

Generic Incremental Computation for Regular Datatypes

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Title Explanation – Incremental Computation

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Incremental computation is an approach to improve performance by only recomputing result for changed input

Title Explanation – Example Incremental Computation

```
fib :: Int -> Int
fib 0 = 0
fib 1 = 1
fib n = fib (n - 1) + fib (n - 2)
```

Call Hierarchy

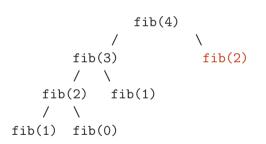
Title Explanation – Example Incremental Computation

Memoization

stores the result of a computation and returns the cached result when the same input occurs again.

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New Call Hierarchy



Function Call	Result
fib(2)	1
fib(3)	2
fib(4)	3

Cached Results

Title Explanation – Generic

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Generic refers to *datatype-generic programming*, which is a form of abstraction that allows defining functions that can operate on a large class of datatypes.

Title Explanation – Generic Example

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a) -- Haskell Notation [] | x : []
length :: List a -> Int
length Nil = 0
length (Cons _ t) = 1 + length t
data Tree a = Leaf | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)
length :: Tree a -> Int
length Leaf _ = 1
length (Node l _ r) = 1 + length l + length r
```

Title Explanation – Generic Example

```
gLength :: (Generic f) => f a -> Int
gLength = ...
```

A single length function can be written, that can operate on lists, trees, and many other datatypes

```
> gLength (Cons 1 (Cons 2 (Cons 3 Nil))) -- List Int
3
> gLength (Node Leaf 1 Leaf) -- Tree Int
3
```

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Regular datatypes are recursive datatypes, which can only recurse into themselves, such as lists, binary trees, etc.

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Regular Datatypes

```
data List a = Nil | Cons a (List a)
data Tree a = Leaf | Node a (Tree a) (Tree a)
```

Not Regular Datatypes

```
data Tree a = Empty | Node a (Forest a)
data Forest a = Nil | Cons (Tree a) (Forest a)
```

Title Explanation – Summary

Generic Incremental Computation for Regular Datatypes

Goal – What does this solve?

Goal: implement an incremental algorithm which performs better than the non-incremental algorithm for large regular datatypes

Goal – Example Problem

```
data Tree a = Leaf a | Node (Tree a) a (Tree a)
sumTree :: Tree Int -> Int
sumTree (Leaf x) = x
sumTree (Node 1 x r) = x + sumTree 1 + sumTree r
exampleTree = Node (Node (Leaf 1) 3 (Leaf 2)) 5 (Node (Leaf 1) 3 (Leaf 2))
```

Visual representation

Goal – Example Problem

Memoized version of the sumTree

Example Tree

Tree	Result
5 / \ 3 3 /\ /\ 1 2 1 2	17
3 /\ 1 2	6

Cached Results

Solution – Using Hash function

A *hash function* is a process of transforming input into an arbitrary fixed-size value (i.e., digest), where the same input always generates the same output



Solution – Storing the Digests

data TreeH a = LeafH Digest a

A *Merkle Tree* is a data structure which integrates the *digests*, which represents the internal structure, within the data structure

```
| NodeH Digest (TreeH a) a (TreeH a)
merkle :: Tree Int -> TreeH Int
merkle l@(Leaf x) = LeafH (hash 1) x
merkle b@(Node 1 x r) = NodeH (hash b) l' x r'
where
    l' = merkle l
    r' = merkle r
```

Solution – Using Digests

```
sumTreeInc m (LeafH d x) = case lookup d m of
  Just z -> (z, m)
  Nothing -> (x, insert d x m)
...
SumTreeInc
```

Solution – Updating the Digests

The *Zipper* is a technique for keeping track of how the data structure is being traversed through

```
data Cxt a = L (Tree a) a | R (Tree a) a
type Loc a = (Tree a, [Cxt a])
enter :: Tree a -> Loc a
enter t = (t, [])
```

Solution – Zipper - Left

Solution – Zipper - Right

Solution – Zipper - Up

Generic Programming – Pattern Functors

Primitive Type Constructors

Pattern functor for the Tree datatype

```
class Hashable f where
  hash :: f (Merkle g) -> Digest
```

- The f represents the primitive type constructors (i.e., U, I, K, :+:, :*:)
- The Merkle g is the type of the recursive position (i.e., I r).
- Merkle g contains the Digest of its internal structure.
- The hash function only converts a single layer of the pattern functor.

```
instance Hashable U where
  hash _ = hash "U"

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

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

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

```
class Hashable f where
  hash :: f (Merkle g) -> Digest

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

Generic Implementation – Generic Merkle Tree

Generic Implementation – Cata Merkle

Generic Implementation – Cata Sum

Generic Implementation – Pattern Synonyms

Pattern synonyms add an abstraction over patterns, which allows the user to move additional logic from guards and case expressions into patterns.

```
cataSum :: Merkle (PF (Tree Int)) -> (Int, HashMap Digest Int)
cataSum = cataMerkle
  (\case
    Leaf_ x    -> x
    Node_ l x r -> l + x + r
)
```

Experiments - Method

Three functions:

- Cata Sum
 - ► Non-incremental algorithm
- Generic Cata Sum
 - ► Incremental algorithm with an empty cache
- Incremental Cata Sum
 - ► Incremental algorithm with a filled cache

Three scenarios:

- Worst case: ...
- Average case: ...
- Best case: ...

Experiments – Results

I am fast as f*ck boy!

Conclusion – Summary

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