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# Balanced Trees Inhabiting Functional Parallel Programming



# INTRODUCTION

## Problem

Inefficient parallelism in sequential data structures like lists and trees.





# INTRODUCTION

## Key Points

- *Traditional sumList is inherently sequential:*

$\text{sumList } [] = 0$      $\text{sumList } (a : x) = a + \text{sumList } x$

- *Divide-and-conquer cannot be applied efficiently on standard lists.*

## Solution

- *Use Balanced Trees to support divide-and-conquer strategies and enable parallelism.*

## Goals

- *Relate parallel algorithms to **balanced trees**.*
- *Implement recursive parallel functions on these trees.*
- *Address the lack of concrete implementations for balanced **Shunt Trees**.*

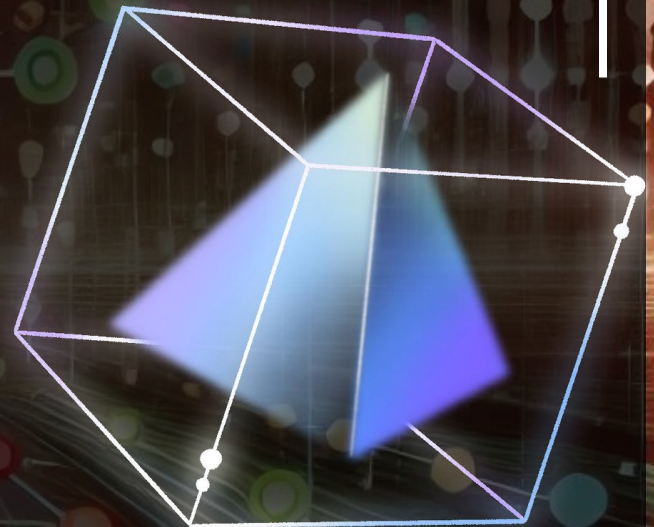






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# PRELIMINARIES

## Core concept:

- Greek letters ( $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ) for type variables (polymorphism)

- **Identity Function:**

$$\text{id} :: \forall \alpha. \alpha \rightarrow \alpha$$

## Haskell Constructs:

- **Single** and **Join**: Basic constructors for Join Lists
- **Associative operators**  $\oplus, \otimes$  **enable parallel recombination.**

## Why Join Lists?

- Join Lists transform **sequential lists** into binary tree structures, enabling parallel processing.





# List Homomorphisms

Consider list aggregating operations, like sum, max, and etc:

- If we abstracting out the concrete computation, we obtain a skeleton as following:

$$h :: \forall \beta. (\beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow [A] \rightarrow \beta$$

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Let's say we have a function  $(\oplus)$  s.t.  $\beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta$   
and a function  $f$  s.t.  $A \rightarrow \beta$

Then we can define:

$$h(\oplus)f[a] = fa$$
$$h(\oplus)f(x + y) = h(\oplus)f x \oplus h(\oplus)f y$$

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Assuming that:

- $\oplus$  is associative:  $g(g(x, y), z) = g(x, g(y, z))$

Example

- $\text{Sum } x = h (+) \text{ id } x$



# List Homomorphisms

Definition: a Polymorphic function

$$h :: \forall \beta. (\beta \rightarrow \beta \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow (A \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow [A] \rightarrow \beta$$

Is to be a list-homomorphism scheme if it satisfies

$$h (+ +) (\lambda a \rightarrow [a]) x = x$$

for any list  $x$

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- This ensure that this list aggregation structure doesn't not duplicate, discard, or disorder elements



# Join Lists

## Definition:

data JList  $\alpha$  = Single  $\alpha$  | Join (JList  $\alpha$ ) (JList  $\alpha$ )

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## Conversion:

From Join List back to sequential list:

$\text{j2l}(\text{Single } a) = [a]$      $\text{j2l}(\text{Join } l \ r) = \text{j2l } l + \text{j2l } r$

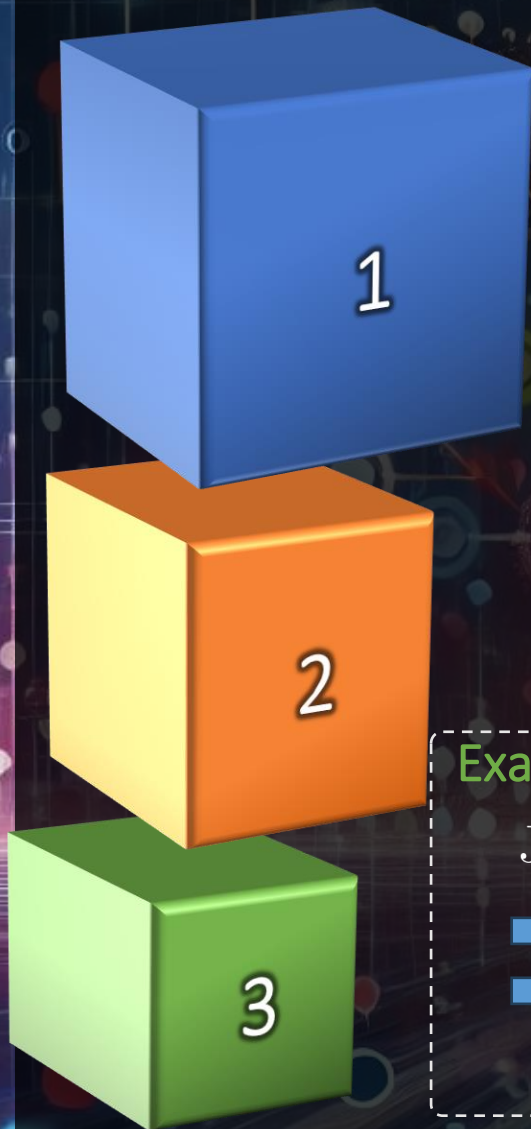
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## Parallel Sum Example:

- *sumJ:*  
 $\text{sumJ}(\text{Single } a) = a$      $\text{sumJ}(\text{Join } l \ r) = \text{sumJ } l + \text{sumJ } r$
- *Steps*
  - Split list into subtrees
  - Compute sums in parallel
  - Combine results: efficient divide-and-conquer



# Balancing Join Lists



## Why Balance Matters

- Balanced Join Lists ensure  $O(\log N)$  height.
- Supports efficient divide-and-conquer parallel operations.

## Techniques for Balancing

- Use any **self-balancing** binary tree that stays balanced after modification. i.e. *Biased Search Trees*, etc..
- *Ropes*: Efficient for frequent concatenations.

## Example

Join (Join (Single 3) (Single 5)) (Join (Single 2) (Single 7))



Step 1: Compute  $(3+5)$  and  $(2+7)$  in parallel.

Step 2: Combine results:  $(3+5) + (2+7) = 17$



# Shunt Trees

we will see how the Shunt Contraction Scheme enables efficient and parallel processing of tree structures, in order to introduce Shunt Tree Structures.

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*Binary Tree Structure:*

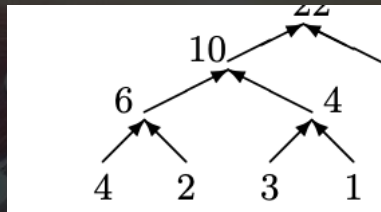
*A binary tree consists of:*

- *Leaves (Tip): Values A*
- *Internal nodes (Bin): Connect two subtrees and hold values*

*Equation:*

$$\text{data Tree } \alpha \beta = \text{Tip } \alpha \mid \text{Bin (Tree } \alpha \beta) \beta \text{ (Tree } \alpha \beta)$$

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# Shunt Trees

## The Challenge

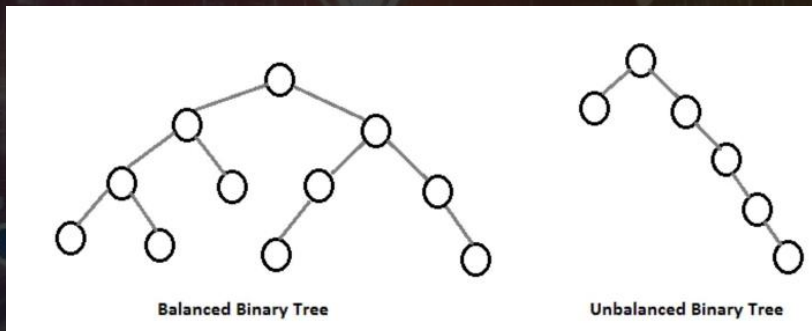
The Challenge arise when we are talking about parallelization

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- *Unbalanced (list-like) trees require  $O(h)$  steps, where  $h$  is the height.*
- *Parallelizing operations on trees requires reducing the tree depth.*

*How to address the issue?*

Here is where Shunt and Tree Contraction Concepts comes into play





# Shunt Trees

## The Shunt Operation

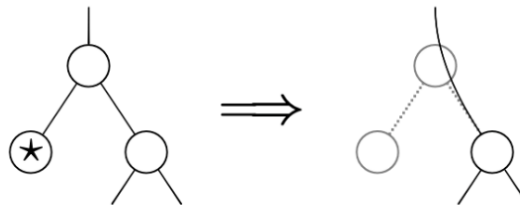
The Shunt operation perform the following:

1. Removes a leaf and its parent node.
2. Connects the subtree directly to its grandparent node.

Formal equation:

$$\text{shunt } \forall \alpha, \beta. \text{Tree } \alpha \beta \rightarrow \text{Tree } \alpha \beta$$

$$\text{shunt } (\text{Bin } t_+ (\text{Tip}_-)) = t_+ \quad \text{and} \quad \text{shunt } (\text{Bin } (\text{Tip}_-) t_+) = t_+$$



**Figure 2.** A Shunt operation applied to the star-marked leaf.



# Shunt Trees

## Shunt Contraction Scheme

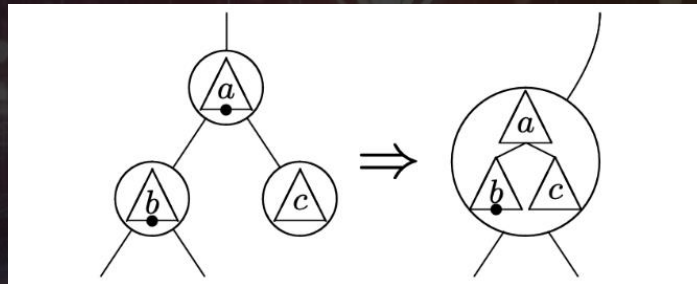
The scs function generalizes the Shunt operation, allowing us to:

1. Process leaves using  $A \rightarrow \alpha$ .
2. Process internal nodes using  $B \rightarrow \beta$ .
3. Combine intermediate results with Shunt  $\alpha \beta$

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Equation:

$$\text{scs} :: \forall \alpha, \beta. (A \rightarrow \alpha) \rightarrow (B \rightarrow \beta) \rightarrow \text{Shunt } \alpha \beta \rightarrow \text{Tree } AB \rightarrow \alpha$$





# Shunt Trees

## Example

Let's use `scs` to compute the sum of values in a tree

1. *Leaves: Processed with identity (id)*
2. *Nodes: Aggregated using the function add3*

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*Code:*

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sumTree = scs id id (add3, add3, add3)
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where add3 b a c = b + a + c
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# Shunt Trees

## Hole and Connect

To ensure that the tree is reconstructed correctly during the Shunt contraction, we use two key concepts

1. *Hole*: Creates a context with a "hole" that represents a missing subtree.
2. *Connect*: Combines a context with subtrees to reconstruct the tree.

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### Definitions:

- *Hole*:  
 $\text{hole} :: \forall \alpha, \beta. \beta \rightarrow \text{Context } \alpha \beta$   
 $\text{hole } a = \lambda(l, r) \rightarrow \text{Bin } l \ a \ r$
- *Connect*:  
 $\text{connect} :: \forall \alpha, \beta. \text{Shunt } (\text{Tree } \alpha \beta) (\text{Context } \alpha \beta)$   
 $\text{connect} = (\psi_L, \psi_R, \psi_N)$



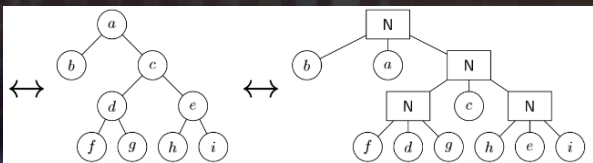
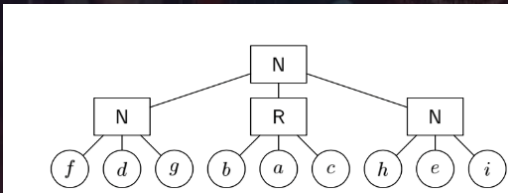
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## Building Shunt Trees

Shunt Trees are derived structures that

1. Reduce the tree depth.
2. Support parallelization of operations.

**Definition:**



**data**  $ST \ \alpha \ \beta = T \ \alpha$

$| N \ (ST \ \alpha \ \beta) \ (ST \bullet \ \alpha \ \beta) \ (ST \ \alpha \ \beta)$

**data**  $ST \bullet \ \alpha \ \beta = H \bullet \ \beta$

$| L \bullet \ (ST \bullet \ \alpha \ \beta) \ (ST \bullet \ \alpha \ \beta) \ (ST \ \alpha \ \beta)$

$| R \bullet \ (ST \ \alpha \ \beta) \ (ST \bullet \ \alpha \ \beta) \ (ST \bullet \ \alpha \ \beta)$

With  $ST \bullet$  for Context,  $ST$  for binary tree



# Shunt Trees

## Balancing Trees

### *Definition:*

Balancing is necessary to reduce tree height and fully exploit parallelism.

The contraction algorithm reduces tree height to  $O(\log N)$

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### *Theorem:*

Execution time:  $O(\frac{N}{P} + \log P)$



# Implementation Examples

## Sum on Shunt Trees:

(1)

*Definition:*

$$\text{sumT}(T a) = a \quad \text{sumT}(N b a c) = \text{sumT} b + a + \text{sumT} c$$

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(2)

Parallel Execution:

- Divide computation across subtrees.
  - Combine results efficiently in a bottom-up fashion.
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# Main Work Done

*Implementing and formally verifying aggregation operations: like sum, ...*

**Progress**

***Join Lists** (both unbalanced and balanced version)*

- *Implemented and verified operations as supported in Stainless List*

**Implemented**

**Progress**

*Building the core functionality for both structures and balancing*

**Implemented**

***Base Structure for Shunt Trees:**  
Established the foundation/structure and core for further development and verification*



# Remaining Work

*Implement parallelism  
computations without **formal**  
proving the correctness*

**Parallelism**

*Add balancing mechanisms to  
Shunt Tree.*

**Balancing**

**Verification**

*Ensure correctness through  
formal proofs (for Shunt trees)*

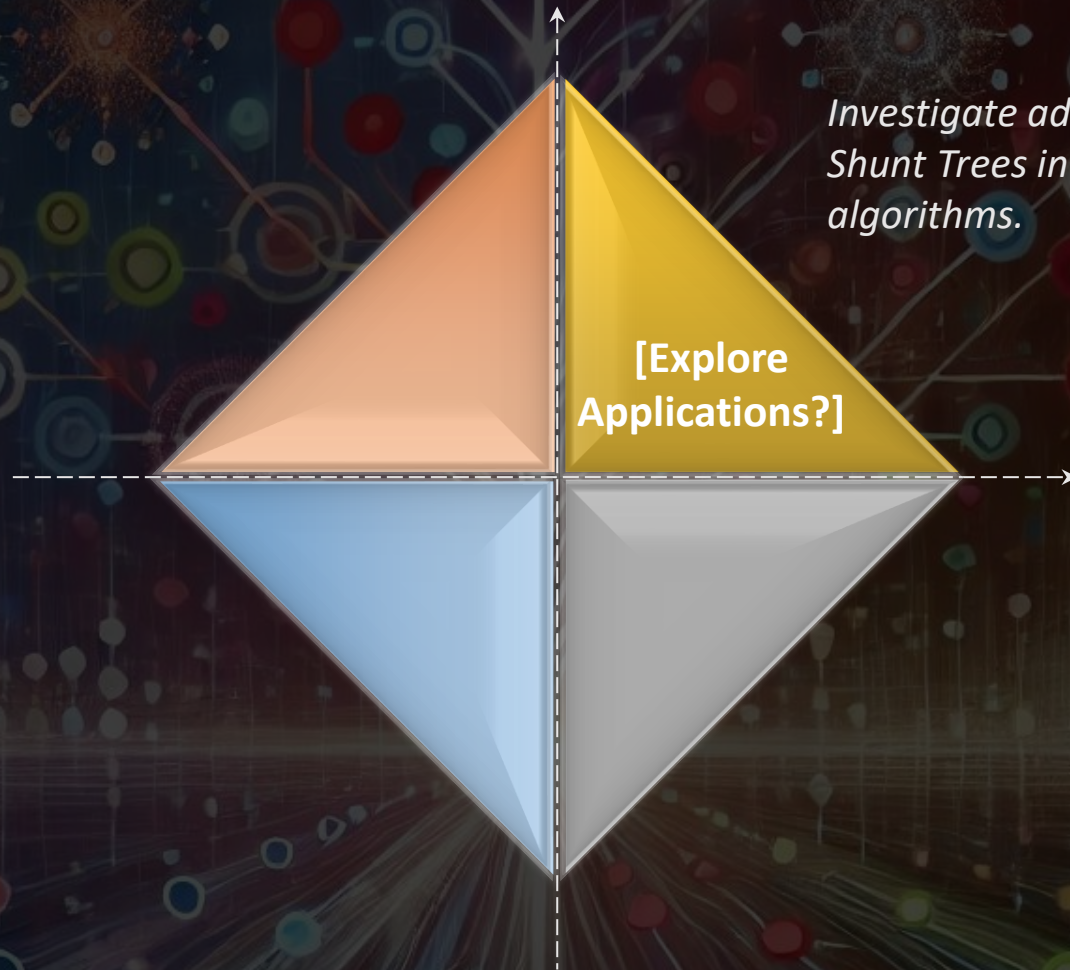
**Extend  
Shunt Trees**

*Complete key operations:*

- ***Insert, Delete, Zip, and Map.***



## *Remaining Work*



*Investigate additional uses of  
Shunt Trees in parallel  
algorithms.*



# Summary

## Goal:

Implement balanced Shunt Trees and verify operations.

## Achievements:

- *Basic implementation of Shunt Trees.*
- *Basic implementation of Join Lists*
- *Formal verification of Join Lists*

## Next Steps:

*Complete balancing, add operations, and finish formal verification and Add parallel operations.*

