

# Using Proofs by Coinduction to Find “Traditional” Proofs

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- Regular expression equivalence.
- Deterministic automata.
- Language derivatives. A coinduction principle for lang. equality.
- Brzowski derivatives. A coinduction principle for reg.expr.equiv.
- Salomaa’s axiomatisation **F<sub>1</sub>** and its “reverse form” **REG**.

# Regular Expression Equivalence

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We say:  $E \in \mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$  has the

$$\textit{empty word property} (ewp(E)) \iff_{\text{def}} \epsilon \in L(E).$$

# The Axiom System REG for $=_L$ (Salomaa’s axiomatisation $F_1$ reversed)

The *axioms* of **REG**:

$$(B1) \quad E + (F + G) = (E + F) + G$$

$$(B7) \quad E.1 = E$$

$$(B2) \quad (E.F).G = E.(F.G)$$

$$(B8) \quad E.0 = 0$$

$$(B3) \quad E + F = F + E$$

$$(B9) \quad E + 0 = E$$

$$(B4) \quad (E + F).G = E.G + F.G$$

$$(B10) \quad E^* = 1 + E.E^*$$

$$(B5) \quad E.(F + G) = E.F + E.G$$

$$(B11) \quad E^* = (1 + E)^*$$

$$(B6) \quad E + E = E$$

The *inference rules* of **REG**: REFL, SYMM, TRANS, and

$$\frac{E = F}{C[E] = C[F]} \text{CTXT}$$

$$\frac{E = F.E + G}{E = F^*.G} \text{FIX (if } \neg \text{ewp}(F))$$

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*Sub-Axiom-Systems* without **FIX** that will be used:

**ACI**: the *axioms* for associativity, commutativity, idempotency;

**ACI<sup>+</sup>**: all *axioms* not involving  $*$  +  $\{1.E = E\}$  +  $\{0.E = 0\}$ .

$\equiv_{\mathbf{ACI}}$ ,  $\equiv_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$ : relations of provable equality in **ACI** and **ACI<sup>+</sup>**.

$\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)_{\mathbf{ACI}}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$ :  $\equiv_{\mathbf{ACI}}$ - and  $\equiv_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$ -equivalence classes of  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$ .



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## The Proof System $\mathbf{cREG}_0$ (Cont.)

- does not possess SYMM and TRANS: these rules are “admissible”;
- has an extension **cREG** with SYMM and TRANS that is similar to
  - the coinductive axiomatisation of *recursive type equality* by Brandt and Henglein (1998).
  - an axiomatisation of *bisimilarity of normed recursive BPA-processes* due to Stirling (1994);
- is “normalised”: it fulfills a “subformula property”;
- is sound and complete w.r.t.  $=_L$  (proof sketched later).

## Deterministic Automata

A *deterministic automaton*  $S = \langle S, A, o, t \rangle$  consists of

- a set  $S$  of *states* (may be *infinite*),
- an *input alphabet*  $A$  (may be *infinite*),
- an *output function*  $o : S \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ ,
- a *transition function*  $t : S \rightarrow S^A$ .

(No initial state is specified.)

*Notation.* For states  $s$  and  $s'$ ,

$s \sim s'$  means:  $s$  and  $s'$  are *bisimilar*;

$s \sim_{\text{fin}} s'$  means:  $s$  and  $s'$  are related by a *finite bisimulation*.

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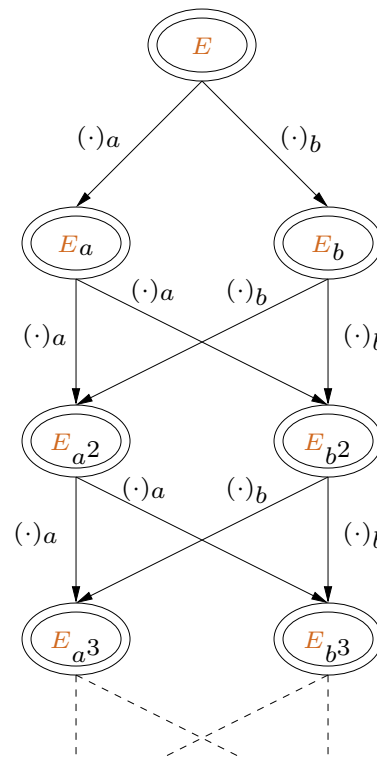
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# Naive Use of the Coinduction Principle for $=_L$ . . .

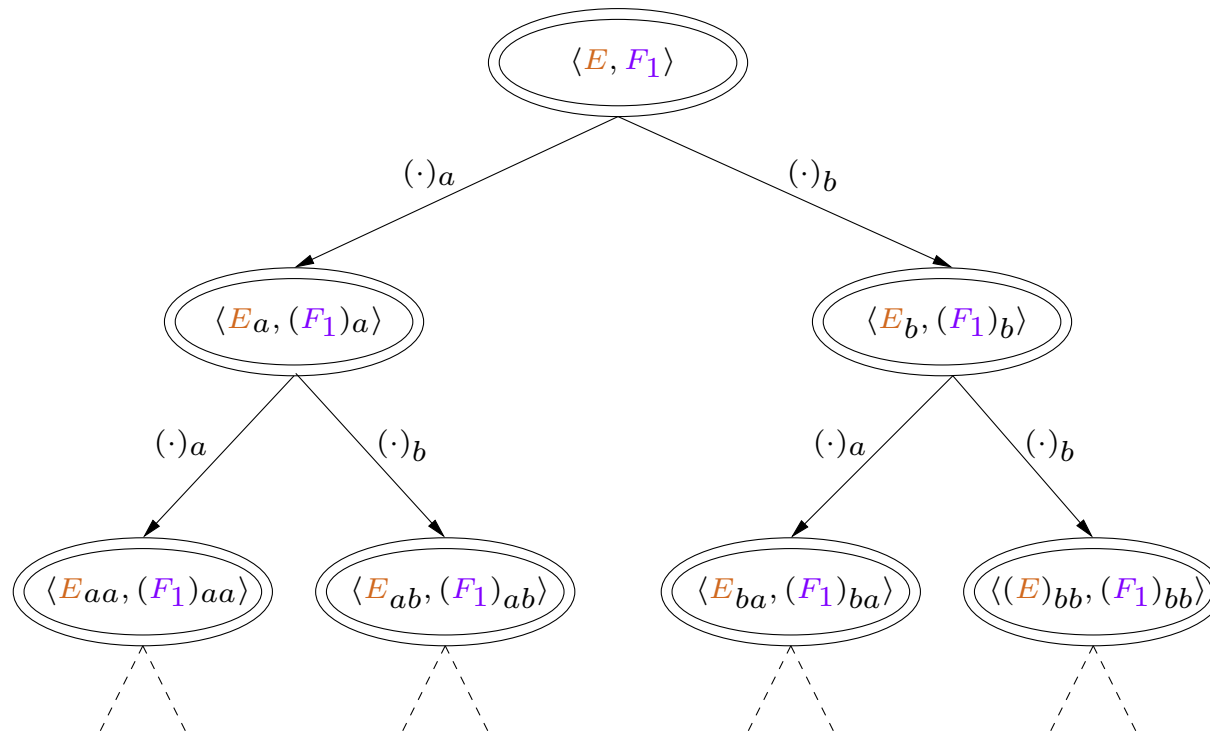
We want to show  $E \equiv (a + b)^* =_L (a^*.b)^*.a^* \equiv F_1$  (justifying a simple instance of Conway’s axiom scheme (SUMSTAR)).

The subautomaton of  $E$  in  $\mathcal{R}(\{a, b\})$  is infinite:



# . . . is not effective

Therefore a bisimulation between  $E$  and  $F_1$  in  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$  that starts as



cannot be finite. Hence, used naively, the coinduction principle is not effective (*not realisable*).

## Using Identities to Get Less Derivatives

$E \equiv (a + b)^*$  has infinitely many (iter.) derivatives: f.a.  $w \in \{a, b\}^*$

$$E_{wa} \equiv \underbrace{(0 + 0).E + (\dots + ((0 + 0).E + (1 + 0).E))}_{|w| \text{ times}}$$

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**Lemma ( $\sim$  Brzozowski).** *The set  $\{[E_w]_{\mathbf{ACI}} \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}$  is finite f.a.  $E \in \mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$ . Hence also  $\{[E_w]_{\mathbf{ACI}^+} \mid w \in \Sigma^*\}$  is finite, f.a.  $E \in \mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$ .*

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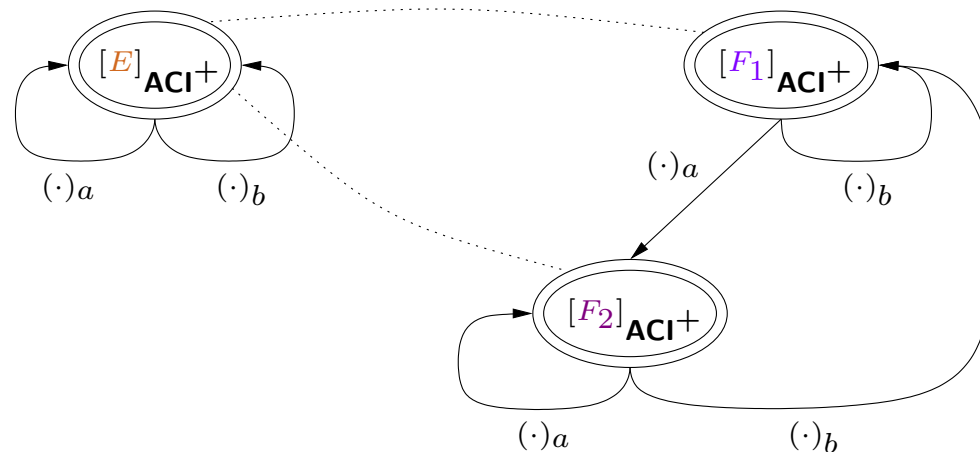
This justifies a *finitary coinduction principle* for proving equality of regular expressions.

**Corollary.**  $=_L$  on  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$  can be decided by checking for the existence of finite bisimulations in  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$ .

# Finitary Coinduction Principle: an Example

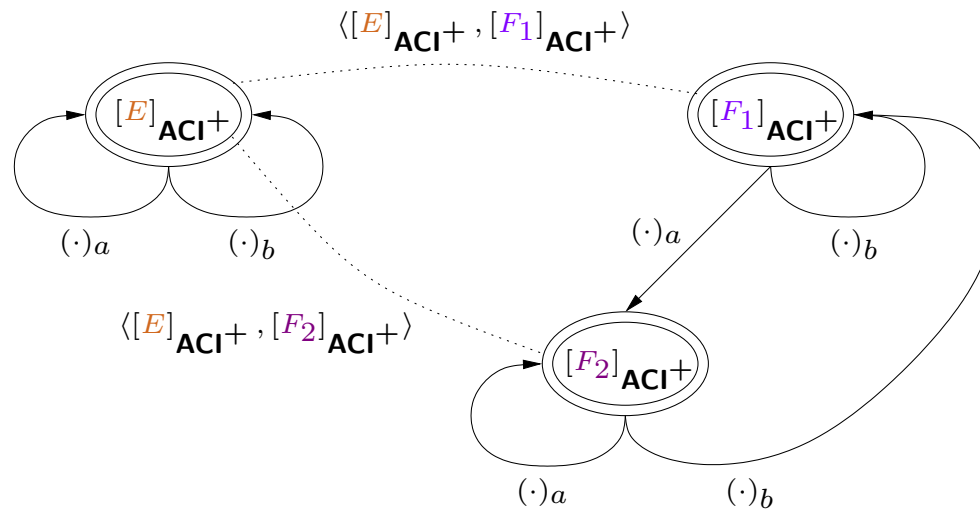
Again, we aim to prove  $(a + b)^* =_L (a^*.b)^*.a^*$ .

For  $E \equiv (a + b)^*$ ,  $F_1 \equiv (a^*.b)^*.a^*$ , and  $F_2 \equiv ((a^*.b).(a^*.b)^*).a^* + a^*$  it is easy to verify:

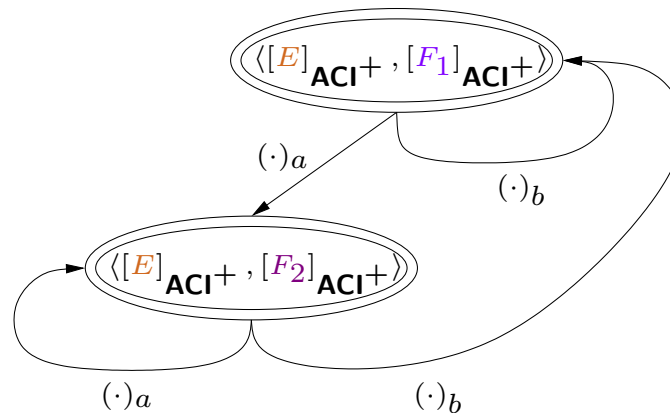


$\left\{ \langle [E]_{\text{ACI}^+}, [F_1]_{\text{ACI}^+} \rangle, \langle [E]_{\text{ACI}^+}, [F_2]_{\text{ACI}^+} \rangle \right\}$  is a finite bisimulation.  
By the (finitary) coinduction principle  $(a + b)^* =_L (a^*.b)^*.a^*$  follows.

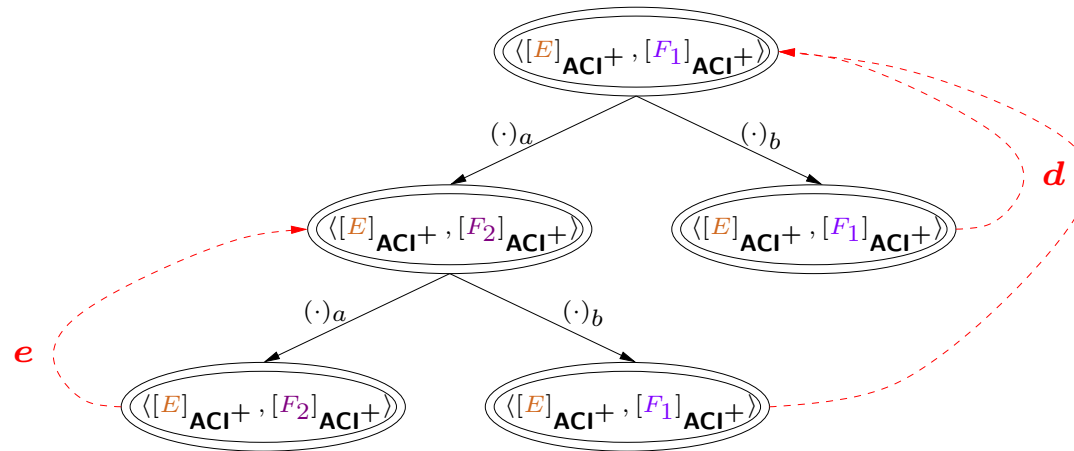
# Relation with $\text{cREG}_0$ : Finite Bisimulations . . .



This bisimulation defines the following automaton in  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)_{\text{ACI}^+}$ :



... correspond to ... derivations in  $\mathbf{cREG}_0$



is an “unwinding” of the bisimulation between  $[E]_{\text{ACI}^+}$  and  $[F_2]_{\text{ACI}^+}$  which corresponds to the  $\mathbf{cREG}_0$ -derivation

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$$E = F_1$$



## Soundness and Completeness of $\mathbf{cREG}_0$

**Theorem.**  $\mathbf{cREG}_0$  is *sound* and *complete* with respect to  $=_L$  :

$$\text{for all } E, F \in \mathcal{R}(\Sigma) : \left[ \vdash_{\mathbf{cREG}_0} E = F \iff E =_L F \right].$$

*Hint at the Proof.*

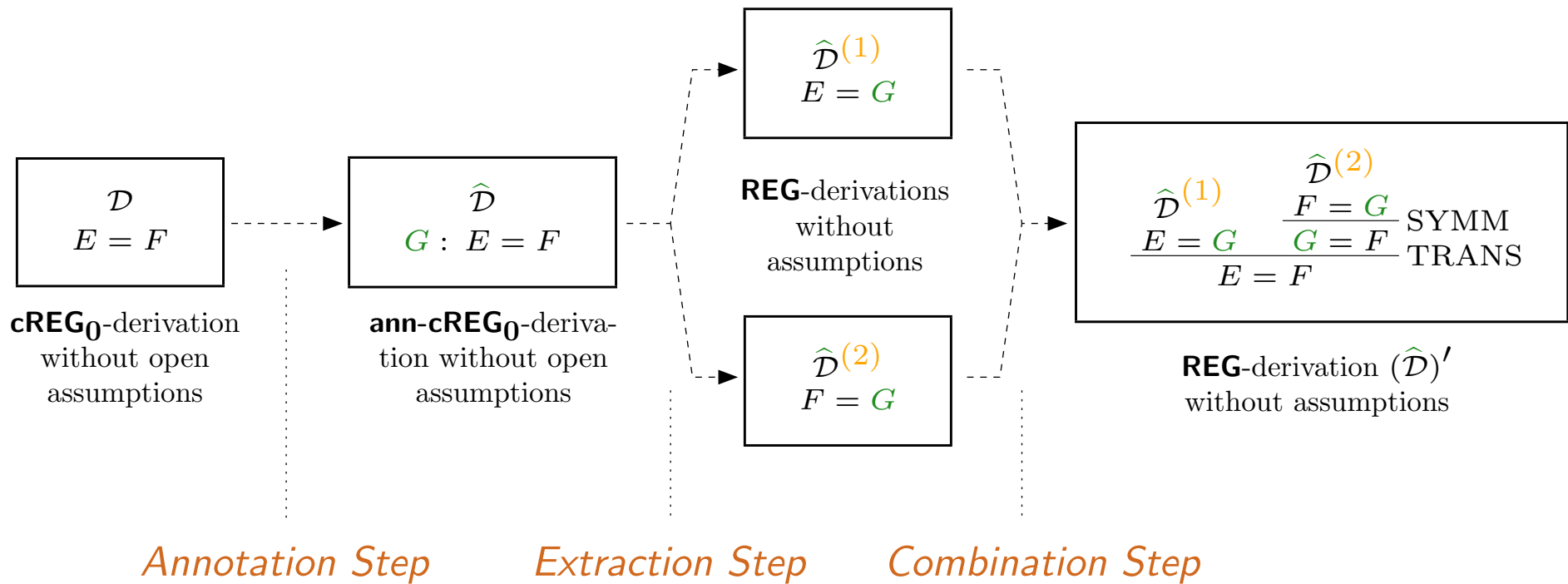
“ $\Leftarrow$ ” : argue as just explained for the example.

“ $\Rightarrow$ ” : Let  $\mathcal{D}$  a derivation in  $\mathbf{cREG}_0$  with conclusion  $E = F$ .

Then  $\{ \langle [G]_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}, [H]_{\mathbf{ACI}^+} \rangle \mid G = H \text{ occurs in } \mathcal{D} \}$  is a finite bisimulation between  $[E]_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$  and  $[F]_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$  in  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$ .

By the finitary coinduction principle,  $E =_L F$  follows.

# A Transformation from $\text{cREG}_0$ to $\text{REG}$



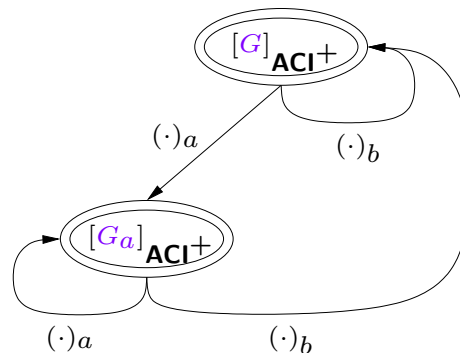
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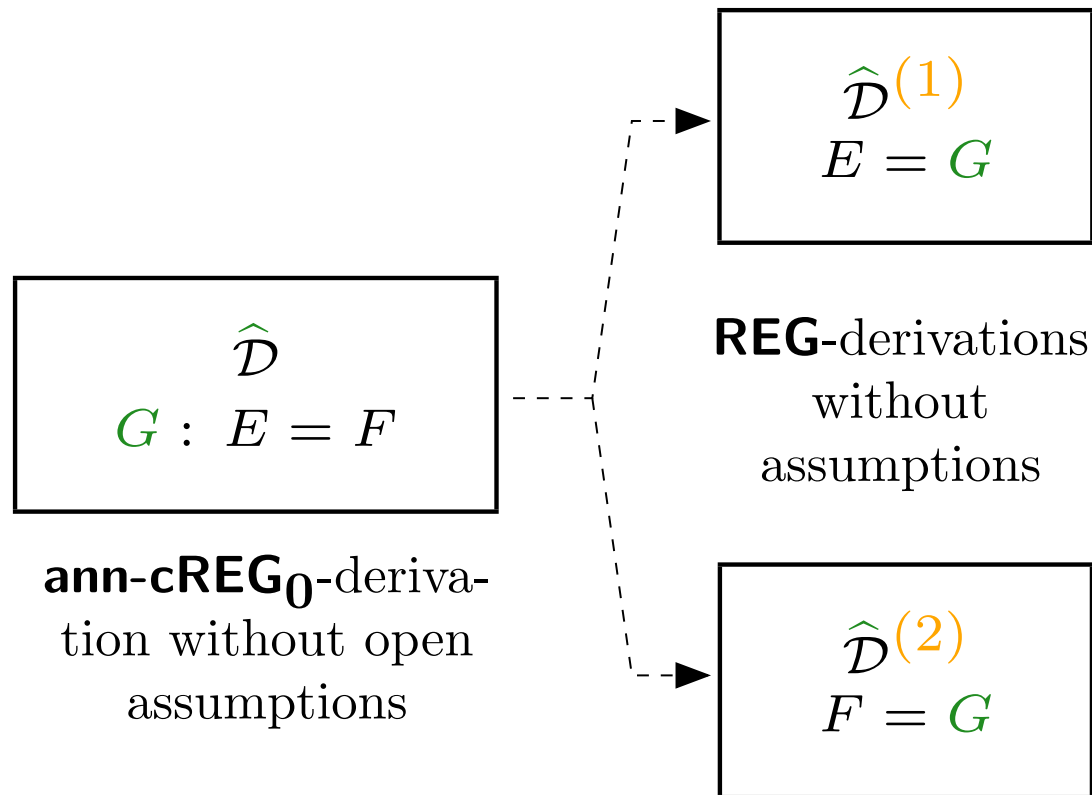
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The annotation  $G$  in this **ann-cREG**<sub>0</sub>-deriv. describes the bisimulation betw.  $E$  and  $F_1$ ; it has the following gen. subautomation in  $\mathcal{R}(\Sigma)_{\mathbf{ACI}^+}$ :



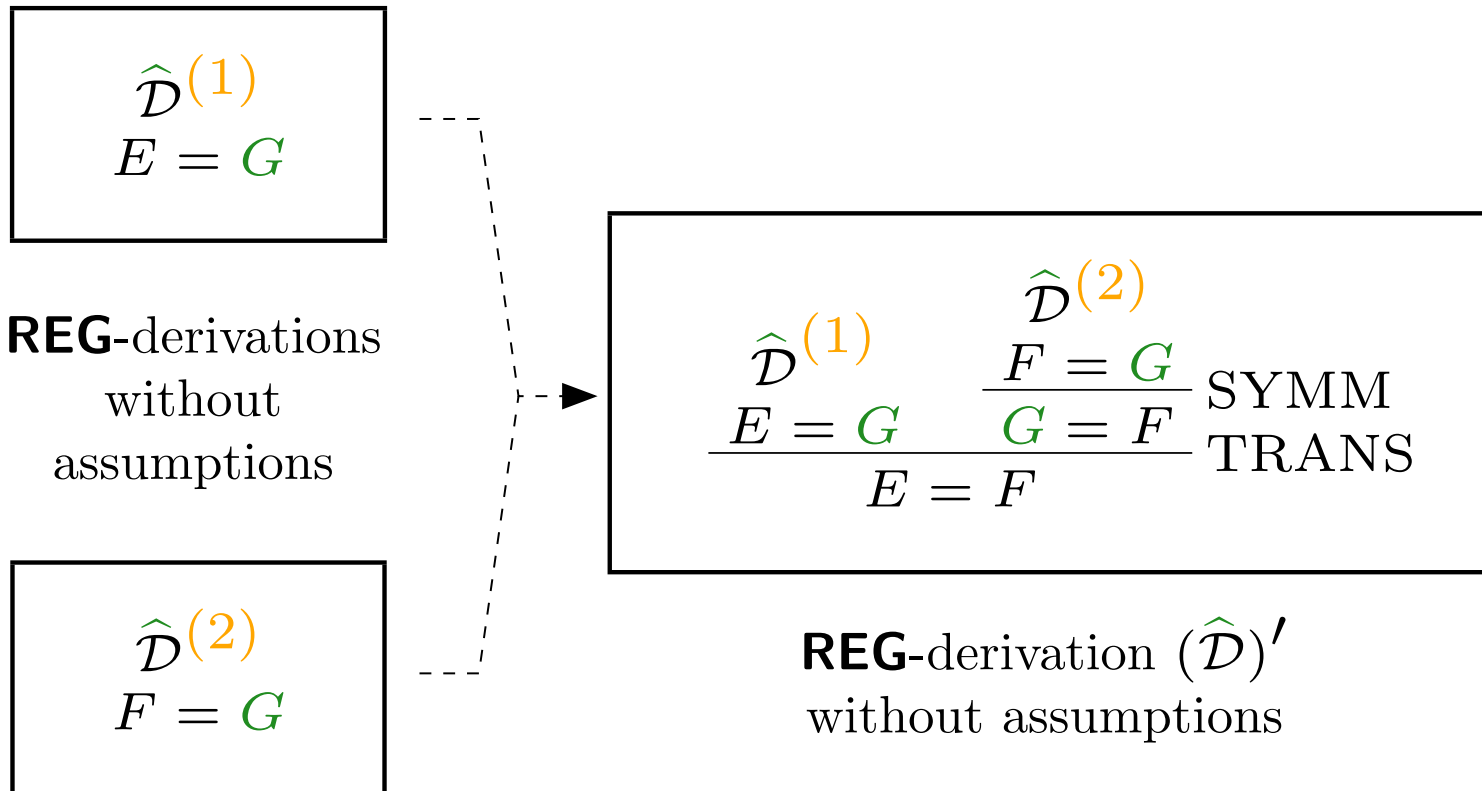
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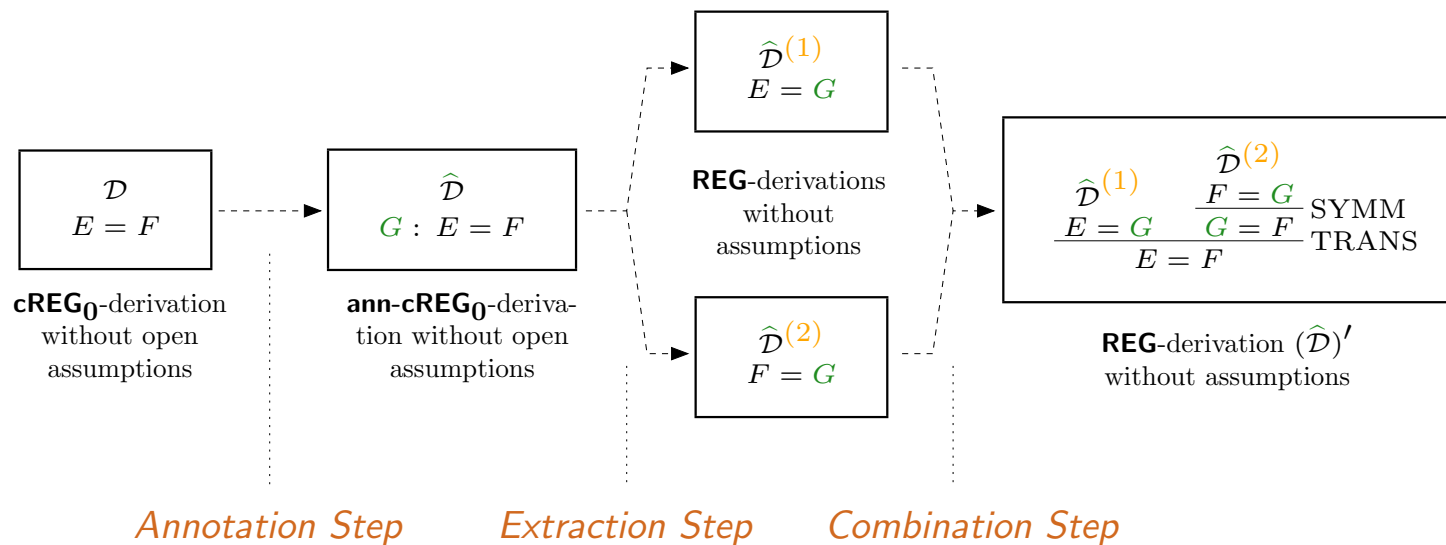
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# A Transformation from $\mathbf{cREG}_0$ to $\mathbf{REG}$

**Theorem.** *Every derivation  $\mathcal{D}$  in  $\mathbf{cREG}_0$  without open assumptions can effectively be transformed into a derivation  $\mathcal{D}'$  in  $\mathbf{REG}$  with the same conclusion as  $\mathcal{D}$ .*

*Proof.*



**Corollary.** *The system  $\mathbf{REG}$  is complete with respect to  $=_L$ .*



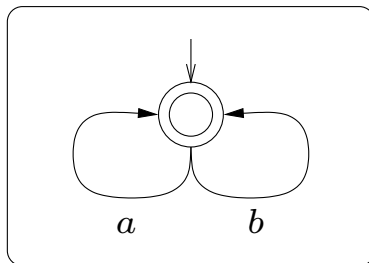
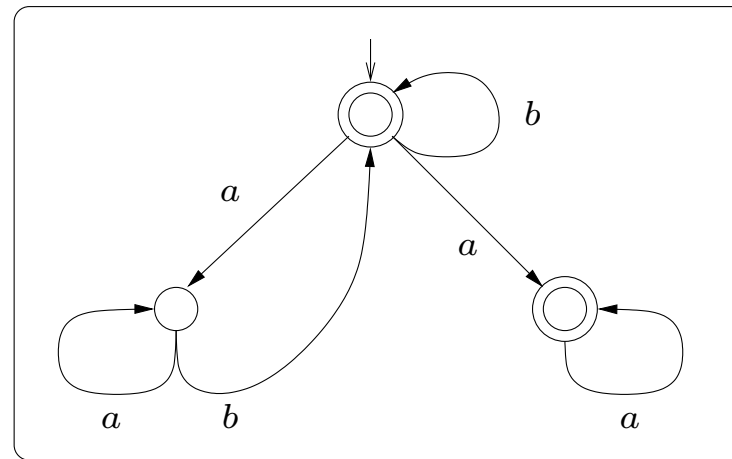
## Summary

In the paper I have

- restated Rutten’s coinduction principle for regular expression equivalence  $=_L$  as a **finitary coinduction principle** (that can be used to decide  $=_L$ );
- introduced a **coinductively motivated**, complete **proof system** **cREG<sub>0</sub>** for  $=_L$ ;
- described an effective **proof-theoretic transformation** from **cREG<sub>0</sub>** to **REG**, the “reversed” form of Salomaa’s axiomatisation **F<sub>1</sub>**;
- thereby provided a **coinductive completeness proof** for **REG** (which can be “redone” for **F<sub>1</sub>**).

## Related Work. A Related Problem?

- Proof systems for *recursive type equality*: a transformation from the coinductive axiomatisation by Brandt-Henglein into the “traditional” axiomatisation by Amadio-Cardelli (in my thesis).
- **Milner’s problem** (1984): Find a system that is weaker than **REG**, but complete for *star behaviours*? (Is  $BPA_{\delta, \epsilon}^*$  complete?)

 $(a + b)^*$ 
 $\neq_{BPA_{\delta, \epsilon}^*}$ 
 $(a^*b)^*a^*$ 

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**Thanks for your attention!**

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## Salomaa’s Axiomatization $\mathbf{F}_1$ of $=_L$

The *axioms* of  $\mathbf{F}_1$ :

$$A_1 \quad E + (F + G) = (E + F) + G$$

$$A_7 \quad 1.E = E$$

$$A_2 \quad E.(F.G) = (E.F).G$$

$$A_8 \quad 0.E = 0$$

$$A_3 \quad E + F = F + E$$

$$A_9 \quad E + 0 = E$$

$$A_4 \quad E.(F + G) = E.F + E.G$$

$$A_{10} \quad E^* = 1 + E^*.E$$

$$A_5 \quad (E + F).G = E.G + F.G$$

$$A_{11} \quad E^* = (1 + E)^*$$

$$A_6 \quad E + E = E$$

The *inference rules* of  $\mathbf{F}_1$ :

$$\frac{E = F \quad C[E] = G}{C[F] = C[E], C[F] = G}$$

$$\frac{E = E.F + G}{E = G.F^*} \text{ (if } o(F) = 0 \text{)}$$

## Brzowski Derivatives

*Brzowski derivatives*  $(\cdot)_a : \mathcal{R}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$  are defined by

$$0_a =_{\text{def}} 0, \quad (E + F)_a =_{\text{def}} E_a + F_a, \quad (E^*)_a =_{\text{def}} E_a \cdot E^*,$$

$$b_a =_{\text{def}} \begin{cases} 1 & \dots b = a \\ 0 & \dots b \neq a \end{cases} \quad (E.F)_a =_{\text{def}} \begin{cases} E_a.F + F_a & \dots o(E) = 1 \\ E_a.F & \dots o(E) = 0 \end{cases}$$

mimic language derivatives. Also, a function  $o : \mathcal{R}(\Sigma) \rightarrow \mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$  can be defined that mimics the function  $o_{\mathcal{L}}$ :

$$o(0) = o(b) =_{\text{def}} 0, \quad o(E + F) =_{\text{def}} \begin{cases} 0 & \dots o(E) = o(F) = 0 \\ 1 & \dots \text{else} \end{cases}$$

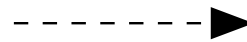
$$o(E.F) =_{\text{def}} \begin{cases} 1 & \dots o(E) = o(F) = 1 \\ 0 & \dots \text{else}, \end{cases} \quad o(E^*) =_{\text{def}} 1.$$



# The Annotation Step

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{D} \\ E = F \end{array}$$

**cREG<sub>0</sub>**-derivation  
without open  
assumptions

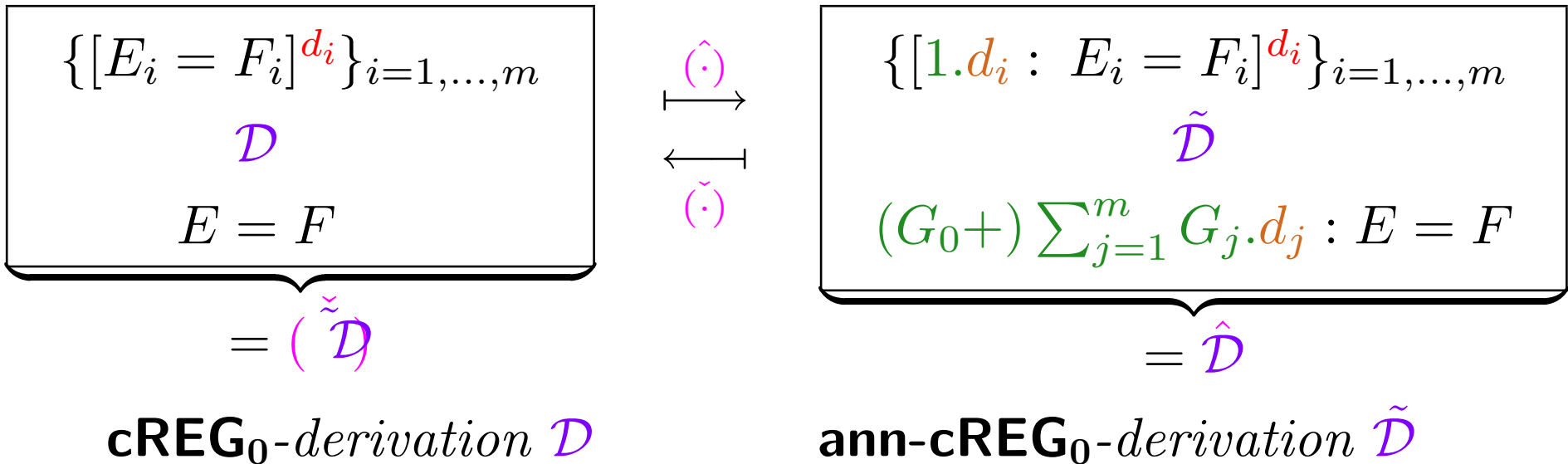


$$\begin{array}{c} \hat{\mathcal{D}} \\ G : E = F \end{array}$$

**ann-cREG<sub>0</sub>**-derivation  
without open  
assumptions

## Justifying the Annotation Step

**Lemma.**  $\mathbf{cREG}_0$  and  $\mathbf{ann-cREG}_0$  are linked by an *annotating transformation*  $(\hat{\cdot})$  and an *annotating-deleting trans.*  $(\check{\cdot})$ :



(Each derivation in  $\mathbf{ann-cREG}_0$  can be written in the form of the proof tree on the right.)

# The Annotated Version $\text{ann-cREG}_0$ of $\text{cREG}_0$ (I)

The *axioms* and possible *marked assumptions* in  $\text{ann-cREG}_0(\Sigma, \Delta)$ :

$$(\text{REFL}) \overline{E : E = E} \quad (\text{Assm}) (d : E = F)^d \quad (\text{with } d \in \Delta) .$$

The *inference rules* of  $\text{ann-cREG}_0(\Sigma, \Delta)$ :

$$\frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \quad G : C[E_1] = F}{G : C[E_2] = F} \text{App}_l \text{Ax}_{\text{REG}} \quad \frac{\mathcal{D}_1 \quad G : F = C[E_1]}{G : F = C[E_2]} \text{App}_r \text{Ax}_{\text{REG}}$$

(if  $E_1 = E_2$  or  $E_2 = E_1$  is an axiom of **REG**),

And annotated versions of the rules **COMP** and **COMP/FIX**  
(on the two following slides).

# The Annotated Version $\text{ann-cREG}_0$ of $\text{cREG}_0$ (II)

Annotated version of the rule **COMP**:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \mathcal{D}_1 \qquad \qquad \qquad \mathcal{D}_n \\
 G_{10} + \sum_{j=1}^m G_{1j} \cdot d_j : E_{a_1} = F_{a_1} \quad \dots \quad G_{n0} + \sum_{j=1}^m G_{nj} \cdot d_j : E_{a_n} = F_{a_n} \\
 \hline
 \left( o(E) + \sum_{i=1}^n G_{i0} \right) + \sum_{j=1}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot G_{ij} \right) \cdot d_j : E = F \\
 \text{(if } o(E) = o(F)\text{)}.
 \end{array}$$

(Here we have assumed  $\Sigma = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ ).

# The Annotated Version ann-cREG<sub>0</sub> of cREG<sub>0</sub> (III)

Annotated version of the rule **COMP/FIX**:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 [d_k : E = F]^{d_k} \quad \mathcal{D}_1 \quad [d_k : E = F]^{d_k} \quad \mathcal{D}_n \\
 G_{10} + \sum_{j=1}^m G_{1j} \cdot d_j : E_{a_1} = F_{a_1} \quad \dots \quad G_{n0} + \sum_{j=1}^m G_{nj} \cdot d_j : E_{a_n} = F_{a_n} \\
 \hline
 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot G_{ik} \right)^* \cdot \left( o(E) + \sum_{i=1}^n G_{i0} \right) + \\
 + \sum_{j=1, j \neq k}^m \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot G_{ik} \right)^* \cdot \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot G_{ij} \right) \cdot d_j : E = F \\
 \text{(if } o(E) = o(F)\text{)}.
 \end{array}$$

# The Extraction Step (the deriv. $\widehat{\mathcal{D}}^{(2)}$ in our example)

$$\begin{array}{c}
\text{REFL, App}_r\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_2 = 1.F_2}}}{\text{App}_l\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{(F_2)_a = F_2}}}{\text{CTXT} \frac{a.(F_2)_a = a.F_2}}{a.(F_2)_a + b.(F_2)_b = a.F_2 + b.F_1}} \\
\text{REFL, App}_r\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_1 = 1.F_1}}}{\text{App}_l\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{(F_1)_b = F_1}}}{\text{CTXT} \frac{b.(F_1)_b = b.F_1}}{b.(F_1)_b = b.F_1}} \\
+ \\
\text{CTXT} \frac{a.(F_2)_a + b.(F_2)_b = a.F_2 + b.F_1}{1 + a.(F_2)_a + b.(F_2)_b = 1 + a.F_2 + b.F_1} \\
\text{TRANS} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_2 = 1 + a.F_2 + b.F_1}}}{\text{App}_r\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_2 = a.F_2 + (1 + b.F_1)}}}{\text{App}_l/r\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_2 = a^*(1 + b.F_1)}}}{\text{CTXT} \frac{(F_1)_a = a^* + a^*b.F_1}}{a.(F_1)_a = a.(a^* + a^*b.F_1)}}} \\
\text{REFL, App}_r\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_1 = 1.F_1}}}{\text{App}_l\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{(F_1)_b = F_1}}}{\text{CTXT} \frac{b.(F_1)_b = b.F_1}}{b.(F_1)_b = b.F_1}} \\
+ \\
\text{CTXT} \frac{a.(F_1)_a + b.(F_1)_b = a.(a^* + a^*b.F_1) + b.F_1}{1 + a.(F_1)_a + b.(F_1)_b = 1 + a.(a^* + a^*b.F_1) + b.F_1} \\
\text{TRANS} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_1 = 1 + a.(a^* + a^*b.F_1) + b.F_1}}}{\text{App}_r\text{Ax}_{\text{ACI}^+} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_1 = (aa^*b + b).F_1 + (1 + aa^*)}}}{\text{FIX} \frac{\overline{\overline{F_1 = (aa^*b + b)^*(1 + aa^*)}}}{\text{FIX}}}}
\end{array}$$

# “Fundamental Theorem of Formal Languages”

**Lemma.** *For all  $E \in \mathcal{R}(\Sigma)$ ,*

$$E =_L o(E) + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \cdot E_{a_i}$$

*holds, and a derivation in  $\mathbf{REG}^-$  with this conclusion (“=” i.p.o. “ $=_L$ ”) can effectively be constructed.*

*Proof.* By induction on the syntactical structure of regular expressions.

## Justifying the Extraction Step

**Lemma.** *For every derivation*

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \{[1.d_i : E_i = F_i]^{d_i}\}_{i=1,\dots,m} \\ \tilde{D} \\ (G_0+) \sum_{j=1}^m G_j.d_j : E = F \end{array}}$$

*in **ann-cREG**<sub>0</sub> it is possible to extract effectively derivations*

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \tilde{D}^{(1)} \\ E = (G_0+) \sum_{j=1}^m G_j.E_j \end{array}}$$

*and*

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{c} \tilde{D}^{(2)} \\ F = (G_0+) \sum_{j=1}^m G_j.F_j \end{array}}$$

*in **REG**.*



# The Process Algebra $BPA_{\delta, \epsilon}^*$

The *axioms* of  $BPA_{\delta, \epsilon}^*$ :

$$(A1) \quad x + y = y + x$$

$$(A6) \quad x + \delta = x$$

$$(A2) \quad x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$$

$$(A7) \quad \epsilon.x = x$$

$$(A3) \quad x + x = x$$

$$(A8) \quad \delta.x = \delta$$

$$(A4) \quad (x + y).z = x.z + y.z$$

$$(A9) \quad x.\epsilon = x$$

$$(A5) \quad x.(y.z) = (x.y).z$$

$$(KS2) \quad x^* = \epsilon + x.x^*$$

$$(KS3) \quad (x + y)^* = x^*. (y.(x + y)^* + \epsilon) \quad (KS1) \quad x^* = (\epsilon + x)^*$$

Possible *inference rules* for  $BPA_{\delta, \epsilon}^*$ : REFL, SYMM, TRANS, and

$$\frac{x = y}{C[x] = C[y]} \text{CTXT}$$

$$\frac{x = f.x + z}{x = f^*.z} \text{FIX (if } o(f) = 0)$$