

# Graph Liftings and Howe's Method

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- Operational model  $\mu\Sigma \rightarrow B(\mu\Sigma)$ , denotational model  $\Sigma(\nu B) \rightarrow \nu B$ .
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- **Key feature:** **compositionality**, i.e. bisimilarity is a congruence:

$$p_i \sim q_i \quad (i = 1, \dots, n) \quad \xrightarrow{f \in \Sigma} \quad f(p_1, \dots, p_n) \sim f(q_1, \dots, q_n).$$

- **Scope:** **first-order** (CCS,  $\pi$ -calculus, ...), **higher-order** ( $\lambda$ -calculus)

# The Issue With Higher-Order Languages

HO languages require behaviours like

$$BX = X^X.$$

This is not an endofunctor – but

$$B(X, Y) = Y^X$$

is a **bifunctor** contravariant in  $X$  and covariant in  $Y$ .

## Key idea for higher-order abstract GSOS

endofunctors  $B: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$     +    natural transformations

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**bifunctors**  $B: \mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$     +    **dinatural** transformations.

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$$\mathbb{C} = \text{Set}^{\mathbb{F}}$$

$$\Sigma X = V + \delta X + X \times X$$

$$\mu \Sigma = \lambda\text{-terms}$$

$$B(X, Y) = \langle X, Y \rangle \times (Y + Y^X + 1)$$

cf. Fiore, Plotkin & Turi '99

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- Operational model  $\mu\Sigma \rightarrow B(\mu\Sigma, \mu\Sigma)$ , **denotational model**  $\nu B(\mu\Sigma, -)$ .
- programs  abstract behaviours 

- **Key feature: compositionality**, i.e. bisimilarity is a congruence.

Proof: more complex than first-order case + needs mild assumptions.

# Strong Applicative Bisimilarity

Coalgebraic bisimilarity on operational model  $\mu\Sigma \rightarrow B(\mu\Sigma, \mu\Sigma)$

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**strong applicative bisimilarity.**

## Example: $\lambda$ -calculus

Greatest relation  $\sim \subseteq \Lambda \times \Lambda$  such that for  $t_1 \sim t_2$ ,

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closed  $\lambda$ -terms

$$t_1 \rightarrow t'_1 \implies t_2 \rightarrow t'_2 \quad \wedge \quad t'_1 \sim t'_2;$$

$$t_1 = \lambda x. t'_1 \implies t_2 = \lambda x. t'_2 \quad \wedge \quad \forall e \in \Lambda. t'_1[e/x] \sim t'_2[e/x];$$

+ two symmetric conditions

# Applicative Bisimilarity [Abramsky '90]

Weak coalgebraic bisimilarity on operational model  $\mu\Sigma \rightarrow B(\mu\Sigma, \mu\Sigma)$

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Greatest relation  $\approx \subseteq \Lambda \times \Lambda$  such that for  $t_1 \approx t_2$ ,

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$$t_2 \rightarrow^* \lambda x. t'_2 \implies t_1 \rightarrow^* \lambda x. t'_1 \wedge \forall e \in \Lambda. t'_1[e/x] \approx t'_2[e/x].$$

**Goal:** Compositionality of higher-order GSOS w.r.t. **weak** bisimilarity.



# Proof of compositionality w.r.t. strong applicative bisimilarity

Bisimilarity  $\sim$  on  $\mu\Sigma \rightarrow B(\mu\Sigma, \mu\Sigma)$  is a congruence.

1. Take the closure  $\hat{\sim}$  of  $\sim$  under contexts and transitivity:

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If  $\mathbb{C}$  has pullbacks, the projection  $(X, R) \rightarrow X$  is a bifibration.

## Fibres of the category of graphs

$$\text{Gra}_X(\mathbb{C}) = \text{graphs with vertices } X \text{ and morphisms } (\text{id}_X, \cdot)$$

## Preorder on $\text{Gra}_X(\mathbb{C})$

$$(X, R) \leq (X, S) \iff (X, R) \xrightarrow{\exists} (X, S) \text{ in } \text{Gra}_X(\mathbb{C}).$$

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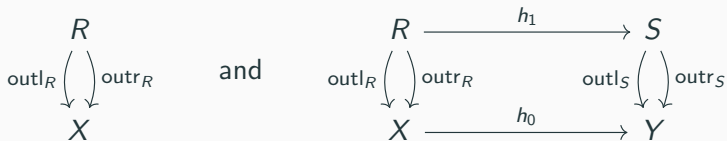
**Op**cartesian lift of  $f: X \rightarrow Y$

$$f_*: \text{Gra}_X(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Gra}_Y(\mathbb{C}), \quad \text{outl}_R \left( \begin{array}{c} R \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \text{outr}_R \mapsto \text{outl}_R \left( \begin{array}{c} R \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ X \end{array} \right) \text{outr}_R \xrightarrow{f} Y$$

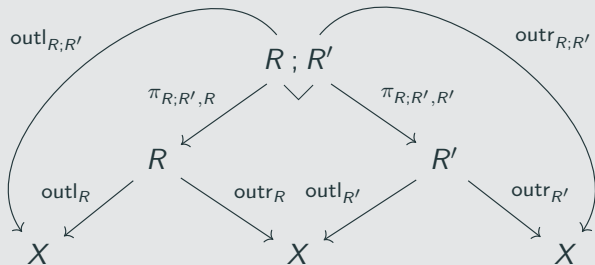


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## Canonical graph lifting of endofunctor $F: \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

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**Howe closure of graph**  $(X, R) \in \text{Gra}(\mathbb{C})$  w.r.t.  $\Sigma$ -algebra  $\xi: \Sigma X \rightarrow X$

Initial algebra of the functor  $\overline{\Sigma}_{R, \xi}: \text{Gra}_X(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Gra}_X(\mathbb{C})$  given by

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## Key step towards logical bisimulations

To abstractly express properties like

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need to lift  $B: \mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  to  $\bar{B}: \text{Gra}(\mathbb{C})^{\text{op}} \times \text{Gra}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Gra}(\mathbb{C})$ .

$$B(X, Y) = Y^X$$

$$\bar{B}((X, R), (Y, S)) = (Y, S)^{(X, R)}$$



# Graph Liftings of Bifunctors

Canonical lifting  $\bar{B}: \text{Gra}(\mathbb{C})^{\text{op}} \times \text{Gra}(\mathbb{C}) \rightarrow \text{Gra}(\mathbb{C})$  of  $B: \mathbb{C}^{\text{op}} \times \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ :

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with  $T_{R,S}$  defined via the following triple-pullback diagram:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & & T_{R,S} & & \\ & \text{pr}_{R,S} \curvearrowright & \downarrow & \curvearrowleft \text{qr}_{R,S} & \\ & \tilde{q}_{R,S} \rightarrow & B(R, S) & \leftarrow \tilde{p}_{R,S} & \\ & & B(R, \text{outl}_S) \downarrow \downarrow B(R, \text{outr}_S) & & \\ \tilde{T}_{R,S} & > & B(R, Y) & < & \vec{T}_{R,S} \\ & & B(\text{outl}_R, Y) \uparrow \uparrow B(\text{outr}_R, Y) & & \\ & \tilde{p}_{R,S} \rightarrow & B(X, Y) & \leftarrow \tilde{q}_{R,S} & \end{array}$$

## Logical Bisimulations for Bifunctors

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Logical bisimulation on  $c: X \rightarrow B(X, X) = \text{graph}(X, R)$  such that

$$c_*(X, R) \leq \bar{B}((X, R), (X, R)).$$

This captures properties like

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## Summary and Ongoing Work

- ▶ Howe's method and logical bisimulations, categorically.
- ▶ **Key technique:** Graph liftings of (bi-)functors.
- ▶ First application: a generalized version of our [POPL'23] result.

### Theorem (Compositionality of Higher-Order Abstract GSOS)

Suppose that the following conditions hold:

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Then for every higher-order abstract GSOS law, bisimilarity on the canonical model  $\mu\Sigma \rightarrow B(\mu\Sigma, \mu\Sigma)$  is a congruence.

**Proof:** Howe's method and primitive recursion (not coinduction).

- ▶ **Next step:** Extension to **weak** bisimilarity.

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