

# Simplified CML Semantics

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This is a simplification of Reppy's CML Semantics (*Concurrent Programming in ML*, Appendix B).

## 1 Syntax

**Expressions:**  $e$

$e$	$\rightarrow$	$x$	variables
	$\rightarrow$	$b$	constants
	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{fn} x \Rightarrow e$	function abstraction
	$\rightarrow$	$e_1 e_2$	function application
	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{spawn} e$	thread creation
	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{channel} ()$	channel creation
	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{sync} e$	synchronization
	$\rightarrow$	$\kappa$	channel names
	$\rightarrow$	$e?$	receive event
	$\rightarrow$	$e_1!e_2$	send event
	$\rightarrow$	$e_1 \Rightarrow e_2$	wrap event
	$\rightarrow$	$e_1 \oplus e_2$	choose
	$\rightarrow$	$\Lambda$	never

**Values:**  $v$

$v$	$\rightarrow$	$b$	constants
	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{fn} x \Rightarrow e$	function abstraction
	$\rightarrow$	$\kappa$	channel names
	$\rightarrow$	$ev$	event values

**Event Values:**  $ev$

$ev$	$\rightarrow$	$\kappa?$	
	$\rightarrow$	$\kappa!v$	send event
	$\rightarrow$	$ev \Rightarrow v$	wrap event
	$\rightarrow$	$ev_1 \oplus ev_2$	choose
	$\rightarrow$	$\Lambda$	never

## 2 Small-step Dynamic Semantics

**Evaluation contexts:**  $E$  (instead of search rules)

$$E \rightarrow [] \mid E e \mid v E \mid \text{spawn } E \mid \text{sync } E \\ \mid E? \mid E!e \mid \kappa!E \mid E \Rightarrow e \mid ev \Rightarrow E \mid E \oplus e \mid ev \oplus E$$

**Sequential evaluation:**  $\hookrightarrow$

$$\frac{\text{for various } b, b'}{E[b v] \hookrightarrow E[b']} \text{EvalOp} \quad \frac{}{E[(\text{fn } x \Rightarrow e) v] \hookrightarrow E[[v/x]e]} \text{CallFun}$$

**Concurrent evaluation:**  $\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{e \hookrightarrow e' \quad \pi \notin \text{dom}(\mathcal{P})}{\mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, e \rangle\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, e' \rangle\}} \text{EvalSeq}$$

$$\frac{\kappa \text{ not free in } \mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, E[\text{channel } ()] \rangle\}}{\mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, E[\text{channel } ()] \rangle\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, E[\kappa] \rangle\}} \text{EvalChannel}$$

$$\frac{\pi \notin \text{dom}(\mathcal{P}) \quad \pi' \notin \text{dom}(\mathcal{P}) \quad \pi \neq \pi'}{\mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, E[\text{spawn } v] \rangle\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, E[()] \rangle, \langle \pi', v() \rangle\}} \text{EvalSpawn}$$

$$\frac{(ev_1, ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (e_1, e_2)}{\mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, E_1[\text{sync } ev_1] \rangle, \langle \pi, E_2[\text{sync } ev_2] \rangle\} \Rightarrow \mathcal{P} \cup \{\langle \pi, E_1[e_1] \rangle, \langle \pi, E_2[e_2] \rangle\}} \text{EvalSync}$$

**Event Matching:**  $\rightsquigarrow$

$$\frac{}{(\kappa!v, \kappa?) \rightsquigarrow ((), v)} \text{MatchChan}$$

$$\frac{(ev_1, ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (e_1, e_2)}{(ev_1 \oplus ev', ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (e_1, e_2)} \text{MatchChooseL} \quad \frac{(ev_1, ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (e_1, e_2)}{(ev' \oplus ev_1, ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (e_1, e_2)} \text{MatchChooseR}$$

$$\frac{(ev_1, ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (e_1, e_2)}{(ev_1 \Rightarrow f, ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (f(e_1), e_2)} \text{MatchWrap}$$

$$\frac{(ev_1, ev_2) \rightsquigarrow (e_1, e_2)}{(ev_2, ev_1) \rightsquigarrow (e_2, e_1)} \text{MatchPermute}$$