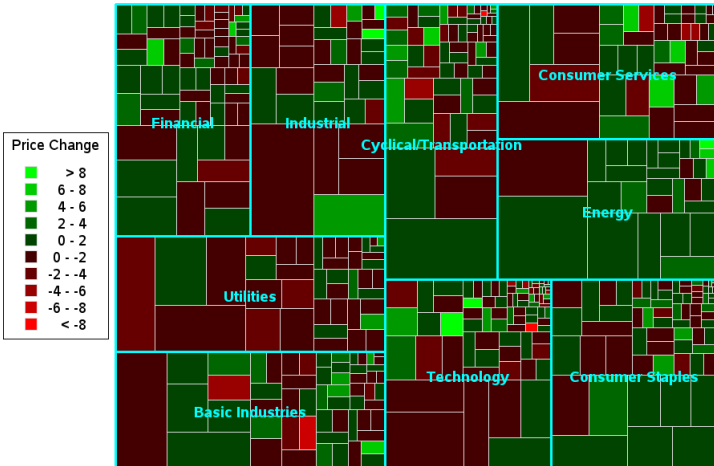


Lecture 15: Treemaps

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S&P 500 Stock Market Treemap

size represents 'weight' of company
color represents 'change' in stock price



Mouse over tiles to see detailed info. Click on tiles to see current price (NYSE)

Building Treemaps with a Greedy Algorithm

Algorithm 1 BuildTreeMap(*data*)

Require: A list of n data items. For simplicity, we assume each item is a weight, but it might be a more complex object in reality.

$T \leftarrow$ a list of n trees ($T = T_1 \dots T_n$)

Sort T from highest weight to lowest weight

while $|T| > 1$ **do**

$Z_1 \leftarrow$ the last tree in T

$Z_2 \leftarrow$ the second-to-last tree in T

$Z \leftarrow \text{Tree}(\text{weight}(Z_1) + \text{weight}(Z_2), Z_1, Z_2)$

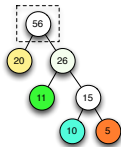
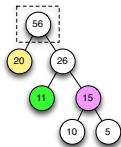
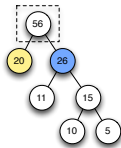
 Replace Z_1 and Z_2 with Z in T .

 Sort T from highest weight to lowest weight

end while

return The final tree in T

From Trees to Treemaps



A recursive procedure for generating rectangles

leaf If the t is a leaf, then return the the list containing r ; and
non-leaf if t is not a leaf, then

- 1 split r into two smaller rectangles r_1 and r_2 along the axis given by o using weight proportional to the left and right subtrees respectively;
- 2 recursively find the partition of r_1 by making a recursive call on the left subtree, passing r_1 and the opposite orientation of o ;
- 3 recursively find the partition of r_2 by making a recursive call on the right subtree, passing r_2 and the opposite orientation of o ;
- 4 return the concatenation of these two partitions.