# Subordination for linear, forward-chaining logic programs

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### 1 Language

#### 1.1 The logic programming language

Basically lollimon or linear datalog.

Terms and types that classify them

 $t ::= \dots$ 

 $\tau ::= \dots$ 

Predicate kinds

$$K ::= \operatorname{rel} \mid \vec{\tau} \to K$$

Synchronous resources

$$S ::= a(t_1, ..., t_n) \mid S \otimes S \mid 1$$

Forward-chaining, asynchronous rules

$$A ::= \Pi \overline{x} : \overline{\tau} . S \multimap \{S\}$$

Signatures, collections of rules

$$\Sigma ::= \cdot \mid \Sigma, t : \tau \mid \Sigma, a : K \mid \Sigma, r : A$$

States (linear contexts)

$$\Delta ::= \cdot \mid \Delta, x : S$$

Programs

$$prog ::= (\Sigma, \Delta_0) \mid (\Sigma, \Delta_0) \longrightarrow^? A$$

#### 1.2 The trace language

The above describes how to populate a signature; this section should describe how proof search is executed and traces are built.

Patterns

$$p ::= \langle x_1, \dots, x_n \rangle$$

Rule applications

$$R ::= r(N_1, ..., N_n)$$

Traces (sequences of bindings)

$$\epsilon ::= \langle \rangle \mid \{p\} \leftarrow R; \epsilon'$$

Operational judgment

$$\Sigma \vdash \epsilon : \Delta \leadsto \Delta'$$

Pre- and post-sets of variables in a binding Concurrent equality judgment

$$\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2$$

#### 2 Definition of subordination

An atomic resource a(e) is *initial* in  $\Sigma$  if it occurs in  $\Sigma$ , but only to the left of an implication ...  $\otimes$   $a(e) \otimes$  ...  $\rightarrow$  A  $(a(e) \notin A)$ .

An atom is *intermediate* in  $\Sigma$  if it occurs to the left of the  $\multimap$  in some rules and to the right in others.

An atom is *terminal* in  $\Sigma$  if it occurs in  $\Sigma$  and only occurs to the right.

 $\Sigma_1 \prec \Sigma_2$  iff

- intermediates( $\Sigma_1$ )  $\cap \Sigma_2 = \emptyset$
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- initials( $\Sigma_1$ )  $\cap$  terminals( $\Sigma_2$ ) =  $\emptyset$

# 3 Example

Consider the following signature.

data : type.
a : data.
b : data.

% model

model\_initial : data -> type.

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model_terminal : type.
act_on : data -> type. % internal.

model_receive : model_initial X -o {act_on X}.
model_process : act_on X -o {model_terminal}.

% control
control_initial : type.
control_terminal : data -> type.

control_picka : control_initial -o {control_terminal a}.
control_pickb : control_initial -o {control_terminal b}.
control_stop : control_initial -o {1}.

% mediating
% model-control : model_terminal -o {control_initial}.
control-model : control_terminal X -o {model_initial X}.

init : type = {control_initial}.

#query * * * 10 init -o {model_terminal}.
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If we consider the signature to be divided by the comments into  $\Sigma_m$ ,  $\Sigma_c$ , and  $\Sigma_i$  (for the model signature, control signature, and mediating signature), then  $\Sigma_m \prec \Sigma_c$  and  $\Sigma_c \prec \Sigma_m$ . If we add in just one of the rules from  $\Sigma_i$ , we get an asymmetric subordination relation. For example, let's consider removing model-control but keeping control-model. This now means that  $\Sigma_c \prec \Sigma_m$ .

## 4 Theorem statement and proof

If 
$$\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2 \vdash \epsilon : \Delta \leadsto \Delta'$$
 and  $\Sigma_1 \prec \Sigma_2$ , then  $\epsilon = \epsilon_1; \epsilon_2$  where  $\Sigma_1 \vdash \epsilon_1 : \Delta \leadsto \Delta''$  and  $\Sigma_2 \vdash \epsilon_2 : \Delta'' \leadsto \Delta'$ .

In other words, any trace run in a signature that can be divided into a subordination relation has a prefix that can be run in only the subordinate signature, and does not need to consider rules from the later signature. In our example above, this means that as long as we haven't produced a terminal atom from the control (control\_terminal being the only one), then we only need to consider rules from  $\Sigma_c$ .

Proof: By induction on the structure of the trace  $\epsilon$ .

• Case:  $\epsilon = \langle \rangle$ .  $\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_2 = \langle \rangle$ .  $\checkmark$ 

• Case:  $\epsilon = \{p\} \leftarrow R; \epsilon'$ By Lemma (below), either

$$\Delta \vdash_{\Sigma_1} R : A$$

or

$$\Delta \vdash_{\Sigma_2} R : A$$

- Subcase 1:
- Subcase 2:

#### 4.1 Lemma

If  $\Sigma_1 \prec \Sigma_2$  and  $\Sigma_1, \Sigma_2 \vdash p \leftarrow R; \epsilon : \Delta \leadsto \Delta'$  then either  $\Sigma_1; \Delta \vdash R : A$  or  $\Sigma_2; \Delta \vdash R : A$ .