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Join calculus vs. π calculus

- Join is essentially π with restrictions on communication patterns
 - Join combines restriction, reception and replication in a single receptor definition
 - not available separately
 - asynchronous calculus, continuation passing style
 - asynchrony forces one to create and send continuations
- Nevertheless, join and (asynchronous) π have the same expressive power
 - demonstrated by fully abstract encodings in each direction
 - (up to weak barbed congruence)

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Motivation (back to 1995)

- Join calculus has been devised to bridge the gap between mathematical abstractions and distributed programming languages
 - process calculus presentation
 - basis for a practical programming language design

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Join Calculus vs Petri Nets

- Join-calculus can be seen also as the natural higher order extension of Petri nets
 - places as ports / channels
 - tokens carry values
 - names of places are also admissible values
 - firing can generate fresh pieces of nets
 - new places
 - new transitions

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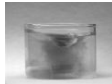
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- States are called solutions s
 - Multisets of molecules m_1, \dots, m_n
 - data and rules (reflexive CHAM)
- Evolution (chemical rules)



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Example: Cell Abstraction

$get(k) \mid s(v) \triangleright k(v) \mid s(v)$

- A cell s contains the value v
- To get the value:
 - send a message on port get
 - the parameter k is the return address, where the value v will be sent to



Example: Cell Abstraction

$$\text{get}(k) \mid s(v) \triangleright k(v) \mid s(v) \\ \text{set}(m,k) \mid s(v) \triangleright k() \mid s(m)$$

- A cell s contains the value v
- To set the value:
 - send a message on port set
 - the parameter m is the new value for s
 - k is the return address (for confirmation)



Example: Cell Abstraction

$$\mathbf{def} \quad \text{get}(k) \mid s(v) \triangleright k(v) \mid s(v) \\ \wedge \text{set}(m,k) \mid s(v) \triangleright k() \mid s(m) \\ \mathbf{in} \quad s(n)$$

- The initial value in s is n
- But get , set and s are locally bound by **def**
 - get and set must be extruded, otherwise no one can use them
 - instead, s is kept private (encapsulation)



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- get , set are extruded on public channel c
- But c should be known only by the owner of the cell...



Example: Cell Abstraction

$$\mathbf{def} \quad \text{create}(n,c) \triangleright \left(\mathbf{def} \quad \text{get}(k) \mid s(v) \triangleright k(v) \mid s(v) \\ \wedge \text{set}(m,k) \mid s(v) \triangleright k() \mid s(m) \\ \mathbf{in} \quad s(n) \mid c(\text{get},\text{set}) \right) \mathbf{in} \dots$$

- A message to create triggers the outermost \mathbf{def} :
 - Three fresh names for s , get and set are allocated
 - the initial value of s is the first parameter n
 - get and set are sent back to the second argument c
 - instead s will never be extruded
 - Invariant
 - in every configuration there is exactly one message on s



Join Calculus in One Slide

Syntax

definitions

$$P, Q ::= 0 \mid x(y) \mid \mathbf{def} D \mathbf{in} P \mid P \mid Q$$

$$D, E ::= J \triangleright P \mid D \wedge E$$

patterns

$$J, K ::= x(y) \mid J \mid K$$

resembles funct. prog.
let $f(x) = E$ in F
(same scoping discipline)

Operational semantics (CHAM Style)

reaction

$$0 \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \text{heating and cooling}$$

$$P \mid Q \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad P, Q$$

$$D \wedge E \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad D, E$$

$$\mathbf{def} D \mathbf{in} P \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad D \sigma_{\text{dn}(D)}, P \sigma_{\text{dn}(D)} \quad (\text{range } \sigma_{\text{dn}(D)} \text{ "globally fresh"})$$

$$J \triangleright P, J \sigma \quad \rightarrow \quad J \triangleright P, P \sigma$$


JOIN: An Example

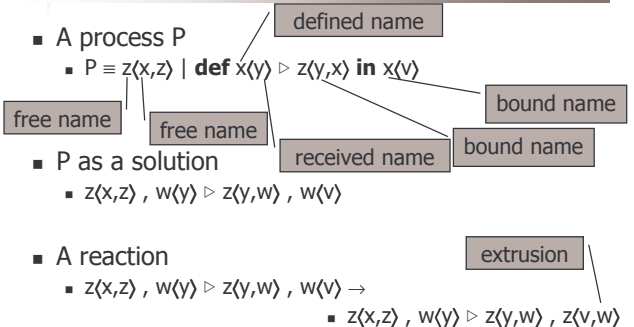
A process P

$$P \equiv z(x,z) \mid \mathbf{def} x(y) \triangleright z(y,x) \mathbf{in} x(y)$$

P as a solution

$$z(x,z), w(y) \triangleright z(y,w), w(v)$$

A reaction

$$z(x,z), w(y) \triangleright z(y,w), w(v) \rightarrow z(x,z), w(y) \triangleright z(y,w), z(v,w)$$




HOMEWORK

- Guess the meaning of:
 - **def** $x\langle u \rangle \triangleright y\langle u \rangle$ **in** P
 - **def** $y\langle u \rangle \triangleright x\langle u \rangle$ **in** **def** $x\langle u \rangle \triangleright y\langle u \rangle$ **in** P
 - **def** $s\langle \rangle \triangleright P \wedge s\langle \rangle \triangleright Q$ **in** $s\langle \rangle$
 - **def** $c\langle \rangle \triangleright P|c\langle \rangle$ **in** $Q|c\langle \rangle$



Example: Mailbox (sketched)

```

rb@gmail.it(from,subj,msg) | save⟨ ⟩ ▷ store⟨ from,subj,msg ⟩ | save⟨ ⟩
chfwd(email) | save⟨ ⟩ ▷ fwd(email)
rb@gmail.it(from,subj,msg) | fwd(email) ▷
    store⟨ from,subj,msg ⟩ | email⟨ from,subj,msg ⟩ | fwd(email)

chvacation(info) | save⟨ ⟩ ▷ vacation(info)
rb@gmail.it(from,subj,msg) | vacation(info) ▷
    store⟨ from,subj,msg ⟩ | from⟨ rb@gmail.it,"Away",info ⟩ | vacation(info)

inbox(get,next) | store⟨ from,subj,msg ⟩ ▷
    def elget(k) | elem⟨ f,s,m,g,n ⟩ ▷ k⟨ f,s,m ⟩ | elem⟨ f,s,m,t,n ⟩
    ^ elnext(k) | elem⟨ f,s,m,g,n ⟩ ▷ k⟨ g,n ⟩
    in inbox⟨ elget,elnext ⟩ | elem⟨ from,subj,msg,get,next ⟩
    
```



Continuation Passing Style I

- The form of definitions resembles very much
 - **let** $f(x)=E$ **in** E' (typical of functional programming)
 - e.g. same scoping discipline
- Asynchrony forces us to create and send continuations in join
 - e.g. encoding untyped λ -calculus
 - $[M]_v$ sends the value of M on v
 - a value is a process serving requests
 - a request must supply two names
 - x (channel for requests for the value of the argument)
 - w (to eventually return a value)



Continuation Passing Style II

- Call-by-name
 - $[x]_v = x\langle v \rangle$
 - $[\lambda x.M]_v = \mathbf{def} k\langle x,w \rangle \triangleright [M]_w \mathbf{in} v\langle k \rangle$
 - $[MN]_v = \mathbf{def} y\langle p \rangle \triangleright [N]_p$
 - **in** **def** $q\langle c \rangle \triangleright c\langle y,v \rangle \mathbf{in} [M]_q$
- Parallel call-by-value
 - $[x]_v = v\langle x \rangle$
 - $[\lambda x.M]_v = \mathbf{def} k\langle x,w \rangle \triangleright [M]_w \mathbf{in} v\langle k \rangle$
 - $[MN]_v = \mathbf{def} q\langle c \rangle | p\langle y \rangle \triangleright c\langle y,v \rangle \mathbf{in} [M]_q | [N]_p$



Call-by-Name

- Strategy: leftmost order, no reduction under λ
- Reductions are entirely sequential
- The image of the translation is exactly the deterministic subset of Join (no parallel composition, no conjunction)
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Call-by-Name: Example

- $[(\lambda x.M)N]_v = \mathbf{def} y\langle p \rangle \triangleright [N]_p$
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- $[(\lambda x.M)N]_v \rightarrow \mathbf{def} y\langle p \rangle \triangleright [N]_p$
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Call-by-Name: Example

- $[(\lambda x.M)N]_v = \mathbf{def} \ y(p) \triangleright [N]_p$
 $\mathbf{in} \ \mathbf{def} \ q(c) \triangleright c(y,v) \ \mathbf{in} \ [\lambda x.M]_q$
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- $[(\lambda x.M)N]_v \rightarrow^* \mathbf{def} \ x(p) \triangleright [N]_p$
 $\mathbf{in} \ [M]_v$



Parallel Call-by-Value

- Strategy: again no reduction under λ , but in (TU), T and U can be evaluated in parallel
- Confluent, but non deterministic
 - $[x]_v = v(x)$
 - $[\lambda x.M]_v = \mathbf{def} \ k(x,w) \triangleright [M]_w \ \mathbf{in} \ v(k)$
 - $[MN]_v = \mathbf{def} \ q(c) | p(y) \triangleright c(y,v) \ \mathbf{in} \ [M]_q | [N]_p$



Call-by-Value: Example

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 $\mathbf{in} \ [N]_p | \mathbf{def} \ k(x,w) \triangleright [M]_w$
 $\mathbf{in} \ q(k)$
- $[(\lambda x.M)N]_v \rightarrow^* \mathbf{def} \ q(c) | p(y) \triangleright c(y,v)$
 $\mathbf{in} \ p(z) | \mathbf{def} \ k(x,w) \triangleright [M]_w$
 $\mathbf{in} \ q(k)$
- $[(\lambda x.M)N]_v \rightarrow \mathbf{def} \ q(c) | p(y) \triangleright c(y,v)$
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 $\mathbf{in} \ k(z,v)$
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 $\mathbf{in} \ [M[z/x]]_v$



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Core Join Calculus

- Syntax
 - a unique syntactic category
 - $P, Q ::= x(u) | \mathbf{def} \ x(u) | y(v) \triangleright Q \ \mathbf{in} \ P | P | Q$
- Operational semantics
 - CHAM Style
 - (but also LTS is defined)
- The core join calculus has the same expressive power as the full join-calculus
 - via a fully-abstract encoding



Full abstraction

- Two process calculi with equivalences \approx_1 and \approx_2
- The first is more expressive than the second if we can find a fully abstract encoding $[\cdot]_{2 \rightarrow 1}$
 - i.e. an encoding such that
 - $P \approx_2 Q$ iff $[P]_{2 \rightarrow 1} \approx_1 [Q]_{2 \rightarrow 1}$
- The two calculi have the same expressive power if each one is more expressive than the other
 - (If one is a sub-calculus of the other, then one implication is obvious)



What is Observable?

- Communication
 - on internal names (no)
 - on free names (yes)
- Internal steps
 - countable: strong semantics (no)
 - immaterial: weak semantics (yes)
- Equivalence
 - reflexive, symmetric and transitive (yes)
 - closed under contexts: congruence (yes)



Basic Observations

- Processes interact with the outside
 - by extruding names on free ports
 - by waiting for answers (via enclosed definitions)
- Processes are distinguished on the basis of their ability to emit messages on their free ports
 - weak asynchronous output barb \Downarrow_x
 - $P \Downarrow_x$ iff
 - x is a free name in P
 - and $\exists u$ such that $P \rightarrow^* Q, x(u)$



Remarks on Barbs

- Two processes P and Q such that
 - $\exists u$ with $P \Downarrow_x$ but $\neg(Q \Downarrow_x)$
- cannot be reasonably identified!
- Barbs are just elementary experiments
 - barbs do not count reductions (ok)
 - barbs do not observe branching (uhm)
 - barbs do not observe message reception (uhm)



Closure Under Reductions

- Reductions are mute transitions
 - i.e. only trivial labels are present
 - $P \rightarrow P'$ can be read as $P \xrightarrow{\tau} P'$
- In ordinary (strong) bisimulation
 - if $P \approx Q$ and $P \rightarrow P'$, then $\exists Q' \approx P'$ s.t. $Q \rightarrow Q'$
 - (and vice versa)
- In weak bisimulation
 - if $P \approx Q$ and $P \rightarrow^* P'$, then $\exists Q' \approx P'$ s.t. $Q \rightarrow^* Q'$
 - (and vice versa)



Closure Under Contexts

- If $P \approx Q$ we expect that P and Q can be used interchangeably in any larger process
 - but $P \equiv a(b)$ and $Q \equiv a(c)$ look equivalent when taken in isolation
 - no reduction, a unique barb \Downarrow_a
 - however, they are not equivalent in the context
 - $\mathbf{def} a(x) \triangleright x() \mathbf{in} [\cdot]$
 - as in fact
 - $\mathbf{def} a(x) \triangleright x() \mathbf{in} P \rightarrow b()$ (i.e. $\mathbf{def} a(x) \triangleright x() \mathbf{in} P \Downarrow_b$)
 - $\mathbf{def} a(x) \triangleright x() \mathbf{in} Q \rightarrow c()$ (i.e. $\mathbf{def} a(x) \triangleright x() \mathbf{in} Q \Downarrow_c$)



The Observational Congruence

- We take the largest equivalence relation \approx that
 - is a refinement of output barbs
 - if $P \approx Q$ then $(\forall x. P \Downarrow_x \text{ iff } Q \Downarrow_x)$
 - is closed under weak reduction
 - if $P \approx Q$ and $P \rightarrow^* P'$, then $\exists Q' \approx P'$ s.t. $Q \rightarrow^* Q'$
 - is a congruence w.r.t. definitions and parallel
 - if $P \approx Q$ then $(\forall D. \mathbf{def} D \mathbf{in} P \approx \mathbf{def} D \mathbf{in} Q)$
 - if $P \approx Q$ then $(\forall R. P | R \approx Q | R)$



Observational Congruence: Examples

- If $\text{fn}(P) = \emptyset$ then $P \approx 0$
- If $P \equiv Q$ then $P \approx Q$
- $a\langle u \rangle \not\approx b\langle u \rangle$
- $a\langle b \rangle \not\approx a\langle c \rangle$
- $a\langle b \rangle \approx \mathbf{def} c\langle x \rangle \triangleright b\langle x \rangle \mathbf{in} a\langle c \rangle$
 - it is not possible to distinguish between different names that exhibit the same external behaviour



Core Join vs Full Join

- Expressiveness-preserving simplification of syntax
 - recursive binding
 - shift binding variables from definition to reception
 - $\mathbf{def} J \triangleright Q \mathbf{in} P$ becomes $\mathbf{def} J | b(\bar{a}, b) \triangleright Q | b(\bar{a}, b) \mathbf{in} P | b(\bar{a}, b)$
 - where \bar{a} is the vector of variables in $\text{fn}(Q) \cap \text{dn}(J)$
 - complex definitions
 - n-way join patterns and multiple clauses connected by \wedge as sequences joining two atoms at most
 - polyadic messages
 - name tuples are communicated by using auxiliary private names



Asynchronous π

- Syntax processes

$$P, Q ::= x\langle u \rangle \mid x(u).P \mid \nu u.P \mid !x(u).P \mid P | Q$$
- Abstract semantics
 - asynchronous barbed congruence
 - ex. $x(u).x\langle u \rangle \approx 0$
 - ex. equator $\text{EQ}(x, y) \equiv !x(u).y\langle u \rangle \mid !y(v).x\langle v \rangle$
 - $P\{x/y\} \approx Q\{x/y\}$ implies $\text{EQ}(x, y) | P \approx \text{EQ}(x, y) | Q$



Naïve Encoding: Join in π

- $[x\langle v \rangle]_{j \rightarrow \pi} = x\langle v \rangle$
- $[P | Q]_{j \rightarrow \pi} = [P]_{j \rightarrow \pi} \mid [Q]_{j \rightarrow \pi}$
- $[\mathbf{def} x\langle u \rangle | y\langle v \rangle \triangleright Q \mathbf{in} P]_{j \rightarrow \pi} = \nu x. \nu y. (!x(u).y\langle v \rangle. [Q]_{j \rightarrow \pi} \mid [P]_{j \rightarrow \pi})$
- In the translation we loose
 - the symmetry between x and y
 - the atomicity of their joint reduction
 - it does not matter, because x and y are restricted
- Not closed under π contexts!!!
 - if x or y are extruded, then new receptors could appear



Problems with Full Abstraction of Join in π : Example

- Let $P \equiv [\mathbf{def} x\langle \rangle \triangleright 0 \mathbf{in} a\langle x \rangle \mid x\langle \rangle]_{j \rightarrow \pi}$
- and $Q \equiv [\mathbf{def} y\langle \rangle \triangleright 0 \mathbf{in} a\langle y \rangle]_{j \rightarrow \pi}$
 - the two encoded processes are equivalent
 - P and Q are not
- Take the π -context $\nu a. (a(u).u().b\langle \rangle \mid [.])$
 - then $\nu a. (a(u).u().b\langle \rangle \mid P) \Downarrow_b$
 - while $\neg (\nu a. (a(u).u().b\langle \rangle \mid Q) \Downarrow_b)$



Naïve Encoding: π in Join

- Each π -channel x is simulated by two ports
 - x_o for output (where emitters send values)
 - x_i for input (the receiver defines a name k for its continuation and sends it as a reception offer on x_i)
 - $[x\langle v \rangle]_{\pi \rightarrow j} = x_o \langle v_o, v_i \rangle$
 - $[x\langle u \rangle.P]_{\pi \rightarrow j} = \mathbf{def} \ k \langle v_o, v_i \rangle \triangleright [P]_{\pi \rightarrow j} \mathbf{in} \ x_i \langle k \rangle$
 - $[vx.P]_{\pi \rightarrow j} = \mathbf{def} \ x_o \langle v_o, v_i \rangle \mid x_i \langle k \rangle \triangleright k \langle v_o, v_i \rangle \mathbf{in} \ [P]_{\pi \rightarrow j}$
 - $[!x\langle u \rangle.P]_{\pi \rightarrow j} = \mathbf{def} \ k \langle v_o, v_i \rangle \triangleright x_i \langle k \rangle \mid [P]_{\pi \rightarrow j} \mathbf{in} \ x_i \langle k \rangle$
 - $[P|Q]_{\pi \rightarrow j} = [P]_{\pi \rightarrow j} \mid [Q]_{\pi \rightarrow j}$
- Not closed under Join contexts!!!
 - problems with free names and input barb



Problems with Full Abstraction of π in Join: Examples

- $[x\langle a \rangle \mid x\langle b \rangle \mid x\langle u \rangle.y\langle u \rangle]_{\pi \rightarrow j}$
 - cannot reduce because there is no engulfing vx
- $[x\langle u \rangle.x\langle u \rangle]_{\pi \rightarrow j}$
 - exhibits a barb on x_i that reveals the presence of an input on x
- A context could provide messages with arbitrary i/o-pairs
 - ex. mismatched order: $x_o \langle v_i, v_o \rangle$
 - ex. mismatched names: $x_o \langle v_o, w_i \rangle$



Features (as process calculus)

- Based on an elementary model of concurrency
 - reflexive chemical abstract machine = generic CHAM + imposing locality + adding reflection
 - locality: only linear reaction patterns allowed
 - each molecule or reaction rule is associated to a single reaction site
 - more effective than generic CHAM: molecules travel to their reaction site, instead of having to blindly mix and match
 - reflection: reactions can generate new kinds of molecules together with their defining reaction rules
 - computational completeness of the model
- λ -calculus as sequential deterministic subset



Features (as distributed programming language)

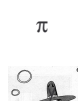
- Extends a higher-order functional language
 - parallelism in expressions (fork calls)
 - parallelism in function patterns (join patterns)
 - jointly defined function provide the same capabilities as synchronous channels or concurrent objects
 - join patterns are more consistent with lexical scope
 - static binding of function calls to the code
 - as opposed to dynamic binding of messages to receptors
- Distributed implementations
 - JoCaml, JoinJava, Polyphonic C#



Implementability

- Uniqueness of receptors favour distributed implementation of Join

Join



Polyphonic C# ($C\omega$)

- Methods can be
 - synchronous
 - (caller is blocked)
 - asynchronous
 - (no result, caller can proceed almost immediately)
- Key feature
 - The same body (called a chord) can be associated with a set of asynchronous and (at most one) synchronous methods
 - A method can appear in the header of several chords
 - The body is executed only if all methods in its header have been called



Unbounded Size Buffer

```
public class Buffer {  
    public String get()  
    & public async put(String s){  
        return s;  
    }  
}
```

synchronous

asynchronous

chord



One-Place Buffer

```
public class OnePlaceBuffer {  
    public OnePlaceBuffer() {  
        empty();  
    }  
    public void put(String s)  
    & private async empty() {  
        contains(s);  
        return;  
    }  
    public String get()  
    & private async contains(String s) {  
        empty();  
        return s;  
    }  
}
```



Reader-Writer Lock

```
class ReaderWriter { ReaderWriter() { Idle(); }  
    void Exclusive()  
    & private async Idle() { }  
  
    void ReleaseExclusive() { Idle(); }  
  
    void Shared()  
    & private async Idle() { S(1); }  
  
    void Shared()  
    & private async S(int n) { S(n+1); }  
  
    void ReleaseShared()  
    & private async S(int n) {  
        if (n == 1) Idle(); else S(n-1);  
    }  
}
```



References

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