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V8 Adaptive Inlining

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Background

JavaScript has a lot of opportunity for inlining, so inlining the "right things" is very important

```
const salesJson = DownloadData();
const totalRevenue =
    salesJson
   .map(json => Record.TryParseJson(json))
   .filter(maybeRecord => maybeRecord != null)
   .reduce((record, sum) => sum + record.totalPrice(), 0)
```



Current Approach

- V8 currently examines functions one at a time
- Has a hard cutoff for when to stop inlining
- Can be detrimental if "unlucky"
- Instead, try inlining subtrees of call tree simultaneously
- Threshold for inlining becomes higher as size increases, but never impossible

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Implementation Details

- Create call tree
- Create local cost-benefit $tup_{(Cost, Benefit)} = (size(f), frequency(f))$
- For each function called by parent function, check if it is better to additionally inline the child function
- Inline functions based on equatio $ratio(n) \ge t_1 \cdot 2^{\frac{size(n)}{16 \cdot t_2}}$
- As size(n) goes up, highly valuable functions may still be inlined

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Generally similar performance to existing V8 inlining heuristic







Conclusions

- Algorithm is fairly effective and is sometimes faster than existing work.
- May not be worth the complexity of interprocedural analysis
- Could interfere with concurrent optimization

