

A Mechanized Theory of Concurrency

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1 Introduction

For this master’s thesis, I have developed a formal semantics of a concurrent language, an initial formal analysis, along with related theorems and formal proofs. The language under analysis is a very simplified version of *Concurrent ML* [?]. The formal analysis recasts an analysis with informal proofs developed by Reppy and Xiao [?]. It categorizes communication described by programs into simple topologies. One description of topologies is static; that is, it describes topologies in terms of the finite structure of programs. Another description is dynamic; that is, it describes topologies in terms of running a program for an arbitrary number of steps. The main formal theorem states that the static analysis is sound with respect to the dynamic analysis. Two versions of the static analysis have been developed so far; one with lower precision, and one with higher precision. The higher precision analysis is closer to the work by Reppy and Xiao, but contains many more details making it more challenging to prove formally than the lower precision analysis. The proofs for the soundness theorem of the lower precision analysis have been mechanically verified using Isabelle [?], while the higher precision analysis is currently under development. Indeed, one of the motivations for implementing the analysis in a mechanical setting is to enable gradual extension of analysis and language without introducing uncaught bugs in the definitions or proofs. The definitions used in this formal theory differ significantly from that of Reppy and Xiao, in order to aid formal reasoning. Thus, recasting Reppy and Xiao’s work was far more nuanced than a straightforward syntactic transliteration. Although the definitions are structurally quite different, their philosophical equivalence is hopefully apparent. In this formal theory, the dynamic semantics of Concurrent ML is an instance of a CEK machine. The static semantics is an instance of OCFA [?], defined in terms of constraints [?].

2 Concurrent Language

In programing languages, concurrency is a program structuring technique that allows evaluation steps to hop back and forth between disjoint syntactic structures within a program. It is useful when conceptually distinct tasks need to overlap in time, but are easier to understand if they are written as distinct structures within the program. Concurrent languages may also allow the evaluation order between steps of terms to be nondeterministic. If it’s not necessary for tasks to be ordered in a precise way, then it may be better to allow a static or dynamic scheduler pick the most efficient execution order. A common use case for concurrent languages is for programs that interact with humans, in which a program has to process various requests while remaining responsive to subsequent user inputs, and it must continually provide the user feedback with latest information it has processed.

Concurrent ML is a particularly elegant concurrent programing language. It features threads, which are pieces of code allowed to have a wide range of evaluation orders relative to code encapsulated in other threads. Its synchronization mechanism can mandate the execution order between parts of separate threads. It is often the case that synchronization is necessary when data is shared. Thus, in *Concurrent ML*,

synchronization is inherent in communication. Additional threads can be spawned in order to share data asynchronously, which can provide better usability or performance under some circumstances [].

Threads communicate by having shared access to a common channel. A channel can be used to either send data or receive data. When a thread sends on a channel, another thread must receive on the same channel before the sending thread can continue. Likewise, when a thread receives on a channel, another thread must send on the same channel before the receiving thread can continue.

```
type thread_id
val spawn : (unit -> unit) -> thread_id

type 'a chan
val channel : unit -> 'a chan
val recv : 'a chan -> 'a
val send : ('a chan * 'a) -> unit
```

A given channel can have any arbitrary number of threads sending or receiving data on it over the course of the program's execution. A simple example, derived from Reppy's book *Concurrent Programming in ML* [?], illustrates these essential features.

The implementation of `Serv` defines a server that holds a number in its state. When a client gives the server a number v , the server gives back the number in its state, and updates its state with the number v . The next client request will get the number v , and so on. Essentially, a request and reply is equivalent to reading and writing a mutable cell in isolation. The function `make` makes a new server, by creating a new channel `reqCh`, and a loop `loop` which listens for requests. The loop expects the request to be composed of a number v and a channel `replCh`. It sends its current state's number on `replCh` and updates the loop's state with the request's number v , by calling the loop with a new that number. The server is created with a new thread with the initial state 0 by calling `spawn (fn () => loop 0)`. The request channel is returned as the handle to the server. The function `call` makes a request to the passed in server `server` with a number v and returns a number from the server. Internally, it extracts the request channel `reqCh` from the server handle and creates a new channel `replCh`. It makes a request to the server with the number v and the reply channel `replCh` by calling `send (reqCh, (v, replCh))`. Then it receives the reply with the new number by calling `recv replCh`.

```
signature SERV =
sig
  type serv
  val make : unit -> serv
  val call : serv * int -> int
end

structure Serv : SERV =
struct
  datatype serv = S of (int * int chan) channel
```

```

fun make () =
let
  val reqCh = channel ()
  fun loop state = let
    val (v, replCh) = recv reqCh
    val () = send (replCh, state)
    in loop v
  end
  val () = spawn (fn () => loop 0)
in
  S reqCh
end

fun call (server, v) =
let
  val S reqCh = server
  val replCh = channel ()
  val () = send (reqCh, (v, replCh))
in
  recv replCh
end

end

```

Concurrent ML actually allows for events other than sending and receiving to occur during synchronization. In fact, the synchronization mechanism is decoupled from events, like sending and receiving, much in the same way that function application is decoupled from function function. Sending and receiving events are represented by `sendEvt` and `recvEvt` and synchronization is represented by `sync`.

```

type 'a event
val sync : 'a event -> 'a

val recvEvt : 'a chan -> 'a event
val sendEvt : 'a channel * 'a -> unit event

fun send (ch, v) = sync (sendEvt (ch, v))
fun recv v = sync (recvEvt v)

```

An advantageous consequence of decoupling synchronization from events, is that events can be combined with other events via event combinators, and synchronized on exactly once. One such event combinator is `choose`, which constructs a new event consisting of two constituent events, such that when synchronized on, exactly one of the two events may take effect. There are many other useful combinators, such as the `wrap` and `guard` combinators designed by Reppy[8]. Additionally, Donnelly and Fluet extended *Concurrent ML* with the `thenEvt` combinator described in their work on transactional events [?]. Transactional events enable more robust structuring of programs by allowing non-isolated code to be turned into isolated code via the `thenEvt` combinator, rather than duplicating code with the addition of stronger isolation. When the event constructed by the `thenEvt` combinator is synchronized

on, either all of its constituent events and functions evaluate in isolation, or none evaluates.

```
val choose : 'a event * 'a event -> 'a event
val thenEvt : 'a event * ('a -> 'b event) -> 'b event
```

3 Synchronization

Synchronization of sending threads and receiving threads requires determining which threads should wait, and which threads should be dispatched. The greater the information needed to determine this scheduling, the higher the performance penalty. A uniprocessor implementation of synchronization can have very little penalty. Since only one thread can make progress at a time, only one thread requests synchronization at a time, meaning the scheduler won't waste steps checking for threads competing for the same synchronization opportunity, before dispatching. A multiprocessor implementation, on the other hand, must consider that competing threads may exist, therefore perform additional checks. Additionally, there may be overhead in sharing data between processors due to memory hierarchy designs [].

One way to lower synchronization and communication costs is to use specialized implementations for channels that never have more than one thread ever sending or receiving on them. These specialized implementations would avoid unnecessary checks for competing threads. Concurrent ML does not feature multiple kinds of channels distinguished by their communication topologies, i.e. the number of threads that may end up sending or receiving on the channels. However, channels can be classified into various topologies simply by counting the number of threads per channel during the execution of a program. A many-to-many channel has any number of sending threads and receiving threads; a one-to-many channel has at most one sending thread and any number of receiving threads; a many-to-one channel has any number of sending threads and at most one receiving thread; a one-to-one channel has one or none of each; a one-shot channel has exactly one sending attempt.

The following reimplementation of `Serv` is annotated to indicate the communication topologies derived from its usage. Since there are four threads that make calls to the server, the server's particular `reqCh` has four senders. Servers are created with only one thread listening for requests, so the `reqCh` of this server has just one receiver. So the server's `reqCh` is classified as many-to-one. Each application of `call` creates a distinct new channel `replCh` for receiving data. The function `call` receives on the channel once and the server sends on the channel once, so each instance of `replCh` is one-shot.

```
val server = Serv.make ()
val () = spawn (fn () => Serv.call (server, 35))
val () =
  spawn
    (fn () =>
      Serv.call (server, 12);
      Serv.call (server, 13))
```

```

)
val () = spawn (fn () => Serv.call (server, 81))
val () = spawn (fn () => Serv.call (server, 44))

structure Serv : SERV =
struct

  datatype serv = S of (int * int chan) channel

  fun make () =
  let
    val reqCh = ManyToOne.channel ()
    fun loop state = let
      val (v, replCh) = ManyToOne.recv reqCh
      val () = OneShot.send (replCh, state)
      in loop v
    end
    val () = spawn (fn () => loop 0)
  in
    S reqCh
  end

  fun call (server, v) =
  let
    val S reqCh = server
    val replCh = OneShot.channel ()
    val () = ManyToOne.send (reqCh, (v, replCh))
  in
    OneShot.recv replCh
  end

end

```

4 Implementations of Synchronization

Some hypothetical implementations of specialized and generic Concurrent ML illustrate opportunities for cheaper synchronization. These implementations use feasible low-level thread-centric features such as wait and poll. The thread-centric approach allows us to focus on optimizations common to many implementations by decoupling the implementation of communication features from thread scheduling and management. However, a lower level view or scheduler-centric view of synchronization might offer more opportunities for optimization.

In a language with low-level support for concurrency, Concurrent ML could be implemented as a library, which is the case for SML/NJ [1] and MLton [2]. It could also be implemented by a compiler and runtime or interpreter. Thus, the implementations shown here can be viewed either as a library or as an intermediate representation within a compiler or interpreter presented with concrete syntax.

```

signature CHANNEL =
sig
  type 'a channel
  val channel : unit -> 'a chan
  val send : 'a channel * 'a -> unit
  val recv : 'a chan -> 'a
end

```

The benefits of specialization would be much more significant in multiprocessor implementations than in uniprocessor implementations. A uniprocessor implementation could avoid overhead caused by contention to acquire locks, by coupling the implementation of channels with scheduling and only scheduling the sending and receiving operations when no other pending operations have yet to start or have already finished. Reppy's implementation of Concurrent ML uses SML/NJ's first class continuations to implement scheduling and communication as one with very low overhead. In contrast, a multiprocessor implementation would allow threads to run on different processors for increased parallelism, therefore it would not be able to mandate when threads attempt synchronization relative to others without losing the parallel advantage. The cost of trying to achieve parallelism is increased overhead due to contention over acquiring synchronization rights.

4.1 Many-to-many Synchronization

A channel can be in one of three states. Either some threads are trying to send on it, some threads are trying to receive on it, or no threads are trying to send or receive on it. Additionally a channel is composed of a mutex lock, so that sending and receiving operations can yield to each other when updating the channel state. When multiple threads are trying to send on a channel, the channel is associated with a queue consisting of messages to be sent, along with conditions waited on by sending threads. When multiple threads are trying to receive on a channel, the channel is associated with a queue consisting of initially empty cells that are accessible by receiving threads and conditions waited on by the receiving threads. The channel content holds one of three potential states and their associated content of queues and conditions. The channel is composed of the channel content and also a mutex lock that regulates access to the channel content.

The sending operation acquires the channel's lock to ensure that it updates the channel based on its current state. If the channel is in the receiving state, i.e. there are threads trying to receive from the channel, then the sending operation dequeues an item from the state's associated queue. The item consists of a condition waited on by a receiving thread and an empty cell that can be accessed by the receiving thread. The sending operation deposits the message in the cell and signals on the receiving state's condition. Then, if there are no further receiving threads waiting, it updates the channel's state to inactive; otherwise, it leaves the state in the receiving state. Next, it releases the lock, signals on the receiving state's condition and returns the unit value.

If there are no threads receiving on the channel, the sending operation updates the channel state to the sending state, and enqueues a condition and the message.

It releases the lock and waits on the enqueued condition. Once a receiving thread signals on the same condition, the sending operation returns with the unit value.

The receiving operation acquires the channel's lock to ensure that it updates the channel based on its current state. If there are threads sending on the channel, the receiving operation dequeues an item from the sending state's associated queue. The item consists of a condition waited on by a sending thread along with a message. The receiving operation signals on the sending state's condition. If there are no further sending threads waiting, it updates the channel's state to inactive; otherwise, it leaves the state in the sending state. Next, it releases the lock and returns the message from the sending state. If there are no sending threads on the channel, the receiving operation updates the channel state to the receiving state, and enqueues a new condition `recvCond` and an empty cell. It releases the lock and waits on its condition `recvCond`. Once a sending thread signals on its condition, the receiving operation returns with the value deposited in its cell.

```

structure ManyToManyChan : CHANNEL =
struct
  type message_queue = 'a option ref queue

  datatype 'a chan_content =
    Send of (condition * 'a) queue
  | Recv of (condition * 'a option ref) queue
  | Inac

  datatype 'a channel =
    Chn of 'a chan_content ref * mutex_lock

  fun channel () = Chn (ref Inac, mutexLock ())

  fun send (Chn (conRef, lock)) m =
    acquire lock;
    (case !conRef of
      Recv q =>
        let
          val (recvCond, msgCell) = dequeue q
          val () = msgCell := Some m
          val () = if (isEmpty q) then conRef := Inac else ()
        in
          release lock; signal recvCond; ()
        end
    | Send q =>
        let
          val sendCond = condition ()
          val () = enqueue (q, (sendCond, m))
        in
          release lock; wait sendCond; ()
        end
    | Inac =>

```



```

    let
      val sendCond = condition () in
      val () = conRef := Send (queue [(sendCond, m)])
    in
      release lock; wait sendCond; ()
    end
  )

fun recv (Chn (conRef, lock)) =
  acquire lock;
  (case !conRef of
    Send q =>
      let
        val (sendCond, m) = dequeue q

        val () =
          case (isEmpty q) of
            true => conRef := Inac
          | false => ()

      in
        release lock; signal sendCond; m
      end
    | Recv q =>
      let
        val recvCond = condition ()
        val msgCell = ref NONE
        val () = enqueue (q, (recvCond, msgCell))
        val () = release lock; wait recvCond
      in
        valOf (!msgCell)
      end
    | Inac =>
      let
        val recvCond = condition ()
        val msgCell = ref NONE
        val () = conRef := Recv (queue [(recvCond, msgCell)])
        val () = release lock; wait recvCond
      in
        valOf (!msgCell)
      end
    end
  )

end

```

4.2 One-to-many Synchronization

Implementation of one-to-many channels, compared to that of many-to-many channels, requires fewer steps to synchronize and can execute more steps outside of critical

regions, which reduces contention for locks. A channel is composed of a lock and one of three possible states, as is the case for many-to-many channels. However, the state of a thread trying to send only needs to be associated with one condition and one message, rather than a queue.

The sending operation starts by creating a condition `sendCond`, then checks if the channel's state is inactive and tries to use the compare-and-swap operator to transactionally update the state of the channel to a sending state. If successful, it simply waits on its condition `sendCond`. After the receiving thread signals on `sendCond`, the sending operation returns the unit value. If the transactional update fails and the state is that of threads trying to receive on the channel, then the sending operation acquires the lock, then dequeues an item from the associated queue where the item consists of a receiving condition `recvCond`, and a cell for depositing the message to the receiving thread. If there are no further items on the queue, the sending operation updates the state to inactive; otherwise, it leaves the state in the receiving state. Next, it releases the lock it, then signals on the receiving condition and returns the unit value.

The lock is acquired after the state is determined to be that of threads trying to receive, since the expectation is that the current thread is the only one that tries to update the channel from that state. If the communication topology analysis were incorrect and there were actually multiple threads that could call the sending operation, then there might be data races. Likewise, due to the expectation of a single thread sending on the channel, the sending operation will never witness the state in the sending state, which would mean another thread is in the process of sending a message.

The receiving operation acquires the lock and checks the state of the channel, just like the receiving operation for many-to-many channels. If the channel is in a state where there is no sending thread waiting, then it updates the state to receiving, behaving the same as the receiving operation of many-to-many channels. If there is already a sending thread waiting, then it updates the state to inactive and releases the lock. Then it signals on the sending state's condition and returns the message held in the sending state.

```

structure OneToManyChan : CHANNEL =
struct

    datatype 'a chan_content =
        Send of condition * 'a
      | Recv of (condition * 'a option ref) queue
      | Inac

    datatype 'a channel =
        Chn of 'a chan_content ref * mutex_lock

    fun channel () = Chn (ref Inac, mutexLock ())

    fun send (Chn (conRef, lock)) m =
    let
        val sendCond = condition ()

```

```

in
case (cas (conRef, Inac, Send (sendCond, m))) of
  Inac =>
    (* conRef is already set to sending state by cas *)
    wait sendCond; ()
| Recv q =>
  let
    (* the current thread is the only one that updates from this state
    *)
    val () = acquire lock
    val (recvCond, msgCell) = dequeue q
    val () = msgCell := SOME m
    val () =
      case (isEmpty q) of
        true => conRef := Inac
      | false => ()
  in
    release lock; signal (recvCond); ()
  end
| Send _ => raise NeverHappens
end

fun recv (Chn (conRef, lock)) =
  acquire lock;
  (case !conRef of
    Inac =>
      let
        val recvCond = condition ()
        val msgCell = ref NONE
        val () = conRef := Recv (queue [(recvCond, msgCell)])
        val () = release lock; wait recvCond
      in
        valOf (!msgCell)
      end
    | Recv q =>
      let
        val recvCond = condition ()
        val msgCell = ref NONE
        val () = enqueue (q, (recvCond, msgCell))
        val () = release lock; wait recvCond
      in
        valOf (!msgCell)
      end
  end
| Send (sendCond, m) =>
  conRef := Inac;
  release lock;
  signal sendCond;
  m
)

```

end

4.3 Many-to-one Synchronization

The implementation of many-to-one channels is very similar to that of one-to-many channels.

```
structure ManyToOneChan : CHANNEL =  
struct  
  
  datatype 'a chan_content =  
    Send of (condition * 'a) queue  
  | Recv of condition * 'a option ref  
  | Inac  
  
  datatype 'a channel =  
    Chn of 'a chan_content ref * mutex_lock  
  
  fun channel () = Chn (ref Inac, mutexLock ())  
  
  fun send (Chn (conRef, lock)) m =  
    acquire lock;  
    (case !conRef of  
      Recv (recvCond, msgCell) =>  
        msgCell := SOME m; conRef := Inac;  
        release lock; signal recvCond  
    | Send q =>  
      let  
        val sendCond = condition ()  
        val () = enqueue (q, (sendCond, m))  
      in  
        release lock; wait sendCond  
      end  
    | Inac =>  
      let  
        val sendCond = condition ()  
        val () = conRef := Send (queue [(sendCond, m)])  
      in  
        release lock; wait sendCond  
      end  
    )  
  
  fun recv (Chn (conRef, lock)) =  
    let  
      val recvCond = condition ()  
      val msgCell = ref NONE  
    in  
    case cas (conRef, Inac, Recv (recvCond, msgCell)) of  
      Inac =>
```

```

        (* conRef is already set to receiving state by cas *)
        wait recvCond; valOf (!msgCell)
    | Send q =>
        let
            (* the current thread is the only one that updates the state from
            this state *)
            val () = acquire lock
            val (sendCond, m) = dequeue q
            val () =
                case (isEmpty q) of
                    true => conRef := Inac
                | false => ()
        in
            release lock;
            signal sendCond;
            m
        end
    | Recv _ => raise NeverHappens
end
end

```

4.4 One-to-one Synchronization

A one-to-one channel can also be in one of three possible states, but there is no associated lock. Additionally, none of the states is associated a queue. Instead, the potential states are that of a thread trying to send, with a condition and a message, that of a thread trying to receive with a condition and an empty cell, or the inactive state.

The sending operation creates a condition `sendCond` and checks if the channel's state is inactive and tries to use the compare-and-swap operator to transactionally update the state of the channel to a sending state. If successful, it simply waits on its condition `sendCond`, then returns the unit value. If the transactional update fails and the state is a receiving state, then it deposits the message in the receiving state's associated cell, updates the channel state to inactive, then signals on the receiving state's condition and returns the unit value. If the communication analysis for the channel is truly one-to-one, then no other thread will be trying to update the state while in the receiving state, so no locks are necessary. Additionally, if the channel is truly one-on-one, the sending operation will never witness a preexisting sending state since it is running on the one and only sending thread.

The receiving operation creates a condition `recvCond` and an empty cell, then checks if the channel's state is inactive and tries to use the compare-and-swap operator to transactionally update the state of the channel to the receiving state. If successful, it simply waits on its condition `recvCond`. If the transactional update fails and the state is a sending state, then it updates the channel state to inactive, then signals on the sending state's condition and returns the message held in the sending state. If the communication analysis for the channel is truly one-to-one, then no other thread will be trying trying to send, so no locks are necessary. Additionally, if the channel

is truly one-to-one, the receiving operation will never witness a preexisting receiving state since it is running on the one and only receiving thread.

```

structure OneToOneChan : CHANNEL =
struct

  datatype 'a chan_content =
    Send of condition * 'a
  | Recv of condition * 'a option ref
  | Inac

  datatype 'a channel = Chn of 'a chan_content ref

  fun channel () = Chn (ref Inac)

  fun send (Chn conRef) m =
  let
    val sendCond = condition ()
  in
  case (cas (conRef, Inac, Send (sendCond, m))) of
    Inac =>
      (* conRef is already set to sending state by cas *)
      wait sendCond
    | Recv (recvCond, msgCell) =>
      (*
        the current thread is the only one that
        accesses conRef for this state
      *)
      msgCell := SOME m; conRef := Inac;
      signal recvCond
    | Send _ => raise NeverHappens
  end

  fun recv (Chn conRef) =
  let
    val recvCond = condition ()
    val msgCell = ref NONE
  in
  case (cas (conRef, Inac, Recv (recvCond, msgCell))) of
    Inac =>
      (* conRef is already set to receiving state by cas *)
      wait recvCond; valOf (!msgCell)
    | Send (sendCond, m) =>
      (*
        the current thread is the only one
        that accesses conRef for this state
      *)
      conRef := Inac;

```

```

        signal sendCond;
      m
    | Recv _ => raise NeverHappens
  end

end

```

4.5 One-shot Synchronization

A one-shot channel consists of the same possible states as a one-to-one channel, but is additionally associated with a mutex lock, to account for the fact that multiple threads may try to receive on the channel, even though only at most one message is ever sent.

The sending operation is like that of one-to-one channels, except that if the state is a receiving state, it simply deposits the message and signals on the receiving state's condition, without updating the channel's state to inactive, which would be unnecessary, since no further attempts to send are expected.

The receiving operation creates a condition `recvCond` and an empty cell, then checks if the channel's state is inactive and tries to use the compare-and-swap operator to transactionally update the state of the channel to the receiving state. If successful, it simply waits on its condition `recvCond`, then returns the message deposited in its cell. If the transactional update fails and the state is a sending state, then it acquires the lock, signals on the state's associated condition and returns the message held in the sending state. It never releases the lock, blocking any additional attempts to receive, which is fine if there is truly at most one message ever sent on the channel. If the state is a receiving state, then the receiving operation attempts to acquire the lock, but it will never actually acquire it since the thread associated with the receiving state will never release it.

```

structure OneShotChan : CHANNEL =
struct

  datatype 'a chan_content =
    Send of condition * 'a
  | Recv of condition * 'a option ref
  | Inac

  datatype 'a channel = Chn of 'a chan_content ref * mutex_lock

  fun channel () = Chn (ref Inac, lock ())

  fun send (Chn (conRef, lock)) m =
  let
    val sendCond = condition ()
  in
    case (conRef, Inac, Send (sendCond, m)) of
      Inac =>
        (* conRef is already set to sending state by cas *)
        wait sendCond; ()

```

```

| Recv (recvCond, msgCell) =>
    msgCell := SOME m; signal recvCond
| Send _ => raise NeverHappens
end

fun recv (Chn (conRef, lock)) =
let
    val recvCond = condition ()
    val msgCell = ref NONE
in
case (conRef, Inac, Recv (recvCond, msgCell)) of
    Inac =>
        (* conRef is already set to receiving state by cas*)
        wait recvCond; valOf (!msgCell)
    | Send (sendCond, m) =>
        acquire lock; signal sendCond;
        (* never releases lock, so blocks others forever *)
        m
    | Recv _ =>
        acquire lock;
        (* never able to acquire lock, so blocked forever *)
        raise NeverHappens
end

end

```

4.6 One-shot-to-one Synchronization

An even more restrictive version of a channel with at most one send could be used if it's determined that the number of receiving threads is at most one, such as `replCh` in the server example. The one-shot-to-one channel is composed of a possibly empty message cell, a condition for a sending thread to wait on, and a condition for a receiving thread to wait on.

The sending operation deposits the message in the cell, signals on the channel's condition `recvCond`, waits on the condition `sendCond`, and then returns the unit value. The receiving operation waits on `recvCond`, then signals on `sendCond`, then returns the deposited message.

```

structure OneShotToOneChan : CHANNEL =
struct

    datatype 'a channel =
        Chn of condition * condition * 'a option ref

    fun channel () =
        Chn (condition (), condition (), ref NONE)

    fun send (Chn (sendCond, recvCond, msgCell)) m =

```



```

msgCell := SOME m; signal recvCond;
wait sendCond; ()

fun recv (Chn (sendCond, recvCond, msgCell)) =
  wait recvCond; signal sendCond;
  valOf (!msgCell)

end

```

4.7 Discussion

The example implementations of generic synchronization and specialized synchronization suggest that cost savings of specialized implementation are significant. For example, if you know that a channel has at most one sending thread and one receiving thread, then you will lower synchronization costs by using an implementation that is specialized for one-to-one communication. To be certain that the new program with the specialized implementation behaves the same as the original program with the generic implementation, you need to be certain of three basic properties: that the specialized program behaves the same given one-to-one communication; that you have a procedure to determine the one-to-one communication topology, and that the relation between the procedure's input program and output topology upper bound is sound with respect to the semantics of the program.

Spending your energy to determine the topologies for each unique program and then verifying them for each program would be exhausting. Instead, you would probably rather have a generic procedure that can compute communication topologies for any program in a language, along with a proof that the procedure is sound with respect to the programming language.

This work discusses proofs that a static analysis to determine communication topologies is sound with respect to the dynamic semantics. Additionally, it would be important to have proofs that the above specialized implementations are equivalent to the many-to-many implementation under the assumption of particular communication topologies.

5 Formal Theory

The definitions and theorems of this work were constructed in the formal language of Isabelle/HOL, to enable mechanical verification of the correctness of the proofs. However, the formal logic used for presentation in this paper has been somewhat modified from Isabelle's syntax. To aid the development of formal proofs, the analyses are stated using relational specifications. The definitions of static relations are syntax-directed [], which provides strong evidence of computability. For a static relation, the proof that it holds for a program is defined to depend on the syntactic form of the program. The syntax is defined inductively, with syntactic forms constructed of substructures of the self-similar and different forms. Likewise, for the definitions of static relations to conform to the syntactic structure, the static relations are defined

to hold by structural induction on the program. Therefore, for any program, the static relation is decidable. Additionally, for any given program, there should be instances of the other parameters that satisfy the static relation, in which case there is an algorithm to compute sufficient parameters from a program, by following the basic structure of the proof of the static relation.

This work does not contain formal proofs that the specialized implementations are behaviorally equivalent to a generic implementation, but the example implementations should provide good evidence for that.

5.1 Syntax

The syntax used in this formal theory contains a very small subset of *Concurrent ML*'s features. The features include recursive function with application, left and right construction with pattern matching, pair construction with first and second selections, sending and receiving event construction with synchronization, channel creation, thread spawning, and the unit literal. The syntax is defined in a way to make it possible to relate the dynamic semantics of programs to the syntax programs. The syntax is defined in administrative normal form (ANF) [], in which every term is bound to a name. Furthermore, terms only accept names in place of eagerly evaluated inputs.

Restricting the grammar to ANF allows the operational semantics to maintain graph information by associating values succinct names. Maintaining the values' ties to the syntax, simplifies proofs of soundness, since they must relate dynamic evaluation information to static information based on the syntax.

Additionally, ANF melds nicely with the semantics of control paths, which succinctly identify the evaluation taken to reach some intermediate result. Instead of relying on additional meta-syntax to associate atom operations with identifiers, the analysis can simply use the required names of ANF syntax to identify locations in the program.

The ANF syntax is impractical for a programmer to write, yet it is still practical for a language under automated analysis since there is a straightforward procedure to transform more user-friendly syntax into ANF as demonstrated by Flanagan et al [].

```
datatype name = Nm string

datatype term =
  Bind name complex term
| Rslt name

and complex =
  Unt
| MkChn
| Atom atom
| Spwn term
| Sync name
| Fst name
| Snd name
| Case name name term name term
```

```

| App name name

and atom =
  SendEvt name name
| RecvEvt name
| Pair name name
| Lft name
| Rght name
| Fun name name term

```

5.2 Dynamic Semantics

The dynamic semantics describes how programs evaluate to values. A history of execution is represented as a list of steps, where a step is a binding name or resulting name of a term, paired with a mode of control indicating transitions by sequencing, spawning, calling, or returning. Channels have no literal representation, but each time a channel is created, it is uniquely identified by the history of the execution up until the step of creation. Atomic terms are not simplified. Instead, atoms are evaluated to closures consisting of the atom syntax, along with an environment that maps its constituent names to their values.

In order to relate the static analyses to the operational semantics, I borrowed Reppy and Xiao's strategy of stepping between sets of execution paths and their associated terms.

The semantics are defined as a CEK machine [], rather than a substitution based operational semantics. By avoiding simplification of terms in the operational semantics, it is possible to relate the abstract values of the static semantics to the values produced by the dynamic semantics, which in turn is relied on to prove soundness of the static semantics.

```

datatype dynamic_step =
  DNxt name
| DSpwn name
| DCl1 name
| DRtn name

type dynamic_path = dynamic_step list

datatype chan =
  Chan dynamic_path name

datatype dynamic_value =
  VUnt
| VChn chan
| VAtm atom (name -> dynamic_value option)

type environment =
  name -> dynamic_value option

```

The evaluation of some complex terms results in sequencing, meaning there is no coordination with other threads, and there is no need to save terms on the continuation stack for later evaluation. These terms are the unit literal, atoms, pairs, and first and second selections. The evaluation depends only on the syntax and an environment for looking up the values of names within the syntax. Additionally, all these terms evaluate to values in a single step.

```
predicate seq_eval of complex -> environment -> dynamic_value -> bool:
only
  (∀ env .
    seq_eval Unt env VUnt
  ),
  (∀ p env .
    seq_eval (Atom p) env (VAtm p env)
  ),
  (∀ env np n1 n2 envp v .
    if
      env np = Some (VAtm (Pair n1 n2) envp),
      envp n1 = Some v
    then
      seq_eval (Fst np) env v
  ),
  (∀ env np n1 n2 envp v .
    if
      env np = Some (VAtm (Pair n1 n2) envp),
      envp n2 = Some v
    then
      seq_eval (Snd np) env v
  )
)
```

The evaluation of a complex term for application or conditional testing results in transitioning by calling. A calling transitions is characterized by the need to save a subterm in the continuation stack for later evaluation. The evaluation depends on the syntax and an environment for looking up the values of names within the syntax. A term is evaluated to a subterm, and a new environment that will later be used in the evaluation of the subterm. For conditional testing, either the left or the right term is called, and the environment is updated with the corresponding name mapped to the value extracted from the pattern. For application, the term inside of an applied function is called, and the environment is updated with the function's parameter mapped to the application's argument. The environment is also updated with the recursive name mapped to the same applied function.

```
predicate call_eval of complex -> env -> term -> env -> bool:
only
  (∀ env ns nc envs v nl pl nr pr .
    if
      env ns = Some (VAtm (Lft nc) envs),
      envs nc = Some v
    then
```

```

    call_eval (Case ns nl pl nr pr) env pl (env(nl -> v))
  ),
  (∀ env ns nc envs v nl pl nr pr .
    if
      env ns = Some (VAtm (Rght nc) envs),
      envs nc = Some v
    then
      call_eval (Case ns nl pl nr pr) env pr (env(nr -> v))
  ),
  (∀ env nf nf' np pb envf na v .
    if
      env nf = Some (VAtm (Fun nf' np pb) envf),
      env na = Some v
    then
      call_eval (App nf na) env pb
      (env_l(
        nf' -> (VAtm (Fun nf' np pb) envf),
        np -> v
      ))
  )
)

```

The continuation stack maintains a record of terms that should be evaluated once a corresponding called branch of the evaluation has returned. Each continuation in the stack consists of a term, the environment for resolving the term's names, an unresolved name, to be resolved when the corresponding branch returns. The initial state of execution consists of a program, an empty environment, and an empty stack of continuations. With each sequential step, the program is reduced to a subterm, and the environment is updated with the name bound to the value of the term. Each time a subprogram is sidestepped to evaluate a dependent term, a continuation is formed around it and pushed onto a stack of continuations. A continuation is popped off the stack when a state's program is reduced to a result program. A pool of states keeps track of all the states that have been reached through the evaluation of an initial program. Each state is indexed by the dynamic path taken to reach it. A pool's leaf path indicates a state that has yet to be evaluated. Additionally, The communication between threads is also recorded as a set of correspondences consisting of the path to the sending state, the path to the receiving state, and the channel used for communication.

```
datatype contin = Ctn name program env
```

```
type stack = contin list
```

```
datatype state =
  Stt program env stack
```

```
type pool =
  dynamic_path -> state option
```

```

predicate leaf of pool -> dynamic_path -> bool:
only
  (∀ pool path stt .
    if
      pool path = Some stt,
      (∄ path' stt' .
        pool path' = Some stt',
        strict_prefix path path'
      )
    then
      leaf pool path
  )

type corresp = dynamic_path * chan * dynamic_path

type communication = corresp set

```

The evaluation of a program may involve evaluation of multiple threads concurrently and also communication between threads. Since pools contain multiple states and paths, they can accommodate multiple threads as well. A single evaluation step depends on one pool and evaluates to a new pool based on one or more states in that pool. The initial pool for a program contains just one state indexed by an empty path. The state contains the program, an empty environment, and an empty stack. The pool will grow strictly larger with each evaluation step, maintaining a full history. Each step adds new states and paths extended from previous ones, and each step in the path indicates the mode of transition to take to reach the state. Only states indexed by leaf paths are used to evaluate to the next pool.

A sequencing evaluation step of a program picks a leaf state and relies on sequential evaluation of its top term. It updates the state's environment with the value of the term, leaves the stack unchanged, and reduces the program to the next subprogram. A calling evaluation step relies on the calling evaluation of a state's top term. The binding name, subprogram, environment are pushed onto the stack, and the new state gets its program and environment from the evaluation of the term.

For the evaluation a leaf path stepping to a result program, a continuation is popped of the stack, the new state's program is taken from the continuation, and the new state's environment is taken from the continuation and modified with the result value.

In the case of channel creation, the evaluation updates the state's environment with the value of a channel consisting of the path leading to its creation; it leaves the stack unchanged and reduces the program to the next subprogram.

In the case of spawning, the evaluation is updated with two new paths extending the leaf path. For one, the leaf path is extended with a sequential program step whose state has the next term and the environment updated with the unit value bound to the bind name, and the original continuation stack. For the other, the leaf path extended with an program step indicating a spawning transition. Its state has the spawned term, the original environment, and an empty continuation stack. The evaluation updates the state's environment with the unit value, leaves the stack unchanged, and reduces the program to the next subprogram. Additionally, it generates another state

consisting of the spawning term's child program, the same environment unchanged, and an empty stack.

In the case where two leaf paths in the pool correspond to synchronization on the same channel, and one synchronizes on a send event and the other synchronizes on a receive event, then evaluation updates the pool with two new paths and corresponding states. It updates the send event's state with its subprogram, the environment updates with the unit value, and the stack unchanged. It updates the receive event's state with its subprogram, the environment updates with the sent value, and the stack unchanged.

Additionally, the communication is updated with the sending and receiving paths, and the channel that the synchronization used for communication.

```

predicate dynamic_eval
of pool -> communication -> pool -> communication -> bool:
only
(∀ pool path n env nk pk envk stack' v comm .
  if
    leaf pool path,
    pool path = Some (Stt (Rslt n) env ((Ctn nk pk envk) # stack')),
    env n = Some v
  then
    dynamic_eval
      pool
      comm
      (pool(
        path @ [DRtn n] ->
          (Stt pk envk(nk -> v) stack')
      ))
      comm
),
(∀ pool path n b p' env stack v .
  if
    leaf pool path,
    pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n b p') env stack),
    seq_eval b env v
  then
    dynamic_eval
      pool
      comm
      (pool(
        path @ [DNxt n] -> (Stt p (env(n -> v)) stack)
      ))
      comm
),
(∀ pool path n b p' env stack pc envc comm .
  if
    leaf pool path,
    pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n b p') env stack),
    call_eval b env pc envc

```

```

    then
      dynamic_eval
        pool
        comm
        (pool(
          path @ [DCll n] -> (Stt pc envc ((Ctn n p' env) # stack
        ))
        comm
    ),
    (∀ pool path n p' env stack .
      if
        leaf pool path,
        pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n MkChn p') env stack)
      then
        dynamic_eval
          pool
          comm
          (pool(
            path @ [DNxt n] ->
              (Stt p' (env(n -> (VChn (Chan path x)))) stack)
          ))
          comm
    ),
    (∀ pool path n pc p' env stack comm .
      if
        leaf pool path,
        pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n (Spwn pc) p') env stack)
      then
        dynamic_eval
          pool comm
          (pool(
            path @ [DNxt n] -> (Stt p' (env(n -> VUnt)) stack),
            path @ [DSpwn n] -> (Stt pc env [])
          ))
          comm
    ),
    (∀ pool paths path ns nse ps envs stacks nsc nm
      envse pathr nr nre pr envr stackr nrc envre c comm .
      if
        leaf pool paths,
        pool paths = Some
          (Stt (Bind ns (Sync nse) ps) envs stacks),
        envs nse = Some
          (VAtm (SendEvt nsc nm) envse),
        leaf pool pathr,
        pool pathr = Some
          (Stt (Bind nr (Sync nre) pr) envr stackr),
        envr nre = Some
          (VAtm (RecvEvt nrc) envre),
        envse nsc = Some (VChn c),

```



```

    envre nrc = Some (VChn c),
    envse nm = Some vm
  then
    dynamic_eval
      pool
      comm
      (pool(
        paths @ [DNxt ns] -> (Stt ps (envs(ns -> VUnt)) stacks),
        pathr @ [DNxt nr] -> (Stt pr (envr(nr -> vm)) stackr)
      ))
      (comm ∪ {(paths, c, pathr)})
)

```

5.3 Dynamic Communication

The dynamic one shot classification describes pools where there is only one dynamic path that synchronizes and sends on a given channel. Whether or not two attempts to synchronize on a channel are competitive can be determined by looking at the paths of the pool. If two paths are ordered, that is, one is the prefix of the other or vice versa, then necessarily occur in sequence, so the shorter path synchronizes before the longer path. Two paths may be competitive only if they are unordered. The dynamic many-to-one classification means that there is no competition on the receiving end of a channel; any two paths that synchronize to receive on a channel are ordered. The dynamic one-to-many classification means that there is no competition on the sending end of a channel; any two paths that synchronize to send on a channel are ordered. The dynamic one-to-one classification means that there is no competition on either the receiving or the sending ends of a channel; any two paths that synchronize on a channel are necessarily ordered for either end of the channel.

```

predicate is_send_path of pool -> chan -> dynamic_path -> bool:
only
  (∀ pool path n ne p' env stack nsc nm enve c .
    if
      pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n (Sync ne) p') env stack),
      env ne = Some (VAtm (SendEvt nsc nm) enve),
      enve nsc = Some (VChn c)
    then
      is_send_path pool c path
  )

```

```

predicate is_recv_path of pool -> chan -> dynamic_path -> bool:
only
  (∀ pool path n ne p' env stack nrc enve c .
    then
      pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n (Sync ne) p') env stack),
      env ne = Some (VAtm (RecvEvt nrc) enve),
      enve nrc = Some (VChn c)
    then

```

```

        is_recv_path pool c path
    )

predicate every_two of ('a -> bool) -> ('a -> 'a -> bool) -> bool:
only
(∀ p r .
    if
        (∀ path1 path2 .
            if p path1, p path2 then r path1 path2
        )
    then
        every_two p r
)

predicate ordered of 'a list -> 'a list -> bool:
only
(∀ path1 path2 .
    if prefix path1 path2 then ordered path1 path2
),
(∀ path2 path1 .
    if prefix path2 path1 then ordered path1 path2
)

predicate one_shot of pool -> chan -> bool:
only
(∀ pool c .
    if
        every_two (is_send_path pool c) (op =)
    then
        one_shot pool c
)

predicate one_to_many of pool -> chan -> bool:
only
(∀ pool c .
    if
        every_two (is_send_path pool c) ordered
    then
        one_to_many pool c
)

predicate many_to_one of pool -> chan -> bool:
only
(∀ pool c .
    if
        every_two (is_recv_path pool c) ordered
    then
        many_to_one pool c
)

```

```

predicate one_to_one of pool -> chan -> bool:
only
  (∀ pool c.
    if
      one_to_many pool c,
      many_to_one pool c
    then
      one_to_one pool c
  )

```

5.4 Static Semantics

A static analysis that describes communication topologies of channels has practical benefits in at least two ways. It can highlight which channels are candidates for optimized implementations of communication; or in a language extension allowing the specification of specialized channels, it can conservatively verify their correct usage. Without a static analysis to check the usage of the special channels, one could inadvertently use a one-shot channel for a channel that has multiple senders, thus violating the intended semantics.

The utility of the static analysis additionally depends on it being precise, sound, and computable. The analysis is precise iff there exist programs about which the analysis describes information that is not directly observable. The analysis is sound iff the information it describes about a program is the same or less precise than the dynamic semantics of the program. The analysis is computable iff there exists an algorithm that determines all the values described by the analysis on any input program.

Analyses can be described in a variety of ways. A computable algorithm that take programs as input and produces information about the behavior as output is ideal for automation. A non-algorithmic relation (i.e. a relation expressed in a language without an inherent evaluator from some parameters to the others), stated in terms of programs and execution information, may be more suitable for clarity of meaning and correctness with respect to the operational semantics. However, a non-algorithmic relation can be translated into an algorithm. One rather mechanical method essentially involves specifying a reasoner associated with the relation. First, the reasoner generates a comprehensive set of data structures representing constraints from the relation's description, then the reasoner the constraints.

For a subset of Concurrent ML without event combinators, Reppy and Xiao developed an efficient algorithm that determines for each channel, all possible threads that send and receive on it. The algorithm depends on each atom operation in the program being labeled with a program step. A sequence of program steps ordered in a valid execution sequence forms a control path. Distinction between threads in a program can be inferred from whether or not their control paths diverge.

The algorithm proceeds in multiple steps that produce intermediate data structures, used for efficient lookup in the subsequent steps. It starts with a control-flow analysis [] that results in multiple mappings. One mapping is from names to abstract values that may be bound to the names. Another mapping is from channel-bound

names to abstract values that are sent on the respective channels. Another is from function-bound names to abstract values that are the result of respective function applications. It constructs a control-flow graph with possible paths for conditional tests and thread spawning determined directly from the atoms used in the program. Relying on information from the mappings to abstract values, it constructs the possible paths of execution via function application and channel communication. It uses the graph for live variable analysis of channels, which limits the scope for the remaining analysis. Using the spawn and application edges of the control-flow graph, the algorithm then performs a data-flow analysis to determine a mapping from program steps to all possible control paths leading into the respective program steps. Using the CFA's mappings to abstract values, the algorithm determines the program steps for sends and receives per channel name. Then it uses the mapping to control paths to determine all control paths that send or receive on each channel, from which it classifies channels as one-shot, one-to-one, many-to-one, one-to-many, or many-to-many.

The information at each program step is derived from control structures in the program, which dictate how information flows between program steps. Some uses of control structures are literally represented in the syntax, such as the sequencing of namings and assignments in the previous examples. Other uses of control structures may be indirectly represented through names. Function application is a control structure that allows a calling piece of code to flow into a function function's code. Function functions can be named, which allows multiple pieces of code to all flow into the same section of code. The name adds an additional step in to uncover control structures, and determine data flow. Additionally, in languages with higher order functions and recursion, such as those in the Lisp and ML families, it may be impossible to exactly determine all the function functions that terms resolve to. However, a control flow analysis can reveal a good approximation of the control structures and values that have been obfuscated by higher order function functions. Uncovering the the control structures depends on resolving terms to values, and resolving terms to values depends on on uncovering the control structures. The mutual dependency means that control flow analysis is a form of static semantics that describes abstract evaluations of programs. in this work, control flow analysis is used for tracking certain kinds of values, like channels and events, in addition to constructing precise data flow analysis.

The static semantics is described by an estimation of intermediate static values and subprograms that might result from running a program. The static semantics helps to deduce static information about channels and events, which is crucial for statically deducing information about synchronization on channels and communication topologies. The static values consist of the static unit value, static channels, and static atom values. The static unit value is no less precise than the dynamic unit value, but static channels and static atom values are imprecise versions of their dynamic counterparts. The static channel is identified only by the name it binds to at creation time, rather than the full path that leads up to its creation. A static atom value is simply a atomic term without an environment for looking up its named arguments. The static environment contains the internal evaluation results by associating names to static values. In order to find the return value of a program or subprogram, it is useful to fetch the name embedded within its result subprogram.

```

datatype static_value =
  SChn name | SUnt | SPrm atom

type static_value_map = name -> static_value set

fun result_name of term -> name:
  ( $\forall$  n .
    result_name (Rslt n) = x),
  ( $\forall$  n b p' .
    result_name (Bind n b p') = (result_name e))

```

The static evaluation is a control flow analysis described by a relation from an input program to two outputs, each a static environment. The first output contains names associated with the evaluations of terms that bind to those names in the program. The second output contains names associated with values that might be sent over channels identified by those name.

The definition of static evaluation is syntax-directed, meaning it should be possible to prove any correct evaluation simply by unraveling the program in to smaller and smaller programs, until a theorem or axiom is induced. The definition also appears to allow deterministic reasoning. With both determinism and termination, it would be possible to compute the static evaluation outputs from the input program. This certainly appears likely, but it has not been formally proven in this work.

```

predicate static_eval of
  static_value_map -> static_value_map -> term -> bool:
only
  ( $\forall$  static_env static_comm n .
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Rslt n)),

  ( $\forall$  static_env n static_comm p' .
    if
      SUnt  $\in$  static_env x,
      static_eval static_env static_comm p'
    then
      static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n Unt p')),

  ( $\forall$  n static_env static_comm p' .
    if
      (SChn x)  $\in$  static_env x,
      static_eval static_env static_comm p'
    then
      static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n MkChn p')),

  ( $\forall$  nc nm static_env n static_comm p' .
    if
      (SPrm (SendEvt nc nm))  $\in$  static_env x,
      static_eval static_env static_comm p'
    then
      static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Atom (SendEvt nc nm)))

```

```

p')),
(∀ nc static_env n static_comm p' .
  if
    (SPrm (RecvEvt nc)) ∈ static_env x,
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Atom (RecvEvt nc)) p'))
,
(∀ n1 n2 static_env n static_comm p' .
  if
    (SPrm (Pair n1 n2)) ∈ static_env x,
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Atom (Pair n1 n2)) e)
),
(∀ ns static_env n static_comm p' .
  if
    (SPrm(Lft ns)) ∈ static_env x,
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Atom (Lft ns)) p')),
(∀ ns static_env n static_comm p' .
  if
    (SPrm(Rght ns)) ∈ static_env x,
    static_eval static_env static_comm e
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Atom (Rght ns)) p')),
(∀ nf np pb static_env static_comm n p' .
  if
    (SPrm (Fun nf np pb)) ∈ static_env f,
    static_eval static_env static_comm pb,
    (SPrm (Fun nf np pb)) ∈ static_env x,
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Atom (Fun nf np pb)) p
')),
(∀ nf np pb static_env static_comm n p' .
  if
    SUnt ∈ static_env f,
    static_eval static_env static_comm pc,
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Spwn pc) p')),

```

```

(∀ static_env n_e n static_comm p'.
  if
    (∀ n_sc n_m n_c .
      if
        (SPrm (SendEvt n_sc n_m)) ∈ static_env n_e,
        SChn n_c ∈ static_env n_sc
      then
        SUnt ∈ static_env x, static_env n_m ⊆ static_comm n_c),
    (∀ n_rc n_c .
      if
        (SPrm (RecvEvt n_rc)) ∈ static_env n_e,
        SChn n_c ∈ static_env n_rc,
      then
        static_comm n_c ⊆ static_env x),
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Sync n_e) p')),

(∀ static_env n_p n static_comm p' .
  if
    (∀ n1 n2 . if (SPrm (Pair n1 n2)) ∈ static_env n_p then
      static_env n1 ⊆ static_env x),
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Fst n_p) p')),

(∀ static_env n_p n static_comm p' .
  if
    (∀ n1 n2 . if (SPrm (Pair n1 n2)) ∈ static_env n_p then
      static_env n2 ⊆ static_env x),
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Snd n_p) p')),

(∀ static_env n_s n_l p_l n static_comm n_r p_r p' .
  if
    (∀ n_c . if (SPrm (Lft n_c)) ∈ static_env n_s then
      static_env n_c ⊆ static_env n_l,
      static_env (result_name p_l) ⊆ static_env x,
      static_eval static_env static_comm p_l),
    (∀ n_c . if (SPrm (Rght n_c)) ∈ static_env n_s then
      static_env n_c ⊆ static_env n_r,
      static_env (result_name p_r) ⊆ static_env x,
      static_eval static_env static_comm p_r),
    static_eval static_env static_comm p'
  then
    static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind n (Case n_s n_l p_l n_r p_r) p')
),

(∀ static_env n_f n_a n static_comm p' .

```

```

if
  ( $\forall n_f' n_p p_b$  . if (SPrm (Fun  $n_f'$   $n_p$   $p_b$ ))  $\in$  static_env  $n_f$  then
    static_env  $n_a \subseteq$  static_env  $n_p$ ,
    static_env (result_name  $p_b$ )  $\subseteq$  static_env  $x$ ),
  static_eval static_env static_comm  $p'$ 
then
  static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind  $n$  (App  $n_f$   $n_a$ )  $p'$ ))

```

It is very straightforward to follow the rules of static evaluation in order to build up functions mapping names to static values for the static environment and the static communication. The example server implementation recasted into the ANF grammar is helpful for demonstrating this informal procedure.

```

bind u1 = unt
bind r1 = rght u1
bind l1 = lft r1
bind l2 = lft l1

bind mksr = (fun _ x2 =>
  bind k1 = mk_chn
  bind srv = fun srv' x3 =>
    bind e1 = recv_evt k1
    bind p1 = sync e1
    bind v1 = fst p1
    bind k2 = snd p1
    bind e2 = send_evt k2 x3
    bind z5 = sync e2
    bind z6 = srv' v1
    bind u4 = unt
    rslt u4
  bind z7 = spawn (
    bind z8 = srv r1
    bind u5 = unt
    rslt u5)
  rslt k1)

bind rqst = (fun _ x4 =>
  bind k3 = fst x4
  bind v2 = snd x4
  bind k4 = mk_chn
  bind p2 = pair v2 k4
  bind e3 = send_evt k3 p2
  bind z9 = sync e3
  bind e4 = recv_evt k4
  bind v3 = sync e4
  rslt v3)

bind srvr = mksr u1
bind z10 = spawn (
  bind p3 = pair srvr l1

```



```

    bind z11 = rqst p3
    rslt z11)
  bind p4 = pair srvr l2
  bind z12 = rqst p4
  rslt z12

```

We start at the top of the program and pick a rule from the definition of static evaluation that could hold. Then we choose the smallest function that satisfies that rule's conditions. In the server implementation, the program starts with **bind** *u1* = **unt** in ..., which only matches the rule concluding with `static_eval static_env static_comm (Bind (Nm "u1") Unt ...)`. The premises for that rule require that `SUnt in static_env u1` and `static_eval static_env static_comm` Therefore, we choose the smallest function we can determine so far for the static environment `static_env`. The smallest function we can determine for `SUnt in static_env (Nm "u1")` is $\lambda n . \text{if } n = (\text{Nm } "u1") \text{ then } \{\text{SUnt}\} \text{ else } \{\}$. Since there's no premise that directly states what's required of the static communication, we can simply choose an empty set to start with. The second premise is an inductive static evaluation on the subprogram, which indicates that we should repeat this procedure again for the remainder of the program, incrementally adding more static values for each name in the program. We then repeat the procedure from the top of the program until there's nothing more to add to the functions. To make the presentation clear, the syntactic sugar (`r1 -> {right u1}, ...`) is used to mean $\lambda n . \text{if } n = (\text{Nm } "r1") \text{ then } \{\text{SPrm (Rght (Nm "u1"))}\} \text{ else } \dots \text{ else } \{\}$. The representation of static values closely resembles the concrete syntax.

```

val server_static_env of name -> static_vale set:
  server_static_env = (
    u1 -> {unt},
    r1 -> {rght u1},
    l1 -> {lft r1},
    l2 -> {lft l1},
    mksr -> {fun _ x2 => ...},
    x2 -> {unt},
    k1 -> {chn k1},
    srv -> {fun srv' x3 => ...},
    srv' -> {fun srv' x3 => ...},
    x3 -> {rght u1, lft r1, lft l1},
    e1 -> {recv_evt k1},
    p1 -> {pair v2 k4},
    v1 -> {lft r1, lft l1},
    k2 -> {chn k4},
    e2 -> {send_evt k2 x3},
    z5 -> {unt},
    z6 -> {unt},
    u4 -> {unt},
    z7 -> {unt},
    z8 -> {unt},
    u5 -> {unt},

```

```

rqst -> {fun _ x4 => ...},
x4 -> {pair srvr l1, pair srvr l2},
k3 -> {chn k1},
v2 -> {lft r1, lft l1},
k4 -> {chn k4},
p2 -> {pair v2 k4},
e3 -> {send_evt k3 p2},
z9 -> {unt},
e4 -> {recv_evt k4},
v3 -> {rght u1, lft r1, lft r2},
srvr -> {chn k1},
z10 -> {unt},
p3 -> {pair srvr l1},
z11 -> {rght u1, lft r2},
p4 -> {pair srvr l2},
z12 -> {rght u1, lft l1})

val server_static_comm of name -> static_vale set:
server_static_comm = (
  k1 -> {pair v2 k4},
  k4 -> {rght u1, lft l1, lft l2})

```

The static reachability is described by subprograms that might be reached from a larger program. A program is reachable from itself. An initial program might also reach any that is reachable from its sub program.

```

predicate static_reachable of term -> term -> bool:
only

(∀ p .
  static_reachable p e),

(∀ p_c p_z n p' .
  if
    static_reachable p_c p_z
  then
    static_reachable (Bind n (Spwn p_c) p') p_z),

(∀ p_l p_z n n_s n_l n_r p_r p' .
  if
    static_reachable p_l p_z
  then
    static_reachable (Bind n (Case n_s n_l p_l n_r p_r) p') p_z),

(∀ p_r p_z n n_s n_l p_l n_r p' .
  if
    static_reachable p_r p_z
  then
    static_reachable (Bind n (Case n_s n_l p_l n_r p_r) p') p_z),

```

```

(∀ pb pz n nf np pb p' .
  if
    static_reachable pb pz
  then
    static_reachable (Bind n (Atom (Fun nf np pb)) p') pz),

(∀ p' pz n b .
  if
    static_reachable p' pz
  then
    static_reachable (Bind n b p') pz)

```

6 Static Communication

To describe communication statically, it is helpful to identify the entry step of each subprogram with a short description. The program ID of a bind is identified by the binding name, and indication that it's a bind. The program ID of a result is indicated by its embedded name, and indication that it's a result.

```
datatype program_id = NBind name | NResult var
```

```
fun top_program_id of term -> program_id:
  (∀ n b p' .
    top_program_id (Bind n b p') = NBind x),
  (∀ n .
    top_program_id (Rslt n) = NResult x)

```

```
type program_id_map = program_id -> name set
```

The static communication is described by an estimation of the static paths that communicate on static channels. The static send ID classification means that an program ID might represent a synchronization to send on a given abstract channel. The static receive ID classification means that an program ID might represent a synchronization to receive on a given abstract channel.

```
predicate static_send_id of
  static_value_map -> term -> name -> program_id -> bool:
only
  (∀ e0 n ne p' nsc nm static_env nc .
    if
      static_reachable e0 (Bind n (Sync ne) p'),
      (SPrm (SendEvt nsc nm)) ⊆ static_env ne,
      (SChn nc) ∈ static_env nsc
    then
      static_send_id static_env e0 nc (NBind x))

```

```
predicate static_recv_id of
  static_value_map -> term -> name -> program_id -> bool:

```

```

only
  (∀ e0 n ne p' nrc static_env nc .
    if
      static_reachable e0 (Bind n (Sync ne) p'),
      (SPrm (RecvEvt nrc)) ∈ static_env ne,
      (SChn nc) ∈ static_env nrc
    then
      static_rcv_id static_env e0 nc (NBind x))

```

In the server implementation, the static channel identified by the name `k1` is waited on by the server. It has one receiving ID in the server function at ID `bind p1` and a sending ID in the request function at ID `bind z9`. The channel identified by the name `k4` is sent with a client's request for the server to reply on. It has a receiving ID in the request function at `bind v3` and a sending ID in the server function at `bind z5`.

Reppy and Xiao's work relies on detecting the liveness of channels in order to gain higher precision in the static classification of communication. Since formal proofs are inherently complicated with numerous details, it was easier to first formally prove soundness for a version without the added complication of considering liveness of channel.

The definitions are purposely structured to allow adding live channel analysis to the definition fairly straightforward with just a few alterations. Section ? expands on these alterations and outlines a strategy that is likely to result in formal proofs of soundness, although the actual formal proof of the version with live channel analysis is not yet been complete.

For lower precision version without the liveness of channels, there are four modes, indicating how the program ID transitions to the program ID of one of its subprograms. The modes of transition are sequencing, calling, spawning, and returning. A transition is a triplet of a program ID, a mode of transition, and an program ID of a subprogram. A static step is just a program ID along with the mode it uses to transition to its subprogram. A static path is a list of static steps.

```

datatype mode = MNxt | MSpwn | MCll | MRtn

type transition = program_id * mode * program_id

type graph = transition set

type static_step = program_id * mode

type static_path = static_step list

```

The static traversability means that a set of transitions describes all the transitions that might be traversed for a program, given bindings of abstract values. For a result term, any transition might be traversed. For all bind terms, except those binding to case matching and function application, the sequential transition from the top term to the sequenced term might be traversable, and the traversable transitions are also the traversable transitions for the sequenced term. For binding to function function,

the traversable transitions are also traversable transitions for the inner term of the function function. For binding to spawning, the spawning transition from the top term to the spawned term might be traversed, and the traversable transitions are also traversable transitions for the spawned term.

In the case of matching, the the calling transition from the top program to the left subprogram might be traversable, and the calling transition from the top program to the right subprogram might be traversable. The returning transition from the result of the left subprogram to the sequenced subprogram might be traversable, and the returning transition from the result of the right subprogram to the sequenced subprogram might be traversable. Additionally, the traversable transitions for the top program are also traversable transitions the left subprogram, right subprogram, and the sequenced subprogram.

In the case of application, if the applied name is actually bound to a function function, then a calling transition from the top program to the function's subprogram might be traversable, and the returning transition from the result of the function function to the sequenced subprogram might be traversable. Additionally, the traversable transitions for the top program are also traversable transitions for the sequenced subprogram.

```
predicate static_traversable of
  static_value_map -> graph -> term -> bool:
only

  (∀ static_env graph n .
    static_traversable static_env graph (Rslt n)),

  (∀ n p' graph static_env .
    if
      (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
      static_traversable static_env graph p'
    then
      static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n Unt p')),

  (∀ n p' graph static_env .
    if
      (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
      static_traversable static_env graph p'
    then
      static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n MkChn p')),

  (∀ n p' graph static_env nc nm .
    if
      (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
      static_traversable static_env graph p'
    then
      static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (SendEvt nc nm))
      p')),

  (∀ n p' graph static_env nc .
```

```

if
  (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
  static_traversable static_env graph p'
then
  static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (RecvEvt nc)) p')
),

(∀ n p' graph static_env n1 n2 .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Pair n1 n2)) p')
),

(∀ n p' graph static_env ns .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Lft ns)) p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env ns .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Rght ns)) p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env pb nf np .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p',
    static_traversable static_env graph pb
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Fun nf np pb)) p'
  ')),

(∀ n p' p_c graph static_env.
  if
    {(NBind x, MNxt, top_program_id p'),
     (NBind x, MSpwn, top_program_id p_c)} ⊆ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p_c,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Spwn p_c) p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env nse .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,

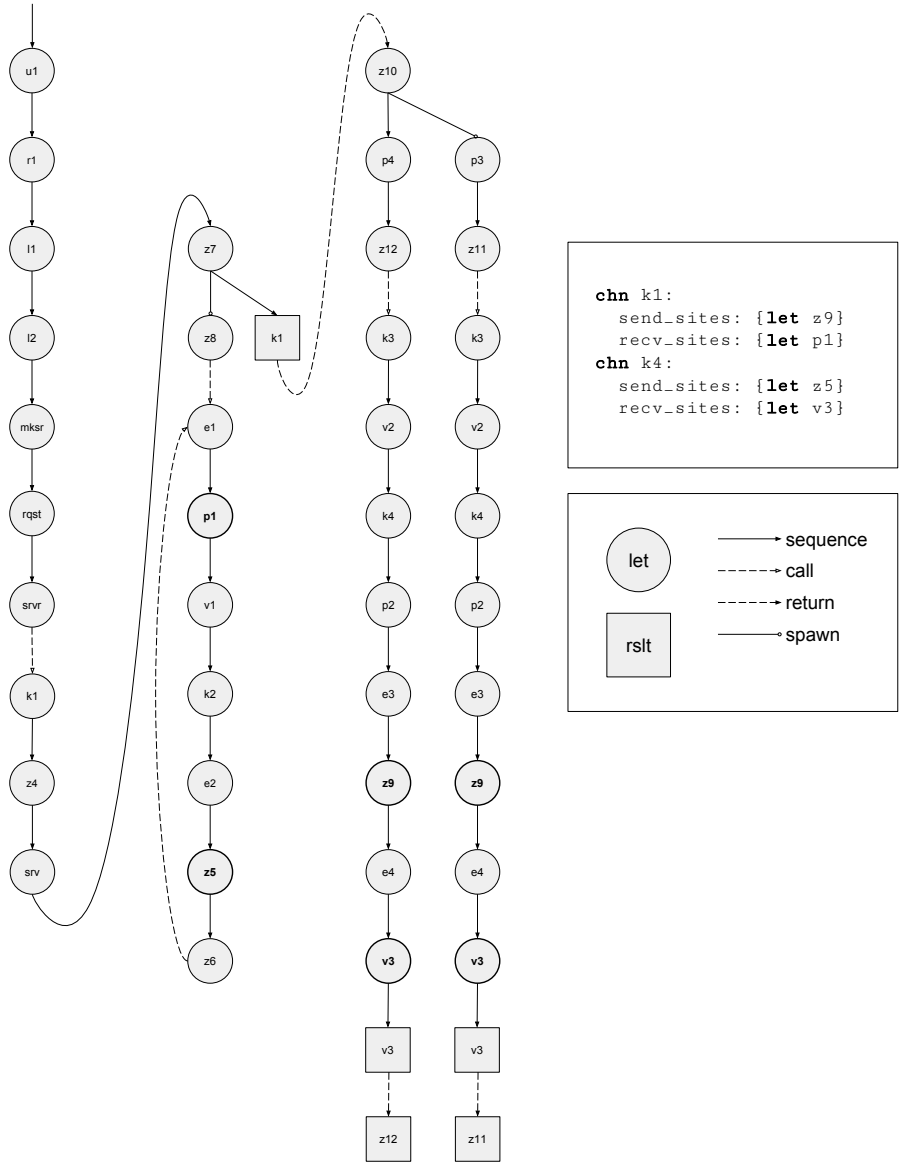
```

```

    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Sync nse) p')),
(∀ n p' graph static_env np .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p',
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Fst np) p')),
(∀ n p' graph static_env np .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p',
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Snd np) p')),
(∀ n pl pr p' graph static_env ns .
  if
    {(NBind x, MCll, top_program_id pl),
     (NBind x, MCll, top_program_id pr),
     (NResult (result_name pl), MRtn, top_program_id p'),
     (NResult (result_name pr), MRtn, top_program_id p')} ⊆ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph pl,
    static_traversable static_env graph pr,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Case ns nl pl nr pr) p'
    )),
(∀ static_env nf n p' n na .
  if
    (∀ nf' np pb . if (SPrm (Fun nf' np pb)) ∈ static_env nf then
      {(NBind x, MCll, top_program_id pb),
       (NResult (result_name pb), MRtn, top_program_id p')} ⊆ graph),
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (App nf na) p'))

```

The server implementation represented as a graph illustrates how static traversability can interpret a graph from a dynamic program.



The static traceability means that a static path with a given starting step, and ending condition, can be traced by traversing the transitions in a graph. The empty path is statically traceable if the starting step meets the ending condition. Otherwise, a path is statically traceable if the last static step corresponds to a transition that meets the ending condition, and the longest strict prefix of the path is statically traceable.

predicate static_traceable **of**


```

transition set -> program_id -> (program_id -> bool) -> static_path ->
bool:
only

(∀ start graph is_end .
  if
    is_end start
  then
    static_traceable graph start is_end []),

(∀ graph star middle path is_end end mode .
  if
    static_traceable graph start (λ l . l = middle) path,
    is_end end,
    (middle, mode, end) ∈ graph
  then
    static_traceable graph start is_end (path @ [(middle, mode)]))

```

In the graph of the server implementation, there are two paths each corresponding to its own thread that lead to sending on static channel **chn** k1 and a potentially infinite number of paths that lead to receiving on channel **chn** k1, but all on the same thread. There are an infinite number of paths that lead to sending on static channel **chn** k4, and two paths that lead to receiving on static channel **chn** k4. This is certainly imprecise, as the static **chn** k4 corresponds to multiple distinct dynamic channels, each with just one sender and one receiver. The higher precision analysis discussed in section ? addresses this issue.

The static inclusion means that two static paths might be traced in the same run of a program. Ordered paths might be inclusive, and also a path that diverges from another at a spawn transition might be inclusive. This concept is useful for achieving greater precision, since if two paths cannot occur in the same run of a program, only one needs to be counted towards the communication topology.

```

predicate static_inclusive of static_path -> static_path -> bool:
only

(∀ path1 path2 .
  if
    prefix path1 path2
  then
    static_inclusive path1 path2),

(∀ path2 path1 .
  if
    prefix path2 path1
  then
    static_inclusive path1 path2),

(∀ path n path1 path2 .
  static_inclusive

```

```

      (path @ (NBind x, MSpwn) # path1)
      (path @ (NBind x, MNxt) # path2)),

  (∀ path n path1 path2 .
   static_inclusive
     (path @ (NBind x, MNxt) # path1)
     (path @ (NBind x, MSpwn) # path2))

```

The singularness means that two paths are the same or only of them can occur in a given run of a program. The noncompetitiveness means states that two paths can't compete during a run of a program, since they are ordered or cannot occur in the same run of a program.

```

predicate singular of static_path -> static_path -> bool:
  only

  (∀ path .
   singular path path),

  (∀ path1 path2 .
   if
     not (static_inclusive path1 path2)
   then
     singular path1 path2)

predicate noncompetitive of static_path -> static_path -> bool:
  only

  (∀ path1 path2 .
   if
     ordered path1 path2
   then
     noncompetitive path1 path2),

  (∀ path1 path2 .
   if
     not (static_inclusive path1 path2)
   then
     noncompetitive path1 path2)

```

The static one-shot classification means that there is at most one attempt to synchronize to send on a static channel in any run of a given program.

The static one-to-one classification means that there is at most one thread that attempts to send and at most one thread that attempts to receive on a given static channel for any time during a run of a given program.

The static one-to-many classification means that there is at most one thread that attempts to send on a given static channel at any time during a run of a given program, but there may be many threads that attempt to receive on the channel. The static many-to-one predicate means that there may be many threads that attempt to send

on a static channel, but there is at most one thread that attempts to receive on the channel for any time during a run of a given program.

```

predicate static_one_shot of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
  only
  (∀ graph p static_env nc .
    if
      every_two
        (static_traceable graph (top_program_id e) (static_send_id
static_env p nc))
        singular,
        static_traversable static_env graph e
    then
      static_one_shot graph p nc)

predicate static_one_to_one of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
  only
  (∀ graph p static_env nc .
    if
      (every_two
        (static_traceable graph (top_program_id e) (static_send_id
static_env p nc))
        noncompetitive),
      (every_two
        (static_traceable graph (top_program_id e) (
static_recv_program_id static_env p nc))
        noncompetitive),
      static_traversable static_env graph e
    then
      static_one_to_one static_env p nc)

predicate static_one_to_many of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
  only
  (∀ graph p static_env nc .
    if
      (every_two
        (static_traceable graph (top_program_id e) (static_send_id
static_env p nc))
        noncompetitive),
      static_traversable static_env graph e
    then
      static_one_to_many static_env p nc)

predicate static_many_to_one of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
  only
  (∀ graph p static_env nc .
    if
      (every_two
        (static_traceable graph (top_program_id e) (
static_recv_program_id static_env p nc))

```

```

        noncompetitive),
    static_traversable static_env graph e
  then
    static_many_to_one static_env p n_c)

```

6.1 Soundness

Reppy and Xiao informally prove soundness of their analysis by showing that their static analysis determines that more than one thread sends (or receives) on a channel if the execution allows more than one to send (or receive) on that channel. The proof of soundness depends on the ability to relate the execution of a program to the static analysis of a program. The static analysis describes threads in terms of control paths, since it can only describe threads in terms of statically available information. Thus, in order to describe the relationship between the threads of the static analysis and the operational semantics, the operational semantics is defined as stepping between sets of control paths paired with terms. Divergent control paths are added whenever a new thread is spawned.

The semantics and analysis must contain many details. To ensure the correctness of proofs, it is necessary to check that there are no subtle errors in either the definitions or proofs. Proofs in general require many subtle manipulations of symbols. The difference between a false statement and a true statement can often be difficult to spot, since the two may be very similar lexically. However, a mechanical proof checker, such as that of Isabelle, has no difficulty discerning between valid and invalid derivations. Mechanical checking of proofs can notify users of errors in the proofs or definitions far better and faster than manual checking. This work has greatly benefited from Isabelle's proof checker in order to correctly define the language semantics, control flow analysis, communication analysis, and other helpful definitions. For instance, some bugs in the definitions were found trying to prove soundness. The proof checker would not accept the proof unless I provided facts that should be false, indicating that the definitions did not state my intentions. After correcting the errors in the definitions, the proof was completed such that the proof checker was satisfied.

The reasoning involved in proving the soundness of each communication topology classification is based around breaking the goal into simpler subgoals, and generalizing assumptions to create useful induction hypotheses. It is often useful to create helper definitions that can be deduced from premises of the theorem being proved and enable general reasoning across arbitrary programs. A frequent pattern is to define predicates in terms of semantic structures, like the environment, stack, and pool, and deduce the instantiation of these predicates on the initial program state.

Some aspects of the generalized predicate definitions exist simply to prove that they imply instantiations of the original program based predicates. However, the generalized definitions exist in order to allow direct access to properties that would otherwise be deeply nested in an inductive structure and inaccessible by a predictable number of logical steps for an arbitrary program.

One of the most difficult aspects of formal reasoning is in developing adequate definitions. It is often possible to define a single semantics in multiple ways. For instance, the sortedness of a list could be defined in terms of the sortedness of its tail

or in terms of the sortedness of its longest strict prefix. To prove theorems relating sortedness to other relations, it may be important that the other relations are inductively defined on the same subpart of the list. Some relations may only be definable on the tail, while others can be defined only on the strict prefix. In such cases, it is necessary to define sortedness in two ways, and prove their equivalence, in order to prove theorems relating to less flexible relations.

```

predicate sorted_a of nat list -> nat list -> bool:
  only

  (sorted_a []),

  ( $\forall$  n .
    sorted_a [x]),

  ( $\forall$  n y zs .
    if
       $n \leq y$ ,
      sorted_a (y # zs)
    then
      sorted_a (n # y # zs))

predicate sorted_b of nat list -> nat list -> bool:
  only

  (sorted_b []),

  ( $\forall$  n .
    sorted_b [x]),

  ( $\forall$  xs y z .
    if
      sorted_b (xs @ [y]),
       $y \leq z$ 
    then
      sorted_b (xs @ [y] @ [z]))

```

The theorem for soundness of static one-shot classification states that if a static channel is statically classified as one-shot for a given program and static environment consistent with the program, then any corresponding dynamic channel is classified as one-shot over any pool that results from running the program. The theorem for soundness of static fan-out classification states that if a static channel is statically classified as fan-out for a given program and static environment consistent with that program, then any corresponding dynamic channel is classified as fan-out over any pool that results from running the program. The theorems for soundness of many-to-one classification and one-to-one classification follow the same pattern.

```

theorem static_one_shot_sound:
   $\forall$  static_env static_comm e0 n_c pool comm path_c .

```

```

if
  static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
  static_one_shot static_env e0 n_c,
  star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [-> []])] {} pool comm
then
  one_shot pool (Chan path_c n_c)

theorem static_one_to_many_sound:
  ∀ static_env static_comm e0 n_c pool comm path_c.
  if
    static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
    static_one_to_many static_env e0 n_c,
    star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [-> []])] {} pool comm
  then
    one_to_many pool (Chan path_c n_c)

theorem static_many_to_one_sound:
  ∀ static_env static_comm e0 n_c pool comm path_c.
  if
    static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
    static_many_to_one static_env e0 n_c,
    star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt p [-> []])] {} pool comm
  then
    many_to_one pool (Chan path_c n_c)

theorem static_one_to_one_sound:
  ∀ static_env static_comm e0 n_c pool comm path_c.
  if
    static_eval static_env, static_comm e0,
    static_one_to_one static_env e0 n_c,
    star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [-> []])] {} pool comm
  then
    one_to_one pool (Chan path_c n_c)

```

The soundness theorem for static fan-out classification is proved by a few simpler lemmas and the definitions of static and dynamic fan-out classification. The three main lemmas state the soundness of the lack of static traceability, the soundness of the lack of inclusiveness, and the soundness of a program step not being a static send ID. These lemmas depend on a correspondence between static paths and dynamic paths, which is bijective for the lower precision analysis. The lemma for soundness of lack of static inclusiveness states that any two dynamic paths traced by running a program correspond to statically inclusive static paths. It follows from a straightforward case analysis of static inclusivity. The lemma for soundness of lack of static traceability states that for any dynamic path traced by running a program, there is a corresponding static path that is statically traceable. The lemma for soundness of a program step not being a static send ID states that running a program reaches a synchronization on a sending event, then that synchronization is statically identified as a send ID by its program ID.

Lemma not_static_traceable_sound:

```

forall e0 pool comm path n b p' env stack evn_a static_comm graph is_end .
  if
    star dynamic_eval ([[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])], {}) (pool, comm),
    pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n b p') env stack),
    static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
    static_traversable static_env graph e0,
    is_end (NBind x)
  then
    exists static_path .
      paths_correspond path static_path,
      static_traceable graph (top_program_id e0) is_end static_path

Lemma not_static_inclusive_sound:
  forall e0 pool comm path1 stt1 path2 stt2 static_path1 static_path2 .
    if
      star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])] {} pool comm
      pool path1 = Some stt1,
      pool path2 = Some stt2,
      paths_correspond path1 static_path1,
      paths_correspond path2 static_path2
    then
      static_inclusive static_path1 static_path2

Lemma not_static_send_id_sound:
  forall e0 pool comm path n n_e p' env stack n_sc n_m env' path_c n_c .
    if
      star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])] {} pool comm,
      pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n (Sync n_e) p') env stack),
      env n_e = Some (VAtm (SendEvt n_sc n_m) env'),
      env' n_sc = Some (VChn (Chan path_c n_c)),
      static_eval static_env static_comm e0
    then
      static_send_id static_env e0 n_c (NBind x)

```

The soundness of lack of static traceability is proved by generalizing static traversability and static evaluation over pools, such that information about a step in the program can be deduced by a fixed number of logical steps regardless of the location of the program step or the size of the program. Without such generalization, it would be possible to prove soundness for a fixed program, but not any arbitrary program.

The generalization of static traversability is composed of in static traversable over values, static traversability over environments, static traversability over stacks, and static traversability over pools. In most cases, it simply states that a subprogram of some semantic element is also statically traversable. The exception is in the case of static traversability over a non-empty stack, where there is an additional condition that the transition from a result id to the program ID of the continuation program exists in the graph. This information is consistent with static traversability over programs, but provides direct information about a transition in the graph, which would otherwise only be deducible by a varying number of logical steps depending on the program.

```

predicate static_traversable_val of
  static_value_map -> graph -> dynamic_value -> bool:
only

  (∀ static_env graph .
    static_traversable_val static_env graph VUnt),

  (∀ static_env graph c .
    static_traversable_val static_env graph (VChn c)),

  (∀ static_env graph env nc nm .
    if
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env
    then
      static_traversable_val
        static_env graph (VAtm (SendEvt nc nm) env)),

  (∀ static_env graph env nc .
    if
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env
    then
      static_traversable_val
        static_env graph (VAtm (RecvEvt nc) env)),

  (∀ static_env graph env np .
    if
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env
    then
      static_traversable_val
        static_env graph (VAtm (Lft np) env)),

  (∀ static_env graph env np .
    if
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env
    then
      static_traversable_val
        static_env graph (VAtm (Rght np) env)),

  (∀ static_env graph pb env nf np .
    if
      static_traversable static_env graph pb,
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env
    then
      static_traversable_val
        static_env nf (VAtm (Fun nf np pb) env)),

  (∀ static_env graph env .
    if
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env
    then

```



```

    static_traversable_val
      static_env graph (VAtm (Pair n1 n2) env))

predicate static_traversable_env of
  static_value_map -> graph -> env -> bool:
only
  (∀ static_env graph env .
    if
      (∀ n v . if env n = Some v then
        static_traversable_val static_env graph v)
    then
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env)

predicate static_traversable_stack of
  static_value_map -> graph ->
  name -> continuation list -> bool:
only
  (∀ static_env graph y .
    static_traversable_stack static_env graph y []),

  (∀ y p graph static_env graph env stack n env .
    if
      {(NResult y, MRtn, top_program_id e)} ⊆ graph,
      static_traversable static_env graph e,
      static_traversable_env static_env graph env,
      static_traversable_stack static_env graph (result_name e) stack
    then
      static_traversable_stack static_env graph y ((Ctn n p env) # stack)
    )

predicate static_traversable_pool of
  static_value_map -> graph -> pool -> bool:
only
  (∀ static_env graph pool .
    if
      (∀ path p env stack .
        if
          env path = Some (Stt p env stack)
        then
          static_traversable static_env graph e,
          static_traversable_env static_env graph env,
          static_traversable_stack static_env graph (result_name e) stack
        )
      then
        static_traversable_pool static_env graph pool)

```

The transitions described by the various versions of static traversability depend on static environments in order to look up the control flow in the application case. The static environment results from the static evaluation of the program that is dy-

namically evaluated. Thus, generalized versions of static evaluation enable further deduction about transitions. As with the generalized versions of static traversability, the generalized versions of static evaluation are designed to preserve static environments across dynamic evaluations of pools. They also provide direct access to binding information from names to static values in a fixed number of logical steps. Static evaluation of programs correlates program syntax to static values, but the generalized static evaluations correlate dynamic semantic structures, like, value, environments, and stacks, to static values. The function function relates dynamic values to static values and helps the larger goal of relating dynamic semantic elements to static values and static environments.

```

fun abstract of dynamic_value -> static_value:
  abstract VUnt = SUnt,
  (∀ path n .
    abstract (VChn (Chan path x)) = SChn x),
  (∀ atom env .
    abstract (VAtm atom env) = SPrm atom)

predicate static_eval_value of
  static_value_map -> abstract_comm -> dynamic_value -> bool:
only

  (∀ static_env static_comm .
    static_eval_val static_env static_comm VUnit),

  (∀ static_env static_comm c .
    static_eval_val static_env static_comm (VChn c)),

  (∀ static_env static_comm env nc nm .
    if
      static_eval_env static_env static_comm env
    then
      static_eval_val static_env static_comm
        (VAtm (SendEvt nc nm) env)),

  (∀ static_env static_comm env nc .
    if
      static_eval_env static_env static_comm env
    then
      static_eval_val static_env static_comm
        (VAtm (RecvEvt nc) env)),

  (∀ static_env static_comm env np .
    if
      static_eval_env static_env static_comm env
    then
      static_eval_val static_env static_comm
        (VAtm (Lft np) env)),

```

```

(∀ static_env static_comm env np .
  if
    static_eval_env static_env static_comm env
  then
    static_eval_val static_env static_comm
      (VAtm (Rght np) env)),

(∀ nf np pb static_env static_comm env .
  if
    {AAtom (Fun nf np pb)} ⊆ static_env f,
    static_eval static_env static_comm pb,
    static_eval_env static_env static_comm env
  then
    static_eval_val static_env static_comm
      (VAtm (Fun nf np pb) env)),

(∀ static_env static_comm env n1 n2 .
  if
    static_eval_env static_env static_comm env
  then
    static_eval_val static_env static_comm
      (VAtm (Pair n1 n2) env))

predicate static_eval_env of
  static_value_map -> static_value_map -> env -> bool:
only
  (∀ static_env static_comm env .
    if
      (∀ n v . if env n = Some v then
        {abstract v} ⊆ static_env x,
        static_eval_val static_env static_comm v)
    then
      static_eval_env static_env static_comm env)

predicate static_eval_stack of
  static_value_map -> static_value_map ->
  static_value set -> continuation list -> bool:
only
  (∀ static_env static_comm static_vals .
    static_eval_stack static_env static_comm static_vals []),
  (∀ static_vals static_env static_comm .
    if
      static_vals ⊆ static_env x,
      static_eval static_env static_comm e,
      static_eval_env static_env static_comm env,
      static_eval_stack static_env static_comm static_env (result_name e)
    stack
    then
      static_eval_stack static_env static_comm static_vals ((Ctn n p env)
# stack))

```

```

predicate static_eval_pool of
  static_value_map -> static_value_map -> pool -> bool:
only
  (∀ static_env static_comm pool .
    if
      (∀ path p env stack .
        if
          pool path = Some (Stt p env stack)
        then
          static_eval static_env static_comm e,
          static_eval_env static_env static_comm env,
          static_eval_stack static_env static_comm static_env (
result_name e) stack)
        then
          static_eval_pool static_env static_comm pool)

```

A variant of star that inducts toward the left of the transitive connection is helpful for relating dynamic traceability to static traceability, since it mirrors the direction that way paths grow, which influenced the choice of induction in the definition of static traceability.

```

predicate star_left of ('a -> 'a -> bool) -> 'a -> 'a -> bool:
only

  (∀ r z z .
    star_left r z z),

  (∀ r n y z .
    if
      star_left r n y, r y z
    then
      star_left r n z)

lemma star_implies_star_left:
  ∀ r n y .
    if
      star r n z
    then
      star_left r n z

lemma star_left_trans:
  ∀ r n y z .
    if
      star_left r n y,
      star_left r y z
    then
      star_left r n z

```

The soundness of lack of static traceability follows from the generalized lemma

of soundness of lack of static traceability over pools, which contains the generalized premise of static traceability, and also it follows from the lemma of preservation of static traversability over pools from an initial pool to any pool resulting from multiple steps of dynamic evaluation.

```

Lemma not_static_traceable_pool_sound:
  ∀ e0 pool comm path n b p' env stack evn_a static_comm graph is_end .
    if
      star dynamic_eval ([[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])], {}) (pool, comm),
      pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n b p') env stack),
      static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
      static_traversable static_env graph pool,
      is_end (NBind x)
    then
      exists static_path .
        paths_correspond path static_path,
        static_traceable graph (top_program_id e0) is_end static_path

Lemma static_traversable_pool_preserved_star:
  ∀ e0 pool comm static_env static_comm graph .
    if
      star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])] {} pool comm,
      static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
      static_traversable_pool static_env graph [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])]
    then
      static_traversable_pool static_env graph pool

```

The lemma for the soundness of the generalized form follows from the generalized definitions of static traceability. The preservation of static traversability over pools is proved by the equivalence between star and its leftward variant, and induction on the leftward variant.

The lemma for soundness of a static step not being a send ID is proved using the lemma for soundness of a name in a sending event of a synchronization not statically binding to a static channel value, and the lemma for soundness of a name in any state's environment not statically binding to a static value. Since only send IDs are relevant the soundness of lack of static reachability is used to ensure that the static step discussed is indeed a send ID.

```

Lemma send_chan_not_static_bound_sound:
  ∀ e0 pool comm static_env static_comm path
    n n_e p' env stack n_sc n_m env_e path_c n_c .
    if
      star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])], {} pool comm,
      static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
      pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n (Sync n_e) p') env stack),
      env_y n_e = Some (VAtm (SendEvt n_sc n_m) env_e),
      env_e n_sc = Some (VChn (Chan path_c n_c))
    then
      SChn n_c ∈ static_env n_sc

```

```

lemma not_static_bound_sound:
  ∀ e0 pool comm static_env static_comm path p env stack n v .
    if
      star_dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])] {} pool comm,
      static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
      pool path = Some (Stt p env stack),
      env n = Some v
    then
      abstract v ∈ static_env x

```

```

lemma not_static_reachable_sound:
  ∀ e0 pool comm static_env static_comm path p env stack .
    if
      star_dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])] {} pool comm,
      pool path = Some (Stt p env stack)
    then
      static_reachable e0 e

```

Both the soundness of a name in a sending event of a synchronization not statically binding to a static channel value, and the soundness of a name in any state's environment not statically binding to a static value from the preservation of static evaluation over multiple steps of dynamic evaluation.

```

lemma static_eval_pool_preserved:
  ∀ pool comm pool' comm' static_env static_comm .
    if
      star_dynamic_eval pool comm pool' comm'
      static_eval_pool static_env static_comm pool
    then
      static_eval_pool static_env static_comm pool'

```

The lemma for soundness of lack of static reachability relies on the a reformulation of static reachability that inducts on the left program. The definition of static reachability is syntax-directed in order to portray a clear connection to a computable algorithm that can determine the reachable term from an initial program. However, to show that an term is reachable from the initial program, it is necessary to show that each intermediate term is reachable from the initial term. Thus, the induction needs to enable unraveling the goals from the end to the beginning of the program, maintaining the initial program state in context for each subgoal .

```

predicate static_reachable_left of term -> term -> bool:
  only

  (∀ e0 p .
    static_reachable_left e0 e0),

  (∀ e0 n p_c p' .
    if
      static_reachable_left e0 (Bind n (Spwn p_c) p')
    then
      static_reachable_left e0 p_c),

```

```

(∀ e0 n ns nl pl nr pr p' .
  if
    static_reachable_left e0 (Bind n (Case ns nl pl nr pr) p')
  then
    static_reachable_left e0 pl),

(∀ e0 n ns nl pl nr pr p' .
  if
    static_reachable_left e0 (Bind n (Case ns nl pl nr pr) p')
  then
    static_reachable_left e0 pr),

(∀ e0 n nf np pb p' .
  if
    static_reachable_left e0 (Bind n (Atom (Fun nf np pb)) p')
  then
    static_reachable_left e0 pb),

(∀ e0 n nf np pb p' .
  if
    static_reachable_left e0 (Bind n b p')
  then
    static_reachable_left e0 p'),

predicate static_reachable_over_atom of term -> atom -> bool:
only

(∀ e0 nc nm .
  static_reachable_over_atom e0 (SendEvt nc nm)),

(∀ e0 nc .
  static_reachable_over_atom e0 (RecvEvt nc)),

(∀ e0 n1 n2 .
  static_reachable_over_atom e0 (Pair n1 n2)),

(∀ e0 nl .
  static_reachable_over_atom e0 (Lft nl)),

(∀ e0 nr .
  static_reachable_over_atom e0 (Rght nr)),

(∀ e0 pb nf np pb .
  if
    static_reachable_left e0 pb
  then
    static_reachable_over_atom e0 (Fun nf np pb))

predicate static_reachable_val of term -> dynamic_value -> bool:

```

```

only

(∀ e0 .
  static_reachable_over_val e0 VUnt),

(∀ e0 c .
  static_reachable_over_val e0 (VChn c)),

(∀ e0 p env .
  if
    static_reachable_over_atom e0 p,
    static_reachable_over_env e0 env
  then
    static_reachable_over_val e0 (VAtm p env))

predicate static_reachable_env of term -> env -> bool:
only
(∀ e0 env
  if
    (∀ n v .
      if
        env n = Some v
      then
        static_reachable_over_val e0 v)
  then
    static_reachable_over_env e0 env)

predicate static_reachable_over_stack of
term -> continuation list -> bool:
only
(∀ e0 .
  static_reachable_over_stack e0 []),
(∀ e0 pk envk stack' .
  if
    static_reachable_left e0 pk,
    static_reachable_over_env e0 envk,
    static_reachable_over_stack e0 stack'
  then
    static_reachable_over_stack e0 ((Ctn nk pk envk # stack'))

predicate static_reachable_pool of term -> pool -> bool:
only
(∀ e0 pool .
  then
    (∀ path p env stack . if pool path = Some (Stt p env stack) then
      static_reachable_left e0 e,
      static_reachable_over_env e0 env,
      static_reachable_over_stack e0 stack)
  then
    static_reachable_over_pool e0 pool)

```


The soundness of lack of reachability follows the the definitions a generalized form of soundness over pools.

```
lemma not_static_reachable_pool_sound:
   $\forall$  e0 pool .
    if
      star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])], {} pool comm
    then
      static_reachable_over_pool e0 pool
```

The soundness over pools follows from the lemma that the leftward static reachability implies the rightward (and syntax-directed) static reachability, and the equivalence between star and the leftward star. It relies on induction of the leftward star and constructs the static reachability proposition using the leftward definition.

```
lemma static_reachable_left_implies_static_reachable:
   $\forall$  e0 e.
    if
      static_reachable_left e0 e
    then
      static_reachable e0 e

lemma static_reachable_trans:
   $\forall$  e1 e2 e3 .
    if
      static_reachable e1 e2,
      static_reachable e2 e3
    then
      static_reachable e1 e3
```

The lemma that the leftward variant of static reachability implies the syntax-directed static reachability follows from induction on the leftward static reachability and the transitivity of static reachability, which follows from induction on static reachability.

7 Higher Precision Communication

In many programs, channels are created within function functions. The function functions may be applied multiple times, creating multiple distinct channels with each application. It may be that each channel is used just once and then discarded. However, the static analysis just described would identify all the distinct channels by the same name, since each distinct channel is created by the same piece of syntax. Thus, it would classify those channels as being used more than once.

It is possible to be more precise by trimming the program under analysis down to just the part where the static channel is live. The static channel cannot be live between the last use of a dynamic channel and the creation of a new dynamic channel with the same name. Thus, each truncated program would have just one dynamic channel corresponding to the static channel under analysis.

A trimmed graph structure of graph is used static analysis for this higher precision analysis, which can better differentiate between distinct channels. A trimmed graph is specialized for a particular dynamic channel. From the creation step, it must contain transitive transitions to all the program steps where the channel is live. It should also be as small as possible, for higher precision.

In the whole graph used in the previous analysis, a spawning transition connects a child thread to the rest of the program. For a trimmed graph, it may be clear the channel of interest is not created until after the spawn step, so there is not need to include the spawning transition. However, later on in the program it may become apparent that the channel of interest is sent via another channel to that spawned thread. Since there is no spawning transition already connecting that thread to the trimmed graph, a transition with a sending mode is used between the send ID and the receive ID of synchronization. Modes for typical control flow of sequencing, calling, returning, and spawning are also included transitions.

```
datatype mode = MNxt | MSpwn | ESend name | MCll | MRtn
```

```
type transition = program_id * mode * program_id
```

```
type static_step = program_id * mode
```

```
type static_path = static_step list
```

Static traversability is similar to that of the previous analysis. However, it must additionally consider transitions with the sending mode.

```
predicate static_traversable of static_value_map -> graph -> term -> bool
:
only

(∀ static_env graph n .
  static_traversable static_env graph (Rslt n)),

(∀ n p' graph static_env .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n Unt p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
```

```

static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n MkChn p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env nc nm .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (SendEvt nc nm))
    p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env nc .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (RecvEvt nc)) p')
),

(∀ n p' graph static_env n1 n2 .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Pair n1 n2)) p')
),

(∀ n p' graph static_env ns .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Lft ns)) p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env ns .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p'
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Rght ns)) p')),

(∀ n p' graph static_env pb nf np .
  if
    (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p') ∈ graph,
    static_traversable static_env graph p',
    static_traversable static_env graph pb
  then
    static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Atom (Fun nf np pb)) p
    ')),

(∀ n p' pc graph static_env.

```

```

if
  {(NBind x, MNxt, top_program_id p'),
   (NBind x, MSpwn, top_program_id p_c)}  $\subseteq$  graph,
  static_traversable static_env graph p_c,
  static_traversable static_env graph p'
then
  static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Spwn p_c) p')),

( $\forall$  n p' graph static_env nse .
if
  (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p')  $\in$  graph,
  ( $\forall$  nsc nm nc y.
    if
      (SPrm (SendEvt nsc nm))  $\in$  static_env xSE,
      (SChn nc)  $\in$  static_env nsc,
      static_recv_program_id static_env p' nc (NBind y)
    then
      (NBind x, ESend nse, NBind y)  $\in$  F),
  static_traversable static_env graph p'
then
  static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Sync nse) p')),

( $\forall$  n p' graph static_env np .
if
  (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p')  $\in$  graph,
  static_traversable static_env graph p',
then
  static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Fst np) p')),

( $\forall$  n p' graph static_env np .
if
  (NBind n , MNxt, top_program_id p')  $\in$  graph,
  static_traversable static_env graph p',
then
  static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Snd np) p')),

( $\forall$  n pl pr p' graph static_env ns .
if
  {(NBind x, MCll, top_program_id pl),
   (NBind x, MCll, top_program_id pr),
   (NResult (result_name pl), MRtn, top_program_id p'),
   (NResult (result_name pr), MRtn, top_program_id p')}  $\subseteq$  graph,
  static_traversable static_env graph pl,
  static_traversable static_env graph pr,
  static_traversable static_env graph p'
then
  static_traversable static_env graph (Bind n (Case ns nl pl nr pr) p'
  ')),

( $\forall$  static_env nf n p' n na .

```

```

if
  ( $\forall n_f' n_p p_b$  . if (SPrm (Fun  $n_f' n_p p_b$ ))  $\in$  static_env  $n_f$  then
    {(NBind  $x$ , MCl1, top_program_id  $p_b$ ),
     (NResult (result_name  $p_b$ ), MRtn, top_program_id  $p'$ )}  $\subseteq$  graph),
  static_traversable static_env graph  $p'$ 
then
  static_traversable static_env graph (Bind  $n$  (App  $n_f n_a$ )  $p'$ ))

```

For the liveness of channel analysis, it is necessary to track any name that binds to structure containing a channel of interest, since any use of that name could indicate a use of the channel. in the case where the tracked name might be a function, the channel simply needs to be live in the body of the function, for the name to be considered built on it. An entry function contains the names built on the channel that might be live at the entrance of each program ID.

```

predicate static_built_on_chan of
  static_value_map -> program_id_map -> name -> name -> bool:
only

  ( $\forall n_c$  static_env  $n$  entr .
    if
      SChn  $n_c \in$  static_env  $n$ 
    then
      static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $x$ ),

  ( $\forall n_{sc} n_m$  static_env  $n$  entr  $n_c$  .
    if
      (SPrm (SendEvt  $n_{sc} n_m$ ))  $\in$  static_env  $x$ ,
      (static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $n_{sc}$  or
       static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $n_m$ )
    then
      static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $x$ ),

  ( $\forall n_{rc}$  static_env  $n$  entr  $n_c$  .
    if
      (SPrm (RecvEvt  $n_{rc}$ ))  $\in$  static_env  $x$ ,
      static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $n_{rc}$ 
    then
      static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $x$ ),

  ( $\forall n_1 n_2$  static_env  $n$  entr  $n_c$  .
    if
      (SPrm (Pair  $n_1 n_2$ ))  $\in$  static_env  $x$ ,
      (static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $n_1$  or
       static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $n_2$ )
    then
      static_built_on_chan static_env entr  $n_c$   $x$ ),

```

```

(∀ na static_env n entr nc .
  if
    (SPrm (Lft na)) ∈ static_env x,
    static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc na
  then
    static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc x),

(∀ na static_env n entr nc .
  if
    (SPrm (Rght na)) ∈ static_env x,
    static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc na
  then
    static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc x),

(∀ nf np pb .
  if
    (SPrm (Fun nf np pb)) ∈ static_env x,
    not ((entr (top_program_id pb) - {x_p}) = {})
  then
    static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc x)

```

The static liveness of a channel is described in terms of entry functions and exit functions. The entry function maps a program step to a set of names built on the given channel, if those names are live at the entry of that program ID. The exit function maps a program step to a set of names built on the given channel, if those names are live at the exit of that program ID.

```

predicate static_live_chan of
  static_value_map -> program_id_map -> program_id_map -> name -> term ->
  bool:
only

  (∀ static_env entr nc y exit .
    if
      (if (static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc y) then
        {y} ⊆ entr (NResult y))
    then
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Rslt y)),

  (∀ exit n entr p' static_env nc .
    if
      (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
      entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
    then
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Bind n Unt p')),
  (∀ exit n entr p' static_env nc .
    if
      (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),

```

```

    entr (top_program_id p')  $\subseteq$  exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Bind n MkChn p')),

(∀ exit n entr static_env nc nsC nm p' nc .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x})  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc nsC then
      {xsc}  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x)),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc nm then
      {xm}  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x)),
    entr (top_program_id p')  $\subseteq$  exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc
      (Bind n (Atom (SendEvt nsC nm)) p')),

(∀ exit n entr static_env nc nr .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x})  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc nr then
      {xr}  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x)),
    entr (top_program_id p')  $\subseteq$  exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc
      (Bind n (Atom (RecvEvt nrC)) p')),

(∀ exit n entr static_env pc n1 n2 p' .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x})  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc n1 then
      {x1}  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x)),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc n2 then
      {x2}  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x)),
    entr (top_program_id p')  $\subseteq$  exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Bind n (Atom (Pair n1 n2)
      ) p')),

(∀ exit n entr static_env nc na p' .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x})  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc na then
      {xa}  $\subseteq$  entr (NBind x)),
    entr (top_program_id p')  $\subseteq$  exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Bind n (Atom (Lft na)) p

```

```

' )),
(∀ exit n entr static_env n_c n_a p' .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr n_c n_a then
      {x_a} ⊆ entr (NBind x))
    entr (top_program_id e) ⊆ exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c e
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c (Bind n (Atom (Right n_a)) e
  )),
(∀ exit n entr p_b n_p n static_env n_c p' n_f .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
    (entr (top_program_id p_b) - {x_p}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c p_b,
    entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c
      (Bind n (Atom (Fun n_f n_p p_b)) p')),
(∀ exit n entr p' p_c n_c static_env .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
    entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),
    entr (top_program_id p_c) ⊆ exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c p_c,
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c
      (Bind n (Spwn p_c) p')),
(∀ exit n entr static_env n_c n_e p' .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr n_c n_e then
      {x_e} ⊆ entr (NBind x)),
    entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c p',
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c
      (Bind n (Sync n_e) p')),
(∀ exit n entr static_env n_c n_a p' .
  if
    (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
    (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr n_c n_a then
      {x_a} ⊆ entr (NBind x)),
    entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),

```



```

    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
  then
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Bind n (Fst na) p')),
  (∀ exit n entr static_env nc na p' .
    if
      (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
      (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc na then
        {xa} ⊆ entr (NBind x)),
      entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
    then
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc
        (Bind n (Snd na) p')),
  (∀ exit n entr pl nl pr nr static_env nc ns p' .
    if
      (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
      (entr (top_program_id pl) - {xl}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
      (entr (top_program_id pr) - {xr}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
      (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc ns then
        {xs} ⊆ entr (NBind x)),
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc pl,
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc pr,
      entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
    then
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Bind n (Case ns nl pl nr pr) p')),
  (∀ exit n entr static_env nc na nf p' .
    if
      (exit (NBind x) - {x}) ⊆ entr (NBind x),
      (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc na then
        {xa} ⊆ entr (NBind x)),
      (if static_built_on_chan static_env entr nc nf then
        {f} ⊆ entr (NBind x)),
      entr (top_program_id p') ⊆ exit (NBind x),
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc p'
    then
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc (Bind n (App nf na) p'))

```

The static liveness of a transition is described by checking if a transition exists in a whole graph, and if it meets certain criteria with respect to the entry and exit liveness functions.

```

predicate static_live_transition of
  graph -> program_id_map -> program_id_map -> transition -> bool:
only

```

```

(∀ l l' graph exit entr .
  if
    (l, MNxt, l') ∈ graph,
    not (exit l = {}),
    not (entr l' = {})
  then
    static_live_transition graph entr exit (l, MNxt, l')),

(∀ l l' graph exit entr .
  if
    (l, MSpwn, l') ∈ graph,
    not (exit l = {}),
    not (entr l' = {})
  then
    static_live_transition graph entr exit (l, MSpwn, l')),

(∀ l l' graph exit entr .
  if
    (l, MCll, l') ∈ graph,
    (not (exit l = {})) or (not (entr l' = {}))
  then
    static_live_transition graph entr exit (l, MCll, l')),

(∀ l l' graph entr exit .
  if
    (l, MRtn, l') ∈ graph,
    not (entr l' = {})
  then
    static_live_transition graph entr exit (l, MRtn, l')),

(∀ n_s_end n_evt n_r.ecv graph entr exit .
  if
    ((NBind n_s_end), ESend n_evt, (NBind n_r.ecv)) ∈ graph,
    {x_evt} ⊆ (entr (NBind n_s_end))
  then
    static_live_transition graph entr exit
      ((NBind n_s_end), ESend n_evt, (NBind n_r.ecv)))

```

The static traceability for the higher precision analysis states that an entire static path can be trace through some graph and is live with respect to some entry and and exit functions.

```

predicate static_traceable of
  static_value_map -> graph -> program_id_map -> program_id_map ->
  program_id -> (program_id -> bool) -> static_path -> bool:
only

(∀ is_end start static_env graph entr exit .
  if
    is_end start

```

```

then
  static_traceable graph entr exit start is_end [],
  (∀ graph entr exit start middle path is_end mode.
    if
      static_traceable graph entr exit start (λ l . l = middle) path,
      (is_end end),
      static_live_transition graph entr exit (middle, mode, end)
    then
      static_traceable graph entr exit start is_end (path @ [(middle,
mode)]))

```

As with the lower precision analysis, the higher precision analysis relies on recognizing whether or not two paths can actually occur within in a single run of a program. The static inclusiveness states which paths might occur within the same run of the program. In contrast to the analogous definition for the lower precision analysis, the higher precision definition needs to consider paths containing the sending mode. As mentioned earlier, the path from the synchronization on sending to the synchronization on receiving is necessary to ensure that all uses of a channel are reachable from the channel's creation ID. The singularness means that only one of the two given paths can occur in a run of program. The noncompetitiveness means that the two given paths do not compete in any run of a program.

```

predicate static_inclusive of
  static_path -> static_path -> bool:
only

  (∀ path1 path2 .
    if
      prefix path1 path2 or path2 path1
    then
      static_inclusive path1 path2),

  (∀ path n path1 path2 .
    static_inclusive
      (path @ (NBind x, MSpwn) # path1)
      (path @ (NBind x, MNxt) # path2)),

  (∀ path n path1 path2 .
    static_inclusive
      (path @ (NBind x, MNxt) # path1) (
      path @ (NBind x, MSpwn) # path2)),

  (∀ path n path1 path2 .
    static_inclusive
      (path @ (NBind x, ESend xE) # path1)
      (path @ (NBind x, MNxt) # path2)),

  (∀ path n path1 path2 .

```

```

static_inclusive
  (path @ (NBind x, MNxt) # path1)
  (path @ (NBind x, ESend xE) # path2))

predicate singular of static_path -> static_path -> bool:
only

  (∀ path .
    singular path path),

  (∀ path1 path2 .
    if
      not (static_inclusive path1 path2)
    then
      singular path1 path2)

predicate noncompetitive of static_path -> static_path -> bool:
only

  (∀ path1 path2 .
    if
      ordered path1 path2
    then
      noncompetitive path1 path2),

  (∀ path1 path2 .
    if
      not (static_inclusive path1 path2)
    then
      noncompetitive path1 path2)

```

The communication topology classifications are described using the liveness properties, but are otherwise similar to the lower precision classifications.

```

predicate static_one_shot of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
only
  (∀ graph entr exit nc static_env p .
    if
      every_two
        (static_traceable graph entr exit
          (NBind nc) (static_send_id static_env p nc))
        singular,
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc e,
      static_traversable static_env graph e
    then
      static_one_shot V p nc)

predicate static_one_to_one of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
only
  (∀ graph entr exit nc static_env p .

```

```

if
  every_two
    (static_traceable graph entr exit (NBind nc) (static_send_id
static_env p nc))
    noncompetitive,
  every_two
    (static_traceable graph entr exit (NBind nc) (
static_recv_program_id static_env p nc))
    noncompetitive,
    static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc e,
    static_traversable static_env graph e
then
  static_one_to_one static_env p nc)

predicate static_one_to_many of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
only
(∀ graph entr exit nc static_env p .
  if
    every_two
      (static_traceable graph entr exit (NBind nc) (static_send_id
static_env p nc))
      noncompetitive,
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc e,
      static_traversable static_env graph e
    then
      static_one_to_many static_env p nc)

predicate static_many_to_one of static_value_map -> term -> name -> bool:
only
(∀ graph entr exit nc static_env p .
  if
    every_two
      (static_traceable graph entr exit (NBind nc) (
static_recv_program_id static_env p nc))
      noncompetitive,
      static_live_chan static_env entr exit nc e,
      static_traversable static_env graph e
    then
      static_many_to_one static_env p nc)

```

A slightly modified version of the server implementation demonstrates the usage of channel liveness analysis, and liveness traversability of programs. An additional loop has been added to the server implementation. The loop basically just wastes time, but it is used to demonstrate how liveness analysis treats function functions that not contain any channel of interest. No channel is considered to be live in the body of the loop. However, a channel may be live before the loop is called and after the loop returns. in such a case, the live traceable path from the creation of a channel to a step after the loop retains the transitions within the loop, even though the steps in

the loop may not be live according to the entry map.

```
bind u1 = unt
bind r1 = rght u1
bind l1 = lft r1
bind l2 = lft l1

bind lp = (fun lp' x1 =>
  bind z1 = case x1 of
    lft y1 => bind z2 = lp' y1 z2 |
    rght y2 => bind u2 = unt rslt u2
  bind u3 = unt
  rslt u3)

bind mksr = (fun _ x2 =>
  bind k1 = mk_chn
  bind z4 = lp l2
  bind srv = fun srv' x3 =>
    bind e1 = recv_evt k1
    bind p1 = sync e1
    bind v1 = fst p1
    bind k2 = snd p1
    bind e2 = send_evt k2 x3
    bind z5 = sync e2
    bind z6 = srv' v1
    bind u4 = unt
    rslt u4
  bind z7 = spawn (
    bind z8 = srv r1
    bind u5 = unt
    rslt u5)
  rslt k1)

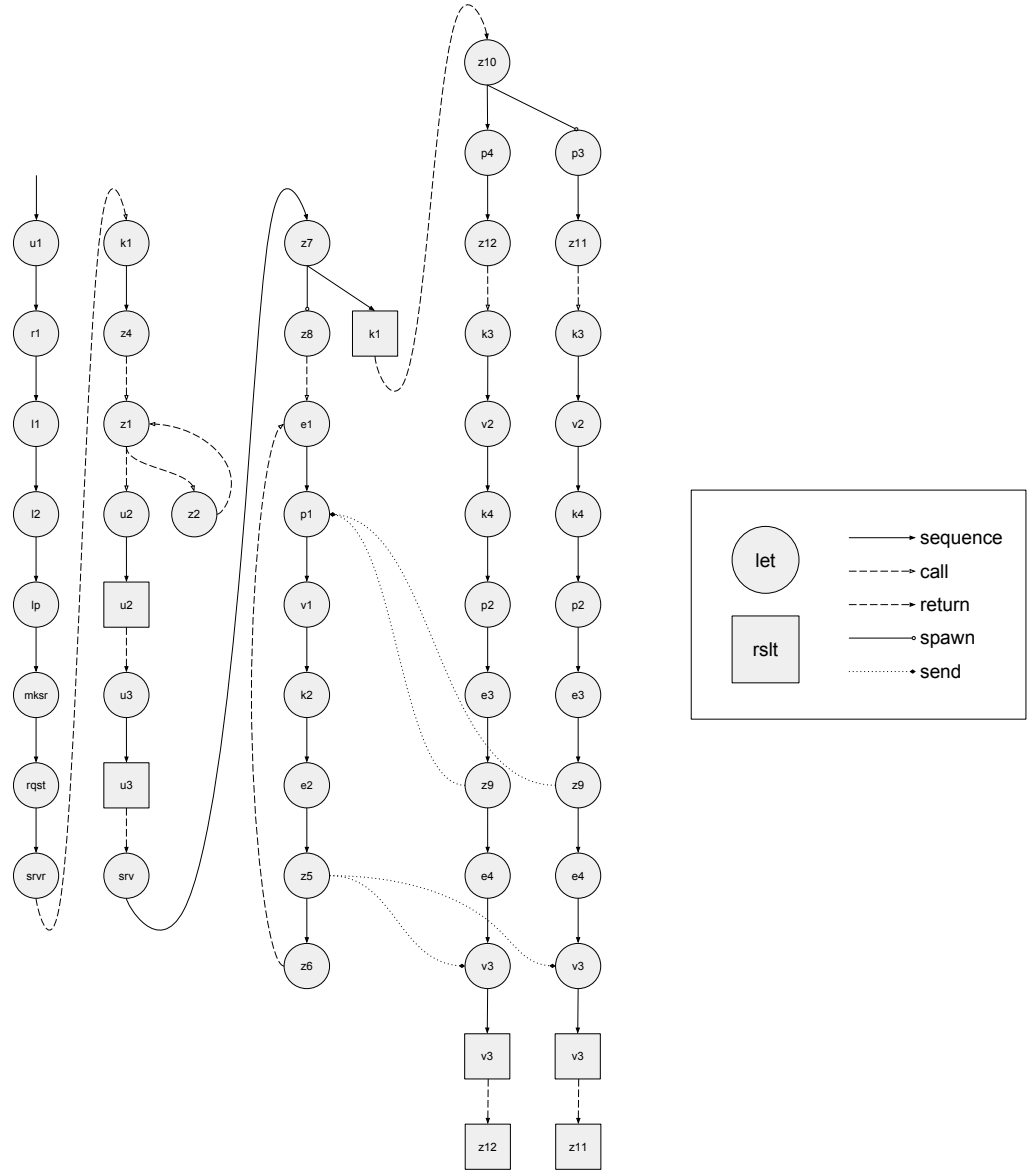
bind rqst = (fun _ x4 =>
  bind k3 = fst x4
  bind v2 = snd x4
  bind k4 = mk_chn
  bind p2 = pair v2 k4
  bind e3 = send_evt k3 p2
  bind z9 = sync e3
  bind e4 = recv_evt k4
  bind v3 = sync e4
  rslt v3)

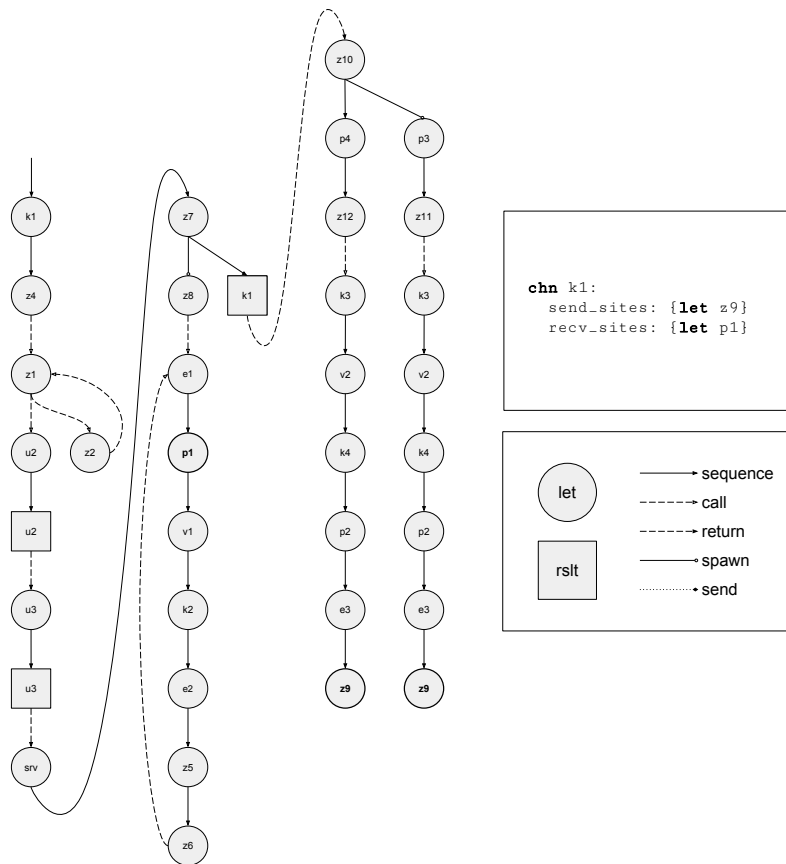
bind srvr = mksr u1
bind z10 = spawn (
  bind p3 = pair srvr l1
  bind z11 = rqst p3
  rslt z11)
bind p4 = pair srvr l2
```

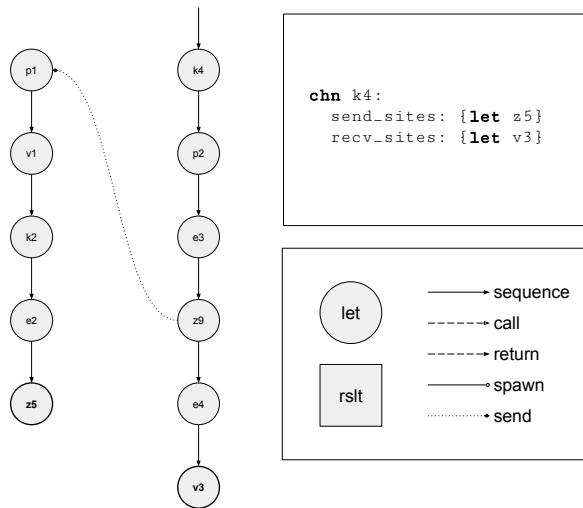
```

bind z12 = rqst p4
rslt z12

```







8 Higher Precision Reasoning Strategy

To prove soundness of the communication topology classification, it should be possible to use previous techniques of generalizing propositions over pools and other semantic components, along with finding equivalent representations of propositions that vary in the inductive subcomponent. One thing that will make carrying out the formal proof particularly tricky is that dynamic paths in the dynamic semantics need to corresponding to static paths from the trimmed graphs, which might also contain sending transitions, instead of the dynamic paths spawning transitions. The correspondence between these dynamic paths and static paths is not bijective, as it is for the lower precision analysis. However, finding a satisfactory correspondence for each dynamic and static path is critical for proving soundness.

Essentially, it will be necessary to show that static properties that hold for some static path are related in some fashion to dynamic properties that hold for a dynamic path which corresponds to the static path modulo the channel under analysis. These reasoning strategies are demonstrated by the theorem for soundness of one-shot classification.

```
theorem static_one_shot_sound:
  ∀ e0 pool comm static_env static_comm nc path_x .
    if
      star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [[]] {} pool comm,
        static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
        static_one_shot static_env e0 nc)
    then
      one_shot pool (Chan path_c nc)
```

The theorem for soundness of one-shot classification depends on correlating dynamic paths with static paths.

```
predicate paths_correspond of dynamic_path -> static_path -> bool:
  only

  paths_correspond [] [],

  (∀ path static_path n .
    if
      paths_correspond path static_path
    then
      paths_correspond
        (path @ [DNxt n])
        (static_path @ [(NBind x, MNxt)])),

  (∀ path static_path n .
    if
      paths_correspond path static_path
    then
      paths_correspond
        (path @ [DSpwn n])
```

```

      (static_path @ [(NBind x, MSpwn)])),

(∀ path static_path n .
  if
    paths_correspond path static_path
  then
    paths_correspond
      (path @ [DCll n])
      (static_path @ [(NBind x, MCll)])),

(∀ path static_path n .
  if
    paths_correspond path static_path
  then
    paths_correspond
      (path @ [DRtn n])
      (static_path @ [(NResult x, MRtn)]))

predicate paths_correspond_mod_chan of
pool -> communication -> chan ->
dynamic_path -> static_path -> bool:
only

(∀ pool path_c n_c path_sfx stt static_path comm .
  if
    pool (path_c @ (DNxt n_c) # path_sfx) = Some stt,
    paths_correspond ((DNxt n_c) # path_sfx) static_path
  then
    paths_correspond_mod_chan
      (pool, comm) (Chan path_c n_c)
      (path_c @ (DNxt n_c) # path_sfx) static_path),

(∀ pool path_r n_r path_sfx stt path_s n_s n_s_e p_sy env_sy stack_sy
n_r_e p_r_y env_ry stack_ry c_c comm c static_path_pre static_path_sfx .
  if
    pool (path_r @ (DNxt n_r) # path_sfx) = Some stt,
    pool path_s = Some (Stt (Bind n_s (Sync n_s_e) p_sy) env_sy stack_sy),
    pool path_r = Some (Stt (Bind n_r (Sync n_r_e) p_r_y) env_ry stack_ry),
    {(path_s, c_c, path_r)} ⊆ comm,
    dynamic_built_on_chan_var env_ry c n_r,
    paths_correspond_mod_chan pool comm c path_s static_path_pre,
    paths_correspond path_sfx static_path_sfx
  then
    paths_correspond_mod_chan pool comm c
      (path_r @ (DNxt n_r) # path_sfx)
      (static_path_pre @ (NBind n_s, ESend n_s_e) # (NBind n_r, MNxt) #
static_path_sfx))

```

Additionally the soundness theorem follows from the soundness of lack of static traceability, the soundness of lack of static inclusiveness, and the soundness of a pro-

gram ID not being a sending ID. The reasoning about the sending ID is identical to that of the lower precision analysis, but the reasoning for the former two is significantly more complicated and not yet completed. The complication arises from the correlation between dynamic paths and static paths. The proofs depend on finding a static path that depends on a given dynamic path. in the lower precision analysis the correlation was straightforward. There was only one possible static path to choose for it to correlate with the given dynamic path. in the higher precision analysis, the relationship between the two kinds of paths is not so simple, and finding a description of the static path that correlates with the dynamic path is much more challenging.

predicate paths_correspond **of** dynamic_path -> static_path -> bool:
only

```

paths_correspond [] [],

(∀ path static_path n .
  if
    paths_correspond path static_path
  then
    paths_correspond
      (path @ [DNxt n])
      (static_path @ [(NBind x, MNxt)])),

(∀ path static_path n .
  if
    paths_correspond path static_path
  then
    paths_correspond
      (path @ [DSpwn n])
      (static_path @ [(NBind x, MSpwn)])),

(∀ path static_path n .
  if
    paths_correspond path static_path
  then
    paths_correspond
      (path @ [DCll n])
      (static_path @ [(NBind x, MCll)])),

(∀ path static_path n .
  if
    paths_correspond path static_path
  then
    paths_correspond
      (path @ [DRtn n])
      (static_path @ [(NResult x, MRtn)]))

predicate paths_correspond_mod_chan of
pool -> communication -> chan ->
dynamic_path -> static_path -> bool:

```

```

only
(∀ pool path_c n_c path_sfx stt static_path comm .
  if
    pool (path_c @ (DNxt n_c) # path_sfx) = Some stt,
    paths_correspond ((DNxt n_c) # path_sfx) static_path
  then
    paths_correspond_mod_chan
      (pool, comm) (Chan path_c n_c)
      (path_c @ (DNxt n_c) # path_sfx) static_path
  ),
(∀ pool path_r n_r path_sfx stt path_s n_s n_s_e p_sy env_sy stack_sy
  n_r_e p_ry env_ry stack_ry c_c comm c static_path_pre static_path_sfx .
  if
    pool (path_r @ (DNxt n_r) # path_sfx) = Some stt,
    pool path_s = Some (Stt (Bind n_s (Sync n_s_e) p_sy) env_sy stack_sy),
    pool path_r = Some (Stt (Bind n_r (Sync n_r_e) p_ry) env_ry stack_ry),
    {(path_s, c_c, path_r)} ⊆ comm,
    dynamic_built_on_chan_var env_ry c n_r,
    paths_correspond_mod_chan pool comm c path_s static_path_pre,
    paths_correspond path_sfx static_path_sfx
  then
    paths_correspond_mod_chan pool comm c
      (path_r @ (DNxt n_r) # path_sfx)
      (static_path_pre @ (NBind n_s, ESend n_s_e) # (NBind n_r, MNxt) #
static_path_sfx)
  )

```

Lemma not_static_traceable_sound:

```

∀ e0 pool comm path n b p' env stack static_env static_comm
entr exit n_c graph is_end path_c .
if
  star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])] {} pool comm,
  pool path = Some (Stt (Bind n b p') env stack),
  static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
  static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c e0,
  static_traversable static_env graph e0,
  is_end (NBind x)
then
  (exists static_path .
    paths_correspond_mod_chan pool comm (Chan path_c n_c) path
static_path,
    static_traceable graph entr exit (NBind n_c) is_end static_path)

```

Lemma not_static_inclusive_sound:

```

∀ e0 pool comm static_env entr exit n_c graph static_comm
path1 stt1 path_c static_path1 path2 stt2 static_path2 .
if
  star dynamic_eval [[] -> (Stt e0 [->] [])] {} pool comm,
  static_live_chan static_env entr exit n_c e0,
  static_traversable static_env graph e0,

```

```

static_eval static_env static_comm e0,
pool path1 = Some stt1,
paths_correspond_mod_chan pool comm (Chan path_c n_c) path1
static_path1,
static_traceable graph entr exit
  (NBind n_c) (static_send_id static_env e0 n_c) static_path1,
pool path2 = Some stt2,
paths_correspond_mod_chan pool comm (Chan path_c n_c) path2
static_path2,
static_traceable graph entr exit
  (NBind n_c) (static_send_id static_env e0 n_c) static_path2
then
static_inclusive static_path1 static_path2

```

9 Future Work

The formal syntax, semantics, and communication analysis of this work form the basis of a framework for studying concurrency functions, synchronization mechanisms, and their applications. These language features enable the construction of reactive programs, which have separation of parts that are conceptually distinct, yet still depend on each other.

This work has kicked off the framework with a formal communication analysis that has practical applications in aiding optimizations for parallel computation. In the future, additional analyses could be built on the existing semantics, in order to verify the correctness of language extensions or optimizations. Extending the semantics to handle event combinators for choosing between events, sequencing events, guarding events, among others, would be an important next step.

Concurrency is a double edged sword. Without specification of ordering, programs may use clearer functions or allow parallelism for faster execution. On the other hand, unspecified orderings may also lead to nondeterministic behavior, which may be not be wanted.

To gain the benefits of concurrency without its hinderance, the language could be extended with syntax to identify blocks of code that are required to be deterministic, along with a corresponding static analysis that checks if such code is actually deterministic [?,] The determinism analysis could rely on the static communication analysis to ensure that all synchronized receiving events receive from at most one channel, that channel is sent on by at most one thread, and that thread is also deterministic.

Other analyses could aid optimizations for incremental computation [?, ?,] which transforms a program into one that checks for altered dependencies and only recomputes the data that depends on altered dependencies.