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Asymptotic Cost Analysis

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$n^2 + n + 3$ is $O(n^2)$ for instance.

(use $N=3$ and $c=2$)

(e.g., $7^2 + 7 + 3 \le 2*7^2$)

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Suppose $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ are positive-valued mathematical functions (with n a natural number).

We will let f measure work or span in terms of some size parameter n (sometimes tree depth d) and obtain complexity classes

$O(1)$, $O(n)$, $O(n^2)$, $O(n^3)$, ...,

$O(\log n)$, $O(n \cdot \log n)$, $O(2^n)$, ...

Analyzing **append** and **rev**

```
(* op @ : int list * int list -> int list *)
infixr @
fun [] @ Y = Y
  | (x::xs) @ Y = x::(xs @ Y)

(* rev : int list -> int list
   REQUIRES: true
   ENSURES:  rev(L) returns a list consisting
             of L's elements in reverse order.
*)
fun rev [] = []
  | rev (x::xs) = (rev xs) @ [x]
```

Code for **append**:

```
fun [] @ Y = Y
  | (x::xs) @ Y = x::(xs @ Y)
```

Work analysis of **append**:

$W_@(n,m)$ with **n** and **m** the sizes of the input lists.

Equation for base case:

$W_@(0,m) = c_0$, for some c_0, all **m**.

Equation for recursive clause, for $n > 0$:

$W_@(n,m) = c_1 + W_@(n-1,m)$, for some c_1, all **m**.

Solving:

$$W_@(0,m) = c_0$$

$$W_@(n,m) = c_1 + W_@(n-1,m)$$

Unrolling:

$$W_@(n,m) = c_1 + \overline{c_1 + W_@(n-2,m)}$$

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Unrolling:

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$$\ldots = n \cdot c_1 + c_0$$

(can prove this by induction)

So evaluation of `(X @ Y)` has $O(n)$ work, with `n` the length of `X`.

Code for **rev**:

```
fun rev [] = []
  | rev (x::xs) = (rev xs) @ [x]
```

Work analysis of **rev**:

$W_{rev}(n)$ with n the size of the input list.

Equation for base case:

$W_{rev}(0) = c_0$, for some c_0.

Equation for recursive clause, for $n > 0$:

$W_{rev}(n) = c_1 + W_{rev}(n-1) + W_{@}(n-1,1)$, some c_1.

Why?

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So:

$W_{rev}(n) \leq c_1 + W_{rev}(n-1) + c_2(n-1)$, some c_2.

Solving: $W_{rev}(0) = c_0$

$$W_{rev}(n) \leq c_1 + W_{rev}(n-1) + c_2(n-1)$$

$$W_{rev}(n) \leq c_1 + c_2 \cdot n + W_{rev}(n-1)$$

Unrolling:

$$W_{rev}(n) \leq c_1 + c_2 \cdot n + \overline{\left\{ c_1 + c_2(n-1) + W_{rev}(n-2) \right\}}$$

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$$\le c_1 + c_2 \cdot n + c_1 + c_2(n-1)$$

$$+ \{c_1 + c_2(n-2) + W_{rev}(n-3)\}$$

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$$\ldots \le c_0 + n \cdot c_1 + (n(n+1)/2) \cdot c_2$$

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Unrolling:

$W_{rev}(n) \leq$

$$\ldots$$

$$\leq c_0 + n \cdot c_1 + \big(n(n+1)/2\big) \cdot c_2$$

So evaluation of **rev(L)** has $O(n^2)$ work, with **n** the length of **L**.

Analyzing **trev**

```
(* trev : int list * int list -> int list *)

fun trev ([], acc) = acc
  | trev (x::xs, acc) = trev(xs, x::acc)
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Unrolling:

$W_{trev}(n,m) = c_1 + c_1 + W_{trev}(n-2,m+2)$

$\ldots = n \cdot c_1 + c_0$, which is $O(n)$.

Analyzing tree summation

```
datatype tree =    Empty
                 | Node of tree * int * tree

(* sum : tree -> int  *)
   REQUIRES: true
   ENSURES:  sum(T) adds all integers in T.
*)

fun sum(Empty : tree) : int = 0
  | sum(Node(ℓ,x,r)) = (sum ℓ) + x + (sum r)
```

Code for **sum**:

```
fun sum Empty = 0
  | sum (Node(ℓ,x,r)) = (sum ℓ) + x + (sum r)
```

Work analysis of **sum**:

$W_{sum}(n)$ with **n** the number of nodes in the tree.

Equation for base case:

$W_{sum}(0) = c_0$, for some c_0.

Equation for recursive clause, for $n > 0$:

$W_{sum}(n) = c_1 + W_{sum}(n_\ell) + W_{sum}(n_r)$, some c_1,

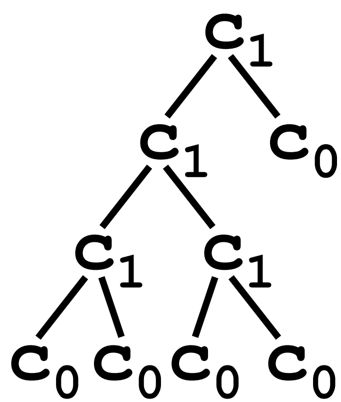
with now n_ℓ the number of nodes in the left subtree

and n_r the number of nodes in the right subtree.

Solving: $W_{sum}(0) = c_0$

$$W_{sum}(n) = c_1 + W_{sum}(n_\ell) + W_{sum}(n_r)$$

Tree Method: (write down work that occurs at each node/leaf)



$$W_{sum}(n) = c_1 n + c_0(n+1)$$

Fact: A binary tree has **n** nodes iff it has **n+1** leaves.

So evaluation of **sum(T)** has **O(n)** work.

(can also prove this by induction)

Code for **`sum`**:

```
fun sum Empty = 0
  | sum (Node(ℓ,x,r)) = (sum ℓ) + x + (sum r)
```

Is there any opportunity for parallelism?

YES: The recursive calls to **`sum`** can occur in parallel.

Code for **sum**:

```
fun sum Empty = 0
  | sum (Node(ℓ,x,r)) = (sum ℓ) + x + (sum r)
```

Span analysis of **sum**:

$S_{sum}(n)$ with **n** the number of nodes in the tree.

Equation for base case:

$S_{sum}(0) = c_0$, for some c_0.

Equation for recursive clause, for $n > 0$:

$S_{sum}(n) = c_1 + \max\{S_{sum}(n_\ell), S_{sum}(n_r)\}$, some c_1.

Notice how **max** replaces **+** in the cost analysis.

<u>Solving:</u> $S_{sum}(0) = c_0$

$S_{sum}(n) = c_1 + \max\{S_{sum}(n_\ell), S_{sum}(n_r)\}$

ALAS**!** It could be that $n_\ell = n-1$ and $n_r = 0$.

Then the recursive equation becomes:

$$S_{sum}(n) = c_1 + S_{sum}(n-1)$$

Therefore $S_{sum}(n)$ is $O(n)$,

meaning we haven't gained anything from parallel evaluation.

Suppose however that the tree is *balanced*.

(This means that roughly half the remaining nodes appear in each subtree as one descends the tree.)

Then: $S_{sum}(0) = c_0$

$S_{sum}(n) \approx c_1 + \max\{S_{sum}(n/2), S_{sum}(n/2)\}$

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So

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{sum}(n) &= c_1 + S_{sum}(n/2) \\
&= c_1 + c_1 + S_{sum}(n/4) \\
\ldots &= \underbrace{c_1 + c_1 + \cdots + c_1}_{(\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1) \text{ many times}} + c_0
\end{aligned}
$$

Now $S_{sum}(n)$ is $O(\log(n))$, meaning parallelism is significant.

We could also have obtained this result by expressing span as $\mathbf{S_{sum}(d)}$, with $\mathbf{d}$ the depth of the tree.

Then: $\mathbf{S_{sum}(0) = c_0}$

$\mathbf{S_{sum}(d) = c_1 + max\{S_{sum}(d-1), S_{sum}(d')\}}$

So $\mathbf{S_{sum}(d) = c_1 + S_{sum}(d-1)}$

Thus $\mathbf{S_{sum}(d)}$ is $\mathbf{O(d)}$.

This result holds for <u>all</u> trees. ($\mathbf{d=n}$ is possible)

For balanced trees, $\mathbf{d}$ is $\mathbf{O(log(n))}$,

and we again see that parallelism helps.

Sorting

```
datatype order = LESS | EQUAL | GREATER

Int.compare : int * int -> order

String.compare : string * string -> order
```

More generally, for some type `t` may have

```
compare : t * t -> order
```

Sorting

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For lists:

`L` is ***sorted*** iff `compare(x,y)` $\Longrightarrow$ `LESS` or `EQUAL`

whenever `x` appears to the left of `y` in `L`.

```
                LESS|EQUAL
[...,x,...                  ...,y,...]
```

insertion sort for lists

```
(* ins : int * int list -> int list
   REQUIRES: L is sorted
   ENSURES: ins(x,L) ==> a sorted permutation of x::L
*)

fun ins (x, []) = [x]
  | ins (x, y::ys) =  case compare(x, y) of
                          GREATER => y::ins(x, ys)
                           |  _   => x::y::ys
```

(Remember our definition of a sorted list:

[…, x, … LESS|EQUAL …, y, …])

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(* isort : int list -> int list
   REQUIRES: true
   ENSURES:  isort(L) ==> a sorted permutation of L
*)

  fun isort [] = []
    | isort (x::xs) = ins (x, isort xs)
```

Code for **ins**:

```
fun ins (x, []) = [x]
  | ins (x, y::ys) =  case compare(x, y) of
                           GREATER => y::ins(x, ys)
                          |  _     => x::y::ys
```

Work:

$W_{ins}(n)$ with **n** the list length.

Equations:

$$W_{ins}(0) = c_0$$

$W_{ins}(n) = c_1 + W_{ins}(n-1)$, for first **case** clause

$W_{ins}(n) = c_2$, for second **case** clause

Consequently, $W_{ins}(n)$ is $O(n)$.

Also, observe: no opportunity for parallel speedup.

Code for **isort**:

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fun isort [] = []
  | isort (x::xs) = ins (x, isort xs)
```

Work:

$W_{isort}(n)$ with **n** the list length.

Equations:

$$W_{isort}(0) = c_0$$

$$W_{isort}(n) = c_1 + W_{isort}(n-1) + W_{ins}(n-1)$$

So: $W_{isort}(n) \leq c_1 + c_2 \cdot n + W_{isort}(n-1)$

(that should remind you of the recurrence for **rev**)

Consequently, $W_{isort}(n)$ is $O(n^2)$.

Again, no opportunity for parallel speedup.

Sorting

	list isort	list merge sort	tree merge sort
Work	$O(n^2)$	$O(n \cdot \log n)$	$O(n \cdot \log n)$
Span	$O(n^2)$	$O(n)$	$O((\log n)^3)$ $O((\log n)^2)$
		(next week)	(next week) (in 15-210)