

Theory of concurrency

2023/24

Lecture 13



# Bisimulation and logic

Modal logic  $M =$

SYNTAX:

$$\phi ::= \text{true} \mid \neg \phi \mid \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \mid \langle a \rangle \phi$$

SEMANTICS:

$$P \models \text{true}$$

$$P \models \neg \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad P \not\models \phi$$

$$P \models \phi_1 \wedge \phi_2 \quad \text{iff} \quad P \models \phi_1 \text{ and } P \models \phi_2$$

$$P \models \langle a \rangle \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad \begin{array}{l} P' \models \phi \text{ for some } P' \text{ s.t.} \\ P \xrightarrow{a} P' \end{array}$$

SHORTHANDS:

$$\bullet [a] \phi := \neg \langle a \rangle \neg \phi$$

$$P \models [a] \phi \quad \text{iff} \quad P' \models \phi \text{ for all } P' \text{ s.t.} \\ P \xrightarrow{a} P'$$

$$\bullet \phi_1 \vee \phi_2$$

$$\bullet \perp \rightarrow \phi := \bigvee_a \langle a \rangle \phi \quad \bullet \text{false} := \neg \text{true}$$

Example:  $\langle a \rangle [b] \text{true} \vee [a] \langle b \rangle \text{true}$

$$\perp \rightarrow \text{true} \quad [\perp] \text{false}$$

DEF:

$$P \equiv_M Q \quad \text{if} \quad \forall \phi \in M. (P \models \phi \text{ iff } Q \models \phi)$$

Lemma :  $P \sim Q$  implies  $P \equiv_M Q$

Proof : By structural induction over  $\Phi \in M$  show  
that  $P \sim Q$  implies ( $P \models \Phi$  iff  $Q \models \Phi$ )

• Base :  $\Phi = \text{true}$

$P \sim Q$

• Step :  $\Phi = \neg \Psi$

$P \models \langle a \rangle \Psi \quad Q \models \langle a \rangle \Psi$

$$\Phi = \Phi_1 \wedge \Phi_2$$

$P$   
 $\downarrow a$

$Q$   
 $\downarrow a$

$$\Phi = \langle a \rangle \Psi$$

$P' \models \Psi$

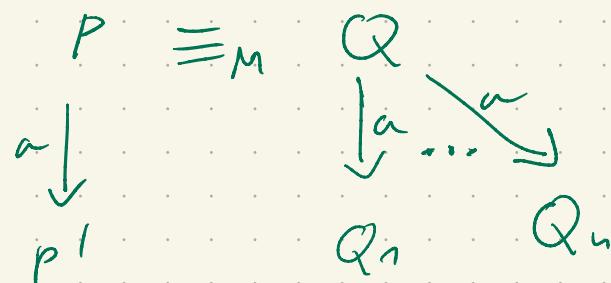
$Q' \models \Psi$

$P' \sim Q'$

Lemma : Under image-finiteness assumption,

$P \equiv_M Q$  implies  $P \sim Q$ .

Proof :  $\equiv_M$  is a bisimulation



We need :  $P' \equiv_M Q_i$   
for some  $i$

Towards contradiction,  
assume the contrary:

$$P \models \langle a \rangle \text{true} \quad Q \models \langle a \rangle \text{true}$$

$p' \not\equiv_M Q_i$  for all  $i$

There are  $\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n \in M$  s.t.  $P' \models \phi_i$  L3  
 $Q_i \not\models \phi_i$   
for every  $i$

Put  $\psi := \phi_1 \wedge \dots \wedge \phi_n$

$P \models \langle a \rangle \psi$      $Q \not\models \langle a \rangle \psi$  — a contradiction.

Observation: a modal formula is a witness of bisimulation non equivalence

Remark: one can drop image-finiteness assumption

Question: is negation needed in the last proof?

Variants for  $\sim$ :

- $\sim_m$

- long steps  $\langle a_1 \dots a_n \rangle \phi :=$

$$\langle a_1 \rangle \dots \langle a_n \rangle \phi$$