Two-sorted Algebraic Decompositions of Brookes's Shared-State Denotational Semantics

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Outline of the Talk

- * Sequential setting introduction to algebraic effects [P & Power 2002]
- * Concurrent setting:
 - » There's an algebraic effects theory for cooperative concurrency^[P 2006]
 - » Using it for preemptive concurrency lacks abstraction[DKL 2022]
- Highly abstract denotational model for preemptive concurrency [Brookes 1996, BHN 2016]
- * Two-sorted algebraic effects for concurrency:
 - » The o-sort adjunction recovers preemptive concurrency goal achieved!
 - » The ●-sort adjunction recovers cooperative concurrency nice perk

Section 1

The Sequential Setting

Small-Step Semantics

- * Consider a sequential programming language
- * Core Language: sequencing (-;-), branching $(\mathbf{ifz} \mathbf{then} \mathbf{else} -)$, etc.
- * Effects: writing (l := v) and reading (l?) bits $\mathbb{B} = \{0, 1\}$ to storage locations \mathbb{L}

$$\sigma \in \mathbb{S} \triangleq \mathbb{L} \to \mathbb{B}$$

$$\sigma$$
, ($l := 0$; ifz l ? then "ok" else "bug")

$$ightarrow \sigma[l\mapsto 0], (\mathbf{ifz}\ l?\ \mathbf{then}\ "\mathsf{ok"}\ \mathbf{else}\ "\mathsf{bug"})$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma[l \mapsto 0], (ifz \ 0 \ then "ok" \ else "bug")$$

$$\to \sigma[l\mapsto {\tt 0}], (\text{``ok"}) \quad \blacksquare$$

Moggi's Monad-based Compositional (Denotational) Semantics^[1991]

Domain: state transformers $\underline{TX} \triangleq (\mathbb{S} \to \mathbb{S} \times X)$

$$[\![l \coloneqq \mathtt{0} \; ; \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok''} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``bug''}]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} = \lambda \sigma. \, \langle \sigma[l \mapsto \mathtt{0}], \text{``ok''} \rangle \in \underline{T} \\ \mathrm{String}$$

Plotkin & Power's Algebraic Effects Semantics^[2002]

Monadic semantics proves contextual equivalences (adequacy theorem):

The algebraic effects theory of global state G has:

- * Operators for updating $U_{l,v}:1$ and looking up $L_l:2$ bits in storage (O:arity)
- * Axioms such as (UL) $\mathsf{U}_{l,v}\,\mathsf{L}_l(x_{\mathsf{0}},x_{\mathsf{1}}) = \mathsf{U}_{l,v}\,x_v$

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Interpret operators as operations over the domain:

$$\begin{split} & [\![\mathsf{U}_{l,v}]\!]_{\mathrm{op}} f \triangleq \lambda \sigma \in \mathbb{S}. \, f \, (\sigma[l \mapsto v]) \\ & [\![\mathsf{L}_{l}]\!]_{\mathrm{op}} (f_{\mathsf{0}}, f_{\mathsf{1}}) \triangleq \lambda \sigma \in \mathbb{S}. \, f_{\sigma_{l}} \sigma \\ & [\![\mathsf{U}_{l,v} \langle \rangle]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} = [\![l := v]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} \\ \end{split}$$

$$[t]_{\text{term}} = [r]_{\text{term}} \iff t \stackrel{\mathsf{G}}{=} r$$

Adding Non-deterministic Choice

The theory of non-deterministic global state takes global state G and adds:

- * Operators for choice: binary $\vee:2$ and empty $\perp:0$
- * Axioms of semilattice, e.g.: (Symmetry) $x \lor y = y \lor x$ (Neutrality) $x \lor \bot = x$
- $* \ \, \text{Axioms of interaction, e.g.:} \quad (\lor \text{-U}) \ \, \mathsf{U}_{l,v}(x \lor y) = (\mathsf{U}_{l,v}\,x) \lor (\mathsf{U}_{l,v}\,y) \quad (\bot \text{-U}) \ \, \mathsf{U}_{l,v}\,\bot = \bot$

It is standard to:

- * Generalize to larger cardinalities, e.g. countable choice
- * Order by choices: $t \ge r \triangleq t \lor r = t$ (t includes every choice r does)

Section 2

The Concurrent Setting

Shared-State Concurrency Small-Step

Cooperative scheduling (program permits scheduler to switch a thread):

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\begin{split} &\sigma, (l \coloneqq 1 \quad \| \quad l \coloneqq 0 \; ; \; \mathbf{yield} \; ; \; \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok''} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``bug''}) \\ &\to \sigma, (l \coloneqq 1 \quad \| \rangle \; l \coloneqq 0 \; ; \; \mathbf{yield} \; ; \; \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok''} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``bug''}) \\ &\to \sigma[l \mapsto 0], (l \coloneqq 1 \quad \| \rangle \; \mathbf{yield} \; ; \; \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok''} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``bug''}) \\ &\to \sigma[l \mapsto 0], (l \coloneqq 1 \quad \| \quad \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok''} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``bug''}) \\ &\to \ldots \end{split}
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Cooperative Concurrency: Resumptions^[Abadi & Plotkin 2010]

The theory of resumptions Res takes non-deterministic global state and adds:

- * Operator for yielding to the concurrent environment Y : 1
- * Axioms of closure: (Pure) $Yx \ge x$ (Join) YYx = Yx
- * Axioms of interaction: $(\lor$ -Y) $\mathbf{Y}(x\lor y) = (\mathbf{Y}\,x)\lor (\mathbf{Y}\,y) \quad (\bot$ -Y) $\mathbf{Y}\,\bot = \bot$

$$\begin{split} \llbracket l \coloneqq \mathbf{0} \; ; \; \mathbf{yield} \; ; \; \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok''} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``bug''} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} &= \; \llbracket \mathsf{U}_{l,\mathbf{0}} \, \mathsf{Y} \, \mathsf{L}_{l} \, (\text{``ok''}, \text{``bug''}) \rrbracket_{\mathrm{term}} \\ &\geq \; \llbracket \mathsf{U}_{l,\mathbf{0}} \, \mathsf{L}_{l} \, (\text{``ok''}, \text{``bug''}) \rrbracket_{\mathrm{term}} = \; \llbracket \mathsf{U}_{l,\mathbf{0}} \; \text{``ok''} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} \\ &\geq \; \llbracket \mathsf{U}_{l,\mathbf{0}} \, \mathsf{L}_{l} \, (\text{``ok''}, \text{``bug''}) \rrbracket_{\mathrm{term}} = \; \llbracket l \coloneqq \mathbf{0} \; ; \; \text{``ok''} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} \end{aligned}$$

Preemptive Concurrency Small-Step

Preemptive scheduling (non-deterministic interleaving):

$$\begin{split} &\sigma, (l\coloneqq \mathbf{1} \ \parallel \ l\coloneqq \mathbf{0} \ ; \ \mathbf{ifz} \ l? \ \mathbf{then} \ \text{``ok''} \ \mathbf{else} \ \text{``bug''}) \\ &\to \sigma[l\mapsto \mathbf{0}], (l\coloneqq \mathbf{1} \ \parallel \ \mathbf{ifz} \ l? \ \mathbf{then} \ \text{``ok''} \ \mathbf{else} \ \text{``bug''}) \\ &\to \sigma[l\mapsto \mathbf{1}], (\langle \rangle \ \parallel \ \mathbf{ifz} \ l? \ \mathbf{then} \ \text{``ok''} \ \mathbf{else} \ \text{``bug''}) \\ &\to \dots \end{split}$$

Preemptive Concurrency: Also Resumptions?^[P 2006; DKL 2022]

Use resumptions for preemptive concurrency by yielding implicitly? (i.e. using operator Y without yield construct)

Fundamental issue (no-go theorem): does $[l?]_{prog}$ implicitly yield?

* If so, e.g.
$$[\![l?]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} = [\![Y L_l(Y 0, Y 1)]\!]_{\mathrm{term}}$$
 — abstraction issue:

$$\llbracket \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok''} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``ok''} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} \neq \llbracket \text{``ok''} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}}$$

* If not, e.g. $[l?]_{prog} = [L_l(0,1)]_{term}$ — soundness issue:

$$\llbracket \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; l? \; \mathbf{else} \; \mathbf{0} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} = \llbracket \mathbf{0} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}}$$

Historical Precedent: Reverse Engineering

Monads came first (1991) — Algebraic effects recovered them (2002)

the process is a kind of reverse engineering

— Hyland & Power [2007]

We target the Brookes monad based on sequences of atomic state transitions

- * Highly Abstract: e.g. has $\llbracket \mathbf{ifz} \ l$? then "ok" else "ok" $\rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} = \llbracket \text{``ok''} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}}$
- * Extensible: e.g. infinite executions, type-and-effect systems, allocations, relaxed memory

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Setting	Sequential	Cooperative Concurrency	Preemptive Concurrency
Monad	State Transformers		Brookes Monad
Alg. Theory	Global State	Resumptions	??

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Section 3

Brookes Monad

Brookes's Trace-Based Denotational Model^[1996]

- * Denotations $[\![M]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}}$ are sets of traces
- st Trace a protocol that the pool of threads in M can adhere to

Example (Rely/Guarantee Intuition for Traces)

(1) relies on access (2) to guarantee access
$$\langle \stackrel{1}{1}, \stackrel{1}{0} \rangle \langle \stackrel{1}{1}, \stackrel{0}{0} \rangle x \in \mathsf{T} X \qquad \text{where } x \in X$$
 then (3) relies on access (4) to guarantee access and return value

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{add reliance} \\ \langle \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{0} \rangle \langle \frac{1}{1}, \frac{0}{0} \rangle x \in \llbracket M \rrbracket_{\text{prog}} \stackrel{\text{stutter}}{\Longrightarrow} \langle \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{0} \rangle \langle \frac{1}{1}, \frac{0}{0} \rangle \langle \frac{0}{1}, \frac{0}{1} \rangle x \in \llbracket M \rrbracket_{\text{prog}} \\ \langle \frac{1}{1}, \frac{1}{0} \rangle \langle \frac{1}{0}, \frac{0}{0} \rangle x \in \llbracket M \rrbracket_{\text{prog}} \stackrel{\text{mumble}}{\Longrightarrow} \langle \frac{1}{1}, \frac{0}{0} \rangle x \in \llbracket M \rrbracket_{\text{prog}} \\ \stackrel{\text{remove guarantee}} \end{array}$$

Reasoning in the Brookes Monad

- st Brookes's model has a monadic presentation B
 - » Domain: closed sets of traces $\underline{BX} \triangleq \mathcal{P}^\dagger(\mathsf{T}X)$
- * Supports program refinements, e.g.:

$$\begin{split} \llbracket l \coloneqq 0 \; ; \; \mathbf{ifz} \; l? \; \mathbf{then} \; \text{``ok"} \; \mathbf{else} \; \text{``bug"} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} \\ &= \left\{ \langle \sigma, \sigma[l \mapsto 0] \rangle \langle \rho, \rho \rangle \text{``ok"} \; | \; \sigma, \rho \in \mathbb{S}, \rho_l = 0 \right\}^\dagger \cup \left\{ \cdots \text{``bug"} \; | \; \cdots \rho_l = 1 \right\}^\dagger \\ (\rho = \sigma[l \mapsto 0]) \quad \supseteq \left\{ \langle \sigma, \sigma[l \mapsto 0] \rangle \langle \sigma[l \mapsto 0], \sigma[l \mapsto 0] \rangle \text{``ok"} \; | \; \sigma \in \mathbb{S} \right\}^\dagger \\ &\quad (\dagger) \quad = \left\{ \langle \sigma, \sigma[l \mapsto 0] \rangle \text{``ok"} \; | \; \sigma \in \mathbb{S} \right\}^\dagger \\ &\quad = \left[\llbracket l \coloneqq 0 \; ; \text{``ok"} \right]_{\mathrm{prog}} \end{split}$$

* And equivalences, e.g.: $[ifz\ l?\ then\ "ok"\ else\ "ok"]_{prog} = ["ok"]_{prog}$

Reverse Engineering the Brookes Monad

Setting	Sequential	Cooperative Concurrency	Preemptive Concurrency
$\llbracket l := \mathtt{O} rbracket_{\mathrm{prog}}$	$\lambda \sigma. \langle \sigma[l \mapsto 0], \langle \rangle \rangle$		$ \left \left\{ \left\langle \sigma, \sigma[l \mapsto 0] \right\rangle \left\langle \right\rangle \mid \sigma \in \mathbb{S} \right\}^{\dagger} \right $
Alg. Rep.	$\left[\left[U_{l,o}\langle angle ight] ight]_{ ext{term}}$	$\llbracket U_{l,o}\langle angle bracket_{\mathrm{term}}$??

Reverse Engineering the Brookes Monad

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$\llbracket l \coloneqq \mathtt{0} rbracket_{\mathrm{prog}}$	$\lambda \sigma. \langle \sigma[l \mapsto 0], \langle \rangle \rangle$		$ \left\{ \left\langle \sigma, \sigma[l \mapsto 0] \right\rangle \left\langle \right\rangle \mid \sigma \in \mathbb{S} \right\}^{\dagger} $
Alg. Rep.	$\llbracket U_{l,o}\langle angle bracket_{ ext{term}}$	$\llbracket U_{l,o}\langle angle bracket_{ ext{term}}$	$\llbracket \lhd U_{l,0} \rhd \langle angle brace bracket_{ ext{term}}$

Section 4

Our Two-sorted Shared State Theory

Our Two-sorted Theory of Shared State \$

- * Sorts: Hold (●) & Cede (o)
- * Operators:
 - » \bullet -sorted update $\mathsf{U}_{l,v}: \bullet \langle \bullet \rangle$ and lookup $\mathsf{L}_l: \bullet \langle \bullet, \bullet \rangle$
 - » choice in each sort
 - » acquire $\triangleleft : o \langle \bullet \rangle$ release $\triangleright : \bullet \langle o \rangle$
- * Axioms:
 - » •-copy of the global state axioms
 - » Standard choice axioms (including distributivity and strictness)
 - » Closure pair axioms: (Empty) $\lhd \rhd x = x$ (Fuse) $\rhd \lhd x \geq x$
- * Represented by a two-sorted generalization $B^{\{ullet, \circ\}}$ of the Brookes monad B
 - $>\!\! >\!\! [\![\lhd \mathsf{U}_{l,v} \rhd \langle \rangle]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} \cong [\![l \coloneqq v]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} \qquad [\![\lhd \mathsf{L}_l(\rhd \mathsf{0}, \rhd \mathsf{1})]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} \cong [\![l?]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}}$

Reasoning with Shared State \$

(Fuse) ($\triangleright \triangleleft x \ge x$): fusing atomic blocks eliminates potential interference

$$\begin{split} & [\![\mathbf{ifz} \ \mathit{l}? \ \mathbf{then} \ \text{``ok''} \ \mathsf{else} \ \text{``ok''}]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} \cong [\![\lhd \ \mathsf{L}_{\mathit{l}} \ (\rhd \text{``ok''}, \rhd \text{``ok''})]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} \\ & \stackrel{\mathsf{G}}{=} [\![\lhd \rhd \text{``ok''}]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} = [\![\text{``ok''}]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} \cong [\![\text{``ok''}]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} \end{split}$$

(Empty) ($\lhd \triangleright x = x$): empty atomic blocks have no observable effect

Section 5

Our Two-sorted Brookes Monad

Two-sorted Brookes Traces

- * Each family $X \in \mathbf{Set}^{\{ullet, o\}}$ has a ullet-component $X_{ullet} \in \mathbf{Set}$ and a o-component $X_{ullet} \in \mathbf{Set}$
- * Generalize to sorted traces: $\square \langle \sigma_1, \rho_1 \rangle \dots \langle \sigma_i, \rho_i \rangle \dots \langle \sigma_n, \rho_n \rangle \lozenge x$ is \square -sorted and \lozenge -valued

Example (Rely/Guarantee Intuition for Sorted Traces)

relies on predecessor holding guarantees releasing e-sorted and o-valued:
$$\bullet \langle \stackrel{1}{1}, \stackrel{1}{0} \rangle \langle \stackrel{1}{1}, \stackrel{0}{0} \rangle \circ x \in (\mathbb{T}X)_{\bullet}$$

where $x \in X_{a}$

* Same closure rules $(\stackrel{\text{stutter}}{\Longrightarrow})$ & $(\stackrel{\text{mumble}}{\Longrightarrow})$ except: no stutter next to •

Example (Disallowed stutter)

$$\bullet \langle \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \rangle \langle \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}, \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \rangle \mathsf{o}x \xrightarrow{\mathsf{stutter}} \bullet \langle \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}, \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix} \rangle \langle \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}, \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \rangle \langle \begin{smallmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{smallmatrix}, \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{smallmatrix} \rangle \mathsf{o}x$$

Representation of our Theory of Shared State \$

- * Monad $B^{\{\bullet, \circ\}}$ represents the shared-state theory \$\mathbb{S}\$:
 - » Domain for each sort \square : closed sets of \square -sorted traces $\underline{B^{\{\bullet, \circ\}}X_{\square}} \triangleq \mathcal{P}^{\dagger}((\mathbb{T}X)_{\square})$
 - » Interpretations:

$$[V]_{op} \triangleq \bigcup$$
 (Choice)

$$[\![\lhd]\!]_{op} K \triangleq \{ \circ \xi \diamond x \mid \bullet \xi \diamond x \in K \}^{\dagger}$$
 (Acquire)

$$\llbracket \rhd \rrbracket_{\text{op}} K \triangleq \{ \bullet \langle \sigma, \sigma \rangle \xi \lozenge x \mid \sigma \in \mathbb{S}, \mathsf{o} \xi \lozenge x \in K \}^{\dagger}$$
 (Release)

$$\llbracket \mathsf{U}_{l,v} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{op}} K \triangleq \bigcup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}} \left(\sigma, \sigma[l \mapsto v] \right) K \tag{Update}$$

$$\llbracket \mathbf{L}_{l} \rrbracket_{\mathrm{op}}(K_{0}, K_{1}) \triangleq \bigcup_{\sigma \in \mathbb{S}} (\sigma, \sigma) \, K_{\sigma_{l}} \tag{Lookup}$$

where
$$(\sigma, \rho) K \triangleq \{ \bullet \langle \sigma, \theta \rangle \xi \otimes x \mid \bullet \langle \rho, \theta \rangle \xi \otimes x \in K \}$$

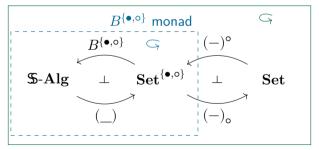
Recovery Along the Inclusion-Projection Adjunction

* Monad $B^{\{\bullet, {\rm o}\}}$ transformed along $(-)^{\rm o}\dashv (-)_{\rm o}\cong {\sf Brookes's}$ monad B

$$\text{ } \text{ } \text{ } X^{\mathsf{o}} \triangleq \{x: \mathsf{o} \mid x \in X\} \quad - \quad \underline{B^{\{\bullet, \mathsf{o}\}}X^{\mathsf{o}}_{\phantom{\mathsf{o}}}} = \mathcal{P}^{\dagger}((\mathbb{T}X^{\mathsf{o}})_{\mathsf{o}}) \cong \mathcal{P}^{\dagger}(\mathsf{T}X) = \underline{BX}$$

»
$$\llbracket \lhd \mathsf{U}_{l,v} \rhd \langle \rangle \rrbracket_{\mathrm{term}} \cong \llbracket l \coloneqq v \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}} \qquad \llbracket \lhd \mathsf{L}_l (\rhd \mathsf{0}, \rhd \mathsf{1}) \rrbracket_{\mathrm{term}} \cong \llbracket l? \rrbracket_{\mathrm{prog}}$$

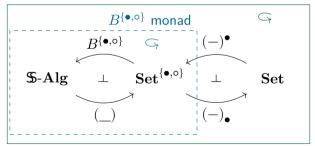
$\cong B$ monad



Recovery Along the Inclusion-Projection Adjunction

- * Monad $B^{\{ullet,o\}}$ transformed along $(-)^{ullet}\dashv (-)_{ullet}$ represents the resumptions theory Res
 - » Closure axioms $(Y \mapsto \triangleright \triangleleft)$: $(Pure) \triangleright \triangleleft x \ge x$ $(Join) \triangleright \triangleleft \triangleright \triangleleft x = \triangleright \triangleleft x$
 - $> [\![\rhd \lhd \langle \rangle]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} \cong [\![\mathbf{yield}]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} \quad [\![\mathsf{U}_{l,v} \langle \rangle]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} \cong [\![l \coloneqq v]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}} \quad [\![\mathsf{L}_l(\mathsf{0},\mathsf{1})]\!]_{\mathrm{term}} \cong [\![l ?]\!]_{\mathrm{prog}}$

represents Res



High-Level Outline of the Solution

A two-sorted algebraic effects theory for **shared state concurrency \$**: (the first example of a multi-sorted algebraic effects theory)

- * The sorts Hold & Cede o declare exclusive access to memory
- * Classic algebraic effects theories:
 - » Global State G in ●
 - » Choice (semilattice) in both sorts
- * The Closure Pair theory C for managing access:
 - » Operators: Acquire $\triangleleft : o\langle \bullet \rangle$ & Release $\triangleright : \bullet \langle o \rangle$
 - » Closure pair axioms: (Empty) $\lhd \rhd x = x$ (Fuse) $\rhd \lhd x \geq x$
- * Represented by a two-sorted model recovering known models in each sort:
 - » The o-incl ⊢ o-proj adjunction recovers Brookes's model (preemptive concurrency)
 - » The ●-incl ¬ ●-proj adjunction represents Resumptions (cooperative concurrency)

