

1. Write a four-stage function composition in Erlang, such that:
 - a. The composition uses a list comprehension that outputs a stream of integers from 1 to M (where M is a parameter) to the first stage in the composition.
 - b. The first stage increments integers from the first stage by 1.
 - c. The second stage squares the integers from the second stage.
 - d. The third stage sums up all the integers received.
2. Write a four-stage parallel pipeline using Skel, such that:
 - a. The input to the pipeline is a stream of integers from 1 to M (where M is a command line parameter).
 - b. The first stage increments integers from the first stage by 1.
 - c. The second stage squares the integers from the second stage.
 - d. The final stage sums up all the integers received.
3. Write the same program as (2) but using Erlang spawn and receive directory. Use the syntax of `spawn` and `receive` from the first lecture.
4. Assume the computations of the increment and square operations (from the previous exercise) take 0.2 seconds each. Use the `fib:fib` function to act as a payload. Experiment with the parameter to `fib` until you get approx., 0.2 seconds. Use `timer:tc` to profile your Erlang program.
5. Assume increment takes 0.1 seconds, while square takes 0.5 seconds
 - e. Modify the program from 2 until you get this desired effect (modify the parameter to `fib`)
 - f. Further transform/tune the previous parallelization until you get an optimal performance by using `skel`.
6. Download http://chrisb.host.cs.st-andrews.ac.uk/ant_colony.zip
 - g. Run the code and observe the performance
 - h. Parallelise the code using `Skel`. HINT. You will need to extract functionality into functions and use a Pipeline, with nested skeletons in the stages.