61A Lecture 21

Monday, October 20

Announcements

- Homework 6 is due Monday 10/20 @ 11:59pm
- Project 3 is due Thursday 10/23 @ 11:59pm
  - Project/Homework party on Monday 10/20 6pm–8pm in 155 Dwinelle
- Midterm 2 is on Monday 10/27 7pm–9pm
  - Class Conflict? Fill out the conflict form at the top of http://cs61a.org
  - Review session on Saturday 10/25 3pm–6pm in 2050 VLSB

Time

The Consumption of Time

Implementations of the same functional abstraction can require different amounts of time

Problem: How many factors does a positive integer n have?

A factor k of n is a positive integer that evenly divides n

```
def factors(n):
```

	Time (number of divisions)
Slow: Test each k from 1 through n	n
Fast: Test each k from 1 to square root n For every k, n/k is also a factor!	Greatest integer less than $\sqrt{n}$

(Demo)

Space

The Consumption of Space

Which environment frames do we need to keep during evaluation?

At any moment there is a set of active environments

Values and frames in active environments consume memory

Memory that is used for other values and frames can be recycled

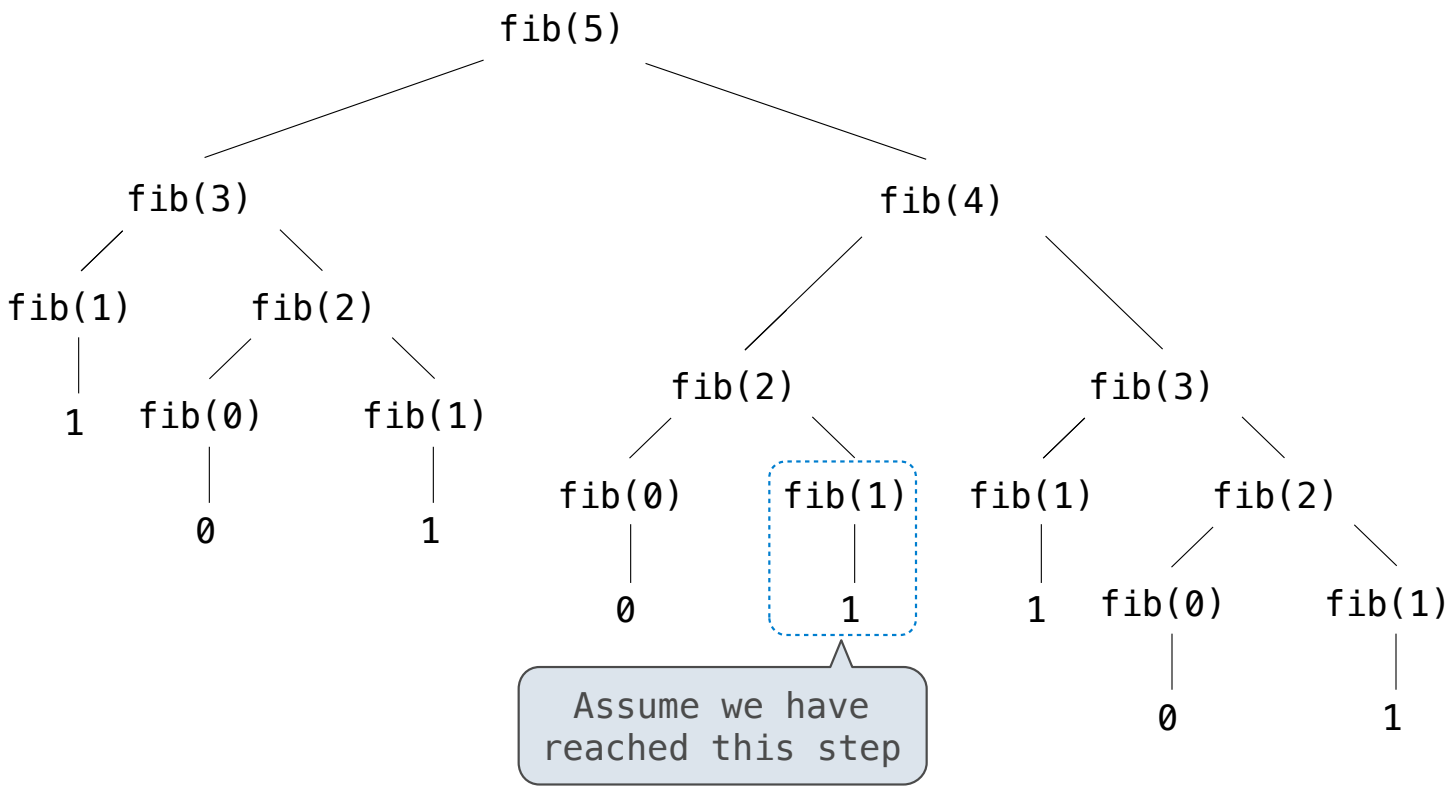
Active environments:

- Environments for any function calls currently being evaluated
- Parent environments of functions named in active environments

(Demo)

Interactive Diagram

Fibonacci Space Consumption



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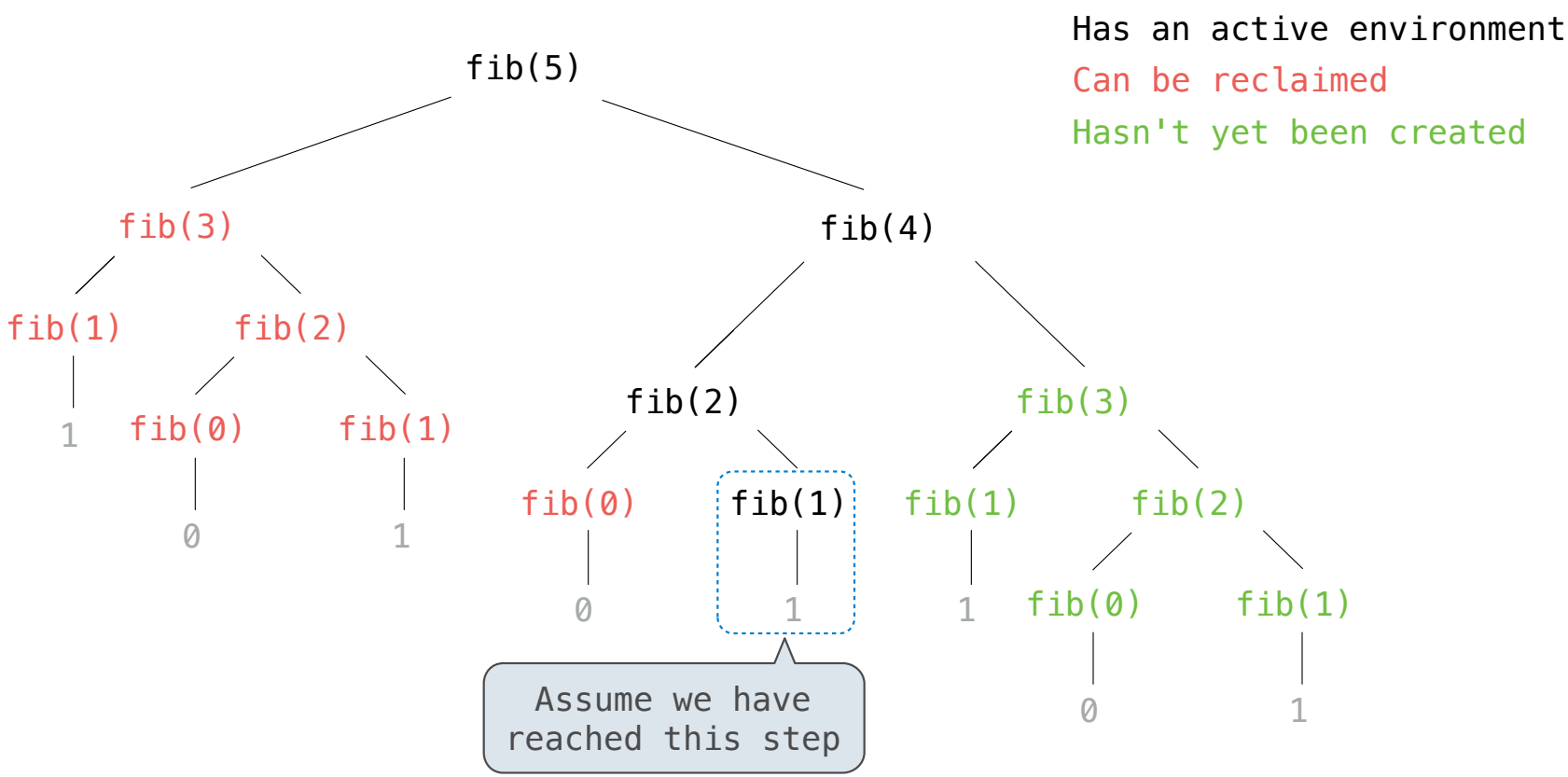

Order of Growth

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A method for bounding the resources used by a function by the "size" of a problem

n: size of the problem

R(n): measurement of some resource used (time or space)

$$R(n) = \Theta(f(n))$$

means that there are positive constants $\mathbf{k_1}$ and $\mathbf{k_2}$ such that

$$k_1 \cdot f(n) \leq R(n) \leq k_2 \cdot f(n)$$

for all **n** larger than some minimum **m**

Counting Factors

Number of operations required to count the factors of n using factors_fast is $\Theta(\sqrt{n})$

To check the *lower bound*, we choose $\mathbf{k_1}$ = 1:

- Statements outside the while: 4 or 5
- Statements within the while (including header): 3 or 4
- while statement iterations: between $\sqrt{n} - 1$ and $\sqrt{n}$
- Total number of statements executed: at least $4 + 3(\sqrt{n} - 1)$

To check the *upper bound*

- Maximum statements executed: $5 + 4\sqrt{n}$
- Maximum operations required per statement: some **p**
- We choose $\mathbf{k_2}$ = 5**p** and **m** = 25

```
def factors_fast(n):
    sqrt_n = sqrt(n)
    k, total = 1, 0
    while k < sqrt_n:
        if divides(k, n):
            total += 2
        k += 1
    if k * k == n:
        total += 1
    return total
```

Assumption: every statement, such as addition-then-assignment using the += operator, takes some fixed number of operations to execute

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$\Theta(\sqrt{n})$	$\Theta(1)$

Assumption: integers occupy a fixed amount of space

Exponentiation

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```
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    if n == 0:
        return 1
    else:
        return b * exp(b, n-1)
```

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def square(x):
    return x*x

def exp_fast(b, n):
    if n == 0:
        return 1
    elif n % 2 == 0:
        return square(exp_fast(b, n//2))
    else:
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$$b^n = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 0 \\ (b^{\frac{1}{2}n})^2 & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ b \cdot b^{n-1} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

(Demo)

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$\Theta(\log n)$	$\Theta(\log n)$

Comparing Orders of Growth

Properties of Orders of Growth

Constants: Constant terms do not affect the order of growth of a process

$$\Theta(n) \qquad \Theta(500 \cdot n) \qquad \Theta(\frac{1}{500} \cdot n)$$

Logarithms: The base of a logarithm does not affect the order of growth of a process

$$\Theta(\log_2 n) \qquad \Theta(\log_{10} n) \qquad \Theta(\ln n)$$

Nesting: When an inner process is repeated for each step in an outer process, multiply the steps in the outer and inner processes to find the total number of steps

```
def overlap(a, b):
    count = 0
    for item in a:
        if item in b:
            count += 1
    return count
```

Outer: length of a

Inner: length of b

If a and b are both length **n**, then overlap takes $\Theta(n^2)$ steps

Comparing orders of growth (n is the problem size)

$\Theta(b^n)$	Exponential growth. Recursive fib takes $\Theta(\phi^n)$ steps, where $\phi = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \approx 1.61828$ Incrementing the problem scales R(n) by a factor
$\Theta(n^2)$	Quadratic growth. E.g., overlap Incrementing n increases R(n) by the problem size n
$\Theta(n)$	Linear growth. E.g., slow factors or exp
$\Theta(\sqrt{n})$	Square root growth. E.g., fast factors
$\Theta(\log n)$	Logarithmic growth. E.g., fast exp Doubling the problem only increments R(n).
$\Theta(1)$	Constant. The problem size doesn't matter