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# PMPH Introduction: Course Organization, Hardware Trends, List Homomorphism

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# Intended Learning Outcomes

List Homomorphism: a way of writing inherently-parallel programs.

- explain when and where PMPH'24 lectures and lab sessions are located in space and time,
- explain Moore's law and argue based on hardware trends and technological constraint why all modern and future architectures (will) adopt some form of massive parallelism,
- explain what a list-homomorphic program is, and be able to apply it to build programs;
- illustrate and apply the 1<sup>st</sup> Theorem of List Homomorphism to transform said programs into inherently parallel ones.



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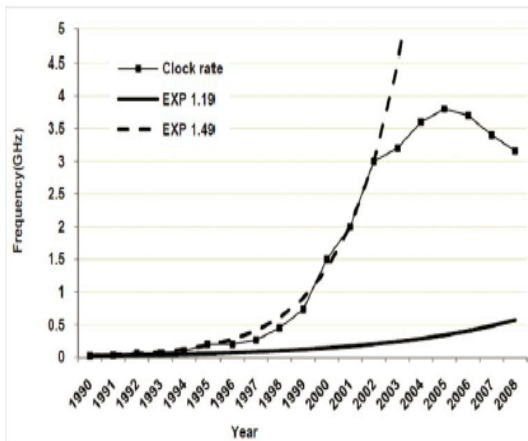
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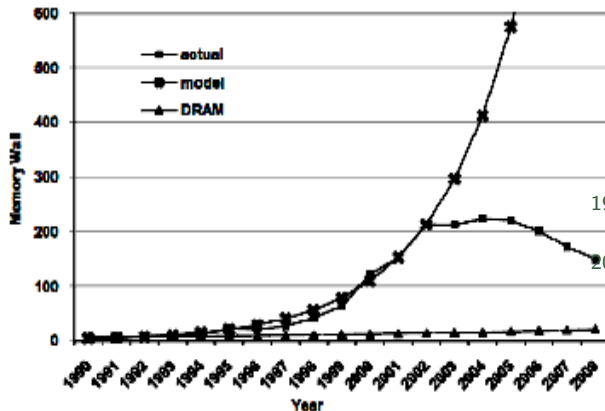


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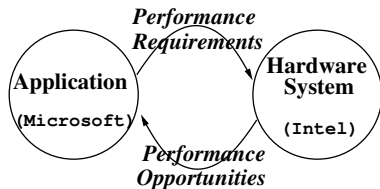
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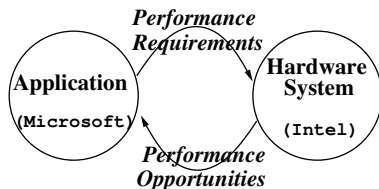
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## Important Juncture:

- Trend Today: the number of cores grows exponentially.
- **Biggest Challenge: develop efficient Massively-Parallel Software!**
- think programs with parallelism in mind rather than hack **some** parallelism out of a sequential implementation.



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# When and Where?

## Monday

**Lecture:** 13:00 - 15:00 (aud - AUD 01 AKB, Universitetsparken 13)

**Lab:** 15:00 - 17:00 (aud - AUD 01 AKB, Universitetsparken 13)

## Wednesday

**Lecture:** 10:00 - 12:00 (aud - Aud 01 HCØ, Universitetsparken 5)

**Lab:** 13:00 - 15:00 (aud - Aud 03, Universitetsparken 5, HCØ)

We also reserved (aud - Aud 03, Universitetsparken 5, HCØ) for Wednesday 15:00 – 17:00, just in case ...



# Tentative Lecture/Lab Schedule

- Cosmin will lead most lectures and labs, but he might be in parental leave for the first week(s) of the course.
- Nikolaj Hinnerskov will lead the lectures and labs of the first week and, if needed, will collaborate with Martin Elsmann to cover the second week lectures and labs.
- Jóhann Utne (johann.utne@di.ku.dk) and an Yet-Unknown-TA will grade and provide feedback for the first four assignments & moderates online discussions. They might also assist with labs.

## Continuous-evaluation assessment:

- four individual weekly assignments: 50% of final grade
- one group project + report: 50% of final grade.
  - you may choose from multiple possible projects
  - presented tentatively during Lab at some point (to be announced)
  - or discuss your own project with me.



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Lab track applies in practice various optimizations/transformations learned on the software track.



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# Reading

Please read chapter 1, "Motivation, hardware trends and technological constraints" from lecture notes.

I am going to do a quick overview of it.



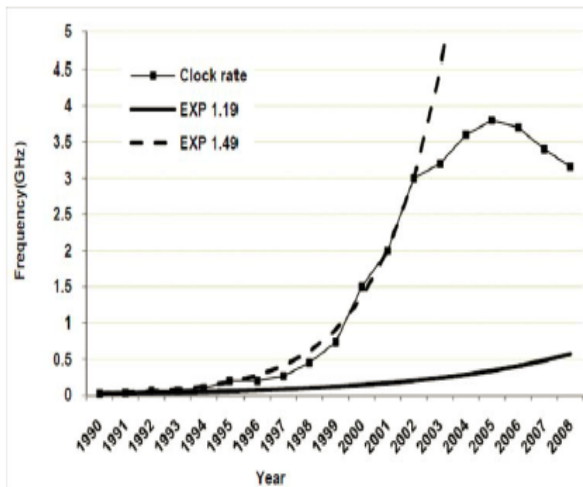
# Abstractions

- A **program** is to a **process/thread** what a recipe is for cooking.
- **Processor (core)**: hardware entity capable of sequencing & executing thread's instructions.
- **MT Cores** multiple threads, each running in its thread context.
- **Multiprocessor**: set of processors connected to execute a workload
  - mass produced, off-the-shelf, each several cores & levels of cache
  - trend towards migrating system functions on the chip:  
memory controllers, external cache directories, network interface



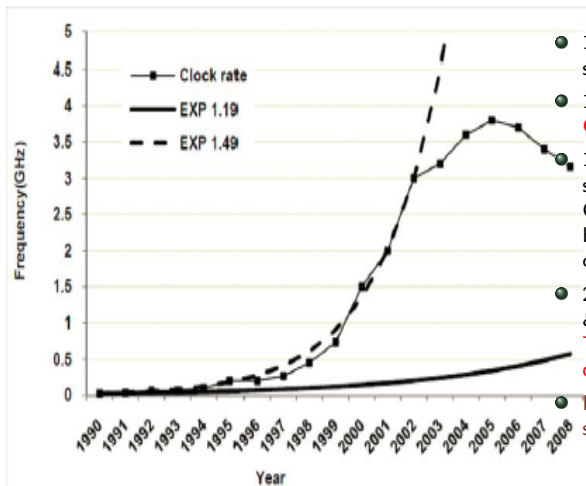
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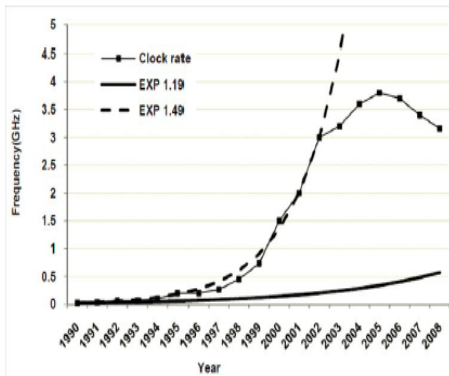
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- 1.19× per-year due technology scaling (same hwd on new techn).
- 1990-2002: doubled every 21 months  
**Curve 1.49×: 30GHz in 2008!**
- 1.49 × — 1.19×: very-deep (10-20 stages) pipelines! ILP via speculative OoO: register renaming, reorder bufs, branch prediction, lockup-free caches, memory disambiguation, etc.
- 2004: Intel cancels Pentium4 @4Ghz & Switched Track to Multi-Cores ⇒ **Tectonic Shift away from muscled deeply-pipelined uniprocessor.**
- Peaked in 2005, but mostly stalled since 2002!



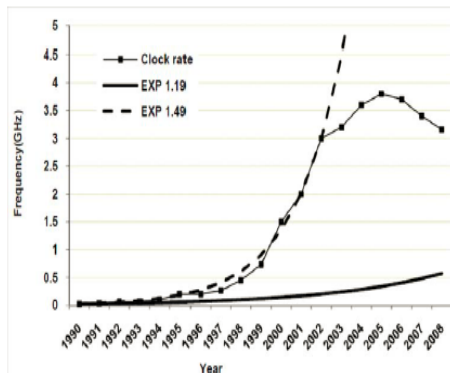
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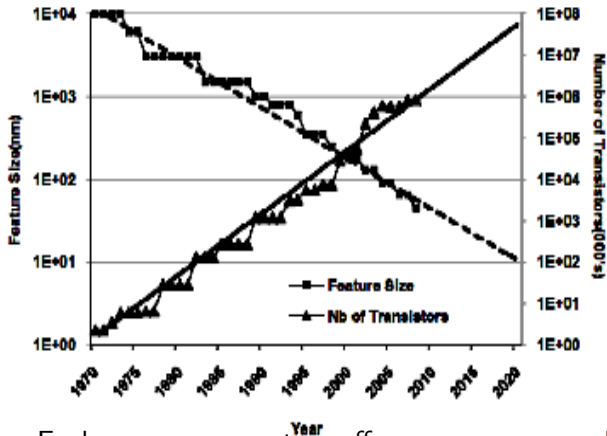
Clock Rate Increase is Not Sustainable:

- Deeper pipelines: difficult to build useful stages with  $< 10$  gates
- Wire delays: wire-transm speed  $\uparrow$  much slower than switching,
- Circuits clocked at higher rates consume more power!





## Processor: Feature Size & Number of Transistors



- new process generation every 2 years
- feature size reduced 30% every generation
- # of transistors doubles every 2 years (Moore's law).  
1 Billion in 2008.

Each process generation offers new resources. How best to use the > 100 billion transistors? Large-Scale CMPs (100s-1000s cores):

- more cache, better memory-system design
- fetch and decode multiple instr per clock
- running multiple threads per core and on multiple cores

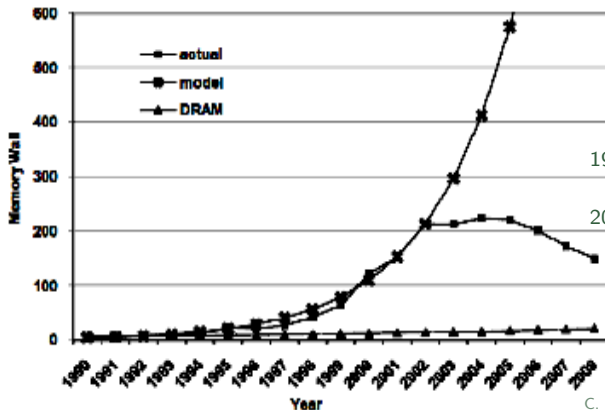
# Memory Systems

- **(Main) Memory Wall:** growing gap between processor and memory speed. Processor cannot execute faster than memory system can deliver data and instructions!
- Want Big, Fast & Cheap Memory System
  - access time increases with memory size as it is dominated by wire delays  $\Rightarrow$  this will not change in future technologies
  - multi-level hierarchies (relies on principle of locality)
  - efficient management is KEY, e.g., cache coherence.
  - Cost and Size memories in a basic PC in 2008:

Memory	Size	Marginal Cost	Cost Per MB	Access Time
L2 Cache	1MB	\$20/MB	\$20	5nsec
Main Memory	1 GB	\$50/GB	5c	200 nsec
Disk	500GB	\$100/500GB	0.02c	5 msec

# Memory Wall? Which Memory Wall??

- DRAM density increases  $4\times$  every 3 years, BUT
- DRAM speed  $\uparrow$  only with 7% per year! (processor speed by 50%)
- Perception was that Memory Wall will last forever!
- Memory Wall Stopped Growing around 2002.
- Multi/Many-Cores  $\Rightarrow$  shifted from Latency to Bandwidth WALL



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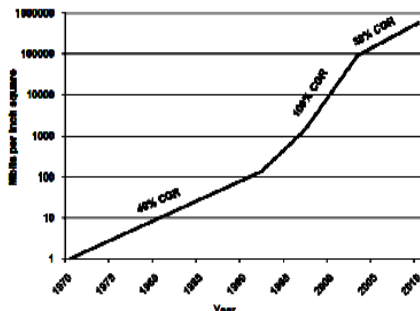
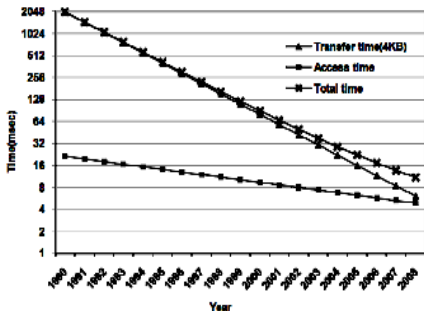
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- If trend continues: 1 Terabit Main Memory by 2021.



# Disk Memory

- Historically disk performance improved by 40% per year
- $\text{DiskTime} = \text{AccessTime} + \text{TransferTime}$  ( $\text{AccessTime} = \text{Seek} + \text{Latency}$ )
- Historically, transfer time have dominated, but
- Today: transfer and access time are of the same **msecs** order
- Future, Access Time will dominate, but proc-disk gap still large



Seek Time: head to reach right track, latency: time to reach the first record on track, both depend on rotation speed & independent on block size.

# Interconnection Networks

Present at many layers:

- **On-Chip Interconnects:** forward values between pipeline stages, AND between execution units AND connect cores to shared cache banks.
- **System Interconnects:** connect processors (CMPs) to memory and IO
- **I/O Interconnects,** usually bus e.g., PCI, connect various devices to the System Bus
- **Inter-Systems Interconnects:** connect separate systems (chassis or boxes) & include
  - **SANs:** connect systems at very short distance
  - LANs, WANs (not interesting for us).
- Internet: global world-wide interconnect (not interesting for us).



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# Technological Constraints

- In the Past: tradeoff between cost (area) and time (performance).
- Today: design is challenged by several technological limits
  - Major new constraint is Power
  - wire delays
  - reliability
  - complexity of design
- It seems that parallelism addresses well all these constraints.



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  - replicate a uniprocessor  $4\times \Rightarrow 4\times$  speedup @  $4\times$  power
- Static Power: dissipated in all circuits, at all time, no matter of frequency and whether it switches or not.

Proportional to the area of circuit but independent of clock rates and circuit activity.

- negligible 15 years ago, but as feature size decreased so did the threshold voltage  $V_T$  every generation
  - **Recently overtook dynamic power as major source of dissipation!**
- **Power/Energy are Critical Problems**  
e.g., costly & many battery operated devices.



# Reliability

- **Transient Failures (Soft Errors):**
  - Corruption Sources: cosmic rays, alpha particles radiating from the packaging material, electrical noise;
  - Charge stored in a transistor  $Q = C V$
  - Supply voltage  $V$  decreases every generation (consequence of features-size shrinking)
  - As  $Q$  decreases, it is easier to flip bits
  - Device operational but values have been corrupted
  - DRAM/SRAM error detection and correction capability
- **Intermittent/Temporary Failures:**
  - last longer, should try to continue execution
  - aging or temporary environmental variation, e.g., temperature
- **Permanent Failures:** device will never function again, must be isolated & replaced by spare
- **Chip Mutiprocessors: promote better reliability**
  - using threads for redundant execution,
  - faulty cores can be disabled  $\Rightarrow$  natural failsafe degradation



# Wire Delays

- Miniaturization  $\Rightarrow$  transistors switch faster, but the propagation delay of signals on wire does not scale as well.
- Wire Delay Propagation  $\sim RC$ .  $R \sim L/CS_{area}$ . Miniaturization  $\Rightarrow$  cross-section area keeps shrinking each generation, annuls the benefit of length shrinking.
- Wires can be pipelined like logic.
- Deeper pipelines are better because communication limited to only few stages.
- Impact of wire delays also favors multiprocessors, since communication traffic is hierarchical:
  - most communication is local
  - inter-core communication is occasional



# Design Complexity

- Design Verification has become the dominant cost of chip development today, major design constraint.
- Chip density increases much faster than the productivity of verification engineers (new tools and speed of systems):
  - register-transfer language level, i.e., logic is correct
  - core level, i.e., correctness of forwarding, memory disambiguation,
  - multi-core level, e.g., cache coherence, memory consistency.
- Vast majority of chip resources dedicated to storage also due to verification complexity:
  - trivial to increase the size of: caches, store buffers, load/store/fetch queues, reorder buffers, directory for cache coherence, etc.
- Design Trend Favors Multiprocessors: easier to replicate the same structure multiple times than to design a large, complex one.



# CMOS (Endpoint) Meets Quantum Physics

- CMOS is rapidly reaching the limits of miniaturization,
- Feature size: half pitch distance (half the distance between two metal wires). Gate length  $\sim 1/2$  feature size.
- If present trends continues feature size  $< 10nm$  by 2020
- Radius of atom:  $0.1 \sim 0.2nm \Rightarrow$  gate length quickly reaches atomic distances that are governed by quantum physics, i.e., binary logics replaced with probabilistic states.
- Not clear what will follow (?)



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Why would it be incorrect to say that  $\text{all}_p [] = \text{False}$ ?



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E.g.,  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}, \times)$ ,  $(\mathbb{L}_T, ++)$ , where

$\mathbb{L}_T$  denotes lists of elements of type  $T$ , and  $++$  list concatenation.



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E.g.,  $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}, \times)$ ,  $(\mathbb{L}_T, ++)$ , where

$\mathbb{L}_T$  denotes lists of elements of type  $T$ , and  $++$  list concatenation.

## Definition (Monoid Homomorphism)

A *monoid homomorphism* from monoid  $(S, \oplus)$  to monoid  $(T, \odot)$  is a function  $h : S \rightarrow T$  such that  $\forall u, v \in S, h(u \oplus v) \equiv h(u) \odot h(v)$ .



# Shape of a List-Homomorphic Program (LH)

Realm of finite lists:

- $++$  denotes list concatenation:

$$[1, 2, 3] ++ [4, 5, 6, 7] \equiv [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7]$$

- empty list  $[]$  is the neutral element:  $[] ++ x \equiv x ++ [] \equiv x$

**LH: a special form of divide and conquer programming:**

$$h [] = e$$

$$h [x] = f \ x$$

$$h (x ++ y) = (h \ x) \odot (h \ y)$$

A well-defined program  
requires that no matter how I  
partition the input list into  
 $(x ++ y)$ , the result is the  
same!

**EXERCISE:** prove that  
 $(\text{Img}(h), \odot)$  is a monoid  
with neutral element  $e$ .



# Basic Blocks of Parallel Programming: Map

**map**  $:: (\alpha \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow [\beta]$  has *inherently parallel semantics*.

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 x & = & \text{map } f \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a_1, & a_2, & \dots, & a_n \end{array} \right] \\
 & & \begin{array}{cccc} \downarrow & \downarrow & & \downarrow \end{array} \\
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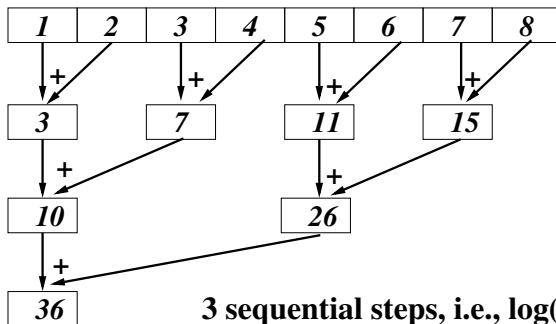


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**reduce** ::  $(\alpha \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow \alpha \rightarrow [\alpha] \rightarrow \alpha$

**reduce**  $\odot e [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n] \equiv e \odot a_1 \odot a_2 \odot \dots \odot a_n$

where  $\odot$  is an associative binary operator.



Build programs by combining **map**, **reduce** and other such operators.



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# Demistifying function composition $\circ$

Definition:  $(g \circ f) x \equiv g(f x)$

It follows that:

$$((\text{reduce } \odot e_{\odot}) \circ (\text{map } f)) xs \equiv \text{reduce } \odot e_{\odot} (\text{map } f xs)$$

or as a program:

```
let temp_array = map f xs
in  reduce  $\odot$   $e_{\odot}$  temp_array
```



# List Homomorphism Invariants

## Theorem (List-Homomorphism Promotions)

Given unary functions  $f$ ,  $g$  and an associative binary operator  $\odot$  then:

1.  $(\text{map } f) \circ (\text{map } g) \equiv \text{map } (f \circ g)$
2.  $(\text{map } f) \circ (\text{reduce } (++) []) \equiv (\text{reduce } (++) []) \circ (\text{map } (\text{map } f))$
3.  $(\text{reduce } \odot e_{\odot}) \circ (\text{reduce } (++) []) \equiv$   
 $(\text{reduce } \odot e_{\odot}) \circ (\text{map } (\text{reduce } \odot e_{\odot}))$

- 2. 3.  $\Rightarrow$  **code generation for coarse parallelism**: list is segmented, segments are distributed on different processors, computation proceeds locally on each processor, and the local results are reduced.
- 2. 3.  $\Leftarrow$  **flattening optimization**: uncovers more parallelism.



# More Notation

Assume  $\text{distr}_p$  distributes a list into  $p$  sublists of roughly the same number of elements.

Assume  $\text{distr}_{shp}$  distributes a list according to a given shape, e.g., if  $\text{arr} = [1,2,3,4,5]$  and  $\text{shp} = [2,3]$  then  $\text{distr}_{shp} \text{ arr} = [[1,2], [3,4,5]]$ .

Assume the representation of a list of lists is flat, i.e., we keep a shape around.





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$$2. (\text{map } f) \circ (\text{reduce } (++) []) \Rightarrow (\text{reduce } (++) []) \circ (\text{map } (\text{map } f))$$

**Useful for coarse-parallel code generation:** a map computation can be implemented by chunking the original array into number-of-processors  $p$  subarrays. Then each processor performs the map computation sequentially on its subarray.

Observation:  $(\text{reduce } (++) []) \circ \text{distr}_p$  is the identity  $\text{id}(x) = x$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map } f &\equiv (\text{map } f) \circ \text{id} \equiv (\text{map } f) \circ (\text{reduce } (++) []) \circ \text{distr}_p \\ &\stackrel{2}{\Rightarrow} (\text{reduce } (++) []) \circ (\text{map } (\text{map } f)) \circ \text{distr}_p \end{aligned}$$

For coarse-grain parallelism, the outer map is executed in parallel and the inner map is sequentialized.



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**Useful for flattening or form load balancing:** assume we have a computation  $f$  that has to be applied to each element of an (irregular) array of arrays, i.e.,  $\text{map } (\text{map } f)$ , where subarrays may have very different lengths. Assume the hardware has much more parallelism than any of the two levels of map can saturate. How do we transform the program to a flat-parallel?

Composing each side of the  $2^{\text{nd}}$  promotion lemma by  $\text{distr}_{shp}$  yields:

$$\text{map } (\text{map } f) \equiv \text{distr}_{shp} \circ (\text{map } f) \circ (\text{reduce } (++) [])$$

We have just transformed two-level parallelism into one-level (flat) parallelism. If we have more parallelism than number of processors we apply the coarse-parallel code generation discussed before that results in load-balanced computation.



# Optimizing Map-Reduce Computation (**Exercise**)

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- Prove it using the three Promotion Lemmas before!
- Hint:  $(\text{reduce } (++) []) \circ \text{distr}_p \equiv \text{id}$ , hence
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The theorem famously states that the inter-processor communication of a map-reduce computation can be minimized by:

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- and by reducing in parallel the  $p$  local results across processors.



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# Maximum Segment Sum Problem (MSSP)

“Systematic Extraction and Implementation of Divide-and-Conquer Parallelism”, Sergei Gorlatch, 1996.

**Intuition:** a non-homomorphic function  $g$  can be sometimes lifted to a homomorphic one  $f$ , by computing a baggage of *extra info*.

The initial fun obtained by projecting the homomorphic result:

$$g = \pi \circ f$$

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E.g.,  $\text{mss}[1, -2, 3, 4, -1, 5, -6, 1] = 11$

(the corresponding segment is  $[3, 4, -1, 5]$ ).



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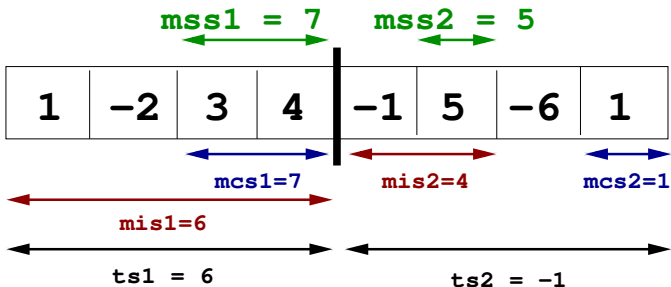


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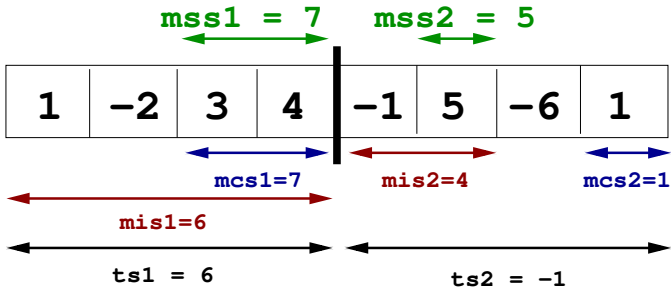
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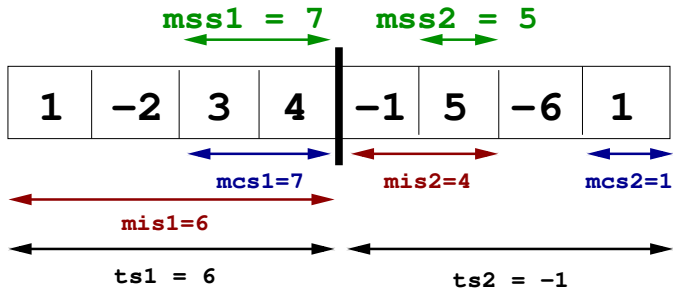


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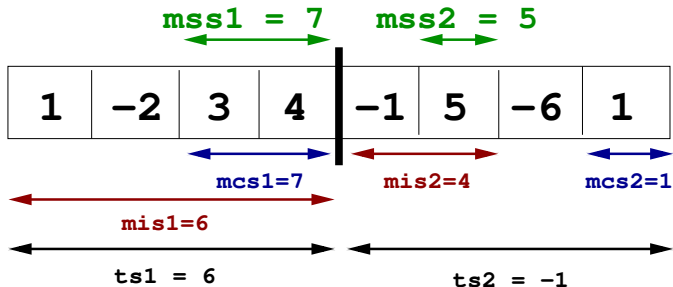
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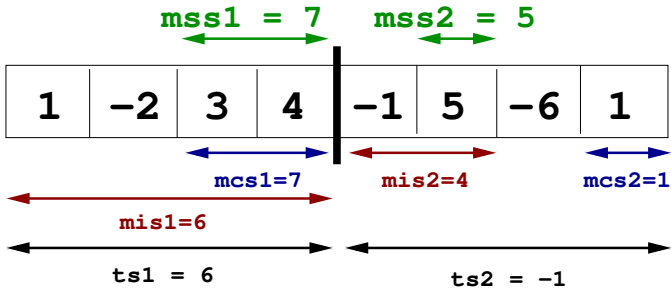
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# Maximum-Segment Sum in Futhark

```
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```

```
let redOp (mssx, misx, mcsx, tsx)
          (mssy, misy, mcsy, tsy)
  : (i32, i32, i32, i32) =
  let mss = max (mssx, max (mssy, mcsx + misy))
  let mis = max (misx, tsx+misy)
  let mcs = max (mcsy, mcsx+tsy)
  let ts  = tsx + tsy
  in (mss, mis, mcs, ts)
```

```
let mapOp (x: i32): (i32, i32, i32, i32) =
  ( max(x,0), max(x,0), max(x,0), x )
```

```
let main(xs: [] i32): i32 =
  let (x, -, -, -) =
    reduce redOp (0,0,0,0) (map mapOp xs)
  in x
```

The baggage: 3 extra integers (*misx*, *mcsx*, *tsx*) and a constant number of integer operations per communication stage.



# Longest Satisfying Segment Problems

- Class of problems which requires to find the longest segment of a list for which some property holds, such as:
- longest sequence of zeros, or longest sequence made from the same number, or longest sorted sequence.
- Not all predicates can be written as a list homomorphism, e.g., longest sequence whose sum is 0.

## Restrict The Shape of the Predicate to:

```
p []           = True
p [x]          = ...
p [x, y]       = ...
p [x : y : zs] = (p [x,y]) ∧ p (y : zs)
```

$\wedge$  denotes the logical AND operator.



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- We also need the *last* element of `lcs` and the *first* elem of `lis`,
- in order to compute whether (`lcs x`) is *connected* to (`lis y`), i.e., `p [lastx,firsty] == True`



# Longest Satisfying Segment Problem: Exercise

The task is to implement this operator by filling in the blanks

```
let max (x:i32, y:i32) = i32.max x y

let redOp (pred2 : i32 → i32 → bool)
  (lssx: i32, lisx: i32, lcsx: i32, tlx: i32, firstx: i32, lastx: i32)
  (lssy: i32, lisy: i32, lcsy: i32, tly: i32, firsty: i32, lasty: i32)
  : (i32, i32, i32, i32, i32, i32) =

  let connect= ...
  let newlss = ...
  let newlis = ...
  let newlcs = ...
  let newtl = ...
  let first = if tlx == 0 then firsty else firstx
  let last = if tly == 0 then lastx else lasty in
  (newlss, newlis, newlcs, newtl, first, last)

let mapOp (pred1 : i32 → bool) (x: i32) : (i32, i32, i32, i32, i32, i32) =
  let xmatch = if pred1 x then 1 else 0 in
  (xmatch, xmatch, xmatch, 1, x, x)

let lssp (pred1 : i32 → bool)
  (pred2 : i32 → i32 → bool)
  (xs : [] i32) : i32 =
  let (x, -, -, -, -, -) =
    map (mapOp pred1) xs
  |> reduce (redOp pred2) (0,0,0,0,0,0)
  in x
```

**Big Hint:** for connect, don't forget to treat the case when the first or second sublists are empty ( $tlx == 0$  or  $tly == 0$ ).



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- List-Homomorphism:  
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