

Session Types

Logical Foundations of Concurrent Computation

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(Part 2)

Taking Stock

Yesterday:

- ▶ Correctness for communicating programs
- ▶ Sessions as protocol specifications
- ▶ A formal syntax for session types
- ▶ Example: A two-buyer protocol
- ▶ Protocol compatibility in terms of duality for session types
- ▶ Intuitionistic Linear Logic (MAILL)

Today:

- ▶ Interpreting MAILL as session types for message-passing processes with synchronous communication

Outline

Preliminaries

Computational Interpretation of LL: Statics

- Sequent Calculus

- Output and Input

- Unit and Axiom

- Additives

- Cut

- Processes

Dynamics

- Cut Reduction

- Process Reduction

- Properties

The Two-Buyer Protocol



Recall the protocol between Alice, Bob, and Seller:

1. Alice sends a book title to Seller, who sends a quote back.
2. Alice checks whether Bob can contribute in buying the book.
3. Alice uses the answer from Bob (yes/no) to interact with Seller, either:
 - a) completing the payment and arranging delivery details
 - b) canceling the transaction
4. In case 3(a) Alice contacts Bob to get his address, and forwards it to Seller.
- 4'. In case 3(b) Alice is in charge of gracefully concluding the conversation.

Session Types for The Two-Buyer Protocol

Two independent protocols, with Alice “leading” the interactions:

1. A session type for Seller (in its interaction with Alice):

$$S_{SA} = ?\text{book}; !\text{quote}; \& \begin{cases} \text{buy} : & ?\text{paym}; ?\text{address}; !\text{ok}; \text{end} \\ \text{cancel} : & ?\text{thanks}; !\text{bye}; \text{end} \end{cases}$$

2. A session type for Alice (in its interaction with Bob):

$$S_{AB} = !\text{cost}; \& \begin{cases} \text{share} : & ?\text{address}; !\text{ok}; \text{end} \\ \text{close} : & !\text{bye}; \text{end} \end{cases}$$



Example: A Two-Buyer Protocol

Correctness follows from the interplay of the following properties:

- **Fidelity** – implementations **follow the intended protocol**.
 - Alice never ask Bob twice within the same conversation
 - Alice doesn't continue the transaction if Bob can't contribute
 - Alice chooses among the options provided by Seller



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 - Alice eventually receives an answer from Bob on his contribution.



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- **Termination** – they do not engage in **infinite behavior** (that may prevent them from completing the protocol)



MAIL

$$A, B ::= 1 \mid A \otimes B \mid A \multimap B \mid A \& B \mid A \oplus B$$

$A \vdash A$	$\emptyset \vdash 1$	$\frac{\otimes R \quad \Gamma_1 \vdash A \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash B}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \vdash A \otimes B}$	$\frac{\otimes L \quad \Gamma, A, B \vdash C}{\Gamma, A \otimes B \vdash C}$
$\frac{\text{Cut} \quad \Gamma \vdash A \quad \Gamma', A \vdash B}{\Gamma, \Gamma' \vdash B}$	$\frac{\multimap R \quad \Gamma, A \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \multimap B}$	$\frac{\multimap L \quad \Gamma_1 \vdash A \quad \Gamma_2, B \vdash C}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2, A \multimap B \vdash C}$	
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Propositions As Types

The sequential case (aka Curry-Howard correspondence, formulae-as-types, proofs-as-programs...):

Intuitionistic logic propositions	\leftrightarrow	types describing data
Natural deduction derivations	\leftrightarrow	terms in the λ -calculus
Proof normalization reductions	\leftrightarrow	β -reductions

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We shall follow the correspondence between session types and intuitionistic linear logic (aka π DILL, Caires & Pfenning 2010).

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Structural rules:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A \vdash A & \frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad \Delta_2, A \vdash B}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \vdash B} & \frac{\Delta_1, A, B, \Delta_2 \vdash C}{\Delta_1, B, A, \Delta_2 \vdash C} \end{array}$$

Notice: Each connective is “explained” in sequent calculus with a left rule, a right rule, and the interactions with the cut rule.

Linear Logic: Sequent Calculus

$$\frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad \Delta_2 \vdash B}{\Delta_1, \Delta_2 \vdash A \otimes B}$$

$$\frac{\Delta, A, B \vdash C}{\Delta, A \otimes B \vdash C}$$

$$\frac{\Delta, A \vdash B}{\Delta \vdash A \multimap B}$$

$$\frac{\Delta_1 \vdash A \quad B, \Delta_2 \vdash C}{\Delta_1, A \multimap B, \Delta_2 \vdash C}$$

$$\emptyset \vdash 1$$

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash C}{\Delta, 1 \vdash C}$$

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- Processes can send/receive messages on names, using sequencing and parallel composition. We shall gradually “extract” their syntax from proofs.

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... by **relying on** sessions A_1, \dots, A_n on channels x_1, \dots, x_n

Recall: The Process Language

$P, Q ::=$	$[y \leftarrow x]$	forwarder between sessions x and y
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	$(\nu x)(P \mid Q)$	parallel composition of P and Q on x

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$$\frac{\Delta, y : A, x : B \vdash R :: z : C}{\Delta, x : A \otimes B \vdash x(y).R :: z : C}$$

To **use** a ' \otimes ', receive a name on x

Propositions as Session Types: $A \multimap B$

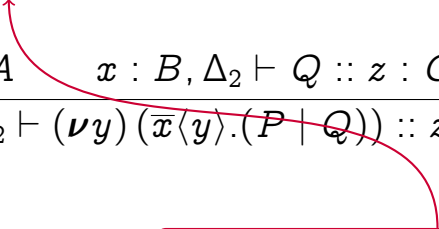
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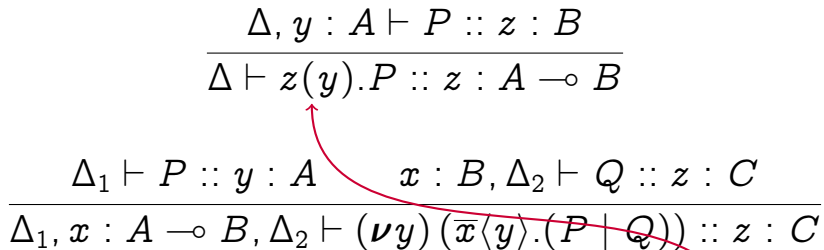
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Propositions as Session Types: The Unit 1 and Axiom

More decisions to make:

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Propositions as Session Types: The Unit 1 and Axiom

$$\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash \overline{x}\langle \rangle :: x : 1} \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash Q :: z : C}{\Delta, x : 1 \vdash x().Q :: z : C} \quad x : A \vdash [y \leftarrow x] :: y : A$$

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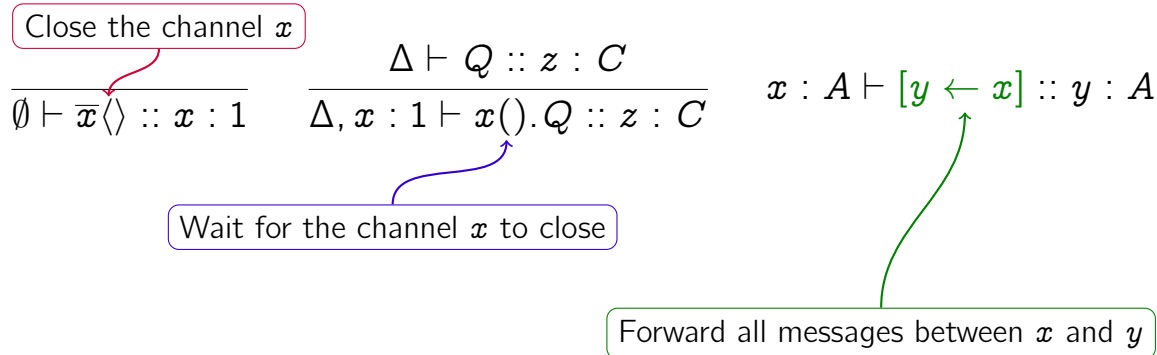
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$$\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash \bar{x} \langle \rangle :: x : 1} \quad \frac{\Delta \vdash Q :: z : C}{\Delta, x : 1 \vdash x().Q :: z : C}$$

Wait for the channel x to close

$$x : A \vdash [y \leftarrow x] :: y : A$$

Propositions as Session Types: The Unit 1 and Axiom




Propositions as Session Types: An Alternative for Unit 1

We have just seen an explicit interpretation of 1. There is also the so-called **silent** interpretation:

0 is the process that does nothing

$$\frac{}{\emptyset \vdash 0 :: x : 1}$$


$$\frac{\Delta \vdash Q :: z : C}{\Delta, x : 1 \vdash Q :: z : C}$$


No explicit action

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Propositions as Session Types: Additive Conjunction

Binary operators:

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Notice: ‘ \triangleleft ’ means sending a label and ‘ \triangleright ’ means receiving a label.

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The generalization to n -ary operators:

$$\frac{\Delta \vdash P_i :: x : A_i}{\Delta \vdash x \triangleright \{l_1 : P_1, \dots, l_n : P_n\} :: x : \&\{l_i : A_i\}_{1 \leq i \leq n}}$$

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Select either left or right session continuation

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Select exactly one of the session continuations

Propositions as Session Types: Additive Disjunction

For $A \oplus B$, we have a symmetric situation:

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To **use** a ' \oplus ', we implement a branching

The Process Language, Up to Here

A variant of the **π -calculus** (Milner, Parrow & Walker, 1992):

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What are we missing?


Propositions as Session Types: Cut

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- In $(\nu y)P$ and $x(y).P$, name y is *bound* with scope P .
- We write $P\{y/z\}$ to denote the **substitution** of z for y in P .

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$$a' : A \vdash \text{Bob} :: b : \underbrace{C \multimap \oplus \{ \text{share} : A \otimes (\text{OK} \multimap 1) ; \text{close} : 1 \}}_{\text{bobProto}}$$

where, for simplicity, $C = A = \text{OK} = 1$.

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- Let us now consider an implementation for Alice. She is involved in two different sessions, on which she depends, so we expect a judgment:

$$b : \text{bobProto}, s : \text{sellerProto} \vdash \text{Alice} :: z : 1$$

- We can define the process Alice, which manages both sessions:

$$\bar{s}\langle \text{book} \rangle . s(q) . \bar{b}\langle q \rangle . b \triangleright \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{share} : b(addr) . s \triangleleft \text{buy} ; \bar{s}\langle p \rangle . \bar{s}\langle addr \rangle . \bar{b}\langle ok \rangle . 0 \\ \text{close} : s \triangleleft \text{cancel} ; \bar{b}\langle bye \rangle . \bar{s}\langle exit \rangle . 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

- This way, the complete (closed) system would look as follows:

$$(\nu b)((\nu s)(\text{Alice} \mid \text{Seller}) \mid \text{Bob})$$

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Proof Simplification and Process Semantics

- Up to here, we have seen how to interpret propositions as session types, and how to extract processes from proofs.
- This is only half of the expected correspondence: We still need to see how proof simplification corresponds to the semantics of processes.

Proof Simplification and Process Semantics

Proof transformations have different consequences on processes:

- Principal cut reductions induce **process reduction**, denoted \longrightarrow , a relation that defines the behavior of a process on its own (i.e. synchronizations)
- Some proof transformations correspond to **structural congruence**, denoted \equiv , a relation that describes syntactic rearrangements for processes
- Commuting conversions do not have precise correspondences, but can be explained via **behavioral equivalences**

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Principal Cut Reductions: Synchronization via \multimap

The case of \multimap is similar. We have the following:

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which, omitting large bits of the derivation, can be simplified into

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Semantics of Session-typed Processes: Summary

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All the reductions remove a cut, possibly introducing new cuts in the process.

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\sim_{cc} can be justified via a (typed) bisimilarity on processes.

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Corollary

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Still, Q cannot be typed in the interpretation - can you see why?

Taking Stock

Today:

- Concurrent interpretation of LL: statics and dynamics
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Tomorrow:

- Asynchronous processes and DF

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