

¹ Formally Verified Liveness with Synchronous ² Multiparty Session Types in Rocq

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⁷ — Abstract —

⁸ Multiparty session types (MPST) offer a framework for the description of communication-based
⁹ protocols involving multiple participants. In the *top-down* approach to MPST, the communication
¹⁰ pattern of the session is described using a *global type*. Then the global type is *projected* on to a *local*
¹¹ *type* for each participant, and the individual processes making up the session are type-checked against
¹² these projections. Typed sessions possess certain desirable properties such as *safety*, *deadlock-freedom*
¹³ and *liveness* (also called *lock-freedom*).

¹⁴ In this work, we present the first mechanised proof of liveness for synchronous multiparty session
¹⁵ types in the Rocq Proof Assistant. Building on recent work, we represent global and local types as
¹⁶ coinductive trees using the paco library. We use a coinductively defined *subtyping* relation on local
¹⁷ types together with another coinductively defined *plain-merge* projection relation relating local and
¹⁸ global types . We then *associate* collections of local types, or *local type contexts*, with global types
¹⁹ using this projection and subtyping relations, and prove an *operational correspondence* between a
²⁰ local type context and its associated global type. We then utilize this association relation to prove
²¹ the safety and liveness of associated local type contexts and, consequently, the multiparty sessions
²² typed by these contexts.

²³ Besides clarifying the often informal proofs of liveness found in the MPST literature, our Rocq
²⁴ mechanisation also enables the certification of lock-freedom properties of communication protocols.
²⁵ Our contribution amounts to around 12K lines of Rocq code.

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³⁰ 1 Introduction

³¹ Multiparty session types [19] provide a type discipline for the correct-by-construction spe-
³² cification of message-passing protocols. Desirable protocol properties guaranteed by session
³³ types include *communication safety* (the labels and types of senders' payloads cohere with
³⁴ the capabilities of the receivers), *deadlock-freedom* (also called *progress* or *non-stuck property*
³⁵ [13]) (it is possible for the session to progress so long as it has at least one active participant),
³⁶ and *liveness* (also called *lock-freedom* [41] or *starvation-freedom* [8]) (if a process is waiting
³⁷ to send and receive then a communication involving it eventually happens).

³⁸ There exists two common methodologies for multiparty session types. In the *bottom-up*
³⁹ approach, the individual processes making up the session are typed using a collection of
⁴⁰ *participants* and *local types*, that is, a *local type context*, and the properties of the session is
⁴¹ examined by model-checking this local type context. Contrastingly, in the *top-down* approach
⁴² sessions are typed by a *global type* that is related to the processes using endpoint *projections*
⁴³ and *subtyping*. The structure of the global type ensures that the desired properties are
⁴⁴ satisfied by the session. These two approaches have their advantages and disadvantages:



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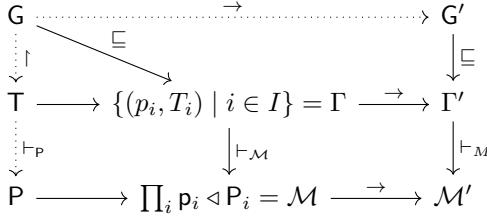


Figure 1 Design overview. The dotted lines correspond to relations inherited from [13] while the solid lines denote relations that are new, or substantially rewritten, in this paper.

the bottom-up approach is generally able to type more sessions, while type-checking and type-inferring in the top-down approach tend to be more efficient than model-checking the bottom-up system [40].

In this work, we present the Rocq [4] formalisation of a synchronous MPST that ensures the aforementioned properties for typed sessions. Our type system uses an *association* relation (\sqsubseteq) [44, 32] defined using (coinductive plain) projection [38] and subtyping, in order to relate local type contexts and global types. This association relation ensures *operational correspondence* between the labelled transition system (LTS) semantics we define for local type contexts and global types. We then type (\vdash_M) sessions using local type contexts that are associated with global types, which ensure that the local type context, and hence the session, is well-behaved in some sense. Whenever an associated local type context Γ types a session M , our type system guarantees safety (Theorem 6.5), deadlock-freedom Theorem 6.6 and liveness Theorem 6.9. To our knowledge, this work presents the first mechanisation of liveness for multiparty session types in a proof assistant.

Our Rocq implementation builds upon the recent formalisation of subject reduction for MPST by Ekici et. al. [13], which itself is based on [17]. The methodology in [13] takes an equirecursive approach where an inductive syntactic global or local type is identified with the coinductive tree obtained by fully unfolding the recursion. It then defines a coinductive projection relation between global and local type trees, the LTS semantics for global type trees, and typing rules for the session calculus outlined in [17]. We extensively use these definitions and the lemmas concerning them, but we still depart from and extend [13] in numerous ways by introducing local typing contexts, their correspondence with global types and a new typing relation. Our addition to the code amounts to around 12K lines of Rocq code.

As with [13], our implementation heavily uses the parameterized coinduction technique of the paco [20] library. Namely, our liveness property is defined using possibly infinite *execution traces* which we represent as coinductive streams. The relevant predicates on these traces, such as fairness, are then defined as mixed inductive-coinductive predicates using linear temporal logic (LTL)[33]. This approach, together with the proof techniques provided by paco, results in compositional and clear proofs.

Outline. In Section 2 we define our session calculus and its LTS semantics. In Section 3 we recapitulate the definitions of local and global type trees, and the subtyping and projection relations on them, from [13]. In Section 4 we give LTS semantics to local type contexts and global types, and detail the association relation between them. In Section 5 we define safety and liveness for local type contexts, and prove that they hold for contexts associated with a global type tree. In Section 6 we give the typing rules for our session calculus, and prove the desired properties of these typable sessions.

82 **2 The Session Calculus**

83 We introduce the simple synchronous session calculus that our type system will be used
 84 on.

85 **2.1 Processes and Sessions**

86 ▶ **Definition 2.1** (Expressions and Processes). *We define processes as follows:*

87 $P ::= p!\ell(e).P \mid \sum_{i \in I} p?\ell_i(x_i).P_i \mid \text{if } e \text{ then } P \text{ else } P \mid \mu X.P \mid X \mid 0$

88 where e is an expression that can be a variable, a value such as `true`, `0` or `-3`, or a term
 89 built from expressions by applying the operators `succ`, `neg`, `~`, non-deterministic choice \oplus
 90 and $>$.

91 $p!\ell(e).P$ is a process that sends the value of expression e with label ℓ to participant p , and
 92 continues with process P . $\sum_{i \in I} p?\ell_i(x_i).P_i$ is a process that may receive a value from p with
 93 any label ℓ_i where $i \in I$, binding the result to x_i and continuing with P_i , depending on
 94 which ℓ_i the value was received from. X is a recursion variable, $\mu X.P$ is a recursive process,
 95 if e then P else P is a conditional and 0 is a terminated process.

96 Processes can be composed in parallel into sessions.

97 ▶ **Definition 2.2** (Multiparty Sessions). *Multiparty sessions are defined as follows.*

98 $\mathcal{M} ::= p \triangleleft P \mid (\mathcal{M} \mid \mathcal{M}) \mid \mathcal{O}$

99 $p \triangleleft P$ denotes that participant p is running the process P , \mid indicates parallel composition.

100 We write $\prod_{i \in I} p_i \triangleleft P_i$ to denote the session formed by p_i running P_i in parallel for all $i \in I$.

101 \mathcal{O} is an empty session with no participants, that is, the unit of parallel composition. In
 102 Rocq processes and sessions are defined with the inductive types `process` and `session`.

```
Inductive process : Type ≡
| p_send : part → label → expr → process → process
| p_recv : part → list(option process) → process
| p_ite : expr → process → process → process
| p_rec : process → process
| p_var : nat → process
| p_inact : process.
```

```
Inductive session: Type ≡
| s_ind : part → process → session
| s_par : session → session → session
| s_zero : session.
Notation "p '←--> P" ≡ (s_ind p P) (at level 50, no associativity).
Notation "s1 '|||' s2" ≡ (s_par s1 s2) (at level 50, no associativity).
```

104 **2.2 Structural Congruence and Operational Semantics**

105 We define a structural congruence relation \equiv on sessions which expresses the commutativity,
 106 associativity and unit of the parallel composition operator.

$$\begin{array}{c} [\text{SC-SYM}] \quad p \triangleleft P \mid q \triangleleft Q \equiv q \triangleleft Q \mid p \triangleleft P \quad [\text{SC-ASSOC}] \quad (p \triangleleft P \mid q \triangleleft Q) \mid r \triangleleft R \equiv p \triangleleft P \mid (q \triangleleft Q \mid r \triangleleft R) \quad [\text{SC-O}] \\ p \triangleleft P \mid \mathcal{O} \equiv p \triangleleft P \end{array}$$

■ **Table 1** Structural Congruence over Sessions

107 We omit the semantics for expressions, they are standard and can be found in e.g. [17].
 108 We now give the operational semantics for sessions by the means of a labelled transition
 109 system. We use labelled reactive semantics [41, 6] which doesn't contain explicit silent τ

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110 actions for internal reductions (that is, evaluation of if expressions and unfolding of recursion)
 111 while still considering β reductions up to those internal reductions by using an unfolding
 112 relation. This stands in contrast to the more standard semantics used in [13, 17, 41]. For
 113 the advantages of our approach see Remark 6.4.

114 In reactive semantics silent transitions are captured by an *unfolding* relation (\Rightarrow), and β
 reductions are defined up to this unfolding (Table 2).

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[UNF-STRUCT]} \\ \mathcal{M} \equiv \mathcal{N} \\ \hline \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{[UNF-REC]} \\ \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \mu \mathbf{X}. \mathbf{P} \mid \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \mathbf{P}[\mu \mathbf{X}. \mathbf{P}/\mathbf{X}] \mid \mathcal{N} \\ \hline \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \mu \mathbf{X}. \mathbf{P} \mid \mathcal{N} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{[UNF-CONDT]} \\ e \downarrow \text{true} \\ \hline \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \text{if } e \text{ then } \mathbf{P} \text{ else } \mathbf{Q} \mid \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \mathbf{P} \mid \mathcal{N} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[UNF-CONDF]} \\ e \downarrow \text{false} \\ \hline \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \text{if } e \text{ then } \mathbf{P} \text{ else } \mathbf{Q} \mid \mathcal{N} \Rightarrow \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \mathbf{Q} \mid \mathcal{N} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{[UNF-TRANS]} \\ \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}' \quad \mathcal{M}' \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} \\ \hline \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} \end{array}$$

■ Table 2 Unfolding of Sessions

115 $\mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ means that \mathcal{M} can transition to \mathcal{N} through some internal actions, that is, a
 116 reduction that doesn't involve a communication. We say that \mathcal{M} *unfolds* to \mathcal{N} . In Rocq it's
 117 captured by the predicate `unfoldP : session → session → Prop` .

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[R-COMM]} \\ j \in I \quad e \downarrow v \\ \hline \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \sum_{i \in I} \mathbf{q}?\ell_i(x_i). \mathbf{P}_i \mid \mathbf{q} \triangleleft \mathbf{p}!\ell_j(e). \mathbf{Q} \mid \mathcal{N} \xrightarrow{(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q})\ell_j} \mathbf{p} \triangleleft \mathbf{P}_j[v/x_j] \mid \mathbf{q} \triangleleft \mathbf{Q} \mid \mathcal{N} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{[R-UNFOLD]} \\ \mathcal{M} \Rightarrow \mathcal{M}' \quad \mathcal{M}' \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathcal{N}' \quad \mathcal{N}' \Rightarrow \mathcal{N} \\ \hline \mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathcal{N} \end{array}$$

■ Table 3 Reactive Semantics of Sessions

118 Table 3 illustrates the rules for communicating transitions. [R-COMM] captures communi-
 119 cations between processes, and [R-UNFOLD] lets us consider reductions up to unfoldings.
 120 In Rocq, `betaP_1b1 M lambda M'`  denotes $\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathcal{M}'$. We write $\mathcal{M} \rightarrow \mathcal{M}'$ if $\mathcal{M} \xrightarrow{\lambda} \mathcal{M}'$ for
 121 some λ , which is written `betaP M M'` in Rocq. We write \rightarrow^* to denote the reflexive transitive
 122 closure of \rightarrow , which is called `betaRtc`  in Rocq.
 123

124 3 The Type System

125 We briefly recap the core definitions of local and global type trees, subtyping and projection
 126 from [17]. We take an equi-recursive approach and work directly on the possibly infinite local
 127 and global type trees obtained by unfolding the recursion in guarded syntactic types, details
 128 of this approach can be found in [13] and hence are omitted here.

129 3.1 Local Type Trees

130 We start by defining the sorts that will be used to type expressions, and local types that will
 131 be used to type single processes.

132 ► **Definition 3.1** (Sorts and Local Type Trees). *We define three atomic sorts: int,
133 bool and nat. Local type trees are then defined coinductively with the following syntax:*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathsf{T} ::= & \quad \mathsf{end} \\ \mathsf{134} \quad | \quad & \mathsf{p\&\{\ell_i(S_i).\mathsf{T}_i\}_{i \in I}} \\ & \mathsf{|\quad p\oplus\{\ell_i(S_i).\mathsf{T}_i\}_{i \in I}} \end{aligned}$$

```
Inductive sort : Type ≡
| sbool : sort | sint : sort | snat : sort.
CoInductive ltt : Type ≡
| ltt_end : ltt
| ltt_recv : part → list (option(sort*ltt)) → ltt
| ltt_send : part → list (option(sort*ltt)) → ltt.
```

135 In the above definition, `end` represents a role that has finished communicating.
136 $\mathsf{p\oplus\{\ell_i(S_i).\mathsf{T}_i\}_{i \in I}}$ denotes a role that may, from any $i \in I$, receive a value of sort S_i with
137 message label ℓ_i and continue with T_i . Similarly, $\mathsf{p\&\{\ell_i(S_i).\mathsf{T}_i\}_{i \in I}}$ represents a role that may
138 choose to send a value of sort S_i with message label ℓ_i and continue with T_i for any $i \in I$.

139 In Rocq we represent the continuations using a `list (option(sort*ltt))`, index k (using zero-indexing) being equal to `Some (s_k,`
140 `T_k)` means that $\ell_k(S_k).\mathsf{T}_k$ is available in the continuation. Similarly index k being equal to
141 `None` or being out of bounds of the list means that the message label ℓ_k is not present in the
142 continuation. The function `onth` formalises this convention in Rocq.

144 ► **Remark 3.2.** Note that Rocq allows us to create types such as `ltt_send q []` which don't
145 correspond to well-formed local types as the continuation is empty. In our implementation
146 we define a predicate `wf_ltt : ltt → Prop` capturing that all the continuations in the local
147 type tree are non-empty. Henceforth we assume that all local types we mention satisfy this
148 property.

149 3.2 Subtyping

150 We define the subsorting relation on sorts and the process-oriented [16] subtyping relation
151 on local type trees.

152 ► **Definition 3.3** (Subsorting and Subtyping). *Subsorting \leq is the least reflexive binary
153 relation that satisfies `nat ≤ int`. Subtyping \leqslant is the largest relation between local type trees
154 coinductively defined by the following rules:*

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{\forall i \in I : S'_i \leq S_i \quad \mathsf{T}_i \leqslant \mathsf{T}'_i}{\mathsf{end} \leqslant \mathsf{end}} \quad \text{[SUB-END]} \quad \frac{\forall i \in I : S'_i \leq S_i \quad \mathsf{T}_i \leqslant \mathsf{T}'_i}{\mathsf{p\&\{\ell_i(S_i).\mathsf{T}_i\}_{i \in I \cup J}} \leqslant \mathsf{p\&\{\ell_i(S'_i).\mathsf{T}'_i\}_{i \in I}}} \quad \text{[SUB-IN]} \\ \frac{\forall i \in I : S_i \leq S'_i \quad \mathsf{T}_i \leqslant \mathsf{T}'_i}{\mathsf{p\oplus\{\ell_i(S_i).\mathsf{T}_i\}_{i \in I}} \leqslant \mathsf{p\oplus\{\ell_i(S'_i).\mathsf{T}'_i\}_{i \in I \cup J}}} \quad \text{[SUB-OUT]} \end{array}$$

156 Intuitively, $\mathsf{T}_1 \leqslant \mathsf{T}_2$ means that a role of type T_1 can be supplied anywhere a role of type T_2
157 is needed. [SUB-IN] captures the fact that we can supply a role that is able to receive more
158 labels than specified, and [SUB-OUT] captures that we can supply a role that has fewer labels
159 available to send. Note the contravariance of the sorts in [SUB-IN], if the supertype demands
160 the ability to receive an `nat` then the subtype can receive `nat` or `int`.

161 In Rocq, the subtyping relation `subtypeC : ltt → ltt → Prop` is expressed as a greatest
162 fixpoint using the `Paco` library [20], for details of we refer to [17].

163 3.3 Global Type Trees

164 We now define global types which give a bird's eye view of the whole protocol. As before, we
165 work directly on infinite trees and omit the details which can be found in [13].

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166 ► **Definition 3.4** (Global type trees). We define global type trees coinductively as follows:

167 $G ::= \text{end} \mid p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I}$

```
CoInductive gtt: Type ≡
| gtt_end    : gtt
| gtt_send   : part → part → list (option (sort*gtt)) → gtt.
```

168 169 170 171 end denotes a protocol that has ended, $p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I}$ denotes a protocol where for any $i \in I$, participant p may send a value of sort S_i to another participant q via message label ℓ_i , after which the protocol continues as G_i . We further define a function $\text{pt}(G)$ that denotes the participants of the global type G as the least solution¹ to the following equations:

172 $\text{pt}(\text{end}) = \emptyset \quad \text{pt}(p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I}) = \{p, q\} \cup \bigcup_{i \in I} \text{pt}(G_i)$

173 174 175 We extend the function pt onto trees by defining $\text{pt}(G) = \text{pt}(\mathbb{G})$ where the global type \mathbb{G} corresponds to the global type tree G . Technical details of this definition such as well-definedness can be found in [13, 17].

176 177 In Rocq pt is captured with the predicate $\text{isgPartsC} : \text{part} \rightarrow \text{gtt} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$, where $\text{isgPartsC } p \ G$ denotes $p \in \text{pt}(G)$.

178 3.4 Projection

179 180 We now define coinductive projections with plain merging (see [40] for a survey of other notions of merge).

181 ► **Definition 3.5** (Projection). The projection of a global type tree onto a participant r is the largest relation \lceil_r between global type trees and local type trees such that, whenever $G \lceil_r T$:

- 183 ■ $r \notin \text{pt}\{G\}$ implies $T = \text{end}$; [PROJ-END]
- 184 ■ $G = p \rightarrow r : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I}$ implies $T = p \& \{\ell_i(S_i).T_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $\forall i \in I, G \lceil_r T_i$ [PROJ-IN]
- 185 ■ $G = r \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I}$ implies $T = q \oplus \{\ell_i(S_i).T_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $\forall i \in I, G \lceil_r T_i$ [PROJ-OUT]
- 186 ■ $G = p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I}$ and $r \notin \{p, q\}$ implies that $\forall i \in I, G_i \lceil_r T$ [PROJ-CONT]

187 188 189 190 191 192 193 Informally, the projection of a global type tree G onto a participant r extracts a role for participant r from the protocol whose bird's-eye view is given by G . [PROJ-END] expresses that if r is not a participant of G then r does nothing in the protocol. [PROJ-IN] and [PROJ-OUT] handle the cases where r is involved in a communication in the root of G . [PROJ-CONT] says that, if r is not involved in the root communication of G and all continuations of G project on to the same type, then G also projects on to that type. In Rocq, projection is defined as a Paco greatest fixpoint as the relation $\text{projectionC} : \text{gtt} \rightarrow \text{part} \rightarrow \text{ltt} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$.

194 195 We further have the following fact about projections that lets us regard it as a partial function:

196 ► **Lemma 3.6** ([13]). If $\text{projectionC } G \ p \ T$ and $\text{projectionC } G \ p \ T'$ then $T = T'$.

197 198 199 We write $G \lceil r = T$ when $G \lceil_r T$. Furthermore we will be frequently be making assertions about subtypes of projections of a global type e.g. $T \leqslant G \lceil r$. In our Rocq implementation we define the predicate $\text{issubProj} : \text{ltt} \rightarrow \text{gtt} \rightarrow \text{part} \rightarrow \text{Prop}$ as a shorthand for this.

¹ Here we adopt a simplified presentation as $\text{pt}(G)$ is actually defined by extending it from an inductively defined function on syntactic types, we refer to [13] for details.

200 **3.5 Balancedness, Global Tree Contexts and Grafting**

201 We introduce an important constraint on the types of global type trees we will consider,
202 balancedness.

203 ► **Definition 3.7** (Balanced Global Type Trees). *A global tree G is balanced if for any subtree
204 G' of G , there exists k such that for all $p \in \text{pt}(G')$, p occurs on every path from the root of
205 G' of length at least k .*

206 We omit the technical details of this definition and the Rocq implementation, they can be
207 found in [17] and [13].

208 Balancedness is a regularity condition that imposes a notion of *liveness* on the protocol
209 described by the global type tree. Indeed, our liveness results in Section 6 hold only for
210 balanced global types. Another reason for formulating balancedness is that it allows us to
211 use the "grafting" technique, turning proofs by coinduction on infinite trees to proofs by
212 induction on finite global type tree contexts.

213 ► **Definition 3.8** (Global Type Tree Contexts and Grafting). *Global type tree contexts are
214 defined inductively with the following syntax:*

215 $\mathcal{G} ::= p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).\mathcal{G}_i\}_{i \in I} \mid []_i$

```
Inductive gtth: Type ≡
| gtth_hol   : fin → gtth
| gtth_send  : part → part → list (option (sort * gtth))
→ gtth.
```

216 Given a global type tree context \mathcal{G} whose holes are in the indexing set I and a set of global
217 types $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$, the grafting $\mathcal{G}[G_i]_{i \in I}$ denotes the global type tree obtained by substituting $[]_i$
218 with G_i in \mathcal{G} .

219 In Rocq the indexed set $\{G_i\}_{i \in I}$ is represented using a list (option gtt). Grafting is
220 expressed with the inductive relation typ_gtth : list (option gtt) → gtth → gtt →
221 Prop. typ_gtth gs gcx gt means that the grafting of the set of global type trees gs onto the
222 context gcx results in the tree gt. We additionally define pt and ishParts on global type tree
223 contexts analogously to pt and isgPartsC on trees.

224 A global type tree context can be thought of as the finite prefix of a global type tree, where
225 holes $[]_i$ indicate the cutoff points. Global type tree contexts are related to global type
226 trees with the *grafting* operation that fills in the holes with type trees. The following lemma
227 relates global type tree contexts to balanced global type trees. In particular, it allows us to
228 turn proofs by coinduction on infinite trees to proofs by induction on the grafting context.

229 ► **Lemma 3.9** (Proper Grafting Lemma, [13]). *If G is a balanced global type tree and isgPartsC
230 p G, then there is a global type tree context Gctx and an option list of global type trees gs
231 such that typ_gtth gs Gctx G, ~ ishParts p Gctx and every Some element of gs is of shape
232 gtt_end, gtt_send p q or gtt_send q p. We refer to Gctx and gs as the p-grafting of G. When
233 we don't care about gs we may just say that G is p-grafted by Gctx.*

234 ► **Remark 3.10.** From now on, all the global type trees we will be referring to are assumed
235 to be balanced. When talking about the Rocq implementation, any $G : \text{gtt}$ we mention
236 is assumed to satisfy the predicate wfgC G, expressing that G corresponds to some global
237 type and that G is balanced. Furthermore, we will often require that a global type is
238 projectable onto all its participants. This is captured by the predicate projectableA G = \forall
239 p, $\exists T$, projectionC G p T. As with wfgC, we will be assuming that all types we mention
240 are projectable.

241 **4 Semantics of Types**

242 In this section we introduce local type contexts, and define Labelled Transition System
243 semantics on these constructs.

244 **4.1 Local Type Contexts and Reductions**

245 We start by defining typing contexts as finite mappings of participants to local type trees.

► **Definition 4.1** (Typing Contexts).

$$246 \quad \Gamma ::= \emptyset \mid \Gamma, p : T$$

```
Module M  $\triangleq$  MMaps.RBT.Make(Nat).
Module MF  $\triangleq$  MMaps.Facts.Properties Nat M.
Definition tctx : Type  $\triangleq$  M.t ltt.
```

247 Intuitively, $p : T$ means that participant p is associated with a process that has the type
248 tree T . We write $\text{dom}(\Gamma)$ to denote the set of participants occurring in Γ . We write $\Gamma(p)$ for
249 the type of p in Γ . We define the composition Γ_1, Γ_2 iff $\text{dom}(\Gamma_1) \cap \text{dom}(\Gamma_2) = \emptyset$.

250 In the Rocq implementation we implement local typing contexts as finite maps of
251 participants, which are represented as natural numbers, and local type trees. We use
252 the red-black tree based finite map implementation of the MMaps library [27].

253 ► **Remark 4.2.** From now on, we assume the all the types in the local type contexts always
254 have non-empty continuations. In Rocq terms, if T is in context `gamma` then `wf1tt T` holds.
255 This is expressed by the predicate `tctx_wf`: `tctx \rightarrow Prop`.

256 We now give LTS semantics to local typing contexts, for which we first define the transition
257 labels.

258 ► **Definition 4.3** (Transition labels). A transition label α has the following form:

$$259 \quad \alpha ::= p : q \& \ell(S) \quad (p \text{ receives a value of sort } S \text{ from } q \text{ with message label } \ell) \\ 260 \quad \mid p : q \oplus \ell(S) \quad (p \text{ sends a value of sort } S \text{ to } q \text{ with message label } \ell) \\ 261 \quad \mid (p, q) \ell \quad (A \text{ synchronized communication from } p \text{ to } q \text{ occurs via message label } \ell)$$

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263 Next we define labelled transitions for local type contexts.

264 ► **Definition 4.4** (Typing context reductions). The typing context transition $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$ is defined
265 inductively by the following rules:

$$266 \quad \frac{k \in I}{p : q \& \{ \ell_i(S_i), T_i \}_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{p : q \& \ell_k(S_k)} p : T_k} [\Gamma\&] \quad \frac{k \in I}{p : q \oplus \{ \ell_i(S_i), T_i \}_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{p : q \oplus \ell_k(S_k)} p : T_k} [\Gamma\oplus]$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Gamma'}{\Gamma, p : T \xrightarrow{\alpha} \Gamma', p : T} [\Gamma\text{-}], \quad \frac{\Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{p : q \oplus \ell(S)} \Gamma'_1 \quad \Gamma_2 \xrightarrow{q : p \& \ell(S')} \Gamma'_2 \quad S \leq S'}{\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \xrightarrow{(p, q) \ell} \Gamma'_1, \Gamma'_2} [\Gamma\oplus\&]$$

267 We write $\Gamma \xrightarrow{\alpha}$ if there exists Γ' such that $\Gamma \xrightarrow{a} \Gamma'$. We define a reduction $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$ that holds
268 iff $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p, q) \ell} \Gamma'$ for some p, q, ℓ . We write $\Gamma \rightarrow$ iff $\Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma'$ for some Γ' . We write \rightarrow^* for
269 the reflexive transitive closure of \rightarrow .

270 $[\Gamma\oplus]$ and $[\Gamma\&]$, express a single participant sending or receiving. $[\Gamma\oplus\&]$ expresses a
271 synchronised communication where one participant sends while another receives, and they
272 both progress with their continuation. $[\Gamma\text{-}]$ shows how to extend a context.

273 In Rocq typing context reductions are defined with the predicate `tctxR` .

274

```
label | Rstruct: ∀ g1 g1' g2 g2' l, tctxR g1' l g2' →
      | M.Equal g1 g1' → M.Equal g2 g2' → tctxR g1 l g2'.
      | lcomm: part → part → opt_lbl → label.
```

275 The first four constructors in the definition of `tctxR` corresponds to the rules in Definition 4.4, and `Rstruct` expresses the indistinguishability of local contexts under the `M.Equal` 276 predicate from the `MMaps` library.
277

278 We illustrate typing context reductions with an example.

279 ► **Example 4.5.** Let

```
Tp = q⊕{ℓ0(int).Tp, ℓ1(int).end}
Tq = p&{ℓ0(int).Tq, ℓ1(int).r⊕{ℓ2(int).end}}
Tr = q&{ℓ2(int).end}
```

280 and $\Gamma = \{p : T_p, q : T_q, r : T_r\}$. We have the reductions $\Gamma \xrightarrow{p:q \oplus \ell_0(\text{int})} \Gamma$ and $\Gamma \xrightarrow{q:p \& \ell_0(\text{int})} \Gamma$, which synchronise to give the reduction and $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_0} \Gamma$. Similarly via synchronised 281 communication of p and q via message label ℓ_1 we get $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_1} \Gamma'$ where Γ' is defined as
282 $\{p : \text{end}, q : r \oplus \{\ell_2(\text{int}).\text{end}\}, r : T_r\}$. We further have that $\Gamma' \xrightarrow{(q,r)\ell_2} \Gamma_{\text{end}}$ where Γ_{end} is
283 defined as $\{p : \text{end}, q : \text{end}, r : \text{end}\}$.

284 In Rocq, Γ is defined the following way .

285

```
Definition prt_p ≡ 0.
Definition prt_q ≡ 1.
Definition prt_r ≡ 2.
CoFixpoint T_p ≡ ltt_send prt_q [Some (sint,T_p); Some (sint, ltt_end); None].
CoFixpoint T_q ≡ ltt_recv prt_p [Some (sint,T_q); Some (sint, ltt_send prt_r [None;None;Some (sint, ltt_end)]); None].
Definition T_r ≡ ltt_recv prt_q [None;None; Some (sint, ltt_end)].
Definition gamma ≡ M.add prt_p T_p (M.add prt_q T_q (M.add prt_r T_r M.empty)).
```

286

287 Now $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_0} \Gamma$ can be expressed as `tctxR gamma (lsend prt_p prt_q (Some sint) 0) gamma`.

291 4.2 Global Type Reductions

292 As with local typing contexts, we can also define reductions for global types.

293 ► **Definition 4.6** (Global type reductions). *The global type transition $\xrightarrow{\alpha}$ is defined coinductively*

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294 as follows.

$$\begin{array}{c}
 k \in I \\
 \hline \hline
 \text{[GR-}\oplus\&\text{]} \\
 p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_k} G_k
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{
 \begin{array}{c}
 \forall i \in I \quad G_i \xrightarrow{\alpha} G'_i \quad \text{subject}(\alpha) \cap \{p, q\} = \emptyset \quad \forall i \in I \quad \{p, q\} \subseteq \text{pt}\{G_i\}
 \end{array}
 }{
 \text{[GR-CTX]} \quad p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G_i\}_{i \in I} \xrightarrow{\alpha} p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_i(S_i).G'_i\}_{i \in I}
 }$$

296 [GR- $\oplus\&$] says that a global type tree with root $p \rightarrow q$ can transition to any of its children
297 corresponding to the message label chosen by p . [GR-CTX] says that if the subjects of α
298 are disjoint from the root and all its children can transition via α , then the whole tree can
299 also transition via α , with the root remaining the same and just the subtrees of its children
300 transitioning.

301 In Rocq global type reductions are expressed using the coinductively defined predicate
302 gttstepC . For example, $G \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_k} G'$ translates to $\text{gttstepC } G \ G' \ p \ q \ k$. We refer to [13] for
303 details.

304 4.3 Association Between Local Type Contexts and Global Types

305 We have defined local type contexts which specifies protocols bottom-up by directly describing
306 the roles of every participant, and global types, which give a top-down view of the whole
307 protocol, and the transition relations on them. We now relate these local and global definitions
308 by defining *association* between local type context and global types.

- 309 ▶ **Definition 4.7** (Association \sqsubseteq). A local typing context Γ is associated with a global type
310 tree G , written $\Gamma \sqsubseteq G$, if the following hold:
- 311 ■ For all $p \in \text{pt}(G)$, $p \in \text{dom}(\Gamma)$ and $\Gamma(p) \leqslant G \upharpoonright p$.
 - 312 ■ For all $p \notin \text{pt}(G)$, either $p \notin \text{dom}(\Gamma)$ or $\Gamma(p) = \text{end}$.
- 313 In Rocq this is defined with the following:

```

Definition assoc (g: tctx) (gt:gtt) ≡
  ∀ p, (isgPartsC p gt → ∃ Tp, M.find p g=Some Tp ∧
    issubProj Tp gt p) ∧
    (~ isgPartsC p gt → ∀ Tpx, M.find p g = Some Tpx → Tpx=ltx_end).
  
```

314

315 Informally, $\Gamma \sqsubseteq G$ says that the local type trees in Γ obey the specification described by the
316 global type tree G .

317 ▶ **Example 4.8.** In Example 4.5, we have that $\Gamma \sqsubseteq G$ where $G := p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_0(\text{int}).G, \ell_1(\text{int}).q \rightarrow r : \{\ell_2(\text{int}).\text{end}\}\}$. In fact, we have $\Gamma(s) = G \upharpoonright s$ for $s \in \{p, q, r\}$.
318 Similarly, we have $\Gamma' \sqsubseteq G'$ where $G' := q \rightarrow r : \{\ell_2(\text{int}).\text{end}\}$

320 It is desirable to have the association be preserved under local type context and global
321 type reductions, that is, when one of the associated constructs "takes a step" so should the
322 other. We formalise this property with soundness and completeness theorems.

323 ▶ **Theorem 4.9** (Soundness of Association \sqsubseteq). If $\text{assoc } G$ and $\text{gttstepC } G \ G' \ p \ q \ ell$,
324 then there is a local type context γ , a global type tree G'' , and a message label ell' such
325 that $\text{gttStepC } G \ G'' \ p \ q \ ell'$, $\text{assoc } \gamma \ G''$ and $\text{tctxR } \gamma \ (\text{lcomm } p \ q \ ell') \ \gamma$.

326 ▶ **Theorem 4.10** (Completeness of Association $\xrightarrow{\text{P}}$). If $\text{assoc } \gamma$ and $\text{tctxR } \gamma$
 327 $(\text{lcomm } p \ q \ \ell)$ γ' , then there exists a global type tree Γ' such that $\text{assoc } \gamma' \ \Gamma'$
 328 and $\text{gttstepC } \Gamma \ \Gamma' \ p \ q \ \ell$.

329 ▶ **Remark 4.11.** Note that in the statement of soundness we allow the message label for
 330 the local type context reduction to be different to the message label for the global type
 331 reduction. This is because our use of subtyping in association causes the entries in the
 332 local type context to be less expressive than the types obtained by projecting the global
 333 type. For example consider $\Gamma = p : q \oplus \{\ell_0(\text{int}).\text{end}\}, q : p \& \{\ell_0(\text{int}).\text{end}, \ell_1(\text{int}).\text{end}\}$ and
 334 $\Gamma = p \rightarrow q : \{\ell_0(\text{int}).\text{end}, \ell_1(\text{int}).\text{end}\}$. We have $\Gamma \sqsubseteq \Gamma$ and $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_1}$. However $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_x}$ is
 335 not a valid transition. Note that soundness still requires that $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_x}$ for some x , which is
 336 satisfied in this case by the valid transition $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_0}$.

337 5 Properties of Local Type Contexts

338 We now use the LTS semantics to define some desirable properties on type contexts and their
 339 reduction sequences. Namely, we formulate safety, liveness and fairness properties based on
 340 the definitions in [44].

341 5.1 Safety

342 We start by defining the *safety* property that plays an important role in bottom-up session
 343 type systems [35]:

344 ▶ **Definition 5.1** (Safe Type Contexts). We define *safe* coinductively as the largest set of type
 345 contexts such that whenever we have $\Gamma \in \text{safe}$:

$$\begin{array}{l} \Gamma \xrightarrow{p:q \oplus \ell(S)} \text{ and } \Gamma \xrightarrow{q:p \& \ell'(S')} \text{ implies } \Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell} \\ \Gamma \rightarrow \Gamma' \text{ implies } \Gamma' \in \text{safe} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} [\text{S-}\&\oplus] \\ [\text{S-}\rightarrow] \end{array}$$

348 We write $\text{safe}(\Gamma)$ if $\Gamma \in \text{safe}$.

Safety says that if p and q communicate with each other and p requests to send a value using message label ℓ , then q should be able to receive that message label. Furthermore, this property should be preserved under any typing context reductions.

349 Being a coinductive property, to show that $\text{safe}(\Gamma)$ it suffices to give a set φ such that
 350 $\Gamma \in \varphi$ and φ satisfies $[\text{S-}\&\oplus]$ and $[\text{S-}\rightarrow]$. This amounts to showing that every element of Γ'
 351 of the set of reducts of Γ , defined $\varphi := \{\Gamma' \mid \Gamma \rightarrow^* \Gamma'\}$, satisfies $[\text{S-}\&\oplus]$. We illustrate this
 352 with some examples:

354 ▶ **Example 5.2.** Let $\Gamma = p : q \oplus \{\ell_0(\text{int}).\text{end}\}, q : p \& \{\ell_0(\text{nat}).\text{end}\}$. Γ is not safe as we
 355 have $\Gamma \xrightarrow{p:q \oplus \ell_0}$ and $\Gamma \xrightarrow{q:p \& \ell_0}$ but we don't have $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell_0}$ as $\text{int} \not\leq \text{nat}$.

356 Consider Γ from Example 4.5. All the reducts satisfy $[\text{S-}\&\oplus]$, hence Γ is safe.

357 In Rocq, we define *safe* coinductively with Paco:

```
Definition weak_safety (c: tctx) ≡
  ∀ p q s s' k k', tctxRE (lsend p q (Some s) k) c → tctxRE (lrecv q p (Some s') k') c → tctxRE (lcomm p q k) c.
Inductive safe (R: tctx → Prop): tctx → Prop ≡
| safety_red : ∀ c, weak_safety c → (forall p q c' k, tctxR c (lcomm p q k) c' → R c') → safe R c.
Definition safeC c ≡ paco1 safe bot1 c.
```

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359 `weak_safety` corresponds $[S \& \oplus]$ where `tctxRE 1 c` is shorthand for $\exists c'$, `tctxR c 1 c'`. In
 360 the inductive `safe`, the constructor `safety_red` corresponds to $[S \rightarrow]$. Then `safeC` is defined
 361 as the greatest fixed point of `safe`.

362 We have that local type contexts with associated global types are always safe.

363 ▶ **Theorem 5.3** (Safety by Association ). *If `assoc gamma g` then `safeC gamma`.*

364 5.2 Fairness and Liveness

365 We now focus our attention to fairness and liveness. We first restate the definition of fairness
 366 and liveness for local type context paths from [44].

367 ▶ **Definition 5.4** (Fair, Live Paths). *A local type context reduction path (also called executions
 368 or runs) is a possibly infinite sequence of transitions $\Gamma_0 \xrightarrow{\lambda_0} \Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda_1} \dots$ such that λ_i is a
 369 synchronous transition label, that is, of the form $(p, q)\ell$, for all i .*

370 *We say that a local type context reduction path $\Gamma_0 \xrightarrow{\lambda_0} \Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{\lambda_2} \dots$ is fair if, for all
 371 $n \in N : \Gamma_n \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell} \text{implies } \exists k, \ell' \text{ such that } N \ni k \geq n \text{ and } \lambda_k = (p, q)\ell'$, and therefore
 372 $\Gamma_k \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell'} \Gamma_{k+1}$. We say that a path $(\Gamma_n)_{n \in N}$ is live iff, $\forall n \in N$:*

- 373 1. $\forall n \in N : \Gamma_n \xrightarrow{p:q \oplus \ell(S)} \text{implies } \exists k, \ell' \text{ such that } N \ni k \geq n \text{ and } \Gamma_k \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell'} \Gamma_{k+1}$
- 374 2. $\forall n \in N : \Gamma_n \xrightarrow{q:p \& \ell(S)} \text{implies } \exists k, \ell' \text{ such that } N \ni k \geq n \text{ and } \Gamma_k \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell'} \Gamma_{k+1}$

375 ▶ **Definition 5.5** (Live Local Type Context). *A local type context Γ is live if whenever $\Gamma \rightarrow^* \Gamma'$,
 376 every fair path starting from Γ' is also live.*

In general, fairness assumptions are used so that only the reduction sequences that are "well-behaved" in some sense are considered when formulating other properties [42]. We define fairness such that, in a fair path, whenever a synchronous transition $(p, q)\ell$ is enabled, a communication between p and q is eventually executed. Then live paths are defined to be paths such that whenever p attempts to send to q or q attempts to receive from p , eventually a p to q communication takes place. Informally, this means that every communication request is eventually answered. Live typing contexts are then defined to be the Γ such that whenever Γ can evolve (in possibly multiple steps) into Γ' , all fair paths that start from Γ' are also live.

377 ▶ **Example 5.6.** Consider the contexts Γ, Γ' and Γ_{end} from Example 4.5. One possible
 378 reduction path is $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell_0} \Gamma \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell_0} \dots$. Denote this path as $(\Gamma_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$, where $\Gamma_n = \Gamma$
 379 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. We have $\forall n, \Gamma_n \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell_0}$ and $\Gamma_n \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell_1}$ as the only possible synchronised
 380 reductions from Γ_n . Accordingly, we also have $\forall n, \Gamma_n \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell_0} \Gamma_{n+1}$ in the path so this path
 381 is fair. However, this path is not live as we have $\Gamma_1 \xrightarrow{r:q \& \ell_2(\text{int})}$ but there is no n, ℓ' with
 382 $\Gamma_n \xrightarrow{(q, r)\ell'} \Gamma_{n+1}$ in the path. Consequently, Γ is not a live type context.

383 Now consider the reduction path $\Gamma \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell_0} \Gamma \xrightarrow{(p, q)\ell_0} \Gamma' \xrightarrow{(q, r)\ell_2} \Gamma_{\text{end}}$. This path is fair and
 384 live as it contains the (q, r) transition from the counterexample above.

385 Definition 5.4, while intuitive, is not really convenient for a Rocq formalisation due to
 386 the existential statements it contains. It would be ideal if these properties could be expressed
 387 as a least or greatest fixed point, which could then be formalised via Rocq's inductive or
 388 (via Paco) coinductive types. To achieve this, we recast fairness and liveness for local type

390 context paths in Linear Temporal Logic (LTL) [33]. The LTL operators *eventually* (\diamond) and
 391 *always* (\Box) can be characterised as least and greatest fixed points using their expansion laws
 392 [2, Chapter 5.14]. Hence they can be implemented in Rocq as the inductive type `eventually`
 393 and the coinductive type `alwaysCG` . We can further represent reduction paths as
 394 *cosequences*, or *streams*. Then the Rocq definition of Definition 5.4 amounts to the following
 395 .

396

```
CoInductive coseq (A: Type): Type ≡
| conil : coseq A
| cocons: A → coseq A → coseq A.
Notation local_path ≡ (coseq (tctx*option label)).
```

```
Definition fair_path_local_inner (pt: local_path): Prop ≡
  ∀ p q n, to_path_prop (tctxRE (lcomm p q n)) False pt →
    eventually (headComm p q) pt.
Definition fair_path ≡ alwaysCG fair_path_local_inner.
Definition live_path_inner (pt: local_path) : Prop ≡ ∀ p q s n,
  (to_path_prop (tctxRE (lsend p q (Some s) n)) False pt →
    eventually (headComm p q) pt) ∧
  (to_path_prop (tctxRE (irecv p q (Some s) n)) False pt →
    eventually (headComm q p) pt).
Definition live_path ≡ alwaysCG live_path_inner.
```

397 With these definitions we can now prove that local type contexts associated with a global
 398 type are live, which is the most involved of the results mechanised in this work.

399 ▶ **Remark 5.7.** We once again emphasise that all global types mentioned are assumed to
 400 be balanced (Definition 3.7). Indeed association with non-balanced global types doesn't
 401 guarantee liveness. As an example, consider Γ from Example 4.5, which is associated with G
 402 from Example 4.8. Yet we have shown in Example 5.6 that Γ is not a live type context. This
 403 is not surprising as G is not balanced.

404 ▶ **Theorem 5.8** (Liveness by Association). *If `assoc gamma g` then `gamma` is live.*

405 **Proof.** (Simplified, Outline) Our proof proceeds in two steps. First, we prove that the typing
 406 context obtained by direct projections ² of g , that is, $\text{gamma_proj} = \{p_i : G \upharpoonright_{p_i} \mid p_i \in \text{pt}\{G\}\}$,
 407 is live. We then leverage Theorem 4.10 to show that if gamma_proj is live, so is gamma .

408 Suppose $\text{gamma_proj} \xrightarrow{p:q \oplus \ell(S)}$ (the case for the receive is similar and omitted), and xs is a
 409 fair local type context reduction path beginning with gamma_proj . To show that xs is live we
 410 need to show the existence of a $(p, q) \ell$ transition in xs . We achieve this by taking the height
 411 of the p -grafting of the global type associated with the head of xs as our induction invariant.
 412 We show that this invariant keeps decreasing until a $(p, q) \ell$ transition is enabled
 413 on the path, at which point our fairness assumption forces that transition to fire .

414 In the second step of the proof we extend association on to paths to get, for each local
 415 type context reduction path xs that begins with gamma , another local type context reduction
 416 path ys beginning with gamma_proj such that the elements of xs are subtypes (subtyping
 417 on contexts defined pointwise) of the corresponding elements of ys . This is obtained from
 418 Theorem 4.10, however the statement of Theorem 4.10 is implemented as an \exists statement
 419 that lives in `Prop`, hence we need to use the `constructive_indefinite_description` axiom to
 420 construct a `CoFixpoint` returning the desired cosequence ys . The proof then follows by the
 421 definition of subtyping (Definition 3.3). ◀

422

6 Properties of Sessions

423 We give typing rules for the session calculus introduced in 2, and prove subject reduction
 424 and deadlock freedom for them. Then we define a liveness property for sessions, and show

² Note that the actual Rocq proof defines an equivalent "enabledness" predicate on global types instead of working with direct projections. The outline given here is a slightly simplified presentation.

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425 that processes typable by a local type context that's associated with a global type tree are
 426 guaranteed to satisfy this liveness property.

427 6.1 Typing rules

428 We give typing rules for our session calculus based on [17] and [13]. We have two kinds of
 429 typing judgements and type contexts. $\Theta_T, \Theta_e \vdash_P P : T$ says that the single process P can be
 430 typed with local type T using expression and type variables from Θ_T, Θ_e . On the other hand,
 431 $\Gamma \vdash_M M$ expresses that session M can be typed by the local type context (Definition 4.1)
 432 Typing rules for expressions are standard and can be found in e.g. [17], and are therefore
 omitted. Γ .

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{[\text{T-END}]}{\Theta \vdash_P 0 : \text{end}} \quad \frac{[\text{T-VAR}]}{\Theta, X : T \vdash_P X : T} \quad \frac{[\text{T-REC}]}{\Theta, X : T \vdash_P P : T} \quad \frac{[\text{T-IF}]}{\Theta \vdash_P e : \text{bool} \quad \Theta \vdash_P P_1 : T \quad \Theta \vdash_P P_2 : T}{\Theta \vdash_P \mu X. P : T} \quad \frac{}{\Theta \vdash_P \text{if } e \text{ then } P_1 \text{ else } P_2 : T} \\ \frac{[\text{T-SUB}]}{\Theta \vdash_P P : T \quad T \leqslant T'} \quad \frac{[\text{T-IN}]}{\forall i \in I, \quad \Theta, x_i : S_i \vdash_P P_i : T_i}{\Theta \vdash_P \sum_{i \in I} p? \ell_i(x_i). P_i : p\&\{\ell_i(S_i). T_i\}_{i \in I}} \quad \frac{[\text{T-OUT}]}{\Theta \vdash_P e : S \quad \Theta \vdash_P P : T}{\Theta \vdash_P p! \ell(e). P : p\oplus\{\ell(S). T\}} \end{array}$$

427 **Table 4** Typing processes

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 434 Table 4 states the standard [13, 17] typing rules for processes, which we don't elaborate
 435 on. We additionally have a single rule for typing sessions:

$$\frac{[\text{T-SESS}]}{\forall i \in I : \quad \vdash_P P_i : \Gamma(p_i) \quad \Gamma \sqsubseteq G}{\Gamma \vdash_M \prod_i p_i \triangleleft P_i}$$

437 [T-SESS] says that a session made of the parallel composition of processes $\prod_i p_i \triangleleft P_i$ can
 438 be typed by an associated local context Γ if the local type of participant p_i in Γ types the
 439 process

440 6.2 Properties of Typed Sessions

441 We can now prove some properties of typed sessions. The following theorems relating session
 442 reductions to types underlie our results.

443 ► **Lemma 6.1** (Typing after Unfolding $\overline{\square}$). If $\gamma \vdash_M M$ and $M \Rightarrow M'$, then $\text{typ_sess } M' \ \gamma$.

444 ► **Theorem 6.2** (Subject Reduction $\overline{\square}$). If $\gamma \vdash_M M$ and $M \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell} M'$, then there exists a
 445 typing context γ' such that $\gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell} \gamma'$ and $\gamma' \vdash_M M'$.

446 ► **Theorem 6.3** (Session Fidelity $\overline{\square}$). If $\gamma \vdash_M M$ and $\gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell} \gamma'$, there exists
 447 a message label ℓ' , a context γ'' , and a session M' such that $M \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell'} M'$, $\gamma \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell'} \gamma''$
 448 and $\text{typ_sess } M' \ \gamma''$.

Lemma 6.1 says that typing is preserved after unfolding. Theorem 6.2 shows that the
 typing context reduces along with the session it types. Theorem 6.3 is an analogue of
 Theorem 6.2 in the opposite direction.

450 ► **Remark 6.4.** Note that in Theorem 6.2 one transition between sessions corresponds to
 451 exactly one transition between local type contexts with the same label. That is, every session
 452 transition is observed by the corresponding type. This is the main reason for our choice of
 453 reactive semantics (Section 2.2) as τ transitions are not observed by the type in ordinary
 454 semantics. In other words, with τ -semantics the typing relation is a *weak simulation* [29],
 455 while it turns into a strong simulation with reactive semantics. For our Rocq implementation
 456 working with the strong simulation turns out to be more convenient.

457 Now we can prove two of our main results, communication safety and deadlock freedom:

458 ► **Theorem 6.5 (Communication Safety)**. If $\gamma \vdash_M M$ and $M \rightarrow^* M' \Rightarrow (p \leftarrow p_{\text{send}}$
 459 $q \text{ ell } P \parallel q \leftarrow p_{\text{recv}} p \text{ xs} \parallel M')$, then $\text{onth ell xs} \neq \text{None}$.

Theorem 6.5 means that typed sessions evolve to sessions where if participant p wants to send to q with label ℓ , and q is listening to receive from p , then q is able to receive with label ℓ .

460 ► **Theorem 6.6 (Deadlock Freedom)**. If $\gamma \vdash_M M$, one of the following hold :
 461 1. Either $M \Rightarrow M_{\text{inact}}$ where every process making up M_{inact} is inactive, i.e. M_{inact}
 462 $\equiv \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \triangleleft \mathbf{0}$ for some n .
 463 2. Or there is a M' such that $M \rightarrow M'$.

Theorem 6.6 says that the only way a typed session has no reductions available is if it has terminated.

465 The final, and the most intricate, session property we prove is liveness.

466 ► **Definition 6.7 (Session Liveness)**. Session M is live iff
 467 1. $M \rightarrow^* M' \Rightarrow q \triangleleft p! \ell_i(x_i).Q \mid N$ implies $M' \rightarrow^* M'' \Rightarrow q \triangleleft Q \mid N'$ for some M'', N'
 468 2. $M \rightarrow^* M' \Rightarrow q \triangleleft \bigwedge_{i \in I} p? \ell_i(x_i).Q_i \mid N$ implies $M' \rightarrow^* M'' \Rightarrow q \triangleleft Q_i[v/x_i] \mid N'$ for some
 469 M'', N', i, v .

470 In Rocq this is expressed with the predicate `live_sess`:

```
Definition live_sess Mp ≡ ∀ M, betaRtc Mp M →
  (∀ p q ell e P' M', p ≠ q → unfoldP M ((p ← p_send q ell e P') ||| M') → ∃ M'',
  betaRtc M ((p ← P') \(\ \ | M'')))
  ^
  (forall p q l1p M', p ≠ q → unfoldP M ((p ← p_recv q l1p) ||| M') →
  ∃ M'', P' e k, onth k l1p = Some P' ∧ betaRtc M ((p ← subst_expr_proc P' e 0 0) ||| M'')).
```

Session liveness, analogous to liveness for typing contexts (Definition 5.4), says that when M is live, if M reduces to a session M' containing a participant that's attempting to send or receive, then M' reduces to a session where that communication has happened. It's also called *lock-freedom* in related work ([41, 30]).

473 We now detail the proof that typed sessions are live. First we prove the following lemma:

474 ► **Lemma 6.8 (Fair Extension of Typed Sessions)**. If $\text{typ_sess } M \text{ } \gamma$, then there exists a
 475 session reduction path xs starting from M such that the following fairness property holds:
 476 — On xs , whenever a transition with label $(p, q) \ell$ is enabled, a transition with label $(p, q) \ell'$
 477 eventually occurs for some ℓ' .

479 **Proof.** The desired path can be constructed by repeatedly cycling through all participants,
 480 checking if there is a transition involving that participant, and executing that transition
 481 if there is. As in the proof of Theorem 5.8, the construction in Lemma 6.8 uses the
 482 `constructive_indefinite_description` axiom to construct a cosequence as a `CoFixpoint`.
 483 Additionally, we use the axiom `excluded_middle_informative` for the "check if there is a
 484 transition involving a participant" part of the scheduling algorithm. The use of this axiom is
 485 probably not necessary but it makes the proof easier. Correctness of the algorithm follows
 486 from Theorem 6.2 and Theorem 6.3. ◀

Lemma 6.8 defines a "fairness" property for sessions analogous to Definition 5.4. It then shows that there exists a fair path from any typable session. This resembles the *feasibility* property expected from sensible notions of fairness [42], which states that any partial path can be extended into a fair one ³.

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488 ▶ **Theorem 6.9** (Liveness by Typing ). *For a session M_p , if $\exists \gamma \text{ s.t. } \gamma \vdash_M M_p$ then $\text{live_sess } M_p$.*

489 **Proof.** We detail the proof for the send case of Definition 6.7, the case for the receive is
 490 similar. Suppose that $M_p \rightarrow^* M$ and $M \Rightarrow ((p \leftarrow p_{\text{send}} q \text{ ell } e P') ||| M')$. Our goal is
 491 to show that there exists a M'' such that $M \rightarrow^* ((p \leftarrow P') ||| M'')$. First, observe that
 492 by [R-UNFOLD] it suffices to show that $((p \leftarrow p_{\text{send}} q \text{ ell } e P') ||| M') \rightarrow^* M''$ for
 493 some M'' . Also note that $\gamma \vdash_M M$ for some γ by Theorem 6.2, therefore $\gamma \vdash_M ((p \leftarrow p_{\text{send}} q \text{ ell } e P') ||| M')$ by Lemma 6.1.

494 Now let xs be a fair session reduction path starting from $((p \leftarrow p_{\text{send}} q \text{ ell } e P') ||| M')$,
 495 which exists by Lemma 6.8. By Theorem 6.2, let ys be a local type context
 496 reduction path starting with γ such that every session in xs is typed by the context at
 497 the corresponding index of ys , and the transitions of xs and ys at every step match. Now it
 498 can be shown that ys is fair . Therefore by Theorem 5.8 ys is live, so a `lcomm` $p q \text{ ell}'$
 499 transition eventually occurs in ys for some ell' . Therefore $ys = \gamma \xrightarrow{*} \gamma_0 \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell'} \gamma_1 \rightarrow \dots$ for some γ_0, γ_1 . Now consider the session M_0 typed by γ_0 in
 500 xs . We have $((p \leftarrow p_{\text{send}} q \text{ ell } e P') ||| M') \rightarrow^* M_0$ by M_0 being on xs . We also have
 501 that $M_0 \xrightarrow{(p,q)\ell''} M_1$ for some ℓ'' , M_1 by Theorem 6.3. Now observe that $M_0 \equiv ((p \leftarrow p_{\text{send}} q \text{ ell } e P') ||| M'')$ for some M'' as no transitions involving p have happened on
 502 the reduction path to M_0 . Therefore $\ell = \ell''$, so $M_1 \equiv ((p \leftarrow P') ||| M'')$ for some M'' , as
 503 needed. ◀

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7 Conclusion and Related Work

509 In this work we have mechanised the semantics of local and global types, proved a corres-
 510 pondence between them, and used this correspondence to prove safety, deadlock-freedom
 511 and liveness for the typed sessions in simple message-passing calculus. To our knowledge,
 512 our liveness result is the first mechanised one of its kind, and is the most challenging of the
 513 theorems we formalised. Our implementation illustrates some of the difficulties encountered

³ Note that this fairness property for sessions is not actually feasible as there are partial paths starting with an untypable session that can't be extended into a fair one. Nevertheless, Lemma 6.8 turns out to be enough to prove our liveness property.

514 when mechanising liveness properties in general. These include the use of mixed inductive-
 515 coinductive reasoning and the absence of a clear general proof technique. In particular, the
 516 induction on the tree context height used in Theorem 5.8 requires some care to set up, and
 517 is not the most obvious way of implementing the proof in Rocq. Our earlier unsuccesful
 518 attempts at that proof included one which proceeded by induction on the grafting (Defini-
 519 tion 3.8) of local type trees, which turned out to be a defective induction variable. Still,
 520 our work illustrates the power of parameterised coinduction in the verification of liveness
 521 properties, and provides a framework for the verification of further linear time properties on
 522 session types.

523 **Related Work.** Examinations of liveness, also called *lock-freedom*, guarantees of multi-
 524 party session types abound in literature, e.g. [31, 23, 44, 35, 3]. Most of these papers use the
 525 definition liveness proposed by Padovani [30], which doesn't make the fairness assumptions
 526 that characterize the property [15] explicit. Contrastingly, van Glabbeek et. al. [41] examine
 527 several notions of fairness and the liveness properties induced by them, and devise a type
 528 system with flexible choices [6] that captures the strongest of these properties, the one
 529 induced by the *justness* [42] assumption. In their terminology, Definition 6.7 corresponds
 530 to liveness under strong fairness of transitions (ST), which is the weakest of the properties
 531 considered in that paper. They also show that their type system is complete i.e. every live
 532 process can be typed. We haven't presented any completeness results in this paper. Indeed,
 533 our type system is not complete for Definition 6.7, even if we restrict our attention to safe
 534 and race-free sessions. For example, the session described in [41, Example 9] is live but not
 535 typable by a context associated with a balanced global type in our system.

536 Fairness assumptions are also made explicit in recent work by Ciccone et. al [10, 11]
 537 which use generalized inference systems with coaxioms [1] to characterize *fair termination*,
 538 which is stronger than Definition 6.7, but enjoys good compositionality properties.

539 Mechanisation of session types in proof assistants is a relatively new effort. Our formal-
 540 isation is built on recent work by Ekici et. al. [13] which uses a coinductive representation of
 541 global and local types to prove subject reduction and progress. Their work uses a typing
 542 relation between global types and sessions while ours uses one between associated local type
 543 contexts and sessions. This necessitates the rewriting of subject reduction and progress proofs
 544 in addition to the novel operational correspondence, safety and liveness properties we have
 545 proved. Other recent results mechanised in Rocq include Ekici and Yoshida's [14] work on
 546 the completeness of asynchronous subtyping, and Tirore's work [37, 39, 38] on projections
 547 and subject reduction for π -calculus.

548 Castro-Perez et. al. [8] devise a multiparty session type system that dispenses with
 549 projections and local types by defining the typing relation directly on the LTS specifying the
 550 global protocol, and formalise the results in Agda. Ciccone's PhD thesis [9] presents an Agda
 551 formalisation of fair termination for binary session types. Binary session types were also
 552 implemented in Agda by Thiemann [36] and in Idris by Brady[5]. Several implementations
 553 of binary session types are also present for Haskell [24, 28, 34].

554 Implementations of session types that are more geared towards practical verification
 555 include the Actris framework [18, 21] which enriches the seperation logic of Iris [22] with
 556 binary session types to certify deadlock-freedom. In general, verification of liveness properties,
 557 with or without session types, in concurrent seperation logic is an active research area that
 558 has produced tools such as TaDa [12], FOS [25] and LiLo [26] in the past few years. Further
 559 verification tools employing multiparty session types are Jacobs's Multiparty GV [21] based
 560 on the functional language of Wadler's GV [43], and Castro-Perez et. al's Zooid [7], which
 561 supports the extraction of certifiably safe and live protocols.

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