

# Synchronous Languages—Lecture 06

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*Esterel IV—The  
Constructive Semantics*

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  - ▶ Contradicts basic intuition about sequential execution

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- ▶ The *Must* (*Cannot*) predicate determines
  - ▶ Which signals are present (absent)
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  - ▶ No constructiveness problem here as we only deal with finite sets

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▶ **There is nothing the test must do.** In particular, it does not even have to do what both  $p$  and  $q$  have to do—this is the essence of disallowing speculative execution.



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## Accepting Programs

In the constructive behavioral semantics, a program is accepted as **constructive** iff fact propagation using the *Must* and *Can* (or *Cannot*) predicates suffices in establishing presence or absence of all output signals (and we can also compute a derivative—see later)

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  - ▶ **Avoiding this is goal of operational and circuit semantics!**

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- ▶ Does an equivalent HW-circuit always stabilize?  
(*Will come back to this later ...*)



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- ▶ *Cannot*<sup>*m*</sup> function prunes out false paths
- ▶  $\text{Cannot}^m(p, E) = \langle \text{Cannot}_s^m(p, E), \text{Cannot}_k^m(p, E) \rangle = \langle S, K \rangle$
- ▶ Extra argument  $m \in \{+, \perp\}$  indicates whether it is known that  $p$  must be executed in event  $E$
- ▶  $\text{Can}^m(p, E)$  is component-wise complement

## Definitions of *Must* and *Can*

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- ▶ Otherwise, would accept program

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  ||
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Approach:

- ▶ Start with undefined  $O$  (all output signal statuses =  $\perp$  )
- ▶ Iteratively enrich  $O$  using *Must* and *Can* information
- ▶ Terminate when this stabilizes (guaranteed by monotonicity)

Formalize this as computation of a least fixed point (see draft book)

# Algorithm to Compute Outputs

```

function computeOut(P, I)
  E = I ∪ {s⊥ | s ∈ Out(P)}
  do
    E' = E
    can = CanS+(P, E)
    must = MustS(P, E)
    E = I ∪ {s+ | s ∈ must}
      ∪ {s- | s ∈ Out(P) \ can}
      ∪ {s⊥ | s ∈ can \ must}
  while (E' ≠ E)
  if ∃s: s⊥ ∈ E then error ("not constructive")
  return E

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  - 😞 Formal definition and technical treatment of the constructive *operational* semantics is much heavier than that of the constructive *behavioral* semantics
- ▶ Will still take constructive *behavioral* semantics as the primary semantics

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- ▶ Decorate signal declarations with status  $+$ ,  $-$ ,  $\perp$
- ▶ Initially, all signals except inputs unknown
- ▶ Constructive operational semantics is a **micro-step semantics**
  - ▶ Current state indicated by  $\bullet$



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Consider P1 with I present:

```
module P1:
input I+;
output O⊥;
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end signal
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Fork of the parallel statement:

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Now emit S1:

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Cannot emit S2 any more:

```
module P1:
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Now 3<sup>rd</sup> branch can continue:

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Cannot emit 0 any more:

```
module P1:
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Synchronize the terminated threads:

```
module P1:
  input I+;
  output O-;
  signal S1+, S2- in
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  ||
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end signal●
end module
```

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Now consider P2:

```
module P2:
  output 0⊥;
  •signal S⊥ in
    emit S;
    present 0 then
      present S then
        pause
      end;
    emit 0
  end
end signal
end module
```

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After 3 microsteps:

```
module P2:
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      end;
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    end
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end module
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Perform cannot analysis (as in constructive behavioral semantics)—and set 0 absent:

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end signal
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Take implicit else branch of test:

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## Control:

- ▶ Threads are stopped by termination or by executing `pause` or `exit` statements
- ▶ Parallel statements synchronize stopped threads, as explained in the intuitive semantics
- ▶ Finally, the false path analysis explores all possible instantaneous paths towards emit statements
  - ▶ Takes into account all facts established so far
  - ▶ No speculative reasoning



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## Program Acceptance:

- ▶ Given an input, a program is accepted if the analysis succeeds in setting each signal status to a defined value + or –
- ▶ Logical correctness is guaranteed for accepted programs

## To Go Further

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