

# Notes about Purely Functional Data Structures

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# Chapter 1

## What is this?

**This is still under construction as of 2006 January 10. I plan to finish it Some Time Soon.**

These are my notes from *Purely Functional Data Structures* [2], by Chris Okasaki. It includes my answers to exercises & a performance comparison that was inspired by the book.



## Chapter 2

# Answers to Exercises in Chapter 2

Some of the exercises rely on the sets, binary search trees, & `Unbalanced Sets` that are presented in [2] so I had to implement those in Lisp.

For the `Ordered` interface, I created a CLOS protocol. I did not create a CLOS protocol for sets & binary search trees for these reasons:

1. Given: I wanted to support multiple, co-existent implementations of `member` & `insert` so I could run performance comparisons between them.
2. If your Lisp implementation of binary search trees is analogous to the Standard ML implementation in [2], which is what I wanted, you can't specialize methods on it because all of your binary search trees will have the type `CONS` as far as Lisp is concerned.
3. If you create types for your different implementations of binary search trees so you can use CLOS, but you retain similarity with the Standard ML implementations by using `NIL` as an empty tree, your `MEMBER` methods will work just fine by re-using a `MEMBER` that is specialized for `NIL`. In fact, that's very similar to how it's done in the book. Your `INSERT` methods cannot all use the same `INSERT` specialized for `NIL` because `INSERT` on `NIL` must create trees of a particular type, but your `INSERT` method specialized for `NIL` won't know what that type is.
4. To overcome the problem in the previous item, you might use a flag in your classes to indicate a terminal node. Then your `INSERT` methods would work on empty trees because they would have full type information for the tree. This would work, I guess, but it's ugly, so I'm not going to do it.
5. You could implement the "business end" of the data structure with lists, like in [2], then wrap it in an object whose type would give `INSERT` all the information it needed. I would probably do something like this in a

production application, but it creates complexity which might hide the point of the exercises from the book. So though I like this idea, I will not use it here.

The different `insert` & `member` functions in the book operate on the same binary search tree structures, so I chose to create a different function for each implementation of `insert` & `member`.

I created an interface for `ORDERED` because that's the way it's done in [2], but in a real application, I would prefer to give the comparator as a parameter to the tree, not as part of the objects held in the tree.

The source code for `ORDEREDs` is in `ordered.lisp`.

The source code for `sets`, & `trees` is in `chapter02.lisp`.

## 2.1 Exercise 2.1

Write a function `suffixes` of type  $\alpha\text{list} \rightarrow \alpha\text{listlist}$  that takes a list `xs` & returns a list of all the suffixes of `xs` in decreasing order of length. For example,

```
suffixes [1, 2, 3, 4] = [[1, 2, 3, 4], [2, 3, 4],
                        [3, 4], [4], []]
```

Show that the resulting list of suffixes can be generated in  $O(n)$  time & represented in  $O(n)$  space.

Here's a `suffixes` function in Lisp.

```
(defun suffixes (lst)
  (if (endp lst)
      '()
      (cons lst (suffixes (rest lst)))))
=> SUFFIXES
```

```
(suffixes '(1 2 3 4))
=> ((1 2 3 4) (2 3 4) (3 4) (4) NIL)
```

```
(suffixes ())
=> (NIL)
```

*Show time:* To generate the list of suffixes, we walk the original list, one element at a time. If we call `suffixes` on an empty list, it does not recurse, so we call `suffixes` once. If we call `suffixes` on a list of 1 element, it recursively calls itself once, so we call `suffixes` twice. In general, we call `suffixes`  $N + 1$  times for a list of length  $N$ , which is  $O(N)$ .

*Show space:* `Suffixes` creates a list of  $N + 1$  elements. Each element's `cons` cell has a `car` which points to an element in the original list, so only the `cons` cells of the new list are freshly allocated. There will be  $N + 1$  `cons` cells in the new list, so the space requirement is  $O(N)$ .

## 2.2 Exercise 2.2

*In the worst case, `member` performs approximately  $2d$  comparisons, where  $d$  is the depth of the tree. Rewrite `member` to take no more than  $d+1$  comparisons by keeping track of a candidate element that might be equal to the query element (say, the last element for which `<` returned false or `<=` returned true) & checking for equality only when you hit the bottom of the tree.*

The source code for my answer is in the file `chapter02.lisp`. Load it & search for “Exercise 2.2”. Here’s my discussion.

```
(labels
  ((member3 (x tree candidate)
    (if (null tree)
        (x= x candidate)
        (let ((value (bst-value tree)))
          (if (xlt x value)
              (member3 x (bst-left tree) candidate)
              ;; else
              (member3 x (bst-right tree) value)))))))

(defun tree-member-2-2 (x tree)
  ;; This IF is not a performance optimization; it would be
  ;; dumb to use it as a performance optimization. Instead,
  ;; it's the easiest way to keep NIL out of the candidate.
  (if tree
      (member3 x tree (bst-value tree))
      nil)))
```

I took the hint from the exercise & used it in an obvious way. Most of the work happens in the helper function, `MEMBER3`. One twist is in the `TREE-MEMBER-2-2` function, when we check that `TREE` is not `NIL`. That is not a performance optimization. It keeps `NIL` out of the `CANDIDATE` argument for `MEMBER3`. We want to do that because `MEMBER3` is simpler if it need not worry about a `NIL` candidate. Why? Because we don’t want to bother to specialize the comparison methods for `NIL`.

My answer, with test programs, is in `chapter02.lisp`.

## 2.3 Exercise 2.3

*Inserting an existing element into a binary search tree copies the entire search path even though the copied nodes are indistinguishable from the originals. Rewrite `INSERT` using exceptions to avoid this copying. Establish only one handler per insertion rather than one handler per iteration.*

It's interesting that the exercise bothers to say that there should be only one active exception handler, not one per call.

Here's my answer. This source code & some test programs are in `chapter02.lisp`.

```
(labels
  ((insert2 (x tree root)
    (if (null tree)
      (make-bst :value x :left nil :right nil)
      (let ((value (bst-value tree)))
        (cond ((xlt x value)
              (make-bst :value value
                        :left (insert2 x (bst-left tree) root)
                        :right (bst-right tree)))
              ((xgt x value)
              (make-bst :value value
                        :left (bst-left tree)
                        :right (insert2 x (bst-right tree) root)))
              (t (throw 'already-a-member root)))))))
  (defun insert-2-3 (x tree)
    (catch 'already-a-member
      (insert2 x tree tree))))
```

## 2.4 Exercise 2.4

*Combine the ideas of the previous two exercises to obtain a version of `insert` that performs no unnecessary copying & uses no more than  $d + 1$  comparisons.*

Here is my answer to Exercise 2.4. The source code & test programs are also in `chapter02.lisp`.

```
(labels
  ((insert4 (x tree candidate root)
    (cond ((equal x candidate)
          (throw 'already-a-member root))
          ((endp tree)
          (make-tree x))
          ((< x (tree-value tree))
          (insert4 x (tree-left tree) candidate root))
          (t
          (insert4 x (tree-right tree) (tree-value tree) root))))
  (defun tree-insert-2-4 (x tree)
    (catch 'already-a-member
      (insert4 x tree (tree-value tree) tree))))
```

## 2.5 Exercise 2.5

Sharing can also be useful within a single object, not just between objects. For example, if the two subtrees of a given node are identical, then they can be represented by the same tree.

(a) Using this idea, write a function `complete` of type  $\text{Elem} \times \text{int} \rightarrow \text{Tree}$  where `complete (x, d)` creates a complete binary tree of depth  $d$  with  $x$  stored in every node. (Of course, this function makes no sense for the set abstraction, but it can be useful as an auxiliary function for other abstractions, such as bags.) This function should run in  $O(d)$  time.

(b) Extend this function to create balanced trees of arbitrary size. These trees will not always be complete binary trees, but should be as balanced as possible: for any given node, the two subtrees should differ in size by at most one. This function should run in  $O(\log n)$  time. (Hint: use a helper function `create2` that, given a size  $m$ , creates a pair of trees, one of size  $m$  and one of size  $m + 1$ .)

Here is my answer to Exercise 2.5.a. The source code & test programs are also in `chapter02.lisp`.

```
(defvar *complete-2-5-count* 0)

(defun complete-2-5 (x d)
  (incf *complete-2-5-count*)
  (if (zerop d)
      nil
      (let ((tree (complete-2-5 x (1- d))))
        (make-bst :value x :left tree :right tree))))
```

The `print-table-2-5-a` function creates a table of run-times & call counts for different values of  $N$ . The run-time increases so slowly with  $d$  that the times mostly show a bunch of zeros. So the most useful performance measurement is the call counter, which is in the third column. Table 2.1 shows the results from `print-table-2-5-a`.

Looks like the number of calls is  $O(d + 1)$ , which is linear as requested.

Here is my answer for part B:

```
(defvar *balanced-2-5-count* 0)

(defun balanced-2-5 (x n)
  "Given a size, create a tree of size N & populate it with X.
The tree will be more-or-less balanced."
  (incf *balanced-2-5-count*)
  (cond ((zerop n) nil)
        ((eql n 1) (make-bst :value x :left nil :right nil))
        ((evenp (1- n))
```

n	seconds	calls
0	0.00e+0	1
100	0.00e+0	101
200	0.00e+0	201
300	0.00e+0	301
400	0.00e+0	401
500	0.00e+0	501
600	0.00e+0	601
700	0.00e+0	701
800	0.00e+0	801
900	0.00e+0	901
1000	0.00e+0	1001

Table 2.1: Performance measurements for function `complete-2-5`

n	seconds	calls	$\frac{\text{calls}}{\lg N}$
2	0.00e+0	3	3.00e+0
3002	0.00e+0	334	2.89e+1
6002	0.00e+0	523	4.17e+1
9002	0.00e+0	965	7.35e+1
12002	0.00e+0	714	5.27e+1
15002	10.00e-3	1247	8.99e+1
18002	0.00e+0	1420	1.00e+2
21002	10.00e-3	891	6.21e+1
24002	0.00e+0	907	6.23e+1
27002	0.00e+0	1305	8.87e+1

Table 2.2: Performance measurements for function `balanced-2-5`

```

(let ((subtree (balanced-2-5 x (/ (1- n) 2))))
  (make-bst :value x :left subtree :right subtree))
(t (let* ((half (floor (/ (1- n) 2)))
          (subtree (balanced-2-5 x half))
          (subtree1 (balanced-2-5 x (1+ half))))
    (make-bst :value x :left subtree :right subtree1))))

```

It & its test programs are in `chapter02.lisp`.

As with the answer for part A, it runs so quickly that measuring the work in real-time is difficult, so I measured the work by counting the number of calls. Table 2.2 shows the performance results. They were generated by function `print-table-2-5-b` which is also in `chapter02.lisp`.

Does it run in  $O(\log N)$  time? I'm not sure. I guess it does, but I would feel more confident is the values in the  $\frac{\text{calls}}{\lg N}$  column varied less.

## 2.6 Exercise 2.6

*Adapt the `UnbalancedSet` functor to support finite maps rather than sets. Figure 2.10<sup>1</sup> gives a minimal signature for finite maps. (Note that the `NotFound` exception is not predefined in Standard ML – you will have to define it yourself. Although this exception could be amde part of the `FiniteMap` signature, with every implementation defining its own `NotFound` exception, it is convenient for all finite maps to use the same exception.)*

I'm not going to change any of the Binary Search Tree code I've written. Instead, I'll create a Finite Map Node class & comparison methods for it. Then I should be able to create Finite Maps by inserting Finite Map Nodes into binary search trees.

My answer to exercise 2.6 is in the file `chapter02.lisp`. Search for “Exercise 2.6”; that's where the answer begins.

Here are some important parts of the solution:

```
(defclass finite-map-node ()
  ((key :initarg :key :accessor finite-map-node-key)
   (value :initarg :value :accessor finite-map-node-value)))

(defmethod xeq ((x finite-map-node) (y finite-map-node))
  (xeq (finite-map-node-key x) (finite-map-node-key y)))
(defmethod xgeq ((x finite-map-node) (y finite-map-node))
  (xgeq (finite-map-node-key x) (finite-map-node-key y)))
(defmethod xgt ((x finite-map-node) (y finite-map-node))
  (xgt (finite-map-node-key x) (finite-map-node-key y)))
(defmethod xlt ((x finite-map-node) (y finite-map-node))
  (xlt (finite-map-node-key x) (finite-map-node-key y)))
(defmethod xlt ((x finite-map-node) (y (eql nil)))
  nil)
(defmethod xleq ((x finite-map-node) (y finite-map-node))
  (xleq (finite-map-node-key x) (finite-map-node-key y)))

(defun bind (key value map)
  (insert (make-instance 'finite-map-node :key key :value value) map))

;; This LOOKUP function satisfied the interface described in
;; Okasaki except that it does not throw. When the key is
;; not found in the map, instead of tossing an exception, it
;; returns NIL. So a key bound to NIL is indistinguishable
;; from a key that is not in the table. I implemented it this
;; way because (a) it resembles the semantics of Common Lisp's
;; hash tables & (b) I dislike exceptions.
```

<sup>1</sup>That's Figure 2.10 in [2], page 16.

```
(defun lookup (x map)
  (let ((node (xmember (make-instance 'finite-map-node
                                     :key x :value nil)
                             map)))
    (and node
         (finite-map-node-value node))))
```

## Chapter 3

# Answers to Exercises in Chapter 3

Some of the code for Chapter 3 in [2] use an ORDERED interface. My Lisp implementation of that interface is in ordered.lisp.

### 3.1 Exercise 3.1

*Prove that the right spine of a leftist heap of size  $n$  contains at most  $\lfloor \log(n + 1) \rfloor$  elements. (All logarithms in this book are base 2 unless otherwise indicated.)*

1. Think about a leftist heap which has an added restriction of being “as balanced as possible”. Figure 3.1 shows such a tree with seven nodes. Notice that the tree is both a leftist heap & a balanced binary tree.
2. The tree in Figure 3.1 is leftist, balanced, & full. In this state,  $n = 2^{r_b} - 1$ , where  $n$  is the number of nodes &  $r_b$  is the height of the right subtree.

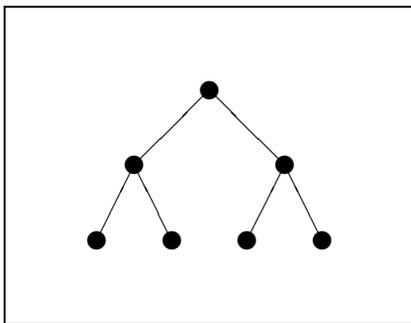


Figure 3.1: An example of a “balanced as possible” leftist heap of seven nodes

This rule applies to the tree in Figure 3.1 & to any other leftist, balanced, full tree.

3. If we add a node to the tree, the leftist property forces the new node to become a left child of the left-most node. After that addition,  $n \geq 2^{r_b} - 1$ .
4. As we add nodes one at a time, the leftist property causes the new nodes to fill open left slots before filling open right slots, but the “balanced as possible” property prevents the new nodes from starting a new level until the current level is full. Eventually, the lowest level fills & we again have a leftist, balanced, full tree. Until the tree is again full, it is always true that  $n \geq 2^{r_b} - 1$ . When the tree is again full, it is true that  $n = 2^{r_b} - 1$ , but it will still be true that  $n \geq 2^{r_b} - 1$ .
5. So in a “balanced as possible”, leftist heap/tree, it is always true that  $n \geq 2^{r_b} - 1$ .
6. Now consider a leftist heap that does *not* have the “balanced as possible” property. As we add nodes to it, the leftist property forces them to fill open left-side slots before filling right-side slots, but without a “balanced as possible” property, they may start a new level before filling the current lowest level. In other words, in a leftist heap, the left subtree may increase in depth more quickly than can the left subtree in a “balanced as possible” leftist heap. So in a leftist heap, the depth,  $r$ , of the right subtree may be less than or equal to the depth,  $r_b$ , of a “balanced as possible” leftist heap with the same number of nodes. So  $r \leq r_b$ .
7. So  $2^r - 1 \leq 2^{r_b} - 1 \leq n$ .
8.  $2^r - 1 \leq n$
9.  $2^r \leq n + 1$
10.  $\log 2^r \leq \log(n + 1)$
11.  $r \leq \log(n + 1)$
12. Because  $r$  is integral,  $r \leq \lfloor \log(n + 1) \rfloor$
13. The depth,  $r$ , of the right-most subtree is also the length of the right spine.
14. So the right spine contains  $r$  nodes, &  $r \leq \lfloor \log(n + 1) \rfloor$ .

It’s hardly the shortest proof in the world, but it’s all me. I didn’t look in any books to see how it was done until I had finished this proof.

## 3.2 Exercise 3.2

Define `insert` directly rather than via a call to `merge`.

My answer is in the file `chapter03.lisp`. To find it & its test programs, search for “`defun insert-3-2`”. Here is a copy of `INSERT-3-2` function.

```
(defun insert-3-2 (x heap)
  "Insert item X into the HEAP, returning a new heap, & without
  calling XMERGE."
  (cond ((null heap)
         ;; If we insert an item into an empty heap, the new
         ;; heap has just one item -- our new item. Our
         ;; MAKE-T function does that.
         (makeT x nil nil))
        ((xleq x (heap-x heap))
         ;; The new item X comes before the current node's item.
         ;; So we make a new heap with X as its item, & we push
         ;; the current node's item into one of the subtrees.
         (makeT x (heap-left heap) (insert-3-2 (heap-x heap)
                                                (heap-right heap))))
        (t
         ;; X comes after the current node, so we recursively insert
         ;; it into a subtree.
         (makeT (heap-x heap)
                (heap-left heap)
                (insert-3-2 x (heap-right heap))))))
```

Other than the trivial case of inserting an item into an empty heap, `INSERT-3-2` works by walking the tree. At any node in the tree, there are two cases (besides the trivial case).

In the first case,  $x \leq \text{node}'s x$ . When that happens, we need to make a new node for  $x$  & then insert the current node's  $x$  into one of the subtrees.

In the second case,  $x > \text{node}'s x$ . When that happens, we recursively insert  $x$  into one of the subtrees.

Which subtree do we use? It's nice to make an effort to keep the tree somewhat balanced, so we should insert the item into the subtree with the smallest rank. We could check the ranks of the subtrees, but if we remember that the right subtree's rank is never greater than the rank of the left subtree, we can skip the check. So we always insert into the right subtree. Our `makeT` helper function will ensure that the subtree with the largest rank becomes the new left subtree.

I'm curious to see why Okasaki gave this as an exercise. Is there an advantage to an `INSERT` function which does its own work instead of passing the buck to `MERGE`? Let's do a performance comparison to see.

function	count	seconds	rate
INSERT uses XMERGE	57	3.04e+0	1.88e+1
INSERT self-contained	23	3.03e+0	7.59e+0

Table 3.1: Result of comparing the plain INSERT to my answer for Exercise 3.2

Table 3.1 shows the results of my performance comparison. I don't see any benefit to the INSERT function which does all of its own work. I'm a little surprised by that.

Here is the Lisp expression I used to make the performance comparison.

```
* (in-package "CHAPTER-03")

* (let ((lst (loop for i from 1 to 10000
                  collect (random 100))))
  (labels
    ((test (insert)
      ;; Insert a bunch of items into an empty heap.
      (declare (type function insert))
      (do ((x lst (rest x))
          (heap nil (funcall insert (first x) heap)))
          ((endp x) heap)))
     (test-with-xmerge ()
      ;; Call TEST using INSERT
      (test #'insert))
     (test-3-2 ()
      ;; Call TEST with INSERT-3-2.
      (test #'insert-3-2)))
    (with-open-file (strm "tab-ex0302.tex" :direction :output
                       :if-exists :rename-and-delete)
      (cybertiggyr-test:ratetable
       (list (list "INSERT uses XMERGE" #'test-with-xmerge)
             (list "INSERT self-contained" #'test-3-2))
       strm))))

#<FILE-STREAM "tab-ex0302.tex">
```

### 3.3 Exercise 3.3

*Implement a function `fromList` of type `Elem.T list → Heap` that produces a leftist heap from an unordered list of elements by first converting each element into a singleton heap & then merging the heaps until only one heap remains. Instead of merging the heaps in one right-to-left or left-to-right pass using `foldr` or `foldl`, merge*

the heaps in  $\lceil \log n \rceil$  passes, where each pass merges adjacent pairs of heaps. Show that `fromList` takes only  $O(n)$  time.

My answer is in the file `chapter03.lisp`. To find it & its test programs, search for “`defun from-list-01`”. It’s called `FROM-LIST-01` because I wrote three solutions; `FROM-LIST-01` is the fastest. Here is a copy of `FROM-LIST-01` function:

```
(labels
  ((m02 (lst)
        (do ((x lst (mapcar #'(lambda (lst2)
                               (apply #'xmerge lst2))
                               (pairs x))))
            ((<= (length x) 1)
             (first x)))))

  (defun from-list-02 (lst)
    (declare (type list lst))
    (m02
     ;; Convert each item in LST into a single-element heap.
     (mapcar #'(lambda (x) (makeT x nil nil)) lst))))
```

The `FROM-LIST-02` function converts the list of items into a list of single-item leftist heaps, then passes the buck to its helper function, `M02`. `M02` repeatedly splits the list into pairs, merges the heaps in each pair, & then repeats by splitting the new list into pairs.

Given a list of length  $n$ , `M02` calls `XMERGE` for each of the  $\frac{n}{2}$  pairs, then performs same operation on the new list of  $\frac{n}{2}$  items. So for a list of length  $n$ , the number of merges is  $\frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{4} + \frac{n}{8} \cdots + 1 = n$ . So *from-list-01* runs in  $O(N)$  time.

So much for the theory. Table 3.2 shows the results of an actual performance run.

Remember that the *rate* from the fourth column measures function calls per second, & the work of one of those function calls is proportional to  $N$ . So to convert the rate from calls-per-second to items-per-second, we must multiply by  $N$ .

The fifth column shows the *rate* times  $N$ . The values are very nearly the same. In fact, I’m impressed that they are so consistent. So they effectively fit a line, & that line is  $O(N)$ . So `FROM-LIST-02` runs in  $O(N)$  time both in theory & in practice.

Here is the expression I used for the performance run in Table 3.2. I added the fifth column by hand.

```
* (with-open-file (strm "tab-ex0303a.tex" :direction :output
                   :if-exists :rename-and-delete)

  (labels
    ((make-test (n)
                 (declare (type integer n))
```

function	count	seconds	rate	$rate \times n$
2	352597	3.05e+0	1.16e+5	2.32e+5
4	202727	3.00e+0	6.76e+4	2.70e+5
8	105340	3.00e+0	3.51e+4	2.81e+5
16	52065	3.00e+0	1.74e+4	2.78e+5
32	26303	3.00e+0	8.77e+3	2.81e+5
64	12225	3.00e+0	4.07e+3	2.60e+5
128	6295	3.00e+0	2.10e+3	2.69e+5
256	3043	3.00e+0	1.01e+3	2.59e+5
512	1566	3.00e+0	5.22e+2	2.67e+5
1024	775	3.04e+0	2.55e+2	2.61e+5
2048	394	3.00e+0	1.31e+2	2.68e+5
4096	170	3.00e+0	5.66e+1	2.32e+5
8192	88	3.01e+0	2.93e+1	2.40e+5
16384	39	3.06e+0	1.28e+1	2.10e+5

Table 3.2: Results of performance run of FROM-LIST-02

```
(let* ((length (expt 2 n))
      (lst (loop for i from 1 to length
                collect (random 100))))
      (list length
            #'(lambda ()
                (from-list-02 lst))))))

(cybertiggyr-test:ratetable
 (loop for n from 1 to 14 collect (make-test n))
 strm))

#<FILE-STREAM "tab-ex0303a.tex">
*
```

### 3.3.1 Discussion of the three solutions

I wrote three solutions. They are called FROM-LIST-00, FROM-LIST-01, & FROM-LIST-02. All are in the file chapter03.lisp. All three solutions have the same form: A FROM-LIST-\* function that calls a local helper function. Each FROM-LIST-\* function applies `makeT` to each element in the list to obtain a list of single-item leftist heaps. Then the FROM-LIST-\* function calls its helper function on that new list.

FROM-LIST-00 is, to my mind, the obvious solution. If the list is empty, it returns an empty list. If the list has one element (which is a heap, thanks to the enclosing FROM-LIST-00 function), it returns that element. If the list has two elements, it merges them & returns the result. Otherwise, it calls itself on each half of the list & merges the two results.

function	count	seconds	rate
from-list-00	30	3.02e+0	9.92e+0
from-list-01	70	3.02e+0	2.32e+1
from-list-02	70	3.03e+0	2.31e+1

Table 3.3: Results of performance comparison of the three FROM-LIST-\* functions

My gut feeling said that splitting the list into two halves is inefficient, so I wrote FROM-LIST-01. Its helper function has the same three special cases, but in its general case, it splits the list into pairs, merges the two elements in each pair to get a shorter list of larger heaps, & then calls itself on the new list.

Since FROM-LIST-01 used simple tail recursion, I was curious to see the results of removing that recursion by hand, so I wrote FROM-LIST-02. It uses the same pair-making logic as FROM-LIST-01, but it does so in a loop, & I took advantage of the fact that FIRST NIL is NIL to collapse the case into a single expression.

I compared the performances of the three FROM-LIST-\* functions, & the results are in Table 3.3. The table shows that FROM-LIST-01, the implementation that splits into pairs & uses a single, tail-recursive call, is the fastest by a hair's breadth. The iterative solution, FROM-LIST-02, is neck-&-neck with it. In fact, I ran the performance comparison many times, & FROM-LIST-02 was occasionally faster than FROM-LIST-01 by one or two iterations in the *count* column.

Even though it's not the fastest, I prefer FROM-LIST-02 because it's more understandable, in my opinion.

Here is the expression I used for the performance comparison:

```
* (in-package "CHAPTER-03")

#<PACKAGE "CHAPTER-03">
* (let ((biglst (loop for i from 1 to 10000 collect (random 100))))
  (labels
    ((test (fn)
      "Call FN on BIGLST. Assume FN is one of the FROM-LIST-*
functions."
      (declare (type function fn))
      (funcall fn biglst))
      (m00 () (test #'from-list-00))
      (m01 () (test #'from-list-01))
      (m02 () (test #'from-list-02)))

    (with-open-file (strm "tab-ex0303b.tex" :direction :output
      :if-exists :rename-and-delete)
      (cybertiggyr-test:ratetable
        (list (list "from-list-00" #'m00)
              (list "from-list-01" #'m01)
              (list "from-list-02" #'m02)))))
```

```

      strm))))
#<FILE-STREAM "tab-ex0303b.tex">
*
```

### 3.4 Exercise 3.4 (Cho & Sahni)

*Weight-biased leftist heaps are an alternative to leftist heaps that replace the leftist property with the weight-biased leftist property; the size of any left child is at least as large as the size of its right sibling.*

(a) *Prove that the right spine of a weight-biased leftist heap contains at most  $\lfloor \log(n + 1) \rfloor$  elements.*

(b) *Modify the implementation in Figure 3.2<sup>1</sup> to obtain weight-biased leftist heaps.*

(c) *Currently, `merge` operates in two passes: a top-down pass consisting of calls to `merge`, & a bottom-up pass consisting of calls to the helper function `makeT`. Modify `merge` for weight-biased leftist heaps to operate in a single, top-down pass.*

(d) *What advantages would the top-down version of `merge` have in a lazy environment? In a concurrent environment?*

#### 3.4.1 Part A

The proof from Exercise 3.1 (Section ??) applies to weight-biased leftist heaps if we change “leftist property” to “weight-biased leftist property”. Significantly, in the new version of step 3 of the proof, the weight-biased leftist property still forces new nodes to fill the left-most leaf nodes.

#### 3.4.2 Part B

To make a weight-biased leftist heap system from the leftist heap system developed earlier in the chapter, the main change is to replace the `rank` function with a `weight` function. We also change the `makeT` function to call the new `weight` function instead of the `rank` function. I also created a new weight-biased leftist heap structure (called `WHEAP`), & copied all the leftist heap functions to weight-biased leftist heap functions & placed a “w” character at the beginning of their names.

The whole system & test programs are in the file `chapter03.lisp`; search for “`defstruct wheap`”. Here are the important parts of the change (the structure, the weight function, & the new `wmakeT` function).

```
(defstruct wheap weight x left right)
```

```
(defun weight (heap)
```

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<sup>1</sup>It means Figure 3.2 in [2], page 20.

```

"Return the weight of the heap.  An empty heap has weight 0."
(if heap
    (wheap-weight heap)
    0))

(defun wmaket (x a b)
  (if (>= (weight a) (weight b))
      (make-wheap :weight (+ (weight a) (weight b) 1)
                  :x x :left a :right b)
      ;; else
      (make-wheap :weight (+ (weight a) (weight b) 1)
                  :x x :left b :right a)))

```

### 3.4.3 Part C

The exercise asks us to remove the `makeT` call that wraps `merge`'s recursive call. If we can place the `makeT` elsewhere so that it doesn't wrap the recursive `merge`, we'll have a tail-recursive `merge`.

Notice that when we call `makeT`, the order of the two child subtrees does not matter because `makeT` will ensure that the heavier subtree is on the left. We can use this detail to keep a stack of arguments for calling `makeT`. Each element of that stack has the  $X$  for a node & one of the subtrees for the node.

My answer is in the file `chapter03.lisp`; search for "defun wmerge-3-4c". Here is a copy of that function:

```

(labels
  ((m00 (stack a b)
        (cond ((null a)
                ;; Use the stack to call WmakeT to build the heap.
                (reduce #'(lambda (&optional x y)
                            (cond ((null x) y)
                                  ((null y) x)
                                  ((typep x 'wheap)
                                   (WmakeT (first y) (second y) x))
                                  (t      ; X is a list, Y is a heap
                                   (WmakeT (first x) (second x) b))))
                stack
                :initial-value b))
        ((null b)
         ;; Like the previous case, but B is empty.  Instead
         ;; of duplicating the code, we'll swap A & B to use
         ;; the previous chunk of code.
         (m00 stack b a))
        ((xleq (wheap-x a) (wheap-x b))
         ;; A's X goes into a new node.  A's left will be
         ;; one of the subtrees.  We'll merge A's right &

```

```

;; B to make the other subtree.
(m00 (cons (list (wheap-x a) (wheap-left a)) stack)
      (wheap-right a)
      b))
(t                                     ; A's X > B's X
 (m00 (cons (list (wheap-x b) (wheap-left b)) stack)
      (wheap-right b)
      a))))

(defun wmerge-3-4c (heap1 heap2)
  "This is the top-down merge for Part C of Exercise 3.4."
  (m00 () heap1 heap2))

```

Though I satisfied the literal requirements of Exercise 3.4 part C, I'm not convinced my answer is what Okasaki had in mind. Though this merge function is tail-recursive<sup>2</sup>, it still calls `makeT` after it has walked the tree. It still does the same work as the basic merge function; it just doesn't save the work on the call stack. Calling this new function a "top-down merge" seems to be splitting hairs, in my opinion, sort of like saying cheddar is cheddar, not cheese.

On the other hand, since it is tail recursive now, we could remove all recursion as I did in `FROM-LIST-02` in Exercise 3.3.

#### Note to self, after the fact

Thinking about how Part D suggests that the top-down merge might have benefits in a lazy environment... Maybe a better answer would have been for the top-down merge to create nodes with `makeT`, but each child would be a function, not a value. Having read the book already, I know that this is part of making a lazy data structure, but then we'd have to modify the entire data structure. So the `wheap` structure I have wouldn't work any more. We'd need a lazy, weight-biased, leftist heap all because we wanted merge to be top-down. So this would be another way to solve the problem, but I don't think it's what Okasaki had in mind. I'm pretty sure I failed to find the solution.

*fixme:* What if we reverse the order of `makeT` & the recursive merge? In other words, what if we called `makeT`, then called merge on the result?

#### 3.4.4 Part D

I don't see any benefit to my `WMERGE-3-4C` function in a **lazy environment**. It still does all the work that the original down-up merge did. I'm pretty sure it would not be any easier for the language system to memoize. So I don't see any advantage.

Likewise, I see no benefit to my `WMERGE-3-4C` function in a **concurrent environment**. Each call to `WMERGE-3-4C` does all its work before passing

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<sup>2</sup>Actually, this new merge function is a trivial wrapper around its helper function, which is tail-recursive.

the buck to another instance of WMERGE-3-4C. In fact, if you eliminated the recursion by hand, WMERGE-3-4C could be implemented as a single loop that does all the work while accumulating a stack, then a second loop that does the REDUCE work on the stack. The first loop would not be naturally parallelizable, though maybe the REDUCE could operate by calling the function on pairs, in parallel, until only one element remained in the list.

As I said in Section 3.4.3, I suspect I did not solve the exercise as Okasaki planned.

### 3.5 Exercise 3.5

For this & the next few exercises, I translated Okasaki's implementation of binomial heaps ([2], page 24) to Lisp. It is in the file `binomial-heap.lisp`.

*Define `findMin` directly rather than via a call to `removeMinTree`.*

Here is my answer:

```
(defun findMin-3-5 (heap)
  (assert (binomial-heap:is-heap heap))
  (let ((min0 (binomial-heap:root (first heap))))
    (if (= (length heap) 1)
        min0
        ;; else
        (let ((min1 (findMin-3-5 (rest heap))))
          (if (xleq min0 min1)
              min0
              ;; else
              min1))))))
```

My answer & test programs for it are also in the file `chapter03.lisp`. Search for “`defun findMin-3-5`”.

My guess is that the point of Exercise 3.5 was to improve the performance of `findMin`.

Before running a performance comparison, let's predict its results. Simply removing `findMin`'s call to `removeMinTree` won't change performance much; it'll just remove one function call, which will have little effect. A bigger difference is that `removeMinTree` constructs lists as it returns, whereas the self-contained `findMin` only deconstructs heaps. I suspect this could have a noticeable effect on large heaps. So I predict that `findMin-3-5` will be faster for large heaps.

Table 3.4 shows the results of the performance test. The rows are in pairs. The first two rows compare `findMin` & `findMin-3-5` for heaps of 1,000 elements. The next pair of rows compare them for heaps of 10,000 elements.

My `findMin-3-5` is faster, so I presume that was the point of the exercise.

Here is the Lisp expression I used for the comparison:

function	count	seconds	rate
findMin-3-5 1000	365778	3.04e+0	1.20e+5
findMin 1000	264264	3.00e+0	8.81e+4
findMin-3-5 10000	408572	3.00e+0	1.36e+5
findMin 10000	300420	3.00e+0	1.00e+5
findMin-3-5 50000	364576	3.00e+0	1.22e+5
findMin 50000	261948	3.00e+0	8.73e+4

Table 3.4: Performance comparison between findMin &amp; findMin-3-5

```
(in-package "CHAPTER-03")
==> #<PACKAGE "CHAPTER-03">

(labels
  ((init-heap (n)
    (declare (type integer n))
    (format t "~&~A: N is ~S" 'init-heap n)
    ;; Jesus H. Krist. If I don't have this COERCE, SBCL's
    ;; compiler (yes, compiler, not during eval) croaks
    ;; because it thinks N will be of type
    ;; (OR (INTEGER 10000 10000) (INTEGER 1000 1000)), which
    ;; isn't an integer. Dumbshit wannabe optimizing compiler.
    (setq n (coerce n 'integer))
    (do ((heap nil (binomial-heap:insert (random n) heap))
        (i 0 (1+ i)))
        ((>= i n) heap))))

  (let ((heap1k (init-heap 1000))
        (heap10k (init-heap 10000))
        (heap50k (init-heap 50000)))
    (with-open-file (strm "tab-ex0305.tex" :direction :output
                        :if-exists :rename-and-delete)
      (cybertiggyr-test:ratetable
        (list
          (list "findMin-3-5 1000" #'(lambda () (findMin-3-5 heap1k)))
          (list "findMin 1000" #'(lambda () (binomial-heap:findMin heap1k)))
          (list "findMin-3-5 10000" #'(lambda () (findMin-3-5 heap10k)))
          (list "findMin 10000" #'(lambda () (binomial-heap:findMin heap10k)))
          (list "findMin-3-5 50000" #'(lambda () (findMin-3-5 heap50k)))
          (list "findMin 50000" #'(lambda () (binomial-heap:findMin heap50k))))
        strm))))
```

### 3.6 Exercise 3.6

*Most of the rank annotation in this representation of binomial heaps are redundant because we know that the children of a node of rank  $r$  have ranks  $r - 1, \dots, 0$ . Thus, we can remove the rank annotations from each node and instead pair each tree at the top-level with its rank, i.e.,*

```
datatype Tree = Node of Elem × Tree list
type Heap = (int × Tree) list
```

*Reimplement binomial heaps with this new representation.*

If I translate the suggested data structure from the Standard ML of Exercise 3.6 to Lisp, I get this:

```
(defstruct xtree x (c nil))

(defstruct heapnode r tree)

;; A HEAP is a list of HEAPNODE.
```

When we re-write some of the binomial heap functions to work with the new types, a general rule will be that functions which access the rank of a tree must operate on HEAPNODES. The other functions which operate on trees can continue to operate on trees. The functions which operate on heaps continue to operate on heaps, though they may need changes in how they call the tree-handling functions because now there is a difference between operating on a tree & operating on a HEAPNODE.

Tree-handling functions which become HEAPNODE-handling functions are **rank** & **insTree**.

The unchanged tree-handling function are **root**.

I still need a **rank** function which computes the rank of a tree instead of just returning the rank that is stored in a HEAPNODE. *I would be very interested in a solution which did not recompute the rank of any trees.*

The **link** function becomes a HEAPNODE function, but the easiest way to implement the recursive part is with a tree-handling function. So **link** splits into **link-nodes**, which operates on heap nodes, & **link-trees**, which operates on trees.

It looks like all the other functions, which operate on heaps, will need changes because, where they used to call tree-handling & other heap-handling functions, they now also sometimes call HEAPNODE-handling functions.

My answer is in the file `binomial-heap2.lisp`.

If we assume that pointers, fixnums, & many other data types all occupy the same amount of space (a *word*), then the original implementation of binomial heaps stores the rank of a tree in each node. So each tree node requires space for the payload & for the rank; that's two words. This new implementation uses

n	trees	BH space	BH2 space
1	1	2	2
7	3	14	11
15	4	30	19
31	5	62	36
1023	10	2046	1033

Table 3.5: Comparison of the space requirements of the two binomial heap implementations

function	count	seconds	rate
BH 100	4284	3.00e+0	1.43e+3
BH2 100	616	3.00e+0	2.05e+2
BH 500	786	3.00e+0	2.62e+2
BH2 500	47	3.04e+0	1.55e+1
BH 1000	378	3.00e+0	1.26e+2
BH2 1000	14	3.11e+0	4.50e+0

Table 3.6: Performance comparison between original binomial heap implementation & the new one from Exercise 3.6

one word for each tree node & one word for each tree. Table 3.5 compares the space requirements for the two implementations of binomial heaps.

The space savings for this new implementation of binomial heap could be considerable.

Table 3.6 compares run-time performance for the two techniques.

So the first implementation of binomial heap, with the rank in each tree node, is about twenty times faster than the second implementation, which saves space by storing the rank per tree. I'd bet that the time difference has to do with computing the rank of the trees, which the second implementation does when it merges.

This is just one more data point in support of the heuristic that you can always trade space for time. Nevertheless, I'm still open to the possibility of a binomial heap implementation that stores the rank for each tree & never computes the rank of the trees. If there is such an implementation, then I failed Exercise 3.6.

```
(in-package "COMMON-LISP-USER")
==> #<PACKAGE "COMMON-LISP-USER">

(labels
  ((sort1 (lst)
    (utils:heapsort lst nil #'binomial-heap:insert
      #'binomial-heap:findMin
      #'binomial-heap:deleteMin))
   (sort2 (lst)
```

```

      (utils:heapsort lst nil #'binomial-heap2:insert
        #'binomial-heap2:findMin
        #'binomial-heap2:deleteMin)))

(let ((lst1c (loop for i from 1 to 100 collect (random 100)))
      (lst5c (loop for i from 1 to 500 collect (random 500)))
      (lst1k (loop for i from 1 to 1000 collect (random 1000))))
  (with-open-file (strm "tab-ex0306b.tex" :direction :output
                     :if-exists :rename-and-delete)
    (cybertiggyr-test:ratetable
      (list
        (list "BH 100" #'(lambda () (sort1 lst1c)))
        (list "BH2 100" #'(lambda () (sort2 lst1c)))
        (list "BH 500" #'(lambda () (sort1 lst5c)))
        (list "BH2 500" #'(lambda () (sort2 lst5c)))
        (list "BH 1000" #'(lambda () (sort1 lst1k)))
        (list "BH2 1000" #'(lambda () (sort2 lst1k))))
      strm))))

```

### 3.7 Exercise 3.7

*One clear advantage of leftist heaps over binomial heaps is that `findMin` takes only  $O(1)$  time, rather than  $O(\log n)$  time. The following functor skeleton improves the running time of `findMin` to  $O(1)$  by storing the minimum element separately from the rest of the heap.*

```

functor ExplicitMin (H : Heap) : Heap =
struct

  structure Elem = H.Elem
  datatype Heap = E or NE of Elem.T × H.Heap
  ...

end

```

*Note that this functor is not specific to binomial heaps, but rather takes any implementation of heaps as a parameter. Complete this functor so that `findMin` takes  $O(1)$  time, & `insert`, `merge`, & `deleteMin` take  $O(\log n)$  time (assuming that all four take  $O(\log n)$  time or better for the underlying implementation  $H$ .)*

The past few exercises have made me wish I had defined an interface for heaps before doing all these exercises. I chose not to do that because, since all these heap implementations use `NIL` to indicate an empty heap, it's not just a case of creating an interface in `CLOS`. So I stand by my choices, but this Exercise 3.7 sure makes me reconsider it. (See Section 7.1.)

Here's an answer to Exercise 3.7 in pseudocode:

1. We store the minimum element along with the heap.
2. `findMin` just returns that element, so it runs in  $O(1)$  time.
3. `insert` compares the new element to the stored minimum element. If the new element is less, it stores the new element as the minimum element. This extra work is  $O(1)$ , which is probably less than H's `insert`, so `ExplicitMin`'s `insert` will run in the same time as H's `insert`.
4. `deleteMin` must find the next minimum by using H's `findMin`. This is a bummer, but I think it's necessary. If H's `deleteMin` & `findMin` both run in  $O(\log n)$ , then `ExplicitMin`'s `deleteMin` will run in  $O(2 \times \log n)$ , which is still  $O(\log n)$  as required by Exercise 3.7.

Let's do it with a Lisp macro. My answer is in the file `chapter03.lisp`. Search for "Exercise 3.7".

```
(defmacro def-explicit-min (basename insert findMin deleteMin)
  (let ((xmaker (intern (format nil "~A-~A" 'make ,basename)))
        (xmin (intern (format nil "~A-~A" ,basename 'min)))
        (xheap (intern (format nil "~A-~A" ,basename 'heap)))
        (xinsert (intern (format nil "~A-~A" ,basename 'insert)))
        (xfindMin (intern (format nil "~A-~A" ,basename 'findMin)))
        (xdeleteMin (intern (format nil "~A-~A" ,basename 'deleteMin))))
    (arg-x (gensym))
    (arg-heap (gensym))
    (tmp (gensym)))
  `(progn
    (defstruct ,basename min heap)
    (defun ,xinsert (,arg-x ,arg-heap)
      (if ,arg-heap
          (,xmaker :min (if (xleq ,arg-x (,xmin ,arg-heap))
                            ,arg-x
                            (,xmin ,arg-heap))
                        :heap (,insert ,arg-x (,xheap ,arg-heap)))
          (,xmaker :min ,arg-x :heap (,insert ,arg-x nil))))
    (defun ,xfindMin (,arg-heap)
      (declare (type ,basename ,arg-heap))
      (,xmin ,arg-heap))
    (defun ,xdeleteMin (,arg-heap)
      (declare (type ,basename ,arg-heap))
      (let ((,tmp (,deleteMin (,xheap ,arg-heap))))
        (,xmaker :min (,findMin ,tmp) :heap ,tmp)))
    (list ,xmaker ,xmin ,xheap ,xinsert ,xfindMin
          ,xdeleteMin ,arg-x ,arg-heap ,tmp)))
```

### 3.8 Exercise 3.8

*Prove that the maximum depth of a node in a red-black tree of size  $n$  is at most  $2\lfloor\log(n+1)\rfloor$ .*

The proof is algebraic.

1. Let  $S$  be the length of the shortest path to a leaf in the tree.
2. Then  $2^S \leq N - 1$ , the number of nodes in the tree.
3.  $S \leq \lfloor\log(N - 1)\rfloor$
4. Let  $M$  be the length of the longest path to a leaf in the tree.
5.  $M \leq 2 \cdot S$ , according to the rules of red-black trees.
6.  $\frac{M}{2} \leq S$
7.  $\frac{M}{2} \leq S \leq \lfloor\log(N - 1)\rfloor$
8.  $M \leq 2 \cdot \lfloor\log N - 1\rfloor$

### 3.9 Exercise 3.9

*Write a function `fromOrdList` of type `Elem list → Tree` that converts a sorted list with no duplicates into a red-black tree. Your function should run in  $O(n)$  time.*

To test my answer to this problem, I had to implement red-black trees in Lisp. That implementation is in file `red-black-set.lisp`. (fixme: As of 2006 January 1, it's not finished yet.)

*Wait. That's not true. I couldn't implement the `BALANCE` function in a way that wasn't ugly. Okasaki's implementation in *Standard ML* is nice, but I've never seen another red-black tree implementation I liked, & I couldn't figure it out in Lisp. So screw it. I reject red-black trees! I renounce them!*

*So now I turn to the next chapter.*



## Chapter 4

# Answers to Exercises in Chapter 4

A part of Chapter 4 of [2] is an implementation of a delayed-evaluation streams package. I implemented that in Lisp in the file `zstream.lisp`, which is in Appendix D & is online at <http://cybertiggyr.com/gene/amo/zstream.lisp>.

### 4.1 Exercise 4.1

*Use the fact that `force ($e)` is equivalent to `e` to show that these two definitions of `drop` are equivalent.*

The two implementations of `drop`, which I will rename to `dropA` & `dropB`, are:

```
fun lazy dropA (0, s) = s
  | dropA (n, $Nil) = $Nil
  | dropA (n, $Cons (x, s)) = dropA (n - 1, s)

fun lazy dropB (n, s) =
  let fun drop' (0, s) = s
      | drop' (n, $Nil) = $Nil
      | drop' (n, $Cons (x, s)) = drop' (n - 1, s)
  in drop' (n, s) end
```

By comparing `dropA` to the `drop'` which is within `dropB`, anyone can see that `dropA` is equivalent to `drop'`. So the task is to show that `dropB`'s use of `drop'` is equivalent to the stand-alone function `dropA`.

We'll use the rule from page 33 in [2] which says that

```
fun lazy f p = e
```

is equivalent to

```
fun f x = $case x of p = force e
```

By applying that rule to `dropB`, we get

```
fun dropB (x, y) =
  $case (x, y) of (n, s) =
    force (let fun drop' (0, s) = s
                | drop' (n, $Nil) = $Nil
                | drop' (n, $Cons (x, s)) = drop' (n - 1, s)
              in drop' (n, s) end)
```

Now we employ the fact that `force ($e)` is equivalent to `e`. So `dropB (n, s)` is equivalent to

```
fun drop' (0, s) = s
  | drop' (n, $Nil) = $Nil
  | drop' (n, $Cons (x, s)) = drop' (n - 1, s)
```

And, like I already said, it's obvious that `drop'` is equivalent to `dropA`.

## 4.2 Exercise 4.2

*Implement insertion sort on streams. Show that extracting the first  $k$  elements of `sort xs` takes only  $O(n \cdot k)$  time, where  $n$  is the length of `xs`, rather than  $O(N^2)$  time, as might be expected of insertion sort.*

Notice that an obvious implementation of a delayed *selection sort* has this same  $O(n \cdot k)$  property, but for me, an implementation of insertion sort with this property is not obvious. In fact, I wasn't convinced it was possible until I did it.

After much thinking & experimentation, here is the INSERTION-SORT function I wrote. It's also in Appendix D.

```
(defun zinsert (x z lessp)
  "Insert X into Z in order, returning a new ZSTREAM."
  (declare (type function lessp))
  (let ((z0 (force z)))
    (symbol-macrolet ((head (car z0))
                      (tail (cdr z0)))
      (cond ((null z0) (zpush x z))
            ((funcall lessp x head) (zpush x z))
            (t (zpush head
                      ;; This suspension is the critical part.
                      (suspend zinsert-0
                              (force (zinsert x tail lessp))))))))))
```

N	K	early count	later count	rel. $O(N \cdot K)$	rel. $O(N^2)$
256	1	255	255	1.00	0.00
256	128	255	24385	0.74	0.37
256	256	255	31360	0.48	0.48
512	1	511	511	1.00	0.00
512	256	511	97479	0.74	0.37
512	512	511	128785	0.49	0.49
1024	1	1023	1023	1.00	0.00
1024	512	1023	386882	0.74	0.37
1024	1024	1023	517716	0.49	0.49

Table 4.1: Some performance measurements of my lazy insertion sort implementation

```
(defun insertion-sort (z lessp)
  "Return a new ZTREAM which is a sorted version of Z. If
  you remove the first K elements from the new ZTREAM, the
  cost will be  $O(K * N)$ , where N is the length of Z and also
  the length of the new ZTREAM."
  (declare (type function lessp))
  (let ((z0 (force z)))
    (if (null z0)
        ;; Empty ZTREAM is already sorted.
        z
        ;; Else
        (let ((head (car z0))
              (tail (insertion-sort (cdr z0) lessp)))
          (zinsert head tail lessp))))))
```

To verify that my lazy insertion sort behaves as Exercise 4.2 requires, I wrote a function called `PERF-INSERTION-SORT`, which is in Appendix D. Table 4.1 shows the output of `PERF-INSERTION-SORT`.

In Table 4.1, the **N** column shows the length of the ZTREAM which we'll sort. The **K** column shows the number of items we'll extract from the sorted ZTREAM. We always use three values of K; they are 1,  $\frac{N}{2}$ , & N.

We generate a new ZTREAM of N random numbers for every combination of N & K. Alternatively, we could have generated a new ZTREAM for every N, independant of K.

The **early count** column shows the number of comparisons the sorting algorithm performed before we extract any items from the sorted ZTREAM. The **later count** column shows the number of comparisons that have been performed after extracting K items.

The **rel.  $O(N \cdot K)$**  column shows how much work (i.e., comparisons) my lazy insertion sort performed relative to the  $O(N \cdot K)$  target value claimed by

Exercise 4.2.

The **rel.**  $O(N^2)$  column shows how much work my lazy insertion sort performed relative to the  $O(N^2)$  that a monolithic insertion sort would theoretically have done.<sup>1</sup>

You might notice that the only suspension in my lazy insertion sort is in ZINSERT. The suspension in ZINSERT is *critical* to achieve the behaviour that Exercise 4.2 requires, but a suspension around the recursive call in INSERTION-SORT is optional.

I generated Table 4.1 without the suspension. We can see from the table that INSERTION-SORT does  $O(N)$  comparisons before it returns & that extracting the first item from the new ZSTREAM is immediate. With the suspension in INSERTION-SORT, INSERTION-SORT does no comparisons, but extracting the first element from the sorted ZSTREAM does  $O(N)$  comparisons. In other words, with the suspension, Table 4.1 would show the same amount of work except that the “early count” column would *always* be zero.

Here is the INSERTION-SORT function with the suspension:

```
(defun insertion-sort (z lessp)
  "Return a new ZSTREAM which is a sorted version of Z. If
  you remove the first K elements from the new ZSTREAM, the
  cost will be  $O(K * N)$ , where N is the length of Z and also
  the length of the new ZSTREAM."
  (declare (type function lessp))
  (let ((z0 (force z)))
    (if (null z0)
        ;; Empty ZSTREAM is already sorted.
        z
        ;; Else
        (suspend insertion-sort-0
          (let ((head (car z0))
                (tail (insertion-sort (cdr z0) lessp)))
            (force (zinsert head tail lessp)))))))
```

If you embrace suspensions fully, you’d probably use the version with the suspension, but since suspensions have an overhead cost; since it seems likely that if you sort a collection, you’ll want at least the first element from it; & since the cost of fetching that first element is  $O(N)$ , I choose to forgo the suspension in INSERTION-SORT.

Remember that the suspension within ZINSERT is critical! You can’t do without it.

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<sup>1</sup>When  $K = N$ , this final column is roughly  $\frac{1}{2}$  because insertion sort on randomized lists, which is how I generated the data to sort, is close to  $O(\frac{N^2}{2})$ .

## Chapter 5

# Fundamentals of Amortization

According to Okasaki, the basic way to make a persistent queue in a functional language is with two lists: the front & the rear. Insert into the queue by pushing onto the rear. Delete from the queue by removing from the front. We must sometimes reverse the rear & use it as the new front.

I implemented these queues as class “`BATCHQ`” in the file `amo.lisp`. The source code is in Appendix C.

The worst-case cost of `tail` is  $O(n)$ , but Okasaki proves that the amortized cost of `tail` is  $O(1)$ .

Recall the second equation from page 40 in [2]; it says  $\sum_{i=1}^j a_i \geq \sum_{i=1}^j t_i$ . If I understand amortized cost correctly (& I’m not sure I do), the (theoretical) amortized performance is an upper bound on the actual performance. Since the amortized cost for each of `SNOC`, `HEAD`, & `TAIL` is  $O(1)$ , the amortized cost of any sequence of those operations will be  $O(k \cdot m)$ , where  $m$  is the length of the sequence &  $k$  is some constant. Since the amortized cost is an upper bound, the actual performance should be no worse than  $O(k \cdot m)$ .

Let’s do some measurements.

We’ll perform a lengthy sequence of operations randomly selected from (`SNOC`, `HEAD`, & `TAIL`). When the queue is empty, `HEAD` will return `NIL` instead of signalling an error. There is also a risk of overflowing memory with a large queue, but we’ll take that risk.

Periodically during the sequence (like every 1,000 operations), we’ll print the theoretical performance (which will be the number of operations so far), the actual performance between the two (measured in real time), & the ratio between the two. If the amortized performance, which is  $O(k \cdot m)$ , is an upper bound on the actual performance, then the ratio will approximate  $k$  or it will decrease. The ratio definitely should not increase in the long run.

Here is a function which performs this performance test & prints a plain text table of the results. Table 5.1 shows the results of “`(batchq-perf 1000000)`”.

operations	amo'd cost	real cost	ratio
1,000,000	1,000,000.00	2.20	2.20e-6
2,000,000	2,000,000.00	4.43	2.21e-6
3,000,000	3,000,000.00	6.68	2.23e-6
4,000,000	4,000,000.00	8.89	2.22e-6
5,000,000	5,000,000.00	11.30	2.26e-6
6,000,000	6,000,000.00	13.49	2.25e-6
7,000,000	7,000,000.00	15.70	2.24e-6
8,000,000	8,000,000.00	17.84	2.23e-6
9,000,000	9,000,000.00	20.07	2.23e-6
10,000,000	10,000,000.00	22.34	2.23e-6

Table 5.1: The results of “(batchq-perf 10000000)”

From those results, I'd say that the real performance is about  $O(k \cdot n)$ , where  $k = 2.23 \times 10^{-6}$  second.

```
;; You must load "loadall.lisp" first.
```

```
(in-package "AMD")
```

```
(labels
```

```
  ((make-q ()
```

```
    "Make a big queue."
```

```
    (let ((q (make-batchq)))
```

```
      (dotimes (i 10000) (setq q (snoc q (random 100))))
```

```
      q)
```

```
  (random-op (q)
```

```
    (case (random 3)
```

```
      (0 (snoc q (random 100)))
```

```
      (1 (head q) q)
```

```
      (2 (tail q))))
```

```
  (amo-cost (i)
```

```
    "Return amortized cost. Because the three  
    operations we're using all have an amortized  
    cost of  $O(1)$ , the total amortized cost is  
    just the number of operations. That's I."
```

```
    i)
```

```
  (real-cost (start)
```

```
    "Return the real cost. The real cost is the  
    amount of real time we have been running."
```

```
    (/ (- (get-internal-real-time) start)
```

```
        internal-time-units-per-second)))
```

```
(defun batchq-perf (&optional (m 100000))
```

```
"M is the number of operations to perform."
(do ((q (make-q) (random-op q))
    (start (get-internal-real-time))
    (i 1 (1+ i)))
    (> i m) q)
;; Every once in a while, print a line of
;; the table.
(when (zerop (mod i (/ m 10)))
  (format t "~&~9D~{ ~9,2F~} ~,2E" i
          (list (amo-cost i) (real-cost start))
          (/ (real-cost start) (amo-cost i))))))
```



## Chapter 6

# Amortized Queues Performance Comparison

Okasaki spends a lot of time discussing queues in [2], especially amortized queues in Chapter 6. I like doing performance comparisons, so let's compare the performances of those queues & some others.

### 6.1 Interface to Queues

Each type of queue supports this interface, which I have borrowed from [2]:

**snoc** (**q** **x**) Insert item  $x$  into the queue. Return the new queue.

**head** (**q**) Return the item which is in the front of the queue. Return NIL for an empty queue.

**tail** (**q**) Return a new queue which is equivalent to  $q$  with its head cut off.

**isEmpty** (**q**) Return true<sup>1</sup> if & only if  $q$  is empty.

I chose to express this interface using CLOS because I want a single interface with multiple implementations.

### 6.2 Implementations of Queues

The implementations of queues are:

- naïve
- batch

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<sup>1</sup>“True” is any non-NIL value.

- amortized via the banker’s algorithm
- amortized via the physicist’s algorithm

All of the implementations are in `amo.lisp`.

### 6.2.1 Naïve Queues

A **naïve queue** is implemented as a single list. Retrieving or removing the front element is quick; it is the `CAR` of the list, but inserting a new element is expensive. To insert a new element, we must `APPEND` to the list, creating an entirely new queue each time.

I call this type of queue naïve because the implementation is obvious & far less efficient than other possibilities.

I included naïve queues as a sort of control group, a baseline, & out of curiosity.

### 6.2.2 Batch Queues

A **batch queue** is implemented with two lists. The first list is the *front*, & the second list is the *rear*. To insert into the queue, push the item onto the rear. The head of the queue is the `FIRST` of the front list if that list is not empty; otherwise, it’s the `FIRST` of the reverse of the rear list.

With batch queues, insertion is  $O(1)$ . Accessing the front element is  $O(1)$  if the front list is non-empty; otherwise, it’s  $O(n)$ .

The functions for “two lists” queues are in `amo.lisp`. All of their names begin with “`listsq`”. All of those functions are memoized.

Okasaki mentions that this implementation of queues is common & reasonable in functional languages.

### 6.2.3 Banker’s Queues

Okasaki derives this implementation of queues using the Banker’s Method of amortized analysis in Section 6.3.2 of [2].

### 6.2.4 Physicist’s Queues

Okasaki derives this implementation of queues using the Physicist’s Method of amortized analysis in Section 6.4.2 of [2].

## 6.3 The Performance Results

The performance test works like this:

1. For each size  $N = 2^k, k = 1, 2, \dots$ , then for each queue type T,
  - (a) Create an empty queue of type T & place N items in it.

N	NAIVEQ	BATCHQ	BANKQ	PHYSQ
1	$2.85 \times 10^5$	$2.97 \times 10^5$	$2.92 \times 10^5$	$3.00 \times 10^5$
2	$1.97 \times 10^4$	$1.98 \times 10^5$	$2.83 \times 10^5$	$2.79 \times 10^5$
4	$1.77 \times 10^4$	$2.08 \times 10^5$	$1.71 \times 10^5$	$2.44 \times 10^5$
8	$5.78 \times 10^3$	$2.74 \times 10^4$	$2.75 \times 10^5$	$2.86 \times 10^5$
16	$6.66 \times 10^3$	$1.97 \times 10^5$	$1.51 \times 10^5$	$2.15 \times 10^5$
32	$9.32 \times 10^2$	$1.99 \times 10^5$	$2.21 \times 10^5$	$2.48 \times 10^5$
64	$4.92 \times 10^3$	$1.71 \times 10^5$	$1.45 \times 10^5$	$2.21 \times 10^5$
128	$1.63 \times 10^3$	$2.21 \times 10^5$	$1.89 \times 10^5$	$2.21 \times 10^5$
256	$2.72 \times 10^2$	$1.21 \times 10^5$	$1.66 \times 10^5$	$2.33 \times 10^5$
512	$2.10 \times 10^2$	$2.16 \times 10^5$	$2.05 \times 10^5$	$2.36 \times 10^5$
1024	$3.78 \times 10^2$	$7.48 \times 10^4$	$1.30 \times 10^5$	$1.95 \times 10^5$
2048	$2.46 \times 10^0$	$3.21 \times 10^4$	$2.36 \times 10^5$	$1.95 \times 10^5$

Table 6.1: The performance results *with memoization*

- (b) Do a bunch of insert/delete operations on the queue. We always do a pair of operations: One insert, then one delete. Immediately before the insert, there are N items in the queue. Immediately after the delete, there are again N items in the queue.
- (c) Report the number of insert/delete operation pairs per second for queue type T of size N.

Table 6.1 shows the performance results with memoization. I obtained this table by loading `amo.lisp` into SBCL, & then evaluating these expression:

```
(in-package "AMO")
=> #<PACKAGE "AMO">
(setq *time-test2-max-expt* 11)
=> 11
(make-memos)
=> (MAPPEND blah blah blah ...)
(time-test2 "memo.tex")
```

See Section 6.4 for a discussion of why the performance of naïve queues dropped suddenly at  $N = 2,048$  & why I didn't run the comparison for larger values of  $N$ .

In spite of the performance analyses in Okasaki's [2], I see little difference in the performances. I presume this is the benefit of memoization. Let's run the performance tests without memoization to test that idea.

To run the performance comparison without memoization, I started SBCL & evaluated these expressions:

```
(in-package "AMO")
=> #<PACKAGE "AMO">
```

N	NAIVEQ	BATCHQ	BANKQ	PHYSQ
1	$1.93 \times 10^5$	$1.73 \times 10^5$	$6.36 \times 10^4$	$8.79 \times 10^4$
2	$1.84 \times 10^5$	$1.79 \times 10^5$	$5.70 \times 10^4$	$1.10 \times 10^5$
4	$1.69 \times 10^5$	$1.81 \times 10^5$	$5.07 \times 10^4$	$1.17 \times 10^5$
8	$1.49 \times 10^5$	$1.84 \times 10^5$	$4.60 \times 10^4$	$1.23 \times 10^5$
16	$1.19 \times 10^5$	$1.91 \times 10^5$	$4.35 \times 10^4$	$1.23 \times 10^5$
32	$8.90 \times 10^4$	$1.94 \times 10^5$	$4.31 \times 10^4$	$1.25 \times 10^5$
64	$6.11 \times 10^4$	$2.06 \times 10^5$	$4.22 \times 10^4$	$1.26 \times 10^5$
128	$3.61 \times 10^4$	$2.03 \times 10^5$	$4.18 \times 10^4$	$1.25 \times 10^5$
256	$1.95 \times 10^4$	$2.08 \times 10^5$	$4.13 \times 10^4$	$1.26 \times 10^5$
512	$1.01 \times 10^4$	$2.07 \times 10^5$	$4.05 \times 10^4$	$1.24 \times 10^5$
1024	$5.05 \times 10^3$	$2.05 \times 10^5$	$4.04 \times 10^4$	$1.27 \times 10^5$
2048	$2.66 \times 10^3$	$2.09 \times 10^5$	$3.74 \times 10^4$	$1.27 \times 10^5$
4096	$1.30 \times 10^3$	$1.99 \times 10^5$	$2.95 \times 10^4$	$1.16 \times 10^5$
8192	$6.43 \times 10^2$	$1.99 \times 10^5$	$8.65 \times 10^3$	$1.15 \times 10^5$
16384	$2.96 \times 10^2$	$2.07 \times 10^5$	$5.53 \times 10^0$	$1.28 \times 10^5$
32768	$1.36 \times 10^2$	$1.89 \times 10^5$	$1.02 \times 10^0$	$1.10 \times 10^5$
65536	$5.89 \times 10^1$	$1.74 \times 10^5$	$3.40 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.25 \times 10^5$

Table 6.2: The performance results *without memoization*

```
;; I did not do (setq *time-test2-max-expt* 12)
;; I did not do (make-memos)
(time-test2 "nomemo.tex")
```

The results are in Table 6.2..

## 6.4 Observations about Memoization & Memory Use

I wanted to run the test for larger queues, but the memoized queues exhausted memory with anything larger. It turned out that the naïve queues were the memory-consuming culprit because each memoized item contains a fresh queue; there is no re-use between the queues. If each queue element requires 1 word for the CONS's CAR, 1 word for the CONS's CDR, & one word for the payload (& it probably requires more, for type information at least), then each list element requires 3 words, & a list of  $N$  elements requires  $3N$  words. If a word is 4 octets, then a list of 4,096 elements requires  $3 \cdot 4096 \cdot 4 \rightarrow 49152$  bytes, & the memoization cache stores all lists from length 1 to length 4,096. So to memoize lists of length 4,096, we memoize  $\sum_{N=1}^{4096} N \rightarrow 8,390,656$  elements. If each element is 3 words of 4 octets each... Yeah, that's why it used too much memory.

## 6.5 Analysis

I'm kind of stunned. Let's look at the memoized results first (Table 6.2).

If you accept the memory size explanation for the abysmal performance of naïve queues, then the performances were roughly constant as  $N$  increased. Batch queues had a few inefficient moments, but for the most part, batch, banker's, & physicist queues had constant & equivalent performances. It's possible that batch queues suffer from a minor version of the memory use problem that afflicts naïve queues. My main conclusion from the memoized results is that, if you have enough memory to cache all results, the implementation doesn't make much difference if it makes any difference at all.<sup>2</sup>

In the non-memoized test, naïve queues showed  $O(N)$  performance, batch queues showed  $O(\log N)$ , banker's queues showed roughly  $O(N)$ , & physicist's queues showed roughly  $O(\log \log N)$ <sup>3</sup> performance. Of those, the fastest was batch queues, then physicist's queues, then naïve queues, then banker's queues.

Banker's queues were even slower than naïve queues. How could this be? Some explanations include:

- When I translated Okasaki's banker's queues from Standard ML to Common Lisp by hand, I made a mistake & broke the algorithm.
- Banker's queues had the best performance in the memoized tests. If the difference between memoized banker's queues & the second-fastest memoized queues was not noise, then it's possible that banker's queues are faster in the presense of memoization by reducing the number of distinct queues, thereby keeping the cache's hash table size small & it's lookup performance high.
- The test I used shows banker's queues in a bad case. If so, this was unintentional on my part.
- It's okay if the overall performance of banker's queues is worse than a bad algorithm's performance because amortized cost isn't the same as worst-case cost. *fixme: I must re-study the idea of amortized analysis to see if this is possible.*

Table 6.3 shows the Big-O performance I measured & the theoretical performance from [2]. (The theoretical performance for naïve queues is my own S.W.A.G., not from [2].) The theory column is the maximum of the work for SNOC & the work for TAIL because my performance test counted pairs of SNOC/TAIL operations.

The costs measured by my performance tests aren't exactly the same as the theoretical cost. Explanations for this discrepancy include:

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<sup>2</sup>For what it's worth, the same memoized test on clisp on Microsloth Winders showed even closer & more consistent performances.

<sup>3</sup> $\log(\log N)$ ?! Am I sure about this? *fixme*: What is the predicted performance?

implementation	theory	measured
naïve	$N$	$N$
batch	$N$	$\log N$
banker's	$N$	$N$
physicist's	$\log N$	$\log \log N$

Table 6.3: The Big-O performance I measured & the theoretical performance from [2]

- My performance tests counted iterations over *clock time* whereas theoretical performance analysis depends on *steps*.
- The performance tests are unfair to some of the queue implementations, or they measured the wrong thing.
- I misunderstood the meaning of amortized cost & analysis.
- I implemented the queues incorrectly.

The actual speed of batch queues ( $1.74 \times 10^5$  SNOCTAIL pairs per second at  $2^{16}$  elements) in the non-memoized run, which was the fastest among the queue implementations, supports Okasaki's claim on page 44 that "these queues cannot be beat for applications that do not require persistence & for which amortized bounds are acceptable".

# Chapter 7

## Other Observations

### 7.1 NIL & object-oriented programming

If you use `NIL` as an empty collection, then you can't use a `CLOS` interface for multiple implementations of that interface. Here's an example that shows why:

1. Think about an interface for heaps (which Okasaki's Chapter 3 discusses in depth). It might have `INSERT`, `FINDMIN`, & `DELETEMIN` in its interface.
2. Assume we want `NIL` to be an empty heap.
3. Imagine that you implement one kind of heap. With `CLOS`, it's easy to specialize methods on types & on values, so you can implement the methods to use `NIL` for empty heaps. It works fine.
4. Now imagine that you want to implement another kind of heap using the same interface. Your new `FINDMIN` & `DELETEMIN` methods are probably fine because they assume the heap is not empty, but what about `INSERT`? When you insert into a non-empty heap, you can specialize an `INSERT` method on the type, but `INSERT` is already specialized for `NIL` on the previous kind of heap.

### 7.2 Nil for empty & special cases

It seems that using `NIL` for empty collections makes it easy to use the collection in general & easy to implement the collection from within, but collections which wrap other collections must treat `NIL` as a special case.

This idea is from Exercise 3.7 (Section 3.7).

### 7.3 Memoization & memory

If you memoize, memoize everything. Otherwise, you eat too much memory because the low-level functions, such as `CONS` & `APPEND`, are not memoized.

### 7.4 Lisp & suspensions

You can implement suspensions in Lisp, but I would not want to design amortized algorithms using suspensions in Lisp. With suspensions in Lisp, the language seems to get in the way.

So where suspensions are concerned, Lisp is to a language with suspensions as an Algol-descendant language is to Lisp where lists (& code-as-data & macros & higher-order functions) are concerned. In other words, sure, you can implement suspensions in Lisp, but the syntax gets in the way of the algorithms, just like how you can implement lists (higher-order functions) in C++, but then the syntax gets in the way of the algorithms. So if you are writing an algorithm that uses higher-order functions, you are better off writing it in Lisp & then translating to C++. If you are writing an amortized algorithm, maybe you are better off doing it in Okasaki's Standard ML with Suspensions, then translating to Lisp.

## Chapter 8

# The Source Code

- amo.lisp
- auxfns.lisp
- binomial-heap.lisp
- bst.lisp
- chapter02.lisp
- chapter03.lisp
- lazy.lisp
- loadall.lisp
- ordered.lisp
- red-black-set.lisp
- utils.lisp
- zstream.lisp

It requires the memoization functions from *Paradigms of Artificial Intelligence Programming: Case Studies in Common Lisp* [1], by Peter Norvig. They are available elsewhere, or you can use local copy at [CyberTiggyr.COM](http://CyberTiggyr.COM).



## Appendix A

# Other File Formats

- This document is available in multi-file HTML format at <http://cybertiggyr.com/gene/amo/>.
- This document is available in Pointless Document Format (PDF) at <http://cybertiggyr.com/gene/amo/amo.pdf>.



## Appendix B

# Some comments about suspend & force

Here is part of an e-mail message I wrote to a friend who asked about *suspend* & *force* in Lisp.

Date: Sunday, 2006 March 12

Suspend & Force aren't part of Common Lisp. They are techniques that you can implement in Lisp. They are well-known; for example, they are discussed in Norvig's "Paradigms of AI Programming: Case Studies in Common Lisp" [1].

My implementation of them contains some "counters" to help estimate performance by letting you track how many suspensions were created & how many were evaluated.

SUSPEND takes a chunk of code & gives you a function which returns two values:

1. The value from evaluating the suspended chunk of code, &
2. Another function which is the suspension of the *next* chunk of code.

FORCE just evaluates the chunk of code. In Lisp, you could just FUNCALL the suspension, but I (& other programmers) like to have a function called FORCE to make it easier to see that the function you are funcalling is supposed to be a suspension. (Basically, a small aide to self-documentation.)

Suspensions are an important technique when you write algorithms which are lazy (i.e., which amortize their costs). There seem to be two types of benefits from suspensions, depending on how you use them or how you look at them:

1. Traditional (i.e., "monolithic") algorithms can be implemented with suspensions, usually with trivial effort, & the resulting algorithm will do less work if you do not need all of its results.

2. Algorithms which must be incomprehensively complicated in monolithic form to be efficient can be refreshingly simple if you implement them with suspensions.

In the “Purely Functional Data Structures” book [2], Okasaki spends about 90 percent of the space in discussion of techniques which use suspensions & in analysis of amortized algorithms. It’s really cool stuff!

Interestingly, though Lisp does not have suspensions, it’s easy to implement them in Lisp. I’ve heard that Scheme does have suspensions. Standard ML (which Okasaki uses in the book), does not, but he adds it to Standard ML with a simple extension of the syntax.

I notice that it is easier to analyze the amortized algorithms in Okasaki’s extended Standard ML than in Lisp with `SUSPEND` & `FORCE`. Does this suggest that fully functional languages (such as Standard ML) are to Lisp as Lisp is to Algol-descendant imperative languages (such as Java, C++, C#, C, Pascal)???

# Appendix C

## Source Code (amo.lisp)

This source code is also online at <http://cybertiggyr.com/gene/amo/amo.lisp>.

```
;;; -*- Mode: Lisp -*-
;;;
;;; $Header: /home/gene/library/website/docsrc/amo/RCS/amo.lisp,v 395.1 2008/04/20 17:25:45 gene Exp $
;;;
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;;; Foundation, Inc., 51 Franklin St, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02110-1301
;;; USA
;;;

(defpackage "AMO"
  (:use "COMMON-LISP"))
(in-package "AMO")

;;;
;;; Wrappers around some Common Lisp functions so I can memoize
;;; these wrappers, not the Common Lisp functions.
;;;
(defun mappend (lst x) (append lst x))
(defun mcons (x y) (cons x y))
```

```

(defun mfirst (cons) (first cons))
(defun mlist (&rest rest) (apply #'list rest))
(defun mrest (cons) (rest cons))
(defun mreverse (lst) (reverse lst))

(defun make-memos ()
  (mapc #'common-lisp-user::memoize
    '(mappend mcons mfirst mlist mrest mreverse
      xsnoc xtail
      make-naiveq
      make-batchq batchq-check
      make-bankq bankq-check
      make-physq physq-checkw physq-check
      lazy:suspend lazy:force)))

;;;
;;; INTERFACE TO QUEUES
;;;
;;; Every queue supports functions to do these things:
;;;
;;; make () : Return an empty, queue.
;;;
;;; insert (x q) : Insert item X into the queue. Return the
;;; new queue.
;;;
;;; front (q) : Return the item which is in the front of the queue.
;;; Return NIL for an empty queue.
;;;
;;; delete (q) : Delete the item which is in the front of the queue.
;;; Return the new queue.
;;;
;;; isEmpty? (q) : Return NIL if the queue is not empty. Return
;;; true (i.e., non-NIL) if the queue is empty.
;;;

(defgeneric isEmpty (q)
  (:documentation "Return true if & only if Q is empty."))

(defgeneric snoc (q x)
  (:documentation "Append item X to the queue. Return a new queue."))

(defgeneric head (q)
  (:documentation "Return the first item in the queue. If the queue is
empty, you get NIL."))

(defgeneric tail (q)
  (:documentation "Return a new queue which is like Q with its head
cut off. If Q is empty, you get an empty queue."))

(defun xtail (q) (tail q))

```

```

(defun xsnoc (q x) (snoc q x))

;;; NAIVE QUEUE
;;;
;;; This queue is a single list. To insert, we APPEND. To DELETE,
;;; we return REST. The FRONT is the FIRST.
;;;

(defclass naiveq ()
  ((lst :initarg :lst :accessor naiveq-lst)))

(defun make-naiveq (&optional (lst nil))
  (make-instance 'naiveq :lst lst))

(defmethod isEmpty ((q naiveq))
  (endp (naiveq-lst q)))

(defmethod snoc ((q naiveq) x)
  (make-naiveq (mappend (naiveq-lst q) (mlist x))))

(defmethod head ((q naiveq))
  (mfirst (naiveq-lst q)))

(defmethod tail ((q naiveq))
  (make-naiveq (mrest (naiveq-lst q))))

;;;
;;; LISTS QUEUE
;;;
;;; According to Okasaki in "Purely Functional Data Structures",
;;; the basic way to make a persistent queue in a functional
;;; language is with two lists: the front & the rear. Insert into
;;; the queue by pushing onto the rear. Delete from the queue by
;;; removing from the front. We must sometimes reverse the rear &
;;; use it as the new front.
;;;

(defclass batchq ()
  ((front :initarg :front :accessor batchq-front)
   (rear :initarg :rear :accessor batchq-rear)))

(defun make-batchq (&optional (front nil) (rear nil))
  (make-instance 'batchq :front front :rear rear))

(defun batchq-check (q)
  (if (endp (batchq-front q))
      (make-batchq (mreverse (batchq-rear q)) ())
      q))

(defmethod snoc ((q batchq) x)

```

```

      (make-batchq (batchq-front q) (mcons x (batchq-rear q))))

(defmethod head ((q batchq))
  (mfirst (batchq-front (batchq-check q))))

(defmethod tail ((q batchq))
  (setq q (batchq-check q))
  (make-batchq (mrest (batchq-front q)) (batchq-rear q)))

;;;
;;; BANKER'S QUEUES : Amortized queues using the banker's method
;;; from Okasaki, page 65
;;;
;;; A banker's queue is a list of 4 things.
;;; FIRST is the length of the FRONT.
;;; SECOND is a suspension for the FRONT. Evaluate it to get the front.
;;; THIRD is the length of the REAR.
;;; FOURTH is the suspension for the REAR.
;;;

(defclass bankq ()
  ((lenf :initarg :lenf :accessor bankq-lenf)
   (f :initarg :f :accessor bankq-f)
   (lenr :initarg :lenr :accessor bankq-lenr)
   (r :initarg :r :accessor bankq-r)))

(defun make-bankq (&optional (lenf 0) (f (zstream:make-zstream))
                 (lenr 0) (r (zstream:make-zstream)))
  (make-instance 'bankq :lenf lenf :f f :lenr lenr :r r))

(defun bankq-check (lenf f lenr r)
  (if (<= lenr lenf)
      (make-bankq lenf f lenr r)
      ;; Else, the rear is too big, so we reverse it & append
      ;; to the front -- lazily.
      (make-bankq (+ lenf lenr) (zstream:zappend f (zstream:zreverse r))
                  0 (zstream:make-zstream))))

(defmethod isEmpty ((q bankq))
  (and (zerop (bankq-lenf q))
       (zerop (bankq-lenr q))))

(defmethod snoc ((q bankq) x)
  (bankq-check (bankq-lenf q) (bankq-f q)
              (1+ (bankq-lenr q)) (zstream:zpush x (bankq-r q))))

(defmethod head ((q bankq))
  (zstream:head (bankq-f q)))

(defmethod tail ((q bankq))

```

```

(if (zstream:isEmpty (bankq-f q))
    ;; If you delete the front of an empty q,
    ;; you get an empty q. The q we have is
    ;; already empty, so we'll return that.
    q
    (bankq-check (1- (bankq-lenf q)) (zstream:drop 1 (bankq-f q))
                 (bankq-lenr q) (bankq-r q)))

;;;
;;; PHYSICIST'S QUEUE
;;; from Okisawa, page 73
;;;

(defclass physq ()
  ((w :initarg :w :accessor physq-w)
   (lenf :initarg :lenf :accessor physq-lenf)
   (f :initarg :f :accessor physq-f)
   (lenr :initarg :lenr :accessor physq-lenr)
   (r :initarg :r :accessor physq-r)))

(defun make-physq (&optional (w nil)
                  (lenf 0) (f (lazy:suspend physq-make-0 nil))
                  (lenr 0) (r nil))
  (make-instance 'physq :w w :lenf lenf :f f :lenr lenr :r r))

(defun physq-checkw (w lenf f lenr r)
  (make-physq (if (endp w) (lazy:force f) w)
              lenf f
              lenr r))

(defun physq-check (w lenf f lenr r)
  (if (<= lenr lenf)
      (physq-checkw w lenf f lenr r)
      ;; Else
      (let ((f-prime (lazy:force f)))
        (physq-checkw f-prime (+ lenf lenr)
                      (lazy:suspend phys-normalize-0
                                     (mappend f-prime (mreverse r)))
                      0 nil))))

(defmethod snoc ((q physq) x)
  (physq-check (physq-w q)
               (physq-lenf q) (physq-f q)
               (1+ (physq-lenr q)) (mcons x (physq-r q))))

(defmethod head ((q physq))
  (mfirst (physq-w q)))

(defmethod tail ((q physq))
  (physq-check (mrest (physq-w q))
               (physq-lenf q) (physq-f q)
               (physq-lenr q) (physq-r q)))

```

```

(1- (physq-lenf q)) (let ((f-prime (lazy:force (physq-f q))))
                        (lazy:suspend physq-delete-0
                                      (mrest f-prime)))
(physq-lenr q) (physq-r q))

;;;
;;; TIME TESTS
;;;
;;; Functions & data definitions for timing things.
;;;

(defstruct time-result
  rate
  clocks
  seconds
  count)

(defun time-test (fn &key (mincount 3) (minseconds 3))
  (declare (type function fn))
  (do ((start-time (get-internal-real-time))
      (count 0 (1+ count)))
      ((and (<= mincount count)
            (<= (* minseconds internal-time-units-per-second)
                 (- (get-internal-real-time) start-time)))
    (let* ((clocks (- (get-internal-real-time) start-time))
           (seconds (/ clocks internal-time-units-per-second))
           (rate (/ count seconds)))
      ;; Return a new TIME-RESULT datum
      (make-time-result :rate rate :clocks clocks :seconds seconds
                       :count count)))
    (funcall fn)))

(defun fill-queue (n q)
  (dotimes (i n) (setq q (xsnoc q 42)))
  q)

(defun do-snoc-tail (q)
  (xtail (xsnoc q 42)))

(defun time-test0 (n make)
  "Run a time test on the technique using a queue of size N."
  (declare (type integer n) (type symbol make))
  (let ((q (funcall make)))
    (print (list 'time-test0 n (class-name (class-of q))))
    (force-output)
    (setq q (fill-queue n q))
    (list n
          (class-name (class-of q))
          (time-test #'(lambda () (setq q (do-snoc-tail q)))))))

```

```

(defun time-test1 (n)
  "Run TIME-TEST0 on each technique."
  (mapcar #'(lambda (make) (time-test0 n make))
    ;; Must use the symbols for the functions unless we
    ;; memoized them before now, but I don't want to do
    ;; that because I want to do non-memoized test, then
    ;; a memoized test. So we use symbols.
    '(make-naiveq make-batchq make-bankq make-physq)))

(defvar *time-test2-max-expt* 16)

(defun sci (n)
  "Return a string which encodes the number N in scientific
notation for LaTeX."
  (let* ((x (floor (log n 10.0)))
        (m (/ n (expt 10.0 x))))
    (format nil "$~,2F \\times 10^{~D}$" m x)))

(defun time-test2-headers (strm)
  (let ((columns (mapcar #'second (time-test1 10))))
    (format strm "~&\\begin{tabular}{|r~{|~A~}|} \\hline"
      (mapcar (constantly #\r) columns))
    (format strm "~&{\bf N}~{ & {\bf ~A}~} \\\\ \\hline" columns)))

(defun time-test2 (pn)
  (with-open-file (strm pn :direction :output :if-exists :rename-and-delete)
    (time-test2-headers strm)
    (dolist (n (loop for i from 0 to *time-test2-max-expt* collect (expt 2 i)))
      (format strm "~&~D" n)
      (mapc #'(lambda (lst)
        (let ((tr (third lst)))
          (format strm " & ~A" (sci (time-result-rate tr)))))
        (time-test1 n))
      (format strm " \\\\ \\hline"))
    (format strm "~&\\end{tabular}")
    (truename pn)))

;;; --- end of file ---

```



# Appendix D

## Source Code (zstream.lisp)

This source code is also online at <http://cybertiggyr.com/gene/amo/zstream.lisp>.

```
;;; -*- Mode: Lisp -*-
;;;
;;; $Header: /home/gene/library/website/docsrc/amo/RCS/zstream.lisp,v 395.1 2008/04/20 17:25:45 gene Exp $
;;;
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;;; Foundation, Inc., 51 Franklin St, Fifth Floor, Boston, MA 02110-1301
;;; USA
;;;

(defpackage "ZSTREAM"
  (:use "COMMON-LISP")
  (:import-from "CYBERTIGGYR-TEST" "DEFTEST"))

(in-package "ZSTREAM")

(import 'lazy:force)
(import 'lazy:suspend)

(export 'drop)
```

```

(export 'head)
(export 'isEmpty)
(export 'make-zstream)
(export 'tail)
(export 'take)
(export 'zappend)
(export 'zpush)
(export 'zreverse)

(defun make-zstream ()
  "Return an empty ZSTREAM."
  (suspend make-zstream nil))

;;
;; Here are three accessors which are not in Okasaki. I use them
;; here for convenience, especially convenience in testing.
;;
(defun zstream-p (x)
  "Return true if & only if X is a ZSTREAM. Actually, it's just an
approximation because not all functions are ZSTREAMs."
  (functionp x))
(defun isEmpty (zstream)
  "Return true if & only if the ZSTREAM is empty."
  (null (force zstream)))
(defun head (zstream) "Return first item from the ZSTREAM"
  (car (force zstream)))
(defun tail (zstream)
  "Return the rest of the ZSTREAM."
  (cdr (force zstream)))
(defun zpush (x z)
  (assert (zstream-p z))
  (suspend zpush-0
    (cons x z)))

(defun zappend (a b)
  "Return a new ZSTREAM which is the concatenation of A & B."
  (assert (zstream-p a))
  (assert (zstream-p b))
  (if (isEmpty a)
      b
      (let ((afirst (head a))
            (atail (tail a)))
        (suspend zappend-2
          (cons afirst (zappend atail b)))))))

(defun take (n z)
  (declare (type integer n))
  (assert (zstream-p z))
  (cond ((zerop n) (suspend take-0 nil))
        ((isEmpty z) (suspend take-1 nil))

```

```

(t
  ;; We evaluate Z now to reduce stack depth. Clisp seems
  ;; to have a very limited stack. This might defeat alter
  ;; of the performance characteristics of ZTREAMs from
  ;; the implementation given in Okasaki.
  (let ((zhead (head z))
        (ztail (tail z)))
    (suspend take-2
      (cons zhead (take (1- n) ztail))))))

(defun drop (n z)
  (declare (type integer n))
  (assert (zstream-p z))
  (cond ((zerop n) z)
        ((isEmpty z) (suspend drop-0 nil))
        (t (drop (1- n) (tail z)))))

(defun zreverse (z)
  (labels
    ((zreverse2 (z2 r)
      (if (isEmpty z2)
          r
          (let ((z2head (head z2))
                (z2tail (tail z2)))
              (zreverse2 z2tail
                (suspend zreverse-0
                  (cons z2head r)))))))
    (zreverse2 z (suspend zreverse-1 nil))))

;;;
;;; For the insertion sort to perform minimal work each
;;; time you extract an element, it is CRITICAL that
;;; ZINSERT do minimal work. (It's, like, "duh", but
;;; it took a long time to remember to implement
;;; ZINSERT that way, & until I did, I had an insertion
;;; sort which did all of its work the first time you
;;; evaluated the sorted ZTREAM.
;;;
(defun zinsert (x z lessp)
  "Insert X into Z in order, returning a new ZTREAM."
  (declare (type function lessp))
  (let ((z0 (force z)))
    (symbol-macrolet ((head (car z0))
                      (tail (cdr z0)))
      (cond ((null z0) (zpush x z))
            ((funcall lessp x head) (zpush x z))
            (t (zpush head
                    ;; This suspension is the critical part.
                    (suspend zinsert-0
                      (force (zinsert x tail lessp))))))))))

```

```

(defun insertion-sort (z lessp)
  "Return a new ZSTREAM which is a sorted version of Z.  If
you remove the first K elements from the new ZSTREAM, the
cost will be  $O(K * N)$ , where N is the length of Z and also
the length of the new ZSTREAM."
  (declare (type function lessp))
  (let ((z0 (force z)))
    (if (null z0)
        ;; Empty ZSTREAM is already sorted.
        z
        ;; Else
        ;; It works whether you use this next suspension or not (as
        ;; the expression following it does).  With the suspension,
        ;; it doesn't do any work until you extract the first
        ;; element from the sorted ZSTREAM.  Without the suspension,
        ;; it does that exact same work immediately, so extracting
        ;; the first element is immediate.
        ;; If you embrace suspensions fully, you'd probably use the
        ;; version with the suspension, but since suspensions have
        ;; an overhead cost, since it seems likely that if you sort
        ;; a collection, you'll want at least the first element from
        ;; it, & since the cost of fetching that first element is
        ;;  $O(N)$ , I choose to forgoe the suspension.
        ;; Note that the suspension within ZINSERT is critical!  You
        ;; can't do without it.
        ;; (suspend insertion-sort-0
        ;; (let ((head (car z0))
        ;; (tail (insertion-sort (cdr z0) lessp)))
        ;; (force (zinsert head tail lessp))))))
        (let ((head (car z0))
              (tail (insertion-sort (cdr z0) lessp)))
          (zinsert head tail lessp))))

;;;
;;; TESTS
;;;

(defun test0000 ()
  "Null test.  Always succeeds."
  'test0000)

(defun test0001 ()
  "Verify that MAKE-ZSTREAM does not crash."
  (make-zstream)
  'test0001)

(defun test0002 ()
  "Verify that MAKE-ZSTREAM returns an empty ZSTREAM."
  (isEmpty (make-zstream)))

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(defun test0003 ()
  "Verify that the HEAD of an empty ZSTREAM is NIL."
  (null (head (make-zstream))))

(defun test0004 ()
  "Verify that the TAIL of an empty ZSTREAM is NIL."
  (null (tail (make-zstream))))

(defun test0010 ()
  "Verify that the HEAD of a ZSTREAM on which we just ZPUSHed a
thing is the thing."
  (eq (head (zpush 'thing (make-zstream)))
      'thing))

(defun test0015 ()
  "Verify that the TAIL of a ZSTREAM containing one thing is
empty."
  (isEmpty (tail (zpush 'thing (make-zstream)))))

(defun test0100 ()
  "Test that if we have a ZSTREAM of 1 thing, then we TAKE 1
thing from it, we get a ZSTREAM whose HEAD is the thing."
  (eq (head (take 1 (zpush 'thing (make-zstream))))
      'thing))

(defun test0110 ()
  "Test that if we have a ZSTREAM of 1 thing, then we DROP 1
thing from it, we get a ZSTREAM that is empty."
  (isEmpty (drop 1 (zpush 'thing (make-zstream)))))

(defun test0200 ()
  "Test that we can REVERSE an empty ZSTREAM & get an empty ZSTREAM
in return."
  (isEmpty (zreverse (make-zstream))))

(defun test0210 ()
  "Test that we can REVERSE a ZSTREAM of one item, & the new ZSTREAM's
HEAD is the item."
  (eq (head (zreverse (zpush 'thing (make-zstream))))
      'thing))

(deftest test0230 ()
  "Test ZINSERT by inserting an item into an empty ZSTREAM."
  (let ((z (zinsert 1 (make-zstream) #'<)))
    (and (eql (head z) 1)
         (isEmpty (tail z)))))

(deftest test0232 ()
  "Test ZINSERT by inserting an item into a ZSTREAM containing

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one item. The new item will go in front of the ZSTREAM."
  (let ((z (zinsert 1 (zpush 2 (make-zstream)) #'<)))
    (and (eql (head z) 1)
         (eql (head (tail z)) 2)
         (isEmpty (tail (tail z))))))

(deftest test0234 ()
  "Test ZINSERT by inserting an item into a ZSTREAM containing
one item. The new item will go behind the item that's already
in the ZSTREAM."
  (let ((z (zinsert 3 (zpush 2 (make-zstream)) #'<)))
    (and (eql (head z) 2)
         (eql (head (tail z)) 3)
         (isEmpty (tail (tail z))))))

(deftest test0236 ()
  "Test ZINSERT by inserting an item into a ZSTREAM containing
two items. The new item will be the second item of the new
ZSTREAM."
  (let (z)
    ;; I broke the initialization steps into separate lines
    ;; for readability.
    ;; Start with a two-item ZSTREAM. Its elements will
    ;; be (2 4).
    (setq z (zpush 2 (zpush 4 (make-zstream))))
    ;; Insert 3. We should get (2 3 4) in a ZSTREAM.
    (setq z (zinsert 3 z #'<))
    ;; Check the results.
    (and (eql (head z) 2)
         (eql (head (tail z)) 3)
         (eql (head (tail (tail z))) 4)
         (isEmpty (tail (tail (tail z)))))))

(deftest test0238 ()
  "Test ZINSERT by inserting an item into a ZSTREAM containing
two items. The new item will be the last item of the new
ZSTREAM."
  (let (z)
    ;; I broke the initialization steps into separate lines
    ;; for readability.
    ;; Start with a two-item ZSTREAM. Its elements will
    ;; be (2 3).
    (setq z (zpush 2 (zpush 3 (make-zstream))))
    ;; Insert 4. We should get (2 3 4) in a ZSTREAM.
    (setq z (zinsert 4 z #'<))
    ;; Check the results.
    (and (eql (head z) 2)
         (eql (head (tail z)) 3)
         (eql (head (tail (tail z))) 4)
         (isEmpty (tail (tail (tail z)))))))

```

```

(deftest test0250 ()
  "Test that INSERTION-SORT properly sorts an empty ZSTREAM.
  A properly sorted empty ZSTREAM is an empty ZSTREAM."
  (isEmpty (insertion-sort (make-zstream) #'<)))

(deftest test0252 ()
  "Test that INSERTION-SORT properly sorts a ZSTREAM which
  contains one element. A properly ZSTREAM of length 1 is
  another ZSTREAM of length 1 & containing that same element."
  (let* ((z0 (zpush 1 (make-zstream)))
         (z1 (insertion-sort z0 #'<)))
    (and (eql (head z1) 1)
         (isEmpty (tail z1))))))

(deftest test0254 ()
  "Test that INSERTION-SORT properly sorts a ZSTREAM which
  contains two element, 1 & 2. A properly sorted version of
  that ZSTREAM is 1, then 2."
  (let ((z (insertion-sort (zpush 1 (zpush 2 (make-zstream))) #'<)))
    (and (eql (head z) 1)
         (eql (head (tail z)) 2)
         (isEmpty (tail (tail z))))))

(deftest test0256 ()
  "Like TEST0254 except that the initial order of the elements
  is 2, then 1. The proper sorted order is 1, then 2."
  (let ((z (insertion-sort (zpush 2 (zpush 1 (make-zstream))) #'<)))
    (and (eql (head z) 1)
         (eql (head (tail z)) 2)
         (isEmpty (tail (tail z))))))

(deftest test0258 ()
  "Like TEST0256 except that the ZSTREAM contains 3 elements."
  (let ((z (insertion-sort (zpush 3 (zpush 2 (zpush 1 (make-zstream)))
                          #'<)))
    (and (eql (head z) 1)
         (eql (head (tail z)) 2)
         (eql (head (tail (tail z))) 3)
         (isEmpty (tail (tail (tail z))))))

(deftest test0260 (&optional (n 10))
  "Create a ZSTREAM of 10 randomly selected numbers, sort it, &
  verify that it is correctly sorted."
  (let ((z (make-zstream)))
    ;; Insert 10 random numbers into Z.
    (dotimes (i n) (setq z (zpush (random 100) z)))
    ;; Sort it.
    (setq z (insertion-sort z #'<))
    ;; Verify that it's sorted

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(do ((i 0 (1+ i))
    (j -100 (head z0))
    (z0 z (tail z0)))
  ((or (>= i n)
      (isEmpty z0)
      (< (head z0) j))
   ;; We have success if we inspected N items, &
   ;; there are no more items.
   (and (= i n) (isEmpty z0))))))

(deftest test0262 ()
  "Uses TEST0260 but for a ZSTREAM of length 17."
  (test0260 17))

(defun perf-insertion-sort ()
  "Print a table of list lengths & number of comparisons
for INSERTION-SORT."
  (format t "~& N      K  early count  later count")
  (format t "~&---- ----  -----" "-----")
  (loop for n in '(256 512 1024) do
    (loop for k in (list 1 (floor (/ n 2)) n) do
      (format t "~&~4D ~4D" n k)
      (let ((z (make-zstream)) (cmp-count 0))
        ;; Fill the ZSTREAM
        (dotimes (j n) (setq z (zpush (random 100) z)))
        ;; Sort the ZSTREAM, counting the comparisons.
        (setq z (insertion-sort z #'(lambda (a b)
                                      (incf cmp-count)
                                      (< a b))))
        (format t " ~11D" cmp-count)
        ;; Remove K items from the ZSTREAM. Due to delayed
        ;; evaluation, this may update the comparison counter.
        (dotimes (i k) (setq z (tail z)))
        (format t " ~11D" cmp-count)
        ;; The ratio of the actual count & the theoretical
        ;; count.
        (format t " ~7,2F" (/ cmp-count (* n k)))
        ;; The ratio of the actual count & the worst case
        ;; count.
        (format t " ~7,2F" (/ cmp-count (* n n))))))

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