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# Principles of Functional Programming

## Lecture 8

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## Parallel Sorting

Recall:

datatype tree =

Empty

| Node of tree \* int \* tree

Int.compare : int \* int  $\rightarrow$  order

datatype order =

LESS

| EQUAL

| GREATER

We define trees to be sorted by:

- Empty is sorted;
- $\text{Node}(l, x, r)$  is sorted iff
  - (i)  $l$  is sorted and for every  $y:\text{int}$  in  $l$ ,  $\text{Int.compare}(y, x)$  returns either LESS or EQUAL,
  - and (ii)  $r$  is sorted and for every  $z:\text{int}$  in  $r$ ,  $\text{Int.compare}(z, x)$  returns either GREATER or EQUAL.

Let's try divide & conquer  
for sorting trees:

- Split the tree into subtrees
- Sort the subtrees
- Merge the results

(\* Msort : tree  $\rightarrow$  tree

REQUIRES: true

ENSURES: Msort( $t$ ) returns a sorted tree containing exactly the elements of  $t$  (including duplicates).

\*)

fun Msort Empty = Empty

| Msort (Node( $l, x, r$ )) =

Ins( $x$ , Merge (Msort  $l$ , Msort  $r$ ))



(\* Ins : int \* tree  $\rightarrow$  tree

REQUIRES:  $t$  is sorted.

ENSURES: Ins( $x, t$ ) returns a sorted tree containing  $x$  along with the elements of  $t$  (including duplicates).

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fun Ins( $x, \text{Empty}$ ) = Node( $\text{Empty}, x, \text{Empty}$ )

| Ins( $x, \text{Node}(\ell, y, r)$ ) =

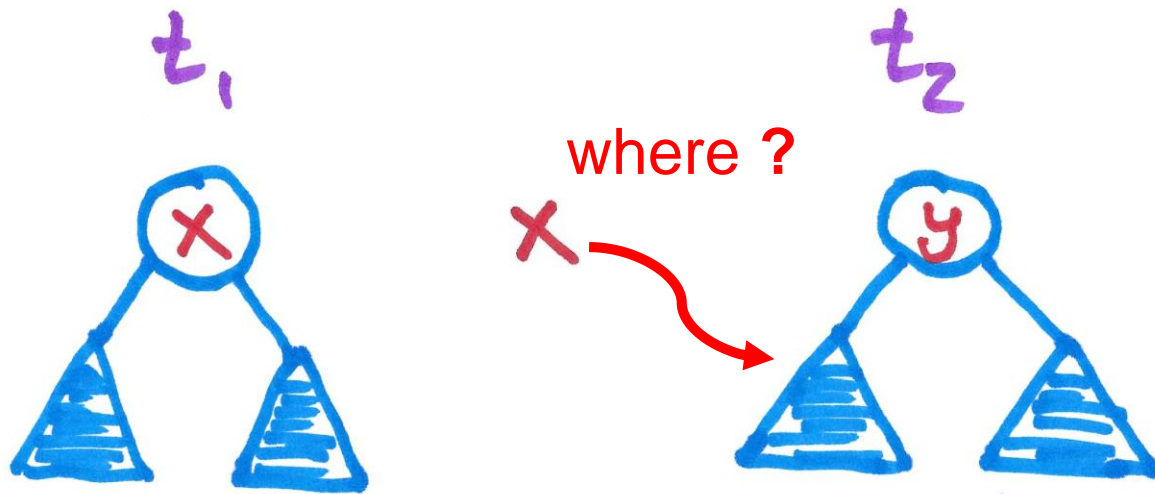
(case Int.compare( $x, y$ ) of

GREATER  $\Rightarrow$  Node( $\ell, y, \text{Ins}(x, r)$ )

| —  $\Rightarrow$  Node( $\text{Ins}(x, \ell), y, r$ )

Issue :

When merging two trees, the root elements may be different:

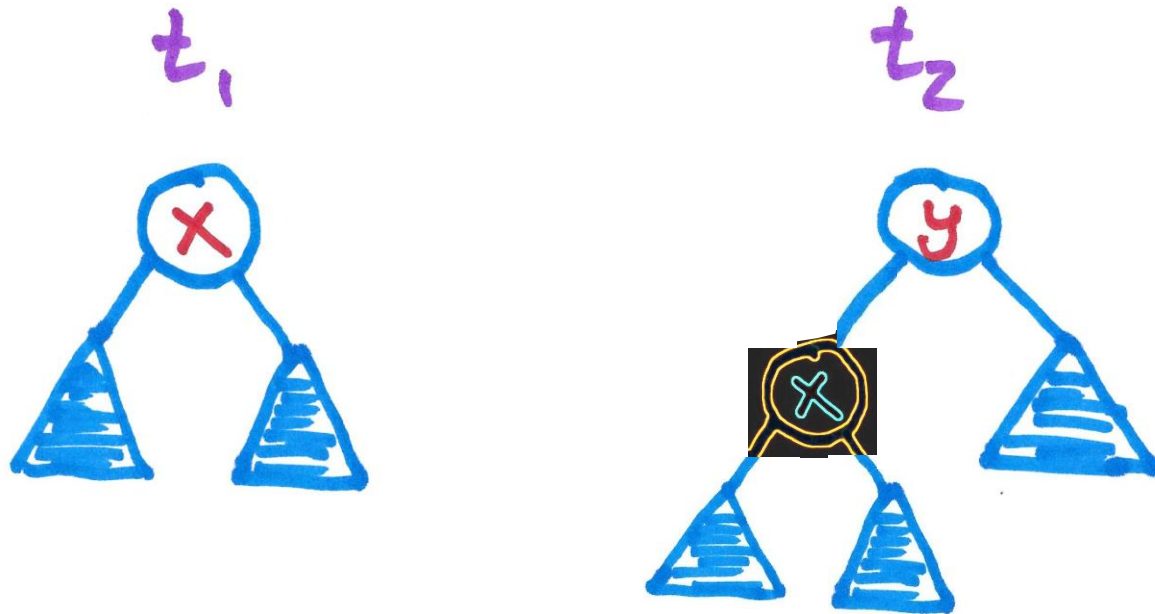


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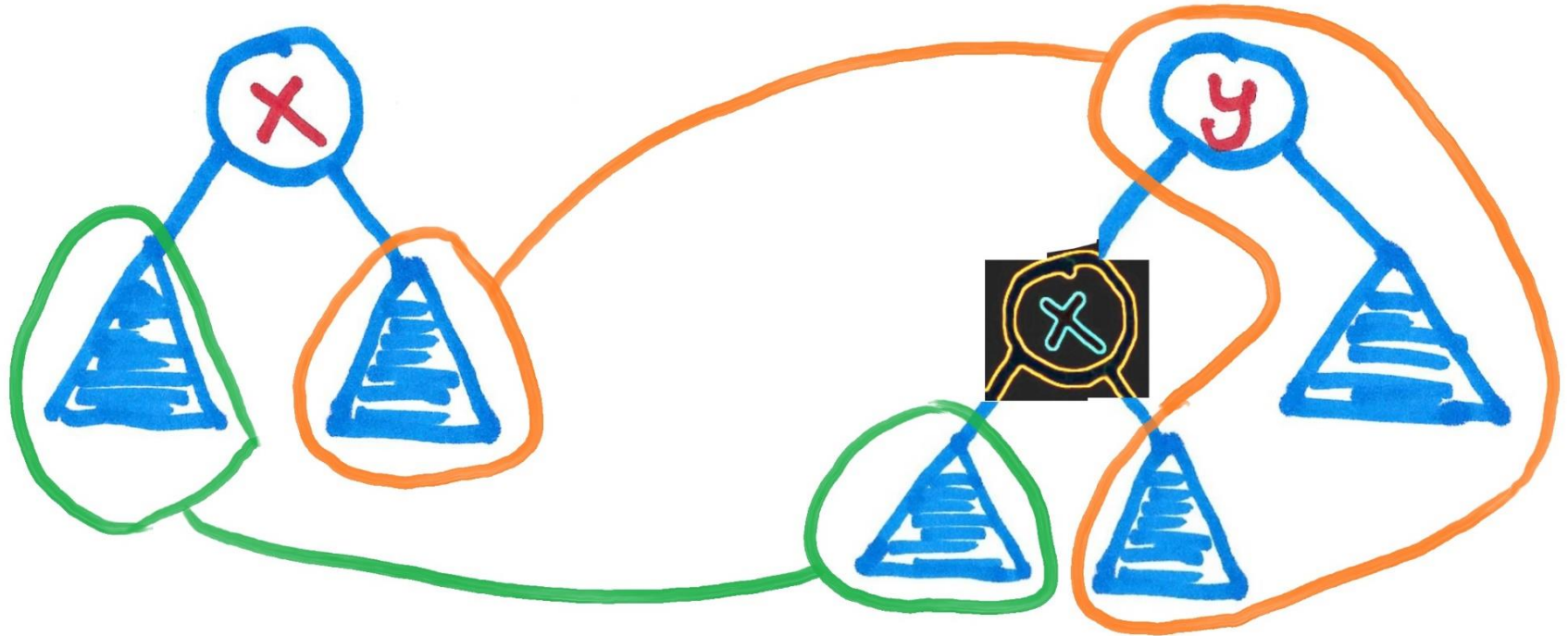
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# Trees to merge after the split

Merge the two trees enclosed by the orange curve.



Merge the two trees enclosed by the green curve.

And then create a node with **x** and the two merged pairs of trees.

(\* Merge : tree \* tree  $\rightarrow$  tree

REQUIRES:  $t_1$  &  $t_2$  are sorted.

ENSURES: Merge( $t_1, t_2$ ) returns a sorted tree containing exactly the elements of  $t_1$  &  $t_2$  together (incl. dups.).

\*)

fun Merge (Empty,  $t_2$ ) =  $t_2$

| Merge (Node ( $l_1, x, r_1$ ),  $t_2$ ) =

let val ( $l_2, r_2$ ) = SplitAt ( $x, t_2$ )

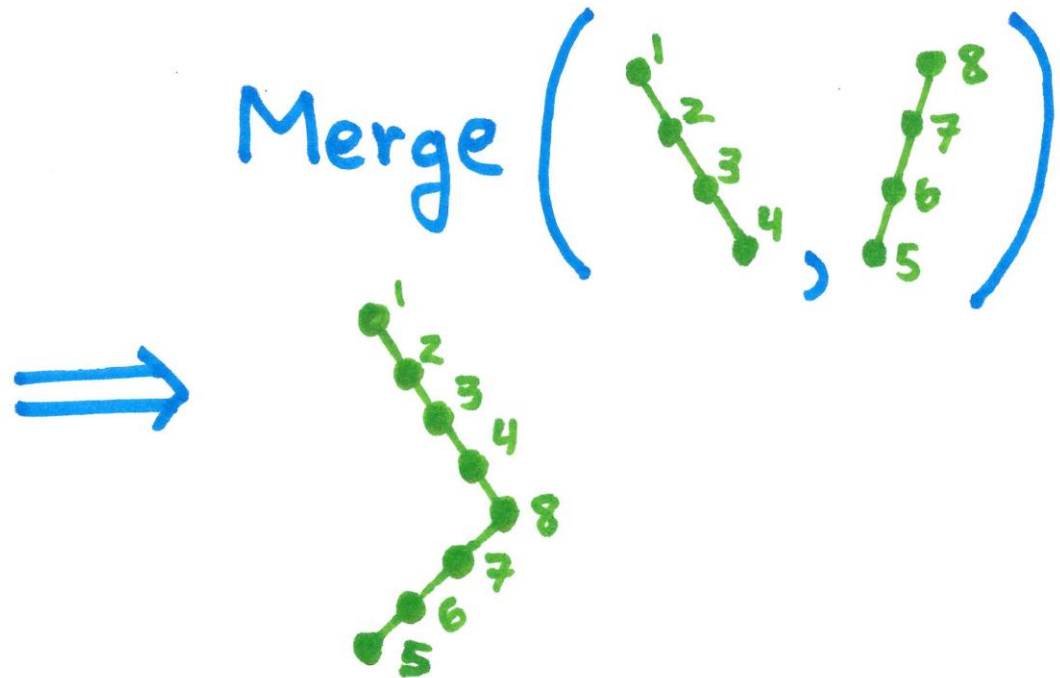
in Node (Merge ( $l_1, l_2$ ),  $x$ , Merge ( $r_1, r_2$ ))

end

## Caution:

The depth of  $\text{Merge}(t_1, t_2)$  can be the sum of the depths of  $t_1$  &  $t_2$ .

Example:



This means  $\text{Merge}(t_1, t_2)$  may not be balanced even if  $t_1$  &  $t_2$  are balanced.



Consequently:

In order to obtain fast code,  
one must rebalance.

One can do so without affecting  
asymptotic cost compared to  
what we will do today when we  
assume trees are balanced.

The details are beyond today's lecture.

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fun Msort Empty = Empty  
  | Msort (Node(l, x, r)) =  
    Ins(x, Merge (Msort l, Msort r))
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fun Merge (Empty, t2) = t2  
  | Merge (Node(l1, x, r1), t2) =  
    let val (l2, r2) = SplitAt (x, t2)  
    in Node (Merge (l1, l2), x, Merge(r1, r2))  
    end
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fun Msort Empty = Empty
  | Msort (Node(l, x, r)) =
rebalance(Ins(x, Merge (Msort l, Msort r)))
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(\* SplitAt : int \* tree  $\rightarrow$  tree \* tree

REQUIRES :  $t$  is sorted.

ENSURES : SplitAt( $x, t$ ) returns a pair  
( $t_1, t_2$ ) of sorted trees

such that:

- $t_1$  &  $t_2$  together contain exactly the elements of  $t$  (incl. dups.).
- The elements of  $t_1$  are LESS or EQUAL to  $x$ .
- The elements of  $t_2$  are GREATER or EQUAL to  $x$ .

\*)

fun SplitAt (x, Empty) = (Empty, Empty)

| SplitAt (x, Node (l, y, r)) =

(case Int.compare (x, y) of

LESS  $\Rightarrow$  let val (t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>2</sub>) = SplitAt (x, l)  
in (t<sub>1</sub>, Node (t<sub>2</sub>, y, r))  
end

| —  $\Rightarrow$  let val (t<sub>1</sub>, t<sub>2</sub>) = SplitAt (x, r)  
in (Node (l, y, t<sub>1</sub>), t<sub>2</sub>)  
end )

# Analysis

- Assume balanced trees
- Focus on span
- Write just the recursive part of the recurrence

(we will phrase this in terms of the depths  $d$  of the input trees)



fun Ins(x, Empty) = Node(Empty, x, Empty)  
| Ins(x, Node(l, y, r)) =  
  (case Int.compare(x, y) of  
    GREATER  $\Rightarrow$  Node(l, y, Ins(x, r))  
    | —  $\Rightarrow$  Node(Ins(x, l), y, r))

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so  $S_{\text{Ins}}(d)$  is  $O(d)$ .

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end

| \_  $\Rightarrow$  ...

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end

| \_  $\Rightarrow$  ...

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$$S_{\text{SplitAt}}(d) \leq c_2 + S_{\text{SplitAt}}(d-1)$$

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(case Int.compare (x, y) of

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    let val ( $l_2, r_2$ ) = SplitAt ( $x, t_2$ )  
      in Node (Merge ( $l_1, l_2$ ),  $x$ , Merge ( $r_1, r_2$ ))  
    end
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$$\begin{aligned}
 & S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1, d_2) \\
 \leq & c_3 + S_{\text{SplitAt}}(d_2) + \max \left( S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1 - 1, ?), \right. \\
 & \left. S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1', ?) \right) \\
 & \text{(with } d_1' \leq d_1 - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$



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(with  $d_1' \leq d_1 - 1$ )

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$$\leq c_3 + S_{\text{SplitAt}}(d_2) + S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1-1, d_2)$$

$$\leq c_3 + c_4 \cdot d_2 + S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1-1, d_2).$$

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$$\leq c_3 + c_4 \cdot d_2 + S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1-1, d_2).$$

So  $S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1, d_2)$  is  $O(d_1 \cdot d_2)$ .

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$S_{\text{Msort}}(d)$

$$\leq c_5 + \max(S_{\text{Msort}}(d-1), S_{\text{Msort}}(d')) \\ + S_{\text{Merge}}(d_1, d_2) + S_{\text{Ins}}(d_3).$$



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Here:

- $d' \leq d - 1$ .
- $d_1$  &  $d_2$  are the depths of the trees returned by the recursive calls to **Msort**.
- $d_3$  is the depth of the tree returned by **Merge**.



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- $d_1$  &  $d_2$  are the depths of the trees returned by the recursive calls to  $\text{Msort}$ .
- $d_3$  is the depth of the tree returned by  $\text{Merge}$ .

If we rebalance as a final step in  $\text{Msort}$ , then  $d_1 \leq d$ ,  $d_2 \leq d$ , &  $d_3 \leq 2 \cdot d$ .

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} & S_{\text{Msort}}(d) \\ & \leq c_5 + S_{\text{Msort}}(d-1) + S_{\text{Merge}}(d,d) + S_{\text{Ins}}(2d) \\ & \leq c_5 + S_{\text{Msort}}(d-1) + c_6 \cdot d^2 + c_7 \cdot d \\ & \leq c_8 \cdot d^2 + S_{\text{Msort}}(d-1). \end{aligned}$$

Thus:

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So  $S_{\text{Msort}}(d)$  is  $O(d^3)$ .

# Sorting

list isort

list merge sort

tree merge sort

Work

$$O(n^2)$$

$$O(n \cdot \log n)$$

$$O(n \cdot \log n)$$

Span

$$O(n^2)$$

$$O(n)$$

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

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

(previous lecture)

(today)

(in 15-210)

(\* rebalance : tree  $\rightarrow$  tree

REQUIRES: true

ENSURES: rebalance( $t$ ) returns a tree  $t'$   
containing exactly the elements of  $t$ ,  
and in the same order, such that:  
 $\text{depth}(t') = \lceil \log_2(\text{size}(t')) \rceil$ .

\*)

fun rebalance (Empty) = Empty

| rebalance ( $t$ ) =

let val ( $l, x, r$ ) = halves( $t$ )

in Node (rebalance  $l, x, \text{rebalance } r$ )

end



# Comments

- halves is nontrivial.
- If the input tree  $t$  to rebalance is roughly balanced, then

$W_{\text{rebalance}}(n)$  is  $O(n)$

∧  $S_{\text{rebalance}}(d)$  is  $O(d^2)$ .

Here  $n = \text{size}(t)$  ∧  $d = \text{depth}(t)$ .

"Roughly balanced" means  $d \leq c \cdot \log_2 n$ ,  
for some fixed constant  $c$  ( $c=2$ , for instance).

(Analysis takes some effort.)

That is all.

Have a good weekend.

See you Tuesday, when we will talk  
about polymorphism.