

# **Tutorial on Incremental Computation**

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## Respond Well to Small Changes

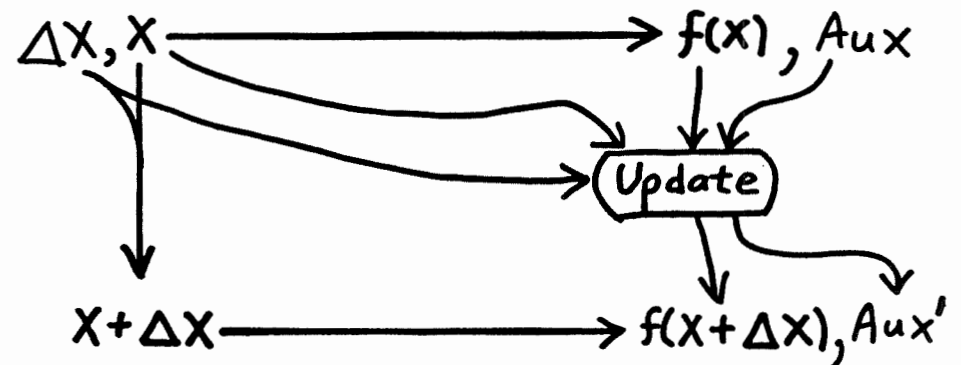
- Batch-mode systems
  - Modify document; rerun LaTeX
  - Modify source code; recompile/relink
- Reactive-mode systems
  - WYSIWYG editors
  - spreadsheets

## Incremental Computation

$x$ : input “data”

$f(x)$ : result of computation on  $x$

Problem: Given a modification  $x \rightarrow x + \Delta x$ , compute  $f(x + \Delta x)$ .



## An Incremental-Computation Checklist

- How does the computation's state relate to the state of the batch computation?
- Does the computation exploit
  - independence?
  - quiescence?
  - balancing?
- What kind of auxiliary or summary information does the computation use?
- Under what circumstances is it cheaper to recompute from scratch?
- What criterion (or criteria) demonstrates the merits of the method?
- Generality of the method

## Text Formatting

```
Research has----  
shown that candy  
is dandy but----  
liquor is-----  
quicker-----
```

```
x = [8, 3, 5, 4, 5, 2, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7]  
y = f(x) = [8, 12, 5, 10, 16, 2, 8, 12, 6, 9, 7]
```

```
f: y[1] = x[1]  
   y[i] = let v = y[i-1] + 1 + x[i] in  
         if v > 16 then x[i] else v fi  
end
```

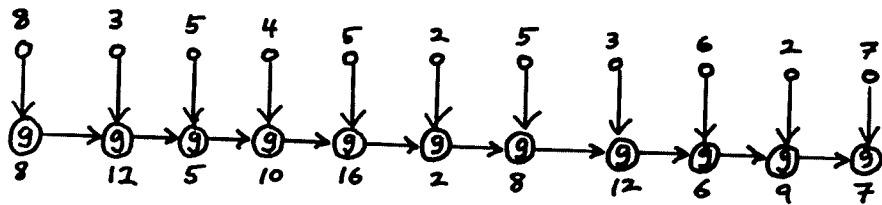
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y = [8, 12, 5, 10, 6, 10, 16, 3, 10, 13, 7]
```

Independence: | Research has shown that

Quiescence: | quicker

Dependence graph:



$g(\alpha, \beta) = \text{let } v = \beta + 1 + \alpha \text{ in}$   
 if  $v > 16$  then  $\alpha$  else  $v$  fi  
 end

## Summing a List of Numbers

$$X = [18, 20, 45, 6, 3, 81, 15, 17]$$

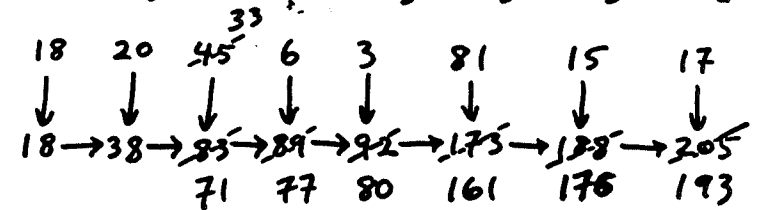
$$f(X) = 205$$

$$X' = [18, 20, 33, 6, 3, 81, 15, 17]$$

$$f(X') = f(X) + (X'[3] - X[3]) = 205 - 12 = 193$$

Summary information

$$P = [18, 38, 83, 89, 92, 173, 188, 205]$$



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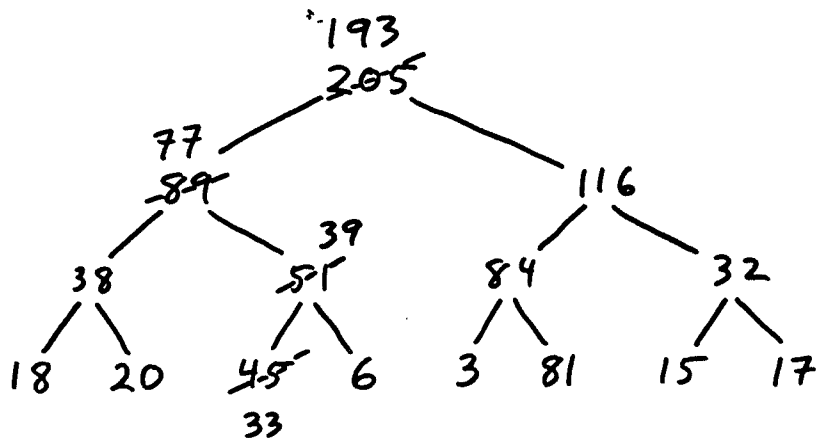
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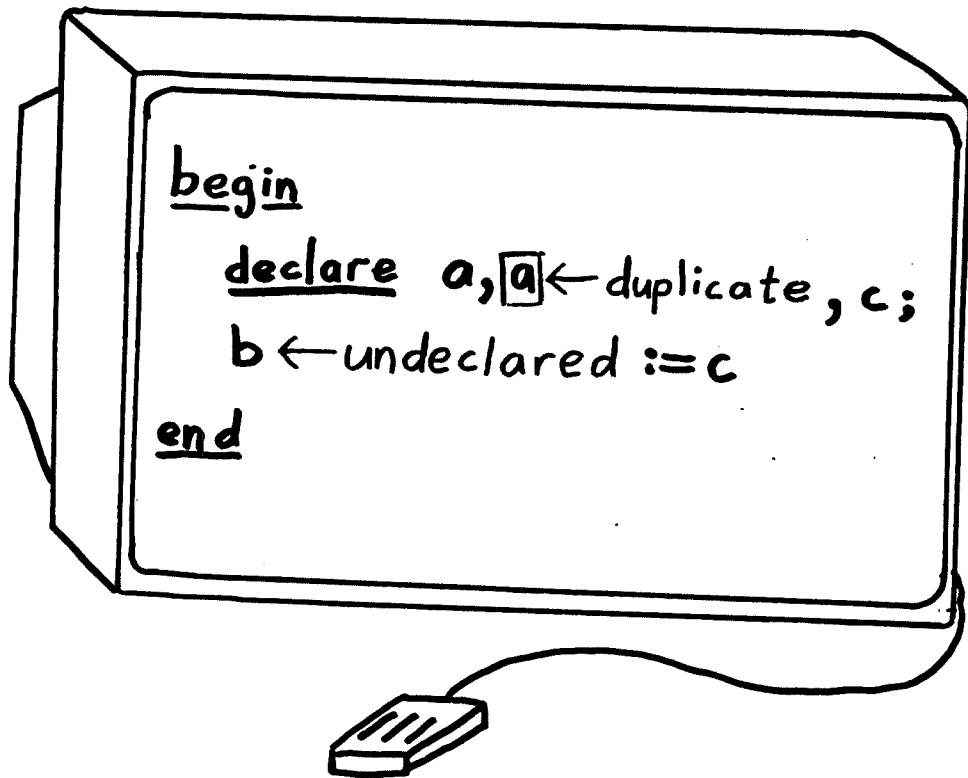
Balancing



## PL Contexts for Incremental Computation

- Language support for interactive systems (“reactive-mode” systems)
- Incremental language-processing algorithms (e.g., interactive programming tools, compilation reanalysis, etc.)
- Paradigm for program optimization
- Support for tool integration via control-integration paradigm
- Implementations of compilers and tools that support the above ideas

## Static Inference: Name Analysis



## Optimization

### Strength reduction [Locke]

```
k := 0
i := 1
while i ≤ N do
  k := k + a[2*i]
  i := i + 1
od
```

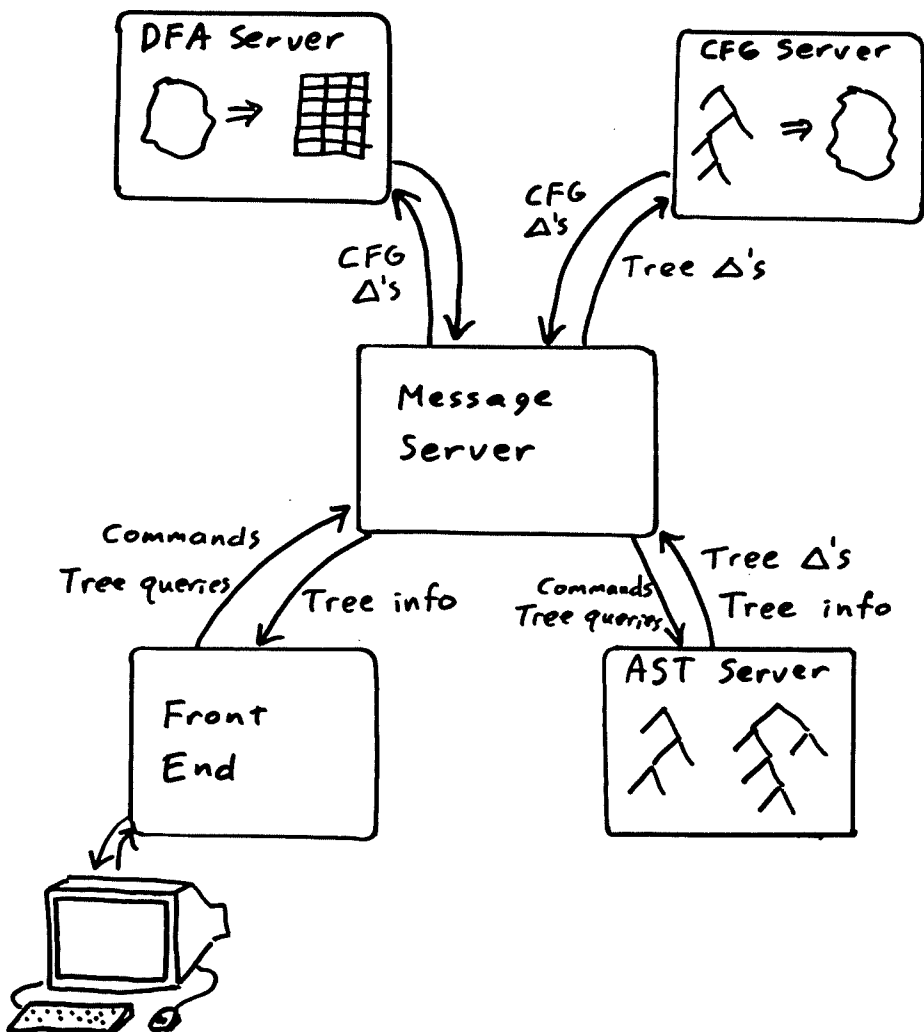
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k := 0
i := 1
twoi := 2 * i
while i ≤ N do
  k := k + a[twoi]
  i := i + 1
  twoi := twoi + 2
od
```

### Finite differencing [Earley, Fong & Ullman, Paige]

```
S := ∅
forever do
  E := {s ∈ S | even(s)}
  if |E| = N then break
  x := arb T
  T := T - {x}
  S := S ∪ {x}
od
```

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S := ∅
F := {s ∈ S | even(s)}
forever do
  E := F
  if |E| = N then break
  x := arb T
  T := T - {x}
  S := S ∪ {x}
  F := F ∪ {x} if even(x) then {x}
  else ∅
od
```

## Tool Integration via Control Integration



## Goals of Talk

- Ways of assessing incremental algorithms
- General principles  
(such as they exist at present)
- Individual results  
(opportunity for new principles?)

## Talk Outline

### Introduction

#### Assessment of incremental algorithms

- Assessing the cost of a single update operation
- Comparison over a sequence of update operations
- Hierarchies of incremental problems
- Empirical studies

### Graph-annotation problems

### Other update problems

### “Incrementalizers”

### Conclusions

## Worst-Case Analysis

- Analysis of batch algorithms

$$\forall x \quad T_{Batch}(x) = O(f(|x|))$$

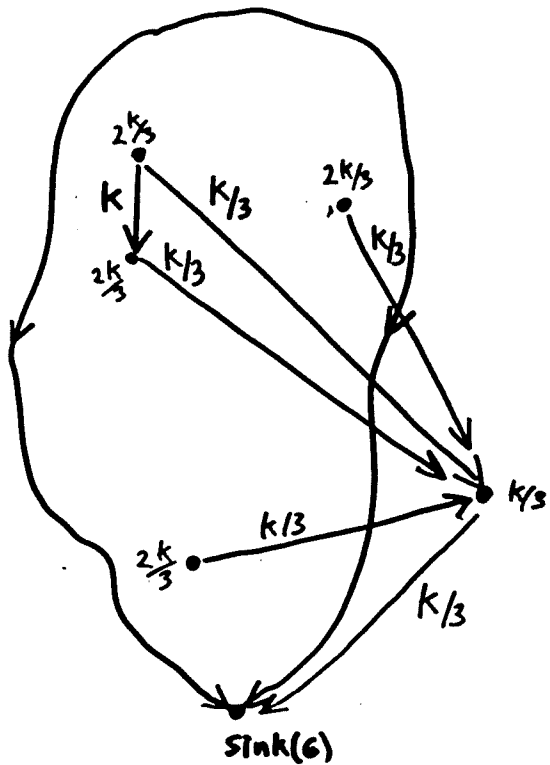
- Analysis of incremental algorithms

$$\forall x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+$$

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = O(g(|(x - \Delta^-) + \Delta^+|))$$
$$= \stackrel{?}{=} o(f(|(x - \Delta^-) + \Delta^+|))$$



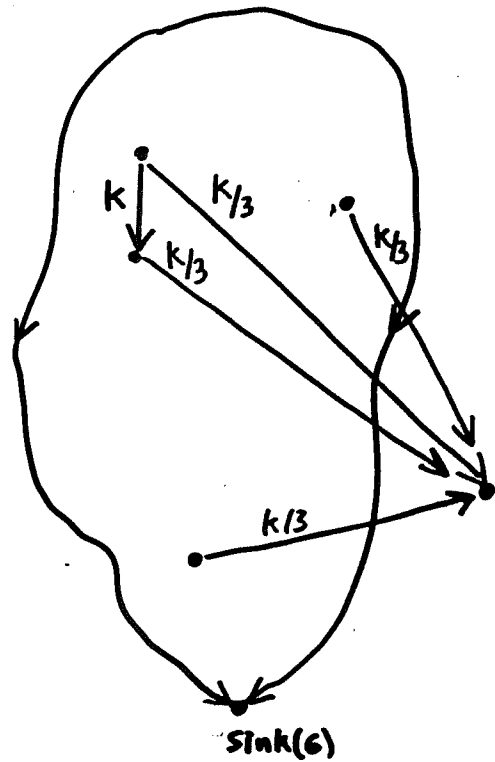
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[Spira + Pan 1975]

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## Worst-Case Analysis (of Incr. Algorithms)

- For many problems, no incremental algorithm can perform better than a single invocation of the best batch algorithm, in the worst case.
- ? ∴ The batch start-over algorithm is optimal.
- ? ∴ Worst-case complexity is not a good way to measure the complexity of incremental computation.
- ∴ Need alternative ways to characterize the performance of incremental algorithms.

## Direct Comparison: Incremental vs. Batch

- Asymptotically better

$$\forall x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+$$

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = o(T_{Batch}(|x - \Delta^-| + \Delta^+))$$

Updating the minimum spanning forest of an  $n$ -vertex,  $m$ -edge graph [Frederickson 1986]

$$T_{IncMSF} = O(\sqrt{m}) = o(m)$$

- Better constant factor

$$\forall x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+$$

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) \leq T_{Batch}(|x - \Delta^-| + \Delta^+)$$

Variety of graph problems [Cheston 1976]

- Never too much worse (and often better)

$$\forall x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+$$

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = O(T_{Batch}(|x - \Delta^-| + \Delta^+))$$

Bag expressions [Yellin & Strom 1991]

## Direct Comparison: Incr. vs. Incr.

- Asymptotically better

$$\forall x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+$$

$$T_{Inc1}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = o(T_{Inc2}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+))$$

- Better constant factor

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## Change the Accounting Method

- Worst-case analysis

$$\forall x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+$$

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = o(T_{Batch}(|(x - \Delta^-) + \Delta^+|))$$

- Average-case analysis

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = o(T_{Batch}(|(x - \Delta^-) + \Delta^+|))$$

- Amortized-cost analysis

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = o(T_{Batch}(|(x - \Delta^-) + \Delta^+|))$$

## Comparison Over a Sequence of Operations

- Amortized-cost analysis

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = O(T_{Batch}(|x - \Delta^-| + \Delta^+))$$

- Competitiveness

$\forall x, seq$

$$T_{On-line}(x, seq) \leq k * T_{Off-line}(x, seq)$$

## Competitive Ratio

Requests:

Let's go skiing

Actions:

Rent: \$ 1

Buy: \$ S

Use skis already purchased: \$ 0



On-line algorithm:  $\underbrace{R, R, R, \dots, R}_k, B, U, U, \dots, U$

For  $t$  requests:  $C_{on-line} = \begin{cases} t & \text{if } t \leq k \\ k + s & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$C_{off-line} = \min(s, t)$

Best for adversary:  $L^{k+1}$ , "so-long sucker"  
 $\Rightarrow R^k, B$ , "darn"

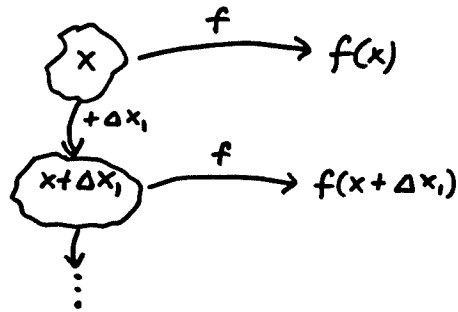
Best for G.R: choose  $k$  to minimize

$$\frac{C_{on-line}}{C_{off-line}} = \frac{k + s}{\min(s, k + 1)} \Rightarrow k = s - 1$$

Competitive Ratio:  $\frac{2s - 1}{s}$

## Incremental Computation vs. On-Line Computation

I.C. -- functional view



• I.C. as O.L.C.

One operation: *Modify*( $\delta$ )

One query: What are the changes in output?

*MQMQMQ* ...

• Complementary views

– Functional view suggests some specific techniques (e.g. function caching)

– OLC suggests broadening the problem

*MMMMQMQMMMMQ* ...

[Cohen & Tamassia - SODA 91]

## Boundedness

$$T_{Inc}(x, \Delta^-, \Delta^+) = O(g(\text{adaptive parameter}))$$

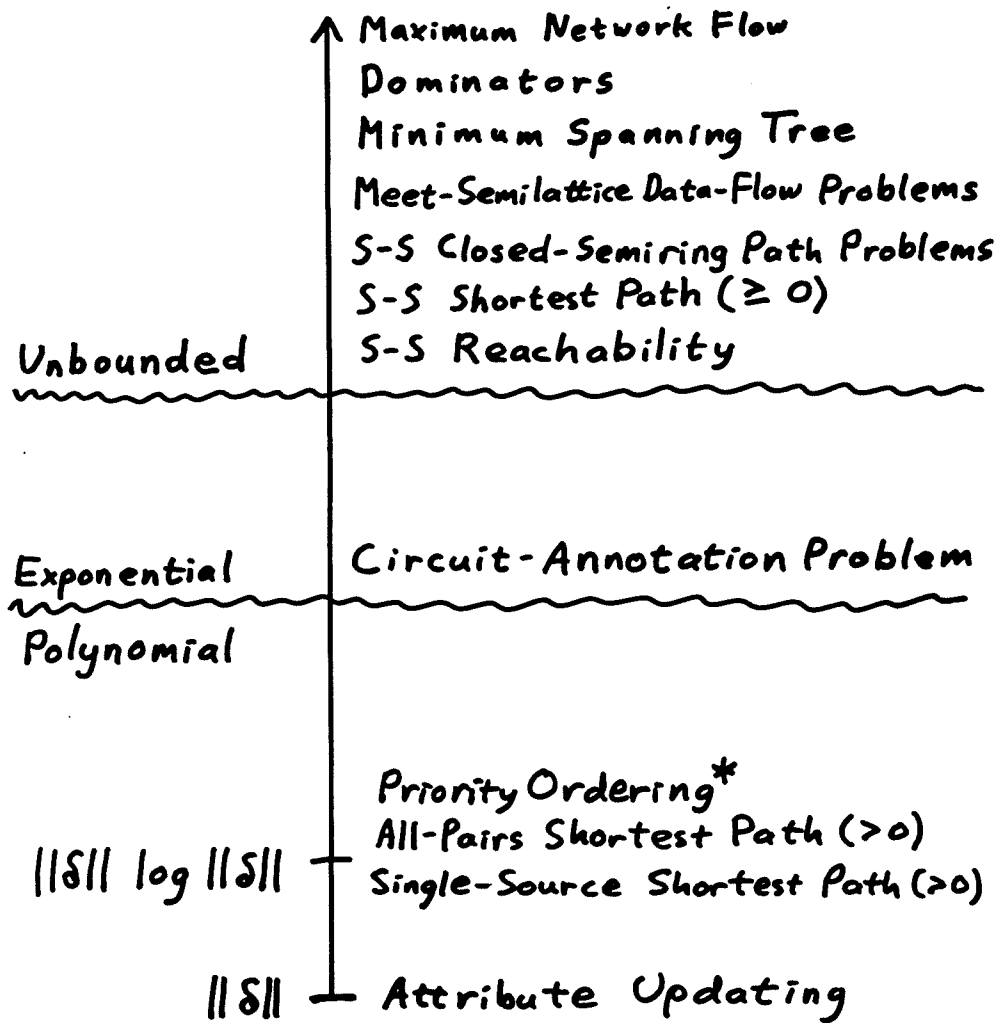
$$O(f(|\text{input}|))$$

versus

$$O(g(|\Delta_{input}| + |\Delta_{output}|))$$

Adaptive:  $|\Delta_{input}| \leftrightarrow |\Delta_{input}| + |\text{entire output}|$

$$\|\delta\| =_{df} |\Delta_{input}| + |\Delta_{output}|$$



## Incremental Relative Lower Bounds (IRLB)

$1 / (\# \text{ modifications needed to "achieve" a batch evaluation})$

e.g.  $\text{IRLB}(\text{SSSP} > 0) = O(1)$

$\text{IRLB} * \text{Batch lower bound} = \text{Incr. lower bound}$

Sorting:

$$O(1/n) * \Omega(n \log n) = \Omega(\log n)$$

SSSP  $> 0$ :

$$O(1) * \Omega(?) = \Omega(?)$$

Requirement: "fast initialization"

e.g. sorting: empty sequence

$\Rightarrow$  limited initial auxiliary storage

[Berman, Paull, Ryder 1990]

## IRLB Classification Hierarchy

$O(1)$ : SSSP  $> 0$

APSP  $> 0$

Transitive closure

Planarity

Strong connectivity

Min-Max edge weight path

Reaching definitions

Available expressions

Live uses of variables

Dominators

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \geq \epsilon \geq \frac{1}{n}$ :









Connected components

Biconnected components

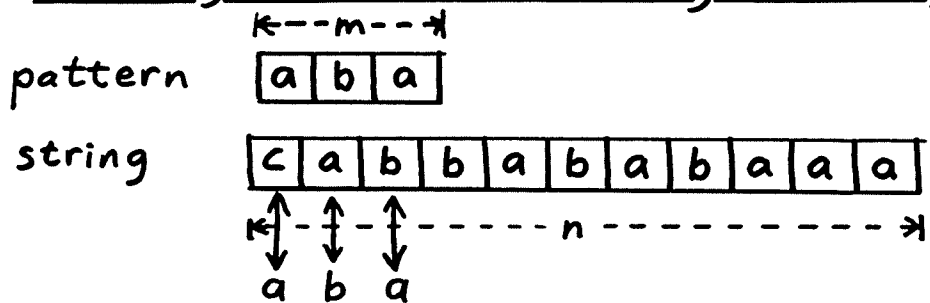
Minimum spanning tree

Shortest path in undirected graph

## IRLB vs. Boundedness

<u>Problem</u>	<u>IRLB</u>	<u><math>f(\ s\ )</math></u>
SSSP $> 0$	$O(1)$ 	$O(\ s\  \log \ s\ )$ 
APSP $> 0$	$O(1)$ 	$O(\ s\  \log \ s\ )$ 
Dominators	$O(1)$ 	Unbounded 
Minimum spanning tree	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \geq \epsilon \geq \frac{1}{n}$ 	Unbounded 

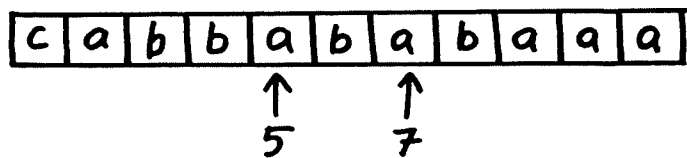
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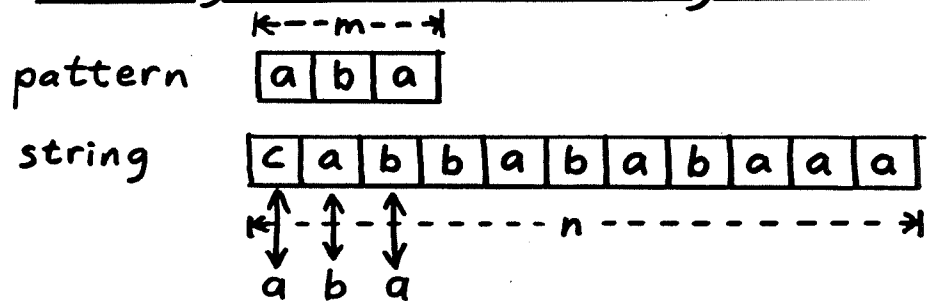
$$\text{IRLB} = 1/m$$

$$\text{IRLB} * \text{BLB} = \text{ILB}$$

$$1/m * \Omega(n) = \Omega(n/m)$$



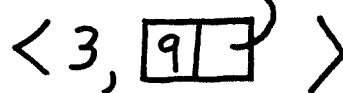
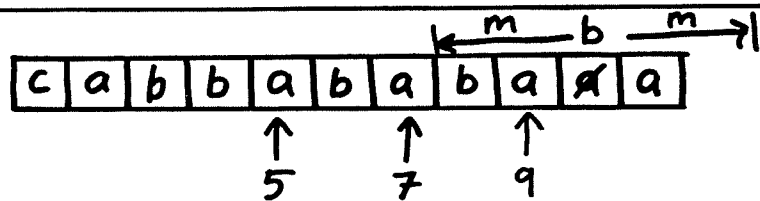
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$O(m)$  beats IRLB for problems with  $m < \sqrt{n}$



## Empirical Studies

- Very few studies
- How are modifications generated?
- What benchmarks are used?
- Compare with studies of parallel algorithms
  - standard benchmarks
  - speedup
  - efficiency
  - increase in problem size solvable

## Talk Outline

Introduction

Assessment of incremental algorithms

### Graph-annotation problems

- Boundedness
- Problems on acyclic graphs
- Problems on graphs with cycles
- Unboundedness

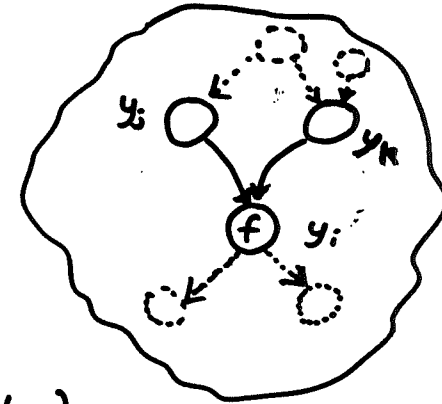
Other update problems

“Incrementalizers”

Conclusions

## Graph-Annotation Problems

$$y_i = f(y_j, y_k)$$



- Dag problems (acyclic)
  - Attribute grammars
  - Circuit-annotation problem
- Problems on cyclic graphs
  - Reachability
  - Shortest-path problem
  - Data-flow analysis problems

## Selective Recomputation

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
pen	.95	3	2.85
paper	1.50	2	3.00
Total			5.85

$$C_{pen, price} \times C_{pen, quantity} = C_{pen, total}$$

$$C_{paper, price} \times C_{paper, quantity} = C_{paper, total}$$

$$C_{pen, total} + C_{paper, total} = C_{total, total}$$

## Selective Recomputation

Item	Price	Quantity	Total
pen	<del>.95</del> .75	3	<del>2.85</del> 2.25
paper	1.50	2	3.00
Total			<del>5.85</del> 5.25

$$C_{pen, price} \times C_{pen, quantity} = C_{pen, total}$$

$$C_{paper, price} \times C_{paper, quantity} = C_{paper, total}$$

$$C_{pen, total} + C_{paper, total} = C_{total, total}$$

## Differential Updating

Item	Price	Quant.	Total
pen	.75 (= .95 - .20)	3	2.25 (= 2.85 - .60)
paper	1.50	2	3.00
Total			5.25 (= 5.85 - .60)

$$C_{pen, price}^{new} - C_{pen, price}^{old} = \Delta C_{pen, price}$$

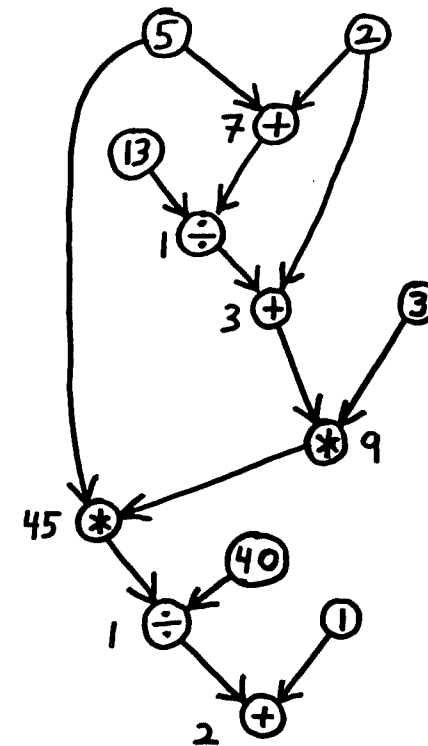
$$\Delta C_{pen, price} \times C_{pen, quantity} = \Delta C_{pen, total}$$

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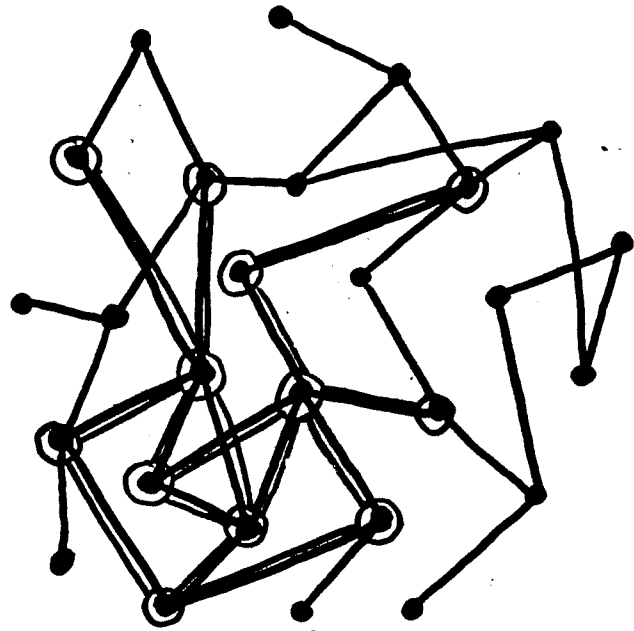
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## Circuit - Annotation Problem

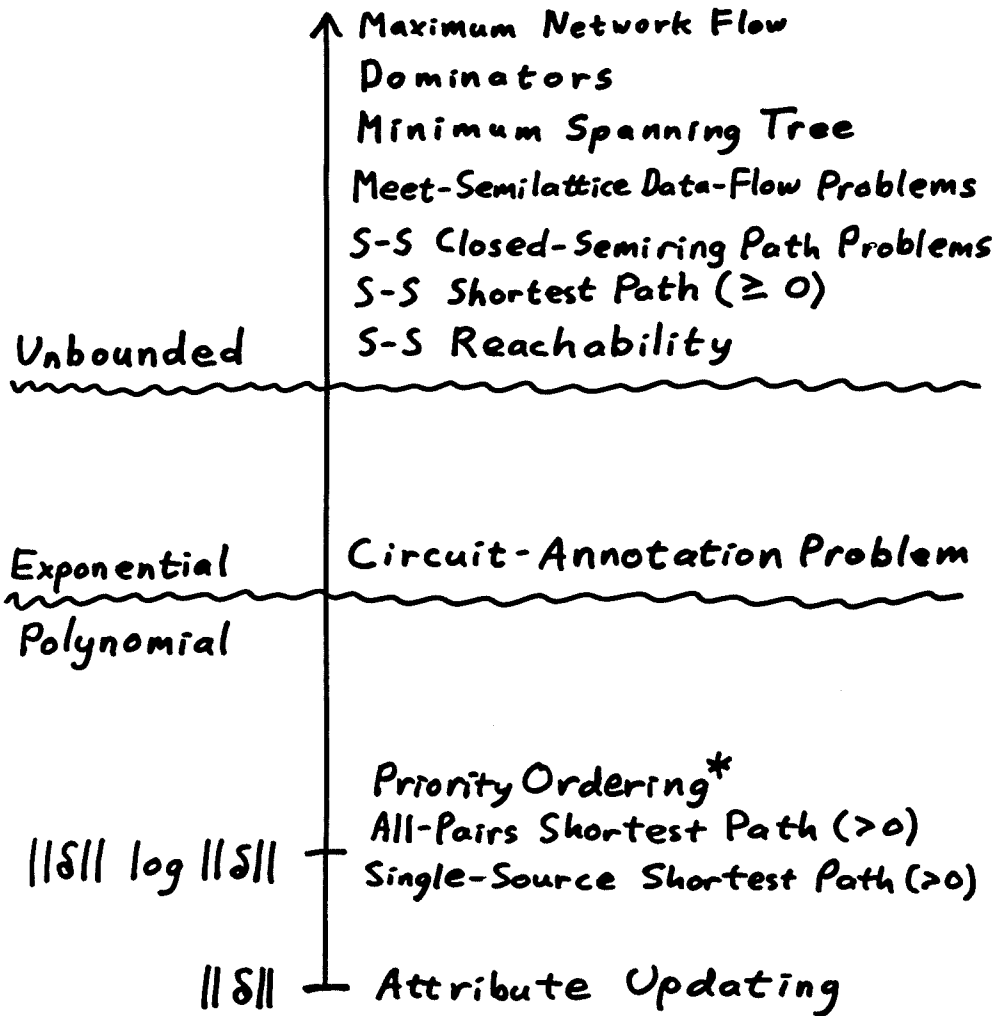


## "Size" of a Change

- $\text{MODIFIED}_{G,S}$
- $\text{AFFECTED}_{G,S}$ 
  - Not known a priori
- $\text{CHANGED}_{G,S} \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} \text{MODIFIED}_{G,S} \cup \text{AFFECTED}_{G,S}$
- Defn:  $\|S\| = \|\text{CHANGED}_{G,S}\|_{G+S}$ 
  - characterizes updating costs inherent to a problem (rather than costs of a given algorithm for the problem)
- Goal:  $O(f(\|S\|))$



- $K$  : vertex set  $|K| = 5$
- $N(K)$  : neighborhood of  $K$   $|N(K)| = 12$
- $\langle K \rangle$  : induced graph  $|\langle K \rangle| = 11$
- $\langle N(K) \rangle$  : induced graph  $|\langle N(K) \rangle| = 27$
- $\|K\| \stackrel{\text{df}}{=} |\langle N(K) \rangle|$  "extended size"



## (Naive) Change Propagation

Propagate ( $G, S$ )

precondition:  $S = \{\text{inconsistent nodes of } G\}$

begin

while  $S \neq \emptyset$  do

Select and remove a node  $v$  from  $S$

oldvalue := val[ $v$ ]

Reevaluate  $v$

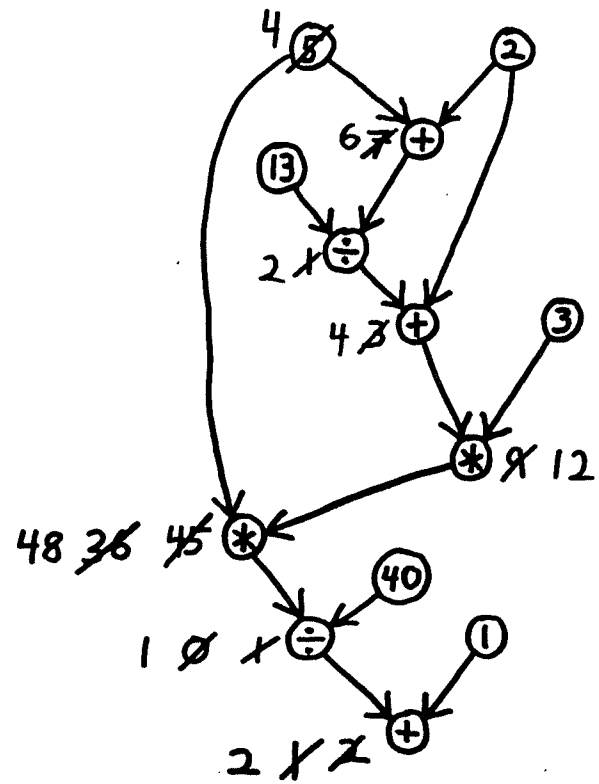
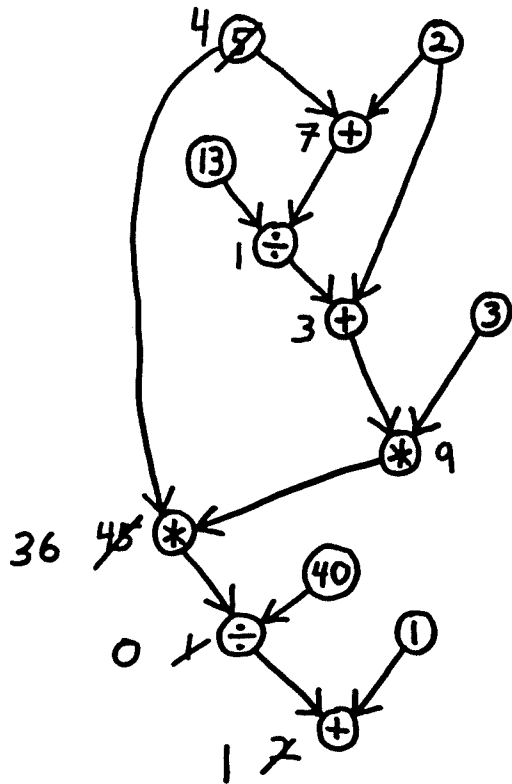
if oldvalue  $\neq$  val[ $v$ ] then

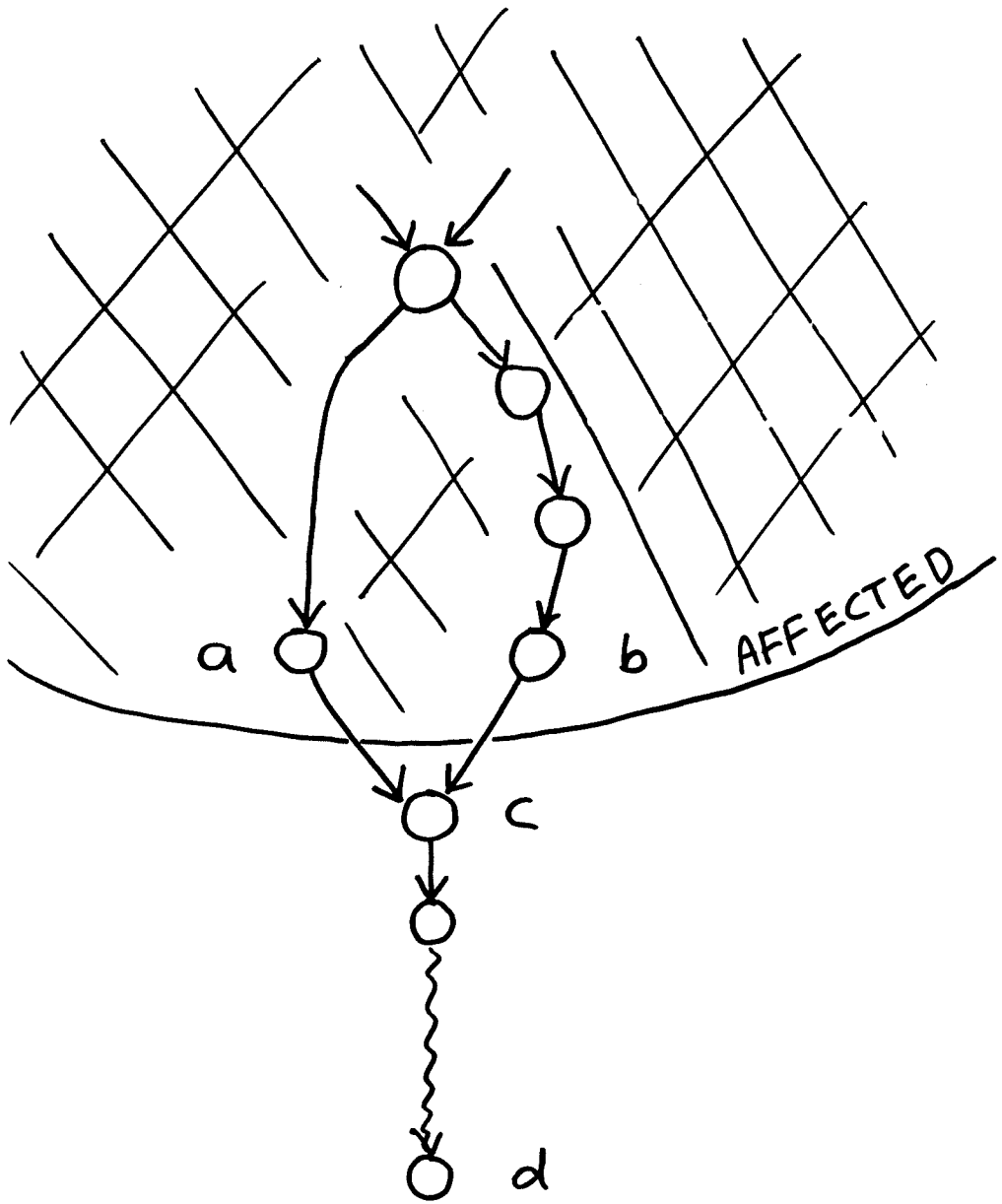
$S := S \cup \{\text{successors of } v\}$

fi

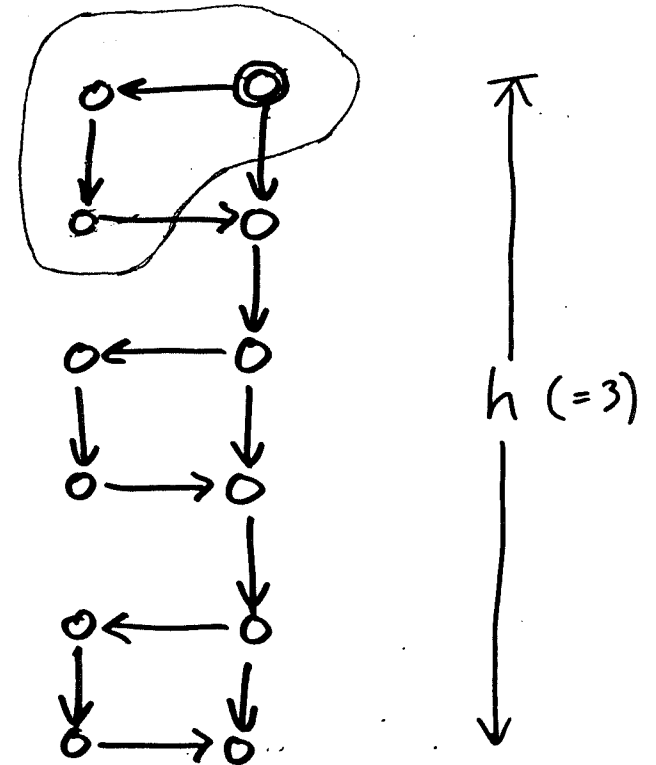
od

end





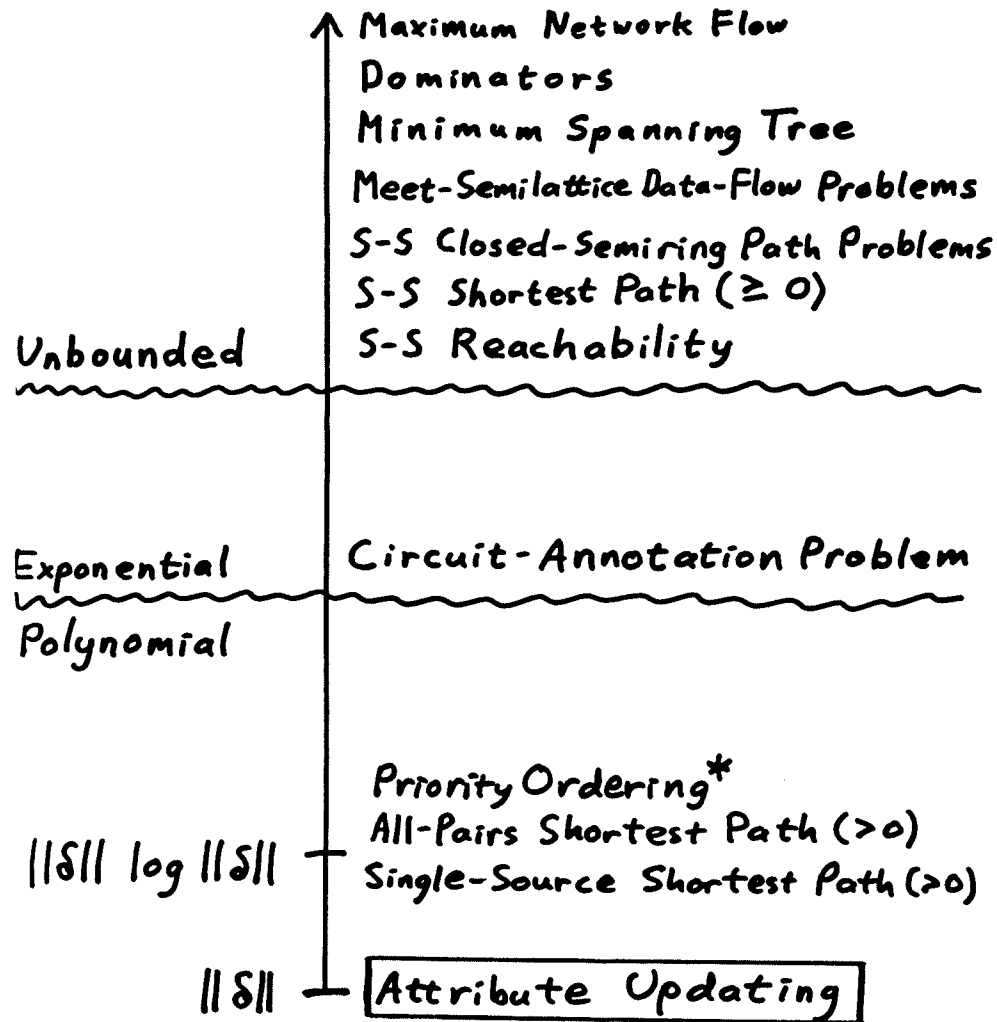
## Behavior of Change Propagation



$$T(h) = 2T(h-1) + k$$

$$T(h) = O(2^h)$$





## Equations for Name Analysis

begin

declare  $a, b, c;$

$b := c$

end

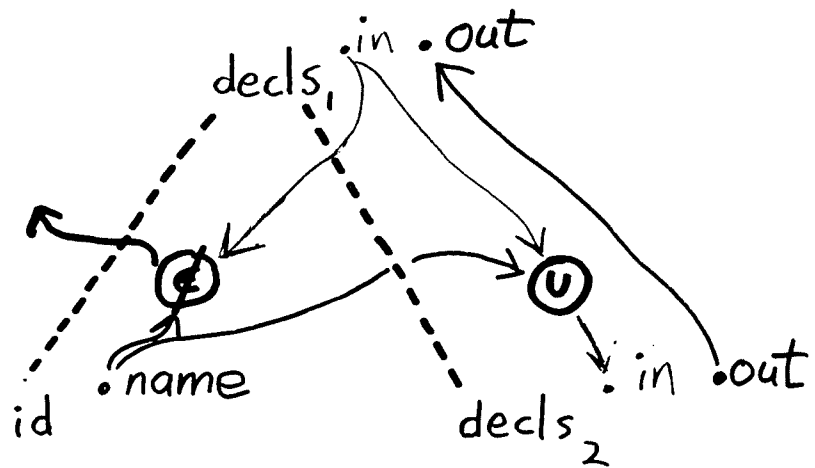
$\text{DeclaredIn}_{\text{Decls}} = \{a\} \cup \{b\} \cup \{c\}$

$\text{DeclaredFor}_{\text{stmt}} = \text{DeclaredIn}_{\text{Decls}}$

$b \in \text{DeclaredFor}_{\text{stmt}}$

$c \in \text{DeclaredFor}_{\text{stmt}}$

## Defining Static Inferences



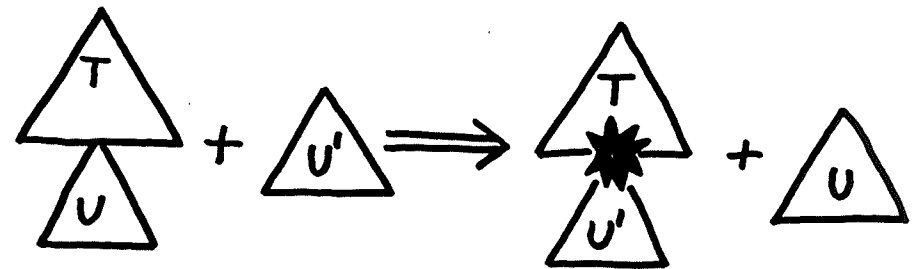
$decls_2.in = \{id.name\} \cup decls_1.in$

$decls_1.out = decls_2.out$

require  $id.name \notin decls_1.in$

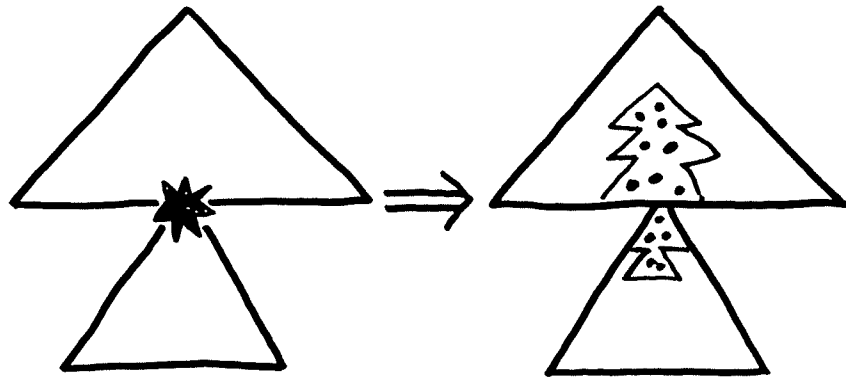
Attribute grammar [Knuth]

## Subtree Replacement



Consistent Tree  $\implies$  Inconsistent Tree

# Optimal Updating

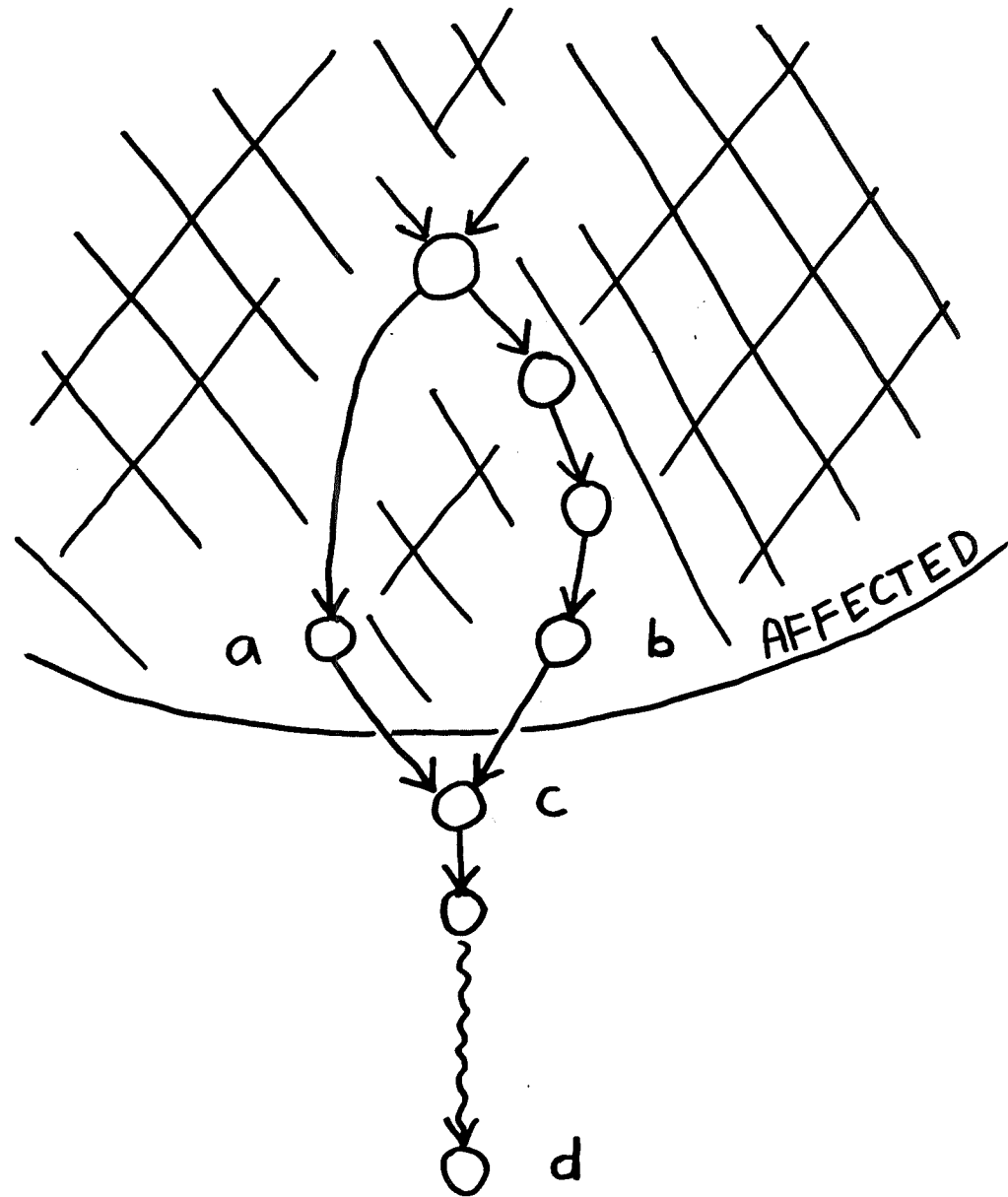


Inconsistent Tree  $\implies$  Consistent Tree

$\therefore$  AFFECTED

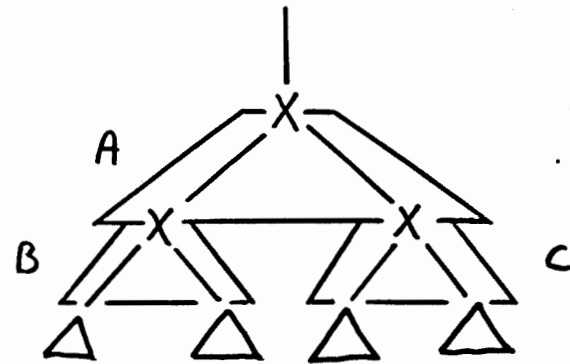
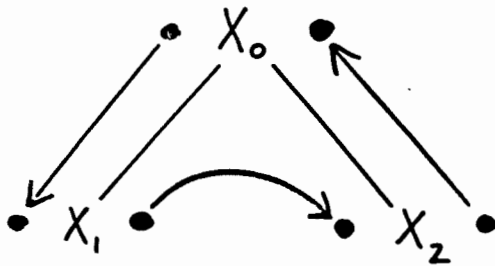
Updating cost:  $O(|\text{AFFECTED}|) = O(\|s\|)$

[Reps - POPL 82]



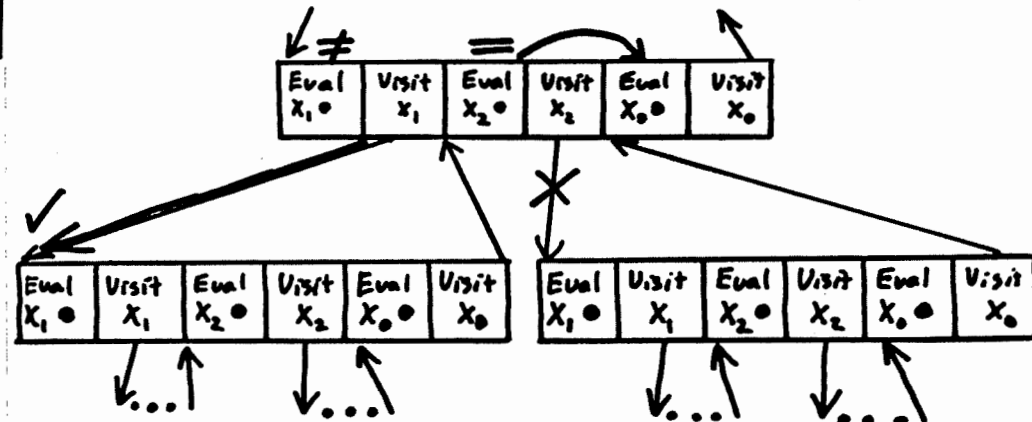
Ordered Attribute Grammars [Kastens 1980]    Optimal Updating for Ordered AGs [Yeh 1983]

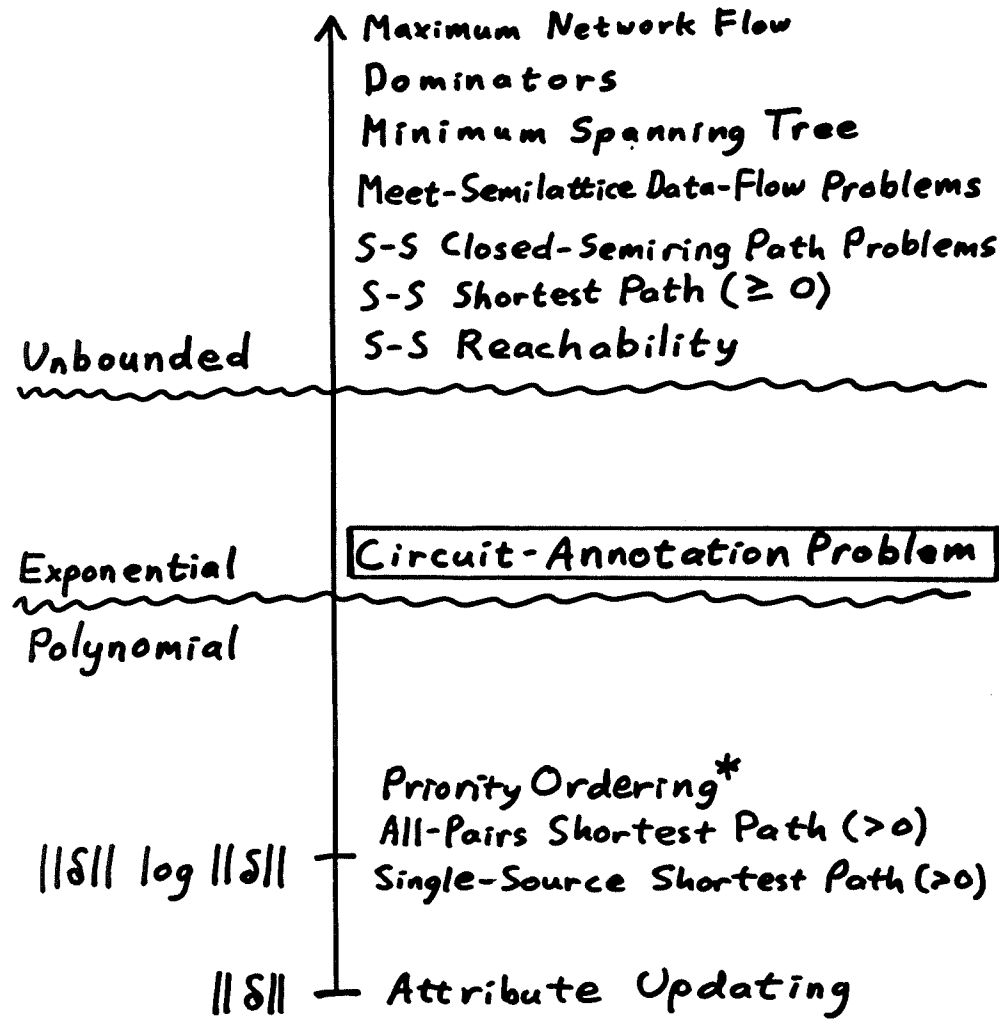
production:



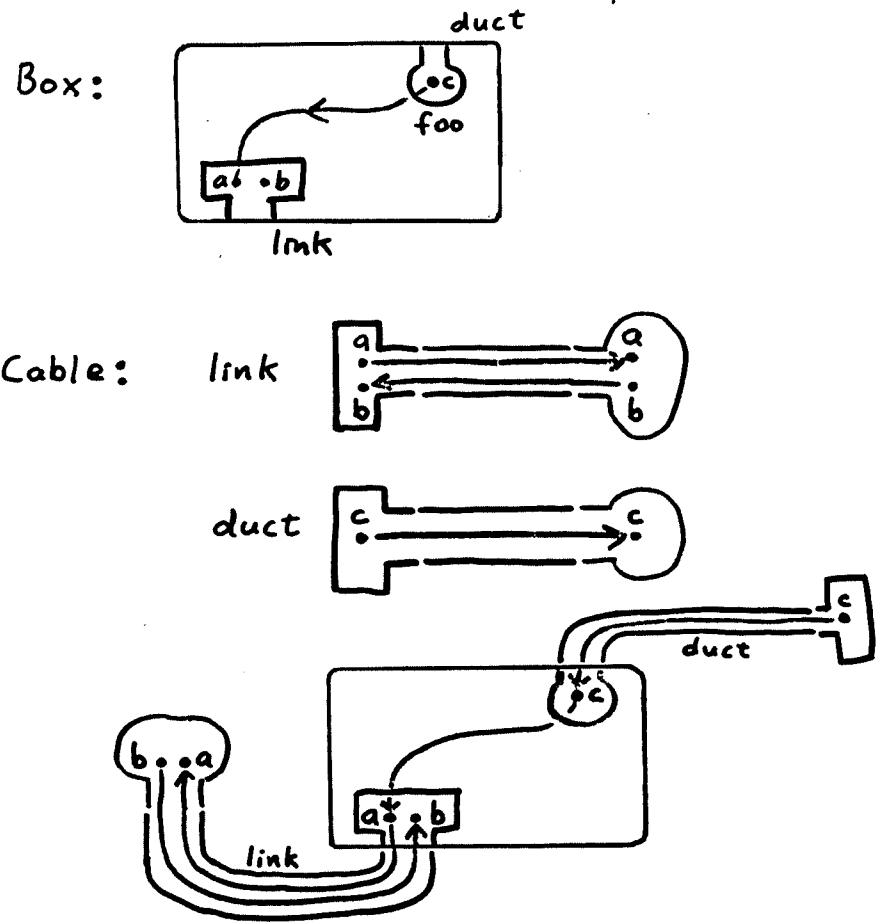
plan:

Eval	Visit	Eval	Visit	Eval	Visit
$X_1 \bullet$	$X_1$	$X_2 \bullet$	$X_2$	$X_0 \bullet$	$X_0$





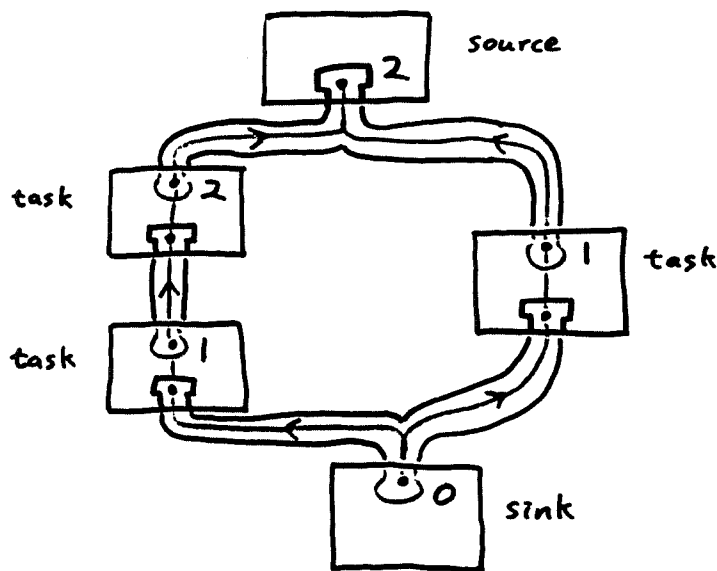
CABLES & BOXES [Alpern et al. PE 1989]



## Example: PERT Chart

```

link: CABLE { time_to_completion: BLUE → RED }
source: BOX { critical_path_length: LOCAL REAL }
              out: * RED link
              critical_path_length *= max(out.time_to_comp)
task:  BOX { out: * RED link
              in: * BLUE link
              in.time_to_completion *= 1 + max(out.time_to_comp)
sink:  BOX { in: * BLUE link
              in.time_to_completion = 0.0
  
```



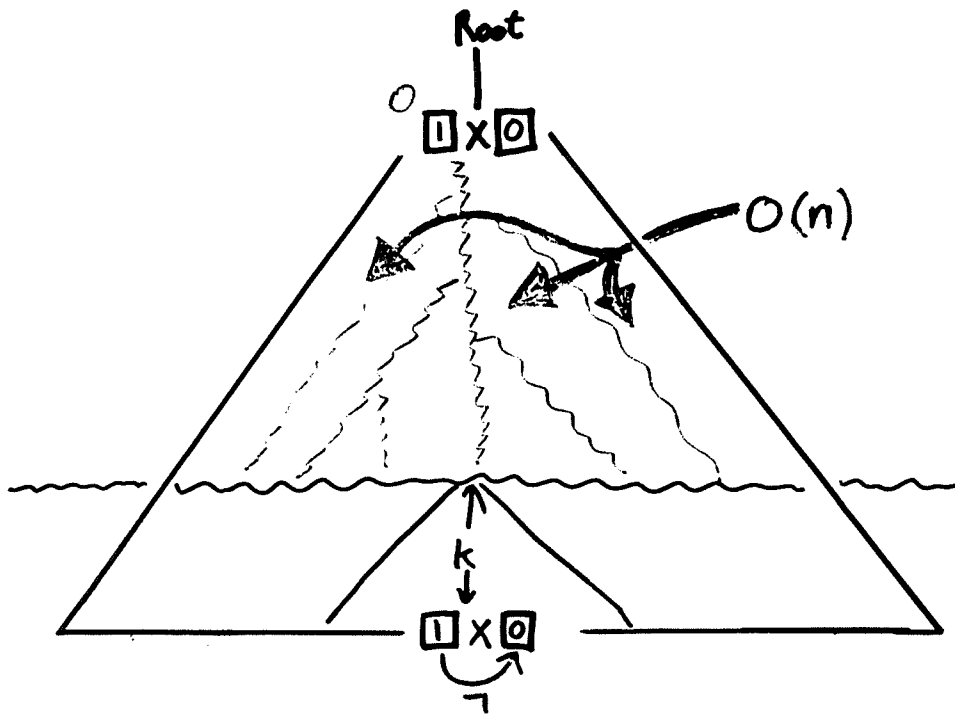
## Locally Persistent Algorithms [Alpern et al. - SODA 90]

- Vertices, edges -- blocks of storage
- Vertex block -- pointers to predecessors and successors + auxiliary information
- Edge block -- source and target + auxiliary information
- Auxiliary information cannot include any auxiliary pointers
- No global information maintained between updates
- Update algorithm follows pointers; choice can depend on vertices and edges visited so far (e.g., can use stacks or queues as worklists)

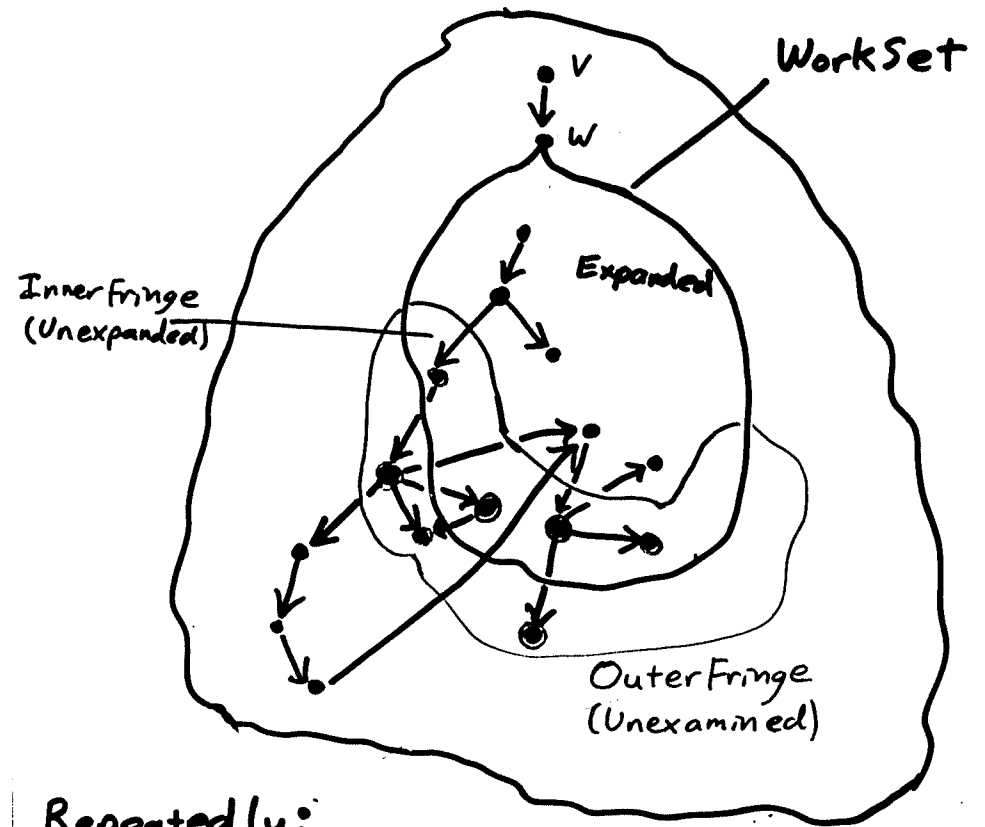


## Circuit Annotation is Bounded

[Ramalingam & Reps 1991, 92]



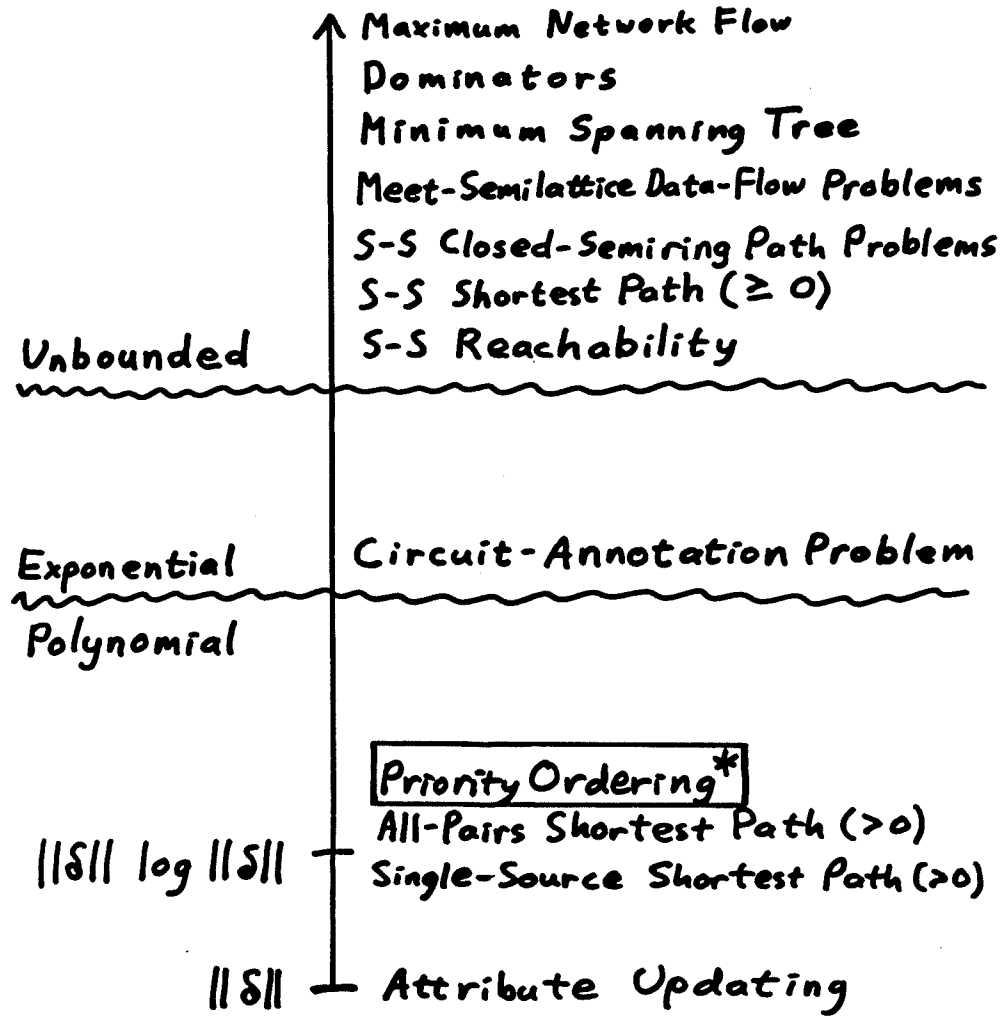
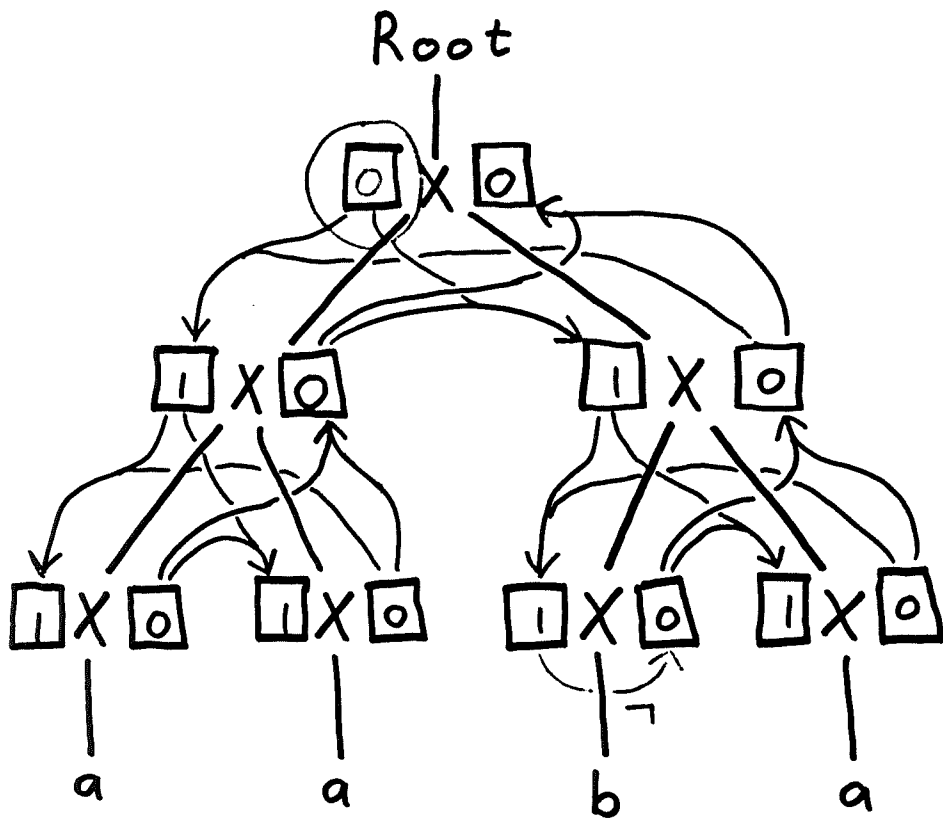
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \|S\| = O(\log n) \\ \text{Work} = \Omega(n) \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \Omega(2^{\|S\|})$$



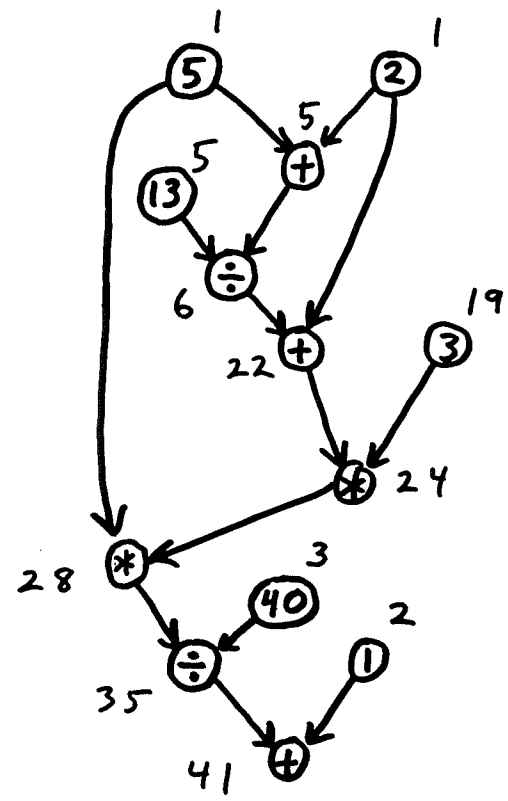
Repeatedly:

- (1) Re-evaluate Workset in relative topological sort order
- (2) Expand all vertices of Inner Fringe  
Work:  $O(2^{\|S\|})$

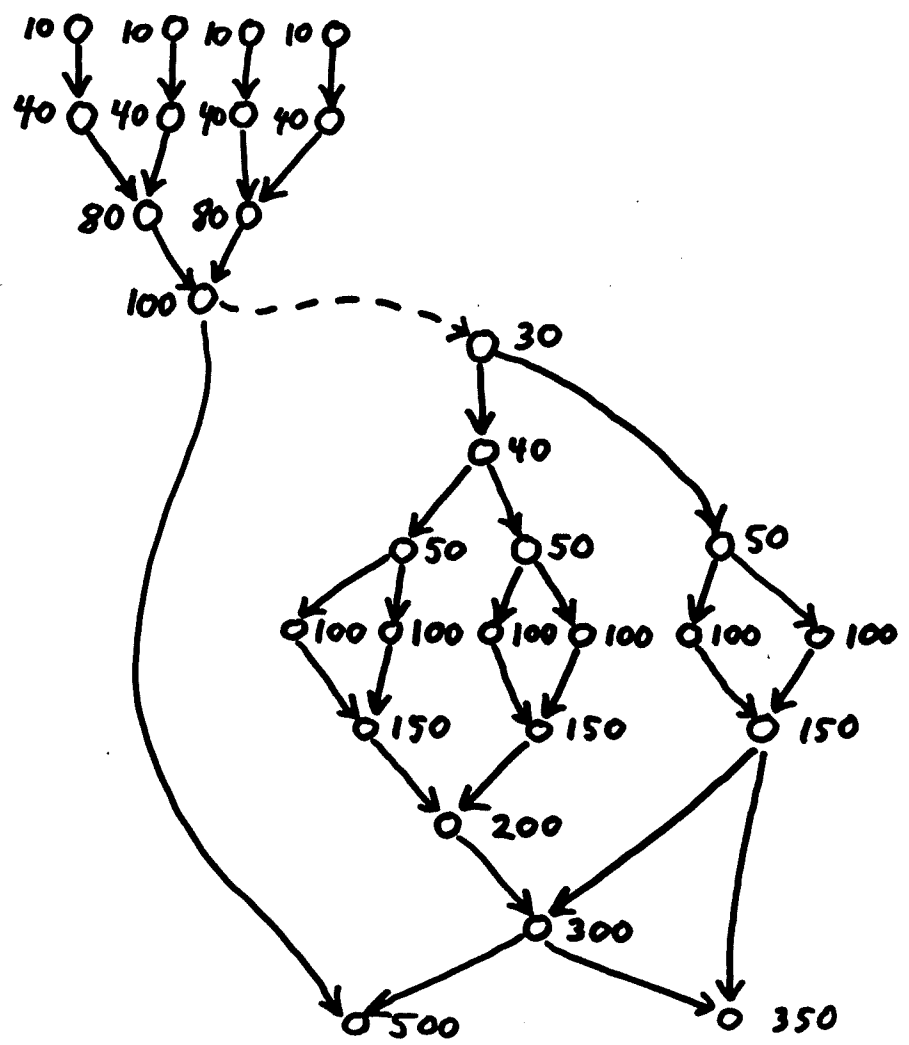




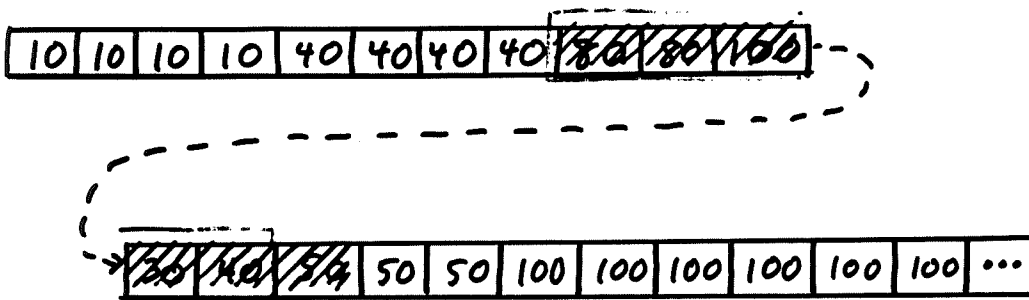
# Priority Ordering



Evaluation cost:  $O(n \log n)$   
 Updating cost:  $O(\|S\| \log \|S\|)$



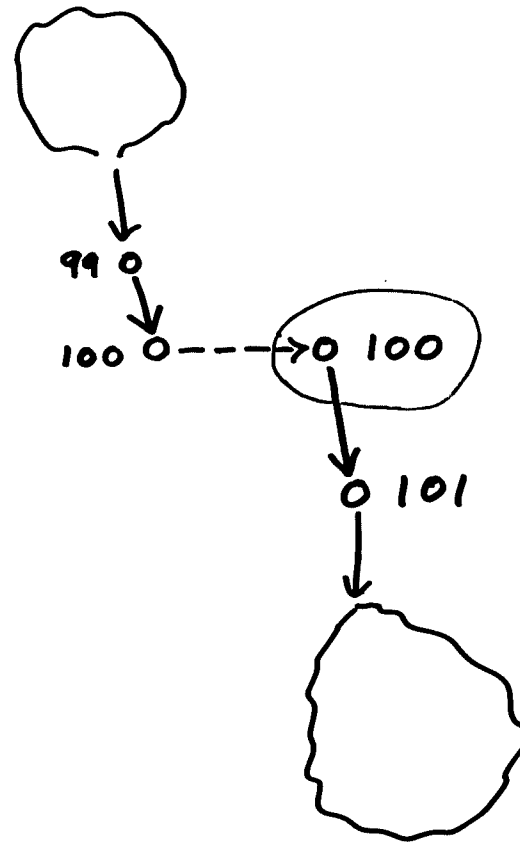
## Finding a Cover



Lockstep:  $\leq 2 * \parallel \text{min. cover} \parallel$

[Alpern et al. - SODA 90]

## Updating Priorities



Priority space [Dietz & Sleator STOC 87]

Not locally persistent

## Circuit Annotation Updating Via Priorities

1. Update priorities

$$O(\|\delta_{\text{poll}}\| \log \|\delta_{\text{poll}}\|)$$

2. Change propagation

$$O(\|\delta_{\text{values}}\| \log \|\delta_{\text{values}}\|)$$

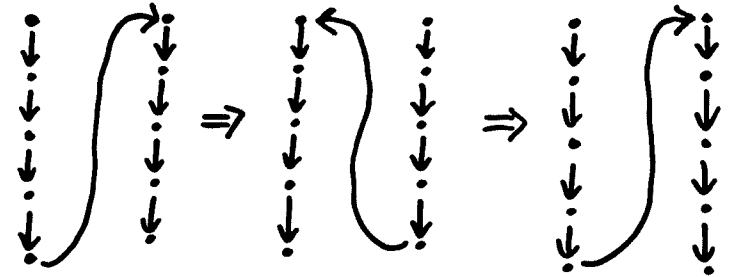
Unbounded

vs.

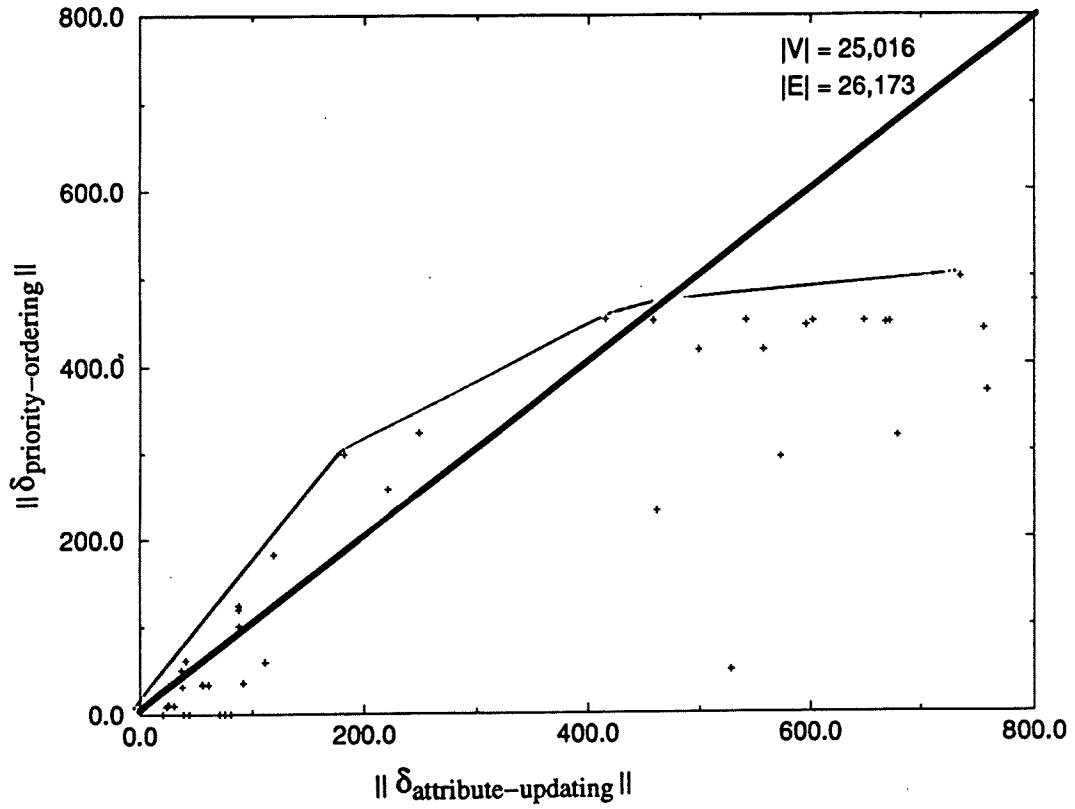
$$\text{Bounded: } O(2^{\|\delta_{\text{values}}\|})$$

## Observations

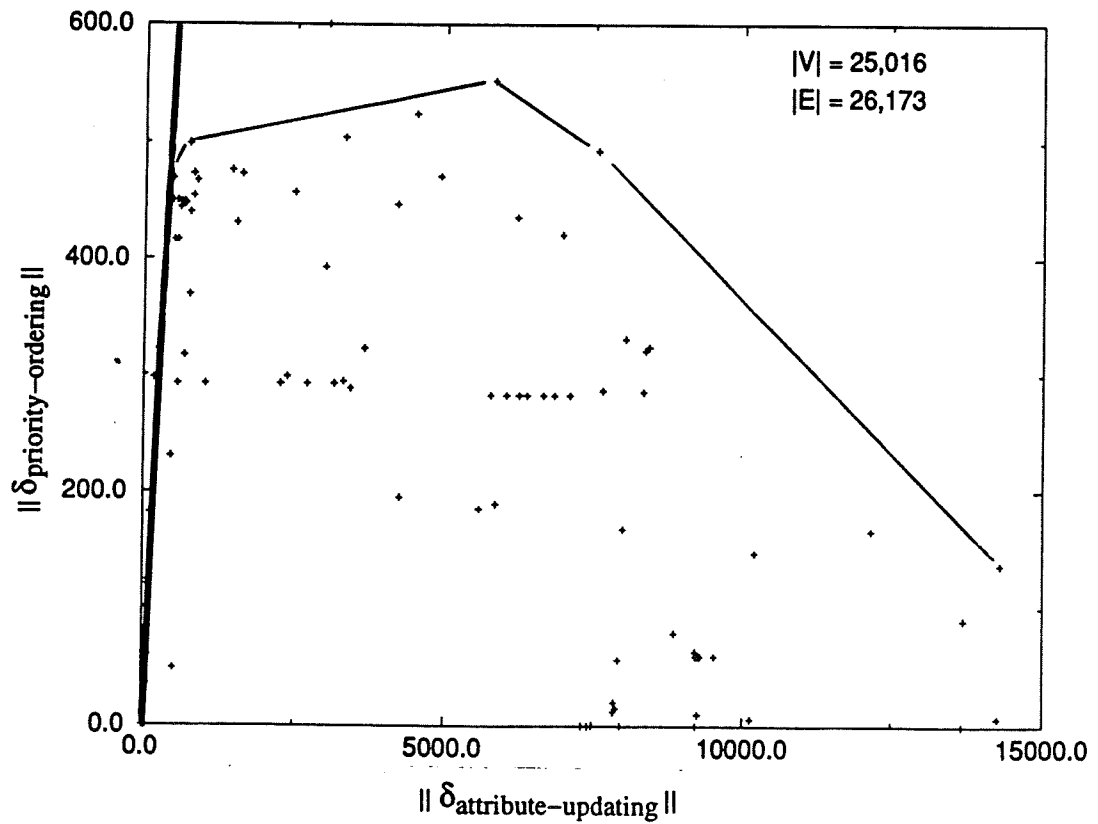
- Relation vs. function
- Algorithm uses persistent auxiliary storage
- Not candidate for amortized analysis

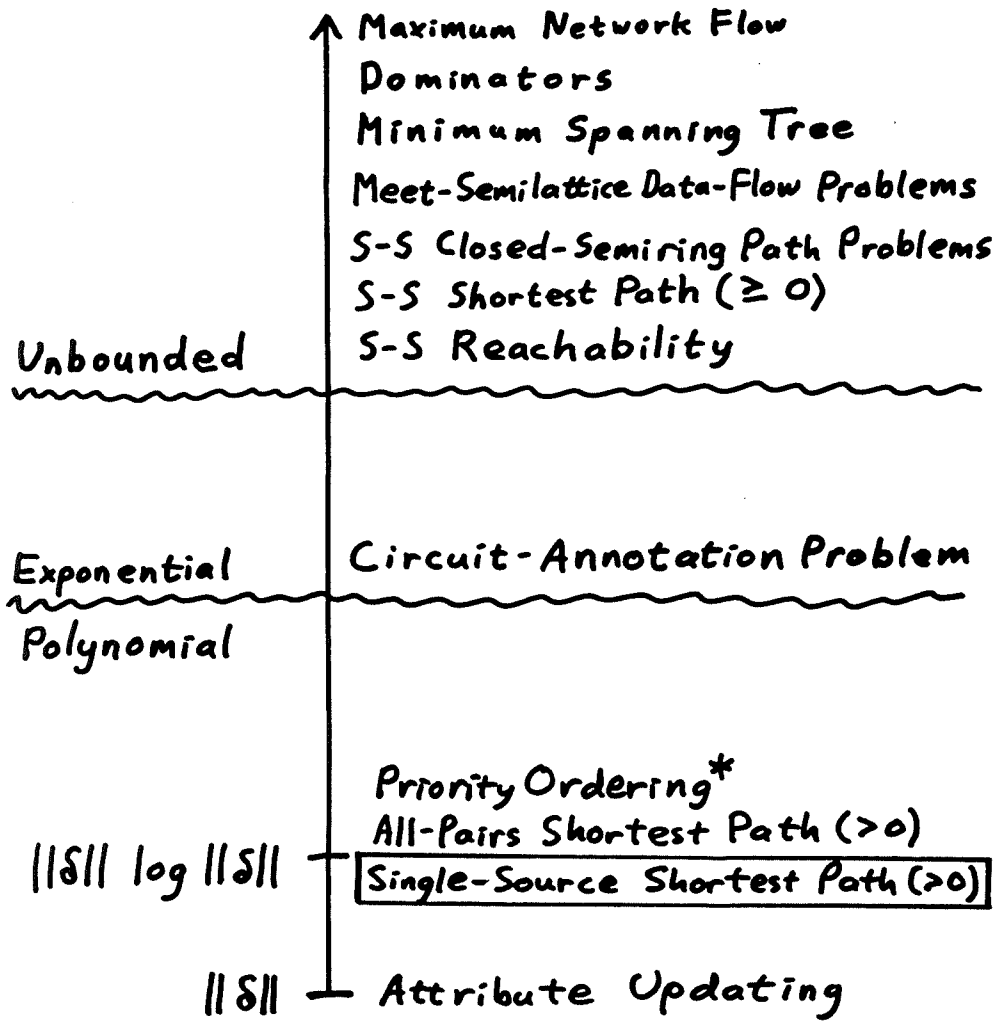


- Competitive ?



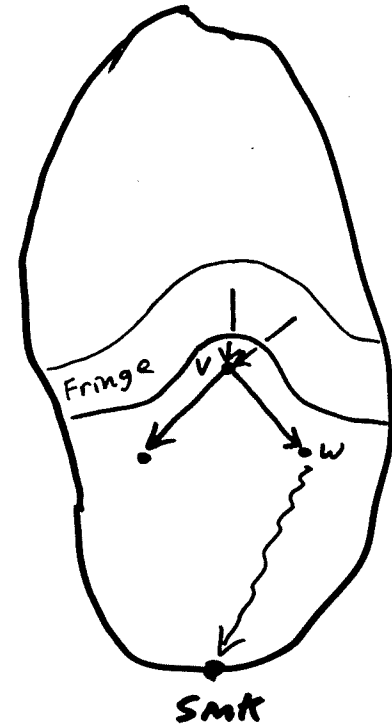
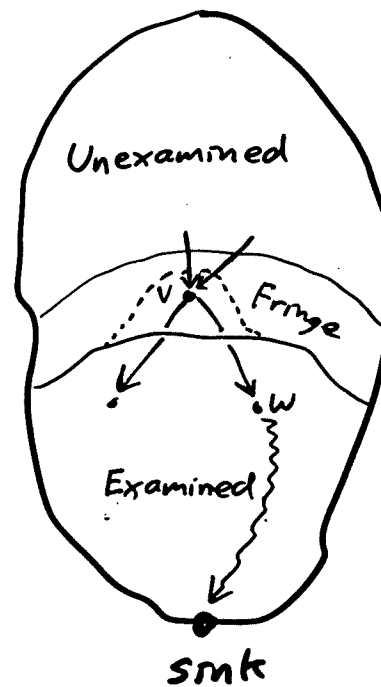
(Attribute dependence graph of a Pascal program)



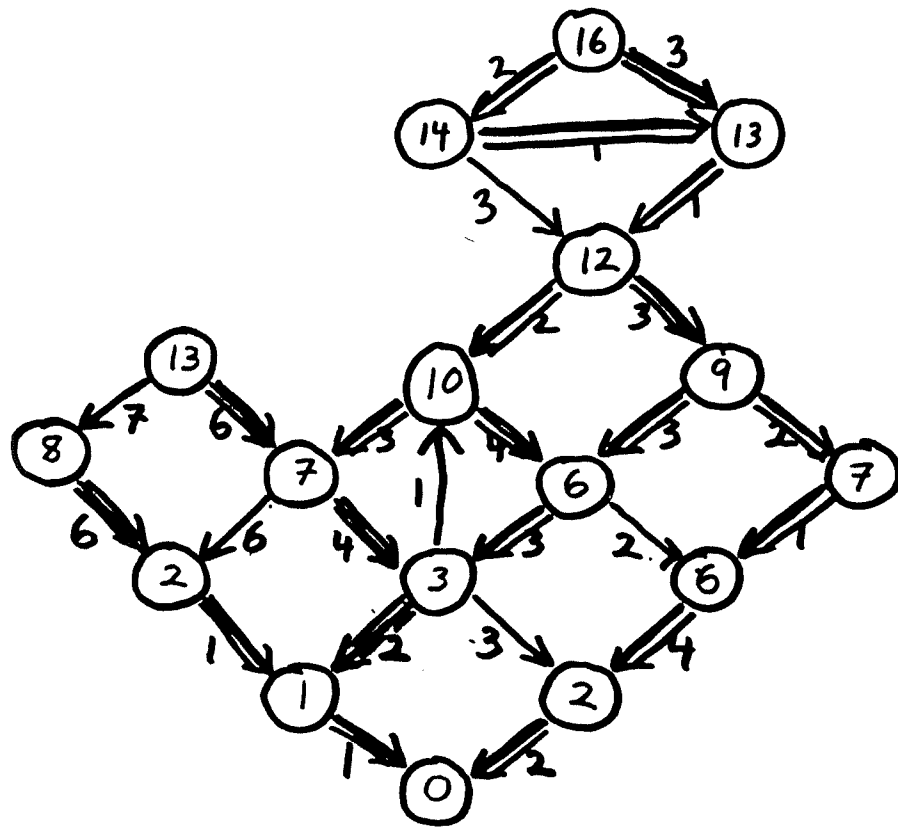


Single-Sink Shortest-Path Problem  
(with positive edge weights)

Dijkstra's (batch) algorithm:



Single-Sink Shortest-Path Problem  
(with positive edge weights)



DeleteEdge( $G, v \rightarrow w$ )

Phase 1:

WorkSet := { $v$ }

AffectedVertices :=  $\emptyset$

while WorkSet  $\neq \emptyset$  do

    Select and remove a vertex  
     $u$  from WorkSet

    Insert  $u$  into AffectedVertices

for each red edge  $x \rightarrow u$  do  
        uncolor  $x \rightarrow u$

if  $\exists$  a red edge  $x \rightarrow y$  then  
            Insert  $x$  into WorkSet

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Phase 2:

Determine new distances in  
induced graph  $\langle N(\text{AffectedVertices}) \rangle$   
(e.g. via Dijkstra's algorithm)

## Complexity of Delete Edge

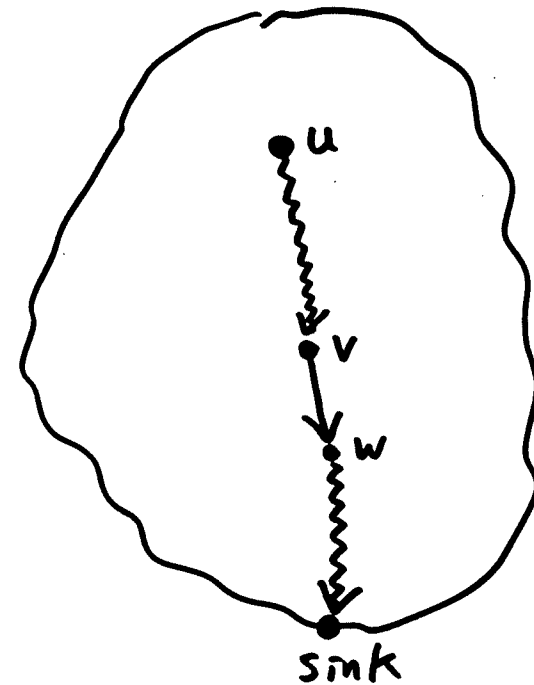
Phase 1:  $O(\|\delta\|)$

Phase 2:  $O(\|\delta\| \log \|\delta\|)$

Total:  $O(\|\delta\| \log \|\delta\|)$

[Ramalingam & Reps 1991]

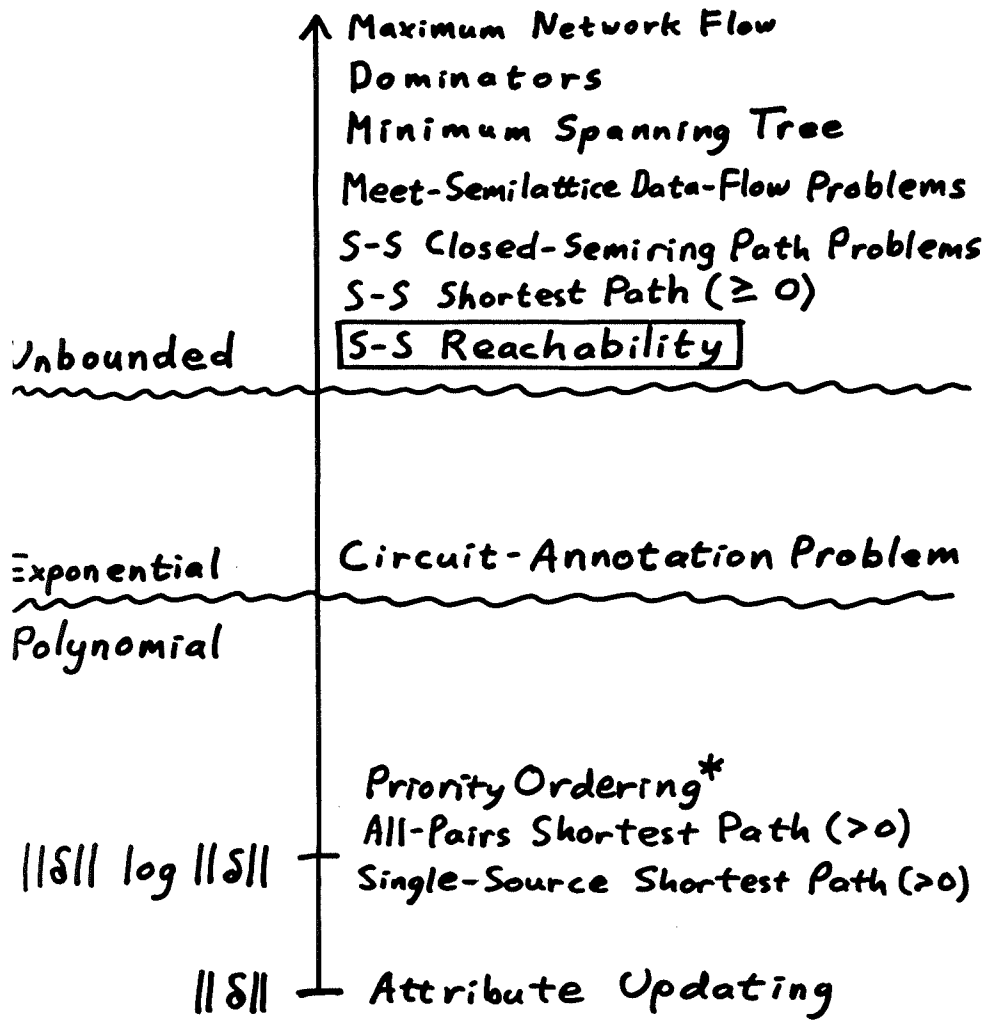
Edge Insertion:  $O(\|\delta\| \log \|\delta\|)$



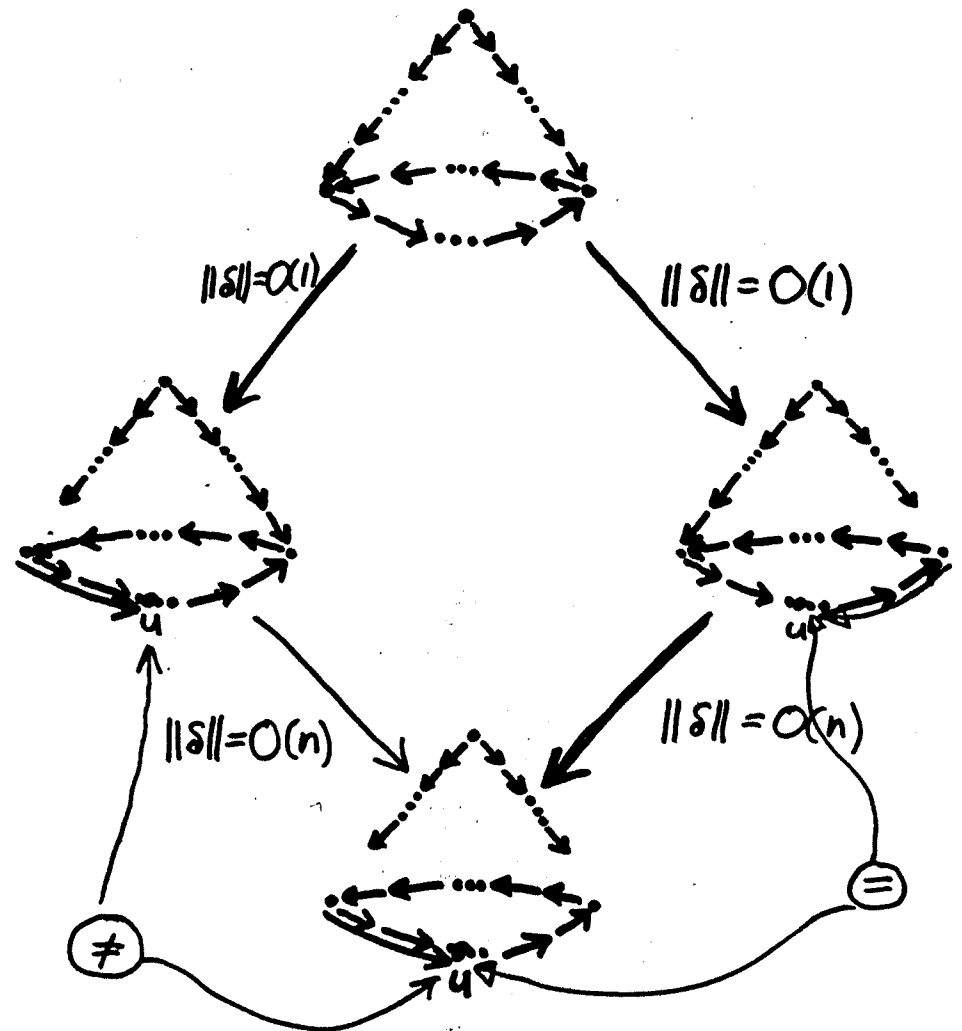
(\*)  $\text{dist}(u, v) + \text{length}(v \rightarrow w) + \text{dist}(w) < \text{dist}(u)$ ?

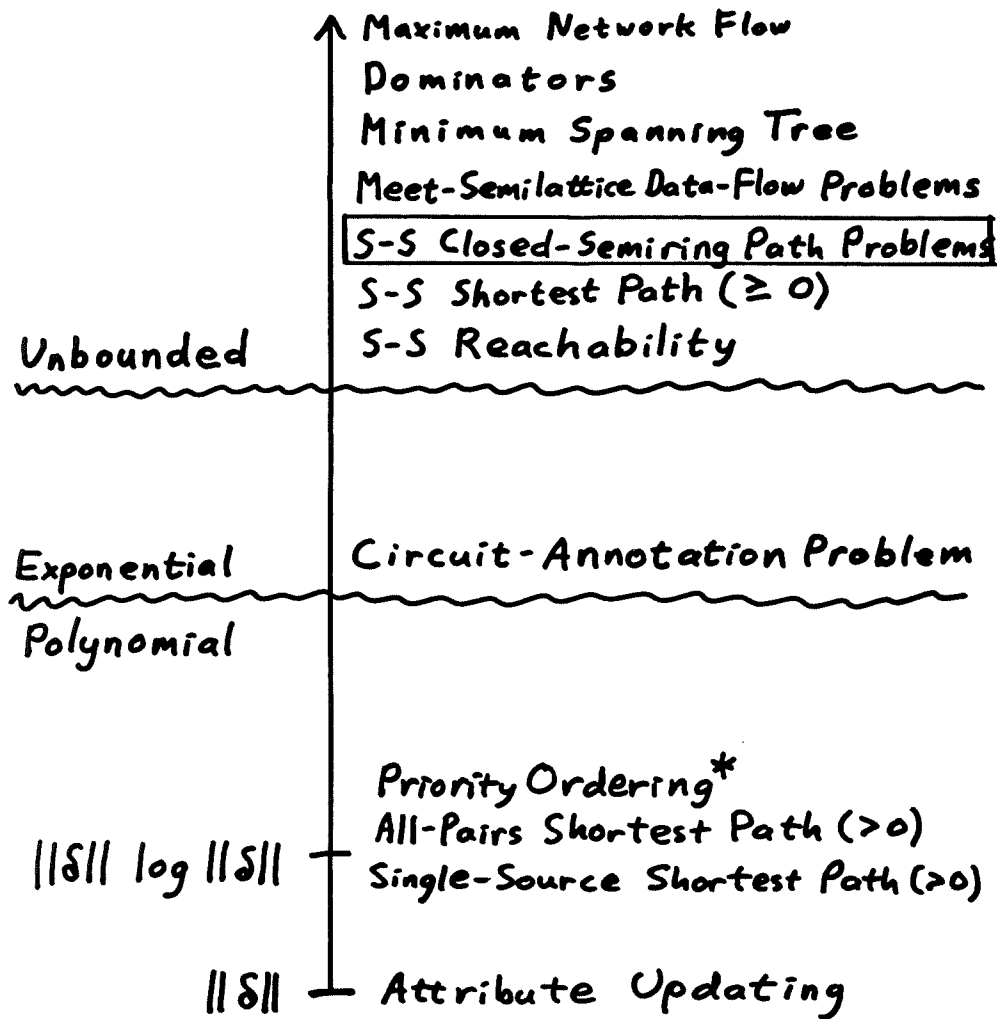
Idea: Perform (most of) the batch single-sink problem with sink  $v$  (but only visit vertices for which (\*) holds -- and their predecessors)





Reachability is Unbounded  
 [Ramalingam & Reps 1991]





## (Meet-Semilattice) Data-Flow Problems

$G$ : flow graph

$s$ : entry vertex of  $G$

$L$ : semilattice (with  $T$ )

$M$ : edge  $\rightarrow L \rightarrow L$

(labels edges with flow functions)

$c \in L$ : constant associated with  $s$

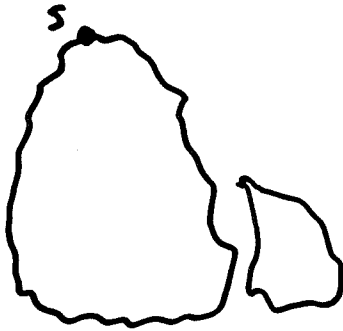
The solution is the maximal fixed point of:

$$S(s) = c$$

$$S(u) = \prod_{v \in \text{pred}(u)} M(v \rightarrow u)(S(v))$$

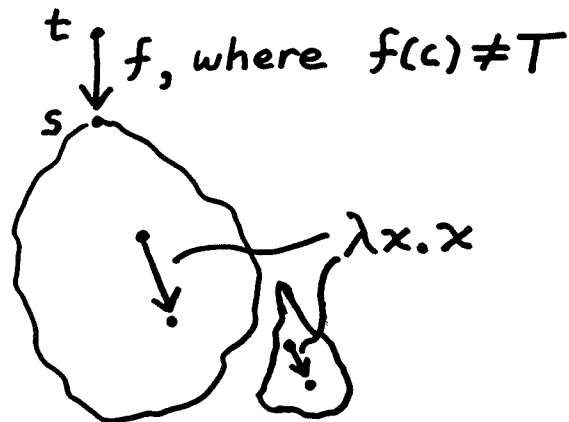
## There Are Unbounded Data-Flow Problems

Instance of S-S Reachability:

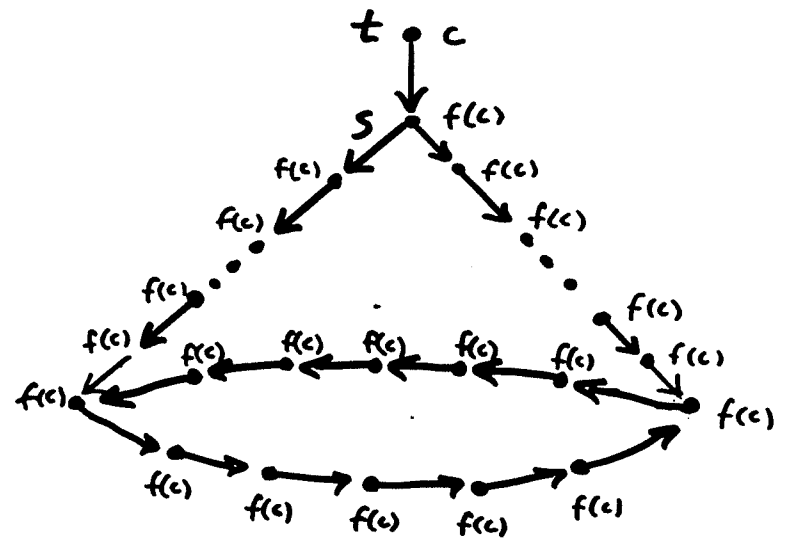
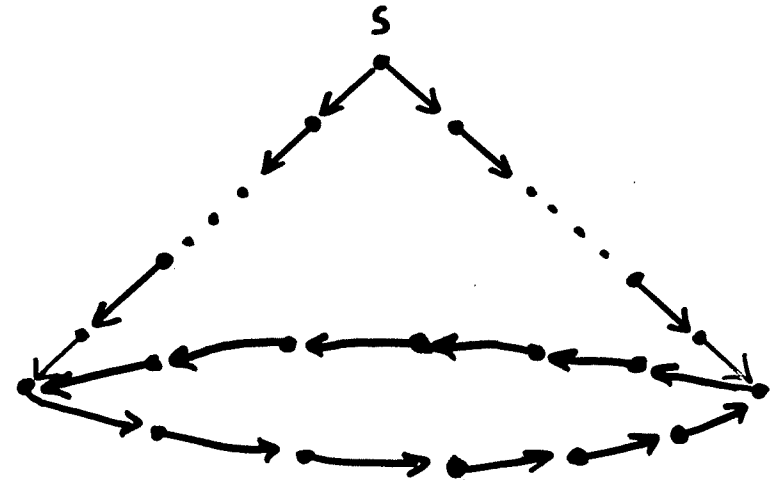


Instance of data-flow problem P:

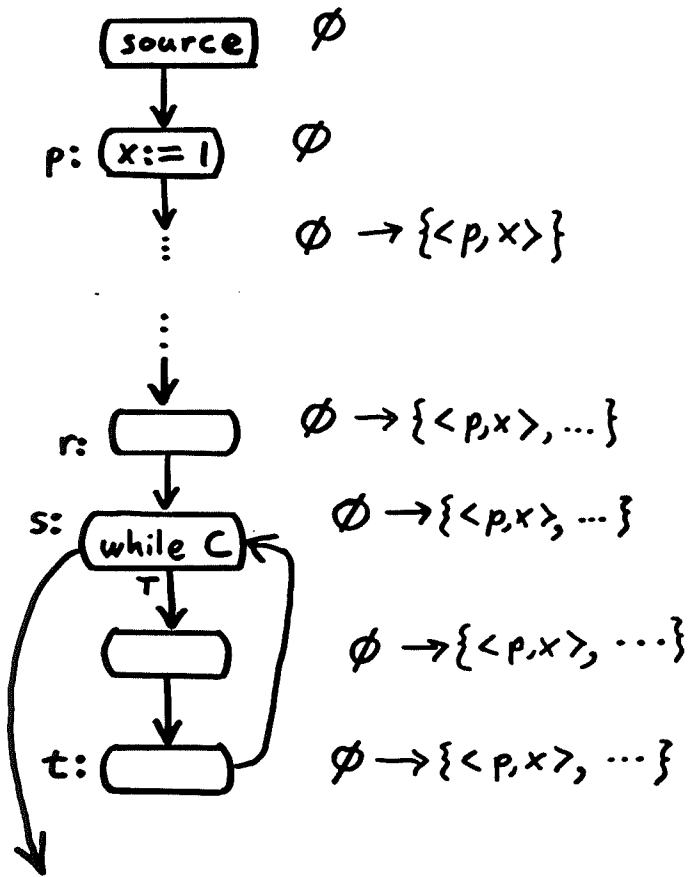
$$\begin{aligned} S(t) &= c \neq T \\ M(e) &= \lambda x.x \end{aligned}$$



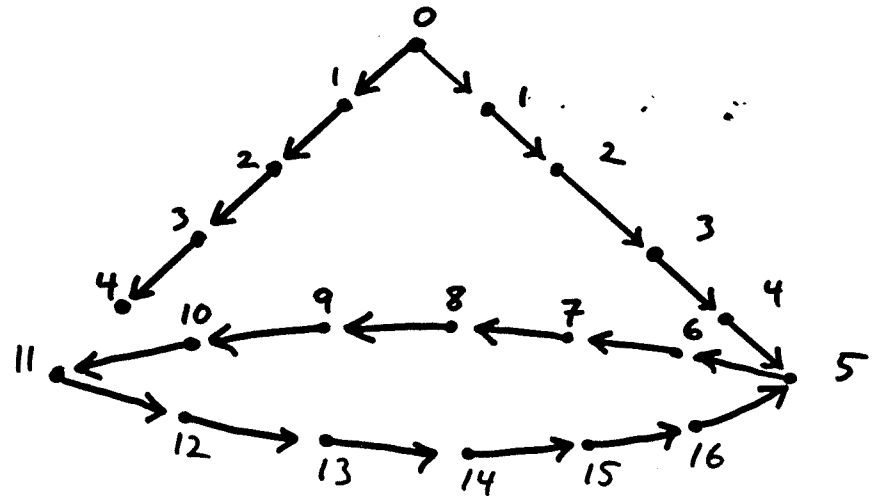
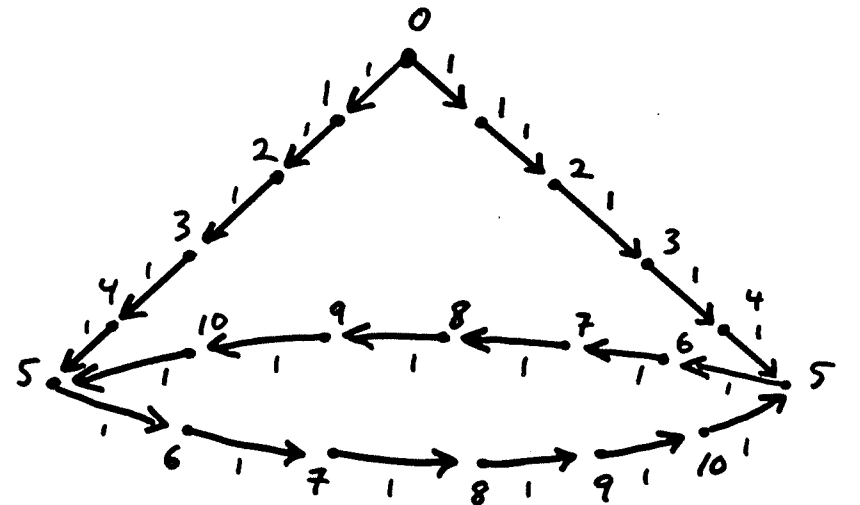
$S(u) = f(c)$  if  $u$  is reachable from  $s$   
 $S(u) = T$  if  $u$  is not reachable



### Reaching Definitions



### Reachability and SSSP > 0



## Reductions Between Problems

(1) Give transformations:

a. Instance<sub>p</sub> → Instance<sub>q</sub>

b. Solution<sub>q</sub> → Solution<sub>p</sub>

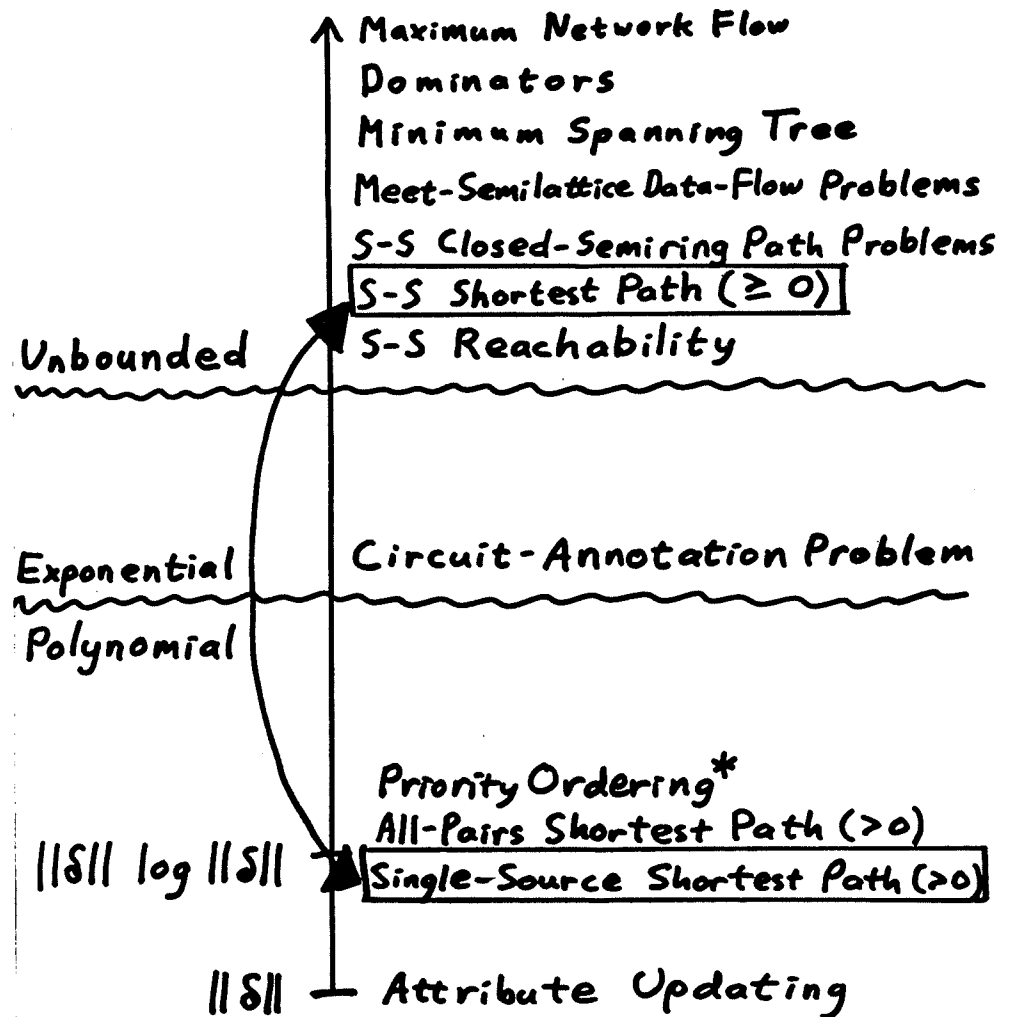
c.  $\delta_p \rightarrow \delta_q$

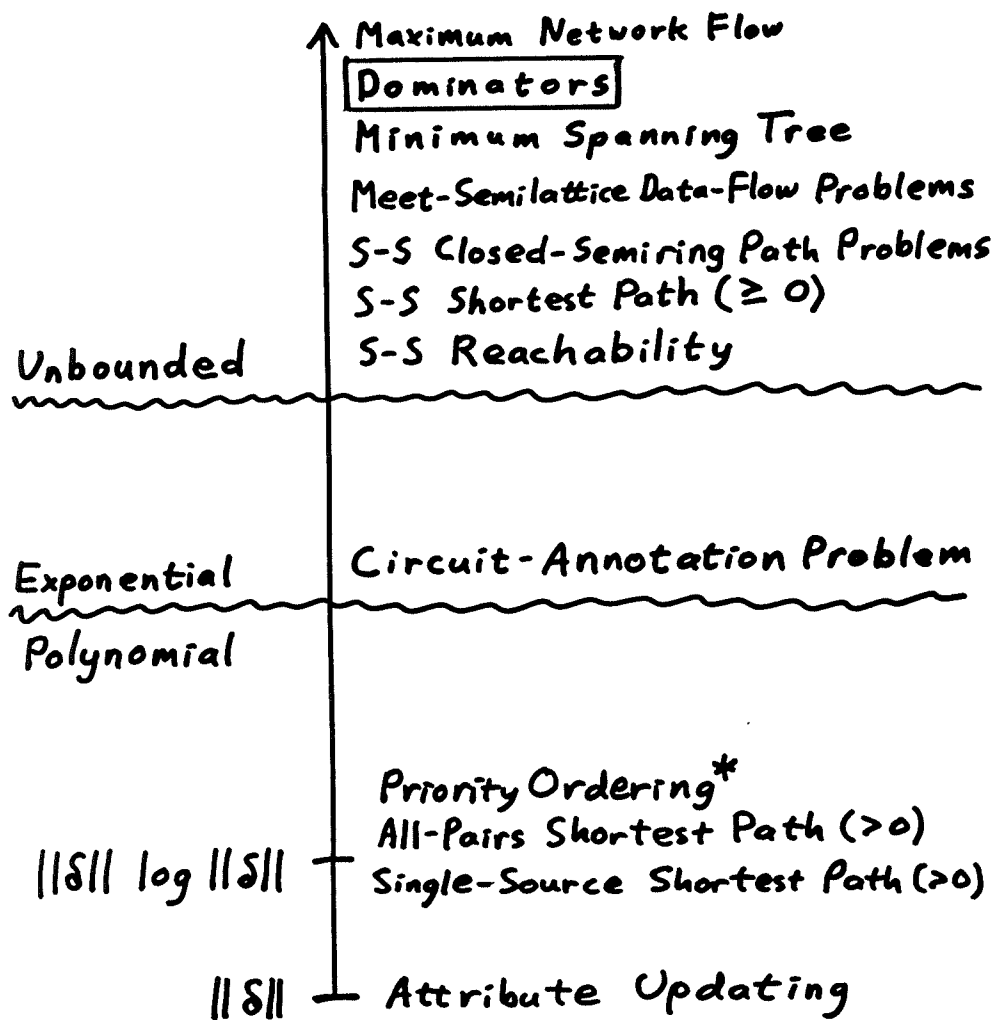
d.  $\Delta$ Solution<sub>q</sub> →  $\Delta$ Solution<sub>p</sub>

(2) Show that (1)c and (1)d are bounded by a function of  $\|\delta_p\|$

(3) Show that  $\|\delta_q\|$  is bounded by a function of  $\|\delta_p\|$

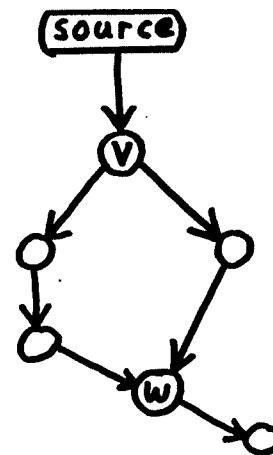
(4) Show that (1)c and (1)d are locally persistent.





## Dominators in a Directed Graph

Vertex  $v$  dominates  $w$  iff  
all paths  $\text{source} \rightarrow^* w$  contain  $v$ .

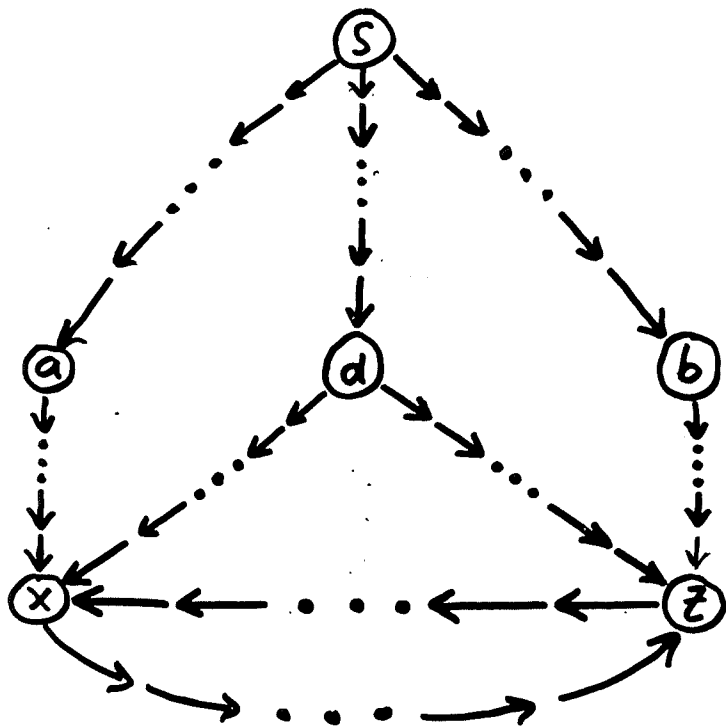


Data-flow problem:  $M(v \rightarrow u) = \lambda x. \{v\} \cup x$   
 $S(\text{source}) = \emptyset$

$$S(u) = \bigcap_{v \in \text{pred}(u)} M(v \rightarrow u)(S(v))$$

Identity function not allowed on an edge.

## Dominators is Unbounded



Without  $\rightarrow$  and  $\rightarrow$ ,  $d$  dominates the  $\{x, y, z\}$ -loop.

## Boundedness

- Good bounded algorithms exist for certain problems
- A good heuristic exists for acyclic problems
- Many problems of interest have no bounded locally persistent algorithm
  - How can persistent auxiliary storage and non-local pointers be used?
- Hybrid analysis
  - $O(f(n, \|\delta\|))$

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Other update problems

- INC
- Function caching
- Dynamization

“Incrementalizers”

Conclusions

## INC

- Language for computations on bags
- Changes to arguments → change in final result
- Differential updating used
  - selective recomputation: coarse-grained incrementality
  - differential updating: fine-grained incrementality
- “Never worse” than recomputing from scratch

[Yellin & Strom 1991]

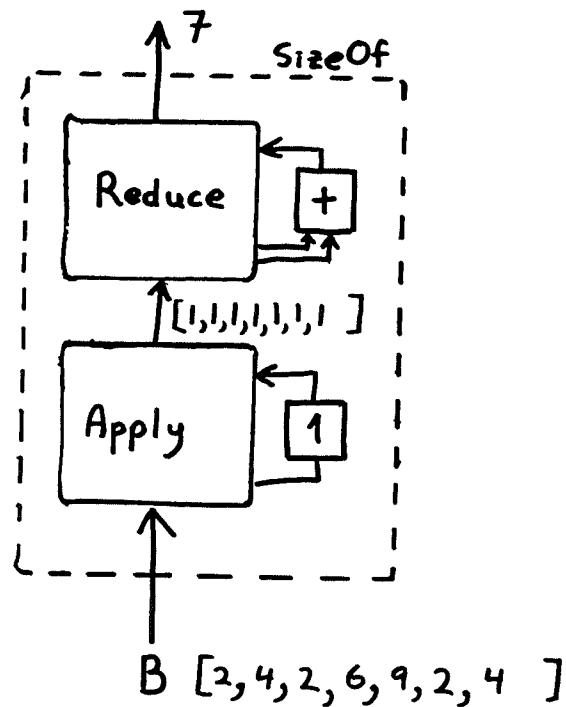


## Computing the Size of a Bag

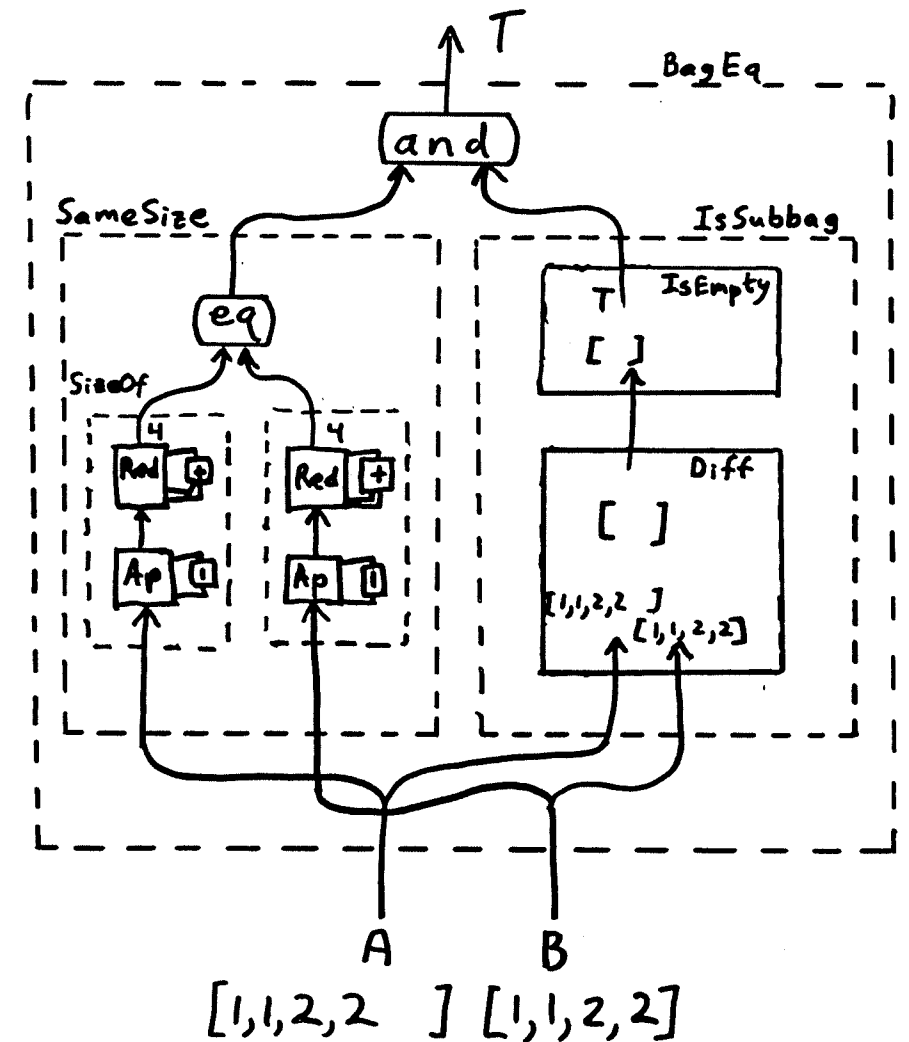
$$B = [2, 4, 2, 6, 9, 2, 4]$$

$$\text{Apply}[1]B = [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1]$$

$$\text{Reduce}[+](\text{Apply}[1]B) = 7$$



## Example: Bag Equality



## Differential Updating in INC

- Produce smallest message

$$B_{old} = \{ 1, 2, \dots, 50 \}$$

$$B_{new} = \{ 49, 50, \dots, 100 \}$$

$$\Delta^+ = \{ 51, \dots, 100 \}$$

$$\Delta^- = \{ 1, 2, \dots, 49 \}$$

$$Remainder = \{ 49, 50 \}$$

- $T_{Inc} = O(T_{Batch})$

at most a constant factor to maintain structures used during updating

## Incremental Computation via Function Caching

[Pugh & Teitelbaum - POPL 1991]

Applicability: Decomposable  
list problems

$$L = A \parallel B$$

$$f(L) = \square(f(A), f(B))$$

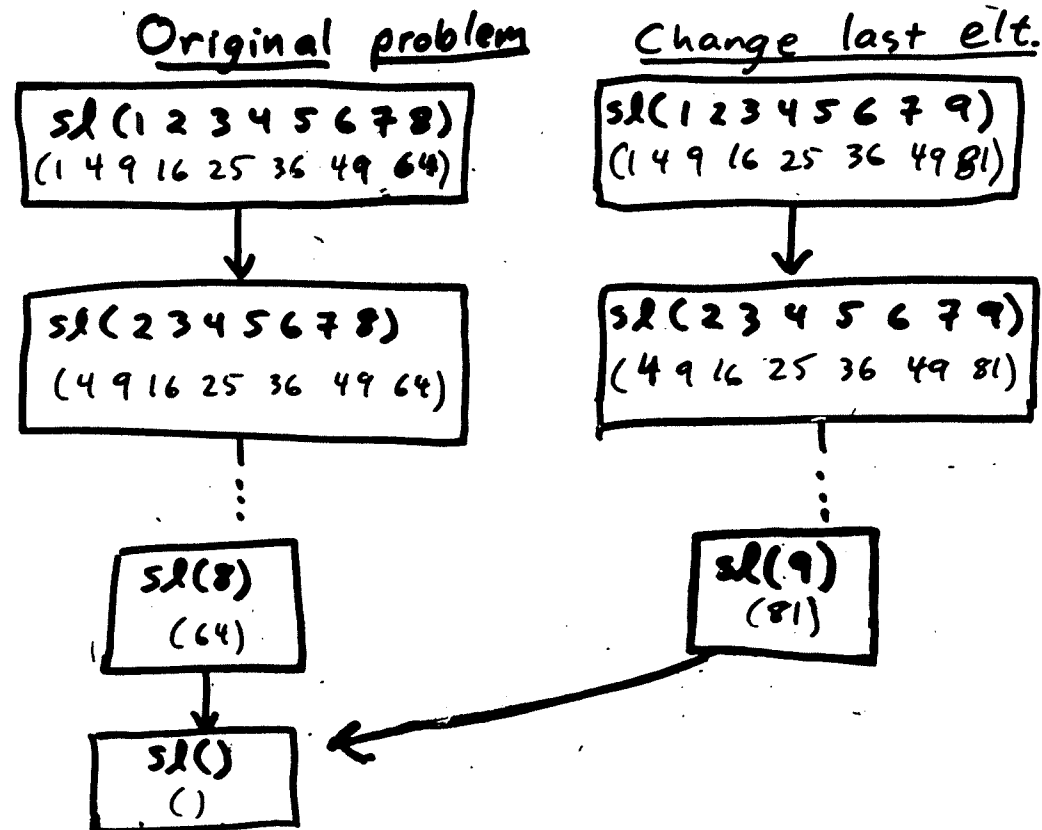
Ex: Square the elements of  
a list of integers.

Input: (1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8)

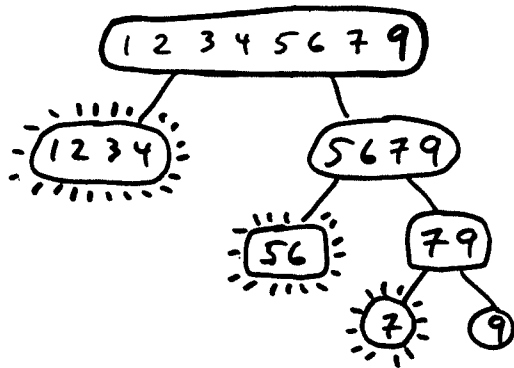
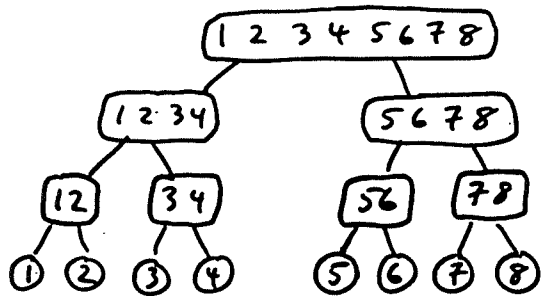
Output: (1 4 9 16 25 36 49 64)

$sl(L) = \text{if null}(L) \text{ then } L$   
 $\text{else cons}(hd(L)**2, sl(tl(L))) \text{ fi}$

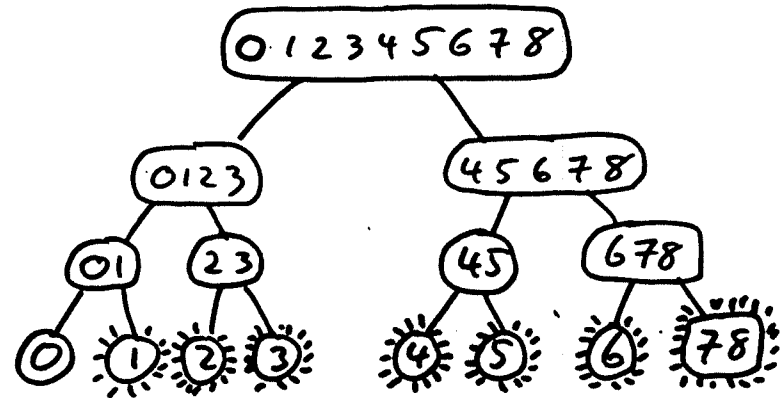
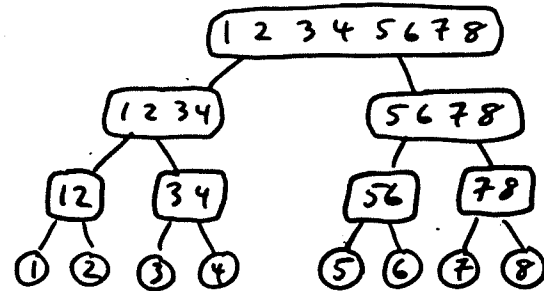
Idea: Cache previous values



$ss(S) = \text{if } \text{length}(S) = 1 \text{ then } \text{hd}(S) ** 2 :: \text{nil}$   
 $\text{else } \text{append}(ss(\text{first-half}(S)), ss(\text{second-half}(S)))$



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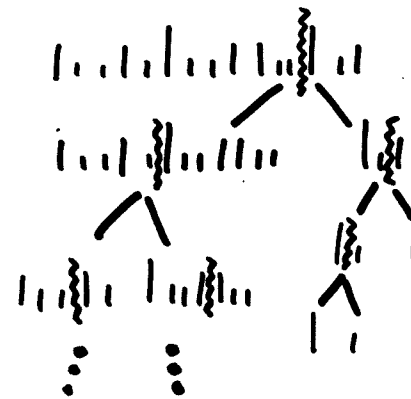
## Goal: Stable decomposition

- Given  $x$ ,  $\text{hash}(x)$  is a positive int
- $\text{level}(x)$  is the largest  $i$  s.t.  
 $\text{hash}(x)$  is a multiple of  $2^i$

eg,  $\text{hash}(x) = 01101\underline{000}$   
 $\text{level}(x) = 3$

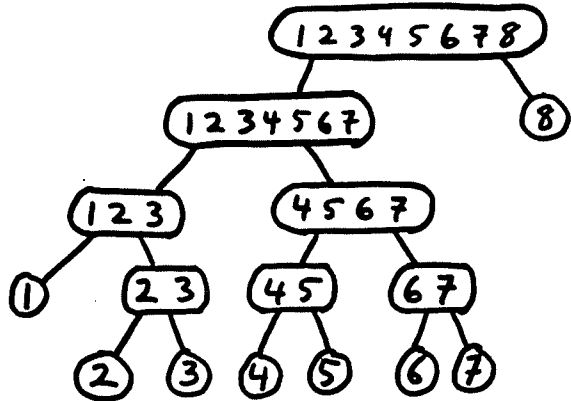
- Require:  $\frac{1}{2}$  of all elts. are level 0 (avg.)  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  of all elts. are level 1 (avg.)  
...

## Stable decomposition

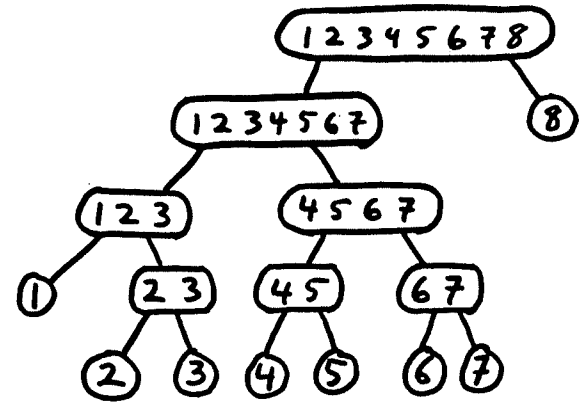


⇒ with high probability there will be only  $O(\log n)$  cache misses.

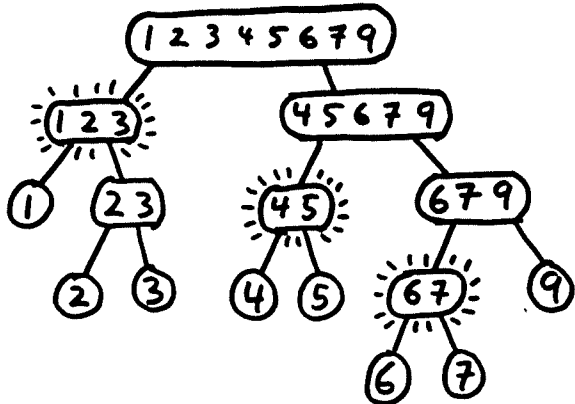
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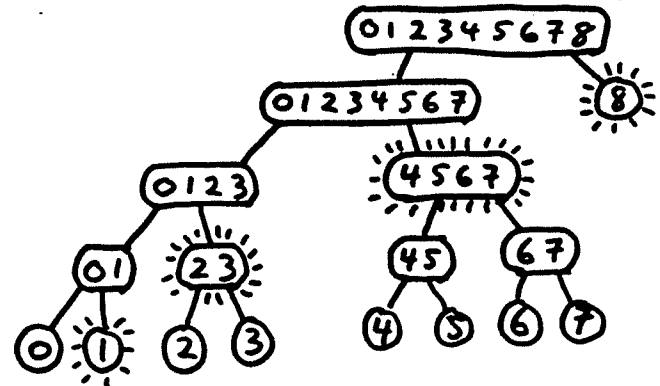
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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
32	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3



## Dynamization

Solution for static problem  
[queries only]



Solution for dynamic problem  
[queries + insert + delete]

(semi-dynamic = queries + insert)

Search problems

Query: point  $\times$  set  $\rightarrow$  answer

Ex. 1: Membership in a set

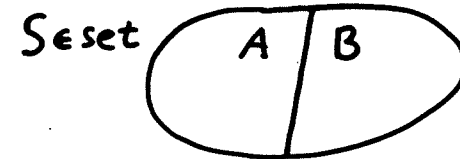
Member: element  $\times$  set  $\rightarrow$  Boolean

Ex. 2: Nearest neighbor

Nearest: point  $\times$  point-set  $\rightarrow$  distance

## Decomposable Search Problem

Query: point  $\times$  set  $\rightarrow$  answer



$\square$ : answer  $\times$  answer  $\rightarrow$  answer  
computable in constant time

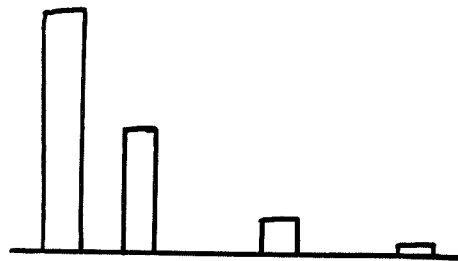
$$\text{Query}(x, S) = \square(\text{Query}(x, A), \text{Query}(x, B))$$

## Block Partitioning

Let  $|S_{\text{current}}| = n$

Expand  $n$  in binary

e.g. 1 1 0 1 0 1



$\leq \log_2 n$   
Static  
Structures

Space:  $S_{\text{dyn}}(n) = O(S_{\text{static}}(n))$

Query time: at most  $\log n$  lookups

$Q_{\text{dyn}}(n) = O(Q_{\text{static}}(n) \log n)$

Insertion time (amortized):

$\left( \frac{\text{Time to build static structure of size } n}{n} \right) \log n$

On each insertion, restructure according to expansion of  $|S_{\text{current}}|$  in binary.

## Tie-Ins I

- Priority-ordering + change-propagation could be used for scheduling in INC
- Caching and dynamization could be used for “reduce” operations in INC
- Passing of  $\Delta$ 's in INC similar to passing of  $\Delta$ 's between tools (when integrating tools using the control-integration paradigm)



## Tie-Ins II: Caching versus Blocking

Caching:  $f(L) = \square(f(A), f(B))$

Blocking:  $Q(x, C) = \square(Q(x, A), Q(x, B))$

$g(C) = \square(g(A), Q(B))$

Blocking:  $\square$  associative and commutative

Caching:  $\square$  associative but not necessarily commutative

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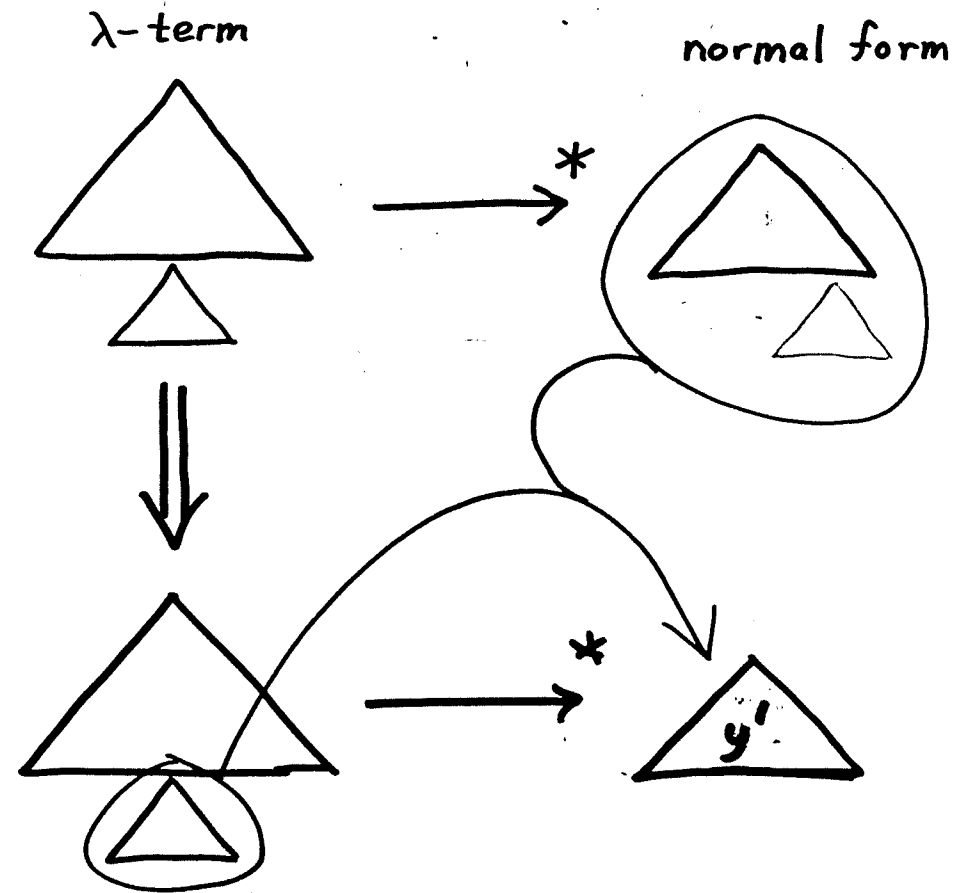
Other update problems

“Incrementalizers”

- Incremental rewriting
- Alphonse
- Incremental computation via partial evaluation

Conclusions

## Incremental Rewriting [Field & Teitelbaum - LFP 1990]

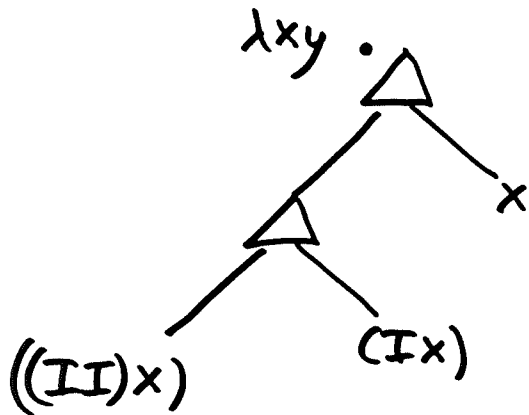


## Fork Nodes

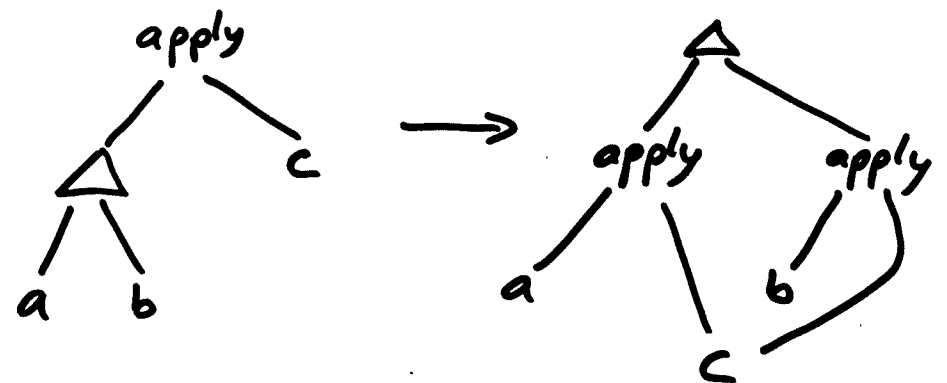
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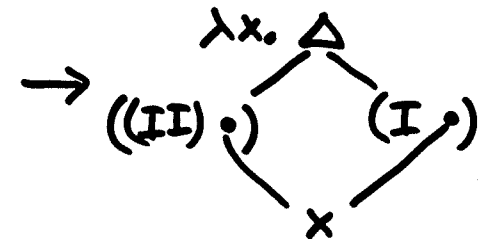
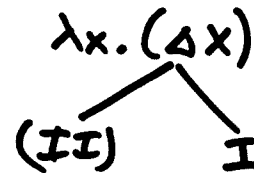
$\lambda x y. x$



## Distribution Rule for $\Delta$



Ex:



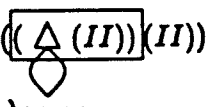
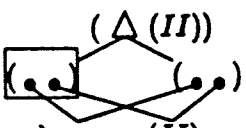
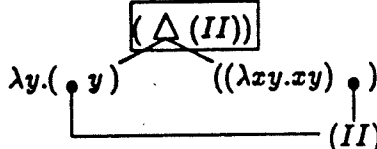
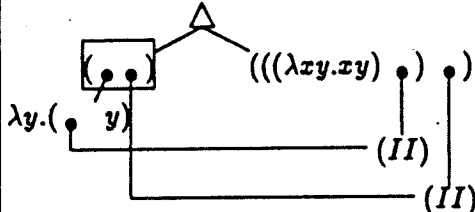
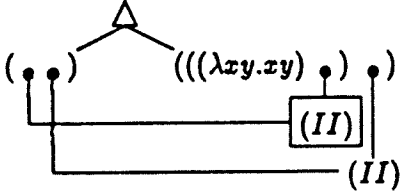
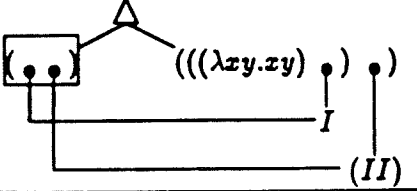
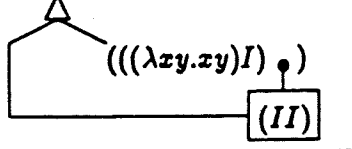
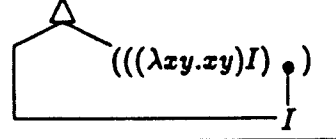
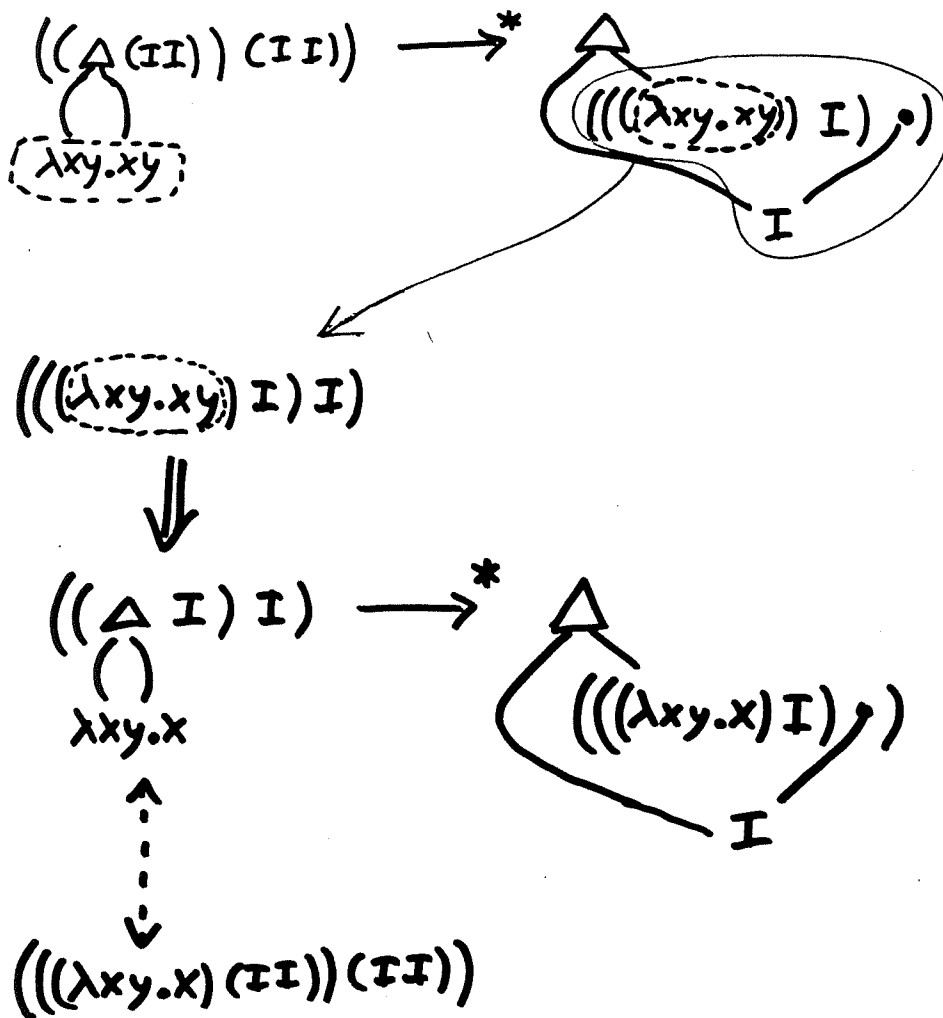
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Figure 8.1: Reduction of  $M_1$

## Incremental Rewriting: Example



## Binary Search Tree

```
TYPE Tree = OBJECT
```

```
  left, right: Tree;
```

```
  val: INTEGER;
```

```
METHODS  insert := Insert;
           delete := Delete;
           lookup := Lookup;
```

```
END;
```

```
TYPE TreeNil = Tree OBJECT
```

```
OVERRIDES insert := InsertNil;
```

```
           delete := DeleteNil;
```

```
           lookup := LookupNil;
```

```
END;
```

```
PROCEDURE Insert(t: Tree, v: INTEGER): Tree =
```

```
  BEGIN
```

```
    IF v < t.val THEN t.left := Insert(t.left, v)
```

```
    ELSIF v > t.val THEN t.right := Insert(t.right, v)
```

```
    END;
```

```
    RETURN t;
```

```
END;
```

```
PROCEDURE InsertNil(t: TreeNil, v: INTEGER): Tree =
```

```
  BEGIN
```

```
    n := NEW(Tree);
```

```
    n.left := NEW(TreeNil); n.right := NEW(TreeNil);
```

```
    n.val := v;
```

```
    RETURN n;
```

```
END;
```

## AVL Tree

```
TYPE Avl = Tree OBJECT
METHODS  <* MAINTAINED EAGER *> height := Height;
        <* MAINTAINED DEMAND *> balance := Balance;
END;

TYPE AvlNil = Avl OBJECT
OVERRIDES <* MAINTAINED EAGER *> height := HeightNil;
          <* MAINTAINED DEMAND *> balance := BalanceNil;
END;

PROCEDURE Height(t: Avl): INTEGER =
  BEGIN RETURN MAX(t.left.height(), t.right.height()) + 1 END;
PROCEDURE HeightNil(t: Avl): INTEGER = BEGIN RETURN 0 END

PROCEDURE Balance(t: Avl): Avl =
  BEGIN
    t.left := t.left.balance();
    t.right := t.right.balance();
    IF Diff(t) > 1 THEN
      IF Diff(t) = 2 AND Diff(t.left) = -1 THEN
        t.left := RotateLeft(t.left)
      END;
      t := RotateRight(t).balance()
    ELSIF Diff(t) < -1 THEN
      IF Diff(t) = -2 AND Diff(t.right) = 1 THEN
        t.right := RotateRight(t.right)
      END;
      t := RotateLeft(t).balance()
    END;
    RETURN t;
  END;

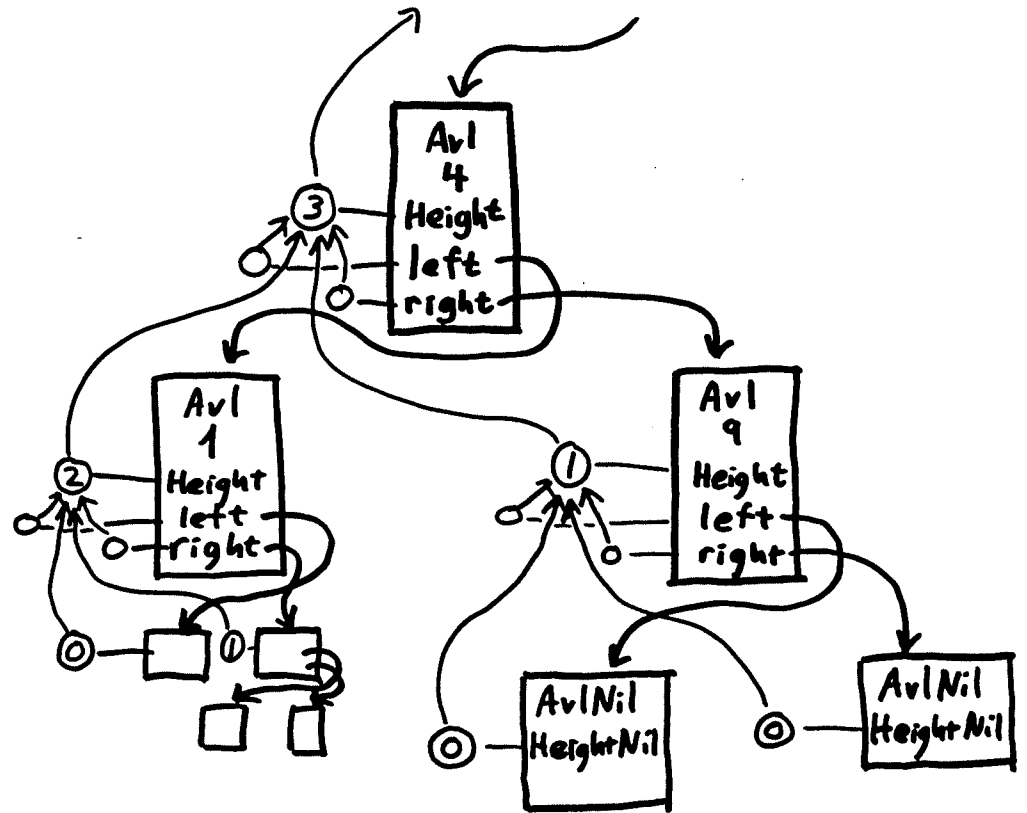
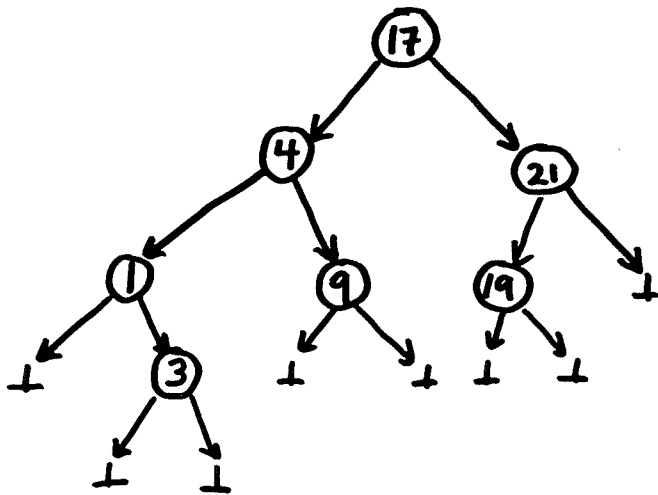
PROCEDURE BalanceNil(t: Avl): Avl = BEGIN RETURN t END;
```

## Alphonse

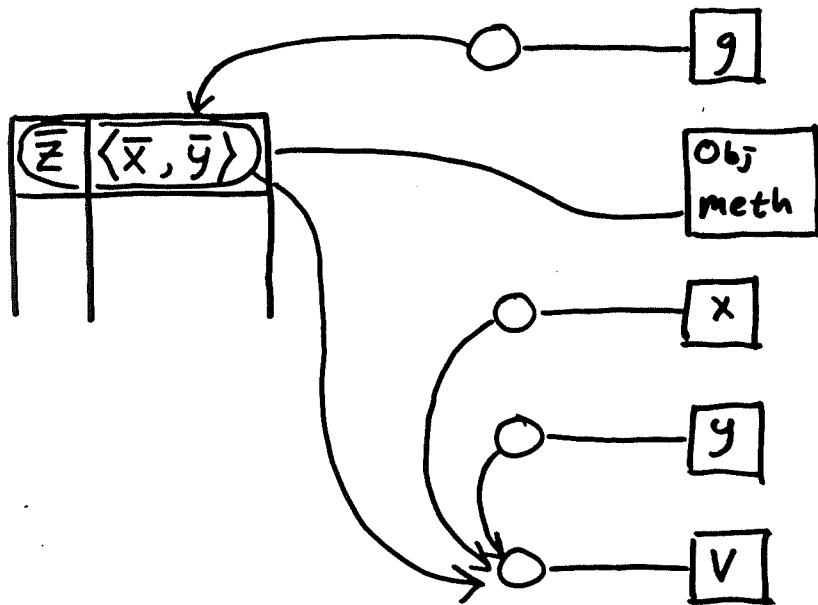
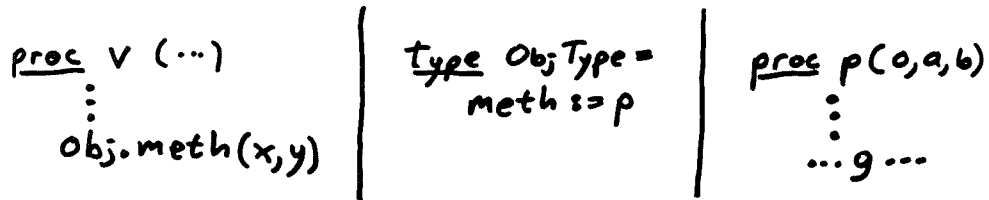
- Declarative
  - Invariants specified by imperative code—conceptually invoked after each modification
  - Must argue that side effects in eagerly maintained methods cannot affect observed output
- Introduces code to build and maintain an (acyclic) dependence graph
  - code templates for
    - access(loc)
    - modify(loc, val)
    - call(p,  $a_1, \dots, a_k$ )
- Maintains values that user requests via change propagation combined with function caching

[Hoover – PLDI 1992]

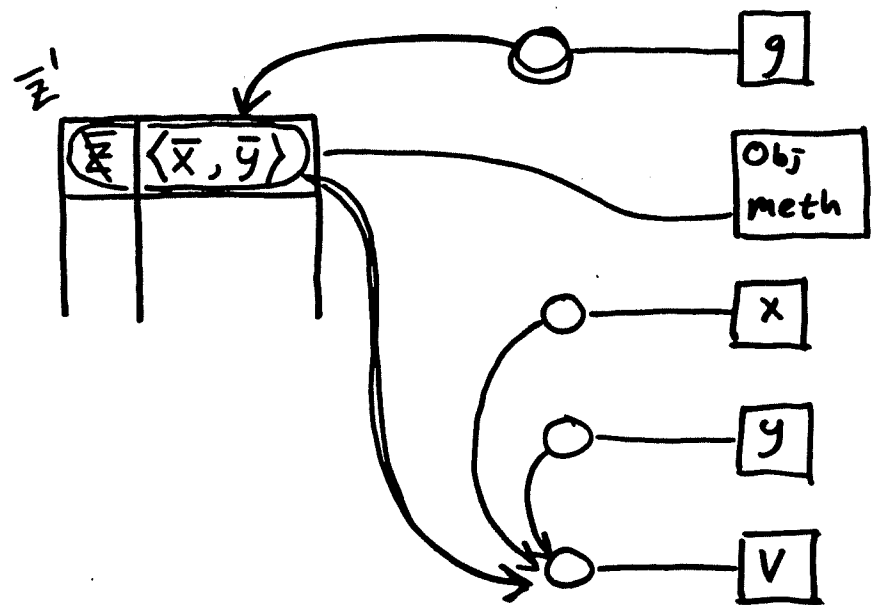
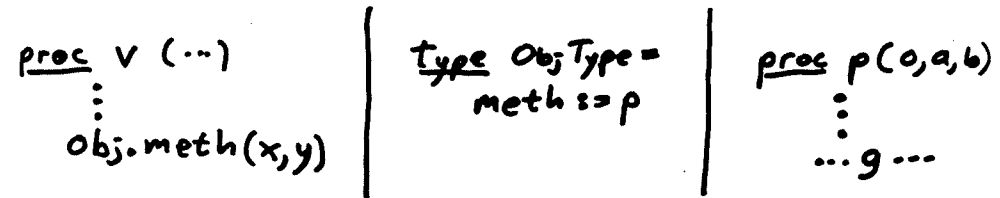
# Dependence Graph



## Caching in Alphonse



## Caching in Alphonse



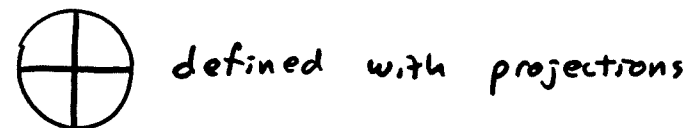
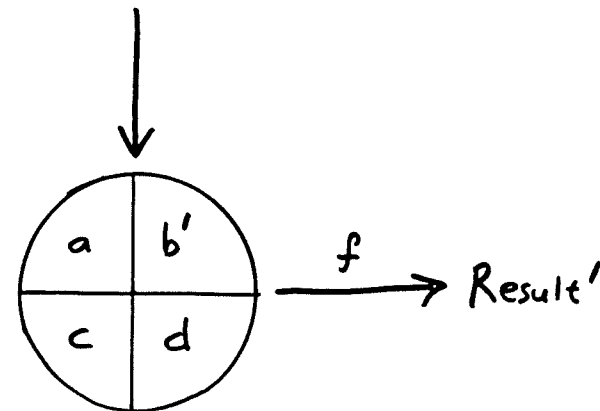
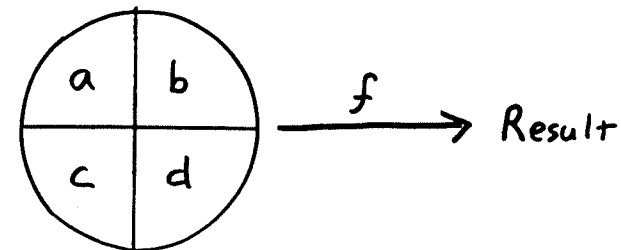


## Alphonse Checklist

- Batch/incr. states: —
- Independence: via dependence graph
- Quiescence: via change propagation
- Balancing: not built in
  - Programmer may use explicit balancing
- Auxiliary information: dependence graph
- When better to recompute from scratch?
  - Depends on overhead
- Assessment criteria
  - Internal structures  $O(\|\delta_{po}\| \log \|\delta_{po}\|)$   
 $+ O(\|\delta_{vals}\| \log \|\delta_{vals}\|)$
  - Pragmatic—Alphonse extends what is easily expressible
  - In practice?
- Generality: ++

## Incremental Computation via Partial Evaluation

[Sundaresh & Hudak - POPL 1991]



## Projections

Allow forming residuals w.r.t. data other than the first component.

$$\text{proj}: D \rightarrow D$$

$$\text{proj} \sqsubseteq \text{ID} \quad \text{no information addition}$$

$$\text{proj} \circ \text{proj} = \text{proj} \quad \text{idempotence}$$

Without projections:

$$l_{d_1} = P_p \langle l, d_1 \rangle$$

$$L l \langle d_1, d_2 \rangle = L l_{d_1} d_2$$

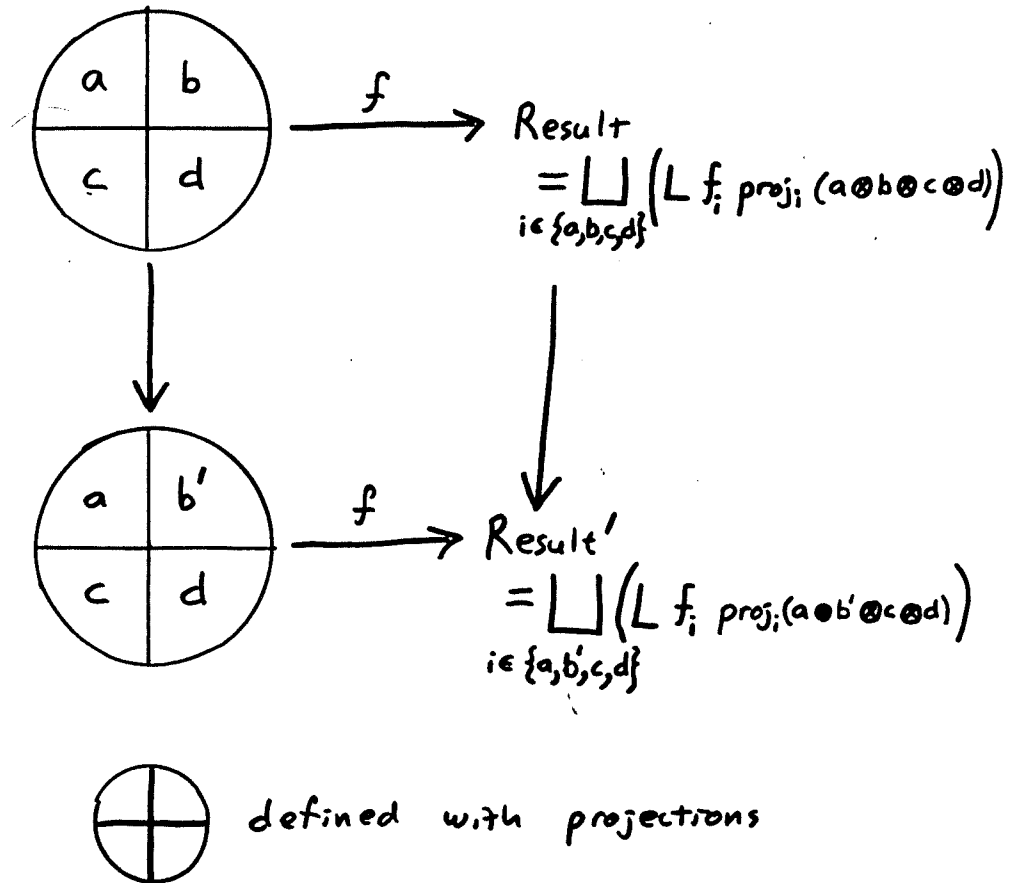
Using projections:

$$l_{\text{proj}, a} = P_p l \text{ proj } a$$

$$L l a = L l_{\text{proj}, a} (\text{apply } \overline{\text{proj}} a)$$

## Incremental Computation via Partial Evaluation

[Sundaresh & Hudak - POPL 1991]



## Talk Outline

Introduction

Assessment of incremental algorithms

Graph-annotation problems

Other update problems

“Incrementalizers”

Conclusions

## Other Work

- Incremental data-flow analysis
- Dynamization of graph problems
- Finite differencing
- Incremental parsing
- Functional algebra
- Truth maintenance
- Incremental deduction
- Incremental constraint solving
- Document preparation

## Implementation Frameworks

- Lotus 1-2-3
- TK!Solver
- The Synthesizer Generator
- Pan
- Centaur
- RAPTS
- ThingLab
- INC (?)
- Alphonse (?)

## Unresolved Issues

- Use (and maintenance) of summary information
  - use of pointers and auxiliary storage
  - [Sairam, Vitter, & Tamassia – STACS 93]
- Models for lower bounds other than IRLBs and local persistence
  - persistent auxiliary storage
  - non-local pointers
- “Sparseness”
  - storage: only maintain certain values
  - time: only consistent at certain times
- Empirical studies of incremental algorithms
- Dissemination
  - library package
  - full-blown language (I/O, window systems, interface to existing languages)