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# Session types: syntax

$\sigma ::=$	session type	$\alpha ::=$	action
$0$	(failure)	$?t$	(value input)
$1$	(success)	$!t$	(value output)
$\alpha.\sigma$	(action prefix)	$?\sigma$	(channel input)
$\sigma + \sigma$	(external choice)	$!\sigma$	(delegation)
$\sigma \oplus \sigma$	(internal choice)		
$\sigma \mid \sigma$	(composition)		

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error

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$$\begin{aligned}1 \mid \sigma &\approx \sigma \\0 + \sigma &\approx \sigma \\ \alpha.\sigma + \alpha.\tau &\approx \alpha.\sigma \oplus \alpha.\tau\end{aligned}$$

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*P keeps behaving as  $\tau$*

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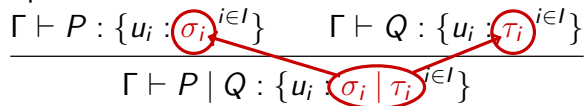
t-par

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# Delegation

$P$  keeps using  $v$

t-outputS

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{u : \sigma, v : \tau\}}{\Gamma \vdash u!v.P : \Delta \cup \{u : !\rho.\sigma, v : \tau \mid \rho\}}$$

$a?(x).\dots \mid b?(x).\dots \mid (\nu c)a!c.b!c.\dots$

# Channel input

$P$  not allowed to use anything else...

$$\frac{\text{t-inputS} \quad \Gamma \vdash P : \{x : \rho\}}{\Gamma \vdash u?(x).P : \{u : ?\rho.1\}}$$

... not even  $u$

# Restriction

$$\frac{\text{t-res} \quad \Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{c : \sigma\} \quad \sigma \text{ complete}}{\Gamma \vdash (\nu c)P : \Delta}$$

# Subject reduction

## Theorem

If  $\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta$  and  $P \longrightarrow Q$  and  $\Delta$  viable, then  $\Gamma \vdash Q : \Delta$

$$\begin{array}{lll} P & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & (\nu c)a!c & : & \{a : !1.1\} \\ Q & \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} & c?(x).x!3 & : & \{a : ?(!Int.1).1\} \end{array}$$

$!1.1 \mid ?(!Int.1).1$  not viable

$$P \mid Q \longrightarrow (\nu c)(0 \mid c!3) \quad \text{OUCH!}$$

## Theorem

If  $\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{c : \sigma\}$  and  $\sigma$  complete and  $P \downarrow c$ , then  $P \longrightarrow$

- $P \downarrow c =$  “whoever owns  $c$  is immediately ready to use it”
- type system does not enforce *global* progress

# Summary

- Projection
- ⇒ Session types as process terms
- ⇒ Semantically grounded theory of session types
  - Completeness  $\sim$  duality
  - Viability  $\sim$  well-typedness

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projection forgets dependency

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# Replication

$$\frac{\text{t-bang} \quad \Gamma \vdash P : \{u_i : \sigma_i^{i \in I}\} \quad \sigma_i \sqsubseteq \sigma_i \mid \sigma_i^{i \in I}}{\Gamma \vdash \star P : \{u_i : \sigma_i^{i \in I}\}}$$

$$\sigma \sqsubseteq \sigma \mid \sigma$$

- doesn't matter whether there are 1 or  $2^{100}$  copies of  $P$
- $\sigma = 1$  (does nothing)
- $\sigma = 1 \oplus \pi.\sigma$  (can do  $\pi$  at any time)

# Subsumption

$$\text{t-sub} \frac{\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{u : \tau\} \quad \sigma \sqsubseteq \tau}{\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{u : \sigma\}}$$

# Terminated process

$$\text{t-weak} \quad \frac{\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \quad u \notin \text{dom}(\Delta)}{\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{u : 1\}}$$

$$\text{t-nil} \quad \frac{}{\Gamma \vdash 0 : \emptyset}$$

# Communication

t-input

$$\frac{\Gamma, x : t \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{u : \sigma\}}{\Gamma \vdash u?(x : t).P : \Delta \cup \{u : ?t.\sigma\}}$$

t-output

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : t \quad \Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \cup \{u : \sigma\}}{\Gamma \vdash u!e.P : \Delta \cup \{u : !t.\sigma\}}$$



# Choices

t-ext

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash \pi_i.P_i : \Delta \cup \{u : \sigma_i\} \quad i \in I}{\Gamma \vdash \sum_{i \in I} \pi_i.P_i : \Delta \cup \{u : \sum_{i \in I} \sigma_i\}}$$

t-int

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash P : \Delta \quad \Gamma \vdash Q : \Delta}{\Gamma \vdash P \oplus Q : \Delta}$$