

Curry-Howard Correspondences for Concurrency

Overview and Recent Developments

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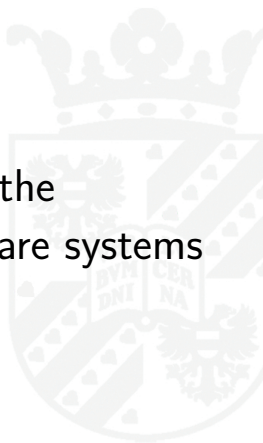
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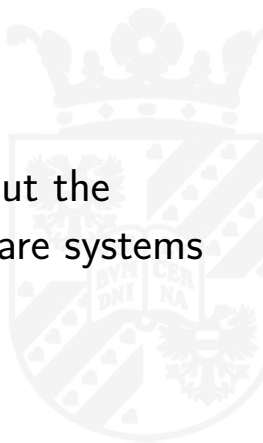
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This Talk

Using **linear logic** to reason about the correctness of **communicating** software systems





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Large-scale Software Infrastructures

- Massive collections of **services** – distributed software artifacts
 - ★ Heterogeneous, dynamic, extensible, composable, long-running
- Concurrent and communication-centered
 - ★ Services expose behavioral interfaces
 - ★ Complex interaction/coordination patterns among them
- Correctness is a combination of several issues, including:
 - ★ Protocol compatibility
 - ★ Resource usage
 - ★ Security and trustworthiness
- Building correct communicating software is difficult!
 - ★ A major societal challenge
 - ★ Costly, embarrassing errors still occur.



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Behavioral Types

- Typically developed upon core programming models, such as **process calculi**
 - ★ Variants of the π -calculus [Milner, Parrow, & Walker, 89]
 - ★ Expressive core programming models; adequate for investigation
- Formal specification languages, based on communication
 - ★ Centered around interactions of partners with reciprocal roles
 - ★ Strong ties with established theories (automata, logic, types)
 - ★ Clear linkage with validation methods
 - ★ Precise notions of runtime correctness



Session Types (1)

Seminal type-based approach to the analysis of structured communications [Honda, Vasconcelos, Kubo (1998)]

- Communication protocols structured into **sessions**
- Concurrent processes communicating through **session channels**
- Disciplined interactive behavior, abstracted as **session types**



Session Types (2)

Session specifications are usually given as π -calculus processes

- Actions always occur in **dual** pairs
- New sessions created by invoking **shared servers**
- **Concurrency** in the simultaneous execution of sessions
- **Mobility** in the exchange of session and server names

Correctness Guarantees for Specifications

- Adhere to their ascribed session protocols - **Fidelity**
- Do not feature runtime errors – **Safety**
- Do not get stuck – **Progress / Lock-Freedom**
- Do not have infinite reduction sequences – **Termination**



Example: An E-commerce Service

The Service: Informal Description

- 1 Receive an item description from a client
- 2 Return a boolean confirming availability
- 3 Offer a choice: **save** the transaction (and pay later) OR **conclude** the transaction and proceed with payment.

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Logical Foundations for Session Types

A Concurrent Interpretation of Linear Logic [Caires & Pfenning, 2010]

Based on dual intuitionistic linear logic (DILL) [cf. Barber&Plotkin]

propositions	\leftrightarrow	session types
sequent proofs	\leftrightarrow	π -calculus processes
cut elimination	\leftrightarrow	process communication

Main Features

- Clear account of resource usage policies in concurrency
- Session fidelity, runtime safety, global progress “for free”
- Excellent basis for generalizations and extensions



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$P, Q ::= \bar{x} z.P$	send z on x , proceed as P
$x(y).P$	receive z on x , proceed as $P\{z/y\}$
$!x(y).P$	replicated server at x
$x.\text{case}(P, Q)$	branching: offers a choice at x
$x.\text{inl}; P$	select left at x , continue as P
$x.\text{inr}; P$	select right at x , continue as P
$[x \leftrightarrow y]$	forwarder, equates names x and y
$P \mid Q$	parallel composition
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Operational Semantics

- Reduction gives the behavior of a process on its own:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{x}y.Q \mid x(z).P &\longrightarrow Q \mid P\{y/z\} \\
 \bar{x}y.Q \mid !x(z).P &\longrightarrow Q \mid P\{y/z\} \mid !x(z).P \\
 x.\text{inr}; P \mid x.\text{case}(Q, R) &\longrightarrow P \mid R \\
 x.\text{inl}; P \mid x.\text{case}(Q, R) &\longrightarrow P \mid Q \\
 (\nu x)([x \leftrightarrow y] \mid P) &\longrightarrow P\{y/x\} \\
 Q \longrightarrow Q' &\Rightarrow P \mid Q \longrightarrow P \mid Q' \\
 P \longrightarrow Q &\Rightarrow (\nu y)P \longrightarrow (\nu y)Q
 \end{aligned}$$

Closed under **structural congruence**, noted \equiv .

- A standard LTS with labels for selection/choice constructs:

$$\lambda ::= \tau \mid x(y) \mid x \triangleleft 1 \mid \bar{x}y \mid \bar{x}(y) \mid \overline{x \triangleleft 1}$$

Strong transitions $\xrightarrow{\lambda}$ and weak transitions $\Longrightarrow^{\lambda}$, as usual.



Session Types as Linear Logic Propositions

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Type Judgments: Intuitions

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Type Judgments, Actually

Dependencies as two collections of type assignments, Γ and Δ :

$$\underbrace{u_1 : A_1, \dots, u_n : A_n}_{\Gamma} ; \underbrace{x_1 : B_1, \dots, x_k : B_k}_{\Delta} \vdash P :: z : C$$

- Γ specifies **shared** services A_i along u_i
 - Δ specifies **linear** services B_j along x_j [no weakening or contraction]
- (u_i, x_j, z pairwise distinct.)



Example: PDF Conversion Service

Receive a file and then either return a PDF version of it OR quit:

$$\text{Converter} \triangleq \text{file} \multimap ((\text{PDF} \otimes \mathbf{1}) \& \mathbf{1})$$

- A process which **offers** a linear conversion service:

$$\text{Server} \triangleq x(f).x \triangleright \{\text{conv} : \bar{x}(y).C_{(f,y)}, \text{quit} : Q\}$$

- A user which **depends** on the server:

$$\text{User} \triangleq \bar{x}(\text{txt}).x \triangleleft \text{conv}; x(\text{pdf}).R$$

- Next, we will see how server and user can be composed:

$$\frac{\cdot \vdash \text{Server} :: x : \text{Converter} \quad x : \text{Converter} \vdash \text{User} :: z : A}{\cdot \vdash (\nu x)(\text{Server} \mid \text{User}) :: z : A}$$



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Typing Rules

The logic correspondence induces **right and left** typing rules:

- Right rules detail how a process can implement the behavior described by the given connective
- Left rules explain how a process may use a session of a given type

Cut rules in sequent calculus are interpreted as **well-typed process composition**, based on both restriction and parallel composition.



Some Typing Rules

$$\overline{\Gamma; x : A \vdash [x \leftrightarrow z] :: z : A}$$

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Typing Composition

Linear Composition

Cut as composition principle for **linear** services:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \Delta \vdash P :: x : A \quad \Gamma; \Delta', x : A \vdash Q :: T}{\Gamma; \Delta, \Delta' \vdash (\nu x)(P \mid Q) :: T}$$

Shared Composition

Cut! as composition principle for **shared** services:

$$\frac{\Gamma; \cdot \vdash P :: y : A \quad \Gamma, u : A; \Delta \vdash Q :: z : C}{\Gamma; \Delta \vdash (\nu u)(!u(y).P \mid Q) :: z : C}$$



Cut as Process Reduction: Linear Case

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Cut as Process Reduction: Shared Case

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Properties of the Type System

Theorem (Type Preservation)

If $\Gamma; \Delta \vdash P :: z : A$ and $P \longrightarrow Q$ then $\Gamma; \Delta \vdash Q :: z : A$.

- Process reductions map to principal cut reductions
- Derived properties: communication safety and session fidelity.

For any P , define *live*(P) iff $P \equiv (\nu \bar{n})(\pi.Q \mid R)$ for some $\pi.Q, R, \bar{n}$ where $\pi.Q$ is a **non-replicated** guarded process.

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Linear LRs for Session Types: Highlights

- Logical relations (LRs): well-established method in the functional setting [cf. the simply-typed λ -calculus]
- We instantiate the method with our *linear* session type structure, to establish **termination** and **confluence** of well-typed processes.
- Practical significance: enhanced session predictability.



Linear LRs for Session Types: Definitions

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Inductive Case (Excerpt)

$P \in \mathcal{L}[\Gamma; \Delta, y:A \vdash T]$ iff $\forall R \in \mathcal{L}[y : A]. (\nu y)(R \mid P) \in \mathcal{L}[\Gamma; \Delta \vdash T]$

Base Case (Excerpt)

$\mathcal{L}[T]$ is the set of all P such that $P \Downarrow$ and $\cdot; \cdot \vdash P :: T$ and

$P \in \mathcal{L}[z : \mathbf{1}]$ iff $\forall P'. (P \Longrightarrow P' \wedge P' \not\rightarrow)$ implies $P' \equiv_! 0$

$P \in \mathcal{L}[z : A \multimap B]$ iff $\forall P'y. (P \xrightarrow{z(y)} P')$ implies
 $\forall Q \in \mathcal{L}[y : A]. (\nu y)(P' \mid Q) \in \mathcal{L}[z : B]$

$P \in \mathcal{L}[z : A \otimes B]$ iff $\forall P'y. (P \xrightarrow{\bar{z}(y)} P')$ implies
 $\exists P_1, P_2. (P' \equiv_! P_1 \mid P_2 \wedge P_1 \in \mathcal{L}[y : A]$
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Proving Termination

Lemma (Fundamental Lemma)

Let P be a process. If $\Gamma; \Delta \vdash P :: T$ then $P \in \mathcal{L}[\Gamma; \Delta \vdash T]$.

[Proof by induction on typing, using a few closure properties for $\mathcal{L}[T]$.]

As a direct consequence of this lemma, we have:

Theorem (Well-typed Processes Terminate)

If $\Gamma; \Delta \vdash P :: T$ then $P \Downarrow$.

(The proof of confluence follows very similar lines.)



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Context Bisimilarity (\approx): Intuitions

- A behavioral equivalence for session-typed processes.
- Given two processes P and Q , typed under the same environments, we write

$$\Gamma; \Delta \vdash P \approx Q :: z : C$$

- Intuitively, P and Q behave the same at $\Gamma; \Delta \vdash z : C$.
- Formally: there is a type-respecting relation \mathcal{R} which contains (P, Q) and which is a **context bisimulation**.



Context Bisimulation: Key Ideas

- Context bisimulation is defined inductively on Γ, Δ, C :
 - ★ Generalizes the predicate for LRs
 - ★ The base case follows the nature of C
 - ★ The inductive case uses typed composition (linear and shared)
- A weak bisimulation: action $\xrightarrow{\lambda}$ is matched by \Rightarrow^{λ}
But termination ensures reductions in weak actions are finite!



Context Bisimulation: Key Ideas

A symmetric, type-respecting relation \mathcal{R} is a **context bisimulation** if

Inductive case (excerpt)

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Communications must routinely span diverse **domains**
(e.g. software and hardware domains, virtual organizations)
- Domains may influence structured interactive behavior
 - L) Actions depend on the domains to which partners belong
(e.g. domain-based capabilities/resources)
 - G) Connectedness among domains enables communications
(e.g., domain-based access control)
- Partners have local/partial visions of domain architectures
(useful to enforce modularity, platform independence, security)
- The status of domains in structured communications unexplored



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- The store process will send a domain reference to the client. Then, **coordinated domain migration** may follow.



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- A concurrent interpretation of HILL: ILL + modal worlds + $@_{\mathbf{w}}$
- Generalizes the interpretation of Caires and Pfenning:
 - ★ Processes extended with prefixes for domain migration:

$$x\langle y@_{\mathbf{w}} \rangle, x(y@_{\mathbf{w}}), x\langle \mathbf{w} \rangle, x(\alpha)$$

- ★ Judgements now stipulate required services AND their domains:

$$\Omega; c_1:A_1[\mathbf{w}_1], \dots, c_n:A_n[\mathbf{w}_n] \vdash P :: d : C[\mathbf{w}]$$

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A Commit Protocol as a MPST

A **global description** of the interaction between A, B, and C

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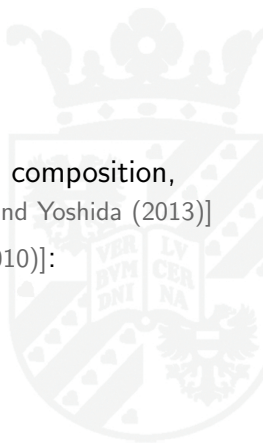
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- MPSTs with labeled communication and parallel composition, following [Honda, Yoshida, Carbone (2008), Deniérou and Yoshida (2013)]
- BSTs based on linear logic [Caires and Pfenning (2010)]: session fidelity, safety, and progress by typing.





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Such BSTs precisely correspond to the local projections of G .



Two Worlds Connected by Mediums

- Multiparty interactions now explained from two different angles
- Half-way between two essentially distinct, foundational theories
- Clean justifications, based on linear logic, for MPSTs concepts:
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 - ★ definitions of projection/well-formedness
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Relating Multiparty and Binary Communication

Concluding Remarks





Summary: Logical Foundations for STs

Session types (STs) as **intuitionistic** linear logic propositions

- A theory of linear LRs for session-based concurrency
 - ★ **Termination (strong normalization)** for concurrent processes
 - ★ Practical significance: enhanced session predictability
- A typed observational equivalence over processes, \approx
 - ★ Intuitive definition based on type judgments
 - ★ Clarifies further the relationship between proofs and processes

Two Recent Developments

- Domain-aware STs which rely on hybrid linear logic.
A generalization of the logic interpretation, based on modal worlds, interpreted as **domains**. Typeful domain connectedness.
- A formal connection between multiparty and binary STs
Medians define a **simple characterization** of choreographies.



ILL as Session Types: A Reading List

- CONCUR'10 – *Session Types as Intuitionistic Linear Propositions*
- PPDP'11 – *Dependent Session Types*
- TLDI'12 – *Towards Concurrent Type Theory*
- FOSSACS'12 – *Session-Typed Encodings of the λ -calculus*
- ESOP'12 – *Linear Logical Relations for Sessions*
- CSL'12 – *Asynchronous Session-Typed Communication*
- ESOP'13 – *Behavioral Polymorphism and Parametricity*
- ESOP'13 – *Integrating Functions and Sessions via Monads*
- TGC'14 – *Corecursion and Non-Divergence in Sessions*

Curry-Howard Correspondences for Concurrency

Overview and Recent Developments

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