# <span id="page-0-0"></span>The Graph Structure of Process Interpretations of Regular Expressions

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 $\llbracket e \rrbracket_P := [P(e)]_{\leftrightarrow}$  (bisimilarity equivalence class of process  $P(e)$ )

























$$
P\left(\overbrace{(a \cdot (c \cdot a + a \cdot (b + b \cdot a))^*) \cdot 0}^{P\left(a \cdot (c \cdot a + a \cdot (b + b \cdot a))^*) \cdot 0}\right)
$$

$$
G_1 \in [[f]]_P
$$



Definition (Transition system specification  $\mathcal{T}$ )

$$
\frac{e_i \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'_i}{a \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} 1} \qquad \frac{e_i \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'_i}{e_1 + e_2 \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'_i} (i \in \{1, 2\})
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The process (graph) interpretation  $P(e)$  of a regular expression e:

 $P(e)$  := labeled transition graph generated by e by derivations in  $T$ .









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## Milner's proof system Mil

 $Axioms$ 

(A1) $e + (f + g) = (e + f) + g$	(A7) $e = 1 \cdot e$	
(A2) $e + 0 = e$	(A8) $e = e \cdot 1$	
(A3) $e + f = f + e$	(A9) $0 = 0 \cdot e$	
(A4) $e + e = e$	(A10) $e^* = 1 + e \cdot e^*$	
(A5) $e \cdot (f \cdot g) = (e \cdot f) \cdot g$	(A11) $e^* = (1 + e)^*$	
(A6) $(e + f) \cdot g = e \cdot g + f \cdot g$	But: $e \cdot (f + g) \neq e \cdot f + e \cdot g$	But: $e \cdot 0 \neq 0$

Inference rules: rules of equational logic plus

$$
\frac{e = f \cdot e + g}{e = f^* \cdot g}
$$
 RSP\* (if f does not  
terminate immediately)

Milner's Question (Q1) Is Mil complete with respect to  $=_{\mathbb{I} \cdot \mathbb{I}_P}$ ? (Does  $e =_{\mathbb{I} \cdot \mathbb{I}_P} f \Longrightarrow e =_{\mathsf{Mil}} f$  hold?)

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 $(Q2)$ <sup>0</sup> P-Expressibility and P- $(*/4)$ -Expressibility:

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- ▸ process graphs that are P-expressible ?  $($ ... in the image of P?)
- ▶ process graphs that are P-expressible by  $(*/4)$  regular expressions? (... in the image of  $(*/4)$  expressions under P?)

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# <span id="page-98-0"></span>Layered LEE



# Layered LEE-witness (LLEE-witness)



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## 7 LEE-witnesses



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# 'Critical pair': bi-loop elimination



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#### Theorem (efficient decidability)

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## LEE under functional bisimulation

#### Lemma (i) LEE is preserved by functional bisimulations:

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LEE(G<sub>1</sub>) \land G<sub>1</sub> \Rightarrow G<sub>2</sub> \Longrightarrow LEE(G<sub>2</sub>).
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#### Proof (Idea).

Use loop elimination in  $G_1$  to carry out loop elimination in  $G_2$ .

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# LEE under functional bisimulation / bisimulation collapse

### Lemma

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$$

(ii) LEE is preserved from a process graph to its bisimulation collapse:

LEE(G)  $\land$  G has bisimulation collapse  $C \implies$  LEE(C).



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### LLEE-preserving collapse of LLEE-charts (G/Fokkink, LICS'20) (no 1-transitions!)



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Hence  $\|\cdot\|_P$ -expressible | **not**  $\|\cdot\|_P$ -expressible by 1-free regular expressions:



# <span id="page-162-0"></span> $\stackrel{\scriptscriptstyle \triangle}{=}$  sharing via 1-transitions facilitates LEE









no loop subchart, but infinite paths



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Clemens Grabmayer [clegra.github.io](https://clegra.github.io) [The Graph Structure of Process Interpretations of Regular Expressions](#page-0-0)

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# 1-LEE/ LEE characterize

# <span id="page-189-0"></span>the un-/restricted image of compact version  $P^{\bullet}$  of P

# <span id="page-190-0"></span>Image of  $P$  is **not closed** under bisimulation collapse not even for  $(*/4)$  regular expressions (example)





Definition (Transition system specification  $\mathcal{T}$ )

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e_1 \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'_1
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e_1 \cdot e_2 \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'_1 \cdot e_2
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e \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'
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e^* \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e' \cdot e^*
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Definition (Transition system specification  $\mathcal{T}^\bullet$ , changed rules w.r.t.  $\mathcal{T})$ 

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\frac{e_1 \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'_1}{e_1 \cdot e_2 \stackrel{a}{\rightarrow} e'_1}
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 (if  $e'_1$  is not normed)  

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\n- (i) 
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P(e) \Rightarrow P^*(e)
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 for all regular expressions  $e$ .
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# Image of P restricted to  $(*/4)$  regular expressions . . . contains all of its bisimulation collapses (example)



### <span id="page-198-0"></span>Interpretation correspondence of  $P^{\bullet}$  with LEE

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 $(\mathsf{Int})_{P^{\bullet}}$ :  $P^{\bullet}$ -expressible graphs satisfy 1-LEE:

Compact process interpretations  $P^{\bullet}(e)$  of regular expressions e are finite process graphs that satisfy 1-LEE.

 $(Extr)_{P^*}$ : LEE implies  $\lbrack \cdot \rbrack_P$ -expressibility:

From every finite process graph  $G$  with 1-LEE an regular expression  $e$  can be extracted such that  $G \rightrightarrows P^{\bullet}(e)$ .

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# LEE  $\triangleq$  image of  $P^{\bullet}|_{RExp^{(*/4)}}$

#### Theorem

For every process graph  $G$  TFAE:

 $(i)$  LEE $(G)$ .

(ii) G is  $P^{\bullet}$ -expressible by an  $(*/4)$  regular expression

(i.e.  $G \simeq P^{\bullet}(e)$  for some  $e \in RExp^{(*)}$ ).

(iii) G is isomorphic to a graph in the image of  $P^{\bullet}$  on  $(*/4)$  reg. expr's (i.e.  $G \simeq G'$  for some  $G' \in im(P^*|_{RExp^{(*/+)}})$ ).
#### Adapted (refined) extraction from LLEE-graph



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# 1-LEE  $\triangleq$  image of  $P^{\bullet}$

#### Theorem

For every process graph  $G$  TFAE:

 $(i)$  1-LEE $(G)$ (i.e.  $G = (G)$  for some 1-transition-process-graph G with  $LEE(G)$ ). (ii)  $G$  is  $P^{\bullet}$ -expressible by a regular expression (i.e.  $G \simeq P^{\bullet}(e)$  for some  $e \in RExp$ ). (iii)  $G$  is isomorphic to a graph in the image of  $P^{\bullet}$ (i.e.  $G \simeq G'$  for some  $G' \in im(P^{\bullet})$ ).

#### <span id="page-218-0"></span>Summary

- ▶ Characterizations of the image of  $P^{\bullet}$  (refinement of  $P$ ):
	- ► LEE  $\triangleq$  image of  $P^{\bullet}|_{RExp^{(*/+)}} \ncong$  image of  $P|_{RExp^{(*/+)}}$
	- ► 1-LEE  $\triangleq$  image of  $P^{\bullet} \supsetneq$  image of P

#### Summary

- **►** process interpretation  $P$ / semantics  $\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_P$  of regular expressions
	- ▸ expressibility and completeness questions
- ▸ loop existence and elimination (LEE)
	- ▶ loop elimination rewrite system can be completed
	- $\triangleright$  interpretation/extraction correspondences with  $(*/4)$  reg. expr.s
	- ▸ LEE-witnesses: labelings of graphs with LEE
	- ▸ stepwise LEE-preserving bisimulation collapse
- $\triangleright$  1-LEE = sharing via 1-transitions facilitates LEE
	- ▸ interpretation/extraction correspondences with all regular expressions
	- ▸ not preserved under bisim. collapse (approximation possible)
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▸ outlook on work-to-do

#### <span id="page-220-0"></span>My next aims

#### Completeness problem, solution:

- A1: graph structure of regular expression processes (LEE/1-LEE)
- A2: motivation of crystallization
- A4: details of crystallization procedure, and completeness of Milner's proof system

#### Expressibility problem

- A3: LEE is decidable in polynomial time.
	- Q: Is 1-LEE decidable in polynomial time?
	- **P:** Is expressibility by a regular expression, for a finite process graph, decidable in polynomial time/fixed-parameter tractable time?

#### <span id="page-221-0"></span>Resources

- $\triangleright$  Slides/abstract on [clegra.github.io](https://clegra.github.io)
	- ▸ [slides:](https://clegra.github.io/lf/IFIP-1_6-2024.pdf) . . . /lf/IFIP-1 [6-2024.pdf](https://clegra.github.io/lf/IFIP-1_6-2024.pdf)
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- ▶ CG: Closing the Image of the Process Interpretation of 1-Free Regular Expressions Under Bisimulation Collapse
	- ▸ TERMGRAPH 2024, [extended abstract.](https://clegra.github.io/lf/closing-bc-i-pi-us1f.pdf)
- ▶ CG: The Image of the Process Interpretation of Regular Expressions is Not Closed under Bisimulation Collapse,
	- ▸ [arXiv:2303.08553,](http://arxiv.org/abs/2303.08553) 2021/2023.
- ▶ CG: Milner's Proof System for
	- Regular Expressions Modulo Bisimilarity is Complete,
	- ▸ LICS 2022, [arXiv:2209.12188,](https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.12188) [poster.](https://clegra.github.io/lf/poster-lics-2022.pdf)
- ▶ CG, Wan Fokkink: A Complete Proof System for
	- 1-Free Regular Expressions Modulo Bisimilarity,
	- ▸ LICS 2020, [arXiv:2004.12740,](http://arxiv.org/abs/2004.12740) [video on youtube.](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i8HF2xihx3s)
- ▶ CG: Modeling Terms by Graphs with Structure Constraints,
	- ▸ TERMGRAPH 2018, [EPTCS 288,](https://arxiv.org/html/1902.01510) [arXiv:1902.02010.](http://arxiv.org/abs/1902.02010)

#### <span id="page-222-0"></span>Language semantics  $\lVert \cdot \rVert_L$  of reg. expr's (Copi–Elgot-Wright, 1958)

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 $\lbrack\lbrack e\rbrack\rbrack$  :=  $L(e)$  (language defined by e)



































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