

# Synthesizing Safe Smart Contracts using Session Types

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Abstract

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## 1 NETWORK SEMANTICS

We define the valid transitions on the entire system, assuming abstract specification of the clients and the (single) server. The network behavior is simple: a client can enqueue messages in its own queue. The miner dequeues a message from some arbitrary queue, executes it, and appends the resulting event (assumed to be a single item) to the list of events.

$types : State, Event, Msg; id \in \mathbb{N}$

$K : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow State$

$\leadsto : (State \times \overline{Event}) \times (State \times MSG)$

$Q : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \overline{Msg}$

$\Downarrow : (State \times (\mathbb{N} \times Msg)) \rightarrow (State \times Event)$

$s : State$

$e : \text{list of Event}$

$$\frac{(k, e) \leadsto (k', m)}{(K[id \mapsto k], Q[id \mapsto q], s, e) \leadsto (K[id \mapsto k'], Q[id \mapsto m \cdot q], s, e)}^{Send}$$

$$\frac{(s, (id, m)) \Downarrow (s', e)}{(K, Q[id \mapsto q \cdot m], s, e) \leadsto (K, Q[id \mapsto q], s', es \cdot e)}^{Perform}$$

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## 1.1 Server Language

We define a language  $SL$  whose programs  $p \in SL$  has meaning

$$\llbracket p \rrbracket \in State \times (\mathbb{N} \times Msg) \rightarrow (State \times Event)$$

$\langle prog \rangle ::= \text{done}$   
 $\quad | \text{receive } \langle case\ list \rangle \text{ end}$   
 $\quad | \text{par } \langle prog \rangle \text{ and } \langle pid \rangle \langle prog \rangle \text{ end}$   
 $\quad | \langle prog \rangle; \langle prog \rangle$   
 $\langle cmd \rangle ::= \text{yield } \langle ev: E \rangle; \langle prog \rangle$   
 $\quad | \text{if } \langle E \rangle \text{ then } \langle cmd \rangle \text{ else } \langle cmd \rangle \text{ end}$   
 $\quad | \text{while } \langle E \rangle \text{ do } \langle cmd \rangle; \text{yield } \langle ev: E \rangle; \langle prog \rangle; \text{end}$   
 $\quad | \langle var \rangle = \langle E \rangle; \langle cmd \rangle$   
 $\quad | \text{fail};$   
 $\quad | \text{require } *; \langle cmd \rangle$   
 $\langle case\ list \rangle ::= \_ \Rightarrow \text{end}$   
 $\quad | \langle pat \rangle \Rightarrow \langle cmd \rangle; \langle case\ list \rangle$

The intention is that yield expressions will be the only suspension points, and evaluation of such an expression always translates to the sequence:

- (1) finish execution with  $ev$  as an output event
- (2) wait for the network to send a request
- (3) inspect the request and continue execution

We use a function  $\llbracket p \rrbracket \in State \rightarrow (State \times Event)$  to define the internal state change, without explicitly referring to the input  $(i, Msg)$  after its binding in the match construct.

$$\frac{}{\llbracket \text{match } (i, Msg) \text{ Cs end, } (i', Msg') \rrbracket = \llbracket Cs[i/i', Msg/Msg'] \rrbracket} \text{Receive}$$

$$\frac{}{\llbracket \text{yield } ev; p \rrbracket = (p, ev)} \text{Yield}$$

$$\frac{\llbracket p1, (i, Msg) \rrbracket = (p1', ev)}{\llbracket \text{par } p1 \text{ and } p2 \text{ end, } (i, Msg) \rrbracket = (\text{par } p1' \text{ and } p2 \text{ end, } ev)} \text{ParallelLeft and symmetrically for } p2$$

$$\frac{}{\llbracket \text{par done and done end} \rrbracket = (done, ev)} \text{ParallelDone}$$

$$\frac{}{\llbracket \text{if } * \text{ then } C1 \text{ else } C2 \rrbracket = \llbracket C1 \rrbracket} \text{Then}$$

$$\frac{}{\llbracket (i, *) \Rightarrow p; Cs \rrbracket = \llbracket p \rrbracket} \text{CaseGo}$$

$$\frac{}{\llbracket \text{if } * \text{ then } C1 \text{ else } C2 \rrbracket = \llbracket C2 \rrbracket} \text{Else}$$

$$\frac{}{\llbracket (i, *) \Rightarrow p; Cs \rrbracket = \llbracket Cs \rrbracket} \text{CaseDrop}$$

$$\frac{}{\llbracket \text{while } * \text{ do } p \text{ end; } p' \rrbracket = \llbracket p' \rrbracket} \text{WhileDone}$$

$$\frac{\llbracket p \rrbracket = (p', ev)}{\llbracket \text{while } * \text{ do } p \text{ end} \rrbracket = (p'; \text{while } * \text{ do } p \text{ end, } ev)} \text{While}$$

$E$  : Append-only list

$R_i$  : A Queue for actor  $i$

$\langle cmd \rangle ::= \text{publish } \langle V \rangle$   
 |  $\text{yield; take } \langle T \rangle$   
 |  $\text{if } * \text{ then } \langle cmdList \rangle \text{ else } \langle cmdList \rangle$   
 |  $\text{while } * \text{ do } \langle cmdList \rangle$

$$\frac{}{(E, (i, L, M) :: R, \Sigma, \text{take } L.P) \rightsquigarrow (E, R, \Sigma, P)}^{TAKE} \quad \frac{\Sigma \vdash v \rightsquigarrow x}{(E, R, \Sigma, \text{publish } v.P) \rightsquigarrow (x :: E, R, \Sigma, P)}^{PUB}$$

$$\frac{L' \neq L}{(E, (i, L', M) :: R, \Sigma, \text{take } L.P) \rightsquigarrow (E, R, \Sigma, \text{take } L.P)}^{DROP} \quad \frac{}{(E, R, \Sigma, \text{yield; take } T.P) \rightsquigarrow (E, R, \Sigma, \text{takes } T.P)}^{YIELD}$$

## 1.2 Client Language

We define a language  $CL$  whose programs  $p \in CL$  has meaning

$$\llbracket p \rrbracket \in \text{State} \times \text{list of Event} \times (\text{State} \times \text{MSG})$$

$\langle cmd \rangle ::= \text{send } \langle V \rangle : \langle T \rangle$   
 |  $\text{read latest } \langle T \rangle$   
 |  $\text{deq } \langle T \rangle$   
 |  $\text{if } * \text{ then } \langle cmdList \rangle \text{ else } \langle cmdList \rangle$   
 |  $\text{while } * \text{ do } \langle cmdList \rangle$

$$\frac{\forall M', (L, M') \notin E'}{(E'.(L, M).E, R_i, \Phi, \text{read latest } L.P) \rightsquigarrow (E, R_i, \Phi, P)}^{RL} \quad \frac{\Sigma \vdash v \rightsquigarrow x}{(E, R_i, \Phi, \text{send } v : L.P) \rightsquigarrow (E, (i, L, x) :: R_i, \Phi, P)}^{SEND}$$

$$\frac{}{((T, M) :: E, R_i, \Phi, \text{deq } T.P) \rightsquigarrow (E, R_i, \Phi, P)}^{DEQ} \quad \frac{}{}^{YIELD}$$

## 2 NOTATIONS

We write  $\_$  to denote an immaterial value, which is implicitly existentially quantified, and  $\perp$  to denote the undefined value. We denote the *size* (number of elements) of a set  $A$  by  $|A|$ . We write  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $f : A \rightharpoonup B$  to denote a *total*, respectively, *partial*, function from  $A$  to  $B$ . We denote the *domain of definition* and *range* of a function  $f : A \rightharpoonup B$  by  $\text{dom}(f)$  and  $\text{range}(f)$ , respectively, i.e.,  $\text{dom}(f) = \{a \in A \mid f(a) \neq \perp\}$  and  $\text{range}(f) = \{b \in B \mid \exists a. f(a) = b\}$ . We write  $f : A \rightarrow_{fin} B$  to denote that  $f$  has a finite domain. We denote the set of natural numbers (including zero) by  $\mathbb{N}$ . We write  $\{m..n\}$ , for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , to denote the set of integers  $\{i \in \mathbb{N} \mid m \leq i \wedge i \leq n\}$ . A *sequence*  $\pi = a_1, \dots, a_n$  over a set  $A$  is a function  $\pi : \{1..n\} \rightarrow A$ , from  $\{1..n\}$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , to  $A$ . We denote the *length* of  $\pi$  by  $|\pi| = |\text{dom}(\pi)|$ , and its  $i$ th element, for  $i \in \{1..|\pi|\}$ , by  $\pi(i)$ . We denote the *empty sequence* by  $\epsilon$ , and the concatenation of sequences  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  by  $\pi_1 \cdot \pi_2$ . We denote the set of sequences over a set  $A$  by  $\bar{A}$ .

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