Categorical logics for contravariant simulations, partial bisimulations, modal refinements and mixed transition systems*

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Abstract. Covariant-contravariant simulation and conformance simulation generalize plain simulation and try to capture the fact that it is not always the case that "the larger the number of behaviors, the better". We have previously studied some of their properties, showing that they can be presented as particular instances of the general notion of categorical simulation developed by Hughes and Jacobs and constructing the axiomatizations of the preorders defined by the simulation relations and their induced equivalences. We have also studied their logical characterizations and in this paper we continue with that study, presenting them as instantiations of the categorical results on simulation logics by Cîrstea. In addition, we continue exploring, now in this categorical framework, the relationship between covariant-contravariant simulation, partial bisimulation over labeled transition systems, refinement over modal transition systems and mixed transition systems.

1 Introduction and related work

Simulations are a very natural way to compare systems defined by labeled transition systems of other related mechanisms based on describing the behavior of states by means of the actions they can execute. However, the classic notion of simulation does not take into account the fact that whenever a system has several possibilities for the execution of an action, it will choose in an unpredictable manner resulting in more non-determinism and less control.

We have proposed two new simulation notions which are more suitable to deal with non-determinism [7]. On the one hand, covariant-contravariant simulations were designed to manage systems in which non-determinism arises because of the presence of both input and output actions; on the other hand, conformance simulations cope with having several options for the same action. In previous works we have proved that these simulations can be presented as instances of the coalgebraic simulation framework [7] and have also described their logical characterizations [8].

In this paper we continue with the study of the logics that characterize these two simulation notions, but now within the general categorical framework developed by Cîrstea in [5]. In addition, we also consider partial bisimulation [2], which turns out to

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be just a particular case of covariant-contravariant simulation, as well as modal transition systems, a concept introduced by Boudol and Larson [3] and whose associated notion of refinement clearly resembles our covariant-contravariant simulations; in doing so, we expand on the comparison we started in [1] between these related notions. Actually, although more interesting, modal transition systems are just a particular case of mixed transition systems; by reusing many of the concepts used for the former, we show how to also obtain a logic for the latter for which, unlike the others, we were not aware of a previous non-coalgebraic logical characterization.

Now, besides describing a method for obtaining logical characterizations, [5] also explains how to build new logics in a compositional manner out of known ones. Unfortunately, our simulations were not amenable to this methodology and we were forced to start from scratch. As a consequence, and besides the characterization for mixed transition systems, the main contribution of this work is the application of the ideas in [5] to interesting case studies such as modal refinement or contravariant simulation, in what we believe is a nice illustration of the methods involved.

Preliminaries 2

In this section we summarize some definitions and concepts from [5, 7, 1, 3] and introduce the notation we are going to use. Let us recall our two simulation notions:

Definition 1. Given $P = (P, A, \rightarrow_P)$ and $Q = (Q, A, \rightarrow_Q)$, two labeled transition systems (LTS) for the alphabet A, and $\{A^r, A^l, A^{bi}\}$ a partition of this alphabet, a (A^r, A^l) simulation (or just a covariant-contravariant simulation) between them is a relation $S \subseteq P \times Q$ such that for every pSq we have:

- For all $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ and all $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ there exists $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ with p'Sq'. For all $a \in A^l \cup A^{bi}$, and all $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ there exists $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ with p'Sq'.

We will write $p \leq_{CC} q$ if there exists a covariant-contravariant simulation S such that pSq.

Definition 2. Given $P = (P, A, \rightarrow_P)$ and $Q = (Q, A, \rightarrow_O)$ two labeled transition systems for the alphabet A, a conformance simulation between them is a relation $R \subseteq P \times Q$ such that whenever pRq, then:

- For all $a \in A$, if $p \xrightarrow{a}$, then $q \xrightarrow{a}$ (this means, using the usual notation for process algebras, that $I(p) \subseteq I(q)$).
- For all $a \in A$ such that $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ and $p \xrightarrow{a}$, there exists some p' with $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ and p'Rq'.

We will write $p \leq_{CS} q$ if there exists a conformance simulation R such that pRq.

Now, we recall the definitions for modal transition systems.

Definition 3. For a set of actions A, a modal transition system (MTS) is defined by the triple $(P, \rightarrow_{\diamond}, \rightarrow_{\Box})$, where P is a set of states and $\rightarrow_{\diamond}, \rightarrow_{\Box} \subseteq P \times A \times P$ are transition relations such that $\rightarrow_{\Box} \subseteq \rightarrow_{\diamond}$.

The transitions in \rightarrow_{\Box} are called the *must transitions* and those in \rightarrow_{\diamond} are the *may* transitions. In an MTS, each must transition is also a may transition, which intuitively means that any required transition is also allowed.

The notion of (modal) refinement \sqsubseteq over MTSs that we now proceed to introduce is based on the idea that if $p \sqsubseteq q$ then q is a 'refinement' of the specification p. In that case, intuitively, q may be obtained from p by possibly turning some of its may transitions into must transitions.

Definition 4. A relation $R \subseteq P \times Q$ is a refinement relation between two modal transition systems if, whenever p R q:

- $-p \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} p' \text{ implies that there exists some } q' \text{ such that } q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q' \text{ and } p' R q';$ $-q \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} q' \text{ implies that there exists some } p' \text{ such that } p \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} p' \text{ and } p' R q'.$

We write \sqsubseteq for the largest refinement relation.

Finally, we briefly recall the basic concepts on categorical simulations that we are going to use in Section 3. First, we will model finitary LTS by coalgebras $c: X \rightarrow X$ $\mathcal{P}_{\omega}X^{A}$ for the finite powerset functor \mathcal{P}_{ω}^{A} , where, as usually, we will denote $x' \in c(x)(a)$ by $x \xrightarrow{a} x'$. We can also see modal transition systems as coalgebras for the functor $F = \mathcal{P}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$, where $\{\diamond, \Box\}$ is a set with two elements where \Box stands for must transitions and \diamond for may transitions. We will make intensive use of the following notation along the paper.

 $c(x)(a)_{\square} = \{x' \in X \mid (x', \square) \in c(x)(a)\}, \text{ and }$ $c(x)(a)_{\diamond} = \{x' \in X \mid (x', \sigma') \in c(x)(a), \text{ with } \sigma' \in \{\diamond, \Box\}\}.$

Note that with the previous definition we do not have necessarily $\rightarrow_{\Box} \subseteq \rightarrow_{\diamond}$, but that requirement is built-in in our notation since we have that $c(x)(a)_{\Box} \subseteq c(x)(a)_{\diamond}$.

Example 1. Given $A = \{a\}, X = \{x, x', y\}$, the coalgebra $c : X \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ defined by c(x)(a) = x', $c(x')(a) = (y, \Box)$, $c(y)(a) = \emptyset$ represents the MTS $x \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} x' \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} y$.

Proposition 1. Modal refinement between MTS can be defined as the coalgebraic simulations for the functor $F = \mathcal{P}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ with functorial order \sqsubseteq_{ref} defined by $u \sqsubseteq_{ref} v$ if and only if:

- $u(a)_{\Box} = v(a)_{\Box}$ for all a; and
- $u(a)_{\diamond} \supseteq v(a)_{\diamond}$ for all a,

Proof. Let us suppose that we have a modal refinement R between modal transition systems $c: P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(P \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ and $d: Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ defined by $c(p)(a)_{\Box} =$ $\{p' \mid p \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} p'\}, c(p)(a)_{\diamond} = \{p' \mid p \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} p'\}, d(q)(a)_{\Box} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\diamond} = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\leftarrow} q' = \{q \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\leftarrow} q' = \{q \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'\} \text{ and } d(q)(a)_{\leftarrow} q' = \{q \mid q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q' = \{q$ $\{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a} q'\}$. We must show that if pRq then there exist p^* and q^* such that

$$c(p) \sqsubseteq_{ref} p^* \operatorname{Rel}(\mathcal{P}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A)(R)q^* \sqsubseteq_{ref} d(q).$$
(1)

We define p^* and q^* as follows:

- *p*^{*} has the same must transitions as *c*(*p*), except for those may transitions $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ such that there is no *q'* with $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ and *p'Rq'*.
- q^* has the same must and may transitions as d(q), that is, $q^* = d(q)$.

It is immediate from these definitions that $c(p) \sqsubseteq_{ref} p^*$ and $q^* \sqsubseteq_{ref} d(q)$, so we are left with checking that $p^* \operatorname{Rel}(\mathcal{P}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A)q^*$.

If $p' \in p^*(a)_{\Box}$, by construction of p^* and q^* it is straightforward to see that also $q' \in q^*(a)_{\Box}$. On the other hand, let $q' \in q^*(a)_{\diamond}$, by definition of q^* we have that also $q \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} q'$. Since *R* is a modal refinement we also have that $p \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} p'$ with p'Rq'. But, by construction of p^* , we also have that $p' \in p^*_{\diamond}$, as we needed to prove.

We show now the other implication, that a coalgebraic modal refinement is a classic one. In this case we start from coalgebras c and d that satisfy relation (1) whenever pRq.

If $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$, then $p' \in p^*(a)_{\Box}$ because $c(p) \sqsubseteq_{ref} p^*$ and, since $p^* \operatorname{Rel}(\mathcal{P}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A)(R)q^*$, there is some $q' \in q^*(a)_{\Box}$ with p'Rq'. Again, in this case, the definition of \sqsubseteq_{ref} ensures that $q^*(a) = d(q)(a)$ and hence $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ as required. Similarly, if $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$, then also $q' \in q^*(a)_{\diamond}$ and thus, as in the previous case, there exists $p' \in p^*(a)_{\diamond}$ with p'Rq' and hence $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$.

Following [7], we can prove that the previous notion of refinement is indeed a good definition.

Proposition 2. The order \sqsubseteq_{ref} is left-stable. Hence, modal refinement can be defined as the Rel(*F*) $\circ \sqsubseteq_{ref_X}$ -coalgebra.

We will denote by **Sets** the category of sets and by **Rel** the category of relations. Given an endofunctor T :**Sets** \longrightarrow **Sets**, a *monotonic* T-*relator* [13,5] is an endofuntor $\Gamma :$ **Rel** \longrightarrow **Rel** such that $U \circ \Gamma = (T \times T) \circ U$, $=_{TX} \subseteq \Gamma(=_X)$, and $\Gamma(S \circ R) = \Gamma(S) \circ \Gamma(R)$, where U : **Rel** \longrightarrow **Sets** \times **Sets** is the forgetful functor. A Γ -*simulation* between coalgebras (*X*, *c*) and (*Y*, *d*) is just a Γ -coalgebra of the form (*R*, (*c*, *d*)), i.e, a relation *R* such that xRy implies $c(x)\Gamma(R)d(y)$.

3 Logical characterizations of the semantics

For the logical characterization of the covariant-contravariant and conformance simulations we will follow the general inductive methodology introduced in [5]. First, we will define the syntax and semantics of the logics by means of a "language constructor" and its associated notion of semantics. In fact, both constructions only define a single step that must be successively applied in an iterative process that ends up with the definitive syntax and semantics. The next stage consists in showing that the "one-step" semantics is adequate for the corresponding simulation notions. Finally, we will build the concrete logics for coalgebras which characterize the new similarities, which are equivalent to the logics we defined in [8].

We begin with the covariant-contravariant simulation because we consider it more illustrative.

3.1 Covariant-contravariant simulations

Before starting with the methodology in [5], we must show that covariant-contravariant simulations can be modeled using monotonic relators [13, 5].

Definition 5 (Covariant-contravariant simulation relator). Let $R \subseteq Q \times P$ be a relation, $g : Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Q^{A}$ and $f : P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}P^{A}$ LTS, and $\{A^{r}, A^{l}, A^{bi}\}$ a partition of A. We define the \mathcal{P}_{ω}^{A} -relator Γ_{CC} : **Rel** \longrightarrow **Rel** for covariant-contravariant simulations by $g \Gamma_{CC}(R)$ f iff:

- for all $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ and all $p \in f(a)$ there exists $q \in g(a)$ with qRp.
- for all $a \in A^l \cup A^{bi}$, and all $q \in g(a)$ there exists $p \in f(a)$ with qRp.

Proposition 3. The simulation notion defined by the relator Γ_{CC} coincides with the notion of covariant-contravariant simulation.

Proof. First, let *R* be a covariant-contravariant simulation *R* between the labeled transition systems $f : P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}P^{A}$ and $g : Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Q^{A}$ defined in the usual way by $f(p)(a) = \{p' \mid p \xrightarrow{a} p'\}$ and $g(q)(a) = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a} q'\}$. If $a \in A^{r} \cup A^{bi}$ and $p' \in f(p)(a)$ then $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$. Using that pRq, there exists q' such that $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ with p'Rq', that is, there is $q' \in g(q)(a)$ with $q'R^{op}p'$. Now, if $a \in A^{l} \cup A^{bi}$ and $q' \in g(q)(a)$, there exists p'such that $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ with p'Rq', or, equivalently, $q'R^{op}p'$. Hence, $g \Gamma_{CC}(R^{op}) f$. On the other hand, let us show that $\Gamma_{CC}(R^{op})$ defines a covariant-contravariant sim-

On the other hand, let us show that $\Gamma_{CC}(R^{op})$ defines a covariant-contravariant simulation. First, let $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ and $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$, then $p' \in f(p)(a)$ with $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ and by definition of the relator there exists $q' \in g(q)(a)$ with q'Rp', that is, we have $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ with $p'R^{op}q'$.

For $a \in A^l \cup A^{bi}$ and $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ the result follows analogously.

The first step for defining the logic is to define its syntax by means of what is called a *language constructor*. From now on we work with a signature $\Sigma_B \subseteq \{\text{tt}, \text{ff}, \land, \lor, \land, \lor\}^1$ and its corresponding category $Alg(\Sigma_B)$ of algebras.

Definition 6 ([5]). A language constructor is an accessible endofunctor $S : Alg(\Sigma_B) \longrightarrow Alg(\Sigma_B)$ and the language $\mathcal{L}(S)$ induced by S is the initial algebra of S.

In most interesting cases the language $\mathcal{L}(S)$ is given by $\bigcup_n L_n(S)$, with $L_0(S)$ the initial Σ_B -algebra and $L_{n+1}(S) = S(L_n(S))$.

In order to define the logic for covariant-contravariant simulations we proceed as in [8]. First, given $\Sigma = \{\text{tt}, \wedge\}$, the language $\mathcal{L}(S_2)$ characterizing the simulation semantics is defined in [5] as the language constructor taking the Σ -algebra L to the free Σ -algebra over the set { $\diamond \varphi \mid \varphi \in L$ }. It is also shown in [5] that for LTS we could define $\mathcal{L}(S_2^A)$ as the language constructor taking the Σ -algebra L to the free Σ -algebra over the set { $\langle a \rangle \varphi \mid \varphi \in L$ }.

If we compare it with the Hennessy-Milner logic \mathcal{L}_{HM} [9], it can be noted that the main difference is that negation is not present. Obviously, this must be the case to

¹ Although in [5] the element ff is not used, we will need it for the logics characterizing covariant-contravariant simulations and modal refinement.

capture a strict order that is not an equivalence relation, such as \leq_{CC} . However, adding both the constant ff and the disjunction \vee to Σ does no harm, thus obtaining $\mathcal{L}(\bar{S}^{A}_{\supseteq})$ which also characterizes \leq_{S} for LTS.

As we did in [8], the inspiration to obtain the logic characterizing \leq_{CC} comes from the fact that if we only have contravariant actions, then \leq_{CC} becomes \leq_{S}^{-1} , and therefore by negating all the formulas in $\mathcal{L}(\bar{S}_{\geq}^{A})$ we would obtain the desired characterization (that is why we need ff). In particular, for the modal operator $\langle a \rangle$ we would obtain its dual form [*a*].

Then, in the presence of both covariant and contravariant actions, we need to consider the existential operator $\langle a \rangle$ for $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ and the universal operator [b] for $b \in A^l \cup A^{bi}$, thus obtaining the following definition of the syntax of the logic for covariant-contravariant simulations.

Definition 7. Let $\Sigma_B = \{\text{tt}, \text{ff}, \wedge, \vee\}$ and let $S_{CC} : \text{Alg}(\Sigma_B) \to \text{Alg}(\Sigma_B)$ denote the language constructor taking a Σ_B -algebra L to the free Σ_B -algebra over the set $\{[b]\varphi \mid b \in A^l \cup A^{bi}, \varphi \in L\} \cup \{\langle a \rangle \varphi \mid a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}, \varphi \in L\}$. Then, the language $\mathcal{L}(S_{CC})$ can be generated using the following syntax:

$$\varphi ::= \mathsf{tt} \mid \mathsf{ff} \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \varphi \lor \varphi \mid [b]\varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi.$$

Now, in order to define the semantics of the operators above we need some technical definitions.

Definition 8 ([5]). An interpretation of a Σ_B -algebra L over a set X is a Σ_B -algebra morphism $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$.

Intuitively, an interpretation gives for each operator in the syntax (that is, of the language $\mathcal{L}(S_{CS})$) all the elements (of a given set *X*) that satisfy a formula, that is, $x \in d(\varphi)$ means that the formula φ holds in *x*. Interpretations define a category. A map between interpretations $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ and $d' : L' \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X'$ is a pair (l, f) with $l : L \longrightarrow L'$ a Σ_B -algebra morphism and $f : X' \longrightarrow X$ a function such that $\hat{\mathcal{P}}f \circ d = d' \circ l$ (where $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$ denotes the contravariant powerset functor). We denote this category of interpretations by \mathbf{Int}_B , with $L : \mathbf{Int}_B \longrightarrow Alg(\Sigma_B)$ the functor taking *d* to *L* and $E : \mathbf{Int}_B \longrightarrow \mathbf{Sets}^{op}$ the functor taking *d* to *X*.

Recall that in order to define the semantics for logics, we must first define the semantics of a single step. This single step is formalized as follows.

Definition 9 ([5]). A *T*-semantics for a language constructor S is a functor S : $Int_B \rightarrow Int_B$ such that $L \circ S = S \circ L$ and $E \circ S = T^{op} \circ E$. Thus, a *T*-semantics for *S* takes an interpretation $d : L \rightarrow PX$ to an interpretation $d' : SL \rightarrow PTX$.

For our concrete case of covariant-contravariant simulations the interesting cases are the definition of the semantic for the two modal operators. In [5] the semantics for the operator \diamond is defined as $d'(\diamond \varphi) = \{Y \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X \mid Y \cap d(\varphi) \neq \emptyset\}$. So, it is easy to see that if we consider the operator $\langle a \rangle$ we have $d'(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X \mid f(a) \cap d(\varphi) \neq \emptyset\}$. Analogously, following the classical definitions of the modal operators in [9] and our work in [8], in order to define the semantics for [b] we must consider not just $f(b) \cap d(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$ but $f(b) \subseteq d(\varphi)$ since with the classical interpretation $p \models [b]\varphi$ means that $p' \models \varphi$ for all $p \xrightarrow{b} p'$; thus, all the successors must be in the interpretation and not just one.

Hence, we have the following.

Definition 10. A \mathcal{P}^{A}_{ω} -semantics for S_{CC} is given by the functor \mathbb{S}_{CC} : $\mathbf{Int}_{B} \longrightarrow \mathbf{Int}_{B}$ taking an interpretation $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ to an interpretation $d' : S_{CC}(L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}X^{A})$ defined by:

- $d'(\mathsf{tt}) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega} X^A.$
- $d'(\mathsf{ff}) = \emptyset.$

 $- \ d'(\varphi \wedge \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cap d'(\psi).$

- $d'(\varphi \lor \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cup d'(\psi).$
- $d'([b]\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X \mid f(b) \subseteq d(\varphi)\}.$
- $\ d'(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{ f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega} X \mid f(a) \cap d(\varphi) \neq \emptyset \}.$

Note that, since an interpretation between the Σ_B -algebras $\mathcal{L}(S_{CC})$ and $\mathcal{P}X$ is a morphism, the value of d' on tt, ff, \wedge and \vee is imposed.

Next, we show that the semantics \mathbb{S}_{CC} is adequate for covariant-contravariant simulations. The notion of adequacy is given by "preserving expressiveness". Informally, a preorder is expressive if from $a \leq b$ it follows that b satisfies a logical formula (according to the interpretation) whenever a does; a semantics preserve expressiveness whenever it maps expressive interpretations and preorders into expressive ones. The following definition makes these concepts precise.

Definition 11 ([5]). Given an interpretation $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$, for $x, y \in X$ we write $y \ge_L x$ if $y \in d(\varphi)$ whenever $x \in d(\varphi)$. We will say that d is expressive for a preorder $R \subseteq X \times X$ if $R = \ge_L$, in other words, yRx if and only if $y \in d(\varphi)$ whenever $x \in d(\varphi)$.

Given a *T*-relator Γ : **Rel** \longrightarrow **Rel** and a language constructor S : $Alg(\Sigma_B) \longrightarrow Alg(\Sigma_B)$, we will say that a *T*-semantics S for S preserves expressiveness w.r.t. Γ if it maps an interpretation $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ which is expressive for $R \subseteq X \times X$, into an interpretation $d' : S(L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}TX$ which is expressive for ΓR .

Proposition 4. The semantics \mathbb{S}_{CC} for \mathbb{S}_{CC} preserves expressiveness w.r.t. Γ_{CC} .

Proof. Let $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ be expressive for *R*. We must prove that $g \Gamma_{CC}(R) f$ if and only if $g \ge_{S_{CC}(L)} f$ for any $g, f \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X^A$.

First, let us suppose that $g \Gamma_{CC}(R) f$ and see that $g \ge_{S_{CC}(L)} f$, that is, that if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $g \in d'(\varphi)$, for all $\varphi \in S_{CC}(L)$. The proof proceeds by structural induction.

- Let φ = tt. Then since $d'(tt) = \mathcal{P}^A_{\omega} X$, we trivially get the result.
- Let $\varphi = \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$. Then $d'(\varphi) = d'(\varphi_1) \cap d'(\varphi_2)$. If $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $f \in d'(\varphi_1)$ and $f \in d'(\varphi_2)$, so by induction hypothesis also $g \in d'(\varphi_1)$ and $g \in d'(\varphi_2)$, that is, $g \in d'(\varphi)$.
- Let $\varphi = \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$. It is analogous to the previous case.
- Let $\varphi = [b]\psi$ with $b \in A^l \cup A^{bi}$, $\psi \in L$. Then $d'(\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X \mid f(b) \subseteq d(\psi)\}$. If $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $f(b) \subseteq d(\psi)$. Now, $g \Gamma_{CC}(R)$ f and $b \in A^l \cup A^{bi}$ implies that for all $y \in g(b)$ there exists some $z \in f(b)$ such that yRz; and since d is expressive for R and $z \in d(\psi)$, then we have also $y \in d(\psi)$. Henceforth, $g \in d'([b]\psi)$ as we needed to prove.

- Let $\varphi = \langle a \rangle \psi$ with $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$, $\psi \in L$. If $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then there exists some $z_0 \in f(a) \cap d(\psi)$. Now, $g \Gamma_{CC}(R) f$ and $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ imply that for all $z \in f(a)$ there exists some $y \in g(a)$ such that if $z \in d(\psi_0)$ then $y \in d(\psi_0)$, for all $\psi_0 \in L$. This way, taking $z_0 \in f(a) \cap d(\psi)$ we get that there exists $y_0 \in g(a)$ such that $y_0 \in d(\psi)$. Henceforth, $g \in d'(\langle a \rangle \psi)$ as we needed to prove.

On the other hand, let us suppose now that $g \Gamma_{CC}(R) f$ does not hold, and let us see that $g \not\geq_{S_{CC}(L)} f$. If $g \Gamma_{CC}(R) f$ does not hold, either there is some $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ and $z \in f(a)$ such that $(y, z) \notin R$ for all $y \in g(a)$, or there are $b \in A^l \cup A^{bi}$ and $y \in g(b)$ such that $(y, z) \notin R$ for all $z \in f(b)$.

In the first case, the expressiveness of *d* and *R* gives us for each $y \in g(a)$ a formula $\psi_y \in L$ such that $z \in d(\psi_y)$ but $y \notin d(\psi_y)$. If we consider the formula $\varphi = \langle a \rangle \bigwedge_y \psi_y$, we get $f \in d'(\varphi)$ but $g \notin d'(\varphi)$. For the second case, we get for each $z \in f(b)$ a formula $\psi_z \in L$ such that $z \in d(\psi_z)$ but $y \notin d(\psi_z)$. In this case the formula $\varphi = [b] \bigvee_z \psi_z$ is such that $f \in d'(\varphi)$ but $g \notin d'(\varphi)$. That way we have proved that if $g \Gamma_{CC}(R)$ *f* does not hold, then $g \ngeq_{S_{CC}} f$.

Finally, the last step of the construction in [5] is the definition of the "definitive" logic for a coalgebra induced by a relator. The semantics of this logic will be built as the limit of the "single step" semantics.

Definition 12 ([5]). For any ordinal α , given $(Z_{\alpha}), (\rho_{\alpha}^{\beta} : Z_{\alpha} \longrightarrow Z_{\beta})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$, the final sequence of the functor T, an interpretation $d : \mathcal{L} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_{\alpha}$ induces a logic (\mathcal{L}, \models) for T-coalgebras with

 $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi$ if and only if $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) \in d(\varphi)$,

where $(\gamma_{\alpha} : C \longrightarrow Z_{\alpha})$ denotes the cone over the final sequence of T defined as follows:

- $-\gamma_0: C \longrightarrow 1$ is the unique such map.
- $\gamma_{\alpha} = T \gamma_{\beta} \circ \gamma.$
- $-\gamma_{\omega}$ is the unique arrow satisfying $\rho_{\alpha}^{\omega} \circ \gamma_{\omega} = \gamma_{\alpha}$ for each $\alpha < \omega$.

In particular, if the final sequence of Γ : **Rel** \longrightarrow **Rel** stabilizes at α , then the logic induced by S and Γ [5] is the logic induced by the interpretation $d_{\alpha} : L_{\alpha} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_{\alpha}$. Then, if S preserves expressiveness w.r.t. Γ , the final sequence of T stabilizes at α , and the initial sequence of S stabilizes at α , the final sequence of Γ also stabilizes at α [5, Prop. 61]. If that is the case, the logic induced by S and Γ characterizes the similarity relation [5, Cor. 60].

In our case, we finally obtain the following proposition.

Proposition 5. For an LTS $\gamma : C \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}C^A$, the logic which characterizes covariantcontravariant simulation is given by:

- $-c \models_{\gamma} \mathsf{tt}.$
- $-c \not\models_{\gamma} \mathsf{ff}.$
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ and $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ or $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \langle a \rangle \varphi$ if and only if $c' \models_{\gamma} \varphi$ for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} [b]\varphi$ if and only if $c' \models \varphi$ for all $c' \in \gamma(c)(b)$.

Before attempting the proof of the proposition, let us construct in detail the initial sequence of S_{CC} , denoted by $(L_{\alpha}), (\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha} : L_{\beta} \longrightarrow L_{\alpha})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$, and the final sequence of the functor $T = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}^{A}$, denoted by $(Z_{\alpha}), (\rho_{\alpha}^{\beta} : Z_{\alpha} \longrightarrow Z_{\beta})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$. That is,

$$L_0 \xrightarrow{\iota_1^0} L_1 \xrightarrow{\iota_2^1 = \mathbf{S}_{CC}(\iota_1^0)} L_2 \xrightarrow{\iota_3^2 = \mathbf{S}_{CC}(\iota_2^1)} \cdots \longrightarrow L_{\omega}$$
$$\underset{\mathbf{S}_{CC}(L_0)}{\parallel} \underset{\mathbf{S}_{CC}(L_1)}{\parallel}$$

and

Since $L_{\alpha} \subseteq L_{\alpha+1}$ and $\iota_{\alpha+1}^{\alpha}$ is a morphism between Σ_B -algebras, $\iota_{\alpha+1}^{\alpha}$ is the inclusion from L_{α} into $L_{\alpha+1}$. Also, $L_{\omega} = \bigcup_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}$ with ι_{ω}^{α} the inclusion from L_{α} to L_{ω} .

For the final sequence of the functor T we have $Z_0 = 1$, the final element of **Sets**, and it is straightforward to check that $Z_1 = TZ_0 = \mathcal{P}_{\omega} 1^A$ consists of all the possible A-trees of depth one. Subsequently, since $Z_{\alpha+1} = TZ_{\alpha} = \mathcal{P}_{\omega} Z_{\alpha}^A$, we get that Z_{α} contains all the possible (up to bisimilarity) A-trees of depth at most $\alpha + 1$ with branching at most $|A|\alpha$. Now, given $\alpha \ge \beta$, ρ_{β}^{α} transforms a tree of depth at most α into a tree of depth at most β by eliminating the last $\alpha - \beta$ -floors (and applying bisimilarity).

Continuing with this scheme, Z_{ω} contains all the *A*-trees, possibly with infinitely many branches and/or infinite depth (see [14, 15] for further details). Now, by definition, $Z_{\omega+1} = TZ_{\omega} = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\omega}^A$, this means that $Z_{\omega+1} = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\omega}\}$, that is, $f \in Z_{\omega+1}$ implies that for each $a \in A$, f(a) must be a finite subset of Z_{ω} . In other words, $Z_{\omega+1}$ is the set of *A*-trees (possibly infinite) such that its first floor is finitely branched (because f(a) is a finite set). Analogously, $Z_{\omega+2} = TZ_{\omega+1}$ is the set of *A*-trees (possibly infinite) such that its first and second floor are finitely branched. This way, we reach the terminal element $Z_{\omega+\omega}$ which contains all the finitely branched *A*-trees (possibly infinite). It is also shown in [14, 15] that $\rho_{\omega}^{\omega+1} : Z_{\omega+1} \longrightarrow Z_{\omega}$ is injective (but not surjective) so, by definition, every $\rho_{\omega+k}^{\omega+k} = T\rho_{\omega+k-1}^{\omega+k-1}$ is also injective. This means that $\rho_{\omega}^{\omega+k}$ is just the embedding of $Z_{\omega+k}$ into Z_{ω} .

For the proof of Proposition 5 we are also going to need the sequence $\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\beta} = \hat{\mathcal{P}}(\rho^{\beta}_{\alpha})$ built from the terminal sequence of Z_{α} by applying the contravariant functor $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$. That is,

$$\mathcal{P}Z_0 \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}_1^0} \mathcal{P}Z_1 \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}_2^1} \mathcal{P}Z_2 \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}_3^2} \cdots$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathbb{I} \\ \mathbb{I} \\ \mathcal{P}1 \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{I}} \mathcal{P}T(Z_0) \end{array} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{I}} \mathcal{P}T(Z_1)$$

So, by definition, if $\alpha \leq \beta$, $\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\beta}(u) = \{v \in Z_{\beta} \mid \rho^{\beta}_{\alpha}(v) \in u\}$; in other words, $\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\beta}$ maps a set of trees in Z_{α} to the set of all the trees in Z_{β} such that when we eliminate from them the last $\beta - \alpha$ floors we obtain the original trees in Z_{α} . Since $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$ is a contravariant functor and $\rho^{\omega+k}_{\omega+l}$ is injective, $\hat{\rho}^{\omega+l}_{\omega+k}$ is surjective. Given $l \leq k$, $\hat{\rho}^{\omega+l}_{\omega+k}(u)$ maps an A-tree u of $Z_{\omega+l}$ with its *k* first floors finitely branching into the same *A*-tree in $Z_{\omega+k}$; otherwise it maps *u* into \emptyset (because in $Z_{\omega+k}$ there are no *A*-trees without their *k* first floors finitely branching).

Proof (Proposition 5). Let $(L_{\alpha}), (\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha} : L_{\beta} \longrightarrow L_{\alpha})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ denote the initial sequence of S_{CC} and $(Z_{\alpha}), (\rho_{\alpha}^{\beta} : Z_{\alpha} \longrightarrow Z_{\beta})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ denote the final sequence of the functor $T = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}^{A}$, with $\{A^{r}, A^{l}, A^{bi}\}$ a partition of A. We define the initial segment of the initial sequence $(d_{\alpha}), ((\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\beta}) : d_{\beta} \longrightarrow d_{\alpha})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ of S_{CC} by [5, Prop. 57]:

$$d_0 \xrightarrow{(\iota_1^0, \rho_0^1)} d_1 \xrightarrow{(\iota_2^1, \rho_1^2)} d_2 \xrightarrow{(\iota_2^2, \rho_2^2)} \cdots$$
$$\underset{S_{CC}(d_0)}{\parallel} \underset{S_{CC}(d_1)}{\parallel}$$

- $d_0: L_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_0 \text{ is defined by } d_0(\mathsf{tt}) = Z_0, d_0(\mathsf{ff}) = \emptyset, d_0(\varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2) = d_0(\varphi_1) \cup d_0(\varphi_2)$ and $d_0(\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2) = d_0(\varphi_1) \cap d_0(\varphi_2).$
- $d_{\alpha+1} = \mathbb{S}_{CC}(d_{\alpha}) : \mathbb{S}_{CC}(L_{\alpha}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}TZ_{\alpha} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha}^{A}) \text{ for all } 0 < \alpha < \omega. \text{ In particular,} \\ d_{\alpha+1}(\mathsf{tt}) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha}^{A}, d_{\alpha+1}(\mathsf{ff}) = \emptyset, d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1} \land \varphi_{2}) = d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1}) \cap d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{2}), d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}) = d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1}) \cup d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{2}), d_{\alpha+1}([b]\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha} \mid f(b) \subseteq d_{\alpha}(\varphi)\} \text{ and } \\ d_{\alpha+1}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha} \mid f(a) \cap d_{\alpha}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset\}.$
- $-d_{\omega}: L_{\omega} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_{\omega}$ is defined by the obvious clauses for each of the logical connectives. For $[a]\varphi, \langle a \rangle \varphi \in L_{\alpha}$, we define d_{ω} as:
 - $d_{\omega}([a]\varphi) = \{u \in Z_{\omega} \mid \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega}(u) \in d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)\} = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)).$
 - $d_{\omega}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{ u \in Z_{\omega} \mid \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega}(u) \in d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) \} = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi)).$

Note that, by construction of the initial sequence (L_{α}) , if $[a]\varphi, \langle a\rangle\varphi \in L_{\alpha}$ then also $[a]\varphi, \langle a\rangle\varphi \in L_{\beta}$ for $\beta \ge \alpha$. Therefore, we need to check that d_{ω} does not depend on β and is thus well-defined. Indeed, assuming $\alpha \le \beta$ and since $(\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\beta})$ is a map from the interpretation d_{α} into d_{β} , we have:

$$\begin{split} \hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\omega}(d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)) &= (\hat{\rho}^{\beta}_{\omega} \circ \hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\beta})(d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)) \\ &= \hat{\rho}^{\beta}_{\omega}(\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\beta}(d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi))) \\ &= \hat{\rho}^{\beta}_{\omega}(d_{\beta}(\iota^{\alpha}_{\beta}([a]\varphi))) \\ &= \hat{\rho}^{\beta}_{\omega}(d_{\beta}([a]\varphi)). \end{split}$$

Now, we must prove that $(\iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega})$ is well-defined for all ordinals $\alpha < \omega$, that is, that the following diagram commutes:



Let $\varphi \in L_{\alpha}$ and let us show that $d_{\omega} \circ \iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}(\varphi) = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha} \circ d_{\alpha}(\varphi)$. The proof will follow by structural induction over φ :

 $-\varphi = \text{tt. Then, by definition, } \iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}(\text{tt}) = \text{tt} \in L_{\omega} \text{ and } d_{\omega}(\text{tt}) = Z_{\omega}.$ On the other hand $d_{\alpha}(\text{tt}) = Z_{\alpha} \text{ and } \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(Z_{\alpha}) = Z_{\omega}.$

- $-\varphi = \phi \wedge \psi$. Then, since ι_{ω}^{α} is the inclusion of L_{α} into $L_{\omega}, \iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}(\phi \wedge \psi) = (\phi \wedge \psi) \in L_{\omega}$. Thus, $d_{\omega}(\phi \land \psi) = d_{\omega}(\phi) \cap d_{\omega}(\psi)$. On the other hand, $d_{\alpha}(\varphi) = d_{\alpha}(\phi) \cap d_{\alpha}(\psi)$ and $\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\omega}(d_{\alpha}(\phi) \cap d_{\alpha}(\psi)) = \hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\omega}(d_{\alpha}(\phi)) \cap \hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\omega}(d_{\alpha}(\psi))$. By induction hypothesis, $d_{\omega}(\phi) =$ $\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\omega}(d_{\alpha}(\phi))$ and $d_{\omega}(\psi) = \hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\omega}(d_{\alpha}(\psi))$, and the equality follows.
- $-\varphi_{\alpha} = \phi_{\alpha} \lor \psi_{\alpha}$. Analogous to the previous case.
- $-\varphi_{\alpha} = [a]\psi$. Then $\iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}([a]\psi) = [a]\psi \in L_{\omega}$ and, by definition, $d_{\omega}([a]\psi) = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}([a]\psi))$.
- $-\varphi_{\alpha} = \langle a \rangle \psi$. Analogous to the previous case.

It remains to prove that d_{ω} is a limiting element of the initial sequence of \mathbb{S}_{CC} . If $d: L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z$ and $f_{\alpha}: d_{\alpha} \longrightarrow d$ is a cocone for the initial sequence of \mathbb{S}_{CC} , we must show that there exists a unique arrow $(!_L, !_Z) : d_\omega \longrightarrow d$ making the following diagram commute:



By focusing on the first component of f_{α} , we take $!_L$ as the unique arrow between $L_{\omega} \longrightarrow L$ (it exists because L_{ω} is a limit element of the initial sequence of L_{α}); and by focusing on the second, we take $!_Z : Z \dashrightarrow Z_{\omega}$ to be the unique arrow to the limit element Z_{ω} . Then, $!_Z \circ d_{\omega} = d \circ !_L$ and $(!_L, !_Z)$ is well-defined. The uniqueness of $(!_L, !_Z)$ and the fact that it makes the above diagram commute follow from the uniqueness and commutativity of $!_L$ and $!_Z$, as detailed next.

Let us consider $(!_L, !_Z) \circ (\iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega})$. Since $f_{\alpha} : d_{\alpha} \longrightarrow d$ is a morphism of interpretations, f_{α} is defined as (l_{α}, g_{α}) with $l_{\alpha} : L_{\alpha} \longrightarrow L$ a morphism of Σ_B -algebras an $g_{\alpha}: Z \longrightarrow Z_{\alpha}$ such that $\hat{g}_{\alpha} \circ d_{\alpha} = d \circ l_{\alpha}$ ($\hat{g}_{\alpha} = \hat{\mathcal{P}}(g_{\alpha})$). Now, using the fact that $!_{L}$ and $!_{Z}$ are the unique arrows of the limiting elements L_{ω} and Z_{ω} , respectively, we obtain that $!_L \circ \iota_{\omega}^{\alpha} = l_{\alpha} \text{ and } \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega} \circ !_Z = g_{\alpha}, \text{ in other words, } (!_L, !_Z) \circ (\iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega}) = (l_{\alpha}, g_{\alpha}) = f_{\alpha}.$

Now, since the initial sequence of S_{CC} stabilizes at ω and the final sequence of T stabilizes at $\omega + \omega$, we also have that the initial sequence of \mathbb{S}_{CC} stabilizes at $\omega + \omega$ [5, Prop. 61]. Let $\gamma : C \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}C^{A}$ be a labeled transition system, with $\{A^{r}, A^{l}, A^{bi}\}$ a partition of A: by Definition 12, when considering the induced logic, we must work with $d_{\omega+\omega}$ and $\gamma_{\omega+\omega}$. We have remarked before that $\rho_{\omega}^{\omega+k}: Z_{\omega+k} \longrightarrow Z_{\omega}$ is a monomorphism so, since $\gamma_{\omega} = \rho_{\omega}^{\omega+\omega} \circ \gamma_{\omega+\omega}$, $\gamma_{\omega+\omega}(c) = \gamma_{\omega}(c)$. On the other hand, since $\hat{\rho}_{\omega+k}^{\omega} = \hat{\mathcal{P}}(\rho_{\omega}^{\omega+k})$: $\mathcal{P}Z_{\omega} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_{\omega+k}$ is an epimorphism, we have that $d_{\omega+\omega}: L_{\omega} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_{\omega+\omega}$ and $d_{\omega+\omega}(\varphi) \subsetneq$ $d_{\omega}(\varphi)$, because in $d_{\omega}(\varphi)$ we also have infinitely branching A-trees as possible behaviors of φ . However, since $\gamma_{\omega}(c) = \gamma_{\omega+\omega}(c)$ is a finitely branching A-tree, it turns out that $\gamma_{\omega+\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega+\omega}(\varphi)$ if and only if $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\varphi)$, that is, we can just consider γ_{ω} and d_{ω} . Now, the logic induced by \mathbb{S}_{CC} and Γ_{CC} for the given γ is defined by:

- $-c \models_{\gamma} \mathsf{tt}$, trivially.
- $-c \not\models_{\gamma}$ ff, trivially.

- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$ if and only if $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2) = d_{\omega}(\varphi_1) \cap d_{\omega}(\varphi_2)$, that is, if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ and $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ or $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $c \models_{\gamma} \langle a \rangle \varphi$ with $a \in A^r \cup A^{bi}$ if and only if $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\langle a \rangle \varphi)$. First note that, by definition of $\gamma_{\omega}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega} \circ \gamma_{\omega} = \gamma_{\alpha}$, for all $\alpha < \omega$. So, if $\langle a \rangle \varphi \in L_{\alpha}$, then $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi))$ if and only if $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) \in d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{f \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha-1}^A \mid f(a) \cap d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset\}$. Also, since $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)$ is a finitely branching *A*-tree of depth at most α , we can view $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a)$ as the (finite) set of subtrees of $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)$ reachables from the root by an *a*-arc. Formally, since $\gamma_{\alpha} = T\gamma_{\alpha-1} \circ \gamma$, $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) = T\gamma_{\alpha-1}(\gamma(c)) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}^A\gamma_{\alpha-1}(\gamma(c))$ it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) &= \left[(\mathcal{P}^{A}_{\omega} \gamma_{\alpha-1}) \gamma(c) \right] (a) \\ &= \gamma_{\alpha-1}(\gamma(c)(a)) \\ &= \{ \gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \mid c' \in \gamma(c)(a) \}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, recall that $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) \in d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi)$ iff $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) \cap d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$, that is, if $\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \in d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi)$ for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)$, which is equivalent to $\gamma_{\omega}(c') \in d_{\omega}(\varphi)$ for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)$. Thus, we have just proved that $c \models_{\gamma} \langle a \rangle \varphi$ if and only if $c' \models_{\gamma} \varphi$ for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)$.

 $-c \models_{\gamma} [b] \varphi$ if and only if $c' \models \varphi$ for all $c' \in \gamma(c)(b)$. The proof is analogous to that for the previous case. □

Hence, by Proposition 5, the logic induced by \mathbb{S}_{CC} and Γ_{CC} is equivalent to the logic for covariant-contravariant simulation in [8].

3.2 Partial bisimulation

Partial bisimulation is defined in [2] as a behavioural relation over LTSs for studying the theory of supervisory control [12] in a concurrency-theoretic framework. In [2], the authors considered LTSs that also include a termination predicate \downarrow over states. For the sake of simplicity, since its role is orthogonal to our aims in this paper, we simply omit it in what follows.

Definition 13. A partial bisimulation with bisimulation set *B* between two LTSs *P* and *Q* is a relation $R \subseteq P \times Q$ such that, whenever p R q:

- For all $a \in A$, if $p \xrightarrow{a} p'$ then there exists some $q \xrightarrow{a} q'$ with p' R q'.
- For all $b \in B$, if $q \xrightarrow{b} q'$ then there exists some $p \xrightarrow{b} p'$ with p' R q'.

We write $p \leq_B q$ if p R q for some partial bisimulation with bisimulation set B.

In [1] we proved that partial bisimulation is a particular case of covariant-contravariant simulation, when the LTS *P* has signature $A^r = A \setminus B$, $A^l = \emptyset$ and $A^{bi} = B$. Hence, instantiating Proposition 5 with this particular case we obtain the same logic as in [1], which is simpler than that proposed in [2].

3.3 Conformance simulations

As we did in Section 3.1, we can apply the methodology in [5] to obtain the logical characterization of conformance simulations. First, we define the corresponding relator and prove that it defines the same simulation notion as the non-coalgebraic one.

Definition 14 (Conformance simulation relator). Given $R \subseteq Q \times P$, $f \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}P^{A}$ and $g \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Q^{A}$, we define the \mathcal{P}_{ω}^{A} -relator Γ_{CS} : **Rel** \longrightarrow **Rel** for conformance simulation by $g \Gamma_{CS}(R) f$ iff

- for each $a \in A$, $f(a) \neq \emptyset$ implies $g(a) \neq \emptyset$.
- for all $a \in A$, if $q' \in g(a)$ and $f(a) \neq \emptyset$ then there is $p' \in f(a)$ such that q'Rp'.

Proposition 6. The simulation notion defined by the relator Γ_{CS} coincides with the notion of conformance simulation.

Proof. Let us suppose that we have a classic conformance simulation R between the labeled transition systems $f: P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}P^A$ and $g: Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Q^A$, defined in the usual way by $f(p)(a) = \{p' \mid p \xrightarrow{a} p'\}$ and $g(q)(a) = \{q' \mid q \xrightarrow{a} q'\}$. Let us show that $g \Gamma_{CS}(R^{op}) f$.

First, if $f(p)(a) \neq \emptyset$ then, by definition, $p \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow}$ and also $q \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow}$ because pRq, hence $g(p)(a) \neq \emptyset$. Now, let $q' \in g(q)(a)$ and $f(p)(a) \neq \emptyset$ then since R is a conformance simulation there exists p' such that $p \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow} p'$ with p'Rq', that is, there exists $p' \in f(p)(a)$ such that $q'R^{op}p'$, as we needed to prove. On the other hand, let us show that $\Gamma_{CS}(R^{op})$ defines a conformance simulation R^{op} . If $g \Gamma_{CS}(R^{op}) f$ then, by definition of the relator, $f(p)(a) \neq \emptyset$ implies $g(q)(a) \neq \emptyset$, that is, $p \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow}$ implies $q \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow}$. Also, $q' \in g(q)(a)$ and $f(p)(a) \neq \emptyset$ imply the existence of $p' \in f(p)(a)$ and q'Rp'; in other words, if there exists q' such that $q \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow} q'$ and $p \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow}$, then there exists p' such that $p \stackrel{a}{\longrightarrow} p'$ and $p'R^{op}q'$.

Next, we define the corresponding syntax.

Definition 15. Let $\Sigma_B = \{\text{tt}, \wedge, \vee\}$ and $S_{CS} : \operatorname{Alg}(\Sigma_B) \to \operatorname{Alg}(\Sigma_B)$ denote the language constructor taking a Σ_B -algebra L to the free Σ_B -algebra over the set $\{[a]\varphi \mid a \in A, \varphi \in L\}$. Then, the language $\mathcal{L}(S_{CS})$ is that generated using the following syntax:

$$\varphi ::= \mathsf{tt} \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \varphi \lor \varphi \mid [a]\varphi.$$

Note that in order to define the syntax for conformance simulation logic we do not consider ff since we do not have two kinds of modal operators with different nature (as opposed to the case of covariant-contravariant simulation). Nevertheless, we could add ff to our logic without changing its meaning. This is make clearer in the following definition that gives us the semantics.

Definition 16. The \mathcal{P}^A_{ω} -semantics for S_{CS} is given by the functor \mathbb{S}_{CS} : $\mathbf{Int}_B \longrightarrow \mathbf{Int}_B$ taking an interpretation $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ to an interpretation $d' : S_{CS}(L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}X^A)$ defined by:

 $- d'(\mathrm{tt}) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega} X^{A}.$

 $- d'(\varphi \land \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cap d'(\psi).$ $- d'(\varphi \lor \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cup d'(\psi).$ $- d'([a]\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X \mid f(a) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } f(a) \subseteq d(\varphi)\}.$

Again, as we saw in [8], in order to define the semantics for conformance simulation we need to define the operator [*a*], which captures the idea of "having just one *a*-action is better than having more", by imposing that all the elements in f(a) must (non-trivially) satisfy the formula φ . The next step is to prove that it is adequate for conformance simulations.

Proposition 7. The semantics S_{CS} for S_{CS} preserves expressiveness w.r.t. Γ_{CS} .

Proof. Let us fix $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ expressive for R, that is, yRx if and only if $y \in d(\varphi)$ whenever $x \in d(\varphi)$; we must prove that $g \Gamma_{CS}(R) f$ if and only if $g \ge_{S_{CS}(L)} f$ for any $g, f \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X^A$.

First, let us suppose that $g \Gamma_{CS}(R) f$. Let us see that $g \ge_{S_{CS}(L)} f$, that is, that if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $g \in d'(\varphi)$ for all $\varphi \in S_{CS}(L)$. The proof is by structural induction.

- Let φ = tt. Then since $d'(tt) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega} X^A$ we trivially get the result.
- Let $\varphi = \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$. Then $d'(\varphi) = d'(\varphi_1) \cap d'(\varphi_2)$. So if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ we get that $f \in d'(\varphi_1)$ and $f \in d'(\varphi_2)$. Applying the induction hypothesis we get $g \in d'(\varphi_1)$ and $g \in d'(\varphi_2)$, that is, $g \in d'(\varphi)$.
- Let $\varphi = \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$. Then $d'(\varphi) = d'(\varphi_1) \cup d'(\varphi_2)$. So if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ we get that $f \in d'(\varphi_1)$ or $f \in d'(\varphi_2)$; by induction hypothesis either $g \in d'(\varphi_1)$ or $g \in d'(\varphi_2)$, and hence $g \in d'(\varphi)$.
- Let $\varphi = [a]\psi$ with $\psi \in L$. Then $d'(\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}X \mid f(a) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } f(a) \subseteq d(\psi)\}$. If $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $f(a) \neq \emptyset$ and $f(a) \subseteq d(\psi)$.
 - Now, $g \Gamma_{CS}(R) f$ implies that $g(a) \neq \emptyset$ and also that for all $y \in g(a)$ there exists some $z \in f(a)$ such that yRz. Since *d* is expressive for *R* we have that if $z \in d(\psi_0)$ then $y \in d(\psi_0)$, for all $\psi_0 \in L$. Combining these two facts we get that $y \in d(\psi)$ for all $y \in g(a)$. Henceforth, $g \in d'([a]\psi)$ as we needed to prove.

On the other hand, let us suppose now that $g \ \Gamma_{CS}(R)$ f does not hold, and let us see that $g \not\geq_{S_{CS}(L)} f$. If $g \ \Gamma_{CS}(R)$ f does not hold, either $f(a) \neq \emptyset$ and $g(a) = \emptyset$, or there exists $y \in g(a)$ such that $f(a) \neq \emptyset$ and, for all $z \in f(a)$, $(y, z) \notin R$. In the first case is clear that $f \in d'([a]tt)$ but $g \notin d'([a]tt)$. For the second case, since no $z \in f(a)$ is related with y and d is expressive for R, we have that $y \not\geq_L z$, that is, for each $z \in f(a)$ there is a formula $\psi_z \in L$ such that $z \in d(\psi_z)$ but $y \notin d(\psi_z)$. If $\varphi = [a] \bigvee_z \psi_z$ then $f \in d'(\varphi)$ since $f(a) \neq \emptyset$ and $f(a) \subseteq d(\bigvee_z \psi_z) = \bigcup_z d(\psi_z)$; but $g \notin d'(\varphi)$ because, by hypothesis $y \in g(a)$ is such that $y \notin d(\psi_z)$, for any z.

Finally, we obtain the following logic.

Proposition 8. For an LTS $\gamma : C \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}C^{A}$, the logic which characterizes conformance simulation is given by:

 $-c \models_{\gamma} \mathsf{tt}.$

 $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ and $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.

- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ or $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} [a]\varphi \text{ if and only if } \gamma(c)(a) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } c_i \models_{\gamma} \varphi, \text{ for all } c_i \in \gamma(c)(a).$

Proof. Let $(L_{\alpha}), (\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha} : L_{\beta} \longrightarrow L_{\alpha})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ denote the initial sequence of S_{CS} and $(Z_{\alpha}), (\rho_{\alpha}^{\beta} : Z_{\alpha} \longrightarrow Z_{\beta})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ denote the final sequence of the functor $T = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}^{A}$. As in the proof on Proposition 5 we define the initial segment of the initial sequence of \mathbb{S}_{CS} $(d_{\alpha}), ((\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\beta}) : d_{\beta} \longrightarrow d_{\alpha})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ by:

$$d_0 \xrightarrow{(\iota_1^0, \rho_0^1)} d_1 \xrightarrow{(\iota_2^1, \rho_1^2)} d_2 \xrightarrow{(\iota_3^2, \rho_2^2)} \cdots$$
$$\underset{\mathbb{S}_{CS}(d_0)}{\parallel} \underset{\mathbb{S}_{CS}(d_1)}{\parallel} d_2$$

- $d_0: L_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_0$ is defined by $d_0(\varphi) = Z_0$ for all $\varphi \in L_0$.
- $d_{\alpha+1} = \mathbb{S}_{CS}(d_{\alpha}) : \mathbb{S}_{CS}(L_{\alpha}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}TZ_{\alpha} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha}^{A}) \text{ for all } 0 < \alpha < \omega. \text{ In particular,} \\ d_{\alpha+1}(\mathsf{tt}) = Z_{\alpha+1}, d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1} \land \varphi_{2}) = d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1}) \cap d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{2}), d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}) = d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1}) \cup \\ d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{2}) \text{ and } d_{\alpha+1}([a]\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha} \mid f(a) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } f(a) \subseteq d_{\alpha}(\varphi)\}.$
- $d_{\omega} : L_{\omega} \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_{\omega}$ is defined by the obvious clauses for each of the logical connectives. Now, for a formula $[a]\varphi \in L_{\omega} = \bigcup_{\alpha} L_{\alpha}$, if $[a]\varphi \in L_{\alpha}$ then $d_{\omega}([a]\varphi) = \{u \in Z_{\omega} \mid \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega}(u) \in d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)\} = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi))$. As in the proof of Proposition 5, d_{ω} is well-defined.

To prove both that the morphisms $(\iota_{\omega}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega})$ are well-defined for all ordinals $\alpha < \omega$ and that d_{ω} is a limiting element of the sequence is analogous to that in Proposition 5, so we omit the proof. Also, the initial sequence of S_{CS} stabilises at ω and the final sequence of T stabilises at $\omega + \omega$, hence the initial sequence of \mathbb{S}_{CS} stabilises at $\omega + \omega$. Now, let $\gamma : C \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}C^{A}$ be a labeled transition system; as we showed in Proposition 5, $\gamma_{\omega+\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega+\omega}(\varphi)$ is equivalent to $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\varphi)$. Then:

- $-c \models_{\gamma} \mathsf{tt}$, trivially.
- *c* ⊨_γ $\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$ if and only if $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2) = d_{\omega}(\varphi_1) \cap d_{\omega}(\varphi_2)$, that is, if and only if *c* ⊨_γ φ_1 and *c* ⊨_γ φ_2 .
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ or $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $c \models_{\gamma} [a]\varphi$ if and only if $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}([a]\varphi)$, or, equivalently, $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) \in d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi) = \{f \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}Z_{\alpha-1}^{A} \mid f(a) \neq \emptyset \text{ and } f(a) \subseteq d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi)\}$, with $[a]\varphi \in L_{\alpha}$. As in the proof of Proposition 5, $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) = \{\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \mid c' \in \gamma(c)(a)\}$. Now, $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) \in d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)$ iff $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) \neq \emptyset$ and $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) \subseteq d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi)$. By the above equality, $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) \neq \emptyset$ if and only if $\gamma(c)(a) \neq \emptyset$; whereas $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) \subseteq d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi)$ if and only if $\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c_i) \in d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi)$, for all $c_i \in \gamma(c)(a)$, which is equivalent to $\gamma_{\omega}(c_i) \in d_{\omega}(\varphi)$, for all $c_i \in \gamma(c)(a)$. Thus, we have just proved that $c \models_{\gamma} [a]\varphi$ if and only if $\gamma(c)(a) \neq \emptyset$ and $c_i \models_{\gamma} \varphi$, for all $c_i \in \gamma(c)(a)$.

Hence, Proposition 8 shows that the logic induced by \mathbb{S}_{CS} and Γ_{CS} is equivalent to the logic for conformance simulation defined at [8].

3.4 Modal refinement

Again, we can apply the methodology in [5] to obtain the logical characterization of modal refinement between modal transition systems. First, we define the corresponding relator and prove that it defines the same simulation notion as the non-coalgebraic one.

Definition 17 (Modal refinement relator). Given $R \subseteq Q \times P$, $g : Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(Q \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ and $f : P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(P \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$, we define the $\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ -relator Γ_{ref} : **Rel** \longrightarrow **Rel** for modal refinement by $g \Gamma_{\text{ref}}(R) f$ iff

- for all $a \in A$, if $p' \in f(a)_{\square}$ then there is $q' \in g(a)_{\square}$ such that q'Rp'. - for all $a \in A$, if $q' \in g(a)_{\diamond}$ then there is $p' \in f(a)_{\diamond}$ such that q'Rp'.

Proposition 9. The simulation notion defined by the relator Γ_{ref} coincides with the notion of modal refinement.

Proof. First, let *R* be a modal refinement between the modal transition systems $f : P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(P \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ and $g : Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ defined in the usual way. If $p' \in f(p)(a)_{\Box}$ then $p \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} p'$ and, using that pRq, there exists q' such that $q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'$ with p'Rq', that is, there is $q' \in g(q)(a)_{\Box}$ with $q'R^{op}p'$. Now, if $q' \in g(q)(a)_{\diamond}$, we have that $q \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} q'$ and thus there exists p' such that $p \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} p'$ with p'Rq', or, equivalently, $p' \in f(p)(a)_{\diamond}$ and $q'R^{op}p'$. Hence, $g \Gamma_{ref}(R^{op}) f$.

On the other hand, let us show that $\Gamma_{\text{ref}}(R^{op})$ defines a modal refinement. First, if $p \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} p'$ then $p' \in f(p)(a)_{\Box}$ and by definition of the relator there exists $q' \in g(q)(a)_{\Box}$ with q'Rp', that is, we have $q \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} q'$ with $p'R^{op}q'$. For $q \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} q'$ the result follows analogously.

Next, we define the corresponding syntax and semantics.

Definition 18. Let $\Sigma_B = \{\text{tt}, \text{ff}, \wedge, \vee\}$ and $S_{ref} : \text{Alg}(\Sigma_B) \to \text{Alg}(\Sigma_B)$ denote the language constructor taking a Σ_B -algebra L to the free Σ_B -algebra over the set $\{[a]\varphi \mid a \in A, \varphi \in L\} \cup \{\langle a \rangle \varphi \mid a \in A, \varphi \in L\}$. Then, the language $\mathcal{L}(S_{ref})$ is that generated using the following syntax:

$$\varphi ::= \mathsf{tt} \mid \mathsf{ff} \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \varphi \lor \varphi \mid [a]\varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi.$$

Definition 19. The $\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ -semantics for S_{ref} is given by the functor \mathbb{S}_{ref} : $\mathbf{Int}_B \longrightarrow \mathbf{Int}_B$ taking an interpretation $d: L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ to an interpretation $d': S_{ref}(L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A)$ defined by:

 $\begin{aligned} &-d'(\mathsf{tt}) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^{A}. \\ &-d'(\mathsf{ff}) = \emptyset. \\ &-d'(\varphi \wedge \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cap d'(\psi). \\ &-d'(\varphi \vee \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cup d'(\psi). \\ &-d'([a]\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\}) \mid f(a)_{\diamond} \subseteq d(\varphi)\}. \\ &-d'(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\}) \mid f(a)_{\Box} \cap d(\varphi) \neq \emptyset\}. \end{aligned}$

In order to define the semantics for modal refinements we have needed to define two operators [a] and $\langle a \rangle$, where the first one captures the transitions that the process may do, whereas the second one captures the transitions that the process must do. It is not surprising to note that, in particular, the definitions of these two modal operators are essentially the same as those for covariant-contravariant simulation, but taking into account in each case the "must" or "may" transitions.

The next step is to prove that it is adequate for modal refinement, and to obtain the corresponding logic.

Proposition 10. The semantics \mathbb{S}_{ref} for \mathbb{S}_{ref} preserves expressiveness w.r.t. Γ_{ref} .

Proof. Let us fix $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ expressive for R, that is, yRx if and only if $y \in d(\varphi)$ whenever $x \in d(\varphi)$; we must prove that $g \Gamma_{ref}(R) f$ if and only if $g \ge_{S_{ref}(L)} f$ for any $g, f \in \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$.

First, let us suppose that $g \Gamma_{ref}(R) f$. Let us see that $g \ge_{S_{ref}(L)} f$, that is, that if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $g \in d'(\varphi)$ for all $\varphi \in S_{ref}(L)$. The proof is by structural induction.

- Let φ = tt. Since $d'(\text{tt}) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\})$ we trivially get the result.
- Let $\varphi = \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$. Then $d'(\varphi) = d'(\varphi_1) \cap d'(\varphi_2)$. So if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ we get that $f \in d'(\varphi_1)$ and $f \in d'(\varphi_2)$. Applying the induction hypothesis we get $g \in d'(\varphi_1)$ and $g \in d'(\varphi_2)$, that is, $g \in d'(\varphi)$.
- Let $\varphi = \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$. Then $d'(\varphi) = d'(\varphi_1) \cup d'(\varphi_2)$. So if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ we get that $f \in d'(\varphi_1)$ or $f \in d'(\varphi_2)$; by induction hypothesis either $g \in d'(\varphi_1)$ or $g \in d'(\varphi_2)$, and hence $g \in d'(\varphi)$.
- Let $\varphi = [a]\psi$ with $\psi \in L$. Then $d'(\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{\diamond, \Box\}) \mid f(a)_{\diamond} \subseteq d(\psi)\}$. If $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $f(a)_{\diamond} \subseteq d(\psi)$. Now, $g \Gamma_{ref}(R)$ *f* implies that for all $(y, \sigma) \in g(a)$ there exists some $(x, \sigma') \in f(a)$ such that yRx. Since *d* is expressive for *R* and $x \in f(a)_{\diamond}$ we also obtain that $y \in d(\psi)$. Henceforth, $g \in d'([a]\psi)$ as we needed to prove.
- Let $\varphi = \langle a \rangle \psi$. If $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then there exists $z \in f(a)_{\Box} \cap d(\varphi)$. Now, $g \Gamma_{ref}(R) f$ imply that for all $(x, \Box) \in f(a)$ there exists some $(y, \Box) \in g(a)$ such that yRx. This way, taking $z \in f(a)_{\Box} \cap d(\psi)$ we get that there exists $y_z \in g(a)_{\Box}$ such that $y_z \in d(\psi)$. Henceforth, $g \in d'(\langle a \rangle \psi)$ as we needed to prove.

On the other hand, let us suppose now that $g \Gamma_{ref}(R) f$ does not hold, and let us see that $g \not\geq_{S_{ref}(L)} f$. If $g \Gamma_{ref}(R) f$ does not hold, either there is some $z \in f(a)_{\square}$ such that $(y, z) \notin R$ for all $y \in g(a)_{\square}$, or there is $(y, \sigma) \in g(a)$ such that $(y, z) \notin R$ for all $(z, \sigma') \in f(a)$.

In the first case, the expressiveness of *d* and *R* gives us for each $y \in g(a)_{\Box}$ a formula $\psi_y \in L$ such that $z \in d(\psi_y)$ but $y \notin d(\psi_y)$. If we consider the formula $\varphi = \langle a \rangle \bigwedge_y \psi_y$, we get $f \in d'(\varphi)$ but $g \notin d'(\varphi)$. For the second case, we get for each $(z, \sigma') \in f(a)$ a formula $\psi_z \in L$ such that $z \in d(\psi_z)$ but $y \notin d(\psi_z)$. In this case the formula $\varphi = [a] \bigvee_z \psi_z$ is such that $f \in d'(\varphi)$ but $g \notin d'(\varphi)$. That way we have proved that if $g \Gamma_{ref}(R) f$ does not hold, then $g \ngeq_{S_{ref}} f$.

Proposition 11. For an MTS $\gamma : C \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(C \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$, the logic which characterizes modal refinement is given by:

 $-c \models_{\gamma} \mathsf{tt}.$

- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ and $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ or $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \langle a \rangle \varphi$ if and only if $c' \models_{\gamma} \varphi$, for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\Box}$.
- $-c \models_{\gamma} [a]\varphi$ if and only $c' \models_{\gamma} \varphi$, for all $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\diamond}$.

Before attempting this proof, as we did for the case of the functor \mathcal{P}^A_{ω} , we must construct in detail the final sequence of the functor $T = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$, denoted by $(Z_{\alpha}), (\rho^{\beta}_{\alpha} : Z_{\alpha} \longrightarrow Z_{\beta})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$. That is,

$$Z_{0} \underbrace{ \overset{\rho_{0}^{1}}{\longleftarrow} Z_{1} \underbrace{ Z_{1} \overset{\rho_{1}^{2}=T(\rho_{0}^{1})}{\longleftarrow} Z_{2} \underbrace{ Z_{2} \overset{\rho_{2}^{3}=T(\rho_{1}^{2})}{\longleftarrow} }_{1 \quad T(Z_{0}) \quad T(Z_{1})} \cdot \cdot$$

For the final sequence of the functor T we have $Z_0 = 1$, the final element of **Sets**, and, as we have done before, it is straightforward to check that $Z_1 = TZ_0 = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(1 \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ consists of all the possible *A*-trees with two kinds of transitions of depth one or; in other words, we can think of $Z_1 = TZ_0 = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(1 \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ as containing all the posible specifications of *A*-trees of depth one (where a may transition indicates that the implementation may include that transition, whereas for a must transition the implementation must contain it). Hence, it is easy to see that since $Z_{\alpha+1} = TZ_{\alpha} =$ $\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(Z_{\alpha} \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$, Z_{α} contains all the possible (up to bisimilarity) specifications of *A*trees of depth at most $\alpha+1$ with branching at most $|A|\alpha$. Now, given $\alpha \ge \beta$, ρ_{β}^{α} transforms a specification of a tree of depth at most α into a specification of a tree of depth at most β by eliminating the last $\alpha - \beta$ -floors (and applying bisimilarity).

Continuing with this scheme, analogously to the case for the final sequence of \mathcal{P}^A_{ω} , we have that Z_{ω} contains all the specifications of *A*-trees, possibly with infinitely many branches and/or infinite depth. Thus, by definition, $Z_{\omega+1} = TZ_{\omega} = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(Z_{\omega} \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ is the set of specifications of *A*-trees (possibly infinite) such that its first floor is finitely branched. This way, we reach the terminal element $Z_{\omega+\omega}$ which contains all the finitely branched specifications of *A*-trees (possibly infinite). Again, by definition, every $\rho^{\omega+k}_{\omega+l} = T\rho^{\omega+k-1}_{\omega+l-1}$ is injective. This means that $\rho^{\omega+k}_{\omega}$ is just the embedding of $Z_{\omega+k}$ into Z_{ω} .

Now, it is mere routine to build the sequence $\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\beta} = \hat{\mathcal{P}}(\rho^{\beta}_{\alpha})$ by applying the contravariant functor $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$ to the terminal sequence of Z_{α} . That is,

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathcal{P}Z_{0} \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}_{1}^{0}} \mathcal{P}Z_{1} \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}_{2}^{1}} \mathcal{P}Z_{2} \xrightarrow{\hat{\rho}_{3}^{2}} \cdots \\ \mathbb{II} \qquad \mathbb{II} \qquad \mathbb{II} \qquad \mathbb{II} \\ \mathcal{P}1 \qquad \mathcal{P}T(Z_{0}) \qquad \mathcal{P}T(Z_{1}) \end{array}$$

By definition, if $\alpha \leq \beta$, $\hat{\rho}^{\alpha}_{\beta}$ maps a set of specifications of trees in Z_{α} to the set of all the specifications of trees in Z_{β} such that when we remove from them the last $\beta - \alpha$ floors we obtain the original specification of trees in Z_{α} . Since $\hat{\mathcal{P}}$ is a contravariant functor and $\rho^{\omega+k}_{\omega+l}$ is injective, $\hat{\rho}^{\omega+l}_{\omega+k}$ is surjective. Given $l \leq k$, $\hat{\rho}^{\omega+l}_{\omega+k}(u)$ maps a specification of an *A*tree *u* of $Z_{\omega+k}$, with its *k* first floors finitely branching, into the same specification of an *A*-tree in $Z_{\omega+k}$; otherwise it maps *u* into \emptyset . Proof (Proposition 11). Let $(L_{\alpha}), (\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha} : L_{\beta} \longrightarrow L_{\alpha})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ denote the initial sequence of S_{ref} and $(Z_{\alpha}), (\rho_{\alpha}^{\beta} : Z_{\alpha} \longrightarrow Z_{\beta})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ denote the final sequence of the functor $T = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^{A}$. As in the previous proofs for covariant-contravariant and conformance simulations, we define the initial segment of the initial sequence $(d_{\alpha}), ((\iota_{\beta}^{\alpha}, \rho_{\alpha}^{\beta}) : d_{\beta} \longrightarrow d_{\alpha})_{\beta \leq \alpha}$ of \mathbb{S}_{ref} by:

$$d_0 \xrightarrow{(\iota_1^0, \rho_0^1)} d_1 \xrightarrow{(\iota_2^1, \rho_1^2)} d_2 \xrightarrow{(\iota_3^2, \rho_2^2)} \cdots$$
$$\underset{\mathbb{S}_{ref}(d_0)}{\parallel} \underset{\mathbb{S}_{ref}(d_1)}{\parallel} d_2 \xrightarrow{(\iota_3^2, \rho_2^2)} \cdots$$

- $d_0: L_0 \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}Z_0 \text{ is defined by } d_0(\mathsf{tt}) = Z_0, d_0(\mathsf{ff}) = \emptyset, d_0(\varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2) = d_0(\varphi_1) \cup d_0(\varphi_2)$ and $d_0(\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2) = d_0(\varphi_1) \cap d_0(\varphi_2).$
- $d_{\alpha+1} = \mathbb{S}_{ref}(d_{\alpha}) : \mathbb{S}_{ref}(L_{\alpha}) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}TZ_{\alpha} = \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(Z_{\alpha} \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^{A}) \text{ for all } 0 < \alpha < \omega.$ In particular, $d_{\alpha+1}(\mathsf{tt}) = Z_{\alpha+1}, d_{\alpha+1}(\mathsf{ff}) = \emptyset, d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1} \land \varphi_{2}) = d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1}) \cap d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{2}),$ $d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2}) = d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{1}) \cup d_{\alpha+1}(\varphi_{2}), d_{\alpha+1}([a]\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(Z_{\alpha} \times \{\diamond, \Box\}) \mid f(a)_{\Box} \cap d_{\alpha}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset\}.$
- d_ω: L_ω → PZ_ω is defined by the obvious clauses for each of the logical connectives. For [a]φ, ⟨a⟩φ ∈ L_α, we define d_ω as:
 - $d_{\omega}([a]\varphi) = \{u \in Z_{\omega} \mid \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega}(u) \in d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)\} = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}([a]\varphi)).$
 - $d_{\omega}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{ u \in Z_{\omega} \mid \rho_{\alpha}^{\omega}(u) \in d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) \} = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi)).$ As we showed in the proofs of Propositions 5 and 8 d_{ω} is well-defined.

The proof that the morphisms $(t^{\alpha}_{\omega}, \rho^{\omega}_{\alpha})$ are well-defined for all ordinals $\alpha < \omega$ and that d_{ω} is a limiting element of the sequence is analogous to that in Propositions 5 and 8. Also, the initial sequence of S_{ref} stabilises at ω and the final sequence of Tstabilises at $\omega + \omega$, hence the initial sequence of \mathbb{S}_{ref} stabilises at $\omega + \omega$. Now, let $\gamma : C \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(C \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A$ be a modal transition system; as we showed in Propositions 5 and 8, $\gamma_{\omega+\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega+\omega}(\varphi)$ is equivalent to $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\varphi)$. Then:

- $-c \models_{\gamma} \mathsf{tt}$, trivially.
- $-c \not\models_{\gamma}$ ff, trivially.
- *c* ⊨_γ $\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$ if and only if $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\varphi_1 \land \varphi_2) = d_{\omega}(\varphi_1) \cap d_{\omega}(\varphi_2)$, that is, if and only if *c* ⊨_γ φ_1 and *c* ⊨_γ φ_2 .
- $-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$ if and only if $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_1$ or $c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_2$.
- $c \models_{\gamma} \langle a \rangle \varphi$ if and only if $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\langle a \rangle \varphi)$. First note that, by definition of γ_{ω} , $\rho_{\alpha}^{\omega} \circ \gamma_{\omega} = \gamma_{\alpha}$, for all $\alpha < \omega$. So, if $\langle a \rangle \varphi \in L_{\alpha}$, then $\gamma_{\omega}(c) \in d_{\omega}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \hat{\rho}_{\omega}^{\alpha}(d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi))$ if and only if $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) \in d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(Z_{\alpha-1} \times \{\diamond, \Box\}) \mid f(a)_{\Box} \cap d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset\}$, where $f(a)_{\Box} = \{p \in Z_{\alpha-1} \mid (p, \Box) \in f(a)\}$. As in the proofs of Propositions 5 and 8, we can show that $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) = \{\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \mid (c', \sigma') \in \gamma(c)(a)\} = \{\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \mid c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\Box}\}$. Indeed, $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)$ is a finitely branching specification of an A-tree of depth at most α .

So, we can view $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a)$ as the (finite) set of specification of subtrees of $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)$ that may or must be reachable from the root by an *a*-arc. Formally, since $\gamma_{\alpha} = T\gamma_{\alpha-1} \circ \gamma$, $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) = T\gamma_{\alpha-1}(\gamma(c)) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^A \gamma_{\alpha-1}(\gamma(c))$ it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a) &= \left[(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{\diamond, \Box\})^{A} \gamma_{\alpha-1}) \gamma(c) \right](a) \\ &= \gamma_{\alpha-1}(\gamma(c)(a)_{\diamond}) \\ &= \{\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \mid c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\diamond} \}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, recall that $\gamma_{\alpha}(c) \in d_{\alpha}(\langle a \rangle \varphi)$ iff $\gamma_{\alpha}(c)(a)_{\Box} \cap d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi) \neq \emptyset$, that is, iff $\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \in Q$ $d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi)$ for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\Box}$. In other words, iff $\gamma_{\alpha-1}(c') \in d_{\alpha-1}(\varphi)$ for some $(c', \Box) \in \gamma(c)(a)$, that is, for some element c' reachable from c by a must transition a. This is equivalent to $\gamma_{\omega}(c') \in d_{\omega}(\varphi)$ for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\Box}$. Thus, we have just proved that $c \models_{\gamma} \langle a \rangle \varphi$ if and only if $c' \models_{\gamma} \varphi$ for some $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\Box}$.

 $-c \models_{\gamma} [a]\varphi$ if and only if $c' \models \varphi$ for all $c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{\diamond}$. The proof is analogous to that for the previous case.

Hence, Proposition 11 shows that the logic induced by \mathbb{S}_{ref} and Γ_{ref} is equivalent to the logic for modal refinements between modal transition systems as defined in [3].

Definition 20 ([3]). Given a set of actions A, the collection of Boudol-Larsen's modal formulae is given by the following grammar:

$$\varphi ::= \bot \mid \top \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \varphi \lor \varphi \mid [a]\varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi \qquad (a \in A)$$

The semantics of these formulae with respect to an MTS P and a state $p \in P$ is defined by means of the satisfaction relation \models , which is the least relation satisfying the following clauses:

 $(P, p) \models \top$. $(P, p) \models \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2 \text{ if } (P, p) \models \varphi_1 \text{ and }$ $(P, p) \models \varphi_2.$ $(P, p) \models \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2 \text{ if } (P, p) \models \varphi_1 \text{ or } (P, p) \models \varphi_2.$ $(P, p) \models \langle a \rangle \varphi \text{ if } (P, p') \models \varphi \text{ for some } p \xrightarrow{a}_{\Box} p'.$ $(P, p) \models [a]\varphi$ if $(P, p') \models \varphi$ for all $p \xrightarrow{a}_{\diamond} p'$.

3.5 Mixed transition systems

Mixed transition systems [10, 6] generalize MTS by considering two kinds of transitions that need not be related at all.

Definition 21 ([6]). For a set of actions A, a mixed transition system (MiTS) is a triple $(P, \rightarrow_1, \rightarrow_2)$, where P is a set of states and $\rightarrow_1, \rightarrow_2 \subseteq P \times A \times P$ are transition relations.

As for the associated simulation notion, it requires one transition relation to behave covariantly and the other one contravariantly.

Definition 22 ([6]). A relation $R \subseteq P \times Q$ is a mixed simulation between two MiTS if, whenever p R q:

- $\begin{array}{l} -p \xrightarrow{a}_{1} p' \text{ implies that there exists some } q' \text{ such that } q \xrightarrow{a}_{1} q' \text{ and } p' R q'; \\ -q \xrightarrow{a}_{2} q' \text{ implies that there exists some } p' \text{ such that } p \xrightarrow{a}_{2} p' \text{ and } p' R q'. \end{array}$

Thus, MTS are obtained as the particular case in which $\rightarrow_1 \subseteq \rightarrow_2$. Other than that, MiTS behave as MTS and can be described in similar coalgebraic terms. An MiTS arises as a coalgebra for the functor $F = \mathcal{P}(id \times \{1, 2\})^A$, where 1 stands for \rightarrow_1 transitions and 2 for \rightarrow_2 transitions; given $c: X \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{1, 2\})^A$, we shall use the following notation:

 $c(x)(a)_1 = \{x' \in X \mid (x', 1) \in c(x)(a)\}, \text{ and } c(x)(a)_2 = \{x' \in X \mid (x', 2) \in c(x)(a)\}.$

Then, the definition of the relator that captures MiTS simulations is straightforward, by mimicking that for MTS.

Definition 23 (Mixed relator). Given $R \subseteq Q \times P$, $g : Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(Q \times \{1,2\})^A$ and $f : P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(P \times \{1,2\})^A$, we define the $\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{1,2\})^A$ -relator $\Gamma_{\text{mix}} : \text{Rel} \longrightarrow \text{Rel for}$ mixed simulation by $g \Gamma_{\text{mix}}(R)$ f if and only if:

- for all $a \in A$, if $p' \in f(a)_1$ then there is $q' \in g(a)_1$ such that q'Rp';

- for all $a \in A$, if $q' \in g(a)_2$ then there is $p' \in f(a)_2$ such that q'Rp'.

Proposition 12. The simulation notion defined by the relator Γ_{mix} coincides with the notion of simulation between MiTS.

Proof. First, let *R* be a simulation between the mixed transition systems $f : P \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(P \times \{1,2\})^A$ and $g : Q \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(Q \times \{1,2\})^A$ defined in the usual way. If $p' \in f(p)(a)_1$ then $p \xrightarrow{a}_1 p'$ and, using that pRq, there exists q' such that $q \xrightarrow{a}_1 q'$ with p'Rq', that is, there is $q' \in g(q)(a)_1$ with $q'R^{op}p'$. Now, if $q' \in g(q)(a)_2$, we have that $q \xrightarrow{a}_2 q'$ and thus there exists p' such that $p \xrightarrow{a}_2 p'$ with p'Rq', or, equivalently, $p' \in f(p)(a)_2$ and $q'R^{op}p'$. Hence, $g \Gamma_{mix}(R^{op}) f$.

The other implication follows analogously.

From here, the same steps taken for building a logic that characterizes MTS can be retraced.

Definition 24. Let $\Sigma_B = \{\text{tt}, \text{ft}, \wedge, \vee\}$ and $S_{mix} : \operatorname{Alg}(\Sigma_B) \to \operatorname{Alg}(\Sigma_B)$ denote the language constructor taking a Σ_B -algebra L to the free Σ_B -algebra over the set $\{[a]\varphi \mid a \in A, \varphi \in L\} \cup \{\langle a \rangle \varphi \mid a \in A, \varphi \in L\}$. Then, the language $\mathcal{L}(S_{mix})$ is that generated using the following syntax:

$$\varphi ::= \mathsf{tt} \mid \mathsf{ff} \mid \varphi \land \varphi \mid \varphi \lor \varphi \mid [a]\varphi \mid \langle a \rangle \varphi.$$

Definition 25. The $\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(id \times \{1, 2\})^A$ -semantics for S_{mix} is given by the functor \mathbb{S}_{mix} : $\mathbf{Int}_B \longrightarrow \mathbf{Int}_B$ taking an interpretation $d : L \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}X$ to an interpretation $d' : S_{mix}(L) \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{1, 2\})^A)$ defined by:

- $d'(\mathsf{tt}) = \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{1, 2\})^{A}.$ - d'(ff) = \emptyset .
- $d'(\varphi \wedge \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cap d'(\psi).$
- $d'(\varphi \lor \psi) = d'(\varphi) \cup d'(\psi).$
- $\ d'([a]\varphi) = \{f: A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{1, 2\}) \mid f(a)_2 \subseteq d(\varphi)\}.$
- $d'(\langle a \rangle \varphi) = \{ f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{1, 2\}) \mid f(a)_{1} \cap d(\varphi) \neq \emptyset \}.$

Proposition 13. The semantics \mathbb{S}_{mix} for \mathbb{S}_{mix} preserves expressiveness w.r.t. Γ_{mix} .

Proof. First, let us suppose that $g \Gamma_{\min}(R) f$. Let us see that $g \ge_{S_{\min}(L)} f$, that is, that if $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $g \in d'(\varphi)$ for all $\varphi \in S_{\min}(L)$. The proof is by structural induction.

- The cases $\varphi = \text{tt}, \varphi = \varphi_1 \land \varphi_2$ and $\varphi = \varphi_1 \lor \varphi_2$ are simple to prove.
- Let $\varphi = [a]\psi$ with $\psi \in L$. Then $d'(\varphi) = \{f : A \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(X \times \{1,2\}) \mid f(a)_2 \subseteq d(\psi)\}$. If $f \in d'(\varphi)$ then $f(a)_2 \subseteq d(\psi)$. Now, $g \Gamma_{\min}(R)$ *f* implies that for all $(y, 2) \in g(a)$ there exists some $(x, 2) \in f(a)$ such that yRx. Since *d* is expressive for *R* and $x \in f(a)_2$ we also obtain that $y \in d(\psi)$. Henceforth, $g \in d'([a]\psi)$ as we needed to prove.
- Let $\varphi = \langle a \rangle \psi$. This case is analogous to the previous one.

On the other hand, let us suppose now that $g \Gamma_{\min}(R) f$ does not hold, and let us see that $g \geq_{S_{\min}(L)} f$. If $g \Gamma_{\min}(R) f$ does not hold, either there is some $z \in f(a)_1$ such that $(y, z) \notin R$ for all $y \in g(a)_2$, or there is $y \in g(a)_2$ such that $(y, z) \notin R$ for all $z \in f(a)_2$.

In the first case, the expressiveness of *d* and *R* gives us for each $y \in g(a)_1$ a formula $\psi_y \in L$ such that $z \in d(\psi_y)$ but $y \notin d(\psi_y)$. If we consider the formula $\varphi = \langle a \rangle \land_y \psi_y$, we get $f \in d'(\varphi)$ but $g \notin d'(\varphi)$. For the second case, we get for each $z \in f(a)_t y peB$ a formula $\psi_z \in L$ such that $z \in d(\psi_z)$ but $y \notin d(\psi_z)$. In this case the formula $\varphi = [a] \bigvee_z \psi_z$ is such that $f \in d'(\varphi)$ but $g \notin d'(\varphi)$.

Again, the same steps taken for building a logic that characterizes MTS can be retraced. This way, the resulting logic for MiTS is:

Proposition 14. For an MiTS $\gamma : C \longrightarrow \mathcal{P}_{\omega}(C \times \{1, 2\})^A$, the logic which characterizes mixed simulation is given by:

 $\begin{aligned} &-c \models_{\gamma} \mathsf{tt.} \\ &-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_{1} \land \varphi_{2} \text{ if and only if } c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_{1} \text{ and } c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_{2}. \\ &-c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_{1} \lor \varphi_{2} \text{ if and only if } c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_{1} \text{ or } c \models_{\gamma} \varphi_{2}. \\ &-c \models_{\gamma} \langle a \rangle \varphi \text{ if and only if } c' \models_{\gamma} \varphi, \text{ for some } c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{1}. \\ &-c \models_{\gamma} [a] \varphi \text{ if and only } c' \models_{\gamma} \varphi, \text{ for all } c' \in \gamma(c)(a)_{2}. \end{aligned}$

As a consequence, Proposition 11 turns out to be a corollary of this result.

4 Conclusion and future work

Following [5], we have built the characterizing logics for covariant-contravariant and conformance simulations, partial bisimulation (which can be considered as a particular case of the covariant-contravariant notion), modal refinement and mixed transition systems. In particular, we have presented a novel (to the best of our knowledge) coalgebraic characterization of modal and mixed transition systems. Even though most of the results are not new (except for the logical characterization of mixed transition systems), we believe that their proofs constitute a nice illustration of the method developed in [5], with non-trivial systems.

As future work, we intend to explore the relationship between covariant-contravariant simulation and modal refinement at the institution level that we sketched in [1]. Our idea would be to check whether the machinery of borrowing [4, 11] could be used to express our results in [1] relating the logics for covariant-contravariant simulation and modal transition systems in a more precise manner at the categorical level.

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