

# Selected use cases of structured recursion schemes

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# Introduction

## Wigner Research Centre for Physics:

- One of the largest research institute of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- Member of many important international collaborations: CERN LHC (particle physics), LIGO/VIRGO (gravitational waves), ESA (Rosetta mission), ITER, Jet (fusion experiments)...
- Wigner Datacenter: largest off-site compute infrastructure of the CERN



# Introduction

## Wigner GPU Lab:

- Research and support group at the Wigner Institute providing
  - Computational resources:  
small GPU cluster and development machines from all vendors
  - Developer's assistance:  
Help researchers with programming, dev tools, recommendations  
Dissemination: annual [GPU Day](#), lectures
- Research/Develop scalable, generic simulations and visualizations
- Seek and Evaluate new, emerging technologies, participate in the development of existing ones  
we're members of the Khronos OpenCL Advisory Panel, and keep annoying members of the C++ committee



# Introduction

## Wigner GPU Lab:

Most importantly:

trying to find the best language combination that could make generic abstract mathematical simulations realized from clusters down to GPUs, while being portable, generic, user friendly, developer friendly  
...

We mostly work in *modern* C++ (14/17)  
while keeping an eye on [rust](#) and often blinking at Haskell and F#



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Best recent literature, community, clean syntax, good representation to think in.

Seems like an ideal entry to functional programming today.

Even more importantly:  
very useful abstractions were developed for manipulating trees...



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```

```
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```

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# Fix points one level higher



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-- fix point combinator at type level:

```
newtype Fix f = Fix (f (Fix f))
```

-- compare with the value level version:

```
fix :: (a -> a) -> a
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```
fix f = f (fix f)
```



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The Const branch is  
the stopping point of  
recursion (no *r* in it!)

*r* will be the  
recursive position





# Recursive types

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             | Mul r r
deriving Functor
```

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```

Now this *is* recursive!



# Recursive types

How to construct such a tree?

```
-- constant node tree
```

```
Fix $ Const 42 :: Fix ExprF
```

```
-- tree with a multiplication node and two constants
```

```
Fix $ Mul (Fix $ Const 6) (Fix $ Const 7) :: Fix ExprF
```



# Tree Recursions

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Bottom-up consume/traverse,  
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After `unFix`  
you can use the sumtype



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```
cata :: Functor f => (f a -> a) -> Fix f -> a  
cata alg = alg . fmap (cata alg) . unFix
```

Top-down: *anamorphism*

```
ana :: Functor f => (a -> f a) -> a -> Fix f  
ana coalg = Fix . fmap (ana coalg) . coalg
```



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These functions describe  
the logic to be done at a  
single step in the tree

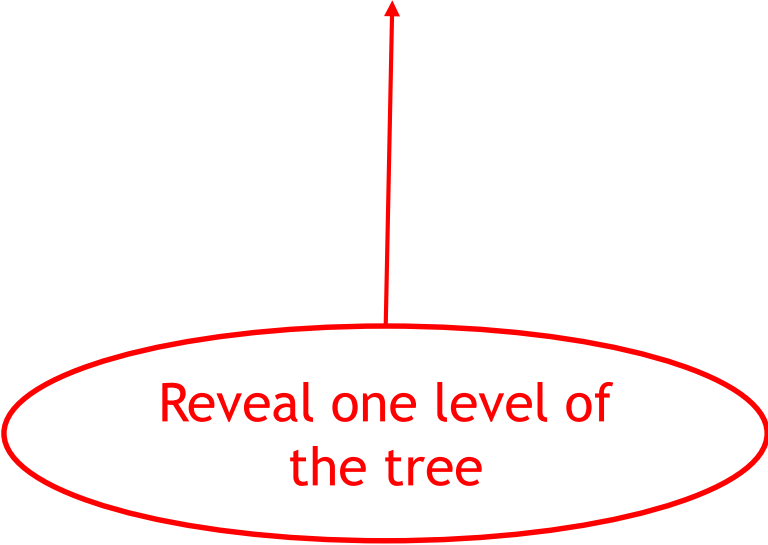
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Reveal one level of  
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Step into the new level and  
apply itself to the childs

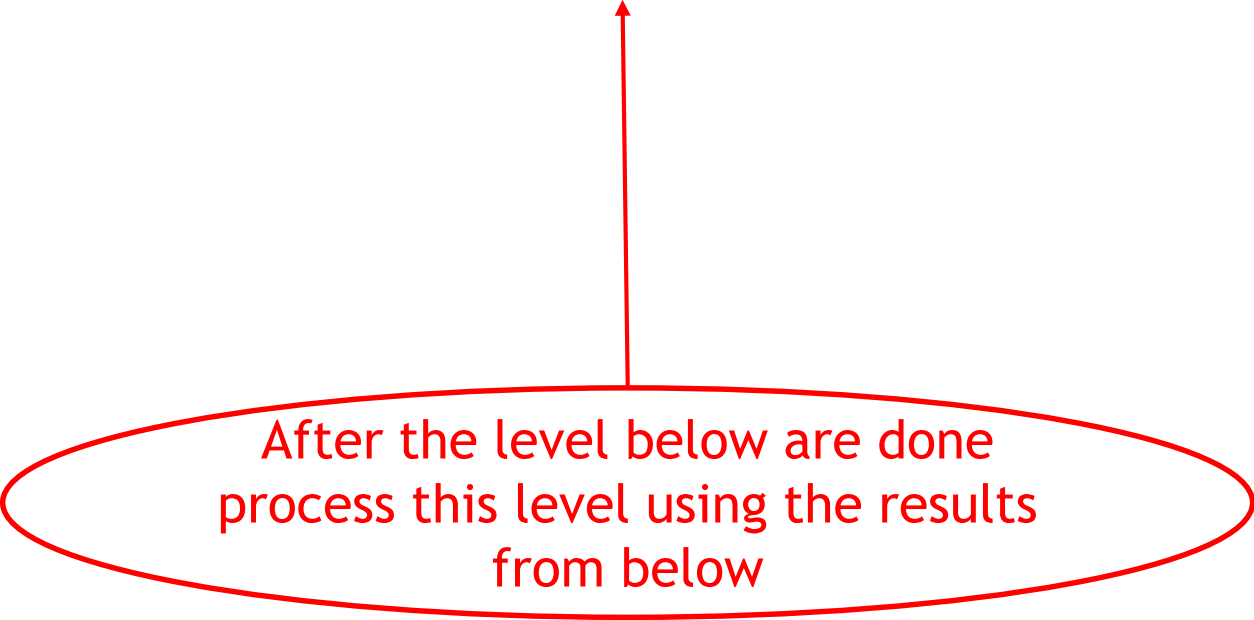




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After the level below are done  
process this level using the results  
from below



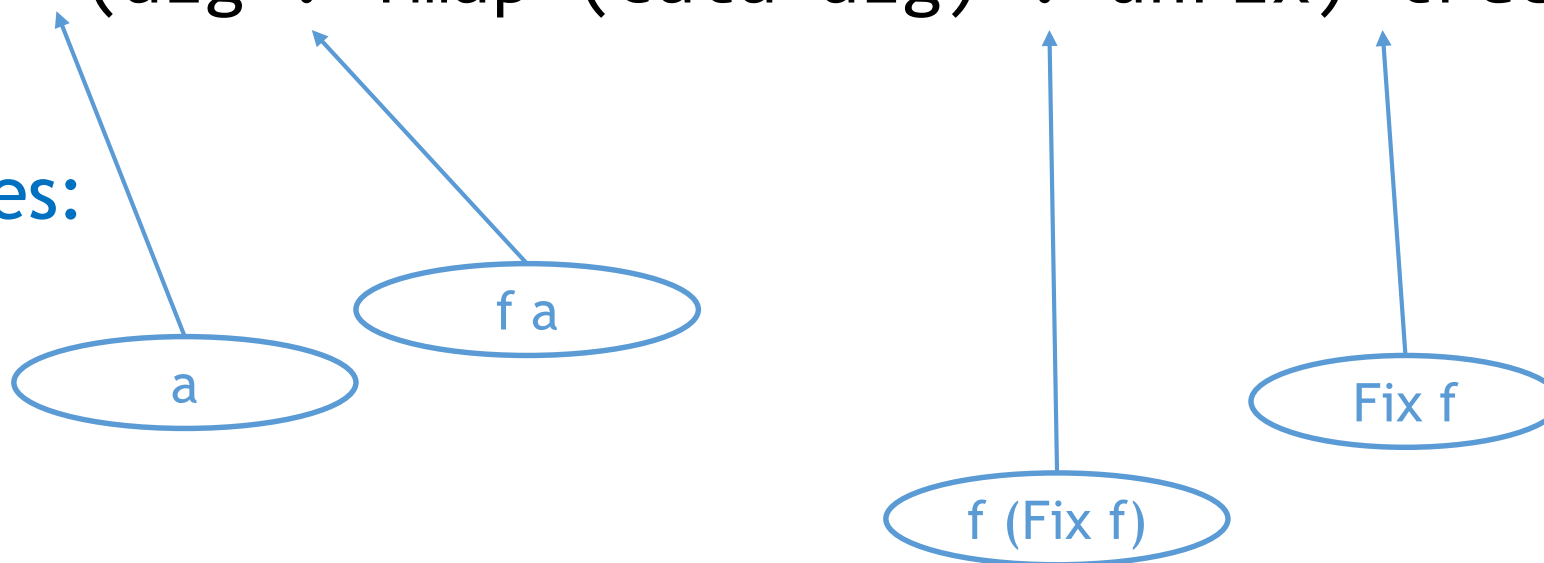
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# Tree Recursions

Top-down traverse: *anamorphism*

```
ana :: Functor f => (a -> f a) -> a -> Fix f  
ana coalg seed = (Fix . fmap (ana coalg) . coalg) seed
```

Fix (wrap) the level  
in the tree type

step into new level  
and repeat

create one level of  
the tree from a seed



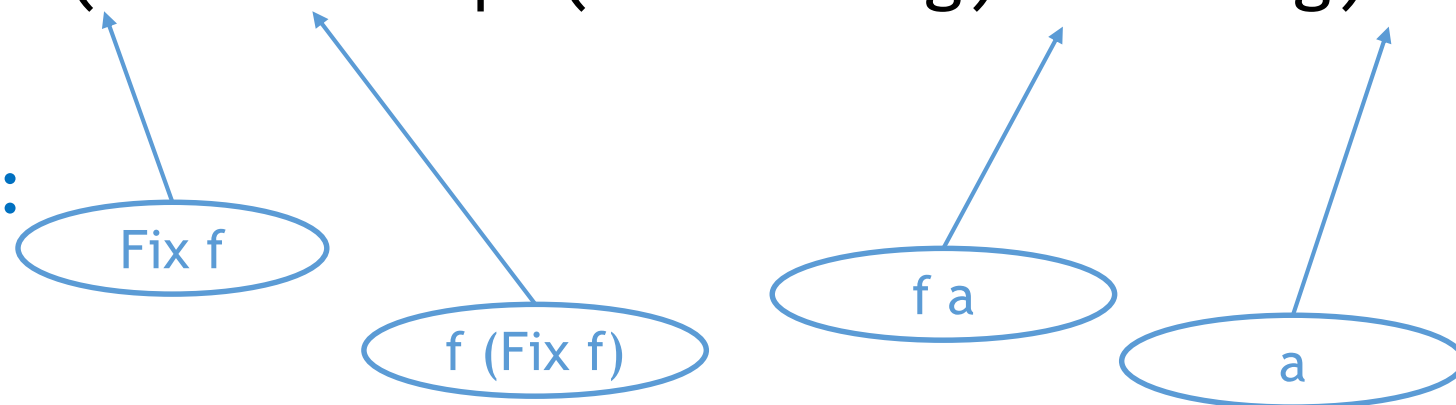
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Bottom-up traverse: *catamorphism*

$\text{ana} :: \text{Functor } f \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow f\ a) \rightarrow a \rightarrow \text{Fix } f$

$\text{ana } \text{coalg } \text{seed} = (\text{Fix} \cdot \text{fmap } (\text{ana } \text{coalg}) \cdot \text{coalg}) \text{ seed}$

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# Catamorphisms

Simple sample: pretty printer for the expression tree:

```
showF :: Fix ExprF -> [Char]
```

```
showF = cata alg
```

where

```
alg (Const x) = show x
```

```
alg (Add x y) = "(" ++ x ++ "+" ++ y ++ ")"
```

```
alg (Mul x y) = "(" ++ x ++ "*" ++ y ++ ")"
```



# Catamorphisms

Simple sample: evaluator for the expression tree:

```
evalF :: Fix ExprF -> Integer
```

```
evalF = cata alg
```

where

```
alg (Const x) = x
```

```
alg (Add x y) = x + y
```

```
alg (Mul x y) = x * y
```



# Anamorphisms

Simple sample: evaluator for the expression tree:

```
-- Sumtype for the expression node types
```

```
data ExprF r = Const Integer
```

```
           | Add r r
```

```
           | Mul r r
```

```
           | Pow r r
```

```
    deriving (Show, Functor)
```

```
-- Sumtype for restricting recursion in some cases
```

```
data WantRec = Rec | NoRec
```



# Anamorphisms

```
toPowExpr :: Integer -> Integer -> Expr
```

```
toPowExpr base x = ana coAlg (x, Rec) where
```

```
coAlg (n, NoRec) = Const n
```

```
coAlg (n, _) | n <= base = Const n
```

```
coAlg (n, _) | isPow base n =  
    Pow (base, NoRec) (intLog base n, NoRec)
```

```
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Keep small constants  
as is and also stop if  
NoRec was given



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If we have a perfect power of the base create a Pow,  
just calculate the exponent



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coAlg (n, _) | otherwise = let ln = intLog base n in
```

```
    Add (base^ln, Rec) (n - (base^ln), Rec)
```

Else, break the number into a sum separating the largest possible whole power



# Anamorphisms

Example outputs:

```
putStrLn $ showF $ toPowExpr 2 31  
((2^4)+((2^3)+((2^2)+(2+1))))
```

```
putStrLn $ showF $ toPowExpr 4 115  
((4^3)+((4^2)+((4^2)+((4^2)+3))))
```



# Tree transformations

The funny part begins, when both the inputs and the outputs are trees!



# Tree transformations

-- Sumtype for the expression tree

```
data ExprF r = Const Integer
```

```
          | Add r r
```

```
          | Mul r r
```

```
          | Pow r r
```

```
    deriving (Show, Functor)
```

We store an additional integer in the tree

```
data WithCostF f r = WithCost (f r) Integer
```

```
    deriving Functor
```

```
cost :: WithCostF f r -> Integer
```

```
cost (WithCost _ c) = c
```



# Tree transformations

```
-- cost estimator for the expression tree
```

```
calculateCost :: Fix ExprF -> Fix (WithCostF ExprF)
```

```
calculateCost = cata alg
```

```
  where costF = cost . unFix
```

```
    alg :: ExprF (Fix (WithCostF ExprF)) -> Fix (WithCostF ExprF)
```

```
    alg (Const x  ) = Fix $ WithCost (Const x)    1
```

```
    alg (Add x0 y0) = Fix $ WithCost (Add x0 y0) (1  + costF x0 + costF y0)
```

```
    alg (Mul x0 y0) = Fix $ WithCost (Mul x0 y0) (2  + costF x0 + costF y0)
```

```
    alg (Pow x0 y0) = Fix $ WithCost (Pow x0 y0) (10 + costF x0 + costF y0)
```



# Tree transformations

Example output with a pretty printer:

before:  $((2^{(4+3)}) * 2)$

after:  $((2[1]^{(4[1]+3[1])}[3] * 2[1])[17])$





# Tree transformations

A more complicated example: simple lambda calculus evaluator

A large, stylized black lambda symbol ( $\lambda$ ) representing the lambda calculus.

# Tree transformations

```
-- sumtype for the expression tree
data ExprF r = Const Integer
             | Var Char
             | Add r      r
             | Sub r      r
             | Abs Char r
             | App r      r
  deriving Functor
```



# Tree transformations

-- sumtype for the expression tree

data ExprF r = Const Integer

| Var Char

← Variable, also a terminal type

| Add r r

← Some arithmetic for fun

| Sub r r

| Abs Char r

← Lambda abstraction

| App r r

← Lambda application

deriving Functor

$\lambda$

# Tree transformations

```
data EvalF f r = EvalF {  
    expr  :: f r,  
    stack :: [Fix (EvalF f)],  
    env   :: [(Char, Fix (EvalF f))]  
} deriving Functor  
  
type EvalExprF = EvalF ExprF
```

Tree

Unbound  
expression  
stack

Environment:  
bound variables



# Tree transformations

Idea: as the anamorphism descends,

- it takes the arguments from the App nodes  
and put them onto the stack
- at Abs it takes the trees from the stack and binds them to the variable
- at Var it searches the environment and replace Var with the bound tree

$\lambda$

# Tree transformations

Main points:

```
coalg :: Fix EvalExprF -> EvalExprF (Fix EvalExprF)
coalg (Fix (EvalF x stack env)) =
    case x :: ExprF (Fix EvalExprF) of

--take first (earliest) expression from the stack and bind
Abs c ex->let EvalF y _ _ = (unFix ex)
           z = Fix $ (EvalF y (tail stack) (env++[(c, head stack)]))
           in EvalF (Abs c z) [] []
```



# Tree transformations

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```
coalg :: Fix EvalExprF -> EvalExprF (Fix EvalExprF)
coalg (Fix (EvalF x stack env)) =
    case x :: ExprF (Fix EvalExprF) of
--add the current expression (right node) to the stack
App ex1 ex2 -> let EvalF x1 _ _ = (unFix ex1)
                  EvalF x2 _ _ = (unFix ex2) in
EvalF (App
      (Fix $ (EvalF x1 (xs++[Fix $ (EvalF x2 stack env)])) env))
      (Fix $ (EvalF (Const 0) [] []))
    ) [] []
```



# Tree transformations

The evaluator is simpler:

```
-- algebra for evaluating an expression tree
alg :: Expr Integer -> Integer
alg (EvalF x _ _) = case x of
    Const i    -> i
    Var      c  -> error "undefined variable!"
    Add      x y -> x + y
    Sub      x y -> x - y
    Abs      s b -> b
    App      f v -> f
```





# Tree transformations

Finally the whole algorithm is a *composition* of the ana and cata pass:

```
eval :: Fix Expr -> Integer
```

```
eval = cata alg
```

```
pre :: (Fix Expr) -> (Fix Expr)
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pre = ana coalg
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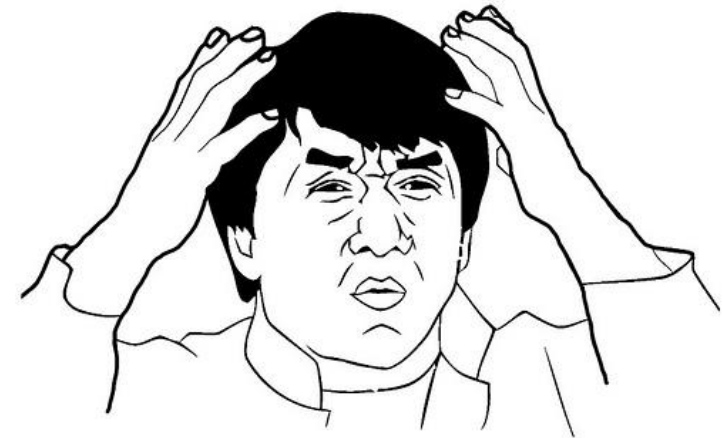
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This composition is called a  
*hylomorphism*



- How all this stuff is relevant in physics simulations?



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Scientists need domain specific languages to express algorithms and equations in their field -> trees...

$$-\frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = \nabla \times E$$

This high level task should be processed down in multiple steps into a *highly efficient* numerical scheme (in C++) running on clusters and GPUs and what not

We have a [prototype implementation](#) targeting lin alg implemented fully in C++ using catas

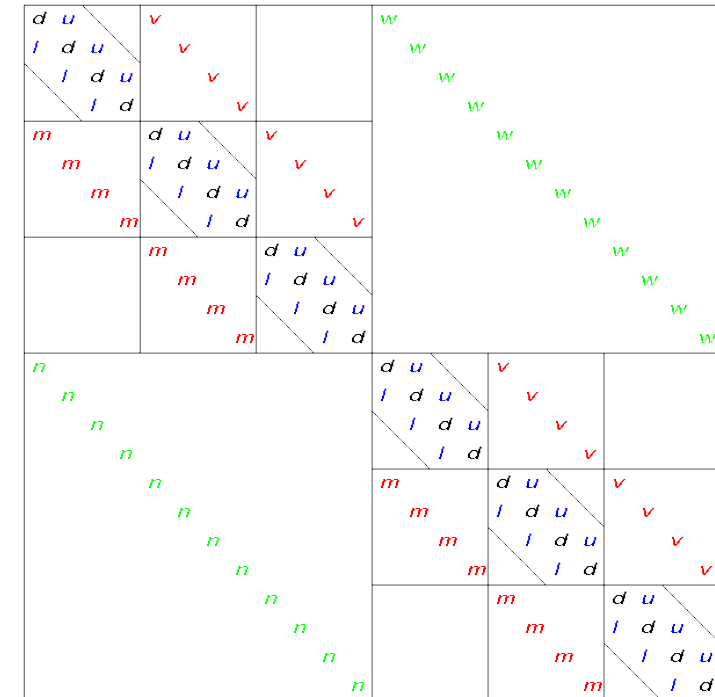


# Outlook

High efficiency is obligatory, since the computation demand is enormous (simulations are usually not memory limited)

High level formulation is useful, since high level optimizations cannot be carried out at low level (information is lost downward)!

Numerical details are usually inferable from the equations and very high level field specific assumptions





Trees emerge not just by expressions . . .

Even flat programming tasks develop trees because of the underlying hardware mechanisms:

- memory limits,

- caching,

- hierarchical parallelism



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map the rows of A -> r

map the cols of B -> c

the dot product: `fold (+) 0 ( zip (*) r c )`



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- Above  $N \sim 4$  you run out of (vector) registers
- Above  $N \sim 16-64$  you run out of cache or local memory  $\sim O(32k)$   
max # work group threads ( $\sim 256$  on GPUs)
- Above  $N \sim 16k$  you run out of max single memory allocation on GPU
- Above  $N \sim 64k$  you run out of max thread count in 2D  
and total video memory, may try to use multiple GPUs
- Above  $N \sim 100k$  you run out of RAM on the host,  
you need to stream to/from disk,  
you need to use distributed parallelism
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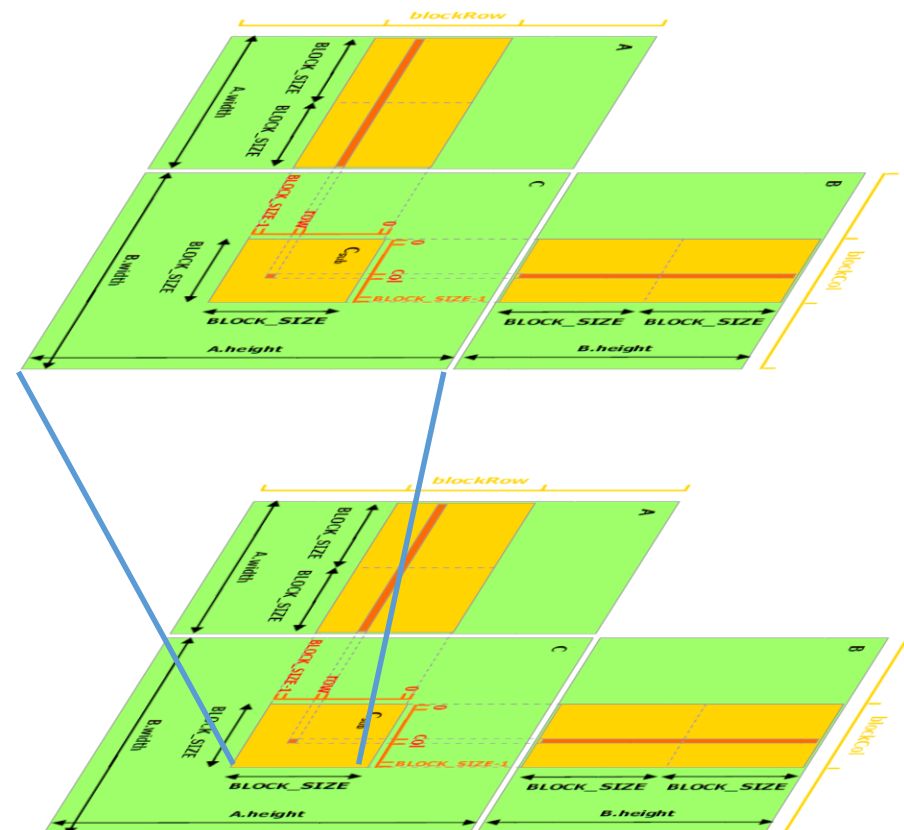
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# Outlook

Your „flat” matrix type was:

$$a \wedge (N \times N)$$

But became:

$$a \wedge (n1 \times n1) \wedge (n2 \times n2) \wedge \dots$$

$$\text{where } n1 \times n2 \times \dots = N$$

voila, trees again!

Memory type and other annotations may be placed at the different levels to drive placement of blocks by cost estimation. Ideal job for cata/ana.



Usually numerical algorithms are given by imperative / procedural (pseudo)codes.

Reformulating them by recursion schemes could reduce code bloat, improve maintainability, makes optimizations easier.



The repeated tree transformations by the large zoo of recursion schemes are currently being investigated to drive annotations, optimizing replacements and code generation for such simulations to aid scientists.

[link](#)

## Destruction Morphisms

### catamorphism

$$\text{cata} :: \forall a. (f\ a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \mu f \rightarrow a$$

f-algebra

Also known as "fold". Deconstructs a f-structure level-by-level and applies the algebra [13, 5, 14, 6].

### paramorphism

$$\text{para} :: \forall a. (f\ (\mu f, a) \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \mu f \rightarrow a$$

A.k.a. "the Tupling-Trick". Like cata, but allows access to the full subtree during teardown. Is a special case of zygo, with the helper being the initial-algebra [16].

### zygomorphism

$$\text{zygo} :: \forall a\ b. (f\ (a, b) \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (f\ b \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \mu f \rightarrow a$$

Allows depending on a helper algebra for deconstructing a f-structure. A generalisation of para.

### histomorphism

$$\text{histo} :: \forall a. (f\ (\text{Cofree } f\ a) \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \mu f \rightarrow a$$

Deconstructs the f-structure with the help of all previous computation for the substructures (the trace). Difference to para: The sub-computation is already available and needs not to be recomputed.

### prepromorphism

$$\text{prepro} :: \forall a. (f\ a \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (f \rightsquigarrow f) \rightarrow \mu f \rightarrow a$$

Applies the natural transformation at every level, before destructing with the algebra. Can be seen as a one-level rewrite. This extension can be combined with other destruction morphisms [4].

## Construction Morphisms

### anamorphism

$$\text{ana} :: \forall a. (a \rightarrow f\ a) \rightarrow a \rightarrow \nu f$$

f-coalgebra

Also known as "unfold". Constructs a f-structure level-by-level, starting with a seed and repeatedly applying the coalgebra [13, 5].

### apomorphism

$$\text{apo} :: \forall a. (a \rightarrow f\ (a + \nu f)) \rightarrow a \rightarrow \nu f$$

A.k.a. "the Co-Tupling-Trick"™. Like ana, but also allows to return an entire substructure instead of one level only. Is a special case of g-apo, with the helper being the final-coalgebra [17, 16].

### g-apomorphism

$$\text{gapo} :: \forall a\ b. (a \rightarrow f\ (a + b)) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow f\ b) \rightarrow a \rightarrow \nu f$$

Allows depending on a helper coalgebra for constructing a f-structure. A generalisation of apo.

### futurmorphism

$$\text{futu} :: \forall a. (a \rightarrow f\ (\text{Free } f\ a)) \rightarrow a \rightarrow \nu f$$

Constructs a f-structure stepwise, but the coalgebra can return multiple layers of a-valued substructures at once. Difference to apo: the subtrees can again contain as [16].

### postpromorphism

$$\text{postpro} :: \forall a. (a \rightarrow f\ a) \rightarrow (f \rightsquigarrow f) \rightarrow a \rightarrow \nu f$$

Applies the natural transformation at every level, after construction with the coalgebra. Can be seen as a one-level rewrite. This extension can be combined with other construction morphisms.



Thank you for your attention!

Feed back and references are very welcome!

Further reading:

Tim Willams' [talk](#)

Edward Kmett's [blog](#) posts

Patrick Thomson's [blog](#) posts

Bartosz Milewski's [blog](#) posts

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