

Multiparty Session Types

Recap

We learnt about binary session types:

- ▶ Syntax of expressions, processes, and binary sessions.
- ▶ Operational semantics of binary sessions.
- ▶ Syntax of session types.
- ▶ Typing rules for expressions, processes, and binary sessions.
- ▶ Type safety theorems (Preservation and Progress).

Recall we defined previously in the syntax:

To extend our calculus to **Multiparty**, we need more participants:

But is only extending participants enough?

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When we draw the sequence diagram, we consider a global scenario.

(Global Types)

Each role can then find out their role in the global scenario.

(Local Types)

Each role can implement their own processes, independent of each other, according to their role in the global scenario.

(Local Processes)

Syntax

As discussed previously, we extend the alphabet for participants beyond **Alice** and **Bob**, and use the same syntax for processes.

We re-define the syntax of session:

$$\begin{array}{lcl} \mathcal{M}, \mathcal{M}' & ::= & \mathbf{p} :: P \quad \text{Single Process} \\ & | & \mathcal{M} \mid \mathcal{M}' \quad \text{Parallel Composition} \end{array}$$

We write $\prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{p}_i :: P_i$ as the short hand notation for $\mathbf{p}_1 :: P_1 \mid \cdots \mid \mathbf{p}_n :: P_n$ for $I = \{1, \dots, n\}$.

Structural Precongruence

We adapt the usual π -calculus structural congruence rules for parallel composition into our multiparty session syntax:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \prod_{i \in I} \mathbf{p}_i :: P_i \equiv \prod_{j \in J} \mathbf{p}_j :: P_j \quad [\text{CM-COMM}] \\
 P \Rightarrow P' \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} :: P \mid \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} :: P' \mid \mathcal{M} \quad [\text{CM-CTX}]
 \end{array}$$

Where I is a permutation of J and $\equiv = (\Rightarrow \cup \Rightarrow^{-1})$

Operational Semantics

$$[\text{R-COM}] \frac{e \downarrow v \quad \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{q}}{\mathbf{p} :: \bar{\mathbf{q}} \langle e \rangle . P \mid \mathbf{q} :: \mathbf{p}(x) . Q \mid \mathcal{M} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p} :: P \mid \mathbf{q} :: Q[v/x] \mid \mathcal{M}}$$

$$[\text{R-LABEL}] \frac{\exists j \in I. l_j = l \quad \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{q}}{\mathbf{p} :: \mathbf{q} \triangleleft l . P \mid \mathbf{q} :: \mathbf{p} \triangleright \{l_i : Q_i\}_{i \in I} \mid \mathcal{M} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p} :: P \mid \mathbf{q} :: Q_j \mid \mathcal{M}}$$

$$[\text{R-IFTRUE}] \frac{e \downarrow \text{true}}{\mathbf{p} :: \text{if } e \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q \mid \mathcal{M} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p} :: P \mid \mathcal{M}}$$

$$[\text{R-IFFALSE}] \frac{e \downarrow \text{false}}{\mathbf{p} :: \text{if } e \text{ then } P \text{ else } Q \mid \mathcal{M} \longrightarrow \mathbf{p} :: Q \mid \mathcal{M}}$$

$$[\text{R-CONG}] \frac{\mathcal{M}_1 \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}'_1 \quad \mathcal{M}'_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}'_2 \quad \mathcal{M}'_2 \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_2}{\mathcal{M}_1 \longrightarrow \mathcal{M}_2}$$

Old Travel Agency Still Works!

Alice :: P_{Alice} | **Bob** :: P_{Bob} is still in valid syntax of multiparty sessions.
Binary sessions are subsumed by multiparty sessions.

What is a global type?

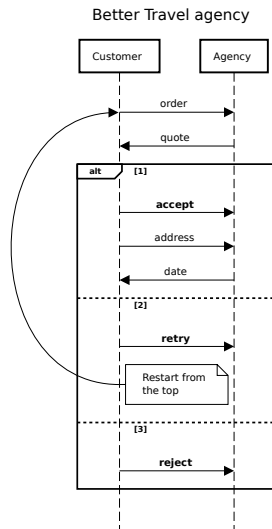
A global type describes the global communication behaviour between a number of participants, providing a *bird's eye view*.

Syntax

G	$::=$	end	Termination
		$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} : [U]; G$	Message
		$\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} \{l_i : G_i\}_{i \in I}$	Branching
		$\mu \mathbf{t}. G$	Recursive Type
		\mathbf{t}	Type Variable

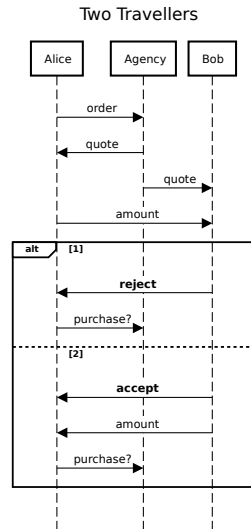
Try it Yourself: Better Travel Agency

Give the global type for the better travel agency.



Try it Yourself: Two Travellers

Give the global type for the two travellers.



$$p \rightarrow q \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{yes} : q \rightarrow p : [\text{int}]; p \rightarrow r : [\text{int}]; \text{end} \\ \text{no} : q \rightarrow p : [\text{string}]; p \rightarrow r : [\text{int}]; \text{end} \end{array} \right\}$$

In the *no* branch, **r** receives a message of sort **int** from **p**.

Regardless of what branch **p** has chosen, **r** can expect a message from **p** of sort **int**.

Therefore, the global type can be projected to \mathbf{r} .

Examples

$$p \rightarrow q \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{yes} : r \rightarrow q : [\text{int}]; \text{end} \\ \text{no} : r \rightarrow q : [\text{string}]; \text{end} \end{array} \right\}$$

In the *yes* branch, *r* sends a message of sort *int* to *q*.

In the *no* branch, *r* sends a message of sort *string* to *q*.

Whereas *q* may know the sort of the message to expect from *r*, *r* doesn't learn the choice made by *p*, and cannot always produce the correct sort according to the choice.

Therefore, the global type cannot be projected to *r*.

Plain Merge

When projecting a branch to a participant not involved, the continuations of global protocol in each branch are projected, then *merged* to a single type.

We are aware not all session types can be merged.

In *Plain Merging*, we require that the projected session types to be identical, and they merge to one session type.

Interested students can read the very gentle introduction paper to learn more about *full merging* (available in materials).

Exercise: Projection

We begin with a global type with only two participants.

$$G = \begin{array}{l} \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} : [\text{int}]; \\ \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Alice} : [\text{bool}]; \\ \text{end} \end{array}$$

What is $G \restriction \text{Alice}$ and $G \restriction \text{Bob}$?

$$\begin{array}{l} G \restriction \text{Alice} = \text{Bob} ! [\text{int}]; \text{Bob} ? [\text{bool}]; \text{end} \\ G \restriction \text{Bob} = \text{Alice} ? [\text{int}]; \text{Alice} ! [\text{bool}]; \text{end} \end{array}$$

Note that we have $G \restriction \text{Alice} = \overline{G \restriction \text{Bob}}$ (using binary duality)

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Verify: If you only look at communication between **Alice** and **Bob** in the projection, are they “dual” of each other?
(Similarly, for other pairs of roles)

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Are the following protocols projectable on **Carol**?

$$G_1 = \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Carol} : [\text{int}]; \text{end} \\ l_2 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Carol} : [\text{string}]; \text{end} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$G_2 = \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Carol} : [\text{int}]; \text{end} \\ l_2 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Alice} : [\text{int}]; \text{end} \end{array} \right\}$$

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Are the following protocols projectable on **Carol**?

$$G_3 = \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Carol} \{l_1 : \text{end}\} \\ l_2 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Carol} \{l_1 : \text{end}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$G_4 = \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Carol} \{l_1 : \text{end}\} \\ l_2 : \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Carol} \{l_2 : \text{end}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$G_5 = \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} l_1 : \text{Carol} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \{l_1 : \text{end}\} \\ l_2 : \text{Carol} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \{l_2 : \text{end}\} \end{array} \right\}$$

Some Auxiliary Definitions

We define $\text{pt}(G)$ as the set of participants involved in the global type G .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{pt}(\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} : [U]; G) &= \{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}\} \cup \text{pt}(G) \\ \text{pt}(\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} \{l_i : G_i\}_{i \in I}) &= \{\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}\} \cup \bigcup_{i \in I} \text{pt}(G_i) \\ \text{pt}(\mu \mathbf{t}. G) &= \text{pt}(G) \\ \text{pt}(\mathbf{t}) &= \emptyset \\ \text{pt}(\mathbf{end}) &= \emptyset\end{aligned}$$

Projection, Formally

We define projection as follows:

$$(\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} : [U]; G) \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{q}![U]; (G \upharpoonright \mathbf{r}) & \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{p}?[U]; (G \upharpoonright \mathbf{r}) & \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r} \\ G \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Projection, Formally

$$(\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} \{l_i : G_i\}_{i \in I}) \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{q} \oplus \{l_i : (G_i \upharpoonright \mathbf{r})\}_{i \in I} & \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{p} \& \{l_i : (G_i \upharpoonright \mathbf{r})\}_{i \in I} & \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r} \\ G_i \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} & \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{r} \\ \forall i, j \in I. \\ \quad G_i \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} = G_j \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} \end{array} \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}(\mu t.G) \upharpoonright r &= \begin{cases} \text{end} & r \notin \text{pt}(G) \text{ and } \mu t.G \text{ is closed} \\ \mu t.(G \upharpoonright r) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \\ t \upharpoonright r &= t \\ \text{end} \upharpoonright r &= \text{end}\end{aligned}$$

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G_4 is projectable by Full Merging

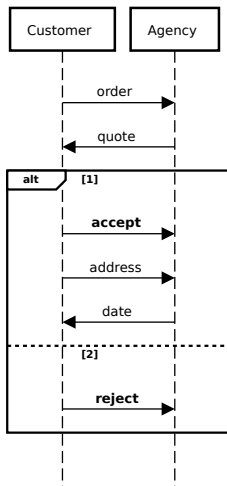
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Travel Agency

$$G = \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{accept :} \\ \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Bob} : [\text{string}]; \\ \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Alice} : [\text{int}]; \\ \text{end} \\ \text{reject : end} \end{array} \right\}$$

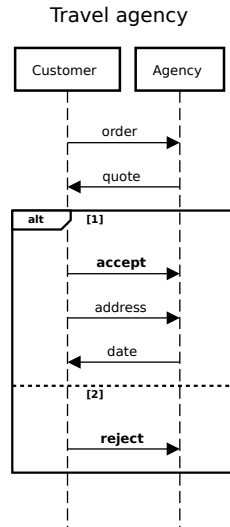
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Travel agency



Travel Agency

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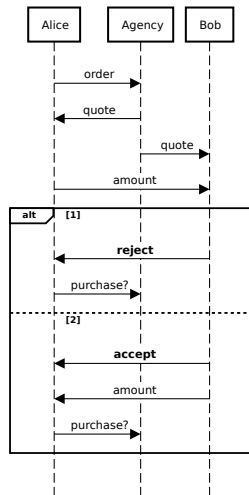
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Try it Yourself: Two Travellers

Can you project this global type to 3 participants?

$G =$
 Alice \rightarrow Carol : [string];
 Carol \rightarrow Alice : [int];
 Carol \rightarrow Bob : [int];
 Alice \rightarrow Bob : [int];
 Bob \rightarrow Alice : $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{accept :} \\ \quad \text{Bob} \rightarrow \text{Alice} : [\text{int}]; \\ \quad \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Carol} : [\text{bool}]; \\ \quad \text{end} \\ \text{reject :} \\ \quad \text{Alice} \rightarrow \text{Carol} : [\text{bool}]; \\ \quad \text{end} \end{array} \right.$

Two Travellers



Try it Yourself: Two Travellers – Projections

$G \upharpoonright \text{Alice} =$ **Carol!**[string]; **Carol?**[int];
Bob![int];

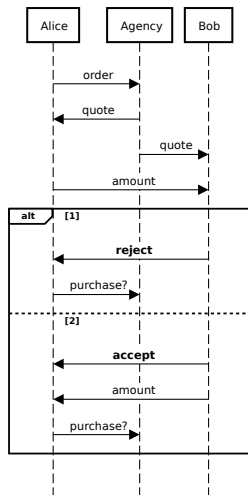
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$G \upharpoonright \text{Bob} =$ **Carol?**[int]; **Alice?**[int];

Alice $\oplus \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{accept :} \\ \quad \text{Alice!}[int]; \text{end} \\ \text{reject :} \text{end} \end{array} \right\}$

$G \upharpoonright \text{Carol} =$ **Alice?**[string]; **Alice!**[int];
Bob![int]; **Alice?**[bool]; end

Two Travellers



Try it Yourself: Travel Agency with Airlines

Write a global type for the diagram, and project the global type to airlines.

Alice → **Bob** : [string];

Bob → **Alice** : [int];

Alice → **Bob** { *accept* :

Alice → **Bob** : [string];

Bob → **Carol** : [string];

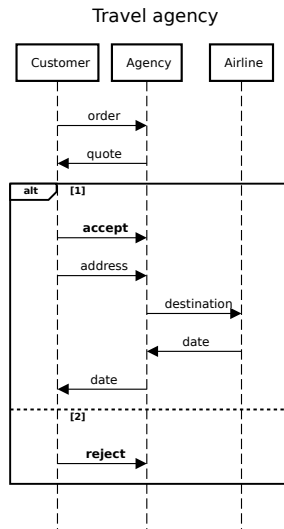
Carol → **Bob** : [string];

Bob → **Alice** : [string];

end

reject : *end*

We cannot project the global type to airlines, because we cannot merge the two branches.



Full Merging

$$(\mathbf{p} \rightarrow \mathbf{q} \{l_i : G_i\}_{i \in I}) \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{q} \oplus \{l_i : (G_i \upharpoonright \mathbf{r})\}_{i \in I} & \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{r} \\ \mathbf{p} \& \{l_i : (G_i \upharpoonright \mathbf{r})\}_{i \in I} & \mathbf{q} = \mathbf{r} \\ \bigcap_{i \in I} G_i \upharpoonright \mathbf{r} & \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{q} \neq \mathbf{r} \\ \text{undefined} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where

- ▶ $\mathbf{t} \sqcap \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{t}$ and $\text{end} \sqcap \text{end} = \text{end}$
- ▶ $\mu \mathbf{t}.S \sqcap \mu \mathbf{t}.S' = \mu \mathbf{t}.(S \sqcap S')$
- ▶ $\mathbf{p}![U];S \sqcap \mathbf{p}![U];S' = \mathbf{p}![U];(S \sqcap S')$ and $\mathbf{p}?[U];S \sqcap \mathbf{p}?[U];S' = \mathbf{p}?[U];(S \sqcap S')$
- ▶ $\mathbf{p} \oplus \{l_i : S_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcap \mathbf{p} \oplus \{l_i : S'_i\}_{i \in I} = \mathbf{p} \oplus \{l_i : (S_i \sqcap S'_i)\}_{i \in I}$
- ▶ $\mathbf{p} \& \{l_i : S_i\}_{i \in I} \sqcap \mathbf{p} \& \{l_j : S'_j\}_{j \in J} =$
 $\mathbf{p} \& \{l_k : (S_k \sqcap S'_k)\}_{k \in I \cap J} \& \mathbf{p} \& \{l_i : S_i\}_{i \in I \setminus J} \& \mathbf{p} \& \{l_j : S'_j\}_{j \in J \setminus I}$

