

Substructural logics provide a framework for designing resource-aware type systems. While several substructural type systems have been proposed and implemented, these either have been developed for a special purpose or have been too unwieldy for practical use.

Practical Affine Types

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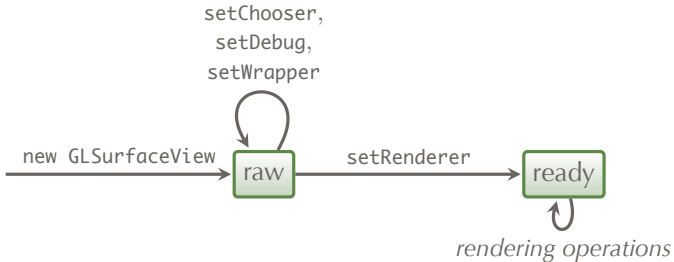
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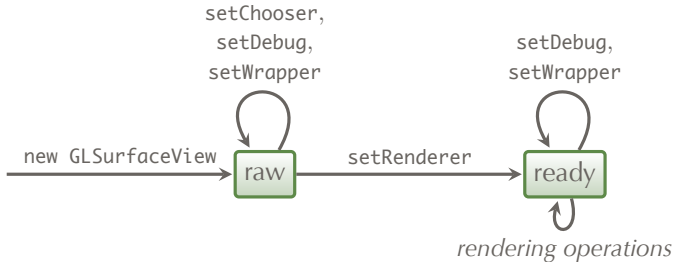


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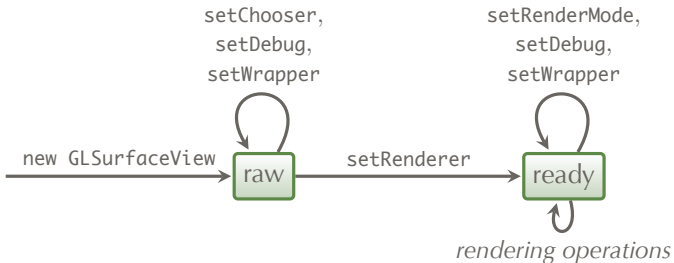
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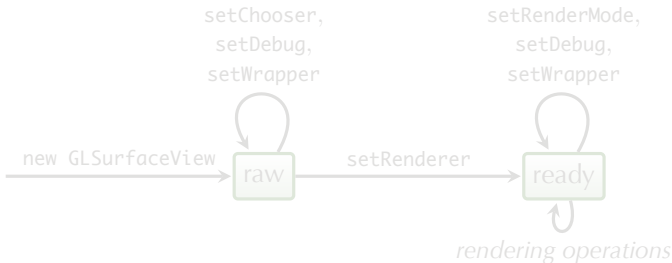
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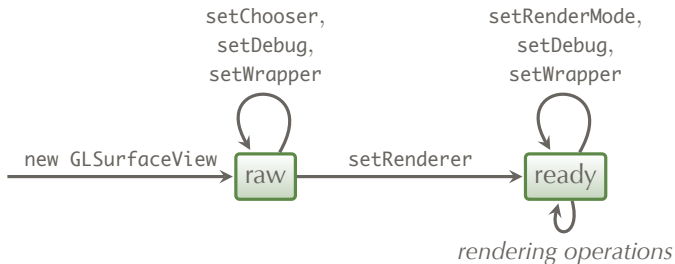
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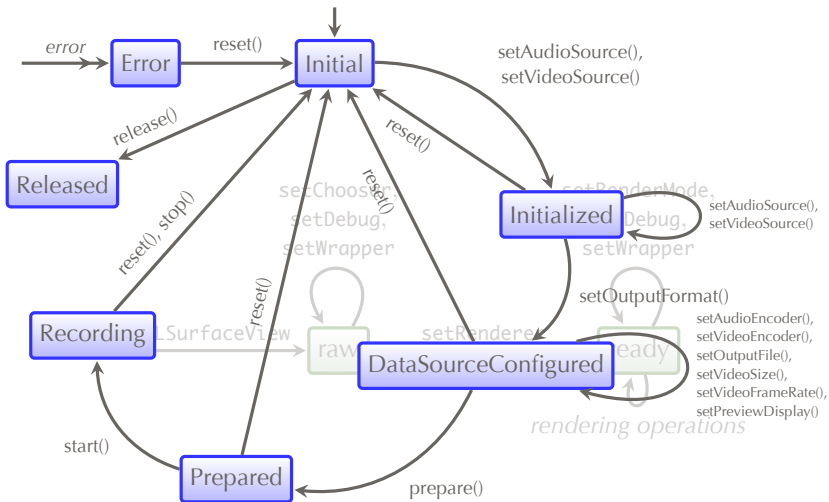
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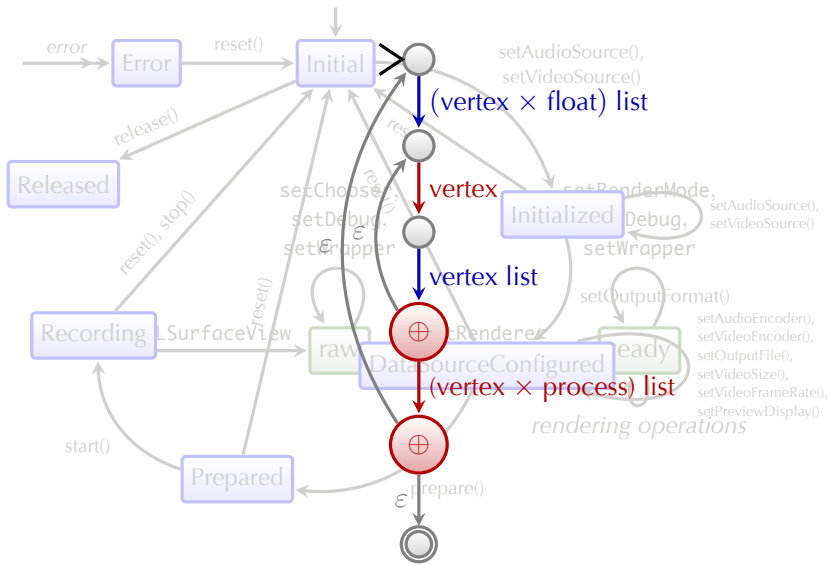
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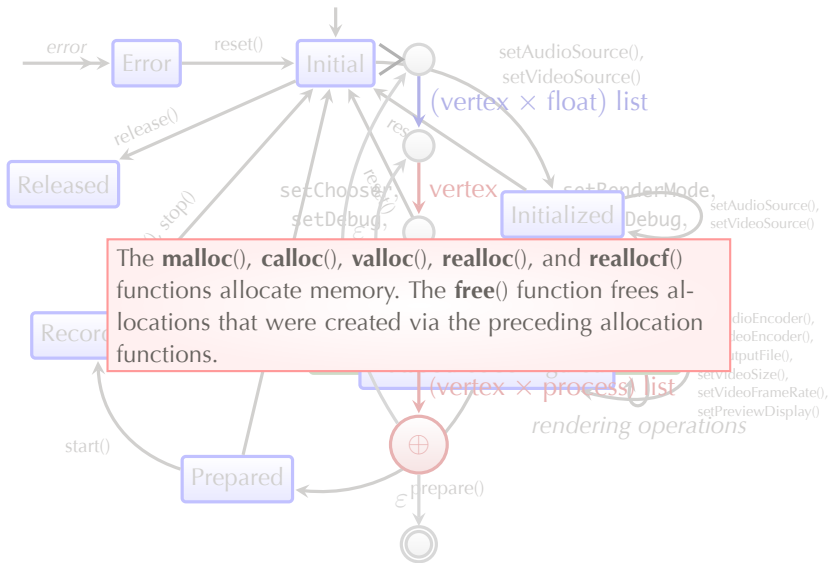
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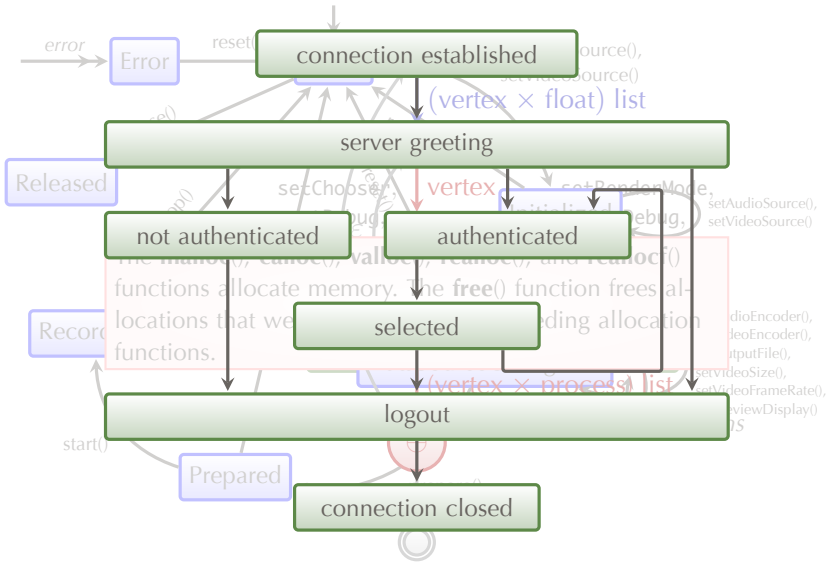
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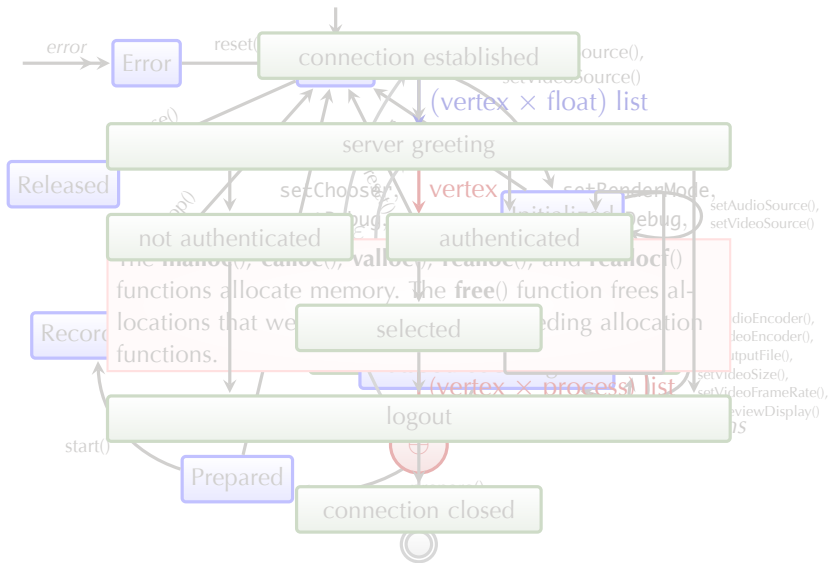
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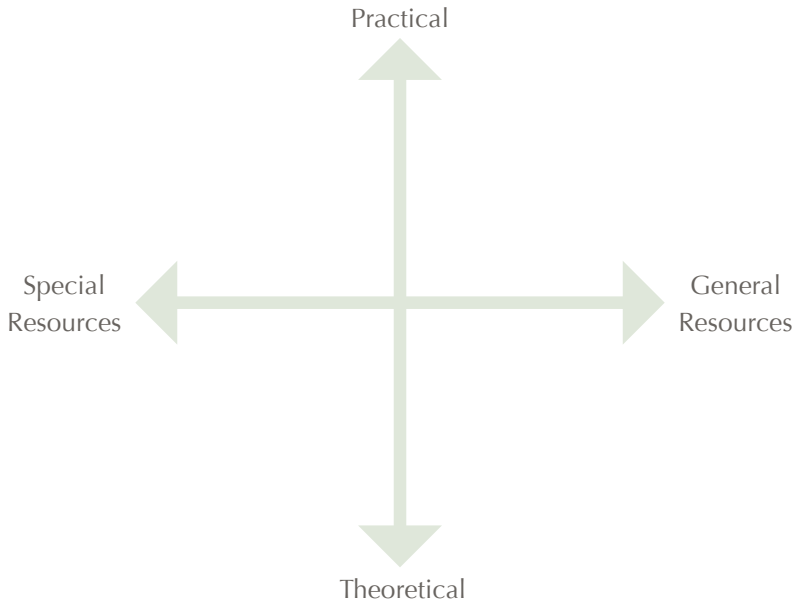


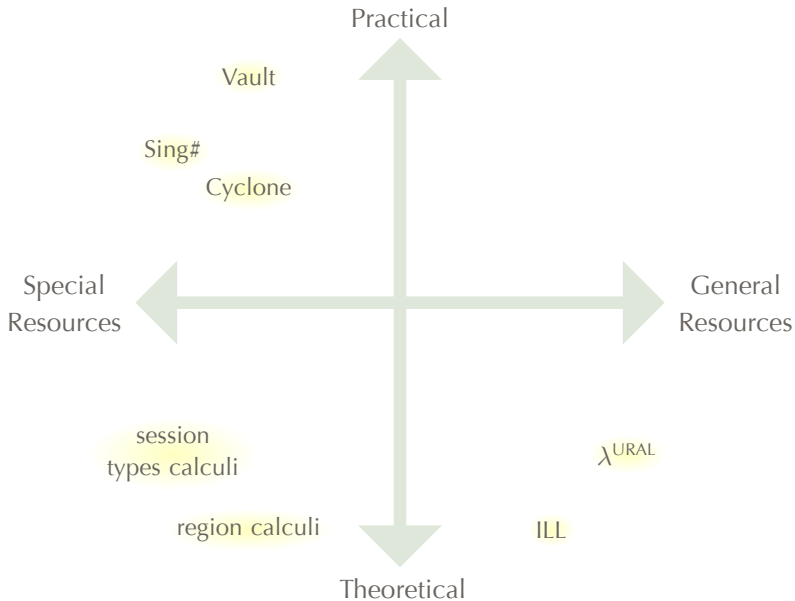
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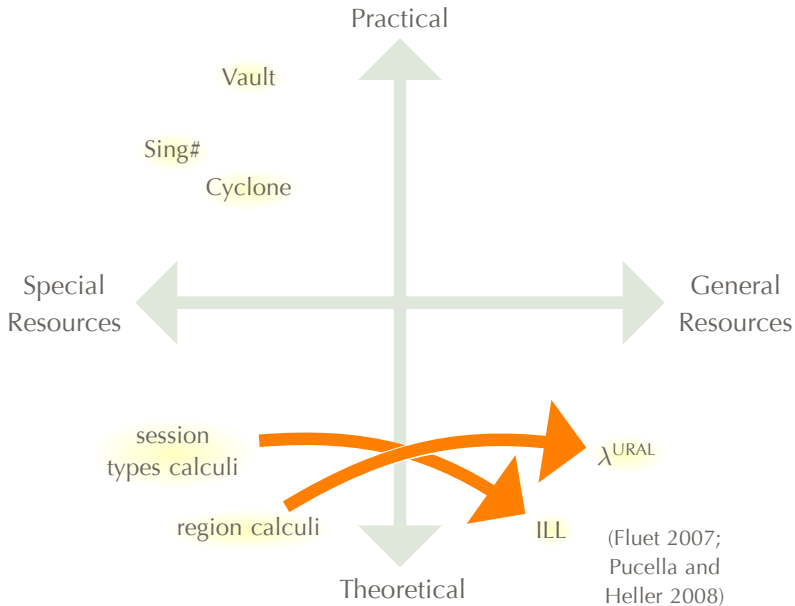


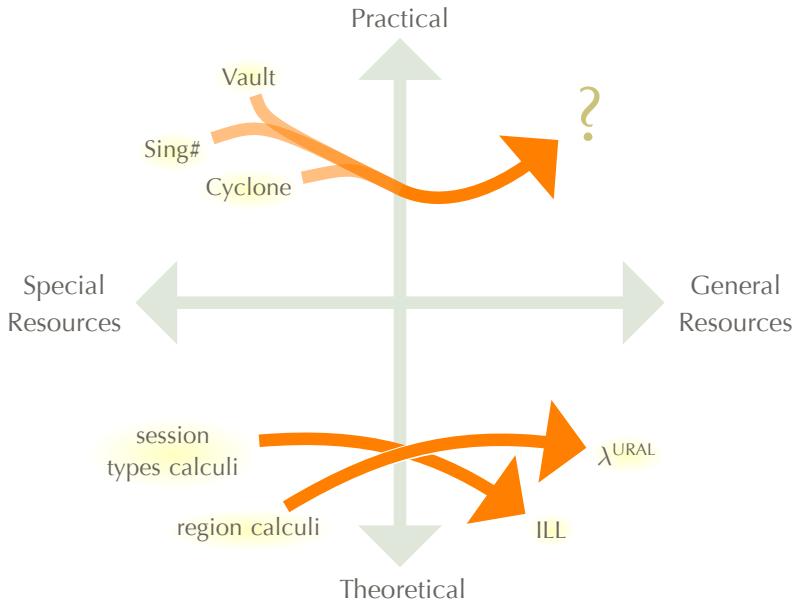
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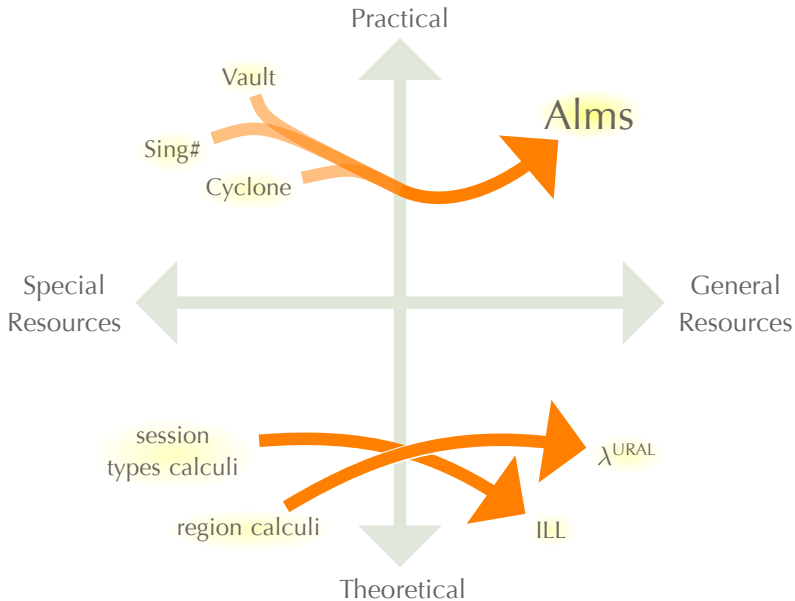












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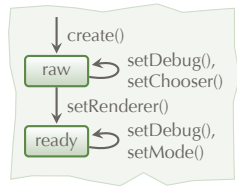
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end
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An OpenGL Client

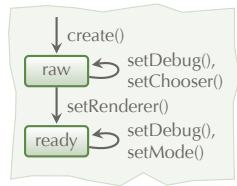
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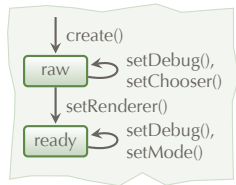
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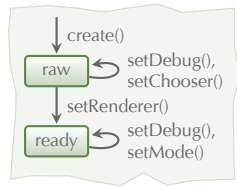
OpenGL in Alms: Take 2



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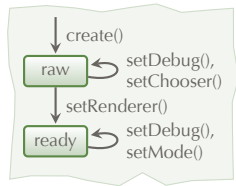
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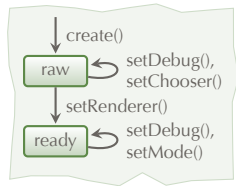
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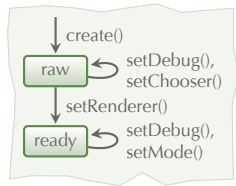
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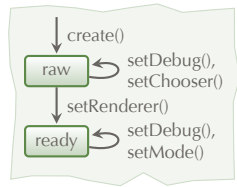
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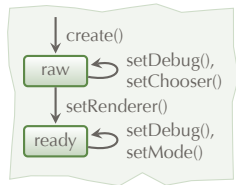
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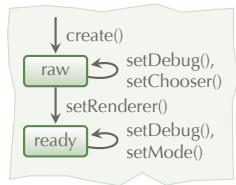
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An OpenGL Client: Take 3



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surface

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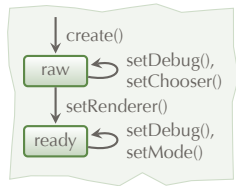
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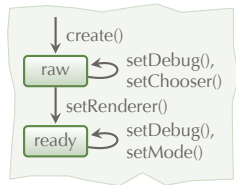
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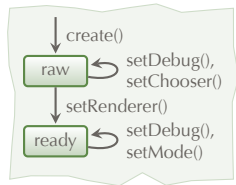
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```

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duplicated in match or let.

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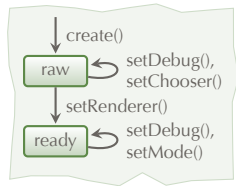
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  let setRenderer (surface: raw glSurface) =
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    surface

  ...
end
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More Examples

Typestate

$$\text{Socket.accept} : \alpha \text{ socket} \rightarrow \alpha \text{ listening} \rightarrow \\ (\exists \beta. \beta \text{ socket} \times \beta \text{ ready}) \times \alpha \text{ listening}$$

Session types

$$\text{Session.send} : (!\hat{\alpha}; \beta) \text{ channel} \rightarrow \hat{\alpha} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \beta \text{ channel}$$

Regions (with adoption/focus)

$$\text{Rgn.adopt} : (\gamma, \hat{\alpha}) \text{ rgn} \rightarrow (\delta, \hat{\alpha}) \text{ rgn1} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \delta \text{ ptr} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \gamma \text{ ptr} \times (\gamma, \hat{\alpha}) \text{ rgn}$$

Strong updates

$$\text{Ref.swap} : \hat{\alpha} \text{ aref} \rightarrow \hat{\beta} \xrightarrow{\Delta} \hat{\beta} \text{ aref} \times \hat{\alpha}$$

Fractional capabilities

$$\text{Fractional.split} : (\beta, \gamma) \text{ cap} \rightarrow (\beta, \gamma/2) \text{ cap} \times (\beta, \gamma/2) \text{ cap}$$

Design Rationale

The Exponential

Linear Logic (Girard 1987):

$$\frac{\Gamma, !B, !B \vdash \Delta}{\Gamma, !B \vdash \Delta} \text{ (Contraction)}$$

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$$\text{unit } \xrightarrow{U} \text{unit} \leq \text{unit } \xrightarrow{A} \text{unit} \quad (U \sqsubseteq A)$$

workerThread : unit \xrightarrow{A} unit

Thread.fork workerThread : thread

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$$\lambda f g x \rightarrow f (g x)$$
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Theorem. Alms's type system finds the type with least kind for every typable function.

Usage Kinds

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