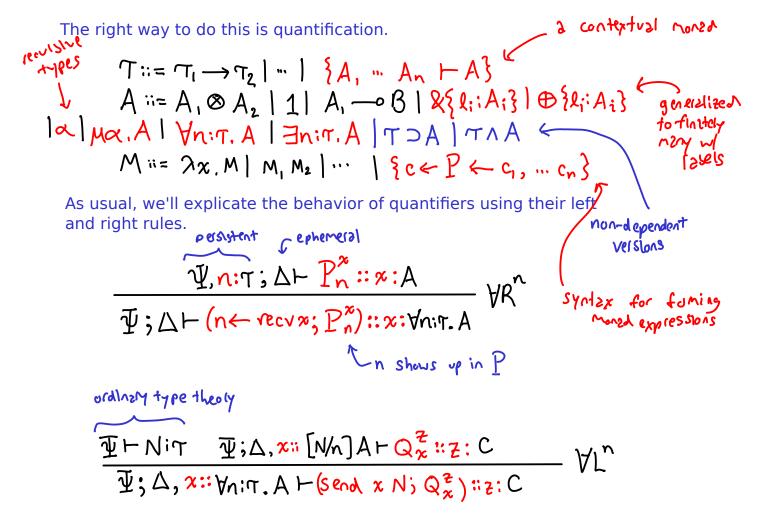
One more thing we need: in pure linear logic the only thing we pass is channels; we encode data by having processes that represent data. But for practical programming, we'd like to be able to pass data: arbitrary data in some sense. So what is a logical construct that corresponds to being able to pass arbitrary data?



Intuitively, forall "inputs a value of type t", and exists "outputs a value of type t."

There is a general pattern to left and right rules in sequent calculus, where both rules move towards the identity proof. In natural deduction, the elimination rule moves in the other direction; thus elimination and left rule are "inverses" in some sense.

At this point, we can right processes which compute functional values, but we cannot write functions with compute processes. So the idea is to use a monad to let us embed processes into the functional language. In fact, we will need a contextual monad which indicates which processes it uses. Let us state the language for processes, recast in monadic language:

$$P := c \leftarrow a$$

$$| x \leftarrow M \leftarrow c_1 \cdots c_n; Q_x$$

$$| \cdots \rangle$$
(id)
$$| comp \rangle \text{ also known as bind}$$

This is classical monads, except that the variables inside the monad have some extra binding structure.

Now for some examples:

Our goal is to generate a stream of prime numbers, using the Sieve of Eratosthenes.

$$\leftarrow (x5) \leftarrow (x3) \leftarrow (x2) \leftarrow nats$$

We have a process per prime number we've outputted so far, and it checks numbers streaming to see if they are divisible (dropping them if they are). If a number makes it through, it's prime, so we generate a new process for it.

First, we need to build a filter transducer:

$$f_{i}|_{ter}: (nat \rightarrow bool) \rightarrow \{natstream \vdash natstream\}$$

$$c \leftarrow f_{i}|_{ter} \rho \leftarrow d = \begin{cases} \text{Q: Is the send and recursive call concurrent?} \\ \text{No, it's a synchronous language.} \\ \text{Q: Can I pull out the filter p recursive call?} \\ \text{A: No, there is a dependence.} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{A: No, there is a dependence.} \quad \text{Interesting!}$$

$$\text{Q: Where does the if come from?}$$

$$\text{A: It is in the term language. This is a standard monadic programming trick.}$$

$$\text{else } c \leftarrow \text{filter } \rho \leftarrow d \}$$

Note that if you try to actually implement this in Coq, you won't be able to do this. The problem is that filter is not productive. Now, in the case of a true prime sieve, it will be productive, since there are infinitely many primes, but that's not obvious! There's a paper on how to do this.

Now let's do the sieve. The sieve takes a stream, knowing that the first element is a prime number (by some invariant), and then starts building processes.

sieve:
$$\{ \text{natstream} \vdash \text{natstream} \}$$

 $C \leftarrow \text{sieve} \leftarrow d =$
 $\{ k \leftarrow \text{recv d} \}$ we know k is prime
 $\text{Send c k} \}$
 $x \leftarrow \text{filter } (n, k \nmid n) \leftarrow d;$
 $c \leftarrow \text{sieve} \leftarrow x$ \quad \quad not \quad \text{alvisible by}

Finally, we generate the primes stream:

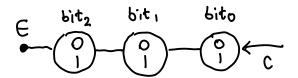
primes:
$$\{\vdash natstream\}$$

 $c \leftarrow primes =$
 $\{x \leftarrow nats 2;$
 $c \leftarrow sleve \leftarrow x$
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Q: Could you do sieve using cut instead of monads?

A: Well, cut doesn't let you get the result of a function. We've just gotten rid of cut with monadic composition, since there is not really any reason to have it any more.

Our next example is a binary number counter.



A: I'm outputting a value, not a new channel, and there is no dependence

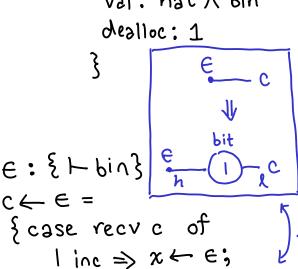
val: (nat 1) 8 bin

(so we didn't use an existential).

Q: Why isn't it tensor?

bin = & finc: bin

val: nat A bin



This version sends a channel, and doesn't block! Which is potentially interesting.

Q: Why can't we just write nat here?
A: Well, nat is a tau, so it's not the right type.

bit: bool → {bin } lower

lower

C ← bit b ← d =

(Case recv of

linc ⇒ if b

then send of inc; c+bit 0 +d else c+bit 1 +d

|val ⇒ send d val; n←recv d; Send c (b+2*n); c← bit b ← d

| dealloc => Send d dealloc;
if we omit the wait it's not linearly typed!

this is a bit confusing, because it's in reverse

 $c \leftarrow bit 1 \leftarrow x$

$$| val \Rightarrow Send Oc;$$
 $c \leftarrow E$
 $| deslloc \Rightarrow close c$

Note that this is concurrent; you can send multiple increments, and they will all be in flight simultaneously! Homework: implement stacks.

Remark: when you say 1, it really does mean that EVERYTHING is deallocated, because there must not be anything in the context. So if we made a mistake in implementing dealloc, type error!

One last note: what is the meaning of persistent assumptions and persistent channels in this context? (I.e. bang-A) Interestingly, it doesn't seem to come up very often in this kind of program.

We have an implementation of this, but it's not quite stable enough. Note that Concurrent ML is almost expressive enough to write all these programs, but it is completely undisciplined. Session typing with these systems guarantees absence of deadlock, etc; and with restrictions on recursion, also guarantee termination.

$$u_1:B_1, \cdots u_n:B_n; x_1:A_1, \cdots x_n:A_n \vdash P ::x:A$$

Shared

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can show up many times

Recall that for ordinary channels, their type changes as the program evaluates. But for a shared channel, you can't allow the type to change because other references may get mixed up and type preservation would not hold. Linearity prevents this from happening, but for things that can be used multiple times, you need some restrictions. So instead, you spawn a copy of the service in question, and use that!

$$\frac{\Gamma, u: A; \Delta, \pi: A \vdash Qu, \pi \text{ ii } \neq: C}{\Gamma, u: A; \Delta \vdash \pi \leftarrow \text{copy } u; Qu, \pi \text{ ii } \neq: C}$$

Q: So, is the reason this doesn't show up frequently because we can simulate it using the monadic syntax?

A: Well, sometimes you want the use of the shared channel to show up in the type. Consider a file storage system:

$$x \leftarrow copy u;$$

send $x \vdash F;$
 $G \leftarrow recv x$

If it's correctly implemented, g and g' should be equal. With dependent types, you can actually express that these should be equal; this was a paper last year.

This is a dependent specification; notice that without the "input a file, output a file" there are a lot of implementations, but with the equality now we know what it should be.

Note that in a distributed setting, you will need to do some runtime typechecking to ensure that all proof obligations are satisfied, if you don't trust the nodes that you are interacting with. So the proofs will have some runtime content! (On a single machine, nothing can go wrong).