

This is an implementation of the Sieve of Eartosthenes in psedu-code that allows new processes and channels to be added dynamically. Ben-Ari's pseudo-code only allows a fixed number of processes, e,g., a dining philosopher's program that begins

```
phil(i)          fork(i)
```

in parallel columns means there are 10 processes (i= 1..5) throughout.

Erlang allows dynamic process creation through "spawn". It does not have the "par" operator below, so all processes once spawned run in parallel, in a flat structure.

The par operator below is an implicit spawn, but also allows structure – so note how the channels passed as parameters to SIFT are passed on to FILTER and a new instance of SIFT.

As each new prime is discovered, a new FILTER process is added and SIFT moves to the right in chain that goes from, at the start,

```
INTEGERS(Q1) – Q1 – SIFT(Q1,Q2) – Q2 – OUTPUT(Q2)
```

to

```
INTEGERS(Q1) – Q1 – FILTER(Q1,Q2) – local Q – SIFT(Q,Q2) – Q2 – OUTPUT(Q2)
```

to

```
INTEGERS(Q1) – Q1 – FILTER(Q1,Q) – local Q – FILTER (Q,Q) – local Q –SIFT(Q,Q2) – Q2 – OUTPUT(Q2)
```

Here the two local Q's are different, being created by different instances of SIFT.

```
Proc INTEGERS(chan QOUT)
  int N=1
  loop forever
    N++
    QOUT!N

Proc OUTPUT(chan QIN)
  int N
  loop forever
    QIN?N
    print(N)

Proc FILTER(int PRIME, chan QIN, chan QOUT)
  int N;
  loop forever
    QIN?N
    if (N MOD PRIME) /= 0 then QOUT!N

Proc SIFT(chan QIN, QOUT)
  int PRIME
  chan Q
  QIN?PRIME
  QOUT!PRIME %emit a discovered prime
  par
    FILTER(PRIME,QIN,Q)
    SIFT(Q,QOUT);

main
```

```
chan Q1, Q2
  par
    INTEGERS(Q1)
    SIFT(Q1,Q2)
    OUTPUT(Q2)
```