A Coinductive Version of Milner's Proof System for Regular Expressions Modulo Bisimilarity

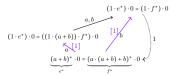
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Process semantics [.] P of regular (star) expr's (Milner, 1984)

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0 \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto} \text{deadlock } \delta, no termination
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- $1 \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto}$ empty process ϵ , then terminate
- $a \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto}$ atomic action a, then terminate

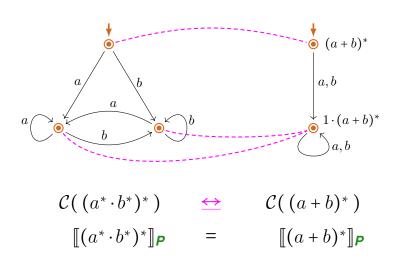
$$e + f \xrightarrow{P}$$
 alternative composition of $[e]_P$ and $[f]_P$

$$e \cdot f \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto} \text{sequential composition of } [\![e]\!]_P \text{ and } [\![f]\!]_P$$

$$e^* \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto}$$
 unbounded iteration of $[e]_P$, option to terminate

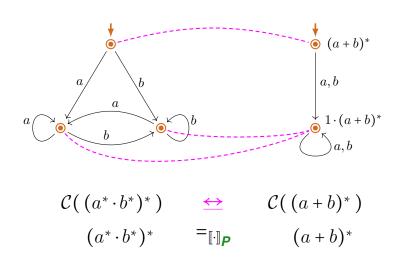
$$\llbracket e \rrbracket_{\boldsymbol{P}} := [\boldsymbol{P}(e)]_{\underline{\leftrightarrow}}$$
 (bisimilarity equivalence class of process $\boldsymbol{P}(e)$)
$$:= [\mathcal{C}(e)]_{\boldsymbol{\leftrightarrow}}$$
 (bisimilarity equivalence class of chart $\mathcal{C}(e)$)

Chart interpretation (example) (via TSS or Antimirov's partial deriv's)



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stion(s)

Milner's proof system Mil = Mil- + RSP*

Axioms:

Inference rules: equational logic plus

$$\frac{e = f \cdot e + g}{e = f^* \cdot g} RSP^* \text{ (if } f \ddagger\text{)}$$

Milner's axiomatization question

Question (Milner, 1984)

Is Milner's system Mil = Mil⁻+RSP* complete for bisimilarity of process interpretations of regular expressions?

$$\forall e, f \text{ reg. expr's } (\vdash_{\mathsf{Mil}} e = f) \xrightarrow{\mathsf{complete}?} e =_{\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_P} f)?$$

"Yes" for restrictions to subclasses: Zantema/Fokkink (1994), Fokkink (1996), Corradini, De Nicola, Labella (2002), G/Fokkink (2020).

Proposition (G, CMCS 2006)

The system Mil-+USP, where:

USP: unique solvability of guarded, linear systems of equations, is (sound and) complete.

Question (investigated here)

How can the derivational power be characterized that the fixed-point rule RSP* adds to the purely equational part Mil⁻ of Milner's system?

Answer developed

We use:

- the loop existence and elimination property (LEE) of charts
 - implies expressibility by a star expression
 - ▶ led to completeness result for 1-free star expressions (G/Fokkink, 2020)

We introduce:

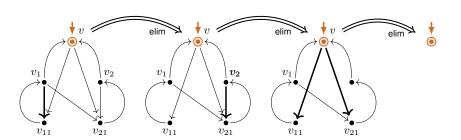
■ a coinductive version cMil = (Mil⁻+LCoProof) of Mil = (Mil⁻+RSP*) based on LEE-witnessed coinductive proofs over Mil⁻.

We construct/obtain:

- ▶ a proof transformation: Mil → cMil, (RSP* inst's → LCoProof inst's),
- ▶ a proof transformation: Mil ← cMil, (bottom-up extraction procedure),
- ▶ theorem equivalence Mil ~ cMil :

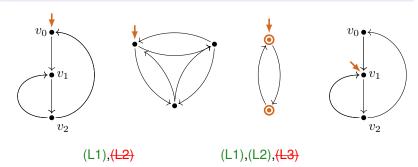
$$\vdash_{\mathsf{Mil}} e = f \iff \vdash_{\mathsf{cMil}} e = f.$$

LEE



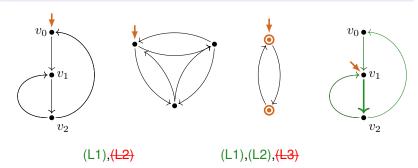
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- (L2) Every infinite path from the start vertex returns to it.
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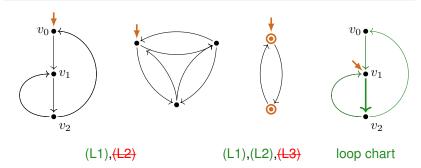
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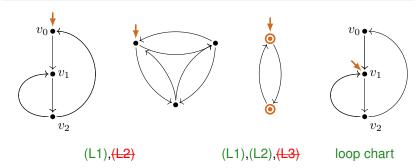
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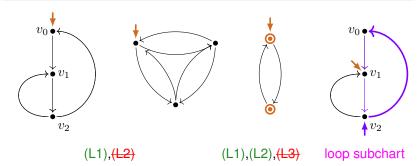
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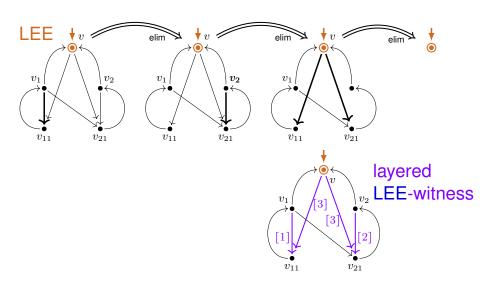


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LEE, and LLEE-witness

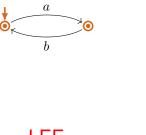


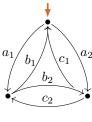


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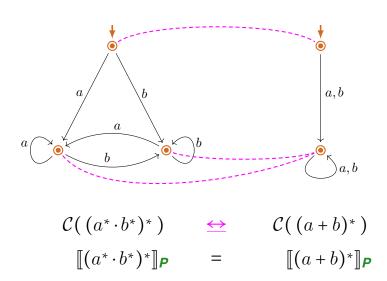
A chart C satisfies LEE (loop existence and elimination) if:

$$\exists \mathcal{C}_0 \left(\mathcal{C} \Longrightarrow_{\mathrm{elim}}^* \mathcal{C}_0 \Longrightarrow_{\mathrm{elim}}^* \right. \\ \wedge \left. \mathcal{C}_0 \text{ permits no infinite path} \right).$$



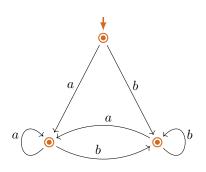




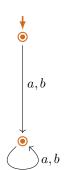


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Chart interpretation (example)



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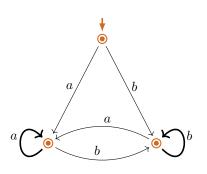


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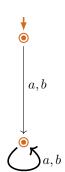
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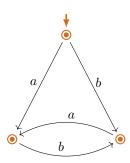


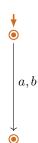
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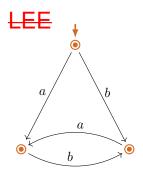


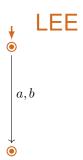
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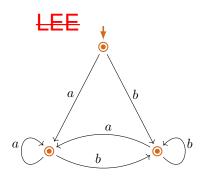
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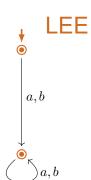


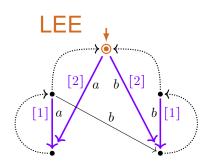


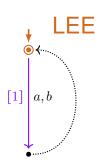








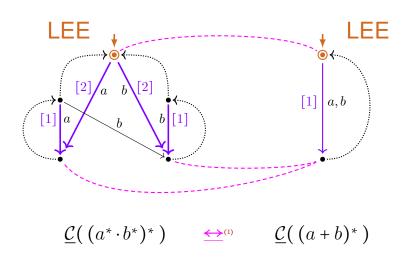




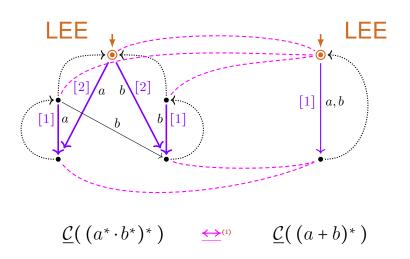
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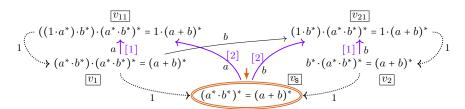
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LLEE-1-chart interpretation (example) (TERMGRAPH, 2020)



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$$a \uparrow [1] \qquad b \qquad (1 \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* = 1 \cdot (a + b)^*$$

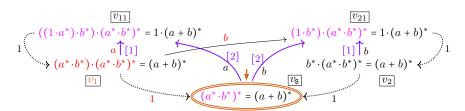
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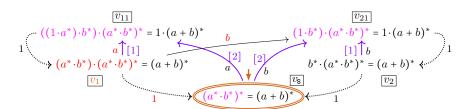
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$$=_{\mathsf{Mil}^{-}} \mathbf{1} \cdot (a^{*} \cdot b^{*})^{*} + \mathbf{a} \cdot (((1 \cdot a^{*}) \cdot b^{*}) \cdot (a^{*} \cdot b^{*})^{*}) + \mathbf{b} \cdot ((1 \cdot b^{*}) \cdot (a^{*} \cdot b^{*})^{*})$$

LEE-witnessed coinductive proof over Mil-

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$$v_1 \downarrow b \downarrow b$$

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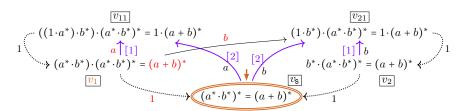
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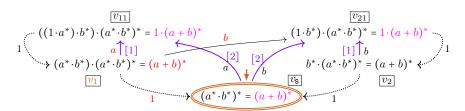
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$$\begin{split} & (a^* \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* =_{\text{Mil}^-} ((1 + a \cdot a^*) \cdot (1 + b \cdot b^*)) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* \\ & =_{\text{Mil}^-} (1 \cdot 1 + a \cdot a^* \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot b \cdot b^* + a \cdot a^* \cdot b \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* \\ & =_{\text{Mil}^-} (1 + a \cdot a^* + a \cdot a^* \cdot b \cdot b^* + b \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* \\ & =_{\text{Mil}^-} (1 + a \cdot a^* \cdot (1 + b \cdot b^*) + b \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* \\ & =_{\text{Mil}^-} (1 + a \cdot a^* \cdot b^* + b \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* \\ & =_{\text{Mil}^-} 1 \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^* + \frac{a}{a} \cdot (((1 \cdot a^*) \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^*) + \frac{b}{a} \cdot ((1 \cdot b^*) \cdot (a^* \cdot b^*)^*) \end{split}$$



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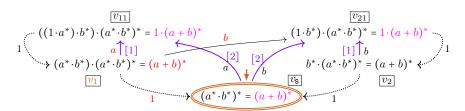
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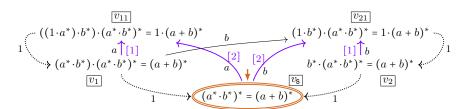
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Rule scheme for combining LEE-witnessed coinductive proofs:

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▶ $\mathcal{LCP}(e = f)$ is a LEE-witnessed coinductive proof of e = f over Mil⁻+{ $g_1 = h_1, \ldots, g_n = h_n$ }.

We define the proof systems:

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Lemma CLC ~ cMil

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 $\overline{CMil} := Mil^- + \{CoProof_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

Lemma

- (i) CC ~ cMil.
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Consequence

cMil ~ CLC ≾ CC ~ cMil.

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Proof transformation Mil → cMil

$$\frac{e = f \cdot e + g}{e = f^* \cdot g} \text{RSP*}$$

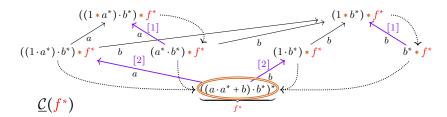
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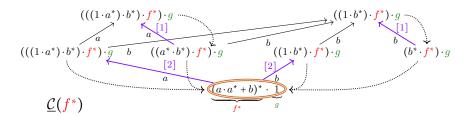
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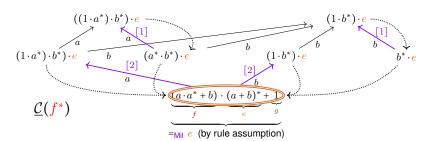
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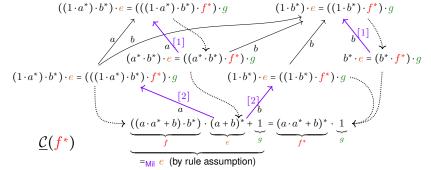
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RSP*



LEE-witnessed coinductive proof over Mil⁻+{ $e = f \cdot e + g$ }

Proof transformation Mil → cMil

$$\frac{e = f \cdot e + g}{e = f^* \cdot g} \text{RSP*}$$

$$\longmapsto \frac{e = f \cdot e + g}{e = f \cdot e + g} \frac{\mathcal{LCP}_{\text{Mil}^- + \{e = f \cdot e + g\}}(e = f^* \cdot g)}{e = f^* \cdot g} \text{LCoProof}_1$$

Proof transformation Mil → cMil

Theorem

Mil ≾ cMil, because:

every derivation in Mil with conclusion e = f can be transformed effectively into a derivation in cMil with conclusion e = f.

Proof idea.

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Corollary

Mil ~ cMil ~ CLC.

Proof transformation cMil → Mil

Lemma

For all star expression e, f, and equations $\Gamma \subseteq =_{Mil}$:

$$e \stackrel{\mathsf{LEE}}{=}_{\mathsf{Mil}^- + \Gamma} f \implies e =_{\mathsf{Mil}} f$$

 $\mathcal{C}, \hat{\mathcal{C}}$

Extraction of Mil-derivation from LEE-witn. coind. proof

Proof transformation cMil → Mil

Lemma (extraction and unique solvability)

Let C be a LEE-1-chart.

- ▶ From \mathcal{C} a Mil⁻-(hence Mil-)provable solution can be extracted.
- ▶ Any two Mil-provable solutions of \underline{C} are Mil-provably equal.

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Summary

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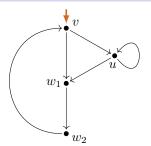
- ► (LEE-witnessed) coinductive proofs over Mil⁻:
 - ▶ 1-charts \underline{C} (with LEE) whose vertices are labeled by equations between the values of two provable solutions of C
- proof systems
 - systems cMil / CLC with LEE-witnessed coind. proofs over Mil-
 - systems cMil / CC with coinductive proofs over Mil⁻

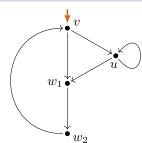
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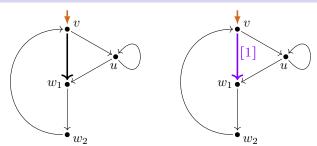
- ► Mil = (Mil⁻+RSP*) ~ (Mil⁻+LCoProof) = cMil ~ CLC
- Mil ≤ (Mil⁻+USP) ~ (Mil⁻+CoProof) = cMil ~ CC ((clearly) complete).

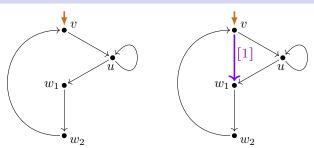
Desired application: proof strategy for completeness proof of Mil

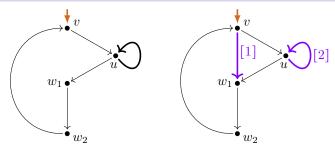
- $\blacktriangleright \vdash_{\mathsf{Mil}} e = f \iff \vdash_{\mathsf{cMil}} e = f \iff e =_{\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_{\mathsf{P}}} f$
- ► Technical report: arxiv:2108.13104

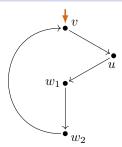


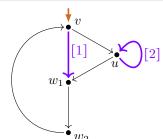




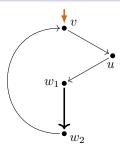


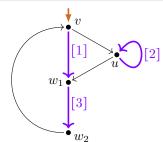


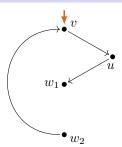


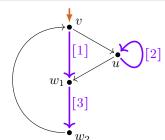


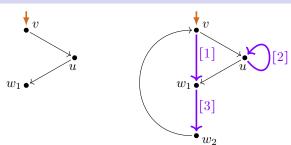
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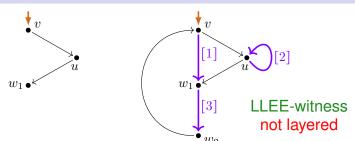


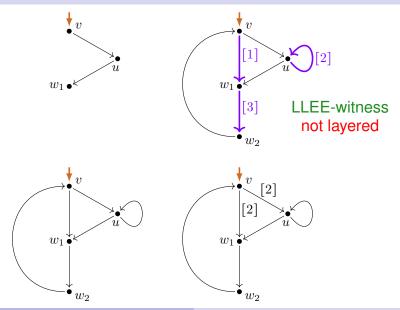


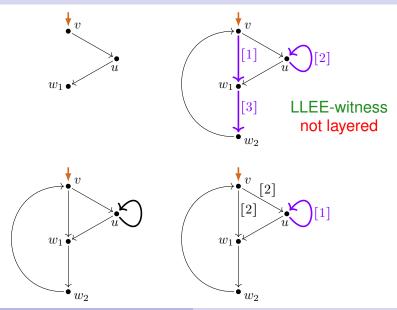


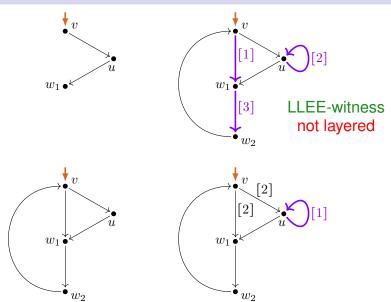


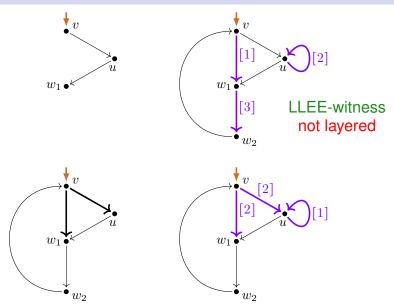


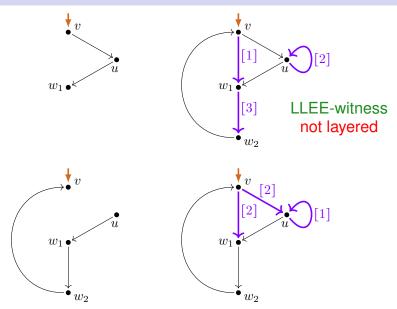


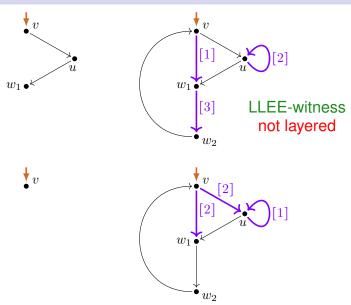


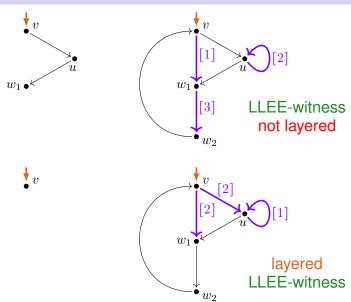


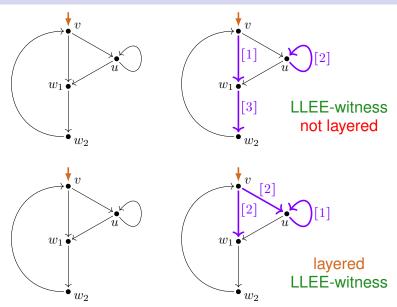


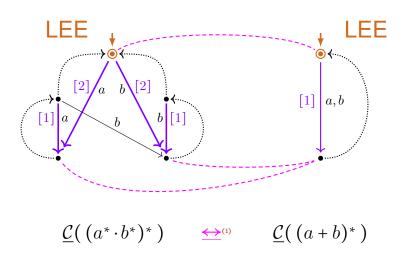


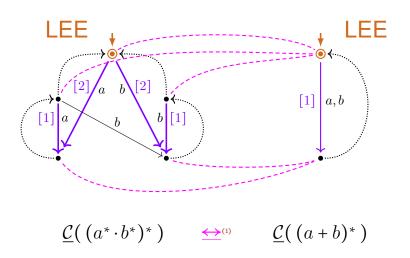


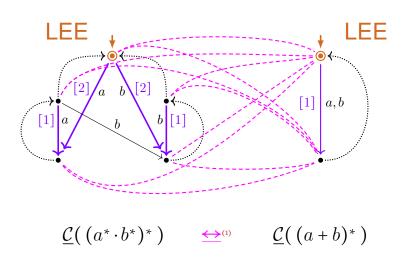


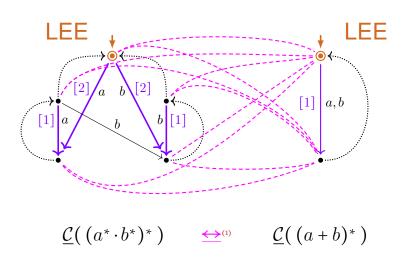




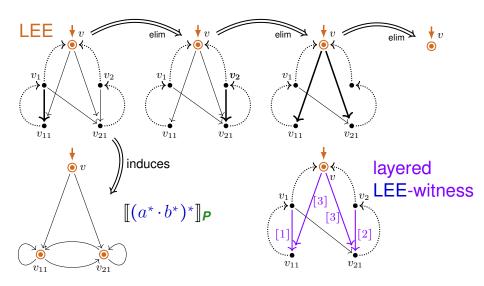








LEE, and LLEE-witness, induced process graph



 $Mil \Rightarrow cMil$ cMil ⇒ Mil

LEE-charts: properties and results

Lemmas

- (I) Chart interpretations of 1-free star expressions satisfy LEE.
- (SU) LEE-charts have unique provable solutions up to Mil-provability.
 - (C) LEE is preserved under bisimulation collapse.

Theorem (G/Fokkink, LICS 2020)

The adaptation BBP of Mil to 1-free star expressions is complete.

Consequence of lemmas used

(E) A chart \mathcal{C} is expressible by a 1-free star expr. modulo bisimilarity \iff the bisimulation collapse of \mathcal{C} is a LEE-chart.

Hence expressible not expressible by 1-free star expressions:

