Efficient Mergesort

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Abstract

We provide a formalization of the mergesort algorithm as used in GHC's Data.List module, proving correctness and stability. Furthermore, experimental data suggests that generated (Haskell-)code for this algorithm is much faster than for previous algorithms available in the Isabelle distribution.

theory Efficient-Sort imports HOL-Library.Multiset begin

1 GHC Version of Mergesort

In the following we show that the mergesort implementation used in GHC (see http://hackage.haskell.org/package/base-4.11.1.0/docs/src/Data.OldList. html#sort) is a correct and stable sorting algorithm. Furthermore, experimental data suggests that generated code for this implementation is much more efficient than for the implementation provided by *HOL-Library.Multiset*. A high-level overview of an older version of this formalization as well as some experimental data is to be found in [1].

1.1 Definition of Natural Mergesort

context fixes $key :: 'a \Rightarrow 'k::linorder$ **begin**

Split a list into chunks of ascending and descending parts, where descending parts are reversed on the fly. Thus, the result is a list of sorted lists.

fun sequences :: 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list list **and** asc :: 'a \Rightarrow ('a list \Rightarrow 'a list) \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list **and** desc :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list list **where** sequences (a # b # xs) =

(if key a > key b then desc b [a] xs else asc b ((#) a) xs) sequences [x] = [[x]]sequences [] = [] $| asc \ a \ as \ (b \ \# \ bs) =$ (if key $a \leq key b$ then asc $b (\lambda ys. as (a \# ys))$ bs else as [a] # sequences (b # bs)) $asc \ a \ as \ [] = [as \ [a]]$ $| desc \ a \ as \ (b \ \# \ bs) =$ (if key a > key b then desc b (a # as) bselse (a # as) # sequences (b # bs)) $| desc \ a \ as \ [] = [a \ \# \ as]$ **fun** merge :: 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list where merge $(a \ \# \ as) \ (b \ \# \ bs) =$ (if key a > key b then b # merge (a # as) by else a # merge as (b # bs)) merge [] bs = bs \mid merge as $\mid \mid = as$ **fun** merge-pairs :: 'a list list \Rightarrow 'a list list where merge-pairs $(a \# b \# xs) = merge \ a \ b \# merge-pairs \ xs$ $\mid merge-pairs \ xs = xs$ **lemma** *length-merge* [*simp*]: length (merge xs ys) = length xs + length ys**by** (*induct xs ys rule: merge.induct*) *simp-all* **lemma** *length-merge-pairs* [*simp*]: length (merge-pairs xs) = (1 + length xs) div 2**by** (*induct xs rule: merge-pairs.induct*) *simp-all* **fun** merge-all :: 'a list list \Rightarrow 'a list where merge-all [] = []| merge-all [x] = xmerge-all xs = merge-all (merge-pairs xs)**fun** msort-key :: 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list where $msort-key \ xs = merge-all \ (sequences \ xs)$

1.2 The Functional Argument of *local.asc*

f is a function that only adds some prefix to a given list.

definition $ascP f = (\forall xs. f xs = f [] @ xs)$

lemma ascP-Cons [simp]: ascP ((#) x) by (simp add: ascP-def)

lemma ascP-comp-append-Cons [simp]: $ascP (\lambda xs. f [] @ x \# xs)$ by (auto simp: ascP-def)lemma ascP-f-Cons: assumes ascP f shows f (x # xs) = f [] @ x # xs $using \langle ascP f \rangle [unfolded ascP-def, THEN spec, of x \# xs]$. lemma ascP-comp-Cons [simp]: assumes ascP f $shows ascP (\lambda ys. f (x \# ys))$ proof (unfold ascP-def, intro allI)fix xs show f (x # xs) = f [x] @ xs using assms by (simp add: ascP-f-Cons) qed

lemma ascP-f-singleton: **assumes** ascP f **shows** f [x] = f [] @ [x]**by** (rule ascP-f-Cons [OF assms])

1.3 Facts about Lengths

lemma

shows length-sequences: length (sequences xs) \leq length xsand length-asc: $ascP f \implies$ length ($asc \ a \ f \ ys$) $\leq 1 +$ length ysand length-desc: length (desc $a \ xs \ ys$) $\leq 1 +$ length ysby (induct xs and $a \ f \ ys$ and $a \ xs \ ys$ rule: sequences-asc-desc.induct) auto

lemma length-concat-merge-pairs [simp]: length (concat (merge-pairs xss)) = length (concat xss) by (induct xss rule: merge-pairs.induct) simp-all

1.4 Functional Correctness

lemma mset-merge [simp]:
 mset (merge xs ys) = mset xs + mset ys
 by (induct xs ys rule: merge.induct) simp-all

lemma set-merge [simp]: set (merge $xs \ ys$) = set $xs \cup set \ ys$ **by** (simp flip: set-mset-mset)

lemma mset-concat-merge-pairs [simp]:
 mset (concat (merge-pairs xs)) = mset (concat xs)
 by (induct xs rule: merge-pairs.induct) auto

lemma set-concat-merge-pairs [simp]: set (concat (merge-pairs xs)) = set (concat xs) **by** (*simp flip: set-mset-mset*)

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lemma mset-merge-all [simp]:
  mset (merge-all xs) = mset (concat xs)
 by (induct xs rule: merge-all.induct) simp-all
lemma set-merge-all [simp]:
  set (merge-all xs) = set (concat xs)
 by (simp flip: set-mset-mset)
lemma
 shows mset-sequences [simp]: mset (concat (sequences xs)) = mset xs
   and mset-asc: ascP f \implies mset (concat (asc x f ys)) = \{\#x\#\} + mset (f [])
+ mset ys
   and mset-desc: mset (concat (desc x xs ys)) = \{\#x\#\} + mset xs + mset ys
  by (induct xs and x f ys and x xs ys rule: sequences-asc-desc.induct)
   (auto simp: ascP-f-singleton)
lemma mset-msort-key:
  mset \ (msort-key \ xs) = mset \ xs
 by (auto)
lemma sorted-merge [simp]:
  assumes sorted (map key xs) and sorted (map key ys)
 shows sorted (map key (merge xs ys))
 using assms by (induct xs ys rule: merge.induct) (auto)
lemma sorted-merge-pairs [simp]:
 assumes \forall x \in set xs. sorted (map key x)
 shows \forall x \in set (merge-pairs xs). sorted (map key x)
 using assms by (induct xs rule: merge-pairs.induct) simp-all
lemma sorted-merge-all:
 assumes \forall x \in set xs. sorted (map key x)
 shows sorted (map key (merge-all xs))
 using assms by (induct xs rule: merge-all.induct) simp-all
lemma
 shows sorted-sequences: \forall x \in set (sequences xs). sorted (map key x)
   and sorted-asc: ascP f \Longrightarrow sorted (map key (f \parallel)) \Longrightarrow \forall x \in set (f \parallel)). key x \leq set (f \parallel)
key \ a \Longrightarrow \forall x \in set \ (asc \ a \ f \ ys). \ sorted \ (map \ key \ x)
   and sorted-desc: sorted (map key xs) \Longrightarrow \forall x \in set xs. key a \leq key x \Longrightarrow \forall x \in set
(desc \ a \ xs \ ys). \ sorted \ (map \ key \ x)
 by (induct xs and a f ys and a xs ys rule: sequences-asc-desc.induct)
   (auto simp: ascP-f-singleton sorted-append not-less dest: order-trans, fastforce)
lemma sorted-msort-key:
  sorted (map key (msort-key xs))
 by (unfold msort-key.simps) (intro sorted-merge-all sorted-sequences)
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1.5 Stability

lemma

shows filter-by-key-sequences [simp]: $[y \leftarrow concat (sequences xs), key y = k] =$ $[y \leftarrow xs. key \ y = k]$ and filter-by-key-asc: ascP $f \implies [y \leftarrow concat (asc \ a \ f \ ys), key \ y = k] = [y \leftarrow f$ [a] @ ys. key y = k]and filter-by-key-desc: sorted (map key xs) $\Longrightarrow \forall x \in set xs. key a \leq key x \Longrightarrow$ $[y \leftarrow concat \ (desc \ a \ xs \ ys). \ key \ y = k] = [y \leftarrow a \ \# \ xs \ @ \ ys. \ key \ y = k]$ **proof** (*induct xs* and *a f ys* and *a xs ys rule: sequences-asc-desc.induct*) case $(4 \ a \ f \ b \ bs)$ then show ?case by (auto simp: o-def ascP-f-Cons [where f = f]) \mathbf{next} **case** $(6 \ a \ as \ b \ bs)$ then show ?case **proof** (cases key b < key a) $\mathbf{case} \ \mathit{True}$ with 6 have $[y \leftarrow concat (desc \ b \ (a \ \# \ as) \ bs)$. key $y = k] = [y \leftarrow b \ \# \ (a \ \# \ as)$ @ bs. key y = k] by (auto simp: less-le order-trans) then show ?thesis using True and 6by (cases key a = k, cases key b = k) (auto simp: Cons-eq-append-conv intro!: filter-False) qed auto qed auto

lemma filter-by-key-merge-is-append [simp]: **assumes** sorted (map key xs) **shows** $[y \leftarrow merge xs ys. key y = k] = [y \leftarrow xs. key y = k] @ [y \leftarrow ys. key y = k]$ **using** assms **by** (induct xs ys rule: merge.induct) (auto simp: Cons-eq-append-conv leD intro!: filter-False)

lemma filter-by-key-merge-pairs [simp]: **assumes** $\forall xs \in set xss.$ sorted (map key xs) **shows** [$y \leftarrow concat$ (merge-pairs xss). key y = k] = [$y \leftarrow concat xss.$ key y = k] **using** assms **by** (induct xss rule: merge-pairs.induct) simp-all

lemma filter-by-key-merge-all [simp]: **assumes** $\forall xs \in set xss. sorted (map key xs)$ **shows** $[y \leftarrow merge-all xss. key y = k] = [y \leftarrow concat xss. key y = k]$ **using** assms **by** (induct xss rule: merge-all.induct) simp-all

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lemma filter-by-key-merge-all-sequences [simp]:

[x \leftarrow merge-all (sequences xs) . key x = k] = [x \leftarrow xs . key x = k]

using sorted-sequences [of xs] by simp
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lemma *msort-key-stable*:

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[x \leftarrow msort\text{-}key \ xs. \ key \ x = k] = [x \leftarrow xs. \ key \ x = k]
by auto
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lemma sort-key-msort-key-conv:
 sort-key key = msort-key
 using msort-key-stable [of key x for x]
 by (intro ext properties-for-sort-key mset-msort-key sorted-msort-key)
   (metis (mono-tags, lifting) filter-cong)
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 \mathbf{end}

Replace existing code equations for *sort-key* by *msort-key*.

declare *sort-key-by-quicksort-code* [*code del*] **declare** sort-key-msort-key-conv [code]

end

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theory Mergesort-Complexity
 imports
   Efficient-Sort
   Complex-Main
begin
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lemma log2-mono: $x > 0 \implies x \le y \implies \log 2 x \le \log 2 y$ by *auto*

Counting the Number of Comparisons $\mathbf{2}$

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context
 fixes key :: 'a \Rightarrow 'k::linorder
begin
fun c-merge :: 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow nat
 where
   c-merge (x \# xs) (y \# ys) =
     1 + (if key y < key x then c-merge (x \# xs) ys else c-merge xs (y \# ys))
 \mid c\text{-merge} \mid ys = 0
 | c-merge xs [] = 0
fun c-merge-pairs :: 'a list list \Rightarrow nat
  where
   c-merge-pairs (xs \# ys \# zss) = c-merge xs ys + c-merge-pairs zss
  | c-merge-pairs [] = 0
 \mid c-merge-pairs [x] = 0
fun c-merge-all :: 'a list list \Rightarrow nat
 where
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c-merge-all [] = 0c-merge-all [x] = 0| c-merge-all xss = c-merge-pairs xss + c-merge-all (merge-pairs key xss) **fun** *c*-sequences :: 'a list \Rightarrow nat and *c*-asc :: $a \Rightarrow a$ list \Rightarrow nat and *c*-desc :: $a \Rightarrow a$ list \Rightarrow nat where c-sequences (x # y # zs) = 1 + (if key y < key x then c-desc y zs else c-asc y)zs)c-sequences [] = 0| c-sequences [x] = 0 $| c\text{-asc } x (y \# ys) = 1 + (if \neg key y < key x then c\text{-asc } y ys else c\text{-sequences } (y \# ys) = 1 + (if \neg key y < key x then c\text{-asc } y ys else c\text{-sequences } (y \# ys) = 1 + (if \neg key y < key x then c\text{-asc } y ys else x + (if \neg key y < key x then x + (if \neg key y < key x + (if \neg key x + (if \neg key y < key x + (if \neg k$ # ys))|c-asc x|| = 0| c-desc x (y # ys) = 1 + (if key y < key x then c-desc y ys else c-sequences (y)# ys))| c-desc x || = 0**fun** *c*-*msort* :: '*a list* \Rightarrow *nat* where c-msort xs = c-sequences xs + c-merge-all (sequences key xs) lemma *c*-merge: c-merge xs ys \leq length xs + length ys **by** (*induct xs ys rule: c-merge.induct*) *simp-all* **lemma** *c*-*merge*-*pairs*: c-merge-pairs $xss \leq length (concat xss)$ **proof** (*induct xss rule*: *c-merge-pairs.induct*) case (1 xs ys zss)then show ?case using c-merge [of xs ys] by simp qed simp-all lemma *c*-merge-all: c-merge-all $xss < length (concat xss) * \lceil log 2 (length xss) \rceil$ **proof** (*induction xss rule*: *c-merge-all.induct*) **case** (3 xs ys zss)let ?clen = λxs . length (concat xs) let ?xss = xs # ys # zsslet ?xss2 = merge-pairs key ?xsshave $*: \lfloor \log 2 \pmod{n+2} \rfloor = \lfloor \log 2 \pmod{n} div 2 + 1 \rfloor + 1$ for n :: natusing ceiling-log2-div2 [of n + 2] by (simp add: algebra-simps) have c-merge-all ?xss = c-merge-pairs ?xss + c-merge-all ?xss2 by simp also have $\ldots \leq ?clen ?xss + c$ -merge-all ?xss2

using *c*-merge [of xs ys] and *c*-merge-pairs [of ?xss] by auto also have $\ldots \leq ?clen ?xss + ?clen ?xss2 * [log 2 (length ?xss2)]$ using 3.IH by simp also have ... ≤ ?clen ?xss * [log 2 (length ?xss)] by (auto simp: * algebra-simps) finally show ?case by simp ged simp-all

lemma

shows c-sequences: c-sequences $xs \le length xs - 1$ and c-asc: c-asc $x ys \le length ys$ and c-desc: c-desc $x ys \le length ys$ by (induct xs and x ys and x ys rule: c-sequences-c-asc-c-desc.induct) simp-all

lemma

shows length-concat-sequences [simp]: length (concat (sequences key xs)) = length xs

and length-concat-asc: $ascP f \implies length (concat (asc key a f ys)) = 1 + length (f []) + length ys$

and length-concat-desc: length (concat (desc key a xs ys)) = 1 + length xs + length ys

by (*induct xs* **and** *a f ys* **and** *a xs ys rule: sequences-asc-desc.induct*) (*auto simp: ascP-f-singleton*)

lemma

shows sequences-ne: $xs \neq [] \implies$ sequences key $xs \neq []$ and asc-ne: $ascP \ f \implies asc \ key \ a \ f \ ys \neq []$ and $desc-ne: \ desc \ key \ a \ xs \ ys \neq []$

by (*induct xs* **and** *a f ys* **and** *a xs ys taking: key rule: sequences-asc-desc.induct*) *simp-all*

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lemma c-msort:
  assumes [simp]: length xs = n
  shows c-msort xs \leq n + n * \lceil \log 2 n \rceil
proof –
  have [simp]: xs = [] \leftrightarrow length xs = 0 by blast
  have int (c-merge-all (sequences key xs)) \leq int n * \lceil \log 2 (length (sequences key
 xs))]
  using c-merge-all [of sequences key xs] by simp
  also have ... \leq int n * \lceil \log 2 n \rceil
  using length-sequences [of key xs]
  by (cases n) (auto intro!: sequences-ne mult-mono ceiling-mono log2-mono)
 finally have int (c-merge-all (sequences key xs)) \leq int n * \lceil \log 2 n \rceil.
  moreover have c-sequences xs \leq n using c-sequences [of xs] by auto
  ultimately show ?thesis by (auto intro: add-mono)
  qed
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end

end

theory Natural-Mergesort imports HOL-Data-Structures.Sorting begin

2.1 Auxiliary Results

lemma C-merge-adj': C-merge-adj $xss \leq length (concat xss)$ proof (induct xss rule: C-merge-adj.induct) case (3 xs ys zss) then show ?case using C-merge-ub [of xs ys] by simp qed simp-all **lemma** *length-concat-merge-adj*: length (concat (merge-adj xss)) = length (concat xss)**by** (*induct xss rule: merge-adj.induct*) (*simp-all add: length-merge*) lemma C-merge-all': C-merge-all $xss \leq length (concat xss) * \lceil log 2 (length xss) \rceil$ **proof** (*induction xss rule*: *C-merge-all.induct*) case (3 xs ys zss)let ?xss = xs # ys # zsslet ?m = length (concat ?xss)have *: $\lceil \log 2 \pmod{n+2} \rceil = \lceil \log 2 (\operatorname{Suc} n \operatorname{div} 2 + 1) \rceil + 1$ for n :: natusing ceiling-log2-div2 [of n + 2] by (simp add: algebra-simps) have C-merge-all ?xss = C-merge-adj ?xss + C-merge-all (merge-adj ?xss) by simp also have $\ldots \leq ?m + C$ -merge-all (merge-adj ?xss) using C-merge-adj' [of ?xss] by auto also have $\ldots \leq ?m + length (concat (merge-adj ?xss)) * [log 2 (length (merge-adj$?xss))]using 3.IH by simp also have $\ldots = ?m + ?m * \lceil \log 2 (length (merge-adj ?xss)) \rceil$ **by** (*simp only: length-concat-merge-adj*) also have $\ldots \leq ?m * \lceil \log 2 \pmod{2} \pmod{2}$ **by** (*auto simp*: * *algebra-simps*) finally show ?case by simp qed simp-all

2.2 Definition of Natural Mergesort

Partition input into ascending and descending subsequences. (The latter are reverted on the fly.)

fun runs :: ('a::linorder) list \Rightarrow 'a list list **and** asc :: 'a \Rightarrow ('a list \Rightarrow 'a list) \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list list **and** desc :: 'a \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow 'a list list

where

 $\begin{array}{l} runs \ (a \ \# \ b \ \# \ xs) = (if \ a > b \ then \ desc \ b \ [a] \ xs \ else \ asc \ b \ ((\#) \ a) \ xs) \\ | \ runs \ [x] = \ [[x]] \\ | \ runs \ [] = \ [] \\ | \ asc \ a \ as \ (b \ \# \ bs)) = (if \ \neg \ a > b \ then \ asc \ b \ (as \ \circ \ (\#) \ a) \ bs \ else \ as \ [a] \ \# \ runs \ (b \ \# \ bs)) \\ | \ desc \ a \ as \ [] = \ [as \ [a]] \\ | \ desc \ a \ as \ [] = \ [a \ \# \ as] \end{array}$

definition nmsort :: ('a::linorder) $list \Rightarrow 'a$ list **where** nmsort xs = merge-all (runs xs)

2.3 Functional Correctness

definition ascP $f = (\forall xs \ ys. f \ (xs \ @ \ ys) = f \ xs \ @ \ ys)$

lemma ascP-Cons [simp]: ascP ((#) x) by (simp add: ascP-def)

lemma ascP-comp-Cons [simp]: ascP $f \implies$ ascP $(f \circ (\#) x)$ by (auto simp: ascP-def simp flip: append-Cons)

lemma ascP-simp [simp]: **assumes** ascP f **shows** f [x] = f [] @ [x]**using** assms [unfolded ascP-def, THEN spec, THEN spec, of [] [x]] **by** simp

lemma

shows mset-runs: $\sum_{\#} (image-mset mset (mset (runs xs))) = mset xs$ **and** mset-asc: $ascP f \Longrightarrow \sum_{\#} (image-mset mset (mset (asc x f ys))) = \{\#x\#\}$ + mset (f []) + mset ys

and mset-desc: $\sum_{\#} (image-mset mset (mset (desc x xs ys))) = \{\#x\#\} + mset xs + mset ys$

by (induct xs and x f ys and x xs ys rule: runs-asc-desc.induct) auto

lemma mset-nmsort:

 $mset \ (nmsort \ xs) = mset \ xs$

by (*auto simp: mset-merge-all nmsort-def mset-runs*)

lemma

shows sorted-runs: $\forall x \in set (runs xs)$. sorted x

and sorted-asc: ascP $f \Longrightarrow$ sorted $(f []) \Longrightarrow \forall x \in set (f []). x \le a \Longrightarrow \forall x \in set (asc a f ys). sorted x$

and sorted-desc: sorted $xs \implies \forall x \in set xs. a \leq x \implies \forall x \in set (desc a xs ys).$ sorted x

by (induct xs and a f ys and a xs ys rule: runs-asc-desc.induct)

(auto simp: sorted-append not-less dest: order-trans, fastforce)

lemma sorted-nmsort:
 sorted (nmsort xs)
 by (auto intro: sorted-merge-all simp: nmsort-def sorted-runs)

2.4 Running Time Analysis

fun C-runs :: ('a::linorder) list \Rightarrow nat and C-asc :: ('a::linorder) \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow nat and C-desc :: ('a::linorder) \Rightarrow 'a list \Rightarrow nat and where C-runs (a # b # xs) = 1 + (if a > b then C-desc b xs else C-asc b xs)| C-runs xs = 0| C-asc $a (b \# bs) = 1 + (if \neg a > b then C-asc b bs else C-runs (b \# bs))$ | C-asc a [] = 0| C-desc a (b # bs) = 1 + (if a > b then C-desc b bs else C-runs (b # bs))| C-desc a (b # bs) = 1 + (if a > b then C-desc b bs else C-runs (b # bs))| C-desc a (b # bs) = 1 + (if a > b then C-desc b bs else C-runs (b # bs))

fun C-nmsort :: ('a::linorder) list \Rightarrow nat where

C-nmsort xs = C-runs xs + C-merge-all (runs xs)

lemma

fixes a :: 'a::linorder and xs ys :: 'a list shows C-runs: C-runs $xs \le length xs - 1$ and C-asc: C-asc a $ys \le length ys$ and C-desc: C-desc a $ys \le length ys$ by (induct xs and a ys and a ys rule: C-runs-C-asc-C-desc.induct) auto

lemma

shows length-runs: length (runs xs) \leq length xsand length-asc: $ascP f \implies$ length ($asc \ a \ f \ ys$) $\leq 1 + length \ ys$ and length-desc: length (desc $a \ xs \ ys$) $\leq 1 + length \ ys$ by (induct xs and $a \ f \ ys$ and $a \ xs \ ys \ rule$: runs-asc-desc.induct) auto

lemma

shows length-concat-runs [simp]: length (concat (runs xs)) = length xs

and length-concat-asc: $ascP f \implies length (concat (asc a f ys)) = 1 + length (f []) + length ys$

and length-concat-desc: length (concat (desc a xs ys)) = 1 + length xs + length ys

by (induct xs and a f ys and a xs ys rule: runs-asc-desc.induct) auto

lemma *log2-mono*:

 $x > 0 \Longrightarrow x \le y \Longrightarrow \log 2 \ x \le \log 2 \ y$ by auto

lemma

shows runs-ne: $xs \neq [] \implies runs \ xs \neq []$

and $ascP f \implies asc \ a \ f \ ys \neq []$ and desc a xs ys \neq [] by (induct xs and a f ys and a xs ys rule: runs-asc-desc.induct) simp-all lemma *C*-*nmsort*: **assumes** [simp]: length xs = nshows C-nmsort $xs \leq n + n * \lceil \log 2 n \rceil$ proof – have [simp]: $xs = [] \leftrightarrow length xs = 0$ by blast have int (C-merge-all (runs xs)) \leq int $n * \lceil \log 2 (length (runs <math>xs$)) \rceil using C-merge-all' [of runs xs] by simp also have $\ldots \leq int \ n * \lceil \log 2 \ n \rceil$ using length-runs [of xs] by (cases n) (auto introl: runs-ne mult-mono ceiling-mono log2-mono) finally have int (C-merge-all (runs xs)) \leq int $n * \lceil \log 2 n \rceil$. moreover have C-runs $xs \leq n$ using C-runs [of xs] by auto ultimately show ?thesis by (auto intro: add-mono) qed

 \mathbf{end}

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