

# Lecture 12: Something about Sneezewort

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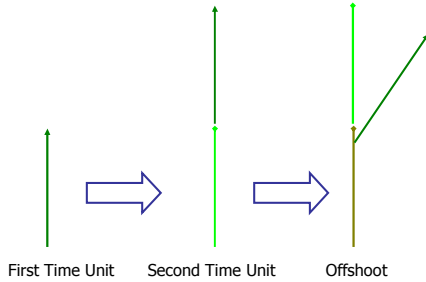
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## Sneezewort Growth



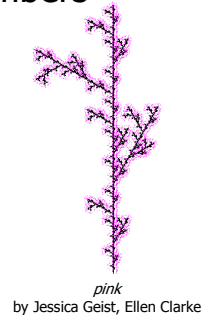
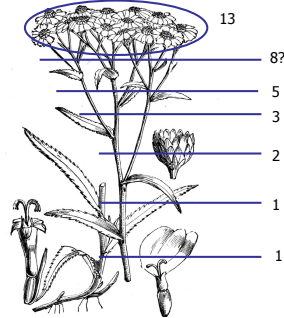
Could we model Sneezewort with PS3 code?

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## Sneezewort Numbers



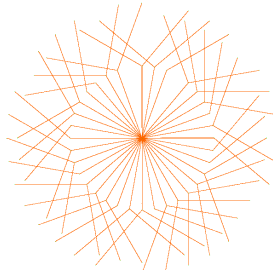
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## Fibo Results

```
> (fibo 2)
1
> (fibo 3)
2
> (fibo 4)
3
> (fibo 10)
55
> (fibo 60)
Still working...
```



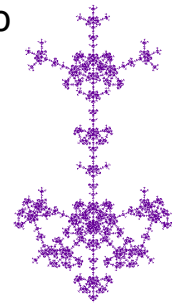
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## Tracing Fibo

```
> (require-library "trace.ss")
> (trace fibo)
(fibo)
> (fibo 3)
|(fibo 3)
| (fibo 2)
| 1
| (fibo 1)
| 1
|2
2
```



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```

> (fib 5)
|(fib 5)
|(fib 4)
|(fib 3)
|(fib 2)
| 1
|(fib 1)
| 1
| 2
|(fib 2)
| 1
| 3
|(fib 3)
|(fib 2)
| 1
|(fib 1)
| 1
| 2
| 5
| 5

```

*A right-wing Christmas - avwwwww.....*  
by Andrew Baker & Emily Lam

To calculate (fib 5) we calculated:  
 (fib 4) 1 time  
 (fib 3) 2 times  
 (fib 2) 3 times } 5 times total  
 (fib 1) 2 times }  
 = 8 calls to fibo = (fib 6)

How many calls to calculate (fib 60)?

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## fast-fibo

```

(define (fast-fibo n)
  (define (fib-helper a b left)
    (if (<= left 0)
        b
        (fib-helper b (+ a b) (- left 1))))
  (fib-helper 1 1 (- n 2)))

```

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## Fast-Fibo Results

```

> (fast-fibo 10)
55
> (time (fast-fibo 61))
cpu time: 0 real time: 0 gc time: 0
2504730781961

```

2.5 Trillion applications  
 2.5 GHz computer does 2.5 *Billion* simple operations per second, so 2.5 Trillion applications operations take ~1000 seconds.  
 Each application of fibo involves hundreds of simple operations...

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```

;;; The Earth's mass is 6.0 x 10^24 kg
> (define mass-of-earth (* 6 (expt 10 24)))
;;; A typical rabbit's mass is 2.5 kilograms
> (define mass-of-rabbit 2.5)
> (/ (* mass-of-rabbit (fast-fibo 60)) mass-of-earth)
6.450036483e-013
> (/ (* mass-of-rabbit (fast-fibo 120)) mass-of-earth)
2.2326496895795693

```

According to Bonacci's model, after less than 10 years, rabbits would out-weigh the Earth!

## Beware the Bunnies!!

## Beware the Sneezwort!!

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*Broccoli Fallout* by Paul DiOrio, Rachel Phillips

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## Evaluation Cost

Actual running times vary according to:

- How fast a processor you have
- How much memory you have
- Where data is located in memory
- How hot it is
- What else is running
- etc...

Moore's "Law" - computing power doubles every 18 months

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## Measuring Cost

- How does the cost scale with the *size of the input*
- If the input size increases by one, how much longer will it take?
- If the input size *doubles*, how much longer will it take?



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## Cost of Fibonacci Procedures

```
(define (fibonacci n)
  (if (or (= n 1) (= n 2))
      1 ;; base case
      (+ (fibonacci (- n 1))
          (fibonacci (- n 2)))))

(define (fast-fibo n)
  (define (fib-helper a b left)
    (if (= left 0)
        b
        (fib-helper b (+ a b) (- left 1))))
  (fib-helper 1 1 (- n 2)))
```

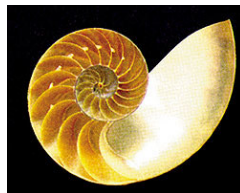
Input	fibonacci	fast-fibo
$m$	$q$	$z = mk$
$m+1$	$q * \Phi$	$(m+1)k$
$m+2$	at least $q^2$	$(m+2)k$

$\Phi = (1 + \sqrt{5}) / 2 = \text{"The Golden Ratio"} \sim 1.618033988749895\dots$   
 $\sim (fast-fibo 61) / (fast-fibo 60) = 1.618033988749895$

## The Golden Ratio

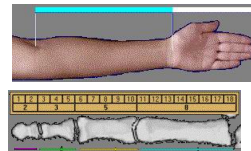


Parthenon



Nautilus Shell

## More Golden Ratios



<http://www.fenkefeng.org/essaysm18004.html>  
by Oleksiy Stakhov

## PS2 Question

```
(define (find-best-hand hands)
  (car (sort hands higher-hand?)))
```

```
(define (find-best lst cf)
  (if (= 1 (length lst)) (car lst)
      (pick-better cf (car lst) (find-best (cdr lst) cf))))
(define (pick-better cf num1 num2)
  (if (cf num1 num2) num1 num2))
(define (find-best-hand hands)
  (find-best hands higher-hand?))
```

Which is better and by how much?

## Simple Sorting

- Can we use find-best to implement sort?
- Use (find-best lst) to find the best
- Remove it from the list
- Repeat until the list is empty



crazy blue tree  
by Victor Malaret, Folami Williams

## Simple Sort

```
(define (sort lst cf)
  (if (null? lst) lst
      (let ((best (find-best lst cf)))
        (cons
         best
         (sort (delete lst best) cf))))))
```

## Sorting Hands

```
(define (sort lst cf)
  (if (null? lst) lst
      (let ((best (find-best lst cf)))
        (cons
         best
         (sort (delete lst best) cf))))))

(define (sort-hands lst)
  (sort lst higher-hand?))
```

## Sorting

```
(define (sort lst cf)
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(define (find-best lst cf)
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(define (pick-better cf num1 num2)
  (if (cf num1 num2) num1 num2))
```

How much work is sort?

## Sorting Cost

- What grows?
  - $n$  = the number of elements in `lst`
- How much work are the pieces?
  - find-best: work scales as  $n$  (increases by one)
  - delete: work scales as  $n$  (increases by one)
- How many times does sort evaluate find-best and delete?  $n$
- Total cost: scales as  $n^2$

## Sorting Cost

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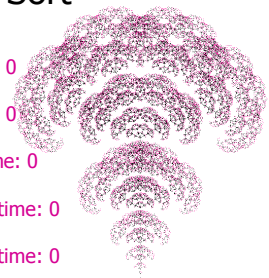
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```

If we double the length of the list, the amount of work *approximately* quadruples: there are twice as many applications of find-best, and each one takes twice as long

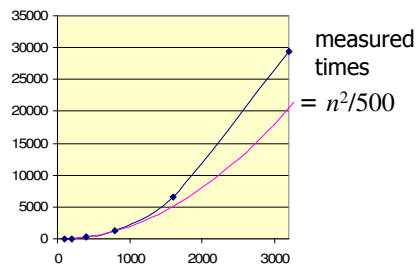
## Timing Sort

```
> (time (sort < (revintsto 100)))
cpu time: 20 real time: 20 gc time: 0
> (time (sort < (revintsto 200)))
cpu time: 80 real time: 80 gc time: 0
> (time (sort < (revintsto 400)))
cpu time: 311 real time: 311 gc time: 0
> (time (sort < (revintsto 800)))
cpu time: 1362 real time: 1362 gc time: 0
> (time (sort < (revintsto 1600)))
cpu time: 6650 real time: 6650 gc time: 0
```



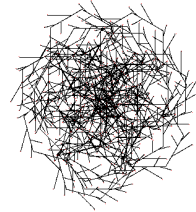
Cherry Blossom  
by Ji Hyun Lee, Wei Wang

## Timing Sort



## Charge

- Read Chapter 6: formal notations we will use for this type of analysis
- PS4 out now: you know everything you need for the programming parts; we will cover more on analysis Wednesday and Friday
- Beware the Bunnies and Sneezewort!



*The Mask*  
by Zachary Pruckowski,  
Kristen Henderson