

Graphics

How do we do graphical output?

Ofcourse there are bindings to all possible GUI toolkits:

- gtk, Qt, wxWidgets
- SDL, OpenGL

Haskell-specific stuff (more interesting!):

- Back-end: JuicyPixels (&repa)
- Generative graphics: Rasterific
- Plots: Chart
- Interactive graphics: Gloss & NotGloss

```
import Codec.Picture
```

```
readImage :: FilePath → IO (Either String DynamicImage)
```

DynamicImage unifies all possible pixel representations, including ImageRGBA8 (Image PixelRGBA8) or ImageYCbCr8 (Image PixelYCbCr8).

```
writeDynamicBitmap ::
```

```
  FilePath → DynamicImage → IO (Either String Bool)
```

```
writeBitmap :: BmpEncodable pixel ⇒
```

```
  FilePath → Image pixel → IO ()
```

```
writePng :: PngSavable pixel ⇒
```

```
  FilePath → Image pixel → IO ()
```

```
  ⋮
```

What to do with a Picture?

Make a picture out of a function:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{generateImage} &:: \text{Pixel } px \Rightarrow \\ &(\text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow px) \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Int} \rightarrow \text{Image } px \end{aligned}$$

map-like simplification:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{pixelMap} &:: \text{Pixel } a, \text{Pixel } b \Rightarrow \\ &(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \text{Image } a \rightarrow \text{Image } b \end{aligned}$$

Pixels are numbers

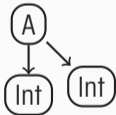
data PixelRGB8 = PixelRGB8 ! Pixel8 ! Pixel8 ! Pixel8

type PixelF = Float

data PixelCMYK16 = PixelCMYK16 ! Pixel16 ! Pixel16
! Pixel16 ! Pixel16

The exclamation mark in the data type means that the field is not 'boxed'. Among other, there's less overhead and the field cannot be less defined than the whole structure.

data A = A Int Int



data A = A ! Int ! Int



The extra pointers hurt especially if they point to a huge amount of tiny things.

Strict&Unboxed (details)

Avoiding the unnecessary pointers can be helped a little:

$$\text{seq} :: a \rightarrow b \rightarrow b$$

“The value of `seq a b` is bottom if `a` is bottom, and otherwise equal to `b`. In other words, it evaluates the first argument `a` to weak head normal form (WHNF). `seq` is usually introduced to improve performance by avoiding unneeded laziness.”

$$f! a = \dots$$
$$f \$! a$$
$$\{-\# \text{ INLINE } f \#-\}$$

What does that look like in the memory?

$f :: X \rightarrow A$

$expr = f$



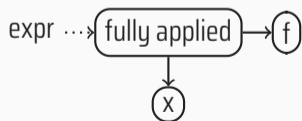
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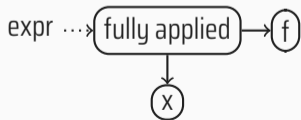
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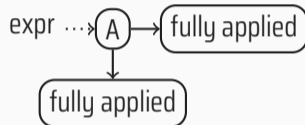


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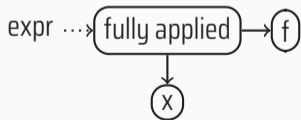
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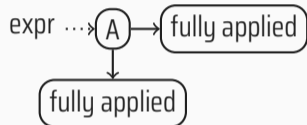


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(intermediate step: *deepSeq*)

Writing the exclamation marks manually is boring. Let's have these in libraries instead.

- `Data.Vector.Unboxed`, `Data.Vector.Primitive`
- `Data.Set.Strict`, `Data.Map.Strict`, ...
- `Control.Monad.Trans`:
 - `State.Strict`, `Writer.Strict`, ...
 - `RWS.Strict`
- *`strict :: Strict lazy strict ⇒ Iso' lazy strict`*
- *`unpackStrict :: ByteString → [Word8]`*
- *`foldl'`*

'Regular parallel arrays' (polymorphic multidimensional primitive strict arrays)

- regular → fast
- array function fusing → faster
- lowlevel optimizations when compiling with LLVM backend → fasterer
- parallel processing comes almost for free

```
type DIM0 = Z
```

```
type DIM1 = DIM0 : . Int
```

```
type DIM2 = DIM1 : . Int
```

```
...
```

- R.Array U DIM2 Float — matrix
- R.Array V Z Int — 1 point
- (Z : . 1 : . 2 : . 3) — index into a 3D array
- (Z : . 3) — index into a 1D array

$$\begin{aligned} \text{map} &:: (\text{Shape } sh, \text{Source } r a) \Rightarrow \\ & (a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow \text{Array } r sh a \\ & \rightarrow \text{Array } \color{red}{\square} sh b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{zipWith} &:: (\text{Shape } sh, \text{Source } r1 a, \text{Source } r2 b) \Rightarrow \\ & (a \rightarrow b \rightarrow c) \rightarrow \text{Array } r1 sh a \rightarrow \text{Array } r2 sh b \\ & \rightarrow \text{Array } \color{red}{\square} sh c \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{fromFunction} &:: \\ & sh \rightarrow (sh \rightarrow a) \rightarrow \text{Array } \color{red}{\square} sh a \end{aligned}$$

Running the computation:

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{computeUnboxedP} &:: (\text{Load } r1 sh e, \text{Monad } m, \text{Unbox } e) \Rightarrow \\ & \text{Array } r1 sh e \rightarrow m (\text{Array } U sh e) \end{aligned}$$

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```
ghc -O -fllvm -threaded -rtsopts program.hs  
./program +RTS -N 16
```

Example (back to JuicyPixels)

```
import Data.Complex
```

```
import Data.Word
```

```
import Codec.Picture
```

```
julia limit z a0 = run a0 0
```

```
  where run c i | i ≥ limit = limit
```

```
            | magnitude c > 2 = i
```

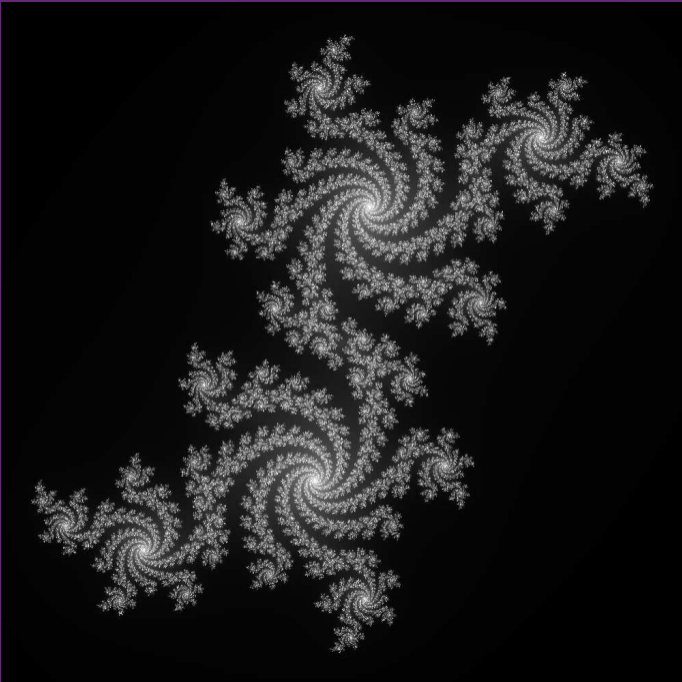
```
            | otherwise = run (c * c + z) (i + 1)
```

```
juliapix x y = (fromIntegral :: Int → Word8) $
```

```
  julia 255 (0.141 :+ 0.6) $
```

```
  ((-1.25) :+ (-1.25)) + 0.0025 * (fromIntegral x :+ fromIntegral y)
```

```
main = writePng "fractal.png" $ generateImage juliapix 1000 1000
```



How to draw something more complex?

```
import Codec.Picture (PixelRGBA8 (.), writePng)
```

```
import Graphics.Rasterific
```

```
white = PixelRGBA8 255 255 255 255
```

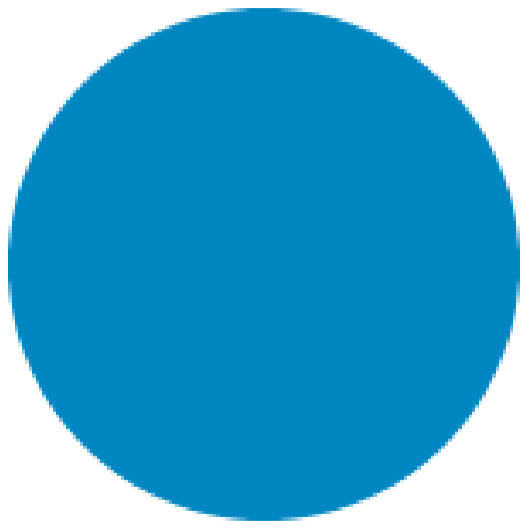
```
drawColor = PixelRGBA8 0 0x86 0xc1 255
```

```
main = writePng "roundboi.png" $
```

```
  renderDrawing 200 200 white $
```

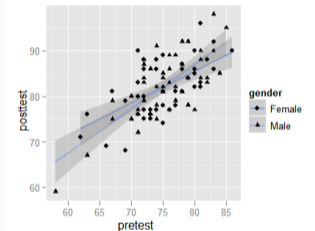
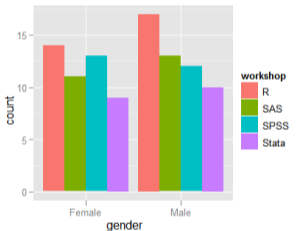
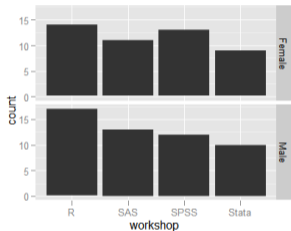
```
    fill $ circle (V2 100 100) 75
```

More libraries: `diagrams` (vector diagrams, alignment, arrows, ...), `juicypixels-repa` (more advanced image processing), `friday` (common raster image computations such as blur)



Plotting good plots is a hard task

State-of-art: ggplot2



GGplot:

```
plot(data) + geom_point(pretest,posttest) + geom_quantile() + title(...)
```

Haskell: Individual pieces of the plots are substructures, we can dig into them using lenses.

```
import Graphics.Rendering.Chart
import Data.Colour
import Data.Colour.Names
import Data.Default.Class
import Graphics.Rendering.Chart · Backend.Cairo
import Control.Lens

setLinesBlue :: PlotLines a b → PlotLines a b
setLinesBlue = plot_lines_style · line_color .~ opaque blue

chart = toRenderable layout
  where
    am :: Double → Double
    am x = (sin (x * 3.14159 / 45) + 1) / 2 * (sin (x * 3.14159 / 5))

    sinusoid1 = plot_lines_values .~ [(x, (am x)) | x ← [0, (0.5) .. 400]]
      $ plot_lines_style · line_color .~ opaque blue
      $ plot_lines_title .~ "am" $ def

    sinusoid2 = plot_points_style .~ filledCircles 2 (opaque red)
      $ plot_points_values .~ [(x, (am x)) | x ← [0, 7 .. 400]]
      $ plot_points_title .~ "am points" $ def

    layout = layout_title .~ "Amplitude Modulation"
      $ layout_plots .~ [toPlot sinusoid1, toPlot sinusoid2] $ def

main = renderableToFile def "example1_big.png" chart
```

Amplitude Modulation

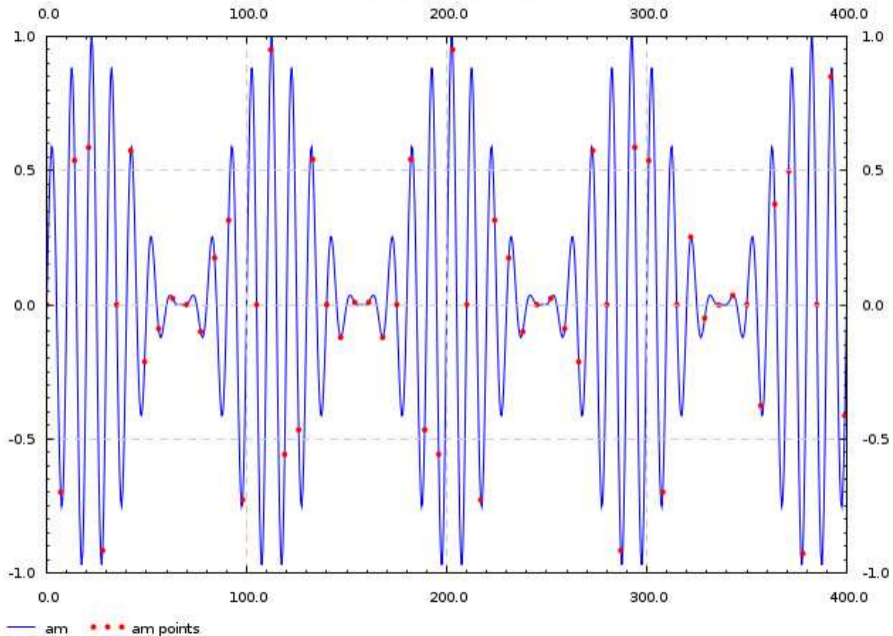


Chart (Monads!)

```
import Graphics.Rendering.Chart.Easy
import Graphics.Rendering.Chart · Backend.Cairo

signal :: [Double] → [(Double, Double)]
signal xs = [(x, (sin (x * 3.14159 / 45) + 1)
              / 2 * (sin (x * 3.14159 / 5)))
              | x ← xs]

main = toFile def "example1_big.png" $ do
  layout_title . = "Amplitude Modulation"
  setColors [opaque blue, opaque red]
  plot (line "am" [signal [0, (0.5)..400]])
  plot (points "am points" (signal [0, 7..400]))
```

“Get something cool on the screen in under 10 minutes.”

Gloss gives you a simple data type for describing the scene, and quite efficient rendering via OpenGL.

Scene:

type Point = (Float, Float)

type Path = [Point]

data Picture =

| Blank

| Polygon Path | Line Path | Circle Float

| Text String

| Color Color Picture

| Translate Float Float Picture

| Rotate Float Picture | Scale Float Picture

| ...

Is it fast?

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It is lazy. The “scene” never gets materialized.

```
import Graphics.Gloss
```

```
display :: Display → Color → Picture → IO ()
```

```
main = display (InWindow "Window!" (200,200) (10,10))
```

```
  white (ThickCircle 50 3)
```

```
animate :: Display → Color → (Float → Picture) → IO ()
```

```
main = animate FullScreen
```

```
  white $ λt → Pictures $ flip map [1..4] $ λx →
```

```
  Rotate (90 * x + 20 * t) $
```

```
  Translate 80 0 $
```

```
  ThickCircle 20 (3 + 2 * sin t)
```

simulate :: Display

→ Color

→ Int - fps

→ *model* - anything

→ (*model* → Picture)

→ (ViewPort → Float → *model* → *model*)

→ IO ()

play :: Display

→ Color

→ Int - fps

→ *world* - world description

→ (*world* → Picture) - render

→ (Event → *world* → *world*)

→ (Float → *world* → *world*)

→ IO ()

data VisObject a = VisObjects [VisObject a]
| Trans (V3 a) (VisObject a)
| RotQuat (Quaternion a) (VisObject a)
| RotEulerDeg (Euler a) (VisObject a)
| Scale (a, a, a) (VisObject a)
| Cylinder (a, a) GlossColor.Color
| Box (a, a, a) Flavour GlossColor.Color
| Ellipsoid (a, a, a) Flavour GlossColor.Color
| Line (Maybe a) [V3 a] GlossColor.Color
| Arrow (a, a) (V3 a) GlossColor.Color
| Plane (V3 a) GlossColor.Color GlossColor.Color
| Triangle (V3 a) (V3 a) (V3 a) GlossColor.Color
| Quad (V3 a) (V3 a) (V3 a) (V3 a) GlossColor.Color
| Text3d String (V3 a) BitmapFont GlossColor.Color
| Text2d String (a, a) BitmapFont GlossColor.Color
| Points [V3 a] (Maybe GLfloat) GlossColor.Color
| ObjModel LoadedObjModel GlossColor.Color
| ...

play :: Real *b* ⇒

Options

→ Double - sample time

→ *world* - initial state

→ (*world* → (VisObject *b*, Maybe Cursor)) - draw function

→ (Float → *world* → *world*) - state propagation function

→ (*world* → IO ()) - set where camera looks

→ Maybe (*world* → Key → KeyState → Modifiers → Position → *world*)

→ Maybe (*world* → Position → *world*) - mouse drag

→ Maybe (*world* → Position → *world*) - mouse move

→ IO ()

Debugging, testing, benchmarking

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Instead:

- We’ve got a good interpreter
- The type system is useful
- We can trace stuff (which is the ultimate debugging method anyway)

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Found hole: `_ :: b → [Char] → b`

Where: `b` is a rigid type variable with inferred type `Num b ⇒ b`

It's quite useful to just cypaste this type to Hoogle.

Type error is too complex!

As a common problem, errors propagate to different functions via inferred types.

```
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```

```
...
```

```
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No instance for (Show (m0 → m0 → m0))?

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...  
print $ (concatMonoids ["a", "bcd"] :: _)
```

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...  
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```

Found type wildcard _ standing for $[a] \rightarrow m0 \rightarrow m0 \rightarrow m0$

...okay wait this doesn't match the expectation!

Type error is too complex!

```
let concatMonoids :: Monoid m => [m] -> m
    concatMonoids = foldr mempty (◇)
```

...

```
print $ concatMonoids [ "a", "bcd" ]
```

Couldn't match type m with $m0 \rightarrow m0 \rightarrow m0$

In the expression: `foldr mempty (◇)`

The error message doesn't go deeper, let's blame `foldr`.

```
:t foldr
```

```
foldr :: Foldable t => (a -> b -> b) -> b -> t a -> b
```

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With the fix applied, it's always useful to check if we've been generic enough:

```
:t foldr (<>) mempty
```

$$\text{foldr } (\diamond) \text{ mempty} :: (\text{Monoid } b, \text{Foldable } t) \Rightarrow t \ b \rightarrow b$$

How do we look at what the program works with in the middle of some computation?

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`trace :: String → a → a`

```
ghci> if 3 < 4 then trace "here!" 5 else 6
here!
5
```

(This is the actual side effect. Stuff can get broken; this has no place in production code!)

trace :: String → val → val

traceShow :: Show msg ⇒ msg → val → val

traceShowId :: Show val ⇒ val → val

traceM :: Applicative f ⇒ String → f ()

traceShowM :: (Show msg, Applicative f) ⇒ msg → f ()

```
import Debug.SimpleReflect
```

```
product [1..10] :: Expr
```

```
  ~> 1 * 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5 * 6 * 7 * 8 * 9 * 10
```

```
foldr (+) 0 [1..4] :: Expr
```

```
  ~> 1 + (2 + (3 + (4 + 0)))
```

```
map f [1,2,3] :: [Expr]
```

```
  ~> [f 1, f 2, f 3]
```

```
scanl f 0 [1..3] :: [Expr]
```

```
  ~> [0, f 0 1, f (f 0 1) 2, f (f (f 0 1) 2) 3]
```

```
mapM_ print $ reduction (1 * 2 + 3 * 4)
```

```
  ~> 1 * 2 + 3 * 4
```

```
    2 + 3 * 4
```

```
    2 + 12
```

```
    14
```

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- `cabal` can be set up to run tests
- `test/` contains a program that runs the tests
- We use `Test.HUnit` to make a nice interface for that program

test/main.hs

```
import FindIdentifier (findIdentifier)
import Test.HUnit

testEmpty = TestCase $ assertEqual "Should get Nothing from an empty string"
  Nothing (findIdentifier "" (1,1))

testNegCursor = TestCase $ assertEqual "Should get Nothing when cursor is negative"
  Nothing (findIdentifier "a" (-1, -1))

testMinimal = TestCase $ assertEqual "Minimal program"
  (Just "main") (findIdentifier "main = print 42" (1,2))

main = runTestTT $ TestList [testEmpty, testNegCursor, testMinimal]
```

Writing tests manually is a nuisance. Let's use a fuzzer!

```
import Test.QuickCheck  
prop_reverse :: [Int] → Bool  
prop_reverse xs = reverse (reverse xs) ≡ xs
```

```
ghci> quickCheck prop_reverse  
>>> quickCheck prop_reverse  
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
```

```
ghci> quickCheck $ \a -> a + 1 == a + 1
```

```
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
```

```
ghci> quickCheck $ \a -> abs (a*a) == a*a
```

```
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
```

```
ghci> quickCheck $ \a -> abs (a*a*a) == a*a*a
```

```
*** Failed! Falsifiable (after 4 tests and 2 shrinks):
```

```
-1
```

```
ghci> quickCheck $  
  \a -> (if a == 20 then 666 else a) == a  
+++ OK, passed 100 tests.
```

```
ghci> quickCheck . withMaxSuccess 10000 $  
  \a -> (if a == 20 then 666 else a) == a  
*** Failed! Falsifiable (after 22 tests):  
20
```

```
ghci> quickCheck $ \xs n -> xs !! n == head (drop n xs)
*** Failed! Exception: 'Prelude.!!!: index too large'
[]
0
```

```
ghci> quickCheck $ \(NonEmpty xs) (NonNegative n) ->
    xs !! n == head (drop n xs)
*** Failed! Exception: 'Prelude.!!!: index too large'
NonEmpty {getNonEmpty = [()]}
NonNegative {getNonNegative = 1}
```

```
ghci> quickCheck $ \(NonEmpty xs) (NonNegative n) ->  
      n < length xs ==> xs !! n == head (drop n xs)
```

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+++ OK, passed 100 tests; 61 discarded.
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shrink :: *a* → [*a*]

- Gen is State-like environment that gives randomness
- *arbitrary* should be able to make a random object of type *a*
- *shrink* should convert a bigger random object to smaller sub-objects (that are used as a sub-cases for locating the actual problem)

Benchmarks typically require:

- multiple runs
- multiple data sizes
- avoiding the pitfall with measuring the lazy non-evaluation

Haskell solution: Criterion + DeepSeq

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$ ./ints --help
Microbenchmark suite - built with criterion 1.5.2.0

Usage: ints [-I|--ci CI] [-L|--time-limit SECS]
           [--resamples COUNT] ...

$ ./ints
benchmarking sum-int/1
time           8.832 ns   (8.723 ns .. 8.952 ns)
               0.996 R2   (0.991 R2 .. 0.999 R2)
mean           9.068 ns   (8.829 ns .. 9.675 ns)
std dev        1.246 ns   (536.7 ps .. 2.682 ns)
variance introduced by outliers: 96% (severely inflated)
...
```

Criterion — output

benchmarking sum-int/88

time 75.10 ns (74.46 ns .. 76.07 ns)

benchmarking sum-integer/88

time 1.529 us (1.516 us .. 1.550 us)

benchmarking fact-int/88

time 103.7 ns (99.13 ns .. 108.3 ns)

benchmarking fact-integer/88

time 3.645 us (3.593 us .. 3.723 us)

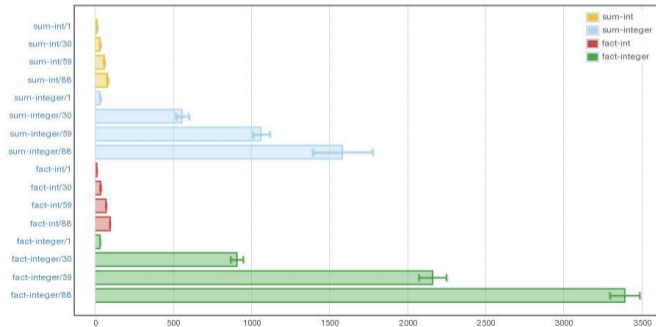
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criterion performance measurements

overview

want to understand this report?

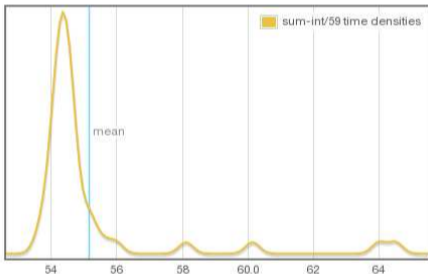


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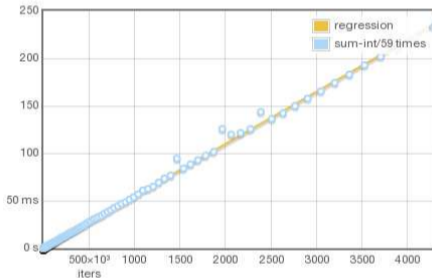
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sum-int/59



	lower bound	estimate	upper bound
OLS regression	54.5 ns	55.0 ns	55.7 ns
R ² goodness-of-fit	0.997	0.998	1.000
Mean execution time	54.7 ns	55.2 ns	56.2 ns
Standard deviation	1.22 ns	2.30 ns	3.69 ns

Outlying measurements have severe (63.5%) effect on estimated standard deviation.



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(intuitively: `min a b`)