



# Skeptik

A Proof Compression System

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# Why do we want to compress proofs?

- the fastest techniques to find proofs do not necessarily find the best proofs
- automatically generated proofs can be redundant
- Can we automatically improve proofs?
- Hilbert's 24th Problem:  
when is a proof better than another?
- Smaller proofs, faster proof checking, smaller unsat cores, better interpolants, ...



# 100% User Satisfaction

(but only one external user so far)

[Interpolation-Based Synthesis of Hardware Controllers]

"I tried, as explained in an earlier email, to obtain a new (purely propositional) proof from veriT, based on the stronger (colorable) theory lemmas that my splitting procedure generated.

This veriT proof has 1,870,407 nodes.

Skeptik reduced it (using RPI) to 868,760 nodes  
(63,6% reduction).

[...]

So, aside from the long parsing times and  
the rather high memory consumption,

Skeptik performs very well on my proofs and is definitely helpful. "

– Georg Hofferek

(more modest average compression ratio observed on  
problems of the SAT and SMT competitions)



# Which kinds of proofs can Skeptik currently compress?

- SMT proofs produced by The *veriT* solver

```
(set .c1 (input :conclusion ((and (<= a b) (<= b (+ a x)) (= x 0)
                                (or (not (= (f b) (f a))) (and (q a) (not (q (+ b x))))))))))
(set .c2 (and :clauses (.c1) :conclusion ((<= a b))))
(set .c3 (and :clauses (.c1) :conclusion ((<= b (+ a x)))))
(set .c4 (and :clauses (.c1) :conclusion ((= x 0))))
(set .c5 (and :clauses (.c1) :conclusion
              ((or (not (= (f b) (f a))) (and (q a) (not (q (+ b x))))))))
(set .c6 (and_pos :conclusion ((not (and (q a) (not (q (+ b x))))) (q a))))
(set .c7 (and_pos :conclusion ((not (and (q a) (not (q (+ b x))))) (not (q (+ b x))))))
(set .c8 (or :clauses (.c5) :conclusion
              ((not (= (f b) (f a))) (and (q a) (not (q (+ b x)))))))
(set .c9 (eq_congruent :conclusion ((not (= a b)) (= (f b) (f a)))))
(set .c10 (la_disequality :conclusion ((or (= a b) (not (<= a b)) (not (<= b a))))))
(set .c11 (or :clauses (.c10) :conclusion ((= a b) (not (<= a b)) (not (<= b a)))))
(set .c12 (resolution :clauses (.c11 .c2) :conclusion ((= a b) (not (<= b a)))))
(set .c13 (la_generic :conclusion ((not (<= b (+ a x))) (<= b a) (not (= x 0)))))
(set .c14 (resolution :clauses (.c13 .c3 .c4) :conclusion ((<= b a))))
(set .c15 (resolution :clauses (.c12 .c14) :conclusion ((= a b))))
(set .c16 (resolution :clauses (.c9 .c15) :conclusion ((= (f b) (f a)))))
(set .c17 (resolution :clauses (.c8 .c16) :conclusion ((and (q a) (not (q (+ b x)))))))
(set .c18 (resolution :clauses (.c6 .c17) :conclusion ((q a))))
(set .c19 (resolution :clauses (.c7 .c17) :conclusion ((not (q (+ b x))))))
(set .c20 (eq_congruent_pred :conclusion ((not (= a (+ b x))) (not (q a)) (q (+ b x)))))
(set .c21 (resolution :clauses (.c20 .c18 .c19) :conclusion ((not (= a (+ b x))))))
```



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## • SAT proofs in the TraceCheck Format

1	1	2	-3	0	0		
2	-1	-2	3	0	0		
3	2	3	-4	0	0		
4	-2	-3	4	0	0		
5	1	3	4	0	0		
6	-1	-3	-4	0	0		
7	-1	2	4	0	0		
8	1	-2	-4	0	0		
9	1	2	0	3	5	1	0
10	1	0	8	5	4	9	0
11	2	0	7	6	3	9	0
12	0	6	4	2	11	10	0

Conversion from DRUP  
to TraceCheck format  
possible with Marijn Heule's  
DRUP-Trim tool



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- Proofs in Skeptik's own proof format

TraceCheck format

1	1	2	0	0		
2	-1	2	0	0		
3	-2	0	0			
4	1	-2	0	0		
5	2	0	1	2	3	0
6	-2	0	2	3	4	0
7	0	5	6			



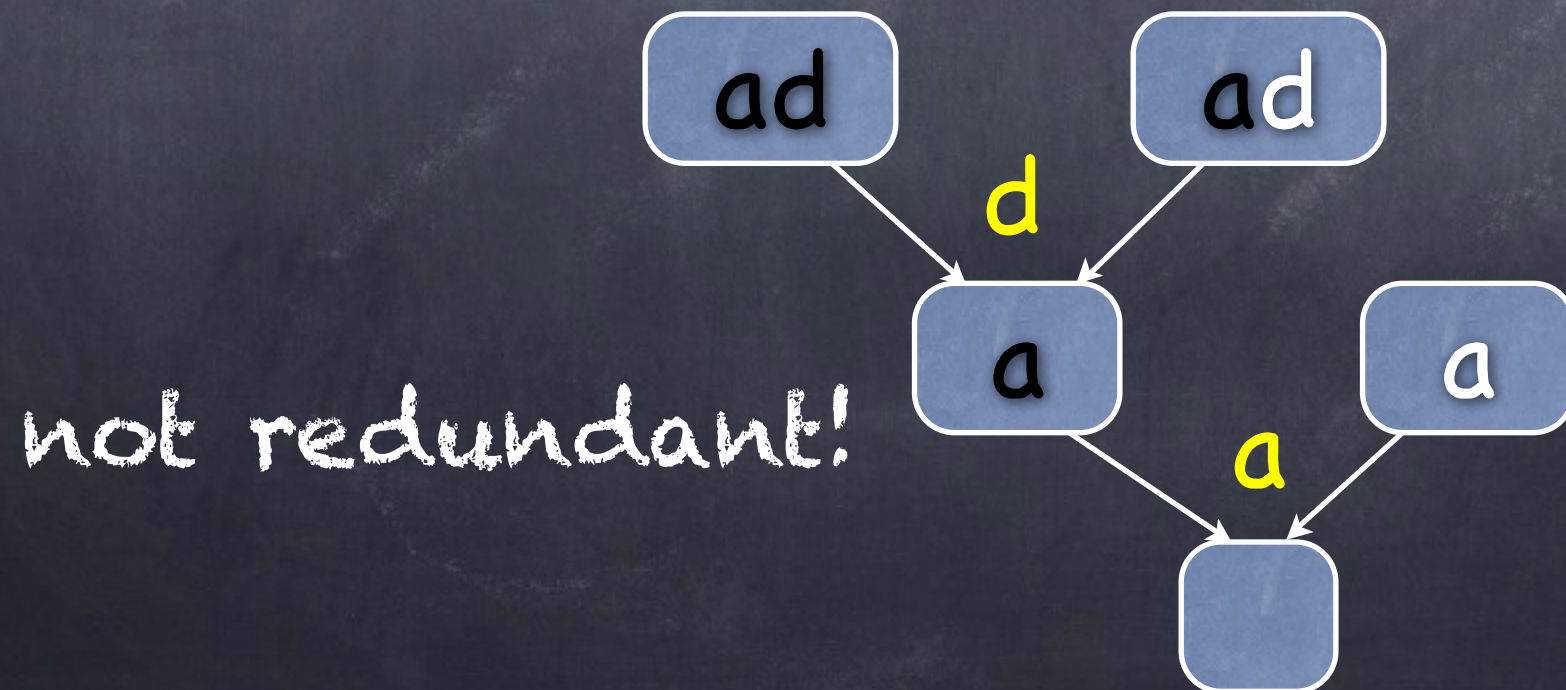
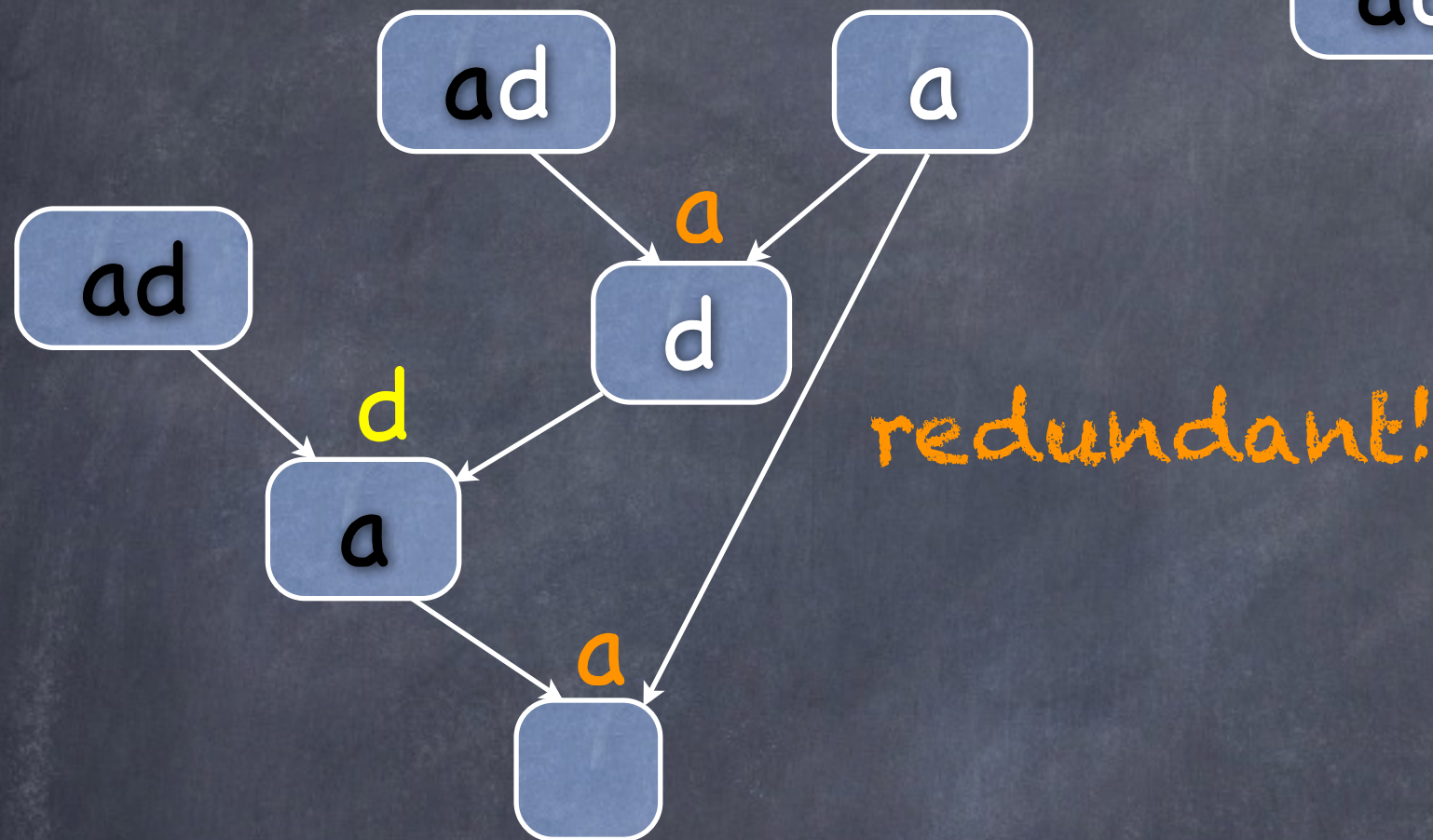
Skeptik's own format

$$u = (\{ 1 \vdash 2 \} [2] \{ 2 \vdash \})$$
$$q = ((\{ \vdash 1, 2 \} . u) . (u . \{ 2 \vdash 1 \} ))$$



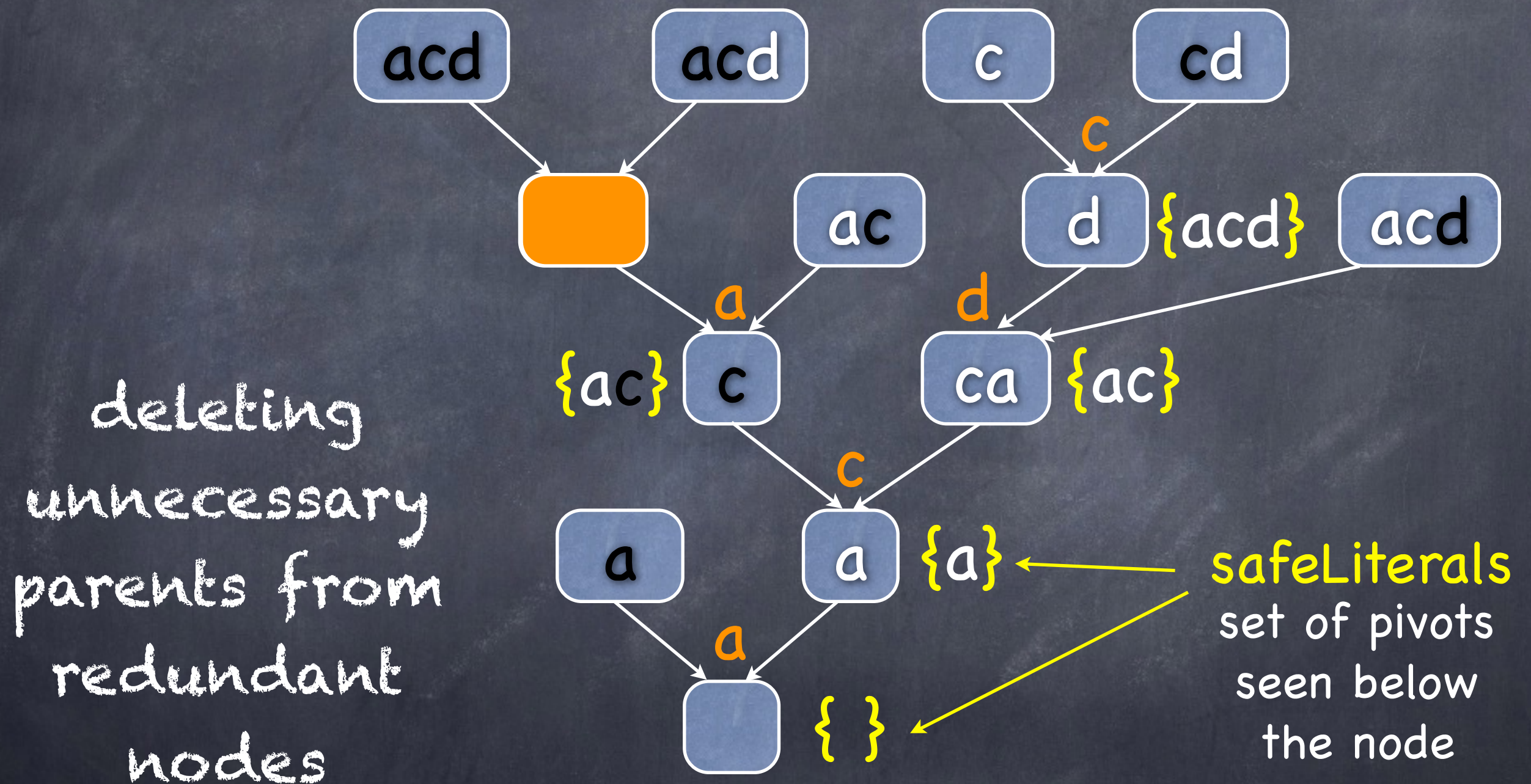
# How does Skeptik compress proofs?

$\boxed{ad}$  = not a or d  
= a implies d





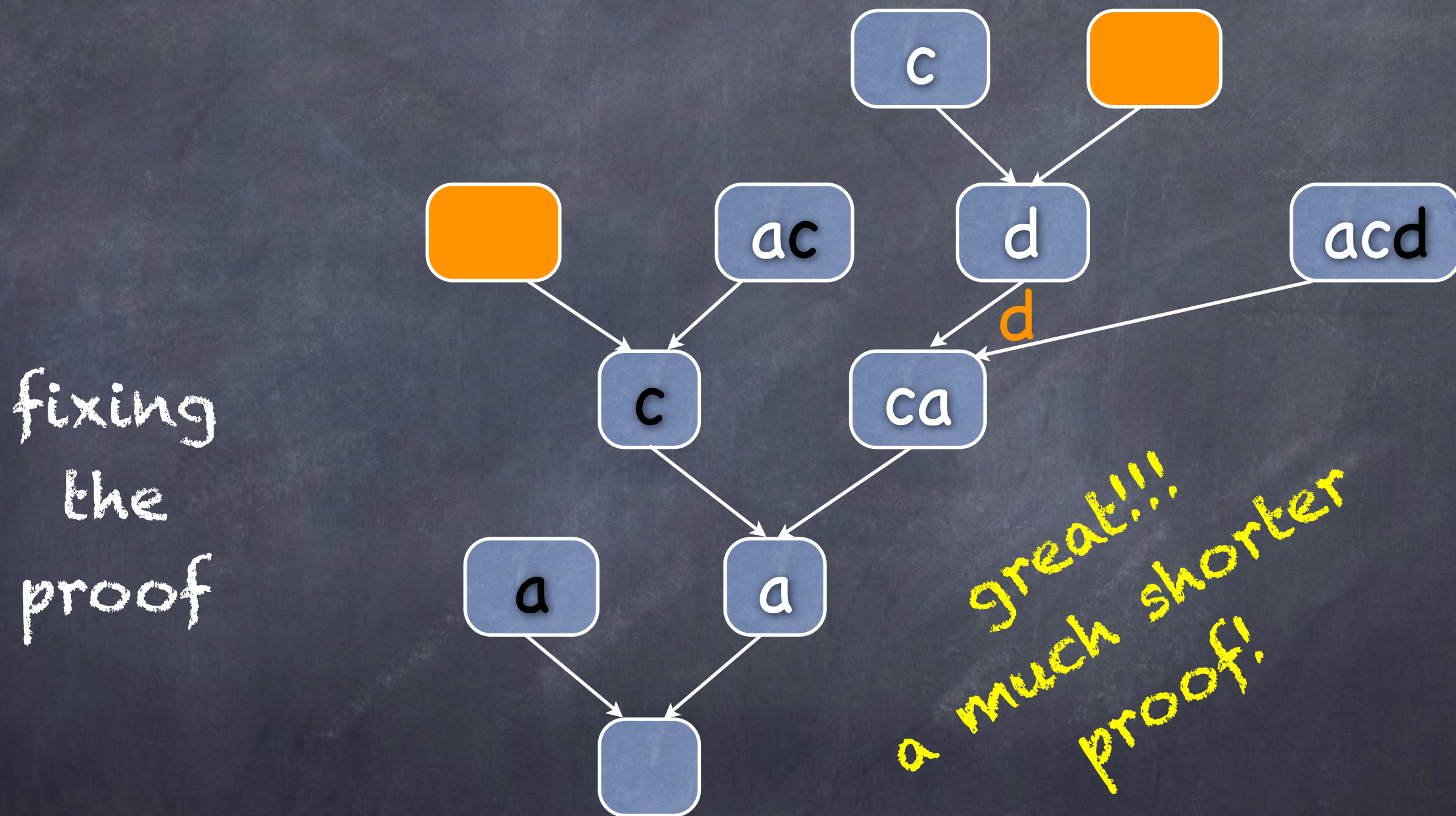
# RecyclePivots



Bottom-up traversal



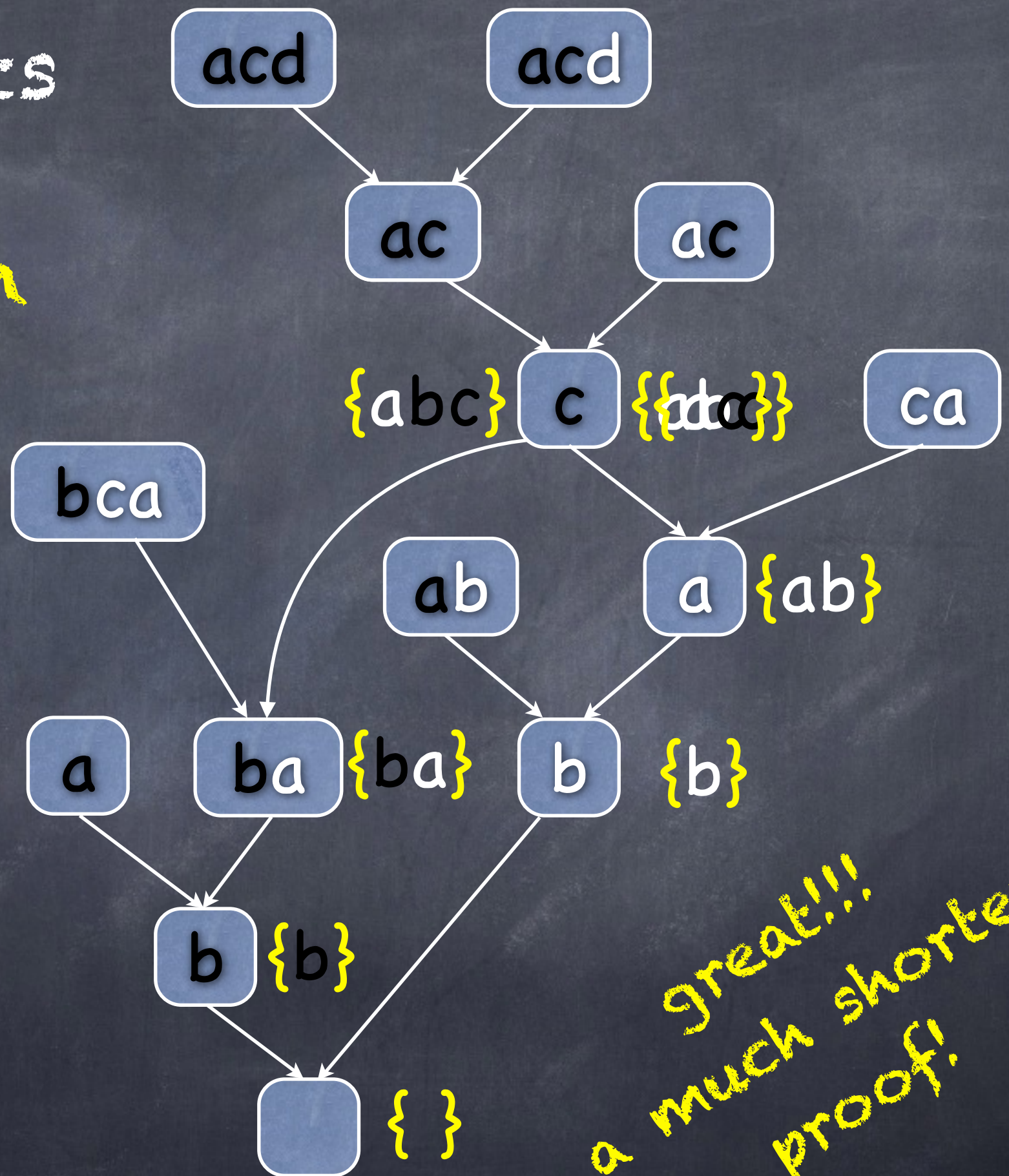
# RecyclePivots



# Top-down traversal

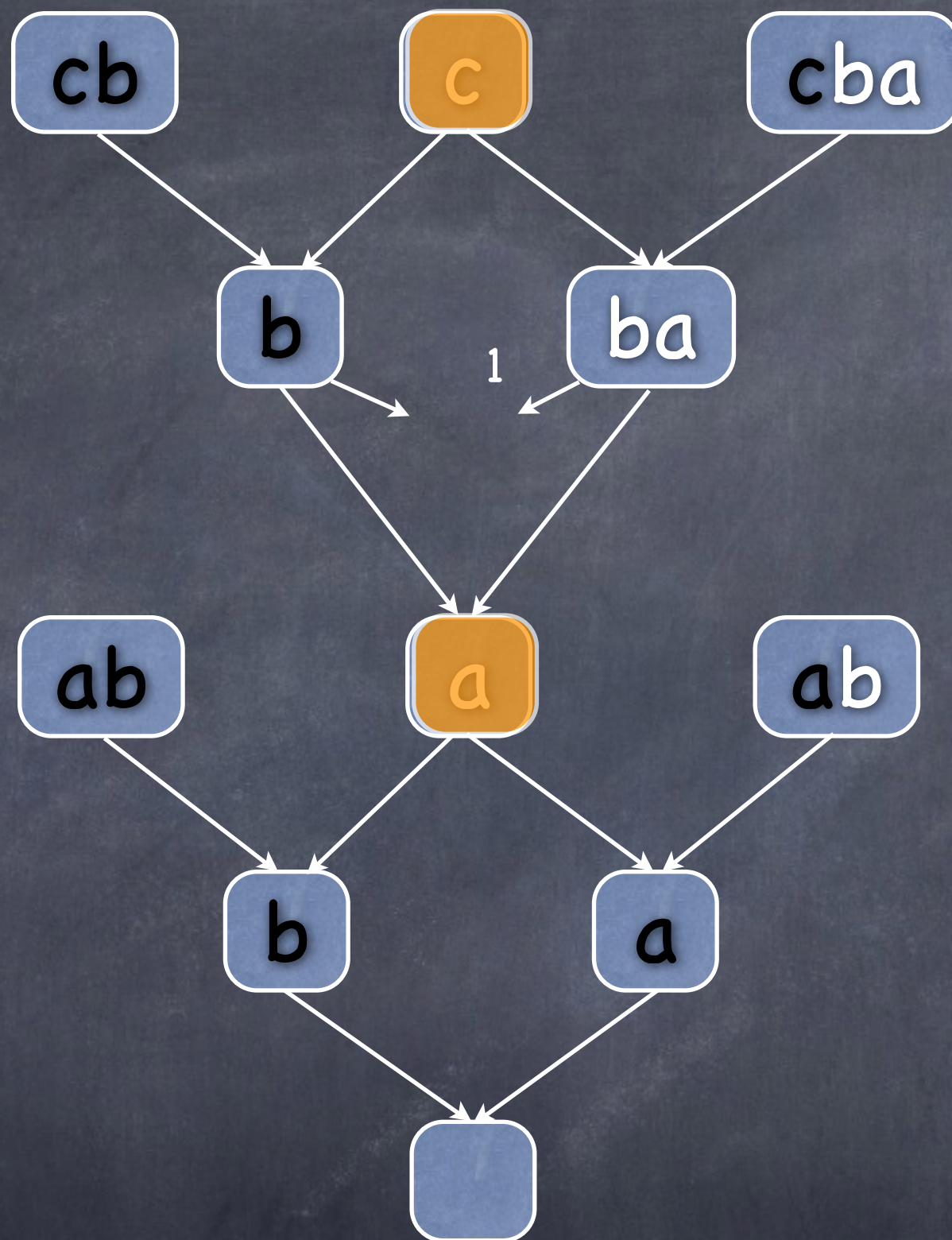


# RecyclePivots with Intersection



great!!!  
a much shorter  
proof!

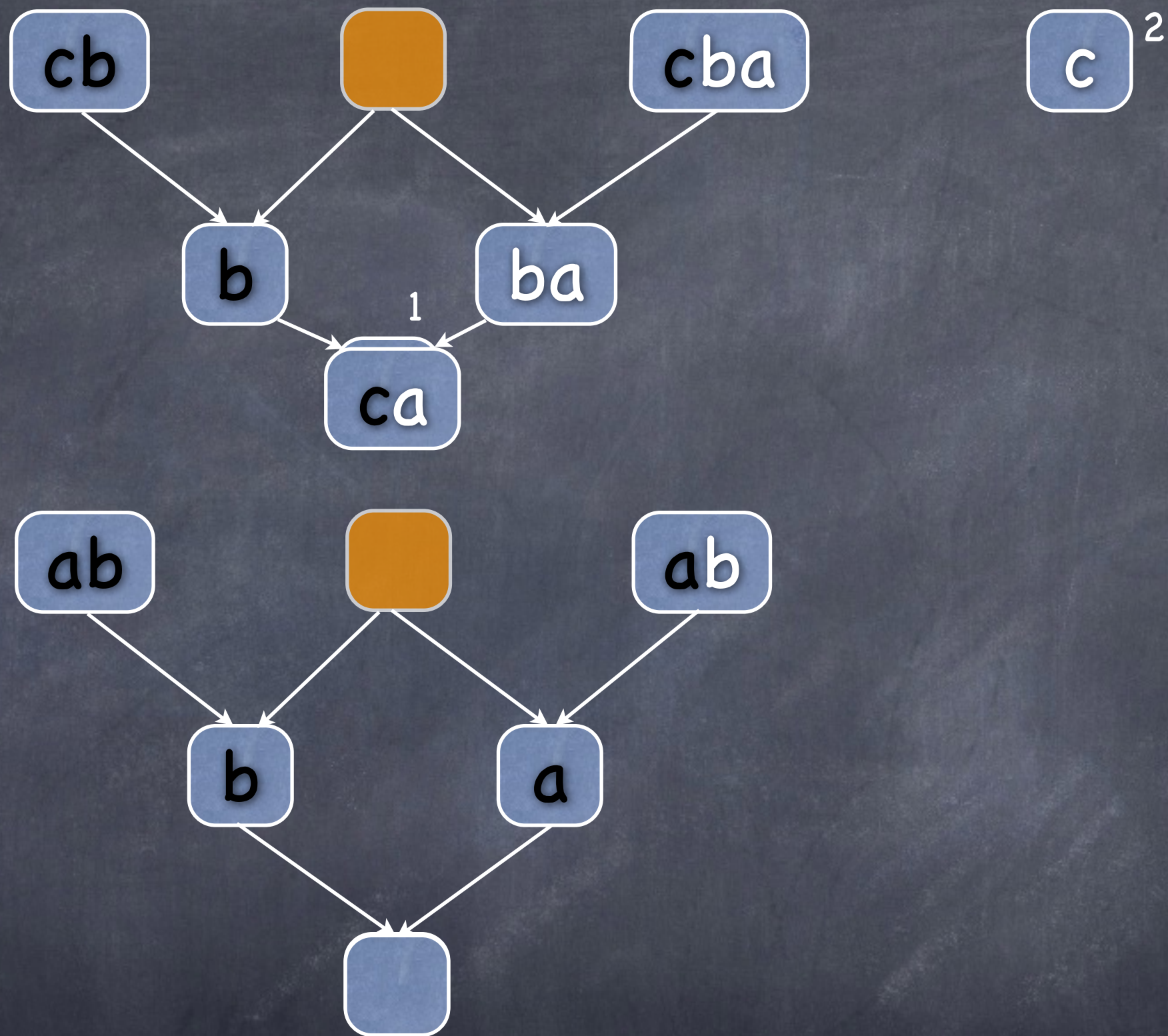




LowerUnits

collecting the units in a queue



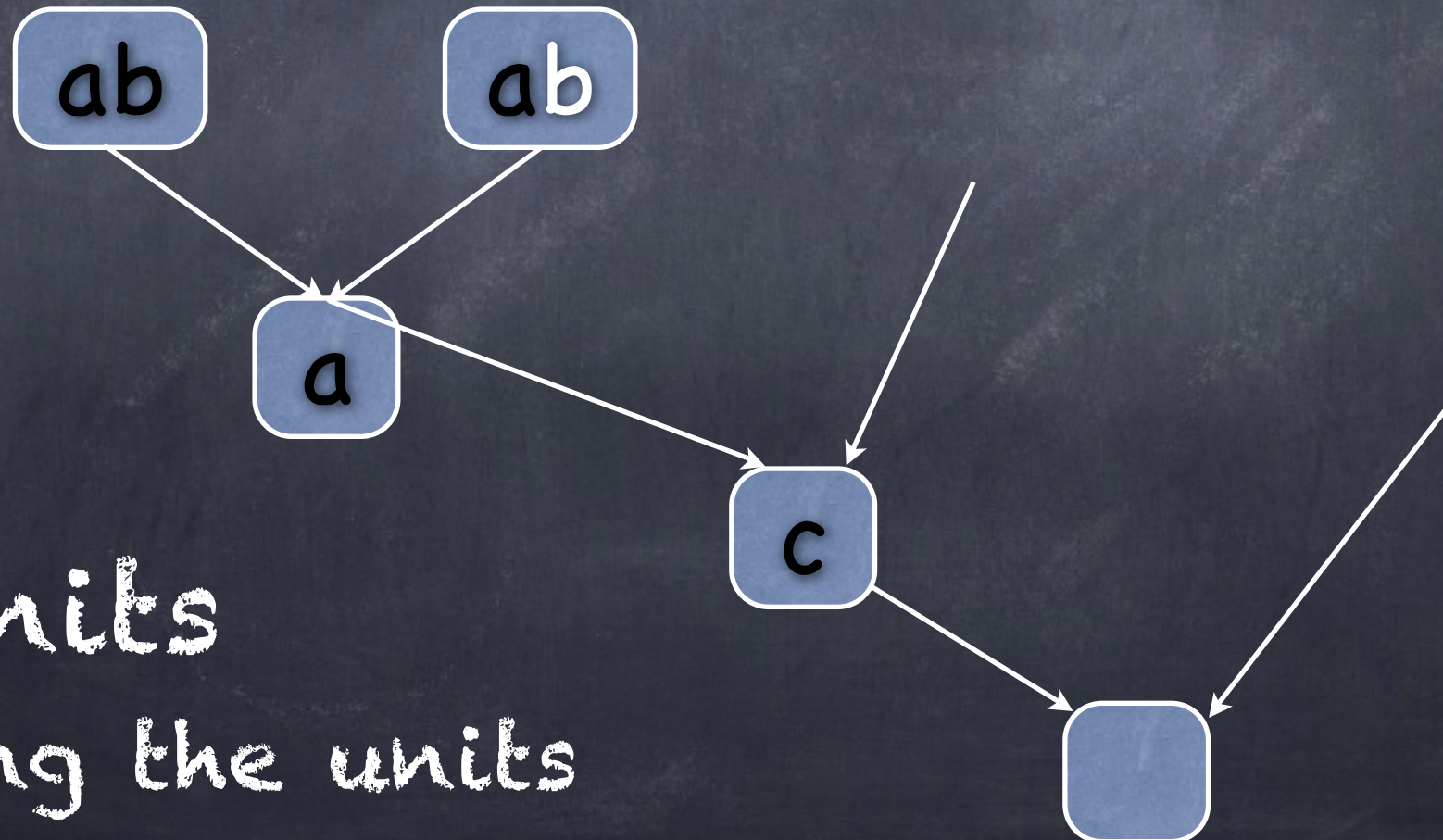
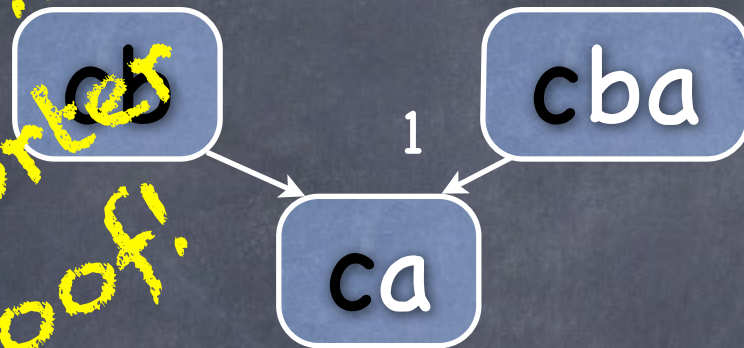


LowerUnits  
fixing the proof



$c^2$

great!!!  
a shorter  
proof!



LowerUnits  
reinserting the units



# What are Skeptik's algorithms?

- Algorithms focused on compressing **proof length**:
  - RecyclePivots, **RecyclePivotsWithIntersection**, **LowerUnits**, **LowerUnivalents**, RecycleUnits, Split, Reduce&Reconstruct, DAGify, EliminateTautologies, **Combinations of RPI and LUV**,...
- Pebbling algorithms for compressing **proof space**
- Algorithms for compressing the size of **congruence closure lemmas**



# How is Skeptik implemented?

 **Scala** Hybrid Functional Object-Oriented Language  
for the Java Virtual Machine



**Immutability:** no change on proofs after construction

**Traits:** reuse of code among compression algorithms

**Case classes:** emulation of inductive datatypes

**Combinator parsing:** easy support for different proof formats

**Type inference:** less boilerplate than Java

**extractors, implicit arguments, implicit conversions, DSLs ...**

**(Functional + OO) = too many ways of doing the same thing**



# How is Skeptik implemented?

```
abstract class E extends Judgment {  
  def t: T  
  // more  
}  
case class Var(val name: String, override val t:T) extends E {  
  // more  
}  
case class Abs(val variable: Var, val body: E) extends E {  
  override val t = variable.t -> body.t  
  // more  
}  
case class App(val function: E, val argument: E) extends E {  
  require(function.t.asInstanceOf[arrow].t1 == argument.t)  
  override val t = function.t.asInstanceOf[arrow].t2  
  // more  
}
```

```
abstract class ProofNode[+J] <: Judgment, +P <: ProofNode[J,P]]  
{  
  def premises: Seq[P]  
  def conclusion : J  
  def parameters: Seq[Any] = Nil
```



# How is Skeptik implemented?

```
object LowerUnits extends (Proof[Node] => Proof[Node]) {

  private def collectUnits(proof: Proof[Node]) = {
    def isUnitClause(c: Clause) = c.ant.length + c.suc.length == 1

    proof filter { node => (isUnitClause(node.conclusion) && proof.childrenOf(node).length > 1)}
  }

  private def fixProof(units: Set[Node], proof: Proof[Node]) = {
    val fixed = MMap[Node, Node]()

    proof foldDown { (node: Node, fixedPremises: Seq[Node]) =>
      lazy val fixedLeft = fixedPremises.head;
      lazy val fixedRight = fixedPremises.last;
      val fixedP = node match {
        case Axiom(conclusion) => node
        case R(left, right, __, __) if units contains left => fixedRight
        case R(left, right, __, __) if units contains right => fixedLeft
        case R(left, right, pivot, __) => R(fixedLeft, fixedRight, pivot)
        case _ => node
      }
      if (node == proof.root || (units contains node)) fixed(node) = fixedP
    }
    fixed
  }

  def apply(proof: Proof[Node]) = {
    val units = collectUnits(proof)
    val fixed = fixProof(units.toSet, proof)
    val root = (fixed(proof.root) /: (units map fixed)) {
      (left, right) => try {R(left, right)} catch {case e: Exception => left}
    }
    Proof(root)
  }
}
```



# Conclusion

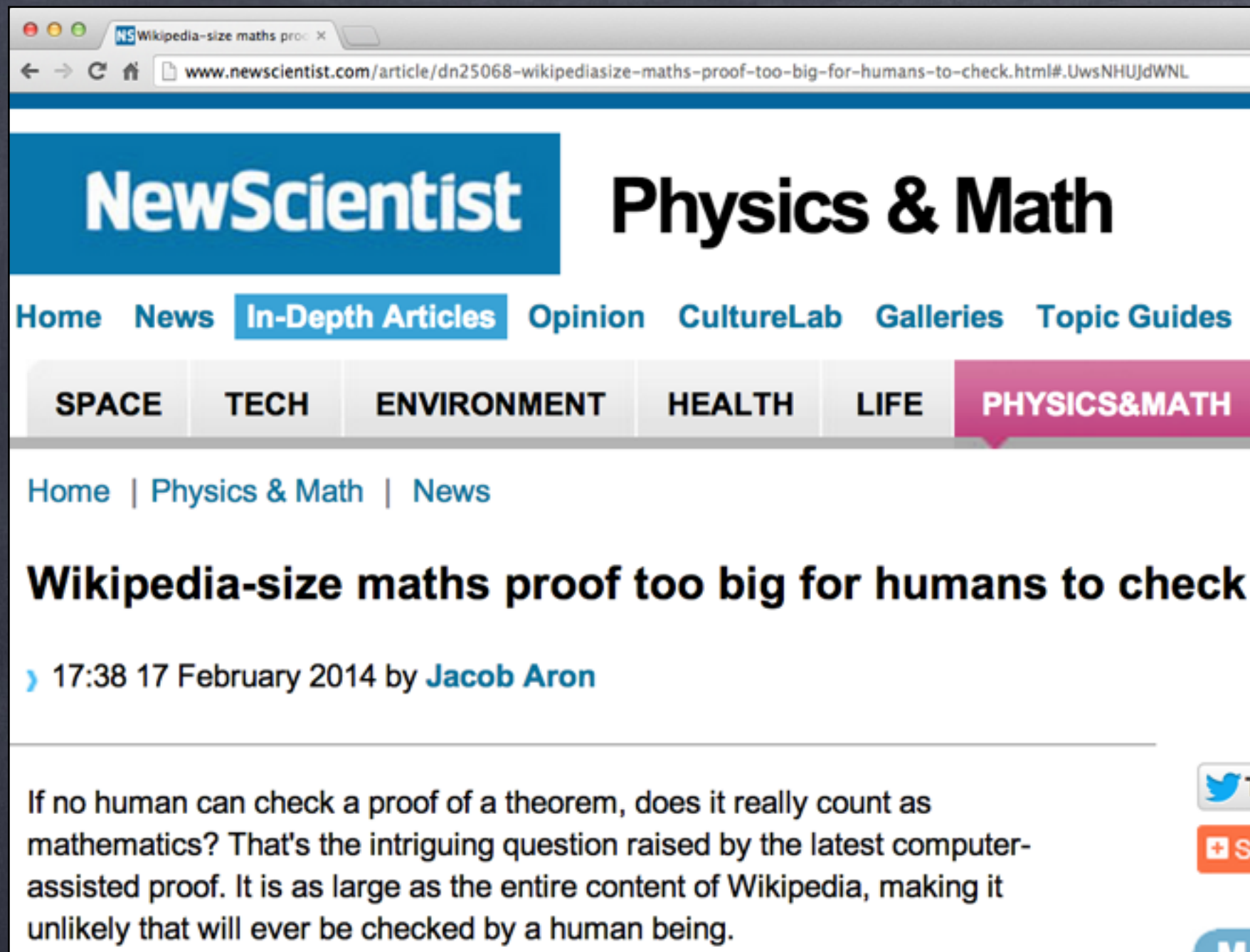
- Skeptik is ready! Please use it!
- <https://github.com/Paradoxika/Skeptik>

# Current Work

- 2014 GSoC student extending RPI and LU to first-order

Thanks !!!





13GB proof file  
in DRUP format

6 hours  
to generate

6 hours  
to convert to  
TraceCheck format

Skeptik unable to parse it within 3 days!



# SI-7710 fix memory performance of RegexParsers in jdk7u6+ #17

**Merged** adriaanm merged 1 commit into `scala:master` from `gourlaysama:t7710` 26 days ago

Conversation 18    Commits 1    Files changed 2



gourlaysama commented on Apr 28

Collaborator

Starting with 1.7.0\_06 [1], `String.substring` no longer reuses the internal char array of the `String` but make a copy instead. Since we call `subSequence` twice for *every* input character, this results in horrible parse performance and GC.

## before the fix

```
parseAll(String)
For 100 items: 4 ms
For 500 items: 67 ms
For 1000 items: 372 ms
For 5000 items: 5693 ms
For 10000 items: 23126 ms
For 50000 items: 657665 ms
```

## after the fix

```
parseAll(String)
For 100 items: 2 ms
For 500 items: 8 ms
For 1000 items: 16 ms
For 5000 items: 79 ms
For 10000 items: 161 ms
For 50000 items: 636 ms
```