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

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## Process semantics $\llbracket \|_{p}$ of regular (star) expr's (Mileer, 1984)

$0 \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto}$ deadlock $\delta$, no termination
$1 \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto}$ empty process $\epsilon$, then terminate
$a \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto}$ atomic action $a$, then terminate
$e+f \quad \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto} \quad$ alternative composition of $\llbracket e \rrbracket_{P}$ and $\llbracket f \rrbracket_{P}$
$e \cdot f \xrightarrow{P}$ sequential composition of $\llbracket e \rrbracket_{P}$ and $\llbracket f \rrbracket_{P}$
$e^{*} \stackrel{P}{\longmapsto}$ unbounded iteration of $\llbracket e \rrbracket_{P}$, option to terminate

$$
\begin{array}{rll}
\llbracket e \rrbracket_{P} & :=[P(e)]_{\leftrightarrows} & \\
& \text { (bisimilarity equivalence class of process } P(e)) \\
& :=[\mathcal{C}(e)]_{\leftrightarrows} & \text { (bisimilarity equivalence class of chart } \mathcal{C}(e))
\end{array}
$$

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## Milner's proof system Mil $=\mathrm{Mil}^{-}+\mathrm{RSP}^{*}$

Axioms:

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        \((\operatorname{assoc}(+)) \quad(e+f)+g=e+(f+g)\)
        (neutr(+)) \(\quad e+0=e\)
        (comm \((+)) \quad e+f=f+e\)
(idempot(+)) \(\quad e+e=e\)
    \((\operatorname{assoc}(\cdot)) \quad(e \cdot f) \cdot g=e \cdot(f \cdot g)\)
    \((r-\operatorname{distr}(+, \cdot)) \quad(e+f) \cdot g=e \cdot g+f \cdot g\)
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Inference rules: equational logic plus

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

## Milner's axiomatization question

## Question (Milner, 1984)

Is Milner's system Mil $=$ Mil $^{-}+$RSP* $^{*}$ complete for bisimilarity of process interpretations of regular expressions?

$$
\forall e, f \text { reg. expr's }\left(\vdash_{\text {Mil }} e=f \underset{\text { sound }}{\stackrel{\text { complete }}{\Longleftrightarrow}} \quad e=\llbracket_{\llbracket \cdot \rrbracket_{p}}^{\Longrightarrow} f\right) ?
$$

"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 $=\left(\mathrm{Mil}^{-}+\right.$LCoProof $)$of $\mathrm{Mil}=\left(\mathrm{Mil}^{-}+\mathrm{RSP}^{*}\right)$ based on LEE-witnessed coinductive proofs over Mil-.

We construct/ obtain:

- a proof transformation: Mil $\longmapsto$ cMil, (RSP* inst's $\mapsto$ LCoProof inst's),
- a proof transformation: Mil $\longleftrightarrow$ cMil, (bottom-up extraction procedure),
- theorem equivalence Mil ~ cMil:

$$
\vdash_{\text {Mil }} e=f \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad \vdash_{\text {CMil }} e=f .
$$

## LEE



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## LEE, and LLEE-witness



## LEE

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A chart $\mathcal{C}$ satisfies LEE (loop existence and elimination) if:

$$
\begin{aligned}
\exists \mathcal{C}_{0} & \left(\mathcal{C} \Longrightarrow{ }_{\text {elim }}^{*} \mathcal{C}_{0} \nsupseteq\right. \text { elim } \\
& \left.\wedge \mathcal{C}_{0} \text { permits no infinite path }\right) .
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& =\text { Mil }^{*}\left(1+a \cdot a^{*} \cdot b^{*}+b \cdot b^{*}\right) \cdot\left(a^{*} \cdot b^{*}\right)^{*} \\
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## Coinductive proof systems

Rule scheme for combining LEE-witnessed coinductive proofs:

$$
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$$

- $\operatorname{LCP}(e=f)$ is a LEE-witnessed coinductive proof of $e=f$

$$
\text { over Mil }{ }^{-}+\left\{g_{1}=h_{1}, \ldots, g_{n}=h_{n}\right\} .
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## Consequence

cMil ~ CLC $~ C C C \overline{c M i l}$.

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## From fixed-point rule instances to coinductive proofs

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

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## Theorem

Mil $\lesssim c M i l$, because:
every derivation in Mil with conclusion $e=f$ can be transformed effectively into a derivation in cMil with conclusion $e=f$.

Proof idea.

$$
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& \frac{e}{e=}=f \cdot e+g \\
& e=f^{*} \cdot g \text { RSP }^{*} \\
& \Longleftrightarrow \quad \frac{e=f \cdot e+g \quad \mathcal{L C P}_{\text {MiI }^{-}+\{e=f \cdot e+g\}}\left(e=f^{*} \cdot g\right)}{e=f^{*} \cdot g} \text { LCoProof }_{1}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Corollary <br> Mil ~ cMil ~ CLC.

## Proof transformation cMil $\longmapsto$ Mil

## Lemma

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

$$
e \stackrel{\text { LEE }}{=}_{\mathrm{Mil}^{-}+\Gamma} f \quad \Longrightarrow \quad e=\text { Mil } f
$$

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

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

$$
L_{i}\left(v_{2}\right)={ }_{\mathrm{Mil}^{-}}^{(\mathrm{sol})} b \cdot L_{i}\left(v_{21}\right)+1 \cdot L_{i}(v)=_{\mathrm{Mil}^{-}} b \cdot L_{i}\left(v_{2}\right)+L_{i}(v)
$$

$$
\Downarrow \text { applying RSP* }
$$

$$
L_{i}\left(v_{2}\right)=\text { Mil } b^{*} \cdot L_{i}(v)
$$

$$
L_{i}\left(v_{11}\right)==_{\mathrm{Mil}^{-}}^{(\mathrm{sol})} 1 \cdot L_{i}\left(v_{1}\right)=_{\mathrm{Mil}^{-}} L_{i}\left(v_{1}\right)
$$

$$
L_{i}\left(v_{1}\right)={ }_{\text {Mill }^{-}} a \cdot L_{i}\left(v_{11}\right)+b \cdot L_{i}\left(v_{21}\right)+1 \cdot L_{i}(v)
$$

$$
=\mathrm{Mil} a \cdot L_{i}\left(v_{1}\right)+\left(b \cdot b^{*}+1\right) \cdot L_{i}(v)
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$$

$$
=\text { Mil }\left(a \cdot\left(a^{*} \cdot b^{*}\right)+b \cdot b^{*}\right) \cdot L_{i}(v)+1
$$

$\Downarrow$ applying RSP*

$$
L_{i}(v)=\operatorname{Mil}\left(a \cdot\left(a^{*} \cdot b^{*}\right)+b \cdot b^{*}\right)^{*} \cdot 1=_{\text {Mil }^{-}}\left(a \cdot\left(a^{*} \cdot b^{*}\right)+b \cdot b^{*}\right)^{*}=s_{\underline{\hat{\mathcal{C}}}}(v)
$$

## Proof transformation cMil $\longmapsto$ Mil

Lemma (extraction and unique solvability)
Let $\underline{\mathcal{C}}$ be a LEE-1-chart.

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


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## Summary

We define:

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

Results:

- Mil $=\left(\right.$ Mil $^{-}+$RSP $\left.*\right) ~ ~\left(\right.$ Mil $^{-}+$LCoProof $)=$cMil $\sim$ CLC
- Mil $\lesssim\left(\right.$ Mil $^{-}+$USP $) \sim\left(\right.$ Mil $^{-}+$CoProof $)=\overline{\text { cMil }} \sim$ CC ((clearly) complete $)$.

Desired application: proof strategy for completeness proof of Mil
$\stackrel{\vdash_{\text {Mil }}}{ } e=f \Longleftarrow \vdash_{\text {cMil }} e=f \Longleftarrow e=_{\llbracket!\rrbracket_{p}} f$

- Technical report: arXiv:2108.13104


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## LEE, and LLEE-witness, induced process graph



## 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 $\Longleftrightarrow$ the bisimulation collapse of $\mathcal{C}$ is a LEE-chart.

Hence expressible|not expressible by 1 -free star expressions:


