Parallel Programming Concepts

Software Programming Models - PGAS, Functional and Actor Programming

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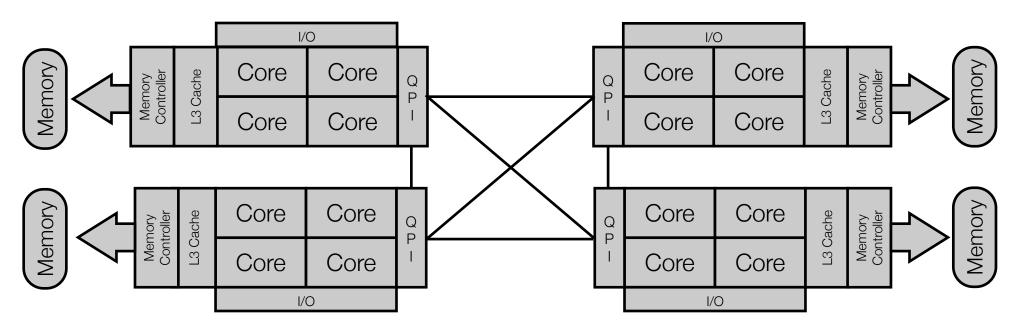
Several Language Tutorials (see compiler web pages) Functional Programming on Wikipedia

Programming Models

	Task-Parallel Programming Model	Data-Parallel Programming Model	Actor Programming Model	Functional Programming Model	PGAS / DSM Programming Model
Shared Memory System	OpenMP, Threading Libs, Linda, Ada, Cilk	OpenMP, PLINQ, HPF	Scala,	Lisp, Clojure, Haskell, Scala, Erlang	-
Distributed Memory System	Socket communication, MPI, PVM, JXTA, MapReduce, CSP channels		Erlang	Scala, Erlang	-
Hybrid System	-	OpenCL	-	-	Unified Parallel C, Titanium, Fortress, X10,Chapel

Traditional Parallel Programming

- Traditional approach:
 - Global shared memory, locks and explicit control flow
 - Mapped closely to hardware model of execution so far
 - Flat shared memory model no longer fits to modern NUMA / GPU / MPP hardware development



-> PGAS approaches

PGAS Approach

- Partitioned global address space (PGAS) approach for programming languages
 - Driven by high-performance computing community,
 as MPI + OpenMP alternative on large-scale SMP systems
 - Solves a real-world scalability issue, precondition for exa-scale computing
- Global shared memory, portioned into local parts per processor resp. activity
- Data is designated as local (near) or global (possibly far)
- PGAS language supports explicit access to remote data + synchronization
- Languages:
 - Unified Parallel C (Ansi C), Co-Array Fortran / Fortress (F90), Titanium (Java)
 - Chapel (Cray), X10 (IBM)
 - All under research, no wide-spread accepted solution on industry level

Example: Unified Parallel C

- Extension of C for HPC on large-scale supercomputers (Berkeley)
- Considered by different HPC vendors (IBM, HP, Cray, ...)
- SPMD execution of UPC threads with flexible placement (MPI successor)
- Global shared address space among all (distributed) UPC threads
 - New qualifier *shared* to distinguish shared / non-shared UPC thread data
 - Shared data has affinity for a particular UPC thread
 - Primitive / pointer / aggregate types: Affinity with UPC thread 0
 - Array type: cyclic affinity per element, block-cyclic affinity, partitioning
- SPMD programming, MYTHREAD + THREADS variable

Unified Parallel C

- Pointers
 - Pointers to shared data consist of thread ID, local address, and position
 - Pointer arithmetic supports blocked and non-blocked data distribution
- Loop parallelization with upc forall
- No implicit assumptions on synchronization
 - upc_lock, upc_unlock, upc_lock_attempt, upc_lock_t (abstraction from implementation details)
 - upc_barrier, upc_notify, upc_wait

Unified Parallel C

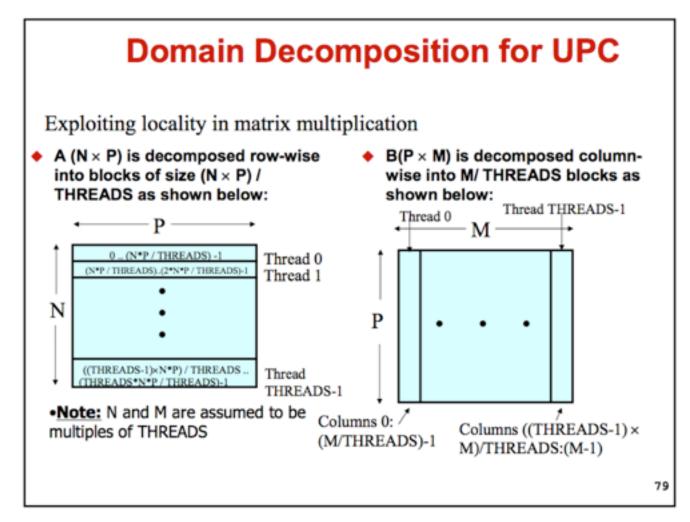
- Memory Consistency Model
 - Each memory reference / statement can be annotated accordingly
 - Strict: Sequential consistency (references from the same thread are in order)
 - Relaxed: Only issuing thread sees sequential consistency

```
#include <upc_relaxed.h>
#define N 100*THREADS
shared int v1[N], v2[N], v1plusv2[N];
void main() {
  int i;
  for(i=0; i<N; i++)
  if (MYTHREAD==i%THREADS) v1plusv2[i]=v1[i]+v2[i];
}</pre>
```

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Unified Parallel C

• Still manual placement optimization needed, but data management is hidden



Example: X10

- Parallel object-oriented PGAS language by IBM, research prototype
- Sequential X10 looks like extended version of Java (e.g. anonymous functions)
- Support for distributed cluster of SMP machines
- Java and C++ backends with according compilers, MPI support
- Fork-join execution model ("async"), instead of SPMD approach in MPI

```
public class Fib {
  public static def fib(n:int) {
    if (n \le 2) return 1;
    val f1:int;
    val f2:int;
    finish {
      async { f1 = fib(n-1); }
      f2 = fib(n-2);
    return f1 + f2;
  public static def main(args:Array[String](1)) {
    val n =
      (args.size > 0) ? int.parse(args(0)) : 10;
    Console.OUT.println("Computing Fib("+n+")");
    val f = fib(n);
    Console.OUT.println("Fib("+n+") = "+f);
```

X10 Concurrency

- Different parallel activities, each acting in one part of the address space (Place)
 - Direct variable access only in local place of the global address space
 - Activities are mapped to places, potentially on different machines
 - Application can perform blocking call to activity at another place:

```
val anInt = at(plc) computeAnInt();
```

- Fork parents can wait on child processes through finish clause
 - Childs cannot wait on parents (acyclic wait) deadlock prevention

```
class HelloWholeWorld {
  public static def main(Array[String]):void {
    finish for (p in Place.places()) {
      async at (p) Console.OUT.println("Hello World from place "+p.id);
}}
```

X10 Example: Parallel Sum

```
public class ParaSum {
 public static def main(argv:Rail[String]!) {
    val id = (i:Int) => i; // integer identity function
    x10.io.Console.OUT.println("sum(i=1..10)i = " + sum(id, 1, 10));
    val sq = (i:Int) => i*i; // integer square function, inline def. used instead
    x10.io.Console.OUT.println("sum(i=1..10)i*i = " + sum((i:Int)=>i*i, 1, 10)); }
 public static def sum(f: (Int)=>Int, a:Int, b:Int):Int {
    val s = Rail.make[Int](1);
    s(0) = 0;
    finish {
     for(p in Place.places) {
        async{ // Spawn async at each place to compute its local range
          val pPartialSum = at(p) sumForPlace(f, a, b);
          atomic { s(0) += pPartialSum; } // add partial sums
    }}}
    return s(0) } // return total sum
 private static def sumForPlace(f: (Int)=>Int, a:Int, b:Int) {
   var accum : Int = 0;
    // each processor p of K computes f(a+p.id), f(a+p.id+K), f(a+p.id+2K), etc.
    for(var i : Int = here.id + a; i <= b; i += Place.places.length {
     accum += f(i); }
   return accum;
  }}
```

Traditional Parallel Programming

- Imperative shared memory programming fails to solve concurrency issues
 - At each statement, developer must decide semantically upon locks to ensure correct data access and data modification
 - For each method call, one must reason about locks being held (deadlock)
 - Locks are not fixed at compile time, new might be created during run time
 - Additional locks might remove race conditions, but also add new deadlocks
 - -> Tackle the problem from a completely different direction
 - Declarative programming instead of imperative programming
 - Message passing instead of shared memory as concurrency base

Declarative Programming Example - LINQ

- .NET "Language Integrated Query (LINQ)"
 - General purpose query facility, e.g. for databases or XML
 - Declarative standard query operators

- PLINQ is parallelizing the execution of LINQ queries on objects and XML data
- Declarative style of LINQ allows seamless transition to parallel version

```
IEnumerable<T> data = ...;
var q = data.Where(x => p(x)).Orderby(x => k(x)).Select(x => f(x));
foreach (var e in q) a(e);
```

```
IEnumerable<T> data = ...;
var q = data.AsParallel().Where(x => p(x)).Orderby(x => k(x)).Select(x => f(x));
foreach (var e in q) a(e);
```

Functional Programming

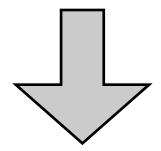
- Programming paradigm that treats execution as function evaluation
 - -> map some input to some output
 - Contrary to imperative programming that focuses on statement execution for global state changing (closer to hardware model of execution)
 - Programmer no longer specifies control flow explicitly
 - Side-effect free computation through avoidance of local state in functions -> enables referential transparency (no demand for particular control flow)
 - Typically strong focus on immutable data as language default
 - -> instead of altering values, return altered copy
- Foundation Alonzo Church's lambda calculus from the 1930's
- First functional language was Lisp (late 50s), today Erlang, Haskell, Clojure, ...
- Trend to add functional programming features into imperative languages



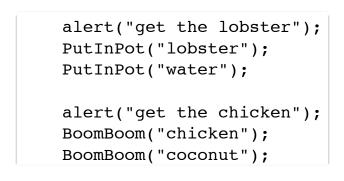
Imperative to Functional - Joel on Software

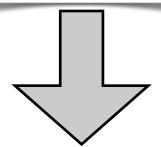
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```
alert("I'd like some Spaghetti!");
alert("I'd like some Chocolate Moose!");
```



```
function SwedishChef( food )
{
   alert("I'd like some " + food + "!");
}
SwedishChef("Spaghetti");
SwedishChef("Chocolate Moose");
```





```
function Cook( i1, i2, f ) {
   alert("get the " + i1);
   f(i1); f(i2); }

Cook( "lobster", "water",
        function(x) { alert("pot " + x); } );
Cook( "chicken", "coconut",
        function(x) { alert("boom " + x); } );
```

Imperative to Functional - Scala Example

```
def printArgs(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
  var i = 0
  while (i < args.length) {
    println(args(i))
    i+=1
}}</pre>
```

```
def printArgs(args: Array[String]): Unit = {
  args.foreach(println)
}
```

```
def formatArgs(args: Array[String]) =
  args.mkString("\n")
```

Imperative to Functional - Python

```
# Nested loop procedural style for finding big products
xs = (1,2,3,4)
ys = (10,15,3,22)
bigmuls = []
for x in xs:
    for y in ys:
        if x*y > 25:
            bigmuls.append((x,y))
print bigmuls
```

```
print [(x,y) for x in (1,2,3,4) for y in (10,15,3,22) if x*y > 25
```

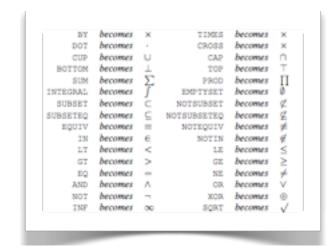
```
>>> def make_incrementor(n):
... return lambda x: x + n
...
>>> f = make_incrementor(42)
>>> f(0)
42
>>> f(1)
43
```

Functional Programming

- **Higher order functions**: Other functions as argument or return value
- Pure functions: No memory or I/O side effects
 - If the result of a pure expression is not used, it can be removed
 - A pure function called with side-effect free parameters has constant result
 - Without data dependencies, pure functions can run in parallel
 - A language with only pure function semantic can change evaluation order
 - Few functions with side effects (e.g. printing), typically do not return result
- Recursion as replacement for looping (e.g. factorial)
- Lazy evaluation possible, e.g. to support infinite data structures
- Why does this help with parallelism ? Think about Map / Reduce ...

Example: Fortress (== "Secure Fortran")

- Oracle (Sun) Programming Language Research Group, Guy L. Steele (Scheme, Common Lisp, Java)
- Language designed for (mathematical) high-performance computing
- Dynamic compilation, type inference
- Growable language: Prefer library over compiler
- Mathematical notation
 - Source code can be rendered in ASCII, Unicode, or as image
 - Greek letters, hundreds of operations
- Functional programming concepts, but also Scala / Haskell derivations



```
<<Hello.fss>>=
component HelloWorld
    export Executable

run()=do
    print "Hello, world!\n"
    end
end
```

Fortress - Comparison to UPC

- No memory management, all handled by runtime system
- Implicit instead of explicit threading
- Set of types similar to C standard template library
- Fortress program state: Number of threads + memory
- Fortress program execution: Evaluation of expressions in all threads
- Component model integrated, import and export of interfaces
 - Components live in the ,fortress' database, interaction through shell

Fortress Syntax

- Adopt math whenever possible
 - Integer, naturals, rationals, complex number, floating point ...
 - Support for units and dimensions
- Everything is an expression, () is the void value
 - Statements are void-type expressions (while, for, assignment, binding)
 - Some statements have non-() values (if, do, try, case, spawn, ...)
 - if $x \ge 0$ then x else -x end
 - atomic x := max(x, y[k])
- Generators: "j:k" range, "j#n" n consecutive integers from j, ...

Fortress Basics

- Object: Fields and methods, Traits: Set of abstract / concrete methods
- Every object extends a set of traits

```
trait Boolean
  extends BooleanAlgebra[Boolean, ∧, ∨, ¬, ⊻, false, true]
  comprises { true, false }
opr ∧(self, other: Boolean): Boolean
opr V(self, other: Boolean): Boolean
opr ¬(self): Boolean
end
object true extends Boolean
opr \Lambda(self, other: Boolean) = other
opr V(self, other: Boolean) = self
opr ¬(self) = false
end
```

Fortress - Functions

- Functions
 - Static (nat or int) parameters
 - One variable parameter
 - Optional return value type
 - Optional body expression
 - Result comes from evaluation of the function body
- do-end expression: Sequence of expressions with implicit parallel execution, last defining the blocks' result
 - Supports also do syntax for explicit parallelism

```
do
factorial (10)
also do
factorial (5)
also do
factorial (2)
end
```

Fortress - Parallelism

- Parallel programming as necessary compromise, not as primary goal
- Implicit parallelism wherever possible, supported by functional approach
 - Evaluated in parallel: function / method arguments, operator operands, tuple expressions (each element evaluated separately), loop iterations, sums
 - Loop iterations are parallelized

```
for i <- 1:5 do
    print(i "")
    print(i "")
end</pre>
```

```
for i <- sequential(1:5) do
  print(i "")
  print(i "")
end</pre>
```

Generators generate values in parallel, called functions run in parallel

Race condition handling through atomic keyword, explicit spawn keyword

Ok, parallel code can be formulated in a smarter way by functional programming paradigms, but what about parallel execution coordination?

Actor Model

- Carl Hewitt, Peter Bishop and Richard Steiger. A Universal Modular Actor Formalism for Artificial Intelligence IJCAI 1973.
 - Mathematical model for concurrent computation, inspired by lambda calculus, Simula, Smalltalk
 - No global system state concept (relationship to physics)
 - Actor as computation primitive, which can make local decisions,
 concurrently creates more actors, or concurrently sends / receives messages
 - Asynchronous one-way messaging with changing topology, no order guarantees
 - Comparison: CSP relies on hierarchy of combined parallel processes, while actors rely only on message passing paradigm only
 - Recipient is identified by *mailing address*, can be part of a message

Example: Erlang

- Functional language with actor support, designed for large-scale concurrency
 - First version in 1986 by Joe Armstrong, Ericsson Labs
 - Released as open source since 1998
- Language goals from Ericsson product development demands
 - Scalable distributed execution with large number of concurrent activities
 - Fault-tolerant software under timing constraints
 - Online software update
- Applications:

Amazon EC2 SimpleDB, Delicious, Facebook chat, T-Mobile SMS and authentication, Motorola call processing products, Ericsson GPRS and 3G mobile network products, CouchDB, EJabberD

Erlang Language

- Sequential subset follows functional language approaches (strict evaluation, dynamic typing, first-class functions)
- Concurrency parts according to the actor model
- Control flow definition through pattern matching on set of equations:

```
area({square, Side}) -> Side * Side;
area({circle, Radius}) -> math:pi() * Radius * Radius.
```

- Atoms constant literals, only comparison operation
- Lists and tuples are basis for complex data structures
- Single assignment variables, only call-by-value

Sequential Erlang

- Influences by functional and logical programming (Prolog, ML, Haskell, ...)
- Control flow through conditional evaluation
 - CASE construct: Result is last expression evaluated on match

```
case cond-expression of
  pattern1 -> expr1, expr2, ...
  pattern2 -> expr1, expr2, ...
end
```

- Catch-all clause not recommended here (,defensive programming'), since it might lead to match error at completely different code position
- IF construct: Test until one of the guards evaluates to TRUE

```
if
  Guard1 -> expr1, expr2, ...
Guard2 -> expr1, expr2, ...
end
```

Concurrent Programming in Erlang

- Each concurrent activity is called *process*, only interaction through *message* passing avoids typical shared memory issues (race conditions, *-locks)
- Designed for large number of concurrent activities (Joe Armstrong's tenets)
 - "The world is concurrent."
 - "Things in the world don't share data."
 - "Thins communicate with messages."
 - "Things fail."
- Design philosophy is to spawn a process for each new event
- Constant time to send a message
- spawn (module, function, argumentlist) Spawn always succeeds, created process will eventually terminate with a runtime error (,abnormally')

Concurrent Programming in Erlang

- Communication via message passing, part of the language, no shared memory
 - Only messages from same process arrived in same order in the mailbox
- Send never fails, works asynchronously (PID ! message)
- Selective (not in-order) message retrieval from process mailbox
 - receive statement with set of clauses, pattern matching
 - If no clause matches, the subsequent mailbox content is matched
 - Process is suspended in receive operation until a match

```
receive
  Pattern1 when Guard1 -> expr1, expr2, ..., expr_n;
  Pattern2 when Guard2 -> expr1, expr2, ..., expr_n;
  Other -> expr1, expr2, ..., expr_n
end
```

Erlang Example

```
% Create a process and invoke the function web:start server(Port, MaxConnections)
ServerProcess = spawn(web, start_server, [Port, MaxConnections]),
% Create a remote process and invoke the function
% web:start server(Port, MaxConnections) on machine RemoteNode
RemoteProcess = spawn(RemoteNode, web, start server, [Port, MaxConnections]),
% Send a message to ServerProcess (asynchronously). The message consists of a tuple
% with the atom "pause" and the number "10".
ServerProcess ! {pause, 10},
% Receive messages sent to this process
receive
        a message -> do something;
        {data, DataContent} -> handle(DataContent);
        {hello, Text} -> io:format("Got hello message: ~s", [Text]);
        {goodbye, Text} -> io:format("Got goodbye message: ~s", [Text])
end.
```

(C) Wikipedia

Concurrent Programming in Erlang

- Processes can be registered with Pid under a name (see shell "regs().")
 - Registered processes are expected to provide a stable service
 - Messages to non-existent processes under alias results in caller error
- Timeout for receive through additional after block

```
receive
  Pattern1 when Guard1 -> expr1, expr2, ..., expr_n;
  Pattern2 when Guard2 -> expr1, expr2, ..., expr_n;
  Other -> expr1, expr2, ..., expr_n
after
  Timeout -> expr1, expr2, ...
end
```

• Typical process pattern: Spawned, register alias, initialize local state, enter receiver loop with current state, finalize on some stop message

Concurrent Programming in Erlang

- Receiver loop typically modeled with tail-recursive call
 - Receive message, handle it, recursively call yourself
 - Tail recursion ensures constant memory consumption
- Non-handled messages in the mailbox should be considered as bug, avoid defensive programming approach (,throw away without notice')
- Messaging deadlocks are easily preventable by considering the circular wait condition
- Libraries and templates available for most common design patterns
 - Client / Server model clients access resources and services
 - Finite state machine perform state changes on received message
 - Event handler receive messages of specific type

Example: Tail-Recursion, Read-Only Variables

```
loop(Module, State) ->
  receive
{call, From, Request} ->
    {Result, State2} = Module:handle_call(Request, State),
    From ! {Module, Result},
    loop(Module, State2);
{cast, Request} ->
    State2 = Module:handle_cast(Request, State),
    loop(Module, State2)
end.
```

- For unchanged parameters at the same position, no byte code is generated
- Subroutine call turns into a jump
- No new stack frame per call

Erlang Robustness

- In massively concurrent systems, you don't want implicit process dependencies -> Message passing and spawn always succeed
- Generic library modules with in-built robustness (e.g. state machines)
- Race conditions are prevented by selective receive approach
 - Messages are not processed in order, but based on match only
 - Good for collecting responses for further processing, or rendevous
 - Transfer of PID supports data sharing by copy with unknown partners

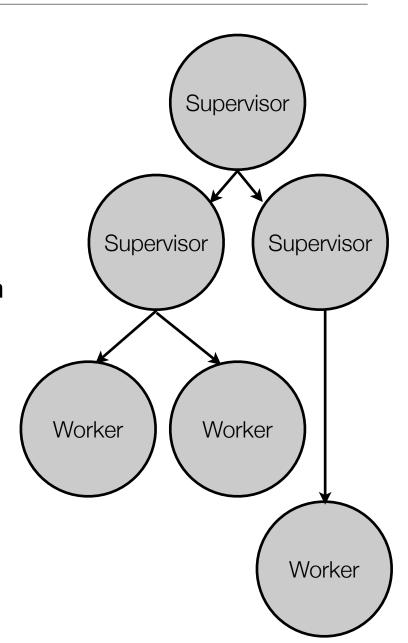
Erlang Robustness

- Credo: "Let it crash and let someone else deal with it", "crash early"
- In-build function link() creates bidirectional link to another process
 - If a linked process terminates abnormally, exit signal is sent to buddies
 - On reception, they send exit signal to their linked partners, containing the same reason attribute, and terminate themselves
- Processes can trap incoming exit signals through configuration, leading to normal message in the inbox
- Unidirectional variant monitor() for one-way surveillance
- Race conditions still can occur, standard build-in atomic function available

```
link(Pid = Spawn(Module, Function, Args))
Pid = spawn link(Module, Function, Args)
```

Erlang Robustness

- Robustness through layering in the process tree
 - Leave processes act as worker (application layer)
 - Interior processes act as supervisor (monitoring layer)
 - Supervisor shall isolate crashed workers from higher system layers through exit trap
 - Rule of thumb: Processes should always be part of a supervision tree
 - Allows killing of processes with updated implementation as a whole -> HA features



Example: Scala - "Scalable Language"

- Martin Odersky, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL)
- Combination of OO- and functional language features
 - Expressions, statements, blocks as in Java
 - Every value is an object, every operation is a method call
 - Classes and traits, objects constructed by mixin-based composition
 - Implicit conversions for objects
 - Functions are first-class values
- Most language constructs are library functions, can be overloaded
- Compiles to JVM byte code, interacts with Java libraries, re-use of types
- Use case: Twitter moved from Ruby to Scala in 2009

Scala - Quicksort

```
def sort(xs: Array[Int]) {
  def swap(i: Int, j: Int) {
    val t = xs(i)
    xs(i) = xs(j); xs(j) = t; ()
  def sort1(l: Int, r: Int) {
    val pivot = xs((1 + r) / 2)
    var i = 1; var j = r
    while (i \le j)
      while (xs(i) < pivot) i += 1
      while (xs(j) > pivot) j = 1
      if (i <= j) {
        swap(i, j)
i += 1; j -= 1
    if (1 < j) sort1(1, j)
    if (j < r) sort1(i, r)
  sort1(0, xs.length - 1)
```

- Similar to standard imperative languages
- Functions in functions, global variables
- Read-only value definition
- Every function returns a result (expression-oriented language)
 - Unit / () return value for procedures

Scala - Quicksort

```
def sort(xs: Array[Int]): Array[Int] = {
  if (xs.length <= 1) xs
  else {
    val pivot = xs(xs.length / 2)
    Array.concat(
       sort(xs filter (pivot >)),
            xs filter (pivot ==),
       sort(xs filter (pivot <)))
}</pre>
```

- Functional style (same complexity, higher memory consumption)
 - Return empty / single element array as already sorted
 - Partition array elements according to pivot element
 - Higher-order function *filter* takes *predicate function* ("pivot > x") as argument
 - Sort sub-arrays accordingly

Scala - Operators are Methods

val sum = 1 + 2

val sum = (1).+(2)

Operator overloading

Infix operators

Implicit conversion to rich wrappers

```
val longSum = 1 + 2L
```

```
s indexOf 'o'
s indexOf ('o', 5)
xs filter (pivot >)
```

```
0 max 5
4 to 6
"bob" capitalize
```

Scala - Object-Oriented Programming

```
class Rational(n: Int, d: Int) {
  require (d != 0)
  val numer: Int = n
  val denom: Int = d
  override def toString = numer + "/" + denom
  def this(n: Int) = this(n, 1)
  def *(that: Rational): Rational =
    new Rational (
      numer * that.denom + that.numer * denom,
      denom * that.denom )
  def *(i: Int): Rational =
    new Rational (numer*i, denom)
```

Scala - Functions

• Functions as first-class value - pass as parameter, use as result

```
def sum(f: Int => Int, a: Int, b: Int): Int =
   if (a > b) 0 else f(a) + sum(f, a + 1, b)

def sumInts(a: Int, b: Int): Int = sum(id, a, b)

def id(x: Int): Int = x

def sumSquares(a: Int, b: Int): Int = sum(square, a, b)

def square(x: Int): Int = x * x
```

Anonymous functions

```
def sumSquares(a: Int, b: Int): Int =
  sum((x: Int) => x * x, a, b)
```

Scala - Functions

Parameter type deduction

```
def sumSquares(a: Int, b: Int): Int =
   sum((x: Int) => x * x, a, b)

def sumSquares(a: Int, b: Int): Int =
   sum(x => x * x, a, b)
```

Currying - Transform multiple parameter function into chain of functions

Scala - Case Classes

```
abstract class Expr
case class Number(n: Int) extends Expr
case class Sum(e1: Expr, e2: Expr) extends Expr
```

• Case classes have (1) an implicit constructor, (2) accessor methods for constructor arguments, and (3) implementations of toString, equals, hashCode

```
Sum (Sum (Number (1), Number (2)), Number (3))
```

• Foundation for pattern matching - generalized switch statement

Scala - Program Execution as Substitution

```
eval(Sum(Number(1), Number(2)))
. . .
Sum(Number(1), Number(2)) match {
  case Number(n) => n
  case Sum(e1, e2) => eval(n1) + eval(n2) }
eval(Number(1)) + eval(Number(2))
. . .
Number(1) match {
 case Number(n) => n
  case Sum(e1, e2) => eval(n1) + eval(n2)
} + eval(Number(2))
1 + eval(Number(2))
1 + 2
```

Scala - Functional Programming Support

- Functional objects
 - Do not have any mutable state
- Collection libraries differentiate between mutable and immutable classes
 - Arrays vs. Lists
 - Two different sub-traits for Set type, differentiation by name space
 - Immutable version of collection as default

```
import scala.collection.mutable.Set
val movieSet = Set("Hitch", "Poltergeist")
movieSet += "Shrek"
println(movieSet)
```

Scala - Concurrent Programming Tools

• Implicit superclass is scala.AnyRef, provides typical monitor functions

```
scala> classOf[AnyRef].getMethods.foreach(println)
def wait()
def wait(msec: Long)
def notify()
def notifyAll()
```

- Synchronized function, argument expression is executed mutually exclusive
 def synchronized[A] (e: => A): A
- Synchronized variable with put, blocking get and invalidating unset val v=new scala.concurrent.SyncVar()
- Futures, reader / writer locks, semaphores, mailboxes, ...

```
import scala.concurrent.ops._
...
val x = future(someLengthyComputation)
anotherLengthyComputation
val y = f(x()) + g(x())
```

• Explicit parallelism through spawn (expr)

Scala - Concurrent Programming

- Actor-based concurrent programming, as introduced by Erlang
 - Concurrency abstraction on-top-of threads
 - Communication by asynchronous sends and synchronous receive blocks

```
actor {
  var sum = 0
  loop {
    receive {
     case Data(bytes) => sum += hash(bytes)
       case GetSum(requester) => requester ! sum
}}}
```

- All constructs are not part of the language implementation, but library functions (actor, loop, receiver, !)
- Alternative self.receiveWithin() call with timeout

Scala - Concurrent Programming

```
class Pong extends Actor {
 def act() {
   var pongCount = 0
   while (true) {
      receive {
        case Ping =>
          if (pongCount % 1000 == 0)
            Console.println("Pong: ping "+pongCou
          sender ! Pong
          pongCount = pongCount + 1
        case Stop =>
          Console.println("Pong: stop")
          exit()
            object pingpong extends Application {
              val pong = new Pong
              val ping = new Ping(100000, pong)
              ping.start
              pong.start
```

```
class Ping(count: int, pong: Actor) extends Actor {
 def act() {
   var pingsLeft = count - 1
   pong ! Ping
   while (true) {
      receive {
        case Pong =>
          if (pingsLeft % 1000 == 0)
            Console.println("Ping: pong")
          if (pingsLeft > 0) {
            pong ! Ping
            pingsLeft -= 1
          } else {
            Console.println("Ping: stop")
            pong ! Stop
            exit()
```

Scala - Actor Case Classes

```
import scala.actors.Actor
abstract class AuctionMessage
case class Offer (bid: Int, client: Actor) extends AuctionMessage
case class Inquire (client: Actor) extends AuctionMessage
abstract class AuctionReply
case class Status (asked: Int, expire: Date) extends AuctionReply
case object BestOffer extends AuctionReply
case class BeatenOffer (maxBid: Int) extends AuctionReply
case class AuctionConcluded(seller: Actor, client: Actor) extends AuctionReply
case object AuctionFailed extends AuctionReply
case object AuctionOver extends AuctionReply
```

Scala - Auction Example

```
class Auction(seller: Actor, minBid: Int, closing: Date) extends Actor {
                          36000000 // inform that auction was closed
 val timeToShutdown =
 val bidIncrement = 10
 def act() {
   var maxBid = minBid - bidIncrement; var maxBidder: Actor = null; var running = true
   while (running) {
      receiveWithin ((closing.getTime() - new Date().getTime())) {
        case Offer(bid, client) =>
          if (bid >= maxBid + bidIncrement) {
            if (maxBid >= minBid) maxBidder ! BeatenOffer(bid)
            maxBid = bid; maxBidder = client; client ! BestOffer }
          else client ! BeatenOffer(maxBid)
        case Inquire(client) =>
          client ! Status(maxBid, closing)
        case TIMEOUT =>
          if (maxBid >= minBid) {
            val reply = AuctionConcluded(seller, maxBidder)
            maxBidder ! reply; seller ! reply }
          else seller ! AuctionFailed
          receiveWithin(timeToShutdown) {
            case Offer( , client) =>
              client ! AuctionOver
            case TIMEOUT =>
              running = false }}}}
```

Scala - Concurrent Programming

- Alternative react function, also takes partial function as input for the decision, but does not return on match
 - Another tail recursion case - implementable by one thread
 - Message handler must process the message and do all remaining work
 - Typical idiom is to have top-level work method being called

```
object NameResolver extends Actor {
  import java.net.InetAddress
  def act() {
    react {
     case (name: String, actor: Actor) =>
        actor ! InetAddress.getByName(name)
        act()
     case "EXIT" =>
        println("Exiting")
     case msg =>
        println("Unknown message")
        act()
}
```

Programming Models

	Task-Parallel Programming Model	Data-Parallel Programming Model	Actor Programming Model	Functional Programming Model	PGAS / DSM Programming Model
Shared Memory System	OpenMP, Threading Libs, Linda, Ada, Cilk	OpenMP, PLINQ, HPF	Scala,	Lisp, Clojure, Haskell, Scala, Erlang	1
Distributed Memory System	Socket communication, MPI, PVM, JXTA, MapReduce, CSP channels		Erlang	Scala, Erlang	-
Hybrid System	-	OpenCL	-	-	Unified Parallel C, Titanium, Fortress, X10,Chapel