

8. Behavioural equivalences

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Recall

1. Non-deterministic Finite Automata: 
2. Process algebra: $P = a.Q$ $Q = b.Q$ $P|Q$
3. Interaction between processes
4. Meaning of PA using NFA

Still missing

- When is a process P **equivalent** to a process Q ?
- When can a process P be **safely replaced** by a process Q ?
- When can a sequence of interactions be **safely implemented** as interacting components?

- High-level overview or requirements and associated processes
- Mathematical Preliminaries
 - Basic mathematical notations
 - Set theory
 - Propositional Logic
 - First Order Logic
- Behavioural modelling
 - Single component
 - Many components
 - Equivalences
 - Language Equivalence
 - (Bi)similarity
 - Realisability
 - Verification

Behavioural Equivalences – Intuition

Two automata (or LTS) should be **equivalent** if they cannot be distinguished by interacting with them.

Equality of functional behaviour

is not preserved by **parallel** composition: non **compositional** semantics, cf,

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x:=4; x:=x+1 and x:=5
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Graph isomorphism

is too strong (why?)

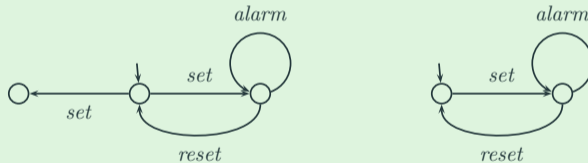
EQ1 – Language equivalence

Language equivalence

Definition

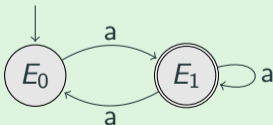
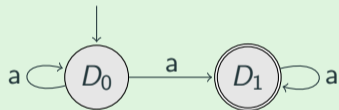
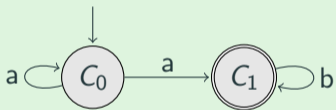
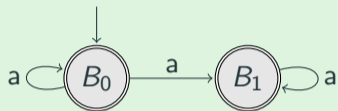
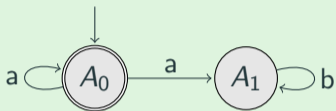
Two automata A, B are **language equivalent** iff $L_A = L_B$
(i.e. if they can perform the same finite sequences of transitions)

Example



Language equivalence applies when one can neither interact with a system, nor distinguish a slow system from one that has come to a stand still.

Ex. 8.1: Find pairs of automata with the same language



Ex. 8.2: Check if the processes are language equivalent

$$P = \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.P + \overline{\text{tea}}.P$$

$$Q = \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.Q + \text{coin}.\overline{\text{tea}}.Q$$

EQ2 – Similarity

the quest for a **behavioural equality**:

able to identify states that cannot be distinguished by any **realistic** form of observation

Simulation

A state q **simulates** another state p if every transition from q is corresponded by a transition from p and this capacity is kept along the whole life of the system to which state space q belongs to.

Definition

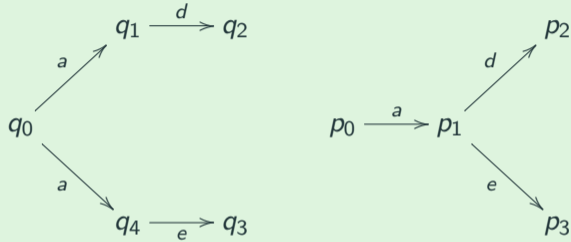
Given $\langle S_1, N, \longrightarrow_1 \rangle$ and $\langle S_2, N, \longrightarrow_2 \rangle$ over N (ignoring initial and final states) a relation $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$ is a **simulation** iff, for all $\langle p, q \rangle \in R$ and $a \in N$,

$$(1) \quad p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p' \Rightarrow \langle \exists q' : q' \in S_2 : q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q' \wedge \langle p', q' \rangle \in R \rangle$$



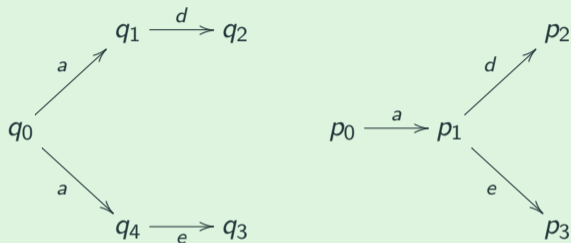
Example

Ex. 8.3: Find simulations



Example

Ex. 8.3: Find simulations



$$q_0 \lesssim p_0 \quad \text{cf.} \quad \{\langle q_0, p_0 \rangle, \langle q_1, p_1 \rangle, \langle q_4, p_1 \rangle, \dots\}$$

Definition

$$p \lesssim q \equiv \langle \exists R :: R \text{ is a simulation and } \langle p, q \rangle \in R \rangle$$

We say *p is simulated by q*.

Lemma

The similarity relation is a preorder
(ie, reflexive and transitive)

EQ3 – Bisimilarity

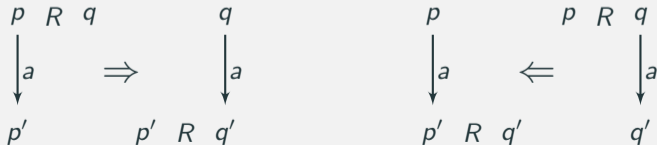
Definition

Given $\langle S_1, N, \longrightarrow_1 \rangle$ and $\langle S_2, N, \longrightarrow_2 \rangle$ over N , relation $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$ is a **bisimulation** iff both R and its converse R° are simulations.

I.e., whenever $\langle p, q \rangle \in R$ and $a \in N$,

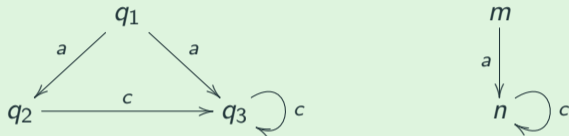
$$(1) \quad p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p' \Rightarrow \langle \exists q' : q' \in S_2 : q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q' \wedge \langle p', q' \rangle \in R \rangle$$

$$(2) \quad q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q' \Rightarrow \langle \exists p' : p' \in S_1 : p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p' \wedge \langle p', q' \rangle \in R \rangle$$

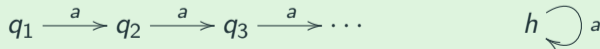


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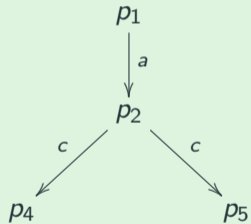
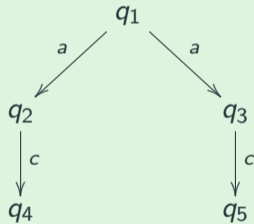
Ex. 8.4: Find bisimulations that include $\langle q_1, m \rangle$



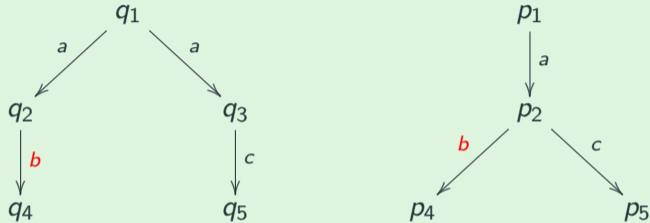
Ex. 8.5: Find bisimulations that include $\langle q_1, h \rangle$



Ex. 8.6: Check if there is a bisimulation that include $\langle q_1, p_1 \rangle$



Ex. 8.7: Check if there is a bisimulation that include $\langle q_1, p_1 \rangle$



Ex. 8.8: Check if there is a bisimulation that include $\langle P, Q \rangle$

$$P = \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.P + \overline{\text{tea}}.P$$

$$Q = \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.Q + \text{coin}.\overline{\text{tea}}.Q$$

Definition

$$p \sim q \equiv \langle \exists R :: R \text{ is a bisimulation and } \langle p, q \rangle \in R \rangle$$

We say *p is bisimilar to q*.

Lemma

Two processes P and Q are bisimilar if there is a bisimulation that includes $\langle P, Q \rangle$.

Lemma

The bisimilarity relation is an equivalence relation
(ie, symmetric, reflexive and transitive)

Warning

$[p \lesssim q \text{ and } q \lesssim p]$ does **not** imply $[p \sim q]$

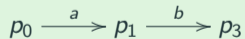
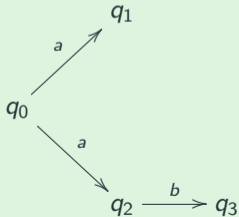
Properties

Warning

$[p \lesssim q \text{ and } q \lesssim p]$ does **not** imply $[p \sim q]$

Example

$q_0 \lesssim p_0, p_0 \lesssim q_0$ but $p_0 \not\sim q_0$



Similarity as the greatest simulation

$$\lesssim \triangleq \bigcup \{S \mid S \text{ is a simulation}\}$$

Bisimilarity as the greatest bisimulation

$$\sim \triangleq \bigcup \{S \mid S \text{ is a bisimulation}\}$$

Ex. 8.9: P,Q Bisimilar?

$$P = a.P_1$$

$$P_1 = b.P + c.P$$

$$Q = a.Q_1$$

$$Q_1 = b.Q_2 + c.Q$$

$$Q_2 = a.Q_3$$

$$Q_3 = b.Q + c.Q_2$$

Ex. 8.10: P,Q Bisimilar?

$$P = a.(b.0 + 0)$$

$$Q = a.b.0$$

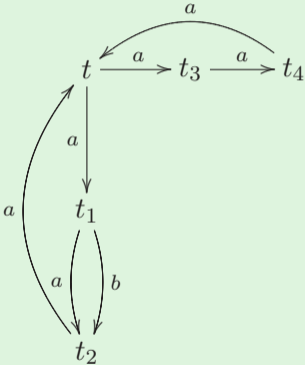
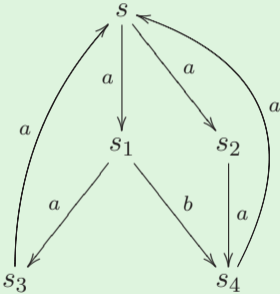
Ex. 8.11: P,Q Bisimilar?

$$P = a.(b.0 + c.0)$$

$$Q = a.b.0 + a.c.0$$

Draw their LTS. If bisimilar, find the bisimulation.

Ex. 8.12: Find a bisimulation with $\langle s, t \rangle$



Ex. 8.13: Find a simulation between $SmUni$ and $SmUni'$

$$CM = \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.CM$$

$$CM' = \text{coin}.\overline{(\text{coffee}.CM' + \text{coin}.\overline{\text{latte}}.CM')}$$

$$CS = \text{pub}.\overline{\text{coin}}.\text{coffee}.CS$$

$$CS' = \text{pub}.\overline{\text{coin}}.\overline{(\text{coffee}.CS' + \text{coin}.\overline{\text{latte}}.CS')}$$

$$SmUni = (CM|CS)\setminus\{\text{coin}, \text{coffee}\}$$

$$SmUni' = (CM'|CS')\setminus\{\text{coin}, \text{coffee}, \text{latte}\}$$

Weak bisimilarity

Considering τ -transitions

Weak transition

$$p \xrightarrow{\alpha} q \quad \text{iff} \quad p (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* q_1 \xrightarrow{a} q_2 (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* q$$

$$p \xRightarrow{\tau} q \quad \text{iff} \quad p (\xrightarrow{\tau})^* q$$

where $\alpha \neq \tau$ and $(\xrightarrow{\tau})^*$ is the reflexive and transitive closure of $\xrightarrow{\tau}$.

Weak bisimulation (vs. strong)

Given $\langle S_1, N, \xrightarrow{\cdot}_1 \rangle$ and $\langle S_2, N, \xrightarrow{\cdot}_2 \rangle$ over N , relation $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$ is a **bisimulation** iff for all $\langle p, q \rangle \in R$ and $a \in N \cup \{\tau\}$,

$$(1) \quad p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p' \Rightarrow \langle \exists q' : q' \in S_2 : q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q' \wedge \langle p', q' \rangle \in R \rangle$$

$$(2) \quad q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q' \Rightarrow \langle \exists p' : p' \in S_1 : p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p' \wedge \langle p', q' \rangle \in R \rangle$$

Considering τ -transitions

Branching bisimulation

Given $\langle S_1, N, \longrightarrow_1 \rangle$ and $\langle S_2, N, \longrightarrow_2 \rangle$ over N , relation $R \subseteq S_1 \times S_2$ is a **bisimulation** iff for all $\langle p, q \rangle \in R$ and $a \in N \cup \{\tau\}$,

(1) if $p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p'$ then either

(1.1) $a = \tau$ and $\langle p', q \rangle \in R$ or

(1.2) $\langle \exists q', q'' \in S_2 :: q (\xrightarrow{\tau}_2)^* q' \xrightarrow{a}_2 q'' \wedge \langle p, q' \rangle \in R \wedge \langle p', q'' \rangle \in R \rangle$

(2) if $q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q'$ then either

(2.1) $a = \tau$ and $\langle p', q' \rangle \in R$ or

(2.2) $\langle \exists p', p'' \in S_1 :: p (\xrightarrow{\tau}_1)^* p' \xrightarrow{a}_1 p'' \wedge \langle p', q \rangle \in R \wedge \langle p'', q' \rangle \in R \rangle$

Ex. 8.14: Search for a bisimulation, a weak bisimulation, and a branching bisimulation between $SmUni$ and $SmUni''$

$$CM = \text{coin}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.CM$$

$$CS = \text{pub}.\overline{\text{coin}}.\text{coffee}.CS$$

$$SmUni = (CM|CS) \setminus \{\text{coin}, \text{coffee}\}$$

$$CM'' = \text{coin}.\left(\text{sel}.\overline{\text{coffee}}.CM'' + \text{coin}.\text{sel}.\overline{\text{latte}}.CM''\right)$$

$$CS'' = \text{pub}.\overline{\text{coin}}.\overline{\text{sel}}.\text{coffee}.CS''$$

$$SmUni'' = (CM''|CS'') \setminus \{\text{coin}, \text{coffee}, \text{latte}, \text{sel}\}$$

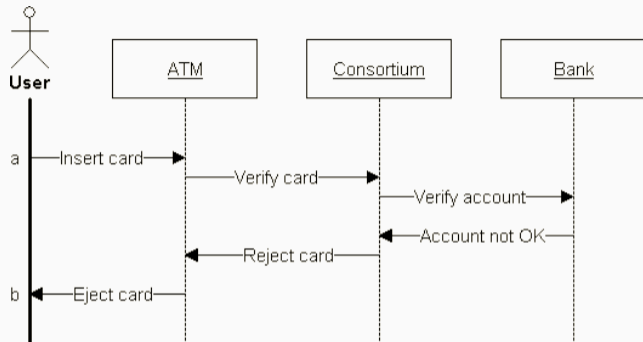
mCRL2 Tools

Slides 10:

<https://cister-labs.github.io/ramde2122/slides/10-mcrl2.pdf>

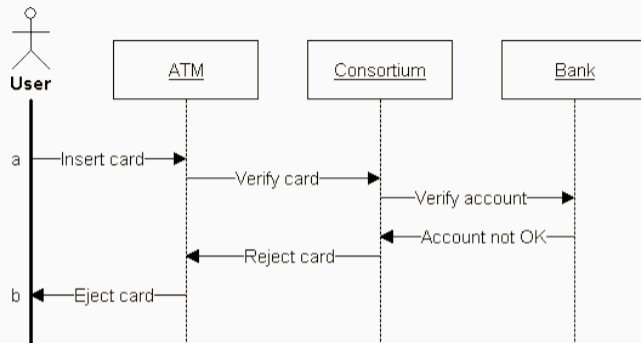
Realisability of Sequence Diagrams

Recall: Sequence Diagrams as Interactive Processes



- **Objects** as **Processes**
(e.g., processes U , A , C , B)
- **Send** actions (e.g., $insertCard$)
- **Receive** actions (e.g., $\overline{insertCard}$)
- Unique action for each object pair
- Do not write $(\dots + \mathbf{0})$

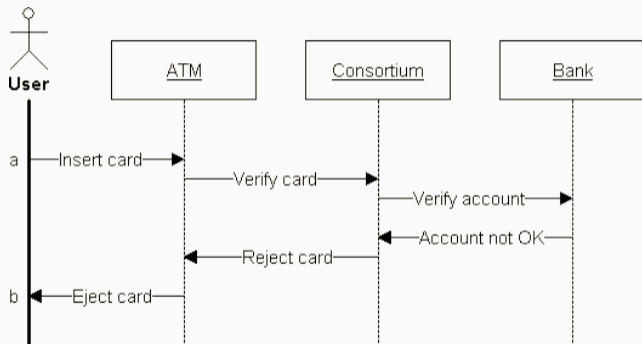
Recall: Language of Sequence Diagrams, Informally



This example has only 1 word and its prefixes

$$L_{sd} = \{insertCard \cdot verifyCard \cdot verifyAccount \cdot accountNotOK \cdot rejectedCard \cdot ejectCard\}$$

Recall: Sequence Diagrams as Interactive Processes



We can specify a SD as interactive processes

$$Sys_{local} = (U|A|C|E) \setminus \dots$$
$$U = \overline{insertCard}.ejectCard.0$$
$$A = \dots$$
$$C = \dots$$
$$E = \dots$$

Sequence Diagrams covered by Interactive Processes

- **Sequence diagrams** depict **scenarios**
(possible sequence of actions)
- **Processes** abstract **implementations**
(simplified view of concrete implementations)

Processes can do more

E.g., an ATM that also *accepts* cards can (and should) still support the *rejection* scenario.

Observing the interactions

We want to **observe** interactions in such processes

Modified CCS semantics

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{(com1)} \\ \frac{P \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P'|Q} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{(com2)} \\ \frac{Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} Q'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} P|Q'} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{(com3)} \\ \frac{P \xrightarrow{a} P' \quad Q \xrightarrow{\bar{a}} Q'}{P|Q \xrightarrow{\tau_a} P'|Q'} \end{array}$$

$\alpha \in N \cup \bar{N} \cup \{\tau_a \mid a \in N\}$ is an action

Language inclusion

Recall Sys_{local} from Slide 29 and its diagram sd .

$$L_{sd} = \{iC \cdot vC \cdot cA \cdot aN \cdot rC \cdot eC\}$$

$$L_{Sys} = \{\tau_{iC} \cdot \tau_{vC} \cdot \tau_{cA} \cdot \tau_{aN} \cdot \tau_{rC} \cdot \tau_{eC}\}$$

Language inclusion

P includes sd

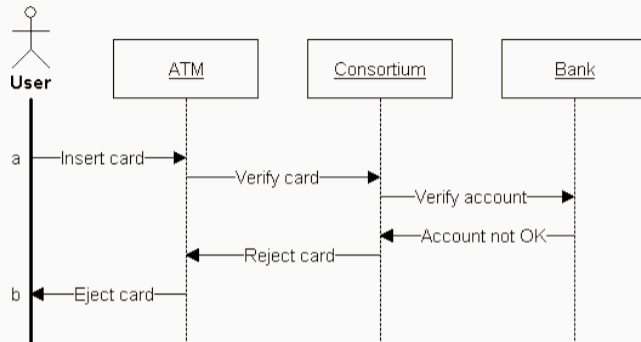
iff

$$L_{sd} \subseteq L_{P^\dagger}$$

P^\dagger modifies P's LTS by:

filtering actions of sd and replacing τ_a by a

Are words enough?



Ex. 8.15: Let sd be the diagram above and recall Slide 29

Does Sys_{local} still includes sd if U is instead defined as below?

1. $U = \overline{insertCard.ejectCard.0} + \overline{insertCard.0}$
2. $U = (\overline{insertCard.ejectCard.0}) + \overline{goAway.0}$

Is language coverage enough?

Implementations can have:

- extra undesirable behaviour
- less behaviour

Alternative: change the inclusion/equivalence

Let $SD = \{sd_1, sd_2, \dots\}$ be a set of sequence diagrams.

Language inclusion: $L_{SD} \subseteq L_{P^\dagger}$

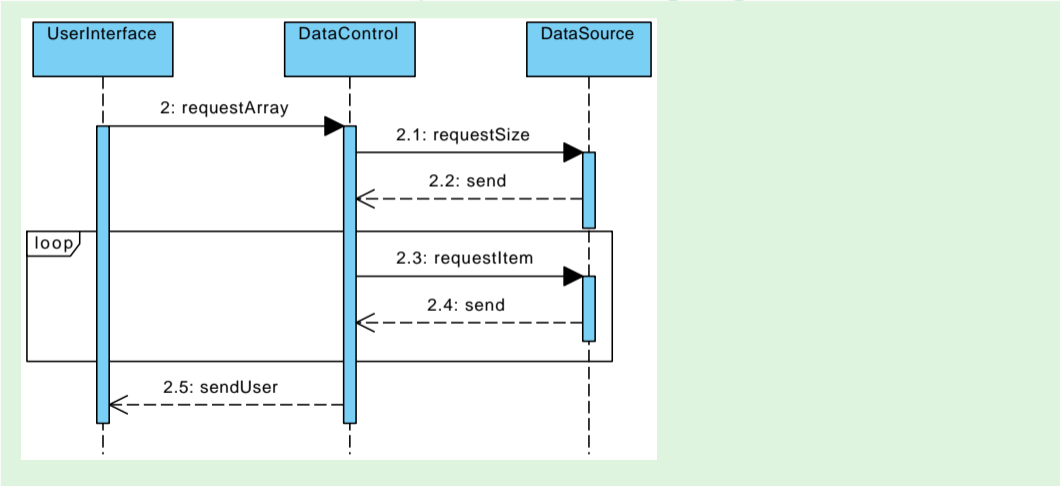
Language equivalence: $L_{SD} = L_{P^\dagger}$

Similarity: $NFA(SD) \lesssim P^\dagger$

Bisimilarity: $NFA(SD) \sim P^\dagger$

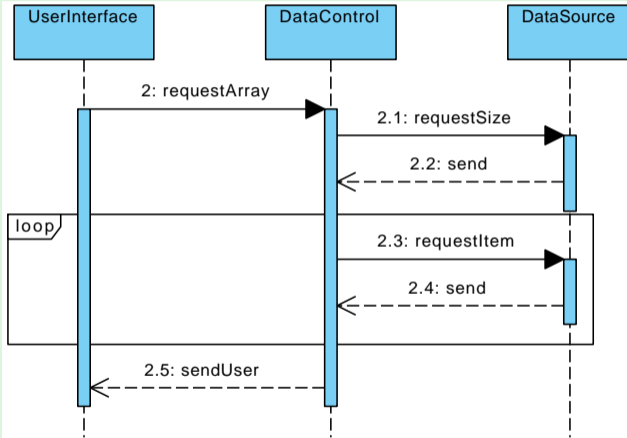
Exercise

Ex. 8.16: Draw an NFA that captures the following diagram



Exercise

Ex. 8.17: Write a process for each object of the diagram



Question: after encoding SD into processes:

Can we recover the behaviour of the **original sequence diagram**
by **composing**
the **encoded processes**?

Realisability

A set SD of sequence diagrams is **realisable**

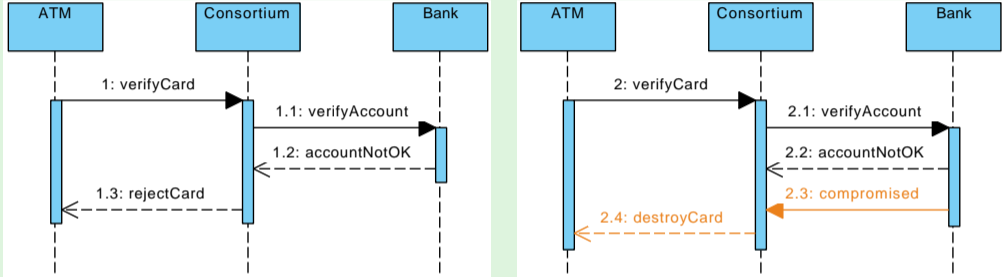
iff

$$\mathbf{NFA}(SD) \sim \mathbf{Comp}(\mathbf{Proc}(SD))^\dagger$$

$\mathbf{Proc}(SD)$ returns the set of encoded processes for each $sd \in SD$

$\mathbf{Comp}(P_1, P_2, \dots) = (P_1 | P_2 | \dots) \setminus \{\text{actions of } SD\}$

Ex. 8.18: Are the diagrams below realisable?

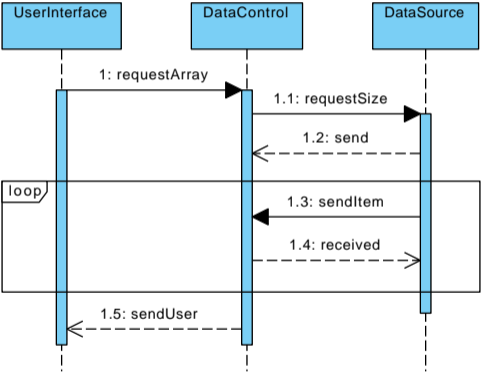


1. draw $NFA(SD)$
2. calculate $Proc(SD)$
Hint: $B = \overline{vA}.(aN.0 + aN.c.0)$
3. draw $Comp(\cdot)$
4. search for a bisimulation

Ex. 8.19: Verify if the diagram in Slide 36 is realisable.

Exercise

Ex. 8.20: Verify if the diagram is realisable.



Realisability of sequence diagrams experiments:

<https://arca.di.uminho.pt/choreo>