

Overview of Parallel Programming in Java

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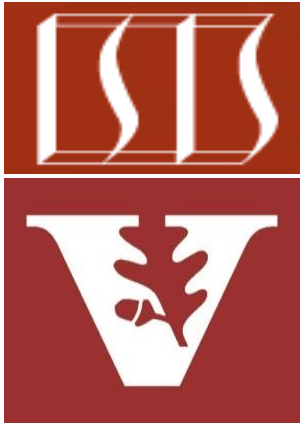
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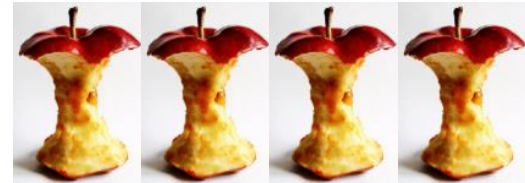
- Understand the meaning of key parallel programming concepts
- Know when to apply parallelism
- Recognize the parallel programming frameworks supported by Java



See www.dre.vanderbilt.edu/~schmidt/frameworks.html

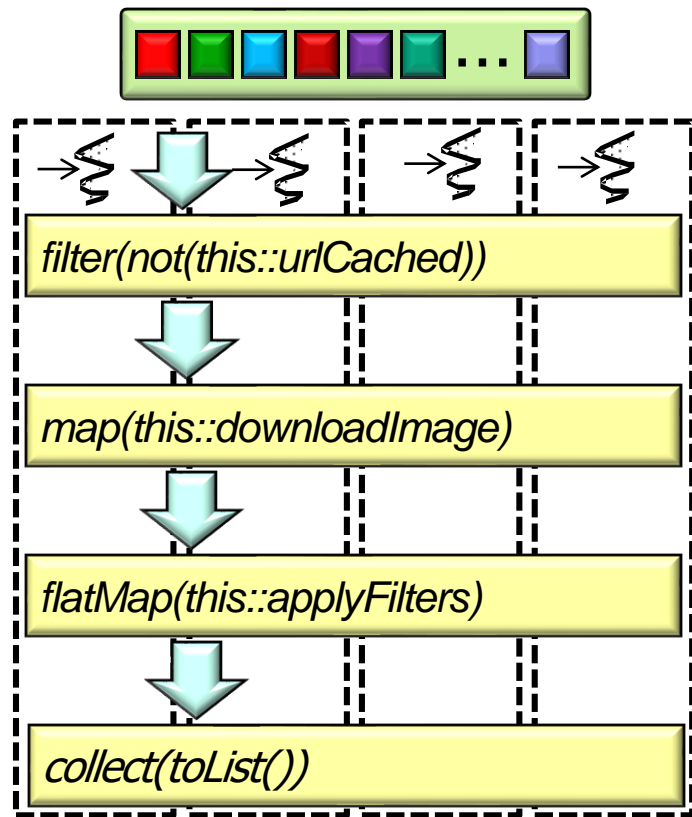
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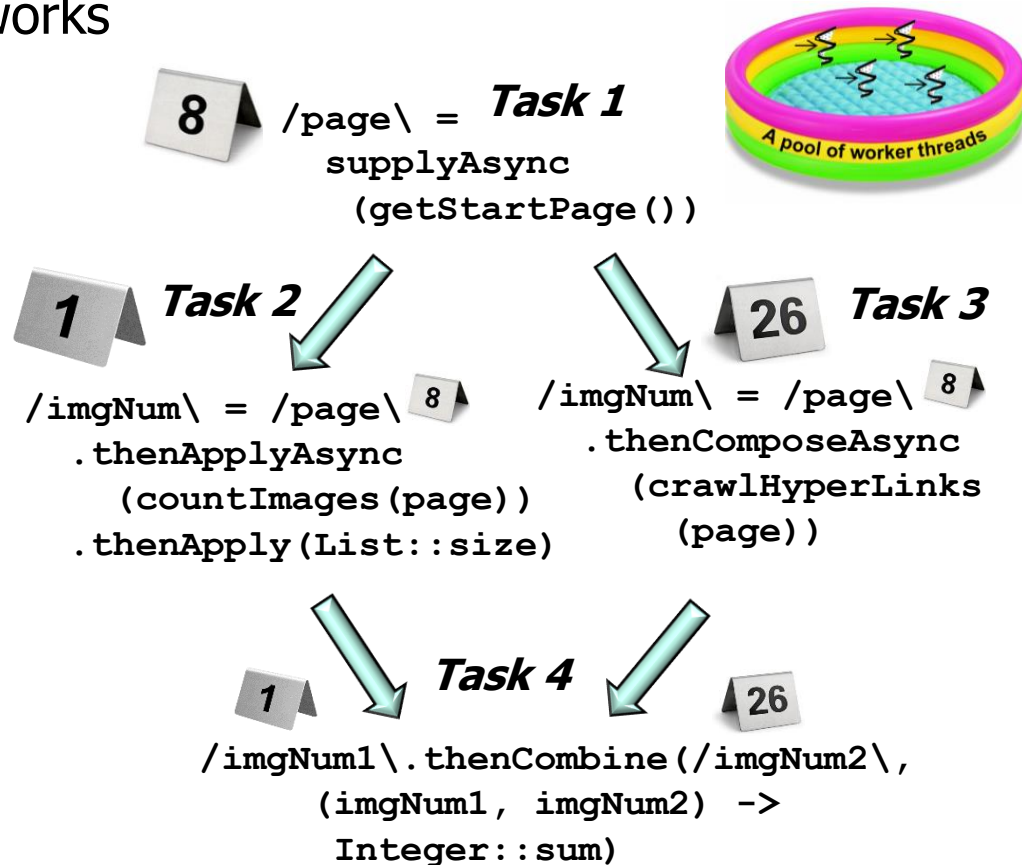
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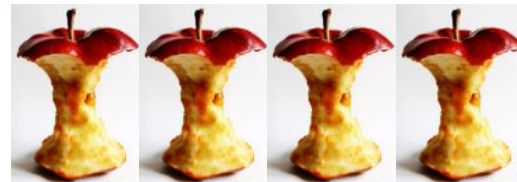


Completable futures also provide a reactive asynchrony programming model

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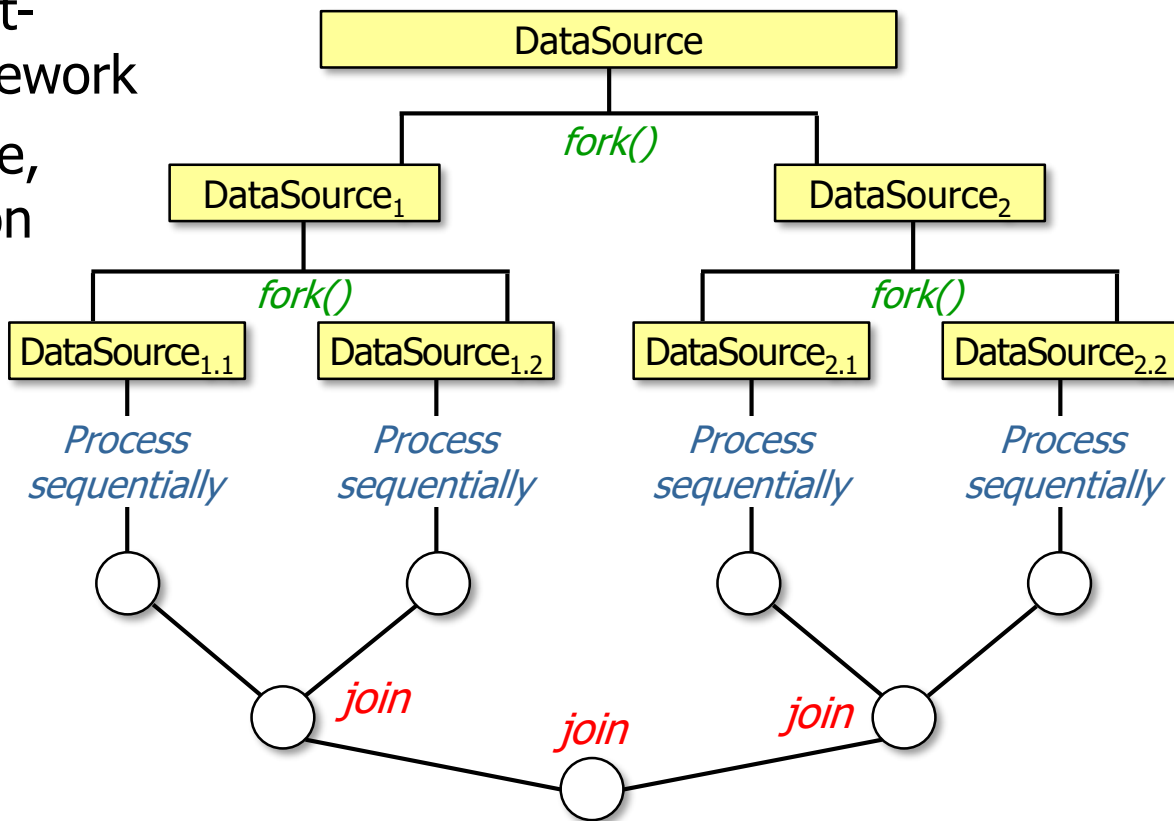
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See www.infoq.com/interviews/doug-lea-fork-join

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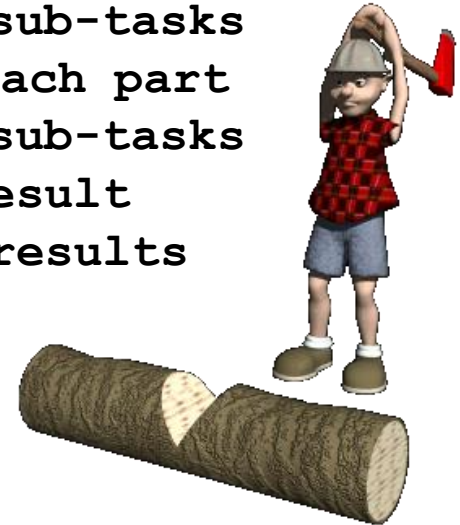
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```
Result solve(Problem problem) {  
    if (problem is small)  
        directly solve problem  
    else {  
        a. split problem into  
           independent parts  
        b. fork new sub-tasks  
           to solve each part  
        c. join all sub-tasks  
        d. compose result  
           from sub-results  
    }  
}
```



See en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Divide_and_conquer_algorithm

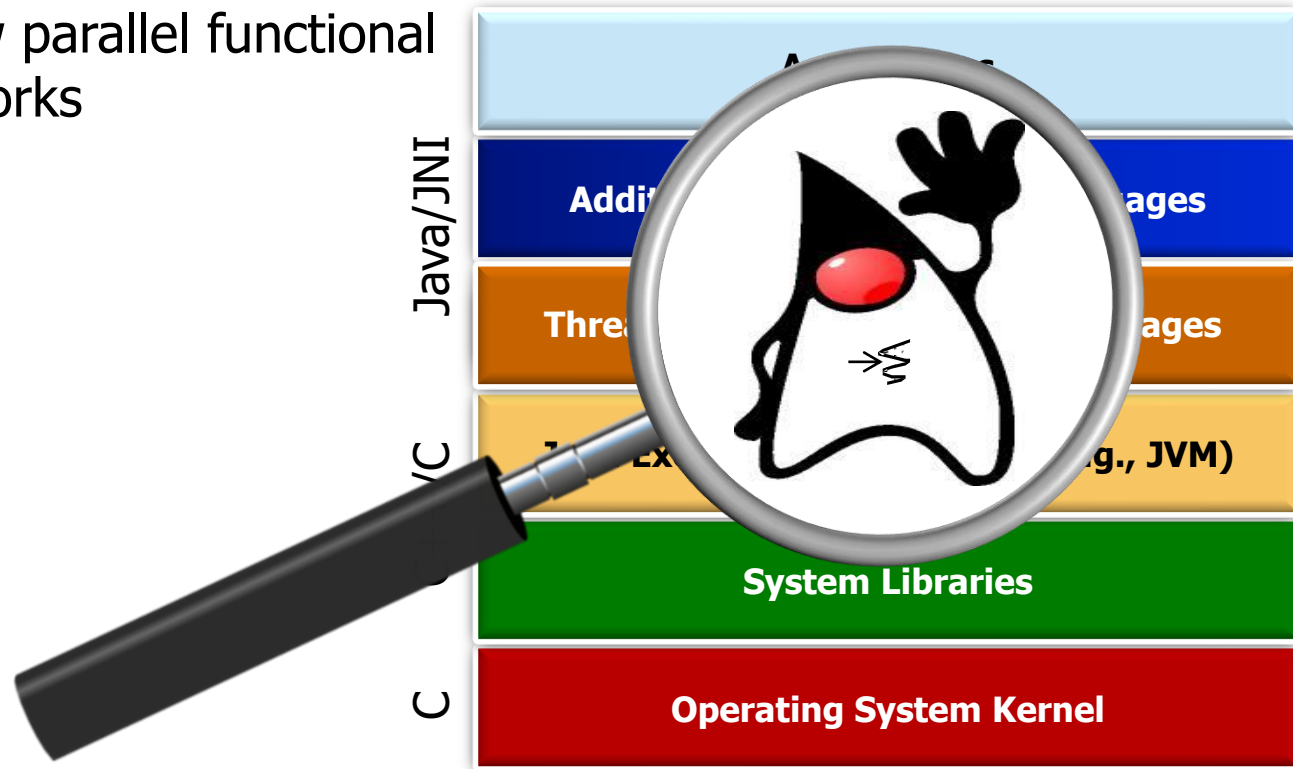
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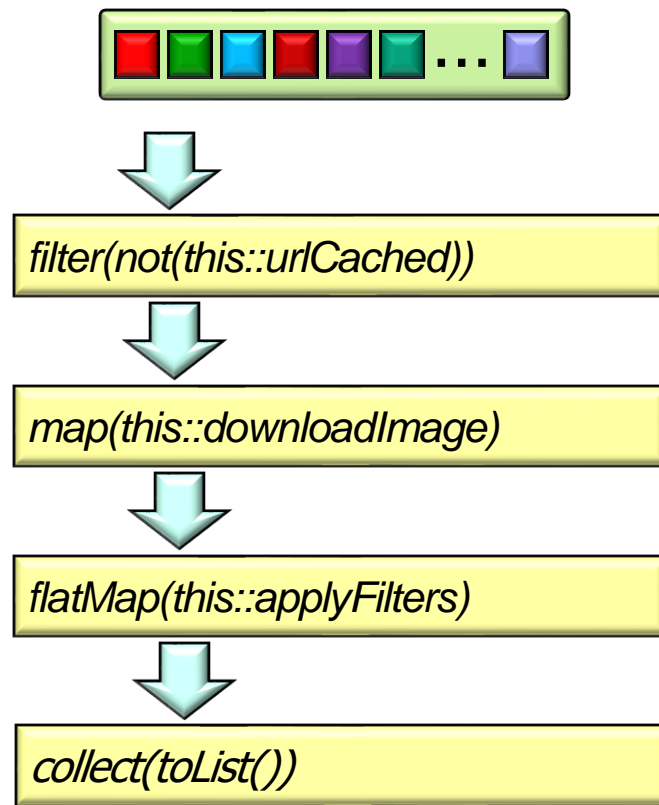


See www.ibm.com/developerworks/library/j-jvmc2

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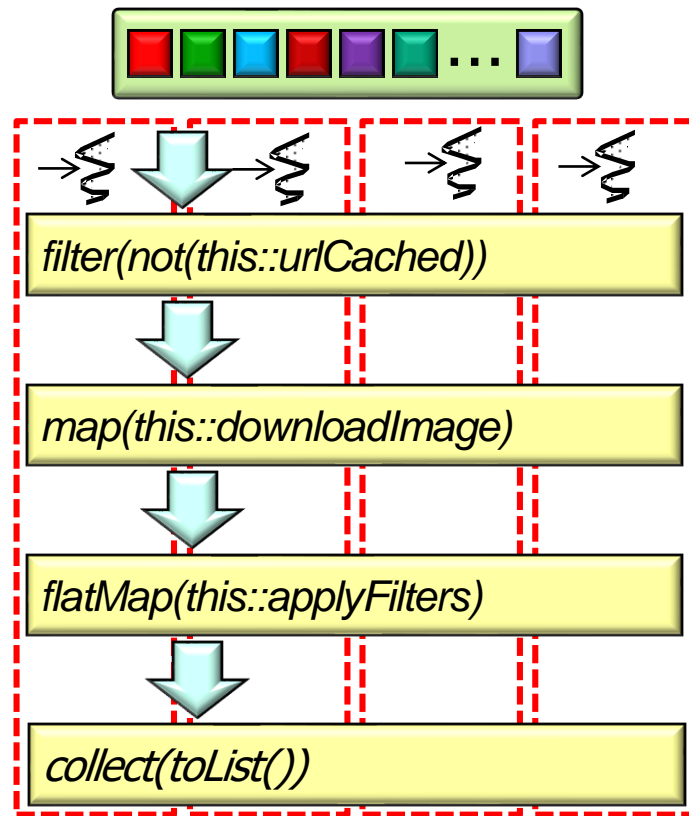
See docs.oracle.com/javase/tutorial/collections/streams/parallelism.html

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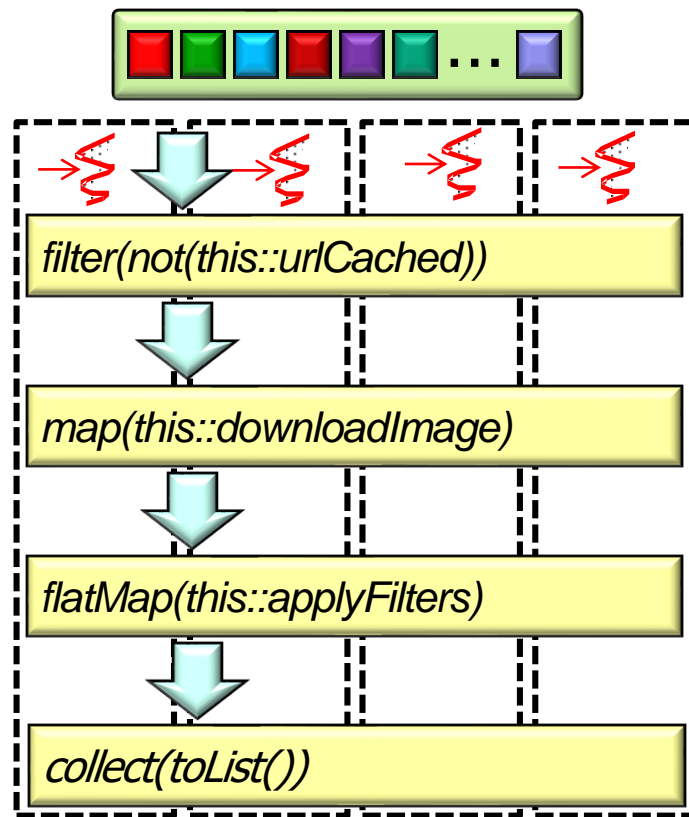


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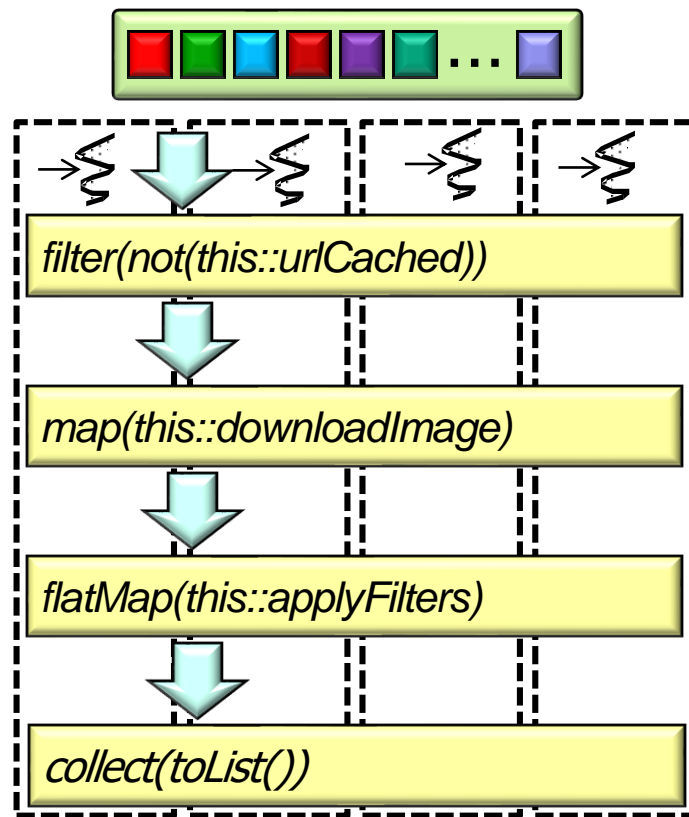


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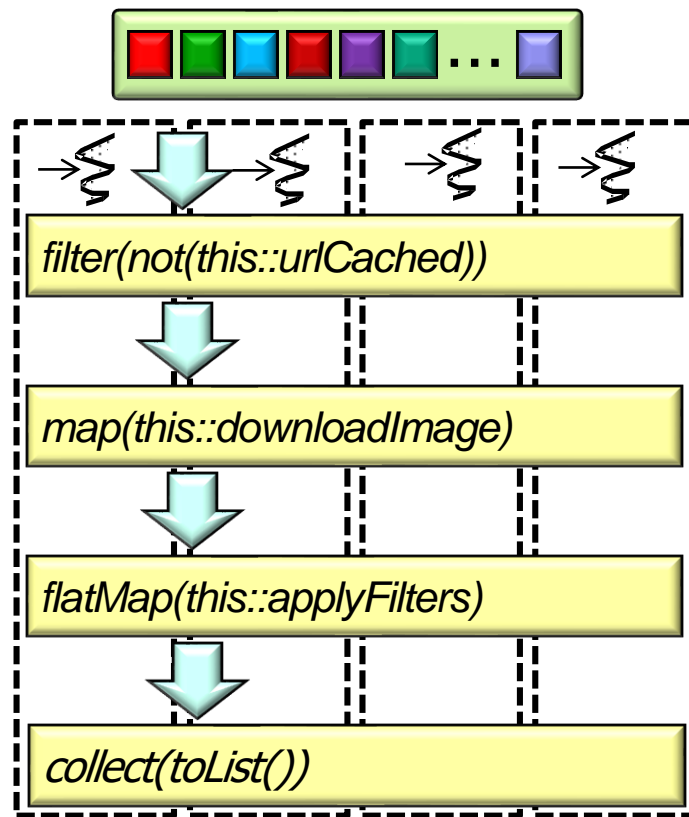
See dzone.com/articles/common-fork-join-pool-and-streams

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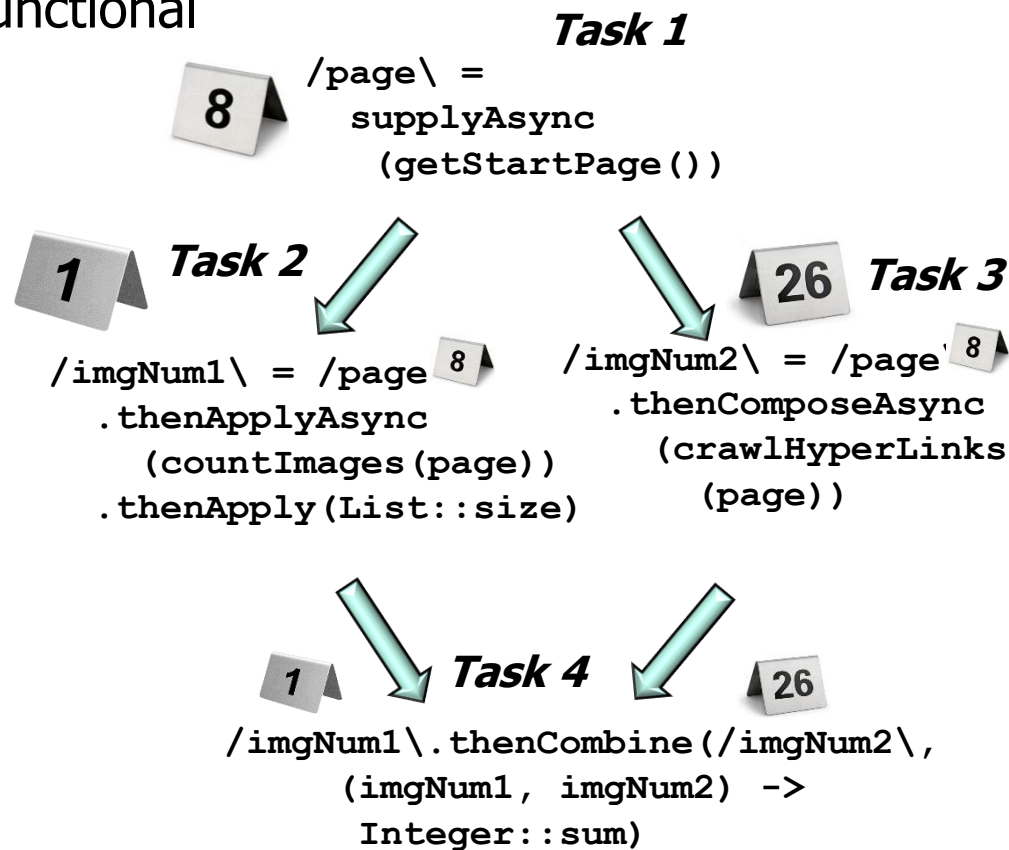
Parallel streams provides fine-grained data parallelism functional programming

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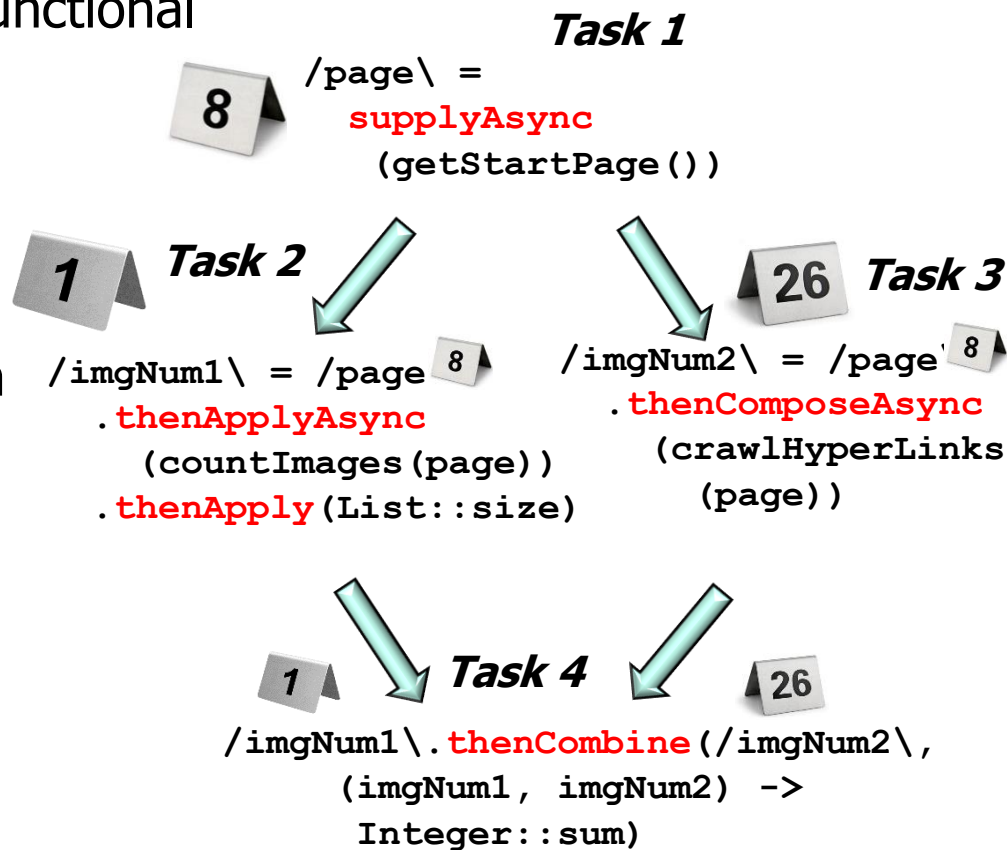
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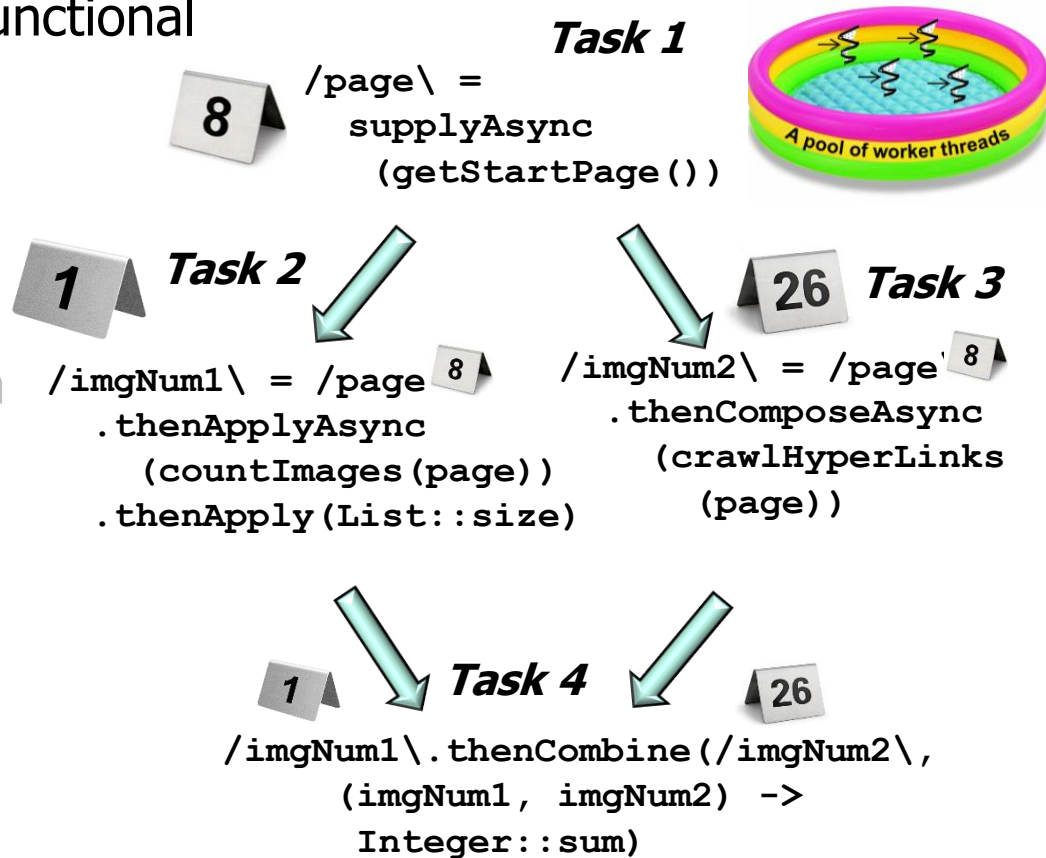
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List of URLs to Download



map(this::checkUrlCachedAsync)



filter(this::nonNull)



map(this::downloadImageAsync)



flatMap(this::applyFiltersAsync)



collect(toFuture())

Java completable futures & streams can be combined to good effects!!

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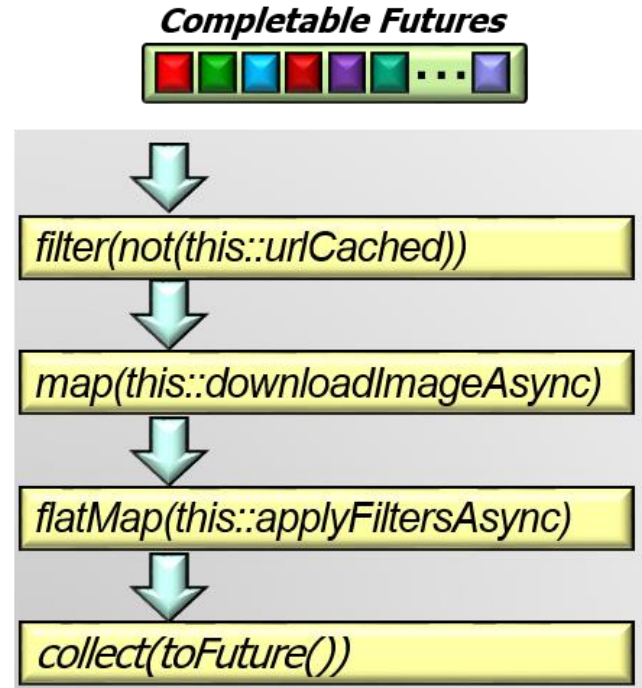
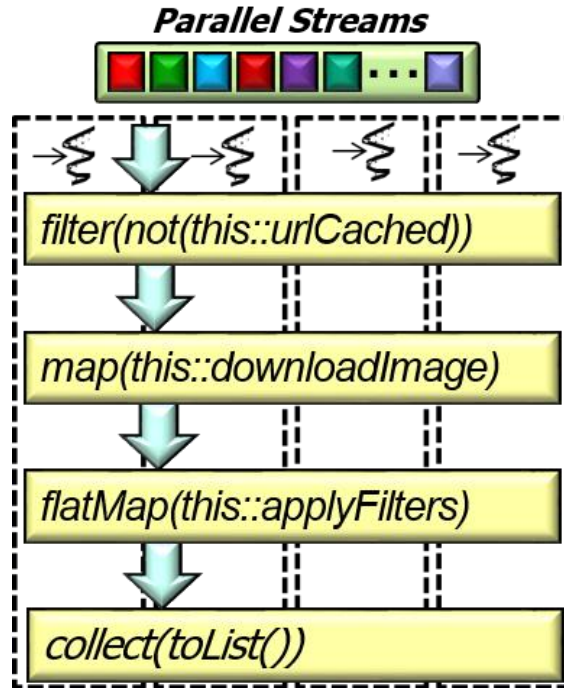
- These Java frameworks often eliminate the use of synchronization or explicit threading when developing parallel apps!



Alleviates many accidental & inherent complexities of parallel programming

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- Java parallel streams & completable future functional frameworks use the object-oriented fork-join pool framework by default



See www.oracle.com/technetwork/articles/java/fork-join-422606.html

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