

Quantum Message Passing Logic - Day 1 FMCS 2023, Sackville

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Categorical quantum mechanics $^{1\ 2\ 3} \rightarrow$ Diagrammatic framework and type system to describe and reason about quantum processes

Message passing logic ^{4 5} \rightarrow A categorical framework and type system to reason about concurrent (message-passing) systems

New!

Categorical quantum mechanics + message passing: A type system to describe and reason about quantum concurrent message passing systems ?

¹Abramsky and Coecke (2009) "A categorical semantics of quantum protocols" ²Selinger (2008) "Dagger Compact Closed Categories and Completely Positive Maps" ³Srinivasan (2021) "Dagger linear logic for categorical quantum mechanics (Ph.D. thesis) ⁴Coeckett and Pastro (2009) "Logic of Message passing" ⁵Kumar (2018) "Implementation of Message Passing Language" (Master's thesis)

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Day 1: Concurrency and the categorical framework for message passingDay 2: Quantum mechanics and its categorical frameworks and a possible categorical framework for quantum message passing systems and an example

Message Passing Logic

Robin Cockett, and Craig Pastro. The logic of message-passing (2009)

Concurrency = Computation + Synchronization

Modeling a large computation as a collection of several interleaved smaller computations which synchronize with one another as necessary is called as **concurrency**.



A crucial feature of concurrent programs is synchronization of its components.



Shared memory:

The processes synchronize with one another by accessing a common resource like a shared memory.

The synchronization is synchronous like two parties talking over a phone or interlocked gear wheels.



Message passing:

The processes synchronize with one another by passing messages with the communication being governed by a certain protocol (procedure).

The synchronization is asynchronous like email.

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Deadlock:

Each process is waiting for another process to release a resource.

Hence, progress is stalled.



Livelock:

Processes recover from being blocked only to block each other continuously.

Again, progress is stalled.

Analogous to two people stepping aside to allow each other to pass, never taking a step forward.

Race conditions:

Processes race to access a shared resource.

The order of the accesses determines the output of the program.

Program output in non-deterministic output

We do not really make sense of it · · ·

No type system "in practice" to guarantee formal properties of concurrent programs.

How concurrency is widely facilitated in imperative programming languages?



How would one begin to develop a type system for concurrent programming?

Curry-Howard-Lambek isomorphism: a three-way isomorphism between types (in programming languages), proofs (in logic), and objects of a cartesian closed category.

Observes that proof systems and models of computation (through the *typed* λ -calculus) are identical formalisms.

Types are logical formulas (propositions) and proofs are programs.

Enables type-checking for sequential programs.

Prevents programmers from introducing type errors in programs.

The formality ensures that programs terminate or does not return incorrectly typed results.

It is desirable to establish a proof system that will guarantee strong formal properties (e.g. programs being deadlock and livelock free).

Can we prove a Curry-Howard-Lambek-like isomorphism for concurrent programming?

Analogous to λ -calculus for sequential programs is the π -calculus for message passing.

One may describe concurrent computations whose network configuration may change during the computation.

But, π -calculus does not have any type-theoretic underpinning and is purely based on operational semantics.

Message passing logic

The aim of Cockett and Pastro's paper⁶ is:

- 1. to develop a term calculus, a categorical semantics, and a proof system for message passing
- 2. to establish Curry-Howard-Lambek-like isomorphism for message passing



⁶Cockett and Pastro (2009) The logic of message passing

Caution: This paper is a hard hike!!!



Like most of Robin's other papers, this paper is a steep, almost non-scalable mountain nevertheless with multiple interesting trails to explore!

A group of five bright students joined my explorations at the adjoint school of Applied Category Theory Conference 2023 and we roamed around.

This talk shall be mainly be focused on the categorical semantics of message passing.

Message Passing Logic

Design of the message passing logic

Two-tiered logic: Logic of message passing built on top of the logic of messages

- the logic of messages whose proofs should be thought of as ordinary sequential programs

- the logic of message passing is concerned with manipulating the channels of communication, hence concurrency.

- Logic of sequential computation vs concurrent communication

Rationale: The separation of logic allows one to correctly deal with the complexities of both and the interplay between them.

Linear actegories

Linear actegories: an overview

- Actegory: A monoidal category acting on a category

- Linear actegory: A symmetric monoidal category acting on a linearly distributive category

Monoidal category as the semantics for the logic of messages (sequential).

Linearly distributive category as the semantics for the logic of message passing channels (concurrent).

Linear acetgory itself as the semantics for the logic of message passing.

- Linearly distributive categories provide a categorical semantics of multiplicative linear logic.

In 1987, Girard introduced linear logic as a logic for resources manipulation.

Classical logic treats statements as truth values; linear logic treats statements as resources which cannot be duplicated or destroyed.

p : to spend a dollar*q* : to buy an apple

" $p \Rightarrow q$ " has the meaning that if a dollar is spent then an apple can be bought.

A person can either have a dollar or an apple at a given time but not both.

The word "linear" refers to this resource sensitivity of the logic.

Categorical semantics of multiplicative linear logic

Linear logic fragment	Connectives
Negation	A^{\perp}
Multiplicative	(\otimes ,1) and (28 , \perp)
Additive	(&, $ op$) and (\oplus ,0)
Exponentials	! and ?

Negation:

p: to spend a dollar p^{\perp} : to receive a dollar

Multiplicative fragment:

 $(\otimes, 1)$: an apple \otimes an orange $(p \Rightarrow q \otimes r \text{ means access to resources at the same time;}$ conjunction from classical logic)

 (\mathcal{B}, \bot) = De Morgan's Rule: $(A^{\perp} \otimes B^{\perp})^{\perp}$ (means don't have access to either resource, so someone else owns it; disjunction from classical logic)

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Linear logic fragment	Categorical proof theory
MLL	Linearly distributive categories ⁷
$(\otimes, 1)$ and (\mathcal{B}, \bot)	$(\mathbb{X},\otimes, op,\oplus,\perp)$
MLL with negation	*-autonomous categories ⁸
Compact MLL	Monoidal categories
$(\otimes = \mathcal{P}, 1 = \bot)$	(\mathbb{X},\otimes,l)
Compact closed categories ⁹	Compact MLL with negation

⁷Cockett and Seely (1997) "Weakly Distributive Categories"
⁸Barr (1991) "*-autonomous categories and linear logic"

Linearly distributive categories (LDCs)¹⁰:

 $(\mathbb{X}, \otimes, \top, a_{\otimes}, u_{\otimes}^{L}, u_{\otimes}^{R}) \qquad (\mathbb{X}, \oplus, \bot, a_{\oplus}, u_{\oplus}^{L}, u_{\oplus}^{R})$

linked by linear distributors:

 $\partial_L : A \otimes (B \oplus C) \to (A \otimes B) \oplus C$ $A \times (B + C) \simeq (A \times B) + (A \times C)$

Intuition: At a restaurant the waiter, A, can choose to address either person at the table, B or C. Once assigned to B, A cannot choose C.

The distributor is not an equality or isomorphism in general!

Monoidal categories: LDCs in which $\otimes = \oplus$; $\top = \bot$

¹⁰Cockett and Seely (1997) "Weakly distributive categories"

The key is in the graphical calculus of these categories.

Linearly distributive categories come equipped with a graphical calculus which subsumes the graphical calculus of monoidal categories.

In the graphical calculus of *monoidal categories* every possible way of composing its building blocks is valid, resulting in cyclic graphs of sequents – allowing cyclic dependency.

The graphical calculus of LDCs disallows such cyclic dependency.

How?

Linear logic is a two-sided logic

 Γ and Δ are collections of resources.

 Γ_1 , *A*, *B*, $\Gamma_2 \vdash \Delta$

Given a "sequent", the turnstile (\vdash) means we can infer.

To combine terms on the left, we tensor (\otimes) them.

$$\otimes L \frac{\Gamma_1, A, B, \Gamma_2 \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma_1, A \otimes B, \Gamma_2 \vdash \Delta}$$

Meaning, we need A and B to produce Δ .

Note: To combine terms on the right, we par (\oplus) them.

Combining A and B when they are independent (\otimes on the right):

$$\frac{\Gamma_1 \vdash \Gamma_2, A, \Gamma_3}{\Gamma_1, \Delta_1 \vdash \Gamma_2, \Delta_2, A \otimes B, \Gamma_3, \Delta_3} \otimes \mathsf{R}$$

Interpretation: if we have Γ_1 , then we can get Γ_2 , A, and Γ_3 .

Exchange rules allow the neighboring premises and antecedents to be swapped.

$$(exch.L) \frac{\Gamma_1, A, B, \Gamma_2 \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma_1, B, A, \Gamma_2 \vdash \Delta}$$

$$(exch.R) \frac{\Gamma \vdash \Delta_1, C, D, \Delta_2}{\Gamma \vdash \Delta_1, D, C, \Delta_2}$$

Cut Rule: Formulas can be "cut out" and their respective derivations joined.

$\frac{B \oplus C \vdash B, C}{A, B \oplus C \vdash A \otimes B, C}$

Observation 1: Cut rule lets us combine boxes (graphical calculus) in a sequence (like composition).

Observation 2: Linear distributivity can be derived from these sequent rules.

Graphical calculus of LDCs: Building blocks

In the graphical calculus for LDCs, wires represent objects and circles represent morphisms. Input wires of a morphism are tensored (with \otimes), and the output wires are "par"ed (with \oplus).

For instance, $f : A \otimes B \to C \oplus D$, the \otimes -associator, the \oplus -associator, δ_L^L , and δ_R^R are drawn as follows:



Boxing Algorithm

An LDC circuit is *valid* if and only if the entire circuit can be "boxed" using the rules below ¹¹.

¹¹Blute, Cockett, Seely, Trimble (1996) "Natural deduction and coherence for weakly distributive categories"

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Boxing Algorithm: Sequentialization



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But the reverse cannot because a \otimes -elimination cannot be absorbed by a box above and \oplus -introduction cannot be absorbed by a box below.



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The type system for process communication based on LDCs will avoid cyclic dependency hence will guarantee deadlock and livelock free programs !!!

Let (A, *, I) be a symmetric monoidal category.

A symmetric linear \mathbb{A} -actegory consists the following data:

- A symmetric linearly distributive category $(X, \otimes, \top, \oplus, \bot)$
- Functors

$$\circ: \mathbb{A} \times \mathbb{X} \to \mathbb{X} \qquad \bullet: \mathbb{A}^{\mathsf{op}} \times \mathbb{X} \to X$$

such that for all $A \in \mathbb{A}$, $A \circ - \dashv A \bullet -$

- 6 natural isomorphisms
- 3 natural transformations
\circ is left-parametrised left adjoint of \bullet

The functors encode the inherent duality in the direction of information flow between two connected parties!

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- \circ means send value to the right and receive from the left
- • means send value to the left and receive from the right

For all $A \in \mathbb{A}$, $A \circ -$ is left adjoint to $A \bullet -$:



Figure 1: $\eta_X : X \to A \bullet (A \circ X)$



Figure 2: $\epsilon_X : A \circ (A \bullet X) \to X$

For all $A, B \in \mathbb{A}$ and $X, Y \in \mathbb{X}$ natural isomorphisms in \mathbb{X} :

$$u_{\circ}: I \circ X \to X$$
 $u_{\bullet}: X \to I \bullet X$

$$a^*_\circ: (A*B) \circ X \to A \circ (B \circ X)$$
 $a^*_\bullet: A \bullet (B \bullet X) \to (A*B) \bullet X$

$$a^{\circ}_{\otimes}: A \circ (X \oplus Y) \to (A \circ X) \circ Y$$
 $a^{ullet}_{\oplus}: (A \bullet X) \oplus X \to A \bullet (X \oplus Y)$

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$$a^*_\circ:(A*B)\circ X o A\circ (B\circ X) \qquad a^*_ullet:Aullet(Bullet X) o (A*B)ullet X$$



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For all $A, B \in \mathbb{A}$ and $X, Y \in \mathbb{X}$ there exists following natural transformations:

$$d_\oplus^\circ: A \circ (X \oplus Y) o (A \circ X) \oplus Y$$

$$d^{ullet}_{\otimes}:(Aullet X)\otimes Y o Aullet(X\otimes Y)$$

$$d_{ullet}^{\circ}:A\circ (Bullet X) o Bullet (A\circ Y)$$

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Value of A independent of value of B

Value of A may be dependent of value of B





Programming syntax - \otimes_l / \oplus_r



Have the channel on the right side and replace \otimes with \oplus and you get \oplus_r

Programming syntax - \otimes_r / \oplus_l





Have the channel on the right side and replace \oplus with \otimes and you get \otimes_r

Programming syntax - \top_l/\bot_r





Have the channel on the right side and replace \top with \bot and you get \bot_r

Programming syntax - \perp_l / \top_r



Have the channel on the right side and replace \perp with \top and you get \top_r





$$\circ_I \quad \frac{s}{\det \alpha \ x \Rightarrow s}$$



Programming syntax - \bullet_I / \circ_r



Send the output to the left, replace \circ with \bullet and you get \bullet_I

Programming syntax - coprod



Summary: Linear actegories

Loosely, a linear actegory is a symmetric monoidal category acting on a linearly distributive category on the left and the right.

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For all $A \in \mathbb{A}$, $A \circ -$ is left adjoint to $A \bullet -$:



Figure 3: $\eta_X : X \to A \bullet (A \circ X)$



Linear actegories: an analogy



The network of roads::Linearly distributive catsMarket, school, house..::Monoidal categoriesVehicles::MessagesGetting vehicles on to the road?::Adjoint functors: $A \circ - \dashv A \bullet -$

A Toy Model of Linear actegories: Chad Nester's Concurrent process histories



Concurrent process histories and resource transducers

Chad Nester (2022)

Overview



Motivation:

Capture the *movement* of resources or information across different components of a concurrent process

Methodology:



- Considers the concurrent process as a resource

theory (strict symmetric monoidal category)

- Augments the string diagrams for symmetric monoidal categories with corners
- Resources flow between different components of the systems through the corners

Single object double category

Start with single object double category



When cells $\alpha \& \beta$ have appropriate matching boundary types, we can have **horizontal** composition $\alpha | \beta$ or vertical composition $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ as defined below.



This horizontal & vertical composition needs to satisfy the interchange rule

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} |\frac{\gamma}{\delta} = \frac{\alpha |\gamma}{\beta |\delta}$$



* We shall refer to the horizontal 1-cells as **sequential** 1-cells, and vertical 1-cells as **parallel** 1-cells.

Given a single object double category \mathbb{A} , we get two strict monoidal categories, $S(\mathbb{A})$, $P(\mathbb{A})$ as follows:



The tensor product of sequential morphisms given as follows:



Adding Cornerings

A single object double category is a pro-arrow equipment if for every horizontal 1-cell *A*, there exists parallel 1-cells A° and A^{\bullet} with $A^{\circ} \neq A^{\bullet}$ and the following 2-cells:



called o-corners and o-corners, respectively, which satisfy the yanking equations:

This work considers a concurrent process as a resource theory (strict symmetric monoidal category).

A strict symmetric monoidal category can be interpreted as resource theory 12 -

Objects: Resources

Arrows: Resource transformations that can be implemented without any cost

Composition: Sequential composition of resource transformations

Tensor: Parallel composition of resources and transformations

Unit object: Trivial resource

¹²Coecke, Spekkens, Fritz (2013) "A mathematical theory of resources"

\mathbb{A} -valued exchanges

Given a resource theory (i.e., a strict SMC) \mathbb{A} , the *A*-valued exchanges $\mathbb{A}^{\circ\bullet}$ is the free monoid on the set $(ob(\mathbb{A}) \times \{\circ, \bullet\})$, whose elements are denoted by A° and A^{\bullet} .

The monoid is NOT commutative.

Intuitively, elements of $\mathbb{A}^{\circ \bullet}$ of describe a sequence of resources moving between participants in the exchange.

Alice
$$\rightarrow$$
 \uparrow $\stackrel{A^{\circ}}{\leftarrow}$ $\stackrel{B^{\circ}}{\leftarrow}$ \uparrow \leftarrow Bob

Free cornering of ${\mathbb A}$

Given a resource theory (i.e., a strict SMC) $\mathbb A,$ the free cornering of $\mathbb A$ is a proarrow equipment $[\mathbb A]$ where,

 $[A]_{H}$: are objects of A (Resources)

 $[A]_V$ are elements of A-valued exchange monoid (Sequence of resources on the move)

Generating 2 -cells: the \circ -corners and \bullet -corners along with a vertical cell [f] for each $f : A \to B$ subject to the equations:

For $[\mathbb{A}]$, we interpret

- 1. $[\mathbb{A}]_{H} = as resources$
- 2. $[\mathbb{A}]_V = \mathbb{A}^{\circ \bullet}$ exchange of resources from one party to the other.
- 3. cells of [A] as **concurrent transformations**. Each cell describes a way to transform the collection of resources given by the top boundary into that given by the bottom boundary via participating in *A*-exchanges along the left and right boundaries.

For example, in the free cornering of our bread category,





Combining the prior three bread concurrent transformations, we get



Theorem: There is an isomorphism of categories $S[\mathbb{A}] \cong \mathbb{A}$.

Consider the category $\textbf{P}[\mathbb{A}]$ as the category of resource transducers.

Lemma: There are strong monoidal functors $(-)^{\circ} : \mathbb{A} \to \mathbf{P}[\mathbb{A}]$ and $(-)^{\bullet} : \mathbb{A}^{op} \to \mathbf{P}[\mathbb{A}]$ defined respectively on $f : A \to B$ of \mathbb{A} by:



$$P[\mathbb{A}]$$
 is a linear actegory

For the category of resource transducers P[A] define -

$$\circ: \mathbb{A} \times \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{L}}^{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{J}}^{\mathbb{C}} \to \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{L}}^{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{J}}^{\mathbb{C}}; f \circ h = f^{\circ} \otimes h$$
$$\bullet: \mathbb{A}^{\circ p} \times \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{L}}^{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{J}}^{\mathbb{C}} \to \mathbf{P}_{\mathbb{L}}^{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{A}_{\mathbb{J}}^{\mathbb{C}}; f \bullet h = f^{\bullet} \otimes h$$

for all resource transducer $h \in \mathbf{P}[\mathbb{A}]$.

Lemma In H[A], for each A, the functors $A \circ -$ is left adjoint to $A \bullet -$:
P[A] is a linear actegory (cont...)

We seek families of morphisms $\eta_{A,X} : X \to A \bullet (A \circ X)$ and $\varepsilon_{A,X} : A \circ (A \bullet X) \to X$ in $\mathbf{P}[A]$ that satisfy the triangle identities. Define $\eta_{A,X}$ and $\epsilon_{A,X}$, repressively, by



By the yanking equations, the triangles identities hold, as shown below.



Theorem: Let \mathbb{A} be a resource theory. Then, $\mathbf{P}[\mathbb{A}]$ is a linear actegory.

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