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# Incremental Computation for Algebraic Datatypes in Haskell

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Problem statement / Motivation

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## 1.2 Contributions

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## 2 Background

### 2.1 Generic programming in Haskell

Introduce generic programming and how it works

#### 2.1.1 Pattern Functors vs Sums of products

Describe the differences between defining generic data types

#### 2.1.2 Mutually recursive datatypes

Describe what mutually recursive datatypes are and why do we need to know about it

### 2.2 Comparison of Generic programming libraries in Haskell

Describe the differences between Generic programming libraries in Haskell

#### 2.2.1 Regular

Describe the workings of Regular with an example

```
data Tree a = Leaf a
           | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)

$(deriveAll ['Tree "PFTree"])
type instance PF (Tree a) = PFTree a

t :: Tree Int
t = Node (Leaf 1) 2 (Leaf 3)

pt :: Fix (PF (Tree a)) ≡ Fix (C (K a) :+: C (I :+: K a :+: I))
pt = In (from t)

cata :: Functor f => (f a -> a) -> Fix f -> a
cata alg t = alg (fmap (cata alg) (out t))

cataSum :: Fix (PF (Tree Int)) -> Int
cataSum = cata f
  where
    f :: PF (Tree Int) Int -> Int
    f (L (C (K x)))           = x
    f (R (C (I l :+: K x :+: r))) = l + x + r
```

```

data Loc :: * -> * where
  Loc :: (Regular a, Zipper (PF a)) => a -> [Ctx (PF a) a] -> Loc a

data family Ctx (f :: * -> *) :: * -> *

class Functor f => Zipper f where
  cmap      :: (a -> b) -> Ctx f a -> Ctx f b
  fill      :: Ctx f a -> a -> f a
  first, last :: f a -> Maybe (a, Ctx f a)
  next, prev  :: Ctx f a -> a -> Maybe (a, Ctx f a)

-- Move down to the leftmost child. Returns 'Nothing' if the
-- current focus is a leaf.
down :: Loc a -> Maybe (Loc a)
down (Loc x cs) = first (from x) >>= \(a,c) -> return (Loc a (c:cs))

```

## 2.3 HDiff

Write a piece about what HDiff does and how it suggests the use of Merkle trees

Write a piece about the suggestion of storing the hashes inside a Trie datastructure

## 2.4 Selective Memoization

Write a piece about what to look out for with memoization

### 3 Haskell Implementation

Implementing the idea using a generic programming library, would be the ultimate goal. But first a **proof-of-concept** was made to show that the implementation is a viable product. A prototype-language is created, which is based on the notion of *pattern functors*.

#### 3.1 Prototype language

```
data I r      = I r
data K a r    = K a
data (+:) f g r = Inl (f r) | Inr (g r)
data (:*) f g r = Pair (f r, g r)
```

The definition of the pattern functor only leads to shallow recursion. Meaning that pattern functor can only be used to observe a single layer of recursion. To apply a function over the complete data structure, deep recursion is used. To implement deep recursion, the fix point is introduced.

```
data Fix f = In { unFix :: f (Fix f) }
```

The fix point is then used to describe the recursion of the datatype on a type-level basis. Using pattern functors and fix point most of the Haskell datatypes can be represented. For example:

```
data Tree a = Leaf a
           | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)

type TreeG a = Fix (TreeF a)
type TreeF a = K a -- Leaf
              :+: ((I :+: K a) :+: I) -- Node
```

Because the generic representation of the Haskell datatypes can be represented using pattern functors, we can use Functors. Using the Functor class a `cata` function can be defined, which is a generic fold function.

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

cataSum :: TreeG Int -> Int
cataSum = cata f
  where
    f (Inl (K x)) = x
    f (Inr (Pair (Pair (I l, K x), I r))) = x + l + r
```

To store the intermediate results of `cata`, we want the structure of the data to be hashed. This way we can easily compare if the data structure has changed over time, without completely



recomputing the resulting digests. To do this, first a fix point is introduced which additionally stores the digest.

```
type Merkle f = Fix (f :: K Digest)
```

Then to convert the fix point to a fix point containing the structural digest, the `Merkelize` class is introduced.

```
class Hashable f where
    hash :: Hashable g => f (Fix g) -> (f :: K Digest) (Fix (g :: K Digest))

merkleG :: Hashable f
    => f (Fix (g :: K Digest)) -> (f :: K Digest) (Fix (g :: K Digest))
merkleG f = f :: K (hash f)

merkle :: Hashable f => Fix f -> Merkle f
merkle = In . merkleG . fmap merkle . from
```

Using the new fix point with its structural digest, a new `cata` function can be defined which can store its intermediate values in a `Map Digest a`.

```
cataMerkleState :: (Functor f, Traversable f, Container c, Show (c a), Show a)
    => (f a -> a) -> Merkle f -> State (c a) a
cataMerkleState alg (In (Pair (x, K h))) = do m <- get
    case lookup h m of
        Just a -> return a
        Nothing -> do y <- mapM (cataMerkleState alg) x
            let r = alg y
            modify (insert h r) >> return r

cataMerkle :: (Traversable f, Container c, Show (c a), Show a)
    => (f a -> a) -> Merkle f -> (a, c a)
cataMerkle alg t = runState (cataMerkleState alg t) empty
```

### 3.1.1 Zipper

Describe the use of the Zipper and how the hashes are updated

## 3.2 HashMap vs Trie

Write a piece about the comparison of storing it in a HashMap or a Trie datastructure

### 3.3 Regular

Write about why Regular is chosen

Write about the implementation of Regular and what had to change compared to the prototype language

```

newtype K a r      = K { unK :: a }      -- Constant value
newtype I r        = I { unI :: r }      -- Recursive value
data U r           = U                  -- Empty Constructor
data (f :+: g) r   = L (f r) | R (g r)  -- Alternatives
data (f **: g) r   = f r **: g r        -- Combine
data C c f r       = C { unC :: f r }    -- Name of a constructor
data S l f r       = S { unS :: f r }    -- Name of a record selector

merkle :: (Regular a, Hashable (PF a), Functor (PF a))
      => a -> Merkle (PF a)
merkle = In . merkleG . fmap merkle . from

cataSum :: Merkle (PF (Tree Int)) -> (Int, M.Map Digest Int)
cataSum = cataMerkle
  (\case
    L (C (K x))          -> x
    R (C (I l **: K x **: I r)) -> l + x + r
  )

```

### 3.4 Complexity

Describe for every function used the complexity and what leads to the complete complexity

### 3.5 Memory Strategies

Describe multiple memory strategies for keeping memory usage and execution time low

### 3.6 Pattern Synonyms

Explain Pattern Synonyms

```

{-# COMPLETE Leaf_, Node_ #-}

pattern Leaf_ :: a -> PF (Tree a) r
pattern Leaf_ x <- L (C (K x)) where
  Leaf_ x = L (C (K x))

```

```
pattern Node_ :: r -> a -> r -> PF (Tree a) r
pattern Node_ l x r <- R (C (I l :: K x :: I r)) where
  Node_ l x r = R (C (I l :: K x :: I r))

cataSum :: MerklePF (Tree Int) -> (Int, M.Map Digest Int)
cataSum = cataMerkle
  (\case
    Leaf_ x      -> x
    Node_ l x r -> l + x + r
  )
```

## 4 Experiments

### 4.1 Execution Time

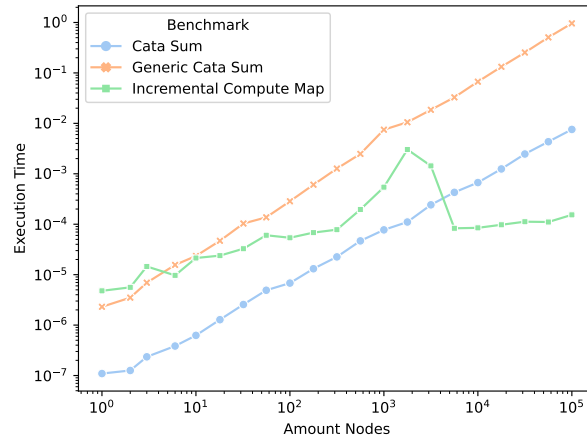


Figure 1: Overview execution time

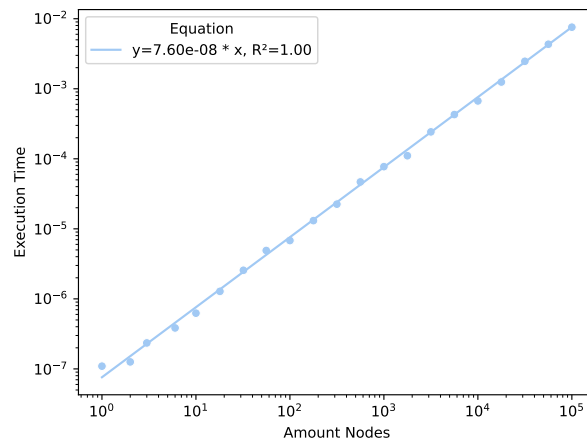


Figure 2: Execution time for Cata Sum

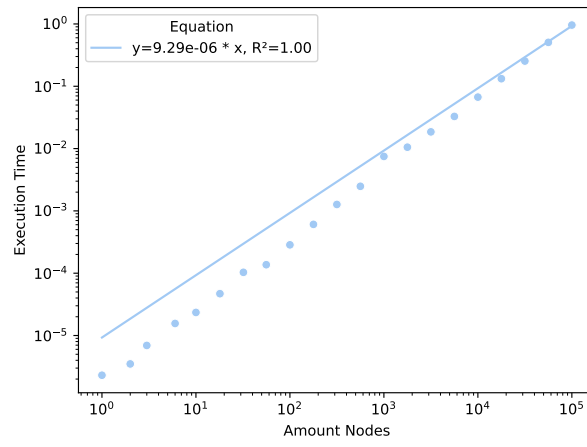


Figure 3: Execution time for Generic Cata Sum

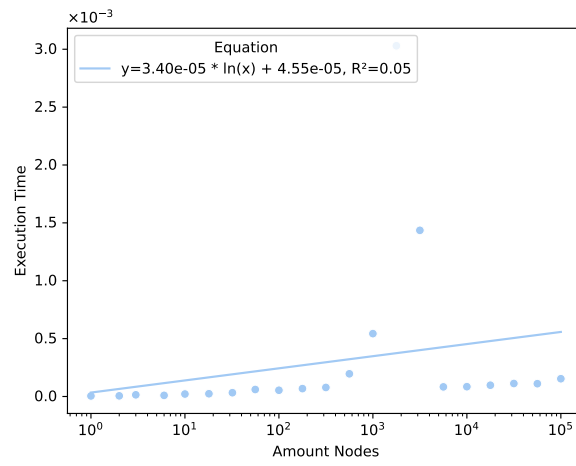


Figure 4: Execution time for Incremental Cata Sum

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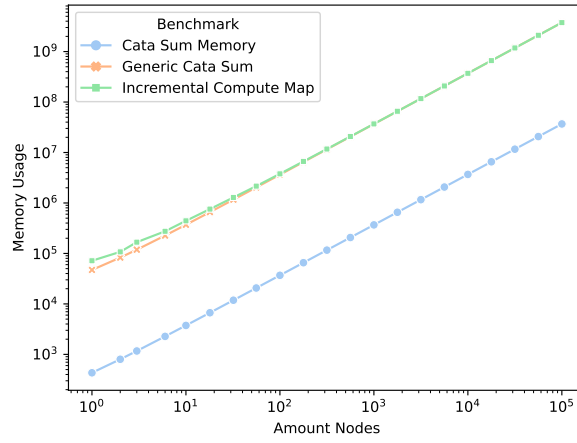


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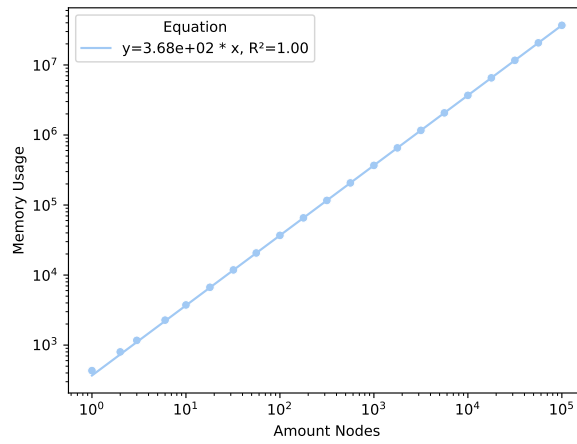


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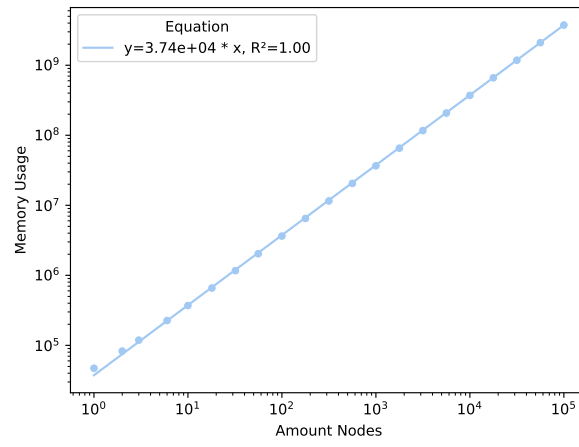


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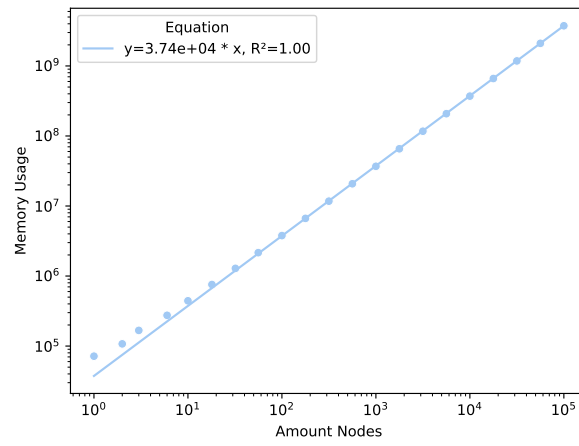


Figure 8: Memory usage for Incremental Cata Sum

### 4.3 Comparison Memory Strategies

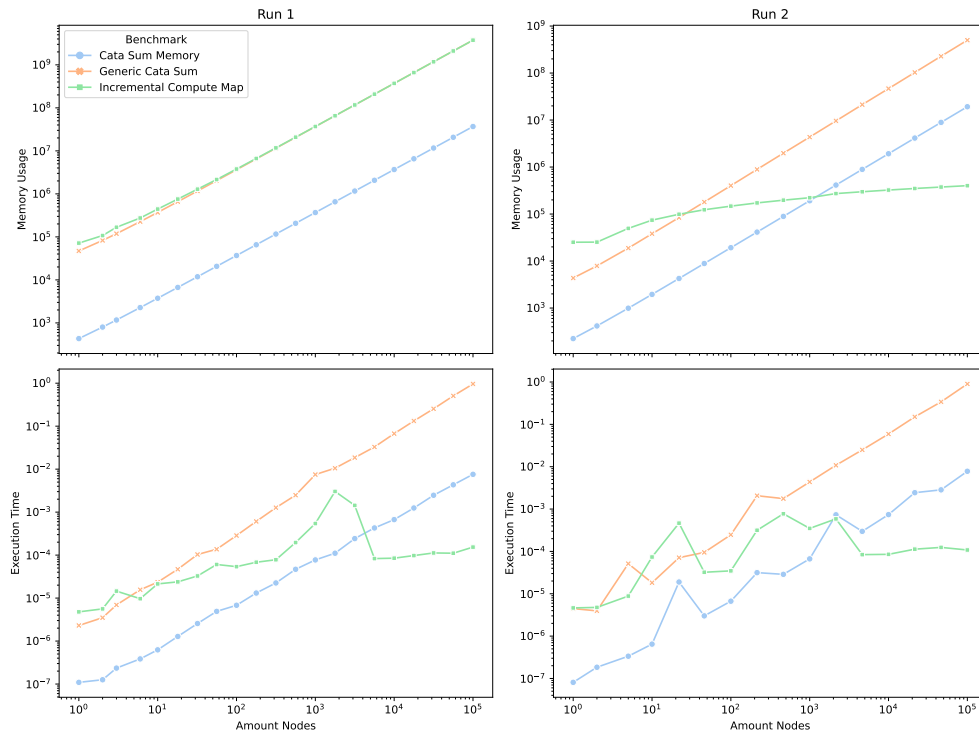


Figure 9: Comparison Memory Strategy



## 5 Conclusion

## 6 Future Work

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## A Implementation Memo Cata

### A.1 Definition Generic Datatypes

```

data U r      = U
data I r      = I r
data K a r    = K a
data (:+:) f g r = L (f r) | R (g r)
data (:*) f g r = (f r) :* (g r)
data C c f r  = C (f r)

newtype Fix f = In { out :: f (Fix f) }

```

### A.2 Implementation Hashable

```

class Hashable f where
  hash :: f (Fix (g :* K Digest)) -> Digest

instance Hashable U where
  hash _ = digest "U"

instance (Show a) => Hashable (K a) where
  hash (K x) = digestConcat [digest "K", digest x]

instance Hashable I where
  hash (I x) = digestConcat [digest "I", getDigest x]
  where
    getDigest :: Fix (f :* K Digest) -> Digest
    getDigest (In (_ :* K h)) = h

instance (Hashable f, Hashable g) => Hashable (f :+: g) where
  hash (L x) = digestConcat [digest "L", hash x]
  hash (R x) = digestConcat [digest "R", hash x]

instance (Hashable f, Hashable g) => Hashable (f :* g) where
  hash (x :* y) = digestConcat [digest "P", hash x, hash y]

instance (Hashable f) => Hashable (C c f) where
  hash (C x) = digestConcat [digest "C", hash x]

```

### A.3 Implementation Merkle

```

type Merkle f = Fix (f :: K Digest)

merkleG :: Hashable f
  => f (Fix (g :: K Digest))
  -> (f :: K Digest) (Fix (g :: K Digest))
merkleG f = f :: K (hash f)

merkle :: (Regular a, Hashable (PF a), Functor (PF a))
  => a -> Merkle (PF a)
merkle = In . merkleG . fmap merkle . from

```

### A.4 Implementation Cata Merkle

```

cataMerkleState :: (Functor f, Traversable f)
  => (f a -> a) -> Fix (f :: K Digest)
  -> State (M.Map Digest a) a
cataMerkleState alg (In (x :: K h)) = do m <- get
  case M.lookup h m of
    Just a -> return a
    Nothing -> do y <- mapM (cataMerkleState alg) x
      let r = alg y
      modify (M.insert h r) >> return r

cataMerkle :: (Functor f, Traversable f)
  => (f a -> a) -> Fix (f :: K Digest) -> (a, M.Map Digest a)
cataMerkle alg t = runState (cataMerkleState alg t) M.empty

```

### A.5 Implementation Zipper Merkle

```

data Loc :: * -> * where
  Loc :: (Zipper a) => Merkle a
      -> [Ctx (a :: K Digest) (Merkle a)]
      -> Loc (Merkle a)

modify :: (a -> a) -> Loc a -> Loc a
modify f (Loc x cs) = Loc (f x) cs

updateDigest :: Hashable a => Merkle a -> Merkle a
updateDigest (In (x :: _)) = In (merkleG x)

```

```

updateParents :: Hashable a => Loc (Merkle a) -> Loc (Merkle a)
updateParents (Loc x []) = Loc (updateDigest x) []
updateParents (Loc x cs) = updateParents
    $ expectJust "Exception: Cannot go up"
    $ up (Loc (updateDigest x) cs)

updateLoc :: Hashable a => (Merkle a -> Merkle a)
    -> Loc (Merkle a) -> Loc (Merkle a)
updateLoc f loc = if top loc'
    then loc'
    else updateParents
        $ expectJust "Exception: Cannot go up" (up loc')

where
    loc' = modify f loc

```

## B Regular

### B.1 Zipper

```

data instance Ctx (K a) r
data instance Ctx U r
data instance Ctx (f :+: g) r = CL (Ctx f r) | CR (Ctx g r)
data instance Ctx (f :*: g) r = C1 (Ctx f r) (g r) | C2 (f r) (Ctx g r)
data instance Ctx I r = CId
data instance Ctx (C c f) r = CC (Ctx f r)
data instance Ctx (S s f) r = CS (Ctx f r)

```