

## Lecture 16: Power Analysis



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### Reminders:

Review Session, Wednesday 6:30 in Olsson 001  
Extra Office Hours, Thursday 1:30-3 in Olsson 236A

## Recap: Flatten Running Time

```
(define (flatten-commands ll)
  (if (null? ll) ll
      (if (is-lsystem-command? (car ll))
          (cons (car ll) (flatten-commands (cdr ll)))
          (flat-append (car ll) (flatten-commands (cdr ll))))))
```

First: determine running times of all the procedures applied in flatten-commands.

`null?`, `car`, `cons`, `cdr`, and `is-lsystem-command?` are constant time  
`flat-append` has running time in  $\theta(N_1)$  where  $N_1$  is the number of elements in the first input.

Second: determine running time for each application **except** for recursive call.

Need to consider both paths:

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(if (is-lsystem-command? (car ll))
    (cons (car ll) (flatten-commands (cdr ll)))
    (flat-append (car ll) (flatten-commands (cdr ll))))
```

## Paths to Flattening

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(if (is-lsystem-command? (car ll))
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```

Each recursive call involves constant work.

Each recursive call reduces the number of elements in `ll` by one.

For input list that is all lsystem commands of length  $N$ :  
`flatten-commands` has running time in  $\theta(N)$  where  $N$  is the number of lcommands in the input list.

## Paths to Flattening

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Each recursive call involves  $\theta(P)$  work where  $P$  is the number of elements in `(car ll)`.

Each recursive call reduces the number of elements in `ll` by one.

For input list that is all lists of length  $P$ :

`flatten-commands` has running time in  $\theta(QP)$  where  $Q$  is the number of sub-lists (of length  $P$ ) in the input list.

## Combining the Paths

```
(define (flatten-commands ll)
  (if (null? ll) ll
      (if (is-lsystem-command? (car ll))
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```

For input list that is all lsystem-commands:  
`flatten-commands` has running time in  $\theta(N)$  where  $N$  is the number of elements in the input list.

For input list that is all lists of length  $P$ :

`flatten-commands` has running time in  $\theta(QP)$  where  $Q$  is the number of sub-lists (of length  $P$ ) in the input list.

For any input:

`flatten-commands` has running time in  $\theta(M)$  where  $M$  is the size of the input list (the total number of lcommands in `ll` and all its sub-lists, not counting elements in offshoot command lists).

## Power

Define and analyze the asymptotic running time of a procedure **power** that takes two numbers, **a** and **n**, and input, and outputs **a<sup>n</sup>**.

Hint:

$$a^0 = 1$$

$$a^n = a * a^{n-1} \text{ for } n > 0$$

## Simple Power

```
(define (power a n)
  (if (= n 0) 1
      (* a (power a (- n 1)))))
```

What is the asymptotic running time of power?

## Running Time Analysis

```
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  (if (= n 0) 1
      (* a (power a (- n 1)))))
```

1. What are the running times of procedures applied by power?
2. What is the running time of evaluating the body except for the recursive call?
3. **How many recursive calls are there?**

*n*, the value of the second input *n*

## Running Time Analysis

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(define (power a n)
  (if (= n 0) 1
      (* a (power a (- n 1)))))
```

1. **What are the running times of procedures applied by power?** = and – with one input constant: constant running time
2. What is the running time of evaluating the body except for the recursive call?
3. How many recursive calls are there?

*n*, the value of the second input *n*

## What about \*?

```
(* a (power a (- n 1)))
```

- Cannot be constant time
- Multiplication must at least look at all the digits in both numbers
  - \* is in  $\Omega(W)$  where  $W$  is the total length (number of bits) of the inputs.
- Grade-school multiplication algorithm has running time in  $\Theta(W^2)$ 
  - \* is in  $O(W^2)$  where  $W$  is the total length (number of bits) of the inputs.

Note:  $O$  instead of  $\Theta$  since there may be faster \* algorithms, and we don't know what Scheme interpreter actually does.

## What about \*?

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\* is in  $\Omega(W)$  where  $W$  is the total length (number of bits) of the inputs.

\* is in  $O(W^2)$  where  $W$  is the total length (number of bits) of the inputs.

What can we say about \* as it is used here? (what is  $W$ ?)

**Worst case:  $W = \text{bits in } a + \text{bits in } a^{n-1}$**

\* has running time in  $O((a_b n_v)^2)$  where  $a_b$  is number of bits in  $a$  and  $n_v$  is value of  $n$ .

# Running Time Analysis

(define (power a n)  
 (if (= n 0) 1  
 (\* a (power a (- n 1)))))

Each body evaluation:

= and - with one input constant: constant running time  
 \* has running time in  $O(a_b n_v)$  and  $\Omega(a_b n_v)$

Number of recursive calls:

$n_v$  the value of the second input  $n$

Running time for power is in  $O(n_v(a_b n_v)^2) = O(a_b^2 n_v^3)$  and  $\Omega(a_b n_v^2)$

# Bits and Values

Running time for power is in  $O(a_b^2 n_v^3)$  and  $\Omega(a_b n_v^2)$   
 where  $a_b$  is number of bits in  $a$  and  $n_v$  is value of  $n$ .

What is the running time in terms of the *size* of the input?

$$n_v = 2^{n_b}$$

Running time for power is in  $O(a_b^2(2^{n_b})^3)$  and  $\Omega(a_b^2(2^{n_b})^2)$ .

# Testing Power Analysis

Running time for power is in  $O(a_b^2(2^{n_b})^3)$  and  $\Omega(a_b^2(2^{n_b})^2)$ .

```

> (time (power 2 10000))
cpu time: 47 real time: 38 gc time: 0
n_b = 14

> (time (power 2 100000))
cpu time: 1529 real time: 1533 gc time: 763
n_b = 16

> (/ (power (power 2 16) 3) (power (power 2 14) 3))
64

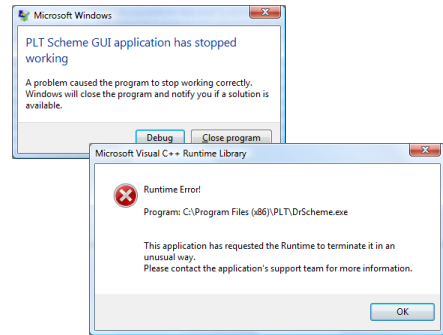
> (/ (power (power 2 16) 2) (power (power 2 14) 2))
16

> (/ 1529 47)
32 25/47
    
```

Running time for power is in  $O(a_b^2(2^{n_b})^3)$  and  $\Omega(a_b^2(2^{n_b})^2)$ .

$n_b = 7$

> (time (power 2 1000000))



# Faster Powering?

$$a^{2n} = a^n * a^n$$

Gold Star Challenge Problem: define and analyze (correctly!) an asymptotically faster power procedure.

# Charge

- ACs' Exam Review Session: Tonight at 6:30, Olsson 001
- Extra Office Hours, Thursday 1:30-3pm
- Exam 1 out Friday