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- You should now this by now...
- We are interested in process calculi as core languages where to study the phenomena of concurrency

Type systems - what for?

- the focus of this lecture
- Early identification of potential runtime errors
- Imposition of a programming discipline
- Partial specification of applications



• Uncovering important information for compilers

Outline

- A pi-calculus
- Simply typed pi-calculus
- Input-output types
- Linear types
- Session types

A pi-calculus

Syntax

- Lowercase letters denote channels (or names)
- Uppercase letters represent processes
- Syntax of processes:



Reduction



Rule for interaction

$$x![y].P \mid x?(z).Q \rightarrow P[y/z]$$
replace y by
z in P

• Communication in the presence of process R

$x![y].\mathbf{0} \mid x?(z).z![v].\mathbf{0} \mid R \rightarrow \mathbf{0} \mid y![v].\mathbf{0} \mid R$

Rule for parallel composition

$$\frac{P \to Q}{P \mid R \to Q \mid R}$$

Reduction - more rules

Communication in the presence of restriction

$$(vy)(x![y].0 \mid x?(z).z![v].0) \rightarrow (vy)(0 \mid y![v].0)$$

Rule for name restriction

$$\frac{P \to Q}{(\nu x)P \to (\nu x)Q}$$

• What about this case?

 $(vy)(x![y].0) \mid x?(z).z![v].0 \rightarrow ???$ • We say $(vy)(x![y].0) \mid x?(z).z![v].0 \equiv (vy)(x![y].0 \mid x?(z).z![v].0)$

Structural congruence

• The last rule, structural congruence

$$\frac{P \equiv P' \to Q' \equiv Q}{P \to Q}$$

• The structural congruence relation

$$P \mid (Q \mid R) \equiv (P \mid Q) \mid R$$

$$P \mid Q \equiv Q \mid P$$

$$P \mid \mathbf{0} \equiv P$$

$$(vx)\mathbf{0} \equiv \mathbf{0}$$

$$(vx)(P \mid Q) \equiv P \mid (vx)Q \quad \text{if } x \notin \text{fn}(P)$$

$$!P \equiv P \mid !P$$

Example of reduction

Show that

 $(vx)(x?(y).x?(z).y![z].0 \mid x?(w).x?(v).v![w].0 \mid x![a].x![b].0)$

reduces to

$(vx)(a![b].0 \mid a![w].0)$

and also to

 $(vx)(b![a].0 \mid x?(y).x?(z).y![z].0)$

What can go wrong?

- Nothing!
- If only we had primitive types (and operations on them)...

$a![2] \mid a?(x)$.if x then P else Q

• Instead, we shall use a polyadic pi-calculus

$$P ::= x![y_1 \dots y_n].P \mid x?(y_1 \dots y_n).P \mid \dots \quad (n \ge 0)$$

and define our own data

Data in the polyadic pi-calculus

Boolean values are processes that follow a simple protocol

True (b)
$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b?(tf).t![].0$$

False (b) $\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b?(tf).f![].0$
• A conditional process can be written
if b then P else $Q \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (vxy)(b![xy] | x?().P | y?().Q)$
• Example:
True (b) | if b then P else $Q \rightarrow^2 P | (vf)(f?().Q)$

We now have errors

• Arity mismatch. Immediate:

```
a![uw].0 \mid a?(z).0
```

and after reduction:

u![a].w?(x).x![uw].0 | w![a].0 | u?(y).y?(z).0

• In general, a process is an error when it reduces to

 $(\nu \vec{w})(x![y_1 \dots y_n].P \mid x?(z_1 \dots z_m).Q \mid R) \quad \text{with } n \neq m$

• Types to the rescue!

Simpy typed pi-calculus

Filtering out errors

- Predicate "P is an error" is undecidable, in general.
- Aim: define a (decidable) predicate such that

if $\Gamma \vdash P$, then *P* is not an error

- Assigned to names, not to processes
- Describe what kind of names a name carries. Syntax:

$$T ::= \sharp[\vec{T}]$$

• Example:

True (b)
$$\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b?(tf).t![].0$$

 $t : \#[]$
 $f : \#[]$
 $b : \#[\#[]\#[]]$

Typings

• Type environments, typings in short, associate types to names

$$\Gamma ::= x_1: T_1, \ldots, x_n: T_n$$

and describe the types for the free names in a process

- Sequent $\Gamma \vdash P$ reads "process P is well-typed in typing Γ "
- We say that "*P* is typable" when $\Gamma \vdash P$, for some Γ
- Example

$b: \#[\#[]\#[]] \vdash b?(tf).t![].0$

The rules of the typing system

• Rule for names

$$\overline{\Gamma, \vec{x}: \vec{T} \vdash \vec{x}: \vec{T}}$$

• Rules for processes



Types, types not

• Show that the following sequent holds

$b: \#[\#[]\#[]] \vdash b?(tf).t![].0$

• But that the process below is not typable

u![a].w?(x).x![uw].0 | w![a].0 | u?(y).y?(z).0

If *P* is typable then *P* is not an error

 $(\Gamma \vdash P \land P \to^* (\nu \vec{w}) (x![y_1 \dots y_n].P \mid x?(z_1 \dots z_m).Q \mid R)) \implies n = m$

- Proven in two parts
 - Subject Reduction

$$(\Gamma \vdash P \land P \to Q) \implies \Gamma \vdash Q$$

• Type Safety

 $\Gamma \vdash (\nu \vec{w}) (x![y_1 \dots y_n] P \mid x?(z_1 \dots z_m) Q \mid R) \implies n = m$

Input-output types

```
(u myPrinter)(
  myPrinter?(doc). Print |
  myPrinter![1456854012743869] |
  someone![myPrinter]
) |
someone?(x). x?(doc). UseMyDocs
```

- What went wrong?
- Nothing, really! Only that printer channels are supposed to be written, not read

Distinguish input from output

- But we never said that!
- We say it now: we shall distinguish between input and output types
- New syntax for types



Meeting expectations

- I am expecting a read-only channel; I am given a read-write channel. Shall I accept it?
- Sure! I shall use what I need (the read capability), and forget the rest (the write capability)
- A read-write channel is a subtype of a read-only channel
- If *S* is a subtype of *T*, then an expression of type *S* can always replace an expression of type *T*

Subtyping

• Subtyping is a preorder on types. If *S* is a subtype of *T*, then a channel of type *S* is also a channel of type *T*

 $S \leq S' \quad S' \leq T$ Rules $T \leq T$ $S \leq T$ $\vec{S} \leq \vec{T}$ $?[\vec{S}] \leq ?[\vec{T}]$ $\sharp[\vec{T}] \le ?[\vec{T}]$ $\vec{S} \leq \vec{T}$ $![\vec{T}] \le ![\vec{S}]$ $\sharp[\vec{T}] \le ![\vec{T}]$ $\vec{T} \leq \vec{S} \quad \vec{S} \leq \vec{T}$ $\sharp[\vec{S}] \leq \sharp[\vec{T}]$

New typing rules

• Old and new typing rules for names

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \vec{x}: \vec{S} \quad \vec{S} \leq \vec{T}}{\Gamma, \vec{x}: \vec{T} \vdash \vec{x}: \vec{T}}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \vec{x}: \vec{S} \quad \vec{S} \leq \vec{T}}{\Gamma \vdash \vec{x}: \vec{T}}$$

• Replacement rules for input and for output

$$\underbrace{\Gamma \vdash x: ?[\vec{T}] \quad \Gamma, \vec{y}: \vec{T} \vdash P}_{\Gamma \vdash x?(\vec{y}).P} \qquad \underbrace{\Gamma \vdash x: ![\vec{T}] \quad \Gamma \vdash \vec{y}: \vec{T} \quad \Gamma \vdash P}_{\Gamma \vdash x![\vec{y}].P}$$

The phisher is not typable

• The phisher

someone?(x). x?(doc). UseMyDocs

• The intended types

printer channels are to be written-only

doc: PostScript x: ![PostScript] someone: #[![PostScript]]

Show that

Someone: #[![PostScript]] ↓ someone?(x). x?(doc). 0

Input-output types good for

- Preventing programming mistakes (illegal accesses to credit card numbers)
- Yield more powerful techniques: more processes can be deemed equivalent if one considers contexts that follow the i/o discipline

Linear types

A lock manager

• The manager

```
LM = aquireLock?(r).
(vdone)(r![done]. done?(). LM)
```

• A client



(us)(aquireLock![s]. s?(done). CriticalRegion)

- Problems when CriticalRegion
 - does not release the lock no other process will obtain the lock
 - releases the lock twice not really an error, but ...

Channels that should be used exactly once

- done is a channel that should be used exactly
 - Once for reading in the Lock Manager, and
 - Once for writing in each client
- We need more type constructors. Syntax:

$$T ::= l_{\sharp}[\vec{T}] \mid l_{?}[\vec{T}] \mid l_{!}[\vec{T}] \mid \sharp[\vec{T}] \mid ?[\vec{T}] \mid ![\vec{T}]]$$

$$is for linear$$

Combining types

• Suppose that we want both *a* and *b* linear in process

• We know input a?().b![] | a![] $a: l_{?}[], b: l_{!}[] \vdash a?(x).b![x]$ $a: l_{!}[] \vdash a![]$

• We need to combine the two types for a

 $a: l_{\sharp}[], b: l_{!}[] \vdash a?(x).b![x] \mid a![]$



Combining typing environments

Combination of types

$$l_{?}[\vec{T}] \uplus l_{!}[\vec{T}] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} l_{\sharp}[\vec{T}]$$

$$T \uplus T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} T \qquad \text{if } T \text{ is not a linear type}$$

$$T \uplus S \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{ undefined otherwise}$$
• Combination of typing environments
$$(\Gamma_{1} \uplus \Gamma_{2})(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=}$$

$$\begin{cases} \Gamma_{1}(x) \uplus \Gamma_{2}(x) & \text{if both } \Gamma_{1}(x) \text{ and } \Gamma_{2}(x) \text{ def'd} \\ \Gamma_{1}(x) & \text{if } \Gamma_{1}(x) \text{ def'd}, \Gamma_{2}(x) \text{ undef'd} \\ \Gamma_{2}(x) & \text{if } \Gamma_{2}(x) \text{ def'd}, \Gamma_{2}(x) \text{ undef'd} \\ \text{ undefined otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Typing System

• The rule for parallel composition

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash P_1 \qquad \Gamma_2 \vdash P_2}{\Gamma_1 \uplus \Gamma_2 \vdash P_1 \mid P_2}$$

• Compare with the "old" rule

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P_1 \qquad \Gamma \vdash P_2}{\Gamma \vdash P_1 \mid P_2}$$

• The typing environment is split in two, rather than reused in both branches

Typing System - more rules

• Rules for input and for output

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash x \colon m[\vec{T}] \quad \Gamma_2, \vec{y} \colon \vec{T} \vdash P \quad m \in \{?, l_?\}}{\Gamma_1 \uplus \Gamma_2 \vdash x?(\vec{y}).P}$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash x \colon m[\vec{T}] \quad \Gamma_2 \vdash \vec{y} \colon \vec{T} \quad \Gamma_3 \vdash P \quad m \in \{!, l_!\}}{\Gamma_1 \uplus \Gamma_2 \uplus \Gamma_3 \vdash x![\vec{y}].P}$$

• Rules for inaction and for values

 $\frac{\Gamma \text{ contains no linear type}}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{0}}$ $\frac{\Gamma \text{ contains no linear type}}{\Gamma, x \colon T \vdash x \colon T}$

 $\overline{\Gamma \vdash \mathbf{0}}$

 $\Gamma, x: T \vdash x: T$

A good Lock Manager's client

• Good clients release the lock

(Us)(aquireLock![s]. s?(done). done![])

• The expected types, as seen from the client's perspective

done: *l*_![] s: *l*_?[*l*_![]] acquireLock: ![*l*_?[*l*_![]]]

• Exercise: write the typing derivation

Not all clients to the Lock Manager are typable

• A client that does not release the lock

(Us)(aquireLock![s]. s?(done). 0)

is not typable because

done: *l*_![] **⊬** 0

• A client that releases the lock twice

(Us)(aquireLock![s]. s?(done). (done![] | done![]))

is not typable because

done: $l_![] \nvDash done![] | done![]$

Session types

Remember ftp?

• A client that uploads a file on an ftp server f



The server side



Distinguish names from channels

- Names are shared among any number of partners, and used to start sessions
- There is one channel per session; channels are shared by exactly two partners, and are used for continuous interactions
- Operations on channels include
 - data transmission (input and output)
 - offer a menu (branch); pick a choice in a menu (select)

Changes to the syntax

• Names (and variables) are x,y,z as before; runtime channels are $\kappa, \kappa', \kappa''$

• Channel expressions

$$k ::= x | \kappa^{+} | \kappa^{-}$$
• New process constructors

$$P ::= \text{ request } a(x).P$$

$$| \text{ accept } a(x).P$$

$$| k \lhd l.P$$

$$| k \lhd l.P$$

$$| k \rhd \{l_{1}: P_{1}, \dots, l_{n}: P_{n}\}$$

$$| k?(\vec{x}).P$$

$$| k![\vec{x}].P$$
input/output now
only within sessions

New rules in the operational semantics

• Start a session

accept
$$a(x).P \mid \text{request } a(y).Q \rightarrow (\nu \kappa)(P[\kappa^+/x] \mid Q[\kappa^-/y])$$

• Select a branch

$$\kappa^+ \triangleleft l_i P \mid \kappa^- \triangleright \{l_1 \colon Q_1, \ldots, l_n \colon Q_n\} \rightarrow P \mid Q_i$$

There is another rule with + and - reversed

The type of the FTP channel as seen by the client

• The type of channel *x*



Sorts and Types

- Distinguish value types (called sorts) from channel types (called types)
- Sorts for basic values and names



The type of the FTP channel as seen by the server



Two views on the type of the FTP channel

```
![String, Int].
&{sorry: End,
   welcome: Loop}
Loop = +{
   put: ![File]. Loop,
   get: ...,
   quit: End}
```

?[String, Int].
+{sorry: End,
 welcome: Loop'}
Loop' = &{
 put: ?[File]. Loop',
 get: ...,
 quit: End}

- One says !, the other ?; one says +, the other &; one says End, the other End
- The two types are dual; the dual of T is written \overline{T}





$$\begin{split} \overline{\Gamma \vdash k} > \{l_1 \colon P_1, \dots, l_n \colon P_n\} \rhd \Delta, k \colon & \rhd \{l_1 \colon T_1, \dots, l_n \colon T_n\} \\ & \Gamma \vdash P \rhd \Delta, k \colon T_j \\ \hline \overline{\Gamma \vdash k < l_j \rhd \Delta, k} \colon & \lhd \{l_1 \colon T_1, \dots, l_n \colon T_n\} \end{split}$$

Parallel composition and name restriction

• Parallel composition and name restriction

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Gamma \vdash P \colon \Delta & \Gamma \vdash Q \colon \Theta \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash P \mid Q \colon \Delta, \Theta \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash P \colon \Delta, k^+ \colon T, k^- \colon \overline{T} \\ \hline \Gamma \vdash (\nu k) P \colon \Delta \end{array}$$

- A channel k can only be restricted if its the types of its two ends, k+ and k-, are dual
- Subject Reduction and Type Safety hold only for balanced environments: where the two ends of each channel are of dual types

Ftpd(f) = (ut)(Loop[f,t] | Thread[t] | ... | Thread[t]) Loop(f,t) = accept f(y). request t(z). z![y]. Loop[f,t] Thread(t) = accept t(w). w?(userid, pa) sending if ... then w < sorry. Thread[t] channels on

else w<welcome. Actions[t,w]</pre>

```
Actions(t,w) = w>{
```

```
get: ... Actions[t,w],
put: w?(aFile). ... Actions[t,w],
quit: Thread[t]}
```

New types

• The client does not notice the difference \Rightarrow the type T of the FTP channel y remains unchanged

T = ![String, Int]. &{sorry: **End**, welcome: Loop}

• The type for channel z is however new

```
Loop(f,t) = accept f(y).
request t(z).
z![y].
Loop[f,t]
```



z: ![T]. End

Channels: send and forget

• If Loop uses channel y after sending

```
Loop(f,t) = accept f(y). Thread(t) = accept t(w).

request t(z). w?(userid, passwd).

z![y]. ...

y?(userid, passwd).
```

we will end up with three threads trying to communicate on the channel:

• The client is writing

• Loop (y) as well as one of the Threads (w) are reading \Rightarrow Error!

New types, new rules

• New types for channels

• New rules

$$T ::= o[\vec{T}] | i[\vec{T}] | o[\vec{S}] | i[\vec{S}] | \dots$$

for send/receive channel
$$\Gamma \vdash P \triangleright \Delta, k: T$$

$$Process P cannotuse k' anymore$$

$$\Gamma \vdash k![k'].P \triangleright \Delta, k: ![T'].T, k': T'$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P \triangleright \Delta, k: T, k': T'}{\Gamma \vdash k!(k').P \triangleright \Delta, k: ![T'].T}$$

Further systems

- Recursive types
- Various forms of receptiveness
- Polymorphism
- Type systems for deadlock freedom