

Interp & Virtual Machines Interp (1).

intro : interpreters

- AST ~~vs~~ SM vs BAC
- interp vs JIT

translate : every time? (Perl)
Java \rightarrow class (JIT) | interp)

example source interpreter

interp.script [`#!/interp` `-foo` `-bar`
 `yada` ↑ ↑
 `yada` spaces.
 `yada`.

interp.c \rightarrow interp

interp : `argv[0] = "interp"`
 `argv[1] = "-foo"`
 `argv[2] = "interp.script"`
 `argv[3] = "bar"`
 `argv[4] = "baz"`

interp ~~bar~~ bar baz

{ present only if given
 only one word permitted
→ if not present
 `argv[1]` is script name

Interp (2)

compilers \rightarrow IL \rightarrow native code
interp

$$IL \rightarrow HIR (AST)$$

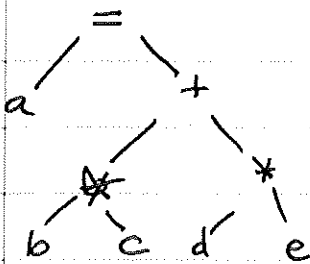
MIR (medium = SM or 3Ac)

LIR (close to native machine).

awk (Aho, Weinberger, Kernighan)

- pattern lang
- obsoleted by Perl

- construct AST
- direct interp of AST
- standard postorder traversal.



```
abstract class ast {
    abstract value eval();
}
```

```
class mul extends ast {
    value eval() {
        lv = l.eval()
        rv = r.eval()
return
        av = lv * rv
        return av
    }
}
```

$$\begin{matrix} 3 \\ \text{ast } l \\ \text{ast } r \end{matrix}$$

3

non-oo lang

Interp(3)

```
eval(t)
switch (t → opcode) {
    case MUL: eval_mul(t); break
    :
}
}
```

prob: awk slower than perl
(nawk is not)
gawk

while ~~~~~ while (l.eval() is true)
/ \ s.eval()
e s

~~~~~

alternate: gen SMC (stk m/c)  
gen TAC (3 adr code).

which is better?

SMC - Java, .NET, ocaml, mosml

3AC - Dis, Parrot

2 ans "better" → interp  
JIT.

"better" — code size  
— code speed

# Oversimplified

Interp (4)

SMC ~~3AC~~ : add, mul, ld, st, jea ...

$$a = b * c + d * e$$

```

.. ld b
.. ld c
. mul
.. ld d
.. ld e
. mul
. add
.. st a
    
```

13 bytes

~~interp~~  
~~for(i);~~  
~~switch (\*ip++) {~~  
~~case ld: \*++sp~~

machine code: 8 RISC insns  
 (3 CISC insns?)  
 VAX  
 (7 Pent mows)

interp 1:

```

for(i); {
switch (*ip++) {
case ld: *++sp = loc[*ip++]; break
case st: loc[*ip++] = *sp--; break
case add: ...
--sp; sp[0] += sp[1]; break
case mul: sp[0] *= sp[1]; break
:
}
}
    
```

sw:

```

cmp ip, 255
bgtu default
t1 = *ip
t1 = t1 << 2
ip += 1
t2 = &switch
t3 = t1 + t2
goto *t3
    
```

~~break = goto ad~~  
 ad: goto sw.

```

ld: sp += 4
t1 = ip << 2
ip += 1
t2 = [loc + t1]
*sp = t2
goto t2 ad
    
```

```

add: sp -= 4
t1 = *sp
t2 = [sp + 4]
add
*sp = t2
goto ad.
    
```

ld = 6  
 st = 6  
 add = 6  
 mul = 6.

overhead = 9

9 x 14 = 126 insns

~~goto~~

interp (5)

optim: cache tos

case ld:  $*++sp = tos$ ;  $tos = loc[*ip++]$ ; break  
st:  $loc[*ip++] = tos$ ;  $tos = *sp--$ ; break  
add:  $tos += *sp--$ ; break  
mul:  $tos *= *sp--$ ; break.

ld:  $sp += 4$   
 $*sp = tos$  ←  $t_1 = *ip$   
 $t_1 = ip \ll 2$   
 $ip += 4$   
 $tos = [loc + t_1]$   
goto od

add:  $t_1 = *sp$   
 $sp -= 4$   
 $tos += t_1$   
goto od

(4)

(5) 7

new count:  $5 \times (8 + 7) + 3 \times (8 + 4) = 111$  insns

cache tos; to 2?

no - too much copying

switch — why  $\leq 255$  check  
on uchar ?!?!/

switch (\*ip++) {

## gcc goto

Interp (6)

```
static void *insn[] = {  
    &&-ld, &&-st, &&-add, &&-mul };  
int : registersw = insn; // reg avoids repeated  
                                sethi/or  
    goto *sw[*ip++];
```

don't count init

```
- ld: *++sp = tos; tos = loc[*ip++]; goto *sw[*ip++]  
- st: loc[*ip++] = tos; tos = *sp++; goto *sw[*ip++]  
- add: tos += *sp--; goto *sw[*ip++]  
- mul: tos *= *sp--; goto *sw[*ip++]
```

~~ld: sp += 4  
 \*sp = tos  
 t1 = \*ip  
 t1 = t1 << 2  
 tos = [loc + t1]  
 t2 = [ip + 1]  
 ip += 2  
 t3 = [sw + t2]  
 goto \*t3~~

↑  
use macros.

```
ld:  sp += 4  
     *sp = tos  
     t1 = *ip  
     t1 = t1 << 2  
     tos = [loc + t1]  
     t2 = [ip + 1]  
     ip += 2  
     t3 = [sw + t2]  
     goto *t3
```

(9)

```
add: t1 = *sp  
     sp -= 4  
     tos += t1  
     t2 = *ip  
     ip += 1  
     t3 = [sw + t2]  
     goto *t3
```

(7)

$$5 \times 9 + 3 \times 7 = 66 \text{ insns}$$

## Superoperators

Interp (7)

combine common seqs.

~~as to~~  
~~mul~~

ld b  
ldmul c  
ld d  
ldmul e  
addst a

→ 9  
→ 10  
→ 9  
→ 10  
→ 10

op | ldop | opst

3x as many ops

} cache to s.  
gnu goto

48 insns

interp CISC faster than interp RISC  
because of dispatch overhead

again:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| 8 | RISC     |
| 3 | VAX      |
| 7 | Pentium. |

## superops

ldldmul bc → 11 insns  
ldldmul cd → 11  
addst a → 10

33 insns

other insns

Interp (8)

so far: all ~~vars~~ are  $[fp + x]$ ,  $x \in 0..255$

move vars: offset =  $[fp + *ip]$   
offset2 =  $[fp + ip[0] + ip[1]]$

opcode  
const opnd  $\rightarrow$  i.e.  $(*ip++ \ll 8) + *ip++$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} t_1 = *ip \\ t_1 = t_1 \ll 2 \\ val = [fp + t_1] \\ ip++ \end{array} \right\} \text{ vs } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t_1 = *ip \\ t_2 = ip[1] \\ t_3 = t_1 \ll 8 \\ t_4 = t_3 + t_2 \leftarrow t_2 = t_2 \ll 2 \\ ip++2 \\ val = [fp + t_4] \end{array} \right.$

32 bit opnd

$ip += 3$   
 $opnd = ip[1]$   
 $ip += 5$

3 more insns  $\rightarrow$  only for  $> 256$  to cols

Proliferation of superopcodes  
256 enough? - no.

$\Rightarrow$  use 65536 opcodes -  $\frac{1}{2}$  words per opcode

$\Rightarrow$  use expanding opcodes

can 256: goto  $*sp2[*ip++]$   
can 255: goto  $*sp3[*ip++]$

~~or~~

Huffman  
compressed



Threaded code — must be created @ load time  $\Rightarrow$  machine address SRRS  
Interp (7)

- no byte codes
  - use direct address of interp
- foo: { foo code } goto \*ip++

byte code:  $t_1 = *ip$   
 $ip += 1$   
 $t_2 = t_1 \ll 2$   
 $t_3 = sw[t_2]$   
goto \*t<sub>3</sub>

threaded:  $t_1 = *ip$   
 $ip += 4$   
goto \*t<sub>1</sub>  
(3)

(5)  
elim 2 insns per interp

gcc goto: 66 insns  $\rightarrow$  50  
superops: 48  $\rightarrow$  38

superops more important

- waste 4 bytes per insn !!
- but can have up to 4,294,967,296 ops

note  $38/8 = 4.75$

slowdown

notes: prim ops used

- array index & throw exn coded binary
- throw exn
- string ops: 5 tramp = one dispatch then call C-code
- all builtin (intrinsic) fns
  - call C sub as one opcode

super  
primitives

Interp (10)

- Perl regex
- sort is one opcode



Back to bytecodes:

load const :  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ld } \emptyset \\ \text{ld } 1 \\ \text{ld } -1 \end{array} \right\} \text{one byte in Java}$

$\text{ldconst } n \quad (n \in 0..255)$

superops: - add a const for each

~~const pool~~

what about  $> 255$  or  $< -256$ ,  
2 byte? -  $\text{ldcon2}$

const pool

- special one byte:  $\text{ld}\emptyset, \text{ld}1, \text{ld}n1, \text{ld}2$
- load one byte
- load const pool.

list all consts in a fn.

call:  $00\text{call}$

- by index into dispatch table

static fn.




- many fns, indexed 256 fns in a class?
- each fn: indexed callout from ~~const~~ const pool

one fn  $\geq 256$  consts?  
either abstr or fradder

TA C

Interp (11)

$a = b * c + d * e$

$t_1 = b * c$    
 $t_2 = d * e$    
 $a = t_1 + t_2$  

12 bytes (1 byte win? really?).

prob: all operands local vars 0..255.

fetch:  $ir = *ip++$   
 $goto *sw[ir \gg 24]$

add:  $loc[ir \gg 16 \& 0xFF]$   
 $= loc[ir \gg 8 \& 0xFF]$   
 $+ loc[ir \& 0xFF]$   
 $goto fetch$

elim 1 insn  
if put  
dispatch in tail

fetch:  $ir = *ip$   
 $ip += 4$   
 $t_1 = ir \gg 22$   
 $t_2 = t_1 \& 0x3FC$   
 $t_3 = [sw + t_2]$  (6)  
 $goto *t_3$   
:  
:

$6 + 11 = 17$  per insn  
 $\times 3$

add:  $a_1 = ir \gg 14$   
 $a_2 = a_1 \& 0x3FC$   
 $l_1 = ir \gg 6$   
 $l_2 = a_1 \& 0x3FC$   
 $l_3 = [loc + l_2]$   
 $r_1 = ir \ll 2$   
 $r_2 = r_1 \& 0x3FC$  (11)  
 $r_3 = [loc + r_2]$   
 $a_3 = l_3 + r_3$   
 $[loc + a_2] = a_3$   
 $goto fetch$

51 for expr

TAC

VS

interp(11 $\frac{1}{2}$ )  
SM (super)

~~$t_1 = a * b$~~   
 ~~$t_2$~~

|   |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| * | $t_1$ | b     | c     |
| * | $t_2$ | c     | d     |
| + | a     | $t_1$ | $t_2$ |

ld b  
\* c  
ld d  
\* e  
+sT a

~~cas~~

\*:  $l = \text{loc}[ir \gg 6 \& 3Fe]$  ✓✓✓  
 $r = \text{loc}[ir \ll 2 \& 3Fc]$  ✓✓✓  
 $\text{loc}[ir \gg 14 \& 3Fc] = l * r$  ✓✓✓✓  
 $\text{goto } *sw[ir \gg 22 \& 3Fc]$  ✓✓✓✓

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ \times 3 \\ \hline 42 \end{array}$$

$$a = b * c + d * e$$

$$\frac{42}{8} = 5.25$$

\*:  $r = \text{loc}[ip[0]]$  ✓✓✓  
 $\text{tos} = \text{tos} * r$  ✓  
 $t = ip[1]$  ✓  
 $ip += 2$  ✓  
 $\text{goto } *sw[t]$  ✓✓✓

$$9 \times 5 = 45$$

$$\frac{45}{8} = 5.625$$

## TAC modes

Interp (12)

- what about non-reg opnds?

|    |      |
|----|------|
| op | mode |
|----|------|

 opnds.....  
    ↓  
    imm  
    loc  
    con  
    !

~~1. not designed for interp~~

- not designed for interp

```
op = *ip++  
mode = *ip++  
goto *op1 [mode &>>
```

op1:  
≡≡≡

goto \*op2

