

A Few Small Orc Programs

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A Orc program

- An **experiment** tosses two dice.
Experiment is a success if the dice throws sum to 7.
- $exp(n)$ runs n experiments and reports the number of successes.

```
def toss() = Random(6) + 1
```

-- *toss* returns a random number between 1 and 6

```
def exp(0) = 0
```

```
def exp(n) = exp(n - 1)
```

```
    + (if toss() + toss() = 7 then 1 else 0)
```

Translation of the dice throw program

```
def toss() = add(x, 1) <x< Random(6)
def exp(n) =
  ( Ift(b) >> 0
    | Iff(b) >>
      ( add(x, y)
        <x< ( exp(m) <m< sub(n, 1) )
        <y< ( Ift(bb) >> 1 | Iff(bb) >> 0 )
          <bb< equals(p, 7)
            <p< add(q, r)
              <q< toss()
              <r< toss()
            )
          )
    )
  ) <b< equals(n, 0)
```

Note: $2n$ parallel calls to *toss()*.

Orc Calculus

- External sites:
 - A site is called like a procedure with parameters.
 - Site returns any number of values.
 - The value is **published**.
- Combinators
- Definitions

No notion of data type, thread, process, channel,
synchronization, parallelism ...

Orc Language

- Orc Calculus
- Syntactic Sweeteners
 - **Data Types**: Number, Boolean, String, with Java operators
 - **Conditional Expression**: *if E then F else G*
 - **Data structures**: Tuple, List, Record
 - **Pattern Matching; Clausal Definition**
 - **Closure**
 - **Class for active objects**
- Site Library

Every Orc language program is translated to Orc calculus.

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Schematic of Sequential composition

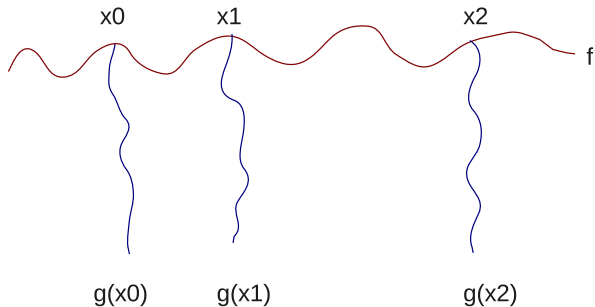


Figure: Schematic of $f \circ g$

Sequential composition: $f \succ x \succ g$

For all values published by f do g .

Publish only the values from g .

- $CNN(d) \succ x \succ Email(address, x)$
 - Call $CNN(d)$.
 - Bind result (if any) to x .
 - Call $Email(address, x)$.
 - Publish the value, if any, returned by $Email$.

- $(CNN(d) \mid BBC(d)) \succ x \succ Email(address, x)$
 - May call $Email$ twice.
 - Publishes up to two values from $Email$.

Notation: $f \gg g$ for $f \succ x \succ g$, if x is unused in g .

Right Associative: $f \succ x \succ g \succ y \succ h$ is $f \succ x \succ (g \succ y \succ h)$

Subset Sum

Given integer n and list of integers xs .

$parsum(n, xs)$ publishes all sublists of xs that sum to n .

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$parsum(5, [1, 2, 1])$ is silent

def $parsum(0, []) = []$

def $parsum(n, []) = stop$

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Subset Sum (Contd.), Backtracking

Given integer n and list of integers xs .

$seqsum(n, xs)$ publishes the **first** sublist of xs that sums to n .

“First” is smallest by index, lexicographically.

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```

```
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```
def seqsum(n, x : xs) =  
  x : seqsum(n - x, xs)  
; seqsum(n, xs)
```


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do f and g in parallel	$f g$	Symmetric composition
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\rightarrow for some x from g do f	$f <x< g$	Pruning
if f halts without publishing do g	$f ; g$	Otherwise

Pruning: $f <x< g$

For some value published by g do f .

- Evaluate f and g in parallel.
 - Site calls that need x are suspended.
Consider $(M() \mid N(x)) <x< g$
- When g returns a (first) value:
 - Bind the value to x .
 - Kill g .
 - Resume suspended calls.
- Values published by f are the values of $(f <x< g)$.

Notation: $f \ll g$ for $f <x< g$, if x is unused in f .

Left Associative: $f <x< g <y< h$ is $(f <x< g) <y< h$

Note: Concurrent computation of f , g and h , above.

Subset Sum (Contd.), Concurrent Backtracking

Publish the **first** sublist of *xs* that sums to *n*.

Run the searches concurrently.

```
def parseqsum(0, []) = []
```

```
def parseqsum(n, []) = stop
```

```
def parseqsum(n, x : xs) =  
  (p ; q)  
    <p< x : parseqsum(n - x, xs)  
    <q< parseqsum(n, xs)
```

Note: Neither search in the last clause may succeed.

val; a syntactic sweetener

Write $f <x< g$ as

```
val x = g
    f
```

Deflation

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Parsing using Recursive Descent

Consider the grammar:

$$\textit{expr} ::= \textit{term} \mid \textit{term} + \textit{expr}$$
$$\textit{term} ::= \textit{factor} \mid \textit{factor} * \textit{term}$$
$$\textit{factor} ::= \textit{literal} \mid (\textit{expr})$$
$$\textit{literal} ::= 3 \mid 5$$

Parsing strategy

For each non-terminal, say *expr*, define *expr(xs)* for string *xs*:
publish all suffixes of *xs* such that the prefix is a *expr*.

```
def isexpr(xs) = expr(xs) >[]> true ; false
```

To avoid multiple publications (in ambiguous grammars),

```
def isexpr(xs) =  
  val res = expr(xs) >[]> true ; false  
  res
```

-- Test

isexpr

```
(["(", "(", "3", " * ", "3", ")"), " + ", "(", "3", " + ", "3", ")"]]  
  -- ((3*3))+(3+3)
```

```
:: true
```

Site for each non-terminal

Given: $expr ::= term \mid term + expr$

Rewrite: $expr ::= term (\epsilon \mid + expr)$

def $expr(xs) = term(xs) >ys> (ys \mid ys > "+" : zs > expr(zs))$

def $term(xs) = factor(xs) >ys> (ys \mid ys > "*" : zs > term(zs))$

def $factor(xs) = literal(xs)$
 $\mid xs > "(" : ys > expr(ys) > ")" : zs > zs$

def $literal(n : xs) = n > "3" > xs \mid n > "5" > xs$

def $literal([]) = stop$

Parallel or

Expressions f and g return single booleans. Compute the **parallel or**.

$Ift(b)$, $Iff(b)$: boolean b ,

Returns a **signal** if b is true/false; remains **silent** otherwise.

```
val x = f
```

```
val y = g
```

```
 $Ift(x) \gg true \mid Ift(y) \gg true \mid (x \parallel y)$ 
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Parallel or; contd.

Compute the **parallel or** and return just one value:

```
val x = f
val y = g
val z = Ift(x) >> true | Ift(y) >> true | (x || y)
z
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But this continues execution of *g* if *f* first returns true.

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Mutable Store: Some Factory Sites

<code>Ref(n)</code>	Mutable reference with initial value <code>n</code>
<code>Array(n)</code>	Array of size <code>n</code> of Refs
<code>Semaphore(n)</code>	Semaphore with initial value <code>n</code>
<code>Channel()</code>	Unbounded (asynchronous) channel
<code>Table(n, f)</code>	Array of size <code>n</code> of immutable values of <code>f</code>

Ref(3) >r> r.write(5) >> r.read(), or Ref(3) >r> r := 5 >> r?

Array(3) >a> a(0) := true >> a(1)?

Semaphore(1) >s> s.acquire() >> Println(0) >> s.release()

Channel() >ch> (ch.get() | ch.put(3) >> stop)

val ch = Table(10, lambda(_) = Channel())

Exception Handling

Client calls site `server` to request service.

The server “may” request authentication information.

```
def request(x) =  
  val exc = Channel()  -- returns a channel site  
  
  server(x, exc)  
  | exc.get() >r> exc.put(auth(r)) >> stop
```


Packet Reassembly Using Sequence Numbers

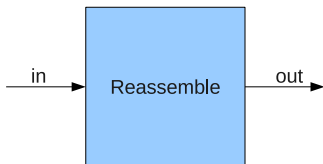


Figure: Packet Reassembler

- Packet with sequence number i is at position p_i in the input channel.
- Given: $|i - p_i| \leq k$, for some positive integer k .
- Then $p_i \leq i + k \leq p_{i+2 \times k}$. Let $d = 2 \times k$.

Packet Reassembly Program

def *reassemble*(*read*, *write*, *d*) = -- *d* must be positive

val *ch* = *Table*(*d*, *lambda*(_) = *Channel*())

def *input*() = *read*() >(n, v)> *ch*(n%d).*put*(v) >> *input*()

def *output*(*i*) = *ch*(*i*).*get*() >v> *write*(v) >> *output*((*i* + 1)%*d*)

input() | *output*(0) -- Goal expression

Note: $n\%d$ is $n \bmod d$.

Depth-first search of undirected graph

Recursion over Mutable Structure

N: Number of nodes in the graph.

conn: *conn*(*i*) the list of neighbors of node *i*, $0 \leq i < N$

parent: Mutable array of length *N*.

parent(*i*) = *v*, $v \geq 0$, means *v* is the parent node of *i*

parent(*i*) < 0 means parent of *i* is yet to be determined

Once *i* has a parent, it continues to have that parent.

Start Depth-first search from node 0.

parent(0) = *N*

Invariant

$dfs(i, xs)$: starts a depth-first search from all nodes in xs in order,

i already has a parent or $i = N$.

$xs \subseteq conn(i)$, i.e., xs is some set of neighbors of i .

All neighbors of i not in xs already have parents.

Depth-first search

val $N = 6$ -- N is the number of nodes in the graph

val $parent = Table(N, lambda(_) = Ref(-1))$

def $dfs(_, []) = signal$

def $dfs(i, x : xs) =$

if $(parent(x)? \geq 0)$ *then* $dfs(i, xs)$

else $parent(x) := i \gg dfs(x, conn(x)) \gg dfs(i, xs)$

$dfs(N, [0])$ -- start depth-first search from node 0

Quicksort

- In situ permutation of an array.
- Array segments are simultaneously sorted.
- Partition of an array segment proceed from left and right simultaneously.
- Combine Concurrency, Recursion, and Mutable Data Structures.

Traditional approaches

- Pure functional programs do not admit in-situ permutation.
- Imperative programs do not highlight concurrency.
- Typical concurrency constructs do not combine well with recursion.

Program Structure

- array a to be sorted.
- $segmentsort(u, v)$ sorts the segment $a(u)..a(v - 1)$ in place and publishes a signal.
- To sort the whole array: $segmentsort(0, a.length?)$

Program Structure; Contd.

- $part(p, s, t)$ partitions segment (s, t) with element p . Publishes m where:

left subsegment: $a(i) \leq p$ for all $i, s \leq i \leq m$, and

right subsegment: $a(i) > p$, for all $i, m < i < t$.

- Assume $a(s) \leq p$, so the left subsegment is non-empty.

def $swap(i, j) = (i?, j?) >(x, y) > (i := y, j := x) \gg signal$

def $quicksort(a) =$

def $segmentsort(u, v) =$

if $v - u > 1$ *then*

$part(a(u)?, u, v) >m >$

$swap(a(u), a(m)) \gg$

$(segmentsort(u, m), segmentsort(m + 1, v)) \gg signal$

else *signal*

$segmentsort(0, a.length?)$

Partition segment (s, t) with element p , given $a(s) \leq p$

- $lr(i)$ publishes the index of the leftmost item in the segment that exceeds p ; publishes t if no such item.
- $rl(i)$ publishes the index of the rightmost item that is less than or equal to p . Since $a(s) \leq p$, item exists.

def $lr(i) = \text{Ift}(i <: t) \gg \text{Ift}(a(i)? \leq p) \gg lr(i + 1) ; i$

def $rl(i) = \text{Ift}(a(i)? :> p) \gg rl(i - 1) ; i$

Goal Expression of $part(p, s, t)$:

$(lr(s + 1), rl(t - 1)) >(s', t') >$
if $(s' < t')$ *then* $swap(a(s'), a(t')) \gg part(p, s', t')$
else t'

Putting the Pieces together: Quicksort

def *swap*(*i*,*j*) = (*i*?,*j*?) >(x,y)> (*i* := *y*, *j* := *x*) >> *signal*

def *quicksort*(*a*) =

def *segmentsort*(*u*,*v*) =

def *part*(*p*, *s*, *t*) =

def *lr*(*i*) = *Ift*(*i* < *t*) >> *Ift*(*a*(*i*)? ≤ *p*) >> *lr*(*i* + 1) ; *i*

def *rl*(*i*) = *Ift*(*a*(*i*)? :> *p*) >> *rl*(*i* - 1) ; *i* #

(*lr*(*s* + 1), *rl*(*t* - 1)) >(s', t')>

(*if* (*s*' < *t*') *then* *swap*(*a*(*s*'), *a*(*t*')) >> *part*(*p*, *s*' , *t*') #

else *t*'

if *v* - *u* > 1 *then*

part(*a*(*u*)?, *u*, *v*) >*m*>

swap(*a*(*u*), *a*(*m*)) >>

(*segmentsort*(*u*, *m*), *segmentsort*(*m* + 1, *v*)) >> *signal*

else *signal*

segmentsort(0, *a*.length?)

Class: Pure Rendezvous

```
def class pairSync() =  
    val s = Semaphore(0)  
    val t = Semaphore(0)  
  
    def put() = s.acquire() >> t.release()  
    def get() = s.release() >> t.acquire()  
  
stop
```

Rendezvous with Data Transfer

```
def class zeroChannel() =  
    val s = Semaphore(0)  
    val w = BoundedChannel(1)  
  
    def put(x) = s.acquire() >> w.put(x)  
    def get() = s.release() >> w.get()  
  
stop
```

Class: Readers-Writers

- Readers and Writers need access to a shared file.
- Any number of readers may read the file simultaneously.
- A writer needs exclusive access.

Readers-Writers API

- A reader calls *start(true)*, writer *start(false)* to gain access.
- The system (class) returns a signal to grant access.
- Both readers and writers call *end()* on completion of access.
- *start(...)* is blocking, *end()* non-blocking.

Implementation Strategy

- Each call to *start* is queued with the id of the caller.
- A *manager* loops forever, maintaining the invariant:
There is no active writer (no writer has been granted access).
Number of active readers = *na.value*, where *na* is a counter.
- On each iteration, *manager* picks the next queue entry.
If a reader: grant access and increment *na*.
If a writer:
wait until all readers complete (*na*'s value = 0),
grant access to writer,
wait until the writer completes.

Implementation Strategy; Callback

- The id assigned to a caller is a new semaphore.
- A request is (b, s) : b boolean, s semaphore.
 $b = true$ for reader, $b = false$ for writer,
each caller waits on $s.acquire()$
- The manager grants a request by executing $s.release()$

Reader-Writer; Call API

```
val req = Channel()  
val na = Counter()  
  
def startread() =  
    val s = Semaphore(0)  
    req.put((true, s)) >> s.acquire()  
  
def startwrite() =  
    val s = Semaphore(0)  
    req.put((false, s)) >> s.acquire()  
  
def endread() = na.dec()  
  
def endwrite() = na.dec()
```

Reader-Writer; Main Loop

```
def manager() = grant(req.get()) >> manager()
```

```
def grant((true, s)) = na.inc() >> s.release()  -- Reader
```

```
def grant((false, s)) =  -- Writer  
    na.onZero() >> na.inc() >> s.release() >> na.onZero()
```

Putting the pieces together: Reader-Writer

```
def class readerWriter1() =  
  val req = Channel()  val na = Counter()  
  
  def startread() =      val s = Semaphore(0)  
    req.put((true,s)) >> s.acquire()  
  
  def startwrite() =    val s = Semaphore(0)  
    req.put((false,s)) >> s.acquire()  
  
  def endread() = na.dec()  
  def endwrite() = na.dec()  
  
  def grant((true,s)) = na.inc() >> s.release()  -- Reader  
  
  def grant((false,s)) =      -- Writer  
    na.onZero() >> na.inc() >> s.release() >> na.onZero()  
  
  def manager() = grant(req.get()) >> manager()  
  
manager()
```

Callback using one semaphore each for Readers and Writers

```
def class readerWriter2() =  
  val req = Channel()  
  val na = Counter()  
  val (r, w) = (Semaphore(0), Semaphore(0))  
  
  def startread() = req.put(true) >> r.acquire()  
  def startwrite() = req.put(false) >> w.acquire()  
  
  def endread() = na.dec()  
  def endwrite() = na.dec()  
  
  def grant(true) = na.inc() >> r.release()  -- Reader  
  
  def grant(false) =  -- Writer  
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Reader-Writer; dispense with the queue

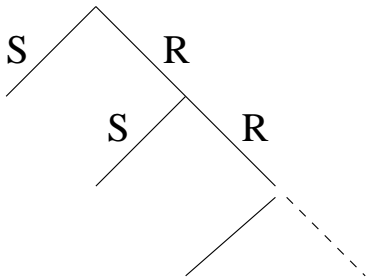
- Dispense with the queue.
Introduce a class that keeps nr and nw , counts of readers and writers.
- Calling $put(true/false)$ increments the appropriate count.
- Calling $get()$ decrements a count and returns $true/false$.
- Simulate fairness for get , as in removing from a channel.
If $nr? > 0$, $nr?$ is eventually decremented.
If $nw? > 0$, $nw?$ is eventually decremented.
Use coin toss to simulate fairness.

Real time: Metronome

External site $Rwait(t)$ returns a signal after t time units.

$metronome$ publishes a *signal* every time unit.

$$def\ metronome() = \underbrace{signal}_S \mid \underbrace{(Rwait(1) \gg metronome())}_R$$



Unending string of Random digits

metronome() \gg *Random(10)* -- one every unit

def rand_seq(dd) = -- at a specified rate

Random(10) | Rwait(dd) \gg rand_seq(dd)

A time-based class; Stopwatch

- A stopwatch allows the following operations:

start(): (re)starts and publishes a signal

halt(): stops and publishes current value

- Other operations: *reset()* and *isrunning()*.

Application: Measure running time of a site

```
def class profile(f) =  
  val sw = Stopwatch()  
  
  def runtime() = sw.start() >>> f() >>> sw.halt()  
  
  stop
```

-- Usage

```
def burntime() = Rwait(100)  
  
profile(burntime).runtime()
```

Response Time Game

- Show a random digit, v , for 3 secs.
- Then print an unending sequence of random digits.
- The user presses a key when he thinks he sees v .
- Output $(true, response\ time)$, or $(false, _)$ if v has not appeared.
Then end the game.

Response Game: Program

```
val sw = Stopwatch()  
val (id, dd) = (3000, 100)  -- initial delay, digit delay  
def rand_seq() =  -- Publish a random sequence of digits  
  Random(10) | Rwait(dd) >> rand_seq()  
def game() =  
  val v = Random(10)  -- v is the seed for one game  
  val (b, w) =  
    Rwait(id) >> sw.reset() >> rand_seq() >x> Println(x) >>  
    Ift(x = v) >> sw.start() >> stop  
  | Prompt( "Press ENTER for SEED "+v ) >>  
    sw.isrunning() >b> sw.pause() >w> (b, w)  
if b then  -- Goal expression of game()  
  ( "Your response time = " + w + " milliseconds." )  
else ( "You jumped the gun." )  
game()
```

Shortest Path Algorithm with Lights and Mirrors

- Source node sends rays of light to each neighbor.
- Edge weight is the time for the ray to traverse the edge.
- When a node receives its first ray, sends rays to all neighbors.
Ignores subsequent rays.
- Shortest path length = time for sink to receive its first ray.
Shortest path length to node i = time for i to receive its first ray.

Graph structure in $Succ()$

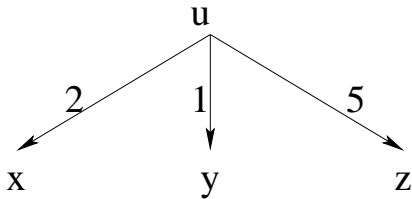


Figure: Graph Structure

$Succ(u)$ publishes $(x, 2)$, $(y, 1)$, $(z, 5)$.

Algorithm

def $eval(u, t) =$ record value t for u \gg
for every successor v with $d = \text{length of } (u, v)$:
wait for d time units \gg
 $eval(v, t + d)$

Goal : $eval(\text{source}, 0)$ |
read the value recorded for the *sink*

Record path lengths for node u in FIFO channel u .

Algorithm(contd.)

def eval(u, t) = record value t for u \gg
for every successor v with $d = \text{length of } (u, v)$:
wait for d time units \gg
eval($v, t + d$)

Goal : *eval*(*source*, 0) |
read the value recorded for the *sink*

A cell for each node where the shortest path length is stored.

def eval(u, t) = $u := t$ \gg
Succ(u) \gg (v, d) \gg
Rwait(d) \gg
eval($v, t + d$)

{ - *Goal* :- } *eval*(*source*, 0) | *sink*?

Algorithm(contd.)

def eval(u, t) = $u := t \gg$
 $Succ(u) \succ (v, d) \succ$
 $Rwait(d) \gg$
 $eval(v, t + d)$

{ - *Goal* :- } $eval(source, 0) \mid sink?$

- Any call to $eval(u, t)$: Length of a path from source to u is t .
- First call to $eval(u, t)$: Length of the shortest path from source to u is t .
- $eval$ does not publish.

Drawbacks of this algorithm

- Running time proportional to shortest path length.
- Executions of *Succ*, *put* and *get* should take no time.