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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

To learn interesting things from large datasets, we generally want to perform lots of queries. When our query is simple and our data is big, we might spend more time reading the data than we spend computing the answer. In this case, we would like to amortise the cost of reading the data by performing multiple queries at the same time.

When querying datasets that do not fit in memory or disk, it can be hard to ensure that our query program's internal state will fit in memory. One way to transform large datasets in constant memory is to write the query as a *streaming program* (chapter 2), which we can write by composing stream transformers together. Composing stream transformers together can add some performance overhead, which is usually removed by *fusing* together multiple transformers into a single transformer.

This thesis describes low-overhead streaming models for executing multiple queries at a time. We focus on two streaming models: push streams (section 2.3), and Kahn process networks (section 2.5, chapter 4).

Push streams can execute multiple queries at a time, but these queries can be unwieldy to write as they must be constructed "back-to-front". In chapter 3 we introduce a query language called Icicle, which allows programmers to write and reason about queries using a more familiar array-based semantics, while retaining the execution strategy of push streams. The type system of Icicle guarantees that well-typed query programs have the same semantics whether they are executed as array programs or as stream programs, and that all queries over the same input can be executed together.

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However, push streams do not support computations with multiple inputs except for non-deterministically merging two streams, and in some circumstances appending streams, as we shall see in section 2.3. As an alternative to push streams, Kahn process networks support both multiple inputs and multiple queries, but require dynamic scheduling and inter-process communication, both of which introduce significant runtime overhead. In section 4.3 we introduce a method for taking multiple processes in a Kahn process network and fusing them together into a single process. The fused process communicates through local variables rather than costly communication channels. This fusion method generalises previous work on stream fusion (section 6.1) and demonstrates the connection between fusion and synchronised product of processes (section 6.2), which is generally used as a proof technique rather than an optimisation.

1.1 CONTRIBUTIONS

This thesis makes the following contributions:

MODAL TYPES TO ENSURE EFFICIENCY AND CORRECTNESS: if, due to time or cost constraints, we can only afford one pass over the input data, we need some guarantee that all our queries can be executed together. The streaming query language Icicle uses modal types to ensure all queries over the same input can be executed together in a single pass, as well as ensuring that the stream query has the same semantics as if it were operating over arrays. Icicle is described in chapter 3.

PROCESS FUSION: a method for fusing stream combinators; the first that supports all three of multiple inputs, multiple queries, and user-defined combinators. In this streaming model, each combinator in each query is implemented as a sequential process, and together, the combinators of all queries form a concurrent process network. Processes are

then fused together using an extension of synchronised product. The fusion algorithm is described in chapter 4.

fusion system, mechanised in the proof assistant Coq. The proof states that when two processes are fused together, the fused process computes the same result as the original processes. The proof is described in section 4.6.

Before delving into these contributions, the next chapter introduces some background on different streaming models, as well as more concretely motivating why we want to execute multiple streaming queries concurrently.

CHAPTER 2

A BRIEF TAXONOMY OF STREAMING MODELS

In this thesis, we write queries as *streaming programs* so that we may query large datasets without running out of memory. Streaming programs consume data from their input streams element by element, processing the elements in sequential order, and need only store a limited number of elements at a time as local state. A streaming program cannot rewind an input stream to reread previous elements, or perform random access to read from a particular index. These restrictions mean that a streaming program cannot, for example, sort all the input data in a single pass, because single-pass sorting requires storing all the elements in memory. The upside of these restrictions is that if we can write our queries as streaming programs, we can be confident that they will run in constant space — no matter how large the input stream is. In general, input streams may be infinite; in this thesis we focus on finite streams.

Streaming, as described above, is a rather general concept. This definition tells us what a streaming program is, but it does not offer any guidance how to write streaming programs. In fact, there are many ways to write streaming programs; in this thesis we restrict our attention to streaming programs written in a *functional style*. The functional style of writing streaming programs involves using small stream transformers that are connected together to create larger programs. The benefit of this style is that each stream transformer can be reasoned about and tested in isolation with no hidden dependencies between stream transformers.

There are numerous *streaming models* to choose from, and we must commit to a particular model before we can start writing programs. Choosing a streaming model requires making a trade-off between the performance overhead, which operations are supported, and the amount

of bookkeeping the programmer must perform to write their program, compared to a non-streaming implementation. We must compare different streaming models to make an informed decision. We start our initial comparison by focusing on two low-overhead streaming models to illustrate how different streaming models support different operations, and to motivate the use of Kahn process networks as a streaming model. In chapter 5, we will compare with some more expressive but less efficient streaming models.

2.1 GOLD PANNING

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Let us start by describing a situation in which we would like to execute many queries. To avoid mixing up the details of streaming with the details of the example, we initially assume that the dataset fits in memory as a list and ignore details about efficiency. Throughout the thesis, we will refer back to this example as *gold panning*.

Suppose we have a file containing the historical prices for a particular corporate stock. The file contains many records; each record contains a date and the average price for that day, and all the records in the file are sorted chronologically. The records are stored on-disk in comma-separated values (CSV) format, and are represented in memory by the following Haskell datatype:

```
data Record = Record
{ time :: Time
, price :: Double }
```

We wish to evaluate this stock to see whether it was, historically, a worthy investment. One quality of a good investment is that its price increases over time; we can quantify any increase by computing the linear regression of the price over time, using the coefficient of the line to approximate increase or decrease over time. It is very convenient to be able to summarise

growth with one number, but stock prices rarely act as lines. While a line might be a good approximation for a stable stock with few dips and bumps, it is a poor approximation for an unstable stock. Fortunately, we can use a statistical tool called the *Pearson correlation coefficient* to determine how linear the relationship is, and therefore how good the approximation is — which may be valuable information about the stock price in itself, as well as denoting the confidence of our analyses. The Pearson correlation coefficient is defined as the covariance of price with time, divided by the product of the standard deviation of price and the standard deviation of time. We can also define the Pearson correlation coefficient geometrically: it is the cosine of the angle between the regression line of price over time, and the regression line of time over price.

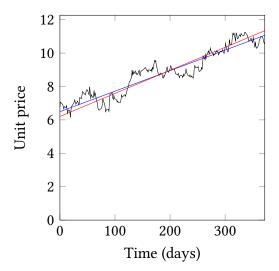


Figure 2.1: Analysis of a stock over a year

Figure 2.1 shows the fluctuations of the example stock's price over a year, along with the regression line of price over time in red, and the regression line of time over price in blue. The stock price is far from a perfect line, but does show a clear upwards trend. In this graph, the correlation is represented by the angle between the red and blue regression lines; the smaller the angle between the two regression lines, the more closely correlated the two are, and the

```
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```

```
type State = (Double, Double, Double, Double, Double, Double)
correlation_z :: State
correlation_z = (0,0,0,0,0,0)
correlation_k :: State \rightarrow (Double, Double) \rightarrow State
correlation_k (mx, my, sd, sdX, sdY, n) (x,y) =
let n' = n + 1
    dx = x - mx
     dy = y - my
     mx' = mx + (dx / n')
    my' = my + (dy / n')
    dy' = y - my'
     sd' = sd + dx + dy'
     sdX' = sdX + dx + dx
     sdY' = sdY + dy + dy
in (mx',my',sd',sdX',sdY',n')
correlation_x :: State \rightarrow Double
correlation_x (mx, my, sd, sdX, sdY, n) =
 let varianceX = sdX / n
      varianceY = sdY / n
      covariance = sd / n
      stddevX = sqrt varianceX
      stddevY = sqrt varianceY
 in covariance / (stddevX * stddevY)
```

Listing 2.1: One-pass correlation implementation

'straighter' the relationship is. The angle here corresponds to a correlation of 0.94, in a range from negative one to positive one.

We can implement a one-pass correlation algorithm, and although the details are quite complicated, we can express it as a fold over a list. The fold uses an initial state, correlation_z, and for each element updates the state with a worker function correlation_k. The one-pass correlation algorithm keeps track of the running means and standard deviations of both axes, which are used to compute the correlation. As such, the fold state contains more than just the correlation. After the fold has completed, we perform an *extraction* function, correlation_x, to extract the correlation from the state.

Listing 2.1 contains the implementations of the fold worker functions for computing the correlation: correlation_x, correlation_k and correlation_z. With these worker functions, we can compute the correlation as follows:

```
correlation :: [(Double,Double)] → Double
correlation = correlation_x (foldl correlation_k correlation_z)
```

We can implement a function to compute the regression similarly; we omit the definitions of the regression worker functions. The definition of the fold uses the fold worker functions regression_x for extracting the final result, regression_z for the initial state, and regression_k to update the state for every input element:

```
regression :: [(Double,Double)] → Line
regression = regression_x (foldl regression_k regression_z)
```

Now that we have functions to compute the linear regression and the correlation, we can compute both at the same time. The following program returns a pair containing the correlation and regression:

```
priceOverTime :: [Record] \rightarrow (Line, Double)

priceOverTime stock =

let timeprices = map (\lambda r \rightarrow (daysSinceEpoch (time r), price r)) stock

in (regression timeprices, correlation timeprices)
```

Both regression and correlation functions take a list of pairs of numbers, so we first convert the Record values to pairs of numbers using map. Although this is a single program, it computes two values. Whether we think of this program as one query or two is inconsequential; the important part is that this program, as it is written, requires two traversals over the timeprices list. List programs can traverse the same list many times; in section 2.2 we shall see how multiple traversals is a problem for streaming programs.

Stock prices rarely follow linear functions of time; even the best stocks go down once in a while, and sometimes the market as a whole can go down. Furthermore, even though this stock appears to be doing quite well if we consider it in isolation, we do not know whether it is an exceptional stock or an exceptional market. We are interested in comparing against the rest of the market as well.

To compare against the rest of the market, we have another file of records containing the average price of a representative subset of stocks. This representative subset is called a *market index*. We want to compare each day's price for our stock against the average price for the corresponding day in the index.

Figure 2.2a shows the linear regression and correlation of the market index price over time, while figure 2.2b shows the linear regression and correlation of the stock price from figure 2.1 compared to the market index price. In the comparison of stock price to index price, we can see that the stock has grown faster than the index.

We can compute the comparison of stock over market with the following program:



Figure 2.2: Analysis of a stock compared to market index

```
priceOverMarket :: [Record] \rightarrow [Record] \rightarrow (Line, Double)

priceOverMarket stock index =

let joined = join (\lambdas i \rightarrow time s `compare` time i) stock index

prices = map (\lambda(s,i) \rightarrow (price s, price i)) joined

in (regression prices, correlation prices)
```

To match each stock day against the corresponding market index day, and discard any days missing from either input, we join the stock with the index based on the date. We then extract both prices from the joined result and compute the regression and correlation. As with priceOverTime, this function requires two traversals of the prices list.

Since the analyses priceOverTime and priceOverMarket both provide useful information, we will perform both. It is just as easy to combine these queries together as it was to compute both the correlation and the regression. The following program computes both:



Figure 2.3: Dependency graph for queries priceOverTime and priceOverMarket

Figure 2.3 shows the dependency graph for all queries. The nodes in this graph are the two input lists stock and index, each intermediate list, and the correlation and regression functions which summarise the list values. The edges are dependencies from one value to another; joined is computed by joining together the stock and index lists, so there are arrows from both stock and index to joined. The large boxes bisecting most of the nodes denote which nodes are defined inside the priceOverTime function and which are defined in priceOverMarket. This dependency graph is a directed acyclic graph: the nodes stock, timeprices, and prices have multiple children; joined has multiple parents. Having multiple children means a list is

mentioned multiple times, which generally corresponds to requiring multiple traversals of the list in a sequential evaluation.

Although a sequential evaluation of this list program requires multiple traversals of the input, we *can* rewrite it to be a single-pass streaming program. Our choice of streaming model dictates how difficult this rewrite will be.

2.2 PULL STREAMS

The first streaming model we look at are *pull streams*, which are also sometimes called iterators or cursors. The essence of a pull stream is that a consumer can *pull* on it to ask for the next value. We represent a pull stream as a function with no parameters which either returns a value, or returns Nothing when the stream is finished. Since the stream might want to read from a file or update some local state, the function is wrapped in IO:

```
data Pull a = Pull (IO (Maybe a))
```

With this stream representation, we can implement analogues of the list combinators used in the example queries. We can map a function over a pull stream like so:

```
map :: (a → b) → Pull a → Pull b

map a_to_b (Pull pull_a) = Pull pull_b

where

pull_b = do

maybe_a ← pull_a

return (case maybe_a of

Nothing → Nothing

Just a → Just (a_to_b a))
```

Between unwrapping and wrapping the Pull constructor, the map function takes a function pull_a to compute the input stream values, and returns a function pull_b to compute the transformed stream values. Whenever the consumer of map calls pull_b and asks for the next value, pull_b in turn calls pull_a asking for the next value. When the stream is not finished, we apply the transform function a_to_b to the pulled element and return the transformed element. In pull streams, consumers ask producers for the next value, and control flow bubbles up from consumer to producer.

We can also implement foldl. Because pull streams can perform effects such as reading from a file, the result type for foldl is now wrapped in I0:

```
foldl :: (b \rightarrow a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow Pull \ a \rightarrow I0 \ b

foldl k z (Pull \ pull_a) = loop \ z

where

loop \ state = do

maybe_a \leftarrow pull_a

case \ maybe_a \ of

Nothing \rightarrow return \ state

Just \ a \rightarrow loop \ (k \ state \ a)
```

This implementation of fold1 calls the local function loop with the initial state of z. The loop function repeatedly pulls from the pull function, pull_a, updating the state for every element.

Consuming a stream is an effectful operation. Every time we call the pull function we get the next element, which means the pull function must somehow keep track of which value it is up to. For example, a pull function which reads from a file holds a file-handle, which in turn references some mutable state about the file offset. Every time we read from the file, the file offset is incremented. If two consumers were to ask the same pull function for the next input one after another, they would get different elements of the stream.

```
correlation :: Pull (Double, Double) \rightarrow IO Double
regression :: Pull (Double, Double) \rightarrow IO Line
               :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow Ordering) \rightarrow Pull \ a \rightarrow Pull \ b \rightarrow Pull \ (a,b)
join comparekey (Pull pull_a) (Pull pull_b) = Pull (do
    a \leftarrow pull_a
    b \leftarrow pull_b
    go a b)
 where
  go (Just a) (Just b)
   = case comparekey a b of
        EQ \rightarrow return (Just (a,b))
        LT \rightarrow do
          a' ← pull_a
          go a' b
        GT \rightarrow do
          b' \leftarrow pull_b
          go a b'
  go _ _ = return Nothing
```

Listing 2.2: Pull stream combinators

Listing 2.2 shows the type signatures of the push stream versions of regression and correlation, as well as the implementation of the join combinator. The correlation and regression functions can be implemented much like their list versions, using the pull implementation of foldl.

The join function executes by reading a value from each input stream and comparing the values using the given comparison function. Both input streams are sorted by some key, which the comparison function extracts and compares. If the keys are equal, join returns the pair. Otherwise, join pulls again from the input stream with the smaller key: since both streams are sorted by the key, if one stream has a higher key than the other, it means the stream with the higher key does not have a corresponding value for the smaller key. In our priceOverMarket example, the files are sorted by date and the comparison function compares the dates. We can join the two files in a streaming manner because both input files are already sorted by date; if the files were not sorted by date, we would need to perform a non-streaming join, for example a hash-join, which stores the entirety of one input in a hashtable in memory.

We cannot naively translate the list version of priceOverTime to use these streaming combinators, because the list version required multiple traversals. The following program will not compute the correct result because it uses the timeprices stream twice:

```
priceOverTime_pull_bad :: Pull Record \rightarrow IO (Line, Double)

priceOverTime_pull_bad stock = do

let timeprices = Pull.map (\lambda r \rightarrow (daysSinceEpoch (time r), price r)) stock

r \leftarrow Pull.regression timeprices

c \leftarrow Pull.correlation timeprices

return (r, c)
```

Computing the regression pulls all the values from the timeprices stream and folds over them until the stream is exhausted. After computing the regression, the program computes the correlation of the same input stream. When the correlation tries to read the timeprices stream again, the stream has already been exhausted. For this reason, pull streams, as well as many other streaming models, require that streams are not used multiple times. In fact, in section 2.4 we shall see a streaming model which is more strict and requires that streams are used exactly once (*linearly*).

Some streaming representations allow streams to be *rewinded* so they may be read multiple times from the start. When a stream is read multiple times, all the effects and all the work that went into computing the stream the first time must be done a second time. Rewinding would allow this program to compute the correct result, but the file would be read from disk again.

Fortunately, because regression and correlation are both computed by folds, we can combine the two into a single fold. In the following program, the fold worker function both_k and seed both_z compute both regression and correlation at the same time:

```
regressionCorrelation_pull :: Pull (Double,Double) → IO (Line, Double)
regressionCorrelation_pull stream = do
    (r,c) ← Pull.foldl both_k both_z stream
    return (regression_x r, correlation_x c)
    where
    both_k (r,c) v = (regression_k r v, correlation_k c v)
    both_z = (regression_z, correlation_z)

priceOverTime_pull :: Pull Record → IO (Line, Double)
priceOverTime_pull stock = do
    let timeprices = Pull.map (λr → (daysSinceEpoch (time r), price r)) stock
regressionCorrelation_pull timeprices
```

This program computes the correct value. To write this version, we have had to manually look inside the definitions of correlation and regression and duplicate them. This was relatively easy because both use-sites were folds. This process of combining two folds into one is a simple instance of a transform known as *tupling*. Transforms such as (Hu et al., 1997, 2005; Chiba et al., 2010) can automatically perform tupling for some programs, but do not support combinators with multiple input streams such as join or append. We discuss tupling further in section 6.5.

Let us turn our attention to the second query, priceOverMarket. We can use the same function regressionCorrelation_pull that we used above, like so:

```
priceOverMarket_pull :: Pull Record \rightarrow Pull Record \rightarrow (Line, Double) priceOverMarket_pull stock index = let joined = Pull.join (\lambdas i \rightarrow time s `compare` time i) stock index let prices = Pull.map (\lambda(s,i) \rightarrow (price s, price i)) joined regressionCorrelation_pull prices
```

We now have pull stream implementations of both priceOverTime and priceOverMarket, but when we wish to compute both at the same time, we cannot simply pair them together as we did in the list implementation of priceAnalyses — this time because the stock stream is mentioned multiple times.

When we implemented the pull stream version of priceOverTime, we had to look at the two occurences where the timeprices stream had been used. We had to inline both places where the stream was used and manually write a new function to do the work of both. Both were fairly simple folds. Doing the same for priceAnalyses is more complicated: we would need to implement a special version of the join combinator used inside priceOverMarket, which not only joins the two input streams together, but also computes the regression and correlation of its stock stream at the same time.

It might appear that, since the joined stream contains pairs from both stock and index, we could use this to compute the correlation and regression of the the stock component alone. Such a query would be easier to combine with priceOverMarket, but this query would compute a different result, since the joined stream only contains elements from stock for which corresponding days exist in the index stream.

Pull streams are not helping us execute multiple queries at a time. If we wish to execute multiple queries in a single-pass, we need to be able to mention streams multiple times. To execute these shared streams, each time we read from a shared stream, we need some way to distribute this element among all of the shared stream's consumers.

2.2.1 Streaming overhead

This pull stream representation can incur some streaming overhead because of the allocated Maybe values. For simple combinators such as map, however, the overhead can be optimised

away. Consider the following function, which applies two functions to the elements in a stream:

```
map2 :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow Pull \ a \rightarrow Pull \ c

map2 f g stream_a

= let stream_b = Pull.map f stream_a

stream_c = Pull.map g stream_b
```

We could write this program in an equivalent way by composing the two functions together and performing a single map: $Pull.map (g \circ f)$ stream_a. Fortunately, after some optimisation, both programs incur the same amount of overhead. To demonstrate concretely the overhead of composing stream transformers, we take the definition of Pull.map and inline it into the usesites in bs and cs above. After removing some wrapping and unwrapping of Pull.map constructors, we have the following function:

```
map2 f g (Pull pull_a) = Pull pull_c
where

pull_b = do
    a ← pull_a
    return (case a of

        Nothing → Nothing
        Just a' → (Just (f a')))

pull_c = do
    b ← pull_b
    return (case b of

        Nothing → Nothing
        Just b' → (Just (g a')))
```

When we pull from pull_c, it asks pull_b for the next element, which in turn asks pull_a. When there is a stream element to process, pull_a constructs a Just containing the value and returns it to pull_b. This Just is then destructed by pull_b so the function f can be applied to the element, before wrapping the result in a new Just which is returned to pull_c. Now, pull_c must perform the same unwrapping and wrapping on the returned value, even though we statically know that when pull_a returns a Just, pull_b also returns a Just.

To take advantage of this knowledge and remove the superfluous wrapping and unwrapping, we first transform the program by inlining pull_b into where it is called in pull_c. Then, using the monad laws, we can rewrite the return statement containing the case expression from pull_b, nesting this case expression inside the scrutinee of the other case expression:

The nested case expression returns statically-known constructors of Nothing or Just, which the outer case expression immediately matches on. We remove the intermediate step using the *case-of-case* transform (Jones and Santos, 1998), which converts these nested case expressions to a single case expression:

By applying some standard program transformations, the two maps are combined into one, removing the overhead of additional constructors. Optimising compilers perform similar transforms as part of their suite of general purpose optimisations. In the pull stream representation used here, the filter combinator is expressed as a recursive function, which makes it harder to inline the definition and remove the overhead. In section 6.1 we discuss more sophisticated representations; for example in the Stream Fusion (Coutts et al., 2007) representation, filter is defined non-recursively to assist inlining. These more sophisticated representations of pull streams do not afford extra expressivity over the pull streams described above; the same set of combinators can be implemented with the same asymptotic space and time behaviour and improved constant factors.

2.3 PUSH STREAMS

Push streams are the conceptual dual of pull streams: rather than the consumer trying to pull from the producer, in push streams the producer pushes to the consumer. As we shall see, the advantage of push streams is that they enable stream elements to be shared among multiple consumers: a producer can push the same value to multiple consumers. This sharing of elements makes it easier to perform multiple queries over the same input stream.

A push stream is a function which accepts a (Maybe a) and performs some IO effect, for example writing to a file, or writing to some mutable state. This could be represented by the type (Maybe a \rightarrow IO ()), which is the dual of the pull stream (IO (Maybe a)). However, this representation provides no direct way to retrieve a result from a consumer: for example, the return value of our correlation or regression. This is a common enough use-case that it justifies a departure from the conceptual clarity of using the exact dual. We instead use the following representation:

```
data Push a r = Push

{ push :: a \rightarrow I0 ()

, done :: I0 r }
```

We augment the definition with an extra type parameter, r, for the result type. Since the result only becomes available at the end of the stream, we separate the two cases of the (Maybe a) argument into two functions, push and done. When we have a value we call push. When the stream is finished we call done to retrieve the result.

In this representation, it is the consumers that are values of type (Push a r): they are sinks into which we can push values of type a, and eventually get an r back. This inversion of pull streams results in a fundamental difference in how we program with push streams, and what we can express with push streams.

Although we use a slightly different representation, the push streams described here are analogous to the *sinks* described in Bernardy and Svenningsson (2015) and Lippmeier et al. (2016). In this thesis, we use the push/pull terminology of Kay (2009). However, the 'push' in 'push streams' is different from the 'push' in the 'push model' used for database execution, as described in Neumann (2011). In the *Neumann push model*, a stream producer is represented as a continuation which takes a sink to push values into. Once the consumer provides a sink, the producer repeatedly pushes all its values to the provided sink. The control-flow for the

Neumann push model is the same as for *push arrays*, as described in Claessen et al. (2012). Like pull streams, the Neumann push model does not support executing multiple queries concurrently; unlike pull streams, the Neumann push model does not support combinators with multiple inputs except append. For now, we are interested in executing multiple queries; we defer further discussion of the Neumann push model to section 6.6.

We cannot map a function over the elements in push streams in the way that we would with lists or pull streams, because the definition of (Push a r) uses the stream element type a as the input to a function, making the stream element contravariant. Instead, we implement contravariant-map, or contramap, like so:

```
contramap :: (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow Push \ b \ r \rightarrow Push \ a \ r
contramap a_to_b bs = Push push_a done_a

where

push_a a = push bs (a_to_b a)

done_a = done bs
```

The contramap function takes a function to convert values of type a to values of type b and a sink to push values of type b to, returning a sink which can receive values of type a. When a producer tries to push an input value into the returned stream, the push_a function converts this to a value of type b and pushes it further on to the consumer of b. Unlike with pull streams, a push consumer has no way of choosing among multiple inputs. The producer is in control while the consumer passively waits for its next input value.

We *do* in fact have a regular (covariant) map function for push streams, but this transforms the stream result rather than the input elements:

```
map_result :: (r \rightarrow r') \rightarrow Push \ a \ r \rightarrow Push \ a \ r'
map_result r_to_r' push_a = Push (push push_a) done_a'
where
done_a' = do
r \leftarrow done \ push_a
return (r_to_r' \ r)
```

The type of fold1 for push streams is similar to pull streams, except instead of taking the pull stream to read from, it returns a push stream which will eventually return the result. The return value is in 10 because we use a mutable reference to store the current state, which must be allocated before returning the stream. As values are pushed into the sink, the mutable reference containing the seed is updated with the current result of the fold:

```
foldl :: (b → a → b) → b → IO (Push a b)

foldl k z = do

  ref ← newIORef z

let push_a a = do

    state ← readIORef ref

    writeIORef ref (k state a)

let done_a = readIORef ref

return (Push push_a done_a)
```

As before, we can use this foldl function to implement correlation and regression.

In order to share a stream between multiple consumers, we need some way to broadcast messages and push each element to many consumers. We can broadcast to two consumers by combining two consumers into one before connecting it to a producer. The following function, dup_ooo, duplicates a stream among two consumers, and returns a pair containing both results. We call this operation dup_ooo because it *dup*licates elements into two *o*utput sinks (push

streams), returning a new *o*utput sink; the reason for this name will become apparent when we see other ways to duplicate streams in section 2.4.

```
dup_ooo :: Push a r → Push a r' → Push a (r,r')
dup_ooo a1 a2 = Push push_a done_a
where
   push_a a = do
    push a1 a
   push a2 a

done_a = do
   r ← done a1
   r' ← done a2
   return (r, r')
```

We could also use the applicative functor instance for push streams to combine consumers together, specifying how to transform and combine the results. The applicative functor implementation is similar to the dup_ooo function specified above. This dup_ooo function could then be written equivalently as $(dup_ooo a1 a2 = (,) < a1 < a2)$.

We can use dup_ooo and contramap to implement unzip, which deconstructs a stream of pairs into a pair of streams:

```
unzip :: Push a r \rightarrow Push b r' \rightarrow Push (a,b) (r,r')
unzip push_a push_b = dup_ooo (contramap fst push_a) (contramap snd push_b)
```

Pairs of a and b flow from the returned push stream into the argument streams; when there are no more input pairs, the stream results are paired together and flow from the argument streams to the returned stream. This inverted control flow is because the stream elements are contravariant and the stream results are covariant.

With these combinators, we can write the priceOverTime query using push streams:

```
priceOverTime_push :: IO (Push Record (Line,Double))

priceOverTime_push = do

reg ← Push.regression

cor ← Push.correlation

let cm = Push.contramap

(λr → (daysSinceEpoch (time r), price r))

(Push.dup_ooo reg cor)

return cm
```

This program computes both correlation and regression in a streaming fashion. In comparison to the list version of priceOverTime, we have explicitly combined both consumers and reversed the control flow. We shall see more examples of push programs in chapter 3.

We cannot implement priceOverMarket with push streams alone, because it requires joining two input streams by date. Recall the join combinator, which takes two input streams and retrieves a value from each. At every step the combinator chooses which stream to pull from, pulling on the stream with the smaller value. With push streams, a consumer cannot choose which input stream to pull from, or when: the consumer is a function waiting to be called with its input, always ready to accept values as they come.

This inability to join two streams by date is a symptom of a more general limitation of push streams. Push streams also cannot implement zip, which pairs two inputs together, because the consumer needs to control the computation to alternate between each input. Except for one special case, push streams do not support combinators with multiple inputs. The special case is that a push stream can react to multiple inputs in the order they are received. As a list program, this is similar to taking two lists and at each step non-deterministically choosing which list to pull an element from. In certain circumstances we can control the push order and use this merge to append two streams. Because the push order is controlled outside of

the merge, appending two streams in this way separates the append logic from the merge combinator which defines the appended stream.

2.4 POLARISED STREAMS

Stream sharing allows push streams to support multiple queries by broadcasting the elements to multiple consumers, but they do not support multiple inputs; pull streams support multiple inputs, but they do not support multiple queries (Kay, 2009). Combining pull and push streams in the form of *polarised streams* allows us to support multiple inputs and multiple queries (Lippmeier et al., 2016).

Although we cannot share the elements of a pull stream among multiple pull consumers, we can share the elements of a pull stream among one push consumer and one pull consumer. We call this operation dup_ioi because it *dup*licates an *i*nput source (pull) into an *o*utput sink (push), returning a new *i*nput source (pull):

```
dup_ioi_ignore_result :: Pull a → Push a r → Pull a

dup_ioi_ignore_result (Pull pull_a) push_b = Pull pull_a'

where

pull_a' = do

v ← pull_a

case v of

Nothing → do

_ ← done push_b

return Nothing

Just a → do

push push_b a

return (Just a)
```

We achieve this duplication by constructing a pull stream which, when pulled on, pulls from its source push_a, pushes the value to sink push_b, and returns the value to the caller. The result of the push stream is ignored because the pull stream representation has no way to return a result at the end of the stream.

Encoding the result of a stream inside the stream itself is not important for single-consumer pull streams, because it is usually the consumer of the stream that computes the result. When mixing stream representations to allow multiple consumers, however, we need to be able to capture the result of all the consumers. We extend the pull stream representation so that instead of returning a Maybe with Nothing to signal the end of the stream, streams now return an Either with (Left a) to signal an element and (Right r) to signal the result at the end of the stream:

```
data PullResult a r = PullResult (IO (Either a r))
```

With this extended pull stream representation, we can implement a version of dup_ioi that keeps the results of the input stream and the output stream, and pairs them together:

```
dup_ioi :: PullResult a r → Push a r' → PullResult a (r,r')
dup_ioi (PullResult pull_a) push_b = PullResult pull_a'
where
pull_a' = do
v ← pull_a
case v of
Right r → do
r' ← done push_b
return (Right (r,r'))
Left a → do
push push_b a
return (Left a)
```

Modifying dup_ioi_ignore_result to work on the new representation only required changing the constructors for the stream and adding the return value; other combinators are modified similarly. We use the same naming convention for suffixes, for example map_i for mapping pull streams, and map_o for contravariantly mapping push streams. When consuming a pull stream by folding over it, we return the fold result as well as the stream result. The type signature for foldl_i changes to include the stream result; the implementation change is similar to the change for dup_ioi:

```
foldl_i :: (b \rightarrow a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b \rightarrow PullResult a r \rightarrow IO (b,r)
```

We can also convert a pull stream to a push stream: we call this operation *draining* the pull stream. To drain a stream, we loop over all the values in the pull stream and push each one into the push stream. At the end, we return a pair of the results of both streams:

```
drain_io :: Pull a r → Push a r' → IO (r, r')

drain_io (Pull pull_a) push_a = loop

where

loop = do

v ← pull_a

case v of

Left a → do

push push_a a

Right r → do

r' ← done push_a

return (r, r')
```

We can combine drain_io and dup_ooo together to duplicate a pull stream into two push streams, which we call dup_ioo:

```
dup_ioo :: Pull a r \rightarrow Push a r' \rightarrow Push a r'' \rightarrow IO (r,(r',r'')) dup_ioo pull0 push1 push2 = drain_io pull0 (dup_ooo push1 push2)
```

We can also implement dup_oii by flipping the arguments of dup_ioi, and compose the various dup functions together to duplicate an arbitrary number of outputs. With dup_ioi, dup_oii, dup_ioo and dup_ooo, we can duplicate a stream when there is no more than one pull consumer. Joining multiple input streams together, as in the join combinator, is the dual: there can be no more than one push producer. Recall that the join combinator required both inputs to be pull streams, and could not be implemented with push streams alone. With the polarised naming convection, this version of join is called join_iii. Because the input streams have result values, we ensure that the joined stream's result contains the results of both inputs. To compute both results, when one stream ends before the other we drain the unfinished stream until we reach the result. Other than this draining, the implementation of join_iii shown in listing 2.3 follows the implementation of join.

We can also join two streams when one is a pull stream and the other is a push stream: this is called join_ioo. Conceptually, this combinator has an input pull stream of type a and an input push stream of type b, with an output push stream of pairs of a and b. The definition for join_ioo is given in listing 2.4. The output push stream is given as an argument while the input push stream is the return value.

In the implementation of join_ioo, the returned push stream accepts values of type b. When a new value is pushed, it repeatedly reads values from the input pull stream until the pulled value is equal to or greater than the pushed value using the given ordering function to compare the keys. When the ordering function says the two keys are equal, it pushes the pair to the output stream. When the pull stream ends before the push stream, this implementation reads the end of the pull stream multiple times; the pull stream always returns the stream

```
join_iii :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow Ordering) \rightarrow PullResult a r
           \rightarrow PullResult b r'
                                         → PullResult (a,b) (r,r')
join_iii comparekey (PullResult pull_a) (PullResult pull_b) = PullResult (do
    \mathsf{a} \, \leftarrow \, \mathsf{pull\_a}
   b \leftarrow pull_b
    go a b)
 where
  go (Left a) (Left b)
   = case comparekey a b of
       EQ \rightarrow return (Left (a,b))
       LT \rightarrow do
          a' \; \leftarrow \; pull\_a
          go a' b
       \mathsf{GT}\,\to\,\mathsf{do}
          b' \; \leftarrow \; pull\_b
          go a b'
  go (Right a) (Right b) = return (Right (a,b))
  go (Left _{-}) (Right _{-}) = do
     a' ← pull_a
     go a' (Right b)
  go (Right a) (Left _{-}) = do
     b' \leftarrow pull_b
     go (Right a) b'
```

Listing 2.3: Polarised implementation of join_iii

```
join\_ioo :: (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow Ordering) \rightarrow PullResult a r
            \rightarrow Push (a,b) r' \rightarrow Push b (r,r')
join_ioo comparekey (PullResult pull_a) push_ab = Push push_b done_b
 where
  push_b b = do
     a \leftarrow pull_a
     case a of
      Left a' \rightarrow case comparekey a b of
                \rightarrow push push_ab (a,b)
       LT
                \rightarrow push_b b
       GT
               → return ()
      Right \_ \rightarrow \text{return} ()
  done_b = do
     a \leftarrow pull_a
     case a of
      \texttt{Left} \ \_ \ \to \ \texttt{done\_b}
      Right a' \rightarrow do
        b \leftarrow done push_ab
       return (a,b)
```

Listing 2.4: Polarised implementation of join_ioo

result after the end of the stream. Other multiple-input combinators can be inverted similarly to support pull-push-push (_ioo) and push-pull-push (_oio) versions.

We can implement the two priceAnalyses queries, priceOverTime and priceOverMarket, by mixing pull and push streams. We assign a polarity of push or pull to all streams in both queries, starting with the input streams. Figure 2.4 shows the dependency graph with polarised combinators and explicit duplications. The polarity of each stream is depicted as a filled or unfilled circle. Filled circles • represent pull streams because they always contain the next value or the result. Unfilled circles • represent push streams because they are a hole which values can be pushed into.

We begin by classifying both input streams as pull streams: we can convert pull streams into push streams but not vice versa. The stock input stream is used twice, so at least one of the use-sites must be push. Since we were able to express priceOverTime entirely as a push stream, we duplicate stock into a push stream for priceOverTime and a pull stream for



Figure 2.4: Polarised dependency graph for priceOverTime and priceOverMarket

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priceOverMarket. For priceOverMarket, we can join both pull streams and map over it. To compute both regression and correlation, one of the folds must be a push; in this case either consumer can be pull or push. The decision is inconsequential. There are many ways to assign polarities to this program, but they all compute the same result.

Listing 2.5 shows the implementation of this polarised dependency graph for priceOverTime and priceOverMarket. This streaming single-pass implementation requires more complex control-flow than the list version. Stream elements flow "backwards" from function result to argument in the places where push streams are used, and flow "forwards" where pull streams are used. When a pull stream is duplicated into a push stream, the stream results for the push stream are nested inside the resulting pull stream; recovering these results requires pattern-matching on the nested tuple.

Assigning polarities is a global analysis, in that we need to inspect the dependency graph containing all queries, rather than looking at each query or each combinator in isolation. If we add a new query to priceAnalyses, we need to consider the existing polarities when assigning polarities to the new query. Suppose we have an *industry index* which, like the market index, contains average prices of representative subset of stocks. For lists, we can reuse the priceOverMarket query to compute how closely our stock follows the industry. For polarised streams, we cannot reuse priceOverMarket_ii in priceAnalyses_ii to compare the stock against both indices, because this would require duplicating the stock stream into two pull consumers. We need to implement another version of the same query with different polarities: priceOverMarket_oi. Polarised streams are not composible and can require code duplication.

2.4.1 Diamonds and cycles

Recall that the definition of correlation takes a list of pairs of doubles and performs a fold over them. We could have also written correlation to take two lists of doubles and pairing

```
priceOverTime_o :: IO (Push Record (Line,Double))
priceOverTime_o = do
  pot_regres ← regression_o
  pot_correl ← correlation_o
               = Push.dup_ooo reg cor
  let folds
  let timeprices = map_o (\lambda r \rightarrow (daysSinceEpoch (time r), price r)) folds
  return timeprices
priceOverMarket_ii :: PullResult Record r \rightarrow PullResult Record r'
                    \rightarrow IO (Line, (Double, (r,r')))
priceOverMarket_ii stock index = do
  let joined = join_iii (\lambdas i \rightarrow time s `compare` time i) stock index
                          (\lambda(s,i) \rightarrow (price s, price i)) joined
  let prices = map_i
  pom_regres ← regression_o
  let prices' = dup_ioi prices pom_regres
  correlation_i prices'
priceAnalyses_ii :: PullResult Record r \rightarrow PullResult Record r'
                 → IO ((Line, Double), (Line, Double))
priceAnalyses_ii stock index = do
              ← priceOverTime_o
  let stock' = dup_ioi stock pot
  result
            ← priceOverMarket_ii stock' index
  case result of
    (potC,(potR,((r,(pomC,pomR)),r'))) \rightarrow
      return ((potC,potR), (pomC,pomR))
```

Listing 2.5: Polarised implementation of priceOverTime and priceOverMarket

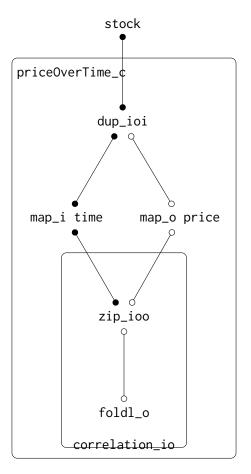


Figure 2.5: Polarised dependency graph with diamond

the elements together before folding them. When correlating values from the same input list, the list-of-pairs version requires one fewer intermediate list; when correlating values from different lists, the pair-of-lists version is slightly more convenient. Which version is preferable depends on the situation, but the difference is usually minor.

With polarised streams, we cannot execute priceOverTime with the pair-of-lists version, although we can assign polarities. Figure 2.5 shows a polarised graph for a version of priceOverTime that only computes the correlation and uses zip. The zip_ioo combinator, implemented in listing 2.6, is similar to the join_ioo combinator; it has an input pull, an input push, and an output push. When the input push stream receives a value, zip_ioo reads from the pull stream and sends the pair to the output push stream.

```
zip_ioo :: PullResult a r → Push (a,b) r' → Push b (r,r')
zip_ioo (Pull pull_a) push_ab = Push push_b done_b
where
push_b b = do
    a ← pull_a
    case a of
    Left a' → push push_ab (a',b)
    Right _ → return ()
done_b = do
    a ← pull_a
    case a of
    Left _ → done_b
    Right r → do
    r' ← done push_ab
    return (r,r')
```

Listing 2.6: Polarised implementation of zip_ioo

Although it is not obvious from the polarised dependency graph, the combinators have a recursive dependency on each other. The polarised diagram shows *elements* flowing down, but the *control flow* for push streams is upwards. With downward arrows for pull streams and upward arrows for push streams, there is a cycle between dup_ioi, zip_ioo and the two maps. This cycle complicates translating the graph to an implementation.

The incomplete implementation in listing 2.7 also demonstrates the recursive dependency between stock', times, prices and cor. The priceOverTime_c function defines a set of stream transformers, but we have no way to execute this stream transformer and extract the result. The incomplete implementation constructs a stream transformer, but does not directly compute the stream result. All the combinators are *passive combinators*, constructing a stream transformer that responds to push or pull requests rather than actively pulling or pushing. *Active combinators* like drain_io and foldl_i actively consume pull streams rather than transforming them, and return an IO action containing the stream result. Without an active combinator, the query will not execute. Active combinators can consume pull streams and output to push streams. Active combinators cannot actively consume push streams, because the control

Listing 2.7: Incomplete polarised implementation of priceOverTime_c

flow for push streams is in the producer. Similarly, they cannot actively produce pull streams. None of the combinators in this query can be implemented as active combinators because they all consume push streams or produce pull streams. Instead we must hand-optimise the program, combining the duplicate, maps and zip into one combinator, as in the original version of priceOverTime.

2.5 KAHN PROCESS NETWORKS

The three streaming models we have seen - pull, push, and polarised streams - differ in where the computation is controlled. In pull streams, the consumer controls the computation. In push streams, the producer controls the computation. In polarised streams, the active combinator, which may be a pull consumer and a push producer, controls the computation. All these systems have one place controlling the computation. When we have multiple queries to execute, it can be hard to choose just one combinator to control the entire computation.

An alternate streaming model, which allows many places to control the computation and supports executing multiple queries, is a *Kahn process network*. A Kahn process network is a concurrent process network with restrictions to ensure deterministic execution. Each combinator inside each query becomes a communicating process in the network. Processes communicate through input channels which they can pull values from, and output channels which they can push values to. Each process can have multiple inputs and outputs, and the process chooses the order to pull from its inputs and push to its outputs.

Concurrent programs can be hard to write and debug because the schedule, which specifies how processes are interleaved during execution, depends on the environment. Because the environment is not controlled by the processes themselves, we say the schedule is chosen non-deterministically. Likewise, if a program gives different results for different schedules, we say the result is non-deterministic. Kahn process networks are a restricted form of static process network that ensures that processes compute the same result across different schedules (Kahn et al., 1976): the schedule may be chosen non-deterministically, but the result is still deterministic. Kahn process networks ensure deterministic results by imposing restrictions on how processes communicate so that scheduling decisions cannot be observed. All communication between processes is through first-in-first-out channels. Processes with shared mutable state can non-deterministically compute different results: if one process were reading from mutable state while another were writing a new value, the reading process may get the old value or new value, depending on how the processes were scheduled. Restricting all communication to go through channels outlaws processes from communicating via shared mutable state. Reading from channels is blocking: processes are not allowed to peek at a channel to see whether there are waiting values, because another process might be waiting to be scheduled and about to push a new value. Channels are written to by a single process, broadcasting each value to all consumers of the channel. Only one process is allowed to push to a channel: if two

Listing 2.8: Types and combinators for Kahn process networks

processes were able to push to the same channel at the same time, the scheduler would have to decide the order the values were received.

With Kahn process networks, we can implement a process which joins sorted streams by pulling from each input channel as in the join combinator, and we can share streams among multiple consumers because pushed values are broadcast to each consumer. We can also convert both push streams and pull streams to processes.

Kahn process networks can use bounded channels to ensure communication between processes executes in bounded memory. Kahn process networks with bounded channels still compute results deterministically, but can introduce *artificial deadlocks* when the computation would succeed with a sufficiently large buffer, but the given bounds are too small. There are dynamic algorithms to identify artificial deadlocks at runtime and resolve them by increasing buffer sizes (Parks, 1995; Geilen and Basten, 2003).

Listing 2.8 shows the datatypes and type signatures of a Kahn process network implementation. We leave discussion of the implementation for chapter 4, and for now focus solely on

this simplified version of the interface. The Channel type denotes a communication channel between processes. The Network monad describes how to construct a process network; execution is deferred until after the entire network has been constructed. The map and join combinators have type signatures similar to the list versions, with lists replaced by Channels and the return value inside the Network monad.

Because execution is deferred, the foldl combinator cannot return the fold result immediately; the result is wrapped in a Result type. The Result type describes the result of executing a process network; it is a promise that the value will be available after all the processes in the network finish. The Result has an applicative functor instance, allowing multiple results to be combined together. The execute function takes a process network description containing the result promise, and executes the processes before extracting the result.

Listing 2.9 shows the priceAnalyses queries implemented as a Kahn process network. There are some differences from the list version: the process network is constructed inside the Network monad and the results are paired together using Result applicative functor instance. The conversion here from list to process network is almost a purely syntactic transform, in contrast to the polarity analysis required for polarised streams.

Concurrent process networks have the desired high-level semantics for executing concurrent queries, but they do not provide the ideal execution strategy. In section 2.2.1, we saw that communication between pull stream combinators involves allocating a Maybe value, which can sometimes be removed by general purpose compiler optimisations. Communication between processes requires more overhead than allocating Maybe values, and is not removed by general purpose optimisations. To send a value from one process to another, the sending process must generally lock the communication channel to ensure it is the only process with access to the channel before copying the value into a buffer where it can be read by the other process. Concurrent process network implementations often amortise the cost of communication by *chunking* messages together: instead of sending many messages with one value in each, chun-

```
correlation :: Channel (Double, Double) → Network (Result Double)
regression :: Channel (Double, Double) \rightarrow Network (Result Line)
priceOverTime :: Channel Record → Network (Result (Line, Double)
priceOverTime stock = do
  timeprices \leftarrow map (\lambda r \rightarrow (daysSinceEpoch (time r), price r)) stock
              \leftarrow regression timeprices
              \leftarrow correlation timeprices
  return ((,) < r < r < c)
priceOverMarket :: Channel Record → Channel Record → Network (Result (Line,Double))
priceOverMarket stock index = do
  joined \leftarrow join (\lambdas i \rightarrow time s 'compare' time i) stock index
  prices \leftarrow map (\lambda(s,i) \rightarrow (price s, price i)) joined
         ← regression prices
         \leftarrow correlation prices
  return ((,) < r < *> c)
\verb|priceAnalyses|:: Channel Record| \to Channel Record
               → Network (Result ((Line,Double),(Line,Double)))
priceAnalysis stock index = do
  pot ← priceOverTime stock
  pom ← priceOverMarket stock index
  return ((,) <$> pot <*> pom)
```

Listing 2.9: Implementation of priceAnalyses queries as a Kahn process network

ked communication sends one message containing an array of values. Chunking reduces the cost of sending messages, but increases memory and cache pressure. Chunk size determines how many communications are saved, so larger chunks mean less communication overhead. However, larger chunks also mean that each chunk array requires more memory and are less likely to fit in cache. Since each channel between processes requires its own chunk, larger process networks have more chunks in memory at the same time. The optimal chunk size is a trade-off between communication overhead and memory usage, which is usually found by experimentation.

From a functional programming perspective, small, fine-grained processes like those used in our example are desirable because they allow us to write a process for each combinator and compose them together. From an execution perspective, however, when fine-grained processes perform more communication than computational work, the overall performance is determined by synchronisation and scheduling overheads (Chen et al., 1990). We can reduce the amount of communication by combining multiple connected processes together into one larger process. The combined process performs the task of multiple individual processes, but communicates by local variables instead of channels. In chapter 4 we describe an algorithm to combine processes together to reduce overhead. For priceAnalysis, our algorithm can combine all the processes together into a single processes. A single process executes sequentially; fusing the entire network into a single process removes any potential speedup from parallelism, but in our benchmarks in chapter 5, the sequential version is faster than the concurrent version even with several processors. Often, a well-optimised sequential implementation of a program will consume significantly less power and cost less to run than a parallel implementation (McSherry et al., 2015).

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2.6 SUMMARY

We have seen the relative advantages of various streaming models. Pull streams support multiple inputs, and can take advantage of an optimising compiler to reduce overhead. Push streams support multiple queries, and are written back-to-front with explicit duplication for sharing streams. Polarised streams support multiple inputs and multiple queries, require polarity analysis of the entire dependency graph, and are written partially back-to-front and partially front-to-back. Kahn process networks support multiple inputs and multiple queries, and concurrent execution involves communication overhead.

In the next chapter we will see Icicle, a language for specifying push stream queries (chapter 3). Icicle queries are written front-to-back, and streams can be shared without requiring explicit duplication. Queries are compiled to folds over push streams which can be executed concurrently. After looking at Icicle, we shall see how Kahn process networks can be executed efficiently by fusing processes together (chapter 4).

CHAPTER 3

ICICLE, A LANGUAGE FOR PUSH QUERIES

This chapter presents Icicle, a domain-specific language for writing queries as push streams. This work was first published as (Robinson and Lippmeier, 2016) and was performed during an internship at a machine-learning company called Ambiata. At Ambiata, we perform feature generation for machine-learning applications by executing many thousands of simple queries over terabytes worth of compressed data. For such applications we must automatically fuse these separate queries and be sure that the result can be executed in a single pass over the input. We also ingest tens of gigabytes of new data per day, and must incrementally update existing features without recomputing them all from scratch. Our feature generation process is executed in parallel on hundreds of nodes on a cloud based system, and if we performed neither fusion nor incremental update then the cost of the computation would begin to exceed the salaries of the developers.

The contributions of this chapter are:

- We motivate the use of Icicle by extending the previous "gold-panning" queries (section 3.1);
- We present Icicle, a domain specific language that guarantees any set of queries on a shared input table can be fused, and allows the query results to be updated as new data is received (section 3.2.5);

¹ In 2018 this was a lot of data.

- We present a fold-based intermediate language, which allows the query fusion transformation to be a simple matter of appending two intermediate programs, and exposes opportunities for common subexpression elimination (section 3.3);
- We present production benchmarks of Icicle compiled code (section 3.4).

3.1 GOLD PANNING WITH ICICLE

In the following example queries, we extend the daily stock price records from section 2.1 to contain the open price and the close price for the day. As Icicle uses push streams, the queries we write have a single input stream of the prices for a particular company; Icicle cannot express the priceOverMarket example, which contains multiple input streams. Suppose we want to compute the number of days where the open price exceeded the close price, and vice versa. We also want the mean of the open price for days in which the open price exceeded the close price. In Icicle we write the three queries as follows:

```
table stocks { open : Int, close : Int }
query

more = filter open > close of count;
less = filter open < close of count;
mean = filter open > close of sum open / count;
```

In the above code, open > close and close < open are filter predicates, and count counts how many times the predicate is true. The input table, stocks, defines the open and close prices as Ints. In Icicle, input tables have an implicit time field and the input stream is sorted chronologically.

We can express the same three queries using the push streams from section 2.3, as in the following program:

Despite the syntactic differences, the two programs have roughly the same structure in terms of the three queries. The three instances of count are constructed as monadic IO operations, because each count uses a separate mutable reference. The applicative functor syntax is used to divide the sum by the count in the mean query, because the division is performed on the result of the push stream. Icicle does not use the applicative syntax as it uses a modal type system to infer which computations are performed on the result of the stream, as described in section 3.2.6.

In this example, both more and mean compute the count with the same filter predicate. When the same computation is used by multiple queries, we would like to compute the value only once and share the result among all the queries that use it. Common subexpression elimination (CSE) removes some duplicate computations but, as its name suggests, it is limited to structural subexpressions (Chitil, 1997b). Neither of the filtered counts is a subexpression of the other, so CSE will not remove the duplicate computation. In Icicle we remove this duplicate work by first converting queries to an intermediate language, described in section 3.3. This intermediate language decomposes the query into individual folds, exposing the opportunities for common subexpression elimination.

If we were using an existing database implementation, we could convert all three queries to a single query in a back-end language like SQL, but doing so by hand is tedious and error prone. As the three queries use different filter predicates, we cannot use a single SELECT statement and a WHERE expression to implement the filter. We must instead lift each predicate to an expression-level conditional and compute the count by summing the conditional:

```
SELECT SUM(IF(open > close, 1, 0))
   , SUM(IF(open < close, 1, 0))
   , SUM(IF(open > close, open, 0))
   / SUM(IF(open > close, 1, 0))
FROM stocks;
```

Joint queries such as the stocks example can be evaluated in a streaming, incremental fashion, which allows the result to be updated as we receive new data. As a counter-example, suppose we have a table with two fields key and value, and we wish to find the mean of values whose key matches the last one in the table. We might try something like:

Unfortunately, although the *result* we desire is computable, the *algorithm* implied by the above query cannot be evaluated incrementally. When we are streaming through the table we always have access to the last key in the stream, but finding the rows that match this key requires streaming the table again from the start. We need a better solution.

Icicle is related to stream processing languages such as Lucy (Mandel et al., 2010) and Streamit (Thies et al., 2002), except we forgo the need for clock and deadlock analysis. Icicle is also related to work on continuous queries (Arasu et al., 2003), where query results are updated as rows are inserted into the source table, except we can also compute arbitrary reductions and do not need to handle deleted source rows. We discuss these points in more detail in section 3.5. Our implementation is available at https://github.com/amosr/icicle. This implementation is used in the production machine-learning pipeline at Ambiata.

3.2 ELEMENTS AND AGGREGATES

To allow incremental computation, all Icicle queries must execute in a single pass over the input stream. Sadly, not all queries *can* be executed in a single pass: the key examples are queries that require random access indexing, or otherwise need to access data in an order different to what the stream provides. However, as we saw in the introduction, although a particular *algorithm* may be impossible to evaluate in a streaming fashion, the desired *value* may well be computable, if only we had a different algorithm. Here is the unstreamable example from the introduction again:

The problem is that the value of last key is only available once we have reached the end of the stream, but filter needs this value to process the very first element in the same stream. We distinguish between these two access patterns by giving them different names: we say that last key is an *aggregate*, because to compute it we must have consumed the *entire stream*, whereas the filter predicate is an *element*-wise computation because it only needs access to the current element in the stream.

The trick to compute our average in a streaming fashion is to recognise that filter is selecting a particular subset of values from the input, but the value computed from this subset depends only on the values in that subset, and no other information. Instead of computing the mean of a single subset whose identity is only known at the end of the stream, we can instead compute the mean of *all possible subsets*, and return the required one once we know what that is:

```
table kvs { key : Date; value : Int }
query avg = let k = last key in
    let avgs = group key of mean value
    in lookup k avgs
```

Here we use the group construct to assign key-value pairs to groups as we obtain them, and compute the running mean of the values of each group. The avgs value becomes a map of group keys to their running means. Once we reach the end of the stream we will have access to the last key and can lookup the final result. Evaluation and typing rules are defined in section 3.2.5, while the user functions last and mean are defined in section 3.3.

3.2.1 The stage restriction

To ensure that Icicle queries can be evaluated in a single pass, we use a modal type system inspired by staged computation (Davies and Pfenning, 2001). We use two modalities, Element and Aggregate. Values of type Element τ are taken from the input stream on a per-element basis, whereas values of type Aggregate τ are available only once the entire stream has been consumed. In the expression (filter (key == k) of mean value), the variable key has type Element Date while k has type Aggregate Date. Attempting to compile the unstreamable query in Icicle will produce a type error complaining that elements cannot be compared with aggregates.

Note that the types of pure values such as constants are automatically promoted to the required modality. For example, if we have open == 1 and open : Element Int then the constant 1 is automatically promoted to have type Element Int as well.

3.2.2 Finite streams and synchronous data flow

In contrast to synchronous data flow languages such as Lustre (Halbwachs et al., 1991), the streams processed by Icicle are conceptually finite in length. Icicle is fundamentally a query language, which queries finite tables of data held in a non-volatile store, but does so in a streaming manner. Lustre operates on conceptually infinite streams, such as those found in real-time control systems (like to fly aeroplanes). In Icicle, the "last" element in a stream is the last one that appears in the table on disk. In Lustre, the "last" element in a stream is the one that was most recently received. If the unstreamable query from section 3.2 were converted to Lustre syntax then it would execute, but the filter predicate would compare the last key with the most recent key from the stream, which is the key itself. The filter predicate would always

be true, and the query would return the mean of the entire stream. Applying the Icicle type system to our queries imposes the natural stage restriction associated with finite streams, so there are distinct "during" (element) and "after" (aggregate) stages.

3.2.3 Incremental update

Suppose we query a large table and record the result. Tomorrow morning we receive more data and add it to the table. We would like to update the result without needing to process all data from the start of the table. We can do this by remembering the values of all intermediate aggregates that were computed in the query, and updating them as new data arrives. In the avg example from section 3.2 these aggregates are k and avgs.

We also provide impure contextual information to the query such as the current date, by assigning it an aggregate type. As element-wise computations cannot depend on aggregate computations we ensure that reused parts of an incremental computation are the same regardless of which day they are executed.

3.2.4 Bounded buffer restriction

Icicle queries process tables of arbitrary size that may not fit in memory. As with other streaming models, each query must execute without requiring buffer space proportional to the size of the input. As a counter-example, here is a simple list function which cannot be executed in a streaming manner without reserving a buffer of the same size as the input:

```
unbounded :: [Int] \rightarrow [(Int,Int)]
unbounded xs = zip (filter (> 0) xs) (filter (< 0) xs)
```

This function takes an input list xs, and pairs the elements that are greater than zero with those that are less than zero. If we try to convert this computation to a single-pass streaming implementation, it requires an unbounded buffer: if the stream contains n positive values followed by n negative values, then all positive values must be buffered until we reach the negative ones, which allow output to be produced.

In Icicle, queries that would require unbounded buffering are statically outlawed by the type system, with one major caveat that we will discuss in a moment. Because Icicle is based on push streams (section 2.3), the stream being processed (such as xs above) is implicit in each query. Constructs such as filter and fold do not take the name of the stream as an argument, but instead operate on the stream defined in the context. Icicle language constructs describe how elements from the stream should be aggregated, but the order in which those elements are aggregated is implicit, rather than being definable by the body of the query. In the expression (filter p of mean value), the term mean value is applied to stream values which satisfy the predicate p, but the values to consider are supplied by the context.

Finally, our major caveat is that the group construct we used in section 3.2 uses space proportional to the number of distinct *keys* in the input stream. For our applications the keys are commonly company names, customer names, and days of the year. Our production system knows that these types are bounded in size and that maps from keys to values will fit easily in memory. Attempting to group by values of a type with an unbounded number of members, such as a Real or String results in a compile-time warning.

3.2.5 Source language

The grammar for Icicle is given in figure 3.1. Value types (T) include numbers, booleans and maps; some types such as Real and String are omitted. Modal types (M) include the pure value types, and modalities associated with a value type. Function types (F) include functions

```
T
         ::= Int | Bool | Map T T | (T \times T)
         ::= T \mid Element T \mid Aggregate T
M
         ::= \overline{(M)} \rightarrow M
         := table x \{ (\overline{x : T;}) \}
Table
Exp, e ::= x \mid V \mid Prim \overline{Exp} \mid x \overline{Exp}
           | let x = Exp in Exp
           | fold x = Exp then Exp
              filter Exp of Exp
                            Exp of Exp
               group
Prim, p ::= (+) | (-) | (*) | (/) | (==) | (/=) | (<) | (>) | (,)
           | lookup|fst|snd
V, v
         ::= \mathbb{N} \mid \mathbb{B} \mid \{V \Rightarrow V\} \mid (V \times V)
         ::= function f(x:M) = Exp
Def
          | query x = Exp
         ::= Table; \overline{Def};
Тор
```

Figure 3.1: Icicle grammar

with any number of modal type arguments to a modal return type. As Icicle is a first-order language, function types are not value types.

Table definitions (*Table*) define a table name and the names and types of columns. Expressions (*Exp*) include variable names, constants, applications of primitives and functions. The fold construct defines the name of an accumulator, the expression for the initial value, and the expression used to update the accumulator for each element of the stream. The filter construct defines a predicate and an expression to accumulate values for which the predicate is true. The group construct defines an expression used to determine the key for each element of the stream, and an expression to accumulate the values that share a common key.

Grammar *Prim* defines the primitive operators. Grammar *V* defines values. Grammar *Def* contains both function and query definitions. Grammar *Top* is the top-level program, which specifies a table, the set of function bindings, and the set of queries. All queries in a top-level program process the same table.

3.2.6 *Type system*

The typing rules for Icicle are given in figure 3.2. The judgment form $(\Gamma \vdash e : M)$ associates an expression e with its type M under context Γ . The judgment form $(p :_P F)$ associates a primitive with its function type F. The judgment form $(F \bullet \overline{M} : M)$ is used to lift function application to modal types: a function type F applied to a list of modal argument types \overline{M} produces a result type and matching mode M. The judgment form $(\Gamma \vdash Def \dashv \Gamma)$ takes an input environment Γ and function or query, and produces an environment containing the function or query name and its type. Finally, judgment form $(\vdash Top \dashv \Gamma)$ takes a top-level definition with a table, functions and queries, and produces a context containing the types of all the definitions.

Rules (TcNat), (TcBool), (TcMap) and (TcPair) assign types to literal values. Rule (TcVar) performs variable lookup in the context. Rule (TcBox) assigns an expression either Element or Aggregate type.

Rules (TcPrimApp) and (TcFunApp) produce the type of a primitive or function applied to its arguments. Rule (TcLet) is standard.

In rule (TcFold) the initial value has value type T. The type of the current element from the stream is added to the context of e_k as an Element, and the result of the overall fold is an Aggregate.

Rule (TcFilter) requires the first argument of a filter to be (Element Bool), a stream of predicate flags. The second argument must be an Aggregate, which is a fold to perform

$$\frac{\lceil \Gamma + e : M \rceil}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbb{N} : \operatorname{Int}} (\operatorname{TcNat}) = \frac{\lceil \Gamma + v_i : T \rceil}{\Gamma \vdash \mathbb{R} : \operatorname{Bool}} (\operatorname{TcBool}) = \frac{\{\Gamma \vdash v_i : T \}}{\Gamma \vdash \{v_i \Rightarrow v_i'\} : \operatorname{Map} T T'} (\operatorname{TcMap}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash v : T \quad \Gamma \vdash v' : T'}{\Gamma \vdash v \times v' : T \times T'} (\operatorname{TcPair}) = \frac{(x : T) \in \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x : T} (\operatorname{TcVar}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : T \quad m \in \{\operatorname{Element, Aggregate}\}}{\Gamma \vdash e : m \, T} (\operatorname{TcBox})$$

$$\frac{p :_P F}{\Gamma \vdash v \times v' : T \times T} (\operatorname{TcVar}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : T \quad m \in \{\operatorname{Element, Aggregate}\}}{\Gamma \vdash e : m \, T} (\operatorname{TcBox})$$

$$\frac{p :_P F}{\Gamma \vdash v \times v' : T'} (\operatorname{TcPimApp}) = \frac{(x : F) \in \Gamma \quad \{\Gamma \vdash e_i : M_i\} \quad F \bullet \{M_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : M}{\Gamma \vdash x \in e^i : M'} (\operatorname{TcDen}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_i : M_i \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : M}{\Gamma \vdash x \in e^i : e' : M'} (\operatorname{TcDen}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e_i : M_i \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \Pi \quad \Gamma \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcDen}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \Pi \quad \Gamma \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})$$

$$\frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \Pi \quad \Gamma \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcDen}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \Pi \quad \Gamma \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'\}} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})$$

$$\frac{P \vdash P \vdash \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcDen}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \Pi \quad \Gamma \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M'\}} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})$$

$$\frac{P \vdash P \vdash \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcDen}) = \frac{\Gamma \vdash e : \Pi \quad \Gamma \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})$$

$$\frac{P \vdash P \vdash \Gamma}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M'} (\operatorname{TcPimApp})}{\Gamma \vdash x \in \{e_i\} : M' \mid T \vdash v \times \{e_i\} : M' \mid T$$

Figure 3.2: Types of expressions

over the filtered elements. The result is also an Aggregate of the same type as the fold. By restricting filter to only perform folds, we ban filter from returning a stream of elements of a different length, and side-step the issue of clock analysis. We discuss clock types further in section 3.5.

Rule (TcGroup) performs a similar nested aggregation to filter.

Rules (PrimArith), (PrimRel), (PrimTuple), (PrimLookup), (PrimFst) and (PrimSnd) assign types to primitives. Rule (AppArgs) produces the type of a function or primitive applied to its arguments. Rule (AppRebox) is used when the arguments have modal type m — applying a function to arguments of mode m produces a result of the same mode.

Rule (CheckFun) builds the type of a user defined function, returning it as an element of the output context. Rule CheckQuery is similar, noting that all queries return values of Aggregate type. Finally, rule (CheckTop) checks a whole top-level program.

3.2.7 Evaluation

We now give a denotational evaluation semantics for Icicle queries. For the evaluation semantics, we introduce an auxiliary grammar for describing *stream values* and heaps. In the source language, all streams are the same length and rate as the input stream to ensure elements from different streams can always be pairwise joined. Introducing literal stream values and representing them as a list of values would invalidate this invariant because the length of the input stream is unknown. Instead, in the evaluation semantics, we represent Element stream values as meta-level stream transformers, which transform the input element to an output element. Likewise, we represent Aggregate values as meta-level folds. The result of evaluating a query will also be a meta-level fold, into which the values from the input stream must be pushed. We introduce the definition of stream values in the evaluation semantics only, which forces us to use a heap-based semantics instead of a substitution-based semantics.

The auxiliary grammar and evaluation rules for Icicle are given in figure 3.3. Grammar N defines the modes of evaluation, including pure computation. Grammar Σ defines a heap containing stream values. Grammar V' defines the results that can be produced by evaluation, depending on the mode:

- Pure computation results are a single value;
- Element computation results are stream transformers, which are represented by metafunctions that take a value of the input stream element and produce an output stream element value; and
- Aggregate computation results consist of an initial (zero) state, an update (konstrukt)
 meta-function to be applied to each stream element and current state, and an eject metafunction to be applied to the final state.

In the grammar V', we write $(\stackrel{\bullet}{\to})$ to highlight that the objects in those positions are metafunctions, rather than abstract syntax. To actually process data from the input table we will need to apply the produced meta-functions to this data.

The judgment form $(N \mid \Sigma \vdash e \Downarrow V')$ defines a big-step evaluation relation: under evaluation mode N with heap Σ , expression e evaluates to result V'. The evaluation mode N controls whether pure values should be promoted to element (stream) or aggregate (fold) results. We assume that all functions have been inlined into the expression before evaluation.

Rule (EVal) applies when the expression is already a completed result. Rule (EVar) performs variable lookup in the heap. Rule (ELet) evaluates the bound expression under the given mode.

Rules (EBoxStream) and (EBoxFold) lift constant values to stream results and aggregate results respectively. To lift a constant to a stream result, we produce a meta-function that always returns the value. To lift a constant to an aggregate result, we set the update meta-function to return a dummy value, and have the eject meta-function return the value of interest.

Figure 3.3: Evaluation rules and auxiliary grammar

Rules (EPrimValue), (EPrimStream) and (EPrimFold) apply primitive operators to constant values, streams and aggregations respectively. In (EPrimStream), the result is a new stream transformer that applies the primitive to each of the elements gained from the input streams. In (EPrimFold), the result consists of new update and eject functions that get their input values by applying the update and eject functions gained by evaluating the arguments.

Rule (EFilter) first evaluates the predicate e to a stream transformer f, and the body e' to an aggregation. The result is a new aggregation where the update function applies the predicate stream transformer f to the input element s to yield a boolean flag which specifies whether the current aggregation state should be updated.

Rule (EGroup) is similar to (EFilter), except that the stream transformer f produces group keys rather than boolean flags, and we maintain a finite map of aggregation states for each key. In the result aggregation, the update function updates the appropriate element in the map, and the eject function is applied to every accumulator.

Rule (EFold) introduces a new accumulator, which is visible in the context of the body k. Evaluating the body k produces a body stream transformer k' whose job is to update this new accumulator each time it is applied. In the conclusion of (EFold), we pass this stream transformer a tuple (v, s), where v is the new accumulator and s is the current element of the stream we get from the context of the overall fold expression. The heap used when evaluating k is updated so that references to either the stream elements or new accumulator access the appropriate side of the tuple.

The judgment form $(t \mid e \downarrow V)$ evaluates an expression over a table input: on input table t, aggregate expression e evaluates to value V. The input table t is a map from column name to a list of all the values for that column. Rule (ETable) creates an initial heap where each column name x_i is bound to an expression which projects out the appropriate element from a single row in the input table. Evaluating the expression e produces an aggregation result where the

```
\begin{array}{lll} \textit{PlanX} ::= & x \mid V \mid \textit{PlanP} \ \overline{\textit{PlanX}} \mid \lambda x. \ \textit{PlanX} \\ \textit{PlanP} ::= & \textit{Prim} \mid \text{mapUpdate} \mid \text{mapEmpty} \mid \text{mapMap} \mid \text{mapZip} \\ \textit{PlanF} ::= & \text{fold} & x : T = \textit{PlanX} \ \text{then PlanX}; \\ & \mid & \text{filter} \ \textit{PlanX} \ \left\{ \ \overline{\textit{PlanF}} \right\} \\ & \mid & \text{group} \ \textit{PlanX} \ \left\{ \ \overline{\textit{PlanF}} \right\} \\ & \mid & \text{plan} \ x \ \left\{ \ \overline{x : T;} \right\} \\ & \text{before} \ \left\{ \ \overline{x : T = \textit{PlanX};} \right\} \\ & \text{folds} \ \left\{ \ \overline{\textit{PlanF}} \right\} \\ & \text{after} \ \left\{ \ \overline{x : T = \textit{PlanX};} \right\} \\ & \text{return} \ \left\{ \ \overline{x : T = x;} \right\} \end{array}
```

Figure 3.4: Query plan grammar

update function k accepts each row from the table and updates all the accumulators defined by e. The actual computation is driven by the *fold* meta-function.

3.3 INTERMEDIATE LANGUAGE

The Icicle intermediate language is similar to a physical query plan for a database system. We convert each source level query to a query plan, then fuse together the plans for queries on the same table. Once we have the fused query plan we then perform standard optimisations such as common subexpression elimination and partial evaluation.

The grammar for the Icicle intermediate language is given in figure 3.4. Expressions *PlanX* include variables, values, applications of primitives and anonymous functions. Function definitions and uses are not allowed in expressions here, as their definitions are inlined before converting to query plans. Anonymous functions are only allowed as arguments to primitives: they cannot be applied or stored in variables. The primitives of the source language are extended with key-value map primitives, which are used for implementing groups. Folds are

defined in *PlanF* and can be nested inside a filter, in which case the fold update is only performed when the predicate is true; the nested fold binding is available outside of the filter. Folds nested inside a group are performed separately for each key; the nested fold binds a key-value map instead of a single value. The *Plan* itself is split into a five stage *loop anatomy* (Shivers, 2005). First we have the name of the table and the names and element types of each column. The before stage then defines pure values which do not depend on any table data. The folds stage defines element computations and how they are converted to aggregate results. The after stage defines aggregate computations that combine multiple aggregations after the entire table has been processed. Finally, the return stage specifies the output values of the query; a single query will have only one output value, but the result of fusion can have many outputs.

Before we discuss an example query plan we first define the count and sum functions used in earlier sections. Both functions are simple folds:

```
function count
= fold c = 0 then c + 1;
function sum (e : Element Int)
= fold s = 0 then s + e;
```

Inlining these functions into the three stocks queries from section 3.1 yields the following set of queries:

```
table stocks { open : Int, close : Int }
query

more = filter open > close of (fold more_c = 0 then more_c + 1);
less = filter open < close of (fold less_c = 0 then less_c + 1);
mean = filter open > close of
   (fold mean_s = 0 then mean_s + open) / (fold mean_c = 0 then mean_c + 1);
```

Each query is converted to a query plan separately. When we convert the more query, we define the count inside a filter, and use it in the return section.

```
plan stocks { open : Int; close : Int; }
folds { filter open > close {
   fold c : Int = 0 then c + 1; } }
return { more : Int = c; }
```

We convert the less and mean queries similarly. For the mean query, the sum and the count are both defined inside a filter. The division is performed in the after section because it is an aggregate operation.

```
plan stocks { open : Int; close : Int; }

folds { filter open < close {
    fold c : Int = 0 then c + 1; } }

return { less : Int = c; }

plan stocks { open : Int; close : Int; }

folds { filter open > close {
    fold c : Int = 0 then c + 1;
    fold s : Int = 0 then s + open; } }

after { sc : Int = s / c }

return { mean : Int = sc; }
```

To fuse the three query plans together we freshen the names of each binding, then simply concatenate the corresponding parts of the anatomy. The single-pass restriction on queries makes the fusion process so simple, because it ensures that there are no fusion-preventing dependencies between any two query plans. After concatenating the plans, we merge the filter blocks for more and mean, as both use the same predicate. When each query was expressed separately, we were free to transform each individual query without affecting the others. Now

the queries are interspersed but the stages are expressed separately, we are free to rearrange each stage without affecting the other stages.

```
plan stocks { open : Int; close : Int; }

folds {
   filter open > close {
     fold more_c : Int = 0 then more_c + 1;
     fold mean_c : Int = 0 then mean_c + 1;
     fold mean_s : Int = 0 then mean_s + open; }

filter open < close {
     fold less_c : Int = 0 then less_c + 1; } }

after { mean_sc : Int = mean_s / mean_c }

return { more : Int = more_c;
     less : Int = less_c;
     mean : Int = mean_sc; }</pre>
```

We can now use common subexpression elimination to remove the duplicate count, mean_c, as its binding is alpha-equivalent to the binding for more_c. In the after section, the reference to mean_c is replaced by more_c.

To demonstrate the relative difficulty of removing the duplicate work in the general case, listing 3.1 contains the push implementation of the same queries after inlining the definition of the combinators. In this version, the more_c and mean_c references both hold the same value, but this fact is only evident with non-local reasoning about the program. The reference initialisations and updates are located in different parts of the program, with potentially interfering writes in-between. We could use a global value numbering (Gulwani and Necula, 2004) algorithm to remove the duplicate work from the push implementation; such algorithms are generally polynomial time. With the intermediate representation of Icicle we can use a common subexpression elimination algorithm (Chitil, 1997a), which requires $O(n \log n)$ time.

```
queries :: IO (Push Record (Int,Int,Int))
queries = do
 more_c ← newIORef 0
  less_c ← newIORef 0
 mean_s ← newIORef 0
  mean_c ← newIORef 0
  let push record = do
    when (open record > close record) $ do
      modifyIORef more_c (+1)
    when (open record < close record) $ do
      modifyIORef less_c (+1)
    when (open record > close record) $ do
      modifyIORef mean_s (+ open record)
      modifyIORef mean_c (+1)
  let done = do
    more\_c' \leftarrow readIORef more\_c
    less\_c' \leftarrow readIORef less\_c
    mean_s' \leftarrow readIORef mean_s
    mean_c' ← readIORef mean_c
    return (more_c', less_c', div mean_s' mean_c')
  return (Push push done)
```

Listing 3.1: Push implementation of queries after inlining combinators

3.3.1 *A more complicated example*

The previous queries were simple to translate to the intermediate language; the "mean of latest" query from section 3.2 is a bit more involved. That query, again, is:

```
table kvs { key : Date; value : Int }
query avg = let k = last key in
    let avgs = group key of mean value
    in lookup k avgs
```

We first define the mean and last functions used in the query. The mean function divides the sum by the count:

The last function uses a fold that initialises the accumulator to the empty date value NO_DATE², then updates it with the date gained from the current element in the stream:

Inlining the above functions into the "mean of latest" query yields the following:

² In our production compiler, last returns a Maybe.

To convert this source query to a plan in the intermediate language we convert each of the let-bindings separately then concatenate the corresponding parts of the loop anatomy. The 1st binding becomes a single fold, initialised to NO_DATE and updated with the current key:

```
plan kvs { key : Date; value : Int; }
folds { fold fL : Date = NO_DATE then key }
after { lst : Date = fL }
```

For the map binding, each fold accumulator inside the body of the group construct is nested within a group in the intermediate language. Inside the context of the group, the binding for s refers to the Int value for the current key; outside the group, in the after section, s refers to a value of (Map Date Int) containing the values of all keys. Each time we receive a row from the table the accumulator associated with the key is updated, using the default value 0 if an entry for that key is not yet present. After we have processed the entire table we join the maps and divide each sum by its corresponding count to yield a map of means for each key.

```
folds { group key  \{ \text{ fold s} : \text{Int} = 0 \text{ then s} + \text{value} \\ ; \text{ fold c} : \text{Int} = 0 \text{ then c} + 1 \} \}  after { map : Map Date Int  = \text{mapMap } (\lambda \text{sc. fst sc} / \text{snd sc}) \text{ (mapZip s c) } \}
```

Finally, the ret binding from the original query is evaluated in the after stage. In the return stage we specify that the result of the overall query avg is the result of the ret binding.

```
after { ret : Int = lookup lst map }
return { avg : Int = ret }
```

We then combine the plans from each binding. This query plan is then fused with any other queries that process the same input; the fused query plan is then translated to an imperative

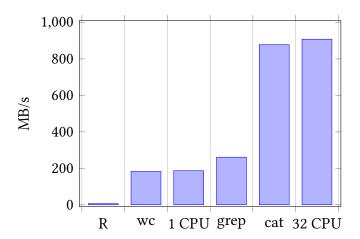


Figure 3.5: Throughput comparisons of Icicle (1 CPU and 32 CPU) against existing R code and standard Unix utilities; higher is faster.

loop nest in a similar way to our prior work on flow fusion (Lippmeier et al., 2013). When translating folds nested inside filters, the update statements are nested inside if statements. When translating folds nested inside groups, each accumulator becomes a map, and the update statements modify the element corresponding to the current key. As with filters, groups with the same key can be merged together. The nested structure of groups allows us to share the same set of keys across multiple accumulators, further reducing duplicate work.

3.4 BENCHMARKS

This section shows the results of benchmarks carried out in 2016 while working at Ambiata. At Ambiata we are using Icicle in production to query medium-sized datasets that fit on a single disk. For larger datasets, we have implemented a scheduler to distribute datasets across multiple nodes and run Icicle on each node separately. The data we are working with is tens of terabytes compressed which, at the time of benchmarking, would not fit on a single disk. However, each row has a natural primary key and the features we need to compute depend only on the data within single key groups, which makes the workload very easy to distribute.

In our proof of concept testing we replaced an existing R script that performed feature generation with new Icicle code. The R script computed features from a 317GB dataset supplied by a customer. It computed 12 queries over each of 31 input tables, for 372 query evaluations in total. The R script took 15 hours to run and consisted of 3,566 lines of code. The replacement Icicle version is only 191 lines of code and takes seven minutes to run.

The graph in figure 3.5 shows the throughput in megabytes per second. We compared the throughput of several programs over the same dataset:

- our original R implementation (R);
- Icicle running single-threaded (1 CPU);
- Icicle running on multiple processors (32 CPU);
- finding empty lines with grep "^\$";
- counting characters, words and lines with wc;
- reading and throwing away the results with cat > /dev/null.

We ran all the Unix utilities with unicode decoding disabled using LANG=C LC_COLLATE for maximum performance. The input data does not contain unicode characters. We used an Amazon EC2 c3.8xlarge with 32 CPUs, 60GB of RAM, and striped, RAIDed SSD storage. The fused Icicle version significantly outperformed the R version of the queries, and the single-threaded version was on par with wc, while only a little slower than grep. This is despite the fact that the Icicle queries perform more computational work than wc and grep. By using multiple processors, we were able to scale up to perform as well as cat, approaching the disk speed. The memory usage of Icicle starts at around 200MB of RAM for a single thread, but as more threads are added approaches 15MB per thread. The memory usage is constant in the input size and depends on the number of queries. The R code is single threaded and would require at least 150 processors to reach similar speeds, assuming perfect scaling.

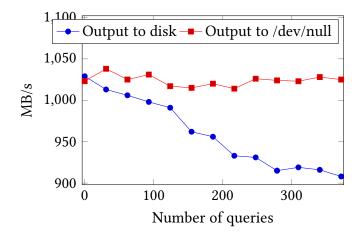


Figure 3.6: Decrease in read throughput as queries are added, comparing writing the output to disk and writing to /dev/null.

Figure 3.6 shows how the total read throughput scales as the number of fused queries is increased. For each number of queries, we ran two versions of the fused result: one version that wrote the output to disk, and the other that piped the result to /dev/null. The graph shows the throughput of the disk version decreasing roughly linearly in the number of queries, while the version ignoring the output remains constant. This suggests that we are IO bound on the write side. The time spent evaluating the queries themselves is small relative to our current IO load.

3.5 DISCUSSION

In Icicle, as in the push streams from section 2.3, there is only one input stream, sourced from the input table, which is implicit in the bodies of queries. This approach is intentionally simpler than existing synchronous data flow languages such as Lucy (Mandel et al., 2010) and fusion techniques using synchronous data flow such as flow fusion (Lippmeier et al., 2013). Synchronous data flow languages implement Kahn networks (Vrba et al., 2009) that are restricted

to use bounded buffering (Johnston et al., 2004) by clock typing and causal analysis (Stephens, 1997). In such languages, stream combinators with multiple inputs, such as zip, are assigned types that require their stream arguments to have the same clock — meaning that elements always arrive in lockstep and the combinators themselves do not need to perform their own buffering. In Icicle the fact that the input stream is implicit and distributed to all combinators means that we can forgo clock analysis. All queries in a program execute in lock-step on the same element at the same moment, which ensures that fusion is a simple matter of concatenating the components of the loop anatomy of each query.

Shortcut fusion techniques such as foldr/build (Gill et al., 1993) and stream fusion (Coutts et al., 2007) rely on inlining to expose fusion opportunities. In Haskell compilers such as GHC, the decision of when to inline is made by internal compiler heuristics, which makes it difficult for the programmer to predict when fusion will occur. In this environment, array fusion is considered a "bonus" optimisation rather than integral part of the compilation method. In contrast, for our feature generation application we really must ensure that multiple queries over the same table are fused, so we cannot rely on heuristics.

StreamIt (Thies et al., 2002) is an imperative streaming language which has been extended with dynamic scheduling (Soule et al., 2013). Dynamic scheduling handles data flow graphs where the transfer rate between different stream operators is not known at compile time. Dynamic scheduling is a trade-off: it is required for stream operators such as grouping and filtering where the output data rate is not known statically, but using dynamic techniques for graphs with static transfer rates tends to have a performance cost. Icicle includes grouping and filtering operators where the output rates are statically unknown, however the associated language constructs require grouped and filtered data to be aggregated rather than passed as the input to another stream operator. This allows Icicle to retain fully static scheduling, so the compiled queries consist of straight line code with no buffering.

Icicle is closely related to work in continuous and shared queries. A continuous query is one that processes input data which may have new records added or removed from it at any time. The result of the continuous query must be updated as soon as the input data changes. Shared queries are ones in which the same sub expressions occur in several individual queries over the same data, and we wish to share the results of these sub expressions among all individuals that use them. For example, in Munagala et al. (2007), input records are filtered by a conjunction of predicates, and the predicates occur in multiple queries. Madden et al. (2002) uses a predicate index to avoid recomputing them. Andrade et al. (2003) describes a compiler for queries over geospacial imagery that shares the results of several pre-defined aggregation functions between queries. Continuous Query Language (CQL) (Arasu et al., 2002; Group et al., 2003) again allows aggregates in its queries, but they must be builtin aggregate functions. Icicle addresses a computationally similar problem, except that our input data sets can only have new records added rather than deleted, which allows us to support general aggregations rather than just filter predicates. It is not obvious how arbitrary aggregate functions could be supported while also allowing deletion of records from the input data — other than by recomputing the entire aggregation after each deletion.

CHAPTER 4

PROCESSES AND NETWORKS

This chapter presents a language for expressing a collection of queries, each with potentially many input streams, as a Kahn process network. This work was first published as (Robinson and Lippmeier, 2017). The processes in these process networks execute concurrently and communicate via fixed-size bounded buffers between channels. Each buffer is restricted to contain at most a single element. The processes in a process network are then fused together to form a single process which produces the same output streams as the entire network, without the need for communication.

The contributions of this chapter are:

- We informally introduce processes and fusion with example queries (section 4.1);
- We present a streaming process calculus with concurrent execution semantics (section 4.2);
- We motivate an extra synchronisation primitive, drop, which coordinates between multiple consumers of the same stream, to improve locality by ensuring both consumers operate on the same value concurrently (section 4.4);
- We present an algorithm for fusing pairs of processes (section 4.3);
- We present a heuristic algorithm for fusing an entire process network (section 4.5);
- We present an overview of the mechanised soundness proofs of fusion (section 4.6).

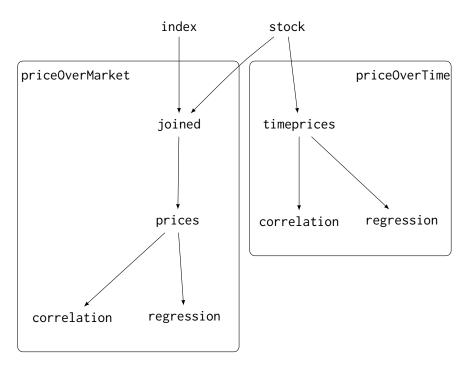


Figure 4.1: Dependency graph for priceAnalyses example

4.1 GOLD PANNING WITH PROCESSES

Recall the priceAnalyses example from section 2.1, which performs statistical analyses over the daily prices of a particular corporate stock and market index. Figure 4.1 shows the dependency graph for priceAnalyses with the two input streams, index and stock, at the top of the graph.

As discussed earlier, we cannot execute this example using the pull streams from section 2.2, because the stock input stream is used twice, and pull streams only support a single consumer. Similarly, we cannot execute this example using the push streams from section 2.3, because the join combinator has two inputs, and push streams only support a single producer except for non-deterministic merge. Rather than just using pull streams, or just using push streams, we wish to be able to perform both pulling and pushing at the same time, in a way that supports multiple consumers and multiple producers. Kahn process networks (Kahn et al.,

1976) are a flexible, expressive way of writing streaming computations, where a network is composed of communicating processes. Executing communicating processes introduces runtime overhead, as stream elements must be passed between processes. Instead, we wish to take this concurrent process network and convert it back to sequential code, without any runtime scheduling or message passing overhead.

A process in our system is a simple imperative program with a local heap. A process pulls source values from an arbitrary number of input streams and pushes result values to at least one output stream. The process language is an intermediate representation we use when fusing the overall dataflow network. When describing the fusion transform we describe the control flow of the process as a state machine.

A *combinator* is a template for a process which parameterises it over the particular input and output streams, as well as values of configuration parameters such as the worker function used in a map process. Each process implements a logical *operator* — so we use "operator" when describing the values being computed, but "process" when referring to the implementation.

4.1.1 Fold combinator

The definition of the foldl combinator, used to implement correlation and regression in our priceAnalyses process network, is given in listing 4.1. The combinator is parameterised by the fold state update function (k) and the fold state initialisation (z). In correlation and regression, the result must be extracted from the fold state; we extend the standard presentation of foldl with an eject function (j) to perform this extraction. The process reads from an input stream and, at the end of the input stream, produces a single-element output stream containing the fold result. The nu-binders (v (s : a) (v : b) ...) indicate that each time the foldl combinator is instantiated, fresh names must be given to s, v and so on, that do not conflict with other insantiations. The s and v bindings refer to variables in the mutable

```
foldl
 = \lambda (k : b \rightarrow a \rightarrow b) (z : b) (j : b \rightarrow c)
      (sIn: Stream a) (sOut: Stream b).
    \nu (s : b) (v : a)
                           (F0..F4: Label).
    process
     { ins:
                { sIn }
              { s0ut }
     , outs:
     , heap: \{ s = z, v \}
      label:
                  F0
     , instrs: \{ F0 = pull sIn \}
                                       v F1[] else F2[]
                , F1 = drop sIn
                                          F0[s = k s v]
                --- sIn closed
                , F2 = push sOut (j s) F3[]
                , F3 = close sOut
                                          F4[]
                , F4 = exit \}
```

Listing 4.1: Process implementation of foldl

heap of the process. The s variable stores the current fold state and is initialised to the initial fold value (z); the v variable stores the most recent value from the input stream, and is left uninitialised.

The body of the combinator is a record that defines the process. The ins field defines the set of input streams, and the outs field defines the set of output streams. The heap field gives the initial values of each of the local variables; variables without an explicit initial value are given some arbitrary value. The instrs field contains a set of labelled instructions that define the program, while the label field gives the label of the initial instruction. In this form, the output stream (sOut) is defined via a parameter, rather than being the result of the combinator.

The initial instruction (pull sIn v F1[] else F2[]) pulls the next element from the stream sIn, writes it into the heap variable v, then proceeds to the instruction at label F1. The empty list [] after the target label F1 can be used to update heap variables, but as we do not need to update anything yet we leave it empty. If the input stream is finished, there are no more elements to pull; execution proceeds to the instruction at label F2 instead.

After successfully pulling a new element from the input stream, the instruction at label F1 (drop $sIn F0[s = k \ s \ v]$) signals that the current element that was pulled from stream sIn is no longer required, before updating the fold state (s) by applying the fold update function (k). Execution then proceeds back to the pull instruction at label F0. In section 4.4 we shall see how this drop instruction is used to synchronise processes reading from the same shared stream, ensuring that all processes operate on the same element together without overtaking one another.

When the input stream is finished, the instruction (push sout (j s) F3[]) pushes the eject function applied to the final fold state to the output stream sout. Execution then proceeds to the instruction at label F3. The comment above the instruction highlights the change in state of the input stream.

Next, the instruction (close sout F4[]) signals that the output stream sout is finished, and then proceeds to the instruction at label F4.

Finally, the instruction (exit) signals that the process is finished, and has no further work to do. The process terminates.

4.1.2 Map combinator

The definition of the map combinator, which applies a worker function to every element in the input stream, is given in listing 4.2. The combinator is parameterised by the worker function (f), and takes one input stream (sIn) and produces one output stream (sOut). The heap variable (v) is used to store the last value read from the input stream. The process starts by pulling from the input stream, storing the element in the heap variable (v). It then pushes the transformed element $(f \ v)$ into the output stream, drops the element from the input stream,

```
map
 = \lambda (f : a \rightarrow b)
      (sIn: Stream a) (sOut: Stream b).
                      (M0..M4: Label).
    \nu (v : a)
    process
             { sIn }
    { ins:
     , outs: { sOut }
     , heap: { v }
     , label: M0
     , instrs: { M0 = pull sIn v M1[] else M3[]
               , M1 = push sOut (f v) M2[]
               M2 = drop sIn
                                       M0[]
               --- sIn closed
               , M3 = close sOut
                                       M4[]
               , M4 = exit \}
```

Listing 4.2: Process implementation of map

and pulls again. When the input stream finishes, the process closes the output stream and terminates.

4.1.3 *A network of processes*

The map and foldl combinators are sufficient to express the priceOverTime example, which takes a single input stream and computes the correlation and regression. Here is the list implementation of priceOverTime again:

```
priceOverTime :: [Record] \rightarrow (Line, Double)

priceOverTime stock =

let timeprices = map (\lambda r \rightarrow (daysSinceEpoch (time r), price r)) stock

in (regression timeprices, correlation timeprices)
```

We can express priceOverTime as a process network by instantiating the above process templates and connecting them together. A process network is a set of processes that are able to communicate with each other.

```
priceOverTime =

λ (stock : Stream Record)
   (reg_out : Stream Line) (cor_out : Stream Double).

ν (timeprices : Stream (Double,Double)).
   { map tp_f stock timeprices
   , foldl reg_k reg_z reg_j timeprices reg_out
   , foldl cor_k cor_z cor_j timeprices cor_out }
```

As with the process templates, the network is parameterised by the output streams, which are in this case the output of regression and correlation. We use the nu-binder syntax to instantiate a fresh name for the timeprices internal stream, which is the output of the map combinator. We implement regression and correlation as folds with eject functions. The details of the worker functions given to map and foldl are irrelevant for fusion, and are defined externally.

4.1.4 Fusing processes together

Our fusion algorithm takes two processes and produces a new one that computes the output of both. We fuse a pair of processes in the priceOverTime network; to distinguish between the two foldl processes in this network, we refer to them as the regression and correlation processes. As an example, we fuse the map process with the regression process. The result process computes the result of both processes as if they were executed concurrently, where the output stream of the map process is used as the input stream of the regression process.

Figure 4.2 shows the result of instantiating the map process in the priceOverTime process network. The combinator parameters have the corresponding argument value substituted in, and the variables and labels are given fresh names as necessary. We rename the variable name

```
process — map tp_f stock timeprices
 { ins:
           { stock }
   outs: { timeprices }
  heap:
           { tp_v }
   label: M0
                                                   M1[] else M3[]
  instrs: { M0 = pull stock
                                      tp_v
           , M1 = push timeprices (tp_f tp_v) M2[]
            , M2 = drop stock
                                                   M0[]
           --- stock closed
            , M3 = close timeprices
                                                   M4[]
            , M4 = exit } 
                            pull stock tp_v (M0)
                                               closed stock
                         have stock
push timeprices (tp_f tp_v) (M1)
                                              close timeprices (M3)
```

drop stock (M2)

Figure 4.2: Instantiated process for map with control flow graph

exit (M4)

```
{ ins: { timeprices }
 , outs: { reg_out }
          { reg_s = reg_z, reg_v }
  heap:
 , label:
           F0
 , instrs: { F0 = pull timeprices reg_v F1[] else F2[]
                                         F0[reg_s = reg_k reg_s reg_v]
          , F1 = drop timeprices
          — timeprices closed
           , F2 = push reg_out (reg_j reg_s) F3[]
           , F3 = close reg_out
                                    F4[]
           , F4 = exit \} 
                       pull timeprices reg_v (F0)
                  have timeprices
                                                 closed timeprices
drop timeprices [reg_s = reg_k reg_s reg_v] (F1)
                                                 push reg_out (reg_j reg_s) (F2)
                                                      close reg_out (F3)
                                                         exit (F4)
```

Figure 4.3: Instantiated process for fold (regression) with control flow graph

v to tp_v, to avoid conflict with variables named v in other processes. The figure also shows the control flow graph of the process. Figure 4.3 likewise shows the result of instantiating the regression process. The instructions and edges in each control flow graph are coloured differently; the same colours will be used to highlight the provenance of each instruction in our informal description of the fusion algorithm.

Fusing Pulls

The algorithm proceeds by considering pairs of labels and instructions: one from each of the source processes to be fused. First, we consider the initial labels of each process and their corresponding instructions. This situation is shown in figure 4.4; instructions from the two source processes are shown side-by-side and the instruction of the fused process is below. The map process pulls from the stock stream, while the regression process pulls from the timeprices stream. As the timeprices stream is produced by the map process, the regression process must wait until the map process pushes a value. If we were to execute the two processes concurrently at this stage, only the map process could make progress, by pulling from the stock input stream. The corresponding instruction for the fused process pulls from the stock input stream, allowing the map process to execute while the regression process waits.

Each of the joint result labels represents a combination of two source labels, one from each of the source machines. For example, the first joint label ((M0,{}),(F0,{timeprices=none})) represents a combination of the map process being in its initial state M0 and the regression process being in its own initial state F0. We also associate each of the joint labels with the *input state*: a description of whether the regression process has a value available to read from the shared timeprices stream. There is no value available, so the input state for timeprices is set to none. This extra information only applies to shared input streams; as such, the input state of the map process is the empty map.

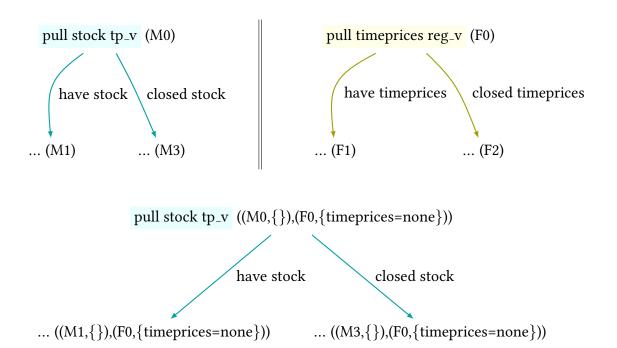


Figure 4.4: Fusing pull instructions for an unshared stream; the left process can pull from the unshared stream, while the right process must wait for the first process to produce a value

Fusing Push with Pull

Next, figure 4.5 shows the map process pushing into the timeprices stream after pulling a value from the stock stream, while the regression process is still trying to pull from the timeprices stream. After the map process pushes a value, this value becomes available for the regression process. In the fused process, this situation results in two steps. First, the map process pushes the value (tp_f tp_v), and stores this value in the new local variable (chan_tp), so it is available for the regression process. The input state for the regression process is updated to (pending), to signal that there is a value ready to be pulled in the (chan_tp) variable. Next, the regression process reads the pending value, copying from the (chan_tp) variable into the (reg_v) variable. The input state for the regression process is updated to (have), to signal that the regression process has copied the pulled value and is using it.

In the original process network, before any fusion, the timeprices stream has two consumers: the regression and correlation processes. Since the fused process implements

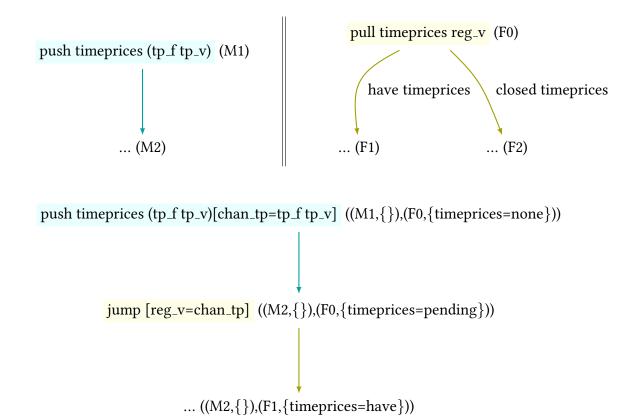


Figure 4.5: Fusing push with pull; the left process produces a value, which the right process consumes

both map and regression processes, the fused process still pushes to the timeprices stream to allow the correlation process to consume it.

Fusion result

Listing 4.3 shows the final result of fusing the map and regression processes together. There are similar rules for handling the other combinations of instructions, but we defer the details to section 4.3. The result process has one input stream, stock, and two output streams: timeprices from map, and reg_out from regression.

To complete the implementation of priceOverTime, we would now fuse this result process with the correlation process. Note that although the result process has a single shared

```
{ ins:
           { stock }
, outs:
           { timeprices
           , reg_out }
, heap:
           { tp_v
           , reg_s = reg_z, reg_v
           , chan_tp }
             M0_F0
, label:
, instrs:
{ M0_F0 = pull stock tp_v M1_F0[] else M3_F0[]}
-- ((M0,{}),(F0,{timeprices=none})); (LocalPull)
, M1_F0 = push timeprices (tp_f tp_v) M2_F0_p[chan_tp = (tp_f tp_v)]
-- ((M1,{}),(F0,{timeprices=none})); (SharedPush)
, M2_F0_p = jump M2_F1_h[reg_v = chan_tp]
-- ((M2,{}),(F0,{timeprices=pending})); (SharedPullPending)
, M2_F1_h = drop stock M0_F1_h[]
--- ((M2,{}),(F1,{timeprices=have})); (LocalDrop)
, M0_{F1_h} = jump M0_{F0[reg_s = reg_k reg_s reg_v]}
--((M0,\{\}),(F1,\{timeprices=have\}));(ConnectedDrop)
--- stock closed
, M3_F0
           = close timeprices M4_F0_c[]
-- ((M3,{}),(F0,{timeprices=none})); (SharedClose)
, M4_F0_c = jump M4_F2_c[]
-- ((M4,{}),(F0,{timeprices=closed})); (SharedPullClosed)
, M4_F2_c = push reg_out (reg_j reg_s) M4_F3_c
-- ((M4,{}),(F2,{timeprices=closed})); (LocalPush)
, M4_F3_c = close reg_out M4_F4_c[]
-- ((M4,{}),(F3,{timeprices=closed})); (LocalClose)
, M4_F4_c = exit
-- ((M4,{}),(F4,{timeprices=closed})); (LocalExit)
} }
```

process — map tp_f stock timeprices / foldl reg_k reg_z reg_j timeprices reg_out

Listing 4.3: Fusion of timeprices and regression, along with shared instructions and variables

heap, the heap bindings from each fused process are guaranteed not to interfere, as when we instantiate combinators to create source processes we introduce fresh names.

4.1.5 Join combinator

To implement the whole priceAnalyses process network, we also need the join combinator, which pairs together the elements of two sorted input streams. The combinator is parameterised by the key comparison function, which returns an Ordering describing whether the key of the first argument is equal to the key of the second argument (EQ), lesser (LT), or greater (GT). The process, shown in listing 4.4, reads from two input streams (sA and sB), and produces one output stream (sOut). Two heap variables are used to store the most recent input elements (va and vb), and another is used to store the key comparison (c).

In the first group of instructions, the instructions at labels INO and IN1 pull an element from each input stream. If both pulls are successful, the instruction at label IN2 compares the input values using the key comparison function (cmp va vb). Next, the instruction at label IN3 checks whether the keys are equal: if so, execution proceeds to the instruction at label EQ0; otherwise, instruction proceeds to the instruction at label NEO.

The group of instructions at label EQ0 execute when the element keys are equal, and pushes the pair of elements to the output stream, before dropping both input streams. Execution then proceeds back to the instruction at label IN0 to pull from the inputs.

The instruction at label NE0 executes when the element keys are not equal, and proceeds to the instruction at label LT0 if the first element is lesser, or to the instruction at label GT0 if the first element is greater. These two groups of instructions drop the input stream with the lesser key and pull a new value from the same input stream, before returning back to the instruction at label IN2 to compare the elements.

```
join
  = \lambda (cmp : a \rightarrow b \rightarrow Ordering)
      (sA : Stream a) (sB : Stream b)
      (sOut: Stream (a,b)).
    \nu (va : a) (vb : b) (c : Ordering) (...: Label).
    process
     { ins:
                { sA, sB }
     , outs:
                { sOut }
     , heap: { va, vb, c }
     , label: IN0
     , instrs: \{ IN0 = pull sA va \}
                                          IN1[] else DB0[]
                , IN1 = pull sB vb
                                          IN2[] else DA1[]
                , IN2 = jump
                                           IN3[ c = cmp \ va \ vb ]
                , IN3 = case (c = EQ) EQ0[] else NE0[]
                --cmp \ va \ vb = EQ
                , EQ0 = push sOut (a,b) EQ1[]
                , EQ1 = drop sA
                                           EQ2[]
                , EQ2 = drop sB
                                           IN0[]
                --cmp \ va \ vb \neq EQ
                , NE0 = case (c = LT) LT0[] else GT0[]
                --cmp \ va \ vb = LT
                , LT0 = drop sA
                                           LT1[]
                , LT1 = pull sA va
                                           IN2[] else DB1[]
                --cmp \ va \ vb = GT
                , GT0 = drop sB
                                           GT1[]
                , GT1 = pull sB vb
                                           IN2[] else DA1[]
                --- sB closed; drain sA
                , DA0 = pull sA
                                           DA1[] else EX0[]
                , DA1 = drop sA
                                           DA0[]
                --- sA closed; drain sB
                , DB0 = pull sB
                                           DB1[] else EX0[]
                , DB1 = drop sB
                                           DB0[]
                — sA and sB closed
                , EX0 = close sOut
                                           EX1[]
                , EX1 = exit \}
```

Listing 4.4: Process implementation of join

The group of instructions at label DA0 executes when the sB input stream is finished, while the sA input stream may still have elements. As with the polarised stream implementation of join_iii in section 2.4, we must drain the leftover elements from the unfinished stream by repeatedly pulling and dropping until there are no more elements. This draining is required because each consumer has a one-element buffer for each input stream; the producer can only push when all consumers' buffers are empty. Without draining, the producer would be blocked indefinitely on a terminated process, and any other consumers of the stream would be unable to receive input values.

As an alternative to draining, we could extend the process network semantics to include a "disconnect" instruction, which indicates that a process is no longer interested in consuming a particular input stream. Here, we use the simpler process semantics without disconnection, at the expense of having to explicitly drain streams. It may be tempting to instead modify the network semantics so that producers do not push to terminated processes, effectively disconnecting from all inputs upon termination. However, a fused process, which performs the job of two input processes, only terminates once both input processes have terminated; as such, the fused process would only disconnect once both input processes have terminated, which may be later than necessary.

The group of instructions at label DB0 executes when the sA input stream is finished, and drains the unfinished sB input stream.

Finally, the group of instructions at EX0 close the output stream and terminate the process.

4.2 PROCESS DEFINITION

The formal grammar for process definitions is given in figure 4.6. Variables, Channels and Labels are specified by unique names. We refer to the *endpoint* of a stream as a channel. A particular stream may flow into the input channels of several different processes, but can only

```
Exp, e
                    x \mid v \mid e \mid e \mid (e \mid \mid e) \mid e + e \mid e \mid e \mid e \mid e \mid e
Value, v
                    \mathbb{N} \mid \mathbb{B} \mid (\lambda x. e) \mid \text{uninitialised}
Heap, bs
              ::=
                   \cdot \mid bs, x = v
Updates, us ::=
                    \cdot \mid us, x = e
Process, p
              ::= process
                            (Channel \mapsto InputState)
                 ins:
                 outs:
                            {Channel}
                            Неар
                 heap:
                 label: Label
                 instrs: (Label \mapsto Instruction)
             ::= none | pending Value | have | closed
InputState
Variable, x
                     (value variable)
Channel, c
                     (channel name)
Label, l
                     (label name)
               \rightarrow
ChannelStates =
                     (Channel \mapsto InputState)
                     · | push Channel Value | close Channel
Action, a
              ::= pull
                             Channel Variable Next Next
Instruction
                             Channel Exp
                push
                                                  Next
                             Channel
                close
                                                  Next
                             Channel
                                                  Next
                drop
                case
                             Exp
                                       Next
                                                  Next
                                                  Next
                | jump
                | exit
               = Label × Updates
Next
```

Figure 4.6: Process definitions

be produced by a single output channel. For values and expressions we use an untyped lambda calculus with a few primitives. The '||' operator is boolean-or, '+' addition, '/=' not-equal, and '<' less-than. The special uninitialised value is used as a default value for uninitialised heap variables, and inhabits every type.

A *Process* is a record with five fields: the ins field specifies the input channels; the outs field the output channels; the heap field the process-local heap; the label field the label of the instruction currently being executed; and the instrs a map of labels to instructions. We use the same record when specifying both the definition of a particular process, as well as when giving the evaluation semantics. In the process definition, the heap field gives the initial heap of the process, and any variables with unspecified values are assumed to be the uninitialised value. The label field gives the entry-point in the process definition, though during evaluation it is the label of the instruction currently being executed. Likewise, we usually only list channel names in the ins field in the process definition, though during evaluation they are also paired with their current *InputState*. If an *InputState* is not specified we assume it is 'none'.

In the grammar of figure 4.6, the *InputState* has four options: none, which means no value is currently stored in the associated stream buffer variable; (pending *Value*), which gives the current value in the stream buffer variable and indicates that it has not yet been copied into a process-local variable; have, which means the pending value has been copied into a process-local variable; and closed, which means the producer has signalled that the channel is finished and will not receive any more values. The *Value* attached to the pending state is used when specifying the evaluation semantics of processes. When performing the fusion transform, the *Value* itself will not be known, but we can still reason statically that a process must be in the pending state. When defining the fusion transform in section 4.3, we will use a version of *InputState* with only this statically known information.

The instrs field of the *Process* maps labels to instructions. The possible instructions are: pull, which tries to pull the next value from a channel into a given heap variable, blocking

until the producer pushes a value or closes the channel; push, which pushes the value of an expression to an output channel; close, which signals the end of an output channel; drop, which indicates that the current value pulled from a channel is no longer needed; case, which branches based on the result of a boolean expression; jump, which causes control to move to a new instruction; and exit, which signals that the process is finished.

Instructions include a *Next* field containing the label of the next instruction to execute, as well as a list of $Variable \times Exp$ bindings used to update the heap. The list of update bindings is attached directly to instructions to make the fusion algorithm easier to specify, in contrast to a presentation with a separate update instruction.

4.2.1 Execution

The dynamic execution of a process network consists of:

- Injection of an action, which is an optional stream value or stream close message, into a
 process or a network. Each individual process only accepts an injected value when it is
 ready for it, and injection into a network succeeds only when all processes accept it.
- 2. Advancing a single process from one state to another, producing an output action. Advancing a network succeeds when any of the processes in the network can advance, and the output action can be injected into all the other processes.
- 3. Feeding input values from the environment into processes, and collecting outputs of the processes. Feeding alternates between Injecting values from the environment and Advancing the network, until all processes have terminated. When a process pushes a value to an output channel, we collect this value in a list associated with the output channel.

Execution of a network is non-deterministic. At any moment, several processes may be able to take a step, while others are blocked. As with Kahn processes (Kahn et al., 1976), pulling from a channel is blocking, which enables the overall sequence of values on each output channel to be deterministic. Unlike Kahn processes, pushing to a channel can also block. Each consumer has a single element buffer, and pushing only succeeds when that buffer is empty.

Importantly, it is the order in which values are *pushed to each particular output channel* which is deterministic, whereas the order in which different processes execute their instructions is not. When we fuse two processes, we choose one particular instruction ordering that enables the network to advance without requiring unbounded buffering. The single ordering is chosen by heuristically deciding which pair of states to merge during fusion, and is discussed in section 4.2.2.

Each channel may be pushed to by a single process only, so in a sense each output channel is owned by a single process. The only intra-process communication is via channels and streams. Our model is "pure data flow" as there are no side-channels between processes — in contrast to "impure data flow" systems such as StreamIt (Thies et al., 2002).

Injection

Figure 4.7 gives the rules for injecting values into processes. Injection is a meta-level operation, in contrast to pull and push, which are instructions in the object language. The statement $(p; \text{ inject } a \Rightarrow p')$ reads "given process p, injecting action a yields an updated process p'". An action a is a message describing the state change that can occur to a channel, with three options: (\cdot) , the empty action, used when a process simply updates internal state; (push *Channel Value*), which encodes the value a process pushes to one of its output channels; and (close *Channel*), which denotes the end of the stream. The injects form is similar to the inject form, operating on a process network.

$$\begin{array}{c} p[\operatorname{ins}][c] = \operatorname{none} \\ \hline p[\operatorname{ins}][c] = \operatorname{none} \\ \hline p; \ \operatorname{inject} \ (\operatorname{push} c \ v) \Rightarrow p \ [\operatorname{ins} \mapsto (p[\operatorname{ins}][c \mapsto \operatorname{pending} v])] \end{array} \\ (\operatorname{InjectPush}) \\ \hline \frac{p[\operatorname{ins}][c] = \operatorname{none}}{p; \ \operatorname{inject} \ (\operatorname{close} c) \Rightarrow p \ [\operatorname{ins} \mapsto (p[\operatorname{ins}][c \mapsto \operatorname{closed}])]} \ (\operatorname{InjectClose}) \\ \hline \frac{c \notin p[\operatorname{ins}]}{p; \ \operatorname{inject} \ (\operatorname{push} c \ v) \Rightarrow p} \ (\operatorname{InjectNopPush}) \quad \frac{c \notin p[\operatorname{ins}]}{p; \ \operatorname{inject} \ (\operatorname{close} c) \Rightarrow p} \ (\operatorname{InjectNopClose}) \\ \hline \frac{p; \ \operatorname{inject} \ (\cdot) \Rightarrow p}{p; \ \operatorname{injectNopInternal})} \\ \hline \left\{ \begin{array}{c} Process \\ \\ \hline \{p_i; \ \operatorname{inject} \ a \Rightarrow p_i' \ \}^i \\ \hline \{p_i\}^i; \ \operatorname{injects} \ a \Rightarrow \{p_i'\}^i \end{array} \right. \ (\operatorname{InjectMany}) \end{array}$$

Figure 4.7: Injection of message actions into input channels

Rule (InjectPush) injects a single value into a single process. The value is stored as a (pending v) binding in the *InputState* of the associated channel of the process. The *InputState* acts as a single element buffer, and must be empty (none) for injection to succeed. Rule (InjectClose) injects a close message and updates the input state in a similar way.

Rules (InjectNopPush) and (InjectNopClose) allow processes that do not use a particular named channel to ignore messages injected into that channel. Rule (InjectNopInternal) allows processes to ignore empty messages.

Rule (InjectMany) injects a single value into a network. We use the single process judgment form to inject the value into all processes, which must succeed for all of them. To inject a message into a process network, all the processes which do not ignore the message must be ready to accept the message by having the corresponding *InputState* set to none; otherwise, the process would require more than a single-element buffer to store multiple messages.

Instruction; ChannelStates; Heap \xrightarrow{Action} Label; ChannelStates; Updates

$$\frac{is[c] = \operatorname{pending} v}{\operatorname{pull} c \ x \ (l, us) \ (l', us'); \ is; \ \Sigma \Rightarrow l; \ is[c \mapsto \mathsf{have}]; \ (us, x = v)} \tag{PullPending}$$

$$\frac{is[c] = \mathsf{closed}}{\operatorname{pull} c \ x \ (l, us) \ (l', us'); \ is; \ \Sigma \Rightarrow l'; \ is; \ us'} \tag{PullClosed}$$

$$\frac{\sum \ \vdash \ e \ \Downarrow \ v}{\operatorname{push} \ c \ e \ (l, us); \ is; \ \Sigma \xrightarrow{\mathsf{push} \ c \ v} l; \ is; \ us} \tag{Push}$$

$$\frac{(\mathsf{Close})}{\mathsf{close} \ c \ (l, us); \ is; \ \Sigma \xrightarrow{\mathsf{close} \ c} l; \ is; \ us} \tag{Close}$$

$$\frac{is[c] = \mathsf{have}}{\mathsf{drop}\, c\, (l, us); \; is; \; \Sigma \Rightarrow l; \; is[c \mapsto \mathsf{none}]; \; us} \; (\mathsf{Drop}) \quad \frac{}{\mathsf{jump}\, (l, us); \; is; \; \Sigma \Rightarrow l; \; is; \; us} \; (\mathsf{Jump})$$

$$\frac{\Sigma \vdash e \; \Downarrow \; \mathsf{True}}{\mathsf{case}\, e\, (l_t, us_t)\, (l_f, us_f); \; is; \; \Sigma \Rightarrow l_t; \; is; \; us_t} \; (\mathsf{CaseT})$$

$$\frac{\Sigma \vdash e \; \Downarrow \; \mathsf{False}}{\mathsf{case}\, e\, (l_t, us_t)\, (l_f, us_f); \; is; \; \Sigma \Rightarrow l_f; \; is; \; us_f} \; (\mathsf{CaseF})$$

$$Process \xrightarrow{Action} Process$$

 $\frac{p[\texttt{instrs}][p[\texttt{label}]]; \ p[\texttt{ins}]; \ p[\texttt{heap}] \overset{a}{\Rightarrow} l; \ is; \ us \qquad p[\texttt{heap}] \ \vdash \ us \ \Downarrow \ bs}{p \overset{a}{\Rightarrow} p \ [\texttt{label} \ \mapsto \ l, \ \texttt{heap} \ \mapsto (p[\texttt{heap}] \lhd bs), \ \texttt{ins} \ \mapsto \ is]} \ (\texttt{Advance})$

$$\{Process\} \xrightarrow{Action} \{Process\}$$

$$\frac{p_i \stackrel{a}{\Longrightarrow} p_i' \qquad \forall j \mid j \neq i. \, p_j; \text{ inject } a \Longrightarrow p_j'}{\{p_0 \dots p_i \dots p_n\} \stackrel{a}{\Longrightarrow} \{p_0' \dots p_i' \dots p_n'\}} \text{ (AdvanceMany)}$$

Figure 4.8: Advancing processes

Advancing

Figure 4.8 gives the rules for advancing a single process and process networks. The statement $(i; is; bs \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} l; is'; us')$ reads "instruction i, given channel states is and the heap bindings bs, passes control to instruction at label l and yields new channel states is', heap update expressions us', and performs an output action a."

Rule (PullPending) takes the pending value v from the channel state and produces a heap update to copy this value into the variable x in the pull instruction. Control is passed to the first output label, l. We use the syntax (us, x = v) to mean that the list of updates us is extended with the new binding (x = v). In the result channel states, the state of the input channel c is updated to have, to indicate that the value has been copied into the local variable.

Rule (PullClosed) applies when the channel state is closed, passing control to the second output label, l'. As the channel remains closed, there is no need to update the channel state as in the (PullPending) rule.

Rule (Push) evaluates the expression e under heap bindings bs to a value v, and produces a corresponding action which carries this value. The judgment ($bs \vdash e \Downarrow v$) expresses standard untyped lambda calculus reduction, using the heap bs for the values of free variables. As this evaluation is completely standard, we omit it to save space.

Rule (Close) emits a close action; once injected, this action will transition the recipients' channel states to closed. Once a channel is closed it can no longer be pushed to, as the recipients' channel states cannot transition back to the none state required by the (InjectPush) rule.

Rule (Drop) changes the input channel state from have to none. A drop instruction can only be executed after pull has set the input channel state to have.

Rule (Jump) produces a new label and associated update expressions. Rules (CaseT) and (CaseF) evaluate the scrutinee e and emit the appropriate label.

There is no corresponding rule for the exit instruction, which denotes a finished process.

The statement $(p \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} p')$ reads "process p advances to new process p', yielding action a". Rule (Advance) advances a single process. We look up the current instruction for the process' label and pass it, along with the channel states and heap, to the above single instruction judgment. The update expressions us from the single instruction judgment are reduced to values before updating the heap. We use $(us \lhd bs)$ to replace bindings in us with new ones from bs. As the update expressions are pure, the evaluation can be done in any order.

The statement $(ps \stackrel{a}{\Rightarrow} ps')$ reads "the network ps advances to the network ps', yielding action a". Rule (AdvanceMany) allows an arbitrary, non-deterministically chosen process in the network to advance to a new state while yielding an output action a. For this to succeed, it must be possible to inject the action into all the other processes in the network. As all consuming processes must accept the output action at the time it is created, there is no need to buffer it further in the producing process. When any process in the network produces an output action, we take that as the action of the whole network.

Feeding

Figure 4.9 gives the rules for collecting output actions and feeding external input values to the network. These rules exchange input and output values with the environment in which the network runs.

The statement (i; $ps \Rightarrow o$) reads "when fed input channel values i, network ps executes to termination of all processes, and produces output channel values o". The input channel values map i contains a list of values for each input channel; these channels are inputs of the overall network, and cannot be outputs of any processes. The output channel values map o contains the list of values for every output channel in the network. In a concrete implementation the input and output values would be transported over some IO device, but for the semantics we describe the abstract behavior only.

$$(Channel \mapsto \overline{Value}); \{Process\} \Rightarrow (Channel \mapsto \overline{Value})$$

$$\frac{\forall p \in \textit{ps.} p[\texttt{instrs}][p[\texttt{label}]] = \texttt{exit}}{\emptyset; \; \textit{ps} \Rightarrow \emptyset} \; (\texttt{FeedExit}) \quad \frac{\textit{ps} \Rightarrow \textit{ps}' \quad \textit{i;} \; \textit{ps}' \Rightarrow \textit{o}}{\textit{i;} \; \textit{ps} \Rightarrow \textit{o}} \; (\texttt{FeedInternal})$$

$$\frac{ps \xrightarrow{\text{push } c \ v} ps' \quad i; \ ps' \Rightarrow o}{i; \ ps \Rightarrow o[c \mapsto ([v] + + o[c])]} \text{ (FeedPush)} \quad \frac{ps \xrightarrow{\text{close } c} ps' \quad i; \ ps' \Rightarrow o}{i; \ ps \Rightarrow o[c \mapsto []]} \text{ (FeedClose)}$$

$$\frac{ps; \ \text{injects } (\text{push } c \ v) \Rightarrow ps' \quad i[c \mapsto vs]; \ ps' \Rightarrow o}{i[c \mapsto ([v] + + vs)]; \ ps \Rightarrow o} \text{ (FeedEnvPush)}$$

$$\frac{ps; \ \text{injects } (\text{close } c) \Rightarrow ps' \quad (i \setminus \{c\}); \ ps' \Rightarrow o}{i[c \mapsto []]; \ ps \Rightarrow o} \text{ (FeedEnvClose)}$$

Figure 4.9: Feeding process networks

Rule (FeedExit) terminates execution of a network when all processes have terminated. We require the input channel values map to be empty, instead of allowing the terminated network to ignore any leftover input values. The output channel values map is empty.

Rule (FeedInternal) allows the network to perform local computation in the context of the channel values. This does not affect the input or output values, and execution proceeds with the updated process network.

Rule (FeedPush) collects an output action containing a pushed value (push $c\ v$) produced by a network. The input is fed to the updated process, which results in output channel map o. At this point, the output channel map o contains the result of executing the remainder of the process network, after the push has happened. In the output, the pushed value v is added to the start of the list corresponding to the output channel c.

Rule (FeedClose) collects a close output action (close c) produced by a network. The output channel map for the channel c is set to the empty list; earlier pushes will prefix elements to this list using rule (FeedPush).

Rule (FeedEnvPush) injects values from the external environment as push messages. The updated process network, after having the value injected, is fed the remainder of the input without the pushed value.

Rule (FeedEnvClose) injects a close message for an external input stream when the corresponding list is empty. When execution continues with the updated process network, the input stream is removed from the channel map using the $(i \setminus \{c\})$ syntax.

4.2.2 Non-deterministic execution order

The execution rules of figure 4.8 and figure 4.9 are non-deterministic in several ways. Rule (AdvanceMany) allows any process to perform any action at any time, provided all other processes in the network are ready to accept the action; (FeedEnvPush) and (FeedEnvClose) also allow new values and close messages to be injected from the environment, provided all processes that use the channel are ready to accept the value or close message.

In the semantics, allowing the execution order of processes to be non-deterministic is critical, as it defines a search space where we might find an order that does not require unbounded buffering. For a direct implementation of concurrent processes using message passing and operating system threads, an actual, working, execution order would be discovered dynamically at runtime. In contrast, the role of our fusion system is to construct one of these working orders statically. In the fused result process, the instructions will be scheduled so that they run in one of the orders that would have arisen if the network were executed dynamically. Fusion also eliminates the need to pass messages between processes — once they are fused we can just copy values between heap locations.

4.3 FUSION

Our core fusion algorithm constructs a static execution schedule for a single pair of processes. In section 4.5.1, we fuse a whole process network by fusing successive pairs of processes until only one remains.

Figure 4.10 defines some auxiliary grammar used during fusion. We extend the *Label* grammar with a new alternative, *LabelF* to the labels in a fused result process. Each *LabelF* consists of a *Label* from a source process, paired with a map from *Channel* to the statically known part of that channel's current *InputState*. When fusing a whole network, as we fuse pairs of individual processes the labels in the result collect more and more information. Each label of the final, completely fused process encodes the joint state that all the original source processes would be in at that point.

We also extend the existing *Variable* grammar with a (chan *c*) form which represents the buffer variable associated with channel c. We only need one buffer variable for each channel, and naming them like this saves us from inventing fresh names in the definition of the fusion rules. We used the name (chan_tp) back in section 4.1.4 to avoid introducing a new mechanism at that point in the discussion, when in fact the fused process would use a buffer variable called (chan timeprices).

Still in figure 4.10, *ChannelType2* classifies how channels are used, and possibly shared, between two processes. Type in2 indicates that both processes pull from the same channel, so these actions must be coordinated. Type in1 indicates that only a single process pulls from the channel. Type in1out1 indicates that one process pushes to the channel and the other pulls. Type out1 indicates that the channel is pushed to by a single process. Each output channel is uniquely owned and cannot be pushed to by more than one process.

```
Label ::= ... | LabelF \times LabelF | ...

LabelF = Label \times (Channel \mapsto InputStateF)

InputStateF ::= none<sub>F</sub> | pending<sub>F</sub> | have<sub>F</sub> | closed<sub>F</sub>

Variable ::= ... | chan Channel | ...

ChannelType_2 ::= in2 | in1 | in1out1 | out1
```

Figure 4.10: Fusion type definitions.

```
fusePair: Process \rightarrow Process \rightarrow Maybe Process
fusePair p q
   | Just is \leftarrow go \{\} l_0
  = Just (process
                   ins: \{c \mid c = t \in cs, t \in \{\text{in1}, \text{in2}\}\}
                  outs: \{c \mid c = t \in cs, t \in \{\text{in1out1}, \text{out1}\}\}
                  heap: p[heap] \cup q[heap]
                label: l_0
               instrs: is)
   | otherwise = Nothing
 where
  cs = channels p q
  l_0 = (p[label], \{c = none_F \mid c \in p[ins]\})
          , (q[label], \{c = none_F \mid c \in q[ins]\})
  go bs (l_p, l_q)
        |(l_p, l_q)| \in bs
       = Just bs
        | Just b \leftarrow tryStepPair cs l_p p[instrs][l_p] l_q q[instrs][l_q]
       = foldM go (bs \cup \{(l_p, l_q) = b\}) (outlabels b)
        | otherwise = Nothing
```

Figure 4.11: Fusion of pairs of processes

```
tryStepPair: (Channel \mapsto ChannelType2)
                      \rightarrow LabelF \rightarrow Instruction \rightarrow LabelF \rightarrow Instruction
                            Maybe Instruction
tryStepPair\ cs\ l_p\ i_p\ l_q\ i_q =
     match (tryStep\ cs\ l_p\ i_p\ l_q,\ tryStep\ cs\ l_q\ i_q\ l_p) with
     (Just i'_p, Just i'_q)
       | \operatorname{exit} \leftarrow i'_q \qquad \rightarrow \operatorname{Just} i'_p \qquad \qquad (\operatorname{DeferExit1})
| \operatorname{exit} \leftarrow i'_p \qquad \rightarrow \operatorname{Just} (swaplabels i'_q) \qquad (\operatorname{DeferExit2})
       \begin{array}{ll} | \text{ jump } \_ \leftarrow i'_p & \longrightarrow \text{Just } i'_p & \text{(PreferJump1)} \\ | \text{ jump } \_ \leftarrow i'_q & \longrightarrow \text{Just (swaplabels } i'_q) & \text{(PreferJump2)} \end{array}
       \mid \texttt{pull}_{---} \leftarrow i_q' \rightarrow \texttt{Just}\; i_p'
                                                                                              (DeferPull1)
       | \text{pull}_{---} \leftarrow i'_p \rightarrow \text{Just } (swaplabels } i'_q) \text{ (DeferPull2)}

ightarrow Just i_p'
     (Just i_p', _)
                                                                                              (Run1)
     (_{-}, \operatorname{Just} i'_{a})
                               \rightarrow Just (swaplabels i'_a) (Run2)
     (Nothing, Nothing)→ Nothing
                                                                                              (Deadlock)
```

Figure 4.12: Fusion step coordination for a pair of processes.

Figure 4.11 defines function fusePair, which fuses a pair of processes, constructing a result process that does the job of both. We start with a joint label l_0 formed from the initial labels of the two source processes. We then use tryStepPair to statically choose which of the two processes to advance, and hence which instruction to execute next. The possible destination labels of that instruction (computed with outlabels from figure 4.14) define new joint labels and reachable states. As we discover reachable states, we add them to a map bs of joint label to the corresponding instruction, and repeat the process to a fixpoint where no new states can be discovered.

Figure 4.12 defines function *tryStepPair*, which decides which of the two input processes to advance. It starts by calling *tryStep* for both processes. If both can advance, we use heuristics to decide which one to run first.

Clauses (DeferExit1) and (DeferExit2) ensure that the fused process only terminates once both processes are ready to terminate; if either has remaining work, the process with remaining work will execute. The clauses achieve this by checking if either process is at an exit instruction, and if so, choosing the other process. The instruction for the second process was computed by calling *tryStep* with the label arguments swapped, so in (DeferExit2) we need to swap the labels back with *swaplabels* (from figure 4.14). The result process terminates once both processes have terminated at an exit instruction; in this case, clause (DeferExit1) will return the exit instruction from the first process.

Clauses (PreferJump1) and (PreferJump2) prioritise processes that can perform a jump. This helps collect jump instructions together so they are easier for post-fusion optimisation to handle (section 4.5).

Similarly, clauses (DeferPull1) and (DeferPull2) defer pull instructions: if one of the instructions is a pull, we advance the other one. We do this because pull instructions may block, while other instructions are more likely to produce immediate results.

Clauses (Run1) and (Run2) apply when the above heuristics do not apply, or only one of the processes can advance.

Clause (Deadlock) applies when neither process can advance, in which case the processes cannot be fused together and fusion fails.

Figure 4.13 defines function *tryStep*, which schedules a single instruction. This function takes the map of channel types, along with the current label and associated instruction of the first (left) process, and the current label of the other (right) process. The *tryStep* function is called twice in *tryStepPair*, once for each process, so the left process may correspond to either input process at any given time.

Clause (LocalJump) applies when the left process wants to jump. In this case, the result instruction simply performs the corresponding jump, leaving the right process where it is. This clause corresponds to a static version of the rule (Jump) for advancing processes during execution (section 4.2.1).

Clause (LocalCase) is similar, except there are two Next labels.

```
tryStep: (Channel \mapsto Channel Type 2) \rightarrow Label F \rightarrow Instruction \rightarrow Label F \rightarrow Maybe Instruction
tryStep \ cs \ (l_p, s_p) \ i_p \ (l_q, s_q) = match \ i_p \ with
 jump (l', u')
                                                                                                                 (LocalJump)
    \rightarrow Just (jump ((l', s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'))
 case e(l'_t, u'_t)(l'_f, u'_f)
                                                                                                                 (LocalCase)
    \rightarrow Just (case e\left((l'_t, s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'_t\right)\left((l'_f, s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'_f\right)\right)
 push c e(l', u')
     |cs[c]| = out1
                                                                                                                 (LocalPush)
    \rightarrow Just (push c \ e \ ((l', s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'))
     |cs[c]| = in1out1 \land s_q[c] = none_F
                                                                                                               (SharedPush)
    \rightarrow Just (push c \ e \ ((l', s_p), \ (l_q, s_q[c \mapsto \text{pending}_F]), \ u'[\text{chan } c \mapsto e]))
 pull c \ x \ (l'_o, u'_o) \ (l'_c, u'_c)
                                                                                                                  (LocalPull)
     |cs[c] = in1
    \rightarrow Just (pull c \times ((l'_o, s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'_o) ((l'_c, s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'_c))
     |(cs[c] = in2 \lor cs[c] = in1out1) \land s_p[c] = pending_F
                                                                                                      (SharedPullPending)
    \rightarrow Just (jump ((l'_o, s_p[c \mapsto \mathsf{have}_F]), (l_q, s_q), u'_o[x \mapsto \mathsf{chan} c]))
     |(cs[c] = in2 \lor cs[c] = in1out1) \land s_p[c] = closed_F
                                                                                                        (SharedPullClosed)
    \rightarrow Just (jump ((l'_c, s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'_c))
     |cs[c]| = in2 \wedge s_p[c] = none_F \wedge s_q[c] = none_F
                                                                                                         (SharedPullInject)
    \rightarrow Just (pull c (chan c)
                        ((l_p, s_p[c \mapsto pending_F]), (l_q, s_q[c \mapsto pending_F]), [])
                        ((l_p, s_p[c \mapsto closed_F]), (l_q, s_q[c \mapsto closed_F]), []))
 drop c(l', u')
     |cs[c] = in1
                                                                                                                 (LocalDrop)
    \rightarrow Just (drop c ((l', s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'))
     |cs[c]| = in1out1
                                                                                                          (ConnectedDrop)
    \rightarrow Just (jump ((l', s_p[c \mapsto none_F]), (l_q, s_q), u'))
    | cs[c] = in2 \land (s_q[c] = have_F \lor s_q[c] = pending_F)
                                                                                                         (SharedDropOne)
    \rightarrow Just (jump ((l', s_p[c \mapsto none_F]), (l_q, s_q), u'))
     | cs[c] = in2 \land s_q[c] = none_F
                                                                                                         (SharedDropBoth)
    \rightarrow Just (drop c ((l', s_p[c \mapsto none_F]), (l_q, s_q), u'))
 close c(l', u')
                                                                                                                (LocalClose)
     |cs[c]| = out1
    \rightarrow Just (close c ((l', s_p), (l_q, s_q), u'))
     |cs[c]| = in1out1 \wedge s_q[c] = none_F
                                                                                                               (SharedClose)
    \rightarrow Just (close c ((l', s_p), (l_q, s_q[c \mapsto closed_F]), u'))
                                                                                                                  (LocalExit)
 exit
    \rightarrow Just exit
 _|otherwise
                                                                                                                    (Blocked)
    → Nothing
```

Figure 4.13: Fusion step for a single process of the pair.

Clause (LocalPush) applies when the left process wants to push to a non-shared output channel. In this case the push can be performed directly, with no additional coordination required.

Clause (SharedPush) applies when the left process wants to push to a shared channel. Pushing to a shared channel requires the downstream process to be ready to accept the value at the same time. We encode this constraint by requiring the static input state of the downstream channel to be none_F . When this constraint is satisfied, the result instruction stores the pushed value in the stream buffer variable ($\mathsf{chan}\ c$) and sets the static input state to $\mathsf{pending}_F$, which indicates that the new value is now available. This clause corresponds to a static version of the evaluation rule (Push) for advancing the left process, combined with the rule (InjectPush) for injecting the push action into the right process.

Still in figure 4.13, clause (LocalPull) applies when the left process wants to pull from a local channel, which requires no coordination.

Clause (SharedPullPending) applies when the left process wants to pull from a shared channel that the other process either pulls from or pushes to. We know that there is already a value in the stream buffer variable, because the state for that channel is pending_F. The result instruction copies the value from the stream buffer variable into a variable specific to the left source process. The corresponding have_F channel state in the result label records that the value has been successfully pulled.

Clause (SharedPullClosed) applies when the left process wants to pull from a shared channel that the other process either pulls from or pushes to, and the channel is closed. The result instruction jumps to the close output label.

Clause (SharedPullInject) applies when the left process wants to pull from a shared channel that both processes pull from, and neither already has a value. The result instruction is a pull that loads the stream buffer variable, leaving the labels the same and updating the channel state for both processes. In the next instruction, the left process will try to pull again with the

updated channel state, and one of the clauses (SharedPullPending) or (SharedPullClosed) will apply.

Clause (LocalDrop) applies when the left process wants to drop the current value that it read from an unshared input channel, which requires no coordination.

Clause (ConnectedDrop) applies when the left process wants to drop the current value that it received from an upstream process. As the value will have been sent via a heap variable instead of a still extant channel, the result instruction just performs a jump while updating the static channel state.

Clauses (SharedDropOne) and (SharedDropBoth) apply when the left process wants to drop from a channel shared by both processes. In (SharedDropOne), the channel states reveal that the other process is still using the value. In this case, the result is a jump updating the channel state to note that the left process has dropped. In (SharedDropBoth), the channel states reveal that the other process has already dropped its copy of the channel value using clause (SharedDropOne). In this case, the result is a real drop, because we are sure that neither process requires the value any longer.

Clause (LocalClose) applies when the left process wants to close an unshared output channel, which requires no coordination.

Clause (SharedClose) applies when the left process wants to close a shared output channel that the other process pulls from. Closing the channel updates the channel state and requires the downstream process to have dropped any previously read values, just as the (InjectClose) evaluation rule requires the downstream process to have none as its input state.

Clause (LocalExit) applies when the left process wants to finish execution, which requires no coordination here, but causes the other process to be prioritised in the (DeferExit) clauses in the earlier definition of *tryStepPair*.

Clause (Blocked) returns Nothing when no other clauses apply, meaning that this process is waiting for the other process to advance.

```
channels
                    : Process \rightarrow Process \rightarrow (Channel \rightarrow ChannelType_2)
channels p q
                    = \{c = \text{in2} \mid c \in (\text{ins } p \cap \text{ins } q)\}
                    \cup \{c = \text{in1} \mid c \in (\text{ins } p \cup \text{ins } q) \land c \notin (\text{outs } p \cup \text{outs } q)\}
                    \cup \{c = \text{in1out1} \mid c \in (\text{ins } p \cup \text{ins } q) \land c \in (\text{outs } p \cup \text{outs } q)\}
                    \cup \{c = \text{out1} \mid c \notin (\text{ins } p \cup \text{ins } q) \land c \in (\text{outs } p \cup \text{outs } q)\}
outlabels
                                              : Instruction \rightarrow \{Label\}
outlabels (pull c x (l, u) (l', u')) = \{l, l'\}
outlabels (drop c(l, u))
                                            = \{l\}
outlabels (push c e(l, u))
                                            = \{l\}
outlabels (close c(l, u))
                                            = \{l\}
outlabels (case e(l, u)(l', u')) = \{l, l'\}
outlabels (jump (l, u))
                                            = \{l\}
outlabels (exit)
                                            = {}
swaplabels
                                                           : Instruction \rightarrow Instruction
swaplabels (pull c \times ((l_1, l_2), u) ((l'_1, l'_2), u') \models \text{pull } c \times ((l_2, l_1), u) ((l'_2, l'_1), u')
swaplabels (drop c((l_1, l_2), u))
                                                         = drop c((l_2, l_1), u)
swaplabels (push c e((l_1, l_2), u))
                                                         = push c e((l_2, l_1), u)
swaplabels (close c((l_1, l_2), u))
                                                         = close c((l_2, l_1), u)
swaplabels (case \ e \ ((l_1, l_2), u) \ ((l'_1, l'_2), u')) = case \ e \ ((l_2, l_1), u) \ ((l'_2, l'_1), u')
swaplabels (jump ((l_1, l_2), u))
                                                         = jump ((l_2, l_1), u)
swaplabels(exit)
                                                         = exit
```

Figure 4.14: Utility functions for fusion

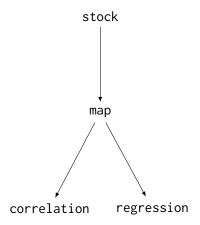


Figure 4.15: Dependency graph for priceOverTime example

Figure 4.14 contains definitions of some utility functions which we have already mentioned. Function *channels* computes the *ChannelType*₂ map for a pair of processes. Function *outlabels* gets the set of output labels for an instruction, which is used when computing the fixpoint of reachable states. Function *swaplabels* flips the order of the compound labels in an instruction.

4.4 SYNCHRONISING PULLING BY DROPPING

The drop instruction exists to synchronise two consumers of the same input, so that both processes pull the same value at roughly the same time. When fusing two consumers, the fusion algorithm uses drops when coordinating the processes to ensure that one consumer cannot start processing the next element until the other has finished processing the current element. Drop instructions are not necessary for correctness, or for ensuring boundedness of buffers, but they improve locality in the fused process.

Recall the priceOverTime example, which computes the correlation and regression of an input stream. The dependency graph for priceOverTime is shown in figure 4.15.

Figure 4.16 shows an example execution of the correlation and regression processes from priceOverTime, with an input stream containing two elements. Execution is displayed



Figure 4.16: Sequence diagram of a possible linearised execution of priceOverTime, showing drop synchronisation

as a sequence diagram. Each process and output stream is represented as a vertical line which communicates with other processes by messages, represented by arrows. The names of each stream and process are written above the line, and time flows downwards. To highlight the synchronisation between regression and correlation processes, we use placeholder values such as *A* and *B* instead of actual stream values, and show only a subset of the whole execution, omitting the stock input stream and the internal messages of the map process.

In the definition of the fold process template, the drop instruction also updates the fold state with the most recently pulled value. We use the shorthand (drop [update A]) to signify that the process updates its fold state with the pulled value A after dropping the element.

Execution starts with the map process pushing the value *A* to both regression and correlation processes. In the execution semantics from section 4.2.1, this push changes the input state of each recipient process from none to pending, to signify that there is a value available to pull. At this point, the map process cannot push again until both consumers have pulled and dropped the *A* value. Next, the regression process pulls the value *A*, temporarily changing its input state to have, before using and dropping the value, changing the input state back to none. The correlation process now performs the same. After both consumers have dropped the input value, the map process is able to push the next value, *B*, which the consumers operate on similarly. Finally, the map process sends close messages to both consumers, which both push the results of the folds to their corresponding output streams before closing them. In this execution, both consumer processes transform the same element at roughly the same time, because the next element is only available once both have dropped, thereby agreeing to accept the next element.

Figure 4.17 shows a hypothetical execution which may occur if our process network semantics did not use drop instructions to synchronise between all consumers. In this execution, we replace the drop instructions with a jump instruction, using the shorthand (jump [update A]) to signify updating the fold state. As before, execution starts with the map process pushing the

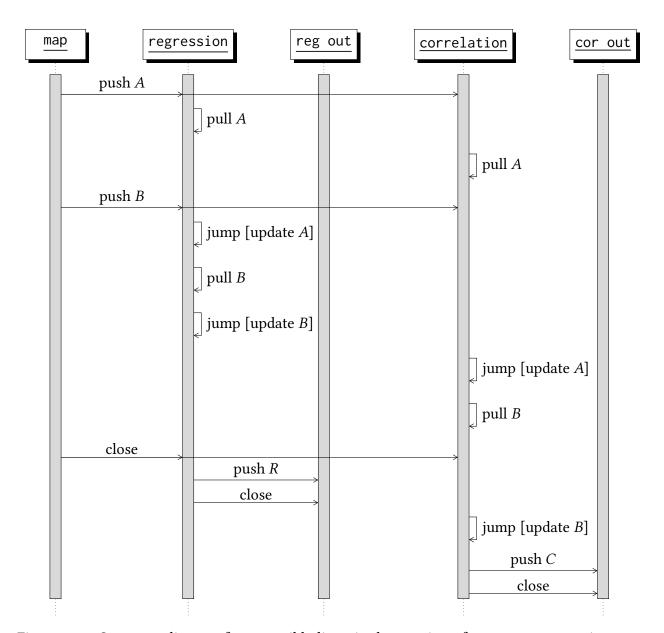


Figure 4.17: Sequence diagram for a possible linearised execution of priceOverTime, using a hypothetical semantics without drop synchronisation

A value, which both consumers pull. Without drop synchronisation, the single-element buffer is cleared as soon as the process pulls, allowing the map process to push another element to both consumers. Now, the regression process executes and updates the fold state with both values A and B. The regression process has consumed both elements before the second consumer, correlation, has even looked at the first. This is not a problem for concurrent execution: the execution results in the same value, and the buffer is still bounded, containing at most one element. However, when we fuse this network into a single process, we commit to a particular interleaving of execution of the processes in the network. When performing fusion, we would prefer to use the previous interleaving with drop synchronisation to this unsynchronised interleaving, because the process with the unsynchronised interleaving would need to keep track of two consecutive elements at the same time. Keeping both elements means the process requires more live variables, which makes it less likely that both elements will fit in the available registers or cache when we eventually convert the fused process to machine code.

4.5 TRANSFORMING PROCESS NETWORKS

The fusion algorithm described in section 4.3 operates on a pair of input processes. For process networks which contain more than two processes, we repeatedly fuse pairs of processes in the network together until only one process remains.

When fusing a pair of processes, the fused process tends to have more states than each input process individually, because the fused process has to do the work of both input processes. In general, the larger the input processes, the larger the fused process will be, and when we have many processes to fuse, the result will get progressively larger as we fuse more processes in. If the fused process becomes too large such that the process does not fit in memory, then fusing in the next process will take longer, and code generation will take longer. When re-



Figure 4.18: Pairwise fusion ordering of the priceAnalyses network.

peatedly fusing the pairs of processes in a network, we perform some simplifications between each fusion step, to remove unnecessary states and simplify the input for the next fusion step.

4.5.1 Fusing a network

As we shall see, when we fuse pairs of processes in a network, the order in which we fuse pairs can determine whether fusion succeeds. Rather than trying all possible orders, of which there are many, we use a bottom-up heuristic to choose a fusion order. Figure 4.18 shows the heuristically chosen fusion order for the priceAnalyses example. The processes are nested inside boxes; each box denotes the result of fusing a pair of processes, and inner-most boxes are to be fused first. Each box is shaded to denote its nesting, and the more deeply nested



Figure 4.19: Process network for append2zip

a box is, the darker its shade. In priceOverTime, we start by fusing the correlation process with its producer, map; we then fuse the resulting process with the regression process. In priceOverMarket, we also start by fusing the correlation process with map, then adding regression, and fusing in the join process. Finally, we fuse the result process for priceOverTime with the result process for priceOverMarket.

To demonstrate how fusion order can affect whether fusion succeeds, consider the following list program, which takes three input lists, appends them, and zips the appended lists together:

```
append2zip :: [a] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [(a,a)]
append2zip a b c =
let ba = b ++ a
bc = b ++ c
z = zip ba bc
in z
```

We use the more convenient syntax for list programs rather than the process network syntax introduced earlier, but in the discussion we interpret this program as a process network. In the process network interpretation, each list combinator corresponds to a process, and each

list corresponds to a stream. The dependency graph for the corresponding process network is shown in figure 4.19.

The append2zip program appends the input streams, then pairs together the elements in both appended streams. The result of the two append processes, ba and bc, both contain the elements from b stream, followed by the elements of the second append argument; stream a or stream c respectively. These two streams, ba and bc, when paired together, will result in each element of the b stream paired with itself, followed by elements of the two other streams paired together.

Figure 4.20 shows an example execution of append2zip, displayed as a sequence diagram. In this diagram, we omit the drop and pull internal messages for all processes, and focus instead on the communication between processes. Each input stream pushes its elements to its consumers; input stream a has elements [1,2], input stream b has elements [3,4], and input stream c has elements [5,6]. Input stream b has multiple consumers, so when it pushes elements, it pushes to both its consumers at the same time.

The execution has three sections. In the first section, all the values from the b stream are pushed to both append processes, then paired together. In the second section, execution alternates between the other streams, a and c, with one value from each. In the third section, the remaining input streams are closed, causing the consumers to also close their output streams.

The bottom-most consumer process, zip, executes by alternately pulling from each of the append processes. The order in which a process pulls from its inputs is called its *access pattern*. Each append process can only push when the zip process' buffer for that channel is empty: append must wait for zip to read the most recent element before pushing a new element. When each append process is waiting, its producer—the input stream—must also wait before pushing the next element. This waiting propagates the zip process' access pattern upwards through the append processes and to the input streams.

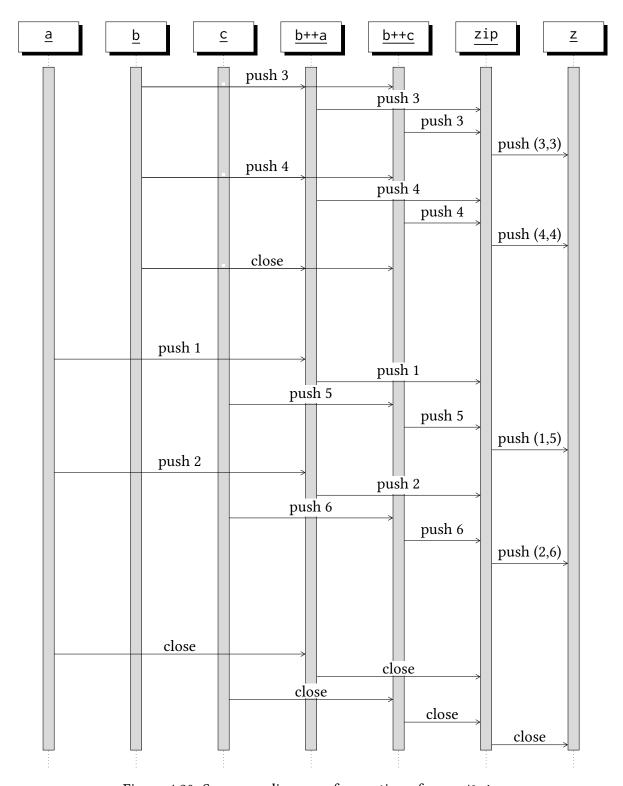


Figure 4.20: Sequence diagram of execution of append2zip

This example contains three processes. We could perform fusion in twelve different orders. Of these twelve orders, there are two main categories, distinguished by whether we start by fusing the append processes with each other, or start by fusing the zip process with one of the append processes.

If we fuse the two append processes together first, we interleave their instructions without considering the access pattern of the zip process. There are many ways to interleave the two processes; one possibility is that the fused process reads all of the shared prefix from stream b, then all of stream a, then all of stream c. For the shared prefix, this interleaving alternates between pushing to streams ba and bc. After the shared prefix, this interleaving pushes the rest of the stream ba, then pushes the rest of the stream bc. When we try to fuse the zip process with the fused append processes with this interleaving, we get stuck. The zip process needs to alternate between its inputs, which works for the shared prefix, but not for the remainder. By fusing the two append processes together first, we risk choosing an interleaving that works for the two append processes on their own, but does not take into account the access pattern of the zip process.

Fusion does succeed if we fuse the zip process with one of the append processes first, then fuse with the other append process. The consumer, zip, must dictate the order in which the append processes push; fusing the zip process first gives it this control. We start from the consumer and fuse them upwards with their producers, because this allows the consumer to impose its access pattern on the producers.

To fuse an arbitrary process network, we consider a restricted view of the dependency graph, ignoring the overall inputs and outputs of the network. We start at the bottom of the dependency graph, finding the *sink* processes, or those with no output edges. These sink processes are the bottom-most consumers which, like zip in our append2zip example, dictate the access pattern on their inputs. For each sink process, we find its parents and fuse the sink process with its parents. When the sink process has multiple parents, we need to choose

which parent to fuse with first. In the append2zip example, we can fuse the zip process with its append parents in any order. In general, one parent may consume the other parent's output; in which case we first fuse with the consumer parent. This order allows the consuming parent to impose its access pattern upon the producing parent. We repeatedly fuse each sink process with its closest parent until there are no more parents.

After fusing each sink process with all its ancestors, there may remain multiple processes. This only occurs if the remaining processes do not share ancestors. The remaining processes also cannot share descendents, since if they had descendents they would not be sink. This means the processes are completely separate and could be executed separately, in any order or even in parallel. Having unconnected processes in the same process network is a degenerate case, as it could be represented as multiple process networks. We err on the side of caution, telling the programmer about anything even slightly unexpected. Rather than making the decision of which order to execute them in, we display a compile-time error and make the programmer separate the network.

The fusion algorithm for pairs of processes fails and does not produce a result process when two processes have conflicting access patterns on their shared inputs. As the access patterns are determined statically, apparent conflicts may never occur at runtime; we instead make a pessimistic approximation. In the implementation, if at any point we encounter a pair of processes which we cannot fuse together, we display a compile-time error telling the programmer that the network cannot be fused.

Unfortunately, this heuristic cannot always choose the correct fusion ordering. It is not possible, in general, to choose the correct ordering based on the dependency graph alone. Consider the following list program, append3, which appends three input lists in various orders, producing three output lists. As with the append2zip example, we present the example as a list program for syntactic convenience, while we interpret it as a process network:

```
append3 :: [a] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow [a] \rightarrow ([a],[a],[a])
```

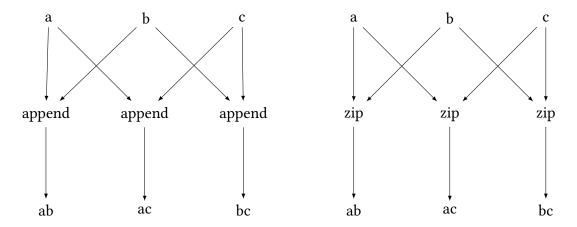


Figure 4.21: Process networks for append3 and zip3

```
append3 a b c =
let ab = a ++ b
ac = a ++ c
bc = b ++ c
in (ab, ac, bc)
```

This process network can be executed with no buffering. First, read all of the a input stream, then read the b stream, then read the c stream. There is no single consumer in this example which imposes its access pattern on its producers, so our heuristic fails. This process network can only be fused if the process that produces ab and the process that produces be are first fused together. If we fused ab and ac together first, the fusion algorithm would make an arbitrary decision of whether to read the b stream before, after, or interleaved with the c stream. The heuristic described will not necessarily choose the right order.

Looking at the dependency graph alone, it is impossible to tell which is the right order for fusion. If we take the append3 example and replace the append processes with zip processes, the dependency graph remains the same, but either fusion order would work. Figure 4.21 shows the process networks of append3 and append3 replaced with zip processes.

We propose to solve this in future work by modifying the fusion algorithm to be commutative and associative. These properties would allow us to apply fusion in any order, knowing that all orders produce the same result. We discuss this enhancement further in section 7.1.

4.6 PROOFS

Our fusion system is formalised in Coq¹, and we have proved soundness of *fusePair*: if the fused result process produces a particular sequence of values on its output channels, then the two source processes may also produce that same sequence. Note that due to the non-determinism of process execution, the converse is not true for all input processes: just because the two concurrent processes can produce a particular output sequence does not mean the fused result process will as well — the fused result process uses only one of the many possible orders. However, because the result of evaluating a Kahn process network to completion *is* deterministic, we should be able to prove that, if fusion succeeds, the result process produces the same overall result despite using potentially different interleavings. This proof is left to future work.

The proof of soundness is stated as follows:

```
Theorem Soundness (P1 : Program L1 C V1) (P2 : Program L2 C V2)

(ss : Streams) (h : Heap)

(l1 : L1) (is1 : InputStates)

(l2 : L2) (is2 : InputStates)

: EvalBs (fuse P1 P2) ss h (LX l1 l2 is1 is2)

→ EvalOriginal Var1 P1 P2 is1 ss h l1

∧ EvalOriginal Var2 P2 P1 is2 ss h l2.
```

¹ https://github.com/amosr/papers/tree/master/2017mergingmerges/proof

The Soundness theorem uses EvalBs to evaluate the fused program, and EvalOriginal ensures that the original program evaluates with that program's subset of the result heap, using Var1 and Var2 to extract the variables. The Streams type corresponds to the channel value map used to accumulate stream elements while feeding a process network (figure 4.9), and the Heap type corresponds to the value store used while advancing a single process (figure 4.8).

To aid mechanisation, the Coq formalisation has some small differences from the system presented earlier in this thesis. Firstly, the Coq formalisation uses a separate update instruction to modify variables in the local heap, rather than attaching heap updates to the *Next* label of every instruction. Performing this desugaring makes the low level lemmas easier to prove, but we find attaching the updates to each instruction makes for an easier exposition. Having a separate update instruction causes the fusion definition to be slightly more complicated, as two output instructions must be emitted when performing a push or pull followed by an update. This difference is fairly minor.

Secondly, the formalisation only implements sequential evaluation for a single process, rather than non-deterministic evaluation for whole process networks. Instead, we sequentially evaluate each source process independently, and compare the output values to the ones produced by sequential evaluation of the fused result process. To allow both input processes to sequentially evaluate to the same collected stream values, the sequential evaluation includes the concept of external events, such as another process pushing to a stream. This is sufficient for our purposes because we are mainly interested in the value correctness of the fused program, rather than making a statement about the possible execution orders of the source processes when run concurrently.

Like the earlier presentation, each program has a mapping from labels to instructions. We also associate each label with a precondition, which is expressed as a predicate of the evaluation state. The precondition for the initial label must be true for the initial evaluation state. Whenever the program takes an evaluation step, assuming the precondition for the original

label was satisfied at the start of the step, the precondition for the result label must be satisfied by the updated evaluation state. With these two conditions satisfied, we can show that all evaluations respect the preconditions by performing induction over the evaluation relation.

The proof itself is not novel, except for the fact that it is mechanised. We believe that the proof gives sufficient confidence in the correctness of the presentation given earlier, despite the differences in formulation.

CHAPTER 5

EVALUATION

Stream fusion is ultimately performed for practical reasons: we want the fused result program to run faster than the original unfused program. We also need to be sure that the fused program is not too large, to ensure that compilation and fusion do not consume too much memory. This chapter shows runtime benchmark results for fused programs, and the result size of fused programs.

5.1 BENCHMARKS

To benchmark our algorithm, we have implemented the fusion algorithm described in chapter 4, in a library called *Folderol*¹. This fusion system uses the topology of the entire process network to perform fusion. When fusing one producer with multiple consumers, the fusion algorithm must coordinate between all the consumers to reach consensus on when to pull the next value. This coordination between all consumers means the fusion algorithm requires global knowledge of the process network. In contrast, shortcut fusion systems such as (Gill et al., 1993) use rewrite rules to remove intermediate buffers and require only local knowledge, but cannot coordinate between multiple consumers. In cases where shortcut fusion cannot fuse it fails silently, leaving the programmer unaware of the failure. This silence is also due to the local nature of rewrite rules: if we wish to know whether all the processes have been fused,

¹ https://github.com/amosr/folderol

we need to know about all the processes. To fuse the entire process network at compile-time, as well as to inform the programmer when fusion fails, Folderol uses Template Haskell, a form of metaprogramming.

Benchmarks are available at https://github.com/amosr/folderol/tree/master/bench. As well as the "gold panning" example from section 2.1, we present one spatial algorithm, two file-based benchmarks, and one audio signal processing benchmark. In the benchmarks, we compare Folderol variously against hand-fused implementations, the array library 'Vector' (Leshchinskiy, 2008), as well as streaming libraries 'Conduit' (Snoyman, 2011), 'Pipes' (Gonzalez, 2012) and 'Streaming' (Thompson, 2015).

The 'Vector' library provides high-performance boxed and unboxed arrays with pull-based shortcut fusion. It is the *de facto* standard for array programming in Haskell, and implements a shortcut fusion system called *stream fusion*, introduced by Coutts et al. (2007). Array operations are implemented by converting the input array to a stream, then performing the corresponding stream operation, and converting back to an array. The shortcut fusion rule removes the superfluous conversion when a stream is converted to an intermediate array and immediately back to a stream. Just as pull streams only support a single consumer, this rule can only remove intermediate arrays which have a single consumer. If the same intermediate array is used multiple times, it acts as a *fusion barrier*, forcing the stream to be manifested into a real, memory-backed array. In practice, Vector provides no guarantees about whether fusion will occur, and the easiest way to tell whether fusion has occurred is to look at the generated code to count the loops and arrays. We could benchmark the program to see whether it is "fast enough", but if we do not have an optimal baseline to compare against, it is hard to know how fast the program *should* be. After inspecting the generated code, if we discover that fusion has not occurred, it may be necessary to rewrite the program and hand-fuse it.

The first two Haskell streaming libraries, 'Conduit' and 'Pipes', both have limited APIs that ensure that any computation can be run with bounded buffers. These streaming libraries are

pull-based, and do not naturally support multiple queries: when a stream is shared among multiple consumers, part of the program must be hand-fused, or somehow rewritten as a straight-line computation. These libraries also have a monadic interface, which allows the structure of the dataflow graph to depend on the values. This expressiveness has a price: if the dataflow graph can change dynamically, we cannot statically fuse it. If the function that computes the next step of the stream is hidden inside a monadic computation, it is hard for the compiler to pull it out and construct it. Because the structure — the function that computes the rest of the stream — is dynamic, it is hard for the compiler to reason statically about the structure. In Vector's stream fusion, great effort is taken to make the step function non-recursive and statically known, by splitting the stream into a static step function and a dynamic state. Vector's static step function can be optimised at compile-time, while the state can change dynamically. In contrast, in Conduit and Pipes, the step function and state are mixed together: the remainder of the stream is only available dynamically as a function closure, hidden inside the continuation for a monadic operation.

The final streaming library, 'Streaming', is similar to the previous two libraries, in that it is a monadic streaming library with limited static fusion. Unlike the previous two, Streaming supports explicit duplication of streams, in a similar way to polarised streams (section 2.4). To duplicate the stream, the store function takes a computation to perform on the copy of the stream, while the original stream is passed through. This operation is analogous to the dup_ioi combinator, which duplicates a pull stream into a push stream and returns a new pull stream; however, the implementation encodes stream polarity with a monad transformer stack rather than directly using pull and push streams.

The benchmark results presented in this chapter were all run on a MacBook Pro, with a 2GHz Intel Core i7, and 16GB of RAM. The operating system is OS X El Capitan. To run the benchmarks, we used the Criterion² library. Criterion offers a fairly reliable way to evaluate

http://hackage.haskell.org/package/criterion

runtime performance, as it runs each benchmark multiple times to compute the mean runtime, and warns if the variance is too high or if there are outliers. It can also collect statistics on allocations, which can be a more stable performance indicator than runtime, as it is less affected by the underlying operating system's scheduling decisions.

We have implemented each benchmark program multiple times across the different backends. These different implementations generally follow the same structure. All the implementations are available in appendix A; in this chapter, we focus on the Folderol versions.

5.1.1 Gold panning

Our first benchmark is the priceAnalyses example from section 2.1. This example computes statistical analyses of a particular stock's price over time, as well as how the stock compares to a market index.

Listing 5.1 shows the Folderol implementation of priceAnalyses. The calls to scalarIO indicate that the query returns two scalar variables that we wish to capture. The fuse function converts the process network into executable code. The dollar-sign syntax around fuse denotes a Template Haskell splice, which means that the call to fuse is evaluated at compile-time, and returns code to execute at runtime. The fuse function takes a process network constructed at compile-time, fuses the network into a single process, and generates code for the resulting process. In the call to source, the piped brackets around the argument [|sourceRecords fpStock|] indicate a Template Haskell quasiquote; this is used to delay execution of code from compile-time to runtime.

We use the same Folderol implementation to benchmark against concurrent execution of a Kahn process network. We disable fusion by replacing the call to fuse with a function called fuseWith, which takes a set of fusion and code generation options. These options dictate whether to perform fusion, whether to automatically insert communication channels between

```
priceAnalysesFolderol :: (FilePath,FilePath) → IO (Double,Double)
priceAnalysesFolderol (fpStock, fpMarket) = do
  (pot,(pom,())) \leftarrow scalarIO \$ \lambda snkPOT \rightarrow scalarIO \$ \lambda snkPOM \rightarrow
     $$(fuse $ do
       stock ← source [|sourceRecords fpStock|]
       market ← source [|sourceRecords fpMarket|]
       pot' ← priceOverTime
                                    stock
       pom' ← priceOverMarket stock market
       sink pot' [|snkPOT|]
       sink pom' [|snkPOM|])
  return (pot,pom)
priceOverTime stock = do
  tp \leftarrow map [|\lambda s \rightarrow (daysSinceEpoch (time s), price s)|] stock
  Stats.regressionCorrelation tp
priceOverMarket stock market = do
  j \leftarrow \text{joinBy } [|\lambda s \text{ m} \rightarrow \text{time s `compare' time m}|] \text{ stock market}
  pp \leftarrow map
                  [|\lambda(s,m) \rightarrow (price s, price m)|] j
  Stats.regressionCorrelation pp
```

Listing 5.1: Folderol implementation of priceAnalyses

each process, and if so what chunk size to use for channels. After inserting the communication channels, the concurrent version uses the same code generation backend as the fused version.

For Pipes, which does not naturally support multiple queries, we implement a two-pass version which computes priceOverTime and priceOverMarket in separate loops over the input. The implementation is available in listing A.1.

For Streaming, we duplicate the stream explicitly to compute priceOverTime as a push stream. The implementation is available in listing A.2.

Figure 5.1 shows the results of benchmarking the different implementations of priceAnalyses over 10⁶ elements. We ran with different sizes of data ranging from 10³ to 10⁸ but do not show these additional values; the results for this size are representative of the relationship between the different implementations. We compare the concurrent execution of Kahn process networks (KPN) with one, two, four, and eight processors. For the concurrent executions, we

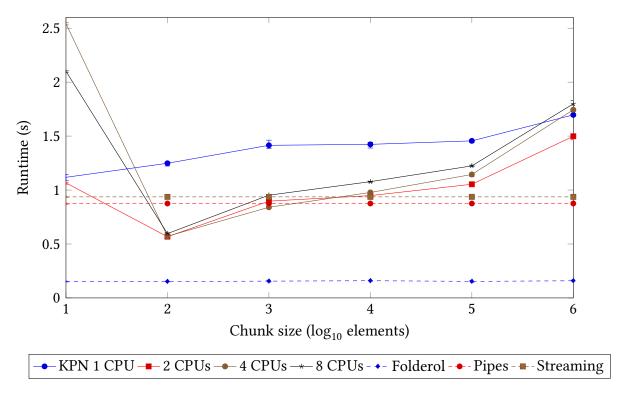


Figure 5.1: Runtime performance for priceAnalyses queries

vary the chunk size along the x axis, to try to find the best trade-off between memory usage and communication overhead. For the sequential implementations — Folderol, Pipes, and Streaming — the inter-process chunk size does not affect execution.

Interpreting the results in figure 5.1, we see that the fused Folderol implementation is the fastest. For multiple processors, a chunk size of one hundred appears to be ideal. For this example with only a few queries, there is a significant improvement between one and two processors, but little further improvement as more processors are added. With the ideal chunk size, the concurrent execution is 1.5 times faster than the Pipes implementation, and 3.7 times slower than the fused version.

```
filterMaxFolderol :: Line \rightarrow Vector Point \rightarrow IO (Point, Vector Point)
filterMaxFolderol 1 ps = do
  (\max, (above, ())) \leftarrow scalar
                                               \lambda snkMaxim \rightarrow
                            vectorSize ps \$\lambdasnkAbove \rightarrow
   $$(fuse $ do
               ← source [|sourceOfVector ps
       ins
                                                         annot ← map
                           [|\lambda p \rightarrow (p, distance p 1)|] ins
       above \leftarrow filter [|\lambda(\_,d) \rightarrow d > 0]
                                                         annot
       above' ← map
                           [|fst
                                                         l] above
       maxim ← maxBy [|compare `on` snd
                                                         ] annot
                           [|snkMaxim
       sink maxim
                                                         sink above'
                           [|snkAbove
                                                         |]$$)
  return (fst maxim, above)
```

Listing 5.2: Folderol implementation of filterMax

5.1.2 Quickhull

Quickhull is a divide-and-conquer spatial algorithm to find the smallest convex hull containing all points. At its core is the filterMax operation which takes a line and an array of points, and finds the farthest point above the line, as well as all points above the line. The streaming libraries, including Folderol, are parameterised over the monad for effects. For simplicity we use an IO monad.

Listing 5.2 shows the Folderol implementation of filterMax. The Folderol implementation starts by constructing a sink for the maximum point to be pushed into (snkMaxim), and a sink for the vector of points above the line (snkAbove). As we know the output vector of points is not going to be any longer than the input vector, we use vectorSize as a size hint to specify the upper bound of the vector's size. The Template Haskell splice calls fuse to convert the process network into executable code. The process network starts by converting the input vector pts to a stream ins. We use source to create an input stream, which takes a Template Haskell expression denoting how to construct a source at runtime. We then annotate each point of ins with the distance between each point and the line with map, calling this stream annot. The

Listing 5.3: Vector / share implementation of filterMax

annot stream is filtered to only those above the line (above), then the annotations thrown away (above'). The maximum is computed by comparing the second half of each annotated point — the distance — and stored in maxim. Finally, maxim is pushed into the scalar output sink, and all above' points are pushed into the vector output sink.

In the Folderol implementation, the annot stream is used twice. If we rewrite this to use Vector, as in listing 5.3, the corresponding annot vector cannot be fused with both of its consumers, and the program requires multiple loops. We call this the 'shared distances' version, as the annot vector containing the distances is made manifest and re-used by the two loops computing the maximum and the filter.

Instead of manifesting the distances vector and sharing it among the two consumer loops, we can also recompute the distances for each consumer. The recomputed distances implementation is available in listing A.6. To recompute the vectors, we modify the shared version, duplicating the binding for the annot vector to annot1 and annot2. The maximum now uses annot1, and filter uses annot2. This way, both maps to compute the distance can be fused into their consumers.

In the results below, recomputing the distances is faster and allocates less than the shared distances version. For this benchmark we used only two-dimensional points, but it is possible that at higher dimensions the cost of recomputing distances may outweigh the cost of allocation. The choice to recompute the distances requires intimate knowledge of how shortcut

fusion works and might be surprising to the naive user: duplicating work does not usually *improve* performance.

For Conduit, we also have two versions: the first uses two passes over the data (listing A.7), while the second is hand-fused into a single pass (listing A.8). The two-pass version defines two 'conduits', or stream computations; cabove for the filtered vector and cmaxim for the maximum. Computation cabove converts the vector to a conduit with sourceVector, then annotates with the distances, filters according to the distances, removes the annotations, and converts back to a vector. As with Folderol, we use size hints when converting back to a vector to remove any overhead with growing and copying the vector. Computation cmaxim also converts the vector to a conduit, then annotates with the distances, and computes the maximum. The hand-fused Conduit version is more complicated, and loses some of the abstraction benefits from using a high-level streaming library.

For Pipes, we only have a hand-fused version (listing A.9), which follows much the same structure as the Conduit hand-fused version.

Finally, the Streaming version (listing A.10) executes in a single pass, with the stream explicitly duplicated into both consumers. We start by converting the vector to a stream with sourceVector, and then use map to annotate each point with the distance from the line. To duplicate the stream we use the store combinator, which takes a computation to perform on the copy of the stream — in this case computing the maximum with maximumBy. The original stream is also passed through, which is filtered and then the annotations discarded.

Table 5.1 shows the runtimes for Quickhull over 10⁷ points, which corresponds to around 150MB in memory. The hand-fused version is the fastest, followed by Folderol. The Vector versions are somewhat slower because they require two iterations over the data, but still generate high-quality loops. Intimate knowledge of shortcut fusion was required to find 'recompute', the faster of the two vector benchmarks, and there is no indication in the source program, or from the compiler, that the two could not be fused together. The streaming libraries are signif-

		Runtime (s)	Runtime (%)	Allocation (b)	Allocation (%)
Folderol		0.21s	100%	1.2e9	100%
Hand		0.14s	66%	4.8e8	40%
Vector	store	0.40s	190%	1.8e9	150%
	recompute	0.34s	161%	8.0e8	66%
Conduit	2-pass	10.0s	4,762%	6.2e10	5,167%
	hand	7.9s	3,762%	4.4e10	3,667%
Pipes	hand	4.9s	1,876%	3.9e10	3,250%
Streaming		4.4s	2,095%	3.0e10	2,500%

Table 5.1: Quickhull benchmark results

icantly slower, spending most of the time allocating closures and forcing thunks. On the plus side, the limited APIs and linearity constraints for Conduit and Pipes made it more obvious that they would not be fused into a single loop, but even with partial hand-fusion, are still significantly slower. The 'Streaming' program allows explicit sharing, and was the simplest of the three streaming libraries, requiring no hand fusion. Surprisingly, the simpler 'Streaming' program is faster than the hand-fused 'Conduit' and 'Pipes' programs, but is still significantly slower than Folderol.

These streaming libraries are not usually used for array computations because of this overhead. In practice, one tends to 'chunk' the data so that each element is an array of multiple elements: this reduces overhead paid for streaming. This chunking must be implemented manually and complicates the program further, reducing the level of abstraction the programmer can work at. Even with chunking, we may reduce the streaming overhead from once per element to once per thousand elements, but we can never remove it entirely. With Folderol there is no streaming overhead to reduce because it is statically fused away.

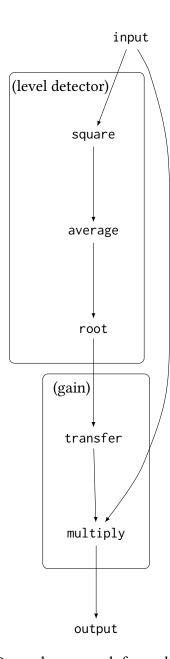


Figure 5.2: Dependency graph for audio compressor

5.1.3 Dynamic range compression

Dynamic range compression is an audio signal processing algorithm to reduce the volume of loud sounds, leaving quiet sounds unchanged. To implement this, we take an audio signal, and at each point approximate the signal's current volume with a rolling average. We pass the current volume to a *transfer function* to compute the *gain multiplier*, which denotes how much to adjust the volume by. If the volume of the input signal is not above the volume threshold, the transfer function sets the gain multiplier to one, indicating no change to the input signal. If the volume is louder than the threshold, the transfer function decreases the volume by setting the gain multiplier to a value below one.

Figure 5.2 shows the dependency graph for the audio compressor. The input stream is used twice, once by the level detector subgraph, and again by the gain subgraph. The level detector subgraph approximates the signal volume by computing the root mean square with an exponential moving average. The gain subgraph uses the output of the level detector to compute the gain multiplier, and then uses this to adjust the volume of the input signal.

The Folderol implementation is shown in listing 5.4. The stream transformers square, root and transfer are computed by applying a single function to each stream element. To compute the moving average, we use postscanl, which is like a fold over the data except it returns the stream of accumulators rather than just the final result. The difference between postscanl and regular scanl is that the output stream for scanl contains the original zero accumulator for the fold, which postscanl omits.

The Vector implementation (listing A.11) is similar to the Folderol implementation, except it does not require the Template Haskell fusion directives or explicit conversion between arrays and streams. Vector's shortcut fusion is able to fuse this program into a single loop, except the two occurrences of the input vector mean that the vector will be indexed twice.

```
compressor :: Vector Double \rightarrow IO (Vector Double)
compressor vecIns = do
  (\text{vecOut},()) \leftarrow \text{vectorSize vecIns } \lambda \text{snkOut} \rightarrow \text{do}
    $$(fuse $ do
                                  [|sourceOfVector vecIns|]
         input
                   \leftarrow source
         squares \leftarrow square input
         means \leftarrow average squares
         roots
                   \leftarrow root
                                  means
                   \leftarrow transfer roots
         output \leftarrow multiply input
                                             gains
                                  [|snkOut|]$$)
         sink output
  return vecOut
— Stream transformers
square = map
                         [|\lambda x \rightarrow x * x|]
average = postscanl [|average' |] [|0|]
        = map
                         [|sqrt
root
                                        transfer = map
                         [|transfer'
                                        multiply = zipWith
                         [|(*)|]
                                        — Worker functions
average' acc sample
= acc * 0.9 + sample * 0.1
transfer' mean
 \mid mean > 1 = 1 / mean
 | otherwise = 1
```

Listing 5.4: Folderol implementation of compressor

	Runtime (s)	Runtime (%)	Allocation (b)	Allocation (%)
Folderol	0.93s	100%	8.0e8	100%
Hand	0.98s	105%	8.0e8	100%
Vector	1.78s	191%	8.0e8	100%

Table 5.2: Compressor benchmark results

```
compressorLop :: Vector Double \rightarrow IO (Vector Double)
compressorLop vecIns = do
  (\text{vecOut},()) \leftarrow \text{vectorSize vecIns } \lambda \text{snkOut} \rightarrow \text{do}
    $$(fuse $ do
         input ← source [|sourceOfVector vecIns|]
         lopass \leftarrow postscanl [|lop20k|] [|0|] input
                                 lopass
         squares ← square
                ← average
                                 squares
         means
         roots \leftarrow root
                                 means
         gains ← transfer roots
                                            gains
         output \leftarrow multiply input
                                 [|snkOut|]$$)
         sink out
  return vecOut
```

Listing 5.5: Folderol implementation of compressor with low-pass

Table 5.2 shows the runtimes for the dynamic range compressor over 10⁸ samples, which corresponds to around 750MB in memory. The runtime difference between the hand-fused implementation and the Folderol implementation are very slight. The Vector implementation is slower because its generated loop indexes the input array twice.

5.1.4 Dynamic range compression with low-pass

Before applying dynamic range compression to an audio signal, we may wish to perform some pre-processing on it. For this benchmark, we want to apply a low-pass filter to the input signal.

The Folderol implementation of a dynamic range compressor with a low-pass is shown in listing 5.5. The low-pass filter is itself a kind of moving average, and is defined in much the

	Runtime (s)	Runtime (%)	Allocation (b)	Allocation (%)
Folderol	1.16s	100%	8.0e8	100%
Hand	1.18s	101%	8.0e8	100%
Vector	2.21s	190%	1.6e9	200%

Table 5.3: Compressor with low-pass benchmark results

same way as the average stream transformer. We use postscan1 to create a low-pass filter to remove frequencies above 20kHz, and call the result stream lopass. The lopass stream is then used as the input to the level detector subgraph and the gain subgraph.

Table 5.3 shows the runtimes for compressor with low-pass. For the Vector implementation in the previous example, the two occurrences of the input vector meant that the input array was indexed twice. However, in the modified version with low-pass (listing A.12), it is the lopass vector which is used twice, rather than the input vector. Using the lopass vector twice means that it must be reified into a manifest vector before it can be reused. The Vector version then has two loops, as well as an extra manifest array.

5.1.5 File operations

For the file benchmarks, we compare against a hand-fused implementation, as well as the three previously mentioned Haskell streaming libraries: 'Conduit', 'Pipes', and 'Streaming'. We do not compare against 'Vector'.

The first file benchmark appends two files while counting the lines. Listing 5.6 shows the Folderol implementation. In Conduit (listing A.13) and Pipes (listing A.14), counting the lines is implemented as a stream transformer which counts each line before passing it along. Table 5.4 shows the runtimes for appending two text files each with half a million lines, around 6.5MB in total.

```
append2 :: FilePath \rightarrow FilePath \rightarrow FilePath \rightarrow IO Int append2 fpIn1 fpIn2 fpOut = do  
(count,()) \leftarrow scalarIO $ \lambdasnkCount \rightarrow $$(fuse $ do  
   in1 \leftarrow source [|sourceLinesOfFile fpIn1|]  
   in2 \leftarrow source [|sourceLinesOfFile fpIn2|]  
   aps \leftarrow append in1 in2  
   count \leftarrow fold [|\lambdac _ \rightarrow c + 1|] [|0|] aps  

sink count [|snkCount |]  
   sink aps [|sinkFileOfLines fpOut |]$$) return count
```

Listing 5.6: Folderol implementation of append2

	Runtime (s)	Runtime (%)	Allocation (b)	Allocation (%)
Folderol	0.29s	100%	8.6e8	100%
Hand	0.29s	100%	8.6e8	100%
Conduit	0.93s	320%	3.3e9	383%
Pipes	0.94s	324%	3.4e9	395%
Streaming	0.57s	196%	2.6e9	302%

Table 5.4: Append2 benchmark results

```
part2 :: FilePath \rightarrow FilePath \rightarrow FilePath \rightarrow IO (Int, Int)
part2 fpIn1 fpOut1 fpOut2 = do
  (c1,(c2,())) \leftarrow scalarIO \$ \lambda snkC1 \rightarrow scalarIO \$ \lambda snkC2 \rightarrow
     $$(fuse defaultFuseOptions $ do
                                     [|sourceLinesOfFile fpIn1|]
                    ← source
       (o1s,o2s) \leftarrow partition [|\lambda l \rightarrow length l \mod 2 = 0|] in1
                    ← fold
                                     [|\lambda c \rightarrow c + 1|] [|0|] o1s
       c1
       c2
                    \leftarrow fold
                                     [|\lambda c \rightarrow c + 1|] [|0|] o2s
       sink c1
                                     [|snkC1
                                                                    sink c2
                                     [|snkC2
                                                                    sink o1s
                                     [|sinkFileOfLines fpOut1|]
       sink o2s
                                     [|sinkFileOfLines fpOut2|]$$)
  return (c1, c2)
```

Listing 5.7: Folderol implementation of part2

		Runtime (s)	Runtime (%)	Allocation (b)	Allocation (%)
Folderol		0.30s	100%	8.6e8	100%
Hand		0.30s	100%	8.6e8	100%
Conduit	hand	0.66s	220%	2.4e9	279%
Pipes	hand	0.55s	183%	2.0e9	232%
Streaming		1.21s	403%	6.1e9	709%

Table 5.5: Part2 benchmark results

The second file benchmark takes a file and partitions it into two files: one with even-length lines, and one with odd-length lines. The output lines are also counted. Listing 5.7 shows the Folderol implementation. Even with partial hand-fusion because of the multiple outputs, the Pipes (listing A.18) and Conduit (listing A.17) programs are slower than ours, as well as losing the abstraction benefits from using a high-level library. The Streaming implementation (listing A.20) allows streams to be shared in a fairly straightforward way and does not require hand-fusion, but is also the slowest in this benchmark. Table 5.5 shows the runtimes for partitioning a file with one million lines, around 6.5MB.

5.1.6 Partition / append

The program in listing 5.8 partitions an input vector into a vector containing the even-valued elements, and a vector containing the odd-valued elements. The two result vectors are then appended together. If we try to compile this code with Folderol, we get a compile-time warning:

bench/Bench/PartitionAppend/Folderol.hs:18:8: warning:

Maximum process count exceeded:

after fusion there are 2 processes, but maximum is 1.

Falling back to unbounded communication channels.

```
partitionAppendFailure :: Vector Int → IO (Vector Int)
partitionAppendFailure xs = do
  (apps,()) \leftarrow vectorSize xs $ \lambdasnkApps \rightarrow
    $$(fuse $ do
               ← source [|sourceOfVector xs|]
        x0
        evens ← filter [|even
                                               |] x0
        odds ← filter [|odd
                                               |] x0
        — Failure: cannot fuse append with both filters
        apps ← append evens odds
        sink apps
                          [|snkApps
                                               |]$$)
  return apps
```

Listing 5.8: Partition / append fusion failure

This warning indicates that the program could not be fused into a single loop without introducing unbounded buffering. Some sort of buffering is inevitable, because append requires all the evens first: all the even-valued elements need to be read from the input stream $\times 0$ before the odd-valued elements can be read by append. To implement this, we would need to read from the input stream $\times 0$, and if we see an odd-valued element, we would need to hold on to it until we were sure there were no even-valued elements left.

In this case, the input stream is backed by a real vector, which means we can, in fact, implement it without introducing an unbounded buffer: we already have the buffer. To execute the program, we explicitly introduce another source to read from the vector, as in listing 5.9. The two filters now apply to different input sources, and even though they are backed by the same vector, there is no need to coordinate the two uses. All of evens can be read by append, independently of odds.

We can implement this program another way, if we are willing to introduce two intermediate arrays. In this version we introduce two loops. In the first loop, we partition the input into two intermediate arrays. Then in the second loop, we append the two intermediate arrays. This implementation is shown in listing 5.10.

Listing 5.9: Partition / append with two sources

```
partitionAppend2Loop xs = do
  (evens,(odds,())) \leftarrow vectorSize xs $ \lambdasnkEvens \rightarrow
                          vectorSize xs \$\lambda snkOdds \rightarrow
    $$(fuse $ do
                  \leftarrow source
                                  [|sourceOfVector xs|]
         x0
         (evens, odds)
                  ← partition [|even
                                                        ]] x0
         sink evens
                                  [|snkEvens
                                                        [|snk0dds
         sink odds
                                                        |]$$)
  (apps,()) \leftarrow vectorSize xs $ \lambda snkApps \rightarrow
    $$(fuse $ do
         evens' ← source
                                   [|sourceOfVector evens|]
         odds' ← source
                                   [|sourceOfVector odds|]
                ← append evens' odds'
         apps
         sink apps
                                   [|snkApps
                                                         |]$$)
  return apps
```

Listing 5.10: Partition / append with two loops

		Runtime (s)	Runtime (%)	Allocation (b)	Allocation (%)
Folderol	2-loop	0.17s	100%	2.4e8	100%
	2-source	0.28s	165%	8.0e7	33%
Vector	2-loop	0.15s	88%	1.6e8	67%
	2-source	0.26s	153%	1.6e8	67%

Table 5.6: PartitionAppend2 benchmark results

The Vector implementations (listing A.21) follow the same structure: the two-loop version uses an intermediate array to store the filtered arrays in before appending them; the other indexes the input array twice, thus computing the predicate twice. The two-loop Vector version uses the partition primitive, which is itself a hand-fused implementation of two filters. The Vector partition cannot fuse with any consumers and always constructs manifest output vectors. The fact that it constructs a manifest vector does allow an optimisation that Folderol cannot perform: if the size is known, the output can be filled at both ends, with the elements that satisfy the predicate filling the start of the array, and the elements that do not satisfy the predicate filling from the back of the array. Once the end of the input is reached, the second half, which was filled back-to-front, can be reversed in-place. Unfortunately, in this example, the Vector program still splits this array in two before appending it back together.

Table 5.6 shows the runtimes for partitioning and appending an input vector with 10⁷ elements. In the results table, the Vector version with two loops is the fastest, but the difference between it and Folderol with two loops is fairly small. The Folderol version with two sources uses the least memory - a third of the two-loop Folderol, and a half of the Vector versions. Sometimes, we are willing to sacrifice lower throughput for lower memory usage, and this decision depends on the context. By giving a compile-time warning when fusion fails, we are able to maintain a high level of abstraction, while empowering the author to make these scheduling decisions.

5.2 RESULT SIZE

As with any practical fusion system, we must be careful that the size of the result code does not become too large when more and more processes are fused together. Figure 5.3 shows the maximum number of output states in the result when a particular number of processes are fused together in a pipelined-manner. To produce this graph, we programmatically generated dataflow networks for *all possible* pipelined combinations of the map, filter, scan, group and join combinators, and tried all possible fusion orders consiting of adjacent pairs of processes. The join combinator itself has two inputs, so only works at the very start of the pipeline — we present result for pipelines with and without a join at the start. The same graph shows the number of states in the result when the various combinations of combinators are fused in parallel, for example, we might have a map and a filter processing the same input stream. In both cases, the number of states in the result process grows linearly with the number of processes. In all combinations, with up to 7 processes there are fewer than 100 states in the result process.

The size of the result process is roughly what one would get when inlining the definitions of each of the original source processes. This is common with other systems based on inlining and/or template meta-programming, and is not prohibitive.

On the other hand, figure 5.4 shows the results for a pathological case where the size of the output program is exponential in the number of input processes. The source dataflow networks consists of N join processes, N+1 input streams, and a single output stream. The output of each join process is the input of the next, forming a chain of joins. In source notation the network for N = 3 is (s0ut = join sIn1 (join sIn2 (join sIn3 sIn4))).

When fusing two processes, the fusion algorithm essentially compares every state in the first process with every state in the second, computing a cross product. During the fusion transform, as states in the result process are generated they are added to a finite map — the

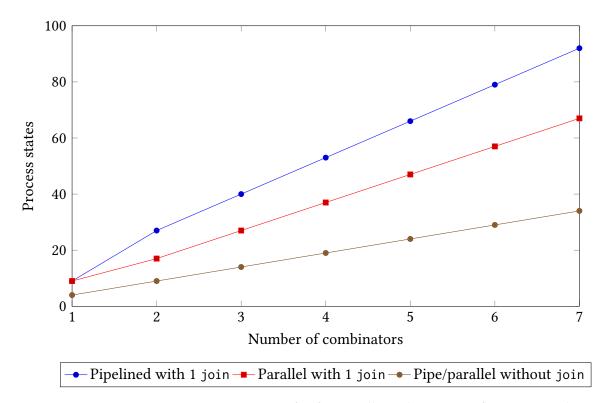


Figure 5.3: Maximum output process size for fusing all combinations of up to n combinators

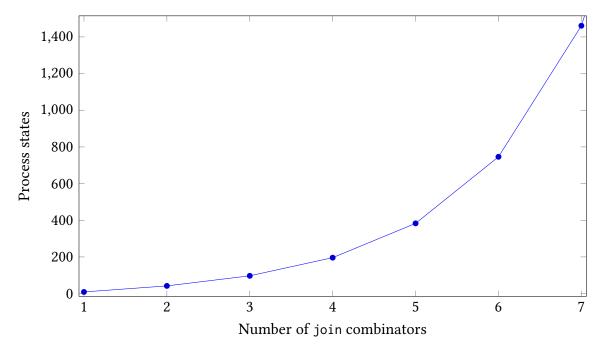


Figure 5.4: Exponential blowup occurs when splitting or chaining join combinators together

instrs field of the process definition. The use of the finite map ensures that identical states are always combined, but genuinely different states always make it into the result.

In the worst case, fusion of two processes produces O(n * m) different states, where n and m are the number of states in each. If we assume the two processes have about the same number of states then this is $O(n^2)$. Fusing the next process into this result yields $O(n^3)$, so overall the worst case number of states in the result will be $O(n^k)$, where k is the number of processes fused.

In the particular case of join, the implementation has two occurrences of the push instruction. During fusion, the states for the consuming process are inlined at each occurrence of push. These states are legitimately different because at each occurrence of push the input channels of the join process are in different channel states, and these channel states are included in the overall process state.

5.3 CONCLUSION

In the benchmarks, we saw that Folderol was always competitive with the hand-fused program, and in all but a few cases, faster than the other programs. For array computations there is some extra code required to convert between vectors and streams. There is also some extra wrapping with Template Haskell splices and quasiquotes, but this is fairly minor, and the required changes are more or less mechanical and type-driven.

Another benefit, aside from performance, is not having to read through Core programs to know whether whether fusion has worked or failed. If fusion succeeds, we know it has succeeded. If fusion fails, we know not just that it has failed, but *where* it has failed. These explicit fusion failures make it a lot easier to track down performance issues due to non-fusion.

CHAPTER 6

RELATED WORK

This chapter discusses related work on streaming and fusion. Some of these points have been touched on previously; we now expand upon them.

6.1 FUSION

This thesis aims to address the limitations of combinator-based stream fusion systems to execute multiple queries concurrently. As explained in chapter 2, neither pull-based or push-based streams are sufficient to execute multiple queries. Some combinators are inherently push-based, particularly those with multiple outputs such as unzip; while others are inherently pull-based, such as zip.

The listlessness transform, an early form of fusion described by Wadler (1984), can execute multiple queries concurrently under some circumstances; however, the transform is not guaranteed to terminate, and is known to diverge on relatively simple programs (Caspi and Pouzet, 1996). Deforestation (Wadler, 1990), an extension of listlessness to support arbitrary recursive data types, addressed the problem of divergence by requiring the input to be *linear* in the input data structures. This linearity constraint equates to disallowing sharing of streams.

Shortcut fusion is an attractive idea, as it allows fusion systems to be specified by a single rewrite rule. However, shortcut fusion relies on local inlining which, like pull-based streams, only occurs when there is a single consumer. Thus, shortcut fusion is inherently biased towards

pull fusion. Push-based shortcut fusion systems *do* exist (Gill et al., 1993), but support neither zip nor unzip (Svenningsson, 2002; Lippmeier et al., 2013).

Recent work on stream fusion by Kiselyov et al. (2017) uses staged computation in a pull-based system to ensure all combinators are inlined, but when streams are used multiple times this causes excessive inlining, which duplicates work. For effectful inputs such as reading from the network, duplicating work changes the semantics.

Our previous work on data flow fusion (Lippmeier et al., 2013) is neither pull-based nor push-based, and supports stream sharing and combinators with multiple inputs. It supports standard combinators such as map, filter and fold, and converts each stream to a series with explicit rate types, similar to the clock types of Lucid Synchrone (Benveniste et al., 2003). These rate types ensure that well-typed programs can be fused without introducing unbounded buffers. This allows unfusable programs to be caught at compile time. However, it only supports a limited set of combinators, and adding more combinators requires changing the fusion system itself.

One way to address the difference between pull and push streams is to explicitly support both separately using the polarised streams we saw in section 2.4, as described by Bernardy and Svenningsson (2015) and Lippmeier et al. (2016). Both systems rely on stream bindings being used linearly to ensure correctness, including boundedness of buffers. These systems require manual polarity analysis of the entire dependency graph, and require complex control flow because of the switching between pulling and pushing.

Streaming IO libraries have blossomed in the Haskell ecosystem, generally based on Iteratees (Kiselyov, 2012). Libraries such as Conduit (Snoyman, 2011), Enumerator (Millikin and Vorozhtsov, 2011), Machines (Kmett et al., 2012), Pipes (Gonzalez, 2012) and Streaming (Thompson, 2015) are all designed to write stream computations with bounded buffers. However, while these libraries provide boundedness guarantees, they provide no fusion guarantees, and as such programs tend to be written over chunks of data to make up for the communication

overhead. For the most part they support only straight-line computations with only limited forms of branching, while Streaming supports explicit duplication in a similar way to polarised streams. We compared the runtime performance of these earlier, in chapter 5.

The benefits of fusion have been known about for a long time, since at least the 1970s. Jackson Structured Programming (Jackson, 2002) is a design methodology where the structure of a program is derived using the structure of the input files to process. Here, a method called "program inversion" performs a similar role to fusion, by removing intermediate results. This method is similar to converting a pull computation into a push computation. While these methods were generally performed by hand, the concept is similar to mechanised fusion.

6.2 SYNCHRONISED PRODUCT

In relation to process calculi, synchronised product has been suggested as a method for fusing Kahn process networks together (Fradet and Ha, 2004), but there is no evidence that this has been implemented or evaluated. The synchronised product of two processes allows either process to take independent or local steps at any time, but shared actions, such as when both processes communicate on the same channel, must be taken in both processes at the same time. This is a much simpler fusion method than ours, but is also much stricter. When two processes share multiple channels, synchronised product will fail unless both processes read the channels in exactly the same order. Our system can be seen as an extension of synchronised product that allows some leeway in when processes must take shared steps: they do not have to take shared steps at the same time, but if one process lags behind the other, it must catch up before the other one gets too far ahead.

It may be possible, in future work, to simplify our fusion system by preprocessing input processes to automatically insert some leeway for shared channels, before using synchronised

product for fusion. We believe that this leeway can, in fact, be inserted using synchronised product itself, but our experiments on this have been limited.

6.3 SYNCHRONOUS LANGUAGES

Synchronous languages such as Lustre (Halbwachs et al., 1991), Lucy-n (Mandel et al., 2010) and SIGNAL (Le Guernic et al., 2003) all use some form of clock calculus and causality analysis to ensure that programs can be statically scheduled with bounded buffers. These languages describe *passive* processes where values are fed in to streams from outside environments, such as data coming from sensors. In this case, the passive process has no control over the rate of input coming in, and if they support multiple input streams, they must accept values from them in any order. In contrast, the processes we describe are *active* processes that have control over the input that is coming in. This is necessary for combinators such as mergesort-style merge, as well as append. Note that in the synchronous language literature, it is common to refer to a different merge operation, also known as default, which computes a stream that is defined whenever either input is defined.

6.4 SYNCHRONOUS DATAFLOW

Synchronous dataflow (not to be confused with synchronous languages above) is a dataflow graph model of computation where each dataflow actor has constant, statically known input and output rates. The main advantage of synchronous dataflow is that it is simple enough for static scheduling to be decidable, but this comes at a cost of expressivity. StreamIt (Thies et al., 2002) uses synchronous dataflow for scheduling when possible, otherwise falling back to dynamic scheduling (Soule et al., 2013). Boolean dataflow and integer dataflow (Buck and

Lee, 1993; Buck, 1994) extend synchronous dataflow with boolean and integer valued control ports, and attempt to recover the structure of ifs and loops from select and switch actors. These systems allow some dynamic structures to be scheduled statically, but are very rigid and only support limited control flow structures: it is unclear how merge or append could be scheduled by this system. Finite state machine-based scenario aware dataflow (FSM-SADF) (Stuijk et al., 2011; Van Kampenhout et al., 2015) is still quite expressive compared to boolean and integer dataflow, while still ensuring static scheduling. A finite state machine is constructed, where each node of the FSM denotes its own synchronous dataflow graph. The FSM transitions from one dataflow graph to another based on control outputs of the currently executing dataflow graph. For example, a filter is represented with two nodes in the FSM. The dataflow graph for the initial state executes the predicate, and the value of the predicate is used to determine which transition the FSM takes: either the predicate is false and the FSM stays where it is, or the predicate is true and moves to the next state. The dataflow graph for the next state emits the value, and moves back to the first state. This does appear to be able to express value-dependent operations such as merge, but lacks the composability — and familiarity — of combinators.

6.5 TUPLING

Automatic tupling combines multiple traversals over a data structure into a single traversal. Tupling is more general than stream fusion: it supports simplifying traversals of trees and other data structures, rather than just streams. Two types of tupling are *fold/unfold tupling* and *hylomorphism-based tupling*.

Fold/unfold tupling, such as Chiba et al. (2010), works by repeatedly unfolding or inlining a definition into its use site, performing some local rewrite-based optimisations, then re-folding the definition. The unfolding may expose some simplification opportunities, which the local rewrite rules simplify away. However, because the definitions to be unfolded are recursive,

significant effort must be taken to ensure only *finite* unfoldings are generated; for this reason, Hu et al. (1997) declare fold/unfold tupling to be impractical.

Hylomorphism-based tupling, such as Hu et al. (1996a), works by expressing traversals of the data structure as a *hylomorphism*. A hylomorphism describes how to generate some intermediate structure based on the input structure, as well as describing how to fold over the intermediate structure to compute the result. The hylomorphism allows us to compute the result without generating the intermediate structure in full. If two traversals of an input data structure can be expressed as folds over the same intermediate structure, both traversals can be computed together. Automatic tupling algorithms attempt to automatically derive a hylomorphism for a given input data structure and traversal function, but these algorithms only work for a limited set of functions. The algorithm in Launchbury and Sheard (1995) is not total and cannot fuse a zip combinator with both of its consumers. The language in Hu et al. (1996b) is restricted to ensure totality of the algorithm, but cannot express the data-dependent access pattern of the join combinator.

6.6 NEUMANN PUSH MODEL

The push streams described in chapter 2 are different from the push model used for database execution, as introduced in Neumann (2011). In an attempt to avoid confusion, we call this the *Neumann push model*. In the Neumann push model, a stream producer is represented as a continuation which takes a sink, or push function, to push values into:

```
data PushModel a = PushModel ((a \rightarrow IO ()) \rightarrow IO ())
```

The consumer provides a sink by calling the continuation, then the producer repeatedly pushes all its values to the provided sink. In this model, the consumer tells the producer when to start producing the entire stream: this is in contrast with pull streams, where the consumer

asks for a single element at a time, and push streams, where the producer provides a single element at a time. Neumann (2011) originally claimed that the Neumann push model was inherently more efficient than the pull model, but this was an unfair comparison between a compiled Neumann push model and an un-optimised pull model (Shaikhha et al., 2018).

This control-flow is the same as for *push arrays*, as described in Claessen et al. (2012) and Svensson and Svenningsson (2014). Here, push arrays are used as a code generation technique, with the main advantage of generating *branchless* code to append two arrays. The branchless version of append executes as two loops, one to read from each array, rather than one loop with a conditional branch inside to choose which input array to read from.

The control-flow is also the same as push-based shortcut fusion (Gill et al., 1993), as the consumer initiates the production loop. Just as push-based shortcut fusion supports neither zip nor unzip (Svenningsson, 2002); neither does the Neumann push model support combinators with multiple inputs except append; nor does it support executing multiple queries concurrently.

Biboudis (2017) describes how this model is better for Java JIT compilation, as it allows the producer to be implemented as a simple for-loop repeatedly calling the consumer function, which makes the JIT optimiser more likely to inline the consumer.

CHAPTER 7

CONCLUSION

This final chapter discusses some directions for future work, before concluding the thesis. This thesis has presented four different ways to execute multiple queries concurrently, each with a different set of trade-offs.

In section 2.3 we saw how *push streams* can be used to execute multiple queries, so long as the queries all operate over the same input. These queries were written back-to-front and the input stream must be manually duplicated whenever the input was used multiple times.

In chapter 3 we introduced *Icicle*, an alternate presentation of push streams, using modal types to ensure that all queries over a single shared input table can be fused together and executed in a single pass. Here, values from the input stream can be shared among multiple consumers without explicitly duplicating the stream.

In section 2.4 we saw *polarised streams*, which are a careful combination of push streams and pull streams, that can be used execute multiple queries concurrently. Writing a group of queries as polarised streams requires putting all the queries together in a single dataflow graph, then performing a manual polarity analysis on the graph, so that push or pull polarities can be assigned to each edge of the dataflow graph.

In chapter 4 we introduced *process fusion*, where a Kahn process network is used to execute multiple queries; the processes are then fused together so the queries can be executed as a single process, without communication overhead. Here, the queries require no polarity analysis, and fusion is performed automatically. The advantage of process fusion over Icicle

is that it supports multiple input streams. However, by supporting multiple input streams, we lose the guarantee that all queries over the same input can be fused together.

In section 4.6 we gave an overview of the *mechanised proof of soundness of fusion*, which gives us confidence in the correctness of the fusion transform.

Finally, in chapter 5 we evaluated the runtime performance of process fusion and saw that the fused program was always at least two times faster than the compared streaming implementations, and usually slightly faster than the compared array fusion implementation.

If, in the future of computing, interest in *big data* does not wither and fade; if datasets continue to grow faster than hard drives or memory; if data analysis is required to answer questions; then, the concurrent execution of streaming queries will only become more important.

7.1 FUTURE WORK

In this last section, we take a brief look at the limitations and possible extensions of our work.

7.1.1 Network fusion order and non-determinism

In the discussion of process fusion in section 4.5.1, we saw that the order in which we fuse the processes in a network can affect whether fusion succeeds or fails. We propose to solve this in the future by modifying the fusion algorithm to be commutative and associative. These properties would allow us to apply fusion in any order, knowing that all orders produce the same result.

The fusion algorithm is not commutative because when two processes are trying to execute instructions which could occur in either order, the algorithm must choose only one instruction.

The fusion algorithm applies some heuristics to decide which instruction to execute first, but when evaluating the processes as a process network, the choice is non-deterministic. Fusion commits too early to a particular interleaving of the instructions from each process, when there are many possible interleavings that would work. By explicitly introducing non-determinism in the fused process, we could represent all possible interleavings, and do not have to commit to one too early. We are moving the non-determinism from the fusion algorithm deciding which process to execute, and reifying it in the result process itself.

Reifying the non-determinism in the processes will mean that all fusion orders produce the same process at the end. Different orders will not affect the result, or whether things fuse. Different orders do affect the size of the intermediate process, after performing some fusion but before all processes are fused together. Fusing two unconnected processes which read from different streams introduces a lot of non-determinism: at each step of the fused process, either of the original processes can take a step. The two processes do not constrain each other, and the result process will have a lot of states. Fusing connected processes, for example a producer and a consumer, introduce less non-determinism because there are points when only one of the processes can run. When the consumer is waiting for a value, only the producer can run. We suspect that, in general, fusing connected processes will produce a smaller process than fusing unconnected processes. The size of the overall result for the entire network is not any different, but the intermediate process will be smaller. Larger intermediate programs generally take longer to compile, so some heuristic order which fuses connected processes is likely to be useful, even if the order does not affect the result.

The advantage of Kahn process networks is that they guarantee a deterministic result, despite the non-deterministic evaluation order. To retain deterministic results, non-determinism must be restricted to only occur in the processes generated by the fusion algorithm, and not in the input processes defined by the user. Because the fusion algorithm is essentially a static

application of the runtime evaluation rules, any non-determinism introduced by the fusion algorithm will still compute a deterministic result.

7.1.2 Conditional branching and fusion

In the process fusion algorithm, case instructions, which perform conditional branching, are simply copied to the result process. However, if both input processes branch on the same condition, we should be able to statically infer that, for example, if the first process takes the true branch, the second process should also take the true branch.

Consider the following list program, which filters the input list twice, with both filters using the same predicate:

```
filter2 :: [Int] \rightarrow [(Int,Int)]

filter2 input =

let xs = filter (\lambda i \rightarrow i > 5) input

ys = filter (\lambda i \rightarrow i > 5) input

xys = zip xs ys

in xys
```

If we interpret this program as a process network and try to perform fusion, the fusion algorithm fails, erroneously suggesting that the process network requires an unbounded buffer or multiple passes over the input list. This failure would be legitimate if the two filter predicates were different. However, when the predicates are the same, it *is* possible to execute with a single loop and no buffers: if the input value used by xs is greater than five, then the input value used by ys is also greater than five.

Rather than extend the fusion algorithm to track which case conditions are true at each given label, we propose to implement a separate post-processing pass to perform branch sim-

plification on the fused process. In the filter2 example, the fusion algorithm returns a fusion failure instead of a fused process. Implementing this extension as a separate pass would require modifying the fusion algorithm to still return the complete fused process when it detects a potential deadlock; potential deadlocks could be recorded in the result process with a new instruction. After fusing all the processes together, simplifying the result process, and removing unreachable instructions, we would check whether any deadlock instructions are reachable; if so, we trigger a fusion failure as before.

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CHAPTER A

BENCHMARK CODE

```
priceAnalysesPipes (fpStock,fpMarket) =
  (,) <$> priceOverTime fpStock <*> priceOverMarket fpStock fpMarket
priceOverTime fpStock =
  Fold.purely P.fold Stats.regressionCorrelation $ go
 where
  go
   = sourceRecords fpStock
   P. \rightarrow P.map (\lambda s \rightarrow (daysSinceEpoch \$ time s, cost s))
priceOverMarket :: FilePath → FilePath → IO Double
priceOverMarket fpStock fpMarket =
  Fold.purely P.fold Stats.regressionCorrelation $ go
 where
  go
   = joinBy (\lambdas m \rightarrow time s `compare` time m)
         (sourceRecords fpStock)
         (sourceRecords fpMarket)
   P. \rightarrow P. map (\lambda(s,m) \rightarrow (cost s, cost m))
```

```
priceAnalysesStreaming (fpStock,fpMarket) = do
  (pom S.:> (pot S.:> (),_)) ← priceOverMarket
        (S.store priceOverTime $ sourceRecords fpStock)
        (sourceRecords fpMarket)
    return (pot,pom)

priceOverTime stock
    = Fold.purely S.fold covariance
    $ S.map (λs → (daysSinceEpoch (time s), cost s)) stock

priceOverMarket stock market
    = Fold.purely S.fold covariance
    $ S.map (λ(s,m) → (cost s, cost m))
    $ joinBy (λs m → time s `compare` time m)
        stock market
```

Listing A.2: Streaming implementation of priceAnalyses

Listing A.1: Pipes two-pass implementation of priceAnalyses

```
quickhull :: (Vector Point → IO (Point,Point))
            \rightarrow (Line \rightarrow Vector Point \rightarrow IO (Point, Vector Point))
            \rightarrow Vector Point
            \rightarrow IO (Vector Point)
quickhull fPivots fFilterMax ps0
 | null ps0 =
   return empty
 | otherwise = do
   (1,r) \leftarrow fPivots ps0
   top \leftarrow go 1 r ps0
   bot \leftarrow go r l ps0
   return (singleton l ++ top ++ singleton r ++ bot)
 where
  go 1 r ps
   | null ps =
     return empty
   | otherwise = do
      (pt,above) \leftarrow fFilterMax (l,r) ps
     left
                  \leftarrow go 1 pt above
     right
                   \leftarrow \text{ go pt r above}
     return (left ++ singleton pt ++ right)
```

Listing A.3: Quickhull skeleton parameterised by filterMax and pivots

```
filterMaxHand 1 ps
 | Unbox.length ps = 0
= return ((0,0), Unbox.empty)
 | otherwise = do
   mv ← MUnbox.unsafeNew $ Unbox.length ps
   (x,y,wix) \leftarrow go0 mv
   v ← Unbox.unsafeFreeze $ MUnbox.unsafeSlice 0 wix mv
   return ((x,y), v)
 where
  {-# INLINE go0 #-}
  go0 !mv = do
   let (x0,y0) = Unbox.unsafeIndex ps 0
   let d0 = distance (x0,y0) 1
   case d0 > 0 of
    True \rightarrow do
      MUnbox.unsafeWrite mv 0 (x0,y0)
      go mv 1 1 x0 y0 d0
    False \rightarrow do
     go mv 1 0 x0 y0 d0
  {-# INLINE go #-}
  go !mv !ix !writeIx !x1 !y1 !d1
   = case ix \geq Unbox.length ps of
      True \rightarrow return (x1,y1, writeIx)
      \mathsf{False} \, \to \, \mathsf{do}
       let (x2,y2) = Unbox.unsafeIndex ps ix
       let d2 = distance (x2,y2) 1
        case d2 > 0 of
        True \rightarrow do
           MUnbox.unsafeWrite mv writeIx (x2,y2)
           case d1 > d2 of
            True \rightarrow go mv (ix + 1) (writeIx + 1) x1 y1 d1
            False \rightarrow go mv (ix + 1) (writeIx + 1) x2 y2 d2
        False \rightarrow
           case d1 > d2 of
            True \rightarrow go mv (ix + 1) writeIx x1 y1 d1
            False \rightarrow go mv (ix + 1) writeIx x2 y2 d2
```

Listing A.4: Hand-fused implementation of filterMax

Listing A.5: Vector / share implementation of filterMax

```
filterMaxVectorRecompute 1 ps = \text{let annot1} = \text{Unbox.map } (\lambda p \rightarrow (p, \text{ distance p 1})) \text{ ps} point = \text{fst} \\ \text{$$ \text{Unbox.maximumBy (compare `on` snd) annot1}$} annot2 = \text{Unbox.map } (\lambda p \rightarrow (p, \text{ distance p 1})) \text{ ps} above = \text{Unbox.map fst} \\ \text{$$ \text{$$ \text{Unbox.filter ((>0) } \circ \text{ snd) annot2}$} \text{in return (point, above)}
```

Listing A.6: Vector / recompute implementation of filterMax

```
filterMaxConduitTwoPass 1 ps = do maxim \leftarrow runConduit cmaxim above \leftarrow runConduit cabove return (fst maxim, above) where cabove = sourceVector ps .| map (\lambda p \rightarrow (p, distance \ p \ 1)) .| filter ((>0) \circ snd) .| map fst .| sinkVectorSize ps

cmaxim = sourceVector ps .| map (\lambda p \rightarrow (p, distance \ p \ 1)) .| maximumBy (compare `on` snd)
```

Listing A.7: Conduit two-pass implementation of filterMax

```
filterMaxConduitOnePass 1 ps = do
         ← MUnbox.unsafeNew (Unbox.length ps)
  (a,ix) \leftarrow runConduit \$ both r
  r' ← Unbox.unsafeFreeze $ MUnbox.unsafeSlice 0 ix r
  return (a, r')
where
  both r =
    sourceVector ps
    map (\lambda p \rightarrow (p, distance p 1)) .
    filterAndMax r 0 (0,0) (-1/0)
  filterAndMax !r !ix (!x,!y) !d1 = do
    e \leftarrow await
    case e of
     Just (!p2,!d2) \rightarrow do
      let (!p',!d') = if d1 > d2 then ((x,y),d1) else (p2,d2)
      case d2 > 0 of
       True \rightarrow do
        MUnbox.unsafeWrite r ix p2
        filterAndMax r (ix+1) p' d'
       False \rightarrow do
        filterAndMax r ix p' d'
     Nothing \rightarrow do
      return ((x,y), ix)
```

Listing A.8: Conduit one-pass (hand-fused) implementation of filterMax

```
filterMaxPipes 1 ps = do
  r \leftarrow MUnbox.unsafeNew (Unbox.length ps)
  ix ← newIORef 0
  pt \leftarrow newIORef (0,0)
  P.runEffect (sourceVector ps
                                           P.>\rightarrow
                                           P.>→
                 annot
                 filterAndMax r ix pt 0 (0,0) (-1/0)
  pt' ← readIORef pt
  ix' \leftarrow readIORef ix
  r' \leftarrow Unbox.unsafeFreeze $ MUnbox.unsafeSlice 0 ix' r
  return (pt', r')
 where
  annot = P.map (\lambda p \rightarrow (p, distance p 1))
  filterAndMax !vecR !ixR !ptR !ix (!x,!y) !d1 = do
    lift $ writeIORef ixR ix
    lift $ writeIORef ptR (x,y)
    (p2,d2) \leftarrow P.await
    let (!p',!d') = if d1 > d2 then ((x,y),d1) else (p2,d2)
    case d2 > 0 of
     True \rightarrow do
      lift $ MUnbox.unsafeWrite vecR ix p2
      filterAndMax vecR ixR ptR (ix+1) p' d'
     False \rightarrow do
      filterAndMax vecR ixR ptR ix p' d'
```

Listing A.9: Pipes implementation of filterMax

```
filterMaxStreaming 1 ps = do 

(vec,pt :> ()) \leftarrow sinkVectorSize ps 

$ map fst 

$ filter (\lambda(_-,d) \rightarrow d \neq 0) 

$ store maximumBy (compare `on` snd) 

$ map (\lambda p \rightarrow (p, distance p 1)) 

$ sourceVector ps 

return (pt, vec)
```

Listing A.10: Streaming implementation of filterMax

```
compressorVector :: Vector Double → IO (Vector Double)
compressorVector ins = do
 let squares = Unbox.map
                                 (\lambda x \rightarrow x * x) ins
 let avg = Unbox.postscanl' lop
                                       0
                                                squares
            = Unbox.map
 let mul
                                 clip
                                                avg
 let out
             = Unbox.zipWith
                                 (*)
                                       mul
                                                ins
  return out
```

Listing A.11: Vector implementation of compressor

```
compressorLopVector :: Vector Double \rightarrow IO (Vector Double) compressorLopVector ins = do let lopped = Unbox.postscanl' lop20k 0 xs let squares = Unbox.map (\lambda x \rightarrow x * x) lopped let avg = Unbox.postscanl' expAvg 0 squares let root = Unbox.map clipRoot avg let out = Unbox.zipWith (*) root lopped return out
```

Listing A.12: Vector implementation of compressor with low-pass

```
append2Conduit in1 in2 out =
   C.runConduit (sources C.. | sinks)
where
   sources = sourceFile in1 >> sourceFile in2

sinks = do
   (i,_) ← C.fuseBoth (counting 0) (sinkFile out)
   return i

counting i = do
   e ← C.await
   case e of
   Nothing → return i
   Just v → do
    C.yield v
   counting (i + 1)
```

Listing A.13: Conduit implementation of append2

```
append2Pipes in1 in2 out = do
  h \leftarrow IO.openFile out IO.WriteMode
  i \leftarrow P.runEffect $ go h
  IO.hClose h
  return i
 where
  go h =
   let ins = sourceFile in1 >> sourceFile in2
        ins' = counting ins 0
        outs = sinkHandle h
   in ins' P.>\rightarrow outs
  counting s i = do
   e \,\leftarrow\, P.next\ s
   case e of
    Left \_end \rightarrow return i
    Right (v,s') \rightarrow do
     P.yield v
     counting s'(i + 1)
```

Listing A.14: Pipes implementation of append2

```
append2Hand in1 in2 out = do
  f1 ← IO.openFile in1 IO.ReadMode
  f2 ← IO.openFile in2 IO.ReadMode
  h \leftarrow IO.openFile out IO.WriteMode
  i \leftarrow go1 h f1 f2 0
  IO.hClose f1
  IO.hClose f2
  IO.hClose h
  return i
where
  go1 h f1 f2 lns = do
   f1' ← IO.hIsEOF f1
   case f1' of
    True \rightarrow go2 h f2 lns
    False \rightarrow do
     1 ← Char8.hGetLine f1
     Char8.hPutStrLn h l
     go1 h f1 f2 (lns + 1)
  go2 h f2 lns = do
   f2' ← IO.hIsEOF f2
   case f2' of
    True \rightarrow return lns
    \texttt{False} \, \to \, \texttt{do}
     1 ← Char8.hGetLine f2
     Char8.hPutStrLn h l
     go2 h f2 (lns + 1)
```

Listing A.15: Hand-fused implementation of append2

```
append2Streaming in1 in2 out = do
  sinkFile out $ go (sourceFile in1) (sourceFile in2)
where
  go s1 s2 = S.store S.length_ $ (s1 >> s2)
```

Listing A.16: Streaming implementation of append2

```
part2Conduit in1 out1 out2 =
  C.runConduit (sources C..| sinks)
 where
  sources = sourceFile in1
  sinks = do
  h1 ← lift $ IO.openFile out1 IO.WriteMode
  h2 ← lift $ IO.openFile out2 IO.WriteMode
   ij \leftarrow go h1 h2 0 0
  lift $ IO.hClose h1
   lift $ IO.hClose h2
  return ij
  go h1 h2 !c1 !c2 = do
  e \leftarrow C.await
   case e of
    Nothing \rightarrow return (c1,c2)
    Just v
     | prd v \rightarrow do
      lift $ Char8.hPutStrLn h1 v
      go h1 h2 (c1 + 1) c2
     | otherwise \rightarrow do
      lift $ Char8.hPutStrLn h2 v
      go h1 h2 c1 (c2 + 1)
  prd 1 = ByteString.length 1 `mod` 2 = 0
```

Listing A.17: Conduit implementation of part2

```
part2Pipes in1 out1 out2 = do
  o1 ← IO.openFile out1 IO.WriteMode
  o2 \leftarrow IO.openFile out2 IO.WriteMode
  ref \leftarrow newIORef (0,0)
  P.runEffect (sourceFile in1 P.>\rightarrow go ref o1 o2 0 0)
  IO.hClose o1
  IO.hClose o2
  readIORef ref
 where
  go ref o1 o2 !c1 !c2 = do
   lift $ writeIORef ref (c1, c2)
   v \leftarrow P.await
   case () of
     | prd v \rightarrow do
      lift $ Char8.hPutStrLn o1 v
      go ref o1 o2 (c1 + 1) c2
     | otherwise \rightarrow do
      lift $ Char8.hPutStrLn o2 v
      go ref o1 o2 c1 (c2 + 1)
  prd 1 = ByteString.length 1 `mod` 2 == 0
```

Listing A.18: Pipes implementation of part2

```
part2Hand in1 out1 out2 = do
  f1 ← IO.openFile in1 IO.ReadMode
  o1 ← IO.openFile out1 IO.WriteMode
  o2 ← IO.openFile out2 IO.WriteMode
  r \leftarrow go f1 o1 o2 0 0
  IO.hClose f1
  IO.hClose o1
  IO.hClose o2
  return r
 where
  go i1 o1 o2 c1 c2 = do
   i1' ← IO.hIsEOF i1
   case i1' of
    True \rightarrow return (c1, c2)
    False \rightarrow do
     1 ← Char8.hGetLine i1
     case ByteString.length 1 `mod` 2 = 0 of
      True \rightarrow do
        Char8.hPutStrLn o1 l
        go i1 o1 o2 (c1 + 1) c2
      False \rightarrow do
        Char8.hPutStrLn o2 1
        go i1 o1 o2 c1 (c2 + 1)
```

Listing A.19: Hand implementation of part2

Listing A.20: Streaming implementation of part2

```
partitionAppendV2Loop :: Unbox.Vector Int → IO (Unbox.Vector Int)
partitionAppendV2Loop !xs = do
  let (as,bs) = Unbox.partition (λi → i `mod` 2 = 0) xs
  let asbs = as Unbox.++ bs
  return asbs

partitionAppendV2Source :: Unbox.Vector Int → IO (Unbox.Vector Int)
partitionAppendV2Source !xs = do
  let p i = i `mod` 2 = 0
  let as = Unbox.filter p xs
  let bs = Unbox.filter (not ∘ p) xs
  let asbs = as Unbox.++ bs
  return asbs
```

Listing A.21: Vector implementations of partitionAppend