Key Transforming Operators in the Observable Class (Part 2)

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Learning Objectives in this Part of the Lesson

- Recognize key Observable operators
  - Factory method operators
  - Transforming operators
    - Transform the values and/or types emitted by an Observable
      - e.g., flatMap() & flatMapCompletable()

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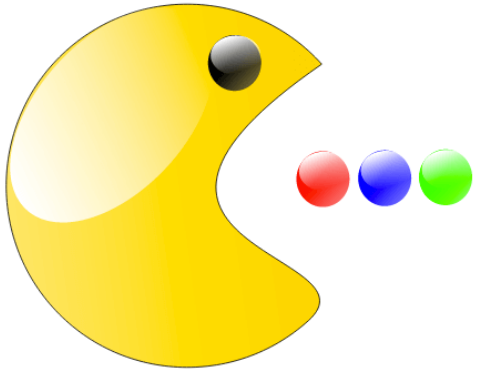

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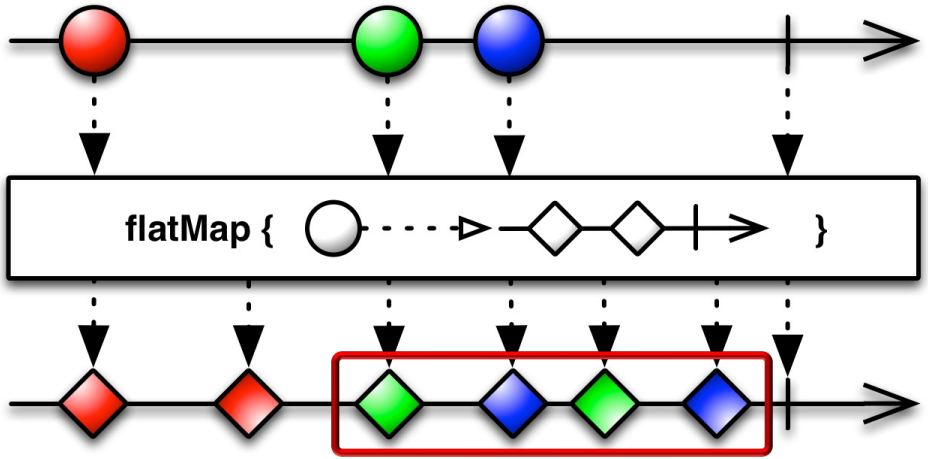

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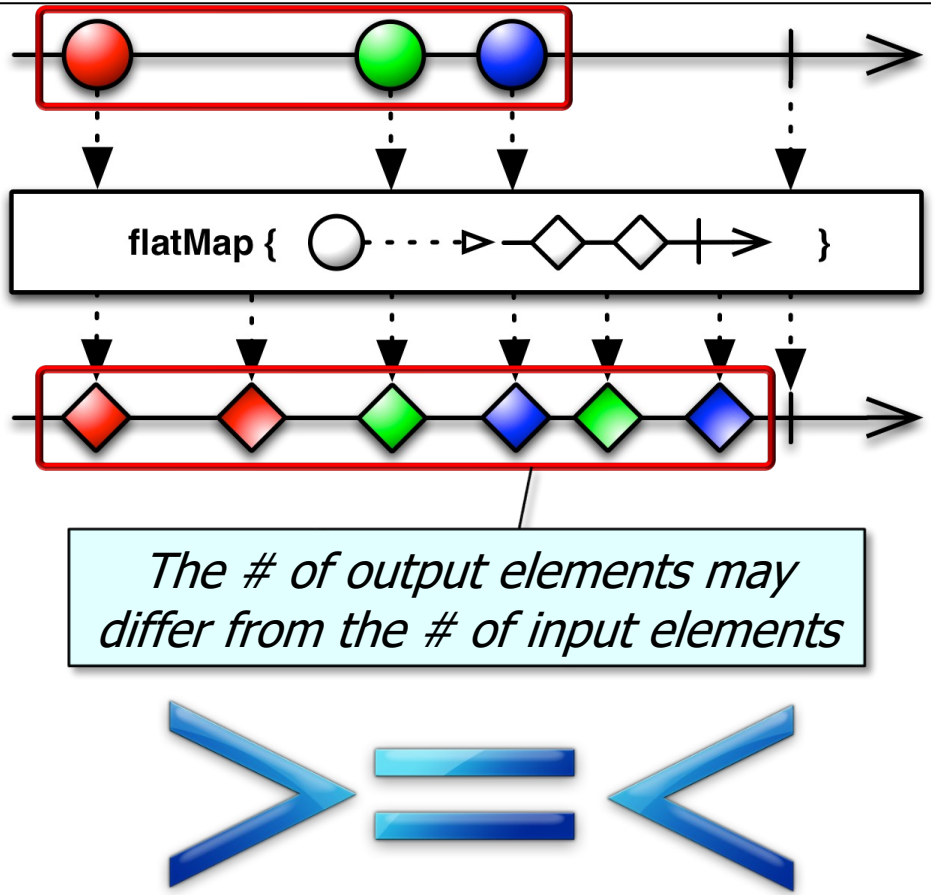

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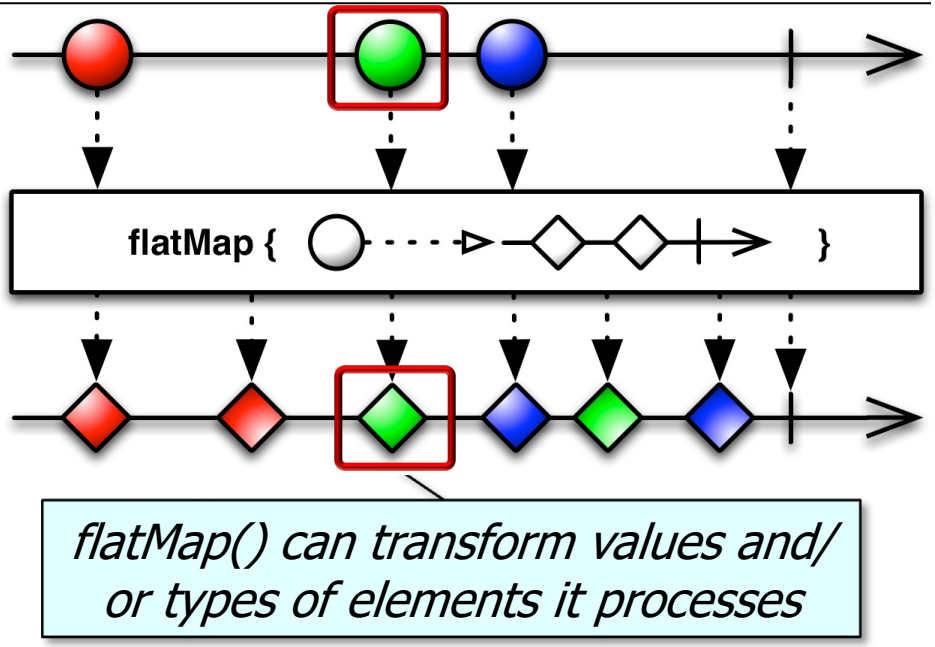

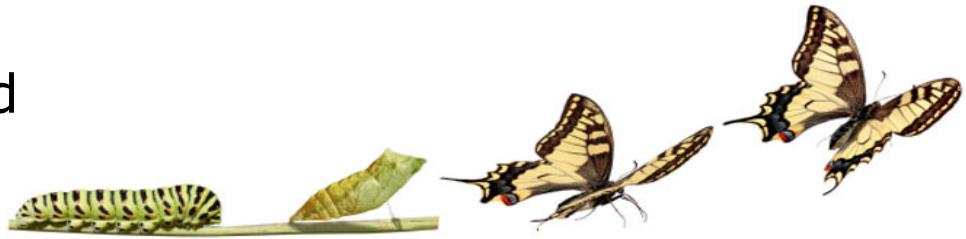

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```
return Observable
   .fromCallable(() -> BigFraction
       .reduce(unreducedFraction))

   .subscribeOn(scheduler)

   .flatMap(reducedFraction ->
            Observable
            .fromCallable(() ->
               reducedFraction
               .multiply
                  (sBigReducedFrac))
            .subscribeOn
              (scheduler));
```

See next part of the lesson on the RxJava flatMap() concurrency idiom

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         .multiply(sBigFraction))

      .subscribeOn
         (Schedulers
          .computation()))

   .reduce(BigFraction::add)
```

Return an Observable that emits multiplied BigFraction objects via the RxJava flatMap() concurrency idiom

See Reactive/Observable/ex3/src/main/java/ObserveEx.java

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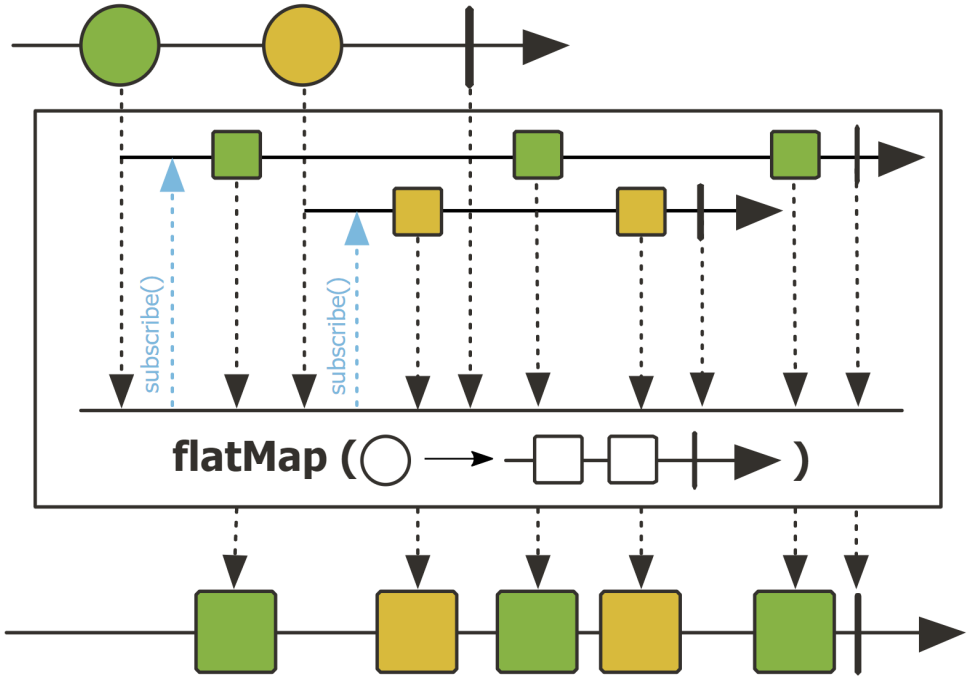

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     .forEach(System.out::println);
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Flatten, sort, & print two lists of strings

See docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/util/stream/Stream.html#flatMap

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  - However, Stream.flatMap() doesn't support parallelism..

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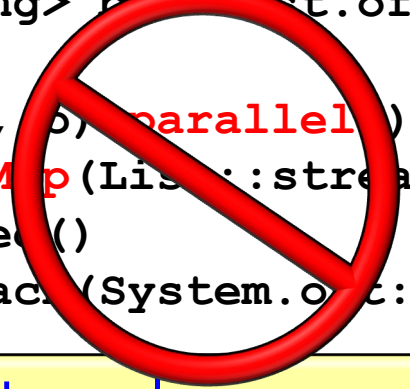

See stackoverflow.com/questions/45038120/parallel-flatmap-always-sequential/66386078

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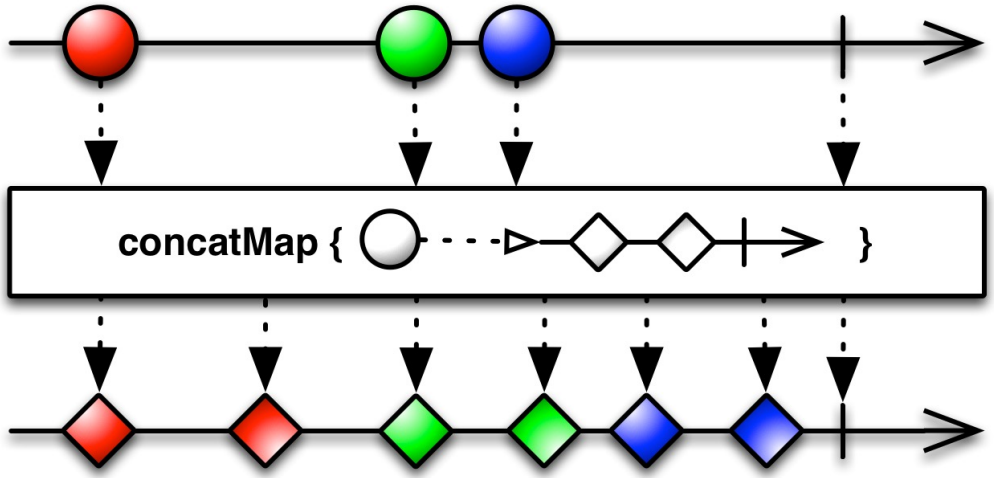
    - Use concatMap() if order matters



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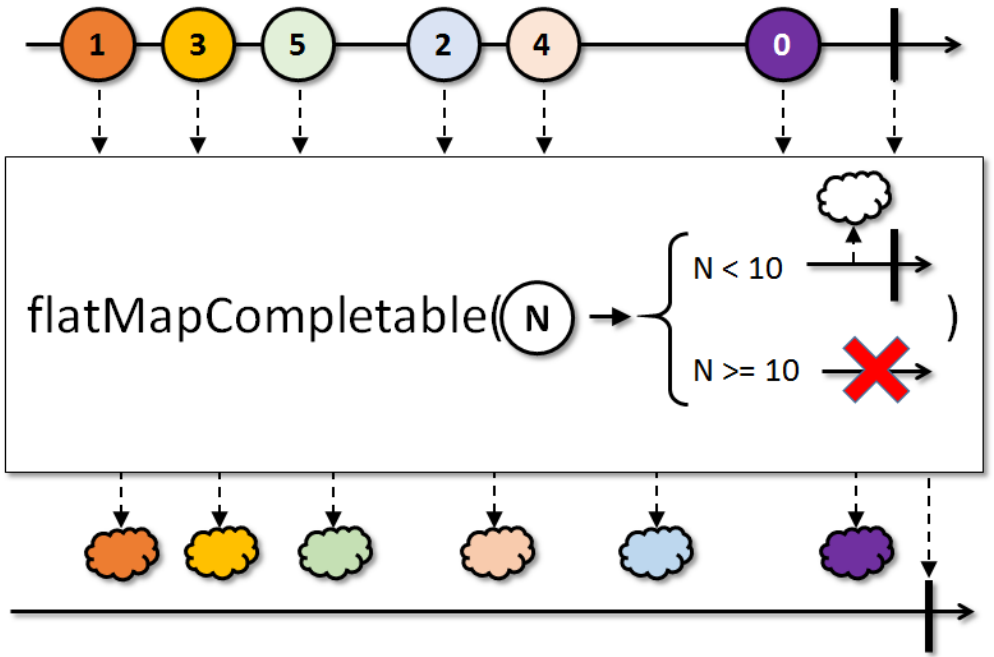

See medium.com/@daniel.rodak/combining-rxjava2-completable-with-observable-6dda410a3c83

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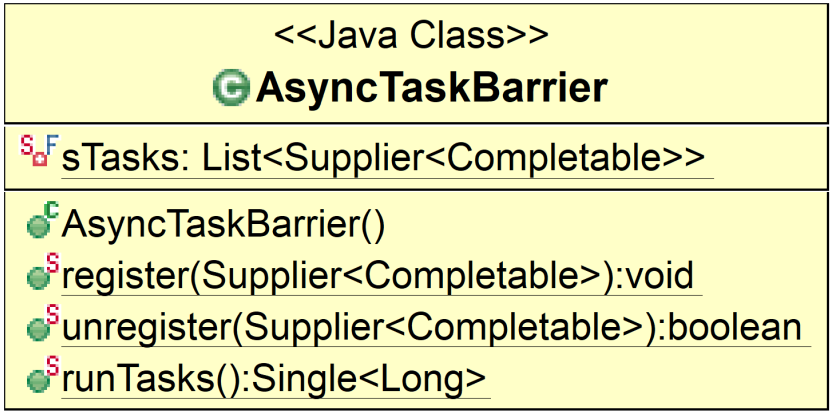

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      - i.e., the Completable isn't triggered until all async processing is finished

```
Observable
    .fromIterable(sTasks)

    .map(Supplier::get)

    .flatMapCompletable(c -> c)

    .toSingleDefault((long)
                          sTasks.size());
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Map each Observable element into a CompletableSource, subscribes to them, & wait until the upstream & all CompletableSource objects complete

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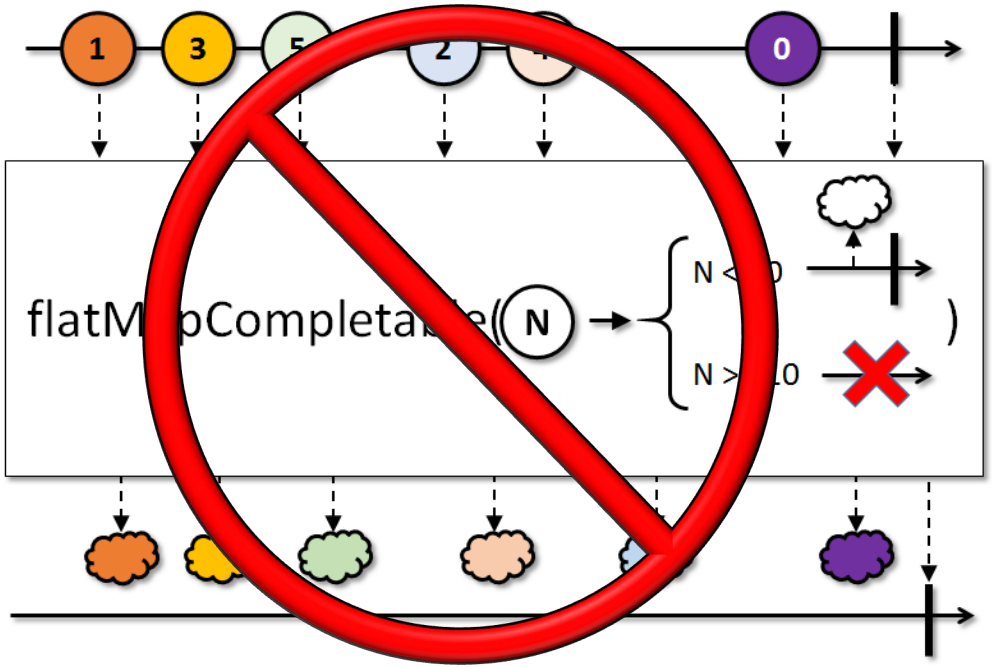

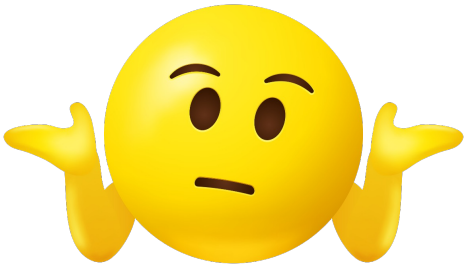

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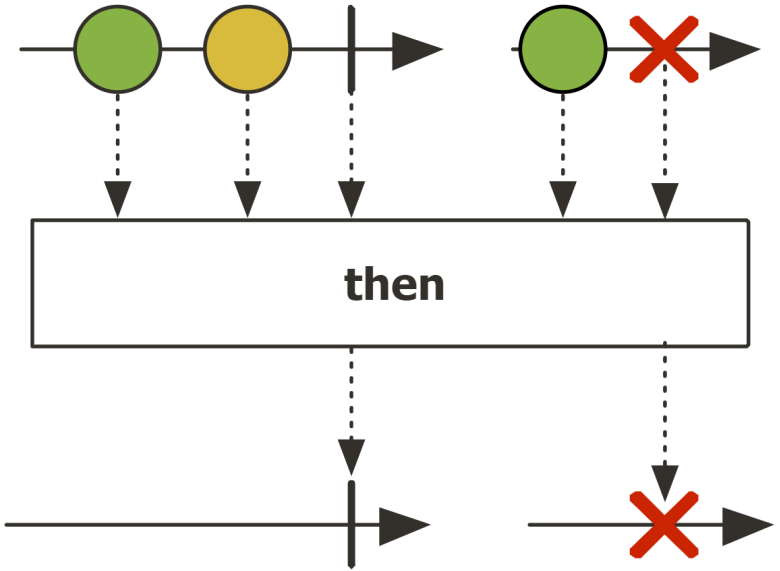

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Flux
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    .flatMap(Supplier::get)

    .collectList()

    .onErrorContinue(errorHandler)

    .flatMap(__ -> ...);
```

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  - The CompletableFuture.allOf() method can be combined with the Java Streams collector framework for a similar effect

```
Stream
   .generate(() ->
      makeBigFraction
         (new Random(), false))

   .limit(sMAX_FRACTIONS)

   .map(reduceAndMultiplyFraction)

   .collect(FuturesCollector
            .toFuture())

   .thenAccept
      (this::sortAndPrintList);
```

See Java8/ex19/src/main/java/utils/FuturesCollector.java

End of Key Transforming Operators in the Observable Class (Part 2)