Implementation of Orc

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Status of Implementation

- Implementation coded in Java.
- An Orc program can call Java programs as sites.
- A Java program can call an Orc program.

Another implementation by Galen Menzel using Concurrent Haskell.





Implementation Using the Semantic Rules



The expression structure has to change.

 $\frac{[[E(q) \ \underline{\Delta} \ f]] \in D}{E(p) \stackrel{\tau}{\hookrightarrow} [p/q]f}$

(DEF)

Each expression has to be instantiated whenever it is called.



A simpler strategy

- Compile a fixed structure for each expression.
 - Compile each expression to a directed acyclic graph (dag).
 - Each node of the dag has an instruction.
- Runtime Dag Traversal: Place tokens at dag nodes. In each step,
 - Pick an appropriate token.
 - Execute the corresponding instruction, which may
 - * make site/expression call
 - * create new tokens
 - * publish a value

Compiler

- For each defined expression and the goal expression build a dag.
- Each dag has a root and a sink node.
- Each node has an instruction:





Notes on Dag construction

- There is a unique root and sink for each dag.
- The instruction at each sink is τ .

Dag Finalization

Change the instruction at each sink, from τ to:

choke, if this is the goal dag (i.e., for expression in the main program)

return, for all other dags.

Hence, a sink does not have a τ instruction, i.e., Every τ -node has a successor.





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Fields of a token

- position: the node in the dag.
- context: values of variables (such as x in the example)
- val: token's value, which may be returned to the caller.
- state: ready, pending, or suspended.

Initialization

Given z := E(p, 3) in the Main program and goal dag E(x, y)

- Create token t where $t.context = \{(x, p's value), (y, 3)\}$.
- $t.val = \bot$.
- t.state = ready.
- Put t on the root node of the goal dag.

Process token t's instruction

- 0: skip.
- τ : put copies of t at all successor nodes.
- Site call M(x):
 - call M with parameter value x from t.context.
 - put suspended copy of t at the successor node.
- assign(x):
 - add (x, t.val) to t.context.
 - put copies of t at all successor nodes.
- choke:
 - return t.val to the caller. (This will be generalized.)
 - Terminate this computation.

Delete t after processing.





- when token t at caller dag calls E(p): put token u at E's root.
 - u is ready.
 - u.context has (x, p's value from t.context).
 - u.caller := v caller is a field of a token.
- To process token t at the sink of the dag, with instruction return:
 - v := t.caller;
 - v.val := t.val; v.state := ready
 - delete t









Summary (so far)

- Compile dag for each expression.
- A token has: position, context, val, caller, state.
- Put a ready token with parameter values as context at the root of goal dag.
- Process any ready token, with instruction:
 - 0, τ , Site/Expr call, assign(x), return, choke



- assign value to x.
- terminate g







- Create ready tokens u and v at left and right successors.
- Create cell c where the value of x will be stored. $c.val := \bot$
- Add (x,c) to *u.context*.



Site/Expr call in the left subgraph

- For ready token t at site call M(x) where (x, c) is in t.context:
 - if $c.val \neq \bot$ then call M(c.val); put copy u of t at successor.
 - immediate site: receive response r; u.val := r; u.state := ready
 - deferred site: *u.state* := *suspended*
 - if $c.val = \bot$ then t is pending waiting for c.
- For token t at expr call E(x): proceed as before

delete t.



• v.cell := c — cell is a new field of a token.

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- Suppose y is assigned at choke2 before x is assigned.
- Need to kill f where $x \in g$'s computation, i.e, both f and g.
- Tokens in f and g have different cells.





RootCell

- The initial token has cell *RootCell*.
- The cells form a tree with root *RootCell*.



Summary of Runtime structure

- Fields of a token: position, context, val, caller, state, cell.
- Fields of a cell: val, parent, waitList.

Overall algorithm

 $RootCell.val \neq \bot$ \rightarrow return RootCell.val to main; terminate.t.ready \rightarrow process instruction at t; delete t $t.suspended \land \neg(\exists s :: s.ready)$ \rightarrow on receiving response r:t.val := r; t.state := readyelse \rightarrow "No value will be published"

 Round-based Execution: Response from a deferred site is processed only if there is no ready token.

- else is same as (∀t :: t.pending). There may be no token at all (for 0).
- else is executed for M(x) where $x \in 0$
- The algorithm may not terminate: there are suspended tokens, but no deferred site responds.