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*Semantics of Concurrent Processes: Unification and new Directions.*

The complexity of parallel systems produces a large collection of semantics for processes. We have looked for the ways to introduce some order in it, getting the keys to produce a systematic presentation of the spectrum of semantics using several frameworks: observational, equational and logic semantics. Our study produces not only a taxonomic classification, but more importantly take out the principles that participate in the conception of each of the semantics, and gives us some general techniques to study all the semantics in a uniform way, without needing to develop similar but separate proofs for the general results that are applicable to all of them. Moreover, we will discuss new aspects to take into account if we want to produce more accurate semantics that capture in the adequate way the characteristics of the different actions executed by a process. This means covariant-contravariant semantics and conformance, by means of which we can define more natural orderings that make the semantics more naturally applicable in practice.

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