

Functions as processes

λ and π

- sequential computation is a particular case of concurrent computation
- ‘higher-order substitution’ is not primitive in π
- π -calculus encodings of the λ -calculus illustrate some classical programming idioms in π
- works by: Milner [90], Sangiorgi, Boudol, Laneve

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$$P \approx_{HO} Q \quad \text{iff} \quad \llbracket P \rrbracket \approx \llbracket Q \rrbracket$$

(see [SW01])

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$$\Gamma \triangleright P \cong^c Q: \text{typed behavioural equivalence}$$

this result can be adapted to terms with free variables

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