criterion performance measurements

overview

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Outlying measurements have slight (8.7%) effect on estimated standard deviation.

WordTree 1





Outlying measurements have moderate (24.9%) effect on estimated standard deviation.

WordTree 2





Outlying measurements have moderate (12.0%) effect on estimated standard deviation.

WordTree 2g





WordTree 3





Outlying measurements have moderate (24.4%) effect on estimated standard deviation.

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Outlying measurements have slight (8.6%) effect on estimated standard deviation.

understanding this report

In this report, each function benchmarked by criterion is assigned a section of its own. The charts in each section are active; if you hover your mouse over data points and annotations, you will see more details.

- The chart on the left is a kernel density estimate (also known as a KDE) of time measurements. This graphs the probability of any given time measurement occurring. A spike indicates that a measurement of a particular time occurred; its height indicates how often that measurement was repeated.
- The chart on the right is the raw data from which the kernel density estimate is built. The x axis indicates the number of loop iterations, while the y axis shows measured execution time for the given number of loop iterations. The line behind the values is the linear regression prediction of execution time for a given number of iterations. Ideally, all measurements will be on (or very near) this line.

Under the charts is a small table. The first two rows are the results of a linear regression run on the measurements displayed in the right-hand chart.

- *OLS regression* indicates the time estimated for a single loop iteration using an ordinary least-squares regression model. This number is more accurate than the *mean* estimate below it, as it more effectively eliminates measurement overhead and other constant factors.
- R^2 goodness-of-fit is a measure of how accurately the linear regression model fits the observed measurements. If the measurements are not too noisy, R^2 should lie between 0.99 and 1, indicating an excellent fit. If the number is below 0.99, something is confounding the accuracy of the linear model.
- Mean execution time and standard deviation are statistics calculated from execution time divided by number of iterations.

We use a statistical technique called the **bootstrap** to provide confidence intervals on our estimates. The bootstrap-derived upper and lower bounds on estimates let you see how accurate we believe those estimates to be. (Hover the mouse over the table headers to see the confidence levels.)

A noisy benchmarking environment can cause some or many measurements to fall far from the mean. These outlying measurements can have a significant inflationary effect on the estimate of the standard deviation. We calculate and display an estimate of the extent to which the standard deviation has been inflated by outliers.

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This report was created using the <u>criterion</u> benchmark execution and performance analysis tool.

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