

Sorting with Bialgebras and Distributive Laws

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This talk I



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... but that's certainly not immediately obvious from this definition.

- ▶ “Everyone knows” that insertion sort and selection sort are just two sides of the same coin
- ▶ Bialgebras and distributive laws let us define them in one go, and give us a proof of their equivalence
- ▶ Sorting algorithms are type-driven: the types mostly dictate the implementation
- ▶ Duality gives us “algorithms for free”

Preliminaries I



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This allows us to give a generic definition of *fold* using least fixed points:

newtype $\mu f = \text{In } \{ \text{in}^\circ :: f (\mu f) \}$

fold :: (*Functor f*) \Rightarrow (*f a* \rightarrow *a*) \rightarrow $\mu f \rightarrow a$

fold f = *f* \cdot *fmap (fold f)* \cdot *in* $^\circ$

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$downcast :: (Functor f) \Rightarrow v f \rightarrow \mu f$

$downcast = In \cdot fmap downcast \cdot out$

$downcast$ is, in general, a lossy operation.

Preliminaries III



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A sorting function will now have the following type:

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sort ::  $\mu$  List  $\rightarrow$   $\nu$  List
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But how can we write true insertion sort?

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data $a \times b = \text{Pair } \{ \text{outl} :: a, \text{outr} :: b \}$

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And now we can define paramorphisms:

$\text{para} :: (\text{Functor } f) \Rightarrow (f (\mu f \times a) \rightarrow a) \rightarrow (\mu f \rightarrow a)$
 $\text{para } f = f \cdot \text{fmap } (\text{id } \Delta \text{ para } f) \cdot \text{in}^\circ$

The important difference is in the type of the algebra, which is now $f (\mu f \times a) \rightarrow a$ instead of just $f a \rightarrow a$.

Dually, we need sums and a “fan-in” operator:

data $a + b = \text{Stop } a \mid \text{Go } b$

$(\nabla) :: (a \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow (a + b \rightarrow c)$

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Then we can define apomorphisms:

$\text{apo} :: (\text{Functor } f) \Rightarrow (a \rightarrow f (v f + a)) \rightarrow (a \rightarrow v f)$

$\text{apo } f = \text{Out}^\circ \cdot \text{fmap } (\text{id } \nabla \text{apo } f) \cdot f$

The corecursion is now split into two branches, with no recursive call on the left.

Interlude—types of (co-)algebras



We can again use a type-directed approach to derive the types of our new (co-)algebras:

$$\mathit{fold} (\mathit{apo} \ c) : \mu F \rightarrow \nu G$$

$$\mathit{apo} \ c : F (\nu G) \rightarrow \nu G$$

$$\begin{aligned} c &: F (\nu G) \rightarrow G (\nu G + F (\nu G)) \\ &\cong F (G (\nu G)) \rightarrow G (F_+ (\nu G)) \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathit{unfold} (\mathit{para} \ a) : \mu F \rightarrow \nu G$$

$$\mathit{para} \ a : \mu F \rightarrow G (\mu F)$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &: F (\mu F \times G (\mu F)) \rightarrow G (\mu F) \\ &\cong F (G_{\times} (\mu F)) \rightarrow G (F (\mu F)) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\mathbf{type} \ f_+ \ a = a + f \ a$$

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Insertion and selection sort



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Swap and stop: *swop*



Let's skip selection sort, and go straight to the natural transformation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{swop} &:: \text{List } (a \times \underline{\text{List}} a) \rightarrow \underline{\text{List}} (a + \text{List } a) \\ \text{swop } \text{Nil} &= \underline{\text{Nil}} \\ \text{swop } (\text{Cons } a (\text{Pair } x \underline{\text{Nil}})) &= \underline{\text{Cons}} a (\text{Stop } x) \\ \text{swop } (\text{Cons } a (\text{Pair } x (\underline{\text{Cons}} b x'))) & \\ \quad | a \leq b &= \underline{\text{Cons}} a (\text{Stop } x) \\ \quad | \text{otherwise} &= \underline{\text{Cons}} b (\text{Go } (\text{Cons } a x')) \end{aligned}$$

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From *swop* we get both insertion and selection sort:

$insertSort' :: \mu List \rightarrow v \underline{List}$

$insertSort' = fold\ insert$

where $insert = apo\ (swop \cdot fmap\ (id\ \Delta\ out))$

$selectSort' :: \mu List \rightarrow v \underline{List}$

$selectSort' = unfold\ select$

where $select = para\ (fmap\ (id\ \nabla\ In) \cdot swop)$

Algorithms for free!

To move away from quadratic complexity algorithms, we need to use binary trees as an intermediate data structure:

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data Tree tree = Empty | Node tree K tree
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instance Functor Tree where
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  fmap f Empty      = Empty
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  fmap f (Node l k r) = Node (f l) k (f r)
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Our trees will respect the search tree property: all the values in the left subtree of a node are less than or equal to the value at the node, and all values in the right subtree are greater.

We first need to build a tree. Let's do that as the unfold of a fold:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pivot} &:: \text{List } (\text{Tree } (\mu \text{ List})) \rightarrow \text{Tree } (\mu \text{ List}) \\ \text{pivot Nil} &= \text{Empty} \\ \text{pivot } (\text{Cons } a \text{ Empty}) &= \text{Node } (\text{In Nil}) a (\text{In Nil}) \\ \text{pivot } (\text{Cons } a (\text{Node } l b r)) & \\ \quad | a \leq b &= \text{Node } (\text{In } (\text{Cons } a l)) b r \\ \quad | \text{otherwise} &= \text{Node } l b (\text{In } (\text{Cons } a r)) \end{aligned}$$

The following natural transformation arises out of *pivot*:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sprout} &:: \text{List } (a \times \text{Tree } a) \rightarrow \text{Tree } (a + \text{List } a) \\ \text{sprout } \text{Nil} &= \text{Empty} \\ \text{sprout } (\text{Cons } a (\text{Pair } t \text{ Empty})) &= \text{Node } (\text{Stop } t) a (\text{Stop } t) \\ \text{sprout } (\text{Cons } a (\text{Pair } t (\text{Node } l b r))) & \\ \quad | a \leq b &= \text{Node } (\text{Go } (\text{Cons } a l)) b (\text{Stop } r) \\ \quad | \text{otherwise} &= \text{Node } (\text{Stop } l) b (\text{Go } (\text{Cons } a r)) \end{aligned}$$

Quicksort and Treesort IV



The coalgebra that is dual to *pivot* comes for free:

$$\text{treeIns} :: \text{List } (v \text{ Tree}) \rightarrow \text{Tree } (v \text{ Tree} + \text{List } (v \text{ Tree}))$$
$$\text{treeIns Nil} = \text{Empty}$$
$$\text{treeIns } (\text{Cons } a \text{ (Out}^\circ \text{ Empty)}) = \text{Node } (\text{Stop } (\text{Out}^\circ \text{ Empty})) a$$
$$\qquad\qquad\qquad (\text{Stop } (\text{Out}^\circ \text{ Empty}))$$
$$\text{treeIns } (\text{Cons } a \text{ (Out}^\circ \text{ (Node } l \text{ b r)}))$$
$$\quad | a \leq b \qquad\qquad\qquad = \text{Node } (\text{Go } (\text{Cons } a \text{ l})) b \text{ (Stop } r)$$
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A useful, efficient tree insertion function, for free! The function for generating search trees follows:

$$\text{grow}, \text{grow}' :: \mu \text{ List} \rightarrow v \text{ Tree}$$

$$\text{grow} = \text{unfold } (\text{para } (\text{fmap } (\text{id} \nabla \text{In}) \cdot \text{sprout}))$$

$$\text{grow}' = \text{fold} \quad (\text{apo } (\text{sprout} \cdot \text{fmap } (\text{id} \Delta \text{out})))$$

After producing a search tree, we consume it:

$$\text{wither} :: \text{Tree } (a \times \underline{\text{List}} a) \rightarrow \underline{\text{List}} (a + \text{Tree } a)$$
$$\text{wither } \text{Empty} = \underline{\text{Nil}}$$
$$\text{wither } (\text{Node } (\text{Pair } l \ \underline{\text{Nil}}) a \ (\text{Pair } r \ _)) = \underline{\text{Cons}} a (\text{Stop } r)$$
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And these are the algorithms that can be extracted from *wither*:

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{shear} &:: \text{Tree } (\mu \text{ Tree} \times \underline{\text{List}} (\mu \text{ Tree})) \rightarrow \underline{\text{List}} (\mu \text{ Tree}) \\ \text{shear Empty} &= \underline{\text{Nil}} \\ \text{shear } (\text{Node } (\text{Pair } l \underline{\text{Nil}}) a (\text{Pair } r _)) &= \underline{\text{Cons}} a r \\ \text{shear } (\text{Node } (\text{Pair } l (\underline{\text{Cons}} b l')) a (\text{Pair } r _)) &= \underline{\text{Cons}} b (\text{In } (\text{Node } l' a r)) \end{aligned}$$

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Now we can finally put everything together, defining quicksort and treesort:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{quickSort, treeSort} &:: \mu \text{ List} \rightarrow \nu \underline{\text{List}} \\ \text{quickSort} &= \text{flatten} \cdot \text{downcast} \cdot \text{grow} \\ \text{treeSort} &= \text{flatten}' \cdot \text{downcast} \cdot \text{grow}' \end{aligned}$$

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