

QWIRE: A Core Language for Quantum Circuits

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Appendix A Type safety and normalization

Theorem 6 (Preservation). *Suppose \longrightarrow_H satisfies preservation.*

1. If $t \vdash t : A$ and $t \longrightarrow t'$, then $t' \vdash t' : A$.
2. If $\vdash C : W$ and $C \Longrightarrow C'$, then $\vdash C' : W$.

Proof.

1. If t steps via \longrightarrow_H then the result is immediate by the assumption that \longrightarrow_H satisfies preservation. Otherwise, suppose $t \longrightarrow_b t'$. It must be the case that $A = \text{Circ}(W_1, W_2)$ and $t = \text{box } p \Rightarrow C$ where $\Omega \Rightarrow p : W_1$ and $\vdash C : W_2$. If t steps via the structural rule with $C \Longrightarrow C'$, then $t' = \text{box } p \Rightarrow C'$, and by the inductive hypothesis, $\vdash C' : W_2$ and so $\vdash \text{box } p \Rightarrow C' : \text{Circ}(W_1, W_2)$.

If t steps instead by an η rule, then $t' = \text{box } p' \Rightarrow C \{p'/p\}$ where p' is concrete for W_1 . By Lemma 5 there is some Q such that $Q \Rightarrow p' : W_1$, so by the substitution lemma (Lemma 4), we have $\vdash Q \vdash C \{p'/p\} : W_2$, and thus $\vdash t' : \text{Circ}(W_1, W_2)$.

2. By induction on $C \Longrightarrow C'$.

(a) If $C = \text{unbox } t \ p$ then we have

$$\vdash t : \text{Circ}(W_1, W) \quad \text{and} \quad Q \Rightarrow p : W_1.$$

If C steps by a structural rule with $t \longrightarrow t'$, then by the inductive hypothesis we have $\vdash t' : \text{Circ}(W_1, W)$, and so $\vdash Q \vdash \text{unbox } t' \ p : W$. If it steps via the β rule, then $t = \text{box } p' \Rightarrow N$, and so by inversion we know there is some $Q' \Rightarrow p' : W_1$ such that $\vdash Q' \vdash N : W_2$. By the substitution lemma (Lemma 4), we have that $\vdash Q \vdash N \{p/p'\} : W$ as expected.

(b) Suppose C is $p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0$, where $Q = Q_1, Q_0$ and

$$Q_1 \Rightarrow p_1 : W_1 \quad \Omega_2 \Rightarrow p_2 : W_2 \quad \vdash \Omega_2, Q_0 \vdash C_0 : W.$$

If C steps via a structural rule on C_0 , the result is straightforward from the induction hypothesis. Otherwise, it steps via an η -expansion:

$$p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0 \Longrightarrow p'_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0 \{p'_2/p_2\}$$

where $Q_2 \Rightarrow p'_2 : W_1$. By Lemma 4 we know $\vdash Q_2, Q \vdash C_0 \{p'_2/p_2\} : W$, and so $\vdash Q_1, Q \vdash p'_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0 \{p'_2/p_2\} : W$.

(c) Finally, suppose $C = p \leftarrow C_1; C_2$, where $Q = Q_1, Q_2$ and

$$\vdash Q_1 \vdash C_1 : W' \quad \Omega \Rightarrow p : W' \quad \vdash \Omega, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W$$

If C steps via a structural rule, the result is immediate. If it steps via a β -rule, then $C_1 = \text{output } p'$, and by inversion, $Q_1 \Rightarrow p' : W$. By Lemma 4, we have $\vdash Q_1, Q_2 \vdash C' \{p'/p\} : W'$.

If $C_1 = p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0$ such that

$$p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 \Longrightarrow p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2$$

by a commuting conversion, then by inversion we have $Q_1 = Q'_1, Q_0$ where $g \in \mathcal{G}(W_1, W_2)$, $Q'_1 \Rightarrow p_1 : W_1$, $\Omega'_2 \Rightarrow p_2 : W_2$, and $\vdash \Omega'_2, Q_0 \vdash C_0 : W'$. Then $\vdash \Omega'_2, Q_0, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C_0; C_2 : W$ and so

$$\vdash Q'_1, Q_0, Q_2 \vdash p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2 : W.$$

If $C_1 = x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; C_0$ such that

$$p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 \Longrightarrow x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2$$

by a commuting conversion, then by inversion we have $Q_1 = Q_0, Q'$ such that $Q_0 \Rightarrow p' : W_0$ and $x : |W_0|$; $Q' \vdash C_0 : W'$. In that case, $x : |W_0|$; $Q', Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C_0; C_2 : W$ and so $\vdash Q_0, Q', Q_2 \vdash x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2 : W$.

□

Theorem 7 (Progress). *Suppose \longrightarrow_H satisfies progress with respect to the values v^H .*

1. If $\vdash t : A$ then either t is a value v^C or there is some t' such that $t \longrightarrow t'$.
2. If $\vdash C : W$ then either C is normal or there is some C' such that $C \Longrightarrow C'$.

Proof.

1. By the progress hypothesis for \longrightarrow_H , either $t = v^H$ for some v^H or there exists some t' such that $t \longrightarrow_H t'$ (in which case $t \longrightarrow t'$ as well). In first case however, t is either a value in the original host language (v), or $t = \text{box } p \Rightarrow C$, where

$$\frac{\Omega \Rightarrow p : W_1 \quad \vdash \Omega \vdash C : W_2}{\vdash \text{box } p \Rightarrow C : \text{Circ}(W_1, W_2)}$$

If p is not concrete for W_1 , then $\text{box } p \Rightarrow C$ can step via the η rule. If p is concrete, then by the inductive hypothesis, C is either normal already (in which case so is $\text{box } p \Rightarrow C$), or there is some C' such that $C \Longrightarrow C'$. In that case, $\text{box } p \Rightarrow C \longrightarrow_b \text{box } p \Rightarrow C'$.

2. By induction on the typing judgment of C .

(a) If the last rule in the derivation is

$$\frac{\vdash t : \text{Circ}(W_1, W_2) \quad Q \Rightarrow p : W_1}{\vdash Q \vdash \text{unbox } t \ p : W_2}$$

then by the inductive hypothesis, either t can take a step to some t' , or t is a value of the form $\text{box } p' \Rightarrow N$. In the first case, $\text{unbox } t \ p \Longrightarrow \text{unbox } t' \ p$, and in the second case, $\text{unbox } t \ p \Longrightarrow N \{p'/p\}$.

(b) Next, suppose the last rule in the derivation is

$$\frac{g \in \mathcal{G}(W_1, W_2) \quad Q_1 \Rightarrow p_1 : W_1 \quad \Omega_2 \Rightarrow p_2 : W_2 \quad ; \Omega_2, Q \vdash C : W}{; Q_1, Q \vdash p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C : W}$$

If C is not concrete, then $p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C$ can step via an η rule. Otherwise, C is either normal, in which case $p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C$ is also normal, or C can take a step, in which case so can $p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C$ by the structural rule.

(c) Suppose the circuit is

$$\frac{; Q_1 \vdash C : W \quad \Omega_0 \Rightarrow p : W \quad ; \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C' : W'}{; Q_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C; C' : W'}$$

By the inductive hypothesis, either C can take a step, in which case so can $p \leftarrow C; C'$, or C is normal. The following chart covers these remaining cases: if C is the normal circuit in the first column, then $p \leftarrow C; C'$ steps to the circuit in the second column.

$$\begin{array}{cc} \text{output } p' & C' \{p'/p\} \\ p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0 & p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; p \leftarrow C_0; C' \\ x \leftarrow \text{lift } p_0; C_0 & x \leftarrow \text{lift } p_0; p \leftarrow C_0; C' \end{array}$$

□

Theorem 8 (Normalization). *Suppose that \rightarrow_H is strongly normalizing with respect to v^H .*

1. *If $\vdash t : A$, there exists some value v^c such that $t \rightarrow^* v^c$.*
2. *If $; Q \vdash C : W$, there exists some normal circuit N such that $C \Rightarrow^* N$.*

Proof. By induction on the number of constructors in the term and circuit.

1. By the normalization property for \rightarrow_H , there is some value v^c such that $t \rightarrow_H^* v^c$. This value v^c is either a regular host language value v , in which case we are done, or it is some uninterpreted boxed circuit $\text{box } (p : W) \Rightarrow C$. If p is concrete with respect to W , then by the inductive hypothesis, there is some N such that $C \Rightarrow^* N$, and so $\text{box } p \Rightarrow C \rightarrow^* \text{box } p \Rightarrow N$.

If p is not concrete, then by an η -expansion, there is some p' that is concrete for W and $\text{box } p \Rightarrow C \rightarrow_b \text{box } p' \Rightarrow C \{p'/p\}$. By induction we know that $C \{p'/p\}$ normalizes (since the number of constructors in $C \{p'/p\}$ is the same as the number in C), and thus so does $\text{box } p \Rightarrow C$.

2. If C is an output or lifting circuit then it is already normal. If C is an unboxing operator of the form

$$\frac{\vdash t : \text{Circ}(W_1, W_2) \quad Q \Rightarrow p : W_1}{; Q \vdash \text{unbox } t \ p : W_2}$$

then by the inductive hypothesis, there is some $\text{box } p' \Rightarrow N$ such that $t \rightarrow^* \text{box } p' \Rightarrow N$, so $\text{unbox } t \ p \rightarrow^* N \{p/p'\}$, which is also normal.

Next, consider a gate application:

$$\frac{g \in \mathcal{G}(W_1, W_2) \quad Q_1 \Rightarrow p_1 : W_1 \quad \Omega_2 \Rightarrow p_2 : W_2 \quad ; \Omega_2, Q \vdash C : W}{; Q_1, Q \vdash p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C : W}$$

Again, if C is concrete, it normalizes by the inductive hypothesis; otherwise there is some $Q_2 \Rightarrow p'_2 : W_2$ where $C \{p'_2/p_2\}$ normalizes to some N , in which case $p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C \Rightarrow^* p'_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; N$.

Finally, consider a composition operator:

$$\frac{; Q_1 \vdash C : W \quad \Omega_0 \Rightarrow p : W \quad ; \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C' : W'}{; Q_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C; C' : W'}$$

By the inductive hypothesis, there is some N such that $C \Rightarrow^* N$. If $N = \text{output } p'$, then $p \leftarrow C; C' \Rightarrow^* C' \{p'/p\}$, which normalizes by the inductive hypothesis for C' . If $N = p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0$, then $p \leftarrow C_0; C'$ normalizes to some N' by the inductive hypothesis, and so

$$p \leftarrow C; C' \Rightarrow^* p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; N'$$

Finally, if $N = x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; C_0$, then

$$p \leftarrow C; C' \Rightarrow x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; p \leftarrow C_0; C',$$

which is immediately normal. □

Appendix B Soundness of denotational semantics

Theorem 11 (Soundness). *If $; Q \vdash C : W$ and $C \Rightarrow C'$, then*

$$\llbracket Q \vdash C : W \rrbracket = \llbracket Q \vdash C' : W \rrbracket.$$

Proof. By induction on the typing judgment.

If C is

$$\frac{; Q' \vdash C : W \quad \pi : Q \equiv Q'}{; Q \vdash C : W}$$

and $C \Rightarrow C'$, then by the inductive hypothesis,

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket Q \vdash C : W \rrbracket &= \llbracket Q' \vdash C : W \rrbracket \circ [\pi]^* \\ &= \llbracket Q' \vdash C' : W \rrbracket \circ [\pi]^* = \llbracket Q \vdash C' : W \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

If

$$\frac{\vdash t : \text{Circ}(W_1, W_2) \quad Q \Rightarrow p : W_1}{; Q \vdash \text{unbox } t \ p : W_2}$$

and the circuit steps by a structural rule with $t \rightarrow t'$, then, assuming HOST is strongly normalizing we have some $\text{box } p' \Rightarrow N$ such that $t, t' \rightarrow^* \text{box } p' \Rightarrow N$. Then

$$\llbracket Q \vdash \text{unbox } t \ p : W_2 \rrbracket = \llbracket Q \vdash \text{unbox } t' \ p : W_2 \rrbracket = \llbracket Q \vdash N : W_2 \rrbracket$$

Suppose

$$\frac{g \in \mathcal{G}(W_1, W_2) \quad Q_1 \Rightarrow p_1 : W_1 \quad \Omega_2 \Rightarrow p_2 : W_2 \quad ; \Omega_2, Q \vdash C : W}{; Q_1, Q \vdash p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C : W}$$

If the circuit steps via a structural rule, the result is immediate. If it steps via an η rule to $p'_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C \{p'_2/p_2\}$, then the result follows from the fact that $\llbracket C \{p'_2/p_2\} \rrbracket = \llbracket C \rrbracket$ (Lemma 10).

Next, consider

$$\frac{; Q_1 \vdash C_1 : W \quad \Omega_0 \Rightarrow p : W \quad ; \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W'}{; Q_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 : W'}$$

If the circuit steps via a structural rule, the result follows immediately. Otherwise, we know C_1 is normal, and the circuit stepped via a β or commuting conversion rule. We proceed by a further case analysis on the typing judgment of C_1 .

For a permutation rule $\pi : Q_1 \equiv Q'_1$, by induction we know that

$$\llbracket Q'_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 : W' \rrbracket = \llbracket Q'_1, Q_2 \vdash C' : W' \rrbracket$$

But then

$$\begin{aligned} &\llbracket Q_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 : W' \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket Q_1 \vdash C_1 : W \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ ((\llbracket Q'_1 \vdash C_1 : W \rrbracket \circ [\pi]^*) \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket Q'_1 \vdash C_1 : W \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ ([\pi] \otimes \mathbf{I})^* \\ &= \llbracket Q'_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ ([\pi] \otimes \mathbf{I})^* \\ &= \llbracket Q_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 : W' \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

For $C_1 = \text{output } p'$ with $Q_1 \Rightarrow p' : W$, where

$$p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 \Longrightarrow C_2 \{p'/p\},$$

we know

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket Q_1, Q_2 \vdash p \leftarrow \text{output } p'; C_2 : W' \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket Q_1 \vdash \text{output } p' : W \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\mathbf{I}^* \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket = \llbracket Q_1, Q_2 \vdash C_2 \{p'/p\} : W' \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

by Lemma 10.

If C_1 is

$$\frac{Q'_1 \Rightarrow p_1 : W_1 \quad g \in \mathcal{G}(W_1, W_2) \quad \Omega_2 \Rightarrow p_2 : W_2 \quad ; \Omega_2, Q' \vdash C_0 : W}{; Q'_1, Q' \vdash p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0 : W}$$

and steps via a commuting conversion

$$p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 \Longrightarrow p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket Q'_1, Q' \vdash p \leftarrow (p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0); C_2 : W' \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket Q'_1, Q' \vdash p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; C_0 : W \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ ((\llbracket \Omega_2, Q' \vdash C_0 : W \rrbracket \otimes (\llbracket g \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*)) \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket \Omega_2, Q' \vdash C_0 : W \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ (\llbracket g \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^* \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_2, Q' \vdash p \leftarrow C_0; C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket g \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket Q'_1, Q' \vdash p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2 : W' \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if C_1 is

$$\frac{Q_0 \Rightarrow p_0 : W_0 \quad x : |W_0|; Q' \vdash C_0 : W}{; Q_0, Q' \vdash x \leftarrow \text{lift } p_0; C_0 : W}$$

and steps via a commuting conversion

$$p \leftarrow C_1; C_2 \Longrightarrow x \leftarrow \text{lift } p_0; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} & \llbracket Q_0, Q' \vdash p \leftarrow (x \leftarrow \text{lift } p_0; C_0); C_2 : W' \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket \Omega_0, Q_2 \vdash C_2 : W' \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket Q_0, Q' \vdash x \leftarrow \text{lift } p_0; C_0 : W \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ \left(\left(\sum_{\vdash w|W_0|} \llbracket Q' \vdash C_0 \{v/x\} : W \rrbracket \circ ([v : |W_0|]^\dagger \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \right) \otimes \mathbf{I}^* \right) \\ &= \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ \sum_{\vdash w|W_0|} \left((\llbracket Q' \vdash C_0 \{v/x\} : W \rrbracket \circ ([v : |W_0|]^\dagger \otimes \mathbf{I}^*)) \otimes \mathbf{I}^* \right) \\ &= \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ \sum_{\vdash w|W_0|} (\llbracket C_0 \{v/x\} \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ ([v : |W_0|]^\dagger \otimes \mathbf{I}^* \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \sum_{\vdash w|W_0|} \llbracket C_2 \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket C_0 \{v/x\} \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ ([v : |W_0|]^\dagger \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \sum_{\vdash w|W_0|} \llbracket p \leftarrow C_0 \{v/x\}; C_2 \rrbracket \circ ([v : |W_0|]^\dagger \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \\ &= \llbracket x \leftarrow \text{lift } p_0; p \leftarrow C_0; C_2 \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

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Appendix C Correctness of circuit case analysis

Theorem 12. For all terms t of type $\text{ICirc } W_1 \ W_2$ and c of type $\text{Circ}(W_1, W_2)$, we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{toICirc } (\text{fromICirc } t) &= t \\ \text{fromICirc } (\text{toICirc } c) &= c \end{aligned}$$

Proof.

1. Start with case analysis on $t : \text{ICirc } W_1 \ W_2$. If $t = \text{Output } p$, then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{toICirc } (\text{fromICirc } (\text{Output } p)) \\ &= \text{toICirc } (\text{box } w \Rightarrow \text{output } (\text{unpat } p \ w)) \\ &= \text{Output } (\text{pat } w \Rightarrow \text{unpat } p \ w) \end{aligned}$$

When $p = \text{pat } p_1 \Rightarrow p_2$, then we have

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{pat } w \Rightarrow \text{unpat } p \ w) = (\text{pat } p_1 \Rightarrow \text{unpat } p \ p_1) \\ &= \text{pat } p_1 \Rightarrow p_2 = p \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{If } t = \text{Output } p \ g \ c \text{ then} \\ & \text{toICirc } (\text{fromICirc } (\text{Gate } p \ g \ c)) \\ &= \text{toICirc } (\text{box } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (w_1, w_0)) \Rightarrow \\ & \quad w_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ w_1; \text{unbox } c \ (w_2, w_0)) \\ &= \text{Gate } (\text{pat } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (w_1, w_0)) \Rightarrow (w_1, w_0)) \\ & \quad g \ (\text{box } (w_2, w_0) \Rightarrow \text{unbox } c \ (w_2, w_0)) \end{aligned}$$

By η expansion it is clear that

$$\text{box } (w_2, w_0) \Rightarrow \text{unbox } c \ (w_2, w_0) = c,$$

and furthermore we have

$$\text{pat } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (w_1, w_0)) \Rightarrow (w_1, w_0) = p :$$

Suppose $p = \text{pat } p_1 \Rightarrow (p_1', p_0)$. In general, notice that $\text{pat } p_0 \Rightarrow p'_0 = \text{pat } p_0 \{p'/p\} \Rightarrow p'_0 \{p'/p\}$ for any compatible substitution. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{pat } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (w_1, w_0)) \Rightarrow (w_1, w_0) \\ &= \text{pat } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (p_1', p_0)) \Rightarrow (p_1', p_0) \\ &= (\text{pat } p_1 \Rightarrow (p_1', p_0)) = p \end{aligned}$$

as expected.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Next, suppose } t = \text{Lift } p \ f. \text{ Then} \\ & \text{toICirc } (\text{fromICirc } (\text{Lift } p \ f)) \\ &= \text{toICirc } (\text{box } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (w, w')) \Rightarrow \\ & \quad x \leftarrow \text{lift } w; \text{unbox } (f \ x) \ w') \\ &= \text{Lift } (\text{pat } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (w, w')) \Rightarrow (w, w')) \\ & \quad (\text{fun } x \Rightarrow \text{box } w' \Rightarrow \text{unbox } (f \ x) \ w') \end{aligned}$$

As we saw in the case for Gate's,

$$(\text{pat } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } p) \ (w, w')) \Rightarrow (w, w')) = p,$$

and by η -expansion,

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{fun } x \Rightarrow (\text{box } w' \Rightarrow \text{unbox } (f \ x) \ w') \\ &= (\text{fun } x \Rightarrow f \ x) = f \end{aligned}$$

2. Next, by case analysis on N where $c = \text{box } p \Rightarrow N$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{If } N = \text{output } p' \text{ for some pattern } p', \text{ then} \\ & \text{fromICirc } (\text{toICirc } (\text{box } p \Rightarrow \text{output } p')) \\ &= \text{fromICirc } (\text{Output } (\text{pat } p \Rightarrow p')) \\ &= \text{box } w \Rightarrow \text{output } (\text{unpat } (\text{pat } p \Rightarrow p') \ w) \\ &= \text{box } p \Rightarrow \text{output } (\text{unpat } (\text{pat } p \Rightarrow p') \ p) \\ &= \text{box } p \Rightarrow p'. \end{aligned}$$

If $N = p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; N'$, then let p_0 be the pattern corresponding to the intermediate context Ω_0 . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{fromICirc } (\text{toICirc } (\text{box } p \Rightarrow (p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; N'))) \\ &= \text{fromICirc } (\text{Gate } (\text{pat } p \Rightarrow (p_1, p_0)) \ g \ (\text{box } (p_2, p_0) \Rightarrow N')) \\ &= \text{box } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } (\text{pat } p \Rightarrow (p_1, p_0))) \ (w_1, w_0)) \Rightarrow \\ & \quad w_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ w_1; \text{unbox } (\text{box } (p_2, p_0) \Rightarrow N') \ (w_2, w_0) \\ &= \text{box } (\text{unpat } (\text{pat } (p_1, p_0) \Rightarrow p) \ (p_1, p_0)) \Rightarrow \\ & \quad p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; \text{unbox } (\text{box } (p_2, p_0) \Rightarrow N') \ (p_2, p_0) \\ &= \text{box } p \Rightarrow (p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; N') \end{aligned}$$

Finally, if $N = (x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; N')$, then let p_0 be the pattern corresponding to the intermediate context Ω_0 . Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{fromICirc } (\text{toICirc } (\text{box } p \Rightarrow (x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; N'))) \\ &= \text{fromICirc } (\text{Lift } (\text{pat } p \Rightarrow (p', p_0)) \ (\text{fun } x \Rightarrow \text{box } p_0 \Rightarrow N')) \\ &= \text{box } (\text{unpat } (\text{reverse-pat } (\text{pat } p \Rightarrow (p', p_0))) \ (w', w_0)) \Rightarrow \\ & \quad x \leftarrow \text{lift } w'; \text{unbox } ((\text{fun } x \Rightarrow \text{box } p_0 \Rightarrow N') \ x) \ w_0 \\ &= \text{box } (\text{unpat } (\text{pat } (p', p_0) \Rightarrow p) \ (p', p_0)) \Rightarrow \\ & \quad x \leftarrow \text{lift } p'; \text{unbox } (\text{box } p_0 \Rightarrow N') \ p_0 \end{aligned}$$

= box p => (x <= lift p'; N')

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Appendix D Correctness of Circuit Reversal

To prove the circuit reversal operation `reverse c` is semantically correct, we assume that the `reverse_gate` operation is also correct; in other words, assume that `reverse_gate g = Some g'` implies $\llbracket g \rrbracket \circ \llbracket g' \rrbracket = \mathbf{I}^* = \llbracket g' \rrbracket \circ \llbracket g \rrbracket$. Then we can prove the following theorem:

Theorem 13. *If `reverse c = Some c'` then*

$$\llbracket c \rrbracket \circ \llbracket c' \rrbracket = \mathbf{I}^* \quad \text{and} \quad \llbracket c' \rrbracket \circ \llbracket c \rrbracket = \mathbf{I}^*.$$

Proof. Notice that $\llbracket \text{inSeq } c \ c' \rrbracket = \llbracket c' \rrbracket \circ \llbracket c \rrbracket$.

If $c = \text{box } p \Rightarrow \text{output } p'$ then it must be the case that $c' = \text{box } p' \Rightarrow \text{output } p$. In that case we have $\llbracket c \rrbracket = \llbracket c' \rrbracket = \mathbf{I}^*$.

Otherwise, it must be the case that $c = \text{box } p \Rightarrow p_2 \leftarrow \text{gate } g \ p_1; N$; we can assume that `reverse (box (p2, p0) ⇒ N) = Some c''` and `reverse_gate g = Some g'`. Then

```
c' = box w => (p2,w') <- unbox c'' w;
               p1      <- gate g' p2;
               output (p1,w')
```

In this case, $\llbracket c \rrbracket = \llbracket N \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket g \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket c' \rrbracket &= \llbracket \text{output } (p_1, w') \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket g' \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ \llbracket c'' \rrbracket \\ &= (\llbracket g' \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ \llbracket c'' \rrbracket \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket c \rrbracket \circ \llbracket c' \rrbracket &= \llbracket N \rrbracket \circ (\llbracket g \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ (\llbracket g' \rrbracket \otimes \mathbf{I}^*) \circ \llbracket c'' \rrbracket \\ &= \llbracket N \rrbracket \circ \llbracket c'' \rrbracket = \mathbf{I}^* \end{aligned}$$

by the inductive hypothesis, and similarly for the other direction. □

As a corollary, we have

Corollary. *If `reverse c1 = Some c'1` and `reverse c2 = Some c'2` then $\llbracket c'_1 \rrbracket = \llbracket c'_2 \rrbracket$.*

We assert that syntactic version of this corollary is also true, namely that c'_1 is operationally equivalent to c'_2 , but we leave its proof to future work.