Multicore Programming

Final Remarks

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Performance and Code Comparison

Compute the sum of cosinuses of all integers between 1 and 100 000 000.

Java:

```java
IntStream.rangeClosed(1, 100_000_000)
    .mapToDouble(x -> Math.cos(x))
    .sum();
```
Other Languages

C:

double sum = 0;
for (int i = 1; i <= 100000000; i++)
    sum += cos(i);

R:

sum(cos(1:1e8))

Rust:

(1..n + 1)
    .map(|x| (x as f64).cos())
    .sum();
Benchmarks

Sequential computation time:

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Parallel computation time (four multithreaded cores):

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Memory consumption: negligible except for R (around 1 GB).
Perspectives

Advanced multicore concepts:

▶ Java memory model.
▶ Thread pools under load: how to customize a ThreadPoolExecutor.
▶ Synchronization and locking: barriers, phases (java.util.concurrent.locks).
▶ Atomic data structures (java.util.concurrent.atomic).
▶ Concurrent data structures.
▶ Designing a custom collector for better parallelization.
▶ Practical study of reactive programming.
▶ Actors.
▶ ...

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Modern Java in Action, 2nd edition, 2018

- Covers recent Java additions (Java 8, 9 and 10).
- Presents streams, API improvements, lambdas, reactive programming and functional-style Java programming.
Effective Java, 3rd edition, 2018

- written by Joshua Bloch (lead developer of the Java Collection framework)
- 1 chapter on streams
- 1 chapter on concurrency
- many good advises on Java idioms (relevant for any Java programmer)
The art of multiprocessor programming, revised preprint, 2012

- technical/low-level and multi-languages (Java, C# and Pthreads)
- 1 chapter on future and work-stealing
- concurrent data structures
- concurrent synchronization mechanisms
Java Concurrency In Practice, 2006

- co-written by Joshua Bloch
- many code examples and advises for concurrency
- a bit outdated