# The Missing Step

Making Data-Oriented Design One Million Times Faster

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## Leave One Out Regression

One million elements, One million leave one out regressions:

#### Reference implementation

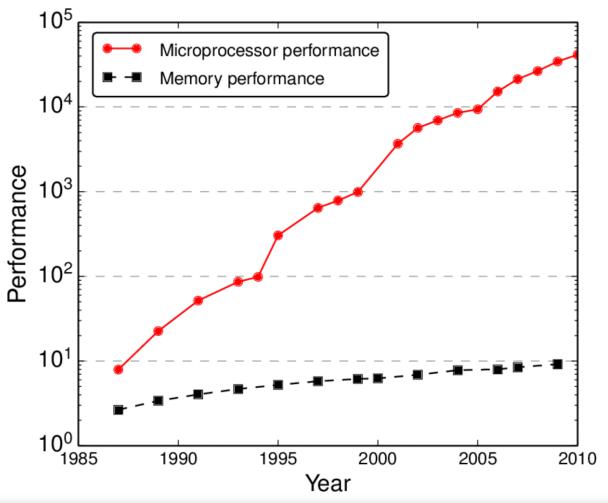
```
generating data
setting data
fitting data
1.46681e+07 milli seconds per fit
D:\online25\DR3\x64\ICC2023\LeaveOneOutRegression.exe (process 79504) exited with code 0.
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```

#### New implementation

```
18.0961 milli seconds per fit
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## The Memory Wall.

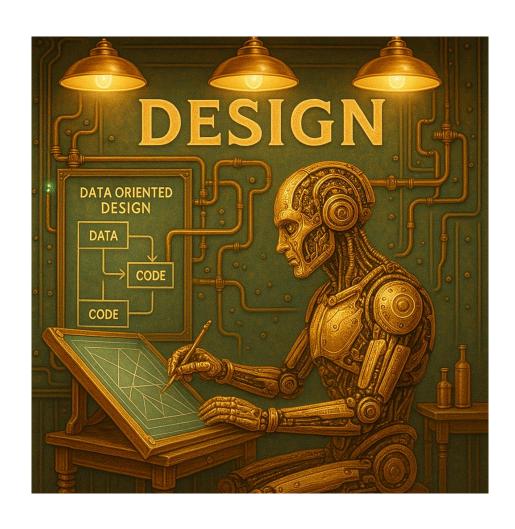
Understand the data => understand the problem.



#### **ROAD MAP**

- Data Oriented Design overview
- Polya Problem Solving
- Examples
  - Matrix example
  - Regression Example
  - Implementation
  - Design for accuracy
- Getting started with Polya

# Data Oriented Design





## Data-Oriented Design Principles:

- Programs just transform data from one form to another
- Understand the problem by understanding the data
- Understand the cost to understand the problem
- Understand the hardware => understand cost
- Code is data



# Data-Oriented Design Principles:

- CONTEXT the more you have the better you can make your solution
- **Software** is a real thing running on real hardware
- Reason must prevail (evidence)
- Don't solve problems you don't have.

# Data-Oriented Design Book Richard Fabian

- Also mentions the power of ordering
- https://www.dataorienteddesign.com/dodbook/
- Revisiting Data-Oriented Design WEB PDF
   Lucian Radu Teodorescu.
   Overload, 30(167):4-8, February 2022.
- Vittorio Romeo cppCon2025

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzjJfKHygaQ



 DOD encourages us to focus on data layout and access so we don't hit the memory wall

 High Art is transforming critical inner loops to SIMD operations applied to contiguous vectors of data.

## THE REAL DESIGN PROBLEM

# Real Life Problem/Solution Is Highly Dimensional

- Decomposition and algorithm choices
- Compile time off-loading with constexpr
- Spatial layout
- Execution ordering
- Vectorization
- Caching and execution ordering
- Handling Randomness and look-ups

WE MUST CONSIDER THESE FACTORS IN CONTEXT OF PROBLEM DOMAIN

# Sub Problem Grouping

- Logical .. Algorithmic
- Physical spatiotemporal ordering, layout and sequencing
- Problem Domain
  - Idiosyncratic utility function
  - Idiosyncratic side information/ constraints
  - Idiosyncratic invariants or data patterns to exploit

# The Missing Step

 The "missing step" in classic Data-oriented Design is a method for working the design problem—a disciplined, heuristic-driven way to move from "understand the problem" to a concrete, better formulation.  Considering the whole design problem is hard. It is highly dimensional and extends beyond just code and hardware aspects.

 Domain-specific factors can dominate the design process to such a degree that HFT and games developers' concerns are wildly different.



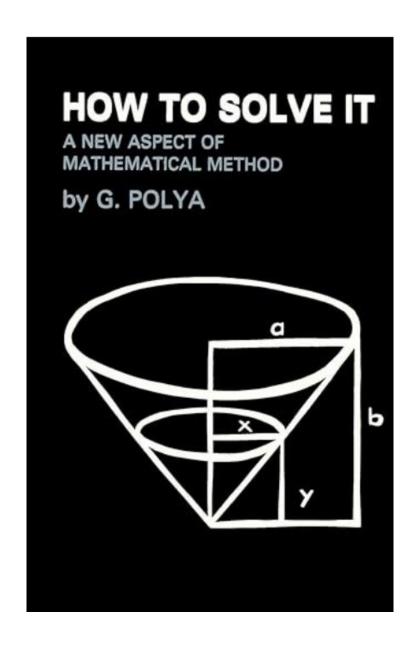
# Solving the Design Problem

# A Little Help from George Polya

George Pólya was a Hungarian-American mathematician. He was a professor of mathematics from 1914 to 1940 at ETH Zürich and from 1940 to 1953 at Stanford University. He made fundamental contributions to combinatorics, number theory, numerical analysis and probability theory.

He is also noted for his work in <u>heuristics</u> and <u>mathematics education</u>. He has been described as one of <u>The Martians</u>, an informal category which included one of his most famous students at ETH Zurich, <u>John von Neumann</u>.





# "Everyone should know the work of George Polya on how to solve problems"

#### Marvin Minsky

https://www.hlevkin.com/hlevkin/90MathPhysBioBooks/Math/Polya/George Polya How To Solve It .pdf



# Polya In A NutShell

George Pólya's method encourages you to:

- 1.Understand
- 2.Plan
- 3.Execute
- 4.Reflect

### **Understand The Problem**

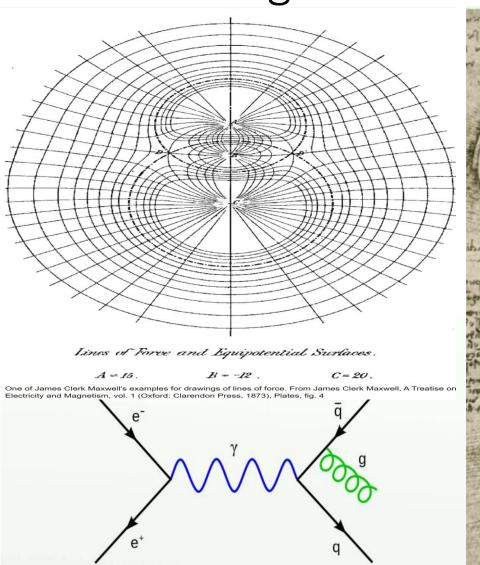
• What is the unknown? What are the data? What is the condition?

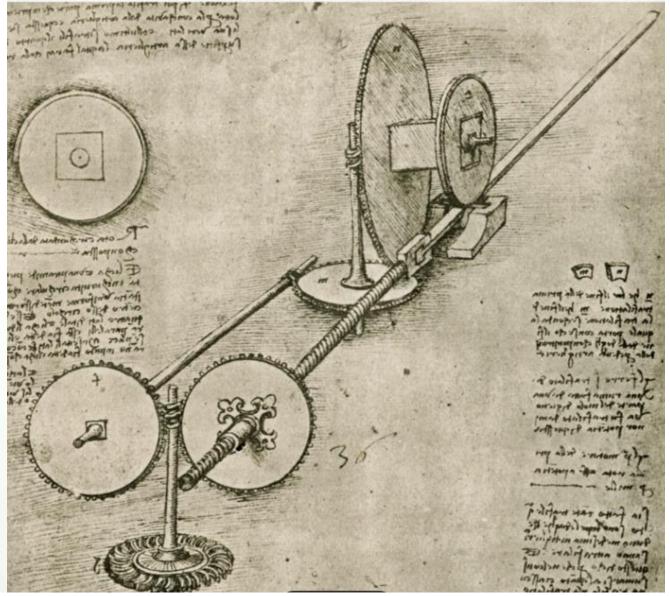
• Is it possible to satisfy the condition? Is it sufficient? Or redundant? Or contradictory?

Separate various parts of the condition. Can I write them down?

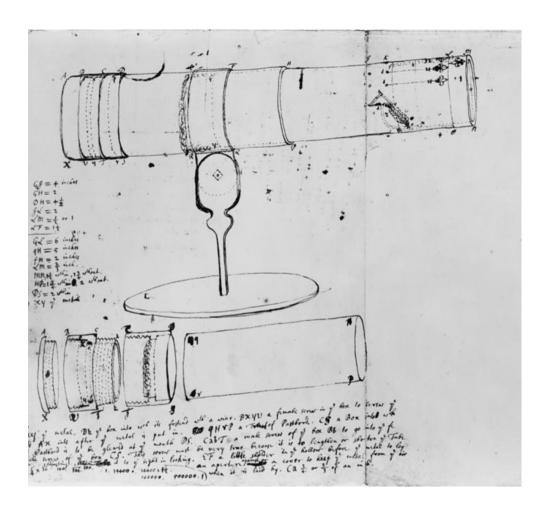
• Draw a picture.

## Draw a Diagram

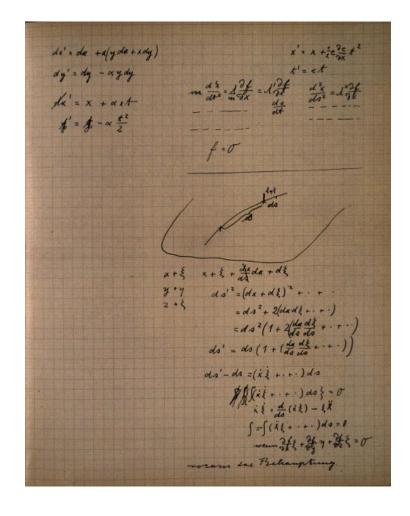




## Newton



### Einstein



## Devise a Plan – Recognition

- Find the connection between the unknown and the data.
- Have you seen and solved the problem before?
- Do you know a related problem?
- Can you restate the problem differently?
- Look at the unknown. Do you know problems giving the same or similar unknowns? Could the same solution approach be used?
- Possibly solve auxiliary problems if no immediate connection between the unknown and the data

# Devise a Plan -2 – Auxiliary Problems

- Try to solve a related or easier (auxiliary problem)
- Relax constraints, consider a more general or specific similar problem?
- What happens if you change the data, the unknown? Does this bring you closer to a solution?
- Did you use all the data? Using all the information in our problem space might give us conditions to exploit.
- Have you taken into account all essential notions involved in the problem?

### Devise a Plan 3 – Heuristics

- Key Heuristic Strategies:
- Decomposition and Recombination
- Analogy
- Generalization and Specialization
- Working Backwards
- Auxiliary Elements (constructions, diagrams, notation, intermediate goals)
- Reduction: mapping the problem to a known problem

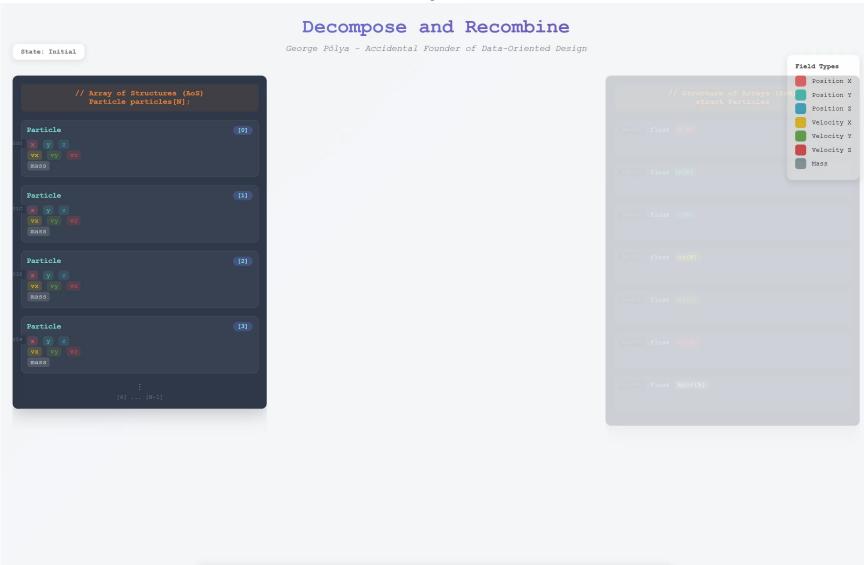
# Heuristics/Decomposition?

- Break problems into smaller, independent sub-problems
- We all know this, so what's the big deal?

# Heuristics/Decompose and Recombine

• Problem: Optimal Data layout

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- Solution insight:

Group frequently-used data together in memory, and apply spatial locality for access patterns

# Heuristics/Generalisation

"Can I solve a more general version of this problem first?"
 Paradoxically, generalising often makes the problem simpler to think about —

because you remove distracting details and see the structure more clearly.

# Heuristics/Generalisation

#### Problem:

You have a growing set of **if/else** conditions that decide pricing, validation, or access control. Adding new cases keeps breaking old ones.

#### **Generalisation:**

Step back: you're not dealing with *pricing rules*, but rather with applying rules to *inputs*. Abstract it into a **data-driven rules engine** or table of conditions.

#### **Outcome:**

The generalised model supports all current and future rules. You didn't patch the code — you elevated the problem from code to data.

# Heuristics/Specialisation

- Pólya Heuristic: Specialisation
- "Can I make the problem easier by *fixing some parameters* or looking at a special case?"
- This is often the key to insight solving an easier case first gives you a foothold.

# Heuristics/Specialisation

#### • Problem:

A recursive parser crashes on large input. The trace is unreadable.

#### Specialisation:

Feed it a tiny example — maybe one line of input. Watch the recursion by hand, or in a debugger, step by step.

#### Outcome:

The small case exposes the logic flaw or incorrect base case. The insight generalises back to the full version.

# Heuristics/Working Backwards

#### Pólya Heuristic: Working Backwards:

"Start from the desired outcome and trace backwards the steps or conditions that must be true to get there."

It's the same principle mathematicians use in proofs, and engineers use in reverse-engineering or backpropagation.

## Heuristics/Working Backwards - performance

Start from the data that must be hot for performance.
 Ask: "What must have happened earlier to make that true?"
 Then structure your cache key or data layout around that pattern of access.

**This reverse reasoning** — from hot data back to the producer — often exposes reuse or reordering opportunities.

#### • Example:

You discover the *final* computation reuses intermediate values. so you work backwards to restructure data flow to preserve them.

# 3 Carry Out The Plan

• Work through the tasks in the plan. Checking/testing the results of intermediate findings.

• Prototyping, measuring performance, checking that the faster code generates the correct results.

### 4 Reflection

- Check the results
- Could I get to the same results via a different route?
- Can I see the answer/ solution at a glance?
- Can this effort/result solve other problems?

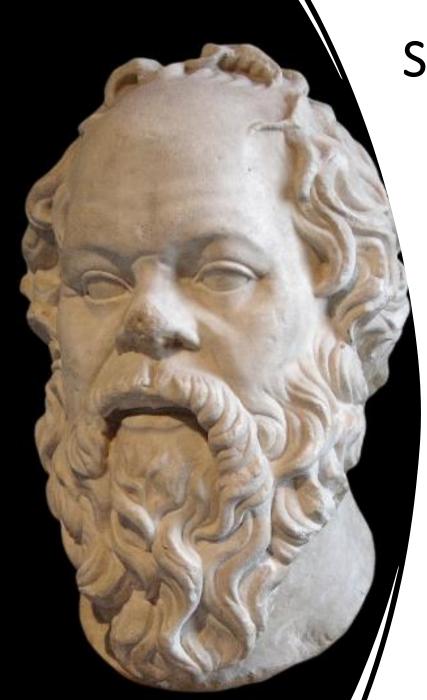
# Diagnosis – Main Reasons For Failure

• Incomplete understanding of the problem: Lack of concentration on understanding the problem in the initial phase.

- Planning Failure: Two opposite faults
  - Rushing in without a plan or general idea
  - Waiting for an idea to come.
- Execution Failure: Carelessness

#### **Essential Elements for Success**

- . Positive Mindset: curiosity, persistence and a growth mindset.
- Notes: Keep notes on thoughts, attempts, and processes.
- Develop discovery through thoughtful questions: Socratic Questioning?



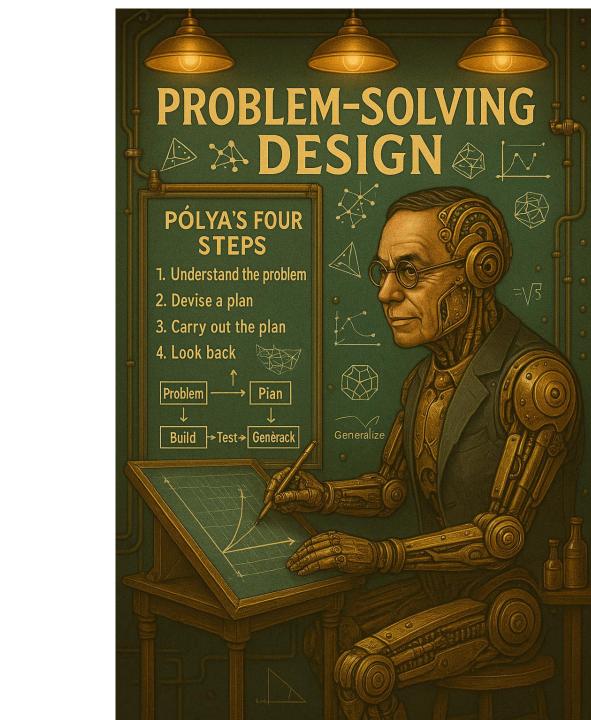
# Socratic Questions on DOD

Туре	Purpose	Example
Clarification	Define key concepts	"What do we mean book cache efficiency'?"
Probing Assumptions	Challenge beliefs	"Why do we assume OOP is the best approach?"
Probing Evidence	Check reasoning	"What benchmarks prove this design is faster?"
Alternative Views	Consider other perspectives	"What would an OOP advocate say about DOD?"
Implications	Explore consequences	"How will DOD affect maintainability?"
Questioning the Question	Reflect on our inquiry	"Are we focusing on the right problem?"

# Polya Structure + Heuristics

- **Polya:** Structured problem solving => the how to
- **Process**: Understand =>plan => execute=>reflect
- Heuristics: (Activities) to work on the problem: e.g. decomposition
- Diagnostics: common failure modes
- Signs of progress: simplifications, invariant constraints, beneficial results on the way to solving. Whole condition.
- Your takeaway: more places to attack performance and concrete tools/checklists to do it

# **EXAMPLES**



# Example

- A troublesome function in a moment matching pricing algorithm:
- Sum over all elements of a square matrix, where the axis has sets of equal values and monotonic increasing time indices

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### Initial Code

# Example

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$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} F(t, T_i, T_j)$$

However inside of expensive function F, F\_Impl just takes a single argument, of value  $\min(t, T_i, T_j)$ 

```
inline double f_impl_math(int m)
    //the expensive function
    return std::exp(std::sin(static_cast<double>(m)));
// f(t,i,j) = exp(sin(min(t,i,j)));
inline double f_impl(int t, int i, int j)
    int m = std::min(t, std::min(i, j));
    return f_impl_math(m);
```

## What we calculate

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{j=1}^{N} F_{impl}(\min(t, T_i, T_j))$$

## Plan

• Simplify, create an auxiliary problem and investigate

• Draw a picture

Drop the first argument t:

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Plot the matrix

# Draw Example Matrix (7 x7)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							

# set values for min(i,j)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	1	2	3	3	3	3	3
4	1	2	3	4	4	4	4
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# min(i,j): Highlight the pattern

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We get N distinct equivalent regions

Size of region  $S_i = 2(N-i)+1$ 

# Reduces to a single summation $O(N^2) \rightarrow O(N)$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{N} F(T_i) * (2(N-i) + 1)$$

 Walk along the diagonal elements call the function and multiply by scale factor (number of elements) and add to running sum

# Auxiliary collapsed version

```
double acc = 0.0;
for (int i = 1; i <= N; ++i)

int w = 2*(N - i) + 1;  // multiplicity for level
   double v = f_impl_math(i);
   acc += static_cast<double>(w) * v;
}
```

# Adding the extra variable t, to the min condition

Three variants

- $t < T_1$
- $t > T_N$
- $T_1$  < t <  $T_N$

# min(t,i,j) where $t < T_1$ EG t < 1.0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
2	t	t	t	t	t	t	t
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7	t	t	t	t	t	t	t

$$S = F(t) * N^2$$

# min(t,i,j) where $t > T_N$ EG t > 7.0

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
3	1	2	3	3	3	3	3
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$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} F(Ti) * (2(N-i) + 1)$$

# min(t,i,j) where $T_1 < t < T_N$

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2
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$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{K} F(Ti) * (2(N-i) + 1)$$
$$+F(t) * (N-K)^{2}$$

#### Result

• Our new approach gives us between 1 and N calls to the expensive function, as opposed to  $N^2$ 

• Strategic win, particularly when we move to assets which have matrix elements on an hourly basis instead of monthly

# Collapsed with special case added

```
// Collapsed O(N) sum for S = sum \{i=1..N\} sum \{j=1..N\} exp(sin(min(t,i,j)))
// Works for all t > 0 (integer or non-integer), indices 1..N.
static double sum collapsed all t(int N, double t) {
    const bool t is int = std::fabs(t - std::round(t)) <= 1e-12 * (std::fabs(t) + 1.0);</pre>
    const int L = static cast<int>(std::floor(t));
    const int U = static cast<int>(std::ceil(t));
   double acc = 0.0;
   if (t >= N) {
        for (int k = 1; k \le N; ++k)
            acc += (2.0 * (N - k) + 1.0) * F(static cast<double>(k));
    } else {
        int up to = t is int ? (L - 1) : L;
        if (up to > N) up to = N;
        for (int k = 1; k \le up to; ++k)
            acc += (2.0 * (N - k) + 1.0) * F(static cast<double>(k));
        long long side = t is int ? (static cast<long long>(N) - L + 1LL)
                                  : (static cast<long long>(N) - U + 1LL);
        if (side > 0) acc += static cast<double>(side * side) * F(t);
    return acc;
```

# Try It Yourself

 Godbolt here: <u>https://godbolt.org/z/5dqx1Ysd7</u>



#### Speed up as factor variation of t

```
N=40 reps=1000 (times in milliseconds)
t small (t=4.250000):
collapsed: 0.000 ms naive: 0.037 ms speedup: 263.036x
t medium (t=24.370000):
collapsed: 0.001 ms naive: 0.037 ms speedup: 61.855x
t large (t=40.420000):
collapsed: 0.001 ms naive: 0.038 ms speedup: 39.522x
```

That's our first example from real world experience

 A tricky performance problem solved by the insight generated from a simplified auxillary problem and drawing a picture

I do have other examples

Now for the million times faster example

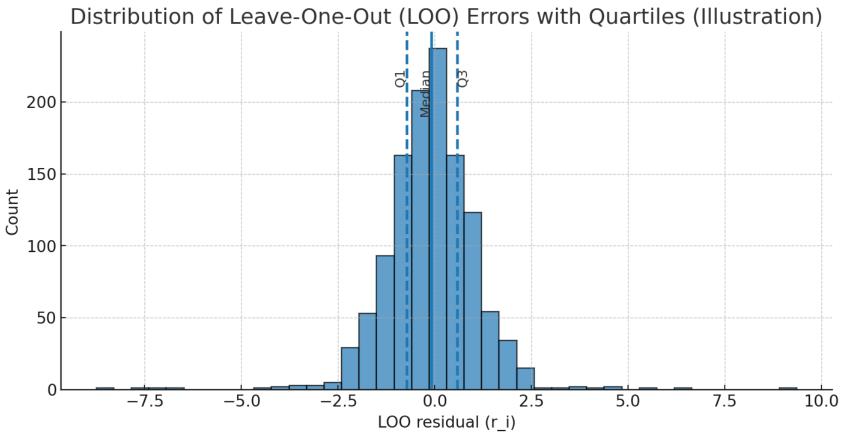
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- Machine Learning
- Trying to find predictive factors for simple linear relationships.
- Assessing feature vector/model quality.
- For each data point we forecast the value at that point using a model built from the whole data set minus that point. The difference between forecast and observed gives the error at each point.
- A final step of estimating quantiles or inter-quantile range as a metric for the quality of the fit, and suitability of the relationship as a predictor.

#### Example loo residuals



Q1 = -0.73, Median = -0.08, Q3 = 0.58, IQR = 1.31

#### The Application

- Use simple linear low (single dimension)
- Generally, will be an  $O(N^2)$
- For each (N) data points
  - Fit (N -1) data points and compute residual

#### Regularised Linear Regression

Makes more stable by adding a penalty for larger slopes

#### Understanding The problem

- Questions about data/ size
- Performance requirements
- Accuracy requirements
- Have I solved it before?

 Known solutions, call least squares fit many times with permuted leave one out data

#### Understanding the problem

What is the algorithm used

Why is it so expensive / slow

#### Model and Objective function

Model

$$\hat{y}_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \quad i = 1, \dots$$

Ridge Objective 
$$\min_{eta_0,eta_1}\sum_{i=1}[y_i-(eta_0+eta_1x_i)]^2 + \lambda\,eta_1^2$$

- λ: regularization parameter
- β<sub>0</sub>: intercept (not penalized)
- β<sub>1</sub>: slope (penalized)

#### The Design Matrix

$$X = egin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 \ 1 & x_2 \ 1 & x_3 \ 1 & x_4 \ 1 & x_5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{y} = egin{bmatrix} y_1 \ y_2 \ y_3 \ y_4 \ y_5 \end{bmatrix}, \quad oldsymbol{eta} = egin{bmatrix} eta_0 \ eta_1 \end{bmatrix}$$

We include an intercept by adding a column of 1's:

#### Regularisation

We penalize only  $\beta_1$ . Hence, our penalty matrix is:

$$\Lambda = egin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \ 0 & \lambda \end{bmatrix}.$$

#### Interpretation:

- Top-left entry = 0  $\Longrightarrow$  do **not** penalize  $\beta_0$ .
- Bottom-right entry =  $\lambda \implies$  penalize  $\beta_1$  with strength  $\lambda$ .

#### The Normal Equations

The Normal Equation for ridge with intercept (unpenalized) is:

$$(X^{\top}X + \Lambda)\boldsymbol{\beta} = X^{\top}\mathbf{y}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\beta} = \left(X^{\top}X + \Lambda\right)^{-1}X^{\top}\mathbf{y}$$

#### The Essence of the Regression Calculation

$$X^ op X = egin{bmatrix} \mathsf{N} & \sum x_i \ \sum x_i & \sum x_i^2 \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} \mathsf{N} & S_x \ S_x & S_{xx} \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$X^ op \mathbf{y} = egin{bmatrix} \sum y_i \ \sum x_i y_i \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} S_y \ S_{xy} \end{bmatrix}$$

#### Explicit $\beta_0$ and $\beta_1$

$$eta_0 = rac{\left(S_{xx} + \lambda
ight)S_y - S_x\,S_{xy}}{\mathsf{N}\left(S_{xx} + \lambda
ight) - \left(S_x
ight)^2}$$

$$eta_1 = rac{ extstyle extstyle extstyle extstyle S_{xy} - S_x \, S_y}{ extstyle extstyle extstyle extstyle (S_{xx} + \lambda) - (S_x)^2}$$

### Approach

#### **Understand the problem**

• Identify slow /expensive parts

#### **Planning**

- Explore auxiliary problems that reflect the slow parts
- Draw some pictures
- Generalise solutions to auxiliary problems
- Construct a new algorithm

#### The slow bit (repeated N times)

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 But we are repeating this N times with slightly different data sets

 It's the first X<sup>T</sup>X term that introduces the O(N) dependence into the fitting

Also, the last term in X<sup>T</sup>Y

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How are we going to make this go faster?

#### The slow bit (repeated N times)

$$X^ op X = egin{bmatrix} \mathsf{N} & \sum\limits_{1}^{N} x_i \ \sum\limits_{1}^{N} x_i \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} \mathsf{N} & S_x \ S_x & S_{xx} \end{bmatrix}$$

How are we going to make this go faster?

Un-sequenced reduction and transform reduce! Scale with threads and SIMD (if we are lucky)

### If only this was dereferencing a nullptr!

# **STOP**

### If only this was dereferencing a nullptr!

• We have applied an answer we know, to a problem we recognise.

 We have not fully considered the context. We have only considered what we might do on an existing inner loop.

Huge restrictions in the scope of solutions we might consider

#### Expand scope

 Consider speeding up the whole set of X<sup>T</sup>X not just each perturbed version.

# This is a key element

#### Consider a simpler auxiliary problem

$$X^ op X = egin{bmatrix} \mathsf{N} & \sum\limits_{1}^{N} x_i \ \sum\limits_{1}^{N} x_i \end{bmatrix} = egin{bmatrix} \mathsf{N} & S_x \ S_x & S_{xx} \end{bmatrix}$$

How does this single element compute, vary over all the different leave-one-out summations we will do?

#### Consider a simpler auxiliary problem

• One of the summations in the X<sup>T</sup>X matrix, for all the leave-one-out perturbations

Pick leave one out sum of X<sub>i</sub>

• Draw a picture, or work an example by hand.

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9		11.11	12.12
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1.1	2.2		4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1		3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12

Lots of repetition

#### Signs of progress

 We are looking at the problem differently. We have broadened the context

We understand the problem better.

• A huge amount of repetition, we must surely be able to find a way to exploit this.

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12

Can we reuse the sum for the first row to calculate the second row?

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12

Can we re-use the sum for the first row to calculate the second row?

Sum\_loo\_1 = Sum\_loo\_0 + 
$$x_0 - x_1$$
  
Sum\_loo\_2 = Sum\_loo\_0 +  $x_0 - x_2$ 

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12

But  $Sum_{loo}0 + x_0$  is just the sum of all the elements So each leave one out  $sum(i) = Sum_{all} - x_i$ 

So, compute the sum over the whole row:
Then compute leave-one-out sums by subtracting the left-out element

#### Generalisation?

• Does this generalise to all our leave one out sums?

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9		11.11	12.12
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1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5		7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4		6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3		5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2		4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1		3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12

Lots of repetition

12.12	-12.12	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
11.11	-11.11	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12
10.1	-10.1	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9		11.11	12.12
9.9	-9.9	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8		10.1	11.11	12.12
8.8	-8.8	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7		9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
7.7	-7.7	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6		8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
6.6	-6.6	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5		7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
5.5	-5.5	1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4		6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
4.4	-4.4	1.1	2.2	3.3		5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
3.3	-3.3	1.1	2.2		4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
2.2	-2.2	1.1		3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12

Add two columns containing + and - the omitted values: these don't change the horizontal sum

12.12
11.11
10.1
9.9
8.8
7.7
6.6
5.5
4.4
3.3
2.2

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9		11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8		10.1	11.11	12.12
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1.1	2.2		4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1		3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12

-12.12

-11.11

-10.1

-9.9

-8.8

-7.7

-6.6

-5.5

-4.4

-3.3

-2.2

12.12
11.11
10.1
9.9
8.8
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6.6
5.5
4.4
3.3
2.2

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1		12.12
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1.1	2.2	3.3		5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2		4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1		3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12

-12.12

-11.11

-10.1

-9.9

-8.8

-7.7

-6.6

-5.5

-4.4

-3.3

-2.2

#### Summation rows leaving out an element

0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0
0

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
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1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12

# Summation across all rows in matrix and write sum in LH column

82.83
82.83
82.83
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82.83
82.83
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82.83
82.83
82.83

1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12
1.1	2.2	3.3	4.4	5.5	6.6	7.7	8.8	9.9	10.1	11.11	12.12

-12.12

-11.11

# Summation across all rows in matrix and write sum in LH column

82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83
82.83

0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

-12.12 -11.11 -10.1 -9.9 -8.8 -7.7 -6.6 -5.5 -4.4 -3.3 -2.2

# Summation across all rows in matrix and write sum in LH column

82.83	-12.12
82.83	-11.11
82.83	-10.1
82.83	-9.9
82.83	-8.8
82.83	-7.7
82.83	-6.6
82.83	-5.5
82.83	-4.4
82.83	-3.3
82.83	-2.2

Use LHS contains sum over all elements RH column contains left out values

#### What are the costs for this solution?

First sum over whole row to get Sn cost N

Then create each leave one out sum Sk SN –xi cost N operations

We can compute all our leave one out sums in 2 N operations

# The New Algorithm: Summations over set

- For all leave one out sums, sum over the complete set S<sub>N</sub>
- $S_N(x)$
- $S_{N}(1)$
- $S_N(x^2)$
- $S_N(xy)$
- S<sub>N</sub>(y)
- Generate Leave one out at index i, by subtracting f(x<sub>i</sub>) vector from the sum
- For each set of Loo sums
  - N ops to reduce
  - N ops to create Loo sums
- 2N operations

#### Leave one out vector sums

- For all leave-one-out sums, sum over the complete set S<sub>N</sub>
- Leave one out  $Sx_i = S_N(x) x_i$  vector of  $(x_i * -1) + Sx_i$
- Leave one out  $Sn_i = S_N(1) = N-1$
- Leave one out  $Sxx_i = S_N(x^2) (x_i * x_i)$  element-wise multiply  $x_i * x_i$
- Leave one out  $Sxy_i = S_N(xy) (x_i * y_i)$  element-wise multiply  $x_i y_i$
- Leave one out  $S_{vi} = S_N(y) y_i$  vector of  $(y_i * -1) + Sy_i$

# New Algorithm

Generate the new fits using the closed-form expressions for Betas

• 1) Generate sums over the whole data set Sx, Sxx, Sy, Sxy

• 2) Generate leave one out sums by subtracting vectors of x, xx, y, xy from corresponding sum

• 3) Evaluate the form solution using vector operations

# Explicit $eta_0$ and $eta_1$

After computing the inverse, we get:

$$\beta_0 = \frac{\left(S_{xx} + \lambda\right)S_y - S_x S_{xy}}{\mathsf{N}(S_{xx} + \lambda) - (S_x)^2}, \quad \beta_1 = \frac{\mathsf{N}S_{xy} - S_x S_y}{\mathsf{N}(S_{xx} + \lambda) - (S_x)^2}.$$

Note the denominators are the same!

# Reflection

#### Reflection

 This was an important illustration of the benefit of not just trying to optimise the inner loop.

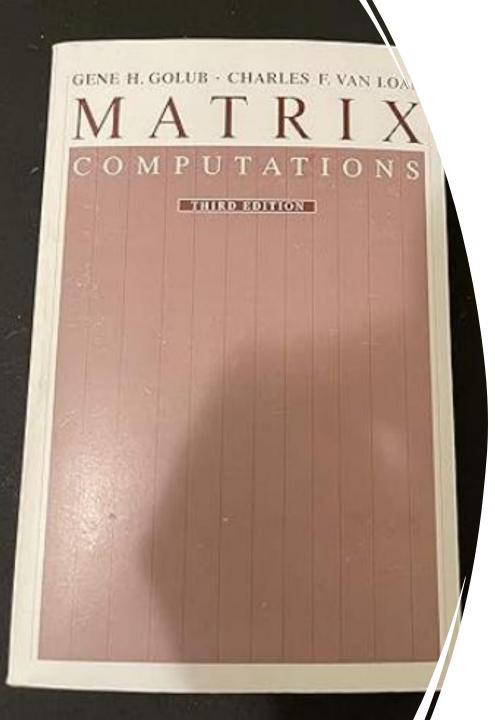
The benefits of expanding context

Looking at a simpler, auxiliary sub-problem

We might also look at calculating an example by hand

#### **Generalisation Reflection**

- We can generalise our Trick.
- If we are using reduction to calculate N values on perturbations of a set of data of size N. And there is an inverse operation to the reduction operation
- Generate O(N) perturbed sets
  - Generate Reduction value for each O(N)
  - ->  $O(N^2)$
- Generate reduction on whole set O(N)
- Apply inverse operation on whole set result for each permutation O(1)
  - -> O(N)



# Reflection

- Had we studied some post-grad course in computational matrix methods
- We might have seen it as some matrix update problem

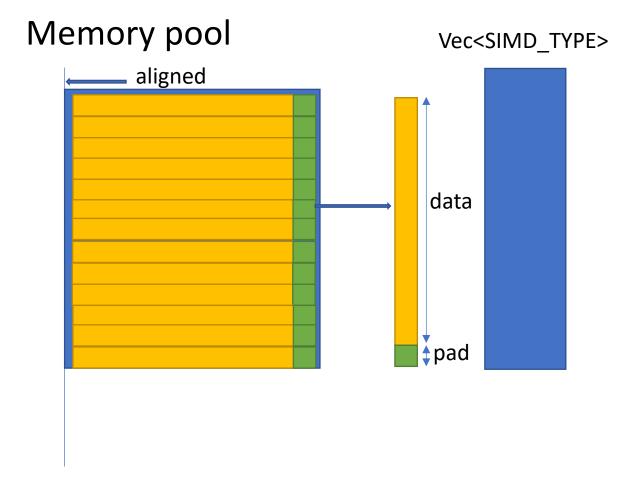
# **Technical**

## Hardware Memory and Vectorisation

• Use DR3

- Contiguous memory layout
- Memory pool so efficient memory allocation
- Vectorised math operations

# VecXX Utility



#### **Math Operators and Functions**

#### VecXX

- Memory managed vector type
- Supports math functions and operations
- Contiguous, aligned and padded
- Can change the scalar type and instruction set
- Substitutable for scalar type so we drop into existing code to make it vectorised

### Create a vectorized version using DR3

- Code available on <a href="https://github.com/andyD123/DR3">https://github.com/andyD123/DR3</a>
- Implementation using vectorised library.
- Using contiguous memory layout and vectorised instructions
- We can transform scalar code into vector code.
- Using auto to avoid explicitly indicating vector or scalar typing.

# Explicit $\beta_0$ and $\beta_1$

After computing the inverse, we get:

$$eta_0 = rac{\left(S_{xx} + \lambda\right)S_y - S_x S_{xy}}{{\sf N}^{(S_{xx} + \lambda)} - (S_x)^2}, \quad eta_1 = rac{{\sf N}S_{xy} - S_x S_y}{{\sf N}^{(S_{xx} + \lambda)} - (S_x)^2}.$$

Note the denominators are the same!

```
auto MULT = [](auto x, auto y) { return x * y; };
auto SUM = [](auto x, auto y) { return x + y; };
auto SQR = [](auto x) {return x * x; };
//compute reductions for Sx,Sy,Sxx,Sxy
auto S_x = reduce(data_X, SUM);
auto S y = reduce(data Y, SUM);
auto S xx = transformReduce(data X, SQR, SUM);
auto S_xy = transformReduce(data_X, data_Y, MULT, SUM);
// compute leave one out vectors
auto SX loo = S x - data X; //leave one out SX
auto SY loo = S y - data Y; //leave one out SY
auto data X squared = data X * data X;
auto SXX_loo = S_xx - data_X_squared; //leave one out SXX
                                                                               eta_0 = rac{\left(S_{xx} + \lambda\right)S_y - S_x S_{xy}}{\mathsf{N}(S_{xx} + \lambda) - (S_x)^2}
auto data X Y = data X * data Y;
auto SXY loo = S xy - data X Y; //leave one out SXY
double lambda = 0.0;// 0.1; //regularisation parameter
double Sz = data X.size() - 1.0;
                                                                                \beta_1 = \frac{NS_{xy} - S_x S_y}{N(S_{xx} + \lambda) - (S_x)^2}
// Compute the fit parameters
auto denominator = (Sz * (SXX_loo + lambda)) - (SX_loo * SX_loo);
auto Beta_0_numerator = (SXX_loo + lambda) * SY_loo - SX_loo * SXY_loo;
auto Beta 0 = Beta 0 numerator / denominator; //vector of fits for Beta 0 offsets
auto Beta 1 numerator = Sz * SXY loo - (SX loo * SY loo);
auto Beta_1 = Beta_1_numerator / denominator; //vector of Beta_1 slopes
```

### Leave One Out Regression-Performance Run

1 million elements LOO

```
18.0961 milli seconds per fit
D:\online25\DR3\x64\ICC2023\LeaveOneOutRegression.exe (process 58192) exited with code 0.
Press any key to close this window . . .
```

```
generating data
setting data
fitting data
1.46681e+07 milli seconds per fit
D:\online25\DR3\x64\ICC2023\LeaveOneOutRegression.exe (process 79504) exited with code 0.
Press any key to close this window . . .
```

How can we make these summations more accurate?

#### Heuristics Mini: Work-Backwards

How do we make the floating point addition more accurate?

#### Heuristics Mini: Work-Backwards

How do we make the floating point addition more accurate?

• Most accurate when combining similar-magnitude partial sums

#### Heuristics Mini: Work-Backwards

How do we make the sums of floating point more accurate?

Most accurate when combining similar-magnitude partial sums

Recurse halves -> quarters-> pairs => pairwise (balanced) summation

#### **Pairwise Summation**



# Lets Experiment

- 10 Billion 0.0-1.0 numbers added up using
- For loop
- Std::accumulate
- Std::reduce
- Pairwise reduce
- Kahan summation
- What happens if we permute the input data

# Results Sums of the same set of numbers using Kahan and pairwise

```
5246293712.841146 for loop sum
5246293712.841146 std::accumulate sum
5246293712.841146 std::reduce

5246293712.886652 sum pairwise
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auto SUM = [](auto x, auto y) { return x + y; };
auto SQR = [](auto x) {return x * x; };
//compute reductions for Sx,Sy,Sxx,Sxy
auto S_x = reduce(data_X, SUM);
auto S y = reduce(data Y, SUM);
auto S xx = transformReduce(data X, SQR, SUM);
auto S_xy = transformReduce(data_X, data_Y, MULT, SUM);
// compute leave one out vectors
auto SX loo = S x - data X; //leave one out SX
auto SY loo = S y - data Y; //leave one out SY
auto data X squared = data X * data X;
auto SXX_loo = S_xx - data_X_squared; //leave one out SXX
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auto data X Y = data X * data Y;
auto SXY loo = S xy - data X Y; //leave one out SXY
double lambda = 0.0;// 0.1; //regularisation parameter
double Sz = data X.size() - 1.0;
                                                                                \beta_1 = \frac{NS_{xy} - S_x S_y}{N(S_{xx} + \lambda) - (S_x)^2}
// Compute the fit parameters
auto denominator = (Sz * (SXX_loo + lambda)) - (SX_loo * SX_loo);
auto Beta_0_numerator = (SXX_loo + lambda) * SY_loo - SX_loo * SXY_loo;
auto Beta 0 = Beta 0 numerator / denominator; //vector of fits for Beta 0 offsets
auto Beta 1 numerator = Sz * SXY loo - (SX loo * SY loo);
auto Beta_1 = Beta_1_numerator / denominator; //vector of Beta_1 slopes
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auto SUM = [](auto a, auto b) { return a + b; };
auto SQR = [](auto a) { return a * a; };
// Pairwise (accurate) reductions
auto S x = pairwise reduce(x, SUM);
auto S y = pairwise reduce(y, SUM);
auto S xx = pairwise transformReduce(x, SQR, SUM);
auto S_xy = pairwise_transformReduce(x, y, MULT, SUM);
auto SX_{loo} = S_x - x;
auto SY loo = S y - y;
auto data_X_squared = x * x;
auto SXX loo = S xx - data X squared;
auto data X Y = x * y;
auto SXY loo = S xy - data X Y;
double Sz = x.size() - 1.0;
auto SXX loo plus lambda = SXX loo + lambda;
auto denominator = (Sz * SXX loo plus lambda) - (SX loo * SX loo);
auto inv denominator = 1.0 / denominator;
auto Beta 0 numerator = SXX loo plus lambda * SY loo - SX loo * SXY loo;
auto Beta 0 = Beta 0 numerator * inv denominator;
auto Beta 1 numerator = Sz * SXY loo - (SX loo * SY loo);
auto Beta 1 = Beta 1 numerator * inv denominator;
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### Take Aways

- Design addresses a highly dimensional problem.
  - Logical algorithm design
  - **Physical** optimising spatiotemporal memory use patterns
  - Idiosyncratic aspects of the actual problem itself.
- Working through the problem space in a structured way by using approaches such as Polya's can help
- Always look to expand the context of your thinking around problem areas. This
  can be very useful in keeping brilliant solutions in play.
- Drawing pictures and solving easier ancillary problems is unlikely to be wasted time

# If you cannot solve the proposed problem

• Try to solve first some related problem ...

 Human superiority lies in ...going around the obstacle that cannot be overcome directly, in devising some suitable auxiliary problem when the original one appears insoluble.

 Example of a Polya conducting a problem-solving session with students <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0gbw-Ur\_do">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0gbw-Ur\_do</a>



## **Next Step Getting Started**

- Get a copy of "How to Solve It book"
   Read the foreword by Professor Ian Stewart
   Read the section "Practical Problems"
- "The Algorithm Design Manual"





- Notes on heuristics https://github.com/andyD123/cppCon25
- code available on <a href="https://github.com/andyD123/DR3">https://github.com/andyD123/DR3</a>
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