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Principles for Software Composition

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18c - bisimilarity as a fixpoint

# CCS syntax

$p, q$	$::=$	<b>nil</b>	inactive process
		$x$	process variable (for recursion)
		$\mu.p$	action prefix
		$p \setminus \alpha$	restricted channel
		$p[\phi]$	channel relabelling
		$p + q$	nondeterministic choice (sum)
		$p q$	parallel composition
		<b>rec</b> $x. p$	recursion

(operators are listed in order of precedence)

# CCS op. semantics

$$\text{Act) } \frac{}{\mu.p \xrightarrow{\mu} p} \quad \text{Res) } \frac{p \xrightarrow{\mu} q \quad \mu \notin \{\alpha, \bar{\alpha}\}}{p \setminus \alpha \xrightarrow{\mu} q \setminus \alpha} \quad \text{Rel) } \frac{p \xrightarrow{\mu} q}{p[\phi] \xrightarrow{\phi(\mu)} q[\phi]}$$

$$\text{SumL) } \frac{p_1 \xrightarrow{\mu} q}{p_1 + p_2 \xrightarrow{\mu} q} \quad \text{SumR) } \frac{p_2 \xrightarrow{\mu} q}{p_1 + p_2 \xrightarrow{\mu} q}$$

$$\text{ParL) } \frac{p_1 \xrightarrow{\mu} q_1}{p_1 | p_2 \xrightarrow{\mu} q_1 | p_2} \quad \text{Com) } \frac{p_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda} q_1 \quad p_2 \xrightarrow{\bar{\lambda}} q_2}{p_1 | p_2 \xrightarrow{\tau} q_1 | q_2} \quad \text{ParR) } \frac{p_2 \xrightarrow{\mu} q_2}{p_1 | p_2 \xrightarrow{\mu} p_1 | q_2}$$

$$\text{Rec) } \frac{p[\mathbf{rec} \ x. \ p / x] \xrightarrow{\mu} q}{\mathbf{rec} \ x. \ p \xrightarrow{\mu} q}$$

# Strong bisimilarity

$\mathcal{P}$  set of processes       $\mathbf{R} \subseteq \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P}$  a binary relation

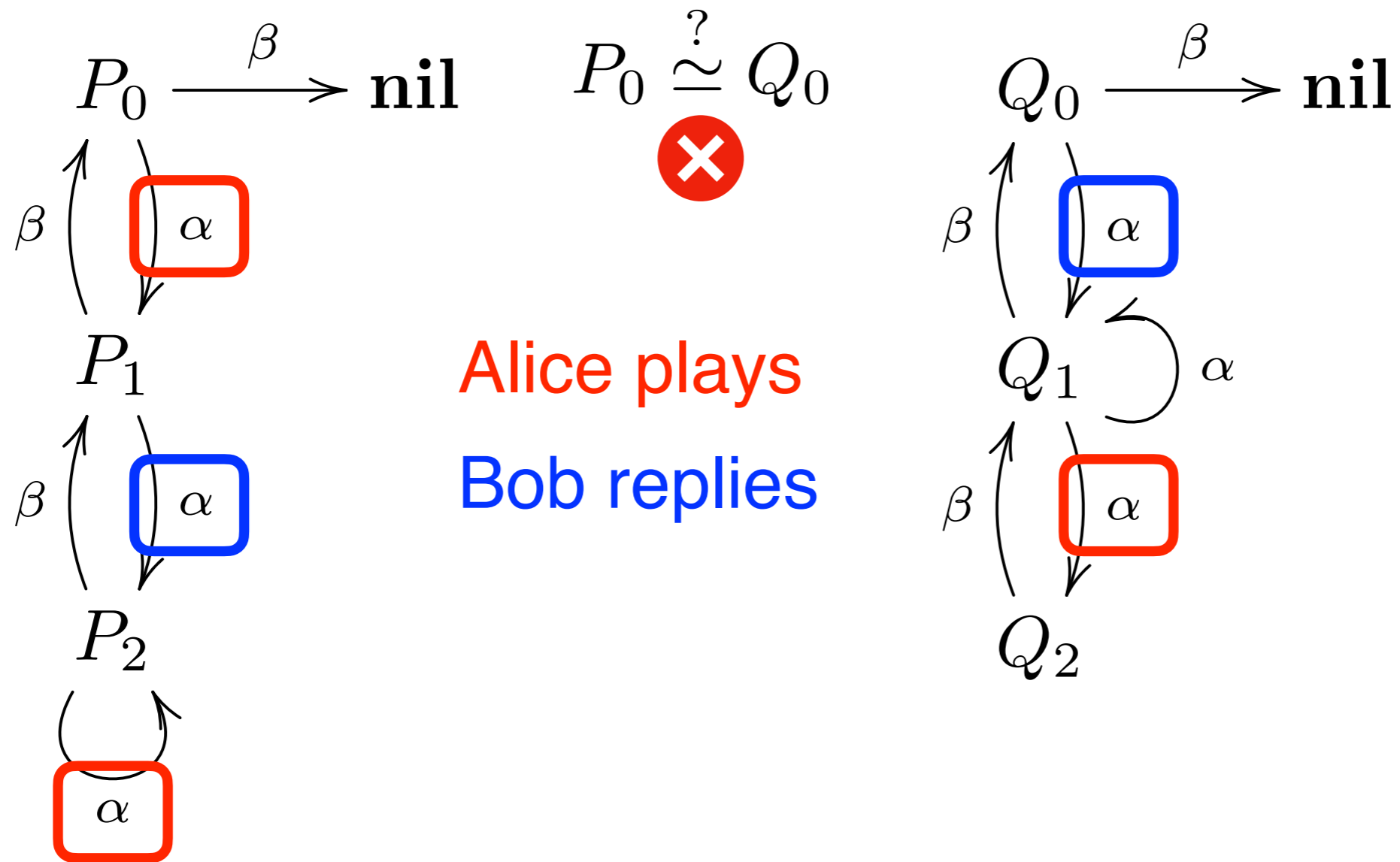
$\mathbf{R}$  is a strong bisimulation if

$$\forall p, q. (p, q) \in \mathbf{R} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall \mu, p'. p \xrightarrow{\mu} p' \Rightarrow \exists q'. q \xrightarrow{\mu} q' \wedge p' \mathbf{R} q' \\ \wedge \text{ Alice plays } \quad \text{Bob replies} \\ \forall \mu, q'. q \xrightarrow{\mu} q' \Rightarrow \exists p'. p \xrightarrow{\mu} p' \wedge p' \mathbf{R} q' \end{array} \right.$$

strong bisimilarity  $\simeq \triangleq \bigcup_{\mathbf{R} \text{ s.b.}} \mathbf{R}$  is an equivalence  
is a strong bisimulation

$$\forall p, q. p \simeq q \Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \forall \mu, p'. p \xrightarrow{\mu} p' \Rightarrow \exists q'. q \xrightarrow{\mu} q' \wedge p' \simeq q' \\ \wedge \\ \forall \mu, q'. q \xrightarrow{\mu} q' \Rightarrow \exists p'. p \xrightarrow{\mu} p' \wedge p' \simeq q' \end{array} \right.$$

# Bisimulation game



# CCS

## Bisimilarity as a fixpoint

# Strong bis as fix

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$$\mathbf{R} \subseteq \Phi(\mathbf{R})$$

a strong bisimulation

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$$\simeq = \Phi(\simeq)$$

strong bisimilarity is a fixpoint



# Fixpoint: which CPO?

Can we reuse Kleene's fix point theorem?

we want to find the **coarsest** relation,  
not the **least** relation

Idea: reverse the usual order (inclusion)!

a relation with more pairs is  
*smaller* than one with less pairs

$$(\wp(\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P}), \sqsubseteq)$$

$$\mathbf{R} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{R}' \iff \mathbf{R}' \subseteq \mathbf{R}$$

$$\perp = \mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P}$$

# Least fixpoint... reversed

$$\wp(\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P})$$

$$\top = \emptyset$$

$$\mathbf{R} \sqsubseteq \mathbf{R}' \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{R}' \subseteq \mathbf{R}$$

pre-fixpoints

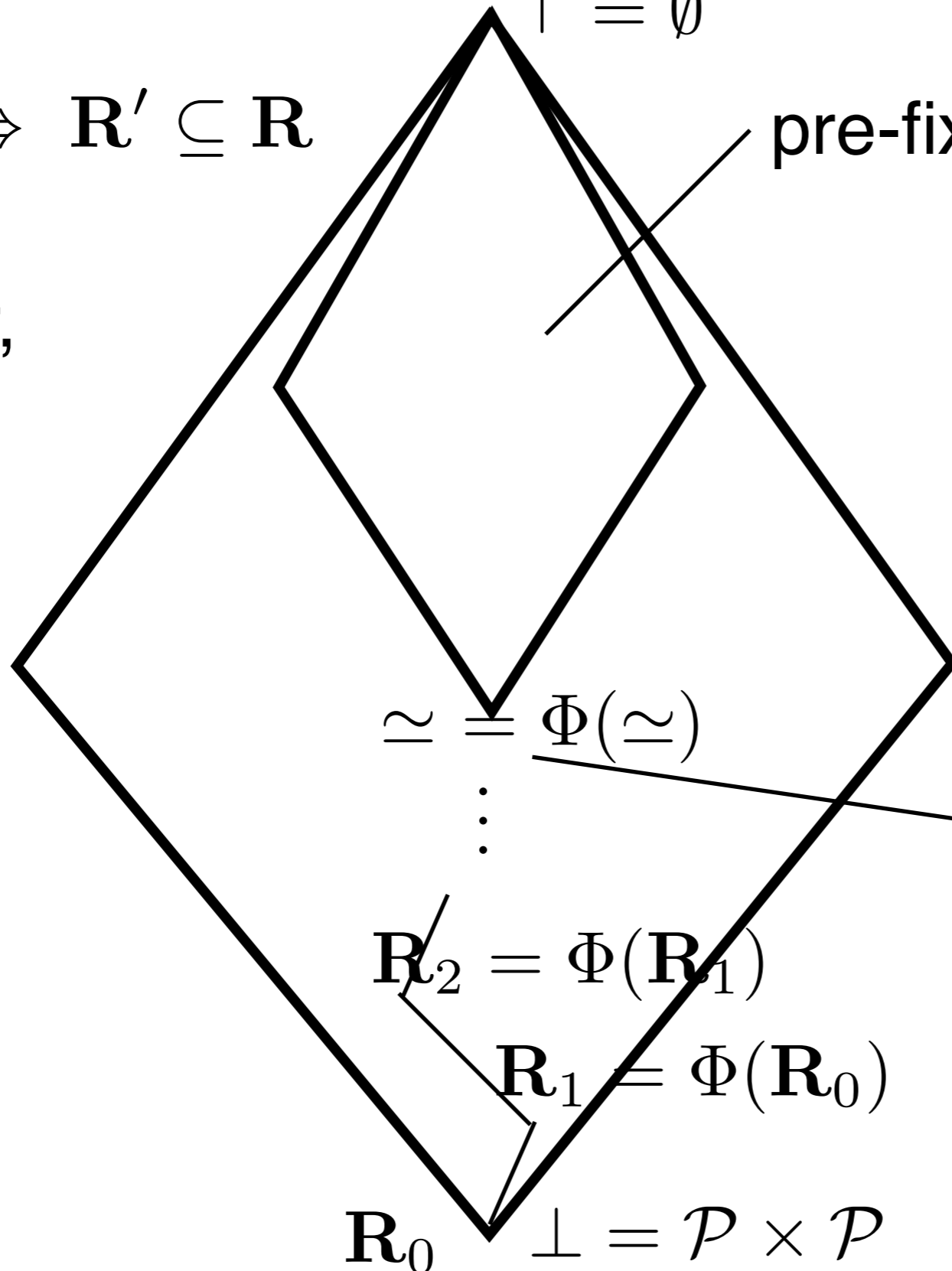
$$\Phi(\mathbf{R}) \sqsubseteq \mathbf{R}$$

$$(\mathbf{R} \subseteq \Phi(\mathbf{R}))$$

strong bisimulations

coarser,  
↓  
larger

↑  
finer,  
smaller



least pre-fixpoint  
strong bisimilarity

# Computing fixpoints

can we reuse Kleene's fix point theorem to compute  $\simeq$  ?

$$\simeq \stackrel{?}{=} \bigsqcap \Phi^n(\mathcal{P} \times \mathcal{P})$$

intersection

start from the universal relation (all pairs, a unique partition)

all processes are equivalent

we apply  $\Phi$  to distinguish more and more processes

$\mathbf{R}_1$  distinguishable in one step

$\mathbf{R}_2$  distinguishable in two steps

⋮

the number of partitions increases at each step

**TH.**  $\Phi$  is monotone

*proof.*

take  $\mathbf{R}_1 \sqsubseteq \mathbf{R}_2$  we need to prove  $\Phi(\mathbf{R}_1) \sqsubseteq \Phi(\mathbf{R}_2)$

$\mathbf{R}_2 \subseteq \mathbf{R}_1$   $\Phi(\mathbf{R}_2) \subseteq \Phi(\mathbf{R}_1)$

take  $(p, q) \in \Phi(\mathbf{R}_2)$  we need to prove  $(p, q) \in \Phi(\mathbf{R}_1)$

take  $p \xrightarrow{\mu} p'$  we want to find  $q \xrightarrow{\mu} q'$  with  $(p', q') \in \mathbf{R}_1$

since  $(p, q) \in \Phi(\mathbf{R}_2)$  we have  $q \xrightarrow{\mu} q'$  with  $(p', q') \in \mathbf{R}_2 \subseteq \mathbf{R}_1$

take  $q \xrightarrow{\mu} q'$  we want to find  $p \xrightarrow{\mu} p'$  with  $(p', q') \in \mathbf{R}_1$

analogous to the previous case

hence  $(p, q) \in \Phi(\mathbf{R}_1)$

**TH.**  $\Phi$  is continuous (for finitely branching processes)

*proof.*

take a chain  $\{\mathbf{R}_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$

$$\mathbf{R}_0 \sqsubseteq \mathbf{R}_1 \sqsubseteq \dots \sqsubseteq \mathbf{R}_n \sqsubseteq \dots$$

$$\mathbf{R}_0 \supseteq \mathbf{R}_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathbf{R}_n \supseteq \dots$$

we need to prove  $\Phi \left( \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n \right) = \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n)$

$$\Phi \left( \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n \right) \supseteq \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n)$$

follows from monotonicity

$$\Phi \left( \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n \right) \sqsubseteq \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n)$$

$$\Phi \left( \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n \right) \supseteq \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n)$$

take  $(p, q) \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n)$  we want to prove  $(p, q) \in \Phi \left( \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n \right)$   
 $\forall n. (p, q) \in \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n)$  (continue)

**TH.**  $\Phi$  is continuous (for finitely branching processes)

*proof. (continue)*

$$\forall n. (p, q) \in \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n) \Rightarrow (p, q) \in \Phi \left( \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n \right)$$

take  $p \xrightarrow{\mu} p'$  we want to find  $q \xrightarrow{\mu} q'$  with  $(p', q') \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n$

$$\forall n. (p', q') \in \mathbf{R}_n$$

since  $\forall n. (p, q) \in \Phi(\mathbf{R}_n)$  then  $\forall n. \exists q_n. q \xrightarrow{\mu} q_n$  with  $(p', q_n) \in \mathbf{R}_n$

$$\mathbf{R}_0 \supseteq \mathbf{R}_1 \supseteq \dots \supseteq \mathbf{R}_n \supseteq \dots \quad \forall k \leq n. (p', q_n) \in \mathbf{R}_k$$

$q$  is finitely branching:  $\{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{\mu} q'\}$  is finite

thus  $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\{n \mid q_n = q_m\}$  is infinite

hence  $\forall n. (p', q_m) \in \mathbf{R}_n$  and we take  $q' = q_m$

take  $q \xrightarrow{\mu} q'$  we want to find  $p \xrightarrow{\mu} p'$  with  $(p', q') \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbf{R}_n$

analogous to the previous case

# Strong bis as fix

$\mathcal{P}_f$  finitely branching processes

$$\simeq = \bigsqcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \Phi^n(\mathcal{P}_f \times \mathcal{P}_f)$$

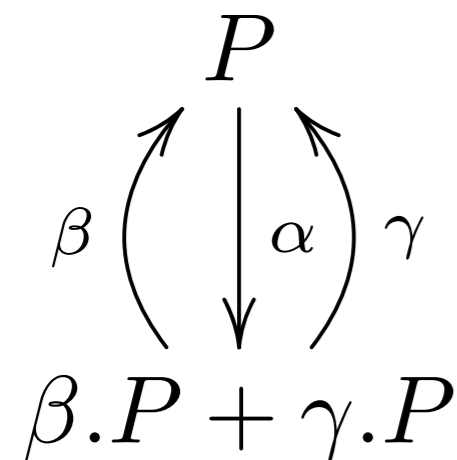
how do we know a process is finitely branching?

we can restrict the syntax: guarded processes

# Example

Guarded!

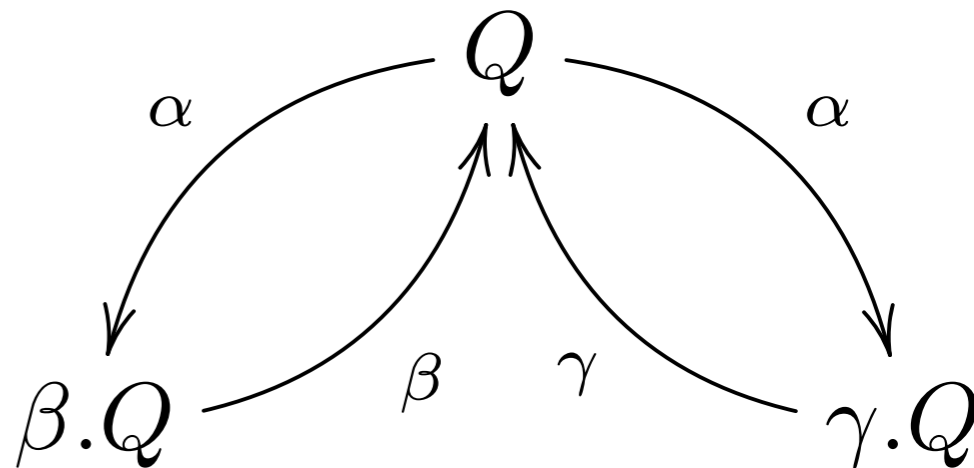
$$P \triangleq \alpha.(\beta.P + \gamma.P)$$



$$P \stackrel{?}{\simeq} Q$$

Guarded!

$$Q \triangleq \alpha.\beta.Q + \alpha.\gamma.Q$$



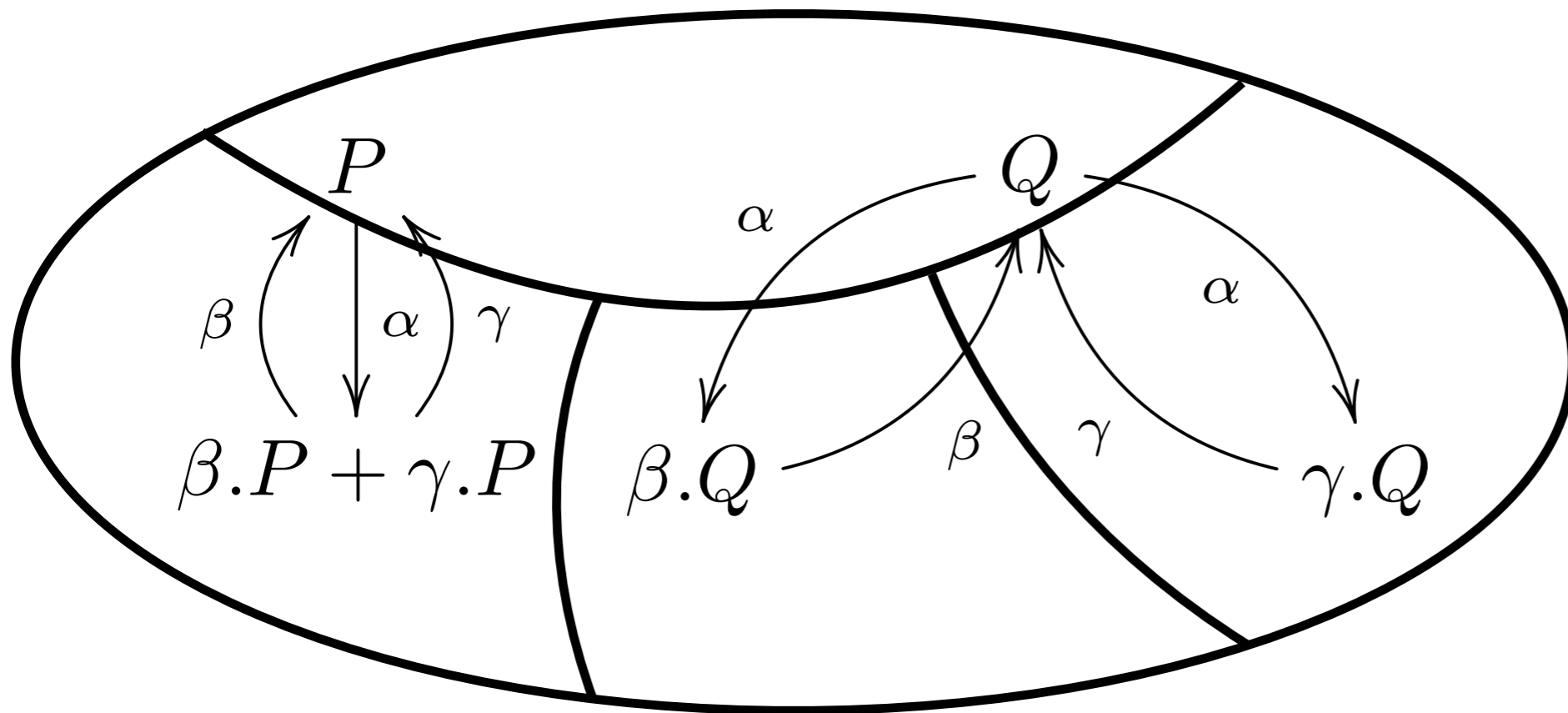
$$\mathbf{R}_0 = \{ \{P, Q, \beta.P + \gamma.P, \beta.Q, \gamma.Q\} \}$$



# Example

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$$P, Q \xrightarrow{\alpha}$$

$$\beta.P + \gamma.P \xrightarrow{\beta, \gamma}$$

$$\beta.Q \xrightarrow{\beta}$$

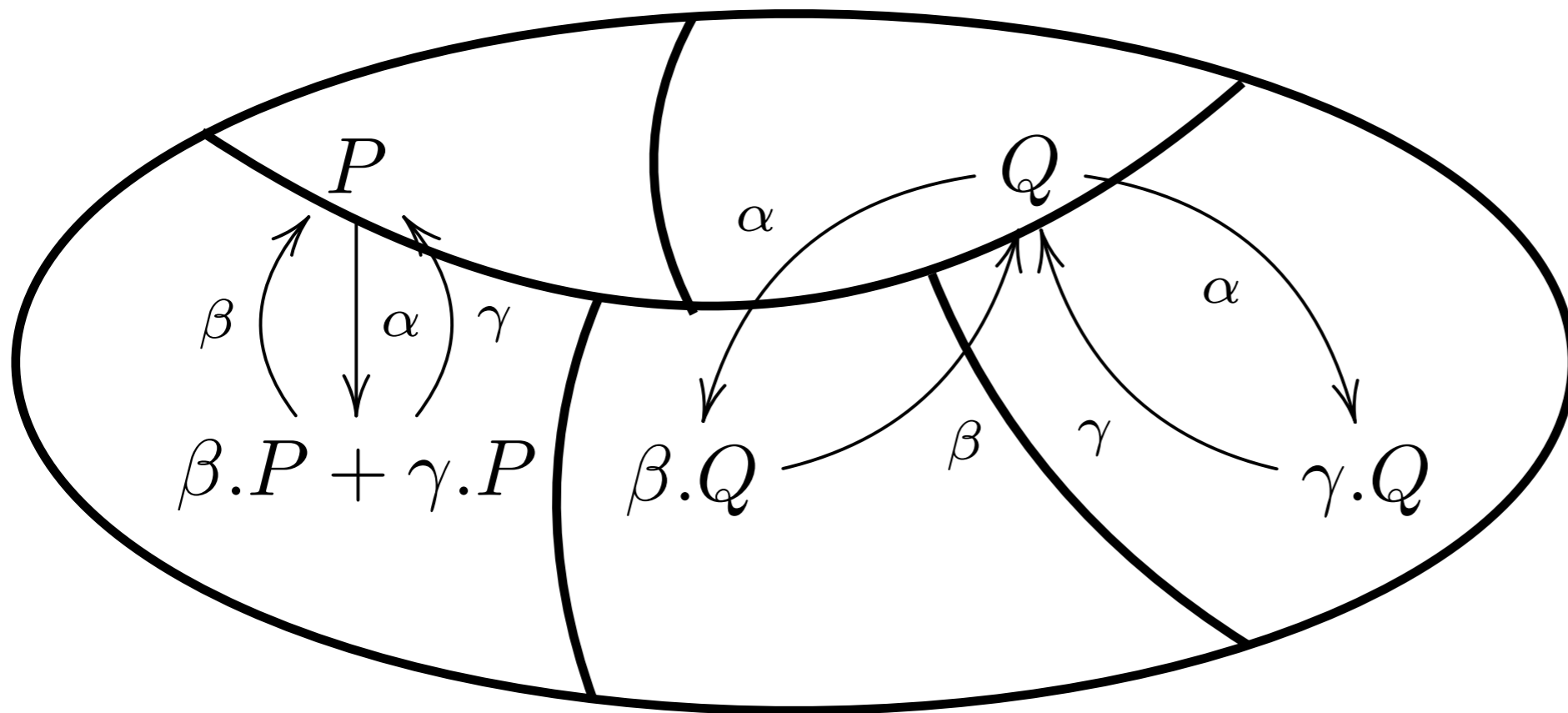
$$\gamma.Q \xrightarrow{\gamma}$$

Processes with different capabilities must be distinguished

# Example

$$P \triangleq \alpha.(\beta.P + \gamma.P) \quad P \stackrel{?}{\simeq} Q \quad Q \triangleq \alpha.\beta.Q + \alpha.\gamma.Q$$

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = \{ \{P, Q\}, \{\beta.P + \gamma.P\}, \{\beta.Q\}, \{\gamma.Q\} \}$$



$$P \xrightarrow{\alpha} [\beta.P + \gamma.Q]$$

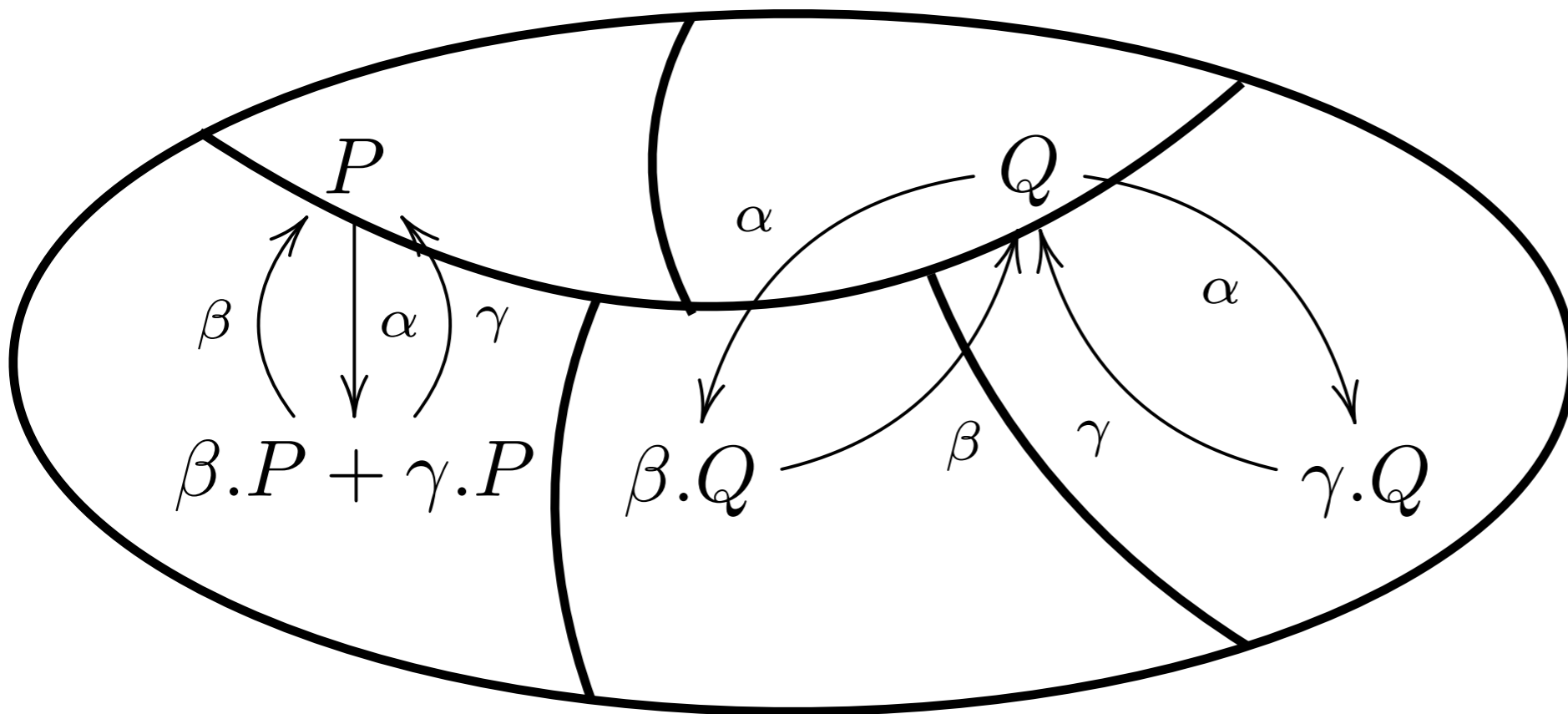
$$Q \xrightarrow{\alpha} [\beta.Q], [\gamma.Q]$$

The  $\alpha$  transitions of  $P$  and  $Q$  ends in different partitions

# Example

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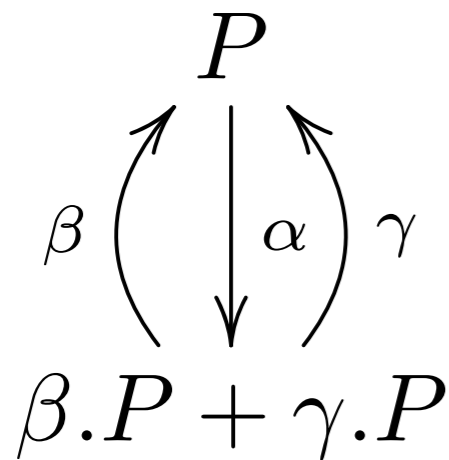
$$\mathbf{R}_2 = \{ \{P\}, \{Q\}, \{\beta.P + \gamma.P\}, \{\beta.Q\}, \{\gamma.Q\} \}$$



# Example

Guarded!

$$P \triangleq \alpha.(\beta.P + \gamma.P)$$

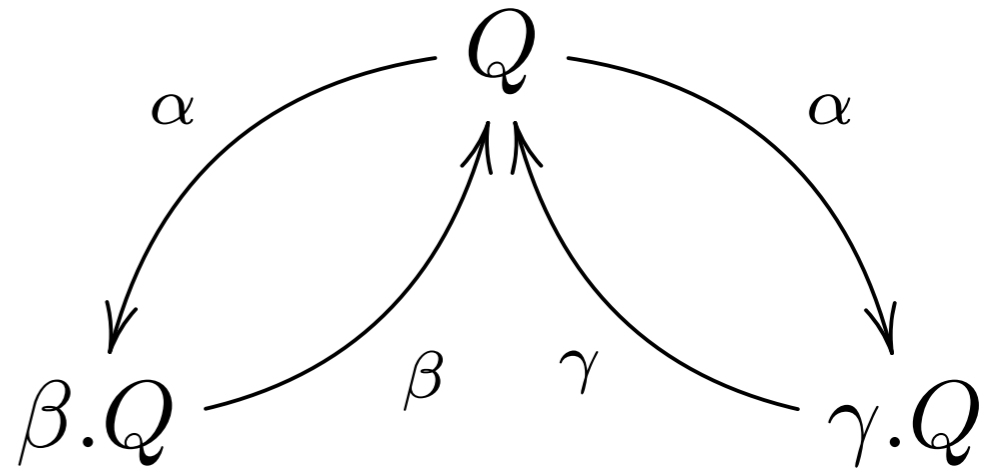


$$P \stackrel{?}{\simeq} Q$$



Guarded!

$$Q \triangleq \alpha.\beta.Q + \alpha.\gamma.Q$$



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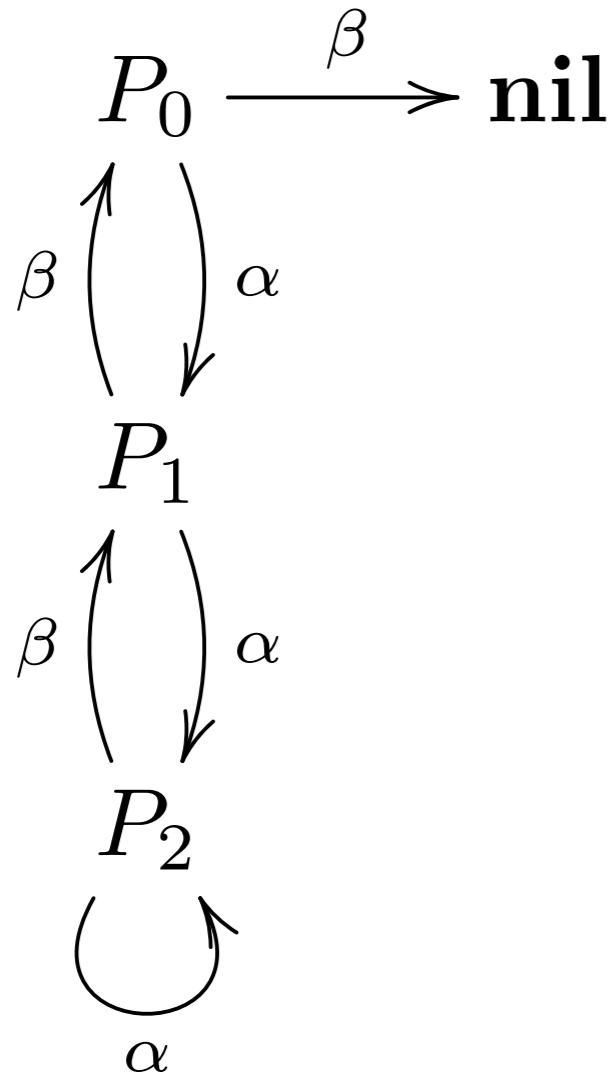
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$$\mathbf{R}_2 = \{ \{P\}, \{Q\}, \{\beta.P + \gamma.P\}, \{\beta.Q\}, \{\gamma.Q\} \}$$

Only singletons partitions, we can stop  $P \not\approx Q$

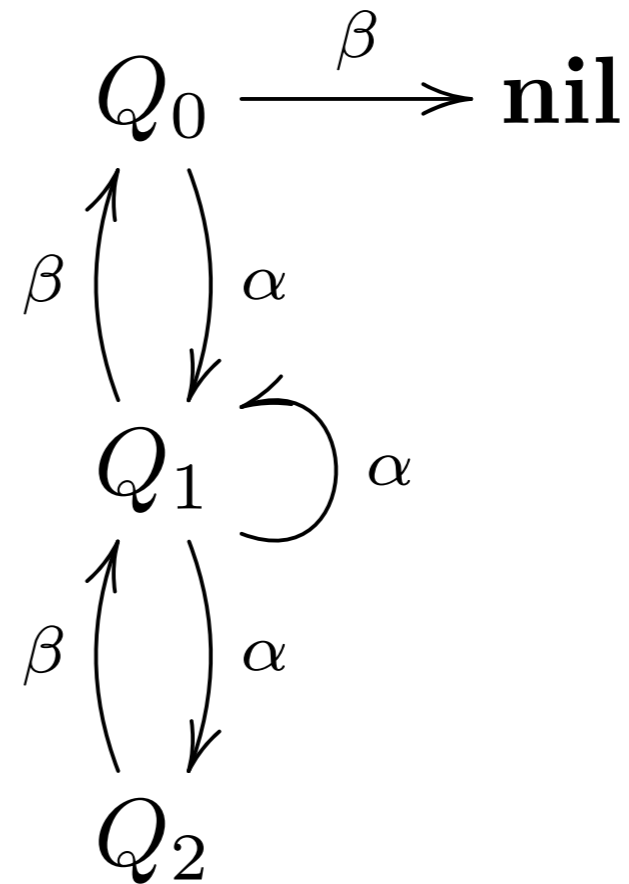
# Exercise

finitely branching!



$$P_0 \stackrel{?}{\simeq} Q_0$$

finitely branching!



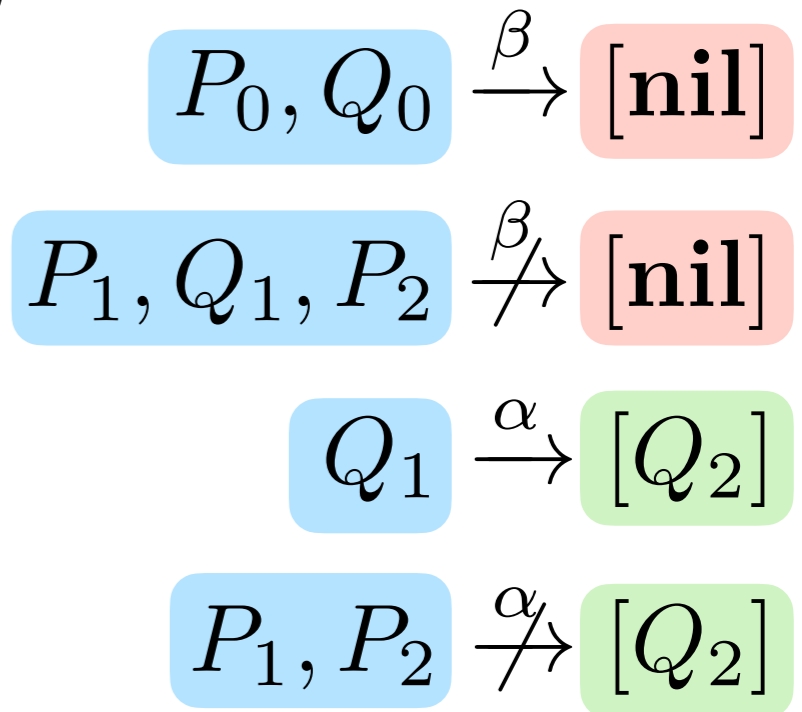
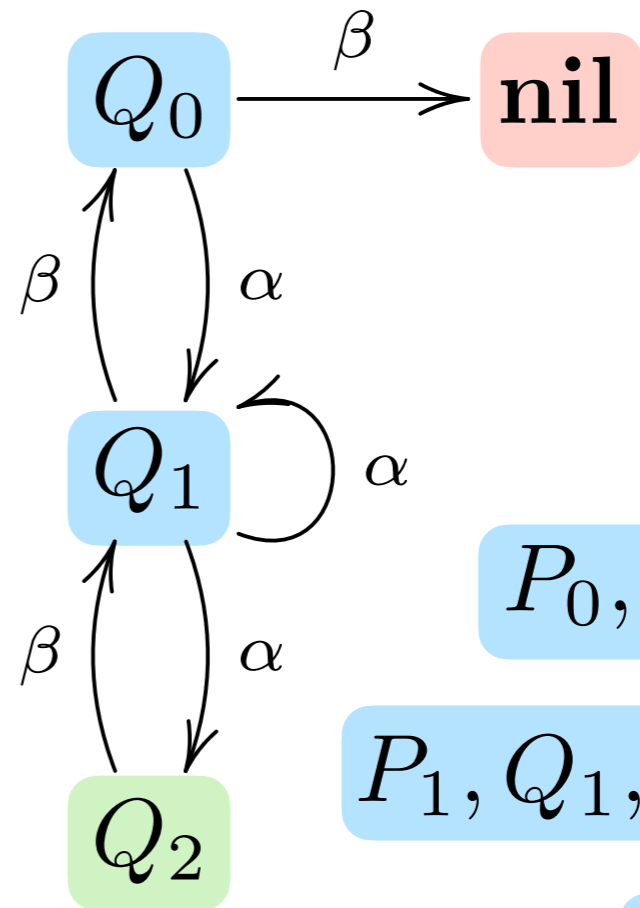
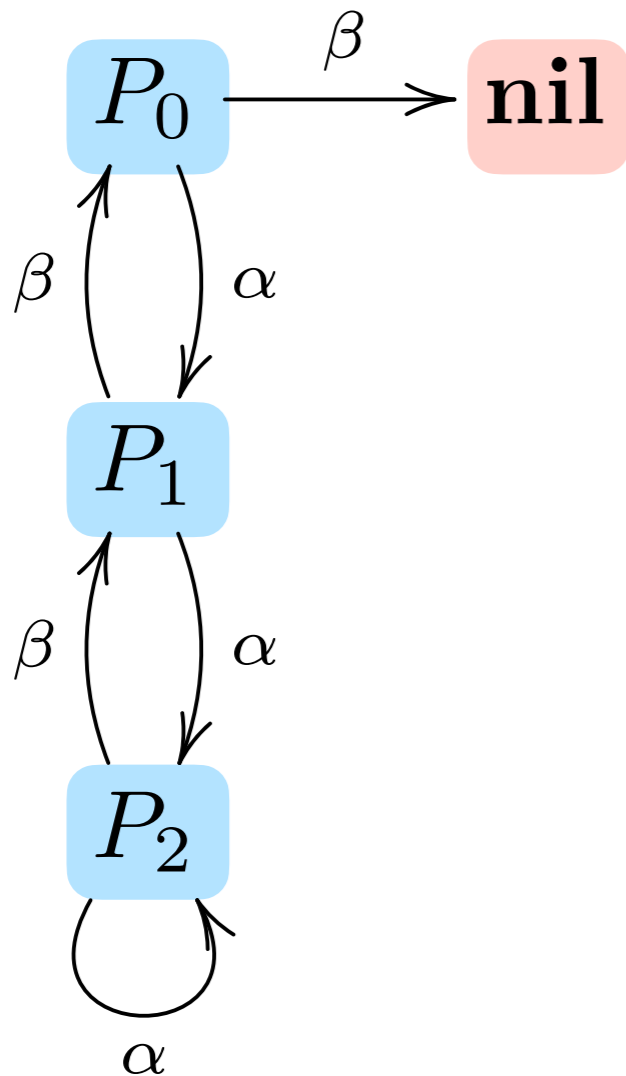
$\mathbf{nil} \not\rightarrow$   
 $Q_2 \xrightarrow{\beta}$

$$P_0, Q_0, P_1, Q_1, P_2 \xrightarrow{\alpha, \beta}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_0 = \{ \{P_0, Q_0, P_1, Q_1, P_2, Q_2, \mathbf{nil}\} \}$$

# Exercise

$$P_0 \stackrel{?}{\simeq} Q_0$$

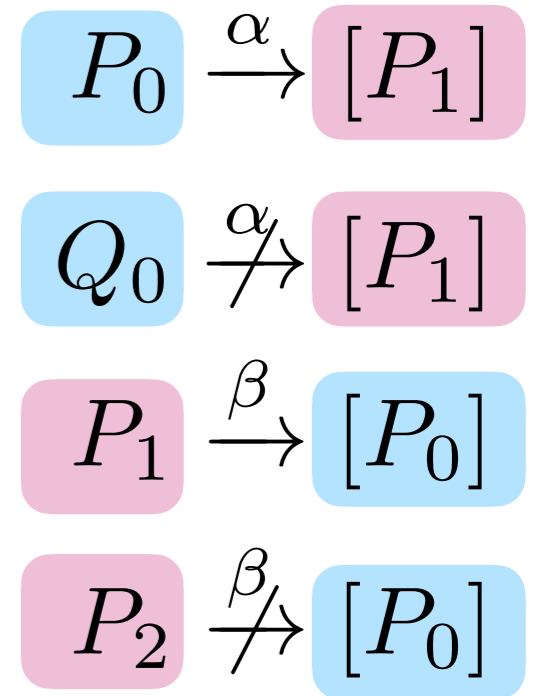
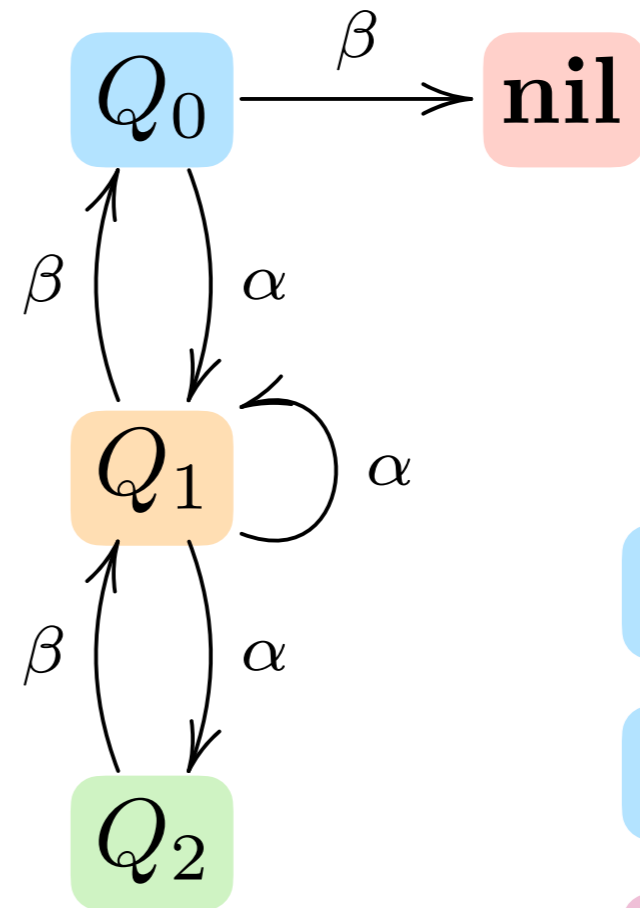
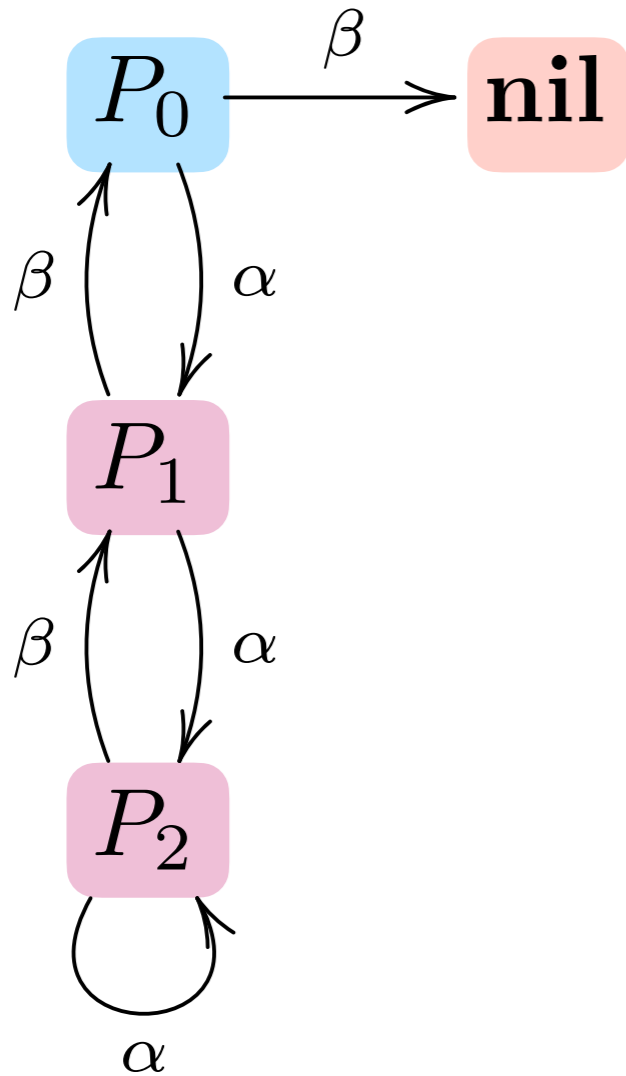


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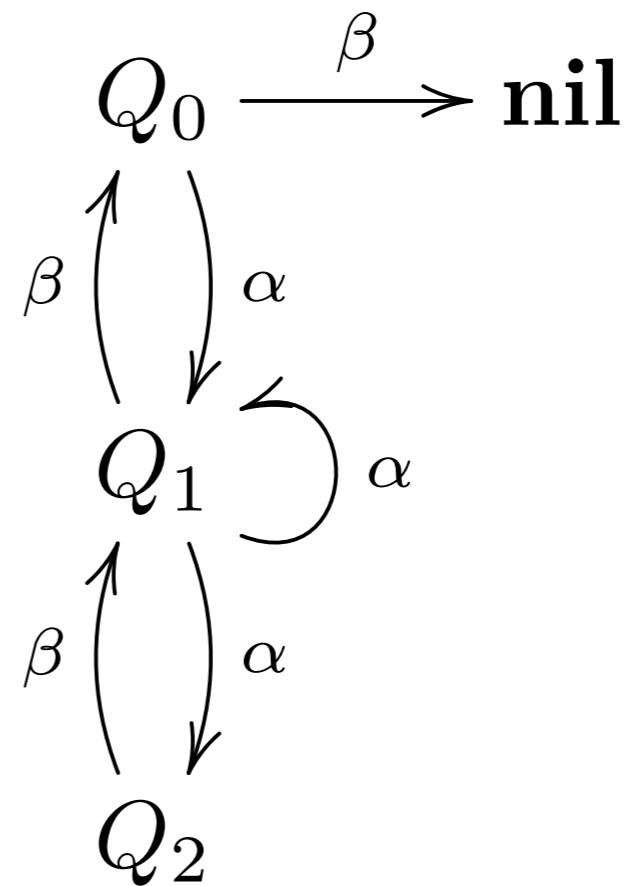
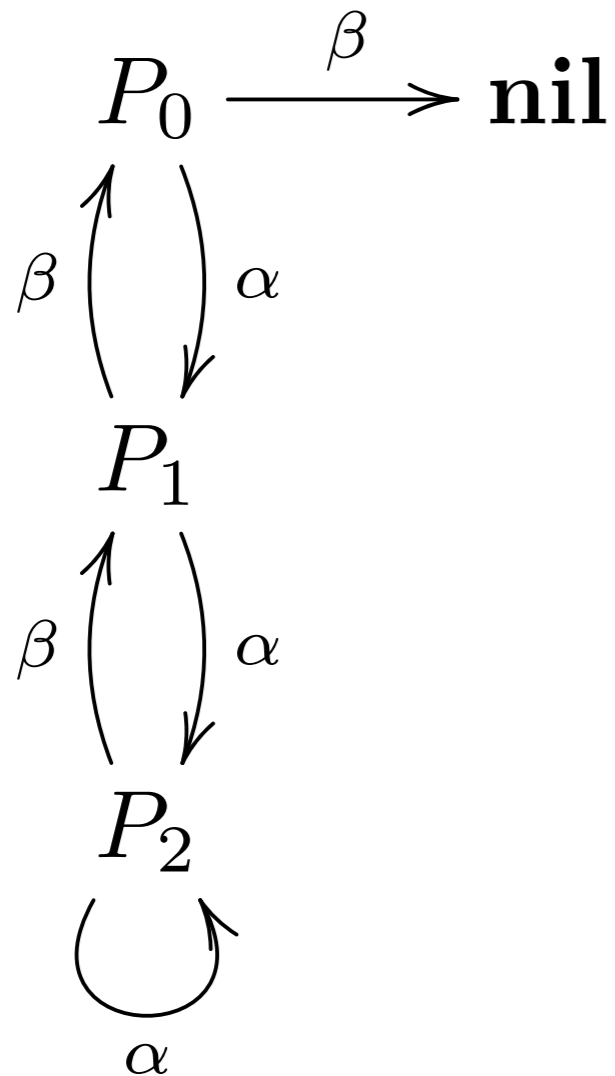
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$$\mathbf{R}_2 = \{ \{P_0, Q_0\}, \{P_1, P_2\}, \{Q_1\}, \{Q_2\}, \{\text{nil}\} \}$$

# Exercise

$$P_0 \stackrel{?}{\simeq} Q_0$$



$$P_0 \not\approx Q_0$$

$$\mathbf{R}_3 = \{ \{P_0\}, \{Q_0\}, \{P_1\}, \{P_2\}, \{Q_1\}, \{Q_2\}, \{\mathbf{nil}\} \}$$

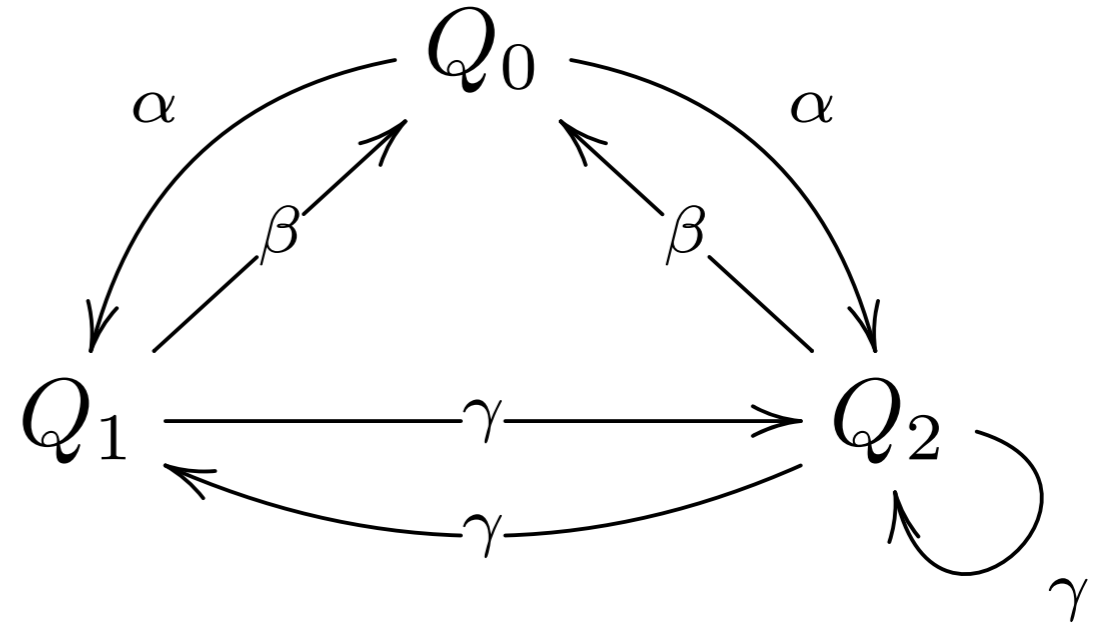
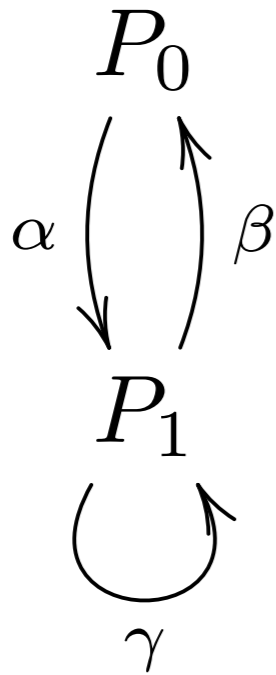


# Exercise

finitely branching!

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finitely branching!



$$\mathbf{R}_0 = \{ \{P_0, Q_0, P_1, Q_1, Q_2\} \}$$

$$P_0, Q_0 \xrightarrow{\alpha}$$

$$P_1, Q_1, Q_2 \xrightarrow{\beta, \gamma}$$

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = \{ \{P_0, Q_0\} , \{P_1, Q_1, Q_2\} \}$$

No more reasons to discriminate!

# Unguarded processes?

What about the general case? (unguarded processes)

any powerset ordered by inclusion defines a complete lattice

Complete lattice:  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$  PO such that

any  $X \subseteq D$  has a least upper bound  $\bigsqcup X$

any  $X \subseteq D$  has a greatest lower bound  $\bigsqcap X$

it has bottom and top elements  $\perp = \bigsqcap D$   $\top = \bigsqcup D$

**TH. [Knaster-Tarski]**  $(D, \sqsubseteq)$  complete lattice

$f : D \rightarrow D$  monotone

has least and greatest fixpoint

$d_{\min} \triangleq \bigsqcap \{d \in D \mid f(d) \sqsubseteq d\}$  is the least fixpoint

glb      pre-fixpoints

$d_{\max} \triangleq \bigsqcup \{d \in D \mid d \sqsubseteq f(d)\}$  is the greatest fixpoint

lub      post-fixpoints

least and greatest fixpoint exist... but how to compute them?