftrightarrow_{sbpwf}) and **step back pomset forth** (\Leftrightarrow_{sbpomf}) **bisimulation equivalences** [Pin93].

Place bisimulation equivalences [ABS91] are based on definition from [Old89,Old91]. They are relations over places instead of markings or processes. The relation on markings is obtained via “lifting” that on places.

The main application of the place equivalences is effective behaviour preserving reduction of Petri nets.

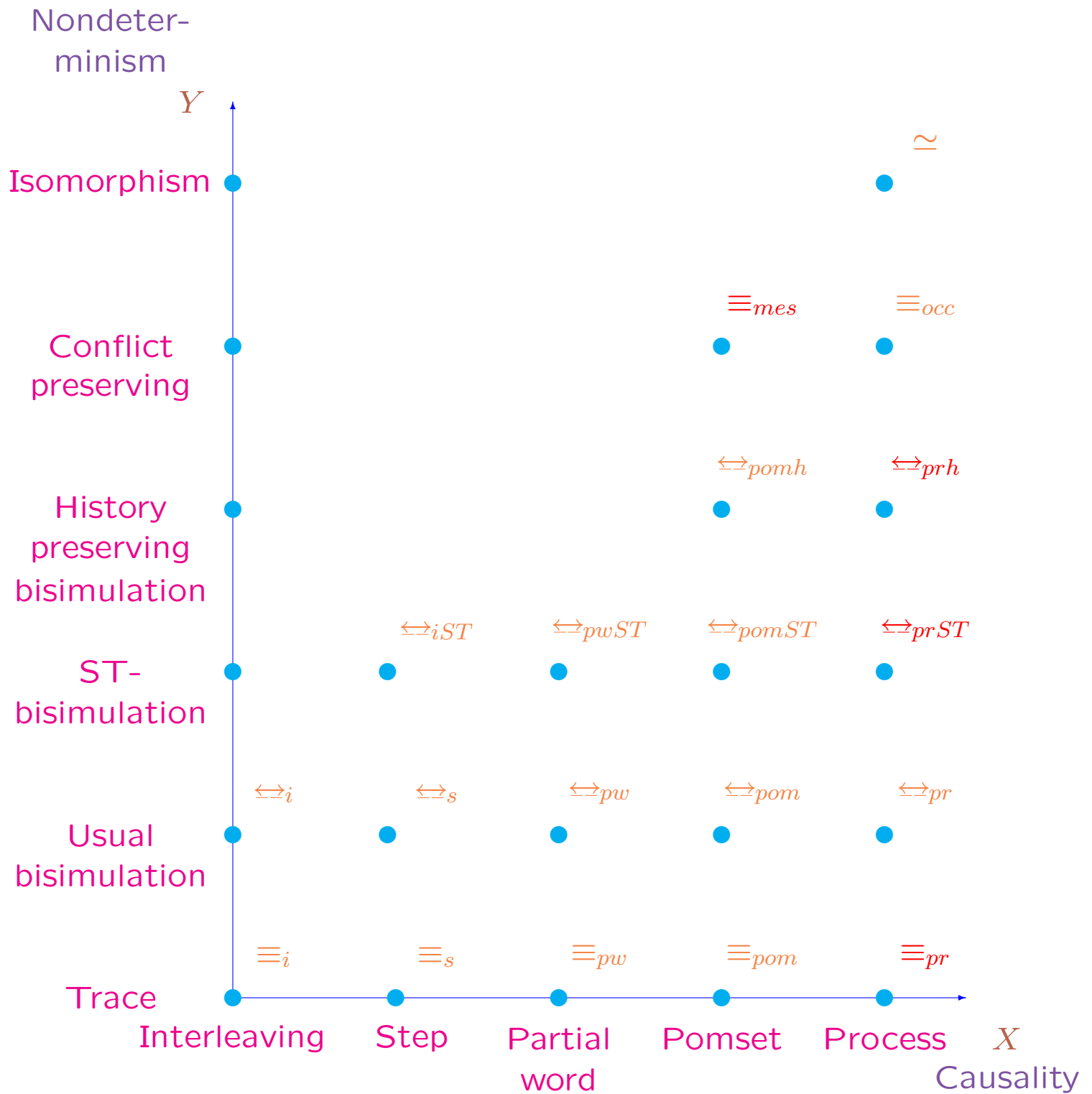
Interleaving place bisimulation equivalence (\sim_i) and interleaving strict place bisimulation equivalence (\approx_i) [ABS91].

Step (\sim_s), partial word (\sim_{pw}), pomset (\sim_{pom}) and process (\sim_{pr}) place bisimulation equivalences. Their strict analogues: ($\approx_s, \approx_{pw}, \approx_{pom}, \approx_{pr}$).

Merging: $\sim_i = \sim_s = \sim_{pw}$ and $\approx_s = \approx_{pw} = \approx_{pom} = \approx_{pr} = \sim_{pr}$. Three different relations remain: \sim_i, \sim_{pom} and \sim_{pr} [AS92].

New equivalences

- Basic equivalences:
process *trace* (\equiv_{pr}),
process *ST-bisimulation* (\Leftrightarrow_{prST}),
process *history preserving bisimulation* (\Leftrightarrow_{prh}) and
multi event structure (\equiv_{mes}).
- Back-forth bisimulation equivalences:
step *back process forth* (\Leftrightarrow_{sbprf}) and
pomset *back process forth* ($\Leftrightarrow_{pombprf}$).



Classification of basic equivalences

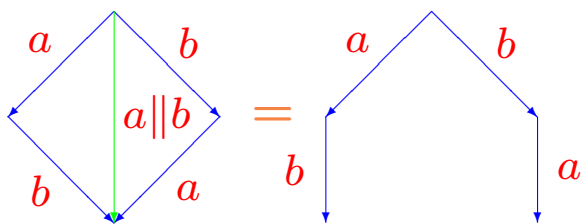
Basic equivalences are positioned on coordinate plane. New relations are depicted in red colour.

Moving along X axis: a degree of causality grows.

Moving along Y axis: a degree of non-determinism grows.

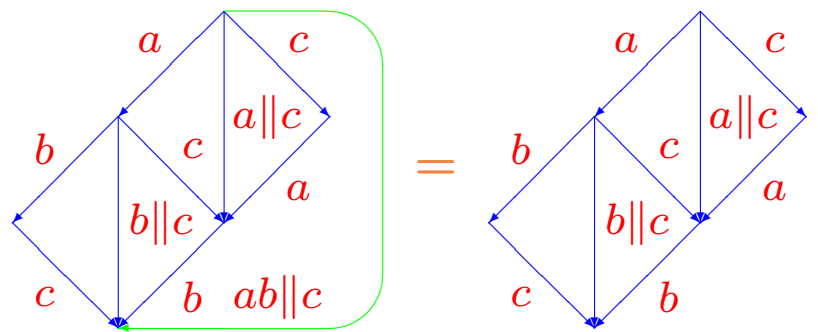
Interleaving

$$a \parallel b = ab + ba$$



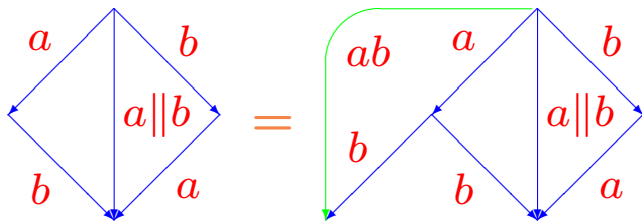
Step

$$ab \parallel c = a(b \parallel c) + (a \parallel c)b$$



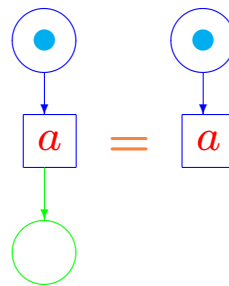
Partial word

$$a \parallel b = a \parallel b + ab$$



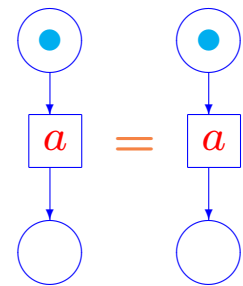
Pomset

$$a = a$$



Process

$$a = a$$

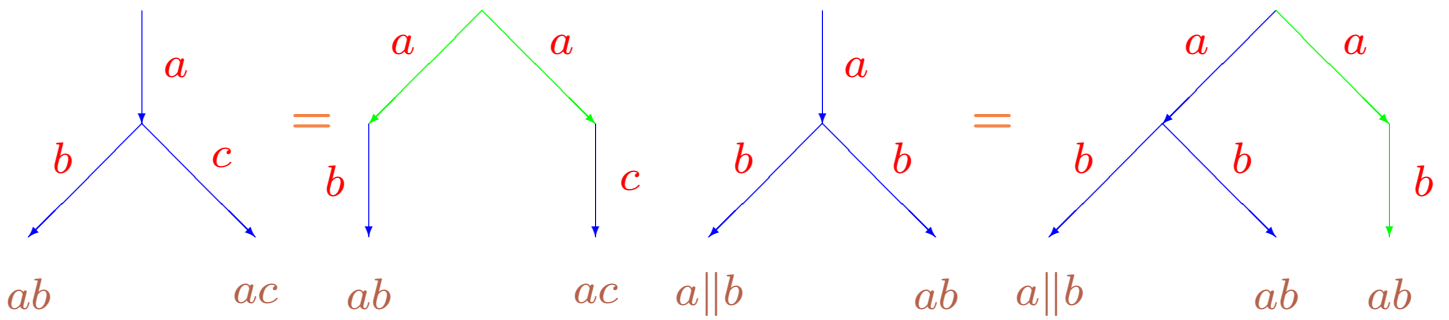


Causality **degrees**

Trace

Usual bisimulation

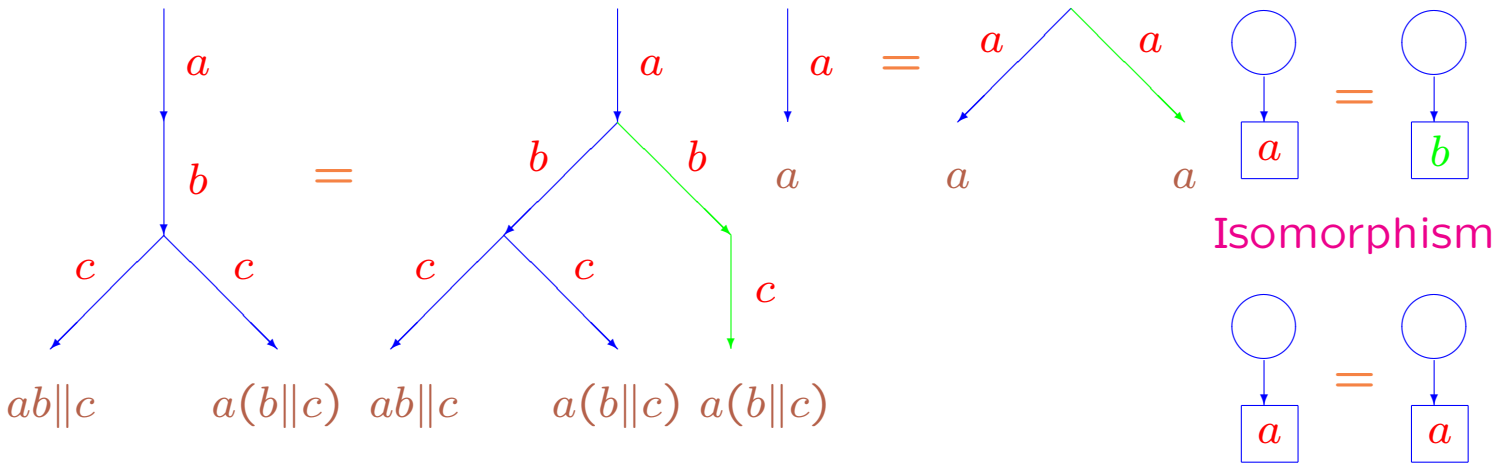
$$a(b + c) = ab + ac$$



ST-bisimulation

History preserving bisimulation

Conflict preserving



Nondeterminism degrees

Multisets

Definition 1 A finite multiset (bag) M over a set X is a mapping $M : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $|\{x \in X \mid M(x) > 0\}| < \infty$.

$\mathcal{M}(X)$ is the set of all finite multisets over X .

For $x \in X$, $M(x)$ is a number of elements x in M .

When $\forall x \in X \ M(x) \leq 1$, M is a proper set.

The cardinality of a multiset M : $|M| = \sum_{x \in X} M(x)$.

Let $M_1, M_2 \in \mathcal{M}(X)$ and $x \in X$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} (M_1 + M_2)(x) &= M_1(x) + M_2(x); \\ (M_1 - M_2)(x) &= \max\{M_1(x) - M_2(x), 0\}; \\ (M_1 \cup M_2)(x) &= \max\{M_1(x), M_2(x)\}; \\ (M_1 \cap M_2)(x) &= \min\{M_1(x), M_2(x)\}; \\ M_1 \subseteq M_2 &\Leftrightarrow \forall x \in X \ M_1(x) \leq M_2(x); \\ x \in M &\Leftrightarrow M(x) > 0. \end{aligned}$$

We write $M + x - y$ for $M + \{x\} - \{y\}$.

The empty multiset: \emptyset .

Multisets: sets with identical elements.

$M = \{x, x, x, y, z, z\}$ denotes the multiset M s.t. $M(x) = 3$, $M(y) = 1$, $M(z) = 2$, and for other elements M is equal to 0.



Example of multiset

Labeled nets

Let $Act = \{a, b, \dots\}$ be a set of *action names* or *labels*.

$\tau \notin Act$ denotes *silent* action that represents an internal activity. Let $Act_\tau = Act \cup \{\tau\}$.

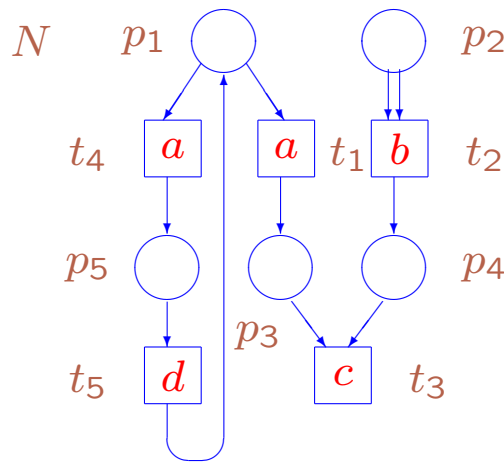
Definition 2 A *labeled net* is a quadruple $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N \rangle$:

- $P_N = \{p, q, \dots\}$ is a set of *places*;
- $T_N = \{t, u, \dots\}$ is a set of *transitions*;
- $F_N : (P_N \times T_N) \cup (T_N \times P_N) \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is the *flow relation with weights*;
- $l_N : T_N \rightarrow Act_\tau$ is a *labeling* of transitions with action names.

Given labeled nets $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N \rangle$ and $N' = \langle P_{N'}, T_{N'}, F_{N'}, l_{N'} \rangle$. A mapping $\beta : P_N \cup T_N \rightarrow P_{N'} \cup T_{N'}$ is an *isomorphism* between N and N' , denoted by $\beta : N \simeq N'$, if:

1. β is a bijection s.t. $\beta(P_N) = P_{N'}$ and $\beta(T_N) = T_{N'}$;
2. $\forall p \in P_N \forall t \in T_N F_N(p, t) = F_{N'}(\beta(p), \beta(t))$ and $F_N(t, p) = F_{N'}(\beta(t), \beta(p))$;
3. $\forall t \in T_N l_N(t) = l_{N'}(\beta(t))$.

Labelled nets N and N' are *isomorphic*, denoted by $N \simeq N'$, if $\exists \beta : N \simeq N'$.



Example of labeled net

Let N be a labeled net and $t \in T_N$.

The *precondition* $\bullet t$ and the *postcondition* $t \bullet$ of t are the multisets: $(\bullet t)(p) = F_N(p, t)$ and $(t \bullet)(p) = F_N(t, p)$. Similar for places: $(\bullet p)(t) = F_N(t, p)$ and $(p \bullet)(t) = F_N(p, t)$.

$\circ N = \{p \in P_N \mid \bullet p = \emptyset\}$ is the set of *initial (input)* and $N^\circ = \{p \in P_N \mid p \bullet = \emptyset\}$ is the set of *final (output)* places of N .

A labeled net N is *acyclic*, if there exist no transitions $t_0, \dots, t_n \in T_N$ s.t. $t_{i-1} \bullet \cap \bullet t_i \neq \emptyset$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) and $t_0 = t_n$.

A labeled net N is *ordinary* if $\forall p \in P_N$ $\bullet p$ and $p \bullet$ are proper sets (not multisets).

Let $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N \rangle$ be acyclic ordinary labeled net and $x, y \in P_N \cup T_N$. Then:

- $x \prec_N y \Leftrightarrow x F_N^+ y$, where F_N^+ is a transitive closure of F_N (*strict causal dependence* relation);
- $x \preceq_N y \Leftrightarrow (x \prec_N y) \vee (x = y)$ (a relation of *causal dependence*);
- $x \#_N y \Leftrightarrow \exists t, u \in T_N$ ($t \neq u$, $\bullet t \cap \bullet u \neq \emptyset$, $t \preceq_N x$, $u \preceq_N y$) (a relation of *conflict*);
- $\downarrow_N x = \{y \in P_N \cup T_N \mid y \prec_N x\}$ (the set of *strict predecessors* of x).

A set $T \subseteq T_N$ is *left-closed* in N , if $\forall t \in T$ $(\downarrow_N t) \cap T_N \subseteq T$.

Marked nets

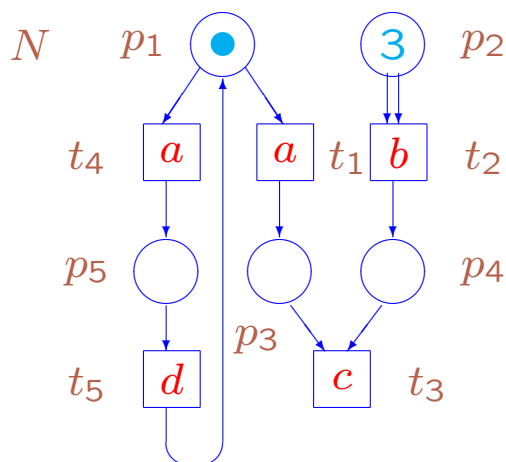
A *marking* of a labeled net N is $M \in \mathcal{M}(P_N)$.

Definition 3 A *marked net (net)* is a tuple $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N, M_N \rangle$, where $\langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N \rangle$ is a labeled net and $M_N \in \mathcal{M}(P_N)$ is the *initial marking*.

Given nets $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N, M_N \rangle$ and $N' = \langle P_{N'}, T_{N'}, F_{N'}, l_{N'}, M_{N'} \rangle$. A mapping $\beta : P_N \cup T_N \rightarrow P_{N'} \cup T_{N'}$ is an *isomorphism* between N and N' , $\beta : N \simeq N'$, if:

1. $\beta : \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N \rangle \simeq \langle P_{N'}, T_{N'}, F_{N'}, l_{N'} \rangle$;
2. $\forall p \in P_N \ M_N(p) = M_{N'}(\beta(p))$.

Nets N and N' are *isomorphic*, $N \simeq N'$, if $\exists \beta : N \simeq N'$.



Example of marked net

Let $M \in \mathcal{M}(P_N)$ be a marking of a net N . A transition $t \in T_N$ is *fireable* in M , if $\bullet t \subseteq M$. If t is fireable in M , its firing yields a new marking $\widetilde{M} = M - \bullet t + t^\bullet$, $M \xrightarrow{t} \widetilde{M}$.

A marking M of a net N is *reachable*, if $M = M_N$ or there exists a reachable marking \widehat{M} of N s.t. $\widehat{M} \xrightarrow{t} M$ for some $t \in T_N$. $Mark(N)$ is a *set of all reachable* markings of a net N .

A net N is *n-bounded* ($n \in \mathbb{N}$), if $\forall M \in \text{Mark}(N) \forall p \in P_N M(p) \leq n$. A net N is *bounded*, if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. N is n -bounded. A net N is *safe*, if it is 1-bounded.

An action $a \in \text{Act}$ is *auto-concurrent* in N , if $\exists M \in \text{Mark}(N) \exists t, u \in T_N$ s.t. $l_N(t) = a = l_N(u)$ and $\bullet t + \bullet u \subseteq M$. A net N is *auto-concurrency free*, if no action is auto-concurrent in N .

An action $a \in \text{Act}$ is *self-concurrent* in N , if $\exists M \in \text{Mark}(N) \exists t \in T_N$ s.t. $l_N(t) = a$ and $\bullet t + \bullet t \subseteq M$. A net N is *self-concurrency free*, if no action is self-concurrent in N .

Partially ordered sets [Pra86]

Definition 4 A partially ordered set (poset) is a pair $\rho = \langle X, \prec \rangle$:

- $X = \{x, y, \dots\}$ is an underlying set;
- $\prec \subseteq X \times X$ is a strict partial order (irreflexive transitive relation) over X .

Let $\rho = \langle X, \prec \rangle$ be a poset. A *restriction* of ρ to the set $Y \subseteq X$ is $\rho|_Y = \langle Y, \prec \cap (Y \times Y) \rangle$. A set of *strict predecessors* of $x \in X$ is $\downarrow x = \{y \in X \mid y \prec x\}$. A set $Y \subseteq X$ is *left-closed*, if $\forall y \in Y \downarrow y \subseteq Y$.

Let $\rho_1 = \langle X_1, \prec_1 \rangle$ and $\rho_2 = \langle X_2, \prec_2 \rangle$ be posets. ρ_1 is a *strict prefix* of ρ_2 , $\rho_1 \triangleleft \rho_2$, if $\rho_1 = \rho_2|_Y$ s.t. $Y \subset X$ is a finite left-closed set. ρ_1 is a *prefix* of ρ_2 , notation $\rho_1 \trianglelefteq \rho_2$, if $\rho_1 \triangleleft \rho_2$ or $\rho_1 = \rho_2$.

Definition 5 A labeled partially ordered set (lposet, causal structure) is a triple $\rho = \langle X, \prec, l \rangle$:

- $\langle X, \prec \rangle$ is a poset;
- $l : X \rightarrow Act_\tau$ is a labeling function.

The notions defined for posets are transferred to lposets.

Let $\rho = \langle X, \prec, l \rangle$ and $\rho' = \langle X', \prec', l' \rangle$ be lposets.

A mapping $\beta : X \rightarrow X'$ is a *label-preserving bijection* between ρ and ρ' , $\beta : \rho \asymp \rho'$, if:

1. β is a bijection;
2. $\forall x \in X \ l(x) = l'(\beta(x))$.

We write $\rho \asymp \rho'$, if $\exists \beta : \rho \asymp \rho'$.

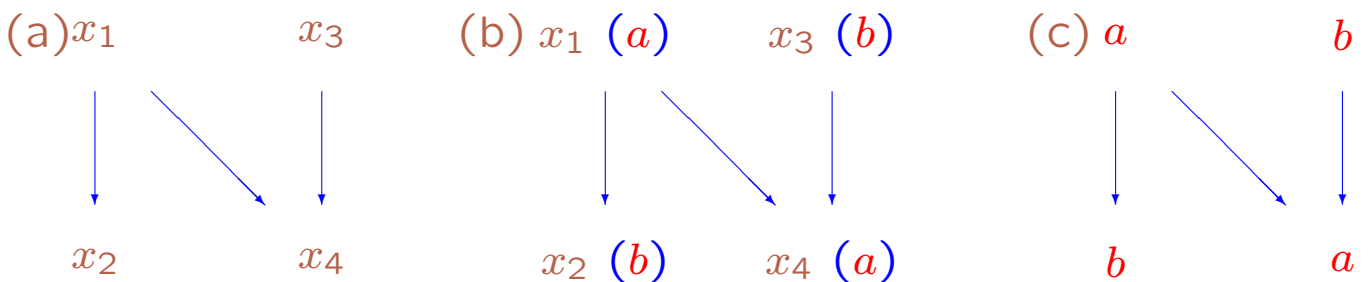
A mapping $\beta : X \rightarrow X'$ is a *homomorphism* between ρ and ρ' , $\beta : \rho \sqsubseteq \rho'$, if:

1. $\beta : \rho \asymp \rho'$;
2. $\forall x, y \in X \ x \prec y \Rightarrow \beta(x) \prec' \beta(y)$.

We write $\rho \sqsubseteq \rho'$, if $\exists \beta : \rho \sqsubseteq \rho'$.

A mapping $\beta : X \rightarrow X'$ is an *isomorphism* between ρ and ρ' , $\beta : \rho \simeq \rho'$, if $\beta : \rho \sqsubseteq \rho'$ and $\beta^{-1} : \rho' \sqsubseteq \rho$. Lposets ρ and ρ' are *isomorphic*, $\rho \simeq \rho'$, if $\exists \beta : \rho \simeq \rho'$.

Definition 6 Partially ordered multiset (pomset) is an isomorphism class of lposets.



Examples of poset, lposet and pomset

Event structures [NPW81]

Definition 7 An event structure (ES) is a triple $\xi = \langle X, \prec, \# \rangle$:

- $X = \{x, y, \dots\}$ is a set of events;
- $\prec \subseteq X \times X$ is a strict partial order, a causal dependence relation, which satisfies to the principle of finite causes: $\forall x \in X \mid \downarrow x \mid < \infty$;
- $\# \subseteq X \times X$ is an irreflexive symmetrical conflict relation, which satisfies to the principle of conflict heredity: $\forall x, y, z \in X \ x\#y \prec z \Rightarrow x\#z$.

Let $\xi = \langle X, \prec, \# \rangle$ be LES and $Y \subseteq X$. A restriction of ξ to the set Y is: $\xi|_Y = \langle Y, \prec \cap (Y \times Y), \# \cap (Y \times Y) \rangle$.

Definition 8 A labeled event structure (LES) is a quadruple $\xi = \langle X, \prec, \#, l \rangle$:

- $\langle X, \prec, \# \rangle$ is an event structure;
- $l : X \rightarrow Act_\tau$ is a labeling function.

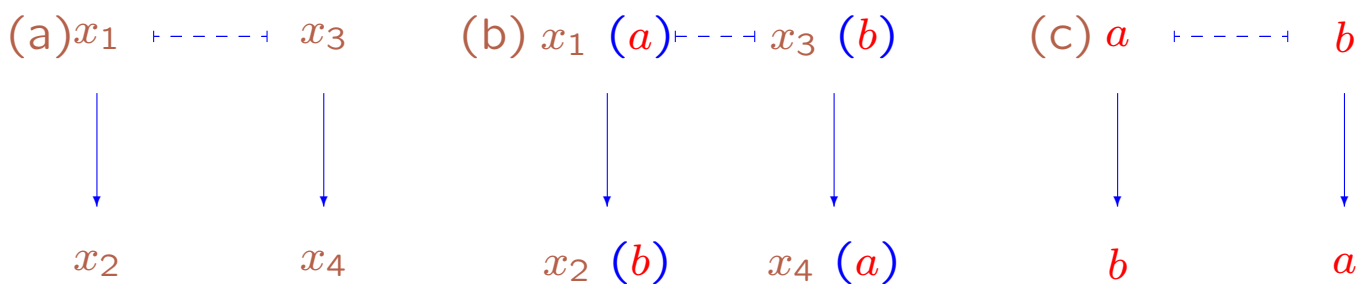
The notions defined for ES's are transferred to LES's.

Let $\xi = \langle X, \prec, \#, l \rangle$ and $\xi' = \langle X', \prec', \#', l' \rangle$ be LES's. A mapping $\beta : X \rightarrow X'$ is an *isomorphism* between ξ and ξ' , $\beta : \xi \simeq \xi'$, if:

1. β is a bijection;
2. $\forall x \in X \ l(x) = l'(\beta(x))$;
3. $\forall x, y \in X \ x \prec y \Leftrightarrow \beta(x) \prec' \beta(y)$;
4. $\forall x, y \in X \ x \# y \Leftrightarrow \beta(x) \#' \beta(y)$.

LES's ξ and ξ' are *isomorphic*, $\xi \simeq \xi'$, if $\exists \beta : \xi \simeq \xi'$.

Definition 9 A *multi-event structure (MES)* is an isomorphism class of LES's.



Examples of ES, LES and MES

Processes [BD87]

Definition 10 A **causal net** is an acyclic ordinary labeled net $C = \langle P_C, T_C, F_C, l_C \rangle$, s.t.:

1. $\forall r \in P_C \ |\bullet r| \leq 1$ and $|r\bullet| \leq 1$, i.e. places are unbranched;
2. $\forall x \in P_C \cap T_C \ |\downarrow_C x| < \infty$, i.e. a set of causes is finite.

Based on causal net $C = \langle P_C, T_C, F_C, l_C \rangle$, one can define lposet $\rho_C = \langle T_C, \prec_N \cap (T_C \times T_C), l_C \rangle$.

For any causal net C there is a sequence of transition firings: ${}^\circ C = L_0 \xrightarrow{v_1} \dots \xrightarrow{v_n} L_n = C^\circ$ s.t. $L_i \subseteq P_C$ ($0 \leq i \leq n$), $P_C = \bigcup_{i=0}^n L_i$ and $T_C = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. It is called a **full execution** of C .

Definition 11 Given a net N and a causal net C . A mapping $\varphi : P_C \cup T_C \rightarrow P_N \cup T_N$ is an **homomorphism** of C into N , $\varphi : C \rightarrow N$, if:

1. $\varphi(P_C) \in \mathcal{M}(P_N)$ and $\varphi(T_C) \in \mathcal{M}(T_N)$, i.e. sorts are preserved;
2. $\forall v \in T_C \ \bullet\varphi(v) = \varphi(\bullet v)$ and $\varphi(v)\bullet = \varphi(v\bullet)$, i.e. flow relation is respected;
3. $\forall v \in T_C \ l_C(v) = l_N(\varphi(v))$, i.e. labeling is preserved.

Since homomorphisms respect the flow relation, if ${}^\circ C \xrightarrow{v_1} \dots \xrightarrow{v_n} C^\circ$ is a full execution of C , then $M = \varphi({}^\circ C) \xrightarrow{\varphi(v_1)} \dots \xrightarrow{\varphi(v_n)} \varphi(C^\circ) = \widetilde{M}$ is a sequence of transition firings in N .

Definition 12 A *fireable in marking M process* of a net N is a pair $\pi = (C, \varphi)$, where C is a causal net and $\varphi : C \rightarrow N$ is an homomorphism s.t. $M = \varphi(\circ C)$. A fireable in M_N process is a *process* of N .

$\Pi(N, M)$ is a *set of all fireable* in marking M , and $\Pi(N)$ is the *set of all* processes of a net N .

The *initial* process of a net N is $\pi_N = (C_N, \varphi_N) \in \Pi(N)$, s.t. $T_{C_N} = \emptyset$.

If $\pi \in \Pi(N, M)$, then firing of this process transforms a marking M into $\widetilde{M} = M - \varphi(\circ C) + \varphi(C^\circ) = \varphi(C^\circ)$, $M \xrightarrow{\pi} \widetilde{M}$.

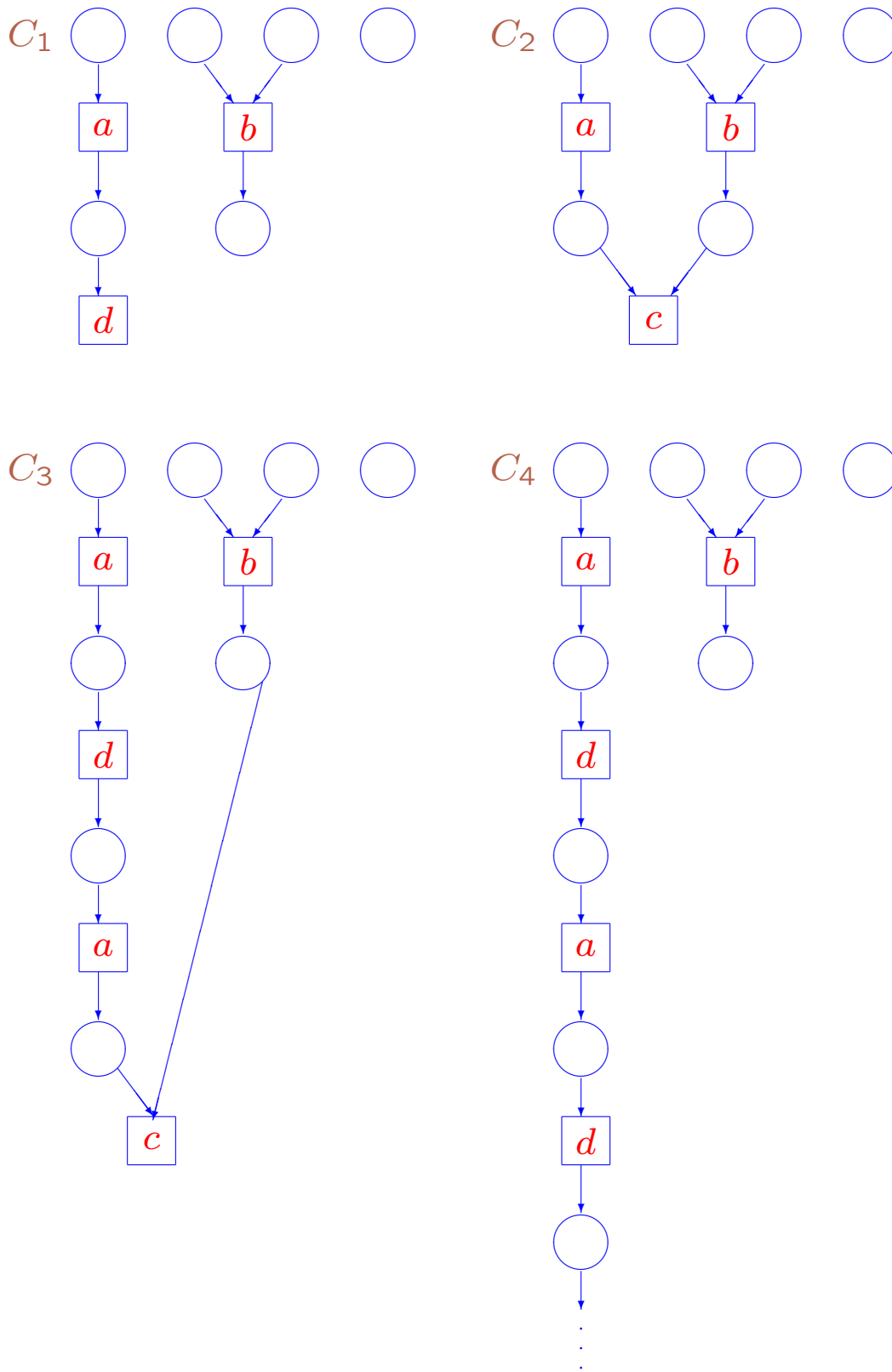
Let $\pi = (C, \varphi)$, $\tilde{\pi} = (\widetilde{C}, \tilde{\varphi}) \in \Pi(N)$, $\hat{\pi} = (\widehat{C}, \widehat{\varphi}) \in \Pi(N, \varphi(C^\circ))$. A process π is a *prefix* of a process $\tilde{\pi}$, if $T_C \subseteq T_{\widetilde{C}}$ is a left-closed set in \widetilde{C} . A process $\hat{\pi}$ is a *suffix* of a process $\tilde{\pi}$, if $T_{\widehat{C}} = T_{\widetilde{C}} \setminus T_C$.

In such a case a process $\tilde{\pi}$ is an *extension* of π *by process* $\hat{\pi}$, and $\hat{\pi}$ is an *extending* process for π , $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$. We write $\pi \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}$, if $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$ for some $\hat{\pi}$.

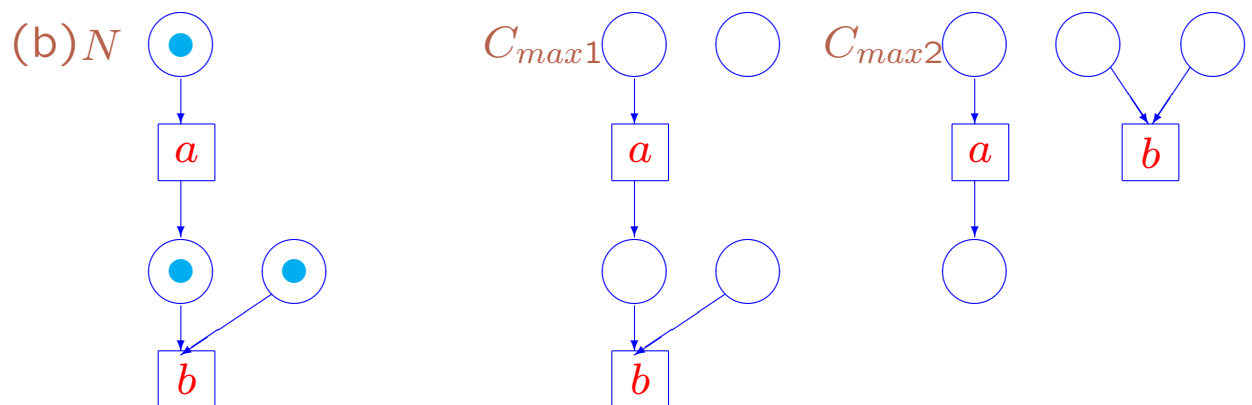
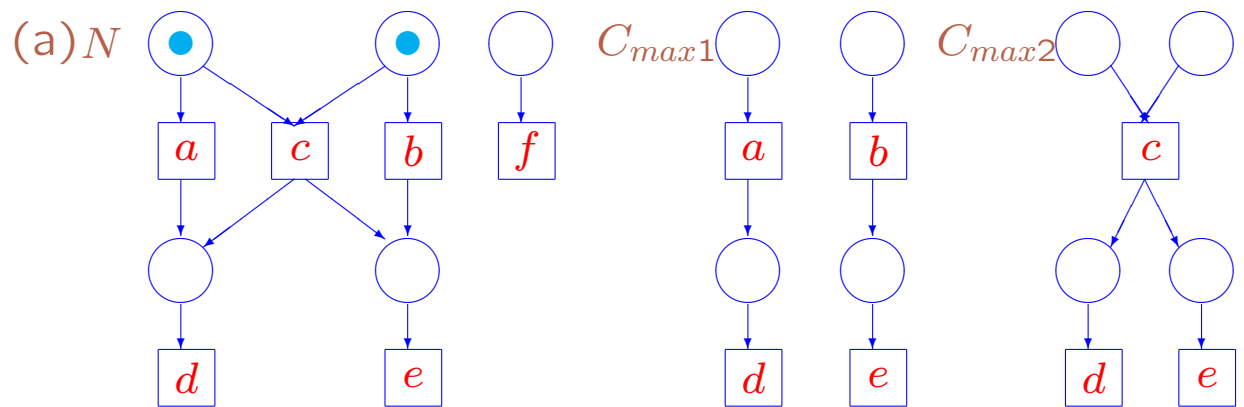
A process $\tilde{\pi}$ is an extension of a process π *by one transition*, $\pi \xrightarrow{v} \tilde{\pi}$ or $\pi \xrightarrow{a} \tilde{\pi}$, if $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$, $T_{\widehat{C}} = \{v\}$ and $l_{\widehat{C}}(v) = a$.

A process $\tilde{\pi}$ is an extension of a process π *by sequence of transitions*, $\pi \xrightarrow{\sigma} \tilde{\pi}$ or $\pi \xrightarrow{\omega} \tilde{\pi}$, if $\exists \pi_i \in \Pi(N)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$) $\pi \xrightarrow{v_1} \pi_1 \xrightarrow{v_2} \dots \xrightarrow{v_n} \pi_n = \tilde{\pi}$, $\sigma = v_1 \cdots v_n$ and $l_{\widehat{C}}(\sigma) = \omega$.

A process $\tilde{\pi}$ is an extension of a process π *by multiset of transitions*, $\pi \xrightarrow{V} \tilde{\pi}$ or $\pi \xrightarrow{A} \tilde{\pi}$, if $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$, $\prec_{\widehat{C}} = \emptyset$, $T_{\widehat{C}} = V$ and $l_{\widehat{C}}(V) = A$.



Causal nets of processes



Causal nets of maximal processes

Branching processes [Eng91]

Definition 13 An **occurrence net** is an acyclic ordinary labeled net $O = \langle P_O, T_O, F_O, l_O \rangle$, s.t.:

1. $\forall r \in P_O \ | \bullet r | \leq 1$, i.e. there are no backwards conflicts;
2. $\forall x \in P_O \cup T_O \ \neg(x \#_O x)$, i.e. conflict relation is irreflexive;
3. $\forall x \in P_O \cup T_O \ | \downarrow_O x | < \infty$, i.e. set of causes is finite.

Let $O = \langle P_O, T_O, F_O, l_O \rangle$ be occurrence net and $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N, M_N \rangle$ be some net. A mapping $\psi : P_O \cup T_O \rightarrow P_N \cup T_N$ is an **homomorphism** O into N , $\psi : O \rightarrow N$, if:

1. $\psi(P_O) \in \mathcal{M}(P_N)$ and $\psi(T_O) \in \mathcal{M}(T_N)$. i.e. sorts are preserved;
2. $\forall v \in T_O \ l_O(v) = l_N(\psi(v))$, i.e. labeling is preserved;
3. $\forall v \in T_O \ \bullet \psi(v) = \psi(\bullet v)$ and $\psi(v) \bullet = \psi(v \bullet)$, i.e. flow relation is respected;
4. $\forall v, w \in T_O \ (\bullet v = \bullet w) \wedge (\psi(v) = \psi(w)) \Rightarrow v = w$, i.e. there are no “superfluous” conflicts.

Based on occurrence net $O = \langle P_O, T_O, F_O, l_O \rangle$, one can define LES $\xi_O = \langle T_O, \prec_O \cap (T_O \times T_O), \#_O \cap (T_O \times T_O), l_O \rangle$.

Definition 14 A **branching process** of a net N is a pair $\varpi = (O, \psi)$, where O is an occurrence net and $\psi : O \rightarrow N$ is an homomorphism s.t. $M_N = \psi(\circ O)$.

$\wp(N)$ is the set of **all branching processes** of a net N . The **initial** branching process of a net N coincides with its initial process, i.e. $\varpi_N = \pi_N$.

Let $\varpi = (O, \psi)$, $\tilde{\varpi} = (\tilde{O}, \tilde{\psi}) \in \wp(N)$, $O = \langle P_O, T_O, F_O, l_O \rangle$, $\tilde{O} = \langle P_{\tilde{O}}, T_{\tilde{O}}, F_{\tilde{O}}, l_{\tilde{O}} \rangle$. ϖ is a *prefix* of $\tilde{\varpi}$, if $T_O \subseteq T_{\tilde{O}}$ is a left-closed set in \tilde{O} .

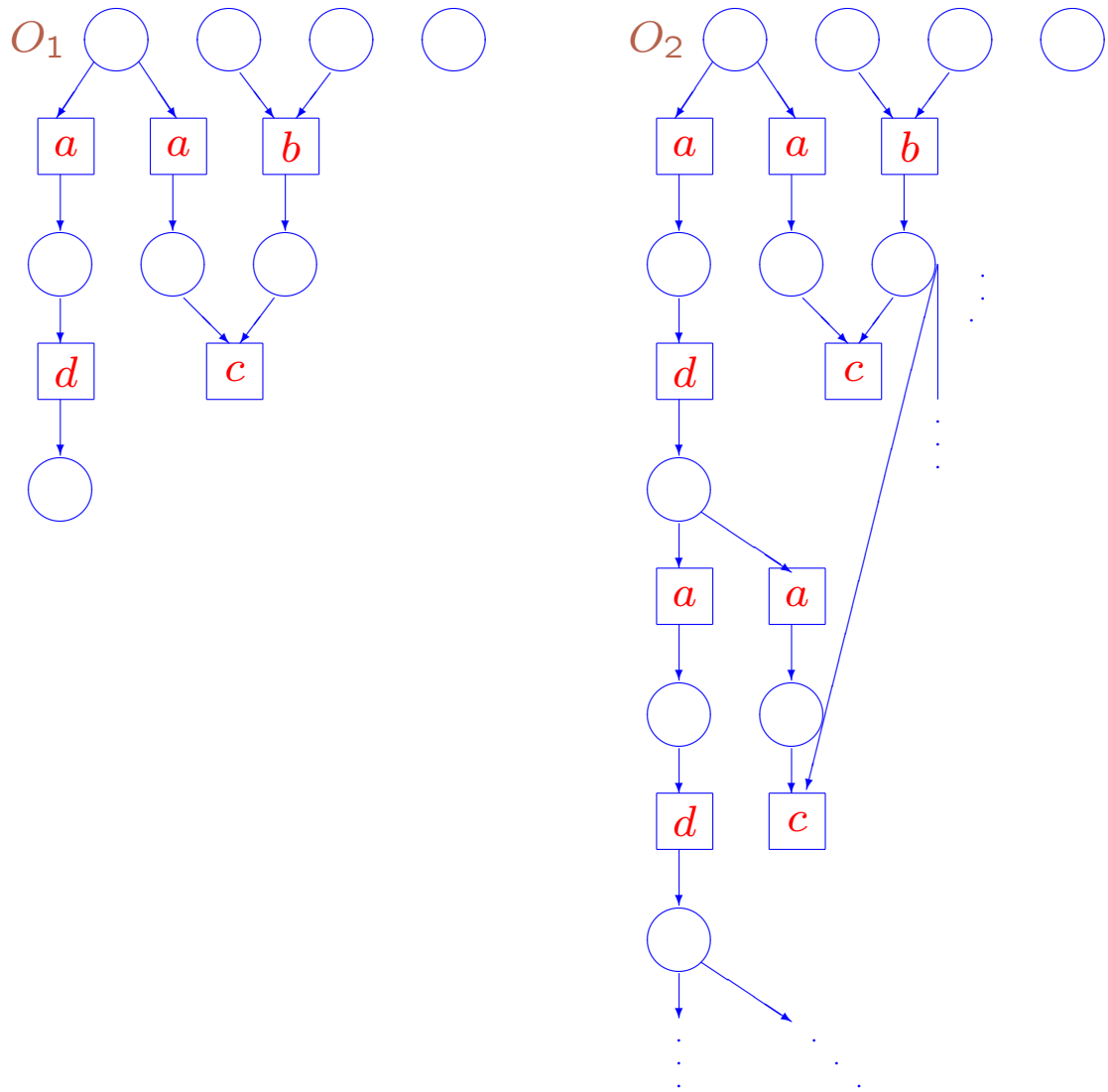
Then $\tilde{\varpi}$ is an *extension* of ϖ , and $\hat{\varpi}$ is an *extending* branching process for ϖ , $\varpi \rightarrow \tilde{\varpi}$.

A branching process $\varpi = (O, \psi)$ of a net N is *maximal*, if it cannot be extended, i.e. $\forall \tilde{\varpi} = (\tilde{O}, \tilde{\psi})$ s.t. $\varpi \rightarrow \tilde{\varpi} : T_{\tilde{O}} \setminus T_O = \emptyset$.

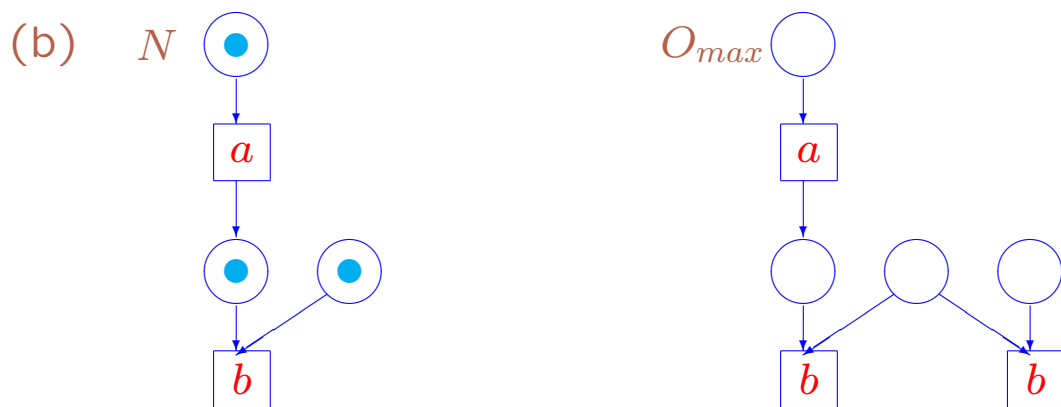
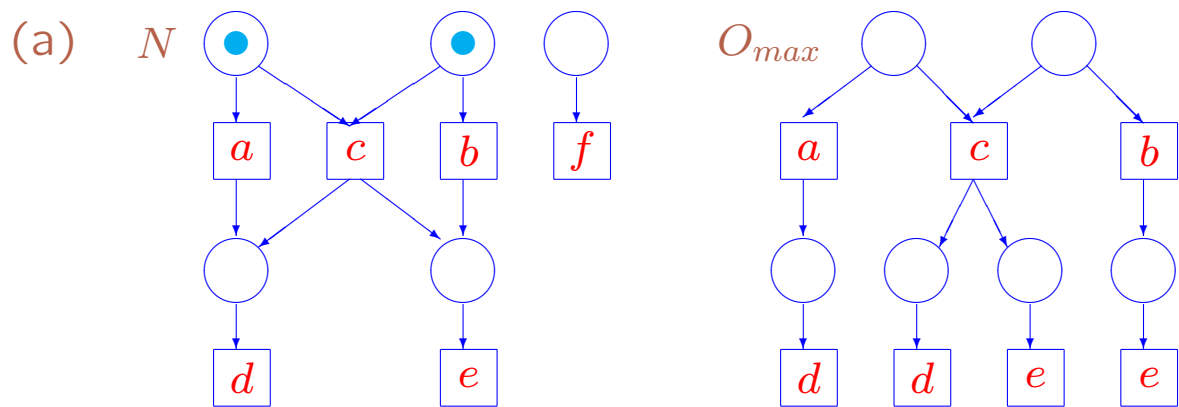
The set of all maximal branching processes of a net N consists of the unique (up to isomorphism) branching process $\varpi_{max} = (O_{max}, \psi_{max})$.

An isomorphism class of occurrence net O_{max} is an *unfolding* of a net N , notation $\mathcal{U}(N)$.

On the basis of unfolding $\mathcal{U}(N)$ of a net N , one can define MES $\mathcal{E}(N) = \xi_{\mathcal{U}(N)}$ which is an isomorphism class of LES ξ_O for $O \in \mathcal{U}(N)$.



Occurrence nets of branching processes



Occurrence nets of maximal branching processes

Trace equivalences

Definition 15 An interleaving trace of a net N is a sequence $a_1 \cdots a_n \in Act^*$ s.t. $\pi_N \xrightarrow{a_1} \pi_1 \xrightarrow{a_2} \dots \xrightarrow{a_n} \pi_n$, $\pi_i \in \Pi(N)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$).

The set of all interleaving traces of N is $IntTraces(N)$.

N and N' are interleaving trace equivalent, $N \equiv_i N'$, if $IntTraces(N) = IntTraces(N')$.

Definition 16 A step trace of a net N is a sequence $A_1 \cdots A_n \in (\mathcal{M}(Act))^*$ s.t. $\pi_N \xrightarrow{A_1} \pi_1 \xrightarrow{A_2} \dots \xrightarrow{A_n} \pi_n$, $\pi_i \in \Pi(N)$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$).

The set of all step traces of N is $StepTraces(N)$.

N and N' are step trace equivalent, $N \equiv_s N'$, if $StepTraces(N) = StepTraces(N')$.

Definition 17 A pomset trace of a net N is a pomset ρ , an isomorphism class of lposet ρ_C for $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$.

The set of all pomset traces of N is $Pomsets(N)$.

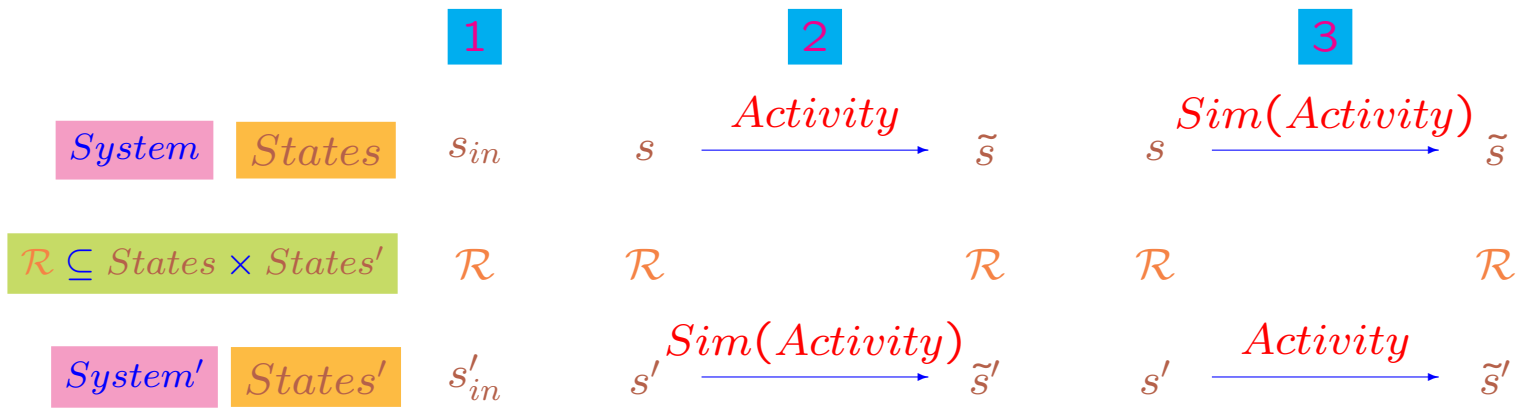
N and N' are partial word trace equivalent, $N \equiv_{pw} N'$, if $Pomsets(N) \sqsubseteq Pomsets(N')$ and $Pomsets(N') \sqsubseteq Pomsets(N)$.

Definition 18 N and N' are pomset trace equivalent, $N \equiv_{pom} N'$, if $Pomsets(N) = Pomsets(N')$.

Definition 19 A process trace of a net N is an isomorphism class of causal net C for $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$.

The set of all process traces of N is $ProcessNets(N)$.

N and N' are process trace equivalent, $N \equiv_{pr} N'$, if $ProcessNets(N) = ProcessNets(N')$.



Bisimulation equivalence

Usual bisimulation equivalences

Definition 20 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \Pi(N) \times \Pi(N')$ is a \star -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$, if:

1. $(\pi_N, \pi_{N'}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $(\pi, \pi') \in \mathcal{R}$, $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$,
 - (a) $|T_{\hat{C}}| = 1$, if $\star = i$;
 - (b) $\prec_{\hat{C}} = \emptyset$, if $\star = s$;

$\Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\pi}' : \pi' \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}'} \tilde{\pi}'$, $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}') \in \mathcal{R}$ and

 - (a) $\rho_{\hat{C}'} \sqsubseteq \rho_{\hat{C}}$, if $\star = pw$;
 - (b) $\rho_{\hat{C}} \simeq \rho_{\hat{C}'}$, if $\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$;
 - (c) $\hat{C} \simeq \hat{C}'$, if $\star = pr$.
3. As item 2, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are \star -bisimulation equivalent, $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.

ST-bisimulation equivalences

Definition 21 [Vog92] An **ST-marking** of a net N is a pair (M, U) :

- $M \in \mathcal{M}(P_N)$ is the **current marking**;
- $U \in \mathcal{M}(T_N)$ are the **working transitions**.

(M_N, \emptyset) is the **initial ST-marking** of a net N .

$T_N^\pm = \{t^+, t^- \mid t \in T_N\}$ is a set of **transition parts**.

t^+ is the **beginning**, and t^- is the **end** of t .

A transition part $q \in T_N^\pm$ is **enabled** in ST-marking $Q = (M, U)$, $Q \xrightarrow{q}$, if:

1. $M \xrightarrow{t}$, if $q = t^+$ or
2. $t \in U$, if $q = t^-$.

If q is enabled in M , its occurrence transforms ST-marking Q into \tilde{Q} , $Q \xrightarrow{q} \tilde{Q}$, as:

1. $\tilde{M} = M - \bullet t$ and $\tilde{U} = U + t$, if $q = t^+$ or
2. $\tilde{M} = M + t \bullet$ and $\tilde{U} = U - t$, if $q = t^-$.

We write $Q \rightarrow \tilde{Q}$, if $Q \xrightarrow{q} \tilde{Q}$ for some q .

An ST-marking \tilde{Q} of N is **reachable from** Q , if:

1. $\tilde{Q} = Q$ or
2. there is a reachable from Q ST-marking \hat{Q} s.t. $\hat{Q} \rightarrow \tilde{Q}$.

An ST-marking Q of N is **reachable**, if it is reachable from M_N .

$ST - Mark(N)$ is the set of **all reachable** ST-markings of N .

Definition 22 An *ST-process* of a net N is a pair (π_E, π_P) :

1. $\pi_E, \pi_P \in \Pi(N)$, $\pi_P \xrightarrow{\pi_W} \pi_E$;
2. $\forall v, w \in T_{C_E} v \prec_{C_E} w \Rightarrow v \in T_{C_P}$.
 - π_E is the *current* process;
 - π_P is the *completed* part;
 - π_W is the *still working* part.

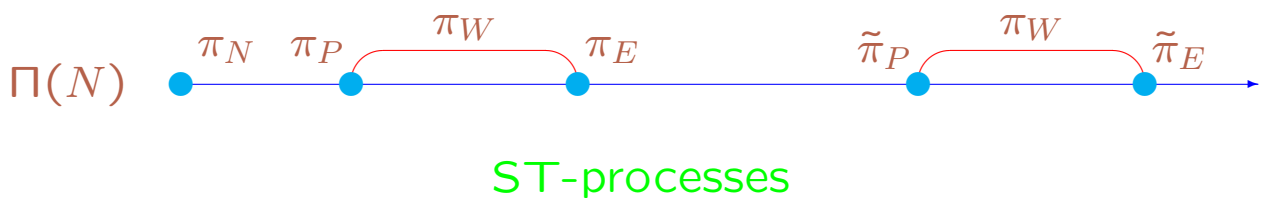
Obviously, $\prec_{C_W} = \emptyset$.

$ST - \Pi(N)$ is the set of *all ST-processes* of a net N .

(π_N, π_N) is the *initial ST-process* of a net N .

Let $(\pi_E, \pi_P), (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \in ST - \Pi(N)$.

We write $(\pi_E, \pi_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P)$, if $\pi_E \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_E$ and $\pi_P \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_P$.



Definition 23 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq ST - \Pi(N) \times ST - \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : T_C \rightarrow T_{C'}, \pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N), \pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')\}$, is a \star -ST-bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star ST} N'$, $\star \in \{i, pw, pom, pr\}$, if:

1. $((\pi_N, \pi_N), (\pi_{N'}, \pi_{N'}), \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \beta : \rho_{C_E} \asymp \rho_{C'_E}$ and $\beta(vis(T_{C_P})) = vis(T_{C'_P})$.
3. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}, (\pi_E, \pi_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\beta}, (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P) : (\pi'_E, \pi'_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}|_{T_{C_E}} = \beta, ((\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P), (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$, and if $\pi_P \xrightarrow{\pi} \tilde{\pi}_E, \pi'_P \xrightarrow{\pi'} \tilde{\pi}'_E, \gamma = \tilde{\beta}|_{T_C}$, then:
 - (a) $\gamma^{-1} : \rho_{C'} \sqsubseteq \rho_C$, if $\star = pw$;
 - (b) $\gamma : \rho_C \simeq \rho_{C'}$, if $\star = pom$;
 - (c) $C \simeq C'$, if $\star = pr$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

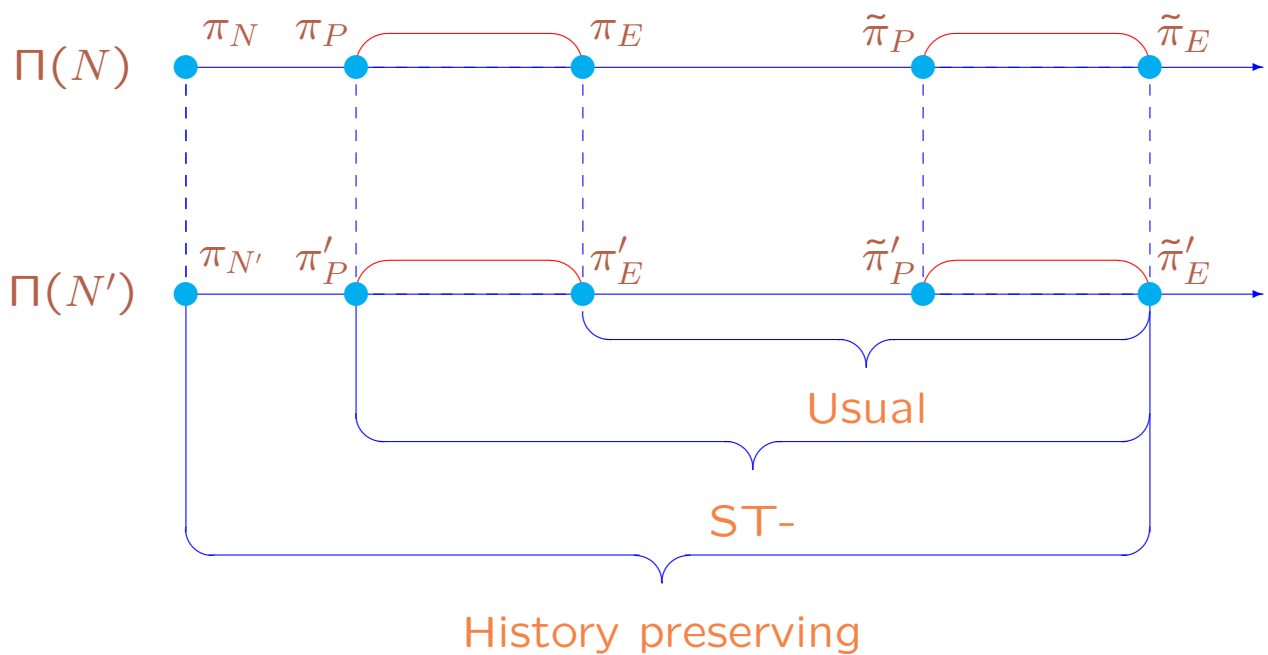
N and N' are \star -ST-bisimulation equivalent, $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star ST} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star ST} N'$, $\star \in \{i, pw, pom, pr\}$.

History preserving bisimulation equivalences

Definition 24 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \Pi(N) \times \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : T_C \rightarrow T_{C'}, \pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N), \pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')\}$, is a \star -history preserving bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{pomset}, \text{process}\}$, $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star h} N'$, $\star \in \{\text{pom}, \text{pr}\}$, if:

1. $(\pi_N, \pi_{N'}, \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $(\pi, \pi', \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow$
 - (a) $\tilde{\beta} : \rho_{\tilde{C}} \simeq \rho_{\tilde{C}'}$, if $\star \in \{\text{pom}, \text{pr}\}$;
 - (b) $\tilde{C} \simeq \tilde{C}'$, if $\star = \text{pr}$.
3. $(\pi, \pi', \beta) \in \mathcal{R}, \pi \rightarrow \tilde{\pi} \Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\pi}' : \pi' \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}'$, $\tilde{\beta}|_{T_C} = \beta, (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are \star -history preserving bisimulation equivalent, $\star \in \{\text{pomset}, \text{process}\}$, $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star h} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star h} N'$, $\star \in \{\text{pom}, \text{pr}\}$.



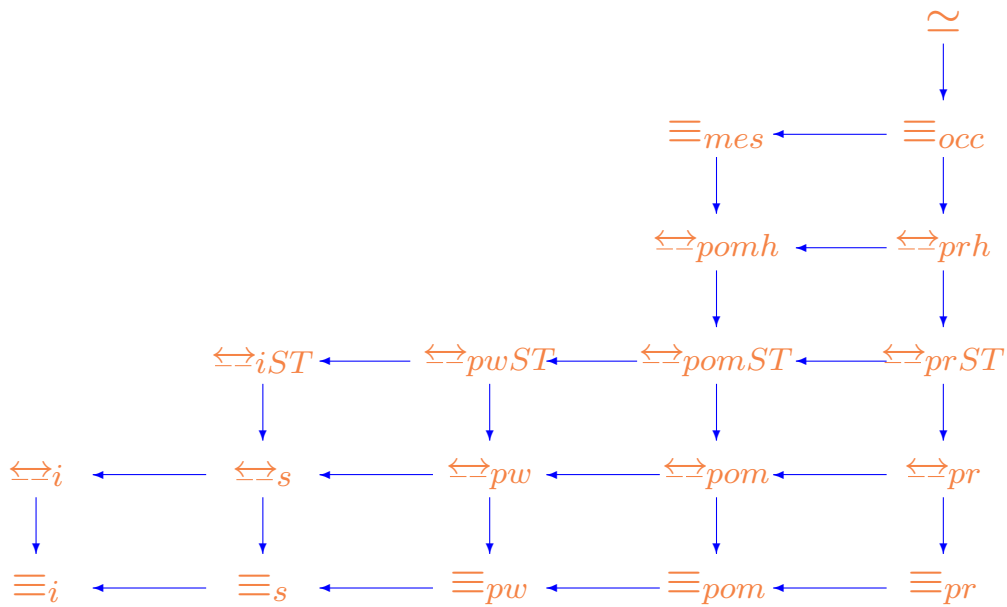
A distinguish ability of the bisimulation equivalences

Conflict preserving equivalences

Definition 25 N and N' are MES conflict preserving equivalent, $N \equiv_{mes} N'$, if $\mathcal{E}(N) = \mathcal{E}(N')$.

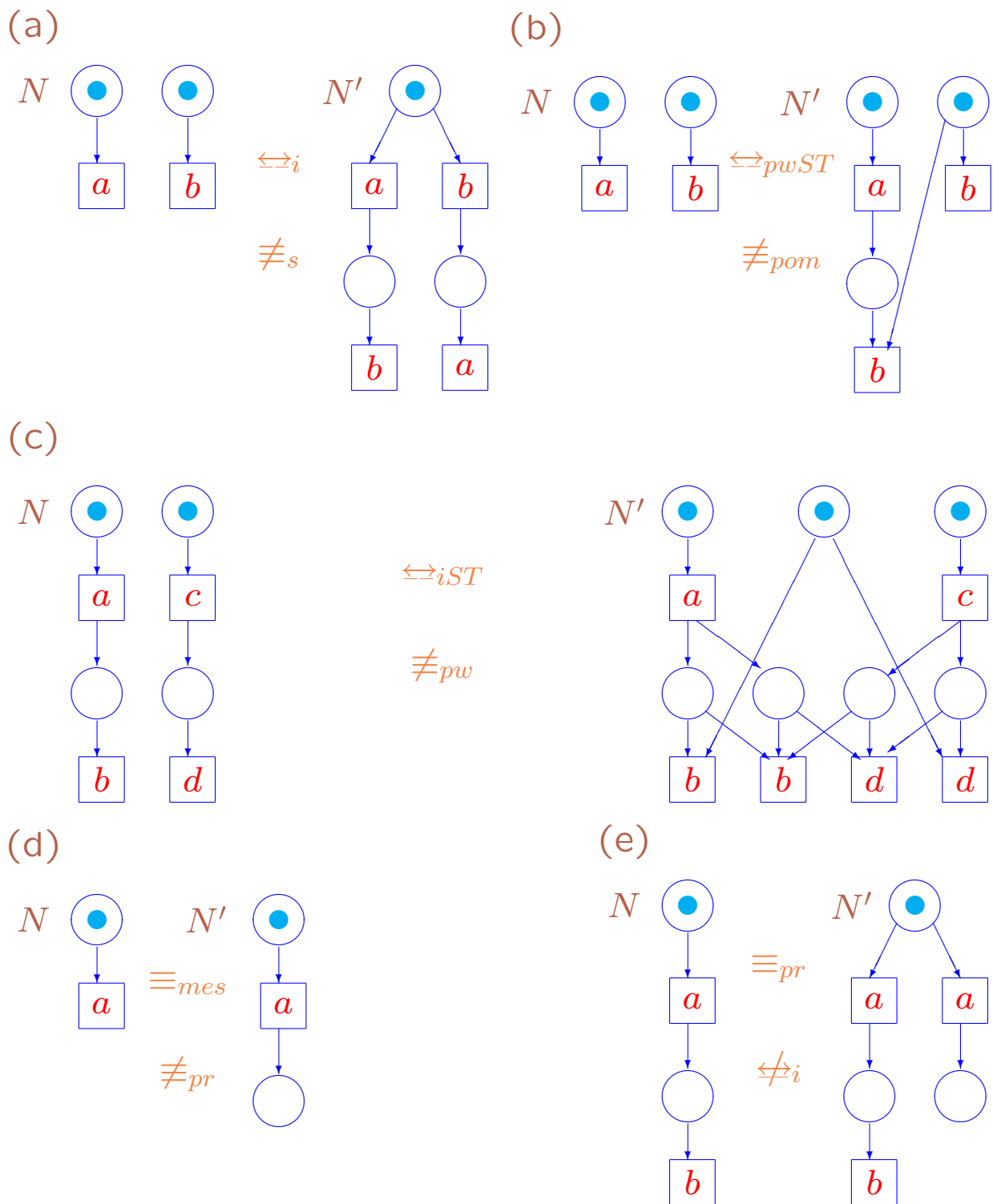
Definition 26 N and N' are occurrence conflict preserving equivalent, $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, if $\mathcal{U}(N) = \mathcal{U}(N')$.

Comparing basic equivalences

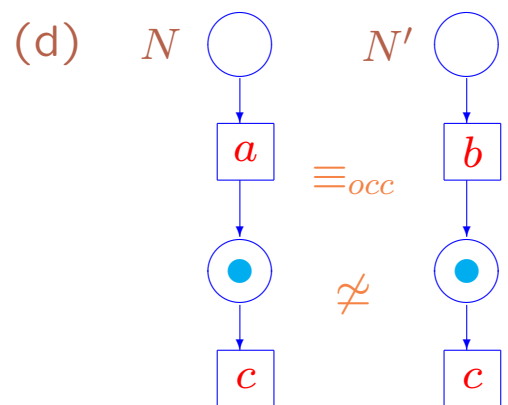
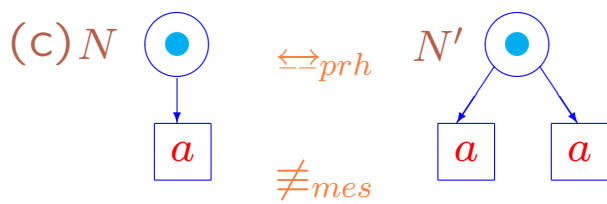
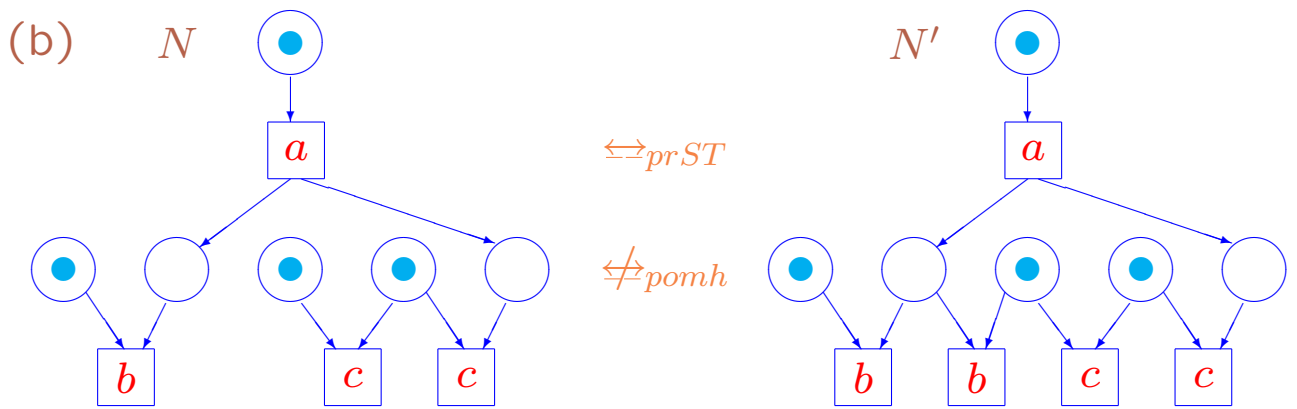
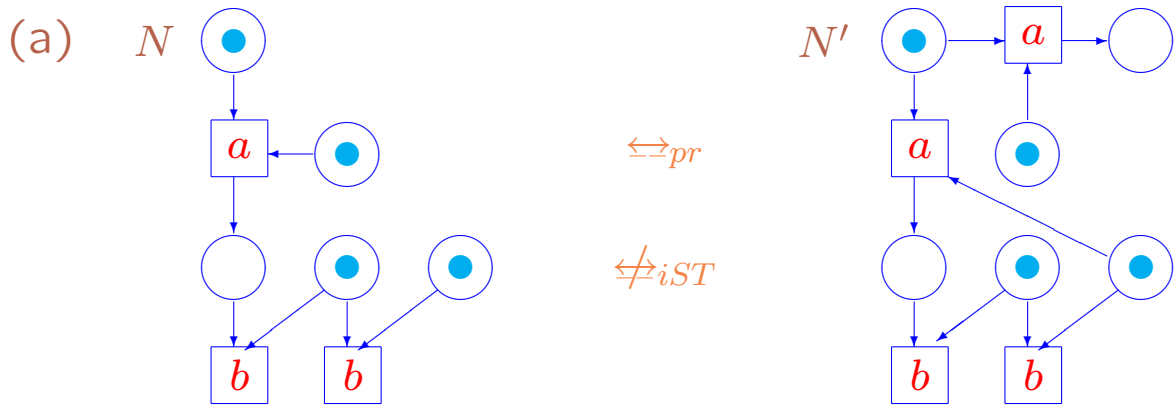


Interrelations of basic equivalences

Theorem 1 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow, \simeq\}$ and $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, pr, iST, pwST, pomST, prST, pomh, prh, mes, occ\}$. For nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$ in the graph above.



B: Examples of basic equivalences



B1: Examples of basic equivalences (continued)

- In Figure B(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_i N'$, but $N \not\equiv_s N'$, since only in the net N' actions a and b can happen concurrently.
- In Figure B(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{iST} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pw} N'$, since for the pomset corresponding to the net N there is no even less sequential pomset in N' .
- In Figure B(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pwST} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom} N'$, since only in the net N' an action b can depend on action a .
- In Figure B(d), $N \equiv_{mes} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pr} N'$, since N' is a causal net which is not isomorphic to N (because of additional output place).
- In Figure B(e), $N \equiv_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_i N'$, since only in net N' action a can happen so that action b cannot happen afterwards.
- In Figure B1(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_{iST} N'$, since only in net N' action a can start so that no action b can begin working until a finishes.
- In Figure B1(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{prST} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_{pomh} N'$, since only in net N' actions a and b can happen so that action c must depend on a .
- In Figure B1(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{prh} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes} N'$, since only net N' has corresponding MES with two conflict actions a .
- In Figure B1(d), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow N'$, since upper transitions of nets N and N' are labeled by different actions (a and b).

Sequential runs [Che92a, Tar97]

Definition 27 A sequential run of a net N is a pair (π, σ) :

- a process $\pi \in \Pi(N)$:
causal dependencies of transitions;
- a sequence $\sigma \in T_C^*$ s.t. $\pi_N \xrightarrow{\sigma} \pi$:
occurrence order of transitions.

The set of all sequential runs of a net N is $Runs(N)$.

The initial sequential run of a net N is a pair (π_N, ε) (ε is the empty sequence).

Let $(\pi, \sigma), (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in Runs(N)$.

We write $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$, if $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$, $\exists \hat{\sigma} \in T_C^* \pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\sigma}} \tilde{\pi}$ and $\tilde{\sigma} = \sigma \hat{\sigma}$.

We write $(\pi, \sigma) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$ for some $\hat{\pi}$.

$|\sigma|$ is the *length* of a sequence σ .

Let $(\pi, \sigma) \in \text{Runs}(N)$, $(\pi', \sigma') \in \text{Runs}(N')$ and $\sigma = v_1 \cdots v_n$, $\sigma' = v'_1 \cdots v'_n$.

We define a mapping $\beta_{\sigma}^{\sigma'} : T_C \rightarrow T_{C'}$:

- $\beta_{\varepsilon}^{\varepsilon} = \emptyset$;
- $\beta_{\sigma}^{\sigma'} = \{(v_i, v'_i) \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\}$.

Let $(\pi, \sigma) \in \text{Runs}(N)$ and $\sigma = v_1 \cdots v_n$, $\pi_N \xrightarrow{v_1} \dots \xrightarrow{v_i} \pi_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$). Then:

- $\pi(0) = \pi_N$,
 $\pi(i) = \pi_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$);
- $\sigma(0) = \varepsilon$,
 $\sigma(i) = v_1 \cdots v_i$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$).

Back-forth bisimulation equivalences

Definition 28 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \text{Runs}(N) \times \text{Runs}(N')$ is a \star -back $\star\star$ -forth bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star, \star\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow{\star b \star\star f} N'$, $\star, \star\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$, if:

1. $((\pi_N, \varepsilon), (\pi_{N'}, \varepsilon)) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $((\pi, \sigma), (\pi', \sigma')) \in \mathcal{R}$
 - (back) $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\pi, \sigma)$,
 - (a) $|T_{\hat{C}}| = 1$, if $\star = i$;
 - (b) $\prec_{\hat{C}} = \emptyset$, if $\star = s$;

$\Rightarrow \exists(\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}') : (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}') \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}'} (\pi', \sigma')$, $((\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}), (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}')) \in \mathcal{R}$ and

 - (a) $\rho_{\hat{C}'} \sqsubseteq \rho_{\hat{C}}$, if $\star = pw$;
 - (b) $\rho_{\hat{C}} \simeq \rho_{\hat{C}'}$, if $\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$;
 - (c) $\hat{C} \simeq \hat{C}'$, if $\star = pr$;
 - (forth) $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$,
 - (a) $|T_{\hat{C}}| = 1$, if $\star\star = i$;
 - (b) $\prec_{\hat{C}} = \emptyset$, if $\star\star = s$;

$\Rightarrow \exists(\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}') : (\pi', \sigma') \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}'} (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}')$, $((\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}), (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}')) \in \mathcal{R}$ and

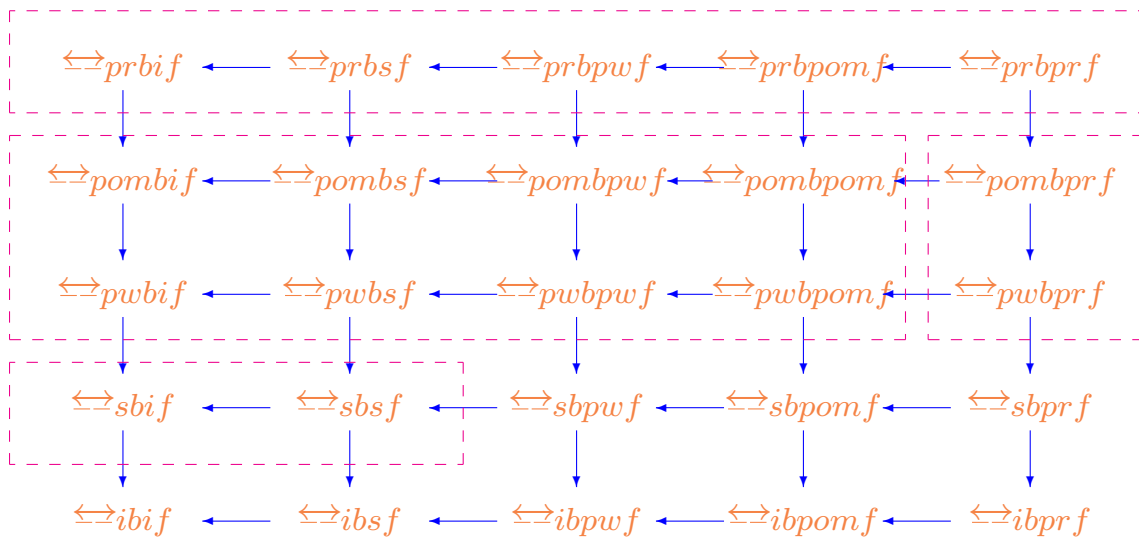
 - (a) $\rho_{\hat{C}'} \sqsubseteq \rho_{\hat{C}}$, if $\star\star = pw$;
 - (b) $\rho_{\hat{C}} \simeq \rho_{\hat{C}'}$, if $\star\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$;
 - (c) $\hat{C} \simeq \hat{C}'$, if $\star\star = pr$.
3. As item 2, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are \star -back $\star\star$ -forth bisimulation equivalent, $\star, \star\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $N \xleftrightarrow{\star b \star\star f} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow{\star b \star\star f} N'$, $\star, \star\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.

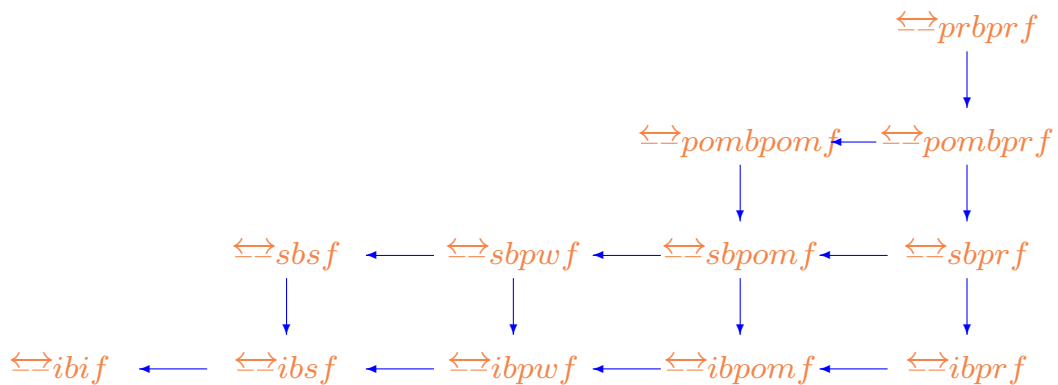
Comparing back-forth bisimulation equivalences

Proposition 1 [Pin93, Tar97] Let $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.
For nets N and N' :

1. $N \Leftrightarrow_{pub\star f} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pomb\star f} N'$;
2. $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star bif} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star bf} N'$.



Merging of back-forth bisimulation equivalences

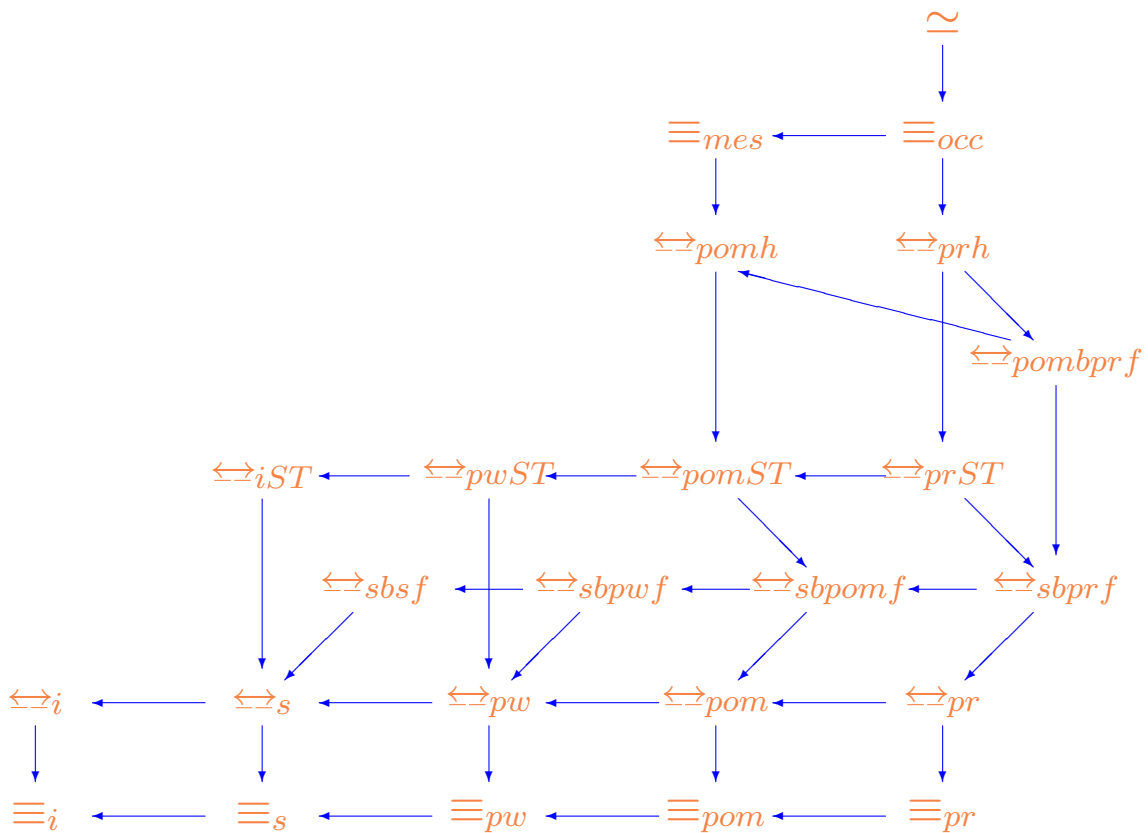


Interrelations of back-forth bisimulation equivalences

Comparing back-forth bisimulation equivalences with basic ones

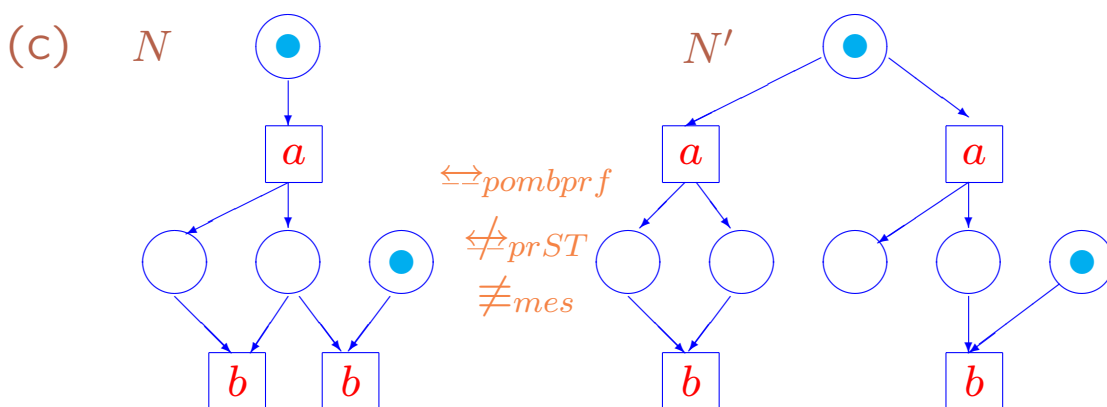
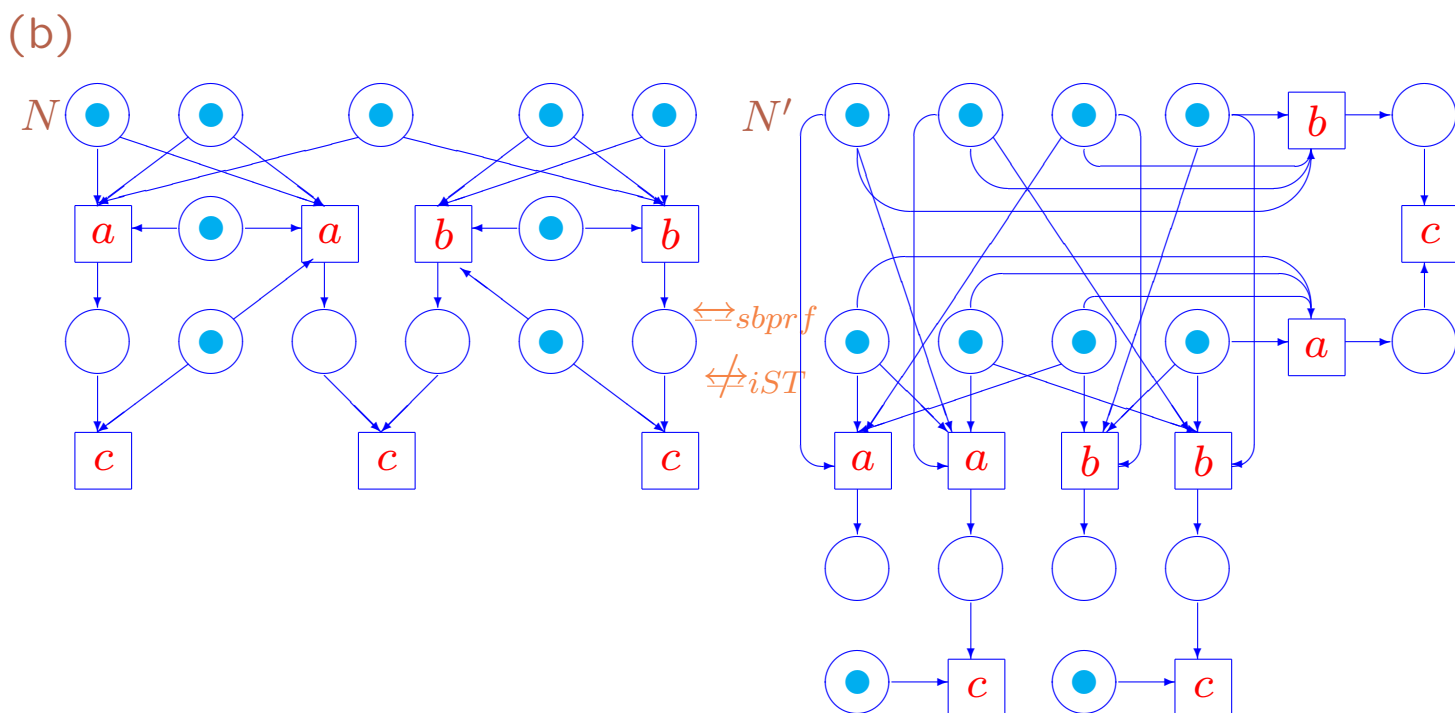
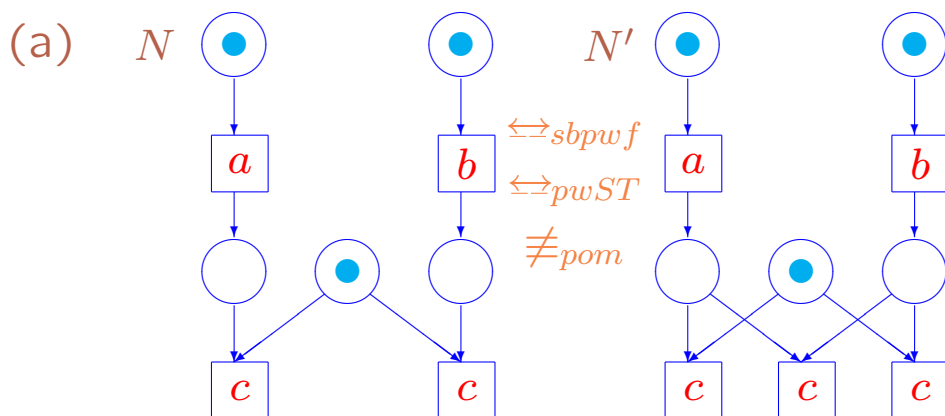
Proposition 2 [Pin93, Tar97] Let $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$ and $\star\star \in \{pom, pr\}$. For nets N and N' :

1. $N \Leftrightarrow_{ib\star f} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$;
2. $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star ST} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{sb\star\star f} N'$.



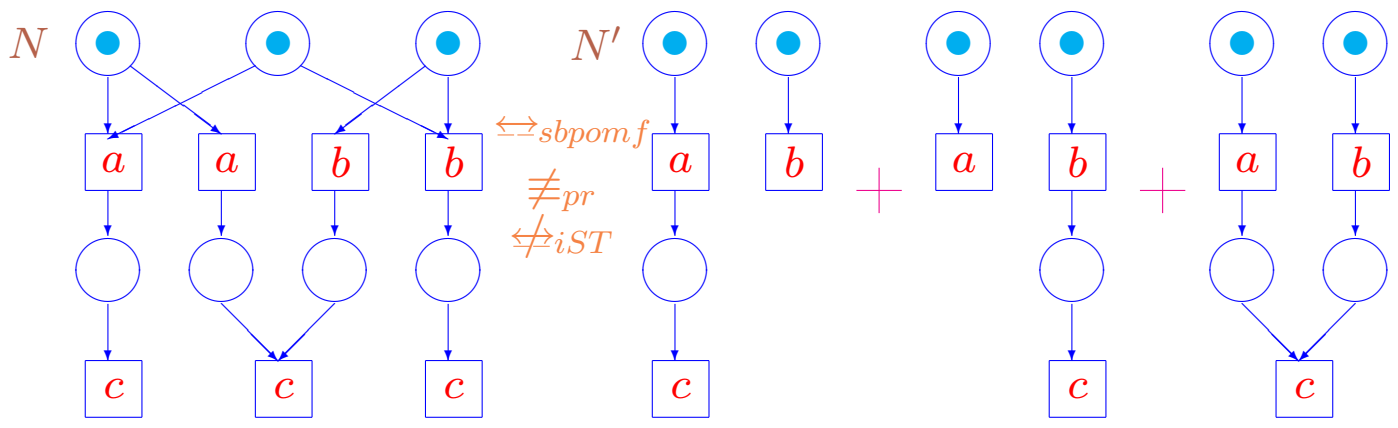
Interrelations of back-forth bisimulation equivalences with basic ones

Theorem 2 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow, \simeq\}$ and $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, pr, iST, pwST, pomST, prST, pomh, prh, mes, occ, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf, sbprf, pombprf\}$. For nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff in the graph above there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$.



BF: Examples of back-forth bisimulation equivalences

- In Figure B(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{sbsf} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pw} N'$.
- In Figure BF(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{sbpwf} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom} N'$, since only in the net N' action c can depend on actions a and b .
- In Figure BF(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{sbprf} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{iST} N'$, since only in the net N' action a can start so that:
 1. until finishing of a the sequence of actions bc cannot happen, and
 2. immediately after finishing of a action c cannot happen.
- In Figure BF(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pombprf} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{prST} N'$, since only in the net N' the process with action a can start so that it can be extended by process with action b in the only way (i.e. so that extended process be unique).
- In Figure B(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pwST} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{sbsf} N'$, since only in the net N' the sequence of actions ab can happen so that b must depend on a .
- In Figure B1(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{sbsf} N'$, since only in the net N' action a can happen so that action b must depend on a .



More clear, but weaker example of back-forth bisimulation equivalences

Logic *HML* [HM85]

Definition 29 \top denotes the truth, $a \in Act$.

A formula of *HML*:

$$\Phi ::= \top \mid \neg\Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Psi \mid \langle a \rangle \Phi$$

HML is the set of *all formulas* of *HML*.

Definition 30 Let N be a net and $\pi \in \Pi(N)$. The satisfaction relation $\models_N \in \Pi(N) \times \mathbf{HML}$:

1. $\pi \models_N \top$ — always;
2. $\pi \models_N \neg\Phi$, if $\pi \not\models_N \Phi$;
3. $\pi \models_N \Phi \wedge \Psi$, if $\pi \models_N \Phi$ and $\pi \models_N \Psi$;
4. $\pi \models_N \langle a \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists \tilde{\pi} \in \Pi(N)$ $\pi \xrightarrow{a} \tilde{\pi}$ and $\tilde{\pi} \models_N \Phi$.

$$[a]\Phi = \neg\langle a \rangle\neg\Phi.$$

$$N \models_N \Phi, \text{ if } \pi_N \models_N \Phi.$$

Definition 31 N and N' are logical equivalent in *HML*, $N =_{\mathbf{HML}} N'$, if $\forall \Phi \in \mathbf{HML}$ $N \models_N \Phi \Leftrightarrow N' \models_{N'} \Phi$.

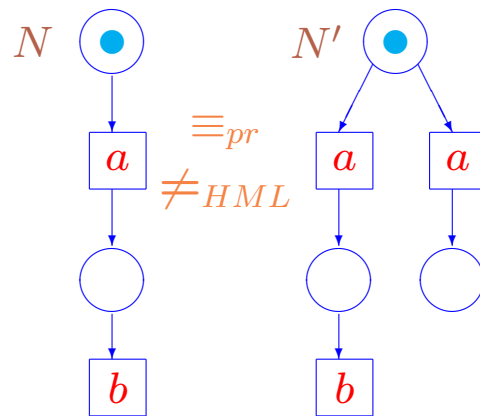
Let for a net N $\pi \in \Pi(N)$, $a \in Act$.

The set of *extensions* of a process π by action a (*image set*) is $Image(\pi, a) = \{\tilde{\pi} \mid \pi \xrightarrow{a} \tilde{\pi}\}$.

A net N is a *finite-image* one, if $\forall \pi \in \Pi(N) \forall a \in Act$ $|Image(\pi, a)| < \infty$.

Theorem 3 For image-finite nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{ibif} N' \Leftrightarrow N =_{\mathbf{HML}} N'$.

Example on logical equivalence of *HML*



Differentiating power of $=_{HML}$

$N \equiv_{pr} N'$, but $N \neq_{HML} N'$, because for $\Phi = [a]\langle b \rangle \top$,
 $N \models_N \Phi$, but $N' \not\models_{N'} \Phi$ since only in the net N' an action a can happen so that no b is possible afterwards.

Logic *PBFL* [CLP92]

Definition 32 \top denotes the truth, $a \in Act$ and ρ is a pomset with labeling into Act .

A formula of *PBFL*:

$$\Phi ::= \top \mid \neg\Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Psi \mid \langle \leftarrow \rho \rangle \Phi \mid \langle a \rangle \Phi$$

PBFL is the set of *all formulas* of *PBFL*.

Definition 33 Let $(\pi, \sigma) \in Runs(N)$ for a net N . The satisfaction relation $\models_N \in Runs(N) \times \mathbf{PBFL}$:

1. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \top$ — always;
2. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \neg\Phi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \not\models_N \Phi$;
3. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi \wedge \Psi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi$ and $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Psi$;
4. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle \leftarrow \rho \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in Runs(N)$
 $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\pi, \sigma)$, where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $\rho_{\hat{C}} \in \rho$ and
 $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$;
5. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle a \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in Runs(N)$ $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$,
 where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $l_{\hat{C}}(T_{\hat{C}}) = a$ and $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$.

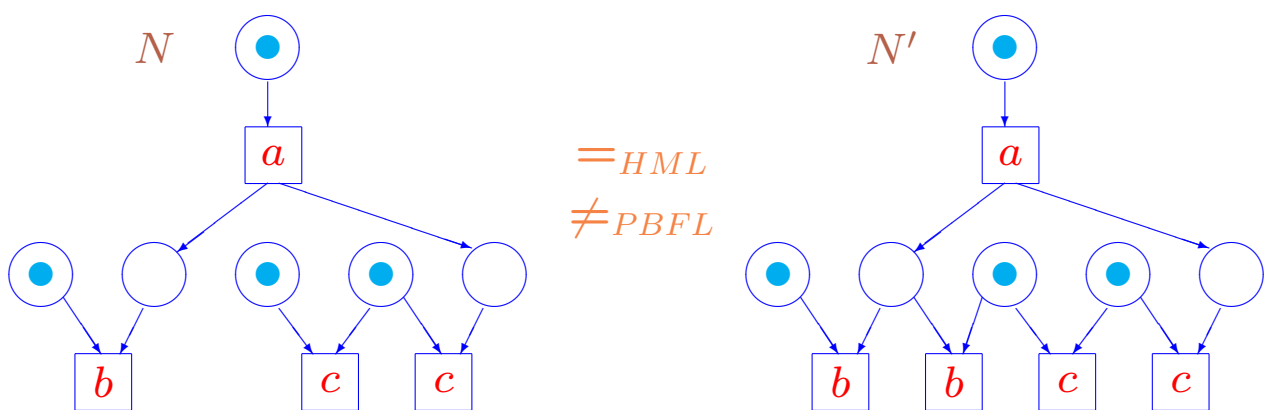
$$[a]\Phi = \neg\langle a \rangle\neg\Phi, [\leftarrow \rho]\Phi = \neg\langle \leftarrow \rho \rangle\neg\Phi$$

$$N \models_N \Phi, \text{ if } (\pi_N, \varepsilon) \models_N \Phi.$$

Definition 34 N and N' are *logical equivalent* in *PBFL*, $N =_{PBFL} N'$, if $\forall \Phi \in \mathbf{PBFL} N \models_N \Phi \Leftrightarrow N' \models_{N'} \Phi$.

Theorem 4 For image-finite nets N and N'
 $N \Leftrightarrow_{pomh} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pombpomf} N' \Leftrightarrow N =_{PBFL} N'$.

Example on logical equivalence of *PBFL*



Differentiating power of $=_{PBFL}$

$N =_{HML} N'$, but $N \neq_{PBFL} N'$, because for $\Phi = [a][b]\langle c \rangle \leftarrow (a; b) \parallel c \top$, $N \models_N \Phi$, but $N' \not\models_{N'} \Phi$ since only in the net N' after action a an action b can happen so that c must depend on a .

Here $(a; b) \parallel c$ denotes the pomset where b depends on a , and a, b are independent with c .

Logic *PrBFL* [Tar97]

Definition 35 \top denotes the truth, $a \in Act$ and \mathbf{C} is the isomorphism class of a causal net C .

A formula of *PrBFL*:

$$\Phi ::= \top \mid \neg\Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Psi \mid \langle \leftarrow \mathbf{C} \rangle \Phi \mid \langle a \rangle \Phi$$

PrBFL is the set of *all formulas* of *PrBFL*.

Definition 36 Let $(\pi, \sigma) \in Runs(N)$ for a net N . The satisfaction relation $\models_N \in Runs(N) \times \mathbf{PrBFL}$:

1. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \top$ — always;
2. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \neg\Phi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \not\models_N \Phi$;
3. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi \wedge \Psi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi$ and $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Psi$;
4. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle \leftarrow \mathbf{C} \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in Runs(N)$
 $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\pi, \sigma)$, where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $\hat{C} \in \mathbf{C}$ and
 $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$;
5. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle a \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in Runs(N)$ $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$,
 where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $l_{\hat{C}}(T_{\hat{C}}) = a$ and $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$.

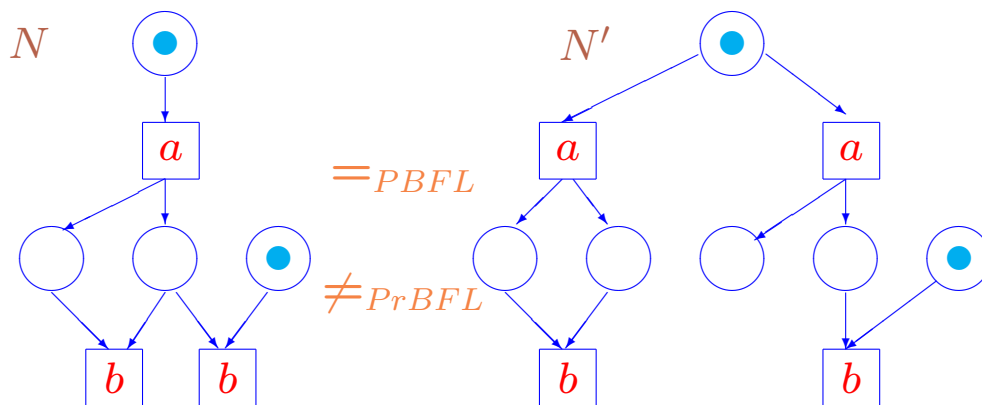
$$[a]\Phi = \neg\langle a \rangle\neg\Phi, \quad [\leftarrow \mathbf{C}]\Phi = \neg\langle \leftarrow \mathbf{C} \rangle\neg\Phi.$$

$$N \models_N \Phi, \text{ if } (\pi_N, \varepsilon) \models_N \Phi.$$

Definition 37 N and N' are *logical equivalent* in *PrBFL*, $N =_{PrBFL} N'$, if $\forall \Phi \in \mathbf{PrBFL} N \models_N \Phi \Leftrightarrow N' \models_{N'} \Phi$.

Theorem 5 For image-finite nets N and N'
 $N \Leftrightarrow_{prh} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{prbprf} N' \Leftrightarrow N =_{PrBFL} N'$.

Example on logical equivalence of $PrBFL$



Differentiating power of $=_{PrBFL}$

$N =_{PBFL} N'$, but $N \neq_{PrBFL} N'$, because for $\Phi = [a] \langle b \rangle \langle \leftarrow \mathbf{C} \rangle \top$, $N \models_N \Phi$, but $N' \not\models_{N'} \Phi$, since only in the net N a process with action a can start so that it can be extended by b in the only way (connecting pairwise output and input places).

Here \mathbf{C} is an isomorphism class of causal net where two output places of an a -labeled transition are both the input places of b -labeled one.

Place bisimulation equivalences

Definition 38 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \mathcal{M}(N) \times \mathcal{M}(N')$ is a \star -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$, if:

1. $(M_N, M_{N'}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $(M, M') \in \mathcal{R}$, $M \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \widetilde{M}$,
 - (a) $|T_{\hat{C}}| = 1$, if $\star = i$;
 - (b) $\prec_{\hat{C}} = \emptyset$, if $\star = s$; $\Rightarrow \exists \widetilde{M}' : M' \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}'} \widetilde{M}'$, $(\widetilde{M}, \widetilde{M}') \in \mathcal{R}$ and
 - (a) $\rho_{\hat{C}'} \sqsubseteq \rho_{\hat{C}}$, if $\star = pw$;
 - (b) $\rho_{\hat{C}} \simeq \rho_{\hat{C}'}$, if $\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$;
 - (c) $\hat{C} \simeq \hat{C}'$, if $\star = pr$.
3. As item 2, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are \star -bisimulation equivalent, $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.

Definition 39 Let for nets N and N' $\mathcal{R} \subseteq P_N \times P_{N'}$.
 A **lifting** of \mathcal{R} is $\overline{\mathcal{R}} \subseteq \mathcal{M}(P_N) \times \mathcal{M}(P_{N'})$, defined as:

$$(M, M') \in \overline{\mathcal{R}} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \exists \{(p_1, p'_1), \dots, (p_n, p'_n)\} \in \mathcal{M}(\mathcal{R}) : \\ M = \{p_1, \dots, p_n\}, M' = \{p'_1, \dots, p'_n\} \end{cases}$$

Definition 40 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq P_N \times P_{N'}$ is a \star -place bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \sim_\star N'$, if $\overline{\mathcal{R}} : N \Leftrightarrow_\star N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.

N and N' are \star -place bisimulation equivalent, $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $N \sim_\star N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \sim_\star N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.

Strict place bisimulations require additionally the corresponding transitions to be related by $\overline{\mathcal{R}}$.

Definition 41 Let for nets N and N' $t \in T_N$, $t' \in T_{N'}$. Then:

$$(t, t') \in \overline{\mathcal{R}} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} (\bullet t, \bullet t') \in \overline{\mathcal{R}} \wedge \\ (t^\bullet, t'^\bullet) \in \overline{\mathcal{R}} \wedge \\ l_N(t) = l_{N'}(t') \end{cases}$$

Definition 42 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq P_N \times P_{N'}$ is a strict \star -place bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \approx_\star N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$, if:

1. $\overline{\mathcal{R}} : N \Leftrightarrow_\star N'$.
2. The new requirement is added to item 2 (and to 3) of the definition of \star -bisimulation:

$\forall v \in T_{\widehat{C}} (\widehat{\varphi}(v), \widehat{\varphi}'(\beta(v))) \in \overline{\mathcal{R}}$, where:

- (a) $\beta : \rho_{\widehat{C}} \sqsubseteq \rho_{\widehat{C}'}$, if $\star = pw$;
- (b) $\beta : \rho_{\widehat{C}} \simeq \rho_{\widehat{C}'}$, if $\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$;
- (c) $\beta : \widehat{C} \simeq \widehat{C}'$, if $\star = pr$.

N and N' are strict \star -place bisimulation equivalent, $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset, process}\}$, $N \approx_\star N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \approx_\star N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.

An important property of place bisimulations: *additivity*.

Let for nets N and N' $\mathcal{R} : N \sim_{\star} N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr\}$.

Then $(M_1, M'_1) \in \overline{\mathcal{R}}$ and $(M_2, M'_2) \in \overline{\mathcal{R}}$ implies
 $((M_1 + M_2), (M'_1 + M'_2)) \in \overline{\mathcal{R}}$.

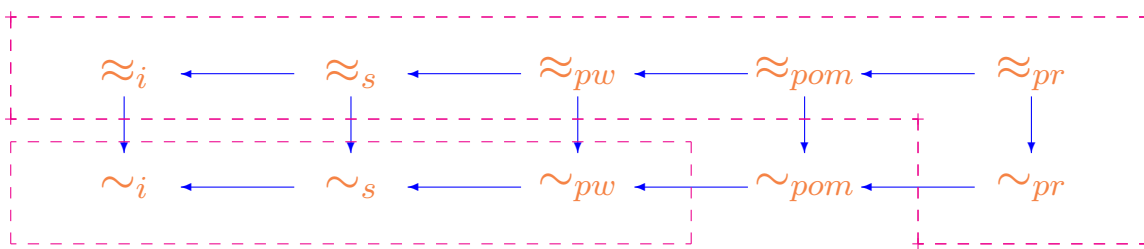
If we add n tokens in each of the places $p \in P_N$ and $p' \in P_{N'}$
s.t. $(p, p') \in \mathcal{R}$, then the resulting nets must be also place
bisimulation equivalent.

Comparing place bisimulation equivalences

Proposition 3 [AS92] For nets N and N' :

$$1. N \sim_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \sim_{pw} N';$$

$$2. N \sim_{pr} N' \Leftrightarrow N \approx_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \approx_{pr} N'.$$



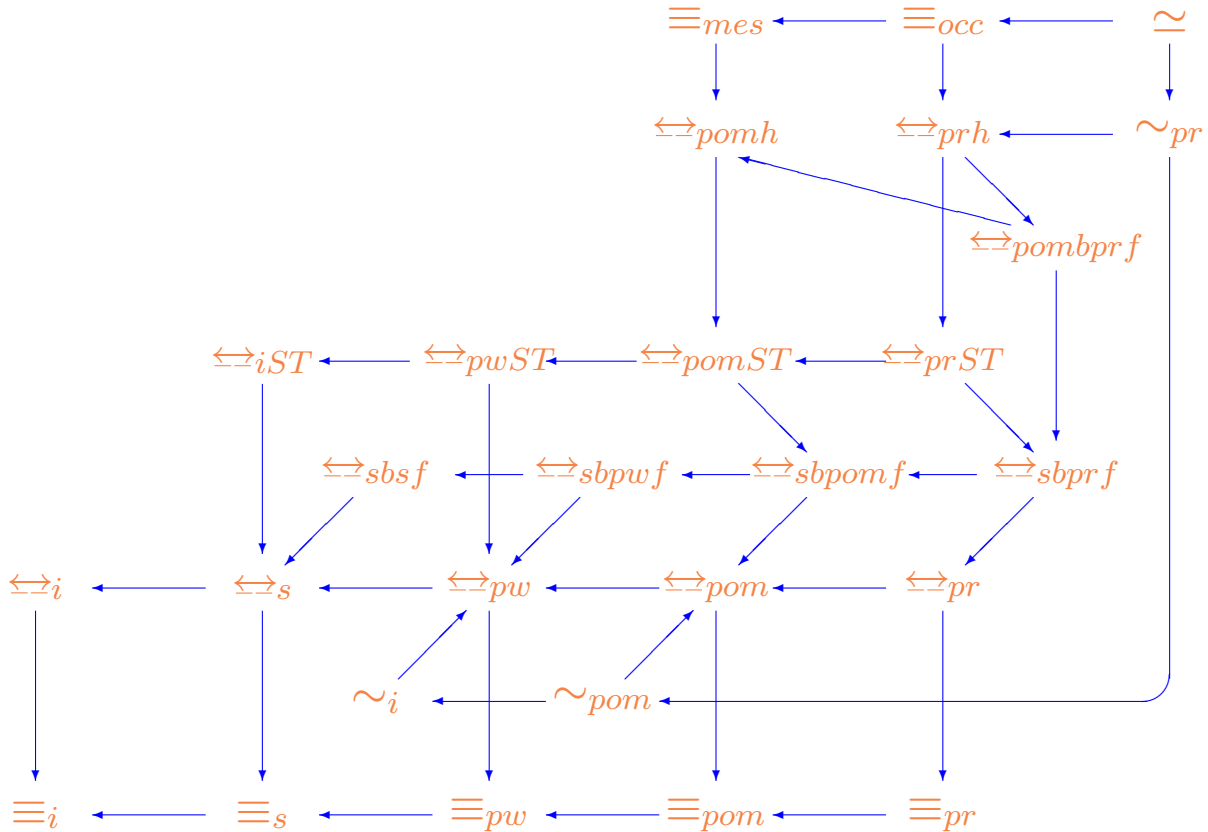
Merging of place bisimulation equivalences

$$\sim_i \longleftarrow \sim_{pom} \longleftarrow \sim_{pr}$$

Interrelations of place bisimulation equivalences

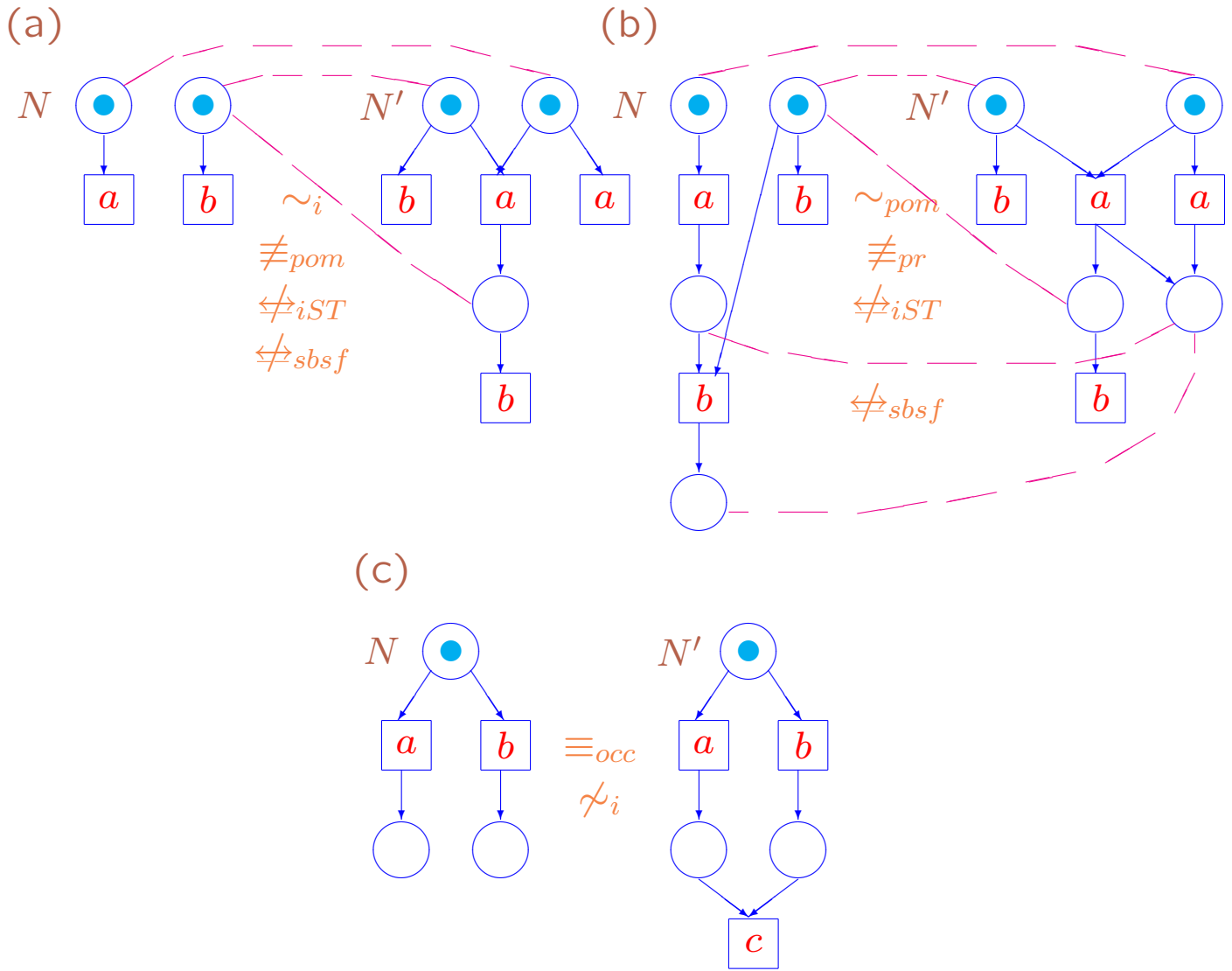
Comparing place bisimulation equivalences with basic and back-forth ones

Proposition 4 [Tar97, Tar98b] For nets N and N'
 $N \sim_{pr} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{prh} N'$.



Interrelations of place bisimulation equivalences with basic and back-forth ones

Theorem 6 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow, \sim, \simeq\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, pr, iST, pwST, pomST, prST, pomh, prh, mes, occ, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf, sbprf, pombprf\}$. For nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff in the graph above there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$.



P: Examples of place bisimulation equivalences

- In Figure P(a), $N \sim_i N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom} N'$, since only in the net N' action b can depend on a .
- In Figure P(b), $N \sim_{pom} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pr} N'$, since only in the net N' the transition with label a has two input (and two output) places.
- In Figure P(c), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\sim_i N'$, since any place bisimulation must relate input places of the nets N and N' . But if we add one additional token in each of these places, then only in N' the action c can happen.
- In Figure P(b), $N \sim_{pom} N'$, but $N \not\sim_{iST} N'$, since only in the net N' action a can start so that no b can begin working until ending a .
- In Figure B1(c), $N \sim_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes} N'$, since only the MES corresponding to the net N' has two conflict actions a .
- In Figure P(b), $N \sim_{pom} N'$, but $N \not\sim_{sbsf} N'$, since only in the net N' action a can happen so that b must depend on a .

Net reduction based on place bisimulation equivalences

An *autobisimulation* is a bisimulation between a net and itself.

An *equibisimulation* is an autobisimulation that is an equivalence.

Proposition 5 [AS92] Let \mathcal{R}_1 and \mathcal{R}_2 be reflexive interleaving place autobisimulations of a net N . Then $(\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2)^*$ (transitive closure of $(\mathcal{R}_1 \cup \mathcal{R}_2)$) is an interleaving place autobisimulation.

Definition 43 For a net N , $\mathcal{R}_i(N) = \bigcup \{ \mathcal{R} \mid \mathcal{R} : N \sim_i N, \mathcal{R} \text{ is reflexive} \}$ is a canonical interleaving place bisimulation.

Definition 44 Let for a net N $\mathcal{E} \subseteq P_N \times P_N$ be an equivalence.

For $p \in P_N$, $[p]_{\mathcal{E}} = \{ q \mid (p, q) \in \mathcal{E} \}$ is an equivalence class of p w.r.t. \mathcal{E} .

For $M \in \mathcal{M}(P_N)$, $M/\mathcal{E} = \sum_{p \in P_N} [p]_{\mathcal{E}}$ is a categorization (partitioning) of M w.r.t. \mathcal{E} .

$N/\mathcal{E} = \langle P_N/\mathcal{E}, T_N, F_N/\mathcal{E}, l_N, M_N/\mathcal{E} \rangle$, where F_N/\mathcal{E} is constructed as:

1. $\bullet t = M$ in $N \Rightarrow \bullet t = M/\mathcal{E}$ in N/\mathcal{E} ;
2. $t \bullet = M$ in $N \Rightarrow t \bullet = M/\mathcal{E}$ in N/\mathcal{E} .

$M \xrightarrow{t} \widetilde{M}$ in N implies $M/\mathcal{E} \xrightarrow{t} \widetilde{M}/\mathcal{E}$ in N/\mathcal{E} .

Proposition 6 [AS92] If $\mathcal{R} : N \sim_i N$ is an equivalence then $[\cdot]_{\mathcal{R}} : N \sim_i N/\mathcal{E}$.

Definition 45 A canonical interleaving categorization of a net N is a net $N/\sim_i = N/\mathcal{R}_i(N)$.

Definition 46 For a net N , $\mathcal{R} \subseteq P_N \times P_N$ has a **transfer property**, if $\forall t \in T_N \forall p \in \bullet t \forall q : (p, q) \in \mathcal{R}$ holds:

$\exists u \in T_N : l_N(t) = l_N(u), \bullet t - p + q \xrightarrow{u} \widetilde{M}$ and $(t^\bullet, \widetilde{M}) \in \mathcal{R}$.

Theorem 7 [AS92] If for a net N , $\mathcal{R} \subseteq P_N \times P_N$ is a reflexive and symmetrical relation having transfer property then \mathcal{R}^* (transitive closure of \mathcal{R}) is an interleaving place bisimulation in N .

Theorem 8 [AS92] For a net N , the maximal relation $\mathcal{R} \subseteq P_N \times P_N$ having transfer property is $\mathcal{R}_i(N)$.

An effective algorithm of computing $\mathcal{R}_i(N)$ [AS92]:

1. The initial relation: $\mathcal{R} = P_N \times P_N$.
2. Check all pairs $(p, q) \in \mathcal{R}$ for transfer property.
 - (a) If the property is valid for all that pairs then $\mathcal{R} = \mathcal{R}_i(N)$.
 - (b) Otherwise, there exists a pair (p, q) , for which transfer property is not valid. Then we remove the pairs (p, q) and (q, p) from \mathcal{R} and go to item 2.

If a net is finite then a number of the pairs is finite too.

A **complexity**: $\mathcal{O}(|P_N|^2 \times |T_N|^2)$, if $\forall t \in T_N |\bullet t| + |t^\bullet| \leq d$ (the constant depends on d) [Pfi92].

An **implementation**: a system **CAESAR** on **LOTOS** programming language [Pfi92].

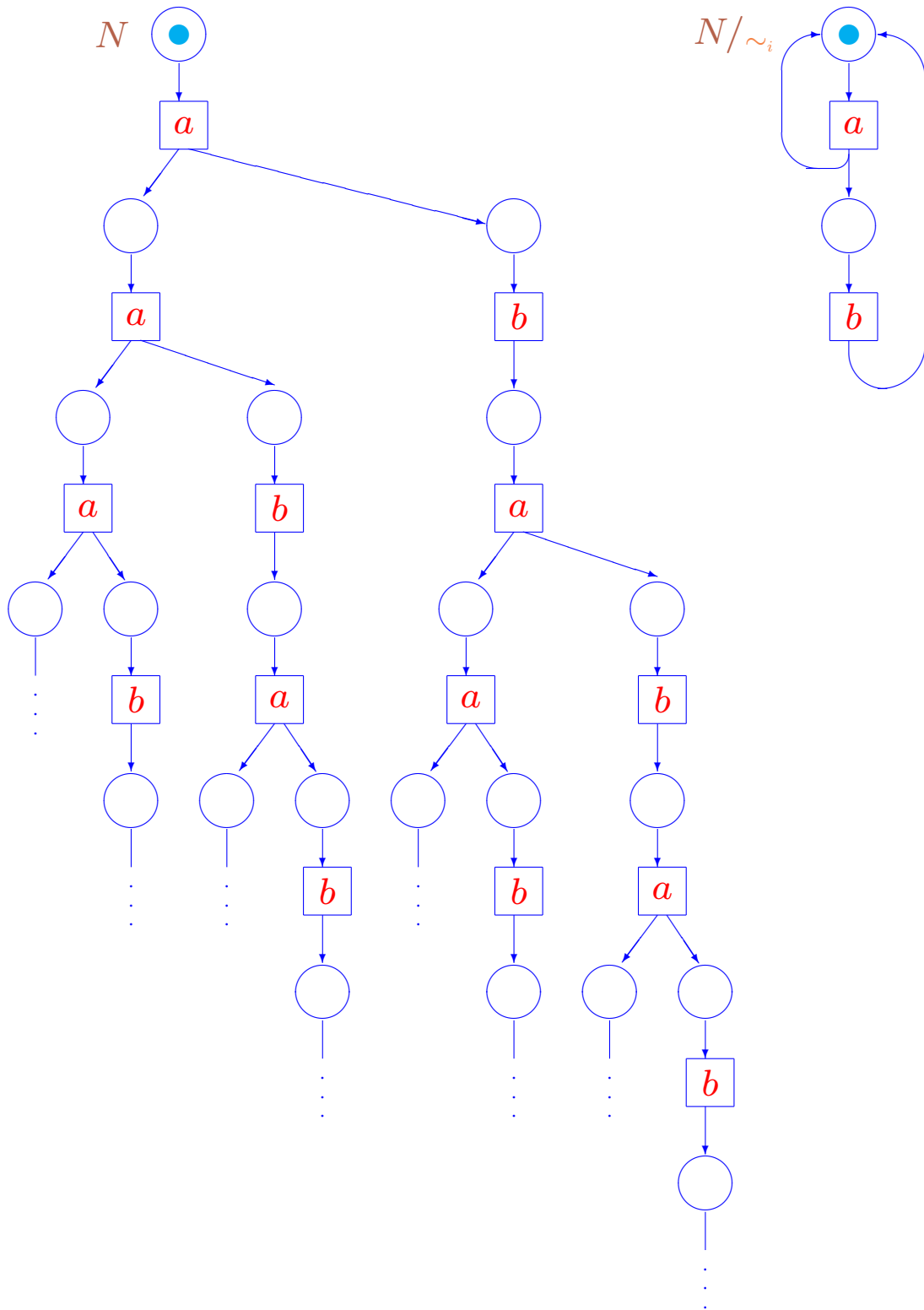
The results on using \sim_{pom} and \sim_{pr} for net reduction

- We **cannot** use \sim_{pom} for net simplification, since there is an example s.t. for a net $N : N \not\sim_{pom} N / \sim_{pom}$ [AS92].
- Since $\sim_{pr} = \approx_i$, we can modify the algorithm for \mathcal{R}_i to obtain \mathcal{R}_{pr} : we shall look for bisimulation between transitions in the pairs appearing during check of the transfer property.

A **complexity** of the algorithm will be the same. Thus, it is **possible** to reduce net effectively modulo \sim_{pr} .

Important results (due to interrelations of \sim_{pr} with the other equivalences).

1. Since \sim_{pr} implies \Leftrightarrow_{prh} and \Leftrightarrow_{prST} , a reduced net has the same **histories of behavior** and **timed traces** [GV87] as the initial one.
2. Since \Leftrightarrow_{prh} coincide with $=_{PrBFL}$, all the **properties that can be specified in logic $PrBFL$** are preserved in the reduced net.



Reduction of the net corresponding to a PBC formula
 $\mu X.(a; (X \parallel (b; X)))$ modulo \sim_i

SM-refinements [BDKP91]

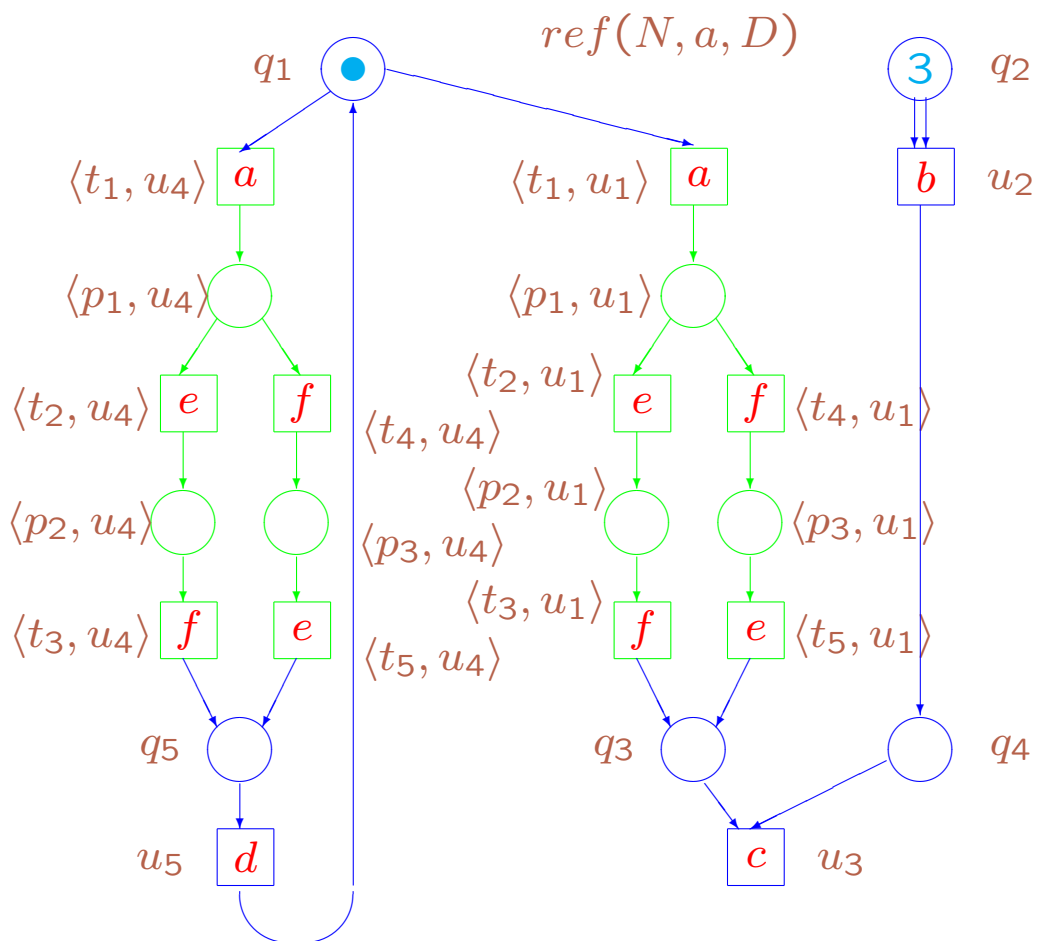
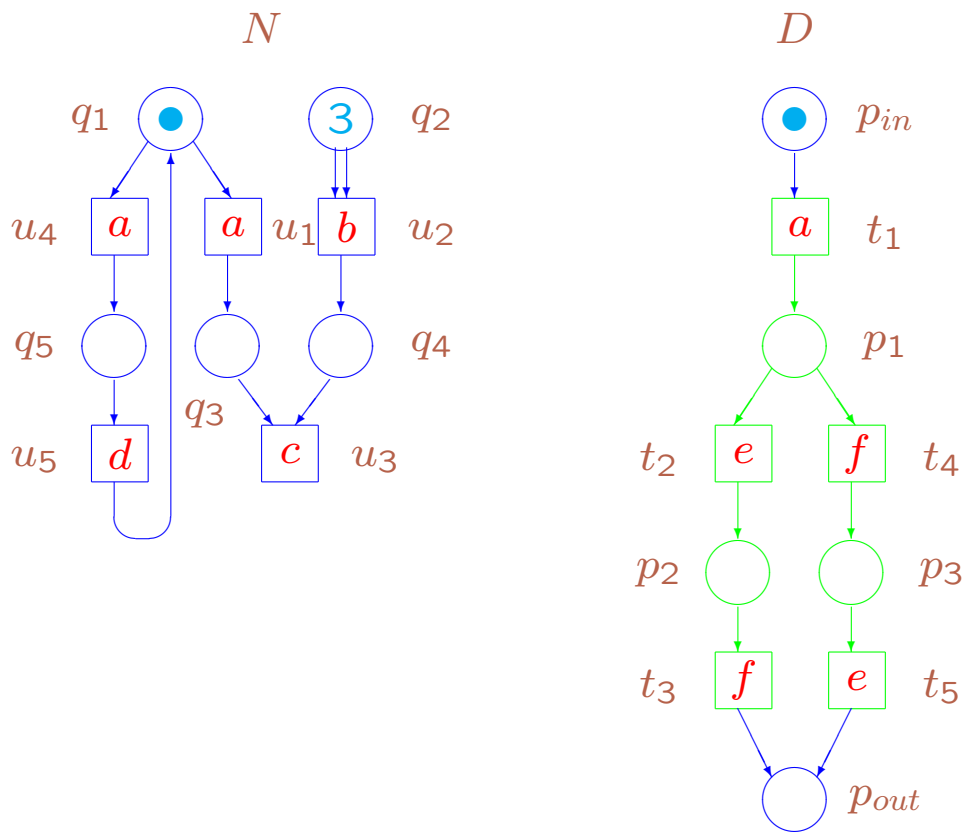
Definition 47 An **SM-net** is a net $D = \langle P_D, T_D, F_D, l_D, M_D \rangle$ s.t.:

1. $\forall t \in T_D \ |\bullet t| = |t\bullet| = 1$, i.e. each transition has exactly one input and one output place;
2. $\exists p_{in}, p_{out} \in P_D$ s.t. $p_{in} \neq p_{out}$ and ${}^\circ D = \{p_{in}\}$, $D^\circ = \{p_{out}\}$, i.e. net D has unique input and unique output place.
3. $M_D = \{p_{in}\}$, i.e. at the beginning there is unique token in p_{in} .

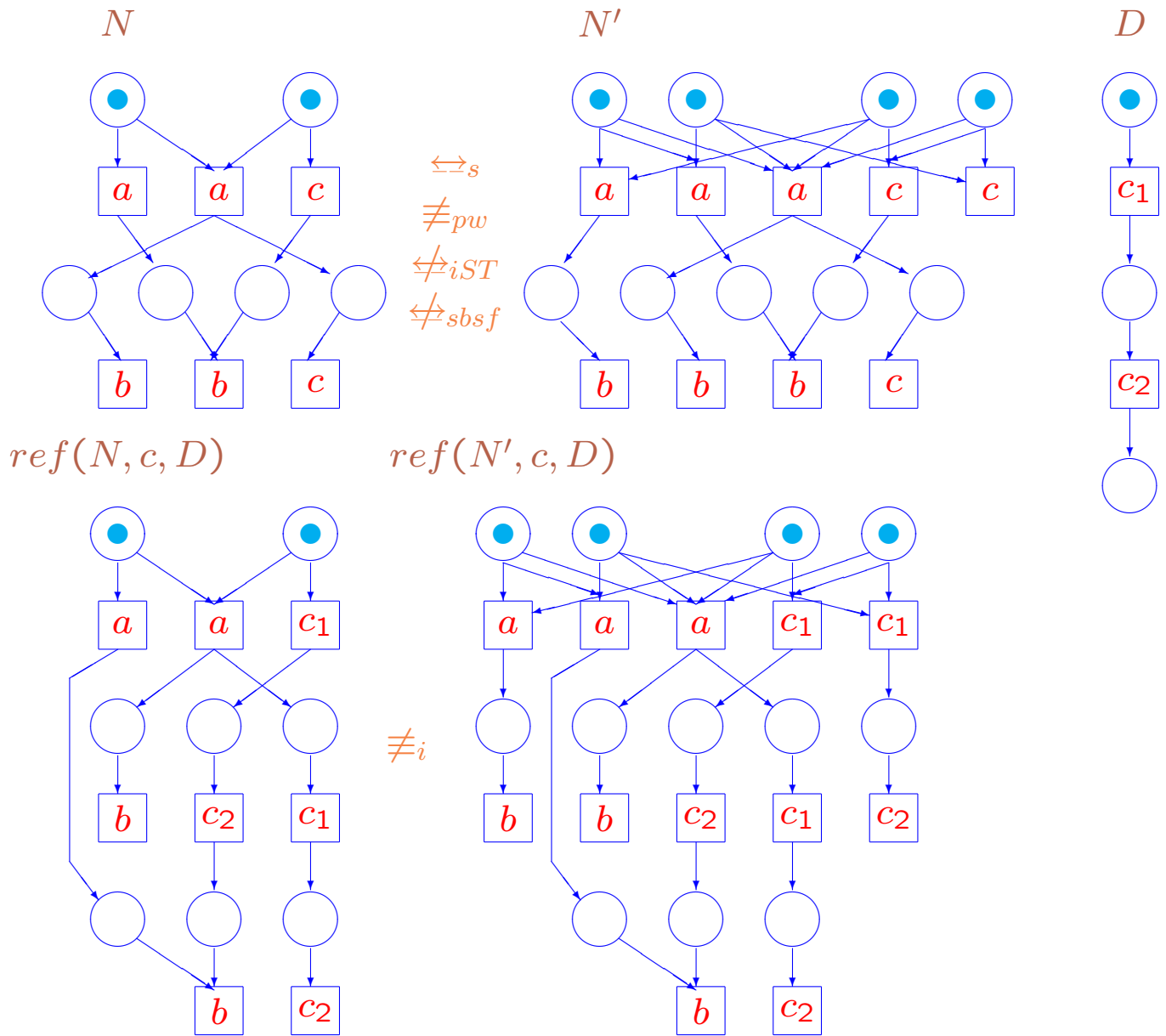
Definition 48 Let $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N, M_N \rangle$ be a net, $a \in l_N(T_N)$ and $D = \langle P_D, T_D, F_D, l_D, M_D \rangle$ be SM-net. An **SM-refinement**, $ref(N, a, D)$, is a net $\bar{N} = \langle P_{\bar{N}}, T_{\bar{N}}, F_{\bar{N}}, l_{\bar{N}}, M_{\bar{N}} \rangle$:

- $P_{\bar{N}} = P_N \cup \{\langle p, u \rangle \mid p \in P_D \setminus \{p_{in}, p_{out}\}, u \in l_N^{-1}(a)\}$;
- $T_{\bar{N}} = (T_N \setminus l_N^{-1}(a)) \cup \{\langle t, u \rangle \mid t \in T_D, u \in l_N^{-1}(a)\}$;
- $F_{\bar{N}}(\bar{x}, \bar{y}) = \begin{cases} F_N(\bar{x}, \bar{y}), & \bar{x}, \bar{y} \in P_N \cup (T_N \setminus l_N^{-1}(a)); \\ F_D(x, y), & \bar{x} = \langle x, u \rangle, \bar{y} = \langle y, u \rangle, u \in l_N^{-1}(a); \\ F_N(\bar{x}, u), & \bar{y} = \langle y, u \rangle, \bar{x} \in \bullet u, u \in l_N^{-1}(a), y \in p_{in}^\bullet; \\ F_N(u, \bar{y}), & \bar{x} = \langle x, u \rangle, \bar{y} \in \bullet u, u \in l_N^{-1}(a), x \in p_{out}^\bullet; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$
- $l_{\bar{N}}(\bar{u}) = \begin{cases} l_N(\bar{u}), & \bar{u} \in T_N \setminus l_N^{-1}(a); \\ l_D(t), & \bar{u} = \langle t, u \rangle, t \in T_D, u \in l_N^{-1}(a); \end{cases}$
- $M_{\bar{N}}(p) = \begin{cases} M_N(p), & p \in P_N; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

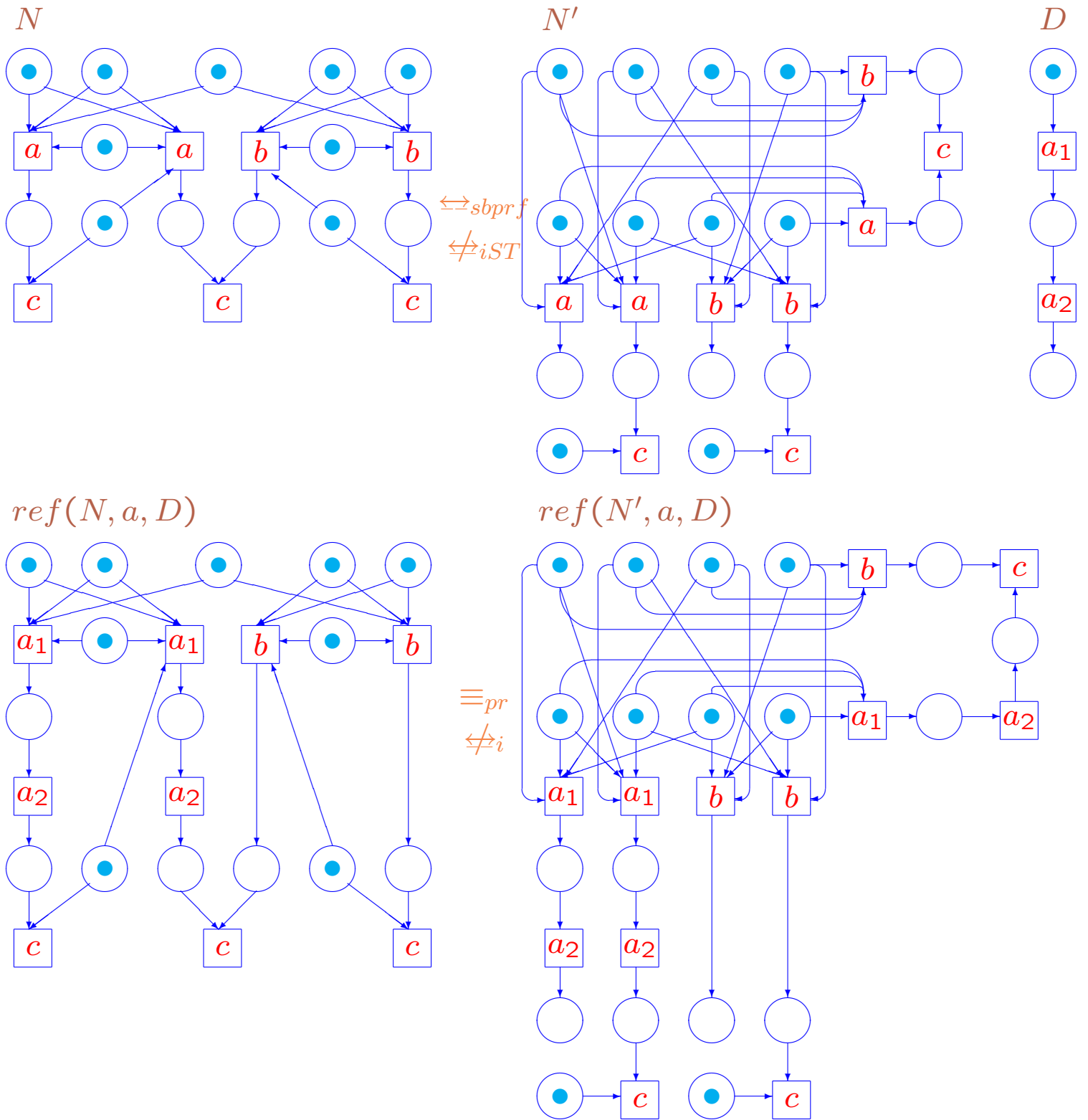
An equivalence is **preserved by refinements**, if equivalent nets remain equivalent after applying any refinement operator to them accordingly.



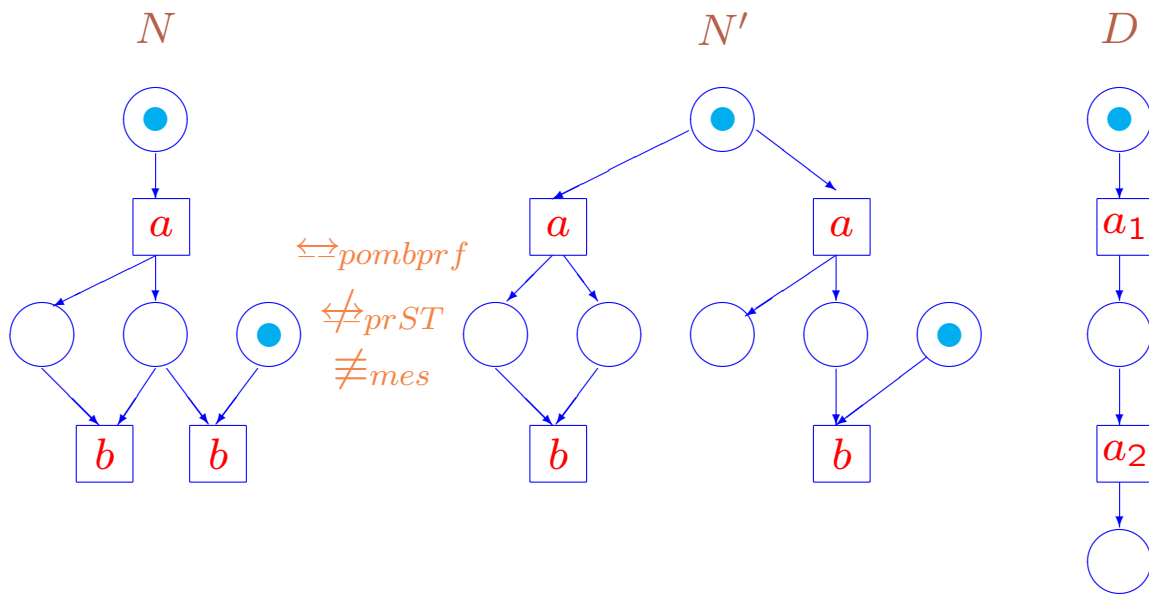
Example of SM-refinement



RB: The equivalences between \equiv_i and \Leftrightarrow_s are not preserved by SM-refinements

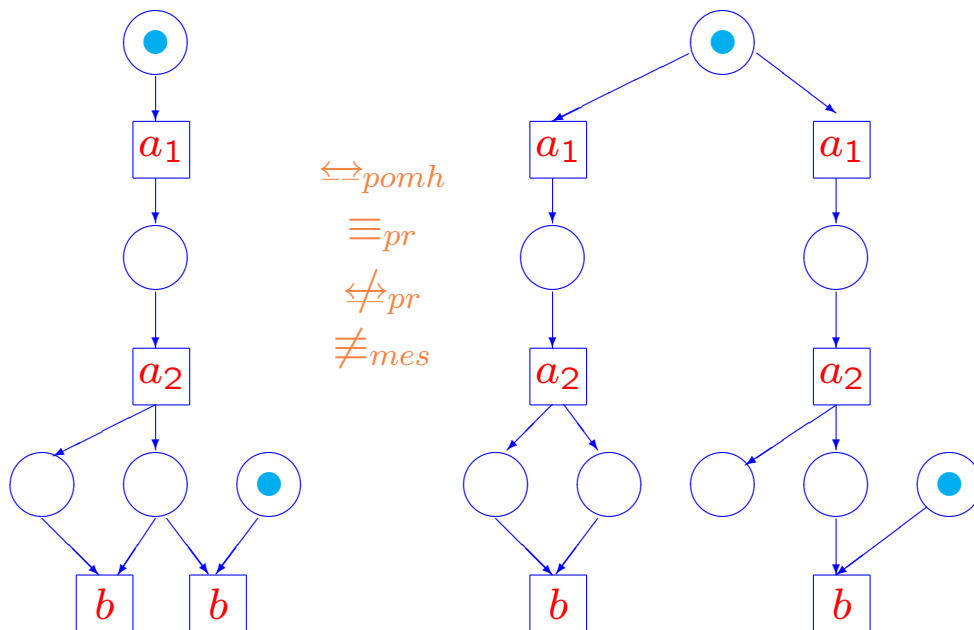


RBF: The equivalences between \Leftrightarrow_i and \Leftrightarrow_{sbprf} are not preserved by SM-refinements

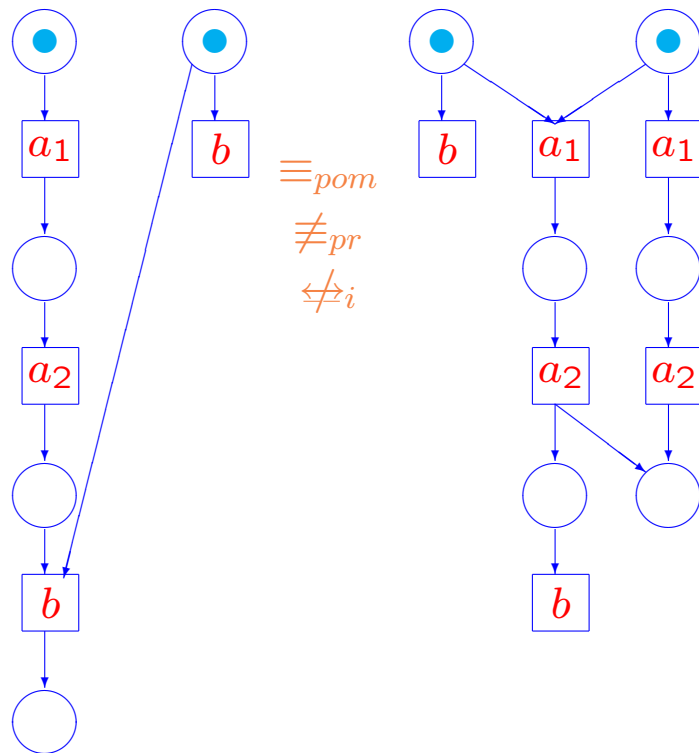
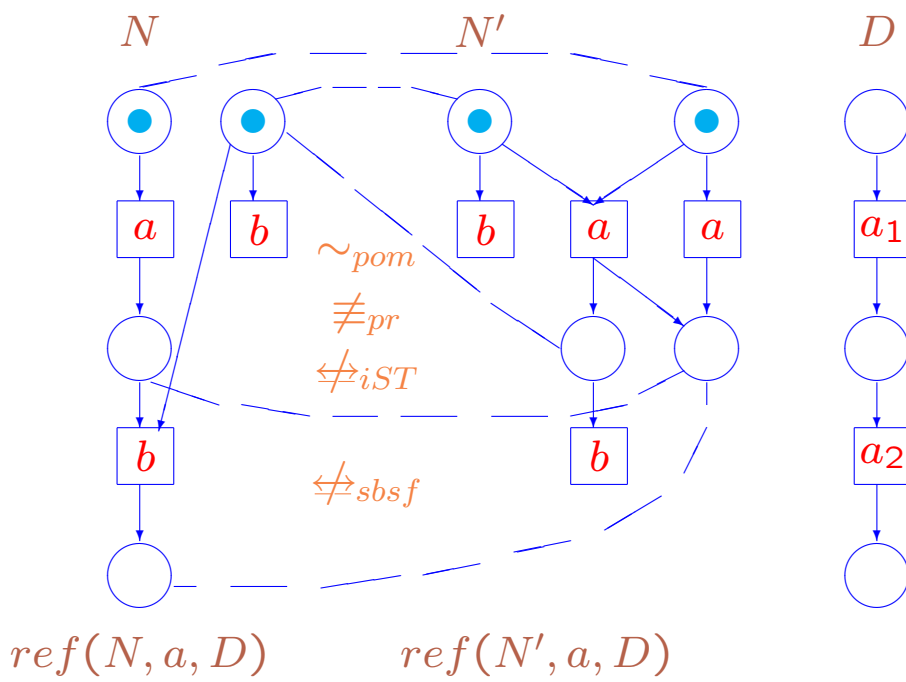


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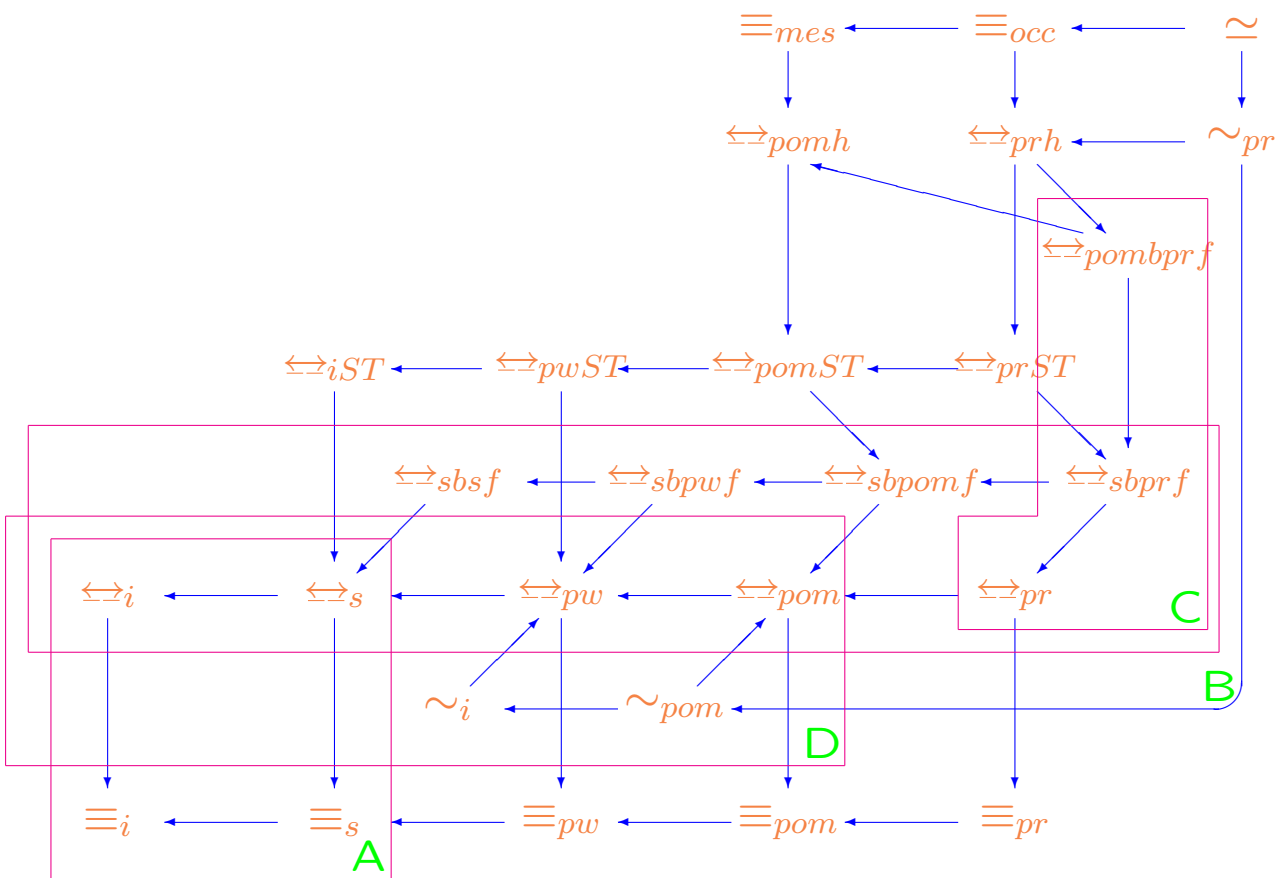
RBF1: The equivalences between \Leftrightarrow_{pr} and $\Leftrightarrow_{pombprf}$ are not preserved by SM-refinements



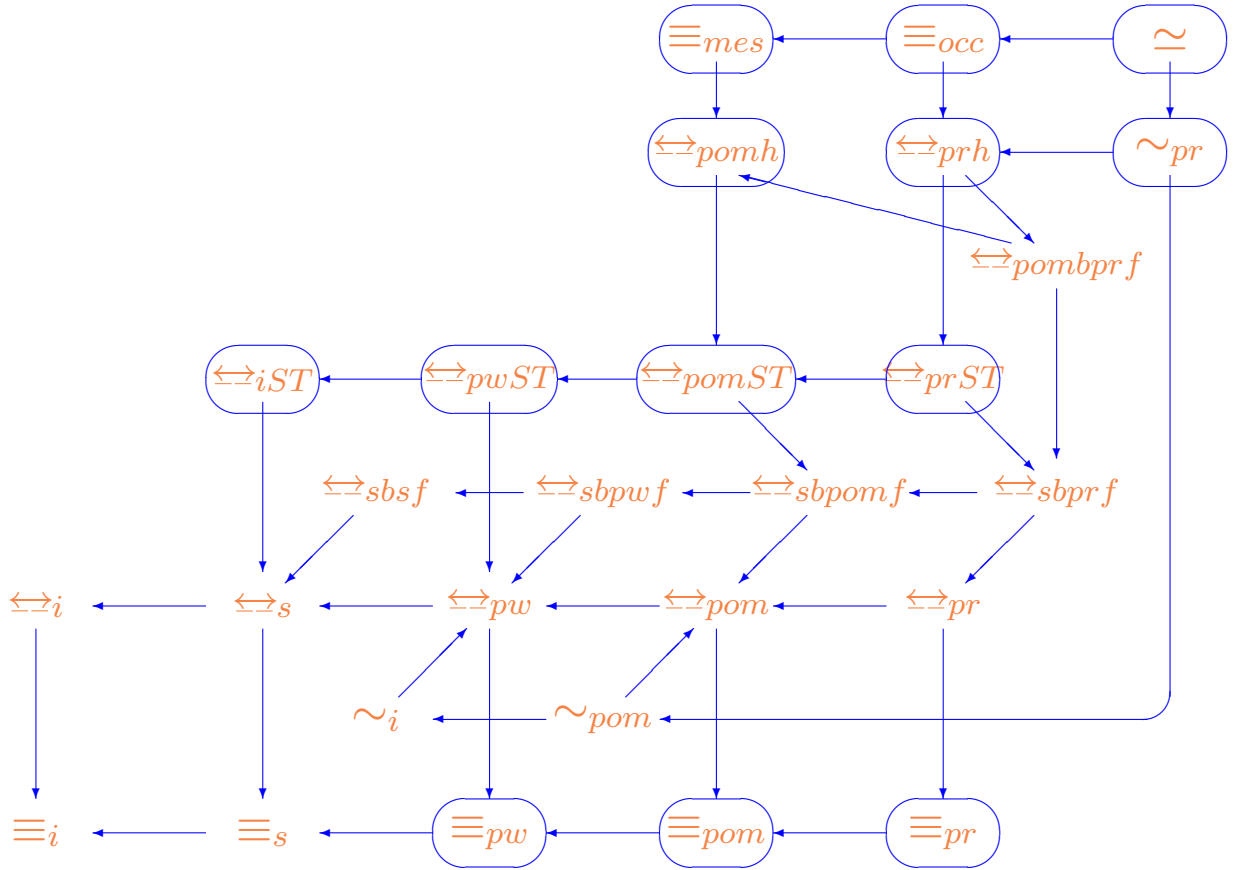
RP: The equivalences between \leftrightarrow_i and \sim_{pom} are not preserved by SM-refinements

- In Figure RB, $N \leftrightarrow_s N'$, but $ref(N, c, D) \not\equiv_i ref(N', c, D)$, since only in $ref(N', c, D)$ the sequence of actions c_1abc_2 can happen.
- In Figure RBF, $N \leftrightarrow_{sbprf} N'$, but $ref(N, a, D) \not\equiv_i ref(N', a, D)$, since only in the net $ref(N', a, D)$ action a_1 can happen so that immediately after it:
 1. the sequence of actions bc cannot happen, and
 2. the sequence of actions a_2c cannot happen.
- In Figure RBF1, $N \leftrightarrow_{pombprf} N'$, but $ref(N, a, D) \not\equiv_{pr} ref(N', a, D)$, since only in the net $ref(N', a, D)$ action a_1 can happen so that after it the sequence of actions a_2b can happen which has only one corresponding process (the transition labeled by b connects with transition with label a_2 in the only way).
- In Figure RP, $N \sim_{pom} N'$, but $ref(N, a, D) \not\equiv_i ref(N', a, D)$, since only in the net $ref(N', a, D)$ after action a_1 action b cannot happen.

Proposition 7 [BDKP91, Tar97] Let $\star \in \{i, s\}$,
 $\star\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pr, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf, sbprf, pombprf\}$,
 $\star\star\star \in \{i, pom\}$. Then the equivalences \equiv_{\star} , $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$, $\sim_{\star\star\star}$ are not preserved by SM-refinements.



The equivalences which are not preserved by SM-refinements



Preservation of the equivalences by SM-refinements

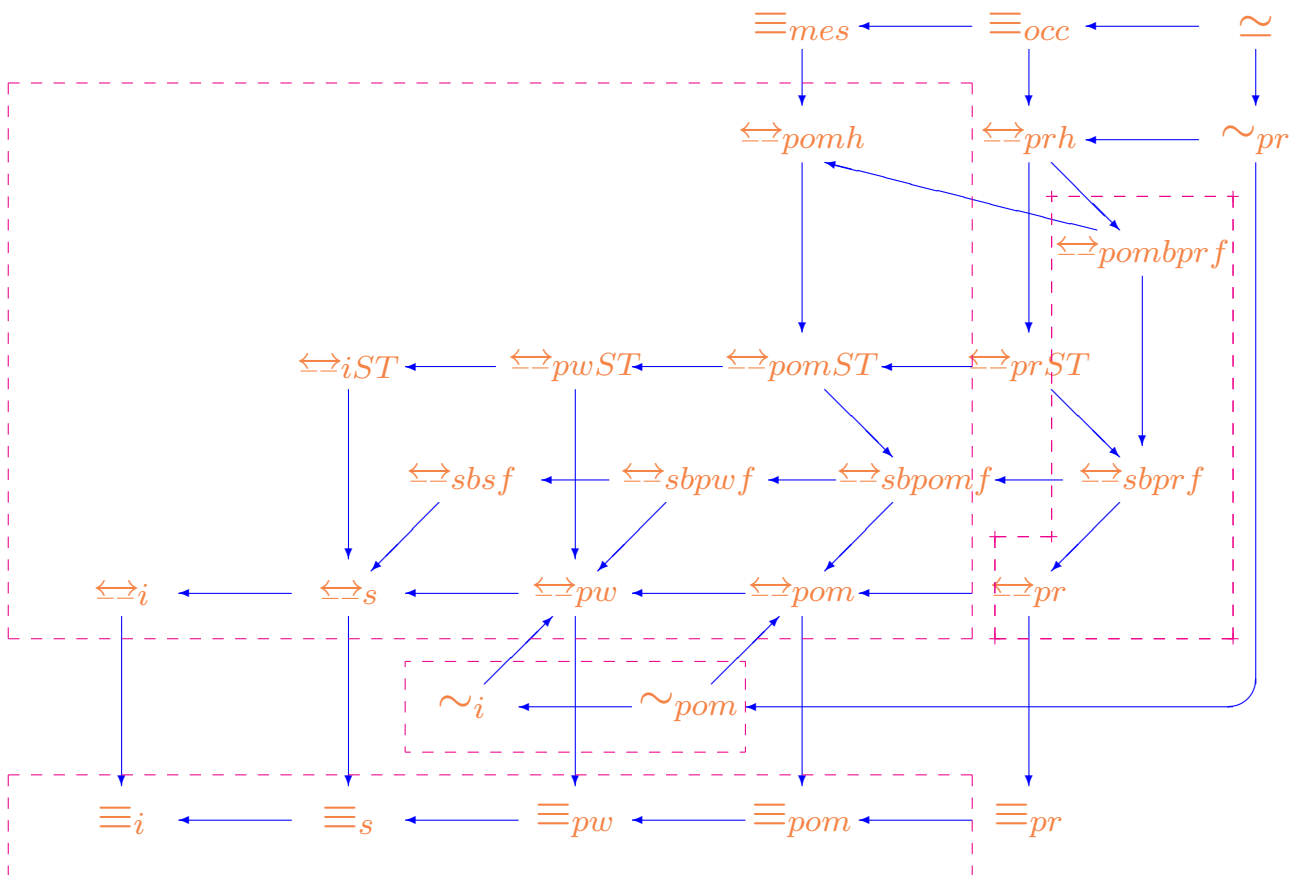
Theorem 9 Let $\leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow, \sim, \simeq\}$ and $\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, pr, iST, pwST, pomST, prST, pomh, prh, mes, occ, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf, sbprf, pombprf\}$. For nets N, N' s.t. $a \in l_N(T_N) \cap l_{N'}(T_{N'})$ and SM-net $D: N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow ref(N, a, D) \leftrightarrow_{\star} ref(N', a, D)$ iff the equivalence \leftrightarrow_{\star} is in oval in the figure above.

The equivalences on sequential nets

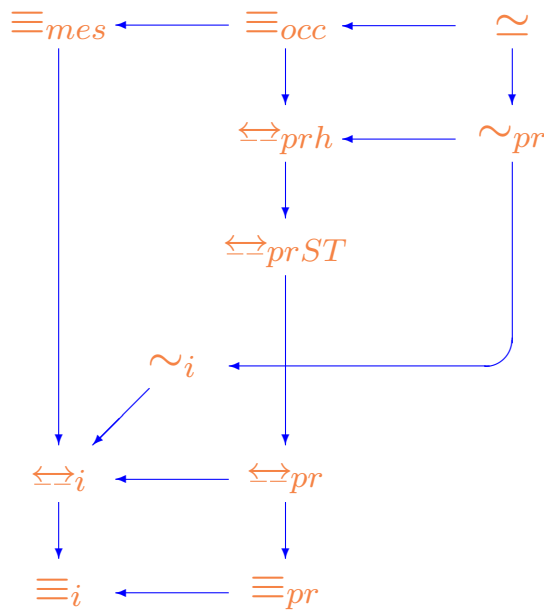
Definition 49 A net $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N, M_N \rangle$ is sequential, if $\forall M \in \text{Mark}(N) \neg \exists t, u \in T_N : \bullet t + \bullet u \subseteq M$.

Proposition 8 For sequential nets N and N' :

1. $N \equiv_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \equiv_{pom} N'$ [Eng85];
2. $N \Leftrightarrow_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pomh} N'$ [BDKP91];
3. $N \Leftrightarrow_{pr} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pombprf} N'$ [Tar97];
4. $N \sim_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \sim_{pom} N'$ [Tar97].

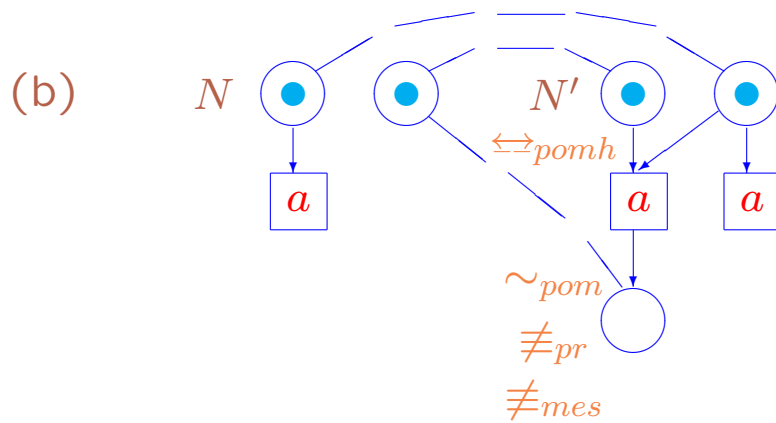
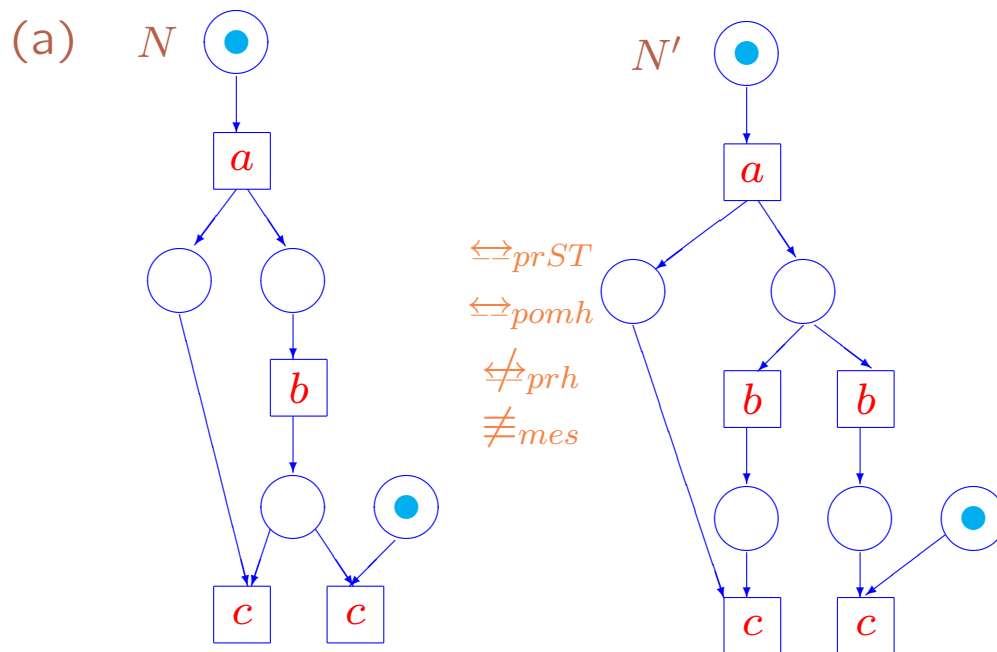


Merging of the equivalences on sequential nets



Interrelations of the equivalences on sequential nets

Theorem 10 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow, \sim, \simeq\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, pr, prST, prh, mes, occ\}$. For sequential nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff in the graph above there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$.



SN: Examples of the equivalences on sequential nets

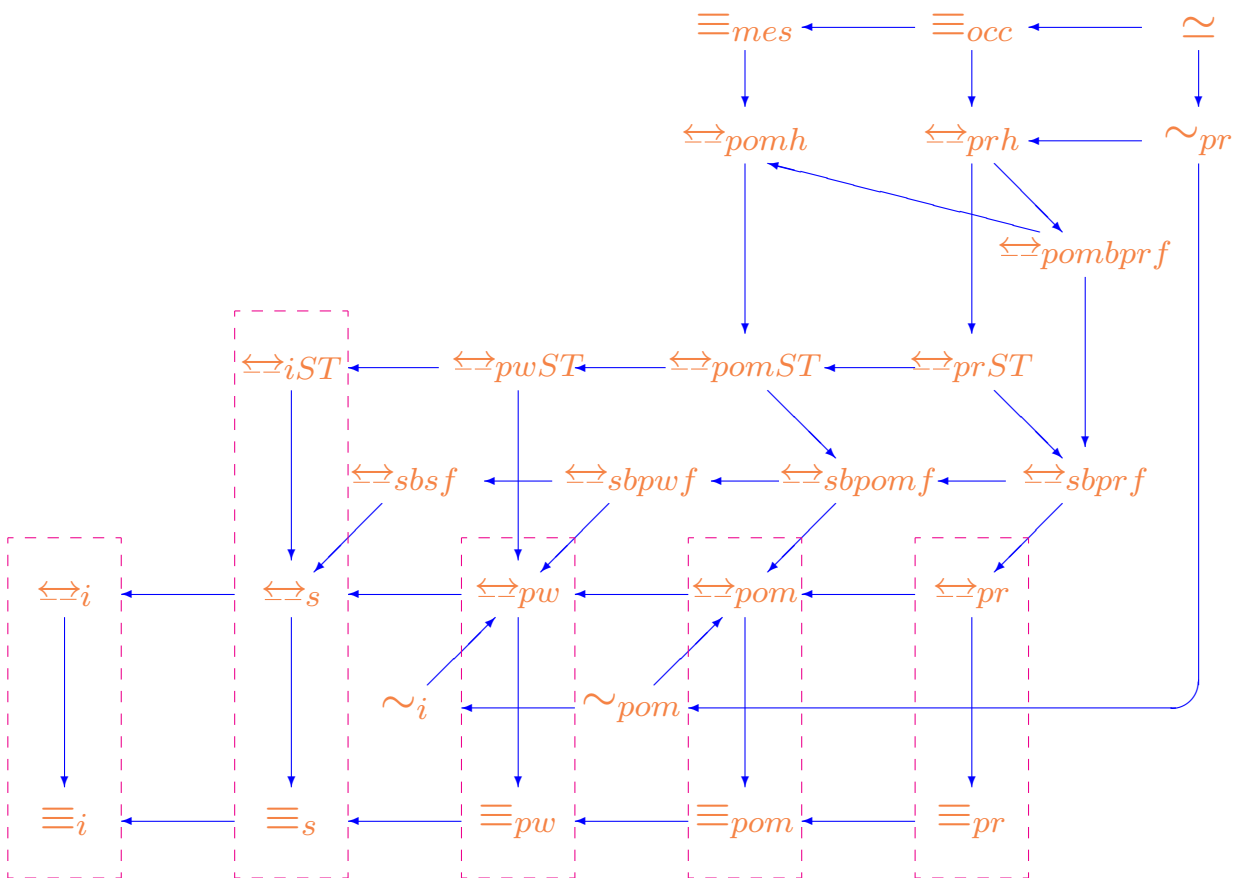
- In Figure B(d), $N \equiv_{mes} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pr} N'$.
- In Figure RB(e), $N \equiv_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\sim_i N'$.
- In Figure BF(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\sim_{prST} N'$.
- In Figure SN(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{prST} N'$, but $N \not\sim_{prh} N'$, since only in the net N' there is process with actions a and b s.t. it can be extended by process with action c in the only way (i.e. so that connection of causal net with action c and a -containing subnet of causal net with actions a and b be unique).
- In Figure B1(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{prh} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes} N'$.
- In Figure B1(d), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\sim N'$.
- In Figure SN(b), $N \sim_i N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pr} N'$, since only in the net N' the transition with label a has two input places.
- In Figure P(c), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\sim_i N'$.
- In Figure B1(c), $N \sim_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes} N'$.

The equivalences on strictly labeled nets

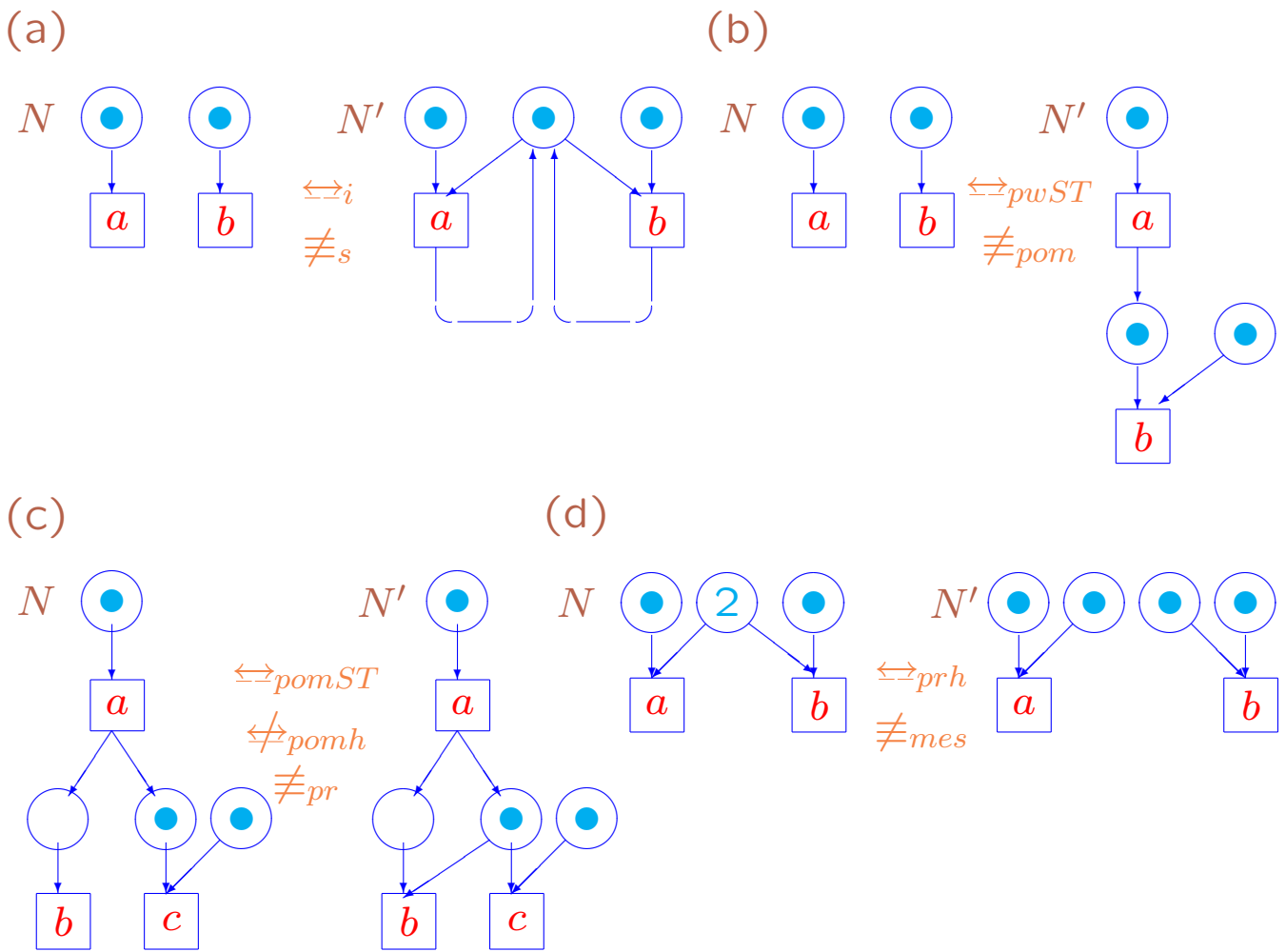
Definition 50 A net $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N \rangle$ is **strictly labeled (unlabeled)** if $\forall t, u \in T_N \ l_N(t) \neq l_N(u)$.

Proposition 9 Let $\star \in \{i, pw, pom, pr\}$. For strictly labeled nets N and N' :

1. $N \equiv_{\star} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star} N'$ [PRS92, Tar97];
2. $N \equiv_s N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{iST} N'$ [Tar97].



Merging of the equivalences on strictly labeled nets



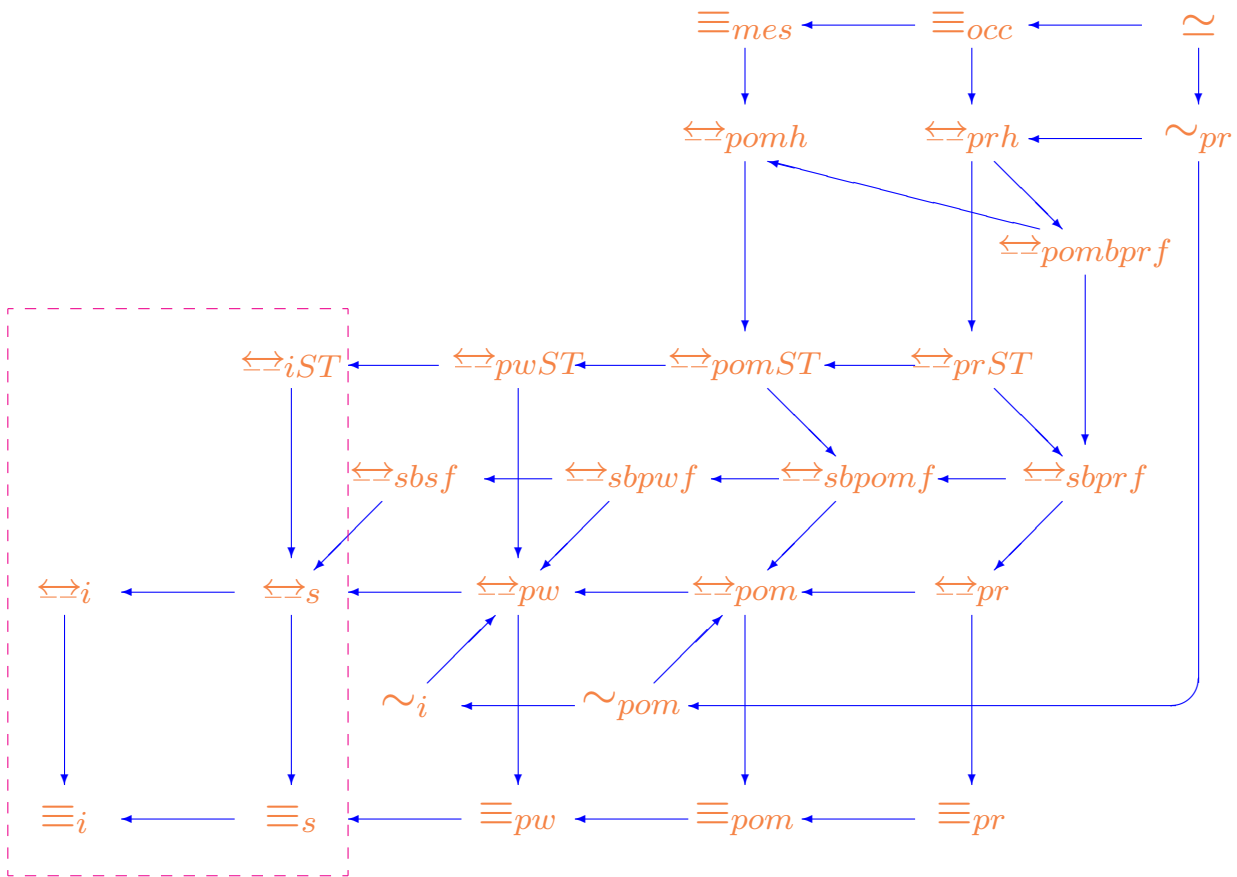
UL: Examples of the equivalences on strictly labeled nets

- In Figure UN(a), $N \leftrightarrow_i N'$, but $N \not\equiv_s N'$, since only in the net N actions a and b can happen concurrently.
- In Figure UN(b), $N \leftrightarrow_{pwh} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom} N'$, since only in the net N' action b can depend on a .
- In Figure B(d), $N \equiv_{mes} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pr} N'$.
- In Figure UN(c), $N \leftrightarrow_{pom.ST} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom.h} N'$, since only in the net N' a sequence of actions ab can happen so that c must depend on a .
- In Figure UN(d), $N \leftrightarrow_{prh} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes} N'$, since only in the unfolding of the net N' transitions with labels a and b have common input place. A MES with conflict actions a and b corresponds to this unfolding.
- In Figure B1(d), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\equiv N'$.
- In Figure P(c), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_i N'$.

The equivalences on T-nets

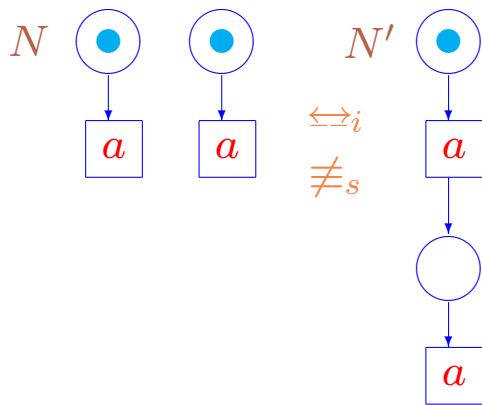
Definition 51 A net $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N \rangle$ is a **T-net**, if $\forall p \in P_N \ |\bullet p| \leq 1$ and $|p\bullet| \leq 1$.

Proposition 10 [Tar97] For auto-concurrency free T-nets N and N' $N \equiv_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{iST} N'$.

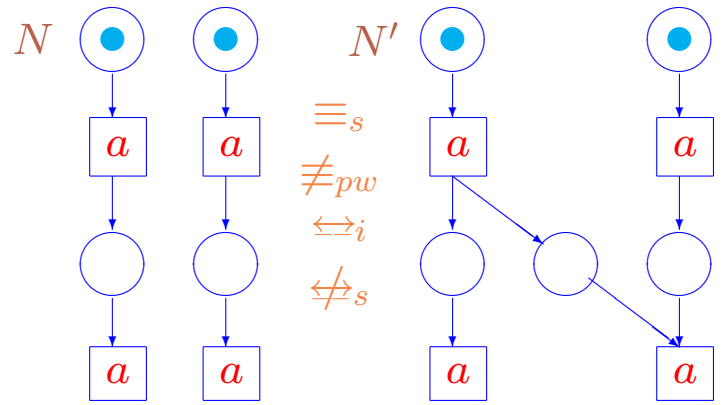


Merging of the equivalences on T-nets

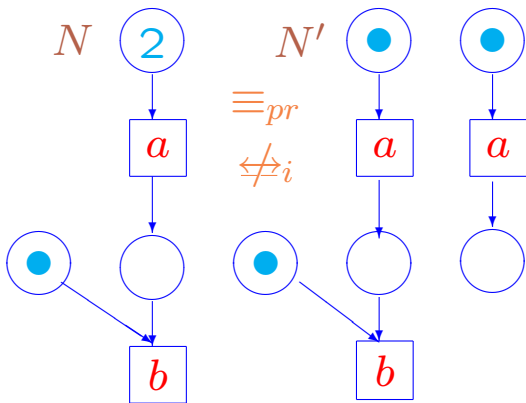
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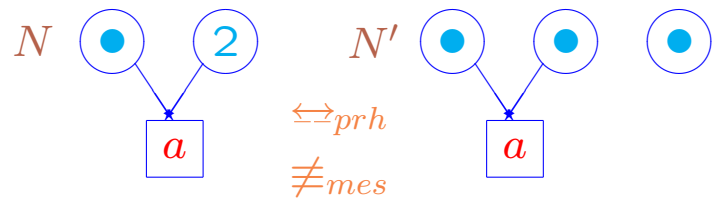
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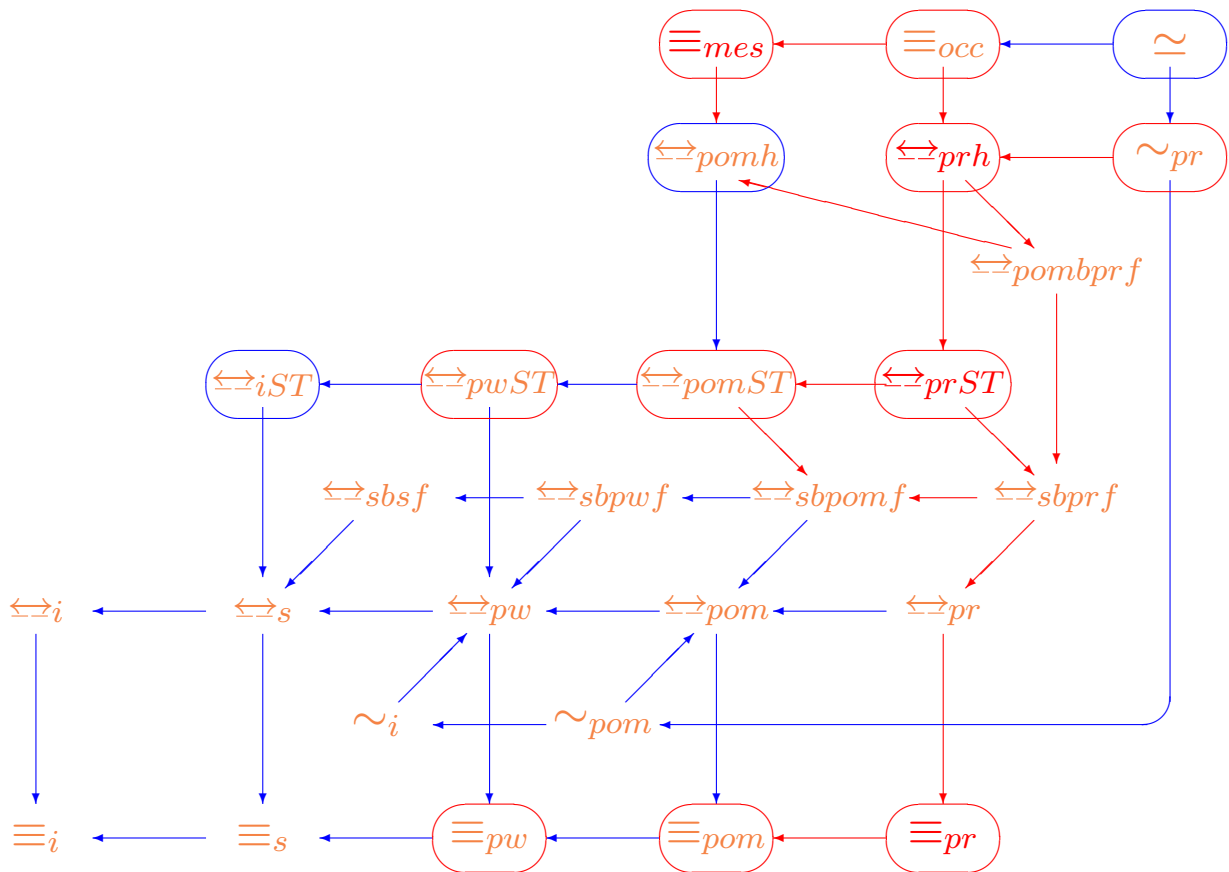


(d)



TN: Examples of the equivalences on T-nets

- In Figure TN(a), $N \leftrightarrow_i N'$, but $N \not\equiv_s N'$, since only in the net N' an action a cannot happen concurrently with itself (i.e., it is not auto-concurrent).
- In Figure TN(b), $N \equiv_s N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pw} N'$, since the net N structurally represents a pomset s.t. even less sequential one cannot happen in N' .
- In Figure UN(b), $N \leftrightarrow_{pwST} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom} N'$.
- In Figure B(d), $N \equiv_{mes} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pr} N'$.
- In Figure TN(c), $N \equiv_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\leftrightarrow_i N'$, since only in the net N' an action a can happen so that no b is possible afterwards.
- In Figure TN(d), $N \leftrightarrow_{prh} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes} N'$, since only in the behaviour of N' there is a MES with two conflict actions a .
- In Figure B1(d), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\equiv N'$.



New results for the equivalences

Decidability results for the equivalences

- \equiv_i
 - is **decidable** for:
 - unlabeled (strictly labeled) nets [Jan94];
 - finite safe nets (**EXPSPACE**) [JM96].
 - is **undecidable** for:
 - communication free (**BPP**) nets [CHM93];
 - nets with ≥ 2 unbounded places [Jan94].
- \equiv_s
 - is **decidable** for:
 - finite safe nets (**EXPSPACE**) [JM96].
- \equiv_{pom}
 - is **decidable** for:
 - unlabeled (strictly labeled) nets [Jan94];
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- \Leftrightarrow_i
 - is **decidable** for:
 - unlabeled (strictly labeled) nets [Jan94];
 - finite safe nets (**DEXPTIME**) [JM96];
 - communication free (**BPP**) nets [CHM93];
 - nets s.t. one of them is **deterministic up to bisimilarity** [Jan94].
 - is **undecidable** for:
 - nets with ≥ 2 unbounded places [Jan94].

- \Leftrightarrow_s
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (**DEXPTIME**) [JM96].
- \Leftrightarrow_{pom}
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (**DEXPTIME / EXPSPACE**) [JM96].
- \Leftrightarrow_{iST}
 - is **decidable** for:
bounded nets [Dev92];
finite safe nets (**DEXPTIME**) [JM96].
- \Leftrightarrow_{pomST}
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (**DEXPTIME / EXPSPACE**) [JM96].
- \Leftrightarrow_{pomh}
 - is **decidable** for:
safe nets (**DEXPTIME**) [Vog91b].
- \sim_i
 - is **decidable** for:
arbitrary nets (polynomial, $O(|P_N|^2 \times |T_N|^2)$,
if $\forall t \in T_N \ |\bullet t| + |t\bullet| \leq const$) [AS92].
- \sim_{pr}
 - is **decidable** for:
arbitrary nets (polynomial, $O(|P_N|^2 \times |T_N|^2)$,
if $\forall t \in T_N \ |\bullet t| + |t\bullet| \leq const$) [AS92].

Equivalences for Petri Nets with Silent Transitions

Abstract: Behavioural equivalences of concurrent systems modeled by Petri nets with silent transitions are considered.

Known basic τ -equivalences and back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences are supplemented by new ones.

Their interrelations are examined for the general Petri nets as well as for their subclasses of no silent transitions and sequential nets (no concurrent transitions).

A logical characterization of back-forth τ -equivalences in terms of logics with past modalities is proposed.

A preservation of all the equivalences by refinements is investigated to find out their appropriateness for top-down design.

Keywords: Petri nets with silent transitions, sequential nets, basic τ -equivalences, back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences, logical characterization, refinement.

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Previous work

Equivalences which abstract of silent actions are τ -*equivalences* (they are labeled by τ). The following **basic** τ -equivalences are known:

- τ -*trace equivalences* (respect protocols of behavior):
interleaving (\equiv_i^τ) [Pom86], step (\equiv_s^τ) [Pom86], partial word (\equiv_{pw}^τ) [Vog91a] and pomset (\equiv_{pom}^τ) [PRS92].
- *Usual* τ -*bisimulation equivalences* (respect branching structure of behavior):
interleaving (\Leftrightarrow_i^τ) [Mil80], step (\Leftrightarrow_s^τ) [Pom86], partial word ($\Leftrightarrow_{pw}^\tau$) [Vog91a] and pomset ($\Leftrightarrow_{pom}^\tau$) [PRS92].
- *ST*- τ -*bisimulation equivalences* (respect the duration or maximality of events in behavior):
interleaving ($\Leftrightarrow_{iST}^\tau$) [Vog91a], partial word ($\Leftrightarrow_{pwST}^\tau$) [Vog91a] and pomset ($\Leftrightarrow_{pomST}^\tau$) [Vog91a].
- *History preserving* τ -*bisimulation equivalences* (respect the “history” of behavior):
pomset ($\Leftrightarrow_{pomh}^\tau$) [Dev92].
- *History preserving ST*- τ -*bisimulation equivalences* (respect the “history” and the duration or maximality of events in behavior):
pomset ($\Leftrightarrow_{pomhST}^\tau$) [Dev92].
- *Usual branching* τ -*bisimulation equivalences* (respect branching structure of behavior with a special care for silent actions):
interleaving ($\Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^\tau$) [Gla93].

- *History preserving branching τ -bisimulation equivalences* (respect “history” and branching structure of behavior with a special care for silent actions):

pomset ($\Leftrightarrow_{pomhbr}^{\tau}$) [Dev92].

- *Isomorphism* (coincidence up to renaming of components):

(\simeq).

Back-forth bisimulation equivalences: bisimulation relation do not only require simulation in the *forward* direction but also also when going back in history, i.e.

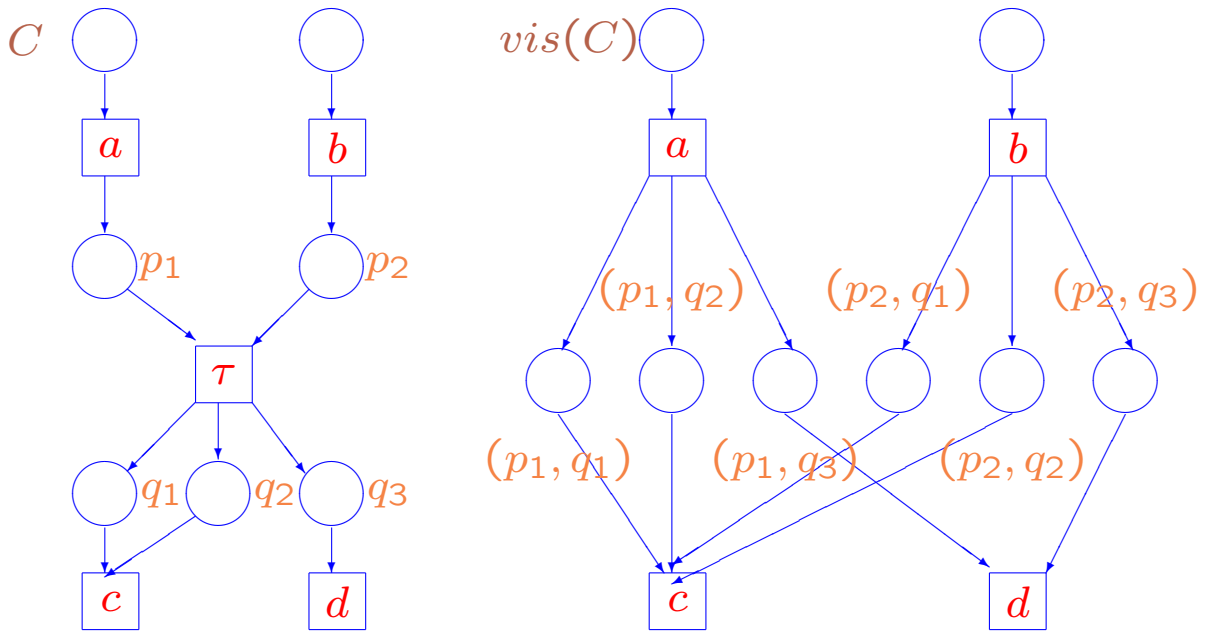
backward. They connected with equivalences of logics with *past modalities*.

Interleaving back interleaving forth τ -bisimulation equivalence ($\Leftrightarrow_{ibif}^{\tau} = \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau}$) [NMV90].

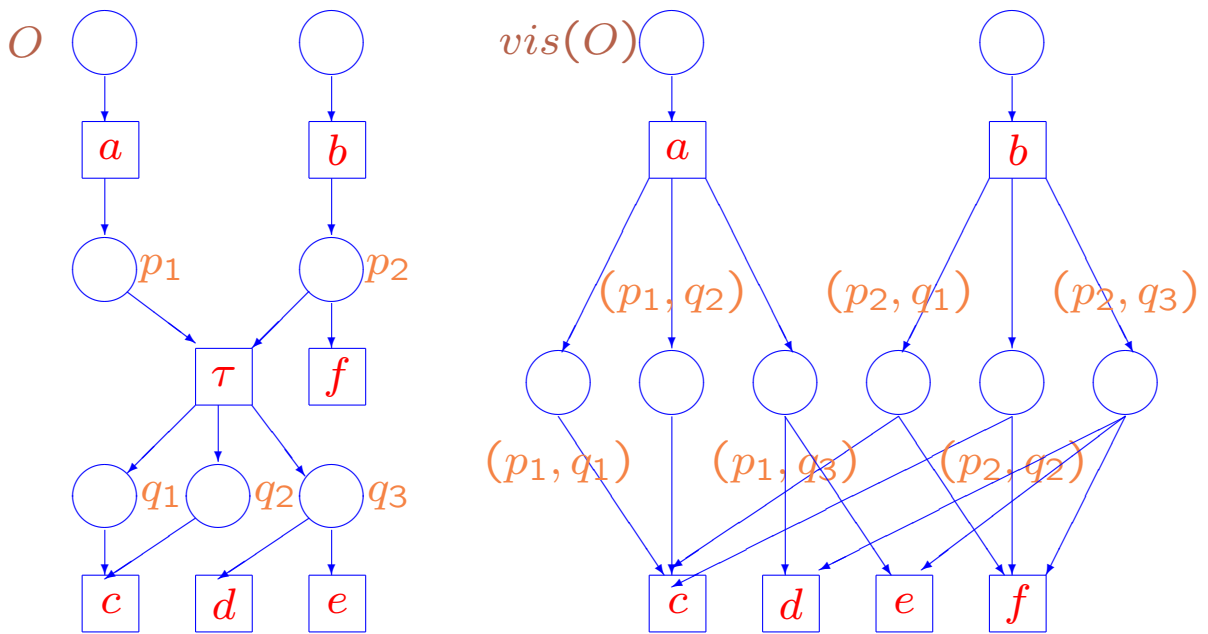
Pomset back pomset forth τ -bisimulation equivalence ($\Leftrightarrow_{pombpomf}^{\tau} = \Leftrightarrow_{pomhbr}^{\tau}$) [Pin93].

New τ -equivalences

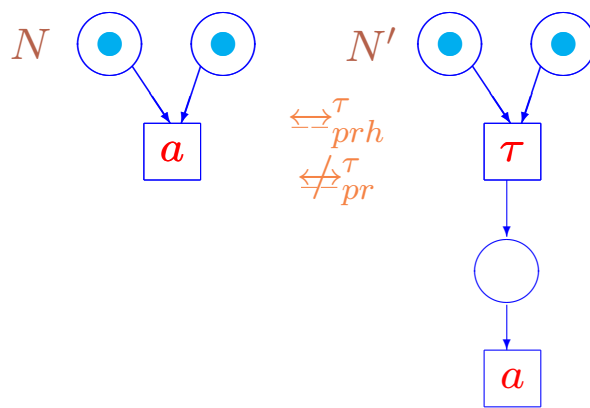
- Basic τ -equivalences:
interleaving *ST-branching* τ -bisimulation ($\Leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^\tau$),
pomset *history preserving ST-branching* τ -bisimulation
($\Leftrightarrow_{pomhSTbr}^\tau$) and
multi event structure (\equiv_{mes}^τ).
- Back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences:
interleaving *back step forth* ($\Leftrightarrow_{ibsf}^\tau$),
interleaving *back partial word forth* ($\Leftrightarrow_{ibpwf}^\tau$),
interleaving *back pomset forth* ($\Leftrightarrow_{ibpomf}^\tau$),
step *back step forth* ($\Leftrightarrow_{sbsf}^\tau$),
step *back partial word forth* ($\Leftrightarrow_{sbpwf}^\tau$) and
step *back pomset forth* ($\Leftrightarrow_{sbpomf}^\tau$).



An application of the mapping vis to a causal net



An application of the mapping vis to an occurrence net



A crash of interrelations of the process τ -bisimulation equivalences comparing with that of the process bisimulation equivalences

τ -trace equivalences

The empty string is denoted by ε .

Let $\sigma = a_1 \cdots a_n \in Act_\tau^*$ and $a \in Act_\tau$. We define $vis(\sigma)$ as:

1. $vis(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$;
2. $vis(\sigma a) = \begin{cases} vis(\sigma)a, & a \neq \tau; \\ vis(\sigma), & a = \tau. \end{cases}$

Definition 52 A visible interleaving trace of a net N is a sequence $vis(a_1 \cdots a_n) \in Act^*$ s.t.

$$\pi_N \xrightarrow{a_1} \pi_1 \xrightarrow{a_2} \dots \xrightarrow{a_n} \pi_n, \quad \pi_i \in \Pi(N) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

The set of all visible interleaving traces of N is $VisIntTraces(N)$.

N and N' are interleaving τ -trace equivalent, $N \equiv_i^\tau N'$, if $VisIntTraces(N) = VisIntTraces(N')$.

Let $\Sigma = A_1 \cdots A_n \in (\mathcal{M}(Act_\tau))^*$ and $A \in \mathcal{M}(Act_\tau)$. We define $vis(\Sigma)$ as:

1. $vis(\varepsilon) = \varepsilon$;
2. $vis(\Sigma A) = \begin{cases} vis(\Sigma)(A \cap Act), & A \cap Act \neq \emptyset; \\ vis(\Sigma), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

Definition 53 A visible step trace of a net N is a sequence $vis(A_1 \cdots A_n) \in (\mathcal{M}(Act))^*$ s.t.

$$\pi_N \xrightarrow{A_1} \pi_1 \xrightarrow{A_2} \dots \xrightarrow{A_n} \pi_n, \quad \pi_i \in \Pi(N) \quad (1 \leq i \leq n).$$

The set of all visible step traces of N is $VisStepTraces(N)$.

N and N' are step τ -trace equivalent, $N \equiv_s^\tau N'$, if $VisStepTraces(N) = VisStepTraces(N')$.

Let $\rho = \langle X, \prec, l \rangle$ is lposet s.t. $l : X \rightarrow Act_\tau$. We denote:

- $vis(X) = \{x \in X \mid l(x) \in Act\}$;
- $vis(\rho) = \rho|_{vis(X)}$.

Definition 54 A **visible pomset trace** of a net N is a pomset $vis(\rho)$, an isomorphism class of lposet $vis(\rho_C)$ for $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$.

The set of all visible pomset traces of N is $VisPomsets(N)$.

N and N' are **partial word τ -trace equivalent**, $N \equiv_{pw}^\tau N'$, if $VisPomsets(N) \sqsubseteq VisPomsets(N')$ and $VisPomsets(N') \sqsubseteq VisPomsets(N)$.

Definition 55 N and N' are **pomset τ -trace equivalent**, $N \equiv_{pom}^\tau N'$, if $VisPomsets(N) = VisPomsets(N')$.

Usual τ -bisimulation equivalences

Let $C = \langle P_C, T_C, F_C, l_C \rangle$ be causal net. We denote:

- $vis(T_C) = \{v \in T_C \mid l_C(v) \in Act\}$;
- $vis(\prec_C) = \prec_C \cap (vis(T_C) \times vis(T_C))$.

Definition 56 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \Pi(N) \times \Pi(N')$ is a \star - τ -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star}^{\tau} N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom\}$, if:

1. $(\pi_N, \pi_{N'}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $(\pi, \pi') \in \mathcal{R}$, $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$,
 - (a) $|vis(T_{\hat{C}})| = 1$, if $\star = i$;
 - (b) $vis(\prec_{\hat{C}}) = \emptyset$, if $\star = s$;

$\Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\pi}' : \pi' \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}'} \tilde{\pi}'$, $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}') \in \mathcal{R}$ and

 - (a) $vis(\rho_{\hat{C}}) \sqsubseteq vis(\rho_{\hat{C}'})$, if $\star = pw$;
 - (b) $vis(\rho_{\hat{C}}) \simeq vis(\rho_{\hat{C}'})$, if $\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$.
3. As item 2, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are \star - τ -bisimulation equivalent, $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset}\}$, $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star}^{\tau} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{\star}^{\tau} N'$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom\}$.

ST- τ -bisimulation equivalences

Definition 57 An **ST- τ -process** of a net N is a pair (π_E, π_P) :

1. $\pi_E, \pi_P \in \Pi(N)$, $\pi_P \xrightarrow{\pi_W} \pi_E$;
2. $\forall v, w \in T_{C_E} (v \prec_{C_E} w) \vee (l_{C_E}(v) = \tau) \Rightarrow v \in T_{C_P}$.
 - π_E is a **current** process;
 - π_P is the **completed** part;
 - π_W is the **still working** part.

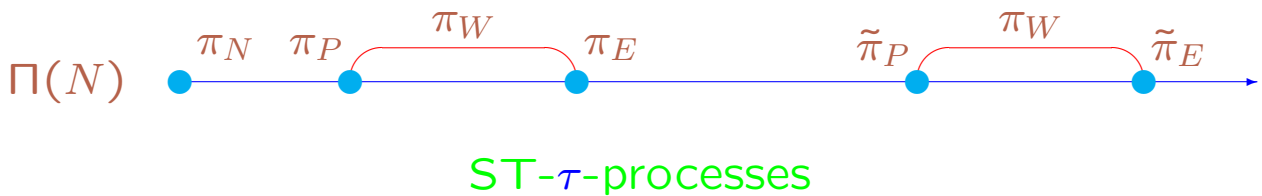
Obviously, $\prec_{C_W} = \emptyset$.

$ST^\tau - \Pi(N)$ is the set of **all ST- τ -processes** of a net N .

(π_N, π_N) is the **initial ST- τ -process** of a net N .

Let $(\pi_E, \pi_P), (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \in ST^\tau - \Pi(N)$.

We write $(\pi_E, \pi_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P)$, if $\pi_E \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_E$ and $\pi_P \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_P$.



Definition 58 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq ST^\tau - \Pi(N) \times ST^\tau - \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : vis(T_C) \rightarrow vis(T_{C'})\}$, $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$, $\pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')$ is a \star -ST- τ -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, partial word, pomset}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow[\star]{\tau} N'$, $\star \in \{i, pw, pom\}$, if:

1. $((\pi_N, \pi_N), (\pi_{N'}, \pi_{N'}), \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \beta : vis(\rho_{C_E}) \simeq vis(\rho_{C'_E})$
and $\beta(vis(T_{C_P})) = vis(T_{C'_P})$.
3. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}$, $(\pi_E, \pi_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\beta}, (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P) : (\pi'_E, \pi'_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P)$, $\tilde{\beta}|_{vis(T_{C_E})} = \beta$,
 $((\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P), (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$, and if $\pi_P \xrightarrow{\pi} \tilde{\pi}_E$,
 $\pi'_P \xrightarrow{\pi'} \tilde{\pi}'_E$, $\gamma = \tilde{\beta}|_{vis(T_C)}$, then:
 - (a) $\gamma^{-1} : vis(\rho_{C'}) \sqsubseteq vis(\rho_C)$, if $\star = pw$;
 - (b) $\gamma : vis(\rho_C) \simeq vis(\rho_{C'})$, if $\star = pom$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are \star -ST- τ -bisimulation equivalent,
 $\star \in \{\text{interleaving, partial word, pomset}\}$, $N \xleftrightarrow[\star]{\tau} N'$, if
 $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow[\star]{\tau} N'$, $\star \in \{i, pw, pom\}$.

History preserving τ -bisimulation equivalences

Definition 59 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \Pi(N) \times \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : \text{vis}(T_C) \rightarrow \text{vis}(T_{C'})\}$, $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$, $\pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')$, is a pomset history preserving τ -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{\text{pomh}} N'$, if:

1. $(\pi_N, \pi_{N'}, \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $(\pi, \pi', \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \beta : \text{vis}(\rho_C) \simeq \text{vis}(\rho_{C'})$.
3. $(\pi, \pi', \beta) \in \mathcal{R}$, $\pi \rightarrow \tilde{\pi} \Rightarrow \exists \tilde{\beta}, \tilde{\pi}' : \pi' \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}'$,
 $\tilde{\beta}|_{\text{vis}(T_C)} = \beta$, $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

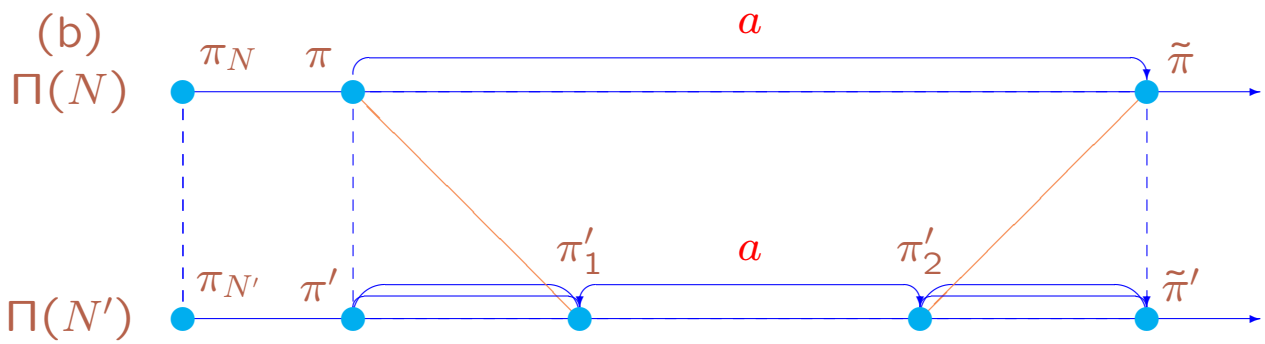
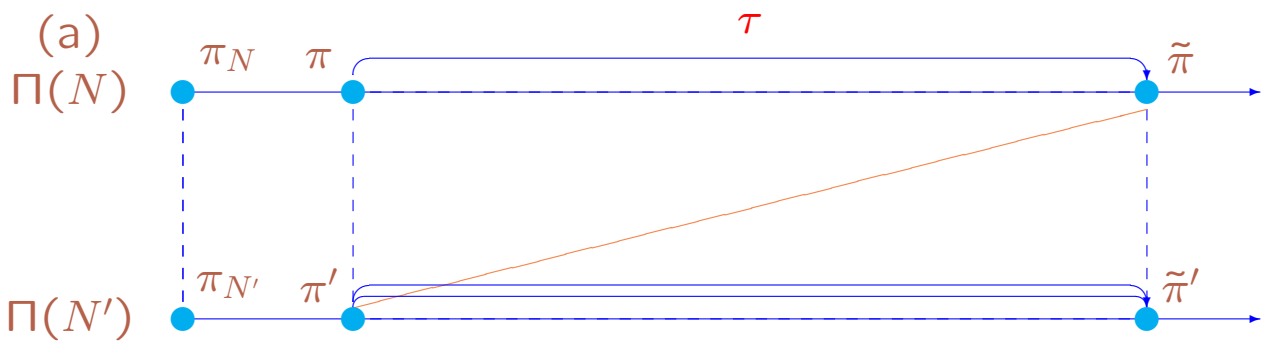
N and N' are pomset history preserving τ -bisimulation equivalent, $N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{\text{pomh}} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{\text{pomh}} N'$.

History preserving ST- τ -bisimulation equivalences

Definition 60 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq ST^\tau - \Pi(N) \times ST^\tau - \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : vis(T_C) \rightarrow vis(T_{C'})\}$, $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$, $\pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')$, is a pomset history preserving ST- τ -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{pomhST} N'$, if:

1. $((\pi_N, \pi_N), (\pi_{N'}, \pi_{N'}), \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \beta : vis(\rho_{C_E}) \simeq vis(\rho_{C'_E})$
and $\beta(vis(T_{C_P})) = vis(T_{C'_P})$.
3. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}, (\pi_E, \pi_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \Rightarrow$
 $\exists \tilde{\beta}, (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P) : (\pi'_E, \pi'_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}|_{vis(T_{C_E})} = \beta,$
 $((\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P), (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are pomset history preserving ST- τ -bisimulation equivalent, $N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{pomhST} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{pomhST} N'$.



A distinguish ability of the usual and the branching τ -bisimulation equivalences

Usual branching τ -bisimulation equivalences

For a net N and $\pi, \tilde{\pi} \in \Pi(N)$ we write $\pi \Rightarrow \tilde{\pi}$ when $\exists \hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$ s.t. $\pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}$ and $vis(T_{\hat{C}}) = \emptyset$.

Definition 61 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \Pi(N) \times \Pi(N')$ is an **interleaving branching τ -bisimulation** between nets N and N' , $\mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$, if:

1. $(\pi_N, \pi_{N'}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $(\pi, \pi') \in \mathcal{R}$, $\pi \xrightarrow{a} \tilde{\pi} \Rightarrow$
 - (a) $a = \tau$ and $(\tilde{\pi}, \pi') \in \mathcal{R}$ or
 - (b) $a \neq \tau$ and $\exists \bar{\pi}', \tilde{\pi}' : \pi' \Rightarrow \bar{\pi}' \xrightarrow{a} \tilde{\pi}'$, $(\pi, \bar{\pi}') \in \mathcal{R}$, $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}') \in \mathcal{R}$.
3. As item 2, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are **interleaving branching τ -bisimulation equivalent**, $N \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$.

History preserving branching τ -bisimulation equivalences

Definition 62 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \Pi(N) \times \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : T_C \rightarrow T_{C'}, \pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N), \pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')\}$, is a pomset history preserving branching τ -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{\text{pomhbr}} N'$, if:

1. $(\pi_N, \pi_{N'}, \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $(\pi, \pi', \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \beta : \text{vis}(\rho_C) \simeq \text{vis}(\rho_{C'})$.
3. $(\pi, \pi', \beta) \in \mathcal{R}, \pi \rightarrow \tilde{\pi} \Rightarrow$
 - (a) $(\tilde{\pi}, \pi', \beta) \in \mathcal{R}$ or
 - (b) $\exists \tilde{\beta}, \bar{\pi}', \tilde{\pi}' : \pi' \Rightarrow \bar{\pi}' \rightarrow \tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\beta}|_{\text{vis}(T_C)} = \beta, (\pi, \bar{\pi}', \beta) \in \mathcal{R}, (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are pomset history preserving branching τ -bisimulation equivalent, $N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{\text{pomhbr}} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{\text{pomhbr}} N'$.

ST-branching τ -bisimulation equivalences

Let $(\pi_E, \pi_P), (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \in ST^\tau - \Pi(N)$. We write $(\pi_E, \pi_P) \Rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P)$, if $\pi_E \Rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_E$ and $\pi_P \Rightarrow \tilde{\pi}_P$.

Definition 63 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq ST^\tau - \Pi(N) \times ST^\tau - \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : vis(T_C) \rightarrow vis(T_{C'})\}$, $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$, $\pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')$ is an **interleaving ST-branching τ -bisimulation** between nets N and N' , $\mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{iSTbr} N'$, if:

1. $((\pi_N, \pi_N), (\pi_{N'}, \pi_{N'}), \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \beta : vis(\rho_{C_E}) \asymp vis(\rho_{C'_E})$
and $\beta(vis(T_{C_P})) = vis(T_{C'_P})$.
3. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}, (\pi_E, \pi_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \Rightarrow$
(a) $((\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}$ or
(b) $\exists \tilde{\beta}, (\bar{\pi}'_E, \bar{\pi}'_P), (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P) : (\pi'_E, \pi'_P) \Rightarrow (\bar{\pi}'_E, \bar{\pi}'_P) \rightarrow$
 $(\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}|_{vis(T_{C_E})} = \beta, ((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\bar{\pi}'_E, \bar{\pi}'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R},$
 $((\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P), (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are **interleaving ST-branching τ -bisimulation equivalent**, $N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{iSTbr} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{iSTbr} N'$.

History preserving ST-branching τ -bisimulation equivalences

Definition 64 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq ST^\tau - \Pi(N) \times ST^\tau - \Pi(N') \times \mathcal{B}$, where $\mathcal{B} = \{\beta \mid \beta : vis(T_C) \rightarrow vis(T_{C'})\}$, $\pi = (C, \varphi) \in \Pi(N)$, $\pi' = (C', \varphi') \in \Pi(N')$ is a pomset history preserving ST-branching τ -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow{\tau}_{pomhSTbr} N'$, if:

1. $((\pi_N, \pi_N), (\pi_{N'}, \pi_{N'}), \emptyset) \in \mathcal{R}$.
2. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R} \Rightarrow \beta : vis(\rho_{C_E}) \simeq vis(\rho_{C'_E})$
and $\beta(vis(T_{C_P})) = vis(T_{C'_P})$.
3. $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}$, $(\pi_E, \pi_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P) \Rightarrow$
 - (a) $((\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P), (\pi'_E, \pi'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}$ or
 - (b) $\exists \tilde{\beta}, (\bar{\pi}'_E, \bar{\pi}'_P), (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P) : (\pi'_E, \pi'_P) \Rightarrow (\bar{\pi}'_E, \bar{\pi}'_P) \rightarrow (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P)$, $\tilde{\beta}|_{vis(T_{C_E})} = \beta$, $((\pi_E, \pi_P), (\bar{\pi}'_E, \bar{\pi}'_P), \beta) \in \mathcal{R}$, $((\tilde{\pi}_E, \tilde{\pi}_P), (\tilde{\pi}'_E, \tilde{\pi}'_P), \tilde{\beta}) \in \mathcal{R}$.
4. As item 3, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are pomset history preserving ST-branching τ -bisimulation equivalent, $N \xleftrightarrow{\tau}_{pomhSTbr} N'$, if

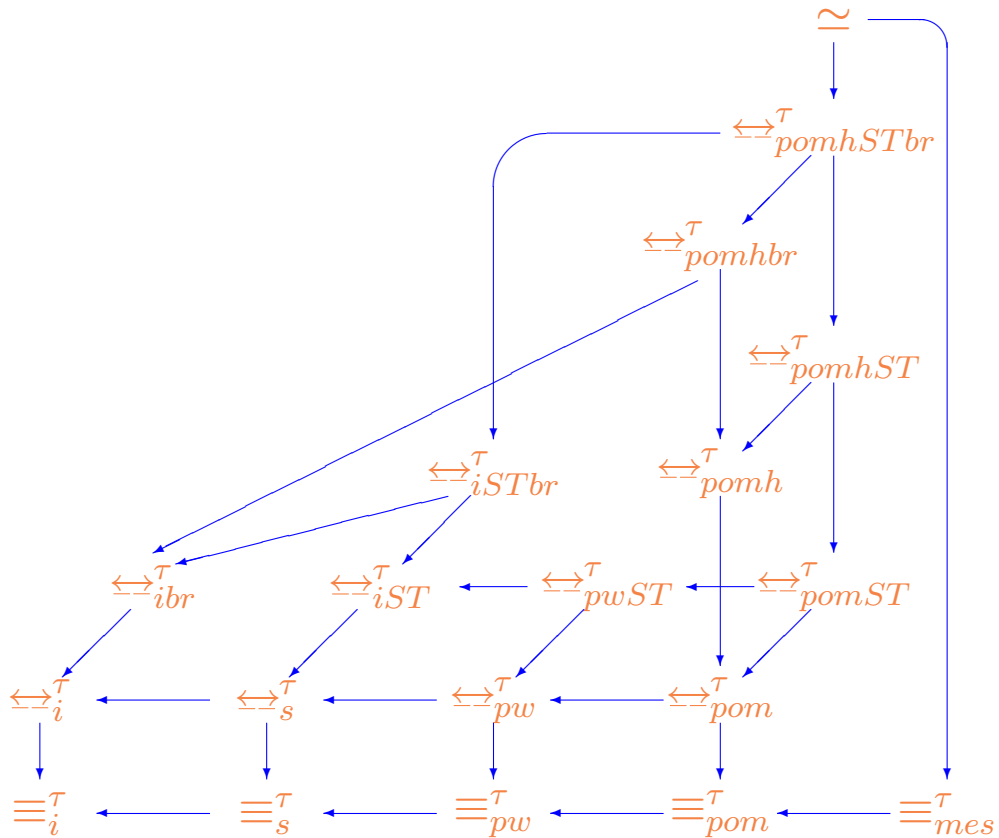
$\exists \mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow{\tau}_{pomhSTbr} N'$.

Conflict preserving τ -equivalences

Let $\xi = \langle X, \prec, \#, l \rangle$ be a LES s.t. $l : X \rightarrow Act_\tau$. We denote $vis(X) = \{x \in X \mid l(x) \in Act\}$ and $vis(\xi) = \xi|_{vis(X)}$.

Definition 65 N and N' are MES- τ -conflict preserving equivalent, $N \equiv_{mes}^\tau N'$, if $vis(\mathcal{E}(N)) = vis(\mathcal{E}(N'))$.

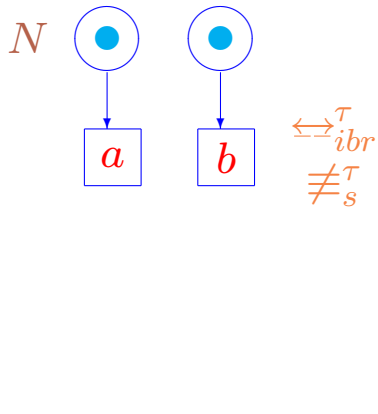
Comparing basic τ -equivalences



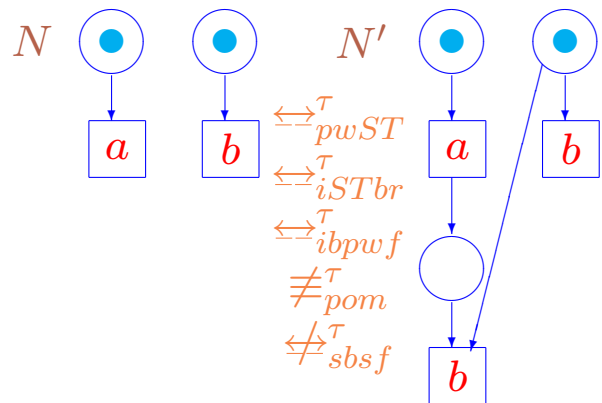
Interrelations of basic τ -equivalences

Theorem 11 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftarrow \in \{\equiv^\tau, \Leftrightarrow^\tau, \simeq\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, iST, pwST, pomST, pomh, pomhST, ibr, pomhbr, iSTbr, pomhSTbr, mes\}$. For nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_\star N' \Rightarrow N \Leftarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff in the graph above there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_\star to $\Leftarrow_{\star\star}$.

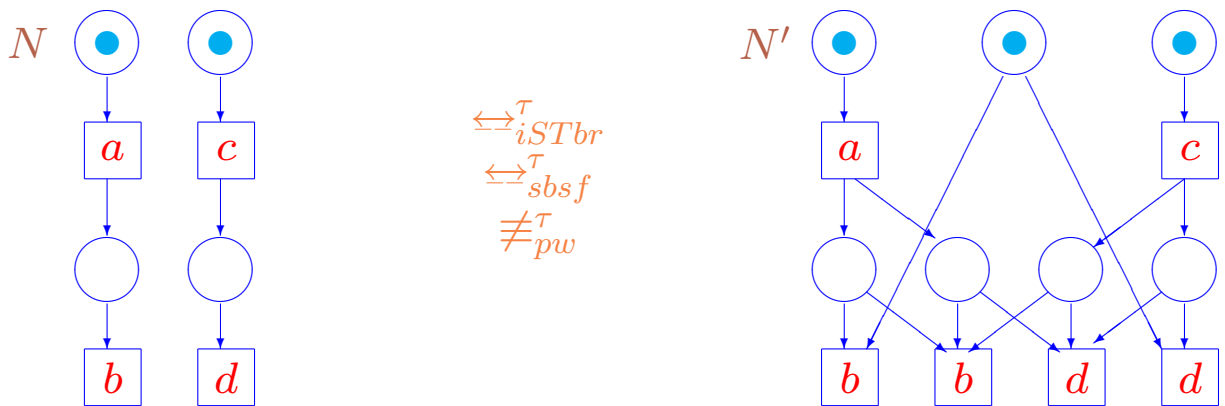
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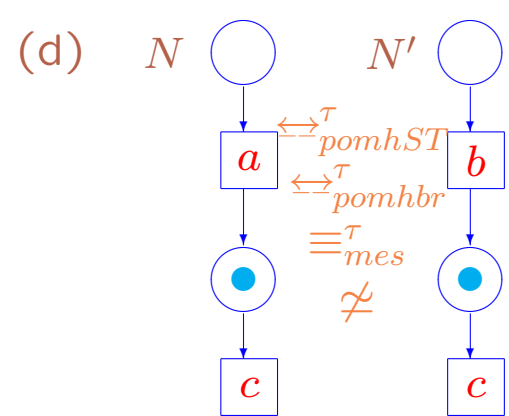
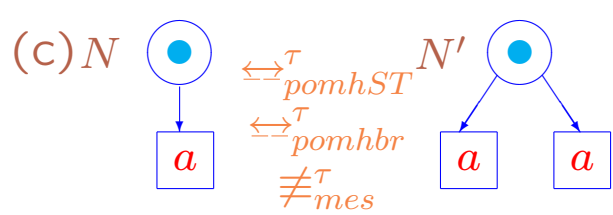
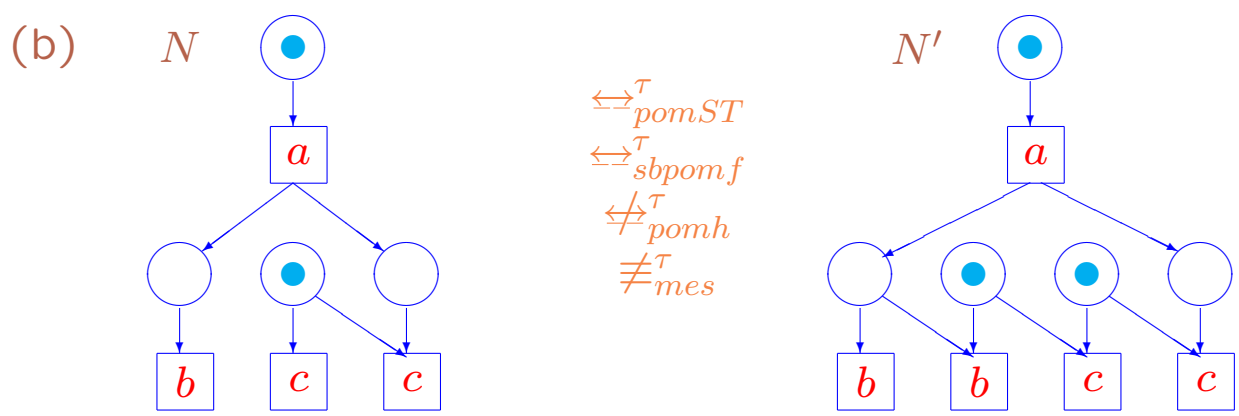
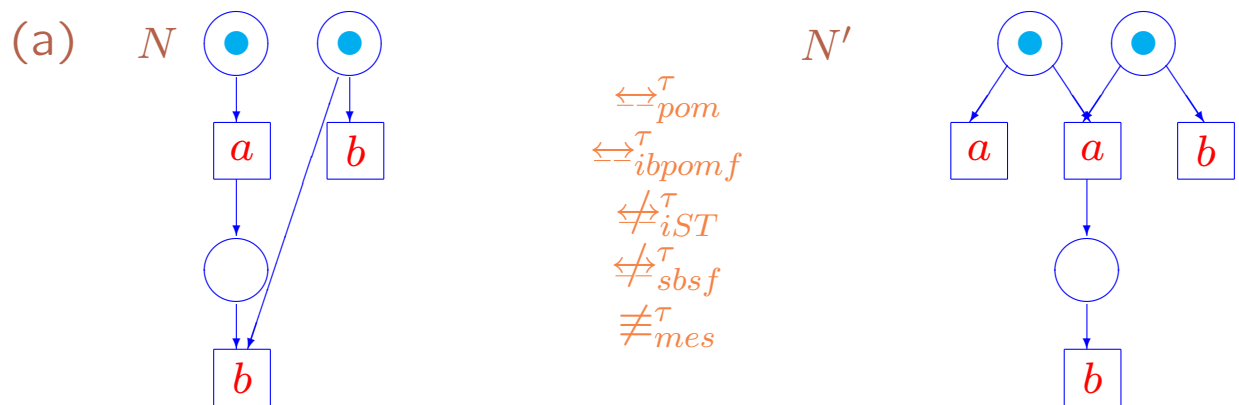
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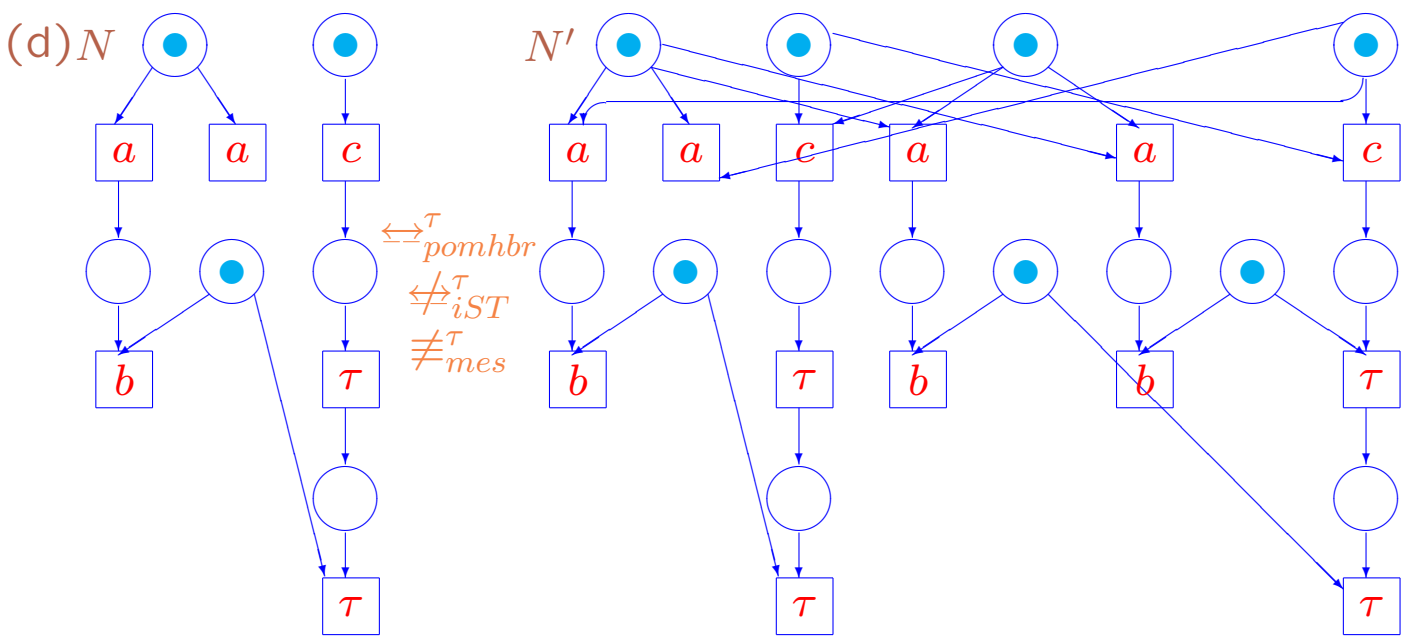
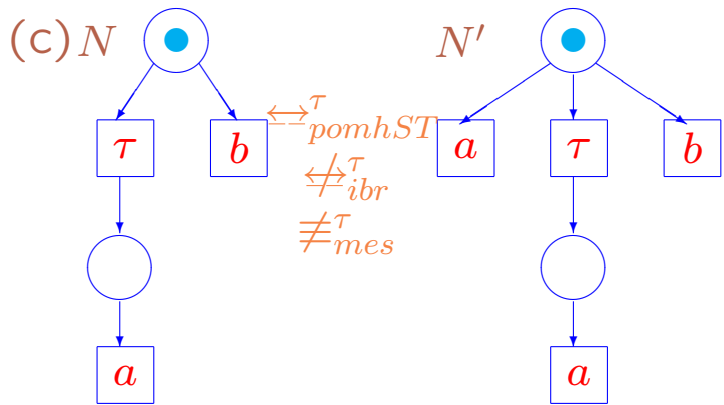
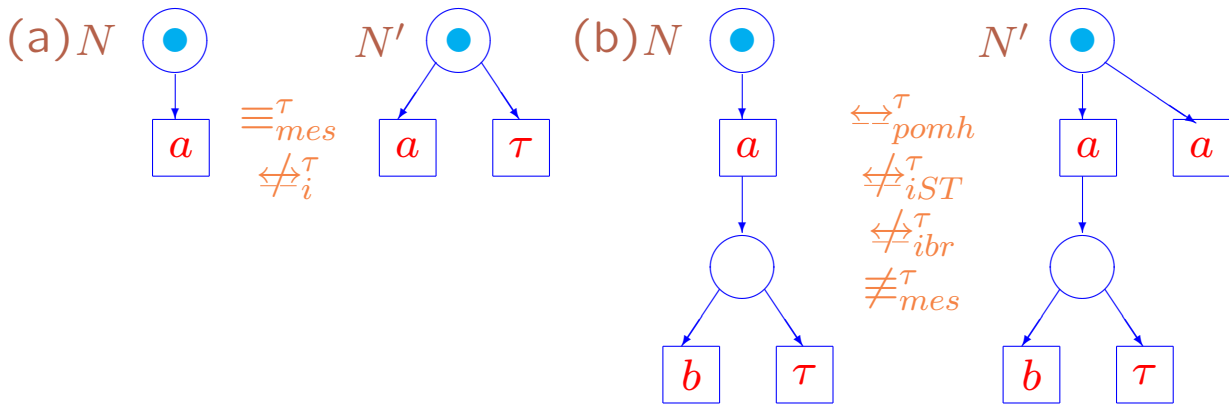
(c)



BT: Examples of basic τ -equivalences



BT1: Examples of basic τ -equivalences (continued)



BT2: Examples of basic τ -equivalences (continued 2)

- In Figure BT(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_s^{\tau} N'$, since only in the net N' actions a and b cannot happen concurrently.
- In Figure BT(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pw}^{\tau} N'$, since for the pomset corresponding to the net N there is no even less sequential pomset in N' .
- In Figure BT(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pwST}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom}^{\tau} N'$, since only in the net N' action b can depend on a .
- In Figure BT2(a), $N \equiv_{mes}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_i^{\tau} N'$, since only in the net N' action τ can happen so that in the corresponding initial state of the net N action a cannot happen.
- In Figure BT1(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pom}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_{iST}^{\tau} N'$, since only in the net N' action a can start so that no action b can begin to work until finishing a .
- In Figure BT1(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pomST}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_{pomh}^{\tau} N'$, since only in the net N' after action a action b can happen so that action c must depend on a .
- In Figure BT2(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pomh}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_{iST}^{\tau} N'$, since only in the net N' action a can start so that the action b can never occur.
- In Figure BT2(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pomhST}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\Leftarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$, since in the net N' an action a can happen so that it will be simulated by sequence of actions τa in N . Then the state of the net N reached after τ must be related with the initial state of a net N , but in such a case the occurrence of action b from the initial state of N' cannot be imitated from the corresponding state of N .

- In Figure BT2(d), $N \xleftrightarrow[\text{pomhbr}]{}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\xleftrightarrow[\text{iST}]{}^{\tau} N'$, since in the net N' an action c may start so that during work of the corresponding action c in the net N an action a may happen in such a way that the action b never occur.
- In Figure BT1(c), $N \xleftrightarrow[\text{pomhSTbr}]{}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\xleftrightarrow[\text{mes}]{}^{\tau} N'$, since only the MES corresponding to the net N' has two conflict actions a .
- In Figure BT1(d), $N \equiv_{\text{mes}}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\cong N'$, since unfireable transitions of the nets N and N' are labeled by different actions (a and b).

Back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences

Definition 66 $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \text{Runs}(N) \times \text{Runs}(N')$ is a \star -back $\star\star$ -forth τ -bisimulation between nets N and N' , $\star, \star\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset}\}$, $\mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow{\star b \star\star f}^{\tau} N'$, $\star, \star\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom\}$, if:

1. $((\pi_N, \varepsilon), (\pi_{N'}, \varepsilon)) \in \mathcal{R}$.

2. $((\pi, \sigma), (\pi', \sigma')) \in \mathcal{R}$

- **(back)** $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\pi, \sigma)$,

- (a) $|\text{vis}(T_{\hat{C}})| = 1$, if $\star = i$;

- (b) $\text{vis}(\prec_{\hat{C}}) = \emptyset$, if $\star = s$;

$$\Rightarrow \exists(\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}') : (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}') \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}'} (\pi', \sigma'),$$

$$((\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}), (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}')) \in \mathcal{R} \text{ and}$$

- (a) $\text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}}) \sqsubseteq \text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}'})$, if $\star = pw$;

- (b) $\text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}}) \simeq \text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}'})$, if $\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$;

- **(forth)** $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$,

- (a) $|\text{vis}(T_{\hat{C}})| = 1$, if $\star\star = i$;

- (b) $\text{vis}(\prec_{\hat{C}}) = \emptyset$, if $\star\star = s$;

$$\Rightarrow \exists(\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}') : (\pi', \sigma') \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}'} (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}'),$$

$$((\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}), (\tilde{\pi}', \tilde{\sigma}')) \in \mathcal{R} \text{ and}$$

- (a) $\text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}}) \sqsubseteq \text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}'})$, if $\star\star = pw$;

- (b) $\text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}}) \simeq \text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}'})$, if $\star\star \in \{i, s, pom\}$.

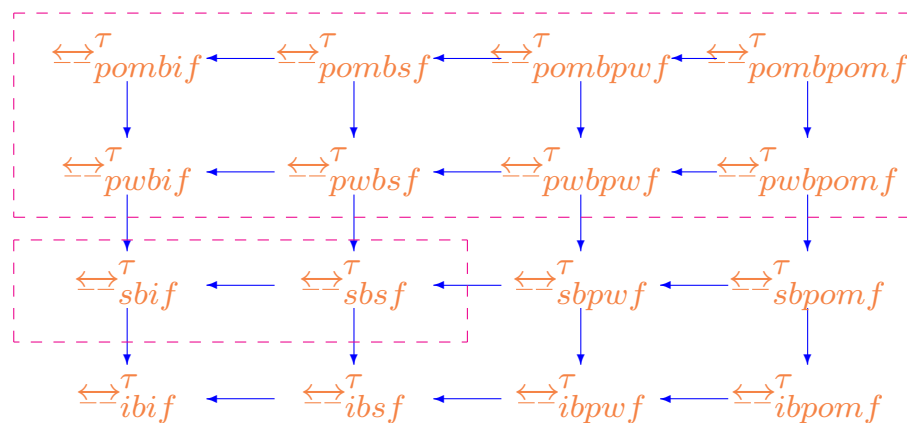
3. As item 2, but the roles of N and N' are reversed.

N and N' are \star -back $\star\star$ -forth τ -bisimulation equivalent, $\star, \star\star \in \{\text{interleaving, step, partial word, pomset}\}$, $N \xleftrightarrow{\star b \star\star f}^{\tau} N'$, if $\exists \mathcal{R} : N \xleftrightarrow{\star b \star\star f}^{\tau} N'$, $\star, \star\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom\}$.

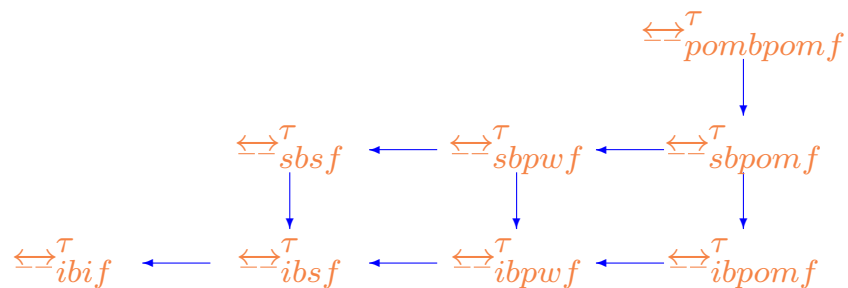
Comparing back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences

Proposition 11 [Pin93, Tar97] Let $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom\}$. For nets N and N' :

1. $N \Leftrightarrow_{pw\star f}^{\tau} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pom\star f}^{\tau} N'$;
2. $N \Leftrightarrow_{\star bif}^{\tau} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star b\star f}^{\tau} N'$.



Merging of back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences

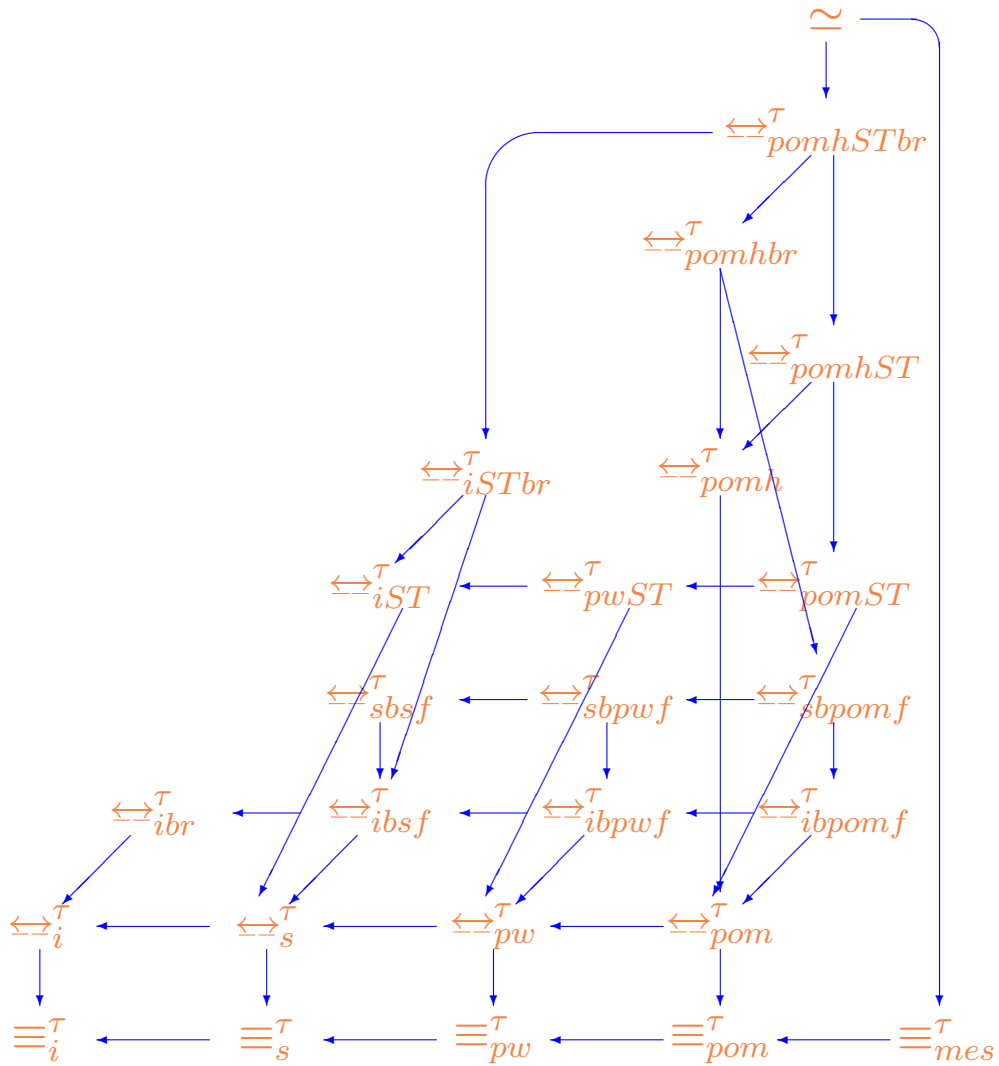


Interrelations of back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences

Comparing back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences with basic ones

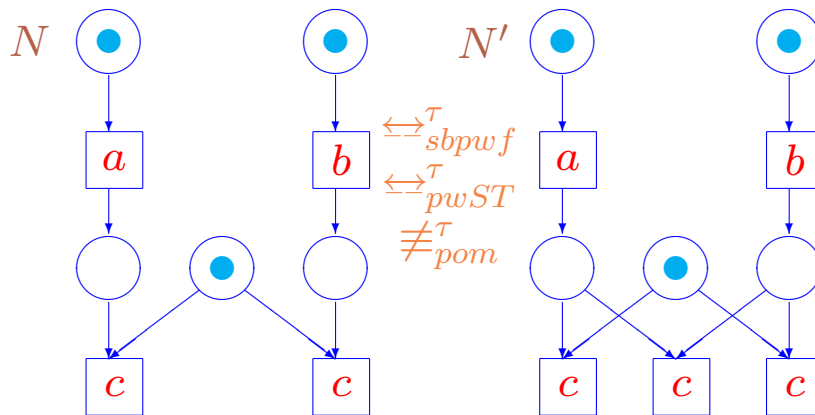
Proposition 12 For nets N and N' :

1. $N \Leftrightarrow_{ibif}^{\tau} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$ [Gla93];
2. $N \Leftrightarrow_{pombpomf}^{\tau} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pomhbr}^{\tau} N'$ [Pin93];
3. $N \Leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^{\tau} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{ibsf}^{\tau} N'$ [Tar97].



Interrelations of back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences with basic ones

Theorem 12 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv^{\tau}, \Leftrightarrow^{\tau}, \simeq\}$ and $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, iST, pwST, pomST, pomh, pomhST, ibr, iSTbr, pomhSTbr, pomhbr, mes, ibsf, ibpwf, ibpomf, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf\}$. For nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff in the graph above there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$.



BFT: Example of back-forth τ -bisimulation equivalences

- In Figure BT(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{sbsf}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pw}^{\tau} N'$.
- In Figure BFT, $N \Leftrightarrow_{sbpwf}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom}^{\tau} N'$.
- In Figure BT1(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{ibpomf}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{sbsf}^{\tau} N'$.
- In Figure BT(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{sbsf}^{\tau} N'$.

Logic *BFL* [NMV90]

Definition 67 \top denotes the truth, $a \in \text{Act}$.

A formula of *BFL*:

$$\Phi ::= \top \mid \neg\Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Psi \mid \langle \leftarrow a \rangle \Phi \mid \langle a \rangle \Phi$$

BFL is the *set of all formulas* of *BFL*.

Definition 68 Let N be a net and $(\pi, \sigma) \in \text{Runs}(N)$. The satisfaction relation $\models_N \in \text{Runs}(N) \times \mathbf{BFL}$:

1. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \top$ — always;
2. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \neg\Phi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \not\models_N \Phi$;
3. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi \wedge \Psi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi$ and $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Psi$;
4. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle \leftarrow a \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in \text{Runs}(N)$
 $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\pi, \sigma)$, where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $\text{vis}(l_{\hat{C}}(T_{\hat{C}})) = a$
and $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$;
5. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle a \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in \text{Runs}(N)$ $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$,
where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $\text{vis}(l_{\hat{C}}(T_{\hat{C}})) = a$ and $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$.

$$[a]\Phi = \neg\langle a \rangle\neg\Phi, \quad [\leftarrow a]\Phi = \neg\langle \leftarrow a \rangle\neg\Phi.$$

$$N \models_N \Phi, \text{ if } (\pi_N, \varepsilon) \models_N \Phi.$$

Definition 69 N and N' are *logical equivalent* in *BFL*, $N =_{\mathbf{BFL}} N'$, if $\forall\Phi \in \mathbf{BFL}$ $N \models_N \Phi \Leftrightarrow N' \models_{N'} \Phi$.

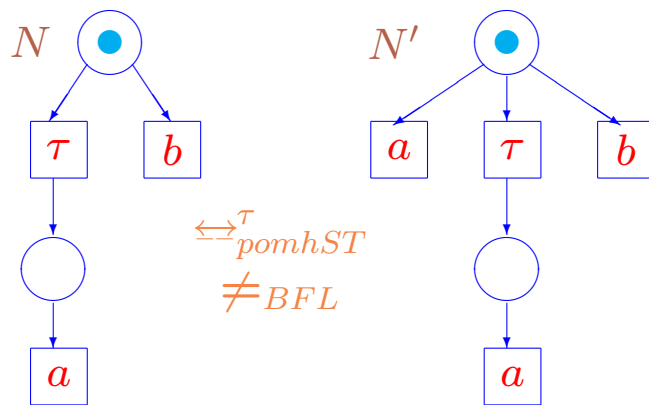
Let N be a net and $\pi \in \Pi(N)$, $a \in Act$.

The set of *visible extensions* of a process π by action a (*image set*) is $VisImage(\pi, a) = \{\tilde{\pi} \mid \pi \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} \tilde{\pi}, \hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi}), vis(l_{\hat{C}}(T_{\hat{C}})) = a\}$.

A net N is a *finite-image* one, if $\forall \pi \in \Pi(N) \forall a \in Act |VisImage(\pi, a)| < \infty$.

Theorem 13 For image-finite nets N and N'
 $N \xleftrightarrow{ibr}^{\tau} N' \Leftrightarrow N \xleftrightarrow{ibif}^{\tau} N' \Leftrightarrow N =_{BFL} N'$.

Example on logical equivalence of BFL



Differentiating power of $=_{BFL}$

$N \Leftrightarrow_{pomhST}^{\tau} N'$, but $N \neq_{BFL} N'$, because for $\Phi = \langle a \rangle [\leftarrow a] \langle b \rangle \top$, $N \not\models_N \Phi$, but $N' \models_{N'} \Phi$, since in the net N' an action a can happen so that it will be simulated by sequence τa in N .

Then the state of the net N reached after τ must be related with the initial state of a net N , but in such a case the occurrence of action b from the initial state of N' cannot be imitated from the corresponding state of N .

Logic *SPBFL* [Pin93]

Definition 70 \top denotes the truth, ρ is a pomset with labeling into *Act*.

A formula of *SPBFL*:

$$\Phi ::= \top \mid \neg\Phi \mid \Phi \wedge \Psi \mid \langle \leftarrow \rho \rangle \Phi \mid \langle a \rangle \Phi$$

SPBFL is the set of all formulas of *SPBFL*.

Definition 71 Let N be a net and $(\pi, \sigma) \in \text{Runs}(N)$. The satisfaction relation $\models_N \in \text{Runs}(N) \times \text{SPBFL}$:

1. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \top$ — always;
2. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \neg\Phi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \not\models_N \Phi$;
3. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi \wedge \Psi$, if $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Phi$ and $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \Psi$;
4. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle \leftarrow \rho \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in \text{Runs}(N)$
 $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\pi, \sigma)$, where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $\text{vis}(\rho_{\hat{C}}) \in \rho$ and
 $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$;
5. $(\pi, \sigma) \models_N \langle a \rangle \Phi$, if $\exists(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \in \text{Runs}(N)$ $(\pi, \sigma) \xrightarrow{\hat{\pi}} (\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma})$,
where $\hat{\pi} = (\hat{C}, \hat{\varphi})$, $\text{vis}(l_{\hat{C}}(T_{\hat{C}})) = a$ and $(\tilde{\pi}, \tilde{\sigma}) \models_N \Phi$.

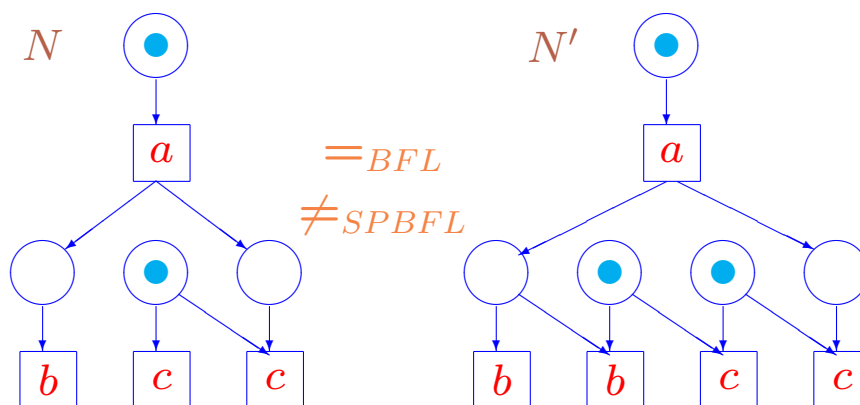
$$[a]\Phi = \neg\langle a \rangle\neg\Phi, \quad [\leftarrow \rho]\Phi = \neg\langle \leftarrow \rho \rangle\neg\Phi.$$

$$N \models_N \Phi, \text{ if } (\pi_N, \varepsilon) \models_N \Phi.$$

Definition 72 N and N' are logical equivalent in *SPBFL*, $N =_{\text{SPBFL}} N'$, if $\forall \Phi \in \text{SPBFL}$ $N \models_N \Phi \Leftrightarrow N' \models_{N'} \Phi$.

Theorem 14 For image-finite nets N and N'
 $N \xleftrightarrow{\tau}_{\text{pomhbr}} N' \Leftrightarrow N \xleftrightarrow{\tau}_{\text{pombpomf}} N' \Leftrightarrow N =_{\text{SPBFL}} N'$.

Example on logical equivalence of *SPBFL*



Differentiating power of $=_{SPBFL}$

$N =_{BFL} N'$, but $N \neq_{SPBFL} N'$, because for $\Phi = [a][b]\langle c \rangle \leftarrow (a; b) \parallel c \top$, $N \models_N \Phi$, but $N' \not\models_{N'} \Phi$ since only in N' after a action b can happen so that c must depend on a .

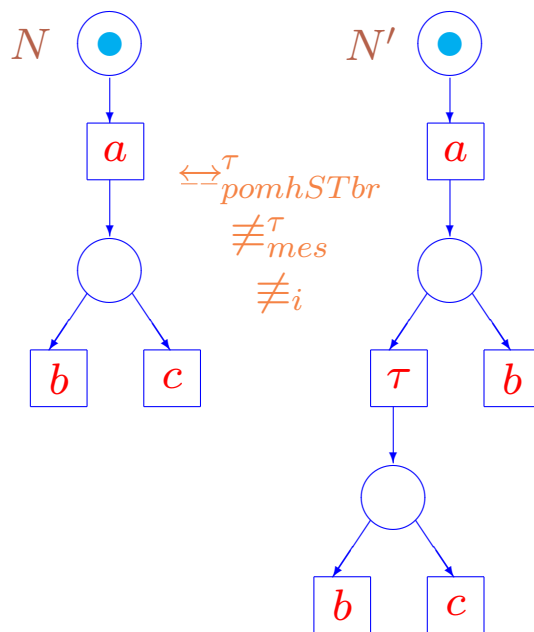
Here $(a; b) \parallel c$ denotes the pomset where b depends on a , and a, b are independent with c .

Interrelations of equivalences with τ -equivalences

Theorem 15 Let $\leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow\}$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, iST, pwST, pomST, mes, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf\}$, $\star\star \in \{s, pw, pom\}$. For nets N and N' :

1. $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{\star}^{\tau} N'$;
2. $N \leftrightarrow_i N' \Rightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$;
3. $N \leftrightarrow_{iST} N' \Rightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^{\tau} N'$;
4. $N \leftrightarrow_{pomh} N' \Rightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{pomhSTbr}^{\tau} N'$;
5. $N \leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N' \Rightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{ib\star\star f}^{\tau} N'$.

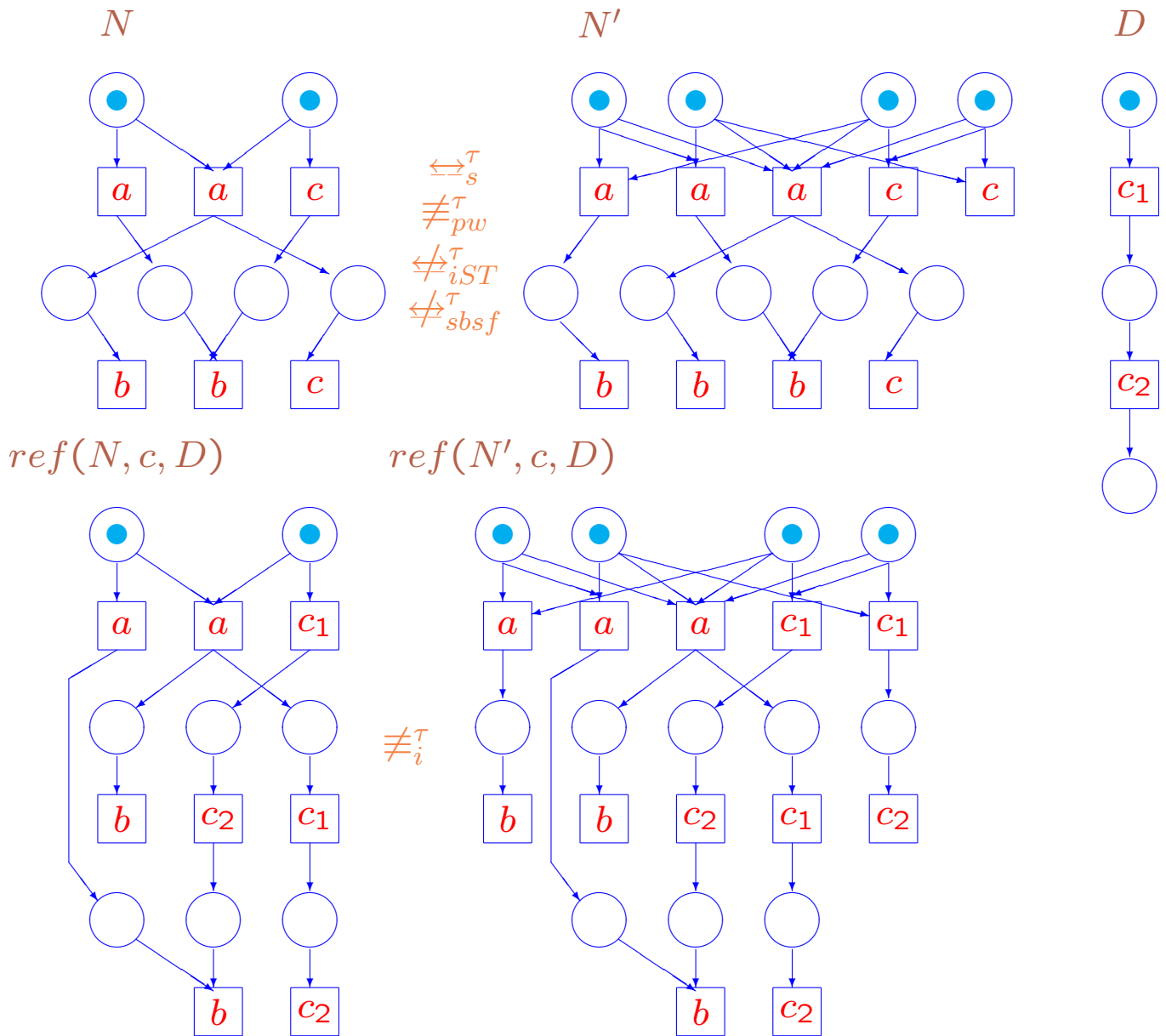
and all the implications are strict.



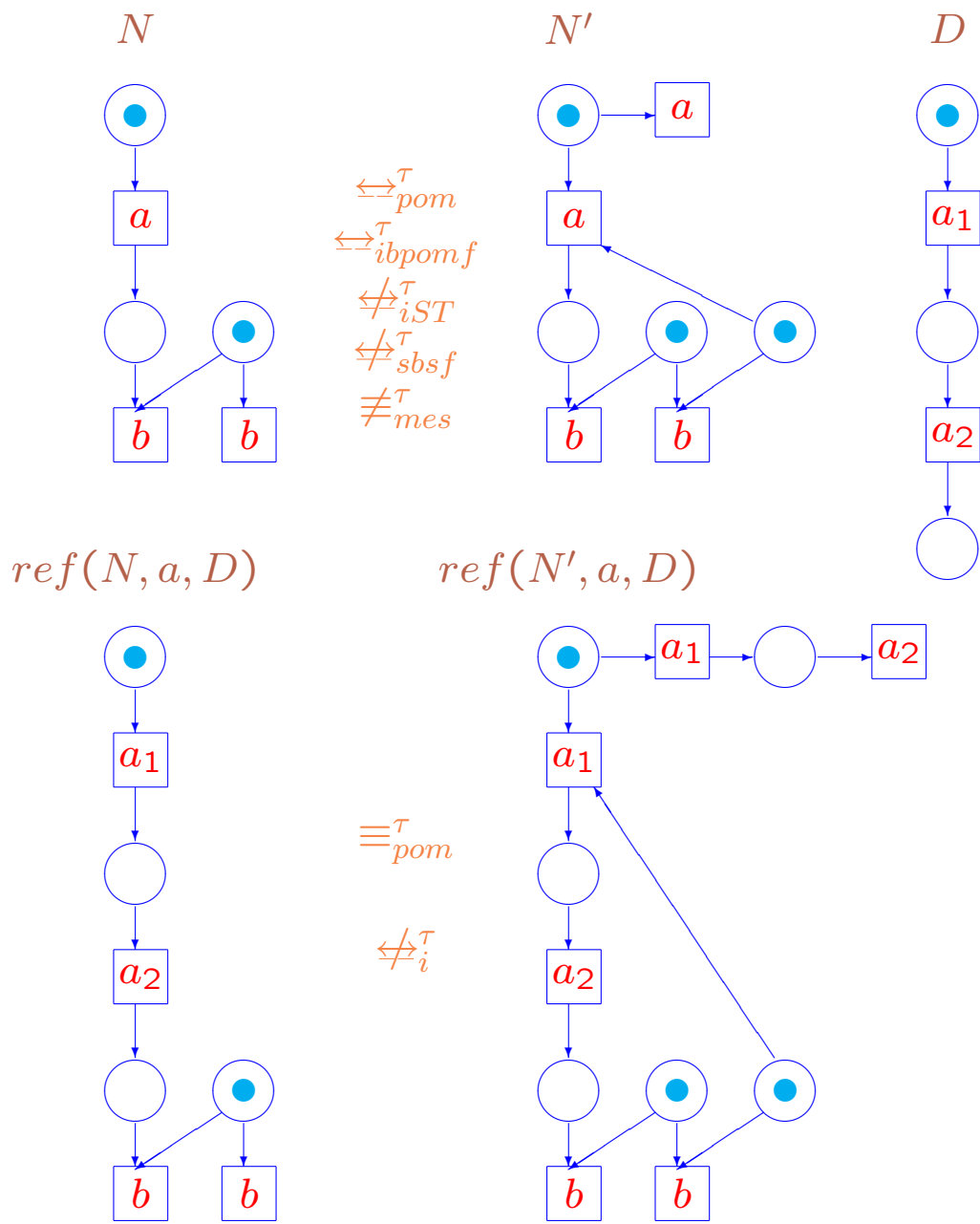
ETE: Example of interrelations of equivalences and τ -equivalences

- In Figure ETE, $N \stackrel{\tau}{\Leftrightarrow}_{pomhSTbr} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_i N'$, since only in the net N' an action a can happen in the initial state.
- In Figure BT2(a), $N \stackrel{\tau}{\equiv}_{mes} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_i N'$, since only in the net N' an action τ can happen in the initial state.

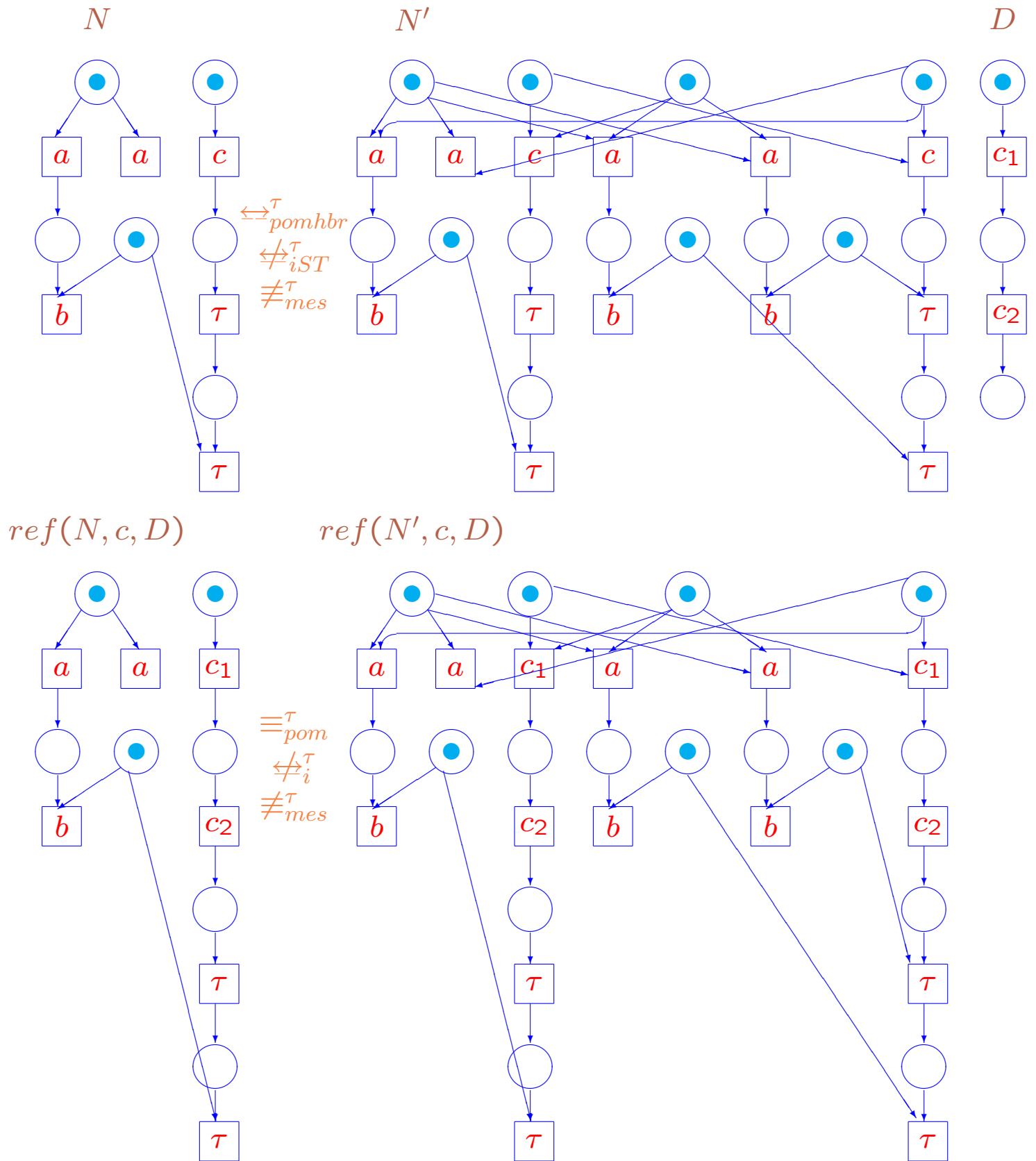
SM-refinements



RBT: The τ -equivalences between \equiv_i^τ and \Leftrightarrow_s^τ are not preserved by SM-refinements



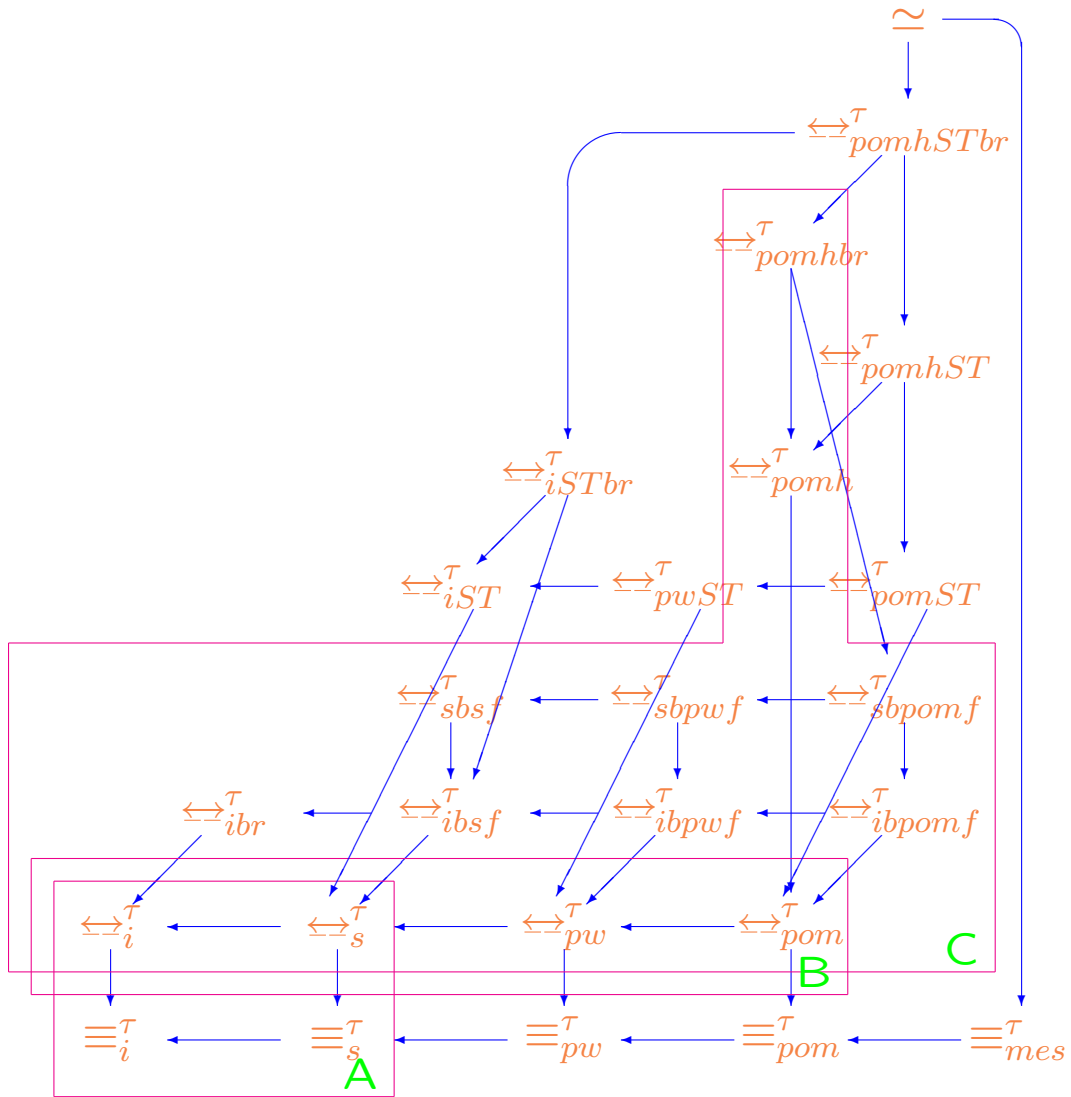
RBT1: The τ -equivalences between \Leftrightarrow_i^{τ} and $\Leftrightarrow_{pom}^{\tau}$ are not preserved by SM-refinements



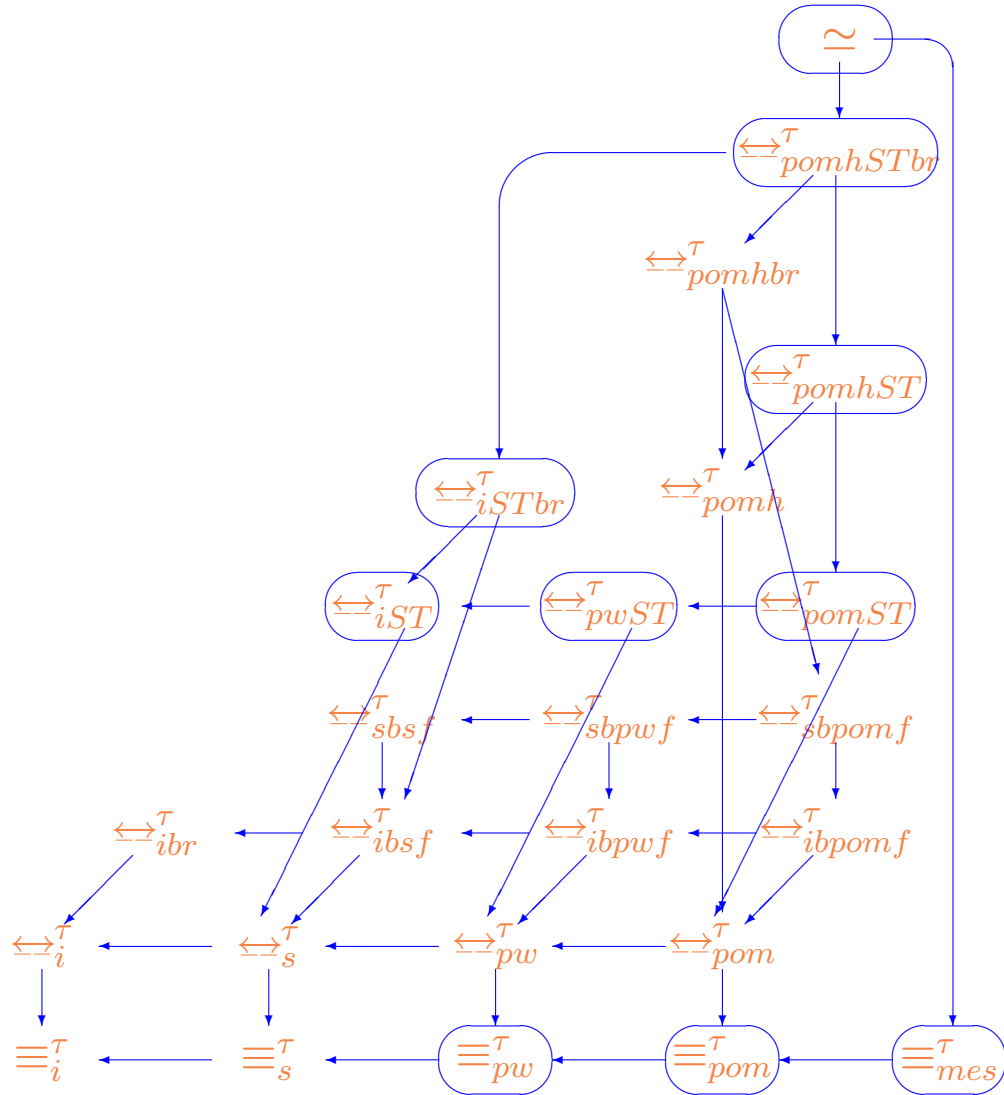
RBT2: The τ -equivalences between \Leftrightarrow_i^τ and $\Leftrightarrow_{pomhbr}^\tau$ are not preserved by SM-refinements

- In Figure **RBT**, $N \Leftrightarrow_s^\tau N'$, but $ref(N, c, D) \not\equiv_i^\tau ref(N', c, D)$, since only in $ref(N', c, D)$ the sequence of actions c_1abc_2 can happen.
- In Figure **RBT1**, $N \Leftrightarrow_{pom}^\tau N'$, but $ref(N, a, D) \not\equiv_i^\tau ref(N', a, D)$, since only in $ref(N', a, D)$ after occurrence of action a_1 action b can not happen.
- In Figure **RBT2**, $N \Leftrightarrow_{pomhbr}^\tau N'$, but $ref(N, a, D) \not\equiv_i^\tau ref(N', a, D)$, since only in $ref(N', a, D)$ an action c_1 may happen so that after the corresponding action c_1 in the net N an action a may happen in such a way that the action b never occur.

Proposition 13 [BDKP91, Dev92, Tar97] Let $\star \in \{i, s\}$, $\star\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, pomh, ibr, pomhbr, ibsf, ibpwf, ibpomf, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf\}$. Then the τ -equivalences \equiv_{\star}^{τ} , $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}^{\tau}$ are not preserved by SM-refinements.



The τ -equivalences which are not preserved by SM-refinements



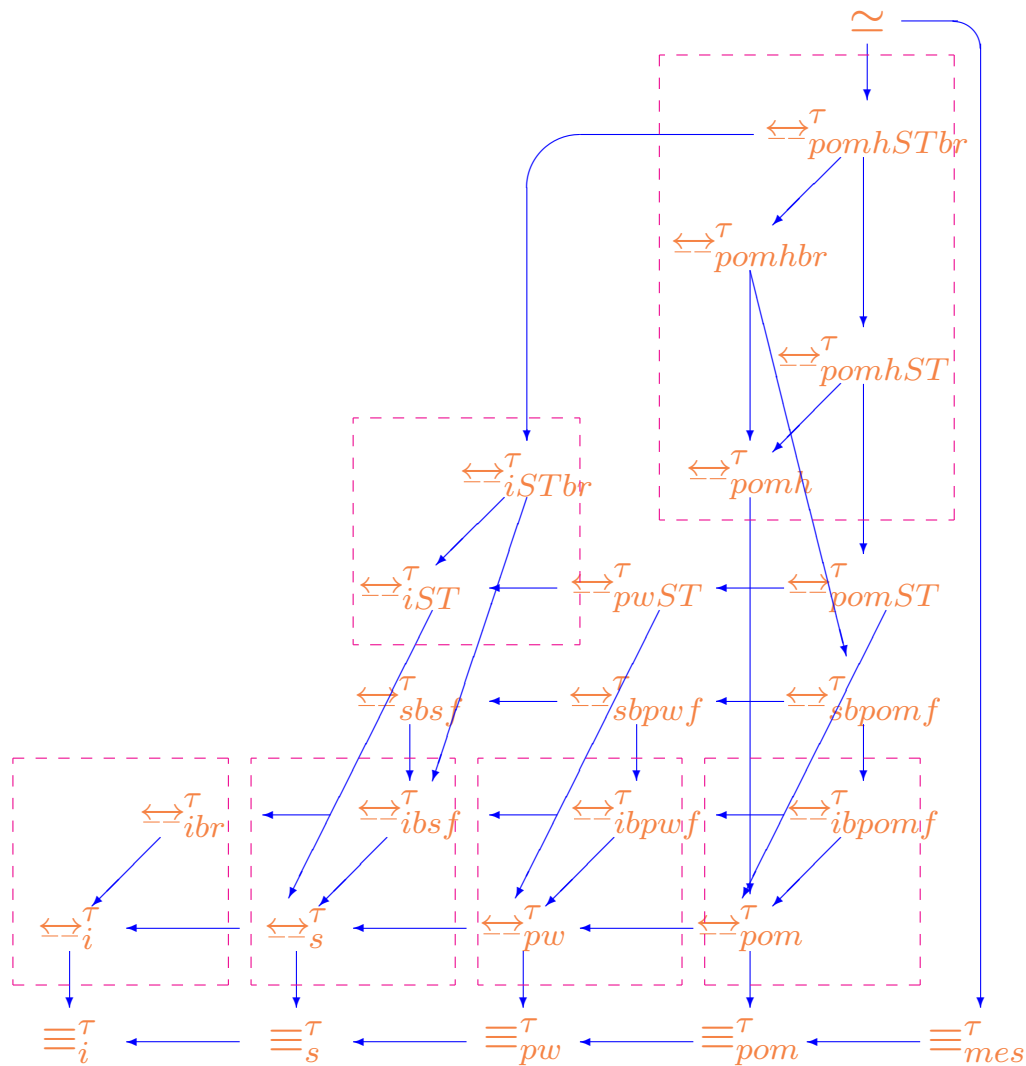
Preservation of the τ -equivalences by SM-refinements

Theorem 16 Let $\leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv^\tau, \Leftrightarrow^\tau, \simeq\}$ and $\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, iST, pwST, pomST, pomh, pomhST, ibr, pomhbr, iSTbr, pomhSTbr, mes, ibsf, ibpwf, ibpomf, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf\}$. For nets N, N' s.t. $a \in l_N(T_N) \cap l_{N'}(T_{N'}) \cap Act$ and SM-net $D: N \leftrightarrow_\star N' \Rightarrow ref(N, a, D) \leftrightarrow_\star ref(N', a, D)$ iff the equivalence \leftrightarrow_\star is in oval in the figure above.

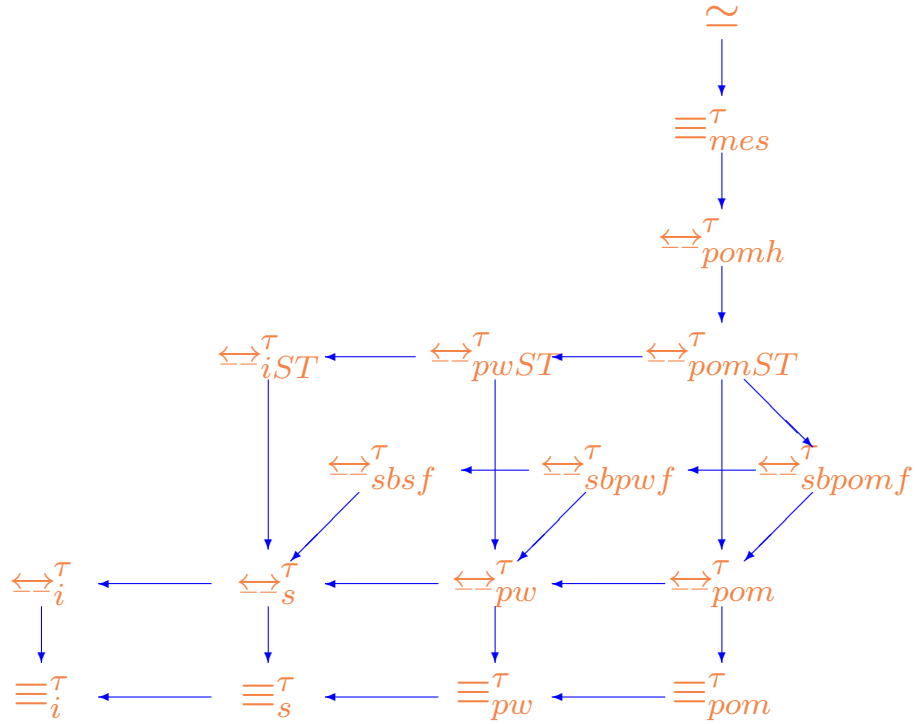
The τ -equivalences on nets without silent transitions

Proposition 14 Let $\leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow\}$, $\star \in \{i, s, pw, pom, iST, pwST, pomST, mes, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf\}$, $\star\star \in \{s, pw, pom\}$. For nets without silent transitions N and N' :

1. $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Leftrightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{\star}^{\tau} N'$ [Gla93, Tar97];
2. $N \leftrightarrow_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{ibr}^{\tau} N'$ [Gla93];
3. $N \leftrightarrow_{iST} N' \Leftrightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^{\tau} N'$ [Tar97];
4. $N \leftrightarrow_{pomh} N' \Leftrightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{pomhSTbr}^{\tau} N'$ [Tar97];
5. $N \leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N' \Leftrightarrow N \leftrightarrow_{ib\star\star f}^{\tau} N'$ [Tar97].



Merging of the τ -equivalences on nets without silent transitions



Interrelations of the τ -equivalences on nets without silent transitions

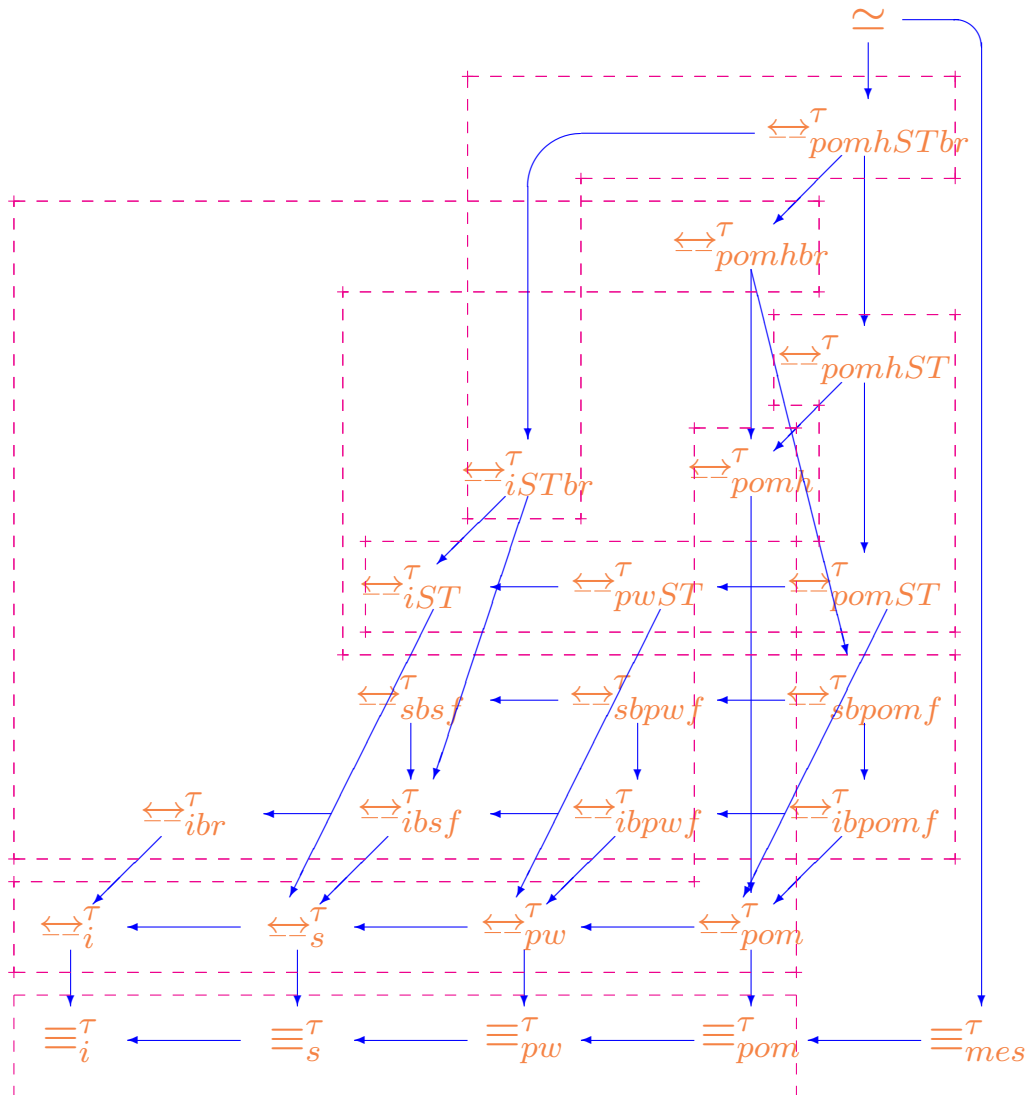
Theorem 17 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow, \simeq\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, iST, pwST, pomST, pomh, ibr, mes, sbsf, sbpwf, sbpomf\}$. For nets without silent transitions N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff in the graph above there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$.

The τ -equivalences on sequential nets

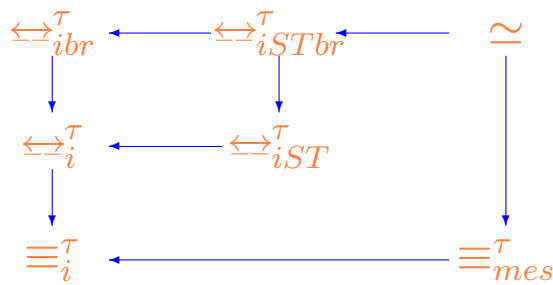
Definition 73 A net $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N, M_N \rangle$ is sequential, if $\forall M \in \text{Mark}(N) \neg \exists t, u \in T_N : \bullet t + \bullet u \subseteq M$.

Proposition 15 For sequential nets N and N' :

1. $N \equiv_i^\tau N' \Leftrightarrow N \equiv_{pom}^\tau N'$ [Eng85];
2. $N \Leftrightarrow_i^\tau N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pomh}^\tau N'$ [BDKP91];
3. $N \Leftrightarrow_{iST}^\tau N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pomhST}^\tau N'$ [Tar98a];
4. $N \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^\tau N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pomhbr}^\tau N'$ [Tar98a];
5. $N \Leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^\tau N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{pomhSTbr}^\tau N'$ [Tar98a].



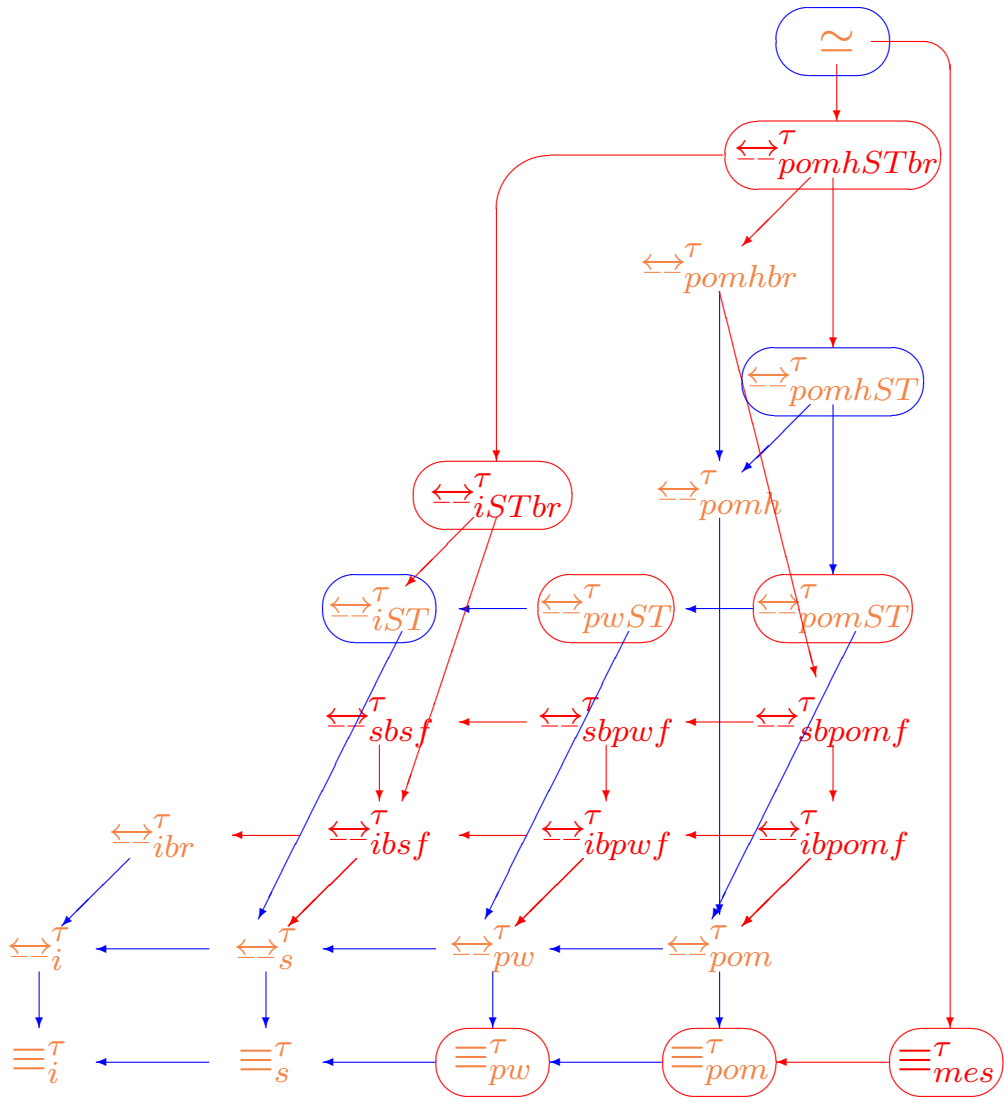
Merging of the τ -equivalences on sequential nets



Interrelations of the τ -equivalences on sequential nets

Theorem 18 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv^\tau, \Leftrightarrow^\tau, \simeq\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, iST, ibr, iSTbr, mes\}$. For sequential nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_\star N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff in the graph above there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_\star to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$.

- In Figure BT2(a), $N \equiv_{mes}^\tau N'$, but $N \not\equiv_i^\tau N'$.
- In Figure BT2(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_i^\tau N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{ibr}^\tau N'$.
- In Figure BT2(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_i^\tau N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{iST}^\tau N'$.
- In Figure BT1(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{iSTbr}^\tau N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes}^\tau N'$.



New results for the τ -equivalences

Decidability results for the τ -equivalences

- \equiv_i^τ
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (EXPSPACE) [JM96].
 - is **undecidable** for:
labeled nets [Jan95].
- \equiv_s^τ
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (EXPSPACE) [JM96].
- \equiv_{pom}^τ
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (EXPSPACE) [JM96].
- \Leftrightarrow_i^τ
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (DEXPTIME) [JM96].
 - is **undecidable** for:
labeled nets [Jan95].
- \Leftrightarrow_s^τ
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (DEXPTIME) [JM96].
- $\Leftrightarrow_{pom}^\tau$
 - is **decidable** for:
finite safe nets (DEXPTIME / EXPSPACE)[JM96].

- \Leftrightarrow_{iST}^T
 - is **decidable** for:
 - bounded** nets [Dev92];
 - finite safe** nets (**DEXPTIME**) [JM96].
- $\Leftrightarrow_{pomST}^T$
 - is **decidable** for:
 - finite safe** nets (**DEXPTIME / EXPSPACE**) [JM96].
- \Leftrightarrow_{pomh}^T
 - is **decidable** for:
 - finite safe** nets (**DEXPTIME**) [Vog91b, JM96].
- $\Leftrightarrow_{pomhST}^T$
 - is **decidable** for:
 - finite safe** nets (**DEXPTIME**) [Vog91b, JM96].
- \Leftrightarrow_{ibr}^T
 - is **decidable** for:
 - finite safe** nets (**DEXPTIME**) [JM96].

Further research

τ -variants of place bisimulation equivalences.

- New equivalences.

Interleaving *place τ -bisimulation equivalence* (\sim_i^T).

Behavior preserving reduction of Petri nets with silent transitions [Aut93,APS94].

- Interleaving *branching place τ -bisimulation equivalence* (\sim_{ibr}^T).

- Non-interleaving variants of *place τ -bisimulations* (\sim_s^T , \sim_{pw}^T and \sim_{pom}^T).

- Interrelations of the place τ -bisimulations.

Whether any two of \sim_i^T , \sim_s^T and \sim_{pw}^T coincide?

We have only counterexamples showing that \sim_{ibr}^T and \sim_{pom}^T do not imply each other and do not merge with any of three mentioned τ -equivalences.

- Interrelations of the place τ -bisimulations with the other τ -equivalences we proposed.

We compared place equivalences with other ones on Petri nets without silent transitions [Tar98b].

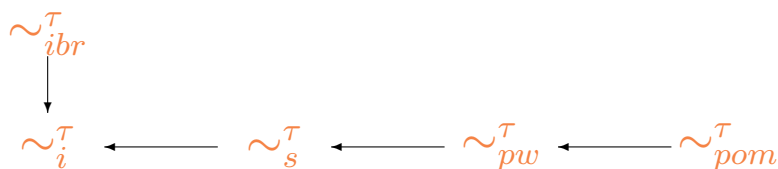
- Preservation of place τ -bisimulations by SM-refinements.

We can show that no place τ -bisimulation relation is preserved by SM-refinements [Tar98b].

- Interrelations of place τ -bisimulations on net subclasses.

On **nets without silent transitions** place τ -equivalences coincide with the corresponding relations that do not abstract of silent actions. In particular, \sim_{ibr}^T merges with \sim_i .

On **sequential nets**, all non-interleaving place relations coincide with interleaving ones: only \sim_i^T and \sim_{ibr}^T are remained.



Interrelations of place τ -bisimulation equivalences

Equivalences for process algebras: calculus AFP_2

Abstract: A process algebra AFP_2 was proposed by L.A. Cherkasova in 1989. It has a semantics of posets with non-actions and deadlocked actions to respect non-determinism.

Via formulas of AFP_2 , one can analyze behavior of A-nets (Acyclic nets). The considered Petri net equivalences are investigated on this net subclass.

Semantic equivalences of formulas AFP_2 (algebraic equivalences) are transferred into A-nets, and their interrelations with the net equivalences are investigated.

A term rewrite system RWS_2 is produced from axiom system Θ_2 for semantic equivalences. Its confluence (in the case of termination) is proved.

A method of automatic check for algebraic equivalences based on RWS_2 was implemented as a program *CANON* in C programming language.

Keywords: Process algebras, syntax, semantics, semantic (algebraic) equivalences, axiomatization, A-nets, net equivalences, term rewrite systems, implementation.

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Process algebras: semantics of concurrency

In process calculi, a process is **specified** by an algebraic formula.

A **verification** of its properties is accomplished by means of equivalences, axioms and inference rules.

The calculi below construct a process from atomic **actions** with **precedence**, **parallelism**, **non-determinism** and some auxiliary operations.

1. **Interleaving** semantics.

CCS [Mil80], *CSP* [Hoa80], *TCSP* [Hoa85,Old87a], *BPA* [BK89].

Concurrency is interpreted as **sequential non-determinism**.

2. **Step** semantics.

SCCS [Mil83], *ACP* [BK84], *CCSP* [Old87b], *PBC* [BDH92].

A special operator for **simultaneous occurrence** of actions.

3. **Pomset** semantics.

Algebra of event structures [BCa87].

A causal dependence relation over actions imposes **partial ordering**. Two actions are parallel if they are causally independent.

Interleaving calculi are more suitable in technical staff.

Algebras based on **step** and **pomset** semantics have more natural specification of concurrency.

Process algebras: specification and analysis

1. *Descriptive* calculi.

They provide a description of **structural** properties of systems: **specification**.

An example is *AFP₀* [Ch89].

2. *Analytical* calculi.

They combine mechanisms as for **specification** of processes as for investigation of their **behavioral** properties: **analysis, verification**.

An example is *AFP₂* [Ch89].

Algebra of finite processes AFP_2

AFP_2 has semantics of **posets** with non-actions and deadlocked actions (to respect non-determinism).

A **synchronization** is by action **name**. The only event corresponds to equally named actions.

Syntax

The symbol alphabets.

- $\alpha = \{a, b, \dots\}$ is an alphabet of **actions**.
- $\bar{\alpha} = \{\bar{a}, \bar{b}, \dots\}$ is an alphabet of **non-actions**.
- $\Delta_\alpha = \{\delta_a, \delta_b, \dots\}$ is an alphabet of **deadlocked actions**.

$$\hat{\alpha} = \alpha \cup \bar{\alpha} \cup \Delta_\alpha.$$

Symbols of $\hat{\alpha}$ are combined into formulas by operations $;$ (**precedence**), ∇ (**exclusive or, alternative**), \parallel (**concurrency**), \vee (**disjunction, union**), $\bar{\parallel}$ (**"not occur"**), $\bar{\nabla}$ (**"mistaken not occur"**).

Definition 74 A formula of AFP_2 is:

$$P ::= a \mid \bar{a} \mid \delta_a \mid \bar{\parallel} a \mid \bar{\nabla} P \mid P;Q \mid P\parallel Q \mid P\nabla Q \mid P\vee Q.$$

Here $a \in \alpha$, $\bar{a} \in \bar{\alpha}$, $\delta_a \in \Delta_\alpha$ are **elementary formulas**. AFP_2 is the set of **all formulas** of AFP_2 .

Definition 75 Formulas of AFP_2 P and P' are **isomorphic**, $P \simeq P'$, if they coincide up to associativity rules w.r.t. $;$, \parallel , \vee , ∇ and commutativity rules w.r.t. \parallel , \vee , ∇ .

For example, $(a\parallel b\parallel \bar{c}) \vee (c\parallel \bar{a}\parallel \bar{b}) \simeq (\bar{a}\parallel \bar{b}\parallel c) \vee (b\parallel a\parallel \bar{c})$.

Denotational semantics

Let $X \subseteq \hat{\alpha}$. We propose the following notations.

- $X^+ = X \cap \alpha$ is the subset of *actions* of X ;
- $X^- = X \cap \bar{\alpha}$ is the subset of *non-actions* of X ;
- $\Delta_X = X \cap \Delta_\alpha$ is the subset of *deadlocked actions* of X .

We consider only posets $\rho = \langle X, \prec \rangle$ over $\hat{\alpha}$ with the following restrictions.

1. a, \bar{a} and δ_a do not occur in X together;
2. \prec is irreflexive;
3. $\forall x, y \in X^- \cup \Delta_X (x \not\prec y) \wedge (y \not\prec x)$, i.e. all elements of $X^- \cup \Delta_X$ are incomparable;
4. $\forall x \in X^+ \forall y \in X^- \cup \Delta_X (x \not\prec y) \wedge (y \not\prec x)$, i.e. all elements of X^+ and $X^- \cup \Delta_X$ are incomparable.

The *modified union* of posets absorbs equal computations and ones which can be continued in another behaviour of nondeterministic process.

$$\rho \bar{\cup} \rho' = \begin{cases} \rho, & \rho' \trianglelefteq \rho; \\ \rho', & \rho \trianglelefteq \rho'; \\ \{\rho, \rho'\}, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The operations over posets are introduced: $\bar{\cup}$ (*precedence*), \parallel (*concurrency*), ∇ (*alternative*), $\bar{\parallel}$ (*not occur*) and $\bar{\bar{\parallel}}$ (*mistaken not occur*).

If a constructed poset ρ does not satisfy the conditions 1-4, we “correct” it with *regularization* operation $[\rho]$.

It singles out the maximal prefix of ρ “before” some contradictions arise. All the actions occurring “after” that contradictions are announced as the deadlocked ones.

- $D_1 = \{\delta_a \mid (a \in X) \wedge (a \prec a)\} \cup \{\delta_a \mid (a \in X) \wedge (\bar{a} \in X)\} \cup \{\delta_a \mid (a \in X) \wedge (\delta_a \in X)\} \cup \{\delta_a \mid (\bar{a} \in X) \wedge (\delta_a \in X)\} \cup \Delta_X$;
- $D_2 = \{\delta_a \mid (a \in X) \wedge (\delta_b \in D_1) \wedge (\delta_b \prec a)\}$;
- $D_3 = \{\delta_a \mid \bar{a} \in X\}$.

$$D = \begin{cases} \emptyset, & D_1 = \emptyset; \\ D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then $[\rho] = \langle D, \emptyset \rangle \cup \langle Y, \prec \cap (Y \times Y) \rangle$, where $Y = X \setminus \hat{\alpha}(D)$.
If ρ satisfies the conditions 1-4, then $[\rho] = \rho$.

Let $\rho = \langle X, \prec \rangle$, $\rho' = \langle X, \prec' \rangle$. We define poset operations.

Not occur $\prod \rho = \langle \bar{\alpha}(X), \emptyset \rangle$.

Mistaken not occur $\tilde{\prod} \rho = \langle \Delta_\alpha(X), \emptyset \rangle$.

Precedence $\rho; \rho' = [\langle X \cup X', \prec \cup \prec' \cup (X^+ \times (X')^+) \cup (\Delta_X \times (X')^+) \rangle]$.

Concurrency $\rho \parallel \rho' = [\langle X \cup X', (\prec \cup \prec')^* \rangle]$, where $(\prec \cup \prec')^*$ is a transitive closure of $\prec \cup \prec'$.

Alternative $\rho \nabla \rho' = [\langle X \cup \bar{\alpha}(X'), \prec, l \cup l' \rangle] \tilde{\cup} [\langle \bar{\alpha}(X) \cup X', \prec' \rangle]$ (note that $\rho \nabla \rho'$ is not a poset, but a set of two posets describing alternative behaviours).

We extend the operations above to sets of posets. Let $\mathcal{P} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \rho_i$ and $\mathcal{P}' = \bigcup_{j=1}^m \rho'_j$.

Then $\neg \mathcal{P} = \tilde{\cup}_{i=1}^n \neg \rho_i$, where $\neg \in \{\prod, \tilde{\prod}\}$ and $\mathcal{P} \circ \mathcal{P}' = \tilde{\cup}_{i=1}^n (\tilde{\cup}_{j=1}^m \rho_i \circ \rho'_j)$, where $\circ \in \{;, \parallel, \nabla\}$.

Definition 76 A denotational semantics of AFP_2 is a mapping \mathcal{D}_2 from AFP_2 into set of posets.

1. $\mathcal{D}_2[a] = \langle \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle$, $\mathcal{D}_2[\bar{a}] = \langle \{\bar{a}\}, \emptyset \rangle$, $\mathcal{D}_2[\delta_a] = \langle \{\delta_a\}, \emptyset \rangle$;
2. $\mathcal{D}_2[\neg P] = \neg \mathcal{D}_2[P]$, $\neg \in \{\perp, \tilde{\perp}\}$;
3. $\mathcal{D}_2[P \circ Q] = \mathcal{D}_2[P] \circ \mathcal{D}_2[Q]$, $\circ \in \{;, \parallel, \nabla\}$;
4. $\mathcal{D}_2[P \vee Q] = \mathcal{D}_2[P] \dot{\cup} \mathcal{D}_2[Q]$.

Definition 77 Formulas of AFP_2 P and P' are equivalent w.r.t. denotational semantics, $P =_{\mathcal{D}_2} P'$, iff $\mathcal{D}_2[P] = \mathcal{D}_2[P']$.

If $\rho = \langle X, \prec \rangle$ is a poset, then $\rho^+ = \langle X^+, \prec \rangle$ is the “observable” part of ρ over α .

For any formula P of AFP_2 , $\mathcal{D}_2[P] = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \rho_i$ is a set of posets, which characterize a nondeterministic process specified by P .

An “observable” part of this set is defined as: $\mathcal{D}_2^+[P] = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \rho_i^+$.

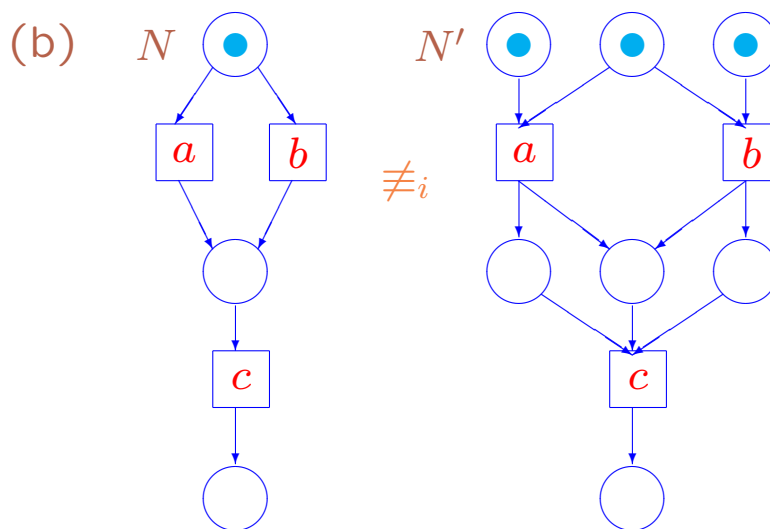
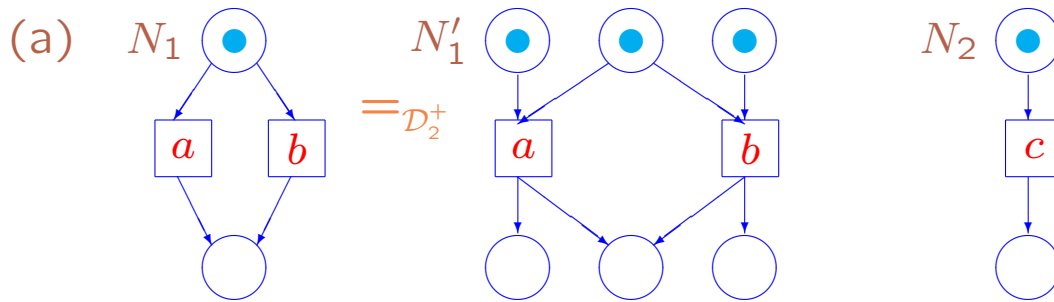
Definition 78 Formulas P and P' are observation equivalent w.r.t. denotational semantics, $P =_{\mathcal{D}_2^+} P'$, iff $\mathcal{D}_2^+[P] = \mathcal{D}_2^+[P']$.

A context \mathcal{C} is a formula of AFP_2 with zero or more subformulas replaced by “holes” to be filled by other formulas.

$\mathcal{C}[P]$ means putting of the formula P in each such “hole”.

Proposition 16 [Ch89] For any two formulas P and P' of AFP_2 $P =_{\mathcal{D}_2} P' \Leftrightarrow \forall \mathcal{C} \mathcal{C}[P] =_{\mathcal{D}_2} \mathcal{C}[P']$.

Example of semantic equivalence of AFP_2



A-nets from example on congruence

Thus, $=_{\mathcal{D}_2}$ is a **congruence** w.r.t. operations of AFP_2 .

But $=_{\mathcal{D}_2^+}$ is **not a congruence**.

Let $P_1 = a \nabla b$, $P'_1 = (a \nabla b) \parallel a \parallel b$ and $P_2 = c$.

Then $\mathcal{D}_2^+[P_1] = \mathcal{D}_2^+[P'_1] = \{\langle\{a\}, \emptyset\rangle, \langle\{b\}, \emptyset\rangle\}$ and $P_1 =_{\mathcal{D}_2^+} P'_1$.

But $\mathcal{D}_2^+[P_1; P_2] = \{\langle\{a, b\}, \prec_1\rangle, \langle\{b, c\}, \prec_2\rangle\}$, whereas $\mathcal{D}_2^+[P'_1; P_2] = \{\langle\{a\}, \emptyset\rangle, \langle\{b\}, \emptyset\rangle\}$, and $P_1; P_2 \neq_{\mathcal{D}_2^+} P'_1; P_2$.

Axiomatization

An axiom system Θ_2 is in accordance to the equivalence $=_{\mathcal{D}_2}$. Here $P, Q, R \in \mathbf{AFP}_2$, $a \in \alpha$, $\bar{a} \in \bar{\alpha}$, $\delta_a \in \Delta_\alpha$.

1. Associativity

$$1.1 \quad P \parallel (Q \parallel R) = (P \parallel Q) \parallel R$$

$$1.2 \quad P \nabla (Q \nabla R) = (P \nabla Q) \nabla R$$

$$1.3 \quad P \vee (Q \vee R) = (P \vee Q) \vee R$$

$$1.4 \quad P; (Q; R) = (P; Q); R$$

2. Commutativity

$$2.1 \quad P \parallel Q = Q \parallel P$$

$$2.2 \quad P \nabla Q = Q \nabla P$$

$$2.3 \quad P \vee Q = Q \vee P$$

3. Distributivity

$$3.1 \quad (P \parallel Q); R = (P; R) \parallel (Q; R)$$

$$3.2 \quad P; (Q \parallel R) = (P; Q) \parallel (P; R)$$

$$3.3 \quad (P \vee Q); R = (P; R) \vee (Q; R)$$

$$3.4 \quad P; (Q \vee R) = (P; Q) \vee (P; R)$$

$$3.5 \quad (P \vee Q) \parallel R = (P \parallel R) \vee (Q \parallel R)$$

$$3.6 \quad P \nabla (Q \parallel R) = (P \nabla Q) \parallel (P \nabla R)$$

4. Axioms for ∇ and \top

$$4.1 \quad P \nabla Q = (P \parallel (\top Q)) \vee ((\top P) \parallel Q)$$

$$4.2 \quad \top(P \parallel Q) = (\top P) \parallel (\top Q)$$

$$4.3 \quad \top(P \vee Q) = (\top P) \vee (\top Q)$$

$$4.4 \quad \top(P; Q) = (\top P) \parallel (\top Q)$$

$$4.5 \quad \top a = \bar{a}$$

$$4.6 \quad \top \bar{a} = a$$

$$4.7 \quad \top \delta_a = \bar{a}$$

5. Structural properties

$$5.1 \quad \bar{a}; P = \bar{a} \parallel P$$

$$5.2 \quad P; \bar{a} = P \parallel \bar{a}$$

$$5.3 \quad P \parallel (P; Q) = (P; Q)$$

$$5.4 \quad Q \parallel (P; Q) = (P; Q)$$

$$5.5 \quad P; Q; R = (P; Q) \parallel (Q; R)$$

$$5.6 \quad (P; Q) \parallel (Q; R) = (P; Q) \parallel (Q; R) \parallel (P; R)$$

$$5.7 \quad P \parallel P = P$$

$$5.8 \quad P \vee P = P$$

$$5.9 \quad P \vee Q = P \text{ or } Q \triangleleft P$$

6. Axioms for deadlocked actions and $\tilde{\parallel}$

$$6.1 \quad a \parallel \bar{a} = \delta_a$$

$$6.2 \quad a; a = \delta_a$$

$$6.3 \quad a \parallel \delta_a = \delta_a$$

$$6.4 \quad \delta_a; P = \delta_a \parallel (\tilde{\parallel} P)$$

$$6.5 \quad P; \delta_a = P \parallel \delta_a$$

$$6.6 \quad \delta_a \parallel (\parallel P) = \delta_a \parallel (\tilde{\parallel} P)$$

$$6.7 \quad \tilde{\parallel} a = \delta_a$$

$$6.8 \quad \tilde{\parallel} \bar{a} = \delta_a$$

$$6.9 \quad \tilde{\parallel} \delta_a = \delta_a$$

$$6.10 \quad \tilde{\parallel} (P \parallel Q) = (\tilde{\parallel} P) \parallel (\tilde{\parallel} Q)$$

$$6.11 \quad \tilde{\parallel} (P; Q) = (\tilde{\parallel} P) \parallel (\tilde{\parallel} Q)$$

$$6.12 \quad \tilde{\parallel} (P \vee Q) = (\tilde{\parallel} P) \vee (\tilde{\parallel} Q)$$

The axiom system Θ_2 is *sound* for $=_{\mathcal{D}_2}$, i.e. if $P = P'$ is an axiom of Θ_2 , then $P =_{\mathcal{D}_2} P'$.

In order to prove that Θ_2 is *complete* for $=_{\mathcal{D}_2}$, we introduce a canonical form of formulas.

Canonical form of formulas

A canonical form of formulas of AFP_2 is a **disjunctive normal form**.

Elementary members: symbols from $\hat{\alpha}$ or elementary precedences (of two actions). **Conjunction**: \parallel , **disjunction**: \vee .

Let P be a formula of AFP_2 . An **alphabet** of P , denoted by $\alpha(P)$, is defined as follows.

1. $\alpha(a) = \alpha(\bar{a}) = \alpha(\delta_a) = a$;
2. $\alpha(\neg P) = \alpha(P)$, $\neg \in \{\parallel, \tilde{\parallel}\}$;
3. $\alpha(P \circ Q) = \alpha(P) \cup \alpha(Q)$, $\circ \in \{;, \parallel, \nabla, \vee\}$.
 - $\bar{\alpha}(P) = \{\bar{a} \mid a \in \alpha(P)\}$;
 - $\Delta_\alpha(P) = \{\delta_a \mid a \in \alpha(P)\}$;
 - $\hat{\alpha}(P) = \alpha(P) \cup \bar{\alpha}(P) \cup \Delta_\alpha(P)$.

A **contents** of P , denoted by $cont(P)$, is defined as follows.

1. $cont(a) = a$, $cont(\bar{a}) = \bar{a}$, $cont(\delta_a) = \delta_a$;
2. $cont(\neg P) = cont(P)$, $\neg \in \{\parallel, \tilde{\parallel}\}$;
3. $cont(P \circ Q) = cont(P) \cup cont(Q)$, $\circ \in \{;, \parallel, \nabla, \vee\}$.
 - $cont^+(P) = cont(P) \cap \alpha$ is a set of **actions** of P ;
 - $cont^-(P) = cont(P) \cap \bar{\alpha}$ is a set of **non-actions** of P ;
 - $\Delta_{cont}(P) = cont(P) \cap \Delta_\alpha$ is a set of **deadlocked actions** of P .

A **precedence** is a formula $P_1; \dots; P_n = ;_{i=1}^n P_i$, where $P_i \in \hat{\alpha}$ ($1 \leq i \leq n$);

A **conjunction** is a formula $P_1 \parallel \dots \parallel P_n = \parallel_{i=1}^n P_i$, where P_i are precedences ($1 \leq i \leq n$).

A **disjunction** is a formula $P = P_1 \vee \dots \vee P_n = \vee_{i=1}^n P_i$, where P_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) are conjunctions.

A *normal conjunction* is a conjunction $P = \prod_{i=1}^n P_i$ with the following properties.

1. Every formula P_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) has one of the forms:
 - (a) elementary formula a ($a \in \alpha$), \bar{a} ($\bar{a} \in \bar{\alpha}$), δ_a ($\delta_a \in \Delta_\alpha$);
 - (b) *elementary precedence* $(a; b)$, where $a, b \in \alpha$ and $a \neq b$;
2. If there is a formula P_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) s.t. $P_i = \delta_a$ ($\delta_a \in \Delta_\alpha$), then there is no another one P_j ($1 \leq j \leq n$) s.t. $P_j = \bar{b}$ ($\bar{b} \in \bar{\alpha}$);
3. For any formulas P_i and P_j ($1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$) s.t. $\alpha(P_i) \cap \alpha(P_j) \neq \emptyset$, P_i and P_j have a form of different elementary precedences;
4. For any pair $P_i = (a; b)$ and $P_j = (b; c)$ ($1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$) there exists a formula $P_k = (a; c)$ ($1 \leq k \leq n$) describing the transitive closure of the precedence relation for actions a , b and c .

1 (2,3,4)-conjunction is a conjunction that satisfy the condition 1 (2,3,4) from the definition above.

For example, 1,2,3,4-conjunction is a normal one.

Let P and Q be normal conjunctions. A formula P is a *strict prefix* of Q , $P \triangleleft Q$, if the following holds.

1. $cont^+(P) \subset cont^+(Q)$;
2. elementary precedence $(a; b)$ is a conjunctive member of Q and $b \in cont^+(P)$ iff $(a; b)$ is a conjunctive member of P .

A formula P is a *prefix* of Q , $P \trianglelefteq Q$, if $P \triangleleft Q$ or $P \simeq Q$.

For example, in the formula $(a||c||\bar{b}||\bar{d}||\bar{e}) \vee (c||\delta_a||\delta_b||\delta_d||\delta_e) \vee (a||\delta_b||\delta_c||\delta_d||\delta_e) \vee ((b;d)||\delta_b||\delta_c||\bar{a}||\bar{c})$, the second and third conjunctions are strict prefixes of the first one.

Definition 79 A formula P is in **canonical form** if it is a disjunction $P = \bigvee_{i=1}^n P_i$ with the following properties.

1. P_i ($1 \leq i \leq n$) is a normal conjunction;
2. for any P_i and P_j ($1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$) $P_i \not\leq P_j$;
3. for any P_i and P_j ($1 \leq i \neq j \leq n$) $\neg(P_i \triangleleft P_j \vee P_j \triangleleft P_i)$.

As for conjunction, we define **1 (2,3)-disjunction**. For example, 1,2,3-disjunction is a canonical form.

Each disjunctive member of canonical form characterizes one of alternative behaviours of the nondeterministic process specified by the formula.

It has a form practically coinciding with a poset corresponding to this behaviour.

For example, the formula $(a||c||\bar{b}||\bar{d}||\bar{e}) \vee ((b;d)||\delta_b||\delta_c||\bar{a}||\bar{c})$ is in canonical form.

A conjunction (disjunction) is **maximal** if there is no longer one containing it as a conjunctive (disjunctive) member.

Theorem 19 [Ch89] Any formula of AFP_2 can be reduced to the unique (up to isomorphism) canonical form.

The **set of all canonical forms** of a formula P is $canon(P)$.

Definition 80 $P =_{\Theta_2} P'$ means that the equality of P and P' can be proved using Θ_2 .

Theorem 20 [Ch89] For any formulas P and P' of AFP_2 : $P =_{\mathcal{D}_2} P' \Leftrightarrow P =_{\Theta_2} P'$.

To check equivalence of formulas P and P' of AFP_2 , one can reduce them to canonical forms Q and Q' and compare the latter up to isomorphism.

Equivalences on A-nets

A descriptive algebra AFP_0 with semantics based on finite A-nets [KCh85].

Any finite A-net can be specified by a formula of the algebra using “regularization” algorithm [Kot78].

A mapping Ψ from the set of all formulas of AFP_0 into that of AFP_2 s.t. the set of posets of the net specified by a formula P of AFP_0 , coincide with the set of posets of nondeterministic process specified by the formula $\Psi(P)$ of AFP_2 [Ch89].

Hence, given the A-net specified by a formula P of AFP_0 , one can analyze its behavior by means of the same formula P of AFP_2 .

Definition 81 An A-net (Acyclic net) is an acyclic ordinary strictly labeled net $N = \langle P_N, T_N, F_N, l_N, M_N \rangle$ with the following properties.

1. $\forall p \in P_N (\bullet p \neq \emptyset) \vee (p \bullet \neq \emptyset)$, i.e., there are no isolated places;
2. $\forall p, q \in P_N (\bullet p = \bullet q) \wedge (p \bullet = q \bullet) \Rightarrow p = q$, i.e., there are no “superfluous” places;
3. $\forall t \in T_N (\bullet t \neq \emptyset) \wedge (t \bullet \neq \emptyset)$, i.e., all transitions have input and output places;
4. $\forall x \in P_N \cup T_N |\downarrow x| < \infty$, i.e., the set of causes is finite;
5. $\forall p \in P_N \forall t, u \in T_N t, u \in \bullet p \Rightarrow t \text{ al } u$, i.e., transitions with common output place are alternative;
6. $M_N = \circ N$, i.e., an initial marking is a set of input places of the net.

The *alternative* relation, denoted by **al**, is defined as follows. Let $t, u \in T_N$ for A-net N . t **al** u if the following is valid.

1. $(t \not\prec_N u) \wedge (u \not\prec_N t)$;
2. $(\bullet t \cap \bullet u \neq \emptyset) \vee (\exists p \in \bullet t \forall t' \in \bullet_p t' \text{ al } u) \vee (\exists q \in \bullet u \forall u' \in \bullet_q u' \text{ al } t) \vee (t = u)$.

Since we consider nets only with finite processes, item 4 may be ignored.

Items 5 and 6 guarantee a safeness of A-nets.

A mapping $\Psi : \mathbf{AFP}_0 \rightarrow \mathbf{AFP}_2$ is defined as follows.

1. $\Psi(a) = a$,
2. $\Psi(P;_0 Q) = P;_2 Q$,
3. $\Psi(P\|_0 Q) = P\|_2 Q$,
4. $\Psi(P\nabla_0 Q) = P\nabla_2 Q$.

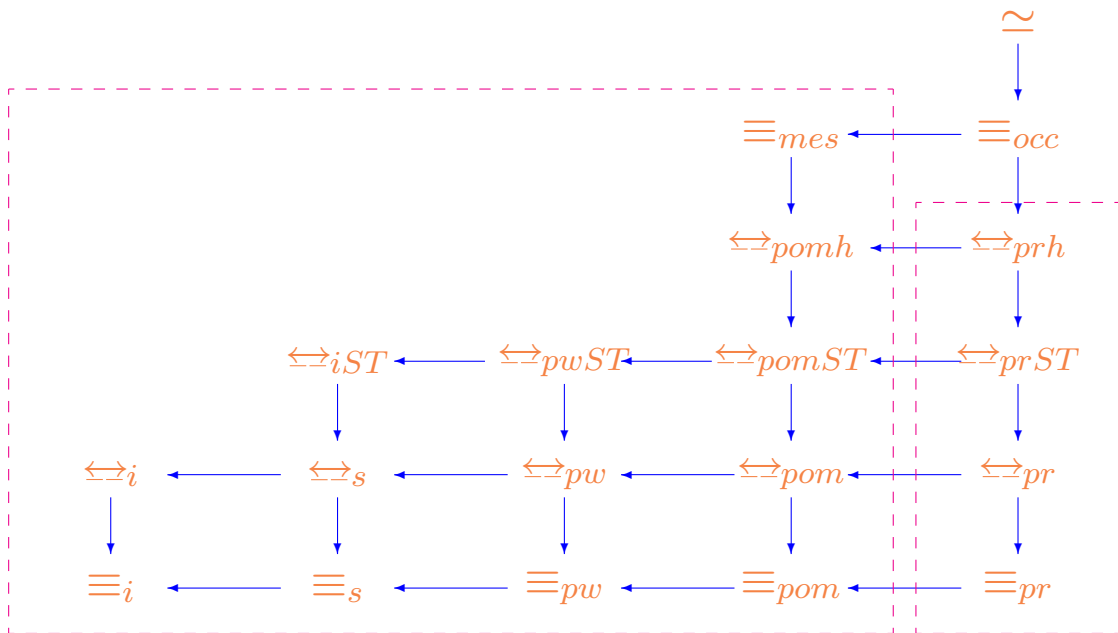
The number **0** (**2**) marks the operations of \mathbf{AFP}_0 (\mathbf{AFP}_2).

Denotational semantics of \mathbf{AFP}_0 is a mapping \mathcal{D}_0 , which associates with every formula P a set of maximal C-subnets of finite A-net N , specified by the formula.

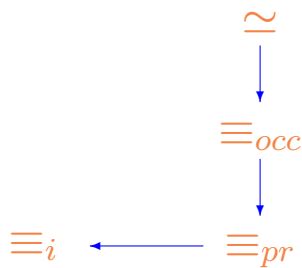
Theorem 21 [Ch89] Let P be a formula of \mathbf{AFP}_0 and Q be a formula of \mathbf{AFP}_2 s.t. $Q = \Psi(P)$. Then $\{\rho_C \mid C \in \mathcal{D}_0[P]\} = \mathcal{D}_2^+[Q]$.

Proposition 17 [Tar97] For A-nets N and N' :

1. $N \equiv_i N' \Leftrightarrow N \equiv_{mes} N'$;
2. $N \equiv_{pr} N' \Leftrightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{prh} N'$.

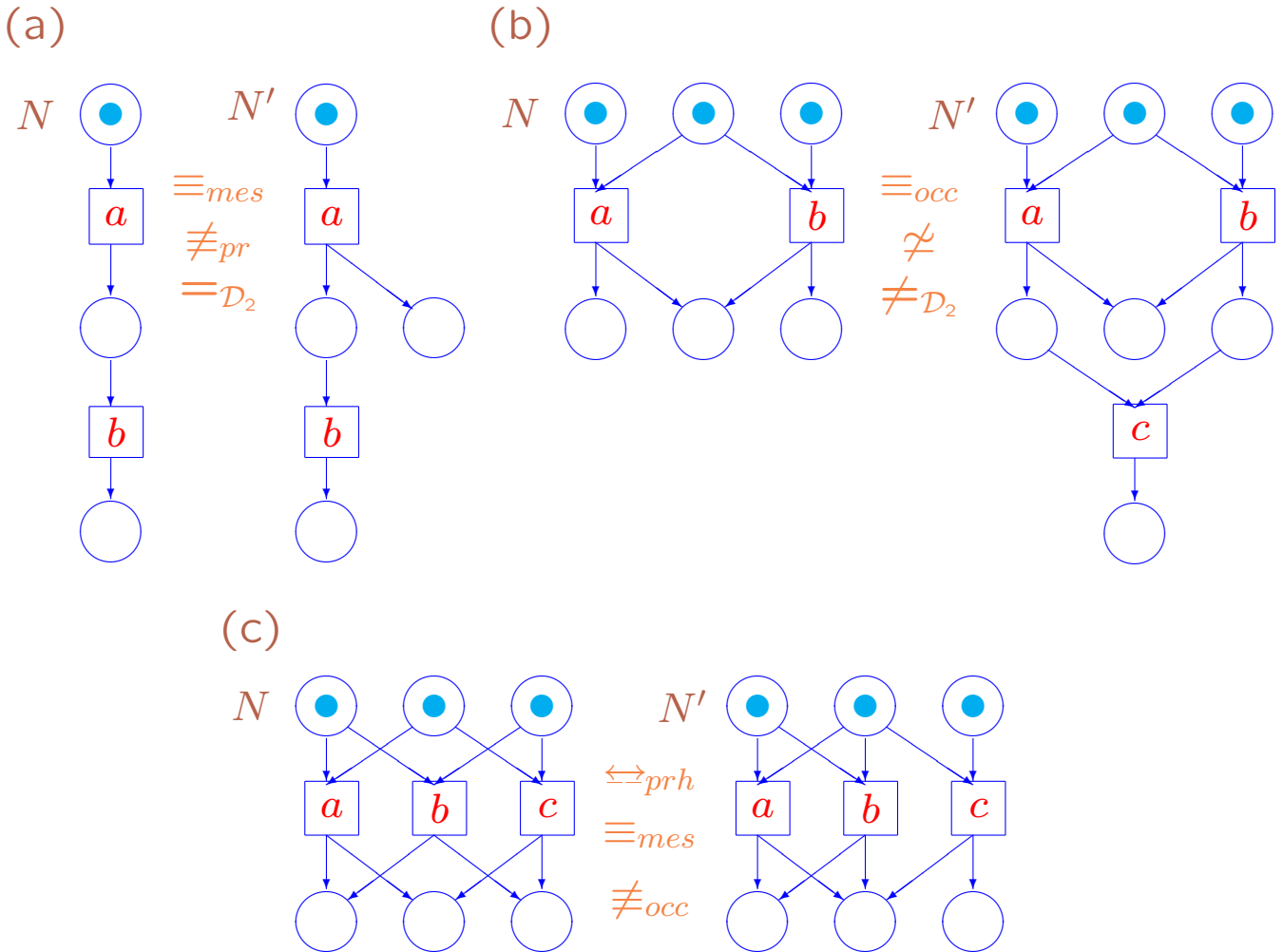


Merging of the basic equivalences on A-nets



Interrelations of the basic equivalences on A-nets

Theorem 22 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \simeq\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, pr, occ\}$. For A-nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$ in the graph above.



AN: Examples of the basic equivalences on A-nets

- In Figure AN(a), $N \equiv_i N'$, but $N \neq_{pr} N'$, since a causal net of process of N' with action a not isomorphic to any causal net of process of N .

$$P = a; b, \quad P' = (a; b) \| a.$$

- In Figure AN(c), $N \equiv_{pr} N'$, but $N \neq_{occ} N'$, since only in the unfolding of N' there is a place which is an input one for three transitions.

$$P = (a \nabla b) \| (b \nabla c) \| (a \nabla c), \quad P' = (a \nabla b \nabla c) \| (a \nabla b) \| c.$$

- In Figure AN(b), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \neq N'$, since only in the net N' there is a transition labeled by c (which never fires).

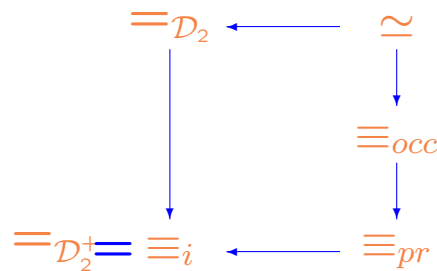
$$P = (a \nabla b) \| a \| b, \quad P' = (a \nabla b) \| (a; c) \| (b; c).$$

Comparing the net and algebraic equivalences

Definition 82 Let \leftrightarrow be a formula equivalence of AFP_2 , and the formulas P and P' correspond to the finite A-nets N and N' (as described before).

Two nets N and N' are **equivalent** (w.r.t. \leftrightarrow), notation $N \leftrightarrow N'$, iff the formulas corresponding them are also equivalent, i.e. $P \leftrightarrow P'$.

Proposition 18 [Tar97] For A-nets N and N' $N \equiv_i N' \Leftrightarrow N =_{\mathcal{D}_2^+} N'$.

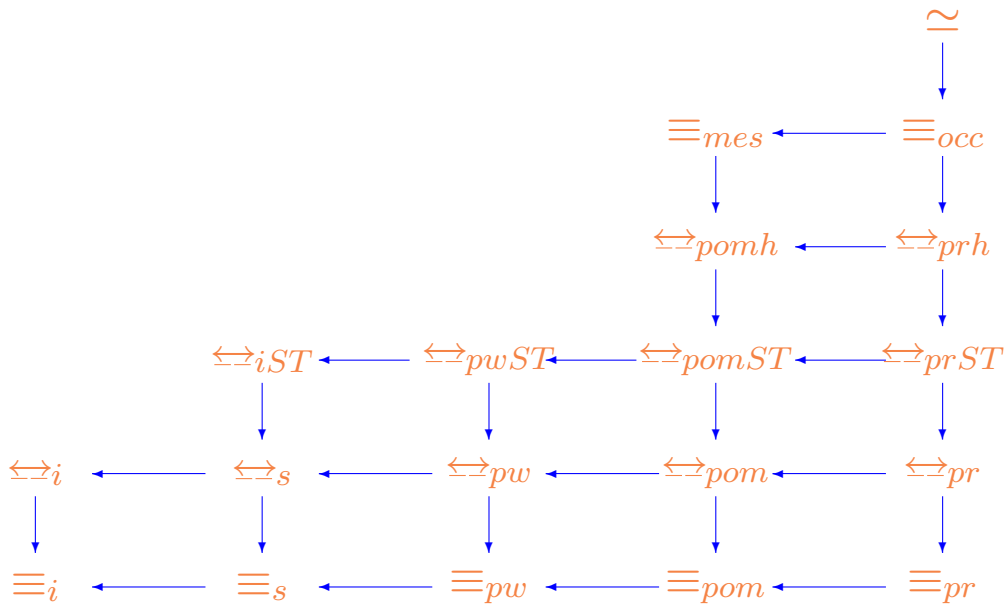


Interrelations of the basic net and algebraic equivalences

Theorem 23 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \simeq, =\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, pr, occ, \mathcal{D}_2^+, \mathcal{D}_2\}$. For A-nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_\star N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_\star to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$ in the graph above.

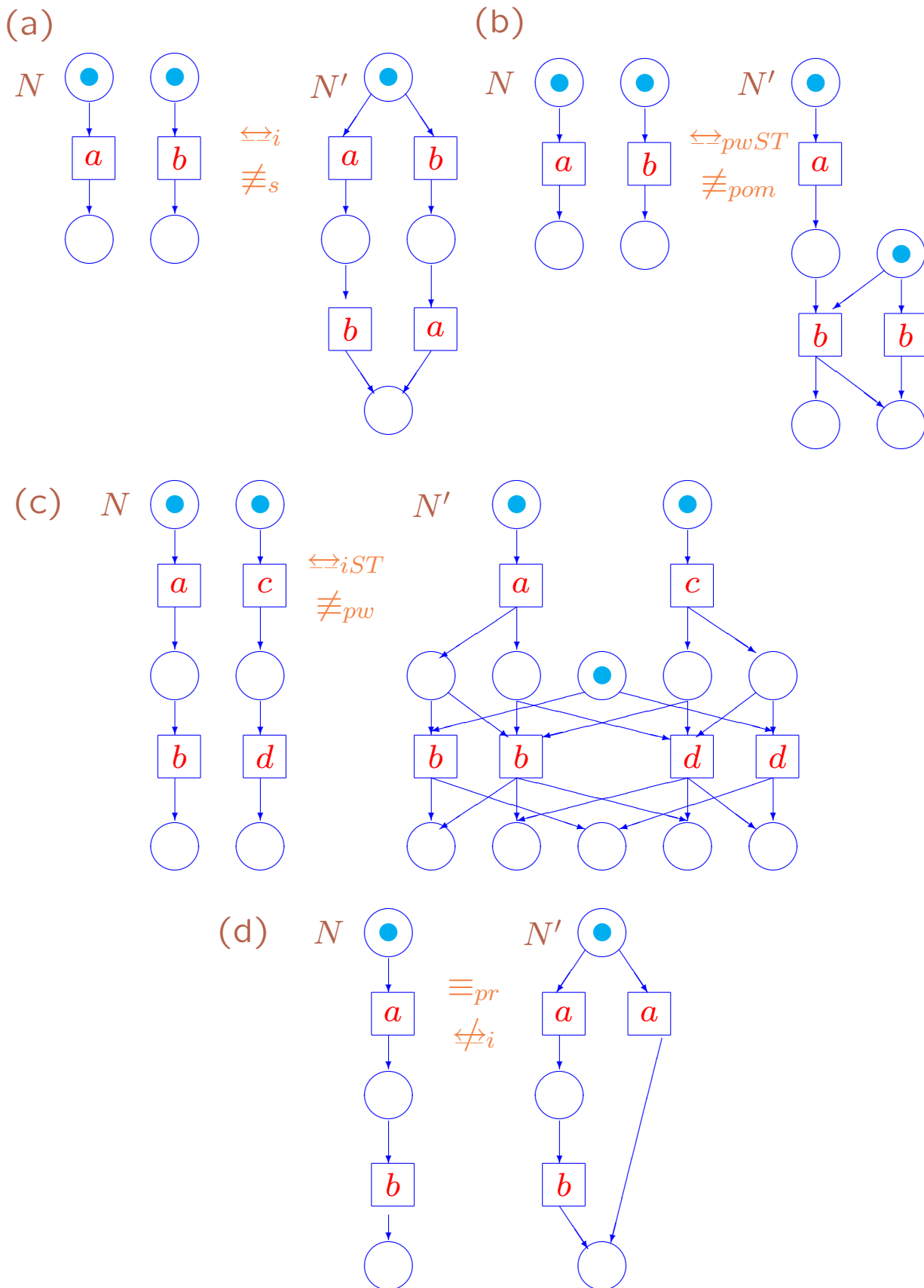
Equivalences on weakly labeled A-nets

Definition 83 A weakly labeled A-net is an net with all properties of A-net with exception of strict labeling.

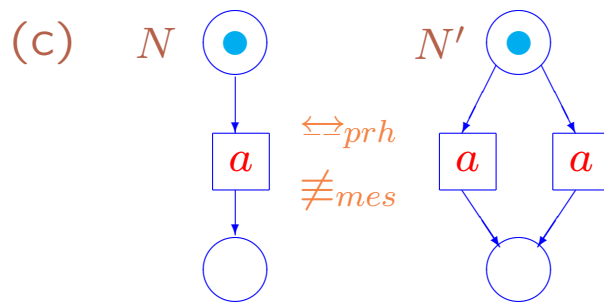
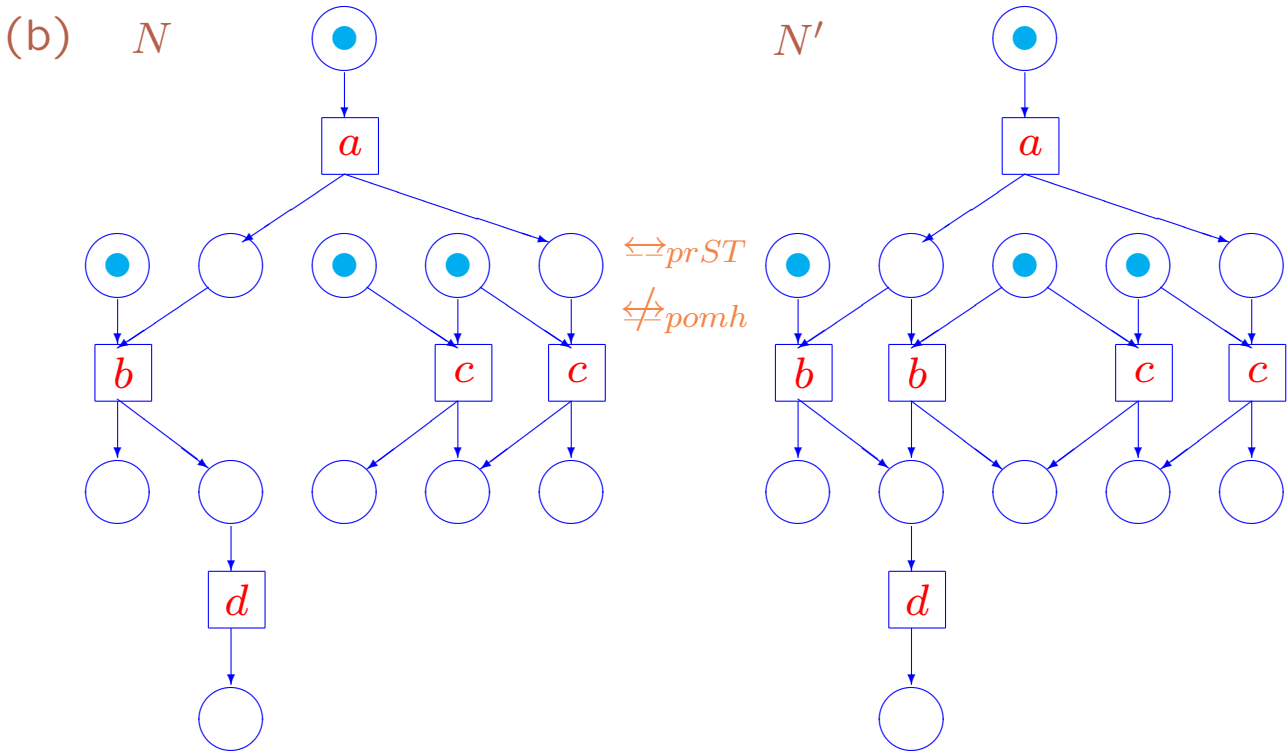
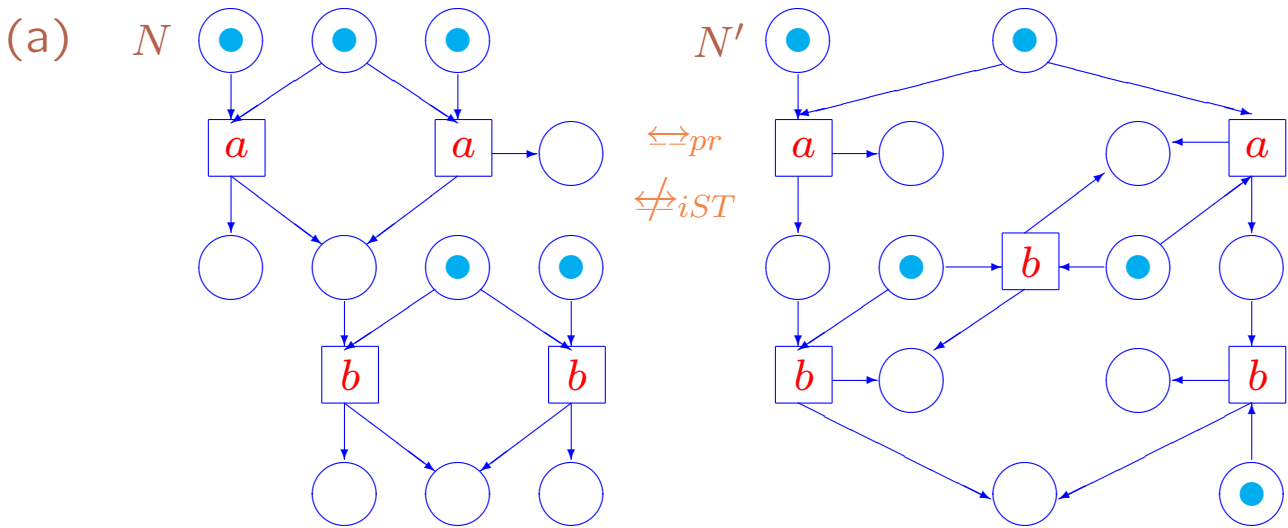


Interrelations of the basic equivalences on weakly labeled A-nets

Theorem 24 Let $\leftrightarrow, \Leftrightarrow \in \{\equiv, \Leftrightarrow, \simeq\}$, $\star, \star\star \in \{-, i, s, pw, pom, pr, iST, pwST, pomST, prST, pomh, prh, mes, occ\}$. For weakly labeled A-nets N and N' $N \leftrightarrow_{\star} N' \Rightarrow N \Leftrightarrow_{\star\star} N'$ iff there exists a directed path from \leftrightarrow_{\star} to $\Leftrightarrow_{\star\star}$ in the graph above.



LAN: Examples of weakly labeled A-nets



LAN1: Examples of weakly labeled A-nets (continued)

In the following examples, E, E' are formulas of $AFLP_2$ [Tar96] and B, B' are that of PBC [BDH92].

- In Figure LAN(a), $N \leftrightarrow_i N'$, but $N \not\equiv_s N'$, since only in N' actions a and b can be executed concurrently.

$$E = e \parallel f, \quad E' = (e_1; f_1) \nabla (e_2; f_2).$$

$$B = a \parallel b, \quad B' = (a; b) \parallel (b; a).$$

- In Figure LAN(b), $N \leftrightarrow_{pwST} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pom} N'$, since only in N' action b can depend on a .

$$E = e \parallel f, \quad E' = (e; f_1) \parallel (f_1 \nabla f_2).$$

$$B = a \parallel b, \quad B' = x : ((a; \{b, x\}) \parallel (b \parallel \hat{x})).$$

- In Figure AN(a), $N \equiv_{mes} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pr} N'$.

$$E = e; f, \quad E' = (e; f) \parallel e.$$

$$B = a; b, \quad B' = x : ((\{a, x\}; b) \parallel \hat{x}).$$

- In Figure LAN(d), $N \equiv_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\leftrightarrow_i N'$, since only in N' action a can happen so that b cannot happen after it.

$$E = e; f, \quad E' = (e_1; f) \nabla e_2.$$

$$B = a; b, \quad B' = (a; b) \parallel a.$$

- In Figure LAN1(a), $N \Leftrightarrow_{pr} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{iST} N'$, since only in N' action a can begin working so that no b can start unless a finishes.

$$\begin{aligned}
E &= ((e_1 \nabla e_2); f_1) \parallel (f_1 \nabla f_2) \parallel e_1 \parallel e_2 \parallel f_2, \\
E' &= ((e_1; f_1) \nabla (e_2; f_3)) \parallel (f_1 \nabla f_2) \parallel (e_2 \nabla f_2) \parallel e_1 \parallel f_3. \\
B &= \{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2\} : (((\{a, x_1\} \parallel \{a, x_2\}); \{b, y_1\}) \parallel \\
&(\hat{y}_1 \parallel \{b, y_2\})) \parallel \hat{x}_1 \parallel \hat{x}_2 \parallel \hat{y}_2), \\
B' &= \{x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2, y_3\} : ((\{a, x_1\}; \{b, y_1\}) \parallel (\{a, x_2\}; \\
&\{b, y_3\})) \parallel (\hat{y}_1 \parallel \{b, y_2\}) \parallel (\hat{x}_2 \parallel \hat{y}_2) \parallel \hat{x}_1 \parallel \hat{y}_3).
\end{aligned}$$

- In Figure LAN1(b), $N \Leftrightarrow_{prST} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{pomh} N'$, since only in N' actions a and b can happen so that the next action, c , must depend on a .

$$\begin{aligned}
E &= (e; f; h) \parallel (e; g_2) \parallel (g_1 \nabla g_2) \parallel f \parallel g_1, \\
E' &= (e; (f_1 \nabla f_2); h) \parallel (e; g_2) \parallel (f_2 \nabla g_1) \parallel (g_1 \nabla g_2) \parallel f_1. \\
B &= \{x, y, z_1, z_2\} : ((\{a, x\}; \{b, y\}; d) \parallel (\hat{x}; \{c, z_2\})) \parallel \\
&(\{c, z_1\} \parallel \hat{z}_2) \parallel \hat{y} \parallel \hat{z}_1), \\
B' &= \{x, y_1, y_2, z_1, z_2\} : (\{a, x\}; (\{b, y_1\} \parallel \{b, y_2\}); d) \parallel \\
&(\hat{x}; \{c, z_2\}) \parallel (\hat{y}_2 \parallel \{c, z_1\}) \parallel (\hat{z}_1 \parallel \hat{z}_2) \parallel \hat{y}_1).
\end{aligned}$$

- In Figure LAN1(c), $N \Leftrightarrow_{prh} N'$, but $N \not\equiv_{mes} N'$, since only MES that corresponding to N' has two conflict actions a .

$$\begin{aligned}
E &= e, \quad E' = e_1 \nabla e_2. \\
B &= a, \quad B' = a \parallel a.
\end{aligned}$$

- In Figure AN(b), $N \equiv_{occ} N'$, but $N \not\equiv N'$.

$$\begin{aligned}
E &= (e \nabla f) \parallel e \parallel f, \quad E' = (e \nabla f) \parallel (e; g) \parallel (f; g). \\
B &= \{x, y\} : ((\{a, x\} \parallel \{b, y\}) \parallel \hat{x} \parallel \hat{y}), \\
B' &= \{x, y, z\} : ((\{a, x\} \parallel \{b, y\}) \parallel (\hat{x}; \{c, z\})) \parallel (\hat{y}; \hat{z}).
\end{aligned}$$

Term rewrite system RWS_2

A *substitution* of subformula P_i of a formula P by another subformula Q , denoted by $[P]_Q^{P_i}$, is the formula $P_1 \circ \dots \circ P_{i-1} \circ Q \circ P_{i+1} \circ \dots \circ P_n$, where $P = P_1 \circ \dots \circ P_{i-1} \circ P_i \circ P_{i+1} \circ \dots \circ P_n$, $\circ \in \{;, \parallel, \nabla, \vee\}$.

In the following rules of RWS_2 , P, Q, R denote formulas of AFP_2 and $a, b, c \in \alpha$, $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \bar{\alpha}$, $\delta_a, \delta_b \in \Delta_\alpha$. The numbers in parentheses are the that of equalities of Θ_2 used to produce the corresponding transition rules.

1.1 $\circ \in \{;, \parallel, \vee\} \Rightarrow$

$$P \circ (Q \circ R) \rightarrow (P \circ Q) \circ R$$

(1.1, 1.3, 1.4)

2.1 $(\bullet, \circ) \in \{(\parallel, ;), (\vee, ;), (\vee, \parallel)\} \Rightarrow$

$$(P \circ Q) \bullet R \rightarrow (P \bullet R) \circ (Q \bullet R)$$

(3.1, 3.3, 3.5)

2.2 $(\bullet, \circ) \in \{(\parallel, ;), (\vee, ;), (\vee, \parallel)\} \Rightarrow$

$$P \bullet (Q \circ R) \rightarrow (P \bullet Q) \circ (P \bullet R)$$

(2.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.5)

3.1 $P \nabla Q \rightarrow (P \parallel (\top Q)) \vee ((\top P) \parallel Q)$

(4.1)

4.1 $\circ \in \{\parallel, ;\}, \neg \in \{\top, \tilde{\top}\} \Rightarrow$

$$\neg(P \circ Q) \rightarrow (\neg P) \parallel (\neg Q)$$

(4.2, 4.4, 6.10, 6.11)

4.2 $\neg \in \{\top, \tilde{\top}\} \Rightarrow$

$$\neg(P \vee Q) \rightarrow (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$$

(4.3, 6.12)

$$4.3 \quad P = a \text{ or } P = \bar{a} \text{ or } P = \delta_a \Rightarrow \\ \parallel P \rightarrow \bar{a} \\ (4.5, 4.6, 4.7)$$

$$4.4 \quad P = a \text{ or } P = \bar{a} \text{ or } P = \delta_a \Rightarrow \\ \tilde{\parallel} P \rightarrow \delta_a \\ (6.7, 6.8, 6.9)$$

$$5.1 \quad P, Q, R \in \hat{\alpha} \Rightarrow \\ (P; Q); R \rightarrow ((P; Q) \parallel (Q; R)) \parallel (P; R) \\ (5.5, 5.6)$$

$$5.2 \quad Q \in \hat{\alpha} \Rightarrow \\ \bar{a}; Q \rightarrow \bar{a} \parallel Q \\ (5.1)$$

$$5.3 \quad P \in \hat{\alpha} \Rightarrow \\ P; \bar{a} \rightarrow P \parallel \bar{a} \\ (5.2)$$

$$5.4 \quad a; a \rightarrow \delta_a \\ (6.2)$$

$$5.5 \quad Q = b \text{ or } Q = \bar{b} \text{ or } Q = \delta_b \Rightarrow \\ \delta_a; Q \rightarrow \delta_a \parallel \delta_b \\ (6.4, 6.7, 6.8, 6.9)$$

$$5.6 \quad P \in \hat{\alpha} \Rightarrow \\ P; \delta_a \rightarrow P \parallel \delta_a \\ (6.5)$$

- 6.1 P is 1-conjunction, $P' = \delta_a$ is a conjunctive member of $P \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel \bar{b} \rightarrow P \parallel \delta_b$
(1.1, 2.1, 4.5, 6.6, 6.7)
- 6.2 P is 1-conjunction, $P' = \bar{b}$ is a conjunctive member of $P \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel \delta_a \rightarrow [P]_{\delta_b}^{P'} \parallel \delta_a$
(1.1, 2.1, 4.5, 6.6, 6.7)
- 7.1 P is 1,2-conjunction, P' is a conjunctive member of P , $P' = a$ or $P' = b \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel (a; b) \rightarrow [P]_{(a; b)}^{P'}$
(1.1, 2.1, 5.3, 5.4)
- 7.2 P is 1,2-conjunction, P' is a conjunctive member of P , $P' = (a; b)$ or $P' = (b; a) \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel a \rightarrow P$
(1.1, 2.1, 5.3, 5.4)
- 7.3 P is 1,2-conjunction, $P' = a$ is a conjunctive member of P , $\diamond \in \{-, \delta\} \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel \diamond a \rightarrow [P]_{\delta_a}^{P'}$
(1.1, 2.1, 6.1, 6.3)
- 7.4 P is 1,2-conjunction, P' is a conjunctive member of P , $P' = \bar{a}$ or $P' = \delta_a \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel a \rightarrow [P]_{\delta_a}^{P'}$
(1.1, 2.1, 6.1, 6.3)
- 7.5 P is 1,2-conjunction, $P' = (a; b)$ is a conjunctive member of P , $\diamond \in \{-, \delta\} \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel \diamond a \rightarrow [P]_{\delta_b}^{P'} \parallel \delta_a$
(1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 5.1, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, 6.7)

- 7.6 P is 1,2-conjunction, $P' = (b; a)$ is a conjunctive member of P , $\diamond \in \{-, \delta\} \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel \diamond a \rightarrow [P]_b^{P'} \parallel \delta_a$
(1.1, 2.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.3, 6.5)
- 7.7 P is 1,2-conjunction, P' is a conjunctive member of P , $P' = \bar{a}$ or $P' = \delta_a \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel (a; b) \rightarrow [P]_{\delta_a}^{P'} \parallel \delta_b$
(1.1, 1.4, 2.1, 5.1, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, 6.7)
- 7.8 P is 1,2-conjunction, P' is a conjunctive member of P , $P' = \bar{a}$ or $P' = \delta_a \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel (b; a) \rightarrow [P]_{\delta_a}^{P'} \parallel b$
(1.1, 2.1, 5.2, 6.1, 6.3, 6.5)
- 7.9 P is 1,2-conjunction, $P' = Q$ is a conjunctive member of $P \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel Q \rightarrow P$
(1.1, 2.1, 5.7)
- 8.1 P is 1,2,3-conjunction, $P' = (a; b)$ is a conjunctive member of P , in the maximal 1,2,3-conjunction containing P as a conjunctive member, there is no conjunctive member $P'' = (a; c) \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel (b; c) \rightarrow (P \parallel (b; c)) \parallel (a; c)$
(1.1, 2.1, 5.6)
- 8.2 P is 1,2,3-conjunction, $P' = (c; a)$ is a conjunctive member of P , in the maximal 1,2,3-conjunction containing P as a conjunctive member there is no conjunctive member $P'' = (b; a) \Rightarrow$
 $P \parallel (b; c) \rightarrow (P \parallel (b; c)) \parallel (b; a)$
(1.1, 2.1, 5.6)

9.1 P is 1-disjunction, P' is a disjunctive member of P ,
 $P' \simeq Q \Rightarrow$

$$P \vee Q \rightarrow P$$

(1.1, 1.3, 2.1, 2.3, 5.8)

10.1 P is 1,2-disjunction, Q is a normal conjunction, P' is
a disjunctive member of P , $Q \triangleleft P' \Rightarrow$

$$P \vee Q \rightarrow P$$

(1.3, 2.3, 5.9)

10.2 P is 1,2-disjunction, Q is a normal conjunction, P' is
a disjunctive member of P , $P' \triangleleft Q \Rightarrow$

$$P \vee Q \rightarrow [P]_Q^{P'}$$

(1.3, 2.3, 5.9)

Notices on RWS_2

- Rule 1.1 (left **associativity**): to avoid infinite chains $P \circ (Q \circ R) \rightarrow (P \circ Q) \circ R \rightarrow P \circ (Q \circ R) \rightarrow \dots$, $\circ \in \{;, \parallel, \vee\}$.

No **commutativity** rules: to avoid infinite chains $P \circ Q \rightarrow Q \circ P \rightarrow P \circ Q \rightarrow \dots$, $\circ \in \{\parallel, \vee\}$.

Symmetrical rules are required.

- Rules 2.1-2.2 (symmetrical **distributivity**): to obtain disjunction of conjunctions with precedences or elementary formulas as conjunctive members.

- Rule 3.1: to remove ∇ .

- Rules 4.1-4.4: to remove \parallel and $\tilde{\parallel}$.

- Rules 5.1-5.6: to transform precedences into elementary ones (property 1 of normal conjunction).

Conjunctive (disjunctive) members we want to transform in a pair are not always adjacent: search in conjunction (disjunction) is required.

- Rules 6.1-6.2: to avoid conjunction of non-actions and deadlocked actions (property 2 of normal conjunction).

- Rules 7.1-7.9: to avoid common alphabet symbols in conjunctive members, with exception of that in two different elementary precedences (property 3 of normal conjunction).

- Rules 8.1-8.2: to add a “transitive closure” elementary precedence to the pair of ones with common action (property 4 of normal conjunction).

Search in a maximal conjunction: to avoid infinite chains $(a; b) \parallel (b; c) \rightarrow ((a; b) \parallel (b; c)) \parallel (a; c) \rightarrow (((a; b) \parallel (b; c)) \parallel (a; c)) \parallel (a; c) \rightarrow \dots$.

- Rule 9.1: to remove isomorphic disjunctive members (property 1 of normal disjunction).
- Rules 10.1–10.2: to remove prefixed disjunctive members (property 2 of normal disjunction).

Rules 6.1–6.2 and 7.5–7.8 are based on the following derived axioms. Numbers over equality signs are that of axioms of Θ_2 . Symbol * marks reverse axiom application. Numbers in parentheses are that of previous derived axioms.

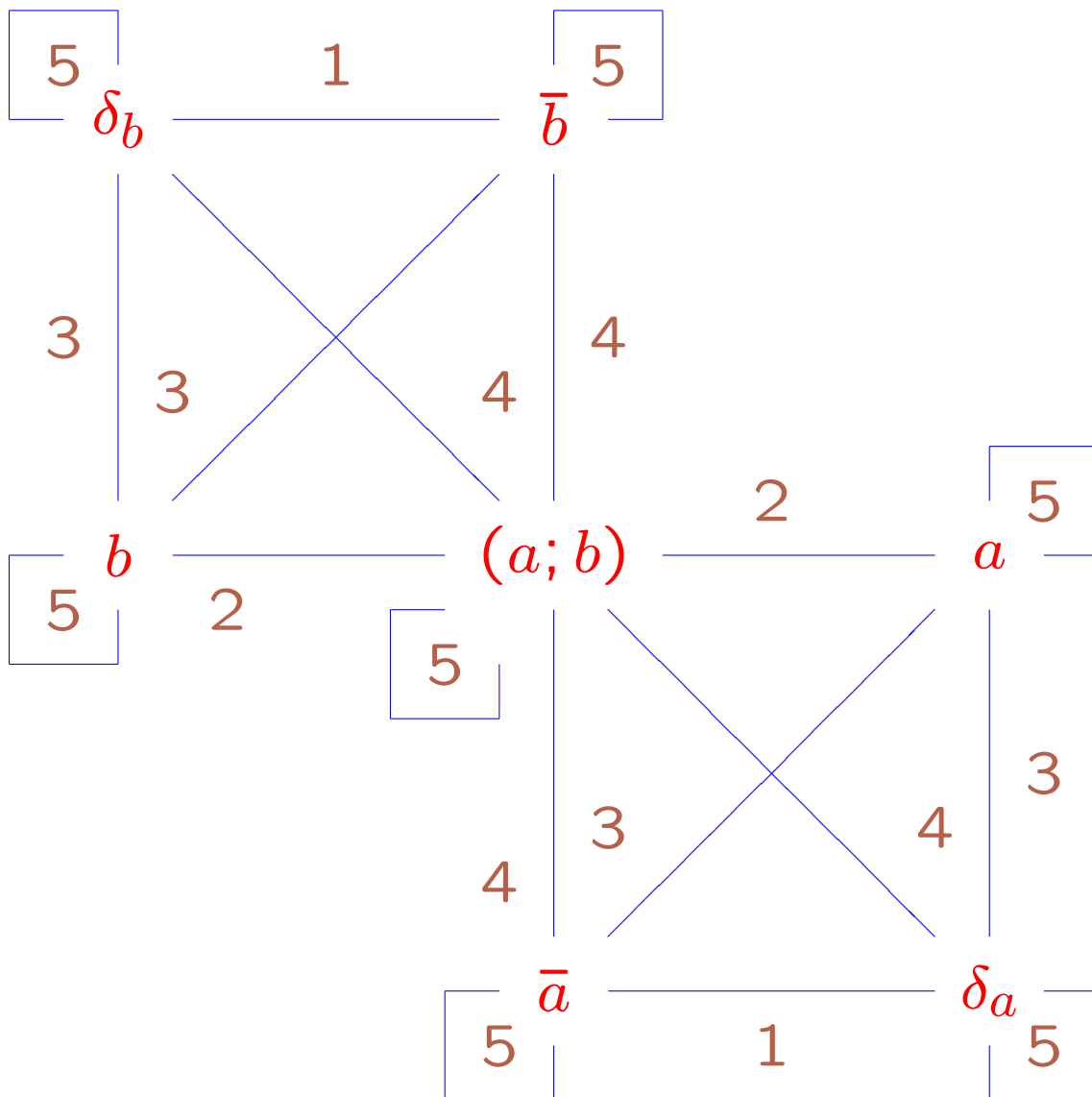
1. $\bar{a} \parallel (a; b) \stackrel{5.1*}{=} \bar{a}; (a; b) \stackrel{1.4}{=} (\bar{a}; a); b \stackrel{5.1}{=} (\bar{a} \parallel a); b \stackrel{2.1}{=} (a \parallel \bar{a}); b \stackrel{6.1}{=} \delta_a; b \stackrel{6.4}{=} \delta_a \parallel (\bar{\top} b) \stackrel{6.7}{=} \delta_a \parallel \delta_b;$
2. $\delta_a \parallel (a; b) \stackrel{6.1*}{=} (a \parallel \bar{a}) \parallel (a; b) \stackrel{1.1*}{=} a \parallel (\bar{a} \parallel (a; b)) \stackrel{(1)}{=} a \parallel (\delta_a \parallel \delta_b) \stackrel{1.1}{=} (a \parallel \delta_a) \parallel \delta_b \stackrel{6.3}{=} \delta_a \parallel \delta_b;$
3. $\bar{a} \parallel (b; a) \stackrel{2.1}{=} (b; a) \parallel \bar{a} \stackrel{5.2*}{=} (b; a); \bar{a} \stackrel{1.1*}{=} b; (a; \bar{a}) \stackrel{5.2}{=} b; (a \parallel \bar{a}) \stackrel{6.1}{=} b; \delta_a \stackrel{6.5}{=} b \parallel \delta_a \stackrel{2.1}{=} \delta_a \parallel b;$
4. $\delta_a \parallel (b; a) \stackrel{6.1*}{=} (a \parallel \bar{a}) \parallel (b; a) \stackrel{1.1*}{=} a \parallel (\bar{a} \parallel (b; a)) \stackrel{(3)}{=} a \parallel (\delta_a \parallel b) \stackrel{1.1}{=} (a \parallel \delta_a) \parallel b \stackrel{6.3}{=} \delta_a \parallel b;$
5. $\delta_a \parallel \bar{b} \stackrel{4.5*}{=} \delta_a \parallel (\top b) \stackrel{6.6}{=} \delta_a \parallel (\bar{\top} b) \stackrel{6.7}{=} \delta_a \parallel \delta_b.$

Confluence of RWS_2

Proposition 19 [Tar97] No rule of the groups 1–5 can be applied to a formula P of AFP_2 iff it is a disjunction of 1-conjunctions.

Proposition 20 [Tar97] No rule of the groups 1–6 can be applied to a formula P of AFP_2 iff it is a disjunction of 1,2-conjunctions.

Proposition 21 [Tar97] No rule of the groups 1–7 can be applied to a formula P of AFP_2 iff it is a disjunction of 1,2,3-conjunctions.



Conjunctive members with intersecting alphabets

Proposition 22 [Tar97] No rule of the groups 1–8 can be applied to a formula P of AFP_2 iff it is a 1-disjunction.

Proposition 23 [Tar97] No rule of the groups 1–9 can be applied to a formula P of AFP_2 iff it is a 1,2-disjunction.

Theorem 25 [Tar97] No rule of a RWS_2 can be applied to a formula P of AFP_2 iff it is in a canonical form.

Hence, to check semantic equivalence of two formulas of AFP_2 , it is enough to transform them to canonical forms with the use of RWS_2 and then compare these canonical forms by isomorphism.

Program *CANON*

A program *CANON* in C programming language (about 3000 lines) based on the previous results. It transforms any formula of *AFP₂* into canonical form.

A structure of function `main`.

```
Print information about program  
and format of input formula;
```

```
Print "Formula has been read";
```

```
Transform list into tree;
```

```
Dispose list;
```

```
Print formula;
```

```
step=1; /*step number*/
```

```
do
```

```
{
```

```
    Print step;
```

```
    nar=0; /*the initial number of rule  
           applications at the present step*/
```

```
    Apply rules;
```

```
    Print nar;
```

```
    step++; /*next step*/
```

```
}
```

```
while(nar!=0);
```

```
Print canonical form.
```

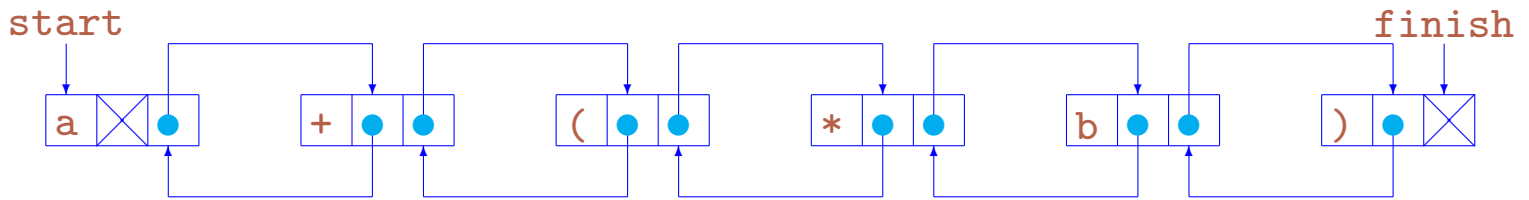
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Symbol constant	NOT	DLT	NOC	MNO	PRC	CNC	ALT	DSJ
ASCII-symbol	-	*	'	~	;		#	+

Special symbol representation in *CANON*

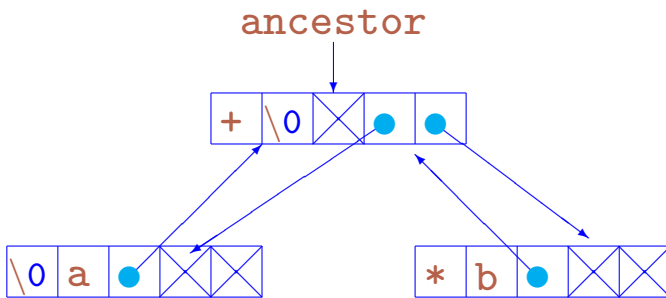
A structure of formulas.

1. a ;
2. $-a$, $*a$;
3. $'a$, $\sim a$;
4. $'(P)$, $\sim(P)$;
5. $a\#b$, $a+b$, $a|b$, $a;b$;
6. $a\#(P)$, $a+(P)$, $a|(P)$, $a;(P)$;
7. $(P)\#a$, $(P)+a$, $(P)|a$, $(P);a$;
8. $(P)\#(Q)$, $(P)+(Q)$, $(P)|(Q)$, $(P);(Q)$.

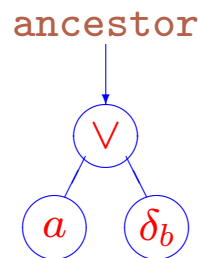
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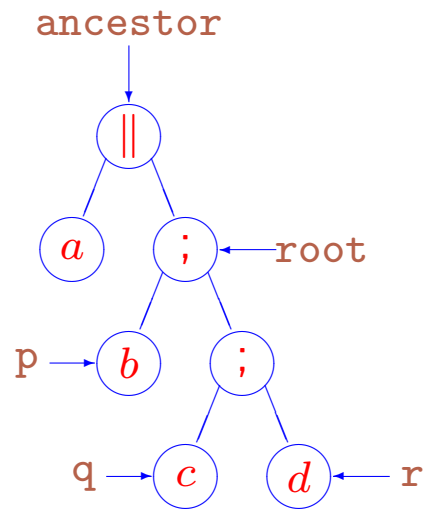
(b)



(c)



List and tree representations of the formula $a \vee \delta_b$



A tree to which the rule 1.1 can be applied

A structure of rules.

```
if(root!=NULL)
{
  if(the rule is directly applicable
     to the tree with pointer root)
  {
    Set pointers to subtrees corresponding
    to subformulas in the rule;

    Print rule number and subformulas;

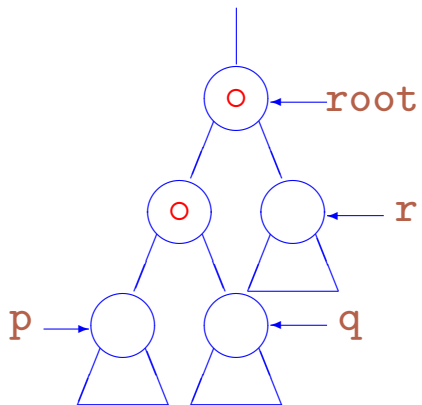
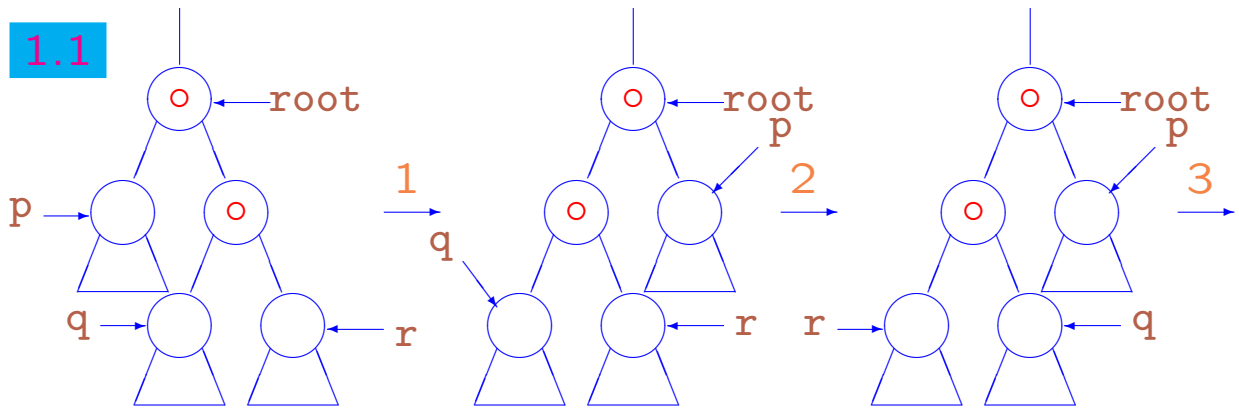
    Transform tree in accordance to the rule;

    (*addrnar)++; /*increase counter of rules
                  applied at the the present step*/

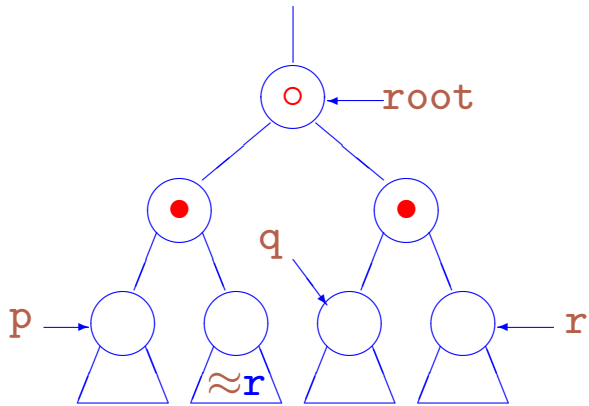
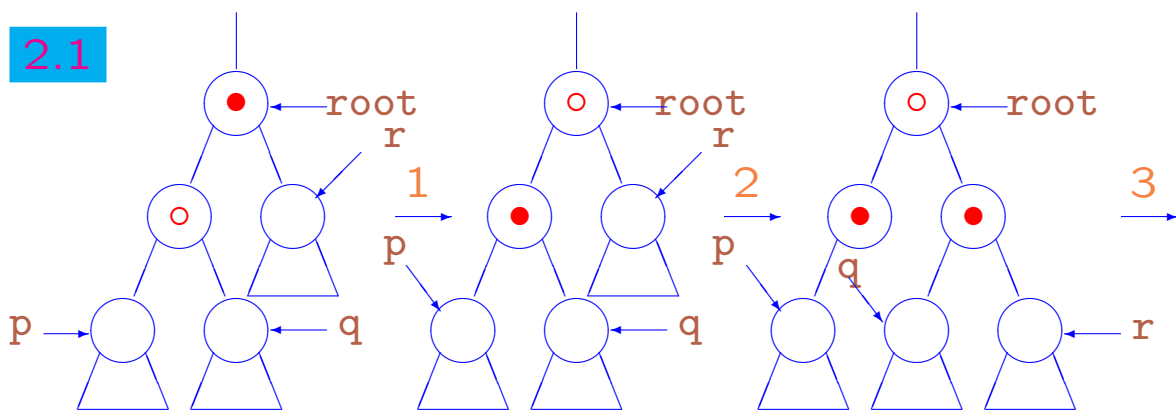
    Print new formula;
  }
  else
  {
    Apply rule to the left subtree;

    Apply rule to the right subtree;
  }
}
```

1.1



2.1



Tree transformations with rules 1.1 and 2.1

Examples of formula transformation with *CANON*

The initial formula: $(a \nabla (b; e)) \parallel (d \nabla (c; e))$.

The author of this program is I.V. Tarasyuk
Program CANON transforms formulas of algebras AFP_2, AFLP_2
into canonical form

Input formula should be in one of the following forms:

1. a
2. -a *a
3. 'a ~a
4. '(P) ~'(P)
5. a;b a|b a#b a+b
6. a;(P) a|(P) a#(P) a+(P)
7. (P);a (P)|a (P)#a (P)+a
8. (P);(Q) (P)|(Q) (P)#(Q) (P)+(Q)

where a and b are symbols of elementary actions,
P and Q are formulas types 2-8

Input formula
Sign of end is EOF

Formula has been read

Your formula is:
 $(a\#(b;e))|(d\#(c;e))$

Step 1

Rule 3.1 is applied
P=a
Q=(b;e)
New formula is:
 $((a|(' (b;e)))+(('a)|(b;e)))|(d\#(c;e))$

Rule 3.1 is applied
P=d
Q=(c;e)
New formula is:
 $((a|(' (b;e)))+(('a)|(b;e)))|((d|(' (c;e)))+(('d)|(c;e)))$

Rule 4.1 is applied
P=b
Q=e
New formula is:
 $((a|(('b)|('e)))+(('a)|(b;e)))|((d|(' (c;e)))+(('d)|(c;e)))$

Rule 4.1 is applied

P=c

Q=e

New formula is:

$((a|((b|e)))+((a|(b;e)))|(d|((c|e)))+((d|(c;e))))$

Rule 4.3 is applied

P=b

New formula is:

$((a|((-b|e)))+((a|(b;e)))|(d|((c|e)))+((d|(c;e))))$

Rule 4.3 is applied

P=e

New formula is:

$((a|((-b|(-e)))+((a|(b;e)))|(d|((c|e)))+((d|(c;e))))$

Rule 4.3 is applied

P=a

New formula is:

$((a|((-b|(-e)))+((-a|(b;e)))|(d|((c|e)))+((d|(c;e))))$

Rule 4.3 is applied

P=c

New formula is:

$((a|((-b|(-e)))+((-a|(b;e)))|(d|((-c|e)))+((d|(c;e))))$

Rule 4.3 is applied

P=e

New formula is:

$((a|((-b|(-e)))+((-a|(b;e)))|(d|((-c|(-e)))+((d|(c;e))))$

Rule 4.3 is applied

P=d

New formula is:

$((a|((-b|(-e)))+((-a|(b;e)))|(d|((-c|(-e)))+((-d|(c;e))))$

Number of applied rules in step 1 is 10

Step 2

Rule 1.1 is applied

P=a

Q=(-b)

R=(-e)

New formula is:

$((a|((-b))|(-e)))+((-a|(b;e)))|(d|((-c|(-e)))+((-d|(c;e))))$

Rule 1.1 is applied

$P=d$

$Q=(-c)$

$R=(-e)$

New formula is:

$((a|(-b))|(-e))+((-a)|(b;e))|(((d|(-c))|(-e))+((-d)|(c;e)))$

Rule 2.1 is applied

$P=((a|(-b))|(-e))$

$Q=(-a)|(b;e)$

$R=(((d|(-c))|(-e))+((-d)|(c;e)))$

New formula is:

$((a|(-b))|(-e))|(((d|(-c))|(-e))+((-d)|(c;e)))+((-a)|(b;e))|(((d|(-c))|(-e))+((-d)|(c;e)))$

Rule 2.2 is applied

$P=((a|(-b))|(-e))$

$Q=((d|(-c))|(-e))$

$R=(-d)|(c;e)$

New formula is:

$((a|(-b))|(-e))|((d|(-c))|(-e))+((a|(-b))|(-e))|((-d)|(c;e)))+((-a)|(b;e))|(((d|(-c))|(-e))+((-d)|(c;e)))$

Rule 2.2 is applied

$P=(-a)|(b;e)$

$Q=((d|(-c))|(-e))$

$R=(-d)|(c;e)$

New formula is:

$((a|(-b))|(-e))|((d|(-c))|(-e))+((a|(-b))|(-e))|((-d)|(c;e)))+((-a)|(b;e))|(((d|(-c))|(-e))+((-d)|(c;e)))$

Number of applied rules in step 2 is 5

Step 3

Rule 1.1 is applied

$P=(((a|(-b))|(-e))|((d|(-c))|(-e)))+((a|(-b))|(-e))|((-d)|(c;e)))$

$Q=(-a)|(b;e)|((d|(-c))|(-e))$

$R=(-a)|(b;e)|((-d)|(c;e))$

New formula is:

$((a|(-b))|(-e))|((d|(-c))|(-e))+((a|(-b))|(-e))|((-d)|(c;e)))+((-a)|(b;e))|(((d|(-c))|(-e))+((-d)|(c;e)))$

Number of applied rules in step 3 is 1

Step 4

Rule 1.1 is applied

$$P = ((a | (-b)) | (-e))$$

$$Q = (d | (-c))$$

$$R = (-e)$$

New formula is:

$$((((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (d | (-c))) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | ((-d) | (c; e)))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | ((d | (-c)) | (-e)))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | ((-d) | (c; e)))$$

Rule 1.1 is applied

$$P = ((a | (-b)) | (-e))$$

$$Q = (-d)$$

$$R = (c; e)$$

New formula is:

$$((((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (d | (-c))) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (-d)) | (c; e))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | ((d | (-c)) | (-e)))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | ((-d) | (c; e)))$$

Rule 1.1 is applied

$$P = ((-a) | (b; e))$$

$$Q = (d | (-c))$$

$$R = (-e)$$

New formula is:

$$((((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (d | (-c))) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (-d)) | (c; e))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (d | (-c)) | (-e))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | ((-d) | (c; e)))$$

Rule 1.1 is applied

$$P = ((-a) | (b; e))$$

$$Q = (-d)$$

$$R = (c; e)$$

New formula is:

$$((((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (d | (-c))) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (-d)) | (c; e))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (d | (-c)) | (-e))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$$

Number of applied rules in step 4 is 4

Step 5

Rule 1.1 is applied

$$P = ((a | (-b)) | (-e))$$

$$Q = d$$

$$R = (-c)$$

New formula is:

$$(((((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (-d)) | (c; e))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (d | (-c)) | (-e))) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$$

Rule 1.1 is applied

$P = ((-a) | (b; e))$

$Q = d$

$R = (-c)$

New formula is:

$(((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)) +$
 $((((-a) | (b; e)) | d) | (-c)) | (-e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$

Number of applied rules in step 5 is 2

Step 6

Rule 7.6 is applied

$P = ((((-a) | (b; e)) | d) | (-c))$

$P' = (b; e)$

$Q = (-e)$

New formula is:

$(((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)) +$
 $((((-a) | b) | d) | (-c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$

Rule 7.8 is applied

$P = ((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | (-d)$

$P' = (-e)$

$Q = (c; e)$

New formula is:

$(((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) | (-e)) + (((a | (-b)) | (*e)) | (-d)) | c) +$
 $((((-a) | b) | d) | (-c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$

Rule 7.9 is applied

$P = (((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)$

$P' = (-e)$

$Q = (-e)$

New formula is:

$(((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) + (((a | (-b)) | (*e)) | (-d)) | c) +$
 $((((-a) | b) | d) | (-c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$

Number of applied rules in step 6 is 3

Step 7

Rule 6.1 is applied

$P = (a | (-b)) | (*e)$

$P' = (*e)$

$Q = (-d)$

New formula is:

$(((((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) + (((a | (-b)) | (*e)) | (*d)) | c) +$
 $((((-a) | b) | d) | (-c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$

Rule 6.2 is applied

$$P = ((a | (-b)) | (*e))$$

$$P' = (-b)$$

$$Q = (*d)$$

New formula is:

$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) + (((a | (*b)) | (*e)) | (*d)) | c) +$$
$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$$

Rule 6.2 is applied

$$P = (((-a) | b) | d) | (-c)$$

$$P' = (-c)$$

$$Q = (*e)$$

New formula is:

$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) + (((a | (*b)) | (*e)) | (*d)) | c) +$$
$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (*c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$$

Number of applied rules in step 7 is 3

Step 8

Rule 6.2 is applied

$$P = (((-a) | b) | d) | (*c)$$

$$P' = (-a)$$

$$Q = (*e)$$

New formula is:

$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) + (((a | (*b)) | (*e)) | (*d)) | c) +$$
$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (*c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$$

Number of applied rules in step 8 is 1

Step 9

Number of applied rules in step 9 is 0

Canonical form is:

$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (-c)) + (((a | (*b)) | (*e)) | (*d)) | c) +$$
$$(((a | (-b)) | (-e)) | d) | (*c)) | (*e)) + (((-a) | (b; e)) | (-d)) | (c; e)$$

Canonical form is: $(a || d || \bar{b} || \bar{c} || \bar{e}) \vee (a || c || \delta_b || \delta_d || \delta_e) \vee$
 $(b || d || \delta_a || \delta_c || \delta_e) \vee ((b; e) || (c; e) || \bar{a} || \bar{d}).$

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