

Towards Refinable Choreographies

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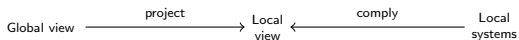
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W3C service choreography:



A major issue with choreographies is **lack of modularity**

“The basic pattern of my approach will be to compose the program in minute steps, deciding each time as little as possible. As the problem analysis proceeds, so does the further refinement of my program”

E. W. Dijkstra: Notes on Structured Programming

We propose a framework of step-by-step **refinement** of abstract choreographies into concrete ones

Global choreographies

Syntax of **global choreographies** (**g-choreographies** for short), \mathcal{G} :

$$\mathcal{G} ::= \mathbf{0} \mid A \xrightarrow{m} B \mid \mathcal{G}; \mathcal{G}' \mid \mathcal{G} \mid \mathcal{G}' \mid \mathcal{G} + \mathcal{G}'$$

Example:

$$C \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C$$

Adding **refinable** (and multiple) interaction:

$$\mathcal{G} ::= \dots \mid A \xrightarrow{m_1 \dots m_n} B_1 \dots B_n$$

Which are legal refinements of the following?

$$C \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C$$

Sound and wrong refinements:

$$C \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; (S \xrightarrow{stats} C; S \xrightarrow{done} C) \quad \checkmark$$

$$(C \xrightarrow{md} B; B \xrightarrow{md} S) + C \xrightarrow{req} S; (S \xrightarrow{stats} C; S \xrightarrow{done} C) \quad \times$$

$$(C \xrightarrow{md} B; B \xrightarrow{md} S) + (C \xrightarrow{start} B; B \xrightarrow{req} S); (S \xrightarrow{stats} C; S \xrightarrow{done} C) \quad \checkmark$$

Well-formed choreographies

$$\llbracket G \rrbracket = \begin{cases} \mathcal{E} & \text{if certain conditions are satisfied} \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\mathcal{E} = (E, \leq, \#, \lambda)$ is a *labelled (prime) event structure*, namely (E, \leq) is a poset, $\# \subseteq E^2$ s.t. for all $e, e', e'' \in E$:

$$\{e' \in E \mid e' \leq e\} \text{ is finite} \quad e \# e' \ \& \ e' \leq e'' \implies e \# e''$$

$\lambda : E \rightarrow \mathcal{M}$ with

$\lambda(e) = A!m$ “A sends m to B” (whose subject is A)

$\lambda(e) = A?m$ “B receives m from A” (whose subject is B)

We say that G is **well-formed** if $\llbracket G \rrbracket \neq \perp$.

Well-branched choice

A **branch** of $\mathcal{E} = (E, \leq, \#, \lambda)$ is a maximal subest $x \subseteq E$ of conflict free events (also called a *maximal configuration*)

$\llbracket G_1 \rrbracket = \mathcal{E}_1$ and $\llbracket G_2 \rrbracket = \mathcal{E}_2$ are **well-branched** if

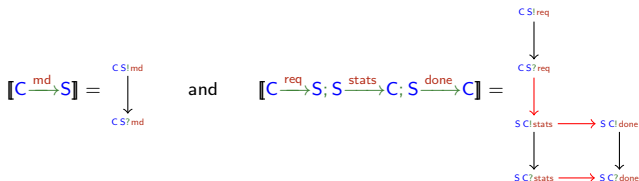
there is a unique **active** A that locally and unambiguously decides which branch to take in a choice

all $B \neq A$ either behaves the same in all branches, or its behaviour functionally depends on the messages it receives on each branch A opted for: these are **passive**

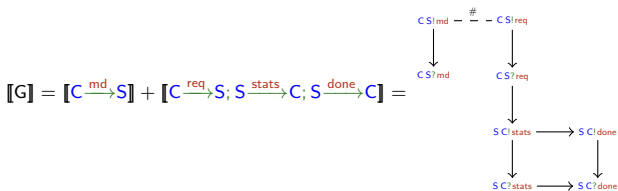
where the actives and passives are participants of G_1, G_2 (and so subjects of labels of $\mathcal{E}_1, \mathcal{E}_2$)

A well-formed choreography

Consider $G = C \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{stats} C; S \xrightarrow{done} C$

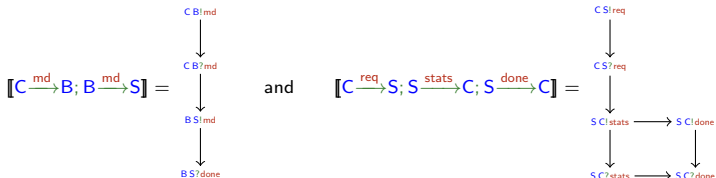


The sum operation on event structures introduces conflicts between the events in $\llbracket C \xrightarrow{md} S \rrbracket$ and those in $\llbracket C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{stats} C; S \xrightarrow{done} C \rrbracket$, hence:

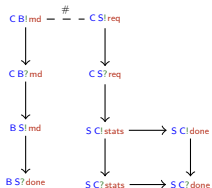


Breaking well-branchedness

On the contrary $G' = C \xrightarrow{md} B; B \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C$



but



is not well-branched because of **B** which is not passive in the right branch

Abstracting properties of well-formed choreographies

To determine when $\llbracket G_1 \odot G_2 \rrbracket \neq \perp$ it suffices to know:

the set Π_i of participants of G_i

the set $\phi_i = \min(\llbracket G_i \rrbracket \upharpoonright A)$ of the (labels of) the minimal events in the projection of $\llbracket G_i \rrbracket$ to A , for all $A \in \Pi_i$

the set $\Lambda_i = \max(\llbracket G_i \rrbracket \upharpoonright A)$ of the (labels of) the maximal events in the projection of $\llbracket G_i \rrbracket$ to A , for all $A \in \Pi_i$

Idea

We introduce a typing judgement

$$\Pi \vdash G : \langle \phi, \Lambda \rangle$$

meaning that $\Pi = \mathcal{P}(G)$, ϕ and Λ are the minimal and maximal actions of all participants in G respectively, and define typing rules that are sound w.r.t. well-formedness

Type rules for interaction and sequencing

$$\frac{\phi = \Lambda = \{A B!m, A B?m\}}{\{A, B\} \vdash A \xrightarrow{m} B : \langle \phi, \Lambda \rangle} \text{T-INT}$$

$$\frac{\Pi_1 \vdash G_1 : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \quad \Pi_2 \vdash G_2 : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle}{\Pi_1 \cup \Pi_2 \vdash G_1; G_2 : \langle \phi_1 \cup (\phi_2 - \Pi_1), \Lambda_2 \cup (\Lambda_1 - \Pi_2) \rangle} \text{T-SEQ}$$

where for $L \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ and $\Pi \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ we set $L - \Pi = \{l \in L \mid \text{subj } l \notin \Pi\}$

Example:

$$\frac{\frac{\phi_1 = \Lambda_1 = \{C S!req, C S?req\}}{\{C, S\} \vdash C \xrightarrow{req} S : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle} \quad \frac{\phi_2 = \Lambda_2 = \{S C!done, S C?done\}}{\{C, S\} \vdash S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle}}{\{C, S\} \vdash C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_2 \rangle}$$

Type rule for choice

Let $\widehat{L}(A) = \{l \in L \mid \text{sbj } l = A\}$ for $L \subseteq \mathcal{L}$

$$\frac{\Pi \vdash G_1 : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \quad \Pi \vdash G_2 : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle \quad \phi_1 \bowtie_{\Pi} \phi_2}{\Pi \vdash G_1 + G_2 : \langle \phi_1 \cup \phi_2, \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2 \rangle} \text{T-CH}$$

where the condition $\phi_1 \bowtie_{\Pi} \phi_2$ is defined by the clauses:

there is a unique $A \in \Pi$ such that $\widehat{\phi}_1(A)$ and $\widehat{\phi}_2(A)$ are disjoint sets of output actions and both non-empty;

for all $B \neq A \in \Pi$, $\widehat{\phi}_1(B)$ and $\widehat{\phi}_2(B)$ are disjoint sets of input actions and $\widehat{\phi}_1(B) = \emptyset$ if and only if $\widehat{\phi}_2(B) = \emptyset$

Example:

$$\frac{\phi_1 = \Lambda_1 = \{CS!md, CS?md\}}{\frac{\{C, S\} \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} S : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \quad \{C, S\} \vdash C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_3 \rangle}{\{C, S\} \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_1 \cup \phi_2, \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_3 \rangle}}$$

where $\phi_2 = \Lambda_2 = \{CS!req, CS?req\}$ and $\phi_3 = \Lambda_3 = \{CB!md, CB?md\}$

The type system

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{}{\emptyset \vdash \mathbf{0} : \langle \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle} \text{T-EMP} \qquad \frac{\phi = \Lambda = \{A B!m, A B?m\}}{\{A, B\} \vdash A \xrightarrow{m} B : \langle \phi, \Lambda \rangle} \text{T-INT} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Pi_1 \vdash G_1 : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \quad \Pi_2 \vdash G_2 : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle}{\Pi_1 \cup \Pi_2 \vdash G_1; G_2 : \langle \phi_1 \cup (\phi_2 - \Pi_1), \Lambda_2 \cup (\Lambda_1 - \Pi_2) \rangle} \text{T-SEQ} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Pi_1 \vdash G_1 : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \quad \Pi_2 \vdash G_2 : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle \quad \Pi_1 \cap \Pi_2 = \emptyset}{\Pi_1 \cup \Pi_2 \vdash G_1 \mid G_2 : \langle \phi_1 \cup \phi_2, \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2 \rangle} \text{T-PAR} \\
 \\
 \frac{\Pi \vdash G_1 : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \quad \Pi \vdash G_2 : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle \quad \phi_1 \bowtie_{\Pi} \phi_2}{\Pi \vdash G_1 + G_2 : \langle \phi_1 \cup \phi_2, \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_2 \rangle} \text{T-CH}
 \end{array}$$

Theorem (Soundness)

If $\Pi \vdash G : \langle \phi, \Lambda \rangle$ is derivable then $\llbracket G \rrbracket \neq \perp$, $\Pi = \mathcal{P}(G)$, and

$$\widehat{\phi}(A) = \min(\llbracket G \rrbracket \upharpoonright A) \quad \text{and} \quad \widehat{\Lambda}(A) = \max(\llbracket G \rrbracket \upharpoonright A)$$

holds for all $A \in \Pi$.

Remark: a choreography G has at most one typing $\Pi \vdash G : \langle \phi, \Lambda \rangle$ and it is computable

The refinement relation

Let $A \xrightarrow{\bar{m}} \bar{B} \equiv A \xrightarrow{m_1 \dots m_n} B_1 \dots B_n$, then a ground g-choreography G **refines** $A \xrightarrow{\bar{m}} \bar{B}$, written $G \text{ ref } A \xrightarrow{\bar{m}} \bar{B}$, if

$$[G] = \mathcal{E} \neq \perp;$$

subj $\min(\mathcal{E}) = \{A\}$, by which we say that A is the (unique) **initiator** of G ;

for all branch x of \mathcal{E} and $1 \leq h \leq n$ there exists $C \in \mathcal{P}(G)$ such that $C B_h \text{ ? } m_h \in \max(x \upharpoonright B_h)$

Axioms for refinable interactions

Lemma

Let $A \xrightarrow{\bar{m}} \bar{B} \equiv A \xrightarrow{m_1 \dots m_n} B_1 \dots B_n$ If $\Pi \subseteq \mathcal{P}$ and $\phi, \Lambda \subseteq \mathcal{L}$ are such that

$$\text{sbj } \phi = \text{sbj } \Lambda = \Pi,$$

$$\text{sbj } (\phi \cap \mathcal{L}^!) = \{A\}, \text{ and}$$

$$\text{for all } 1 \leq h \leq n \text{ there exists } C \text{ such that } \widehat{\Lambda}(B_h) = \{C B_h ? m_h\}$$

then $\Pi \vdash G : \langle \phi, \Lambda \rangle$ implies $G \text{ ref } A \xrightarrow{\bar{m}} \bar{B}$.

Axiom schema for refinable interactions:

$$\frac{\text{sbj } \phi = \text{sbj } \Lambda = \Pi \quad \text{sbj } (\phi \cap \mathcal{L}^!) = \{A\} \quad \forall h \exists C \in \Pi. \widehat{\Lambda}(B_h) = \{C B_h ? m_h\}}{\Pi \vdash A \xrightarrow{m_1 \dots m_n} B_1 \dots B_n : \langle \phi, \Lambda \rangle} \text{T-REF}$$

Let $\Pi = \{C, S\}$:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \phi_1 = \Lambda_1 = \{CS!md, CS?md\} \\
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 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} S : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \\
 \\
 \phi_2 = \Lambda_2 = \{CS!req, CS?req\} \quad \phi_3 = \Lambda_3 = \{SC!done, SC?done\} \\
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 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{req} S : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle \quad \Pi \vdash S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_3, \Lambda_3 \rangle \\
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 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_3 \rangle \\
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 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_1 \cup \phi_2, \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_3 \rangle \quad \text{T-CH}
 \end{array}$$

Consider $G_1 \equiv C \xrightarrow{md} B; B \xrightarrow{md} S$ s.t. $G_1 \text{ ref } C \xrightarrow{md} S$, then compute

$$\Pi \cup \{B\} \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} B; B \xrightarrow{md} S : \langle \phi_1 \cup \{CB?md\}, \Lambda_1 \cup \{BS!md\} \rangle$$

Let $\Pi' = \Pi \cup \{B\}$, $\phi'_1 = \phi_1 \cup \{CB?md\}$, $\Lambda'_1 = \Lambda_1 \cup \{BS!md\}$; then

$$\frac{}{\Pi' \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} S : \langle \phi'_1, \Lambda'_1 \rangle} \text{T-REF}$$

but now rule T-CH doesn't apply since $\Pi' \neq \Pi$

Let $\Pi = \{C, S\}$:

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \phi_1 = \Lambda_1 = \{CS!md, CS?md\} \\
 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} S : \langle \phi_1, \Lambda_1 \rangle \\
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 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} S + C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_1 \cup \phi_2, \Lambda_1 \cup \Lambda_3 \rangle
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \phi_2 = \Lambda_2 = \{CS!req, CS?req\} \\
 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{req} S : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_2 \rangle \\
 \hline
 \Pi \vdash C \xrightarrow{req} S; S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_2, \Lambda_3 \rangle
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{c}
 \phi_3 = \Lambda_3 = \{SC!done, SC?done\} \\
 \Pi \vdash S \xrightarrow{done} C : \langle \phi_3, \Lambda_3 \rangle \\
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 \text{T-CH}
 \end{array}$$

Consider $G_1 \equiv C \xrightarrow{md} B; B \xrightarrow{md} S$ which is s.t. $G_1 \text{ ref } C \xrightarrow{md} S$, then compute

$$\Pi \cup \{B\} \vdash C \xrightarrow{md} B; B \xrightarrow{md} S : \langle \phi_1 \cup \{CB?md\}, \Lambda_1 \cup \{BS!md\} \rangle$$

Consider $G_2 \equiv C \xrightarrow{x} B; B \xrightarrow{req} S$ which is s.t. $G_2 \text{ ref } C \xrightarrow{req} S$, and compute

$$\Pi' \vdash C \xrightarrow{x} B; B \xrightarrow{req} S : \langle \phi'_2, \Lambda'_2 \rangle$$

where $\Pi' = \Pi \cup \{B\}$, $\phi'_2 = \{CB!x, CB?x, BS!rep\}$ and $\Lambda'_2 = \{CB?x, BS!rep, BS?rep\}$, and take $G_3 \equiv S \xrightarrow{done} C \text{ ref } S \xrightarrow{done} C$ s.t.

$$\Pi \vdash S \xrightarrow{done} C \langle \phi_3, \Lambda_3 \rangle$$

We end up with:

$$\frac{\frac{\Pi' \vdash G_1 : \langle \phi'_1, \Lambda'_1 \rangle}{\Pi' \vdash G_1 + G_2; G_3 : \langle \phi'_1 \cup \phi'_2, \Lambda'_1 \cup \Lambda'_3 \rangle} \quad \frac{\Pi' \vdash G_2 : \langle \phi'_2, \Lambda'_2 \rangle \quad \Pi \vdash G_3 : \langle \phi_3, \Lambda_3 \rangle}{\Pi' \vdash G_2; G_3 : \langle \phi'_2, \Lambda'_3 \rangle}}{\text{T-CH}}}{\Pi' \vdash G_1 + G_2; G_3 : \langle \phi'_1 \cup \phi'_2, \Lambda'_1 \cup \Lambda'_3 \rangle}$$

where

$$G_1 \equiv C \xrightarrow{\text{md}} B; B \xrightarrow{\text{md}} S \quad G_2 \equiv C \xrightarrow{x} B; B \xrightarrow{\text{req}} S \quad G_3 \equiv S \xrightarrow{\text{done}} C$$

and

$$\begin{array}{ll} \Pi & = \{C, S\} & \Pi' & = \Pi \cup \{B\} \\ \phi'_1 & = \{CS!md, CS?md, CB?md\} & \Lambda'_1 & = \{CS!md, CS?md, BS!md\} \\ \phi'_2 & = \{CB!x, CB?x, BS!rep\} & \Lambda'_2 & = \{CB?x, BS!rep, BS?rep\} \\ \phi_3 = \Lambda_3 & = \{SC!done, SC?done\} & \Lambda'_3 & = \Lambda_3 \cup \{BS!rep\} \end{array}$$

Achievements and future work

the type system provides a means to establish which concrete choreographies refine which abstract ones

the mechanism for choosing how to type refinable interactions needs more investigation

we will address the study of properties of abstract protocols that carry over to concrete ones

Thank You