

Open Bisimulation for Quantum Processes

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- A modal characterisation of the behavioural equivalence, by extending the Hennessy-Milner logic to the quantum setting.



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- Generally, A^\dagger stands for the adjoint of A , such that

$$(A^\dagger|\psi\rangle, |\phi\rangle) = (|\psi\rangle, A|\phi\rangle).$$

In particular, $(|\psi\rangle)^\dagger = \langle\psi|$.



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- **Kraus representation theorem:** A map \mathcal{E} is a super-operator if and only if

$$\mathcal{E}(A) = \sum_{i=1}^d E_i A E_i^\dagger$$

for some set of matrices $\{E_i, i = 1, \dots, d\}$ with $\sum_i E_i^\dagger E_i = I$.



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- The measurement disturbs the system, leaving it in a state $P_k \rho P_k / p_k$ determined by the outcome.



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$\mathbf{nil} \mid \mathit{pref}.P \mid P + Q \mid P \parallel Q \mid P \setminus L \mid \mathbf{if} \ b \ \mathbf{then} \ P \mid A(\tilde{q}; \tilde{x})$

where

$\mathit{pref} ::= \tau \mid c?x \mid c!e \mid c?q \mid c!q \mid \mathcal{E}[\tilde{q}] \mid M[\tilde{q}; x]$

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- 2 $qv(P) \cap qv(Q) = \emptyset$ in the process $P \parallel Q$.

Operational Semantics of qCCS

Suppose P is a closed quantum process. A pair of the form

$$\langle P, \rho \rangle$$

is called a configuration, where ρ is a density operator. The set of configurations is denoted by Con . We sometimes let $\mathcal{C}, \mathcal{D}, \dots$ range over Con to ease notations.

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Let

$$Act = \{\tau\} \cup \{c?v, c!v \mid c \text{ classical channel, } v \text{ real number}\} \cup \{c?r, c!r \mid c \text{ quantum channel, } r \text{ quantum variable}\},$$

and $D(Con)$ be the set of finite-support probability distributions over Con .

The semantics of qCCS is given by the probabilistic labeled transition system (Con, Act, \rightarrow) , where $\rightarrow \subseteq Con \times Act \times D(Con)$ is the smallest relation satisfying some rules.



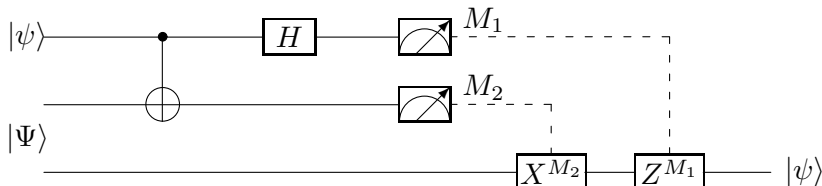
An example: Teleportation

Quantum teleportation [Bennett, Brassard, Crepeau, Jozsa, Peres, and Wootters, PRL 1993] is one of the most important protocols in quantum information theory which makes use of a maximally entangled state to teleport an unknown quantum state by sending only *classical* information.

It serves as a key ingredient in many other quantum communication protocols.



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Let

$$Alice := CNot[q, q_1].H[q].M[q, q_1; x].c!x.nil$$

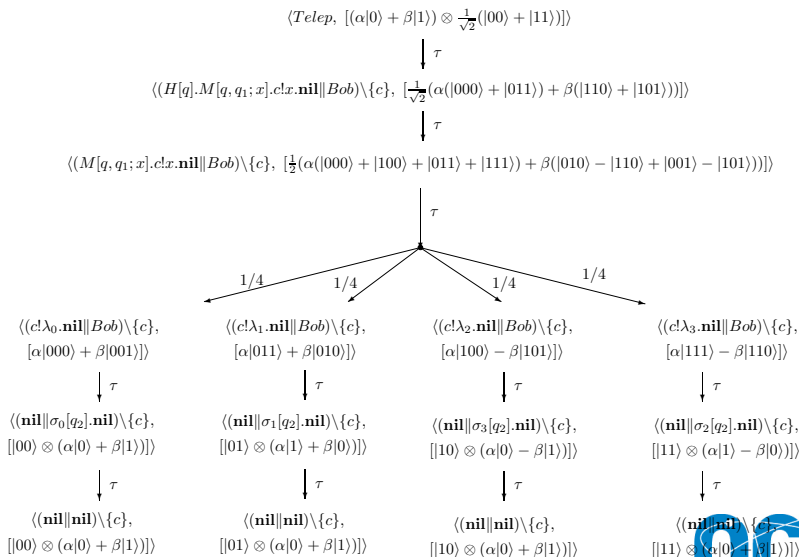
$$Bob := c?x.U_x[q_2].nil$$

$$Telep := (Alice || Bob) \setminus \{c\}$$

Here $M = \sum_{i=0}^3 \lambda_i |\tilde{i}\rangle \langle \tilde{i}|$, and

$$U_x[q_2].nil := \text{if } x = \lambda_0 \text{ then } \sigma_0[q_2].nil + \text{if } x = \lambda_1 \text{ then } \sigma_1[q_2].nil \\ + \text{if } x = \lambda_2 \text{ then } \sigma_3[q_2].nil + \text{if } x = \lambda_3 \text{ then } \sigma_2[q_2].nil.$$





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- ② $\Delta_i\mathcal{R}^\circ\Theta_i$ for all $i \in I$ implies

$$\left(\sum_{i \in I} p_i \cdot \Delta_i\right) \mathcal{R}^\circ \left(\sum_{i \in I} p_i \cdot \Theta_i\right)$$

for any $p_i \in [0, 1]$ with $\sum_{i \in I} p_i = 1$, where I is a countable index set.



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- We define weak transitions $\xrightarrow{\hat{a}}$ by letting $\xrightarrow{\hat{\tau}}$ be the reflexive and transitive closure of $\xrightarrow{\tau}$ and writing $\Delta \xrightarrow{\hat{a}} \Theta$ for $a \in \text{Act}$ whenever

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- **closed under super-operator application**, if $C \mathcal{R} D$ implies $\mathcal{E}(C) \mathcal{R} \mathcal{E}(D)$ for any $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{SO}(\mathcal{H}_{\overline{qv(C)}}$).



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Open bisimulation

A relation $\mathcal{R} \subseteq \text{Con} \times \text{Con}$ is an **open simulation** if \mathcal{CRD} implies that

- $qv(\mathcal{C}) = qv(\mathcal{D})$, and $\text{env}(\mathcal{C}) = \text{env}(\mathcal{D})$,
- for any $\mathcal{E} \in \mathcal{SO}(\mathcal{H}_{qv(\mathcal{C})})$, whenever $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{C}) \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Delta$,
there is some Θ with $\mathcal{E}(\mathcal{D}) \xrightarrow{\hat{\alpha}} \Theta$ and $\Delta \mathcal{R}^\circ \Theta$.

A relation \mathcal{R} is an **open bisimulation** if both \mathcal{R} and \mathcal{R}^{-1} are open simulations. We let \approx_o be the largest open bisimulation.



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Modal characterisation

The class \mathcal{L} of modal formulae over Act , ranged over by ϕ , is defined by the following grammar:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi & := E_{\tilde{q}}^{\geq p} \mid \bigwedge_{i \in I} \phi_i \mid \langle \alpha \rangle \psi \mid \neg \phi \mid \mathcal{E}.\phi \\ \psi & := \bigoplus_{i \in I} p_i \cdot \phi_i\end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha \in \text{Act}_\tau$, \mathcal{E} is a super-operator, and E is a projector associated with a certain subspace of $\mathcal{H}_{\tilde{q}}$.

We call ϕ a **configuration formula** and ψ a **distribution formula**.



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- $\Delta \models \bigoplus_{i \in I} p_i \cdot \phi_i$ if there are Δ_i , $i \in I$, such that $\Delta = \sum_{i \in I} p_i \cdot \Delta_i$, and for all $\mathcal{D} \in [\Delta_i]$, $\mathcal{D} \models \phi_i$.

A logical equivalence

We write $\mathcal{C} =^{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{D}$ if $\mathcal{C} \models \phi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{D} \models \phi$ for all $\phi \in \mathcal{L}$.

Theorem

$\mathcal{C} \approx_r \mathcal{D}$ if and only if $\mathcal{C} =^{\mathcal{L}} \mathcal{D}$.

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