# Streaming Data Compression

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# 1. Metamorphisms

Tail-recursive (accumulative) list consumption:

 $foldl :: (b \to a \to b) \to b \to [a] \to b$ foldl f z (x:xs) = foldl f (f z x) xs foldl f z [] = z

Coinductive list production:

$$unfoldr :: (b \to Maybe (c, b)) \to b \to [c]$$
  
$$unfoldr \ g \ z = \mathbf{case} \ g \ z \ \mathbf{of} \ Just \ (y : z') \to y : unfoldr \ g \ z'$$
  
$$Nothing \quad \to []$$

A *metamorphism* is their composition:

unfoldr  $g \circ foldl f e$ 

#### 2. Examples of metamorphisms

regroup n= group  $n \circ concat$ heapsort= flattenHeap  $\circ$  buildHeapbaseconv (b, c)= toBase  $b \circ$  fromBase carithCode= toBits  $\circ$  narrow

# 3. Streaming

Interleaving production and consumption:

```
stream :: (b \to Maybe (c, b)) \to (b \to a \to b) \to b \to [a] \to [c]
stream g f z xs = \mathbf{case} g z \mathbf{of}
Just (y, z') \to y : stream g f z' xs
Nothing \to \mathbf{case} xs \mathbf{of}
x : xs' \to stream g f (f z x) xs'
[] \to []
```

*Streaming condition* for *g* and *f*:

 $g z = Just (y, z') \Longrightarrow \forall x \cdot g (f z x) = Just (y, f z' x)$ 

Theorem: if the streaming condition holds for g and f, then for all finite xs

stream g f z xs = unfoldr g (foldl f z xs)

Moreover, *stream* can be productive on infinite inputs.

# 4. Example of streaming

Buffering process *unfoldr uncons* • *foldl* (++) [], where

uncons xs = case xs of  $x : xs' \rightarrow Just (x, xs')$ []  $\rightarrow Nothing$ 

Since *unfoldr uncons* = *id*, buffering is just *concat*.

The streaming condition holds for *uncons* and *++*, so *concat* can be streamed.

# 5. A non-example

*concat* is special, because production can always exhaust the internal state. In contrast, consider *regroup* n = unfoldr (*chunk* n)  $\circ$  *foldl* (++) [], where

chunk n [ ] = Nothing
chunk n xs = Just (splitAt n xs)

Streaming condition fails: *chunk* is too aggressive, and may produce short chunks when there is still remaining input.

Try more cautious producer *chunk*':

 $chunk' n xs | n \leq length xs = Just (splitAt n xs)$ | otherwise = Nothing

But this *never* produces a short chunk.

Process should remain cautious while input remains, then throw caution to the winds.

# 6. Flushing

 $fstream :: (b \to Maybe (c, b)) \to (b \to [c]) \to (b \to a \to b) \to b \to [a] \to [c]$  fstream g h f z xs = case g z of  $Just (y, z') \to y : fstream g h f e z'$   $Nothing \to case xs of$   $x : xs' \to fstream g h f (f z x) xs'$   $[] \to h z$ 

Theorem: if the streaming condition holds for g and f, then for all finite xs

*fstream g h f z xs* = apo g h (foldl f z xs)

where

$$apo :: (b \to Maybe (c, b)) \to (b \to [c]) \to b \to [c]$$
$$apo g h z = case g z of Just (y : z') \to y : apo g h z'$$
$$Nothing \to h z$$

In particular, regroup n = fstream(chunk' n)(unfoldr(chunk n))(+)[].

# 7. Change of base

Consider conversion from base 3 to base 7:

*fromBase*3 = *foldr stepr* 0 **where** *stepr* d x = (d + x) / 3*toBase*7 = *unfoldr next* **where** *next* 0 = *Nothing next*  $x = \text{let } y = 7 \times x \text{ in } Just(\lfloor y \rfloor, y - \lfloor y \rfloor)$ 

(assume input digits are all in range: 0, 1, 2). Wrong kind of fold; but

*fromBase*3 = *extract*  $\circ$  *foldl stepl* (0, 1) **where** *stepl* (*u*, *v*) *d* = (*u* × 3 + *d*, *v* / 3)

where extract (u, v) = apply (u, v) 0 where  $apply (u, v) x = v \times (u + x)$ .

Now the *extract* is an obstacle; but *toBase*7 • *extract* = *unfoldr next*' where

*next'* (0, v) = Nothing*next'*  $(u, v) = let y = \lfloor 7 \times u \times v \rfloor$  in Just  $(y, (u - y / (v \times 7), v \times 7))$ 

So we have a metamorphism.

# 8. Streaming change of base

Streaming condition does not hold for *stepl* and *next*'. Eg:

$$next' (1, \frac{1}{3}) = Just (2, (\frac{1}{7}, \frac{7}{3}))$$
$$next' (1, stepl (1, \frac{1}{3}) 1) = next' (4, \frac{1}{9}) = Just (3, (\frac{1}{7}, \frac{7}{9}))$$

ie  $0.1_3 \simeq 0.222_7$  but  $0.11_3 \simeq 0.305_7$ : *next'* is too aggressive.

Remaining input in unit interval; so possible outputs range from *apply* (u, v) 0 to *apply* (u, v) 1. Safe to commit iff these start with same digit in base 7:

 $next''(u, v) = if[u \times v \times 7] = = [(u+1) \times v \times 7] then next'(u, v) else Nothing$ 

Then streaming condition holds for *stepl* and *next*'', and

toBase7 (fromBase3 xs) = apo next'' (unfoldr next') (foldl stepl (0,1) xs)= fstream next'' (unfoldr next') stepl (0,1) xs

for finite base 3 digit sequences *xs*. Moreover, also works on (most) infinite *xs*.

# 9. Coding

- *Huffman coding* (HC)
  - efficient; optimally effective for bit-sequence-per-symbol
- *arithmetic coding* (AC)

Shannon-optimal (fractional entropy); but inefficient

- asymmetric numeral systems (ANS)
  - efficiency of Huffman, effectiveness of arithmetic coding
- applications of *streaming*

ANS introduced by Jarek Duda (2013).

Used by Facebook (Zstandard), Apple (LZFSE), Google (Draco), Dropbox (DivANS)...

# 10. Intervals

Pairs of rationals

**type** *Interval* = (*Rational*, *Rational*)

with operations

unit = (0, 1)weight  $(l, r) x = l + (r - l) \times x$ narrow i (p, q) = (weight i p, weight i q)scale (l, r) x = (x - l) / (r - l)widen i (p, q) = (scale i p, scale i q)

so that

*weight i*  $x \in i \iff x \in unit$ *weight i*  $x = y \iff scale i y = x$ 

and *widen* i (*narrow* i j) = j. Also, *narrow* and *unit* form a monoid.

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# 11. Models

#### Given

```
counts :: [ (Symbol, Integer) ]
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#### get

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encodeSym:: Symbol → Interval
decodeSym:: Rational → Symbol
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#### such that

*decodeSym*  $x = s \iff x \in$  *encodeSym* s

Eg alphabet {'a', 'b', 'c'} with counts 2, 3, 5 encoded as (0, 1/5), (1/5, 1/2), and (1/2, 1).

# 12. Arithmetic coding

 $encode_1 :: [Symbol] \rightarrow Rational$   $encode_1 = pick \circ foldl estep_1 unit where$   $estep_1 :: Interval \rightarrow Symbol \rightarrow Interval$   $estep_1 i s = narrow i (encodeSym s)$   $decode_1 :: Rational \rightarrow [Symbol]$   $decode_1 = unfoldr dstep_1 where$   $dstep_1 :: Rational \rightarrow Maybe (Symbol, Rational)$  $dstep_1 x = let s = decodeSym x in Just (s, scale (encodeSym s) x)$ 

where *pick* :: *Interval*  $\rightarrow$  *Rational* satisfies *pick i*  $\in$  *i*. Eg, with *pick* = *fst*:

$$(0,1) \xrightarrow{`a'} (0,1/_5) \xrightarrow{`b'} (1/_{25},1/_{10}) \xrightarrow{`c'} (7/_{100},1/_{10}) \longrightarrow 7/_{100}$$

# 13. Trading in bits

Let *pick* = *fromBits* • *toBits*, where

toBits :: Interval  $\rightarrow$  [Bool] fromBits :: [Bool]  $\rightarrow$  Rational

Obvious thing: let *toBits i* pick shortest binary fraction in *i*, and *fromBits* evaluate this fraction. But doesn't satisfy streaming.

Instead: *toBits i* yields bit sequence *bs* such that *bs* ++ [*True*] is shortest.

toBits = unfoldr nextBit wherenextBit (l, r) |  $r \leq 1/2$  = Just (False, (0, 1/2) 'widen' (l, r)) |  $1/2 \leq l$  = Just (True, (1/2, 1) 'widen' (l, r)) | otherwise = Nothing

*fromBits* = *foldr* pack (1/2) where pack b x = ((if b then 1 else 0) + x) / 2

Now *pick* is a hylomorphism. Also, *toBits* yields a finite sequence.

# 14. Streaming encoding

Move *fromBits* from encoding to decoding:

 $encode_{Bits} :: [Symbol] \rightarrow [Bool]$   $encode_{Bits} = toBits \circ foldl \ estep_1 \ unit$   $decode_{Bits} :: [Bool] \rightarrow [Symbol]$  $decode_{Bits} = unfoldr \ dstep_1 \circ fromBits$ 

Now streaming condition holds for *nextBit* and *estep*<sub>1</sub>, so encoding can be streamed.

Also, *fromBits* can be written with a *foldl* (like *fromBase*3). The streaming condition doesn't hold immediately, but does with flushing. So decoding can be streamed too.

# 15. Towards ANS—fusion and fission

 $encode_1$ 

- = [[ definition; now let pick = fst ]]
  fst \circ foldl estep1 unit
- = [[ map fusion for *foldl*, backwards ]] *fst* • *foldl narrow unit* • *map encodeSym*
- = [[ *narrow* is associative ]]
  - fst foldr narrow unit map encodeSym
- = [[ fusion for *foldr* ]]
  - foldr weight 0 ° map encodeSym
- = [[ map fusion; let estep<sub>2</sub> s x = weight (encodeSym s) x ]] foldr estep<sub>2</sub> 0

so let  $encode_2 = foldr \ estep_2 \ 0$ .

#### 16. Unfoldr-foldr theorem

Inverting a fold:

unfoldr g (foldr f e xs) = xs  $\iff$  g (f x z) = Just (x, z)  $\land$  g e = Nothing Allowing junk:

 $(\exists ys. unfoldr g (foldr f e xs) = xs + ys) \iff g (f x z) = Just (x, z)$ 

With invariant:

$$unfoldr \ g \ (foldr \ f \ e \ xs) = xs \qquad \iff ((g \ (f \ x \ z) = Just \ (x, z)) \iff p \ z) \land \\ ((g \ e \ = Nothing) \ \iff p \ e)$$

where invariant *p* of *foldr f e* and *unfoldr g* is such that

$$p (f x z) \Leftarrow p z$$
  
$$p z' \qquad \Leftarrow p z \land g z = Just (x, z')$$

# **17. Correctness of decoding**

 $dstep_1 (estep_2 \ s \ z)$ 

- = [[ estep<sub>2</sub> ]] dstep<sub>1</sub> (weight (encodeSym s) z)
- = [[ dstep<sub>1</sub>; let s' = decodeSym (weight (encodeSym s) z) ]] Just (s', scale (encodeSym s') (weight (encodeSym s) z))

= 
$$[[ s' = s (see below) ]]$$

*Just* (*s*, *scale* (*encodeSym s*) (*weight* (*encodeSym s*) *z*))

$$= [[ scale i \circ weight i = id ]]$$

Just (s, z)

# **17. Correctness of decoding (continued)**

Indeed, s' = s:

decodeSym (weight (encodeSym s) z) = s  $\Leftrightarrow \quad [[ \ central \ property \ ]]$   $weight (encodeSym s) z \in encodeSym s$   $\Leftrightarrow \quad [[ \ property \ of \ weight \ ]]$   $z \in unit$ 

and  $z \in unit$  is an invariant. Therefore

*take* (*length* xs) (*decode*<sub>1</sub> (*encode*<sub>2</sub> xs)) = xs

for all finite *xs*.

# **18. From fractions to integers**

Where AC encodes longer messages as more precise fractions, ANS makes larger integers.

 $count :: Symbol \rightarrow Integer$  $cumul :: Symbol \rightarrow Integer$ total :: Integerfind :: Integer  $\rightarrow$  Symbol

such that

find  $z = s \iff cumul \ s \leqslant z < cumul \ s + count \ s$ 

for  $0 \leq z < total$ .

#### **19. Asymmetric encoding: the idea**

- text encoded as integer z, with  $\log_2 z$  bits of information
- next symbol *s* has probability p = count s / total, so requires  $\log_2 (1/p)$  bits
- so map *z*, *s* to  $z' \simeq z \times total / count s$ —but do so invertibly
- with  $z' = (z' div' count s) \times total$ , can undo the multiplication:

z 'div' count s = z' 'div' total

• what about s? with  $z' = (z' div' count s) \times total + cumul s$ ,

s = find (cumul s) = find (z' `mod` total)

• what about *z*? with  $z' = (z'div'count s) \times total + cumul s + z'mod'count s$ ,

z 'mod' count s = z' 'mod' total – cumul s

# 20. ANS encoding and decoding

```
encode_3 :: [Symbol] \rightarrow Integer
encode_3 = foldr \ estep_3 \ 0
estep_3 :: Symbol \rightarrow Integer \rightarrow Integer
estep_3 \ s \ z = let (q, r) = z 'divMod' count \ s \ in \ q \times total + cumul \ s + r
decode_3 :: Integer \rightarrow [Symbol]
decode_3 = unfoldr dstep_3
dstep_3 :: Integer \rightarrow Maybe (Symbol, Integer)
dstep_3 z = let (q, r) = z 'divMod' total
                  s = find r
             in Just (s, count s \times q + r - cumul s)
```

Correctness argument as before.

# 21. Variation

Correctness does not depend on starting value: can pick any *l* instead of **0**.

Also, *estep*<sub>3</sub> strictly increasing on z > 0, and *dstep*<sub>3</sub> strictly decreasing, so we know when to stop:

encode<sub>4</sub> :: [Symbol]  $\rightarrow$  Integer encode<sub>4</sub> = foldr estep<sub>3</sub> l decode<sub>4</sub> :: Integer  $\rightarrow$  [Symbol] decode<sub>4</sub> = unfoldr dstep<sub>4</sub> dstep<sub>4</sub> :: Integer  $\rightarrow$  Maybe (Symbol, Integer) dstep<sub>4</sub> z = if z == l then Nothing else dstep<sub>3</sub> z

and we have

 $decode_4 (encode_4 xs) = xs$ 

for all finite *xs*, without junk.

# **22. Bounded precision**

Fix base *b* and lower bound *l*. Represent accumulator *z* as pair (*x*, *ys*) such that:

- *remainder ys* is a list of digits in base *b*
- *window x* satisfies  $l \leq x < u$  for upper bound  $u = l \times b$

under abstraction *z* = *foldl inject x ys* where

*inject*  $x y = x \times b + y$  and *extract* x = x *'divMod'* b

Eg with *b* = 10 and *l* = 100, pair (123, [4, 5, 6]) represents 123456.

**type** *Number* = (*Integer*, [*Integer*])

Note "you can't miss it" properties:

*inject*  $x y < u \iff x < l$  $l \leq fst (extract x) \iff u \leq x$ 

Want *b*, *l* powers of 2, *u* single-word. Also nice if l '*mod*' total = 0.

# 23. Encoding

Maintain window in range.

```
econsume_{5} :: [Symbol] \rightarrow Number
econsume_{5} = foldr \ estep_{5} \ (l, [])
estep_{5} :: Symbol \rightarrow Number \rightarrow Number
estep_{5} \ s \ (x, ys) = let \ (x', ys') = enorm_{5} \ s \ (x, ys) \ in \ (estep_{3} \ s \ x', ys')
enorm_{5} :: Symbol \rightarrow Number \rightarrow Number
enorm_{5} \ s \ (x, ys) = if \qquad estep_{3} \ s \ x < u
then \ (x, ys)
else \ let \ (q, r) = extract \ x \ in \ enorm_{5} \ s \ (q, r : ys)
```

Eg with b = 10, l = 100:

 $(340,[3]) \stackrel{`a'}{\leftarrow} (68,[3]) \stackrel{\text{norm}}{\leftarrow} (683,[]) \stackrel{`b'}{\leftarrow} (205,[]) \stackrel{`c'}{\leftarrow} (100,[])$ 

## 24. Decoding

 $dproduce_{5} :: Number \rightarrow [Symbol]$   $dproduce_{5} = unfoldr dstep_{5}$   $dstep_{5} :: Number \rightarrow Maybe (Symbol, Number)$   $dstep_{5} (x, ys) = \text{let } Just (s, x') = dstep_{3} x$   $(x'', ys'') = dnorm_{5} (x', ys)$ in if  $x'' \ge l$  then Just (s, (x'', ys'')) else Nothing  $dnorm_{5} :: Number \rightarrow Number \quad -dnorm_{5} (enorm_{5} s (x, ys)) = (x, ys) \text{ when } l \le x < u$   $dnorm_{5} (x, y : ys) = \text{if } x < l \text{ then } dnorm_{5} (inject x y, ys) \text{ else } (x, y : ys)$   $dnorm_{5} (x, []) = (x, [])$ 

Decoding is symmetric to encoding: renormalize after emitting a symbol.

$$(340,[3]) \xrightarrow{`a'} (68,[3]) \xrightarrow{\text{norm}} (683,[]) \xrightarrow{`b'} (205,[]) \xrightarrow{`c'} (100,[])$$

Correctness again as before (no junk; invariant  $l \leq x < u$ ).

#### 25. Trading in sequences

```
eflush_{5} ::: Number \rightarrow [Integer]
eflush_{5} (0, ys) = ys
eflush_{5} (x, ys) = let (x', y) = extract x in eflush_{5} (x', y : ys)
encode_{5} ::: [Symbol] \rightarrow [Integer]
encode_{5} = eflush_{5} \circ econsume_{5}
dstart_{5} ::: [Integer] \rightarrow Number
dstart_{5} ys = dnorm_{5} (0, ys)
decode_{5} ::: [Integer] \rightarrow [Symbol]
decode_{5} = dproduce_{5} \circ dstart_{5}
```

for which

 $dstart_5 (eflush_5 x) = x \iff l \leqslant x < u$ 

# 26. Streaming

Both *encode*<sup>5</sup> and *decode*<sup>5</sup> can be transformed into an unfold after a fold, albeit with some *reverses*.

The *streaming condition* applies, so they can yield output before consuming all inputs. (Encoding needs a *flushing* phase too.)

But perhaps better not to take that route. In fact, *encode*<sub>5</sub> and *decode*<sub>5</sub> already correspond to fast imperative loops.

#### 27. Fast loops

```
encode :: [Symbol] \rightarrow [Integer]
encode = h_1 l \circ reverse where
  h_1 x (s:ss) = \text{let } x' = estep_3 s x \text{ in if } x' < u \text{ then } h_1 x' ss \text{ else}
                   let (q, r) = extract x in r : h_1 q (s:ss)
  h_1 x [] = h_2 x
  h_2 x = \text{if } x = 0 \text{ then } [] \text{ else let } (x', y) = extract x \text{ in } y : h_2 x'
decode :: [Integer] \rightarrow [Symbol]
decode = h_0 \ 0 \circ reverse where
  h_0 x (y : ys) \mid x < l = h_0 (inject x y) ys
  h_0 x ys
            = h_1 x ys
  h_1 x ys = let Just (s, x') = dstep_3 x in h_2 s x' ys
  h_2 \ s \ x \ (y : ys) \mid x < l = h_2 \ s \ (inject \ x \ y) \ ys
  h_2 \ s \ x \ ys = if x \ge l then s : h_1 \ x \ ys else []
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