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Session-Typed Recursive Processes and Circular Proofs

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Programs as Proofs¹



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Session-typed Processes Sequent Calculus² (intuitionistic linear logic)

 $\begin{array}{c} & \mathcal{P} \\ A_1 \cdots A_n \vdash B \end{array}$

 $\frac{\Gamma \vdash B}{\Gamma \vdash A \oplus B} \oplus R_r$

 $\frac{\mathcal{P}_1 \qquad \mathcal{P}_2}{\Gamma, A \vdash C \quad \Gamma, B \vdash C} \oplus L$

$$x_1:A_1, x_2:A_2, \cdots x_n:A_n \vdash \mathsf{P} :: (y:B)$$

 $\Gamma \vdash y.r; \mathtt{P} :: (y: A \oplus B)$

$$\Gamma, y: A \oplus B \vdash \mathsf{case} \ y(l \Rightarrow \mathsf{P}_1 \mid r \Rightarrow \mathsf{P}_2) :: (z:C)$$

[1] Caires and Pfenning 2010 [2] Gentzen, 1932



Programs as Proofs



Communications are bi-directional

Programs as Proofs

Session-typed Processes







Programs as Proofs



 $\mathtt{nat} = \oplus \{ zero : \mathtt{1}, succ : \mathtt{nat} \}$ $\cdot \vdash \mathtt{Loop} :: (y:\mathtt{nat})$ $y:\mathtt{nat} \vdash \mathtt{Block} :: (z:\mathtt{1})$



Loop sends a **"succ**" message along **y** and then calls itself recursively.



Block waits to receive a message along y, (a) if it is a **"succ"** it calls itself recursively, (b) if it is a **"zero"** it **"closes"** channel z.

Deyoung and Pfenning 2016

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$$y \leftarrow \mathsf{Loop} = y.succ; y \leftarrow \mathsf{Loop}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} z \leftarrow \mathsf{Block} \leftarrow y = \\ \mathbf{case}\, y(zero \Rightarrow \mathbf{wait}y; \mathbf{close}z \\ succ \Rightarrow z \leftarrow \mathsf{Block} \leftarrow y) \end{array}$$

Thesis statement

Even in the presence of recursion, we can retain the Curry-Howard isomorphism between **linear logic** and **session-typed concurrent programs** if we:

- refine general <u>recursive session types</u> into <u>least and greatest</u> <u>fixed points</u>, and
- 2. impose *conditions* under which <u>recursively defined</u> processes correspond to <u>valid circular proofs</u>.

With this approach we can retain the correspondence between <u>cut elimination</u>, and <u>meaningful communication</u> with type preservation and strong progress.

Contributions

1. Extend the Curry-Howard interpretation of circular derivations in linear logic as communicating processes to include least and greatest fixed points.

A circular derivation is thus represented as a collection of mutually recursive process definitions.

- 2. A compositional criterion for validity of such programs, which is local in the sense that *each process definition can be checked independently*.
- 3. Local validity implies a strong progress property on programs and cut elimination on the circular proofs they correspond to.
- 4. Implement the local validity algorithm.

We have completed the first four steps for the **subsingleton fragment**.

5. An *infinitary sequent calculus for first order intuitionistic multiplicative additive linear logic* with least and greatest fixed points; A tool <u>to reason about</u> a rich signature of mutually defined inductive and coinductive predicates.

It also allows using nonlinear first order theories.

Computational power and potential applications

Linear processes

Operations on Lists, tries, streams, etc.

Subsingleton fragment

Turing machines, Linear communicating automata

Only positive types

Finite state transducers (cut-free!), Data processing with limited state and time

Previous works

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The subsingleton logic with fixed points : two examples A guard condition Cut elimination Local validity for recursive session-typed processes

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A Circular derivation in the subsingleton fragment $nat =_{u}^{1} \oplus \{zero : 1, succ : nat\}$



A Circular derivation in the subsingleton fragment



Every cycle should be supported by the unfolding of

a positive (least) fixed point on the antecedent, or
 a negative (greatest) fixed point on the succedent;

such that **the supporting fixed point for each cycle** is the **highest priority** among *all fixed points getting unfolded* in the cycle.

The guard condition assures cut elimination

Fortier and Santocanale's cut elimination algorithm uses a *reduction* function *Treat* that may never halt.

Treat halts on guarded proofs; it produces a cut-free inference.

For guarded proofs cut can be eliminated *productively*.

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Example: Copy Example: PingPong Strong progress Negative results

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Our local validity condition



A locally checkable, compositional validity condition on processes.

We check validity of each process separately!

Copy: a valid program

$$\mathtt{nat} = \stackrel{1}{\mu} \oplus \{ zero : 1, succ : \mathtt{nat} \}$$

Copy receives a natural number along channel x and sends it along channel y.



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Back to the original configuration.

Ping-Pong: an invalid program - code

$y \gets \texttt{PingPong} \gets x =$	
$w \leftarrow \texttt{Ping} \leftarrow x;$	$\%\ spawn\ process\ \mathtt{Ping}_w$
$y \gets \texttt{Pong} \gets w$	% continue with a tail call

$w \leftarrow \texttt{Ping} \leftarrow x =$	[0,0,0,0,0,0]
$\mathbf{case} Rw \left(\nu_{astream} \Rightarrow \right)$	[0, 0, -1, 0, 0, 0]
case Rw (head $\Rightarrow Rw.\mu_{ack};$	[0, 1 , -1, 0, 0, 0]
$Rw.ack; w \gets \texttt{Ping} \gets x$	$\left[0,1,-1,0,0,0\right]$
$\mid tail \Rightarrow w \leftarrow \texttt{Ping} \leftarrow x))$	$\left[0,0,-1,0,0,0\right]$

$y \gets \texttt{Pong} \gets w =$	$\left[0,0,0,0,0,0\right]$
$Lw.\nu_{astream};$	[0, 0, 0, 1 , 0, 0]
Lw.head;	$\left[0,0,0,1,0,0\right]$
$\mathbf{case}Lw\left(\mu_{ack}\Rightarrow\right)$	[-1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0]
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$ack \Rightarrow Ry.\mu_{nat};$	[-1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1]
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$y \gets \texttt{Pong} \gets w))$	$\left[-1,0,0,1,0,1\right]$

Our validity condition implies the guard condition

Theorem 1. Our local condition implies guard condition of the underlying derivation; therefore it implies termination of reduction function *Treat* and cut elimination.

Strong progress and cut elimination

Theorem 2. A valid program *always terminates* either in an empty configuration or one attempting to communicate along external channels.



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Turing machines and undecidability of strong progress

Cut reduction on circular pre-proofs in *subsingleton logic* with recursive types has the computational power of Turing machines.¹

Theorem. Recognizing all programs that satisfy a compositional *strong progress property* is *undecidable*.

Proof. Termination of a Turing machine can be encoded as strong progress.

$$\Sigma_8 := \operatorname{ctr} =^1_{\nu} \& \{ inc : \operatorname{ctr}, \quad val : \operatorname{bin} \},$$

$$\operatorname{bin} =^2_{\mu} \oplus \{ b0 : \operatorname{bin}, b1 : \operatorname{bin}, \$: 1 \}$$

Start with an empty counter that offers along channel y:ctr















 $x : \mathsf{ctr} \vdash y \leftarrow \mathsf{BitOCtr} \leftarrow x :: (y : \mathsf{ctr})$ $\Sigma_8 := \operatorname{ctr} = {}^1_{\mu} \& \{ inc : \operatorname{ctr}, val : \operatorname{bin} \},$ $x: \mathsf{ctr} \vdash y \leftarrow \mathsf{Bit1Ctr} \leftarrow x :: (y: \mathsf{ctr})$ $bin =_{\mu}^{2} \oplus \{b0 : bin, b1 : bin, \$: 1\}$ $\cdot \vdash y \leftarrow \texttt{Empty} :: (y : \mathsf{ctr})$ $u^{eta} \leftarrow \texttt{BitOCtr} \leftarrow x^{lpha} =$ [0, 0, 0, 0]case Ry^{β} ($\nu_{ctr} \Rightarrow$ [-1, 0, 0, 0]case $Ry^{\beta+1}$ (inc $\Rightarrow y^{\beta+1} \leftarrow \texttt{Bit1Ctr} \leftarrow x^{\alpha}$ [-1, 0, 0, 0] $|val \Rightarrow Ru^{\beta+1}.u_{bin}; Ru^{\beta+2}.b0; Lx^{\alpha}.\nu_{ctr}; Lx^{\alpha+1}.val; u^{\beta+2} \leftarrow x^{\alpha+1}))$ [-1, 1, 0, 1] $y^{\beta} \leftarrow \texttt{Bit1Ctr} \leftarrow x^{\alpha} =$ [0, 0, 0, 0]case Ry^{β} ($\nu_{ctr} \Rightarrow$ [-1, 0, 0, 0]case $Ry^{\beta+1}$ (inc $\Rightarrow Lx^{\alpha}.\nu_{ctr}: Lx^{\alpha+1}.inc: y^{\beta+1} \leftarrow BitOCtr \leftarrow x^{\alpha+1}$) [-1, 1, 0, 0] $|val \Rightarrow Ru^{\beta+1}.\mu_{bin}: Ru^{\beta+2}.b1: Lx^{\alpha}.\nu_{ctr}: Lx^{\alpha+1}.val: u^{\beta+2} \leftarrow x^{\alpha+1})) \quad [-1, 1, 0, 1]$ $u^{\beta} \leftarrow \texttt{Empty} \leftarrow \cdot =$ [0, -, -, 0]case Ry^{β} ($\nu_{ctr} \Rightarrow$ [-1, ..., ..., 0]case $Ru^{\beta+1}$ (inc $\Rightarrow w^0 \leftarrow \text{Empty} \leftarrow :$ $[\infty, _, _, \infty]$ $u^{\beta+1} \leftarrow \texttt{Bit1Ctr} \leftarrow w^0$ $[-1, \infty, \infty, 0]$ $|val \Rightarrow Ry^{\beta+1}.\mu_{hin}; Ry^{\beta+2}.\$; close Ry^{\beta+2}))$ $[-1, _, _, 1]$ 46

Generalize the local validity condition?

We cannot rely on the guard condition anymore.

We need an alternative technique to prove strong progress:

• Proof using logical relations

Simultaneous induction/coinduction

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A calculus to reason about data-types defined as mutual least and greatest fixed points.

Reason about session-typed programs.

Use circular derivations to prove theorems by simultaneous induction and coinduction.

Previous work: Calculi for inductive and coinductive proofs

- Coinduction principle [Kozen and Silva, 2017]
- An infinitary calculus for first-order logic with inductive definitions [Brotherston, 2005]
- A finitary calculus for least and greatest fixed points in linear logic [Baelde, 2007]
- Well founded recursion with copatterns and sized types [Abel and Pientka, 2016]

An infinitary sequent calculus for first order intuitionistic MALL with fixed points

To *reason about programs* in a meta-circular way.

Our calculus is mainly designed for linear reasoning but we also allow appealing to first order theories such as arithmetic, by adding an adjoint downgrade modality.

A *condition* to identify (a subset of) *valid proofs* among all infinite derivations.

We proved cut elimination for the valid proofs.

Programming with mutual least and greatest fixed points

run(x,t): A stream producer where x is the list of operations, and t is the output stream.



Run on any list of operations produces a (possibly infinite) list of elements "o"

$$\begin{array}{lll} \operatorname{run}(\cdot,t) & =_{\mu}^{1} & 1\\ \operatorname{run}(skip;x,t) & =_{\mu}^{1} & \operatorname{run}(x,t)\\ \operatorname{run}(put\langle x\rangle;y,t) & =_{\mu}^{1} & \operatorname{nrun}(x,y,t)\\ \operatorname{nrun}(x,y,t) & =_{\nu}^{2} & \operatorname{hd}t = \operatorname{o}\&\operatorname{run}(x;y,\operatorname{tl}t) \end{array}$$

$$(\dagger) \operatorname{run}(x, t) \vdash \operatorname{list}_{o}(t)$$
$$(\star) \operatorname{nrun}(x, y, t) \vdash \operatorname{stream}_{o}(t)$$

Run produces a listo - proof



A valid configuration of processes satisfies strong progress

 $\mathcal{C} \subset \llbracket r \cdot \Delta \rrbracket$

We define strong progress as a predicate

$$\cdot \vdash \mathcal{C} :: (x:A) \quad \text{Bisimulation} \quad \cdot \vdash \mathcal{C} \in [\![x:A]\!]$$

Theorem. If configuration C is well-typed then there is an infinite derivation for its strong progress property. Moreover, if it C is valid, the infinite derivation is a proof.

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Subsingleton fragment - revisited Linear logic Mode shifts

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1. A more general local validity condition for the subsingleton fragment

$$\begin{array}{ll} y^{\beta} \leftarrow \texttt{Empty} \leftarrow \cdot = & [0, _, _, 0] \\ \texttt{case} \, Ry^{\beta} \, (\nu_{ctr} \Rightarrow & [-1, _, _, 0] \\ \texttt{case} \, Ry^{\beta+1} \, (inc \Rightarrow \ w^0 \leftarrow \texttt{Empty} \leftarrow \cdot; & [\infty, _, _, \infty] \\ & y^{\beta+1} \leftarrow \texttt{Bit1Ctr} \leftarrow w^0 & [-1, \ \infty, \infty, 0] \\ & | \ val \Rightarrow Ry^{\beta+1} . \mu_{bin}; Ry^{\beta+2}.\$; \texttt{close} \, Ry^{\beta+2})) & [-1, _, _, 1] \end{array}$$

We need to know that Bit1Ctr output is "smaller" than its input.

Use our calculus to prove strong progress property for the generalized version using *logical relations*.

Processes defined based on linear logic may use more than one resource.

$$x_1:A_1, x_2:A_2, \cdots x_n:A_n \vdash \mathsf{P} :: (y:B)$$

Track the values of all channels on the left and the one on the right for each fixed point in the signature.

A lexicographic order on the list of all channels.

An example: Append two finite lists

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\Sigma_6 := \mathsf{list}_A =^1_\mu \oplus \{ nil : 1, cons : A \otimes \mathsf{list}_A \}
l_1 : \mathsf{list}, l_2 : \mathsf{list} \vdash \mathsf{Append} :: (l : \mathsf{list})
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Polarity shifts



3. Shift for modes

$$A_l ::= \cdots \mid \uparrow_s^l A_s$$

$$A_s ::= \cdots \mid \downarrow_s^l A_l$$

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• *Results we accomplished so far:*

- a. A local validity condition for recursive session-typed processes in the subsingleton fragment
- b. Our local validity ensures the guard condition; thus it implies strong progress
- c. Implementation of the condition as a static check in SML
- d. A first order infinitary calculus to reason about programs
- e. A validity condition that ensures cut elimination
- f. Prove strong progress of locally valid processes directly
- Next steps:
 - a. A more generalized version of local validity condition for the subsingleton fragment
 - b. A local validity condition for linear logic; a special treatment of function types
 - c. Prove strong progress for locally valid processes
 - i. To use our first order calculus
- *Time permitting:*
 - a. Generalize the results for the calculus with adjoint modalites for mode shifts

Thank you!

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