

A comparison of Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1

This document is designed as a reference guide to various technical elements in the discussions with Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1. In some sense, it is a prequel to the Rybka/IPPOLIT analysis. However, the issues considered are not really the same. The claims made about Rybka/IPPOLIT were of a sufficiently different nature to those about Rybka/Fruit that a different type of discussion seems necessary. [This document is the version of March 11, 2011].

1.1 Evidence, and standards therein

This document is not intended to be a “statement for the prosecution” *per se*, but could presumably prove useful to either side, depending upon what standard is used.

This document shall outline the evidence regarding Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1, and try (at times) to put it into context. In particular, one must make a choice of a standard of comparison. Many have been suggested, such as “code” copying, or “copyright” considerations. It is my opinion, however, that the proper standard to use is that which is commonly used in the context of computer chess (or more generally, computer boardgames). This has, at least historically, been firstly construed to mean that no code which has a demonstrative influence on the performance of the program in question may be borrowed from a competitor.¹ The previous decisions in this genre include that of the case between Berliner and Hsu, where the latter agreed to remove/rewrite approximately 0.3% of his codebase (some sort of simulator of the Cray Blitz evaluation) due to the fact that it had been taken from the HITECH project at an earlier time.

Expanding on this, merely re-typing and/or “translating” code (possibly while tweaking/tuning some of the numbers) is also not likely to pass an “originality” test. There is not, however, a cleanly delineated line between “code” and “ideas” (for instance), and I really can’t give much guidance for that. This report can perhaps be seen as directed at a hypothetical tournament arbitrator who has been asked to determine whether Rybka 1.0 Beta is sufficiently original to allow it to be in the same event as Fruit 2.1.²

Furthermore, this document is fundamentally incapable of anticipating even legitimate explanations of the evidence here enumerated, and as such, is more of a call to further conversation than the final word.

2 Outline of the evidence

There are various major points of evidence between Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta, and a number of minor and/or more circumstantial ones. The major points of evidence include:

- the use of *exactly* the same evaluation features;
- the identical ordering of operations at the root node in the search;
- the same type of PST-scheme, re-using the identical File/Rank/Line weights.

¹There do exist counterexamples, such as re-use of Nalimov tablebases and probing code. Another is Crafty (and Rybka 4) using Pradu Kannan’s magic multiplication code from Buzz.

²Just to recapitulate, this means I am largely going to avoid GPL and/or copyright issues.

The lesser pieces of evidences include:

- various similarities in data structures in hashing;
- the re-appearance of 10-30-60-100 scaling implemented as 26-77-154-256;
- some commonality of UCI parsing code, including a spurious “0.0” float-based comparison in the integer-based time management code of Rybka.

Some of these can be considered “ideas” rather than “code” for various purposes; the standard I adopt herein makes some distinction between the two, but is not so strict so as to demand any re-appearance of any specific code or numerology.

It must be said that it is not entirely clear what is “fair game” to re-use from an open-source program. For instance, pursuant to the first major point of above, one of the more notable “ideas” of Fruit 2.1 was evaluation based primarily on mobility. Below I compare the Fruit 2.1 evaluation routine to that found in Rybka 1.0 Beta. While a large (indeed, almost complete) match is found, it is presumably feasible to opine that the Fruit source code can be taken as a “manual” for chess programming (perhaps in the sense of a modern version of *How Computers Play Chess*), and if this paradigmatic view is accepted, then the re-use of the same evaluation components might arguably be less derelict.

3 Commonality of evaluation features

See addendum D.1. Whether any copying exceeds “just” plagiarism is yet an open question.

See addendum D.2 for examples of eval in other engines.

Most of the work here was first done by Zach Wegner. I have verified much of it (see annotated ASM dump [here](#)). The crux of the conclusion is that Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1 have *exactly* the same evaluation features.³ I will simply enumerate these here, and in almost all cases the functionality is the same.

3.1 Piece evaluation (omitting king safety for now)

3.1.1 Knights (see 0x4018d0 and 0x401eb0 in 64-bit Rybka 1.0 Beta)

Both Rybka and Fruit have mobility as the only knight evaluation component.⁴

3.1.2 Bishops (0x401971-0401a3a and 0x401f60-0x40202a)

Both Rybka and Fruit consider only mobility as the primary evaluation component with bishops. Both Rybka (0x4026b3-0x402745) and Fruit have a trapped bishop penalty; the same definition of “trapped” is used in each (computed via bitboards in Rybka), though the penalty is halved in Fruit in one case. Both Rybka (0x40274b-0x4027f6) and Fruit have a blocked bishop penalty for (say) a bishop on c1, a friendly pawn on d2, and a blocking unit on d3. Both Rybka (0x402885-0x4028ba) and Fruit halve the overall evaluation in an opposite-colour bishop endgame when the pawn counts differ by no more than 2 (both via a flag in a material table, then a separate test for opposite colouring).

³Note that Rybka 1.0 Beta uses bitboards, making direct code comparison ineffective.

⁴Both also use the same “vanilla” notion of mobility throughout, as opposed to variants such as “safe-square” or “forward” mobility. For instance, Larry Kaufman used these more complicated mobility measures when he wrote the evaluation function for Rybka 3.

For footnote 4, see also addendum C.1.

3.1.3 Rooks (0x401a70-0x401bf8 and 0x402064-0x4021a7)

Both Rybka and Fruit consider mobility, open files, semi-open files, whether the opposing king is on/adjacent to an semi-open file (with an identical “sufficient material” criterion for this), and a 7th rank bonus. With the 7th rank bonus, both Rybka and Fruit require the opponent to have: either at least one pawn on the 7th rank, or the king on the 8th rank. Both Rybka (0x4027fc-0x40285a) and Fruit penalise a blocked rook; as with bishops, the definitions coincide.

Overall, the only real difference for rooks is in the computation of an “open file” – when a rook is in front of a friendly pawn (wRa3/wPa2 for instance), Fruit does not consider this to be (semi-)“open”, but Rybka does.

3.1.4 Queens (0x401c30-0x401d96 and 0x4021e0-0x402336)

Both Rybka and Fruit consider mobility for queens, and a 7th rank bonus. With the 7th rank bonus, both Rybka and Fruit again require the opponent to have either: at least one pawn on the seventh rank, or the king on the eighth rank.

3.2 King Safety (0x401db6-0x401e34 and 0x40233c-0x4023bd)

Both Rybka and Fruit compute king safety by determining which pawns/pieces (ignoring kings) attack a square adjacent to the opponent’s king. For each such attacker, a counter is incremented, and a score is added based on the attacker type. For instance, in Fruit the `KingAttackUnit` is 0 for a pawn, 1 for minors, 2 for a rook, and 4 for a queen. In Rybka these are 0, 941, 418, 666, and 532, and Rybka also only computes “yes/no” as to whether any pawns attack a square around the enemy king, while Fruit counts the number of such pawns. Both only penalise for king danger when the opponent has at least two pieces, one being a queen. The penalty is determined by a table-lookup depending on the number of attacking units, times the score of above, divided by a scaling factor.

3.2.1 King Shelter/Storm (0x408b97-0x408f85, 0x401e05, 0x402394)

Both Rybka and Fruit compute pawn shelter/storm for a king based upon three adjacent files (this idea seems older than Fruit, so I omit the details). Rybka uses a look-up table of patterns, while Fruit does bit-scanning. Both can reduce any penalties when castling rights exist. This is done via an averaging, and both seem to use the same method. E.g., let x be the shelter/storm value at `e1`, and $y = x$. If kingside castling rights exist, replace y by the min of y and the shelter/storm value at `g1`. Similarly for queenside. Then the penalty is $(x+y)/2$.

3.3 Pawn Evaluation (0x408870-0x4089da and 0x408a20-0x408b91)

Both Rybka and Fruit consider (in order): doubled pawns, isolated pawns (on open/closed files), backward pawns (open/closed), detection of passed pawns, and candidate passed pawns. This is all fairly standard, though I don’t know if this exact choice/ordering appeared before Fruit. The definition of “backward” is slightly different in Rybka, as is a minor variation with candidate pawns. In §6.2.2 I discuss the similarity of relative numerology in candidates/passers.

See addendum C.2 about the constant nature of bonuses.

3.3.1 Passed Pawns (0x402410-0x40251f and 0x402570-0x402698)

Both Rybka and Fruit start with a raw bonus for a passed pawn, depending on the game phase and the rank. There are then various bonuses for a passed pawn being dangerous. When the opponent has no pieces, an unstoppable passer is highly rewarded. When there are pieces, Fruit gives a bonus if all the following are true: the opponent does not (currently) have any pieces blocking it; we are not blocking it; and the pawn can advance safely (this uses SEE). Rybka splits up these three features in a piecemeal fashion with a bonus for each, and considers not only the square directly in front of the pawn, but all those until the promotion square (and “attacks” bitboards are used instead of SEE).

Both Rybka and Fruit give a bonus/penalty depending upon the distance of each king to the square in front of the pawn. In Fruit these are solely based on the distance, while the rank of the pawn is additionally included in Rybka.

The similarity of relative numerology for passed pawns is discussed more below; the relative scaling for each rank-based bonus in Rybka is essentially 10-30-60-100, though in units of 256 as in Fruit. I would say this is the deepest piece of evidence with passed pawns, as other components either have slight variations in Rybka or are not specific to Fruit.

3.4 Interpolation (0x4028c1-0x4028dc) and sundry

Both Rybka and Fruit interpolate “opening” and “endgame” values to get a final evaluation.⁵ Fruit’s is linear, while Rybka’s is a bit more complicated.⁶ After this interpolation, Rybka gives a final 3-centipawn bonus for being on move. At the top level, Rybka also has a “lazy eval” which is not found in Fruit.

Fruit has some code to recognise draws. Some of this is subsumed into Rybka’s material table.

4 Identical ordering of root search procedures

The underlying factualities here are taken from Zach Wegner’s analysis that is given at <http://talkchess.com/forum/viewtopic.php?t=23118>. Note that the Fruit 2.1 code is spread across a number of function calls; it is unclear from a disassembly whether this is the case in Rybka 1.0 Beta.

Table 1: Root search operations in Fruit and Rybka

Fruit 2.1	Rybka 1.0 Beta
generate legal moves	generate legal moves
limit depth to 4 if #moves is 1	limit depth to 4 if #moves is 1
setup setjmp	setup setjmp
list/board copy	
reset/start timer	start timer
increment date and date/depth table	increment date and date/depth table
reset killers then history (<code>sort_init</code>)	reset killers then history
copy some <code>Code()</code> /UCI params	
score/sort root list	score/sort root list

⁵Fruit uses a “phase” 1:2:4 for `BN:R:Q`, and re-scales the 24 initial units to 256. With Rybka we see only the material-table result, but the Fruit numbers match exactly upon scaling to 64.

⁶Rybka indexes a phase-based table 0-64 for this, but only 25 of these entries are ever used.

Here are the comparative operations/ordering in Phalanx XXII (for example): generate legal moves, init killers/history, increment Age, setup time limits, sort root moves, start timer, return move if forced (there are various bits about book/learning that I omit). Except for a few obvious constraints (move generation must precede scoring/sorting them), much of the above can be re-ordered.⁷

I have verified the above orderings myself, and in an appendix below I analyse the final “iterative deepening” part of this function. This Fruit/Rybka overlap would already likely meet a “plagiarism” standard, for instance as used in the detection of non-original work in academia and/or book publishing (note that plagiarism is generally an *ethical* standard and not a legal one). There is also the question of how important this item is from a chess-playing standpoint, perhaps again viewing Fruit as a “manual” in some sense.

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5 Common structure of PST computations

Another major point is the Piece-Square-Table (PST) computations, also known as “static” values. These occur directly in the Fruit 2.1 code, while in Rybka we only see the end result.⁸ Furthermore, there is a re-scaling (centipawns versus 3399th pawns), and Rybka also uses different weightings for some parameters.

However, the use of various specific arrays is apparent in both Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta. It is not immediately obvious how to judge their re-occurrence; for instance, the use of $[-2, -1, 0, +1, +1, 0, -1, -2]$ for a file weighting can hardly be considered abnormal. The impetus of the evidence is that: the identical arrays are used by both Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta for *each* piece, giving a total of 8 or so matching arrays (some of the arrays are themselves re-used, but the occurrence of each with a specific piece is an exact match in Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta). There are minor differences, such as bonuses for central pawns, and that the `KingRank` array is unimportant in Rybka 1.0 Beta (due to the weighting for it being 0).⁹

5.1 The example of the knights

I give one example in fuller detail. For various reasons, the (White) knights seem to be the best choice, as there are two components (file and rank), and there are only one minor variation (the `a8/h8` squares). Below are the raw PST knight values for Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta in the opening, the latter on the right. The co-incidence of these can be seen when we make a formulaic representation (omitting the left-right symmetry).

⁷The “scoring” phases also contain the common element of a hash lookup to find a best move, and it seems that not many other engines do this before starting the iterative deepening.

⁸I might stress that the fact that Fruit 2.1 visibly computes these while Rybka 1.0 Beta just has an array is not really relevant for the discussion here. The content is of more import.

⁹Similarly one could note that Rybka 1.0 Beta has a score for pawns in the endgame and queens in the opening, while in Fruit these are both just zero (the second is explicitly 0 in the source code, while the first is not). The existence of these “zero weights” makes drawing schematic diagrams a bit tricky, and prone to possible reliance on non-existent similarities.

Table 2: Fruit and Rybka White knight opening PST values

-135	-25	-15	-10	-10	-15	-25	-135	-5618	-1724	-1030	-683	-683	-1030	-1724	-5618
-20	-10	0	5	5	0	-10	-20	-1366	-672	22	369	369	22	-672	-1366
-5	5	15	20	20	15	5	-5	-314	380	1074	1421	1421	1074	380	-314
-5	5	15	20	20	15	5	-5	-325	369	1063	1410	1410	1063	369	-325
-10	0	10	15	15	10	0	-10	-683	11	705	1052	1052	705	11	-683
-20	-10	0	5	5	0	-10	-20	-1388	-694	0	347	347	0	-694	-1388
-35	-25	-15	-5	-5	-15	-25	-35	-2440	-1746	-1052	-705	-705	-1052	-1746	-2440
-50	-40	-30	-25	-25	-30	-40	-50	-3492	-2798	-2104	-1757	-1757	-2104	-2798	-3492

Table 3: Common PST schematic for White knights in the opening

$-4x - 4x + y - z$	$-4x - 2x + y$	$-4x + 0 + y$	$-4x + x + y$	\dots
$-2x - 4x + 2y$	$-2x - 2x + 2y$	$-2x + 0 + 2y$	$-2x + x + 2y$	\dots
$0 - 4x + 3y$	$0 - 2x + 3y$	$0 + 0 + 3y$	$0 + x + 3y$	\dots
$x - 4x + 2y$	$x - 2x + 2y$	$x + 0 + 2y$	$x + x + 2y$	\dots
$x - 4x + y$	$x - 2x + y$	$x + 0 + y$	$x + x + y$	\dots
$0 - 4x + 0$	$0 - 2x + 0$	$0 + 0 + 0$	$0 + x + 0$	\dots
$-2x - 4x - y$	$-2x - 2x - y$	$-2x + 0 - y$	$-2x + x - y$	\dots
$-4x - 4x - 2y$	$-4x - 2x - 2y$	$-4x + 0 - 2y$	$-4x + x - 2y$	\dots

By using $(x, y, z) = (5, 5, 100)$ we obtain the values for Fruit 2.1, and with $(x, y, z) = (347, 358, 3200)$, we obtain those for Rybka 1.0 Beta. All the numbers (as opposed to letters) in the schematic appear in the Fruit 2.1 source code.

```
static const int KnightLine[8] = { -4, -2, +0, +1, +1, +0, -2, -4 };
static const int KnightRank[8] = { -2, -1, +0, +1, +2, +3, +2, +1 };
```

Other than the left-right symmetry in the `KnightLine` array, there is no particular reason for these numbers to be used. For instance, we could write α_f and β_r for the file and rank numbers (where f ranges over files and r over ranks), and the above schematic then looks like:

Table 4: PST schematic with Line/Rank arrays as parameters

$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_8y - z$	$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_8y$	$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_8y$	$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_8y$	\dots
$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_7y$	$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_7y$	$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_7y$	$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_7y$	\dots
$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_6y$	$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_6y$	$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_6y$	$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_6y$	\dots
$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_5y$	$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_5y$	$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_5y$	$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_5y$	\dots
$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_4y$	$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_4y$	$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_4y$	$\alpha_{45}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_4y$	\dots
$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_3y$	$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_3y$	$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_3y$	$\alpha_{36}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_3y$	\dots
$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_2y$	$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_2y$	$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_2y$	$\alpha_{27}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_2y$	\dots
$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{ah}x + \beta_1y$	$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{bg}x + \beta_1y$	$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{cf}x + \beta_1y$	$\alpha_{18}x + \alpha_{de}x + \beta_1y$	\dots

Here we should have $\alpha_{ah} = \alpha_{18}$, etc., but I rewrote the subscripts to indicate which was a rank element, and which was a file element. Admittedly, this formulation tends to stress the identical nature of the α and β choices made by Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta, but indeed, that is the whole point.

5.1.1 Magnitude of this evidence

The magnitude of this evidence can be weighed in various ways. It must be first be noted that, while the use of these two `KnightLine/KnightRank` arrays is not too strange, the identical arrays appear for every piece, and so mere coincidence is unlikely. A second question is whether the arrays really matter, when the x and y values could be said to have as much influence on the PST values.¹⁰ My answer to that would be that there is no reason to keep this specific Rank/Line scaling, and in a fully independent implementation of the Fruit “idea” of PST, I would definitely expect there to be differences at some points.¹¹ Finally, there is the issue of whether these arrays could re-appear for “harmless” reasons, but I really can’t say much more than I already have.

5.2 Diagrams for other pieces

See addendum D.3 for perfunctory examples that show these PST schemes are not universal.

For reasons of completeness, I give the schematic PST pictures for the other cases, noting the values chosen by Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1. For all of these, the array choice is the same; the exception is the `KingRank` array in Rybka, for which the value can be chosen as 0, so the contents of the array are meaningless.

5.2.1 Pawns PST

Table 5: Common PST schematic for White pawns

$-3x$	$-x$	0	x	...
$-3x$	$-x$	0	x	...
$-3x$	$-x$	0	x	...
$-3x$	$-x$	0	x^*	...
$-3x$	$-x$	0	x^*	...
$-3x$	$-x$	0	x^*	...
$-3x$	$-x$	0	x	...
$-3x$	$-x$	0	x	...

Fruit 2.1 has $x = 5$ in the opening, with no endgame value (one can take $x = 0$). Rybka 1.0 Beta has $x = 181$ in the opening, and $x = -97$ in the endgame. Fruit adds 10 to `d3/e3/d5/e5` and 20 to `d4/e4`, while Rybka adds 74 to `d5/e5`.

```
static const int PawnFile[8] = { -3, -1, +0, +1, +1, +0, -1, -3 };
```

My personal impression is that if the above were the totality of the evidence, it would be dismissible (the grid does not look that odd), but when in the context of everything else, it becomes more pressing. It can also be noted that many (if not most) other chess programs have a rank-dependence in pawn PST.

¹⁰A silly counterpoint to this could be that the arrays contain 12 numbers (though not all are really “independent”, as one fully expects the numbers to be higher at the centre than at the edge), which is a lot more than the 3 values x, y, z .

¹¹I might say that this is especially true given the re-scaling done by Rybka 1.0 Beta to use 3399ths of a pawn rather than centipawns – why should the Rank/Line array values stay small (single digits), and the x, y values grow? But this is perhaps trying to read minds...

For reference, the White pawn values in Rybka 1.0 Beta are loaded into the 256 bytes starting at location `0x64bdf0` in the 64-bit version, with the first 2 bytes for the opening value of `a1`, then 2 for the endgame value, then the same for `b1`, `c1`, etc. After this comes Black pawns, then White knights, etc.

5.2.2 Knights PST endgame

Table 6: Common PST schematic for knights in the endgame

$-4x - 4x$	$-4x - 2x$	$-4x + 0$	$-4x + x$	\dots
$-2x - 4x$	$-2x - 2x$	$-2x + 0$	$-2x + x$	\dots
$0 - 4x$	$0 - 2x$	$0 + 0$	$0 + x$	\dots
$x - 4x$	$x - 2x$	$x + 0$	$x + x$	\dots
$x - 4x$	$x - 2x$	$x + 0$	$x + x$	\dots
$0 - 4x$	$0 - 2x$	$0 + 0$	$0 + x$	\dots
$-2x - 4x$	$-2x - 2x$	$-2x + 0$	$-2x + x$	\dots
$-4x - 4x$	$-4x - 2x$	$-4x + 0$	$-4x + x$	\dots

This is essentially the same as the knights in the opening, except that the rank bonus (the y -variable of before) is absent, as is the `a8/h8` penalty. Fruit 2.1 takes $x = 5$ while Rybka 1.0 Beta takes $x = 56$. As before, the main content here is not the general “centralisation”, but the exact weightings from

```
static const int KnightLine[8] = { -4, -2, +0, +1, +1, +0, -2, -4 };
```

5.2.3 Bishops PST

Table 7: Common PST schematic for White bishops

$-3x - 3x + y$	$-3x - x$	$-3x + 0$	$-3x + x$	\dots
$-x - 3x$	$-x - x + y$	$-x + 0$	$-x + x$	\dots
$0 - 3x$	$0 - x$	$0 + 0 + y$	$0 + x$	\dots
$x - 3x$	$x - x$	$x + 0$	$x + x + y$	\dots
$x - 3x$	$x - x$	$x + 0$	$x + x + y$	\dots
$0 - 3x$	$0 - x$	$0 + 0 + y$	$0 + x$	\dots
$-x - 3x$	$-x - x + y$	$-x + 0$	$-x + x$	\dots
$-3x - 3x + y - z$	$-3x - x - z$	$-3x + 0 - z$	$-3x + x - z$	\dots

Fruit 2.1 has $(x, y, z) = (2, 4, 10)$ in the opening and $(x, y, z) = (3, 0, 0)$ in the endgame. Rybka 1.0 Beta has $(x, y, z) = (147, 378, 251)$ and $(x, y, z) = (49, 0, 0)$.

The principal x -weighting is the same as with `PawnFile/QueenLine/KingLine`.

```
static const int BishopLine[8] = { -3, -1, +0, +1, +1, +0, -1, -3 };
```

One might expect some of these to be re-used, but the fact that Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1 use the exact same arrays in the exact same places makes this of more import. Furthermore, Rybka 1.0 Beta has the same type of penalties/bonuses (`BackRank/Diagonal`) as Fruit 2.1 in the opening (in fact, it might have been better to make two separate grids for opening/endgame, to show that both have $y = z = 0$ for the endgame values).

5.2.4 Rooks PST

Table 8: Common PST schematic for rooks (opening)

$-2x$	$-x$	0	x	\dots
$-2x$	$-x$	0	x	\dots
\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots	\dots
$-2x$	$-x$	0	x	\dots

This one is almost so mundane as to pass without comment. Fruit 2.1 has $x = 3$ and Rybka 1.0 Beta has $x = 104$. Neither has an endgame value (so $x = 0$).

`static const int RookFile[8] = { -2, -1, +0, +1, +1, +0, -1, -2 };`
 Again the principal query would be as to why *this* RookFile was chosen in both, as opposed to (say) re-using the PawnFile array instead.

5.2.5 Queens PST

Table 9: Common PST schematic for White queens

$-3x - 3x$	$-3x - x$	$-3x + 0$	$-3x + x$	\dots
$-x - 3x$	$-x - x$	$-x + 0$	$-x + x$	\dots
$0 - 3x$	$0 - x$	$0 + 0$	$0 + x$	\dots
$x - 3x$	$x - x$	$x + 0$	$x + x$	\dots
$x - 3x$	$x - x$	$x + 0$	$x + x$	\dots
$0 - 3x$	$0 - x$	$0 + 0$	$0 + x$	\dots
$-x - 3x$	$-x - x$	$-x + 0$	$-x + x$	\dots
$-3x - 3x - z$	$-3x - x - z$	$-3x + 0 - z$	$-3x + x - z$	\dots

This one is a bit tricky, as Fruit has a zero value for `QueenCentreOpening`, though it is explicitly in the code. And again (see bishops) there is a `BackRank` penalty only in the opening (in both). Fruit 2.1 has $(x, z) = (0, 5)$ in the opening and $(x, z) = (4, 0)$ in the endgame, while Rybka 1.0 Beta has $(x, z) = (98, 201)$ in the opening and $(x, z) = (108, 0)$ in the endgame. Again having a separate grid for the endgame might make the `BackRank` penalty more clear.

`static const int QueenLine[8] = { -3, -1, +0, +1, +1, +0, -1, -3 };`

5.2.6 Kings PST

Table 10: Common PST schematic for White kings (opening)

$3x - 7y$	$4x - 7y$	$2x - 7y$	$0 - 7y$	\dots
$3x - 6y$	$4x - 6y$	$2x - 6y$	$0 - 6y$	\dots
$3x - 5y$	$4x - 5y$	$2x - 5y$	$0 - 5y$	\dots
$3x - 4y$	$4x - 4y$	$2x - 4y$	$0 - 4y$	\dots
$3x - 3y$	$4x - 3y$	$2x - 3y$	$0 - 3y$	\dots
$3x - 2y$	$4x - 2y$	$2x - 2y$	$0 - 2y$	\dots
$3x + 0$	$4x + 0$	$2x + 0$	$0 + 0$	\dots
$3x + y$	$4x + y$	$2x + y$	$0 + y$	\dots

Again there is a somewhat of a stretch here in making a common schematic, as Rybka 1.0 Beta doesn't have the adjustment for `KingRankOpening`, so the y -variable of above only appears in Fruit 2.1. However, the file array does match.

```
static const int KingFile[8] = { +3, +4, +2, +0, +0, +2, +4, +3 };
```

Fruit 2.1 has $(x, y) = (10, 10)$ and Rybka 1.0 Beta has $(x, y) = (469, 0)$.

Both the schematic for the endgame and the `KingLine` array used for it are the same as with bishops and queens above (based on centralisation). Fruit 2.1 has $x = 12$ and Rybka 1.0 Beta has $x = 401$.

```
static const int KingLine[8] = { -3, -1, +0, +1, +1, +0, -1, -3 };
```

6 Things of lesser importance

6.1 Data structures with hashing

The first 8 bytes of the 16-byte hash structure in Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1 are used in the same manner.¹² I can find no other engines that imitate this – even Fruit 1.0 differs (having a 64-bit lock). The common parts are:

a 32-bit lock, 2 bytes for the move, 1 byte for depth, then 1 byte for date.

To choose a random comparison, Faile orders these as [hash, depth, score, move] with differing bit widths. There is also an atypical commonality in the use of both lower/upper bounds in a PVS engine (though see Appendix B.3 below).

See addendum C.3 about the other 8 bytes.

6.2 Use of a `quad()`-like function for passed pawns

6.2.1 The `quad()` function in Fruit 2.1

This is the `quad()` function in Fruit 2.1, with `ASSERT`s stripped out, and the `Bonus` values made explicit, with my comment about percentage of 256.

```
Bonus[Rank4] = 26; // 10.15625%
Bonus[Rank5] = 77; // 30.078125%
Bonus[Rank6] = 154; // 60.15625%
Bonus[Rank7] = 256; // 100%
int quad(int y_min, int y_max, int x)
{return y_min + ((y_max - y_min) * Bonus[x] + 128) / 256;}
```

As can be seen, this function uses approximately a 10-30-60-100 weighting (essentially a quadratic fit), given instead by “hexapawns” as 26-77-154-256. Also, the function rounds (with the +128) to the nearest integer (rather than truncating) in the division by 256. The only difference between the values that the `quad()` function returns and those of the arrays included in Rybka 1.0 Beta are that the latter uses truncation rather than rounding.

Fruit 2.1 uses `quad()` to give a rank-based bonus for a passed or candidate pawn. For each such pawn, the `quad()` function is called and returns a score to be applied in the evaluation.

```
static const int PassedOpeningMin    = 10, PassedOpeningMax    = 70;
static const int PassedEndgameMin    = 20, PassedEndgameMax    = 140;
static const int CandidateOpeningMin = 5,  CandidateOpeningMax = 55;
static const int CandidateEndgameMin = 10, CandidateEndgameMax = 110;
```

¹²Rybka 1.0 Beta has 4 hashing functions (64-bit): 0x40c2a0, 0x40c3e0, 0x40c520, 0x40c640.

As noted above, Fruit 2.1 uses a constant multiplier for attacker/defender distances to a passed pawn, while Rybka 1.0 Beta uses a `quad()`-like function dependent on the rank.

```
static const int AttackerDistance = 5;    // always 5   in Fruit 2.1
static const int DefenderDistance = 20;  // always 20  in Fruit 2.1
```

Fruit 2.1 also has 2 other constant bonuses (less important here, but listed for the sake of completeness), the first of which (`UnstoppablePasser`) is also a constant (25600) in Rybka 1.0 Beta, while for the second one, Rybka 1.0 Beta divides it up into more cases (`PassedUnblockedOwn`, `PassedUnblockedOpp`, `PassedFree`), each of which is given a `quad()`-style weighting based on rank.

```
static const int UnstoppablePasser = 800; // always 800 in Fruit 2.1
static const int FreePasser = 60;        // always 60  in Fruit 2.1
```

Not all of these terms have exactly the same meaning in Rybka 1.0 Beta, and discussing any differences would diverge from my focus on the re-use of the `quad()` function. Perhaps the main difference is with `FreePasser`, as to whether the pawn's path is met by a friendly or enemy piece, which uses SEE in Fruit and "attacks" bitboards in Rybka, and further is split into 3 parts in Rybka.

6.2.2 Passed pawn numerology in Rybka 1.0 Beta

As noted above, Fruit 2.1 calls `quad()` every time, while one can note that the values are only dependent on the rank, and then use pre-computation to get array values as in Rybka 1.0 Beta. The elements of the arrays in Rybka 1.0 Beta are **not** direct outputs of the `quad()` function in Fruit 2.1, but up to rounding (note the "+128" in the code above), this is indeed the case.

Here are the array-values in Rybka 1.0 Beta, indexed by rank:

```
int PassedOpening[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 489, 1450, 2900, 4821, 4821 };
int PassedEndgame[8] = { 146, 146, 146, 336, 709, 1273, 2020, 2020 };
int PassedUnblockedOwn[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 26, 78, 157, 262, 262 };
int PassedUnblockedOpp[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 133, 394, 788, 1311, 1311 };
int PassedFree[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 101, 300, 601, 1000, 1000 };
int PassedAttDistance[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 66, 195, 391, 650, 650 };
int PassedDefDistance[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 131, 389, 779, 1295, 1295 };
int CandidateOpening[8] = { 0, 0, 0, 382, 1131, 2263, 3763, 3763 };
int CandidateEndgame[8] = { 18, 18, 18, 181, 501, 985, 1626, 1626 };
```

In the 64-bit version, see the 56 bytes at 0x660f90 and the 16 bytes at 0x423b40. Perhaps the most obvious "sore-thumb" is the `PassedFree` array, which looks mighty close to 100-300-600-1000, but is off-by-one in two entries. Indeed, this is accounted for exactly by the "hexapawns" rescaling. Here are inputs to a `quad()`-like function (with truncation) to produce the Rybka 1.0 Beta arrays.

```
PassedOpening:      Min = 0, Max = 4821
PassedEndgame:      Min = 146, Max = 2020
PassedUnblockedOwn: Min = 0, Max = 262
PassedUnblockedOpp: Min = 0, Max = 1311
```

```

PassedFree:           Min = 0, Max = 1000
PassedAttDistance:   Min = 0, Max = 650
PassedDefDistance:   Min = 0, Max = 1295
CandidateOpening:    Min = 0, Max = 3763
CandidateEndgame:    Min = 18, Max = 1626

```

6.2.3 Impact of this evidence

See addendum C.4 for an example of a different scaling.

It is fairly clear (cf. the `PassedFree` array) that the values in Rybka 1.0 Beta were generated automatically, and not by hand. While a 10-30-60-100 parabolic scaling might reasonably be considered an “idea” to re-use, the coincidence of a hexapawn-variant of a `quad()`-like function makes the issue trickier to navigate.

There is also the question of whether the re-use of `quad()` is really all that important. The Rybka choice of values for `PassedOpening` (and others) is not too similar to that of Fruit, and the splitting of the bonuses for a passed pawn makes the Rybka method differ from that of Fruit in any event. As with the PST comparison, it seems that there is a *structural* similarity between Fruit and Rybka, and the question of “originality” therein allows multiple approaches.

Finally, while the quirky 256-based scaling is done for a reason in Fruit 2.1 (as the `quad()` function is called every time, perhaps general integer division would be too slow), it is a bit inscrutable to me why the natural 10-30-60-100 scaling would not be preferable when the array is pre-computed as in Rybka.

6.3 UCI parsing

The final topic is the subject of UCI parsing. Some of this is not precisely “chess-related”, though there is overlap with time management issues, and some of this could also be useful for GPL purposes with respect to code copying.

In this section, I use two “decompilations” from other people. Part of this is to show that others who have studied the issue have come to a similar conclusion. Such decompilations can be tendentious, especially if one chooses to use Fruit-like variable names when re-casting into a higher-level language.

6.3.1 Parsing the “position” string

One example of copying seems to be in how Rybka parses the “position” string. The Fruit code has various oddities, such as

```

moves[-1] = '\0'; // dirty, but so is UCI

```

A disassembly of the Rybka 1.0 Beta code (below) will show a similar hack.

Here is the stripped-down Fruit code from `parse_position()` in `protocol.cpp`:

```

fen = strstr(string,"fen ");
moves = strstr(string,"moves ");
if (fen != NULL)
{
  if (moves != NULL) { // "moves" present
    moves[-1] = '\0'; // dirty, but so is UCI
    board_from_fen(SearchInput->board,fen+4); // CHANGE ME
  }
}

```

```

// else use startpos -- omitted here
if (moves != NULL) // "moves" present
{ ptr = moves + 6; // aside: the "+6" here is a useful ASM locator
  while (*ptr != '\0') // until string is terminated
  { [...] // code to get the move_string, advancing ptr
    move = move_from_string(move_string, SearchInput->board);
    move_do(SearchInput->board, move, undo);
    while (*ptr == ' ') ptr++; // eliminates spaces
  }
}

```

A 32-bit Rybka 1.0 Beta decompilation by Franklin Titus, with my comments:¹³

```

int __usercall sub_4092E0<eax>(const char *a1<eax>)
{ char *v1; // esi@1
  const char *v2; // esi@1
  char *v3; // edi@1
  int v4, v5; // esi@6, eax@7
  v2 = a1;
  v3 = strstr(a1, "fen");
  v1 = strstr(v2, "moves");
  sub_403490(); // board_from_fen(), for startpos
  if ( v3 ) // fen != NULL
  { if ( v1 ) // moves != NULL
    *(v1 - 1) = 0; // moves[-1] = 0, would the compiler do this?
    sub_403490(); // board_from_fen(FEN) -- maybe sub_403490(v3)?
  }
  if ( v1 ) // "moves" present
  { v4 = (v1 + 6); // ptr = moves + 6
    while ( *v4 ) // until string is terminated
    { v5 = sub_40AAF0(v4); // some code to get the move from the string
      sub_40ABC0(v5); // move_do_UCI(move) -- in search, prom bits differ
      v4 += 5; // Fruit uses *ptr++ for each character
      if ( !*(v4 - 1) ) // the -1 here is likely compiler-based
        break; // i.e. v4[4] is the same as (v4 + 5)[-1]
      for ( ; *v4 == 32; ++v4 ) {} // eliminates spaces, needed with proms
    }
  }
  return sub_401100(); // clear various arrays, general bookkeeping
}

```

Some of this formulaic, and the most interesting part is likely that `moves[-1]=0` reappears in the Rybka 1.0 Beta code; in the Fruit 2.1 code it ensures the FEN string proper is NUL-terminated, but this is not strictly necessary. The Rybka version could, however, be a compiler optimisation of `fen[moves-fen-1]=0`, which looks a bit better in C. In any case, the fact that “something is done” here that (in the end) serves no purpose makes this a mentionable commonality.

¹³There are a few minor errors, but I stick close to the original. My 64-bit version is [here](#).

6.3.2 Time management

In this section, I largely refer to Rick Fadden’s 32-bit Rybka 1.0 Beta disassembly efforts¹⁴ at <http://www.talkchess.com/forum/viewtopic.php?p=187290>.

The first item to mention is that it already seems not completely natural to place the time management code at the end of the “go” parser as done in both Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta. Both contain “white/black” selection code as a separator between the “go” parsing proper and the time management code, for Rybka 1.0 Beta as

```
if ((Board->turn) == 0) { time = wtime; inc = winc; } // Fadden’s Rybka
else                      { time = btime; inc = binc; } // decompilation
```

compared to Fruit’s

```
if (COLOUR_IS_WHITE(SearchInput->board->turn)) {
    time = wtime;
    inc = winc;
} else {
    time = btime;
    inc = binc;
} // Fruit code
```

The subsequent lines in Fadden’s Rybka 1.0 Beta decompilation have:

```
// Rybka compares movetime with a double precision value: 0.0
if (movetime >= 0.0) {
    time_limit_1 = 5 * movetime;
    time_limit_2 = 1000 * movetime;
} else if (time > 0) {
    time_max = time - 5000;
    alloc = (time_max + inc * (movestogo - 1)) / movestogo;
    if (alloc >= time_max) alloc = time_max;
    time_limit_1 = alloc;
    alloc = (time_max + inc * (movestogo - 1)) / 2;
    if (alloc < time_limit_1) alloc = time_limit_1;
    if (alloc > time_max) alloc = time_max;
    time_limit_2 = alloc;
}
```

As noted by Zach Wegner and others, the comparison with a floating-point value by Rybka 1.0 Beta is simply bizarre in itself (it appears in both the 32-bit and 64-bit versions), and only when put side-by-side with the Fruit code (for which it makes sense) does the genesis of this come to light.

¹⁴I find Fadden’s decompilation to be very precise. For instance, he keeps all the variables (such as `btime/wtime/binc/winc`) in the same order as in the ASM code. There is an alternative disassembly available ([link](#)) which is lacking in such necessities, and even goes so far as to re-arrange the parsing of the `wtime/winc/btime/binc` elements in Rybka to match the alphabetical order of Fruit.

Here is the Fruit code for this (see `parse_go()` in `protocol.cpp`):

```
if (movetime >= 0.0) {
    SearchInput->time_is_limited = true;
    SearchInput->time_limit_1 = movetime * 5.0; // HACK to avoid early exit
    SearchInput->time_limit_2 = movetime;
} else if (time >= 0.0) {
    time_max = time * 0.95 - 1.0;
    if (time_max < 0.0) time_max = 0.0;
    SearchInput->time_is_limited = true;
    alloc = (time_max + inc * double(movestogo-1)) / double(movestogo);
    alloc *= (option_get_bool("Ponder") ? PonderRatio : NormalRatio);
    if (alloc > time_max) alloc = time_max;
    SearchInput->time_limit_1 = alloc;
    alloc = (time_max + inc * double(movestogo-1)) * 0.5;
    if (alloc < SearchInput->time_limit_1) alloc = SearchInput->time_limit_1;
    if (alloc > time_max) alloc = time_max;
    SearchInput->time_limit_2 = alloc;
}
```

The multiplication of `movetime` by 5 to get `time_limit_1` is another common element, while Zach Wegner has noted that the multiplication by 1000 with `time_limit_2` actually seems like a bug that prevents Rybka 1.0 Beta from properly handling a UCI command like “go movetime 60000” in certain cases.

There are a few other atypical similarities in the respective UCI parsing routines (e.g., incremental use of `strtok`), but I won’t discuss them here, and just leave Fadden’s disassembly/decompilation to suffice for a general sense.

However, as a final specific similarity for this section, I will mention the concluding block of code of this “go” parser. There is a significant overlap in how Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta handle the difficulty of “delaying” sending a best move when in “infinite” or “ponder” mode.¹⁵ Here is the Fruit 2.1 code:

```
if (infinite || ponder) SearchInput->infinite = true;
ASSERT(!Searching);
ASSERT(!Delay);
Searching = true;
Infinite = infinite || ponder;
Delay = false;
search();
search_update_current();
ASSERT(Searching);
ASSERT(!Delay);
Searching = false;
Delay = Infinite;
if (!Delay) send_best_move();
```

¹⁵Rybka 1.0 Beta has no `Ponder` UCI option *per se*, but does send a `ponder` token when reporting `bestmove`, and also correctly parses `go` strings which include a `ponder` token. Indeed, the UCI protocol notes that the `Ponder` option is largely a way for the GUI to notify the engine about pondering ahead of time, so that the engine can modify its time management if desired.

Here is the comparative Rybka code I obtained from a 64-bit disassembly.¹⁶

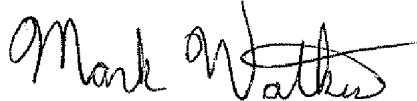
```
0x40702e: test    %r15b,%r15b          # r15 is "infinite"
0x40704d: jne    0x407054
0x40704f: test    %r13b,%r13b        # r13 is "ponder"
0x407052: je     0x407063* [0x40705b] # if either is true
0x407054: movb   $0x1,0x2652d1(%rip)  # 0x66c32c SearchInput->Infinite = true
0x407063*: movb   $0x1,0x262677(%rip) # 0x6696e1, set Searching = true
0x40705b: test    %r15b,%r15b        # check "infinite" again
0x40706a: jne    0x40707a
0x40706c: test    %r13b,%r13b        # check "ponder" again
0x40706f: jne    0x40707a            # if both false,
0x407071: mov    %r13b,0x26266a(%rip) # 0x6696e2, set Infinite = false
0x407078: jmp    0x407081            # else
0x40707a: movb   $0x1,0x262661(%rip)  # 0x6696e2, set Infinite = true
0x407081: movb   $0x0,0x26265b(%rip)  # 0x6696e3 set Delay = false
0x407088: callq  0x408f90            # call the search function
0x40708d: movzbl 0x26264e(%rip),%eax  # 0x6696e2 load Infinite variable
0x40709b: movb   $0x0,0x26263f(%rip)  # 0x6696e1 set Searching = false
0x4070a2: mov    %al,0x26263b(%rip)   # 0x6696e3 set Delay = Infinite
0x407094*: test    %al,%al           # if Infinite is true
0x4070a8: jne    0x4070af            # then don't
0x4070aa: callq  0x406aa0            # call send_best_move()
```

Note in particular that `(infinite || ponder)` gets computed twice in both. Also, the operations with `Searching`, `Infinite`, and `Delay` are ordered the same (as are their variable allocations). Finally, setting `Delay` to be “false” can be seen as redundant in `Fruit`, as three lines above it was `ASSERTed` to be so.

7 Summary of evidence

This document has highlighted a number of places where Rybka 1.0 Beta can be said to have over-stretched an “originality” barrier with respect to `Fruit 2.1`. These include a borrowing of arrays in `PST`, a peculiar match in data structures for hashing, a wholesale re-use of evaluation features, and a repetition of the same ordering of operations in root search. There is furthermore a re-appearance of a 26-77-154-256 scaling rather than the more natural 10-30-60-100, and some specific examples of “code copying” from the UCI parsing.

The first appendix below gives another example of “code copying” (from iterative deepening at the end of root search), while the second appendix tries to determine whether later Rybka versions have remedied the above problems, and draws together some related issues.



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¹⁶I omit various instructions regarding register preparation for the function-call exit, and also re-ordered `0x407063` and `0x407094` to better emphasize the if-then logic in comparisons.

A Root search analysis: iterative deepening

This appendix is a Fruit/Rybka comparison for a specific “chunk” of code. It is my hope that it will exemplify various aspects of the similarities and differences. I first give the Fruit 2.1 code, then the Rybka 1.0 Beta disassembly, and finally a C++ translation of the latter. The code is the iterative deepening at the end of root search. The Fruit 2.1 code is at the end of `search()` in `search.cpp`.

The Fruit code, reformatted, ASSERTs removed, with applicable comments:

```
for (depth = 1; depth < DepthMax; depth++) // DepthMax is 64
{ if (DispDepthStart) send("info depth %d",depth); // DispDepthStart is true
  SearchRoot->bad_1 = false;
  SearchRoot->change = false;
  board_copy(SearchCurrent->board,SearchInput->board);
  if (UseShortSearch && depth <= ShortSearchDepth) // UseShortSearch is true
    search_full_root(SearchRoot->list,SearchCurrent->board,depth,SearchShort);
  else
    search_full_root(SearchRoot->list,SearchCurrent->board,depth,SearchNormal);
  search_update_current();
  if (DispDepthEnd) send("[...]"); // a complicated construct, omitted here
  if (depth >= 1) SearchInfo->can_stop = true;
  if (depth == 1 && LIST_SIZE(SearchRoot->list) >= 2
      && LIST_VALUE(SearchRoot->list,0) >=
          LIST_VALUE(SearchRoot->list,1) + EasyThreshold) // this is 150
    SearchRoot->easy = true;
  if (UseBad && depth > 1) // UseBad is true
  { SearchRoot->bad_2 = SearchRoot->bad_1;
    SearchRoot->bad_1 = false; }
  SearchRoot->last_value = SearchBest->value;
  if (SearchInput->depth_is_limited && depth >= SearchInput->depth_limit)
    SearchRoot->flag = true;
  if (SearchInput->time_is_limited
      && SearchCurrent->time >= SearchInput->time_limit_1
      && !SearchRoot->bad_2)
    SearchRoot->flag = true;
  if (UseEasy && SearchInput->time_is_limited // UseEasy is true
      && SearchCurrent->time >= SearchInput->time_limit_1 * EasyRatio // 0.20
      && SearchRoot->easy)
    SearchRoot->flag = true;
  if (UseEarly && SearchInput->time_is_limited // UseEarly is true
      && SearchCurrent->time >= SearchInput->time_limit_1 * EarlyRatio // 0.60
      && !SearchRoot->bad_2 && !SearchRoot->change)
    SearchRoot->flag = true;
  if (SearchInfo->can_stop
      && (SearchInfo->stop || (SearchRoot->flag && !SearchInput->infinite)))
    break;
}
```

Here is a commented disassembly from the Rybka 1.0 Beta 64-bit version:

```

0x4095a5: mov     $0x1,%esi          # %esi will be equal to 1 throughout
0x4095aa: mov     %esi,%ebx
0x4095b0: cmp     $0x5,%ebx         # compare depth to 5
0x4095b3: jb     0x4095c4           # if at least 5
0x4095b5: lea    -0x2(%rbx),%edx    then subtract 2 before...
0x4095b8: lea    0x25af79(%rip),%rcx # 0x664538 ["info depth" string]
0x4095bf: callq  0x40d0b0          # ...printing the "info depth" string
0x4095c4: mov     %ebx,%ecx        # copy depth to %ecx reg for func call
0x4095c6: movb   $0x0,0x262e81(%rip) # 0x66c44e set "change" to false
0x4095cd: movb   $0x0,0x262e78(%rip) # 0x66c44c set "bad_1" to false
0x4095d4: callq  0x40ba70          # call search_full_root(ecx) [ecx=depth]
0x4095d9: callq  0x4070c0          # some sort of update function
0x4095de: mov     0x26706f(%rip),%r11d # 0x670654, get score
0x4095e5: cmp     $0xffff8300,%r11d # fiddle around
0x4095ec: jle    0x4095fe          # ...
0x4095ee: cmp     $0x7d00,%r11d    # with mate scores
0x4095f5: movzbl 0x262e54(%rip),%edx # 0x66c450 load "flag"
0x4095fc: jl     0x409601          # if mate score,
0x4095fe: mov     %sil,%dl         # set "flag" to true (esi is always 1)
0x409601: cmp     %esi,%ebx        # compare depth (%ebx) to 1
0x409603: jne    0x409631          # if depth == 1
0x409605: cmpl   $0x0,0x267058(%rip) # 0x670664 think this is RML[1]
0x40960c: je     0x40962f          # if only one legal move, skip next
0x40960e: movzbl 0x262e3a(%rip),%ecx # 0x66c44f "easy"
0x409615: mov     0x267449(%rip),%eax # 0x670a64 (value of move 1)
0x40961b: add    $0x96,%eax        # EasyThreshold of 150 [as in Fruit]
0x409620: cmp     %eax,0x26743a(%rip) # 0x670a60 (value of move 0)
0x409626: cmovae %esi,%ecx        # if move values differ by enough
0x409629: mov     %cl,0x262e20(%rip) # 0x66c44f set "easy" as true
0x40962f: cmp     %esi,%ebx        # if depth > 1
0x409631: jbe    0x40964d* [0x409647]
0x409633: movzbl 0x262e12(%rip),%eax # 0x66c44c load old bad_1
0x40963a: movb   $0x0,0x262e0b(%rip) # 0x66c44c bad_1 = false
0x409641: mov     %al,0x262e06(%rip) # 0x66c44d bad_2 = (previous) bad_1
0x40964d* movzbl %dl,%eax      # %dl: 1@4095fe (mate), "flag"@4095f5
0x409650* mov     %r11d,0x262df1(%rip) # 0x66c448 last_value = score
0x409647: cmp     0x262cdb(%rip),%ebx # 0x66c328 see if depth>=depth_limit
0x409657: cmovae %esi,%eax        # if depth >= depth_limit
0x40965a: mov     %al,0x262df0(%rip) # 0x66c450 then "flag" is true
0x409666: mov     0x262cb3(%rip),%r8d # 0x66c320 load SearchInput->time_limit_1
0x40966d: movzbl 0x262dd8(%rip),%r9d # 0x66c44d load bad_2
0x409660* callq  *0x139ca(%rip)    # 0x41d030 GetTickCount -> %eax
0x409675: mov     %eax,%r11d
0x40967c* sub     0x262db5(%rip),%r11d # 0x66c438 (subtract StartTime)

```

```

0x409678: lea    (%r8,%r8,1),%ecx    # compute 3 * time_limit_1
0x409683: mov    $0xaaaaaaaaab,%eax    # then mult by 2/3
0x409688: mul    %ecx                  # (result goes in edx with mul here)
0x40968a: shr    %edx                  # and div by 2 ... hmm = time_limit_1 ?
0x40968c: cmp    %edx,%r11d           # compare to time taken
0x40968f: jb     0x4096a6              # if small, ignore next
0x409691: movzbl 0x262db8(%rip),%ecx    # 0x66c450 "flag"
0x409698: test   %r9b,%r9b            # if "bad_2" is false
0x40969b: cmovne %esi,%ecx            # ecx = 1 (esi is always 1)
0x40969e: mov    %cl,0x262dac(%rip)    # 0x66c450 store ecx in "flag"
0x4096a4: jmp    0x4096ac              #
0x4096a6: mov    0x262da4(%rip),%cl    # 0x66c450 (reload "flag")
0x4096ac: mov    $0xaaaaaaaaab,%eax    #
0x4096b1: mul    %r8d                  # mult time_limit_1 by 2/3
0x4096b4: shr    $0x2,%edx            # and div by 4
0x4096b7: cmp    %edx,%r11d           # compare to time taken
0x4096ba: jb     0x4096d1              # if small, ignore next
0x4096bc: cmpb   $0x0,0x262d8c(%rip)    # 0x66c44f see if "easy"
0x4096c3: movzbl %cl,%eax             # if not "easy", then eax is "flag"
0x4096c6: cmovne %esi,%eax            # if it is "easy", then eax is true
0x4096c9: mov    %al,%cl              #
0x4096cb: mov    %al,0x262d7f(%rip)    # 0x66c450 store eax in "flag"
0x4096d1: shr    %r8d                  # time_limit_1 divided by 2
0x4096d4: cmp    %r8d,%r11d           # compare to time taken
0x4096d7: jb     0x4096f3              # if small, ignore next
0x4096d9: test   %r9b,%r9b            # if "bad_2" is true
0x4096dc: jne    0x4096f3              # then ignore next
0x4096de: cmp    %r9b,0x262d69(%rip)    # 0x66c44e "change", see if false
0x4096e5: movzbl %cl,%eax             # if not, then eax is "flag"
0x4096e8: cmovne %esi,%eax            # if "change" is false, eax is true
0x4096eb: mov    %al,%cl              #
0x4096ed: mov    %al,0x262d5d(%rip)    # 0x66c450 store eax in "flag"
0x4096f3: cmpb   $0x0,0x262d36(%rip)    # 0x66c430 see if "stop" is true
0x4096fa: jne    0x409714              # if so, then exit this function
0x4096fc: test   %cl,%cl              # see if "flag" is true
0x4096fe: je     0x409709              # if so
0x409700: cmpb   $0x0,0x262c25(%rip)    # 0x66c32c and SearchInput->infinite
0x409707: je     0x409714              # is false, then exit this function
0x409709: add    %esi,%ebx             # increment depth (%esi is 1)
0x40970b: cmp    $0x48,%ebx           # if depth < 72
0x40970e: jb     0x4095b0              # then loop

```

The asterisks here denote instructions that I have re-ordered, typically when the ASM code starts laying the groundwork for the next high-level operation prior to the completion of the previous.

Here is a translation into a higher-level language, with Fruit as a template.

```
for (depth = 1; depth < 72; depth++)
{ if (depth >= 5) printf("info depth %d\n",depth-2);
  change = false;
  bad_1 = false; // order is switched from Fruit -- might be the compiler
  search_full_root(depth); // yields "score" in a global var
  some_sort_of_update_function();
  if (score <= -32000 || score >= 32000) // mate scores
    flag = true;
  if (depth == 1 && RootMoveList[1].move != MOVE_NONE &&
      RootMoveList[0].value >= RootMoveList[1].value + 150) // 409601-40962f
    easy = true;
  if (depth > 1) // 409631-409641
    {bad_2 = bad_1;
     bad_1 = false;}
  last_value = score;
  if (depth >= depth_limit) // 409647
    flag = true;
  TimeUsed = GetTickCount() - StartTime;
  if ((3*time_limit_1)/3 <= TimeUsed && !bad_2) // 409691, has mult/div by 3
    flag = true;
  if ((time_limit_1)/6 <= TimeUsed && easy) // 20% in Fruit
    flag = true;
  if ((time_limit_1)/2 <= TimeUsed && !bad_2 && !change) // 60% in Fruit
    flag = true;
  if (stop || (flag && !SearchInput->infinite))
    break;
}
```

As can be seen, there are various differences, but (particularly in the ordering of various parts) there still seems to be more similarities than one might expect.¹⁷

It can also be noted that the 6 variables in Rybka 1.0 Beta here are allocated in exactly the same order as in the comparative Fruit 2.1 code (see `search.h`):

```
struct search_root_t {
[...]           // Rybka location
  int last_value; // 0x66c448
  bool bad_1;     // 0x66c44c
  bool bad_2;     // 0x66c44d
  bool change;    // 0x66c44e
  bool easy;      // 0x66c44f
  bool flag;      // 0x66c450
};
```

¹⁷For instance, all the settings of `flag` can be re-ordered, as can the parts of the compound `&&` statements. Another point is that condition “`depth > 1`” (before the `bad_` indicators are updated) looks somewhat superfluous and/or unnecessary. At a higher level, an alternative implementation is: near the top, `break` when “`stop`” is true and `continue` when “`infinite`” is; then “`flag`” is unneeded, as `break` can instead be used when the various conditions are true.

B Other comments

In this appendix, I pull together some other comments I have made regarding Rybka and Fruit. In particular, as this document is largely aimed at listing similarities, it might be good to list some differences also.

B.1 Principal differences for Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1

Among the more well-known differences of Rybka 1.0 Beta are the use of bitboards (rather than a mailbox representation) and the extensive material imbalance table. Rybka 1.0 Beta also does not have the history-based reductions made prominent by Fruit 2.1, but rather a more vanilla LMR approach that considers only the location in the move list. The weightings of evaluation features are also of course different (and perhaps more well-tuned).

Except for the issues listed in §4 above, the search routines of Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1 do not seem to me to be more similar than I would expect for two PVS engines. Rybka 1.0 Beta seems not so mature, e.g., simply announcing mate and not trying to minimise the distance to it. The principal “new idea” in Rybka 1.0 Beta seems to me to be the loosening of the stringent cutoff values for futility previously used in the AEL pruning of Heinz.

These add up to about a 75-100 Elo improvement on a 32-bit machine, comparable to the amount that Fruit itself gained over the second half of 2005.

B.2 Later versions of Rybka

I have not checked every version of Rybka, but have verified that the evaluation function in Rybka 2.3.2a is substantially the same as in Rybka 1.0 Beta. Much of the numerology is still extant, and only a few features have changed.¹⁸ The re-writing of the evaluation function in Rybka 3 (by Larry Kaufman) has likely removed much of any complaint here.

I have not bothered to see when/if the UCI parsing was changed, though a crude check¹⁹ finds code similarities in Rybka 2.3.2a (June 2007). The use of “0.0” in time management is also still extant in Rybka 2.3.2a.²⁰ The hash structure looks to be the same in Rybka 2.3 as in Rybka 1.0 Beta (the first 8 bytes as in Section 6.1), but was changed to a 64-bit format²¹ in Rybka 2.3.1, and again modified slightly in Rybka 2.3.2a.

For the search, I have not checked too much, but my impression is that the search was already being modified in the various Rybka 1.01 Betas (there were 13

¹⁸For instance, knight mobility was removed, and pawn “anti-mobility” was added.

¹⁹I searched for adding 6 (see `ptr = moves + 6`), and looked at surrounding code segments. The desired instruction appears at `0x550bee` in Rybka 2.3.2a (single-cpu 64-bit version), with a nearby `lea` usage having offset of `-0x188` as with Rybka 1.0 Beta. Similarly at `0x4c606b` in Rybka 3, where nearby at `0x4c6031` one finds the “`moves[-1]=0`” instruction.

²⁰I searched for `cvtsi2sd` with a 32-bit input. It appears at `0x551ef5` in the 64-bit version of Rybka 2.3.2a. Such an instruction appears multiple times in Rybka 3, and it seems to me that the one that corresponds to this is at `0x4c8759`.

²¹Rajlich mentioned (link) that there was some “significant” problem with hashing in Rybka 2.3 (no word about previous versions), which might be that 128-bit hash entries were not modified atomically, so as to cause occasional problems in SMP mode.

iterations of this in all, with Rybka 1.1 being released on March 16, 2006). The use of `setjmp` in a 64-bit compilation can be tracked fairly well via the `fnstcw` instruction in an ASM dump (especially with a relative address involving `0x5c`), and then by back-tracking the calling function (possibly in a debugger), one can attempt to identify the root search. Even in Rybka 2.3.2a a few similarities with the Rybka 1.0 Beta code seem to remain, but overall a comparison as in Table 1 would not be so conclusive. Some of the changes already appear in Rybka 1.01 (the updating of the hash date/depth table and the resetting of killers/history are moved to near the beginning, for instance). Similarly, the iterative deepening code²² has been progressively modified (e.g., to consider mate scores), but various Fruit remnants seem detectable if such parentage is suspected, particularly with the `flag`-based implementation.

B.3 The question of a re-write

Another question is whether Rybka 1.0 Beta is to be considered as a “successor” of earlier Rybka versions, as opposed to being a complete re-write. A version from April 2004 called Rybka 1.5.32 participated in Chess War V (Olivier Deville) and Le Système du Suisse Saison n°3 (Claude Dubois). ~~I have been unable to obtain a copy of this version, or any other pre-Beta versions.~~

See addendum C.5 for much more about these pre-Beta Rybkas; for instance, nontrivial amounts of Crafty were copied.

Rybka 1.5.32 is a UCI engine, which should seem to make any copying of the Fruit UCI and/or time management code rather unnecessary. Rybka 1.5.32 also played two rook underpromotions in approximately 60 games, whereas Rybka 1.0 Beta was (somewhat curiously) not able to play underpromotions.

On the other hand, Rajlich fully acknowledges that Rybka went through a lot of twists and turns in the early years, especially as he started with an MTD(`f`)-based search rather than PVS.²³ It remains unclear, however, why underpromotions would disappear, or why the UCI parsing and time management would follow the Fruit template so closely.

B.3.1 Node counting

One of the more wearying parts of the Rybka 1.0 Beta saga has been the “obfuscation” of nodes and depth. This has developed into a long and convoluted subject, and so I try to be brief here. In particular, while many were annoyed to find out that Rybka was actually searching deeper and faster than other engines (when the NPS/depth numbers told the opposite story), this has no direct bearing on the Fruit issue.

For nodes, responding to Anthony Cozzie’s inquiry, Rajlich said ([link](#)): “Actually, if you go in a debugger, you can trivially see that two quantities are being combined. One I call “gulp”, this is for me the interesting figure (for my private tests). The second is a simple ticker for the next I/O check.” [Feb 2006]

²²This seems to be located from `0x4822a7-0x4826a0` in single-cpu 64-bit Rybka 3.

²³One can note that both Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta store both upper and lower score bounds in hash entries. This is not overly common with PVS engines, but is more valuable when using MTD(`f`), and it is plausible Rybka 1.0 Beta inherited this from earlier MTD(`f`) days.

An analysis of the pre-Beta Rybkas confirms these used a more standard notion of node.

However, previous statements of his seem to indicate that he was using a more typical notion of a node in earlier Rybka versions. For instance, in [post #356880](#) (March 27, 2004) he reports that “Rybka 1.3” gained about 20% from a 64-bit compile, from 1.2Mn/s to 1.5Mn/s. Four days previously, in a [thread](#) musing about Shredder’s search, he agreed that depth could be tricky to compute with reductions/pruning in the mix, but: “There aren’t too many ways to calculate NPS, though, this is real info IMO.” Finally, later Rybkas determine “nodes” by counting White `make_move()` calls, and dividing by 7. [For depth “obfuscation”, early Rybkas subtracted 2, and later versions subtract 3].

B.4 Statements of Rajlich

This is perhaps not the best place to dredge up more statements of Rajlich, but I list here a few specific ones. Here “Rybka” would seem to refer to Rybka 1.0 Beta (having “Rybka” mean Rybka 1.5.32 would contextually be *non sequitur*).

First there are Rajlich’s well-known statements from an [interview](#) with Alexander Schmidt and others (see [#20-21](#), this is from Dec 2005):

```
[...] I went through the Fruit 2.1 source code forwards and backwards and took many things. [...] Anyway, if I really had to give a number - my wild guess is that Rybka would be 20 rating points weaker had Fruit not appeared.
```

The next ([link](#)) is in reply to Daniel Mehrmann, whose tests had suggested that the mobility and PST in Rybka 1.0 Beta might derive from Fruit 2.1 (Mehrmann later apologetically retracted this).

```
Subject: Rybka - How much Fruit is inside ?           From: Vasik Rajlich
Message Number: 469187                               Date: December 12, 2005 at 03:34:15
```

```
[...]
The Rybka source code is original and pre-dates all of the Fruit releases.
[...]
```

A few days later, in response ([link](#)) to Andrew Wagner asking him whether he had done anything radically different, Rajlich uses the phrase “very original” to describe the search and evaluation framework of Rybka.

```
Subject: Unmasking the Secrets of Rybka and Fruit     From: Vasik Rajlich
Message Number: 470751                               Date: December 16, 2005 at 03:42:44
> [...] If I were able to ask Vasik one question, which I doubt he would have
> time to answer at the moment, it would be whether he did anything radically
> different (different heuristic(s), algorithms, etc.), or if he just did what
> everyone else is doing, better than they did it.
```

Andy,

I will just end up teasing you by answering this. :)

As far as I know, Rybka has a very original search and evaluation framework. A lot of things that have been dismissed by "computer chess practice" can in fact work. [...]

C Addenda (March 7)

C.1 Linearity of mobility in evaluation

Referring to footnote 4 on page 2, both Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1 weight mobility *linearly* in the number of squares attacked. This is not the case for many other engines. For example, in Pepito 1.59 we find:

```
static const int MOV_ALFIL[14] = {-10, -5, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10};
static const int MOV_TORRE[15] = {-5, - 3, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8};
//static const int MOV_CABALLO[9] = {-15, -4, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 7};
```

and in Phalanx XXII we find:

```
int B_mobi[20] =
{ -36, -28, -20, -14, -6, -2, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8, 8 };
int R_mobi[16] =
{ -9, -5, -2, 0, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6 };
```

C.2 Constant bonuses for pawn defects

Referring to Section 3.3, another minor element is that both Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1 give *constant* bonuses for pawn defects, while many other engines vary these bonuses based upon rank/file considerations. For instance, here is some code from Phalanx XXII (*sic* for the rank/file confusion):

```
/* isolated pawn penalty by rank */
static const int isofile[10] =
{ 0, -4, -6, -8, -10, -10, -8, -6, -4, 0 };
/** A B C D E F G H ***/
```

C.3 More about hash structures

The phrasing in the main text may have obscured the fact that the latter 8 bytes of the hash structures in Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta contain the same information, but re-ordered. The Rybka 1.0 Beta structure has:

- 2 bytes for min value, 2 bytes for max value, a byte for move depth,
- an unused byte, a byte for min depth, and a byte for max depth.

The Fruit 2.1 structure is:

- a byte for move depth, an unused byte (called “flags”), a byte for min depth, a byte for max depth, 2 bytes for min value, 2 bytes for max value.

As can be seen, Rybka 1.0 Beta switches²⁴ bytes 8-11 with bytes 12-15. As noted in footnote 23, the use of both min/max values and min/max depths in a PVS engine does not seem to be that common. Finally, note that in addition to “move depth” here, there is also a “depth” parameter in the first 8 bytes (byte 6 in both Rybka 1.0 Beta and Fruit 2.1); this overlapping usage of “depth” and “move depth” again seems rather untypical.

²⁴It would be against the C standard for the compiler to do this for alignment purposes, though it must be admitted that this cannot be completely eliminated as a possibility.

C.4 On the 10-30-60-100/26-77-154-256 scaling

To give an example that this scaling is not universal, here is Pepito 1.59:

```
static const int PEON_PASADO[8] = {0, 5, 15, 30, 55, 75, 100, 0};
static const int PEON_PASADO_BLOQ[8] = {0, 5, 15, 20, 40, 60, 85, 0};
static const int REY_APOYA_PASADO[8] = {0, 0, 0, 0, 5, 20, 60, 100};
```

C.5 More about pre-Beta Rybkas

Since the first publication of this document, the Secretariat of the ICGA Clone Investigations Panel obtained²⁵ the pre-Beta Rybka version 1.6.1. There seem to be few common elements between this pre-Beta version (dating from 2004) and the Rybka 1.0 Beta released in December 2005.

However, there is ample evidence that Rybka 1.6.1 contains large amounts of code taken from Crafty (the exact version is unclear, something in the early 19.x series seems likely, given the start-date of Rybka development as early 2003).

The evidence is so voluminous that I can only briefly outline it here.

- The re-use of code to ensure that tablebases lacking *en passant* information will be ignored in relevant KP vs KP cases – this was for the Edwards tablebases, which were obsolete many years prior to 2003. There is little external explanation why this should appear in the Rybka 1.6.1 code.
- Crafty’s `EvaluateWinner()` (~100 C lines) is verbatim in Rybka 1.6.1.
- The result of `EvaluateMate()` is checked (in both) to ensure it is not equal to 99999 – this is a pointless check, firstly because the function returns numbers of size at most a few hundred, and secondly because the corresponding Rybka 1.6.1 version always returns even numbers.
- The first segments of the `Evaluate()` functions are the same, in particular the use of bitfields with the `can_win` variable and the condition that both sides must have less than 13 in material for `EvaluateWinner()` and `EvaluateStalemate()` to be called.
- The code of `NextEvasion()`, including the phase-numbering, is exactly the same (except a sanity check with `ValidMove()` is omitted in Rybka 1.6.1), and the `NextMove()` routines have many atypical similarities (the complete analysis here is currently in progress).
- A bug in twice zeroing the same field when clearing pawn hash appears in both – the pawn hash structures themselves are not the same in Crafty and Rybka 1.6.1, but this common error persists. Both Crafty and Rybka 1.6.1 have three places to clear pawn hash (`init.c`, `option.c`, and `utility.c` in Crafty), and Rybka 1.6.1 has this bug in two of those functions.²⁶

I do not claim that this even approaches the totality of evidence of Crafty copying in Rybka 1.6.1, as a full investigation would be quite time-consuming.

²⁵From Olivier Deville, who felt that he might have been “cheated” (his term), and provided this so that a more complete history of Rybka development could be determined.

²⁶The bug was in all three functions in Crafty until version 19.1 when `init.c` was fixed, while `option.c` was fixed in 19.16 – so there were two sections of code with the bug from versions 19.1 to 19.15, which if nothing else gives some bounds on what version was copied.

A particularly odd fact is that Rybka 1.6.1 implemented `searchmoves`.

As an aside here, I can quote Rajlich himself concerning such copying, during the analogous 2008 case of Strelka copying Rybka:

These changes are extensive and no doubt lead to differences in playing style and perhaps a useful engine for users to have, but they do not change the illegality of the code base.

D More addenda (March 11)

D.1 The nature of evidence presented in various sections

In some sections, particularly Section 4 and also Section 3, I have only verified and collated the work that others have done. Furthermore, both these sections only deal with the standard of originality mentioned in the Introduction. It is conceivable, for instance, that a further investigation (by myself or others) could reveal additional evidence about the nature of any non-originality, with there being specific interest in whether there was any “transliteration” in the sense of copyright. Here I wish to stress that the above analysis does not address any such more-specified questions, and so cannot answer them either way.

D.2 Examples of other evaluation features and functions

D.2.1 Crafty 19.0 eval

Here are some parts of the `Evaluate()` procedure in Crafty 19.0. All pieces have a “tropism” based on their distance to the enemy king and a PST value.

Knight evaluation consists of outposts and whether the knight blocks a central pawn on its home square.

Bishop evaluation starts with mobility (linear in the number of squares attacked) and whether the bishop blocks a central pawn on its home square. There is a bishop pair bonus, and when a side has exactly one bishop, a penalty is subtracted for each pawn on its colour. In the endgame, a bonus for bishop against knight is given if there are pawns on both sides of the board. A bonus for a fianchettoed bishop in front of a castled king is also given in some game phases.

Rook evaluation starts with open files and half-open files. If a rook cannot move horizontally, a penalty is applied. If the rook is behind a passed pawn, it gets a bonus. A bonus for the rook on the 7th rank is applied if the opponent has pawns on the 7th rank or a king on the back rank (as in Fruit/Rybka) – this bonus is increased if there is an assisting major piece there.

Queen evaluation has a 7th rank bonus as above, with it necessary for the queen to be supported by a rook on the 7th. If the opponent’s king safety is sufficiently worse than our own, then a bonus for this is added. If there are sufficiently many pawns left, a tropism penalty can be assessed when the queen is on the “wrong” side of the board.

Crafty has trapped bishops, but only on `a2/h2`. It has blocked rooks, but the squares on which the rook is considered “blocked” depend on the king location, rather differently from Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta. Endgames with bishops of opposite colours can have their score reduced, with there being three cases: if the material imbalance is no more than two pawns and there are only opposite-coloured bishops left, the score is divided by 4; if the imbalance is at least 2 pawns, then the score is halved if only opposite-colour bishops are left, and else halves the non-material part of the score.

Crafty has a number of “supporting” functions such as `EvaluateWinner()`, `EvaluateMate()`, and `EvaluateStalemate()`. The most used of these might be `EvaluateDevelopment()`, to try to ensure piece development in openings.

D.2.2 Phalanx XXII

It is perhaps easier for the reader to simply look at the source code, but I briefly try to summarise. Phalanx computes middlegame and endgame scores, and linearly interpolates these if the material situation on the board is within certain ranges (otherwise simply the middle/endgame score is taken by itself).

First some special endgame knowledge is used (e.g., two knights can't win) to detect draws. Then the pieces are looped through, with mobility bonuses (non-linear, see above) for bishops/rooks given, and pins being noted. These pins are then used to start a “hung” piece list. A further scan increases knowledge about hung pieces. King safety and safe checks are included, then a bishop pair bonus, and then 7th rank bonuses for majors. For the latter, a weight of 2 for a rook on the 7th and 1 for a queen on 6th-8th is given, and then these are folded in, with a poor enemy king position giving an additional bonus.

A number of “anti-human” measures are then included, such as trying to get Pc2-c4 played in closed games, and a function to try to predict likely “blunders” (e.g., humans will often miss backward-diagonal moves). The effect of knights/rooks is taken into account with isolated pawns. Bonuses are applied to passed pawns: for a pawn on the 6th or 7th that is unblocked, SEE is used to determine whether it can advance safely; if the pawn is blocked by a defender, the bonus is halved or reduced by 25%; if the passed pawn is in a “phalanx”, a bonus is given. Rooks (either friendly or opposing) behind a passed pawn are rewarded. The distance to the enemy king is considered and rewarded accordingly; if the friendly king supports the pawn (attacks the square in front of it), a bonus is given.

Penalties for backwards pawns are given, and also for those that cannot move (any friendly bishop on the color of such a pawn is additionally penalised); if an isolated pawn has an enemy pawn blocking it, the isolation penalty is reduced. Pawn chains/phalanxes are in general rewarded. An endgame “outpost” bonus is given, and then a pawn storm bonus. There is an attempt to avoid pawn pushes like a4/b4/g4/h4 (by White) in the opening.

A penalty for blocked rooks exists, and uses the same pattern as Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta, though a pawn must be in front of the rook. Trapped bishops must be on a7/h7 (for White), more bishop outpost bonuses are given, and finally there is some bonus for a bishop involving pawn storm potential. The same is then done with knights, first looking at outposts, then for a trapped knight on a8/h8/a7/h7, and then an adjustment for storm potential. Queen activity is penalised in the opening, and large distances to the enemy king are penalised, especially in the endgame. Multiple hung pieces are penalised. An outside passed pawn bonus is given. A trade down bonus is applied. And finally an opposite-colour bishops adjustment is applied; first the score is halved, and then an additional adjustment based upon pawn imbalance is made.

In short (pointing the reader to the Fruit/Phalanx source codes if necessary), there is a handful of commonalities between Fruit 2.1 and Phalanx XXII, to be compared to the more exacting overlap of evaluation features (both under general headings and in specific conditions) between Fruit and Rybka 1.0 Beta.

D.2.3 An attempt to quantify evaluation feature commonalities

Finally, I try to quantify the overlaps of the evaluation features of various engines, especially when compared to Fruit 2.1. This is necessarily unscientific to some extent. I try to give 1 point for a match (to Fruit 2.1) if a feature is used in the same manner, and 0.5 points (generally) if a feature is re-used but in a different manner. Some programs have multiple phase-dependent eval functions, which conflates the matter further. The version numbers for the engines used here can be found elsewhere in this document.

Table 11: Evaluation features comparison between various engines

Feature	Fruit	Rybka	Phalanx	Pepito	Crafty	Faile
N mob	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
B mob	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0
B trap	1.0	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0
B block	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.5	0.5
opp B end	1.0	1.0	0.6	0.0	0.7	0.0
R mob	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.0
R open	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.8	1.0	1.0
R semi	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8	0.5	1.0
R Katt	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.0	0.7	0.0
R 7th	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.5
R block	1.0	1.0	0.8	0.2	0.7	0.0
Q mob	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Q 7th	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.7	0.0
P doub	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.7	0.7
P iso	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.8	0.6
P back	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7
K danger	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0
K shel/storm	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
cand P	1.0	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.6	0.0
PP block	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0
PP free	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
PP dist	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.0
draw recog	1.0	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.0
interp	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0

The overlap of Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta is 18.8 of a possible 24 (the inverse comparison is similar, except three more features for tempo, lazy eval, and material imbalance would be added). While it is not easy to construe this result, it does seem to be larger than could occur from chance alone. Furthermore, the “second-place” engine, Crafty 19.0 with 12.9/24, has about 10-15 features not seen in Fruit. Finally, there are a number of features for which Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta differ in implementation where perhaps the reason could solely be due to the idioms of bitboards (open files and backward pawns for instance).

One can also list a variety of features (rooks behind passed pawns, special code for BN mate, bad bishops, king tropisms, blind bishop, etc.) that are often in other engines, but are missing in both Fruit 2.1 and Rybka 1.0 Beta.

D.3 Examples of PST not fitting Fruit structure

Here are two examples from Faile 1.4:

```
int bishop[144] = {
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,10,5,10,10,5,10,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,5,3,12,12,3,5,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,3,12,3,3,12,3,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,3,12,3,3,12,3,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,5,3,12,12,3,5,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,10,5,10,10,5,10,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0};

int knight[144] = {
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,-10,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-10,0,0,
0,0,-5,0,0,3,3,0,0,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,0,5,5,5,5,0,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,0,5,10,10,5,0,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,0,5,10,10,5,0,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,0,5,5,5,5,0,-5,0,0,
0,0,-5,0,0,3,3,0,0,-5,0,0,
0,0,-10,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-5,-10,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,
0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0,0};
```

Here are two examples from Pepito 1.59:

```
static const int TABLA_TORRE[]
= { -5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-2, 0, 3, 3, 3, 3, 0, -2};

static const int TABLA_DAMA[]
= { -10, -10, -10, -10, -10, -10, -10, -10,
-10, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -10,
-5, 0, 4, 4, 4, 4, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 4, 8, 8, 4, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 4, 8, 8, 4, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 4, 4, 4, 4, 0, -5,
-5, 0, 4, 0, 0, 0, 0, -5,
-10, -10, -5, 0, -2, -5, -10, -10};
```

Here are two examples from Phalanx XXII:

```
/**/ bishop in middlegame /**/
int bmpb_[80] =
{
0, 10, 8, 6, 4, 4, 6, 8,10, 0,
0, 8,12, 8, 9, 9, 8,12, 8, 0,
0, 10,10,11,11,11,11,10,10, 0,
0, 11,12,13,14,14,13,12,11, 0,
0, 12,13,15,17,17,15,14,12, 0,
0, 13,14,16,16,16,16,14,13, 0,
0, 11,14,12,12,12,12,14,11, 0,
0, 13,10,10,10,10,10,10,13, 0
}; const int * bmpb = bmpb_-20;

/**/ rook in middlegame /**/
int rmpb_[80] =
{
0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0,
0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0,
0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0,
0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0,
0, 0, 1, 2, 3, 3, 2, 1, 0, 0,
0, 7, 8, 9,10,10, 9, 8, 7, 0,
0,10,11,12,13,13,12,11,10, 0,
0,10,11,12,13,13,12,11,10, 0
}; const int * rmpb = rmpb_-20;
```