Simpler Java Reducing complexity in Java code

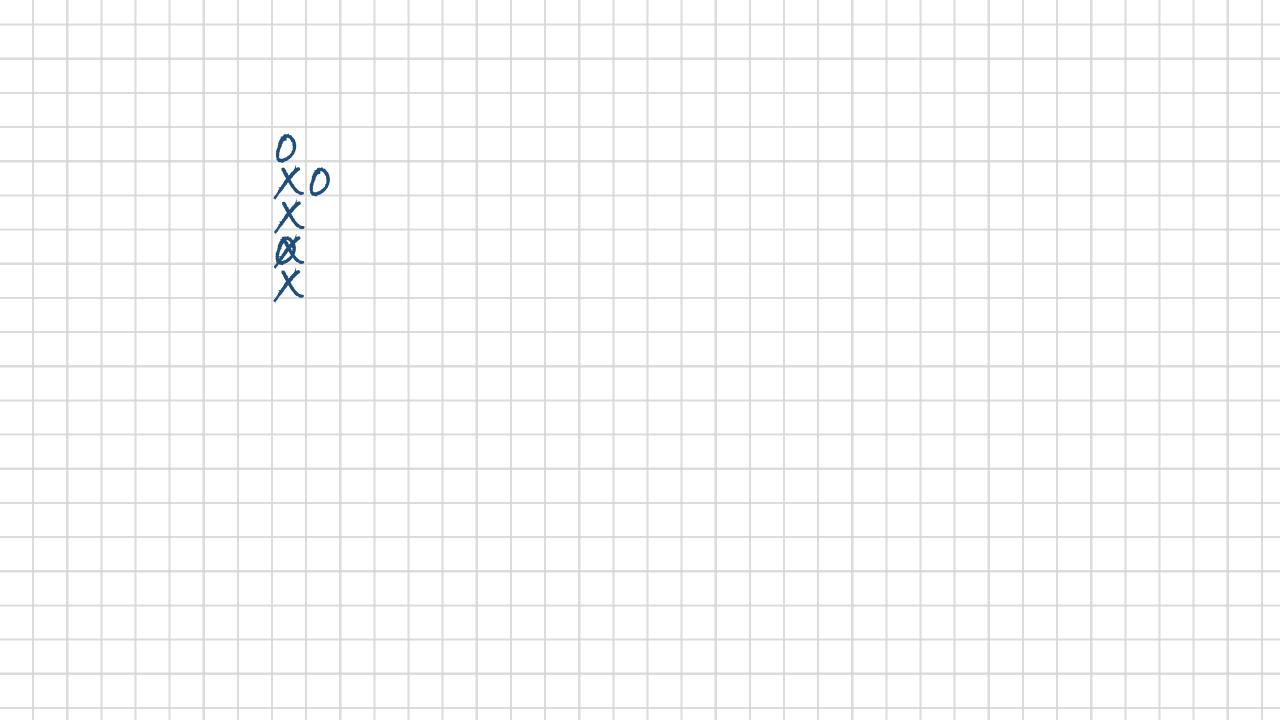


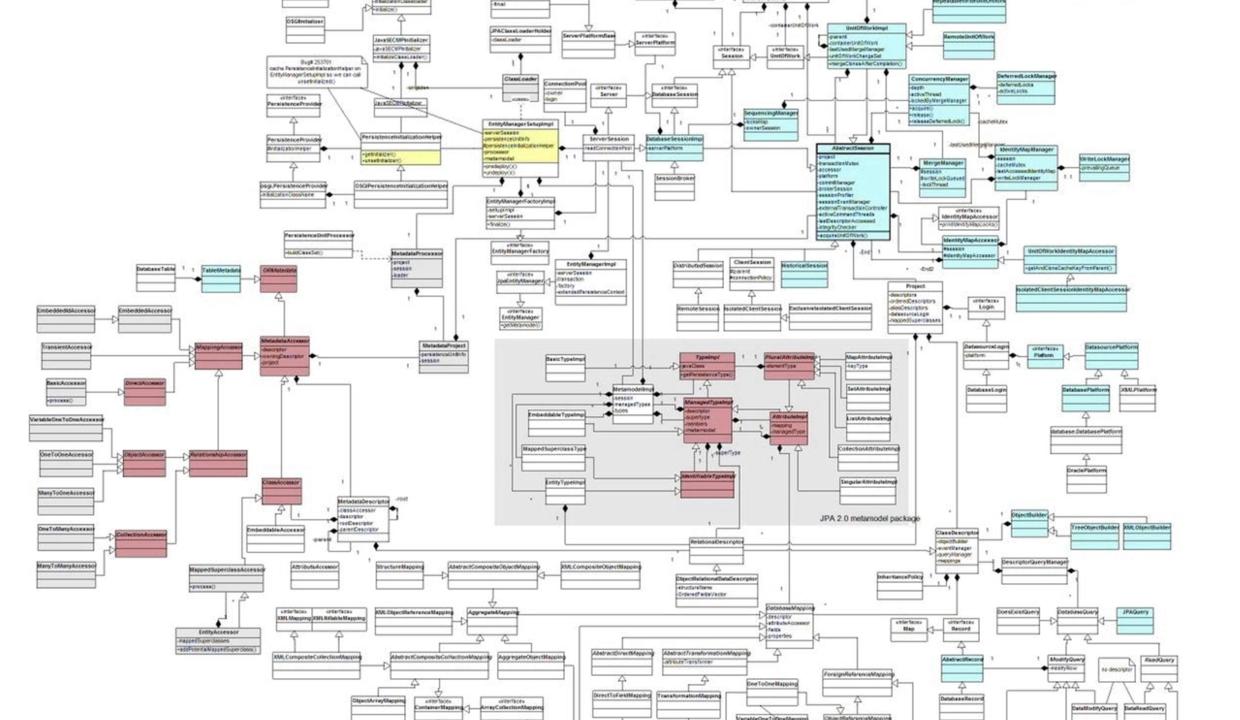
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Variables

Variables are the moving parts

Can be changed by any referring them

Hidden variables are more complex someone can change them according to additional rules

Local variables are fine scope may change during addition of functionality, refactoring, by others



Complexity

Complexity undermines understanding
Entangled things need to be considered together
Incidental complexity
Simplicity, not to be confused with ease



About avoiding variables

without variables

```
Functional programming
without variables
composing functions

Implies
no if statements
no loops
```

if statements

```
String answer ="Unknown";
if (value==3)
    answer="Yes";
else
    answer="No";
process(answer);
if (value==3)
    process("Yes");
else
    answer="No";
```

temporaries or code duplication

if statements

```
final String answer =
  value==3 ? "Yes" : "No";
process(answer);
```

```
final String answer =
  if(value==3; "Yes"; "No");
process(answer);
```

But, how about a better if

ifelse the expression

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No temporaries
Represents a value
Still clear when nested
Removes the {} from your lambdas

```
return ifelse(null==question,
  () -> "What? Question missing",
  () -> ifelse(isDifficult(question),
     () -> question.toUpperCase(),
     () -> concat("Don't worry: ", question)));
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Revealing intent

```
if is a Swiss Army Knife
Have to be read more than twice
    else clause?
    validity of temporaries?
    execution paths?
    nesting?
    category?
```



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  when - without else clause
  mapOr - nullcheck
  unless - else is exceptional
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In short...

if statements Swiss army knife induces incidental complexity Expressions reveal intent are expressions easy to get used to



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<T> int count(T t, Iterable<?> haystack) {
   int hits=0;
   for(Object e:haystack) {
     if (Objects.equals(t, e))
        hits=hits+1;
   }
   return hits;
}
```

Imposes variables

loops

```
<T> int count(T t, Iterable<?> haystack) {
  int hits=0;
  Iterator<?> i=haystack.iterator();
 while(i.hasNext()){
    if (Objects.equals(t, i.next()))
      hits=hits+1;
  return hits;
Imposes variables
  next() mutates
```

```
<T> int count(T t, Iterable<?> haystack) {
  int hits=0;
  Iterator<?> i=haystack.iterator();
  return count(t, hits, i);
<T> int count(T t, int acc, Iterator<?> i) {
  if(i.hasNext())
    return count(t,
                 acc + (Objects.equals(t, i.next()) ? 1 : 0),
                 i);
  return acc;
```

Recursion turns variables into values

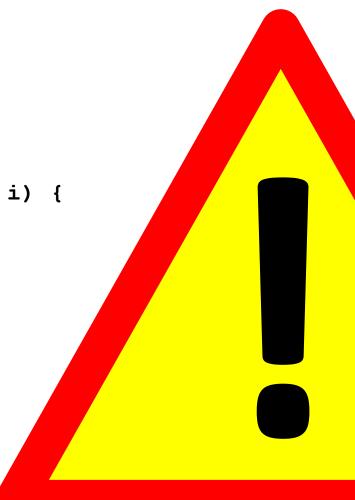
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                i),
    () \rightarrow acc);
```

Stack and Iterator



Recursive calls with Higher Order or Trampolines

Trampolines

Continuation Passing Style

A compiler construct?

Add a continuation to the returned value

```
Continuation<V>{
   Continuation<V> next;
   V value;
}
```



Trampolines

 $() \rightarrow acc);$

```
<T> int count(T t, Iterable<?> haystack) {
  return trampoline(count(t, 0, haystack.iterator()));
<T> Supplier<Continuation<Integer>> count(T t, int acc, Iterator<?> i) {
  return () -> ifelse(i.hasNext(),
    () -> recur(count(t, increasedWhenEqual(acc, t, i.next()), i)),
    () -> done(acc));
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Will not eat stack

Trampoline implementation

```
class Continuation<V> {
 final Supplier<Continuation<V>> fun;
 final V value;
 Continuation(Supplier<Continuation<V>> fun, V value)...
<V> Continuation<V> recur(Supplier<Continuation<V>> f) {
  return new Continuation(f, null);
<V> Continuation<V> done(V v) {
  return new Continuation(null, v);
<V> V trampoline(Supplier<Continuation<V>> f) {
  Continuation<V> r = new Continuation<>(null, null);
  while(f!=null) {
    r = f.qet();
    f = r.fun;
  return r.value;
```

It won't build call stack

```
Supplier<Continuation<Boolean>> isEven(int a) {
 return () ->
    ifelse(a == 0,
           () -> done(true),
           () -> recur(isOdd(a - 1)));
Supplier<Continuation<Boolean>> isOdd(int a) {
 return () ->
    ifelse(a == 0,
           () -> done(false)
           () -> recur(isEven(a - 1)));
trampoline (isEven (200000));
```

Trampolines

Optimized Tail calls

A bit more crazy signature

Supplier<Continuation<T>>

Reduces variables

Getting rid of the Iterator

Higher Order

Conversely, with lazy evaluation

Other data structures

Immutable data structures

Higher Order Functions

Functions that take functions and defer evaluation.

Exercised for composition and polymorphism

Command Pattern

May implement internal iteration map, filter, fold

Turns variables into values

```
Iterable<?> a = map( v->v+1, asList(1,2,3));
list(a.iterator());
=>[2, 3, 4]
```

Strict Map

```
<T,V> Iterable<V> map(Function<T,V> f, Iterable<T> i ){
  List<V> r= new ArrayList<>();
  i.forEach(t -> r.add(f.apply(t)));
  return r;
}
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Iterable a = take(3, map( v->v+2, range()));
   list(a.iterator());
   => OutOfMemory
```

```
<T> Iterable<T> take(int num, Iterable<? extends T> ts);
Iterable<Integer> range();
```

Lazy Map

};

```
<T,V> Iterable<V> map(Function<T,V> f,
                      Iterable<T> i) {
   return ()->
     new Iterator<V>() {
       Iterator<T> in = i.iterator();
       @Override
                                     Iterable a = take(3, map(v->v+2, range()));
       public boolean hasNext() {
                                     list(a.iterator());
         return in.hasNext();
                                     => [2, 3, 4]
       @Override
       public V next() {
                                              Quickly becomes complex
         return f.apply(in.next());
```

next() both mutates and delivers

Streams

Higher order, internal iteration on sequential data Composable as data isn't realized between components Lazy evaluation



```
Stream.iterate(0, v \rightarrow v+1).map(v \rightarrow v+2).limit(3).collect(toList()); =>[2,3,4]
```

Stream difficulties

Is object oriented

Difficult to add new functionality

Transformation has to be stateless

Difficult ordering semantics

Are Stream functions trusty?

```
Stream<Integer> incEach(Stream<Integer> s) {
   return s.parallel().map(e->e+1);
}
```

Stream difficulties

Laziness and ordering is good

Iterators are ordered

simple
and well known

Internal iteration is a simple thing

Complex lazy Iterators

next() both mutates and delivers

```
interface Iterator<T>{
  boolean hasNext();
  T next();
}
```

Compose Iterable functions
Single function model

We can use trampoline

Trampoline functions:

lazy: Creates lazy Iterable from continuation supplier, similar to trampoline

seq: Recurs with intermediate value, retrieved by a lazy Iterator

```
Iterable<String> i=
  take(3,
    map( v->v+1,
       range(0)))));
```

```
<T, V> Iterable<V> map(Function<T, V> f,
                        Iterable<T> in) {
  return () -> {
    Iterator<T> i=in.iterator();
    if( i.hasNext())
      return lazy(mapI(f, i)).iterator();
    return emptyIterator();
  };
<T, V> Supplier<Continuation<V>>
mapI(Function<T,V> f, Iterator<T> i) {
  return () ->
    either(f.apply(i.next()),
           v->i.hasNext(),
           v \rightarrow seq(mapI(f, i), v),
           v->done(v));
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      Trampoline::done);
```

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> Easier than expected using trampolines Laziness makes them composable

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Using a Seq

Force

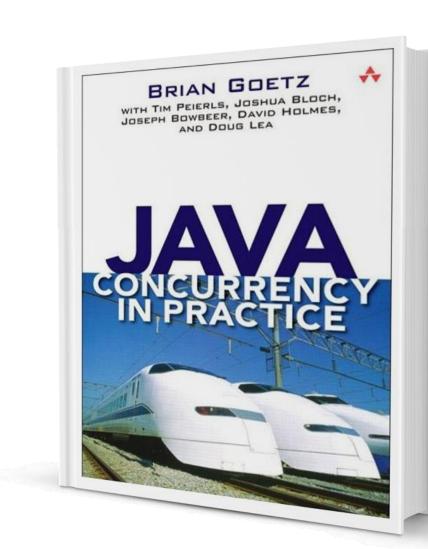
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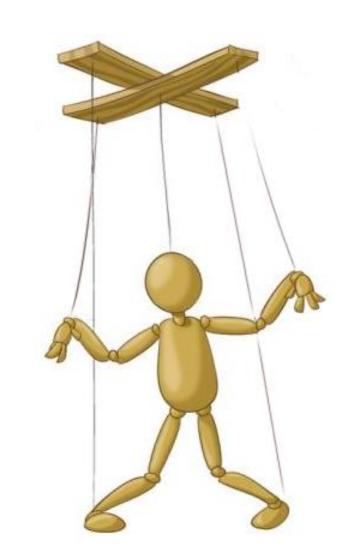
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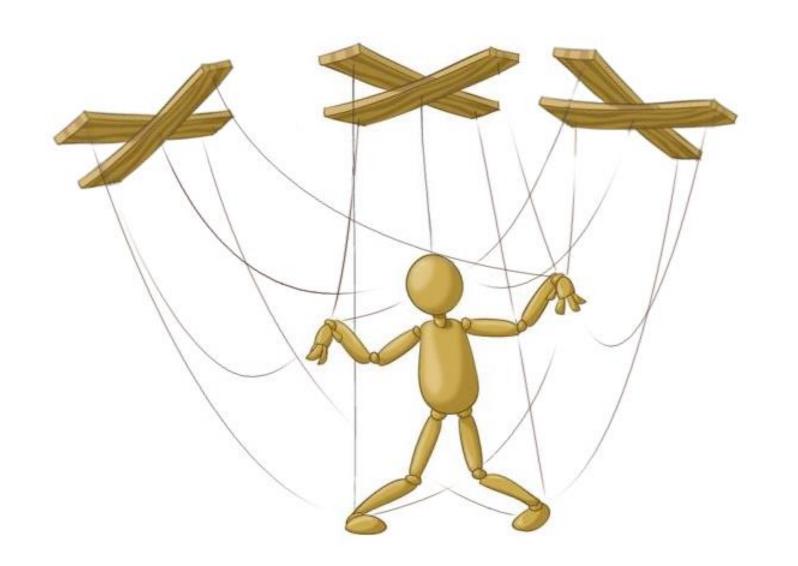
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Other data structures
Immutable data structures









Anatomy of an Immutable

Final primitive or...

Updated from leaf to root

```
Immutable Immutable

small something small good null
```

```
class Immutable {
   public final String something;
   public final Integer small;
    public Immutable(String something, Integer small) {
        this.something = something;
        this.small = small;
    public static Immutable immutable() {
       return new Immutable(null, null);
   public Immutable withSomething(String something) {
        return new Immutable(something, small);
   public Immutable withSmall(int small) {
        return new Immutable(something, small);
```

using Immutables

Default in functional languages
Values can be preserved
Separation of identity and state
Identity with values over time
Managed state transformation



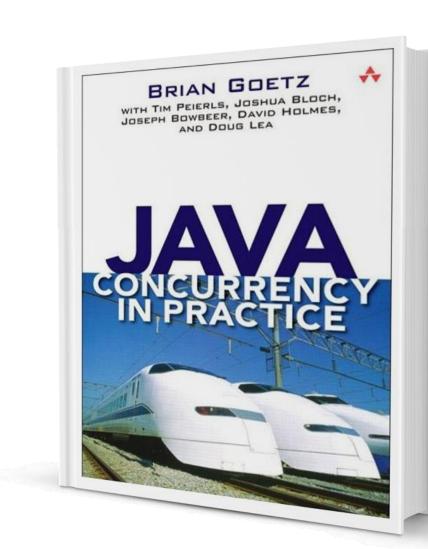
Atomic state

0 X X X

AtomicReference is transactions of one Optimistic state transformation Current state is always present

```
class AtomicReference<V>{
  boolean compareAndSet(V expect, V update) ...
  V updateAndGet(UnaryOperator<V> updateFunction) ...
```





Program state is one thing

Not many

Difficulty creating Immutables?



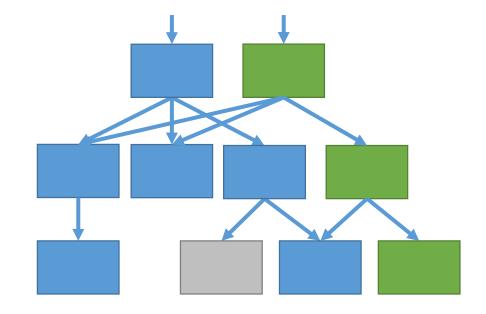
Persistent Data Structures

Immutable data structures Vector, Map, Set...

Updates are expressions returning modified versions shared structures copying from leaf to node

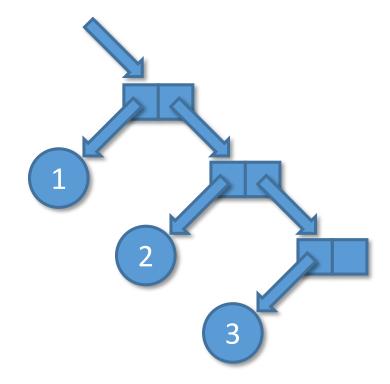
Maintained algorithmic complexity

Maps are usually trees

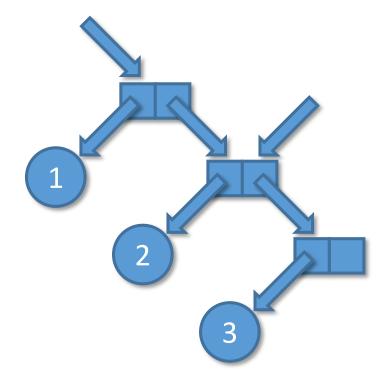


and transactional updates

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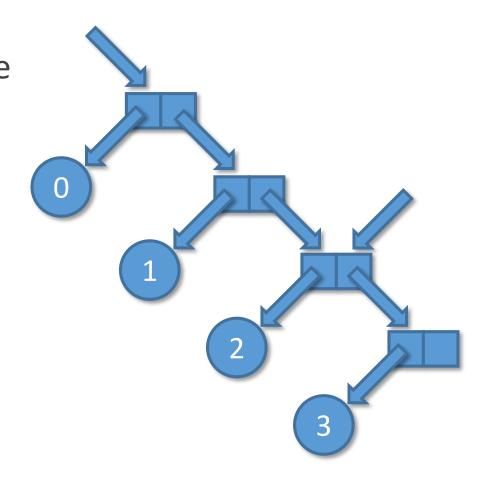
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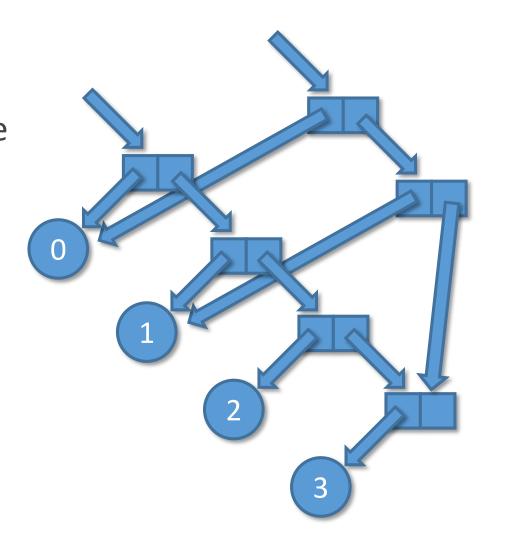
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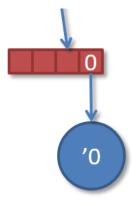
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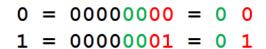
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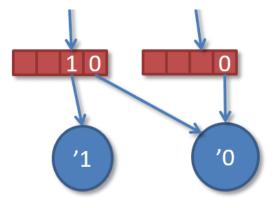
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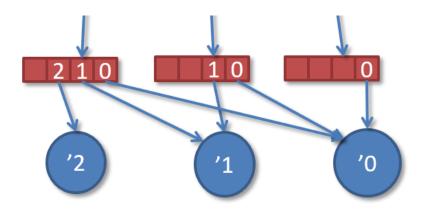


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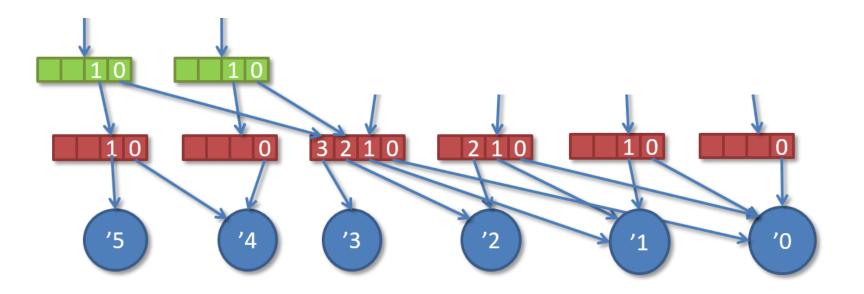
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5 = 00000101 = 1 1
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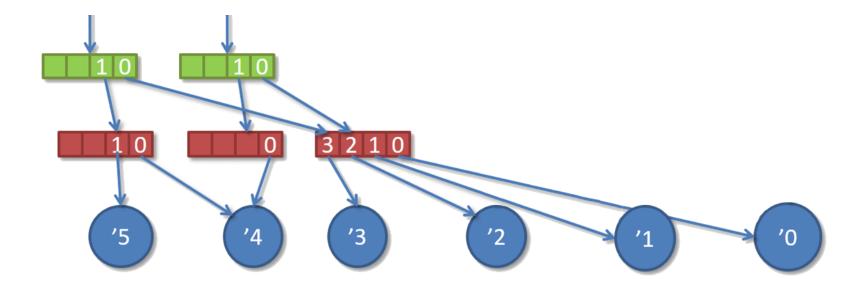
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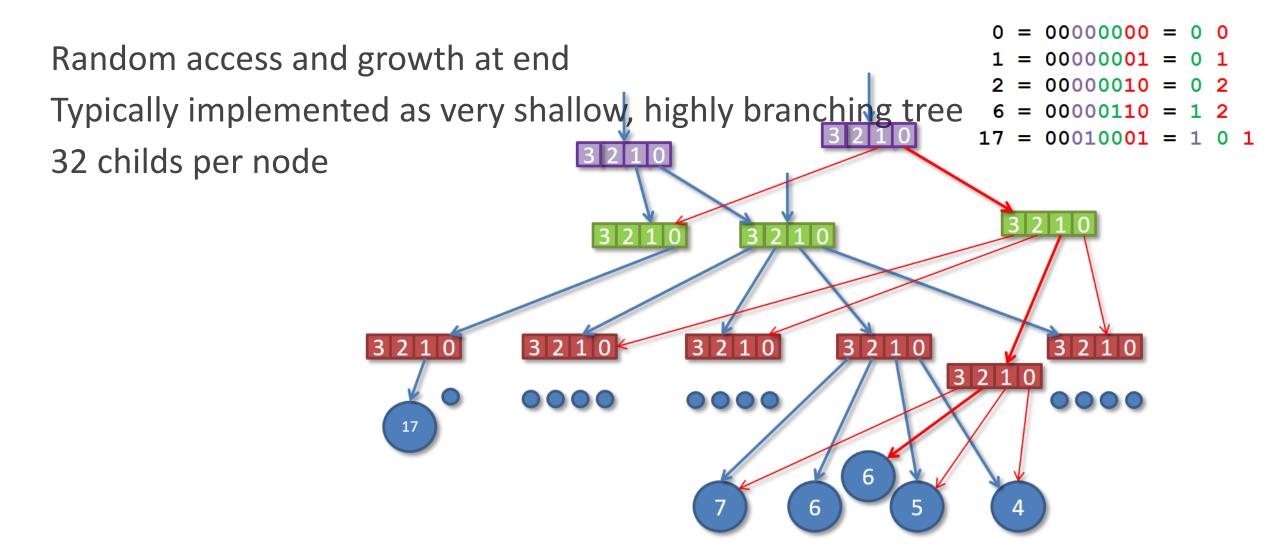
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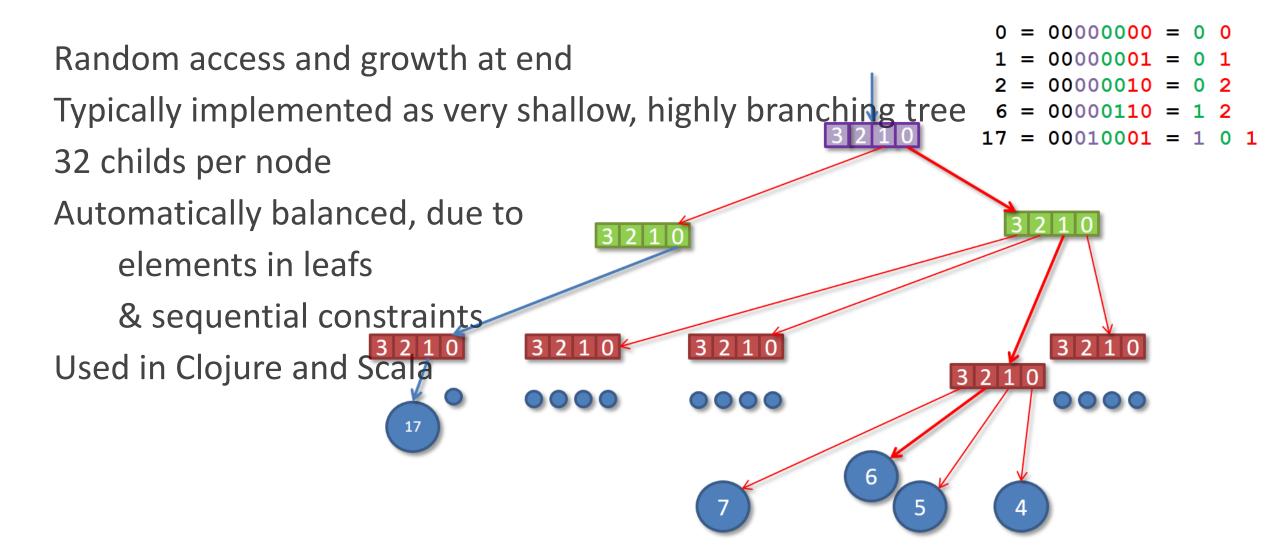
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Summary

Variables are the moving parts

Expressions reduces variables

Expressions reveals intent at head

Tail calls reduces variables

Higher order reveals intent

Immutables are not variables

There are effective immutable collections

https://github.com/stefanvstein/stonehorse.candy https://github.com/stefanvstein/stonehorse.grit Search "Candy" or "Grit" on Maven central

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