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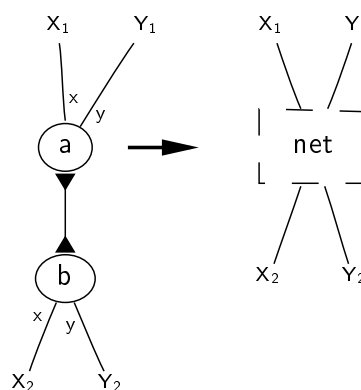
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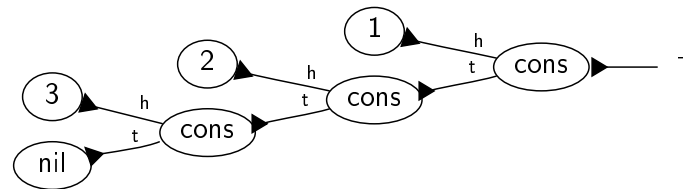
2 Interaction Nets



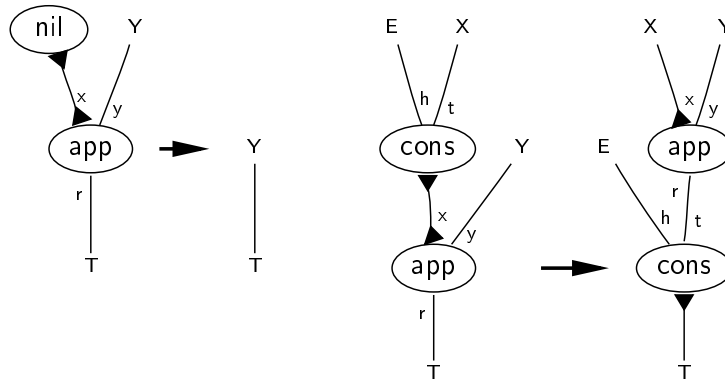
Lafont (1990), inspired by Proof Nets of Linear Logic.

Principal ports, linearity, binary local interaction, preserves interface.

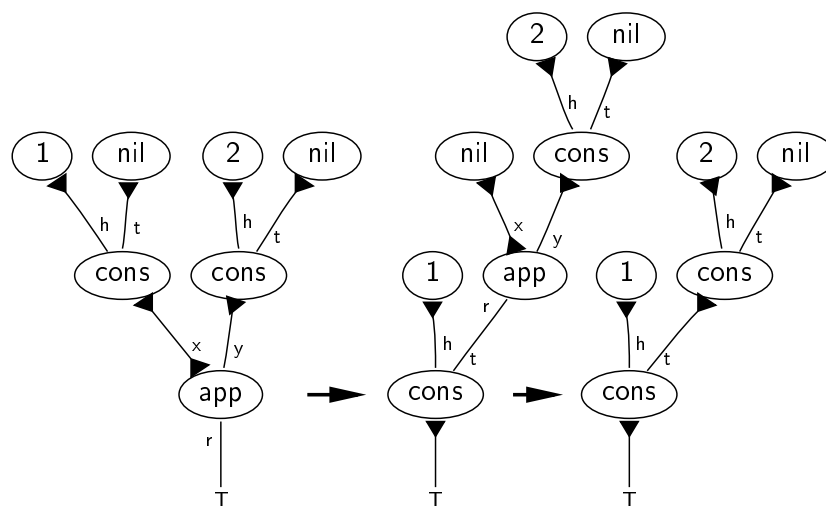
2.1 IN Example: List Processing



List is represented as a chain of `cons` nodes

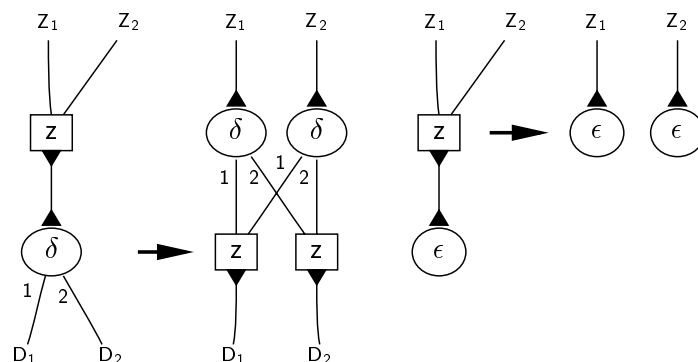


Rules for the `append` operation



Example: `append` lists (1) and (2)

2.2 Linearity: δ and ϵ Nodes

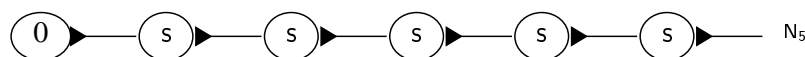


(Here z is any binary node.)

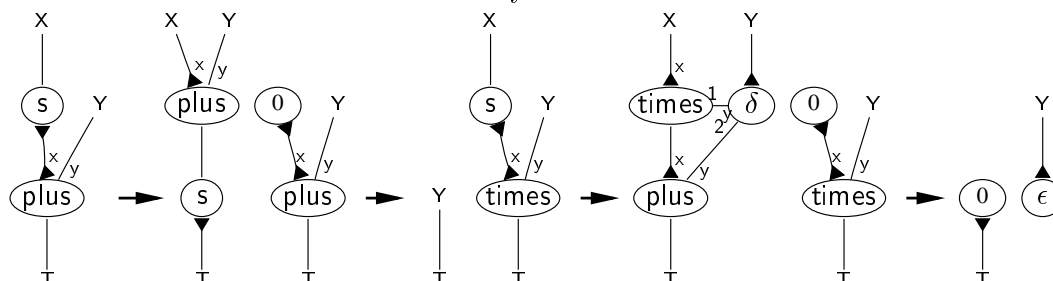
To duplicate a net, use δ .

To erase a net, use ϵ .

2.2.1 IN Example: Unary Arithmetics



The number 5 in unary notation



Arithmetic rules, corresponding to

$$sx + y = s(x + y) \quad 0 + y = y \quad sx \times y = x \times y + y \quad 0 \times y = 0.$$

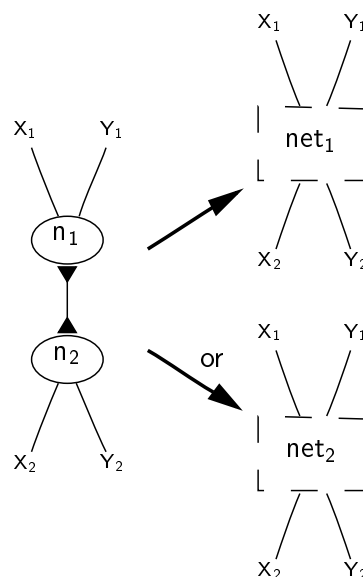
3 Non-determinism in IN

Traditional IN are *confluent*, therefore are limited to deterministic, functional programming. To represent agents, objects, processes, non-determinism, we need to break the confluence.

Several possible ways to do that:

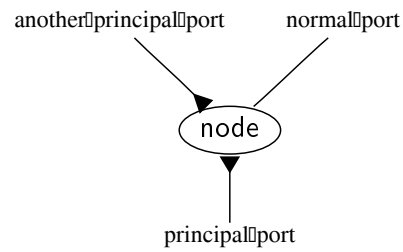
- IN with Multiple Reduction Rules (INMR)
- IN with Multiple Principal Ports (INMPP)
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3.1 IN with Multiple Reduction Rules (INMR)

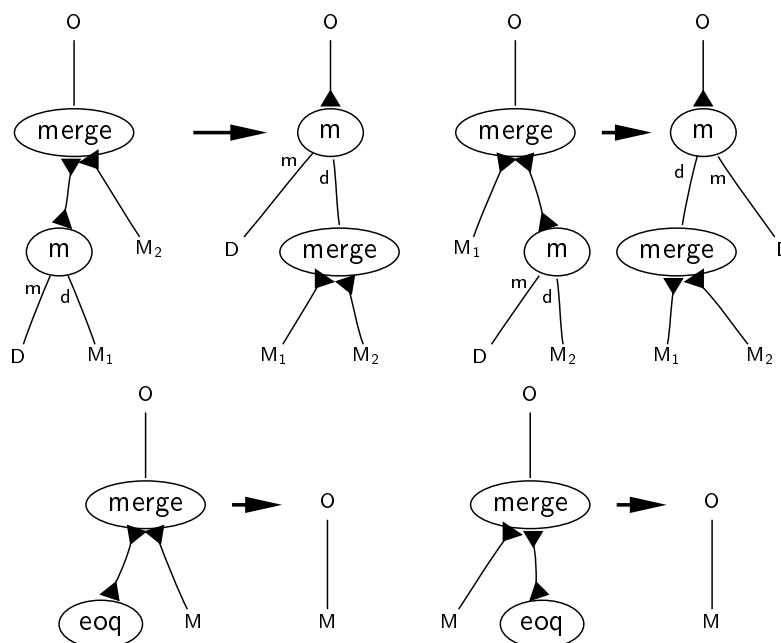


Turns out that we can limit ourselves to reflexive asymmetric rules only:
 $n \bowtie n \rightarrow \text{net}$, where “net” is not symmetric.

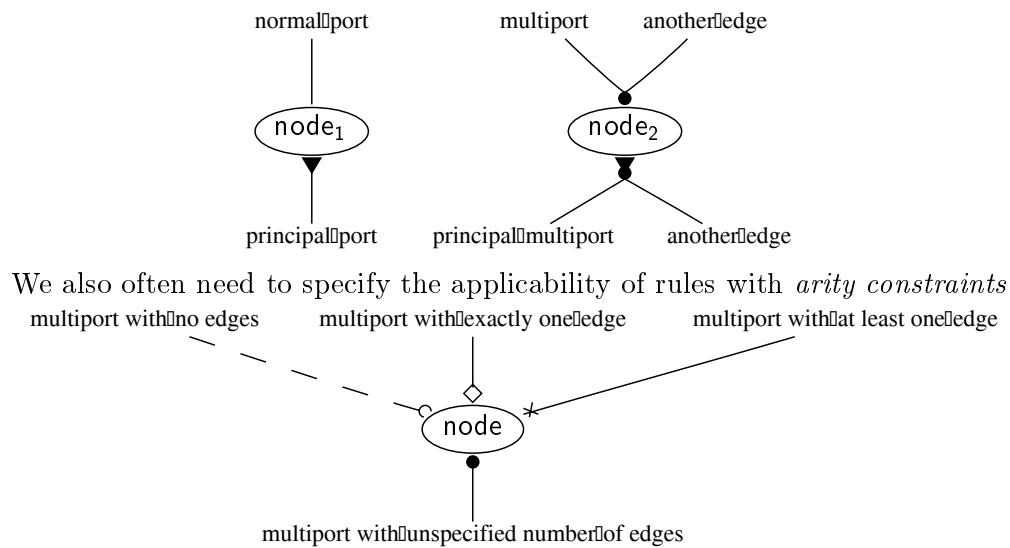
3.2 IN with Multiple Principal Ports (INMPP)



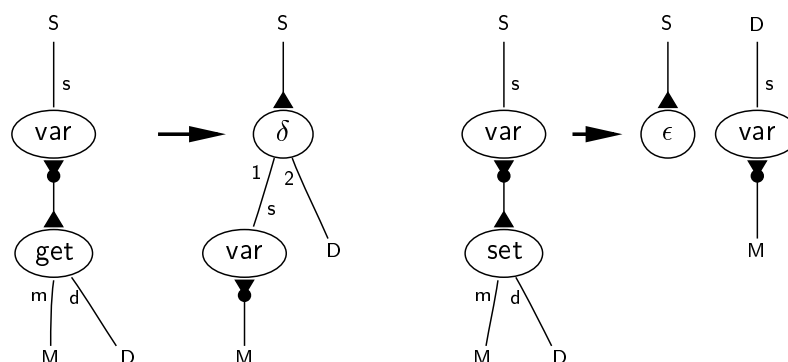
3.2.1 INMPP Example: Queue Merger



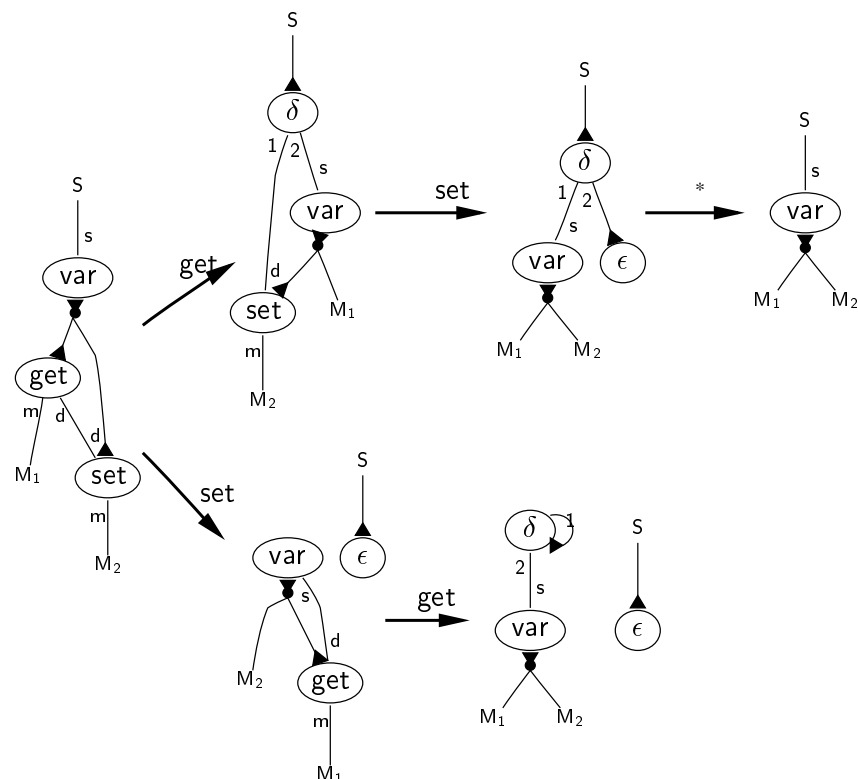
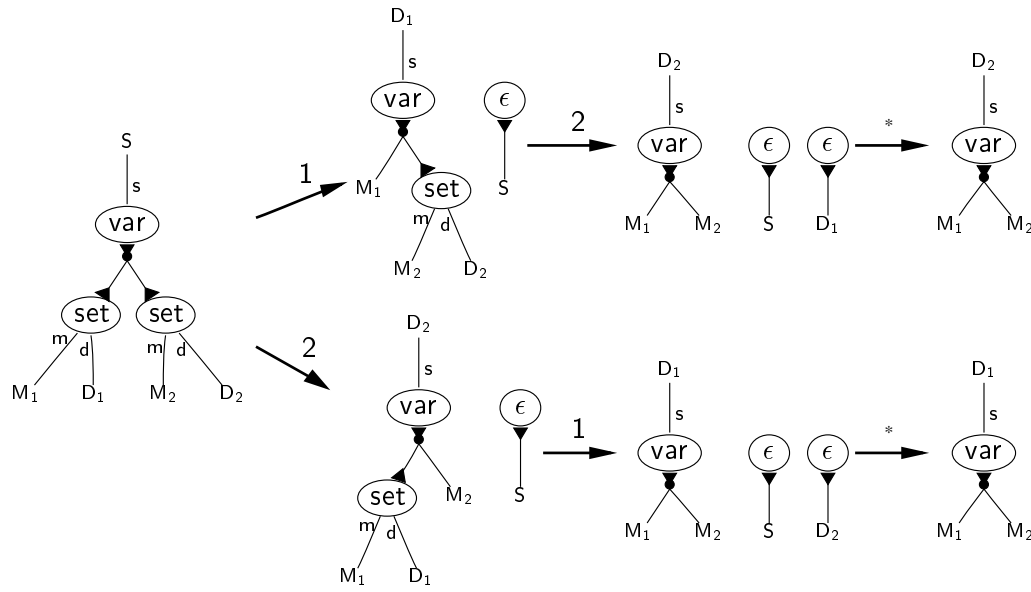
3.3 IN with MultiplePorts (INMP)



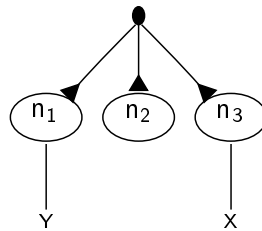
3.3.1 INMP Example: Variable (Reference)



A variable is an “object” that handles get and set requests

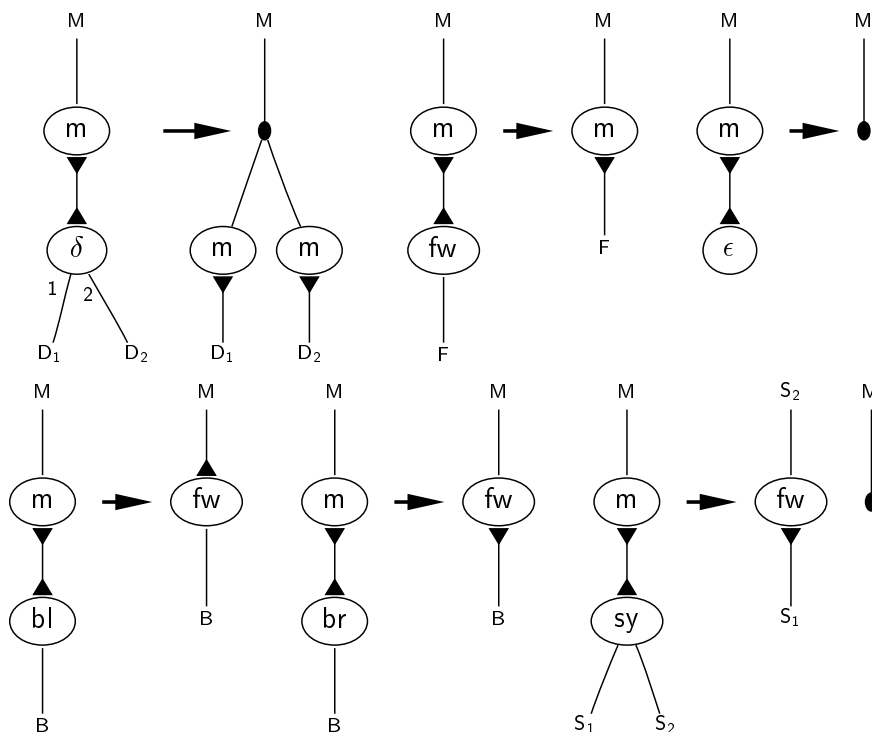


3.4 IN with Multiple Connections (INMC)



Allow hyper-edges (edges connecting more than two ports). We denote such with a connector point (bold dot)

3.4.1 INMC Example: Process Graphs

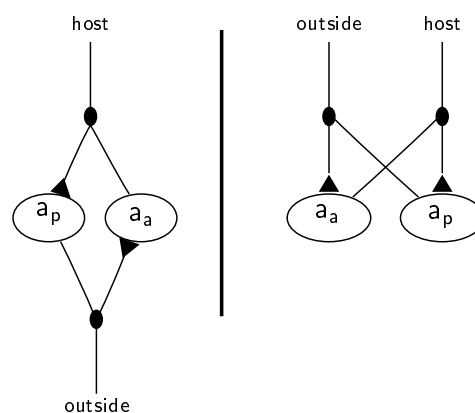


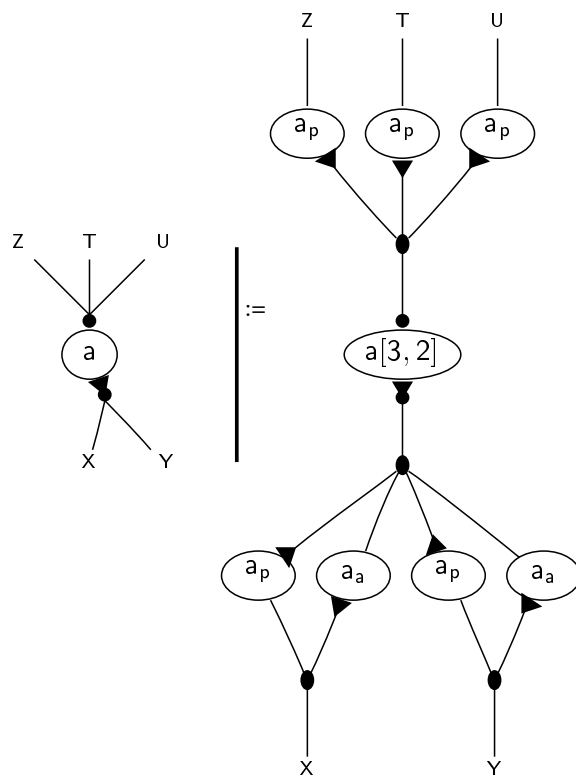
4 Inter-representation of Non-Deterministic Models

Which models can represent which others, and at what price?

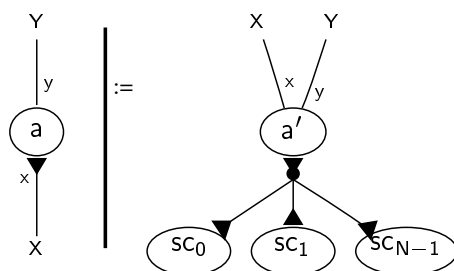
- Complexity of translation
- Complexity of reduction
- Atomicity properties
- Commitment properties

4.1 INMP as INMC: Port Diamonds

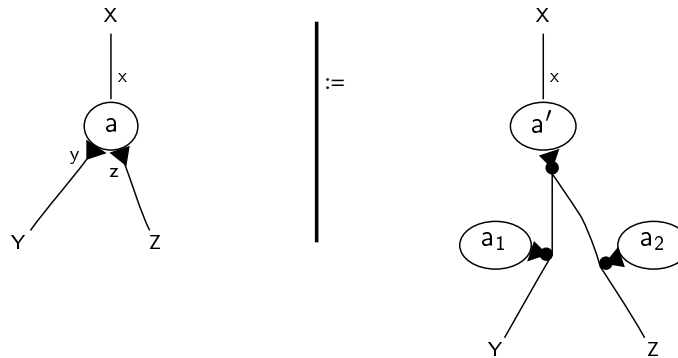




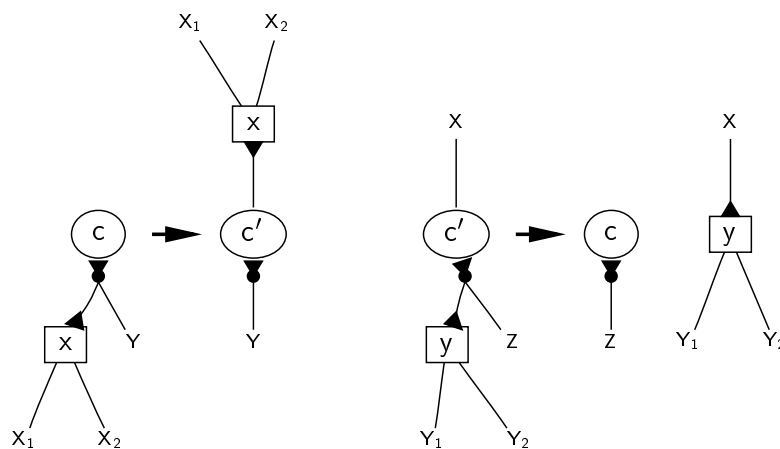
4.2 INMR as INMP: Self-Commitment



4.3 INMPP as INMP: Marker Nodes



4.4 INMC as INMP: Explicit Connectors



5 Representing the π -calculus in MIN=INMP+INMPP

Concurrency = Interaction + Non-determinism

5.1 The π -calculus

Zero $\boxed{0}$ is the empty process.

Parallel Composition $\boxed{P, Q}$.

Output Prefix $\boxed{c!v.P}$ sends value v along channel c , then does P .

Input Prefix $\boxed{c?x.P}$ receives value v from channel c , then does $P[v/x]$.

Hiding/Restriction $\boxed{(c)P}$ can't interact on channel c .

5.1.1 π -calculus Example: Email and Phone

$$t?x.x!m, t!e, e?y$$

A person talks on the telephone t to another person and receives an email address e . Then s/he sends a message m to that address e , which is received by a third person

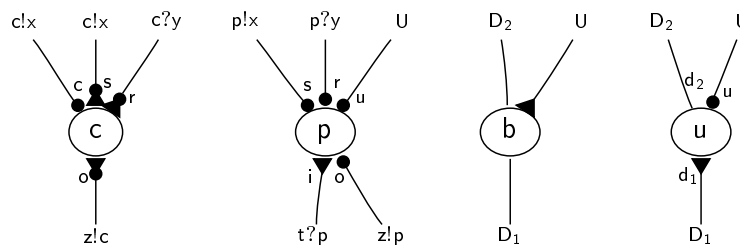
5.1.2 Reduction Rules

Comm $a?x.P, a!c.Q \rightarrow P[c/x], Q$: analogous to β -reduction

Par If $P \rightarrow Q$ then $P, R \rightarrow Q, R$

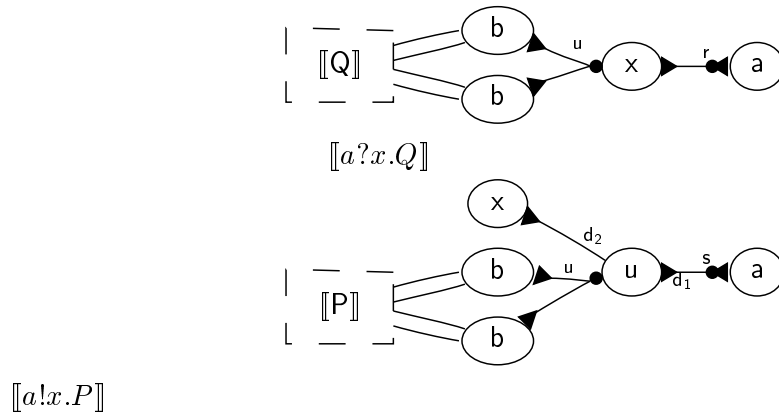
Res If $P \rightarrow Q$ then $(x)P \rightarrow (x)Q$: restriction does not restrict the internal process.

5.2 MIN_π Nodes

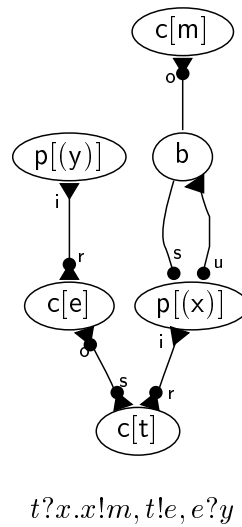


Channel, placeholder, blocker, unblocker

5.3 The Translation

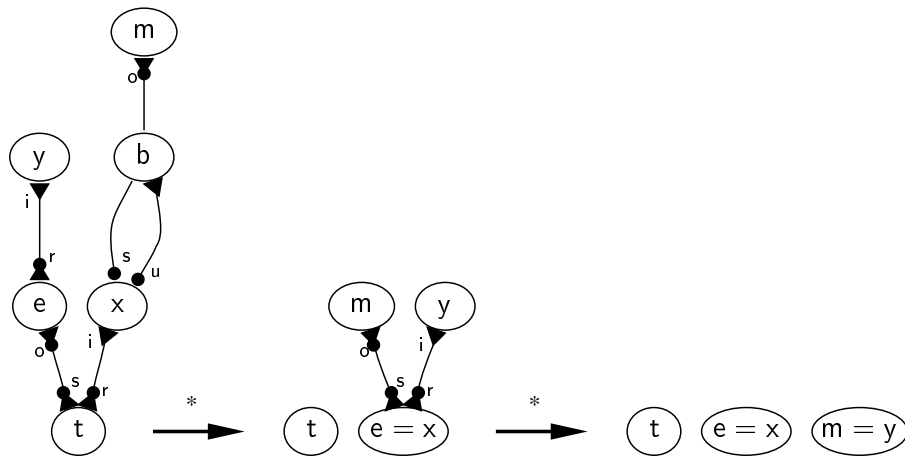


5.3.1 Example: Translation of Email-Phone

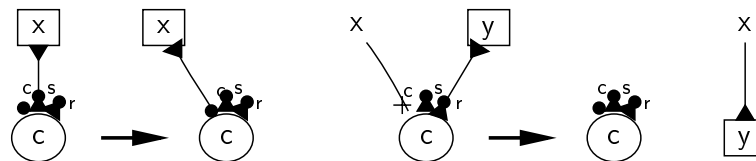


5.4 MIN_π Reduction Rules

Example of reduction: Email-Phone

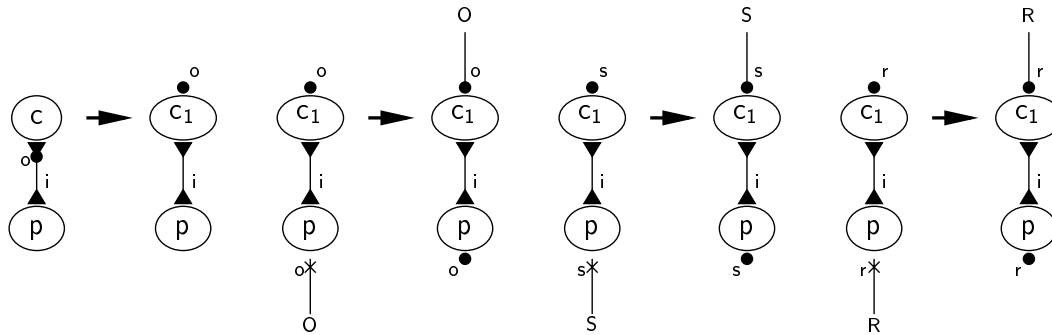


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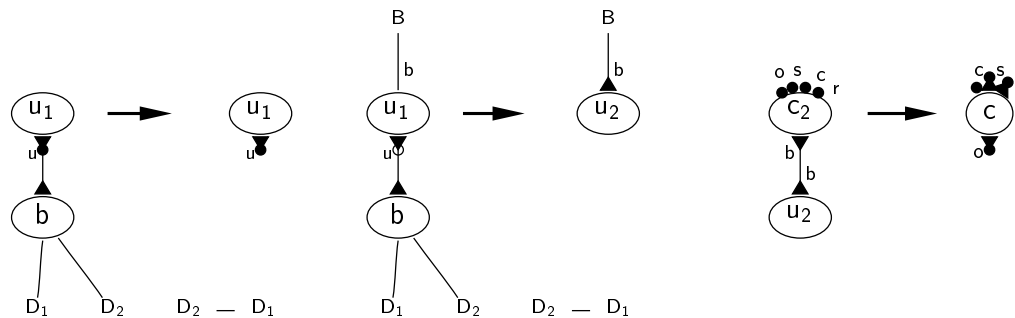


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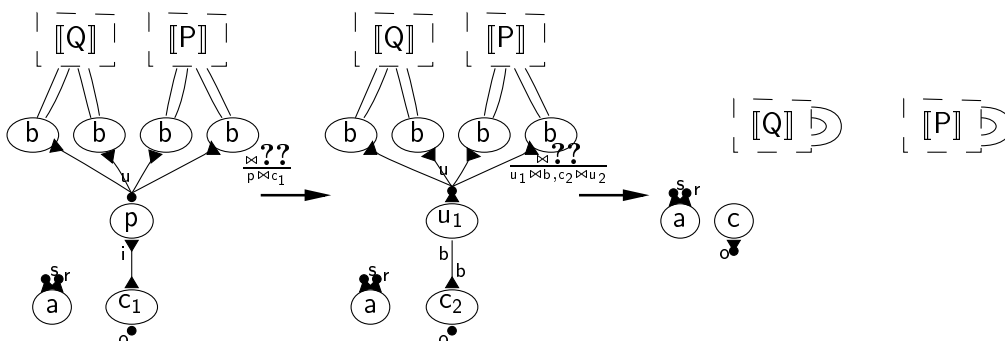
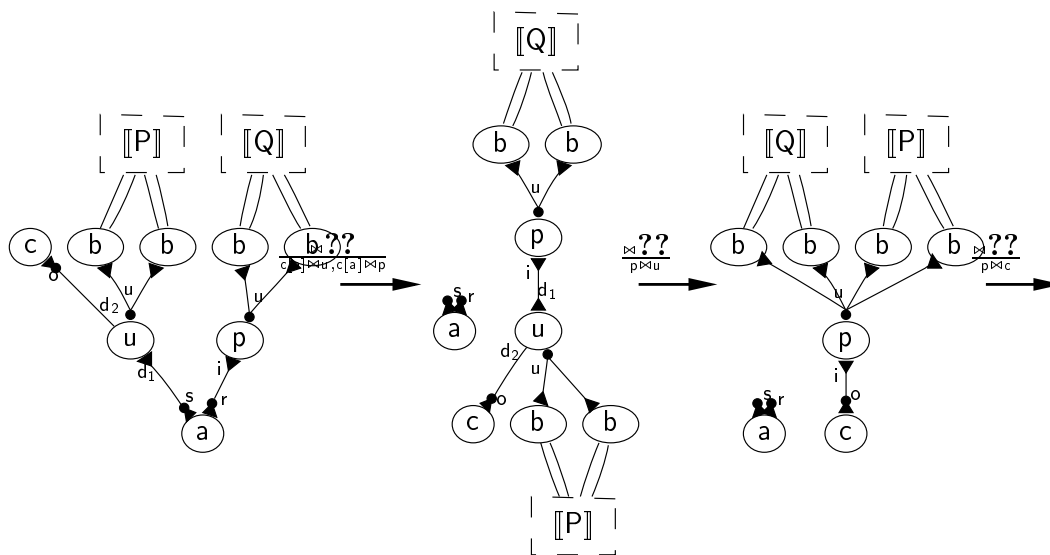
(Link Migration)



5.4.3 Blocking and Unblocking



5.4.4 Example of Reduction



5.5 Completeness and Soundness

Completeness:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \forall P & \longrightarrow & \forall P' \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \forall \llbracket P \rrbracket & \Longrightarrow & \exists \llbracket P' \rrbracket
 \end{array}$$

Soundness: more problematic

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \forall P & \Longrightarrow & \exists P' \\
 \downarrow & & \downarrow \\
 \forall \llbracket P \rrbracket & \Longrightarrow & \forall N \xrightarrow{\prec} \exists \llbracket P' \rrbracket
 \end{array}$$