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The Dominance Frontier

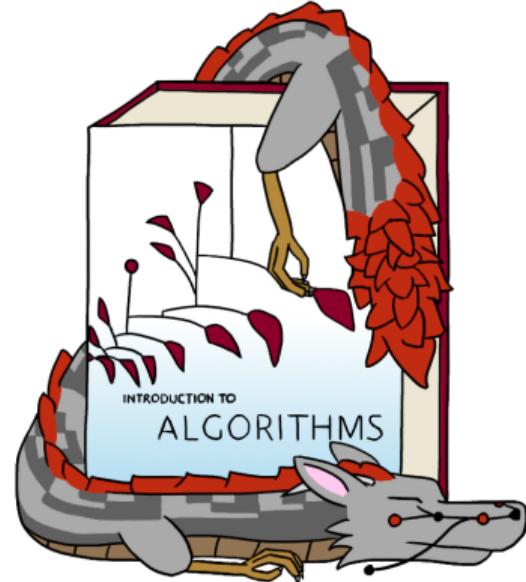
Bunsen Bitti, Unsigned Long

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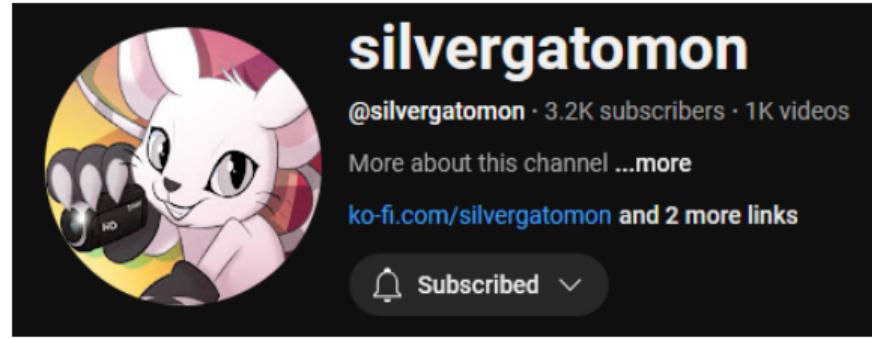
Overview

- This is a comedic/informative look at overlaps between furry and computer science
 - This is not a rigorous lecture
 - There will be puns ^w^
- Don't worry if our jokes don't make sense!
 - We've been coding for most of our lives
 - If you're confused, that's on us
 - We're out of touch with reality
- If you are curious about anything in these slides, feel free to chat with us!



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- Pun was too good to do nothing with, so I made a fursona



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artist: thepipefox (FurAffinity)

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- Made an FPGA-controlled protogen for a final project because why not

ProtoFacer: FPGA-Driven Interactive Protagon Head

*Note: This is a partially redacted version (to respect Bunsen's privacy) of the original report submitted for MIT's 6.2050 Digital Systems Laboratory course.

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Abstract—We present a design for a Protagon Head controlled by FPGA fabric. Using an inward-facing OV5640 camera inside the helmet, the Protagon Head reconstructs the cosplayer's face based on real-time video input. The FPGA processes 25 frames-per-second video input from the camera, limited primarily by electromagnetic interference constraints.

Expression-wise, the Protagon Head is able to capture blinks and mimic mouth movement during speech, all while using under 400mW of power (excluding external power to the LED boards) and 1.5 MB of block RAM. This makes it ideal for use in limited memory/power environments.

Index Terms—Digital systems, Field programmable gate arrays, Image processing.

- Image Processing Pipeline (Section III-B)
- Expression Recognizer (Section IV-A)
- Face Image Buffers (Section V-A)
- Face Reconstructor (Section V-B)
- HUB75 Driver (Section VI-B)
- Power Modulator (Section VI-C)
- HUB75 LED Boards

We evaluate the performance of the ProtoFacer based on its resource usage in Section VII. We then end the report with a discussion of the system's limitations and future work in Section VIII.

II. PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION

A. Head Design

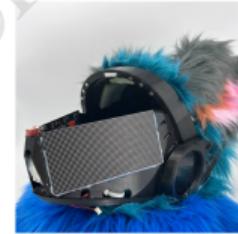


Fig. 1. Exterior of the Protagon Head (with the tinted visor removed)

Fursuits are Planar Graphs



Bunsen's head pattern

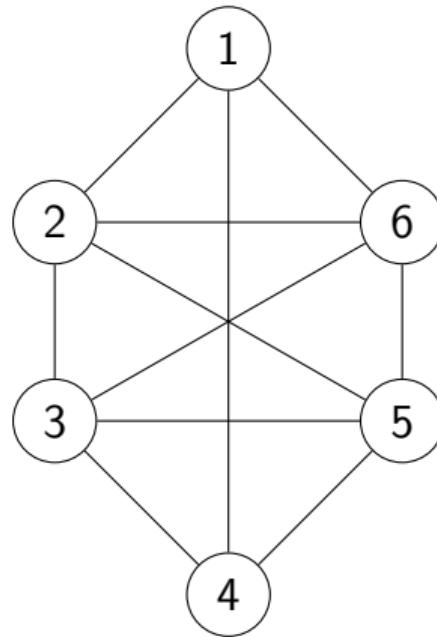


Unsigned Long's tail pattern

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- Graph:

- Vertices labeled $1, 2, \dots, n$
- Edges go between two vertices
- At most $n \cdot (n - 1)/2$ edges^a

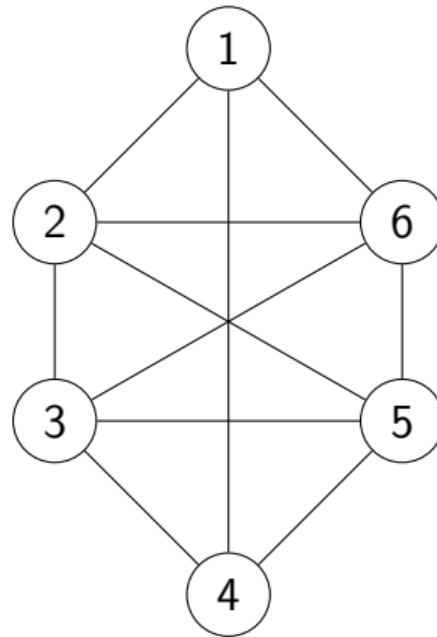


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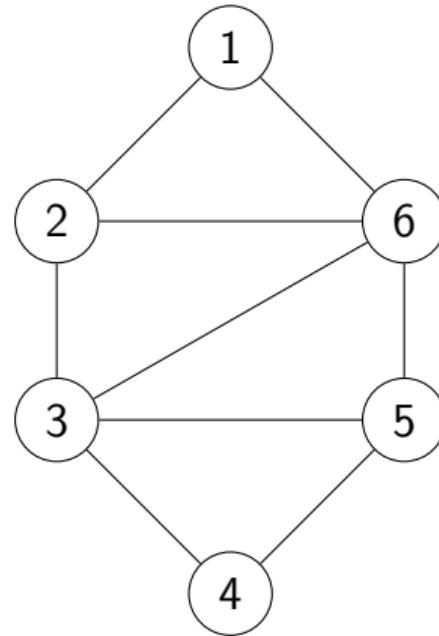
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- Planar graphs: graphs that can be drawn without crossing edges
 - At most $3n - 6 = \underline{O(n)}$ edges!^b
 - Fursuits are planar graphs
 - Seam count = $O(\text{Fabric patch count})$

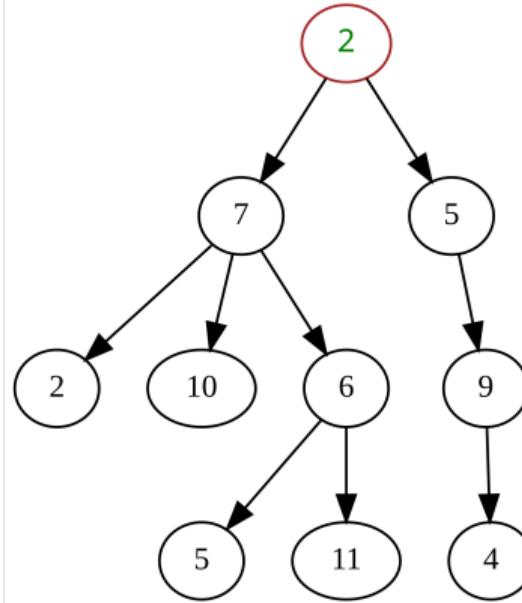
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^bAssuming faces have degree ≥ 3



Trees!

- Trees are the building block of most data structures.
- Every node has one parent, except for the root which has no parent.
- Nodes with no children are leaves, nodes with children are internal nodes.



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A-Z of Trees (non-exhaustive)

AVL Trees	k -d Tree	
B Trees	Link-Cut Tree	
Cartesian Trees	Merkle Trees	Universal B Trees
Decision Tree	N Tree	Vantage Point Tree
Exponential Trees	Order Statistics Tree	Wallace Tree
Fenwick Trees	PQ Tree	X-fast Trie
Gomory-Hu Tree	Quadtree	Y-fast Trie
H-Tree	Red Black Trees	Zip Trees
Interval Tree	Splay Trees	
Judy Array	Tango Trees	

Subsections Subtrees

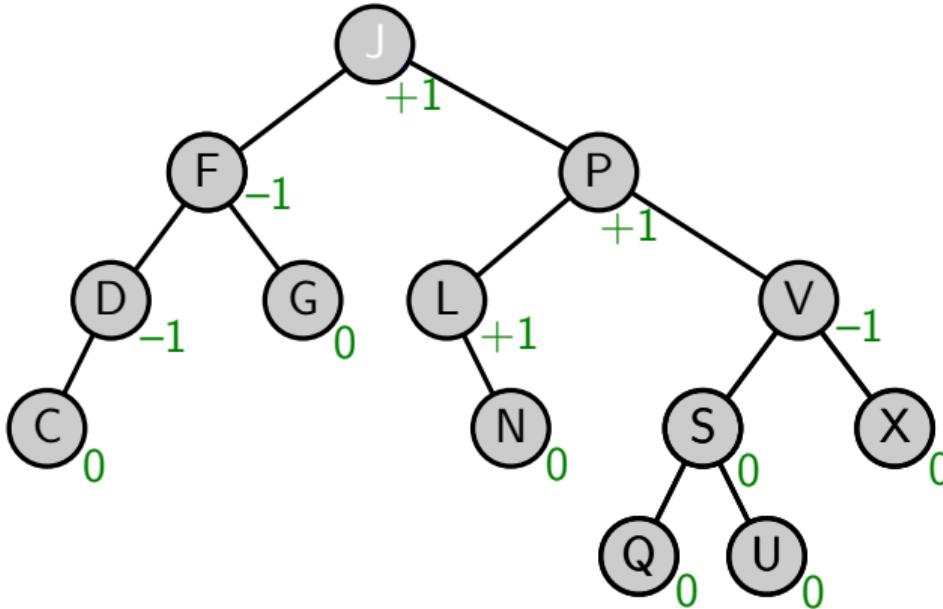
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AVL Trees¹

- First $O(\log n)$ self-balancing binary search tree!
- Ensures the height of its children do not differ by > 1



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¹Adelson-Velsky, Georgy; Landis, Evgenii (1962)

AVL Trees (Rotation)

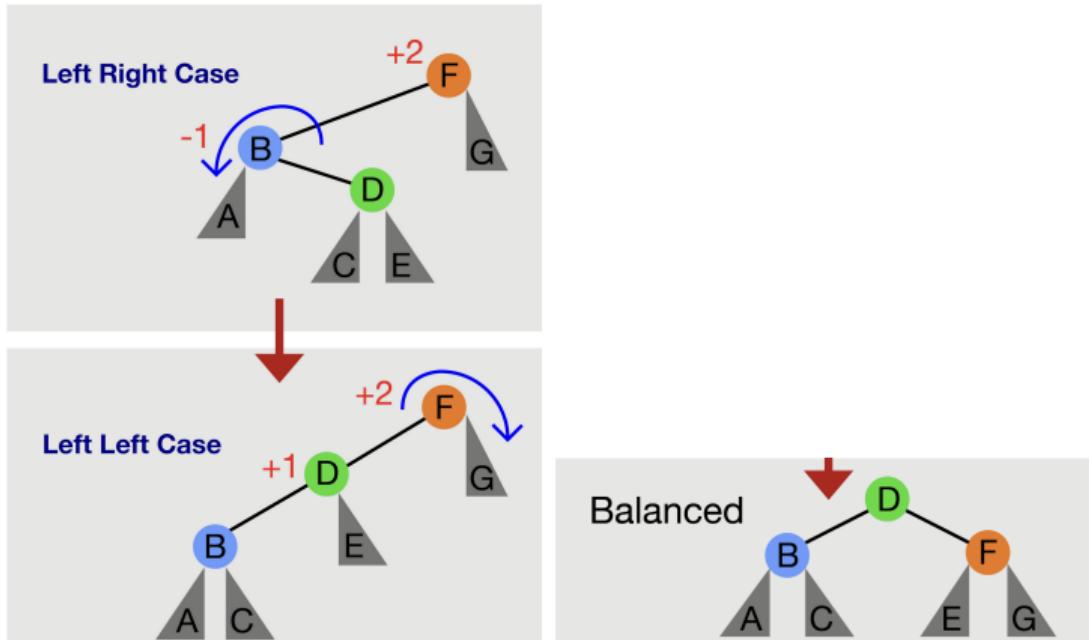
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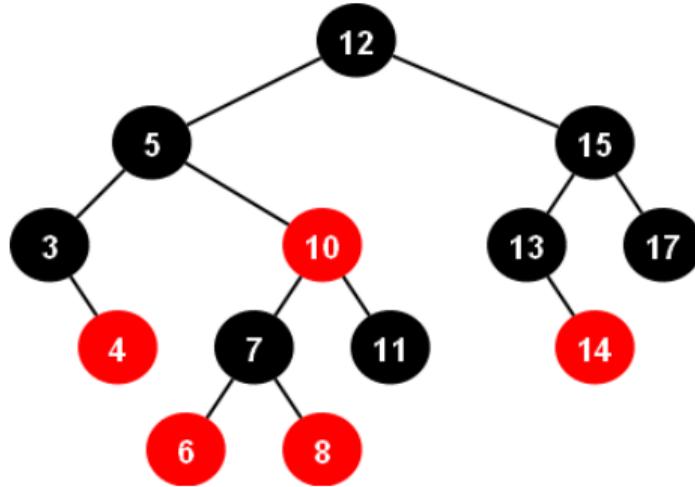
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<https://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~qingyi/>

Red Black Tree²

- Balanced BST, red-black coloring chosen because it looked best on the laser printer they used.
- All root-to-leaf paths have the same number of black nodes
- No red node has a red parent



<https://pages.cs.wisc.edu/~wyoungjun/>

²Guibas, Leonidas J.; Sedgewick, Robert (1978).

Splay?

splay 1 of 3 verb

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splayed; splaying; splays

[Synonyms of splay >](#)

transitive verb

1 : to cause to spread outward

2 : to make oblique : [BEVEL](#)

intransitive verb

1 : to extend apart or outward especially in an awkward manner

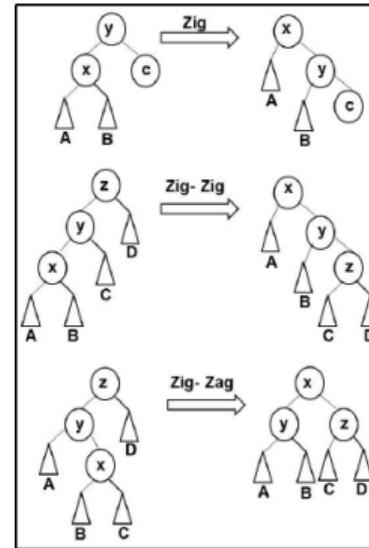
2 : [SLOPE, SLANT](#)



<https://en.wikifur.com/wiki/Furpile>

Splay Tree³

- After every operation, splay the searched node to the root of the tree using double-rotations.
- Suspected to be optimal for any sequence of BST operations up to a constant factor (Dynamic Optimality Conjecture)



Trabelsi, Zouheir & Zeidan, Safaa & Masud, Mehedy & Ghoudi, Kilani.

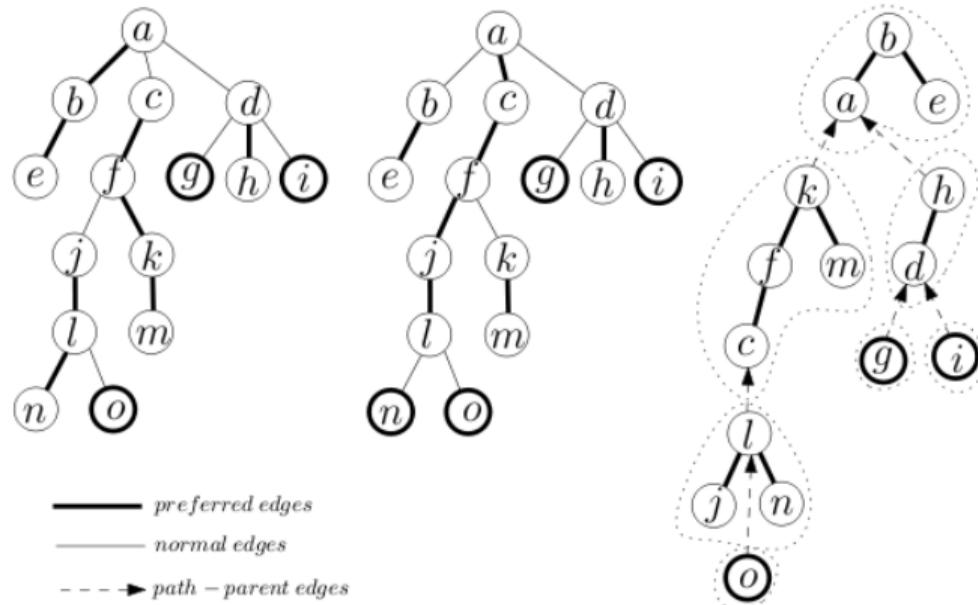
(2015). Statistical Dynamic Splay Tree Filters.

³Sleator, Daniel D.; Tarjan, Robert E. (1985).



Link-Cut Tree⁴

- Maintains a set of rooted trees
- Amortized $O(\log n)$ link, cut and find-root at any node
- Improves Dinic's Algorithm (for max-flow) from $O(V^2E)$ to $O(VE \log V)$.

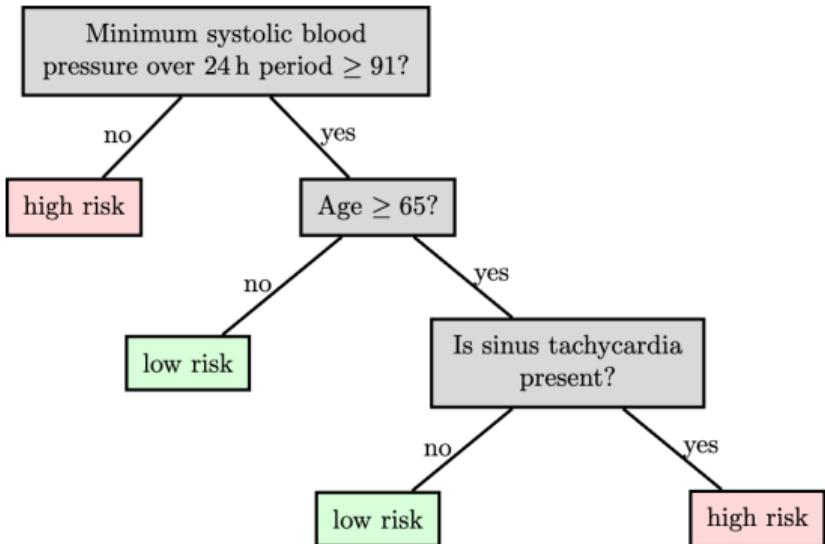


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⁴Sleator, D. D.; Tarjan, R. E. (1983).

Decision Trees

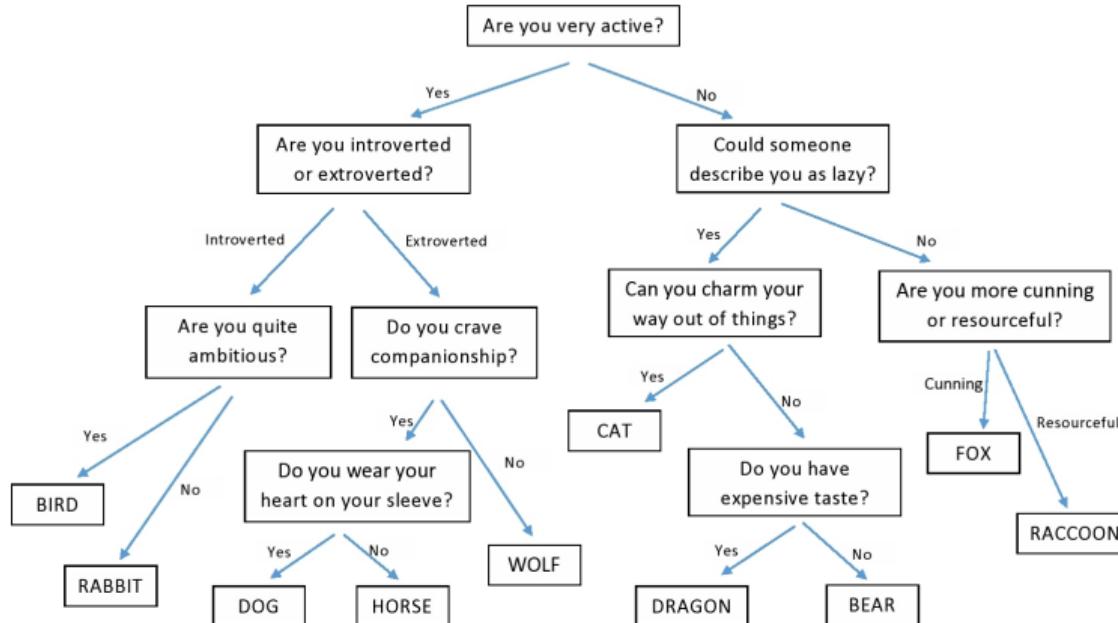
- Each node represents a query, each leaf represents a category/decision.
- Commonly used in decision analysis and machine learning
- Fuzzy Decision Trees are also a thing



MIT 6.390 Intro ML Course Notes and Breiman, Friedman, Olshen, Stone (1984)

(Furry) Decision Trees (r/furry/comments/4gxm01/)

What is your fursona?

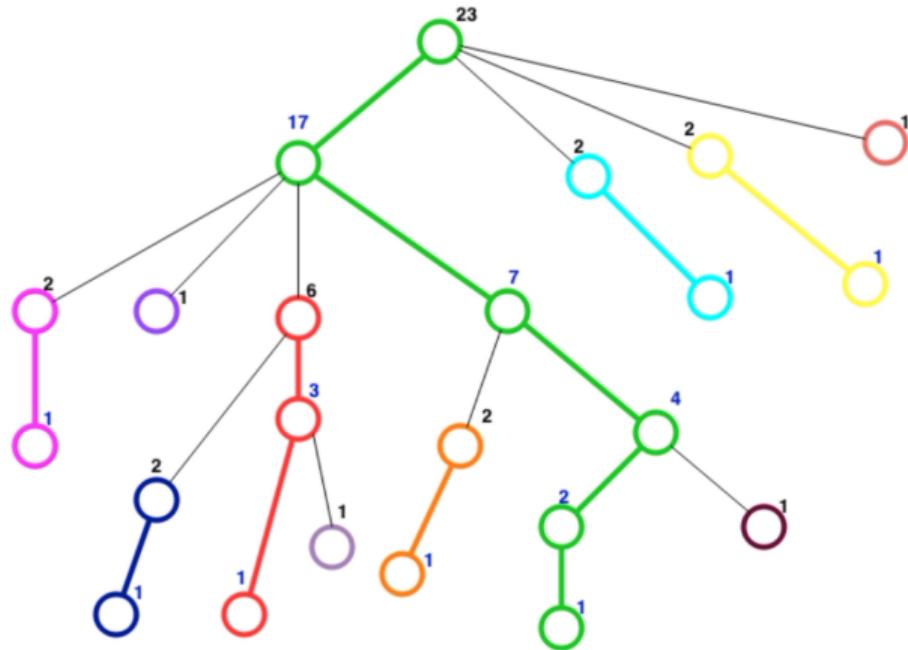


Missing N-tree

- Seriously I could not find any tree data structure that starts with N

Tree Decomposition

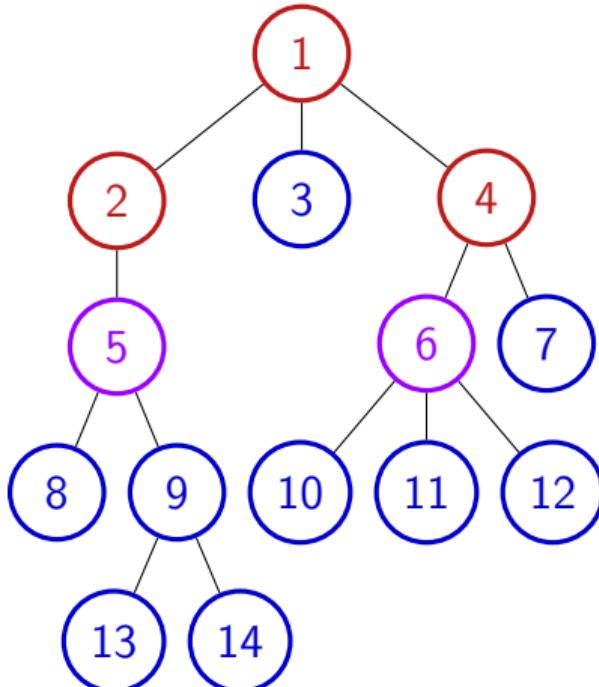
- Breaks down a rooted tree into smaller subparts to more efficiently solve subproblems
- Heavy-Light Decomposition
 - Separates edges into heavy ($\geq 1/2$ subtree size) and light ($< 1/2$ subtree size).
 - Every path from root to leaf contains $\leq \log_2(n)$ light edges.



<https://www.naukri.com/code360/library/heavy-light-decomposition-hld>

Macro-Micro Tree Decomposition

- Node is micro if it has less than $O(\log(n))$ descendants (else macro)
- Node is macro leaf if it is macro and all its children are micro
- Subtree is microtree if its parent is a macro leaf
- There are at most $O(n/\log(n))$ macro leaves
 - Macro leaves have $O(\log(n))$ descendants, and do not share descendants
- There are $O(n^{1/c})$ distinct microtree shapes
 - Tree shape count is exponential in node count
 - Number of microtree nodes is logarithmic in n
 - \log and \exp cancel out to $O(n^{1/c})$



Instruction Set Architecture

- CPU Programs = lots of instructions that the CPU steps through to execute
- ISA is how the CPU interprets those instructions.
- Examples: x86, RISC-V etc.
- There are **a lot** of instructions.

x86 ISA

ADD — Add

Opcode	Instruction	Op/En	64-bit Mode	Compat/Leg Mode	Description
04 ib	ADD AL, imm8	I	Valid	Valid	Add imm8 to AL.
05 iw	ADD AX, imm16	I	Valid	Valid	Add imm16 to AX.
05 id	ADD EAX, imm32	I	Valid	Valid	Add imm32 to EAX.
REX.W + 05 id	ADD RAX, imm32	I	Valid	N.E.	Add imm32 sign-extended to 64-bits to RAX.
80 /0 ib	ADD r/m8, imm8	MI	Valid	Valid	Add imm8 to r/m8.
REX + 80 /0 ib	ADD r/m8*, imm8	MI	Valid	N.E.	Add sign-extended imm8 to r/m8.
81 /0 iw	ADD r/m16, imm16	MI	Valid	Valid	Add imm16 to r/m16.
81 /0 id	ADD r/m32, imm32	MI	Valid	Valid	Add imm32 to r/m32.
REX.W + 81 /0 id	ADD r/m64, imm32	MI	Valid	N.E.	Add imm32 sign-extended to 64-bits to r/m64.
83 /0 ib	ADD r/m16, imm8	MI	Valid	Valid	Add sign-extended imm8 to r/m16.
83 /0 ib	ADD r/m32, imm8	MI	Valid	Valid	Add sign-extended imm8 to r/m32.
REX.W + 83 /0 ib	ADD r/m64, imm8	MI	Valid	N.E.	Add sign-extended imm8 to r/m64.
00 /r	ADD r/m8, r8	MR	Valid	Valid	Add r8 to r/m8.
REX + 00 /r	ADD r/m8*, r8*	MR	Valid	N.E.	Add r8 to r/m8.
01 /r	ADD r/m16, r16	MR	Valid	Valid	Add r16 to r/m16.
01 /r	ADD r/m32, r32	MR	Valid	Valid	Add r32 to r/m32.
REX.W + 01 /r	ADD r/m64, r64	MR	Valid	N.E.	Add r64 to r/m64.
02 /r	ADD r8, r/m8	RM	Valid	Valid	Add r/m8 to r8.

x86 ISA

FADD/FADDP/FIADD — Add

Opcode	Instruction	64-Bit Mode	Compat/Leg Mode	Description
D8 /0	FADD m32fp	Valid	Valid	Add m32fp to ST(0) and store result in ST(0).
DC /0	FADD m64fp	Valid	Valid	Add m64fp to ST(0) and store result in ST(0).
D8 C0+i	FADD ST(0), ST(i)	Valid	Valid	Add ST(0) to ST(i) and store result in ST(0).
DC C0+i	FADD ST(i), ST(0)	Valid	Valid	Add ST(i) to ST(0) and store result in ST(i).
DE C0+i	FADDP ST(i), ST(0)	Valid	Valid	Add ST(0) to ST(i), store result in ST(i), and pop the register stack.
DE C1	FADDP	Valid	Valid	Add ST(0) to ST(1), store result in ST(1), and pop the register stack.
DA /0	FIADD m32int	Valid	Valid	Add m32int to ST(0) and store result in ST(0).
DE /0	FIADD m16int	Valid	Valid	Add m16int to ST(0) and store result in ST(0).

FMUL/FMULP/FIMUL — Multiply

Opcode	Instruction	64-Bit Mode	Compat/Leg Mode	Description
D8 /1	FMUL m32fp	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(0) by m32fp and store result in ST(0).
DC /1	FMUL m64fp	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(0) by m64fp and store result in ST(0).
D8 C8+i	FMUL ST(0), ST(i)	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(0) by ST(i) and store result in ST(0).
DC C8+i	FMUL ST(i), ST(0)	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(i) by ST(0) and store result in ST(i).
DE C8+i	FMULP ST(i), ST(0)	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(i) by ST(0), store result in ST(i), and pop the register stack.
DE C9	FMULP	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(1) by ST(0), store result in ST(1), and pop the register stack.
DA /1	FIMUL m32int	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(0) by m32int and store result in ST(0).
DE /1	FIMUL m16int	Valid	Valid	Multiply ST(0) by m16int and store result in ST(0).

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VADDPH — Add Packed FP16 Values

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EVEX.256.NP.MAP5.W0 58 /r VADDPH ymm1{k1}{z}, ymm2, ymm3/m256/m16bcst	A	V/V	AVX512-FP16 AVX512VL	Add packed FP16 value from ymm3/m256/m16bcst to ymm2, and store result in ymm1 subject to writemask k1.
EVEX.512.NP.MAP5.W0 58 /r VADDPH zmm1{k1}{z}, zmm2, zmm3/m512/m16bcst {er}	A	V/V	AVX512-FP16	Add packed FP16 value from zmm3/m512/m16bcst to zmm2, and store result in zmm1 subject to writemask k1.

VMULPH — Multiply Packed FP16 Values

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VFMADD132PH/VFNMADD132PH/VFMADD213PH/VFNMADD213PH/VFMADD231PH/VFNMADD231PH — Fused Multiply-Add of Packed FP16 Values

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EVEX.128.66.MAP6.W0 A8 /r VFMADD213PH xmm1{k1}{z}, xmm2, xmm3/m128/m16bcst	A	V/V	AVX512-FP16 AVX512VL	Multiply packed FP16 values from xmm1 and xmm2, add to xmm3/m128/m16bcst, and store the result in xmm1.
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EVEX.256.66.MAP6.W0 AC /r VFNMADD213PH ymm1{k1}{z}, ymm2, ymm3/m256/m16bcst	A	V/V	AVX512-FP16 AVX512VL	Multiply packed FP16 values from ymm1 and ymm2, and negate the value. Add this value to ymm3/m256/m16bcst, and store the result in ymm1.
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Instruction	En Bit Mode Flag	Support	Description
EVEX.128.66.MAP6.W0 96 /r VFMADDSUB132PH xmm1{k1}{z}, xmm2, xmm3/m128/m16bcst	A	V/V	Multiply packed FP16 values from xmm1 and xmm3/m128/m16bcst, add/subtract elements in xmm2, and store the result in xmm1 subject to writemask k1.
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Notation	Odd Elements	Even Elements
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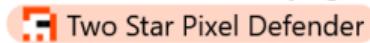
KNOTD

KNOTW/KNOTB/KNOTQ/KNOTD—NOT Mask Register

Opcode/ Instruction	Op/En	64/32 bit Mode Support	CPUID Feature Flag	Description
VEX.L0.0F.W0 44 /r KNOTW k1, k2	RR	V/V	AVX512F	Bitwise NOT of 16 bits mask k2.
VEX.L0.66.0F.W0 44 /r KNOTB k1, k2	RR	V/V	AVX512DQ	Bitwise NOT of 8 bits mask k2.
VEX.L0.0F.W1 44 /r KNOTQ k1, k2	RR	V/V	AVX512BW	Bitwise NOT of 64 bits mask k2.
VEX.L0.66.0F.W1 44 /r KNOTD k1, k2	RR	V/V	AVX512BW	Bitwise NOT of 32 bits mask k2.



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Of course it's AVX512. AVX512 is the most degenerate instruction set.



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Fast Furrier Transform: Polynomials

coefficient term degree

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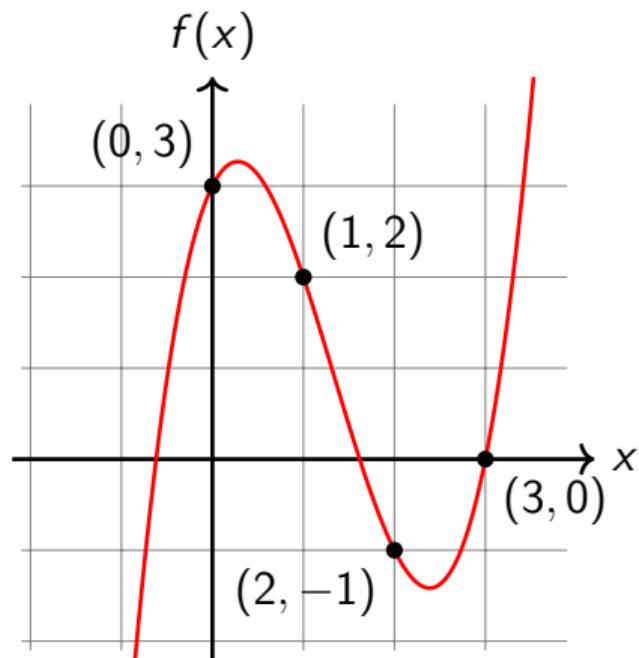
$$f(0) = 3$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f(2) = -1$$

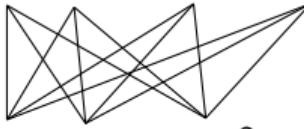
$$f(3) = 0$$

Evaluating a polynomial at a point
takes $O(n)$ time



Fast Furrier Transform: Multiplication

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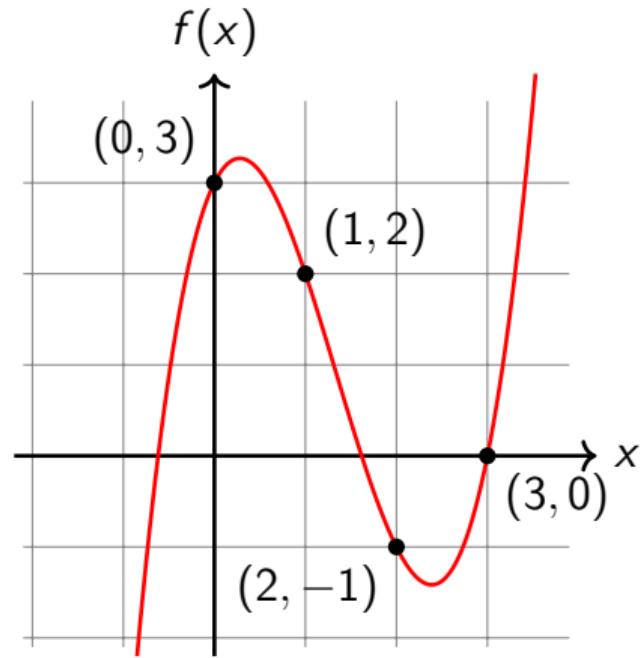

$$g(x) = 2 - x + x^2$$

$$h(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x) = 6 + x - 7x^2 + 8x^3 - 5x^4 + x^5$$

Multiplying two polynomials of degree n by distributing takes $O(n^2)$ time

Fast Furrier Transform: Polynomial Interpolation/Evaluation

- For a set of n points, there is a unique polynomial with degree less than n that passes through all the points
- Evaluating the polynomial at n different x values to find these points typically takes $O(n^2)$ time
- If we choose the x values cleverly, we can do better



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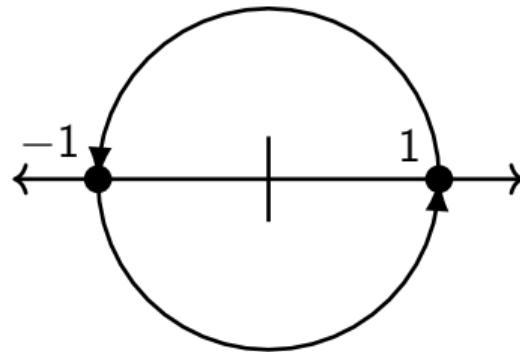
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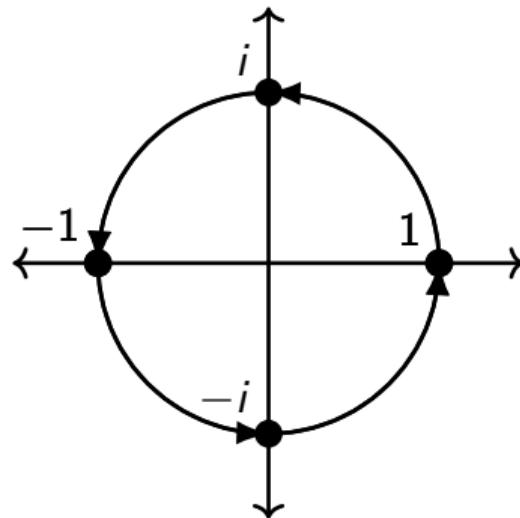
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- Complex numbers give us values r where $r^n = 1$
- These are called roots of unity
- FFT evaluates f at $1, r, r^2, \dots, r^{n-1}$



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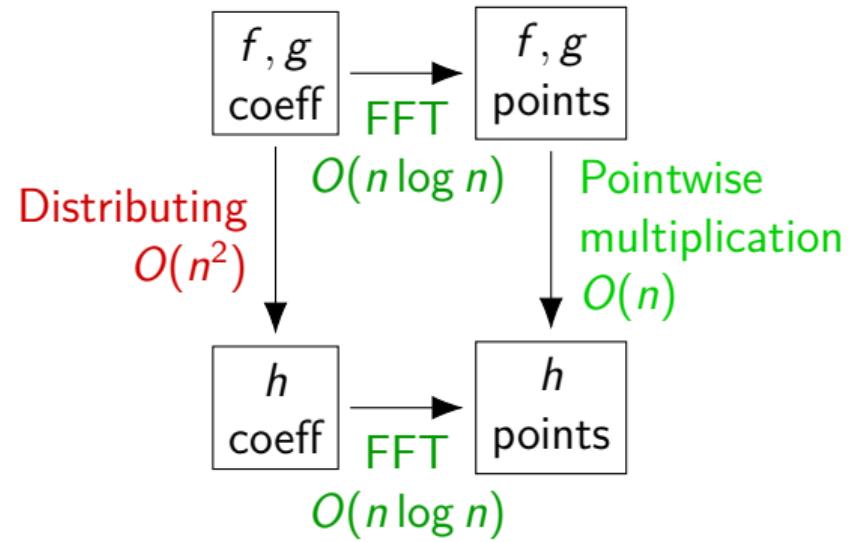
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- To evaluate f at n roots of unity, we evaluate g_e and g_o at $n/2$ roots of unity
- Recursion! $T(n) = 2T(n/2) + O(n) = O(n \log n)$

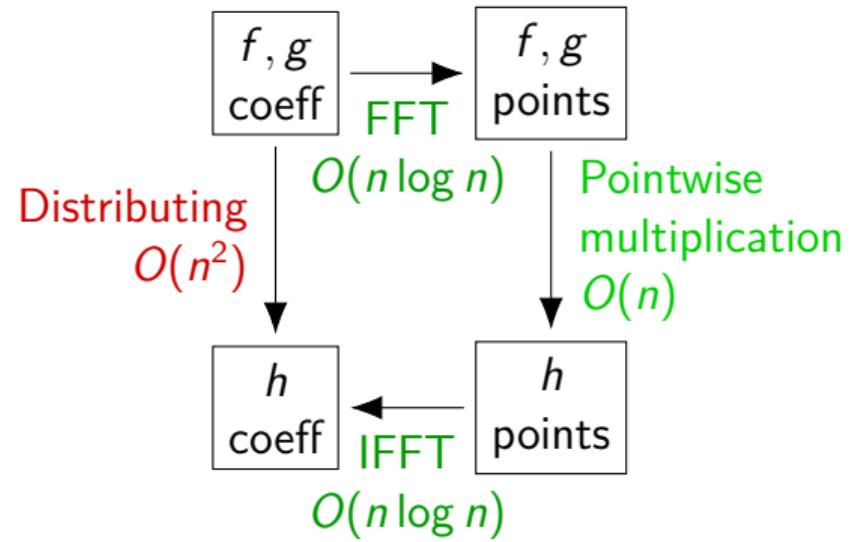
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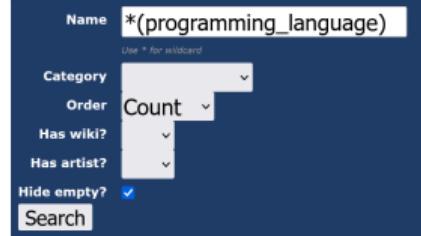
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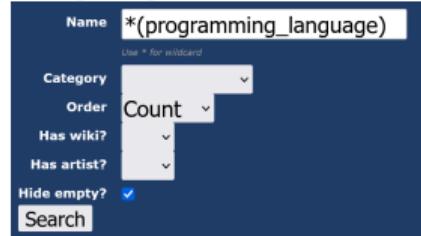
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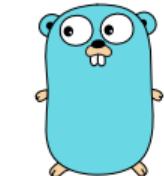
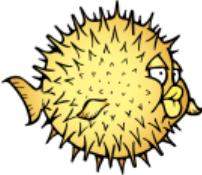
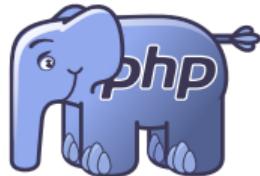
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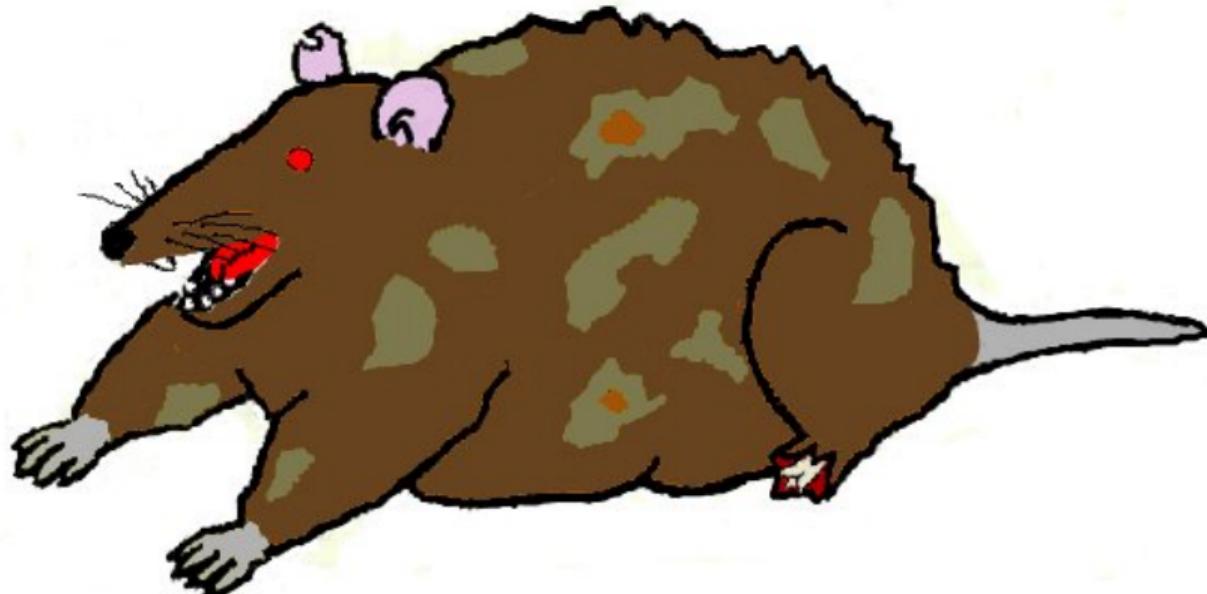
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How about pronouncing (and writing) "WSL" as "weasel"?

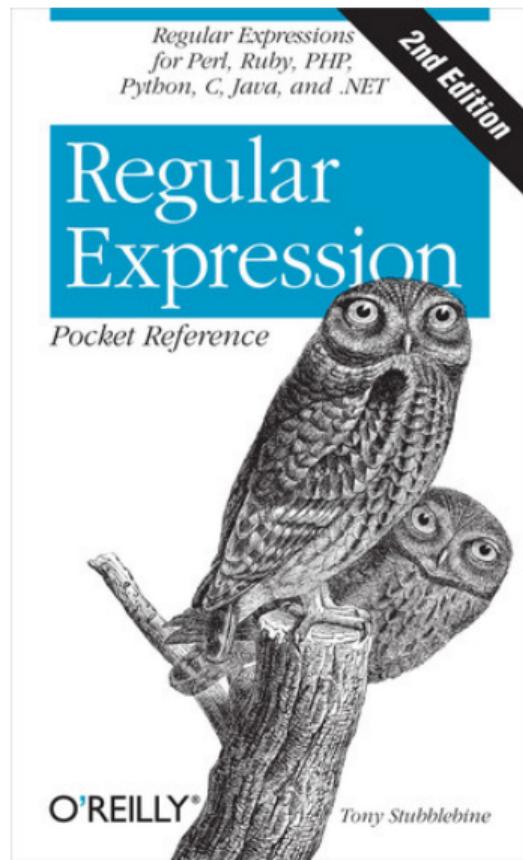
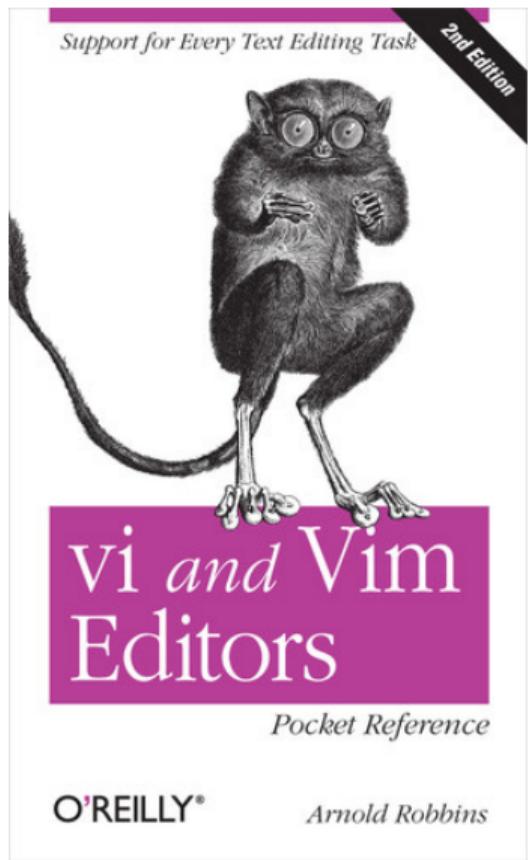
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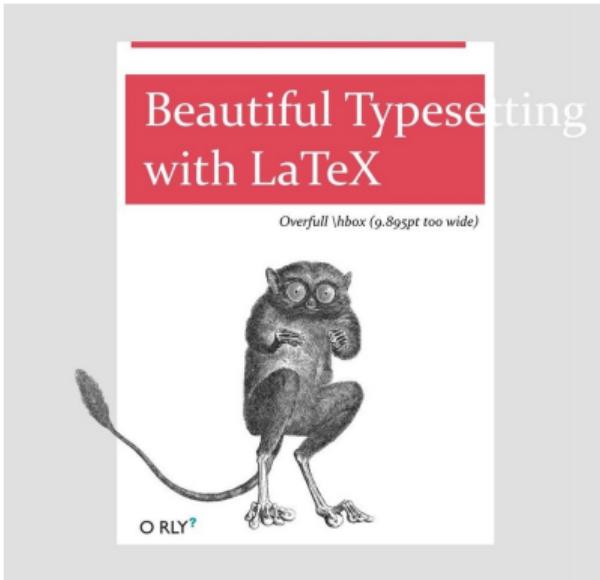


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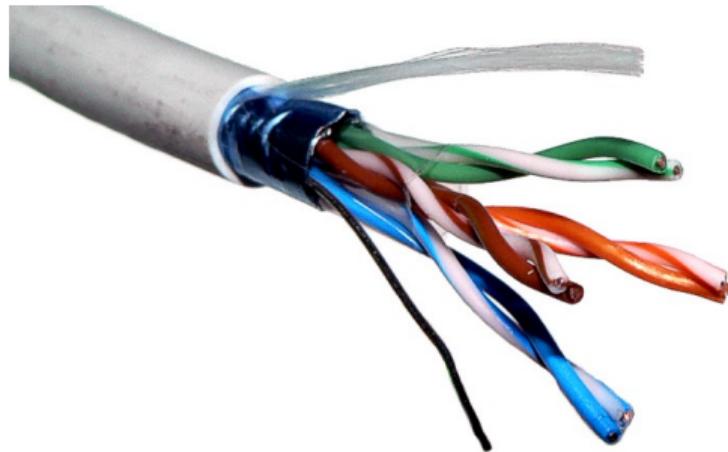
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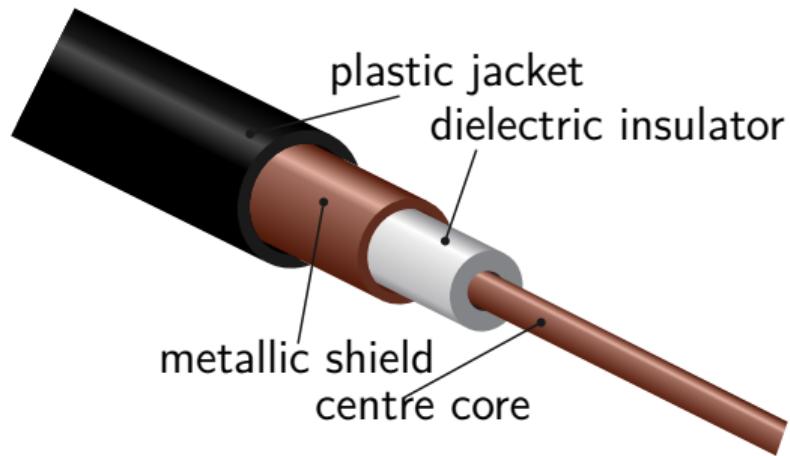
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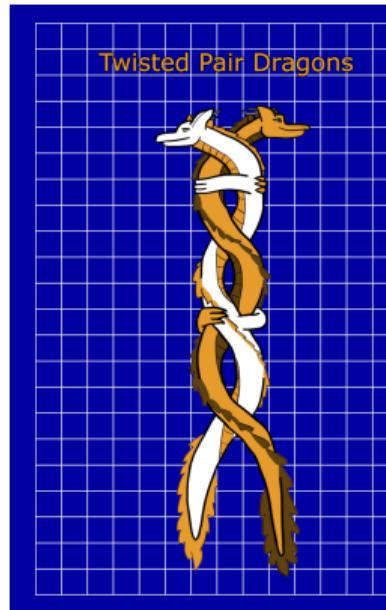
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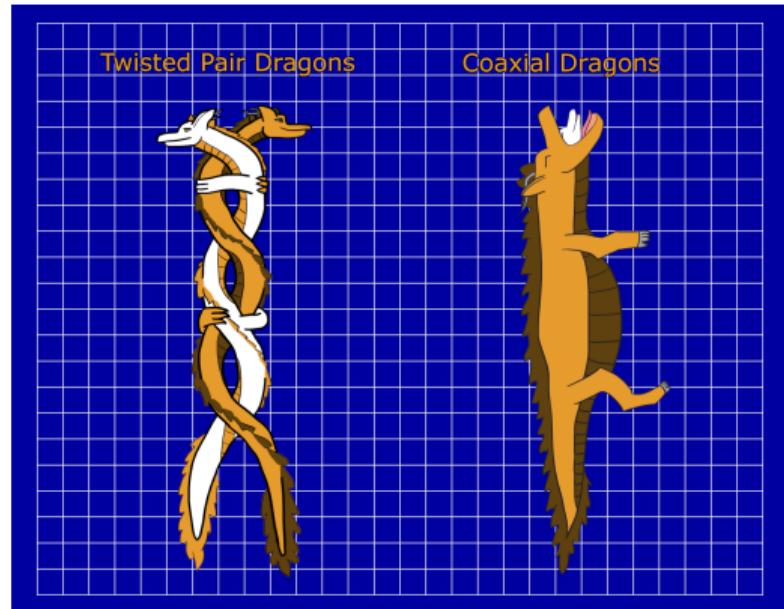
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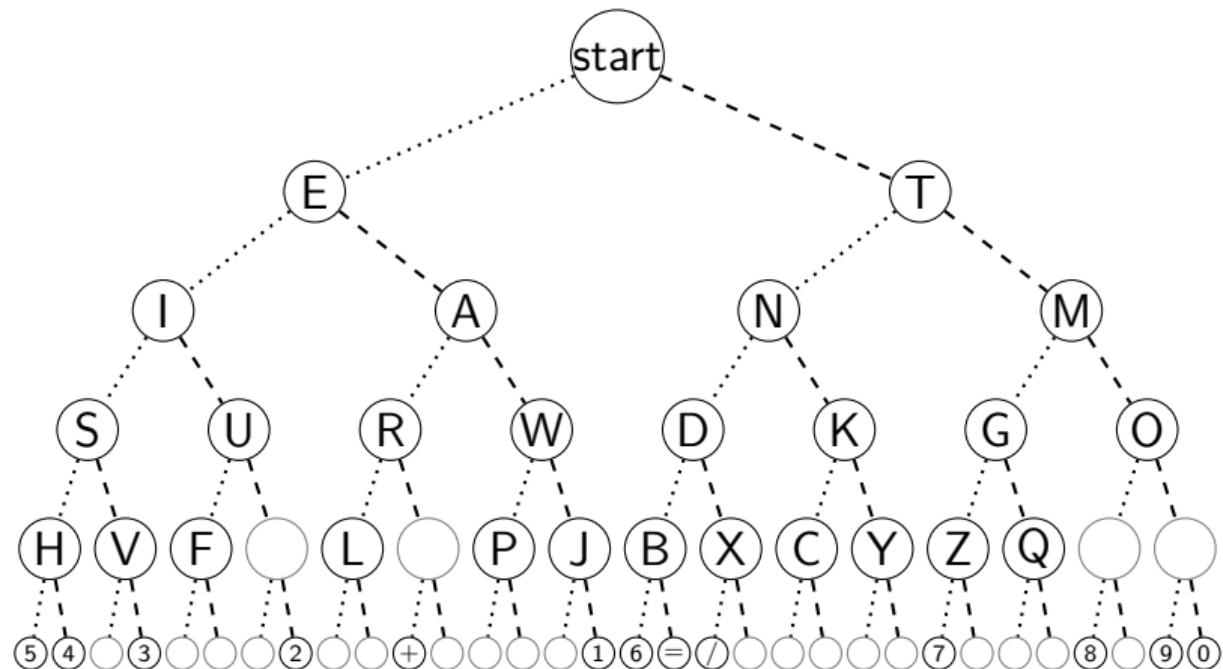
Twisted Pair/Coaxial Cable⁵

- Electric current makes magnetic fields
- Excessive magnetic fields causes noise and interference
- Idea: place reverse current close to forward current to have fields cancel
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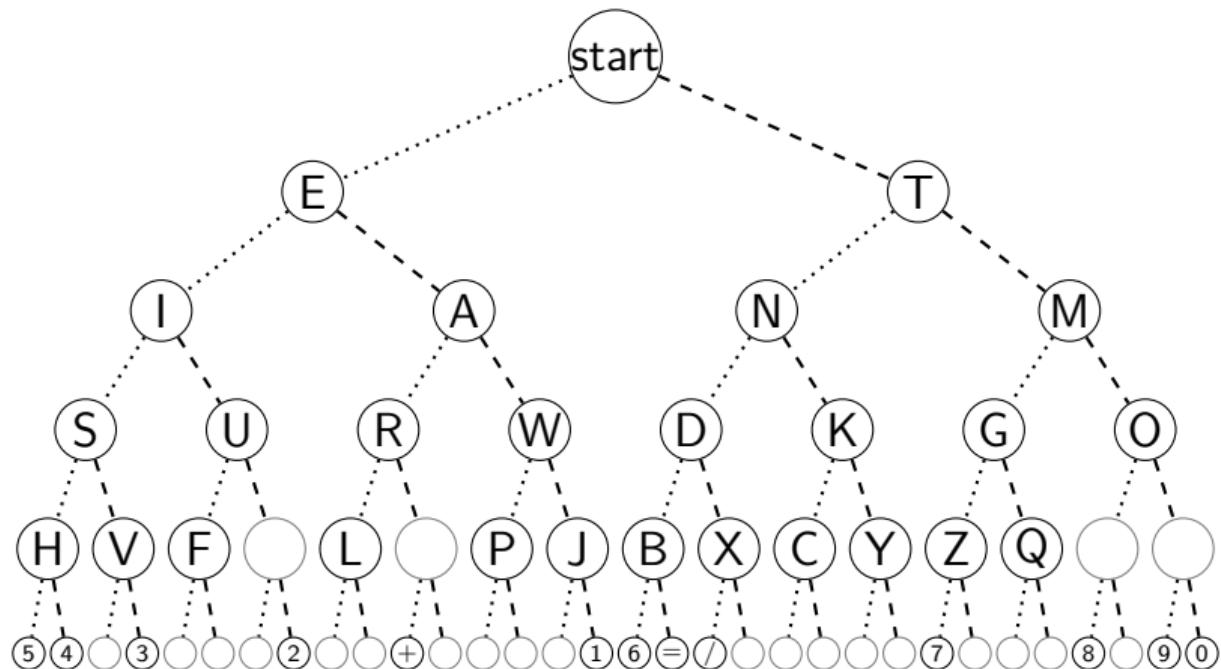


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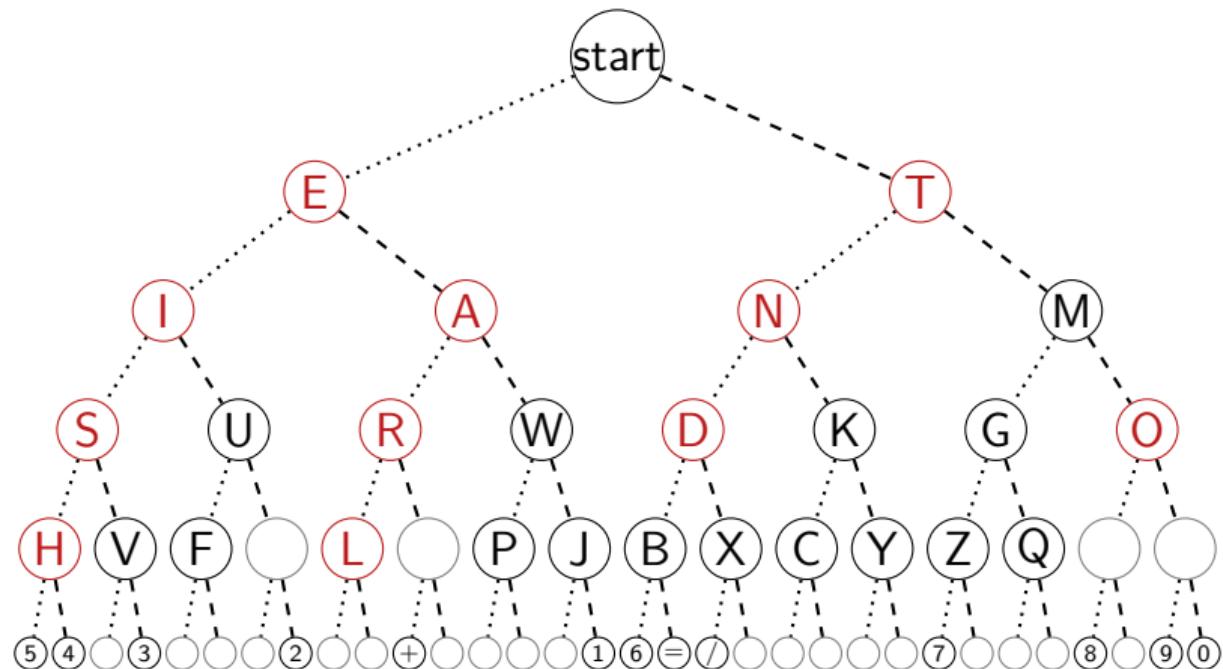


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Unified English Braille Chart

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b	2	.	period	-	minus	c	can	..	sh	ai	ainc	ai	ain	hm	him	
c	3	'	apostrophe	*	multiplication	d	do	..	th	ac	across	ac	ac	hmf	herself	
d	4	:	colon	x	multiplication	e	every	..	wh	ar	after	ar	af	imm	immediate	
e	5	-	dash	*	multiplication dot	f	from	..	ou	er	here	er	er	ss	its	
f	6	—	long dash	+	division	g	go	..	st	th	father	th	th	sf	itself	
g	7	!	exclamation mark	>	greater than	h	have	..	gh	er	know	er	er	sf	later	
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Capital				dollar \$		p	people	..	ow	ng	part	ng	ng	ng	ng	ourselves
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word				quotation mark "		w	will	..								
passage				closing outer		x	it	..								
capital terminator				quotation mark "		y	you	..								
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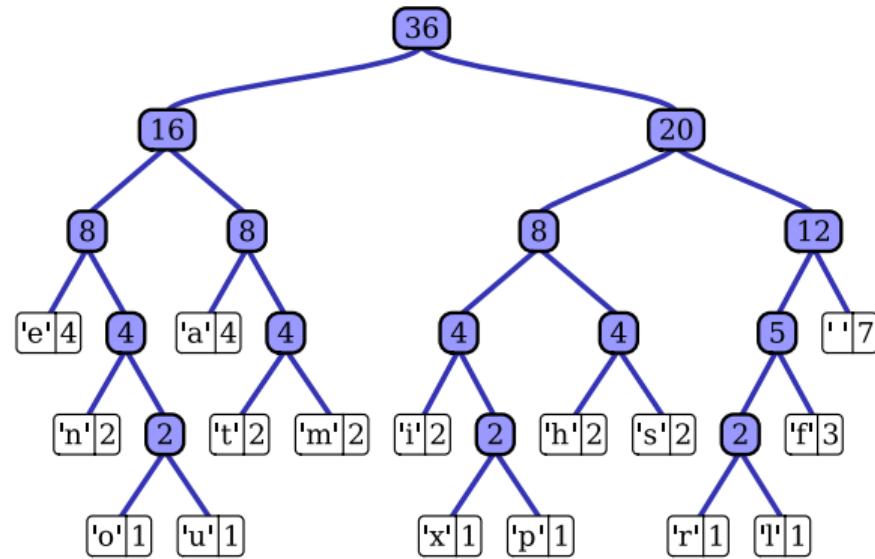
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Huffman Coding

- More frequent characters get shorter encodings
- Used in .zip files and other compression algorithms
- Won't go over details due to time



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- Note: If numbers are integers in $[-N, N]$, solvable in $O(n + N \log N)$ via FFT

How Often Should You Beat Your Kids?

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A result is proved which shows, roughly speaking, that one should beat one's kids every day except Sunday.

This note is a follow-up to the note “How to Beat Your Kids at Their Own Game,” by K. Levasseur [1], in which the author proposes the following game to be played against one’s two-year-old children: Starting with a deck consisting of n red cards and n black cards (in typical applications, $n = 26$), the cards are turned up one at a time, each player at each stage predicting the color of the card which is about to appear. The kid is supposed to guess “Red” or “Black” randomly with equal probability (this solves the problem of constructing a perfect random number generator), while you play what is obviously the optimal strategy—guessing randomly (or, if you prefer,

Multiplying this by the probability that $m(p) = m$ as computed above, we find finally

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{probability of winning} &\approx \frac{1}{2} + \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \frac{m}{2n} e^{-m^2/4n} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{m/2\sqrt{n}} e^{-u^2} du \right) \\
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 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} \left(\int_{2u}^{\infty} x e^{-x^2/4} dx \right) du \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} (2e^{-u^2}) du \\
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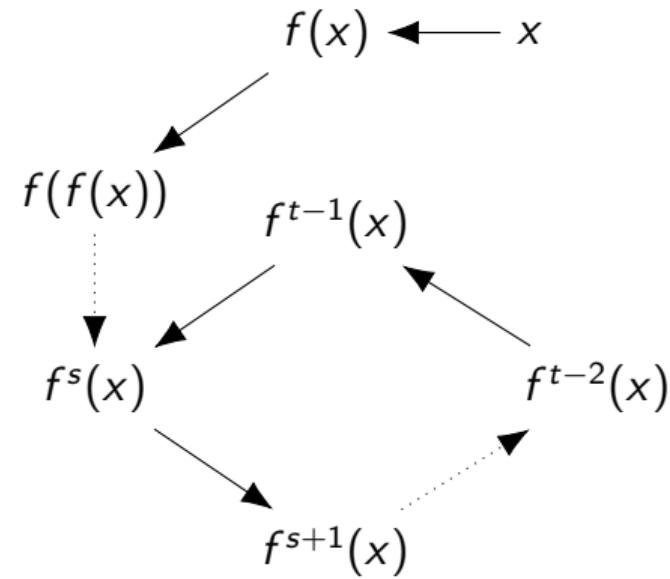
as claimed. This is very nearly $6/7$, so the result of our paper can be conveniently implemented by beating one's kids on weekdays and Saturdays, but never on Sunday.

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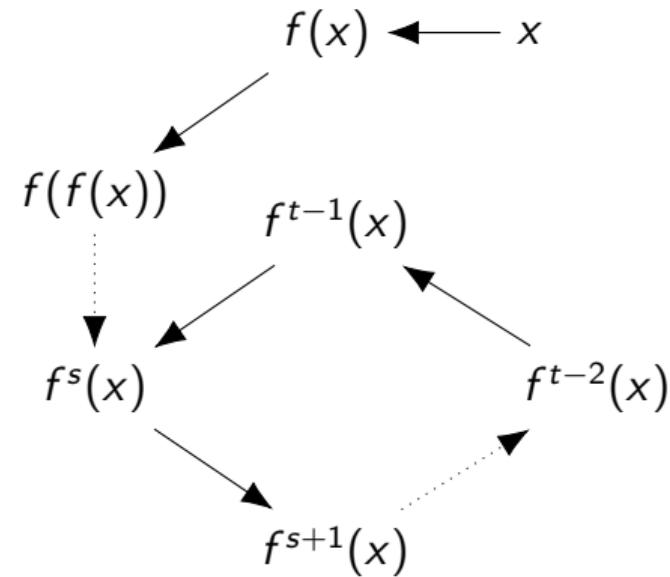
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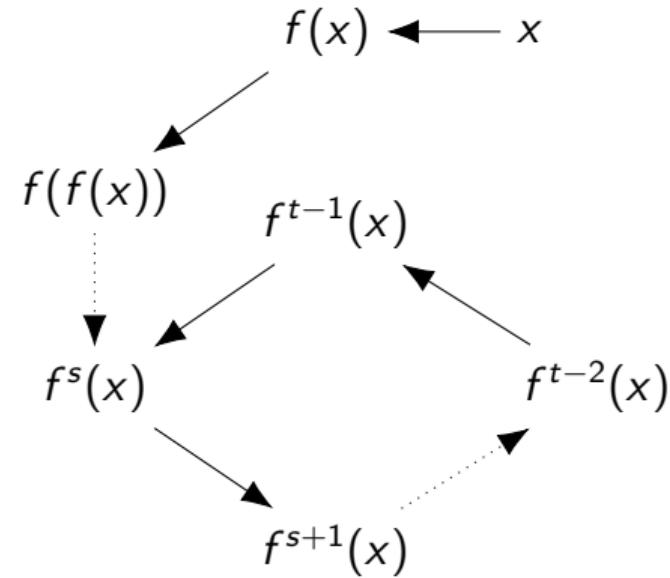
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- Find s, t such that $f^s(x) = f^{s+t}(x)$



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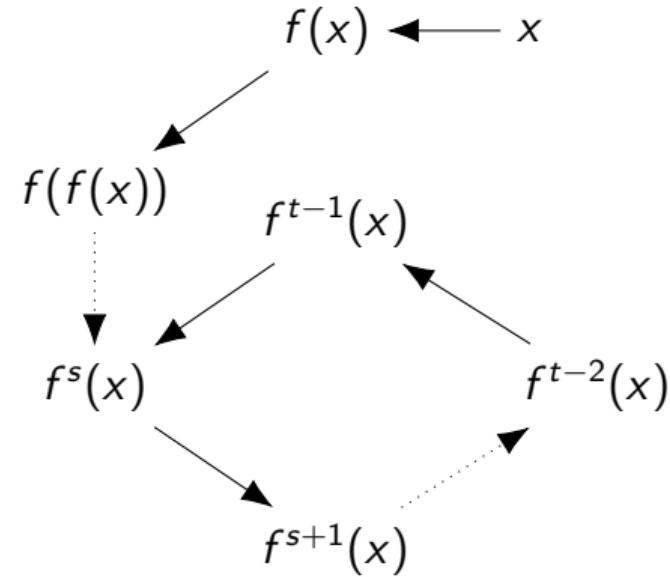
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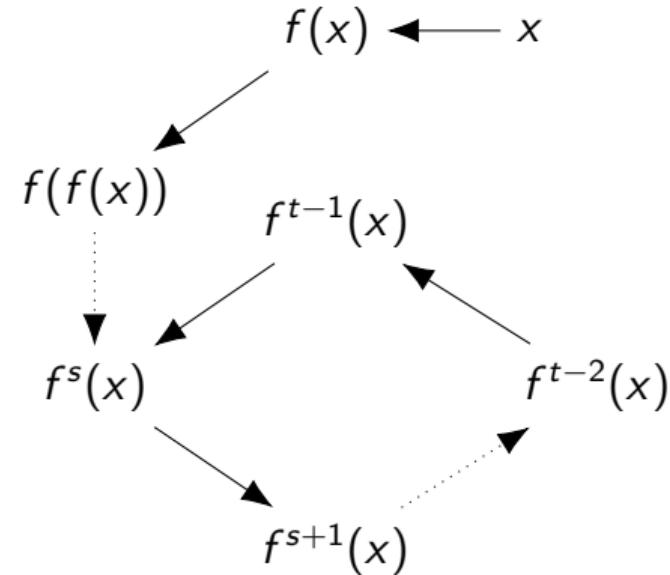
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Tortoise and Hare: Pollard's Kangaroo

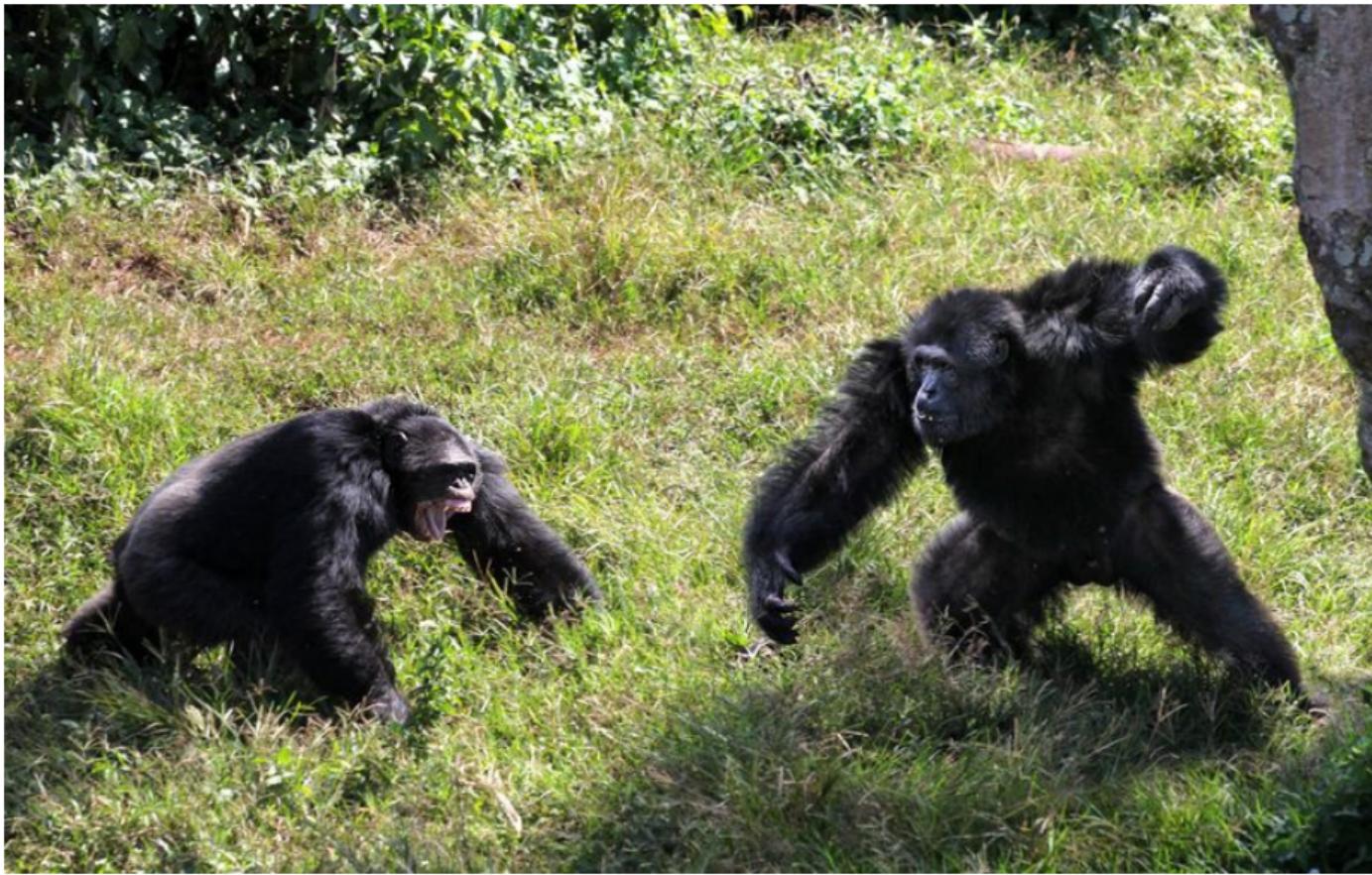
How Long Does it Take to Catch a Wild Kangaroo?

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November 7, 2010

Abstract

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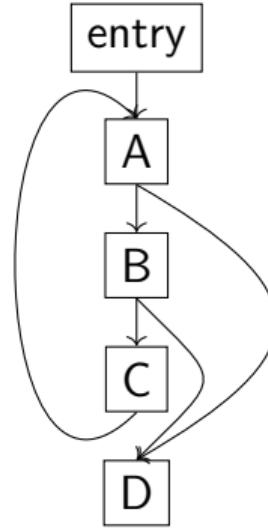


Primal Duel

- Optimization problems
 - Find minimum/maximum of objective function
 - Variables must satisfy constraints
- Initial formulation called the “primal”
- There is a transformation that moves primal constraints into objective function terms, and moves primal objective function terms into constraints
 - The resulting formulation is called the “dual”
- Some optimization algorithms switch between primal and dual formulations
 - Primal-dual methods

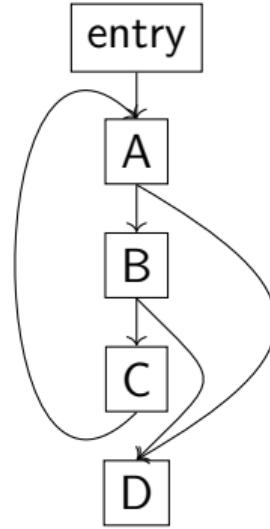
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