The ProcessJ Type System

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Abstract

1 ProcessJ Types

1.1 Primitive Types

Process J has 11 primitive types shown in Table 1.

Table 1: ProcessJ primitive types

Type Name	Values
byte	
short	
char	
int	
long	
float	
double	
bool	{true, false}
string	
barrier	
timer	

1.2 Constructed Types

If we count mobile procedures, ProcessJ has 6 constructed types; they are shown in Table 2.

Table 2: ProcessJ constructed types

Type Name	Representation
Array	$Array(\alpha, index)$
Record	$Record(name, \{(n_1, t_1), \ldots, (n_m, t_m)\})$
Protocol	$Protocol(name, \{(tag_1, \{(n_{1,1}, t_{1,1}), \dots, (n_{1,m_1}, t_{1,m_1})\})\})$
	<u>:</u>
	$(tag_k, \{(n_{k,1}, t_{k,1}), \dots, (n_{k,m_k}, t_{1,m_k})\})\}$
Channel	$Channel(\alpha, access)$
Channel end	ChannelEnd(α , end), α is a Channel.
Procedure	$Procedure(name,(t_1,t_2,\ldots,t_n),t)$

2 Helper Functions

2.1 Ceiling

$$\lceil \alpha, \beta \rceil := \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \alpha & \beta \leq_{\mathcal{T}} \alpha \\ \beta & \alpha <_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \\ \bot & \text{otherwise} \end{array} \right.$$

$\mathbf{2.2}$ $<_{\mathcal{T}}$

2.2.1 Primitive Types

A primitive type α is "type-wise less than" another primitive type β , if a variable of type β can hold any value of type α . This definition seems to be exactly that of assignment compatible – and it is, but it has to be defined somewhere, so here we go:

$$byte <_{\mathcal{T}} short <_{\mathcal{T}} char <_{\mathcal{T}} int <_{\mathcal{T}} long$$

as well as

$$float <_{\mathcal{T}} double$$

but also

$$int <_{\mathcal{T}} float \land long <_{\mathcal{T}} double$$

 $<_{\mathcal{T}}$ is, of course, transitive, so if $(\alpha <_{\mathcal{T}} \beta) \wedge (\beta <_{\mathcal{T}} \delta) \Rightarrow \alpha <_{\mathcal{T}} \delta$.

a Ly	byte	short	char	int	long	float	double	bool	string	barrier	timer
byte	F	Т	Τ	Т	Т	Т	T	F	F	F	F
short	F	F	Т	Т	Т	Т	Т	F	F	F	F
char	F	F	F	Т	T	Т	Т	F	F	F	F
int	F	F	F	F	Т	Т	Т	F	F	F	F
long	F	F	F	F	F	Т	Т	F	F	F	F
float	F	F	F	F	F	F	Т	F	F	F	F
double	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
bool	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
string	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
barrier	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F
timer	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F	F

2.2.2 Constructed Types

Protocol

$$\begin{split} \alpha &= Protocol(name_1, \{(tag_{1,1}, \{(n_{1,1,1}, t_{1,1,1}), \dots, (n_{1,1,m_{1,1}}, t_{1,1,m_{1,1}})\}),\\ &\qquad \qquad (tag_{1,2}, \{(n_{1,2,1}, t_{1,2,1}), \dots, (n_{1,2,m_{1,2}}, t_{1,2,m_{1,2}})\}),\\ &\qquad \qquad \vdots\\ &\qquad \qquad (tag_{1,k_1}, \{(n_{1,k_1,1}, t_{1,k_1,1}), \dots, (n_{1,k_1,m_{1,k_1}}, t_{1,k_1,m_{1,k_1}})\})\})\\ \beta &= Protocol(name_2, \{(tag_{2,1}, \{(n_{2,1,1}, t_{2,1,1}), \dots, (n_{2,1,m_{2,1}}, t_{2,1,m_{2,1}})\}),\\ &\qquad \qquad (tag_{2,2}, \{(n_{2,2,1}, t_{2,2,1}), \dots, (n_{2,2,m_{2,2}}, t_{2,2,m_{2,2}})\}),\\ &\qquad \qquad \vdots \end{split}$$

$$(tag_{2,k_2}, \{(n_{2,k_2,1}, t_{3,k_2,1}), \dots, (n_{2,k_2,m_{2,k_2}}, t_{1,k_2,m_{2,k_2}})\})\})$$

$$\alpha \leq_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow (\forall i : (1 \leq i \leq k_1) : \exists j : (1 \leq j \leq k_2) : tag_{1,i} = tag_{2,j} \land$$

$$(m_{1,i} = m_{2,j}) \land \bigwedge_{k=1}^{m_{1,i}} (n_{1,i,k} = n_{2,i,k}) \land (t_{1,i,k} \sim_{\mathcal{T}} t_{2,i,k})$$

Procedures Not sure what goes here yet.

 $2.3 \leq_{\mathcal{T}}$

$$\alpha \leq_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow (\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta) \vee (\alpha \leq_{\mathcal{T}} \beta)$$

3 Primitive Types

3.1 Type Equality $(=_{\mathcal{T}})$

$$\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow \text{Primitive}_{?}(\alpha) \land \text{Primitive}_{?}(\beta) \land \alpha = \beta$$

where α and β are types.

3.2 Type Equivalence $(\sim_{\mathcal{T}})$

For primitive types, type equivalence is the same as type equality, so for two types α and β :

$$\alpha \sim_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow Primitive_{?}(\alpha) \wedge Primitive_{?}(\beta) \wedge \alpha \leq_{\mathcal{T}} \beta$$

3.3 Type Assignment Compatibility $(:=_{\mathcal{T}})$

$$\alpha :=_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow Primitive_{?}(\alpha) \land Primitive_{?}(\beta) \land \beta \leq \alpha$$

4 Constructed Types

4.1 Type Equality $(=_{\mathcal{T}})$

4.1.1 Arrays

$$\alpha = Array(t_1, I_1) \ \land \beta = Array(t_2, I_2)$$

$$\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow Array_?(\alpha) \land Array_?(\beta) \land (t_1 =_{\mathcal{T}} t_2) \land ((I_1 = I_2) \lor (I_1 = \bot) \lor (I_2 = \bot))$$

4.1.2 Records

$$\alpha = Record(name_1, \{(n_{1,1}, t_{1,1}), \dots, (n_{1,m_1}, t_{1,m_1})\})$$
$$\beta = Record(name_2, \{(n_{2,1}, t_{2,1}), \dots, (n_{2,m_2}, t_{2,m_2})\})$$

Name Equality:

$$\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow Record_?(\alpha) \land Record_?(\beta) \land (name_1 = name_2)$$

Structural Equality:

$$\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow Record_{?}(\alpha) \wedge Record_{?}(\beta) \wedge (m_{1} = m_{2}) \wedge \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m_{1}} (t_{1,i} =_{\mathcal{T}} t_{2,i})$$

4.1.3 Protocols

4.1.4 Channel

The access part of a channel can be shared, shared read, shared write, or not shared.

$$\alpha = Channel(t_1, a_1) \wedge \beta = Channel(t_2, a_2)$$

$$\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow Channel_{?}(\alpha) \wedge Channel_{?}(\beta) \wedge (t_{1} =_{\mathcal{T}} t_{2}) \wedge (a_{1} = a_{2})$$

4.1.5 Channel Ends

For channel ends to be equivalent, they have to be the same ends and their channels have to be equivalent:

$$\alpha = ChannelEnd(\delta, end_1) \land \beta = ChannelEnd(\gamma, end_2)$$

$$\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow ChannelEnd_{?}(\alpha) \wedge ChannelEnd_{?}(\beta) \wedge Channel_{?}(\delta) \wedge Channel_{?}(\gamma) \wedge (end_{1} = end_{2})$$

4.1.6 Procedures

$$\alpha = procedure(name_1, \{t_{1,1}, \dots, t_{1,m_1}\}, t_1) \land \beta = procedure(name_2, \{t_{2,1}, \dots, t_{2,m_2}\}, t_2) \land$$

$$\alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow (m_1 = m_2) \land (t_1 =_{\mathcal{T}} t_2) \land (name_1 = name_2) \land \bigwedge_{i=1}^{m_1} (t_{1,i} =_{\mathcal{T}} t_{2,i})$$

4.2 Type Equivalence ($=_{\mathcal{T}} = v$)

For all constructed types α and β , we have:

$$\alpha \sim_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha =_{\mathcal{T}} \beta$$

4.3 Type Assignment Compatibility $(:=_{\mathcal{T}})$

4.3.1 Arrays

$$\alpha = Array(t_1, I_1) \land \beta = Array(t_2, I_2)$$

$$\alpha :=_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow Array_?(\alpha) \land Array_?(\beta) \land$$

$$((Protocol_?(t_1) \land Protocol_?(t_2) \land (t_2 \leq_{\mathcal{T}} t_1)) \lor (\neg Protocol_?(t_1) \land \neg Protocol_?(t_2) \land (t_1 =_{\mathcal{T}} t_2)$$

4.3.2 Records

$$\alpha = Record(name_1, \{(n_{1,1}, t_{1,1}), \dots, (n_{1,m_1}, t_{1,m_1})\})$$

$$\beta = Record(name_2, \{(n_{2,1}, t_{2,1}), \dots, (n_{2,m_2}, t_{2,m_2})\})$$

$$\alpha :=_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow \alpha \sim_{\mathcal{T}} \beta$$

4.3.3 Protocols

4.3.4 Channels

Channels are non-assignable.

4.3.5 Channel Ends

$$\begin{split} \alpha = ChannelEnd(\delta, end_1) \wedge \beta = ChannelEnd(\gamma, end_2) \\ \alpha :=_{\mathcal{T}} \beta \Leftrightarrow (end_1 = end_2) \wedge \\ ((Protocol_?(\delta) \wedge Protocol_?(\gamma) \wedge (\delta \leq_{\mathcal{T}} \gamma)) \vee \\ (\neg Protocol_?(\delta) \wedge \neg Protocol_?(\gamma) \wedge (\delta =_{\mathcal{T}} \gamma)) \end{split}$$

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