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Principles of Functional Programming

Slides for Lecture 6

Asymptotic Cost Analysis

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- Recurrence Relations
- Work and Span
- Application: Sorting

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

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

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for this example also n^2 is $O(n^2 + n + 3)$

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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

$O(1)$, $O(n)$, $O(n^2)$, $O(n^3)$, \dots ,

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

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
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```

Work analysis of append:

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

Equation for base case:

$$W_{@}(0, m) = c_0, \text{ for some } c_0, \text{ all } m.$$

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

$$W_{@}(n, m) = c_1 + W_{@}(n-1, m), \text{ for some } c_1, \text{ all } m.$$

Solving: $W_{\theta}(0, m) = c_0$

$$W_{\theta}(n, m) = c_1 + W_{\theta}(n-1, m)$$

Unrolling:

$$W_{\theta}(n, m) = c_1 + \underline{c_1 + W_{\theta}(n-2, m)}$$


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Unrolling:

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

$$= c_1 + c_1 + \underline{c_1 + W_{\Theta}(n-3, m)}$$


Solving: $W_{\text{e}}(0, m) = c_0$

$$W_{\text{e}}(n, m) = c_1 + W_{\text{e}}(n-1, m)$$

Unrolling:

$$W_{\text{e}}(n, m) = c_1 + c_1 + W_{\text{e}}(n-2, m)$$

$$= c_1 + c_1 + c_1 + W_{\text{e}}(n-3, m)$$

$$\dots = n \cdot c_1 + c_0 \quad (\text{can prove this by induction})$$

So evaluation of $(x \text{ @ } y)$ 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:

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

Equation for base case:

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

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

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

Why?

(use a little lemma that tells us)

For all list values L ,

$$\text{length } (\text{rev } L) \cong \text{length } L$$

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So:

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

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

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

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

Unrolling:


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

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$$\dots \leq c_0 + n \cdot c_1 + \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right) \cdot c_2$$

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Unrolling:

$$W_{\text{rev}}(n) \leq$$

...

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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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Work analysis of `trev`:

$W_{\text{trev}}(n, m)$ with n and m the sizes of the input lists.

Equation for base case:

$$W_{\text{trev}}(0, m) = c_0, \text{ for some } c_0, \text{ all } m.$$

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

$$W_{\text{trev}}(n, m) = c_1 + W_{\text{trev}}(n-1, m+1), \text{ some } c_1, \text{ all } m.$$

Unrolling:

$$\begin{aligned} W_{\text{trev}}(n, m) &= c_1 + c_1 + W_{\text{trev}}(n-2, m+2) \\ &\dots = n \cdot c_1 + c_0, \text{ which is } O(n). \end{aligned}$$

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) + (sum r) + x
```

Code for sum:

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Work analysis of sum:

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

Equation for base case:

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

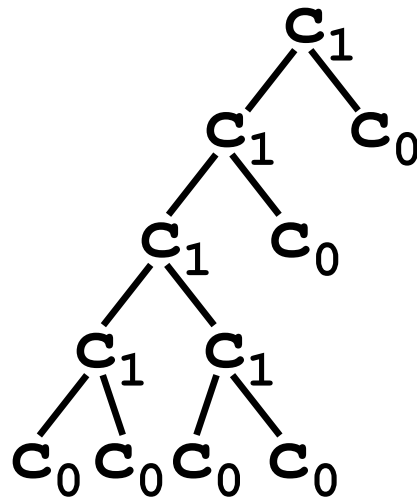
$$W_{\text{sum}}(n) = c_1 + W_{\text{sum}}(n_\ell) + W_{\text{sum}}(n_r), \text{ some } c_1,$$

with now n_ℓ the number of nodes in the left subtree
and n_r the number of nodes in the right subtree.

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

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

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



Note: Tree need not be balanced.

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

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

So evaluation of $\text{sum}(T)$ has $O(n)$ work.

(can also prove this by induction)

Side remark for the curious student

The fact that a binary tree has n nodes iff it has $n+1$ leaves is a special instance of the **Euler Characteristic**.

A slightly more general instance:

In an undirected graph:

$$\#vertices - \#edges = \#components - \#cycles$$

Code for sum:

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

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) + (sum r) + x
```

Span analysis of sum:

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

Equation for base case:

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

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

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

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

Solving: $S_{\text{sum}}(0) = c_0$

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

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

Then the recursive equation becomes:

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

Therefore $S_{\text{sum}}(n)$ 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: $S_{\text{sum}}(0) = c_0$

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

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So

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

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

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

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

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Note: $d' < d$

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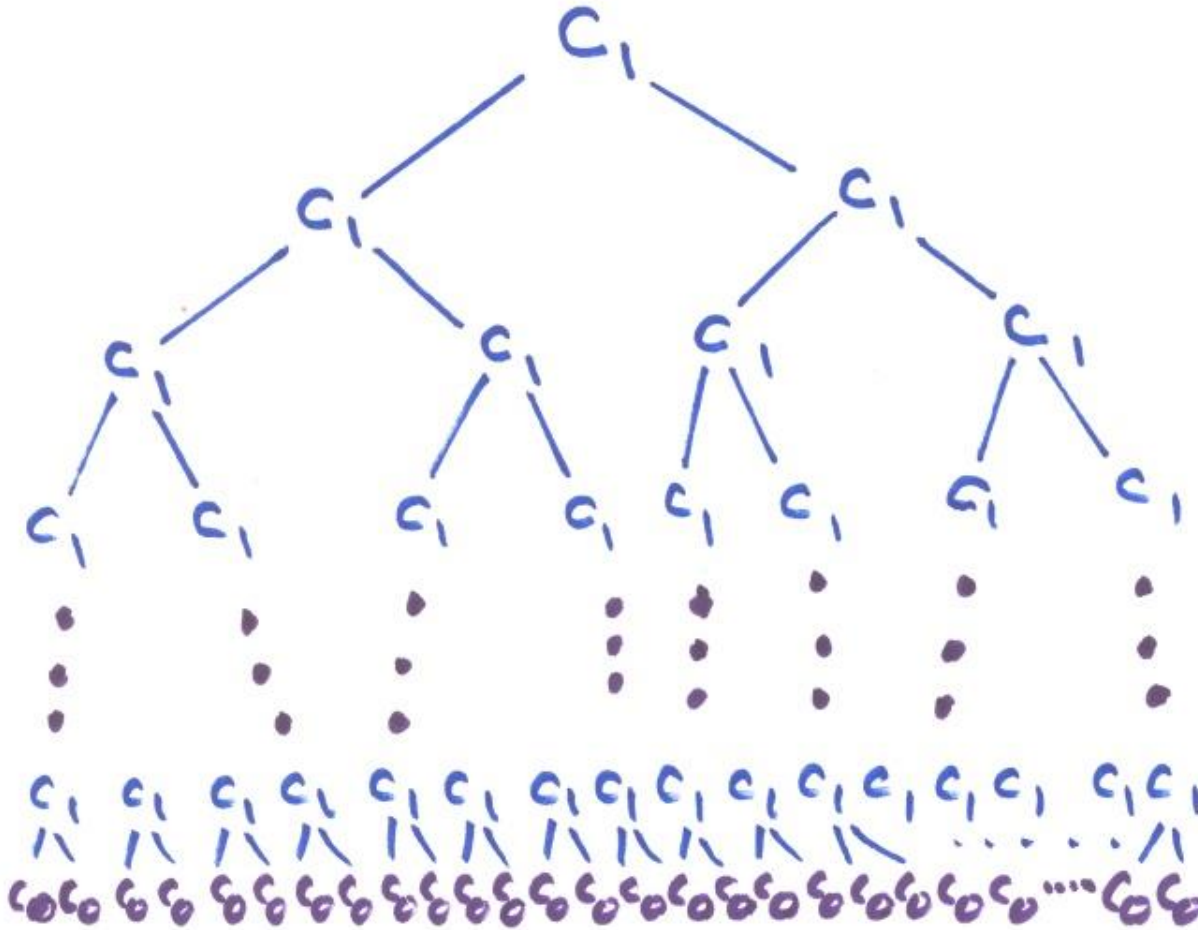
Thus $S_{\text{sum}}(d)$ is $O(d)$.

This result holds for all trees. ($d=n$ is possible)

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

and we again see that parallelism helps.

Tree Method for balanced trees:



This tree is *perfectly balanced*.

We use it as a model for balanced trees more generally.

Tree Method for balanced trees:



Definition: A binary tree is *balanced* if it is either

(i) **Empty**

or (ii) a **Node** whose two subtrees are balanced with depths differing by at most **1**.



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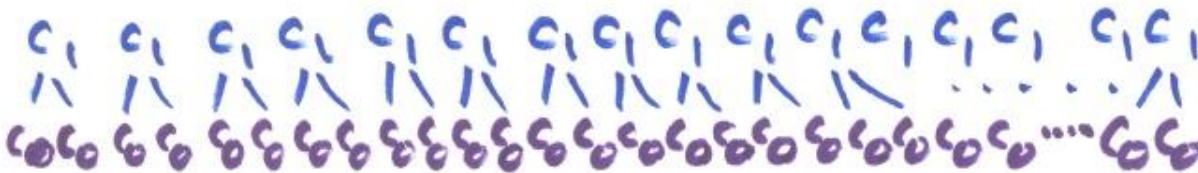
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Another definition (consequence of previous defs):

A binary tree is *balanced* if its depth **d** is roughly **$\log(n)$** , with **n** the number of nodes in the tree.

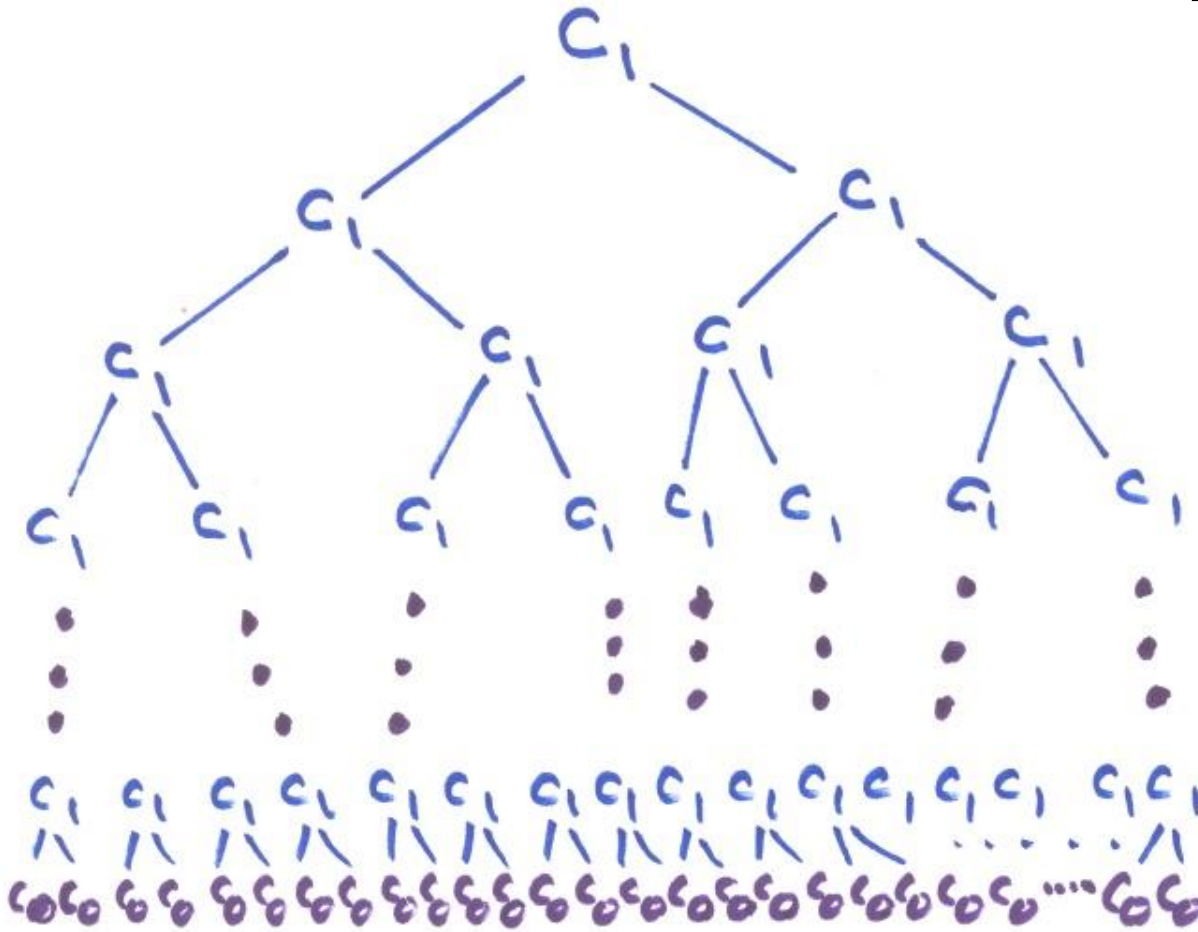


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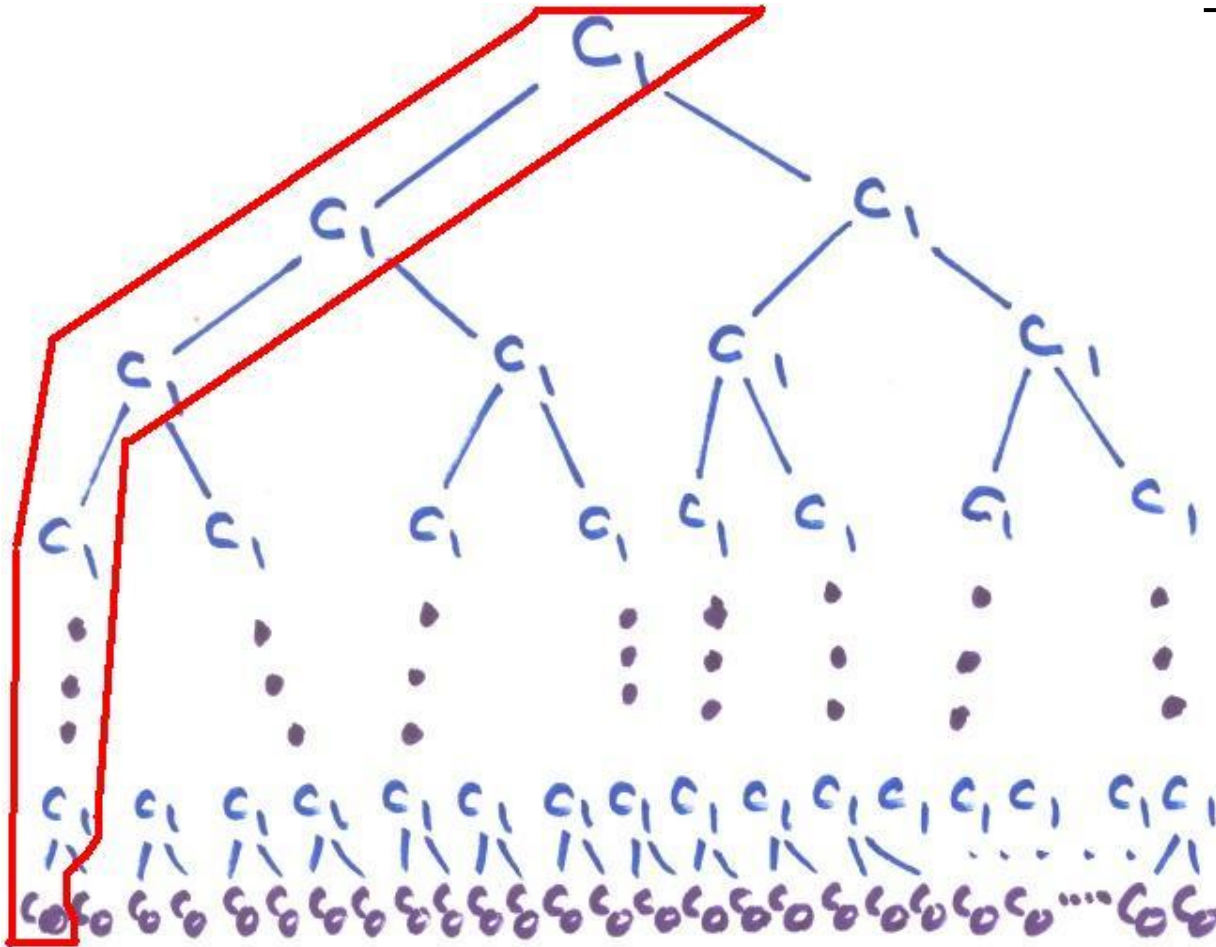
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 \vdots
 $2^{d-1}c_1$
 $2^d c_0$

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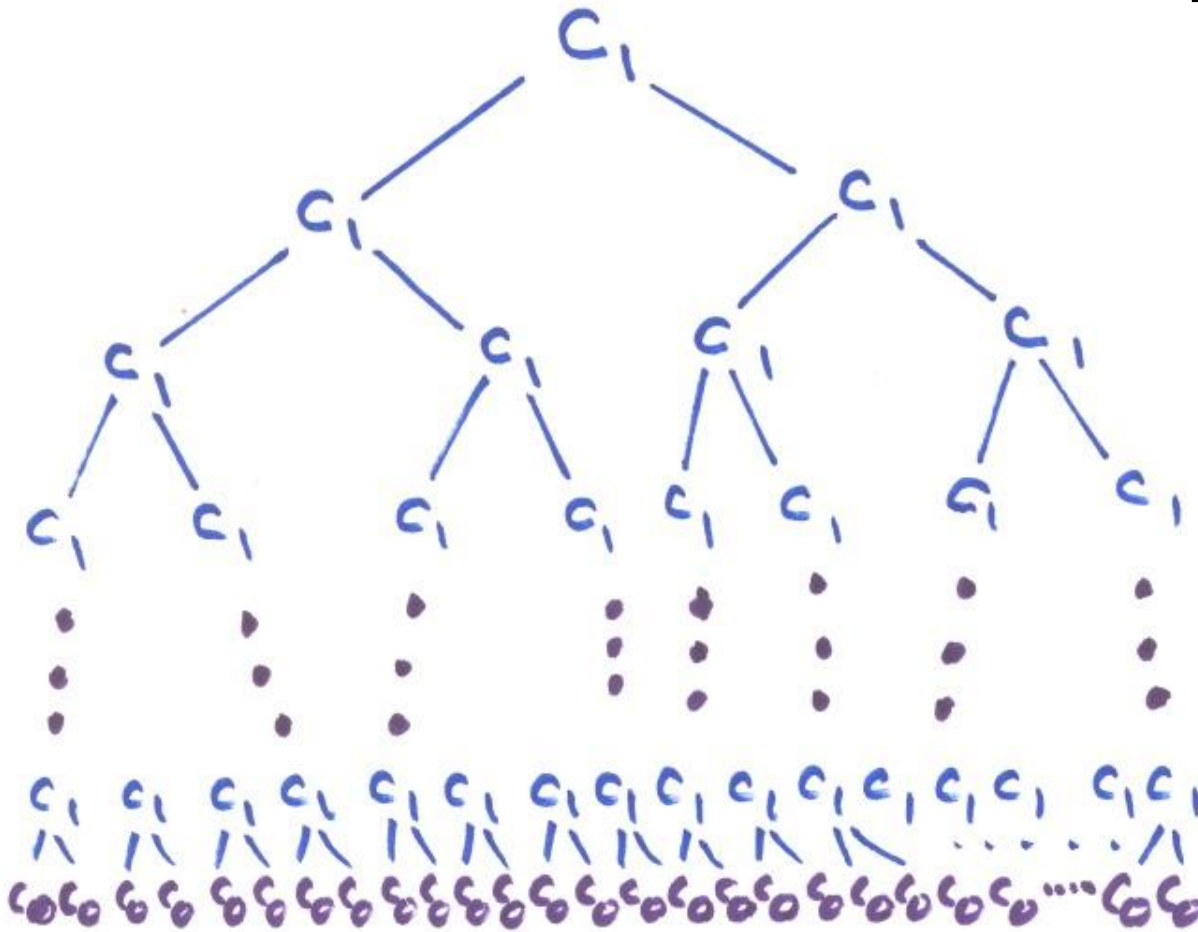
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$$S(n) = c_1 (1+1+\dots+1) + c_0 \leq c (d+1), \text{ so } O(\log(n)).$$

$$(c = \max(c_1, c_0))$$

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

`datatype order = LESS | EQUAL | GREATER`

For lists:

L is *sorted* iff `compare(x, y) \implies LESS or EQUAL` whenever x appears to the left of y in L .

`[..., x , ..., LESS | EQUAL ..., 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:

```
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                        | _      => x::y::ys)
```

Work:

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

Equations:

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

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

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

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

Also, observe: no opportunity for parallel speedup.

Code for isort:

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

Work:

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

Equations:

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

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

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

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

Consequently, $W_{\text{isort}}(n)$ 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

$O(n^2)$

$O(n)$

$O((\log n)^3)$

$O((\log n)^2)$

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That is all.

Please have a good weekend.

See you Tuesday.