MEASURING RETICULATED PYTHON

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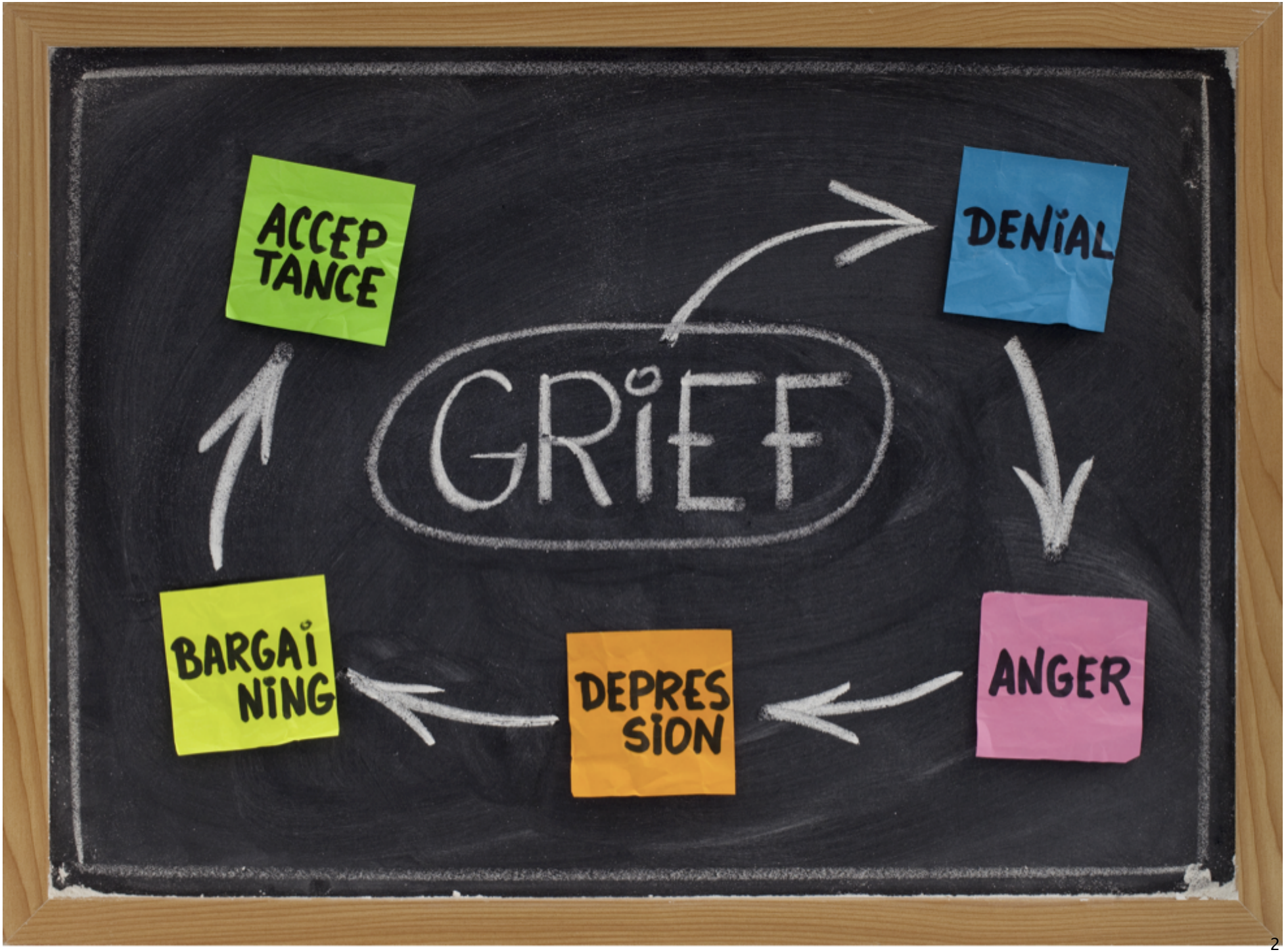
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def apply_first(funs):
  return funs[0](10)
apply_first(get_numbers(4))
# 55
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  c = Cash()
  c.add_dollars(3.14159)
  return c

get_cash()
# Cash(3.14159, 0)
```

STAGE II: DENIAL

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  - e.g. `⌊Int->Int⌋ = ->`
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Big Types in Little Runtime

Open-World Soundness and Collaborative Blame for Gradual Type Systems

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Abstract

Gradual typing combines static and dynamic typing in the same language, offering programmers the error detection and strong guarantees of static types and the rapid prototyping and flexible programming idioms of dynamic types. Many gradually typed languages are implemented by translation into an untyped target language (e.g., Typed Clojure, TypeScript, Gradualtalk, and Reticulated Python). For such languages, it is desirable to sup-

typed code interacts: the consistency relation plays the role that type equality usually does in the type system. Types are consistent if they are equal up to the presence of $\star$.

Most existing gradually typed languages operate by translating a surface language program into an underlying target language, which is then executed. For many gradually-typed systems such as Typed Racket and TypeScript, the target language is a dynamically typed programming language, and gradually-typed programs are

Corollary 5.5.1 (Type soundness). *If* $\emptyset \vdash e_s \rightsquigarrow e : T$ *then* $\emptyset; \emptyset \vdash e : \lfloor T \rfloor$ *and either:*

- $\langle e, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \longrightarrow^* \langle v, \sigma, \mathcal{B} \rangle$ *and* $\emptyset; \Sigma \vdash v : \lfloor T \rfloor$ *and* $\Sigma \vdash \sigma$, *or*
- $\langle e, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \longrightarrow^* \textsc{Blame}(\mathcal{L})$, *or*
- *for all* ς *such that* $\langle e, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \longrightarrow^* \varsigma$, *have that* $\varsigma = \langle e', \sigma, \mathcal{B} \rangle$ *and exists* ς' *such that* $\langle e', \sigma, \mathcal{B} \rangle \longrightarrow \varsigma'$.

$\boxed{\lfloor T \rfloor = S}$

$$\lfloor \star \rfloor = \star \qquad \lfloor \mathsf{int} \rfloor = \mathsf{int}$$
$$\lfloor T_1 \to T_2 \rfloor = \to \qquad \lfloor \mathsf{ref}\, T \rfloor = \mathsf{ref}$$

$\boxed{T \rhd T}$

$$\mathsf{ref}\, T \rhd \mathsf{ref}\, T \qquad \star \rhd \mathsf{ref}\, \star$$
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$$\frac{T_1 \sim T_2}{\mathsf{ref}\, T_1 \sim \mathsf{ref}\, T_2} \qquad \frac{T_1 \sim T_3 \qquad T_2 \sim T_4}{T_1 \to T_2 \sim T_3 \to T_4}$$

Figure 3. Translation from $\lambda^{\star}_{\to}$ to $\lambda^{\Downarrow}_{\ell}$.

STAGE III: ANGER, BARGAINING, DEPRESSION

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No compositional reasoning!

STAGE IV: ACCEPTANCE

Interoperability & Performance

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- `List` is mutable, standard approach is to proxy

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len(nums)

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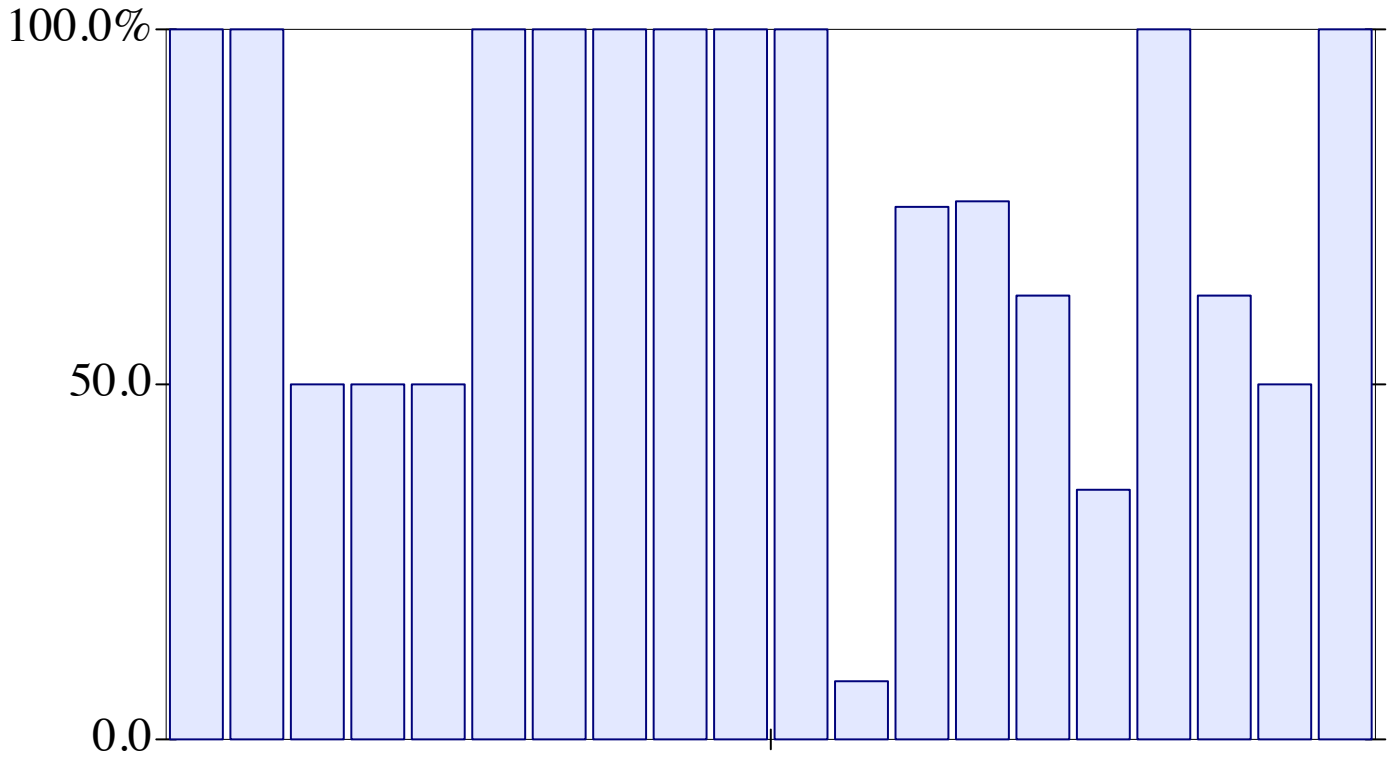

Measuring Typed Racket

Worst-Case Overhead

acquire	5	quadBG	4
dungeon	10	quadMB	139
forth	27	sieve	43
fsm	1527	snake	32
fsmoo	233	suffixtree	29
gregor	2	synth	47
kcfa	5	take5	1
lnm	1	tetris	34
mbta	1	zombie	292
morsecode	1	zordoz	1

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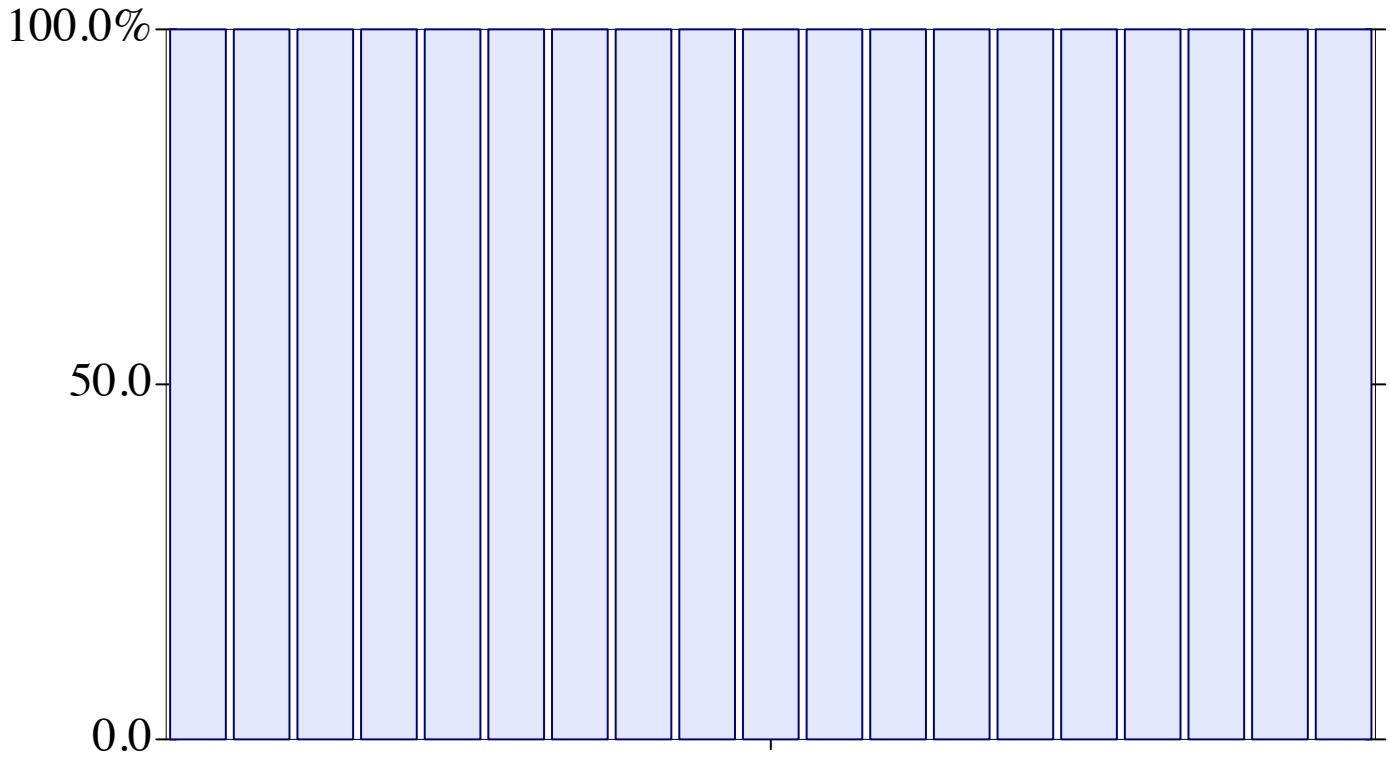

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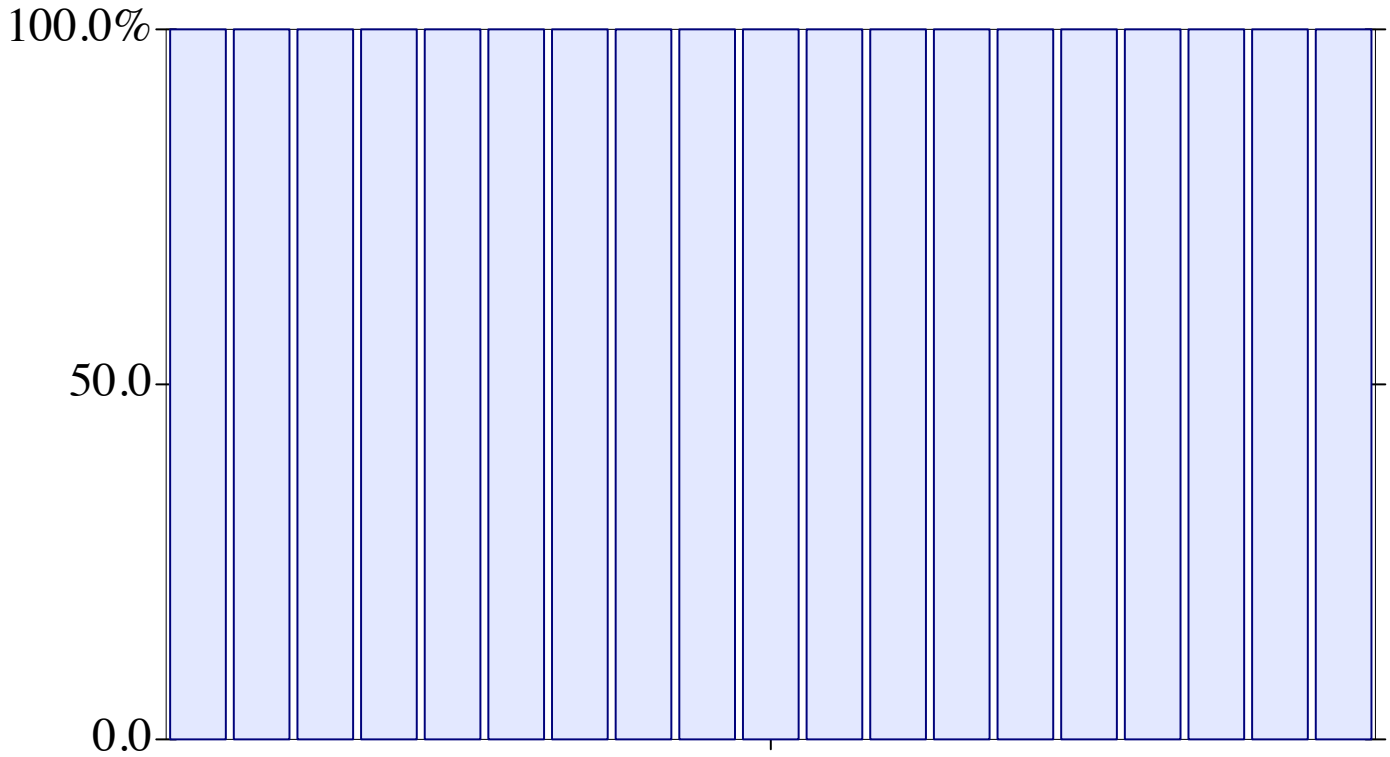

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futen	1	meteor	2
http2	3	nbody	1
slowSHA	2	nqueens	1
call_method	7	pidigits	1
call_method_slots	8	pystone	2
call_simple	3	spectralnorm	8
chaos	3	Espionage	5
fannkuch	1	PythonFlow	7
float	3	take5	1
go	7		

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Never an order-of-magnitude slowdown

STAGE V: MOVING ON

Moving On

Q1. Is Reticulated's soundness practical?

Q2. Can Typed Racket soundness be performant?

Q3. Is Typed Racket soundness portable?

Q4. Is there a useful, "efficient" Soundness 3.0?

Granularity

```
@fields({"x": Int, "y": Int})
class Point:
  x = 0
  y = 0

  def get_x(self:Point)->Int:
    return self.x
```