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Abstract

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MLIR is a modular compiler framework that provides core infrastructure to be leveraged and extended by users implementing their own compilers, an inherently dynamic design as a result of the underlying heterogeneous data structure whose shape is known only at runtime. This approach presents an inherent optimization boundary, as the dynamic structures cannot be precisely reasoned about before runtime to guarantee the validity of optimisations, meaning static ahead-of-time compilation provides fewer benefits. Previous compiler frameworks accept the limitations of this optimization boundary, leveraging only the remaining optimizations offered by static ahead-of-time compilation, yet still incurring the costs of long build times and reduced flexibility, suggesting dynamic languages might be more suitable. We examine performance bottlenecks incurred by dynamic languages for code rewriting tasks in xDSL, a Python-native compiler framework inspired by MLIR. We find that both the inherent dynamism of these rewriting tasks over runtime heterogeneous data structures and modern interpreter optimisations narrow the performance gap between static and dynamic languages, using both traditional measurement techniques and a novel tool for performance profiling bytecode instructions. Our research challenges the status quo of implementing user-extensible compiler frameworks in static, ahead-of-time compiled languages. Instead, we motivate the use of dynamic languages, demonstrating that they balance compilation performance with the flexibility and fast build times.

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List of Abbreviations

FFI Foreign Function Interface. 37, 60

GCC GNU Compiler Collection. 17

GEMM General Matrix Multiply. 18, 56

GIL Global Interpreter Lock. 34

IR Intermediate Representation. 9, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22–27, 43, 45, 48, 55, 59, 63

IRDL Intermediate Representation Definition Language. 18, 39

JIT just-in-time. 12, 19, 20, 31, 50–52, 59, 63

MLIR Multi-Level Intermediate Representation. 9, 10, 12–14, 17, 18, 21–29, 38–47, 53, 55-57, 59, 60, 63, 64

PEP Python Enhancement Proposal. 48, 50

PyPI Python Package Index. 31, 32, 37

RISC Reduced Instruction Set Computer. 17, 55

RTTI Run-time Type Information. 10, 42, 56

SSA Static Single Assignment. 13, 17, 18

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Compilers are a critical component of computing systems, providing an abstraction from high-level programming languages to the underlying machine ISA. Released in 1987, gcc was a popular open-source compiler [1], but its monolithic and tightly-coupled design impacted its re-usability. The LLVM compiler framework [2] addressed these problems with a human-readable and language-independent textual IR in Static Single Assignment (SSA) form [3], which could be analysed and transformed by a sequence of passes, made available as a re-usable C++ library. Recently, MLIR [4], has furthered these goals by enabling users to cheaply extend compilers with their own abstractions.

Compiler extensibility is critical for handling the heterogeneous hardware and exotic optimisations of modern workloads. To implement this, MLIR uses dynamic, pointer-chasing data structures and algorithms to represent its IR. For example, pattern rewriting in MLIR traverses and pattern matches on a linked list representation of SSA values. This further inhibits optimisations, both as a result of dynamism and not being amenable to other transformations such as vectorisation. These factors motivate challenging the status quo of LLVM and MLIR implementing user-extensible compiler frameworks in static, ahead-of-time compiled languages.

xDSL [5] is a reimplementation of MLIR's core data structures and IR definitions in Python, a dynamically typed, interpreted language. Using Python allows xDSL to take MLIR's goal of user extensibility to even further extremes by leveraging its dynamic features such as runtime meta-programming. In addition to this, xDSL's interpreted nature avoids MLIR's long build times, and its dynamic typing matching the dynamic nature of the user-extensible compiler framework workload. However, using Python also has drawbacks, most notably in relation to runtime performance. This work examines the performance of the pattern rewriting component of the xDSL compiler framework, focusing on the impact of dynamism and contrasting against the current state-of-the-art, MLIR.

The performance of a program is constrained both by the details of its implementation and the runtime of its language. These two properties are deeply interlinked, making them difficult to measure independently. To disentangle them, we manually optimise and specialise xDSL's implementation of pattern rewriting (Figure 1.1, 1), resulting in an 7× performance uplift. We then confirm that the performance of the specialisation is constrained only by the language runtime by examination of the dispatched bytecode of micro-benchmarks. This bytecode examination process revealed a gap in the provision of fine grained performance profilers for Python. To address this gap, we developed ByteSight, native tracing performance profiler for Python bytecode. We then use this tool to quantify the impact of recent performance enhancements made to CPython for this specialised implementation (Figure 1.1, 2). This describes the best-case for the performance of pattern rewriting in xDSL, which can then be compared against MLIR.

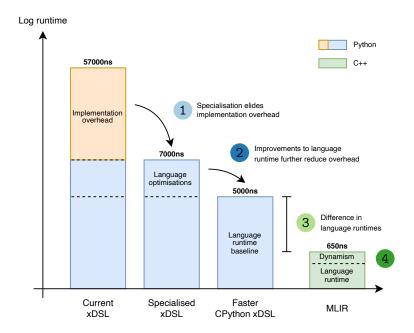


Figure 1.1: Closing the gap between xDSL and MLIR pattern rewriting performance. xDSL's performance can be improved by changes to both its implementation and language runtime. C++ has less of a performance advantage for MLIR than other workloads due to the costs associated with dynamism.

A key difference between the Python and C++ runtimes is their degree of language dynamism. MLIR's C++ runtime incurs overhead when dynamically dispatching functions (Figure 1.1, 3), which is worsened by prohibiting ahead-of-time performance optimisations. In contrast, almost every bytecode operation evaluated by the Python interpreter is dynamic, each incurring an overhead checking runtime information. As such, we expect the difference in performance between language runtimes (Figure 1.1, 4) to be smaller for more dynamic workloads. To corroborate this, we measure the difference in performance between pattern rewriting workloads using xDSL and MLIR, and assess the contribution of overheads incurred by dynamism. This measurement procedure uniquely leverages

xDSL's sidekick compilation functionality to ensure the comparability of performance measurements by driving them with the same textual IR, even for implementation details internal to each framework. Finally, we critically evaluate the degree to which this motivates the use of Python for implementing user-extensible compiler frameworks.

The contributions of our work are as follows:

- An examination of the current performance of pattern rewriting workloads in the CPython language runtime (chapter 3).
- A tool to examine CPython bytecode dispatch in program runs, facilitating the analysis of costs incurred by dynamism (chapter 4).
- A specialisation of the current xDSL implementation for pattern rewriting workloads, demonstrating the best-case performance of CPython for such applications (chapter 5).
- An exploration of optimisation techniques to shrink the performance gap between dynamic and static languages for pattern rewriting workloads (chapter 6).
- A quantitative comparison of the performance of user-extensible compiler frameworks implemented in static and dynamic languages, focusing on the impact of dynamism (chapter 7).

Chapter 2

Background

Compilers are the interface between application code and the underlying hardware on which it is executed. With the end of Dennard scaling and the slow-down of Moore's law [6], the design of computer hardware increasingly relies on heterogeneous accelerator hardware to achieve performance goals within power and area budgets [7]. This has been accompanied by a stratospheric increase in the amount of compute being used for the training and inference of large machine learning models [8]. Together, these two factors make the development of compilers which can perform high-level optimisations and target exotic accelerator hardware critical for delivering the performance goals of modern applications. Since both the optimisations and underlying hardware are fast-changing, the development velocity of the compiler is crucial to deliver state-of-the-art models with delay (Figure 2.1) [9]. This motivates the development of shared compiler infrastructure which increases development velocity, for example by having short build times, a simple syntax, and a convenient API.

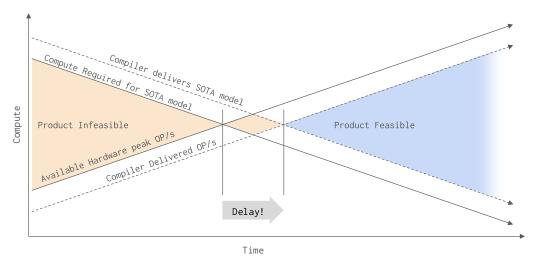


Figure 2.1: Compilers are lagging behind the development of both machine learning hardware and workloads. Figure created by Anton Lydike based on a slide from Sean Silva's talk at the March 2025 Cambridge Compiler Social.

Early compilers such as Grace Hopper's A0 and the ALGOL compiler were standalone programs, specific to individual languages [10]. Researchers then generalised these standalone programs into shared infrastructure, for example with the SUIF project [11]. The GNU Compiler Collection (GCC) project adopted these ideas, providing a popular and open-source shared infrastructure for the compilers of several languages, including C, C++, and FORTRAN. However, its monolithic and tightly-coupled design limited the reusability of its components [1], presenting a research gap in the field.

2.1 The LLVM project

In 2004, Lattner and Adve published "LLVM: A Compilation Framework for Lifelong Program Analysis and Transformation" [2], productising a collection of good ideas in compiler design. One of LLVM's key contributions was a human-readable textual IR, contrasting the binary IRs of gcc at the time. This IR has a language- and target-independent RISC-like instruction set in SSA form [3], making LLVM re-usable across different frontends and backends, while benefitting from shared infrastructure. Modular transformation passes can be defined to modify this IR. These passes can be composed to implement sophisticated optimisation pipelines, as each pass operates on the same IR structures. These desirable properties lead to LLVM's widespread adoption, but the demands of modern workloads present a number of challenges for LLVM. For example, LLVM's low-level IR is not well suited to abstract over the high-level operation rewrites required to optimise machine learning workloads. In addition to this key infrastructure such as parsing and printing must be implemented by hand, slowing development velocity.

2.2 Multi-level intermediate representation (MLIR)

Multi-Level Intermediate Representation (MLIR) addresses these modern challenges, providing "compiler infrastructure for the end of Moore's law" [4]. Its key contribution is allowing users to easily define multiple levels of abstraction supporting heterogeneous recursively nested structures, referred to as dialects. This contrasts the fixed low-level abstractions and homogeneous flat structures of LLVM IR, whose shape is known at runtime, resulting in less dynamic dispatch and control flow. As a result of this, MLIR allows different problem domains to define their own operations and transformation passes while sharing common infrastructure. This facilitates efficiently expressing optimisations at the most appropriate abstraction level, which can then each be applied, lowering from high-level domain-specific representations to low-level hardware-specific ones. Lowering leverages pattern rewriting, a declarative way to express transformations as patterns which match IR constructs and replace them with lowered versions. Traits abstract across properties shared by IR components [12], facilitating these user-extensible pattern rewrites on custom dialects. The provision of common infrastructure including documentation

generation, parsing and printing logic, and location tracking further reduces the engineering effort required to develop complex optimisations and support custom hardware targets.

MLIR is implemented in C++, providing desirable performance characteristics, but having a verbose syntax and long build times. This is partially mitigated by Intermediate Representation Definition Language (IRDL), "a domain-specific language to define IRs" [13], implemented as a SSA-based dialect of MLIR. IRDL provides a declarative system for defining dialects, operations, and types which can be dynamically loaded at runtime.

2.3 xDSL

xDSL is a Python-native compiler framework, originally written as a re-implementation of MLIR's data structures and associated logic. As a result of its similar data structures and shared textual IR, xDSL can be used as a side-kick compiler for MLIR, facilitating modular replacement of individual components of its pipeline. This is achieved with a DSL implementation in Python of IRDL. In contrast to MLIR, xDSL prioritises developer productivity through Python's easy-to-use syntax and fast build times, along with first-class support for user-extensibility which allows adding new operations at runtime. This design choice has benefits for modern compiler developers, where improvements to developer productivity are critical to minimise delay for state-of-the-art workloads (Figure 2.1).

2.4 Dynamic languages and workloads

Programming language design is a game of trade-offs, with a wide variety of design choices incurring differing benefits and costs. One such choice is the degree of dynamism, defined by Williams et al. as "allowing properties of programs to be defined at run-time" [14]. As such, static languages fix properties ahead of time, whereas dynamic languages offer more flexibility at runtime. These trade-offs for features including dynamic dispatch and runtime meta-programming are discussed in the literature (Related work, section 8.3).

In addition to considering support for dynamism as a property of a programming language, it can be helpful to classify a workload as dynamic or static. For example, General Matrix Multiply (GEMM) operations which underpin modern machine learning systems rely on streaming data in a statically known order. This is well-suited to ahead-of-time compilation, as it is amenable to optimisation passes requiring no runtime information, such as code motion or vectorisation [15]. In contrast, pattern rewriting in user-extensible compiler frameworks relies on pointer chasing data structures with a high degree of dynamism. The SSA representation of the code being rewritten is structured as a doubly linked list, with the applications of the rewriting semantics to this list known only dynamically at runtime. This dynamic, pointer-chasing workload is inherently memory bound, having irregular access patterns with high latencies [16]. As such, optimisations to computational

throughput have minimal impact on overall performance, as the bandwidth ceiling upper bounds performance [17]. Furthermore, it precludes many optimisations leveraged by ahead-of-time statically compiled languages such as C++ to accelerate their performance for other workloads.

2.5 CPython internals

Python is a high-level, dynamically typed-checked programming language, known for its readable syntax and extensive library support [18]. The language has many implementations, from its reference implementation, CPython, to alternatives such as PyPy's JIT compiler [19]. CPython operates by compiling Python source code into a stack-based bytecode. This bytecode is executed by a virtual machine in an interpreter loop, fetching and evaluating the compiled sequence of instructions one at a time. This approach limits performance compared with static ahead-of-time compiled languages by the overhead of the virtual machine and having fewer opportunities for ahead-of-time optimisation. However, it also provides great flexibility, supporting Python's dynamic type system and runtime meta-programming capabilities. The Faster CPython project is an ongoing effort to improve the performance of Python by applying techniques such as adaptive optimisation and JIT compilation. For such efforts, it is critical to have a suite of programs with which to benchmark performance. In Python, this is provided by PyPerformance, "an authoritative source of benchmarks for all Python implementations" [20].

2.6 JIT compilation

In their paper "A Brief History of Just-In-Time", Aycock defines just-in-time (JIT) compilation as "translation that occurs after a program begins execution" [21]. He argues that JIT compilation approaches aim to accrue the benefits of both ahead-of-time compilation and interpretation, combining the performance traditionally associated with compilation with the portability and access to runtime information of interpretation.

2.6.1 JIT compilation to machine code

While just-in-time (JIT) compilation can refer to any program translation occurring at runtime, it often refers specifically to the dynamic generation of machine code just before execution. Compilation during runtime exposes information from actual program behaviour which is not available to traditional ahead-of-time compilers. This allows JIT compilers to optimise the generated machine code, and unblocks the optimisation of dynamic runtimes for which there is insufficient information to optimise ahead-of-time.

A major bottleneck for traditional JIT compilation is the speed of compiler optimisation passes, which can lead to delays during program execution. In their paper "Copy-and-Patch Compilation", Xu and Kjolstad present a novel approach to avoid this runtime cost [22], while still generating high quality machine code. Instead of compiling code from scratch at runtime, a library of machine code stencils for common operations is constructed ahead of time, with holes left for runtime-specific information such as memory addresses. During program execution, the JIT then "patches" these holes to generate executable machine code without incurring the runtime cost of traditional optimising compilers such as LLVM.

2.6.2 Adaptive optimisation

In addition to generating machine code on-the-fly, runtime information can be used to adapt program execution to the current workload. A significant overhead in the performance of dynamically typed languages is checking types at runtime, which is required to select the matching operation implementation for the type. While this type information cannot be known ahead of time in dynamically typed languages, information collected at runtime can be used to optimised the type-checking process. This adaptive optimisation approach relies on the assumption that if a variable has had a fixed type for a sufficient span of time previously, it is likely that it will have the same type in future. For example, while a variable being used as an integer counter in a loop can take any value, if its type in the earlier iterations has always been an integer, it is likely to remain an integer throughout later iterations. In an interpreted language, this assumption can be leveraged to replace general instructions with faster, specialised variants. A concrete implementation of this is Python's specialising adaptive interpreter, discussed in section 6.1.

Chapter 3

Compiler framework performance

In this chapter, we measure the runtime performance of two user-extensible compiler frameworks: MLIR and xDSL. The usefulness of these measurements are three-fold. First, we provide insight into the performance of the current versions MLIR and xDSL in relation to each other. Second, we identify the components of xDSL's implementation which contribute most to its overall runtime, and as such are good targets for optimisation (chapter 5). Finally, we isolate small, self-contained components of the implementation which are comparable between MLIR and xDSL, through which the impact of dynamism can be examined (chapter 7).

3.1 Methodology

Accurate performance measurement is a fundamental yet notoriously fickle discipline in systems research. In this section, we discuss our experimental methodology, including: the hardware and software setup; the selection of workloads examined; and additional infrastructure constructed. Through this, we aim to justify our experimental procedure and facilitate reproducibility of results.

3.1.1 Experimental setup

We measured all experimental results for this work with the same experimental setup: an AWS EC2 virtual machine (Table 3.1a). This choice benefits experimental replicability, making it easy for future researchers to provision their own AWS EC2 instance with a similar machine configuration, and hence performance characteristics. However, there are also drawbacks associated with using virtualised cloud infrastructure for performance measurements. Unlike bare-metal machines, the added layer of indirection of the hypervisor adds noise and confounding effects to the performance measurements. We use the subset of machine configuration available through the hypervisor to minimise noise, for example by pinning workloads to individual virtual cores and disabling address space randomisation.

Following these mitigations, the experimental setup is a fair compromise of leveraging available resources and empowering reproducibility for slightly reduced experimental precision. Finally, the ubiquitous use of cloud resources, especially for compilation workloads in build servers, makes this choice and its associated properties representative of real-world applications.

Table 3.1: Summary of the experimental setup used for performance measurement.

(a) Hardware configuration.

(b) Software configuration.

Configurable	Configuration			
AWS instance type Operating system Linux kernel version	c5a.4xlarge EC2 Ubuntu 24.04 6.8.0-1029-aws	Configurable CMake version	Configuration 3.28.3	
CPU name	AMD EPYC 7R32	Ninja version	1.11.1	
Logical CPU cores Clock frequency L1 Data Cache	16 2799.99 MHz 32 KiB 32 KiB 512 KiB	Python interpreter C++ compiler	CPython 3.10.17 clang 18.1.8	
L1 Instruction Cache L2 Unified Cache		xDSL commit SHA MLIR commit SHA	e1b12a2 6516ae4	
L3 Unified Cache RAM [GB]	16384 KiB 16			

In addition to the underlying experimental hardware, the software configuration of the machine significantly contributes to its performance characteristics. As such, we similarly provide a description of the language versions and build tools, along with the exact git SHAs of the compilation frameworks that we compare in this chapter (Table 3.1b). Experiments in later chapters ablate across both language and framework versions, with these versions being noted explicitly when changed.

3.1.2 Experimental workloads

One novel contribution of xDSL is the concept of sidekick compilation frameworks: "an approach that uses multiple frameworks that interoperate with each other by leveraging textual interchange formats [...]" [5]. We leverage xDSL's interoperability with MLIR's textual IR to construct workloads which can be applied to both frameworks. This guarantees directly comparable performance measurements at the pipeline phase and function level, driven by the shared representation. Without sidekick compilation, for example comparing two more disparate user-extensible compiler frameworks such as MLIR and Pliron [23], this comparison would be constrained to only end-to-end measurement, obscuring the impact of variables such as dynamism on the performance properties.

MLIR facilitates the representation of algorithms of varying complexity across a wide range of abstraction levels. In this case, we define workloads as the combination of a segment of IR and a rewriting optimisation transforms it. This can be used to drive both frameworks' command line optimiser tools and internal phases and functions within the frameworks. Although real-world workloads vary in structure, a common use-case for MLIR is ingesting IR, applying rewriting operations to it, and finally passing the transformed IR to LLVM for code generation. Since this IR is often provided in a binary format in production environments, as opposed to a textual one more commonly used during development, rewriting machinery constitutes a high proportion of the executed logic. Because of this, workloads representative of these real-world use-cases should exercise common operations in rewriting machinery, such as walking through operations, checking their traits, and replacing them in their parent block. In addition to this, using basic dialects through which most IR are lowered such as arith and builtin is similarly beneficial. As such, we select constant folding as our main experimental workload to fulfil these requirements.

Constant folding

Stoltz et al. define constant folding as "a well-known static compiler technique in which values of variables which are determined to be constants can be passed to expressions which use these constants" [24]. It has been leveraged for both performance and space improvements since the earliest optimising compilers. Despite this, it remains relevant even over more modern, exotic optimisations due to its simplicity, efficient implementation, and high impact on generated IR. In addition to this, procedural generation of IR which can be constant folded is simply parameterised in length (section B.1), facilitating experiments examining performance scaling. We show an example IR segment with three constants below (Listing 3.1).

(a) Unfolded IR amenable to constant folding.

(b) Constant folded IR.

Listing 3.1: Folding three integer constants over arithmetic addition in MLIR's textual IR.

3.1.3 Measurement infrastructure

In order to facilitate the efficient and reproducible measurement of xDSL's performance characteristics, we developed infrastructure to drive our benchmarks with a variety of measurement tools and profilers. In addition to their usefulness for understanding and optimising compiler performance, the benchmarks composing the performance experiments also provide an opportunity to augment the development process of the xDSL project. Benchmarks can be used to characterise the performance impact of changes to the xDSL codebase, making it easier to avoid unnecessary performance regression. As such, we provide a command line interface for developers to run the benchmarks, with further functionality which supports a variety of profiling tools¹. Furthermore, our benchmarks interface with Airspeed Velocity [25], a tool which runs benchmarks across repository commits. The xDSL website then tracks the results of this tool, providing a dashboard for the performance characteristics of xDSL over time².

3.2 End-to-end benchmarks

The simplest metric for the performance of a system is its overall runtime. Both xDSL and MLIR provide two APIs in the form of a command line tools and a programmatic interface. Although real-world workloads typically pass binary IR to a subset of the programmatic interface, this does not fully exercise the overall functionality of the system. In contrast, measuring the end-to-end runtime of the command line optimiser for textual IR captures a large proportion of the functionality, including debugging tools such as parsing and printing the textual IR. This makes them a good candidate for this simple metric of end-to-end runtime.

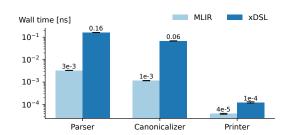
End-to-end measurements are well-aligned metrics of performance for real-world workloads, but are limited by their coarse granularity. Conveniently, the structure of modern compiler frameworks facilitates more detailed breakdowns, even for end-to-end runs. LLVM's key contribution of a human-readable textual IR facilitates splitting compilation into a sequence of discrete re-usable phases, which can be measured independently. As such, compilers having LLVM's pedigree, such as MLIR and xDSL, can be modelled as a pipeline – parsing the input, applying optimisation transformations, and generating a lowered output. This allows us to break down end-to-end benchmarks into components of finer granularity.

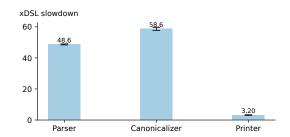
For MLIR, we invoke mlir-opt constant_folding.mlir --canonicalize --mlir-j timing. By default, this prints results to four decimal places, which is insufficiently granular to time printing very short IR segments. As such, we modify MLIR's implementation to print more decimal places. In order to guarantee statistical significance following this change, we measure across ten repeats. Since we are sampling a single variable, we take

 $^{^{1} \}verb|https://github.com/xdslproject/xdsl/blob/main/benchmarks/README.md|$

²https://xdsl.dev/xdsl-bench/

the arithmetic mean of these values, with an uncertainty given by their standard deviation. For xDSL, we leverage our custom benchmarking infrastructure (subsection 3.1.3), which drives each phase canonicalizing the workload and records precise timings. We then calculate the average and uncertainty by the same procedure, in order to plot these wall times for each framework and the slowdown between them (Figure 3.2a).





(a) All pipeline phases of MLIR are faster than xDSL.

(b) xDSL's parser and canonicalizer incur around $50 \times$ slowdown, whereas the printer slows down only $2 \times$ for small workloads.

Figure 3.2: Performance comparison of constant folding 1000 integer addition operations (section 3.1.2) between xDSL and MLIR.

Despite its simplicity, this initial experiment reveals a number of interesting insights. Firstly, the slow-down from xDSL to MLIR for the first two passes is approximately $50\times$. This provides an initial baseline for the overhead incurred by the combination of xDSL's language runtime and implementation details over the MLIR implementation. Secondly, the slow-down for the printer is much lower than the other two phases, at only $3\times$. The constant folded output is very short, containing only two IR instructions (Listing 3.1b) for any length input of that schema. As such, the overhead of writing to the standard output is greater than the processing time for those few operations. In contrast, the logic implement parsing and canonicalization rewrites is much longer than any fixed overhead they incur, such as the parser reading the IR from a file.

Since the parser represents a majority of the total runtime for both frameworks, it appears an attractive candidate for optimisation as a corollary of Amdahl's law [26]. Of any pipeline phase, improving the parser by a fixed proportion yields the greatest runtime reduction. Despite this, we select the pattern rewriting phase, which implements the canonicalizer, for further investigation. Compilers designed to meet the demands of modern workloads heavily focus on optimising IR through rewriting. For example, the XLA machine learning compiler takes a binary input representation as input, which it then lowers through MLIR dialects applying rewrite optimisations in order to generate efficient code targeting accelerator hardware [27]. This process only relies on parsing and printing logic for debugging, as its main code generation flow operates entirely on binary representations. As such, optimising these components is a less attractive research direction, as it would only affect the performance of development and testing infrastructure. Furthermore, the rewriter is a much more dynamic workload, with its control flow necessarily determined

at runtime based on the contents of the IR being optimised. This further makes it a more suitable candidate for examination through the lens of the impact of dynamism on user-extensible compiler frameworks.

3.3 Micro-benchmarks

Micro-benchmarking refers measuring the performance of fast, granular, and isolated segments of code. The term was coined by Saavedra et al. in their 1995 paper [28] "Performance Characterization of Optimizing Compilers". As such, we are in good company in our application of micro-benchmarking approaches to this problem domain. Micro-benchmarks have many desirable properties. Since they run quickly, they can cheaply be repeated for statistical confidence. Furthermore, their fine granularity makes them tractable to reason about – providing useful information to optimise the component of the system they measure. However, a key difficulty of micro-benchmarking is ensuring alignment with overall system performance. For example, the selection of code paths to micro-benchmark may introduce bias, making them less representative of the overall system. In addition to this, their performance may be inflated as a consequence of warmed caches and JIT optimisations across repeats, which would not occur during normal operation [29]. As such, micro-benchmarking is a useful tool for deeply understanding the performance of software, but must be used carefully to ensure the validity of its results.

As discussed in our related work (Section 8.1), Amini and Nui's talk "How Slow is MLIR" [30] discusses a set of micro-benchmarks for key operations in the MLIR compiler, such as traversing the IR and creating operations. These micro-benchmarks were used to inform the optimisation of MLIR's data structures and for comparison with traditional LLVM-based compilers. The implementation of the micro-benchmarks allude to an underlying design goal in MLIR by their measurement of asymptotic scaling properties³. This design goal is asymptotically optimal performance for its underlying data structures. However, data structures with these characteristics often incur constant-time penalties. This causes overhead for small workloads, where, unlike the asymptotic case, the cost is not amortised. As such, micro-benchmarks may not be representative of the system's overall performance, revealing possibility for the optimisation of code co-designed using them. Despite this, they can still provide useful insight into MLIR's performance characteristics. We implement micro-benchmark workloads for the xDSL equivalent to those for MLIR presented in the keynote, and compare the results of these benchmarks between the two implementations, giving insights into their relative performance.

 $^{^3 \}verb|https://github.com/joker-eph/llvm-project/blob/6773f8/mlir/unittests/Benchmarks/Cloning.cpp\#L66$

3.3.1 Implementation

Unfortunately, the implementation and build instructions for the "How Slow is MLIR?" micro-benchmarks were not published with the talk. However, the source code can be found on a branch of their fork of LLVM⁴. We provide a copy of this source code and instructions for running the benchmarks⁵to enhance the replicability of our results and facilitate further performance experiments. We then use this source code to construct comparable micro-benchmarks in Python.

A key design goal of our micro-benchmarks for xDSL is parity with those provided for MLIR, ensuring the validity their direct comparison. As such, we derive their implementation from the MLIR benchmarks, matching test data and function invocations as closely as possible. In addition to being fairly comparable, it is critical that the micro-benchmark results are statistically significant. This is particularly challenging as their execution time approaches the 1ns resolution of the most granular system counters on the benchmarking machine. As such, we measure the total time taken to execute the functions under test 32768 times, evaluating the individual duration by dividing by the number of iterations. As with the traditional benchmarks, we repeat this process ten times, calculating the arithmetic mean and standard deviation as the value and its uncertainty respectively. In the following sections, we discuss the implementations of a number of micro-benchmarks, facilitating discussion of the insights they give into compiler performance across implementations and language runtimes in later chapters.

3.3.2 Operation instantiation

Operations are a central data structure in MLIR and xDSL's IR representation, constituting dialects and composing together into programs. As such, the methods to instantiate operations a very frequently invoked, making them a good candidate for micro-benchmarking. In both MLIR and xDSL, there are two main ways an operation can be constructed: direct creation 1; or using a builder 2 (Listing 3.3).

⁴https://github.com/joker-eph/llvm-project/tree/benchmarks

 $^{^{5}}$ https://github.com/EdmundGoodman/llvm-project-benchmarks

```
// Setup
  OpBuilder b(ctx.get());
3
                                                   # Benchmark 1
  // Benchmark 1
                                                   EmptyOp.create()
  OperationState opState(unknownLoc,

    "testbench.empty");
                                                   # Benchmark
6
                                                   EmptyOp()
  Operation::create(opState);
  // Benchmark 2
  b.create<EmptyOp>(unknownLoc);
  (a) "How Slow is MLIR?" C++ implementation.
                                                        (b) xDSL Python implementation.
```

Listing 3.3: Micro-benchmark implementations for methods checking an operation has a trait.

The performance characteristics of these implementations differ significantly (Table 3.2). In MLIR, the creation and building mechanisms have approximately the same performance, taking around 150ns to instantiate an operation. In contrast, xDSL's operation building is much slower than direct creation, jumping from $20 \times$ to $80 \times$ slower. This comes as a result of the trade-off xDSL makes between performance and expressivity, with its builder including a large section of inference and verification logic as a wrapper around the create method. While MLIR disables this verification logic for release builds, it is always enabled in xDSL, facilitating its use case of development and prototyping. We examine the performance impact of disabling verification in the later discussion of workload specialisation (chapter 5).

Table 3.2: Operation instantiation in xDSL is approximately $25 \times$ slower than in MLIR when creating instructions in the asymptotic case, but is up to $90 \times$ slower when using the builder API.

Mechanism	MLIR [ns]	xDSL [ns]
1 Create	155 ± 14	3770 ± 916
2 Build	153 ± 0.5	12700 ± 1810

3.3.3 Operation trait checks

Traits are a key property of MLIR and xDSL's operations, providing a mechanism to abstract implementation details and properties. In order to allow users of the frameworks to leverage an operation's trait information, both MLIR and xDSL provide helper methods to check whether an operation has a certain trait. These methods are used frequently in common tasks. For example, when pattern rewriting over a block of IR, the matching engine uses the traits of the block's constituent operations to identify valid rewrites.

```
// Setup
   Operation op = b.create<OpWithRegion>(
       unknownLoc
                                                     # Setup
3
                                                     op = OpWithRegion()
  );
4
                                                     # Benchmark
  // Benchmark
                                                     has_trait = op.has_trait(SingleBlock)
  bool hasTrait = op->hasTrait<</pre>
       OpTrait::SingleBlock
  >();
  (a) "How Slow is MLIR?" C++ implementation.
                                                           (b) xDSL Python implementation.
```

Listing 3.4: Micro-benchmark implementations for methods checking an operation has a trait.

These methods can be simply benchmarked for an example workload (Listing 3.4). However, care must be taken when implementing these benchmarks to ensure they are can be equitably compared. For example, the operations must both have the same number of traits, and the target trait must be at the same position in that operation's internal data structure. If this is not true, one implementation may require fewer iterations to perform its workload, invalidating the comparability of the two results. Micro-benchmarks of checking traits for both implementations show a slow-down of approximately $250 \times$ from MLIR to xDSL (Table 3.3).

Table 3.3: Trait checks in xDSL are approximately $250 \times$ slower than in MLIR in the asymptotic case.

MLIR [ns]	xDSL [ns]
11.7 ± 0.5	1920 ± 695

3.3.4 Summary of micro-benchmarks

These micro-benchmarks provide a number of insights into the baseline performance of xDSL. Firstly, we can see that xDSL's implementation incurs a performance trade-off for the expressivity of its API, with convenient helper methods performing much less well than direct interactions with the underlying data structures. This motivates our work specialising xDSL for a single workload to elide this overhead (chapter 5). Secondly, we begin to quantify the performance overhead of the CPython language runtime over C++ through workloads with trivial implementations such as instantiating empty operations. From this, we can see that CPython 3.10 incurs at least a $25\times$ slowdown over C++. This motivates our work understanding the impact of recent optimisations to CPython such as the specialising adaptive interpreter and baseline JIT (chapter 6), along with the necessary cost of dynamism required to implement Python's semantics (chapter 7).

In addition to the micro-benchmarks matching those provided in "How Slow is MLIR", a subset of which is discussed in detail above, we also developed a further xDSL-only suite to instrument key functions invoked by the pattern rewriter. While these micro-benchmarks are useful in their own right as performance measurements, they also facilitate further experiments. Their small size means they can be reasoned about at the bytecode level (chapter 4), providing useful information about the dynamism of the workload.

Chapter 4

Profiling at the bytecode level

Performance profilers are powerful tools that provide useful information about program control flow and hotspots, facilitating performance optimisation. Our research requires detailed information instrumenting Python's internal evaluation loop to draw comparisons with the C++ language runtime and characterise the cost of dynamism. However, existing profilers do not provide information at this granularity, motivating our work in this area. In this chapter we present ByteSight, a novel tool for performance profiling at the bytecode level, allowing us to look deeper into the performance characteristics of highly dynamic programs whose implementation cannot easily be deferred into lower level languages.

Recent developments to CPython's runtime motivate collecting more fine-grained profiling information. For example, the specialising adaptive interpreter rewrites bytecode at runtime into quickened forms, and the baseline JIT substitutes bytecode for tier two micro-operations – both yielding performance characteristics which cannot be reasoned about with function or line level instrumentation. In addition to this, bytecode performance profiling information helps provide a key missing data point when examining the impact of program dynamism. However, to the author's knowledge, no profilers exist which support measurement at this granularity (Related work, section 8.2). One reason for this conspicuous absence of bytecode level profilers is the difficulty of measuring their very short execution times, in the order of the highest resolution system counter. This difficulty is further worsened by the bytecode dispatch and evaluation being deeply interleaved within the interpreter's execution loop.

ByteSight, our novel tool for the performance profiling of CPython bytecode, addresses this gap in the existing provision. ByteSight is a tracing profiler which operates on the bytecode level of the Python interpreter. It is implemented natively in Python using only the standard library, and its source code is available under the MIT licence on GitHub. It does not require patches to Python's language implementation. This makes it portable, robust across language versions, and simple to install from the Python Package Index

¹https://github.com/EdmundGoodman/bytesight

4.1 Implementation

By virtue of the flexibility and dynamism of its interpreter's implementation, CPython provides a wide variety of opportunities for instrumenting and introspecting running code. One example of this is the standard library function sys.settrace, which associates dynamic, user-defined callback functions with the dispatch of key virtual machine events. These include function calls, line execution, handling exceptions, and even individual bytecode operations (interchangeably referred to as opcodes in the documentation). This callback function receives the event type along with the CPython frame and code objects currently being evaluated by the interpreter, facilitating precise instrumentation of the internal operation of the interpreter. Other possibilities for collecting this information include making custom patches to the CPython implementation, or leveraging the LLTRACE feature of the debug build of Python. However, the former is specific to individual language versions, and the latter has a verbose output containing no performance information. Furthermore, both requiring re-compiling the CPython implementation from source, precluding simple installation by users from Python Package Index (PyPI). As such, we chose to leverage sys.settrace, accepting the challenges associated with its measurement for benefits it provides in portability and robustness across language versions.

Our tool captures bytecode level profiling information through a custom callback function which records a sequence of timestamps associated with the traced events. From this set of timestamps, we can calculate the execution duration of each emitted opcode. This constitutes profiling information of a higher granularity than existing Python performance profilers. In spite of its name, we leverage the sys.settrace function as opposed to its sister function sys.setprofile. We do this because sys.settrace has supported emitting trace events for opcodes since Python 3.7, whereas sys.setprofile only emits events at the function granularity. This approach of leveraging CPython's API provides benefits of robustness across versions and easy installation, but also causes a number of challenges for accurate and precise measurement of very short events.

These challenges come as a result of the callback function itself being a callable Python code object. As such, the infrastructure to invoke and evaluate this function has a significant performance cost, in many cases taking longer than the opcode it is instrumenting. To mitigate this, our custom tracing function (Listing 1) records the timestamp at the earliest point 1 and the latest point 4, allowing the majority of its overhead to be excluded. Properties of the frame are then set to emit events for opcodes but not lines 2, further avoiding extraneous overhead. Finally, a tuple of timestamps for the end of the last trace function and the start of the current one are recorded 3, upper bounding the duration of opcode execution. This sequence of recorded timestamps can then be used in combination with domain knowledge of the language runtime to calculate individual opcode durations.

```
def _trace__collect_event_timestamps(
        self, frame: types.FrameType, event: str, _arg: Any
2
   ) -> Callable[..., Any] | None:
3
        """Trace function to collect opcode timestamps."""
4
       now_timestamp = perf_counter() 1
5
        frame.f_trace_lines = False
        frame.f_trace_opcodes = True
        if event == "opcode":
10
            self._timestamps.append( 3
11
                (
12
                    self._prev_event_timestamp,
13
                    now_timestamp,
14
                )
15
            )
16
            self._prev_event_timestamp = perf_counter()
17
18
       return self._trace__collect_event_timestamps
19
```

Listing 1: Trace callback function generating a sequence of timestamps instrumenting opcode events.

4.1.1 CPython internals

In order to infer opcode durations from the event timestamps emitted tracing function, we must first examine the language runtime implementation with which it is co-designed. In this section, we present a view of CPython 3.10's implementation as a basis for our profiler. In more recent Python versions such as CPython 3.13, aspects of the tracing infrastructure have been refactored. However, since both the API provided by the standard library and the position of the tracing logic in the evaluation loop remain the same, the procedure remains applicable to these newer versions. Code objects in CPython are executed by the PyEval_EvalFrameDefault function (Listing 4.1a). This begins with initialisation to ready for evaluation a, then enters an unbounded evaluation loop b. This loop decodes the next bytecode instruction c, then switches on it to select the appropriate logic to execute d, and repeats until an exception is thrown or the code object terminates. Having an understanding of the evaluation loop, we can next discuss how it is instrumented.

```
PyObject* _PyEval_EvalFrameDefault(PyThreadState *tstate,
        PyFrameObject *f, int throwflag) {
        // ... declarations and initialization of local variables, macros
2
           definitions, call depth handling, ... a
        // ... code for tracing call event
3
4
5
        for (;;) {
6
             // NEXTOPARG() macro c
             _Py_CODEUNIT word = *next_instr;
7
             opcode = _Py_OPCODE(word);
8
             oparg = _Py_OPARG(word);
9
            next_instr++;
10
                                                                                                   opcode
11
             // ... code for tracing opcode events
12
                                                                                                  (opcode)
                                                                                                          NOP
13
14
             switch (opcode) {
                 case TARGET(NOP) {
15
                                                                                                          CALL
                     FAST_DISPATCH();
16
                                                                                                         RETURN
17
                 case TARGET(LOAD_FAST) {
18
                     // ... code for loading local variable
19
20
21
                 // ... 117 more cases for every possible opcode
             }
22
23
        }
         // ... termination
24
```

(a) C implementation snippets, derived from an explanation of the bytecode evaluation by Victor Skvortsov [31].

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(b) Control flow between evaluation (blue) and tracing (green).

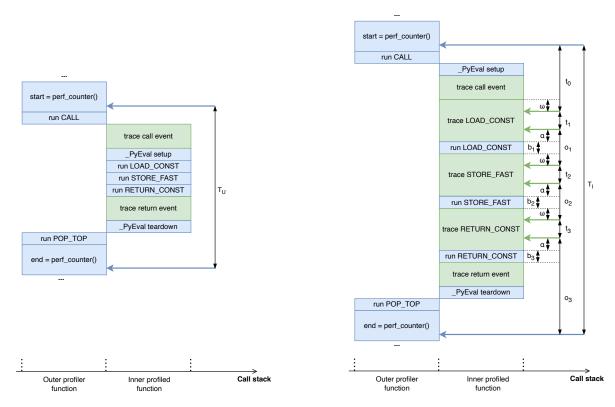
Listing 4.1: Overview of the evaluation loop of CPython 3.10, showing components relating to bytecode evaluation and tracing.

CPython's tracing mechanism works in two phases: registering the callback function, and the invocation of this callback function from the evaluation loop. To register the callback function, users can invoke sys.settrace, a standard library function binding to the C implementation of sys_settrace in sysmodule.c:. This in turn invokes _PyEval_SetTrace in ceval.c, which updates two fields on the Python Global Interpreter Lock (GIL) thread state struct: c_traceobj and c_tracefunc. The former is a callable Python code object for the callback function, and the latter points to a "trampoline" function, which invokes this code object with the current frame information. This trampoline is then invoked when events occur in the evaluation loop, including at the start of the frame evaluation for functions, after each opcode is extracted, and on returning from the function (green blocks in Figure 4.1b).

4.1.2 Inferring bytecode duration

Given both the sequence of timestamps and an understanding of their place in CPython's evaluation loop, we can infer our profiler's goal of the time taken to execute each opcode. One way to visualise this is by flattening the block diagram of the evaluation loop

(Figure 4.1b) and annotating it with timestamp measurements (Figure 4.2). From this, we can then construct a system of equations relating the measurements, and derive the durations of each opcode.



- (a) Timing function runtime without opcode event tracing.
- (b) Timing function runtime, including recording timestamps at the start and end of each opcode event.

Figure 4.2: Timing Python's evaluation loop with and without instrumentation of opcode events using sys.settrace.

By examination of where trace timestamps are recorded, we can see that the duration of the nth bytecode instruction, b_n , is equal to the difference between the recorded timestamp pairs, o_n , and the fixed overheads before and after the tracing function, α and ω respectively (Equation 4.1).

$$b_n = o_n - (\alpha + \omega) \tag{4.1}$$

Furthermore, the measured runtime of the instrumented function, T_I , is equal to the sum of the uninstrumented runtime T_U and the overhead incurred by tracing (Equation 4.2).

$$T_I = T_U + \sum_n (\alpha + \omega + t_n) \tag{4.2}$$

As such, we calculate the sum of the overheads before and after the tracing function, $\alpha + \omega$, under the assumption that they are fixed (Equation 4.3). This assumption is justified by

the calling infrastructure for the tracing function being the same across all opcodes.

$$\alpha + \omega = \frac{T_I - T_U - \sum_n t_n}{n} \tag{4.3}$$

Finally, we can combine this with our initial observation to infer our goal of opcode duration (Equation 4.4).

$$b_n = o_n - \frac{T_I - T_U - \sum_n t_n}{n} \tag{4.4}$$

Beyond the careful co-design of the tracing measurement logic with CPython's implementation, there are a number of confounding effects which must be mitigated to ensure accurate measurement. Firstly, for the profiling information to be useful, the resolution of the most accurate system clock must be sufficient to resolve differences bytecode execution time. On our experimental hardware (subsection 3.1.1) this was true, having a 1ns timer able to resolve differences in opcodes taking around 10ns to execute. However, this is not the case for modern Apple Silicon devices. Their most accurate system timer, mach_absolute_time [32], has a resolution of only 40ns and is hence unable to resolve individual bytecode instruction durations of approximately 10ns. This is a physical limitation on measuring such necessarily fast events, and as such can only be resolved by selecting appropriate hardware. Secondly, the CPython language runtime periodically runs housekeeping tasks such as garbage collection, disrupting the flow of bytecode execution and hence adding random noise to our measurements. These can effects can be minimised using techniques from existing performance measurement work such as timeit [33] or pyperf [34], for example by disabling garbage collection for the duration of profiling. Finally, we repeat and aggregate our experimental measurements for statistical confidence, further minimising machine noise to ensure clean and reliable profiling results.

4.2 Example usage

Having implemented our profiler, we can demonstrate its capabilities on an example workload (Listing 4.3). Each traced event is displayed on its own line, in combination showing the exact sequence of instructions performed by the interpreter when evaluating the function. Function invocations, such as calling inner_function x, are indented by their call stack depth for easy readability. In addition to this, bytecode instructions are formatted following the convention of the standard library, but are annotated with their duration in a comment on the right-hand side of the trace y.

```
// ====== example:8 `example_function` ======
                                // >>> inner_function(1)
                                          O LOAD GLOBAL
                                                                                      // 15
                                                                0
                                                                    (inner_function)
                                           2 LOAD_CONST
                                                                 1 (1)
                                                                                      // 15
                                                                                             ns
   import bytesight
                                           4 CALL_FUNCTION
                                                               1 ()
                                                                                      // 31
1
                                                                                             ns
2
   def inner_function(
3
                                    // ====== example:3 `inner_function` ====== x
       x: int | str | float
4
                                    // >>> assert x
   ) -> None:
5
                                              O LOAD_FAST
                                                                       (x)
                                                                                      // 13
                                                                                             ns
6
       assert x
                                              2 POP_JUMP_IF_TRUE
                                                                        (to 8)
                                                                                      // 13
                                                                                             ns
                                                                                      // 12
7
                                           >> 8 LOAD_CONST
                                                                        (None)
                                                                                             ns
   def example_function():
                                              10 RETURN_VALUE
8
                                                                        ()
                                                                                      // 31
                                                                                             ns
9
       inner_function(1)
                                    10
       pass
       _x = perf_counter()
11
                                           6
                                             POP_TOP
                                                                     ()
                                                                                      // 16
12
                                // >>> pass
   bytesight.profile_bytecode(
13
                                          8 NOP
                                                                     ()
                                                                                      // 15
                                                                                             ns
14
       example_function
                                // >>> _x = perf_counter()
15
                                           10 LOAD GLOBAL
                                                                    (perf_counter)
                                                                 1
                                                                                      // 15
                                                                                             ns
                                           12 CALL_FUNCTION
                                                                 0 ()
                                                                                      // 17
                                                                                             ns
                                           14 STORE FAST
                                                                 0
                                                                    (_x)
                                                                                      // 14
                                                                                             ns
                                           16 LOAD_CONST
                                                                     (None)
                                                                                      // 13
                                                                                             ns
                                           18 RETURN_VALUE
                                                                     ()
                                                                                      // 28
       (a) Python program.
                                                        (b) Profiler output.
```

Listing 4.3: Output of the bytecode profiling tool for a simple Python program, showing the sequence of dispatched bytecode and their individual execution times.

ByteSight provides straightforward mechanism to show the bytecode trace of any Python function. This facilitates debugging control flows in highly dynamic code, which often suffer from "spooky action at a distance", and is educational for the internal workings of Python's interpreter. This functionality is easily accessible by installation from PyPI, contrasting previous approaches which required either re-compiling the Python interpreter or manually implementing the same approach each time. Beyond this, the profiling information of the duration of each opcode is not provided by any existing tools to the author's knowledge. This information provides insight into the relationship between performance and dynamism in Python, and is more generally helpful for understanding and optimising performance critical code which cannot be deferred to a low-level language through Foreign Function Interface (FFI) bindings. In the context of our research, this tool unblocks our work in later chapters characterising and optimising the performance of xDSL.

Chapter 5

Manual specialisation of xDSL

In chapter 3, we constructed a set of experiments to empirically compare the current performance of the xDSL and MLIR compiler frameworks. Our overall aim is to use these experiments to contrast the performance of static and dynamic languages for the implementation of user-extensible compiler frameworks, using MLIR and xDSL as proxies for these two categories respectively. However, the experiments so far measure a combination of the effects of dynamism in the language runtime and implementation details of the framework, with the former obscuring our measurements of the latter. In order to use the frameworks for our aims, our measurements must be as independent of implementation details as possible.

In this chapter, we investigate the performance implications of language dynamism in user-extensible compiler frameworks by examining the impact of specialisation on the xDSL framework. By manually eliminating extraneous computation for specific workloads, we establish a performance baseline for pattern rewriting in xDSL that more accurately reflects the inherent costs of dynamism, independent of implementation overheads. To do this, we manually identify and remove computation performed by the framework which is unnecessary to its execution of this workload. For example, the framework may calculate and check values that are known as runtime invariants for the selected workload, for instance when checking properties of attributes known to be empty. Since this checking does not contribute to the workload's behaviour, it can be removed. Another example is functionality which improves the expressivity of the framework's API, such as runtime type checks to support polymorphism of arguments. Since the workload only uses a single facet of this API, this can also be removed. By eliminating the performance overheads from these unnecessary computations, we reach an implementation representative of the best-case performance of Python for this workload. This specialisation process yields an efficient pattern rewriting workload using xDSL's data structures. This demonstrates the best-case performance of CPython as a proxy for dynamic languages for such applications, facilitating comparison with C++ for insight into the relationship between performance and dynamism in user-extensible compiler infrastructures.

5.1 Micro-benchmarks

An important component of our experimental suite is micro-benchmarks, measuring the performance of procedures fundamental to xDSL and MLIR. Re-using these micro-benchmarks for specialisation allows the isolation of specific dynamic language features, and further provides a mechanism to precisely measure the impact of specialisation. By manually examining the traces of their execution, we can identify and eliminate any unnecessary computation in the current implementation. Having done this, we re-run the micro-benchmarks to quantify the performance of the specialised implementation, facilitating comparison of the language runtime only for compiler framework workloads.

5.1.1 Operation instantiation

The first micro-benchmark discussed in section 3.3 was instantiating operations, one of the central data structures in both xDSL and MLIR. The idiomatic way to do this in xDSL is directly instantiating a new Python object. In xDSL, this process includes a large amount of logic (Figure 5.1, top trace), including verifying attributes and building properties of the operation. However, in many instances this verification is unneeded as it is already known as a runtime invariant, and the building process can similarly be simplified as the structure can be inferred. As such, specialisation to remove this overhead can vastly reduce the complexity and hence improve performance (Figure 5.1, bottom trace).

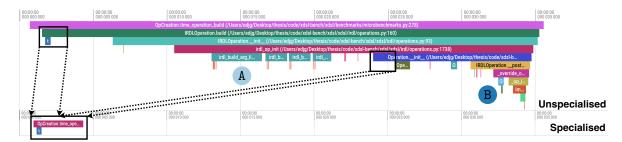


Figure 5.1: The unspecialised EmptyOp constructor (top) has a high overhead, including checking known invariants and building empty properties. This overhead can be avoided through specialisation to construct the same operation (bottom).

Examining the above trace, we can visually identify components which take a large proportion of runtime, and may represent unnecessary computation. For example, the xDSL constructor for IRDLOperations invokes logic with significant overhead building and filtering properties of the operation A. However, in this workload of the empty operation, this logic does not change the constructed object. Because of this, eliding this logic results in a specialised version of the operation which generates the same output using less computation by applying domain knowledge. In addition to this, MLIR's core operations are not IRDL based, unlike xDSL, meaning this overhead is implementation specific. Similarly, the post-constructor includes logic for context-managed builders B,

which is again unrelated to the empty operation case and not present in MLIR. To avoid this overhead through specialisation, we move from the idiomatic constructor which initialises values to their defaults (Listing 5.2a) to directly modifying xDSL's underlying data structures (Listing 5.2b), where we initialise the defaults explicitly and without unneeded computation. Finally, we leverage an implementation detail of CPython's data model: the <code>__slots__</code> attribute [35]. Slots store attributes in a fixed-size array on the object with direct indexing instead using the default <code>__dict__</code> mapping from attribute name to value, optimising both lookup speed and space.

```
empty_op = EmptyOp.__new__(EmptyOp)
empty_op._operands = ()
empty_op.results = ()
empty_op.properties = {}
empty_op.attributes = {}
empty_op._successors = ()
empty_op._regions = ()

(a) Instantiation with constructors.

(b) Instantiation by direct manipulation of xDSL's data structures.
```

Listing 5.2: Unspecialised (left) and specialised (right) approaches to instantiating an EmptyOp differ in both length and performance.

Through specialising the implementation to the workload of this micro-benchmark we can achieve significant performance improvements of up to $26 \times$ (Table 5.1). A proportion of this speedup is captured by optimisations which C++ is able to make ahead-of-time, but that are invalidated by Python's dynamism. The most salient of these possible optimisations is function inlining calls for the constructor implementation, which would eliminate a significant overhead visible in the Python trace (Figure 5.1). In addition to this, there are further opportunities for optimisations such as instruction combination for more efficient computation, and dead code elimination for compile time invariants [36]. However, the performance improvement comes at the cost of a significantly more complex implementation, contrary to xDSL's design goals of a simple expressive API. We can quantify one cause of this improvement as the specialised code executing fewer, faster bytecode instructions by leveraging our novel bytecode profiling tool (full traces in Appendices E.1, E.2). For example, specialisation reduces the number of bytecode instructions executed from 466 to only 29. Function calls have a much longer duration than other instructions, with their mutation of the call stack taking up to three times longer than loading from a variable. Again leveraging our tool, we can see that specialisation reduces the number of function calls from 65 to 5, further contributing to the performance uplift. By examination of its emitted bytecode (Listing E.2), we can be confident the specialised implementation is near-optimal within the constraints of Python's runtime, as it only constructs the object and sets required fields, performing no other extraneous logic.

Table 5.1: Specialising EmptyOp instantiation in xDSL yields performance uplifts of up to $34\times$, only $2.5\times$ slower than the MLIR reference implementation.

MLIR [ns]	xDSL [ns]	Optimised xDSL [ns]
153 ± 0.5	12700 ± 1810	378 ± 42

5.1.2 Operation trait checks

The second micro-benchmark discussed involved checking traits on operations, and was measured to perform $80 \times$ worse in xDSL than MLIR. Similarly to the operation instantiation micro-benchmark, this slow-down comes as a result of a high proportion of method's logic not being required by the core functionality (Figure 5.3, top trace). In this case, this logic improves the expressivity of the API, supporting both concrete objects and types as arguments, along with handling the edge case of unregistered operations. However, this logic lies on the hot path of execution, and again these properties are known as runtime invariants. As such, specialisation can again be leveraged to remove this implementation overhead (Figure 5.3, bottom trace).

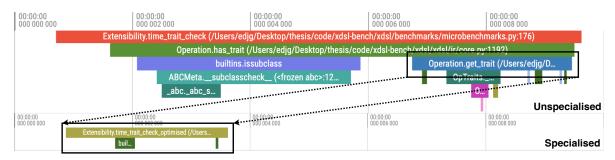


Figure 5.3: issubclass and isinstance checks, type casting, and constructing iterators constitutes over three quarters of xDSL's unspecialised has_traits runtime (top). Specialisation to narrow the interface and optimisation to avoid extraneous work on hot paths can significantly accelerate has_trait (bottom).

Examining the implementation of this micro-benchmark (Listing 5.4), we can again identify opportunities for specialisation and optimisation. The execution trace shows that checking whether an operation is unregistered 1 accounts for over one third of the micro-benchmark runtime. Through specialisation under the runtime invariant that all operations are registered, this check can be removed – reducing computation. Furthermore, this inspires a general optimisation to xDSL to avoid this check by overloading UnregisteredOp.has_trait rather than checking on all code paths. In addition to this, function invocation in Python incurs a performance cost due to the overhead of modifying the stack frame. As such, inlining the call to get_trait 2 is another beneficial specialisation. Finally, argument types are dynamically checked 3 and cast 4, incurring

a performance overhead. However, the type of these arguments are runtime invariants of the caller, so the checks can be specialised away.

```
@classmethod
                                                      def get_trait(
                                                           cls,
                                                           trait: type[OpTraitInvT] |
                                                           \hookrightarrow OpTraitInvT
   @classmethod
                                                       ) -> OpTraitInvT | None:
   def has_trait(
                                                           if isinstance(trait, type): 3
        cls,
3
                                                               for t in cls.traits:
        trait: type[OpTrait] | OpTrait,
4
                                                                    if isinstance(t, cast( 4
5
                                                                        type[OpTraitInvT],
        value_if_unregistered: bool = True,
6
                                                                         \hookrightarrow trait
   ) -> bool:
                                                                    )):
                                                   10
        from xdsl.dialects.builtin import
                                                                        return t
                                                   11

    ∪nregisteredOp 1

                                                           else:
        if issubclass(cls, UnregisteredOp):
9
                                                               for t in cls.traits:
            return value_if_unregistered
10
                                                                    if t == trait:
                                                  14
11
                                                                        return
                                                   15
        return cls.get_trait(trait) is not
12
                                                                            cast(OpTraitInvT,
        → None 2
                                                                            t)
                                                   16
                                                           return None
           (a) Outer has_trait method.
                                                              (b) Inner get_trait method.
```

Listing 5.4: xDSL methods implementing trait check functionality.

Having specialised xDSL's implementation, we can draw direct comparison between its implementation (Listing 5.5a) and MLIR's (Listing 5.5b), to better understand their relative performance characteristics. In contrast to the original, the specialised implementation directly matches MLIR, with the only difference being approach to checking RTTI. As such, it is well-suited for comparing the performance characteristics of static and dynamic languages independent of implementation details.

```
1 TypeID traitIDs[] =
2 if isinstance(t, TRAIT):
3    return True
4 return False

1 TypeID traitIDs[] =
3    ⟨TypeID::get<Traits>()...};
2 for (unsigned i = 0, e =
3    sizeof...(Traits); i != e; ++i)
4 return False

4    return true;
5 return false;
(a) xDSL's modified has_trait method.
(b) MLIR's has_trait method.
```

Listing 5.5: xDSL and MLIR methods searching trait arrays.

Through specialisation, we achieve a $8 \times$ speedup over the original implementation (Table 5.2). However, this again incurs a cost to xDSL's expressivity, sacrificing polymorphic

support for checking traits of both object types and instances. As with operation instantiation, this is contrary to xDSL's design goals. Furthermore, this speedup is less dramatic than operation instantiation, as a result of having less overhead in the original implementation, but can be reasoned about in the same manner with our novel profiling tool (full traces in Appendices E.3, E.4). As before, specialisation reduces the number of bytecode instructions from 89 to 35, with the number of high-overhead CALL instructions dropping from 11 to 2.

Table 5.2: Specialising trait checking in xDSL yields performance uplifts of up to $8\times$, $20\times$ slower than the MLIR reference implementation.

MLIR [ns]	xDSL [ns]	Optimised xDSL [ns]
11.7 ± 0.5	1920 ± 695	239 ± 35

5.2 Pattern rewriting

Having demonstrated specialisation as an approach to examine the performance bound of a language runtime for micro-benchmarks, we can further apply it to real-world workloads such as constant folding. In this section, we specialise a simple pattern rewriter: constant folding over integer addition. These specialised implementations can then be taken as performance baselines for their respective languages, and further analysed through bytecode tracing or disassembly to understand their implementation.

5.2.1 Constant folding

For our first benchmarks of the two frameworks, we measured the end-to-end performance of canonicalization passes applied to an IR with many foldable constants (section 3.1.2). However, canonicalization passes are fairly complex, encompassing a suite of common optimisations, many of which are not applicable to our IR workload. This complexity is detrimental to manual specialisation, resulting in more code requiring transformation by hand. As such, we implement a simple pattern rewriting pass for constant folding over the addition of integers (Listing 5.6). This pass captures common idioms in pattern rewriting, making it a fair proxy for more complex workloads, but is also sufficiently simple to rewrite by hand into a fully specialised form. The rewriter first matches against the integer addition operation to fold 1, exercising operation type checks. Next, it checks the invariant of our workload that both addition operands are constant 2, exercising trait lookups. After this, it gets the value of each operand, exercising operation properties 3. Finally, it replaces the matched operation with a new one, exercising the rewriting mechanism 4.

```
// Only rewrite integer add operations 1
                                                          LogicalResult matchAndRewrite(arith::AddIOp op,
                                                          → PatternRewriter &rewriter) const override {
                                                            // Ensure both operands are constants 2
                                                      4
                                                            arith::ConstantOp lhsConstOp =
                                                      5
    def match_and_rewrite(self, op: Operation,
                                                            → op.getLhs().getDefiningOp<arith::ConstantOp>();

→ rewriter: PatternRewriter, /):

                                                      6
                                                            arith::ConstantOp rhsConstOp =
        # Only rewrite integer add operations 1
2
                                                            → op.getRhs().getDefiningOp<arith::ConstantOp>();
        if not isinstance(op, AddiOp):
3
                                                      7
                                                            if (!lhsConstOp || !rhsConstOp) {
            return
4
                                                      8
                                                                return failure();
5
                                                      9
6
        # Ensure both operands are constants 2
                                                     10
        lhs_op = op.operands[0].op
7
                                                            // Calculate the result of the addition 3
                                                     11
        rhs_op = op.operands[1].op
8
                                                            auto lhsAttr =
                                                     12
        if lhs_op.has_trait(ConstantLike) or
9
                                                            → lhsConstOp.getValue().dyn_cast<IntegerAttr>();
        \hookrightarrow rhs_op.has_trait(ConstantLike):
10
            return
                                                            → rhsConstOp.getValue().dyn_cast<IntegerAttr>();
11
                                                            if (!lhsAttr || !rhsAttr) {
                                                     14
12
        # Calculate the result of the addition 3
                                                     15
                                                                return failure();
        lhs = lhs_op.value.value.data
13
                                                     16
        rhs = rhs_op.value.value.data
14
                                                            APInt lhsValue = lhsAttr.getValue();
                                                     17
        folded_op = ConstantOp(
15
                                                            APInt rhsValue = rhsAttr.getValue();
                                                     18
            IntegerAttr(lhs + rhs, op.result.type)
16
                                                     19
                                                            APInt result = lhsAttr.getValue() +
^{17}
        )

    rhsAttr.getValue();
18
                                                     20
        # Rewrite with the calculated result 4
19
                                                            // Rewrite with the calculated result (
                                                     21
        rewriter.replace_matched_op(
20
                                                            auto resultType = op.getType();
                                                     22
            folded_op, [folded_op.results[0]]
21
                                                            auto foldedValue =
22
                                                            → rewriter.getIntegerAttr(resultType, result);
                                                            rewriter.replaceOpWithNewOp<arith::ConstantOp>(op,

    resultType, foldedValue);

                                                     25
                                                            return success();
                                                     26
               (a) xDSL implementation.
                                                                       (b) MLIR implementation.
```

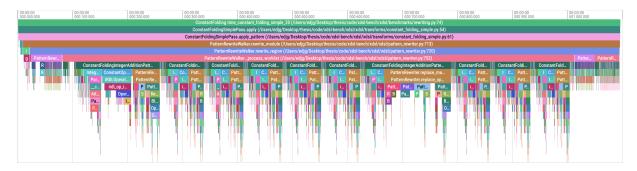
Listing 5.6: Implementations of pattern rewriters for constant folding over integer addition.

In order to draw fair comparisons between the two frameworks, their implementations of the constant folding pattern rewrite must be equivalent. As such, we provide implementations for both xDSL (Listing 5.6a) and MLIR (Listing 5.6a). Measuring the MLIR implementation is complicated by the fact that its pattern rewriting infrastructure implements constant folding by default. To mitigate this, we manually excise this functionality from the MLIR framework to ensure that our pattern rewriting kernel is the implementation being measured. Having constructed these implementations, we can follow the same specialisation process introduced for the micro-benchmarks to bring the xDSL's performance closer to the best-case for that workload in the Python language.

5.2.2 Specialisation

Although our constant folding pass is less intricate than existing passes such as canonicalization, it is still much more complex than any of the above micro-benchmarks (Figure 5.7a).

Instead of one or two helper functions in xDSL's API, aspects of the pattern rewriter such as replacing the matched operation have a deep call stack, invoking methods to set many aspects of the IR's object representation. As such, the first step in the specialisation process is manually inlining this call stack, which provides two benefits. Firstly, it avoids the non-negligible overhead of function calls discussed in previous micro-benchmarks, and further worsened by the deep call stack of the more complex implementation. Secondly, it reveals logic that is redundant for the implementation of this workload, which is otherwise hidden across the boundaries of xDSL's API. The inlined implementation can then be specialised to remove this redundant logic, and further leverage runtime invariants of the integer constant addition workload where possible. This yields a specialised implementation with reduced overhead (Figure 5.7b).



(a) xDSL's existing pattern rewriting infrastructure has a high performance overhead, executing many extraneous operations with a deep call stack.



(b) Through specialisation, this overhead can be significantly reduced, performing the exact workload and only invoking inbuilt functions such as set operations and isinstance checks.

Figure 5.7: Profiling constant folding pattern rewrites of integer addition before (top) and after (bottom) specialisation with viztracer reveals unnecessary computation.

5.2.3 Performance improvement

Through specialising the constant folding implementation, we achieve a $8\times$ speedup over the original implementation (Figure 5.8). However, this performance uplift comes at the cost of ease of implementation, increasing the constant folding implementation length by $7\times$. As with the specialised micro-benchmarks, we can leverage our novel bytecode profiling tool to explain this improvement in terms of dispatched bytecode instructions, with the workload dropping from 5465 to 977 instructions required to implement its functionality. By examining the implementation and its emitted bytecode instructions, we are confident that it is close to optimal for the workload within the context of xDSL's data structures. In combination with the modifications made to MLIR to similarly avoid extraneous computation, these two implementations are both directly comparable and

complex enough to be representative of real-world workloads. This facilitates their later use for exploring the impact of dynamism on such workloads. Comparison cannot be made with the unmodified version, as MLIR's implementation of pattern rewriting applies constant folding within the framework machinery, clobbering any user-defined constant folding pass.

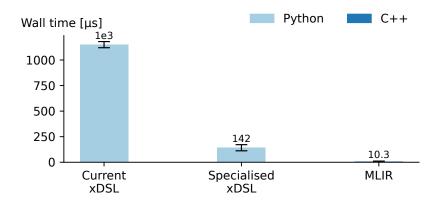


Figure 5.8: Specialisation of constant folding over integer addition in xDSL yields performance uplifts of up to $8\times$, $14\times$ slower than the MLIR reference implementation.

5.2.4 Optimisations

The majority of changes made during specialisation are applicable only to their specific workload. However, some are more generic to any use case of xDSL, and as such can be applied as stand-alone optimisations. Unfortunately, xDSL is a large codebase, over 150,000 lines of Python, and as such it is out of scope of this thesis to improve the performance of all of it. Despite this, we demonstrate that the specialisation process lead to generalisable optimisations with measurable performance impact. Through this, we enable performance improvement over time, which can be quantified using our previously introduced measurement infrastructure (subsection 3.1.3). In this section, we discuss two salient examples of these generalised optimisations.

During the specialisation process of trait checking (subsection 5.1.2), we saw that the implementation of xDSL's has_trait helper function introduces significant overhead by checking the infrequent case of unregistered operations on the hot path of execution. Since this functionality was not used by the target workload, this could be elided by specialisation for performance. However, it also reveals an optimisation which can be applied to the general case, resulting in a $2.1\times$ speedup on micro-benchmarks and $1.15\times$ speedup within the specialised constant folding workload¹. Similarly, the specialisation of operation instantiation (subsection 5.1.1) revealed the performance impact of managing the scope of implicit builders, even when they are not being used. As before, this can be generalised to change xDSL's approach from always invoking logic to handle implicit

¹ https://github.com/xdslproject/xdsl/pull/4242

builders irrespective of whether they are used, to only for operation instantiations which use them, resulting in a $1.06 \times$ speedup on micro-benchmarks and $1.01 \times$ speedup within the specialised constant folding workload².

5.3 Summary

To evaluate whether dynamic languages approach the performance of ahead-of-time compiled languages for implementing user-extensible compiler frameworks, we empirically measure Python's best-case performance for pattern rewriting tasks. By examining specialised implementations of micro-benchmarks and real-world pattern rewriting workloads, we demonstrate that xDSL can achieve performance within 14× of equivalent MLIR implementations. This represents an 8× improvement over xDSL's original implementation, capturing optimisations which can be made automatically by ahead-of-time compilers but not dynamic language runtimes. This specialisation process both eliminates workload-specific redundant computation and avoids costs associated with function invocation, while further revealing generalisable optimisations that benefit xDSL beyond individual workloads. Furthermore, this best-case performance analysis establishes an empirical upper bound for dynamic language performance in compiler infrastructure. In the next chapters, we leverage this performance ceiling as a baseline to examine the effect of both recent improvements to CPython's runtime, and the cost of dynamism in comparison with statically compiled languages.

²https://github.com/xdslproject/xdsl/pull/4163

Chapter 6

CPython optimisations for xDSL

Python Enhancement Proposal (PEP) 659 asserts that "Python is widely acknowledged as slow" [37]. This comes partially as an inherent trade-off from the benefits of its interpreted runtime and expressive dynamic semantics, meaning it cannot achieve the general-purpose performance of ahead-of-time compiled languages such as C++ or FORTRAN. However, it is feasible for Python implementations to be competitive with fast implementations of other scripting languages with similar trade-offs, such as JavaScript's V8 or Lua's LuaJIT. The Faster CPython project is an attempt to achieve this goal in Python's reference implementation. Over the course of the recent CPython major versions, new optimisations have been gradually added as part of this project, resulting in incremental performance gains (Table 6.1). This section discusses the details of these optimisations, and their effect on user-extensible compiler workloads in xDSL.

6.1 Specialising adaptive interpreter

Simple interpreters of dynamic languages use generic instructions which can express functionality over a wide array of types. However, this incurs an overhead selecting the specific implementation for the current type at runtime. In 2009, Williams et al. introduced the concept of instruction specialisation in their paper "Dynamic Interpretation for Dynamic Scripting Languages" [14]. This proposes a novel dynamic IR for Lua, whose operations can be specialised to a more performant implementation based on types and control flow encountered at runtime, claiming an average speedup of 1.3×. Following this, Mark Shannon applied the idea to the Python language in his doctoral thesis "The construction of high-performance virtual machines for dynamic languages" [38], demonstrating its viability through the research Virtual Machine (VM) HotPy. This idea was realised in the CPython through Python Enhancement Proposal (PEP) 659's specialising adaptive interpreter, enabled by default in the 2022 minor version 3.11 release.

Table 6.1: Incremental improvements of the geometric mean of speedups across the PyPerformance benchmark suite (full results Appendix A), achieved by optimisations to the CPython interpreter since CPython 3.10.

Python executable		PyPerformance speedup		
Implementation	Feature flag	Baseline	Previous	
CPython 3.10.17	None	1×	1×	
CPython 3.11.12	None	$1.241 \times$	$1.241 \times$	
CPython 3.13.3	None	$1.312 \times$	$1.078 \times$	
CPython 3.13.3	Experimental JIT	$1.295 \times$	$0.988 \times$	

The specialising adaptive interpreter implements this by replacing instructions which can be optimised by specialisation, such as the generic LOAD_ATTR, with an adaptive form, such as LOAD_ATTR_ADAPTIVE. Each adaptive instruction maintains an internal counter, incrementing it when the observed usage matches a specialisation opportunity, and decrementing when it does not. When this counter exceeds a threshold, the adaptive instruction replaces itself with the appropriate specialised version, in a process known as a quickening. For example LOAD_ATTR_ADAPTIVE becomes LOAD_ATTR_INSTANCE_VALUE when the attribute is an instance of the class for previous execution paths of the instruction. If the assumptions required for specialisation are violated later, then the interpreter can fall back to the original instruction implementation to ensure correctness. The optimisation is transparent to users, as no code changes are required, and the interpreter ensures correctness through its fall-back mechanism. The specialising adaptive interpreter's documentation claims a speedup of 10% - 60% [37], matching our recorded geometric mean improvement of 24% for the PyPerformance benchmarks (Table 6.1). This is substantiated by an ablation of the feature across the both previously discussed real-world constant folding workload and micro-benchmarks.

Table 6.2: Execution time per operation improves by a geometric mean speedup of $1.36 \times$ across micro-benchmarks and real-world workloads in xDSL when the specialising adaptive interpreter is used (CPython 3.11).

	Execution		
Workload	CPython 3.10	CPython 3.11	Speedup
Operation instantiation	3770 ± 916	2840 ± 883	$1.33 \times$
Specialised operation instantiation	477 ± 385	265 ± 372	$1.8 \times$
Trait checking	1920 ± 695	1710 ± 753	$1.12 \times$
Specialised trait checking	266 ± 34	191 ± 334	$1.39 \times$
Operation traversal	525 ± 3	432 ± 4	$1.21\times$
Constant folding	57000 ± 1895	43000 ± 1340	$1.33 \times$
Specialised constant folding	6750 ± 1340	4620 ± 1075	$1.46 \times$

We measure the specialising adaptive interpreter to yield a non-negligible speedup of 1.38× across both micro-benchmarks and real-world workloads (Table 6.2). This speedup is greater than the 1.26× recorded across the PyPerformance suite. Since the specialising adaptive interpreter works by quickening highly dynamic instructions into specialised versions, this demonstrates that xDSL as a proxy for user-extensible compiler framework workloads is more dynamic than the baseline of PyPerformance workloads. From this proxy measurement, we hypothesise that user-extensible compiler framework workload is a highly dynamic one, motivating our later quantification of this (chapter 7). The documentation of PyPerformance states "the focus is on real-world benchmarks, rather than synthetic benchmarks, using whole applications when possible." [20], further widening this conclusion to user-extensible compiler framework workloads being more dynamic than the average of a set workload representative of the real-world use of Python. In addition to this, the specialised versions of each workload yield a greater speedup after applying the manual specialisation process described in chapter 5. This shows a further benefit of specialisation in revealing optimisation opportunities by the language runtime.

6.2 Experimental JIT compiler

Another bottleneck of simple interpreted language runtimes is the overhead associated with dispatching and executing bytecode operations. To address this, just-in-time (JIT) compilation can translate frequently executed portions of bytecode into native machine code. This avoids interpreter overhead and allows for further low-level optimizations. CPython's experimental JIT compiler is an implementation of the copy-and-patch machine code generation approach (introduced in subsection 2.6.1), which was added to CPython in 3.13 in 2024. This idea was finally realised in the CPython reference implementation through PEP 744's experimental JIT, optionally enabled by a feature flag in the 2024 minor version 3.13 release.

To implement this, CPython introduced a new internal intermediate representation: tier two opcodes. Tier two opcodes are even more fine-grained that traditional bytecode and as such more amenable to copy-and-patch compilation. When compiling CPython, the LLVM toolchain is used to create small re-usable snippets of machine code for the target machine called stencils, which implement the functionality of these tier two opcodes. At runtime, when bytecode is executed frequently it is marked as hot. Hot bytecode is then translated into a sequence of these more granular tier two opcodes, and optimised by applying transformation passes. The JIT then translates each tier two opcode into executable machine code by copying and patching runtime information into the holes in the pre-compiled stencils. This machine code can then run directly on the processor, replacing the slower interpreter loop to execute the equivalent bytecode instructions. The JIT is experimental and disabled by default in CPython 3.13, but lays the groundwork for significant future performance enhancements. As such, its performance change for many

workloads is minimal or even regressive. As with the specialising adaptive interpreter, we substantiate these claims by an ablation of the feature across the previously discussed real-world workload and micro-benchmarks.

Table 6.3: Execution time per operation improves by a geometric mean slowdown of $0.971 \times$ across micro-benchmarks and real-world workloads for CPython 3.13.3 when the experimental JIT is enabled.

	Execution		
Workload	JIT disabled	JIT enabled	Speedup
Operation instantiation	2990 ± 808	2980 ± 759	1×
Specialised operation instantiation	365 ± 32	391 ± 36	$0.93 \times$
Trait checking	1190 ± 553	1220 ± 573	$0.98 \times$
Specialised trait checking	221 ± 31	224 ± 30	$0.99 \times$
Operation traversal	394 ± 2	427 ± 2	$0.92 \times$
Constant folding	44600 ± 1330	47000 ± 1450	$0.95 \times$
Specialised constant folding	5400 ± 1225	5250 ± 1275	$1.03 \times$

In contrast to the specialising adaptive interpreter, the experimental JIT regresses performance for nearly all workloads (Table 6.3). This aligns with the results recorded for the PyPerformance benchmark suite, which similarly regress when the JIT is enabled. As discussed above, this comes as a result of the JIT's experimental nature, aiming to provide infrastructure for future optimisations rather than immediate gains.

6.3 Summary

In recent years, Faster CPython has introduced two key optimisations which leverage the runtime information as a result of dynamism in the Python interpreter. The first is the specialising adaptive interpreter, which profiles how generic bytecode instructions are used, allowing speculative quickening into a more specialised form. The second is the experimental JIT, which identifies hot code paths at runtime and translates them into optimised native machine code. Beyond these dynamic optimisations which we examine in detail, Faster CPython also makes other optimisations unrelated to dynamism in the language runtime, such as the tail-calling interpreter [39] and memory layout optimisations which further improve performance.

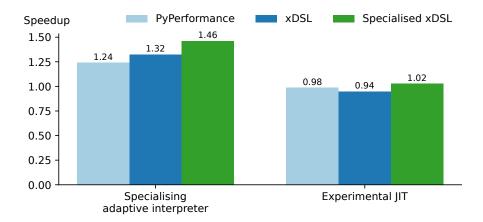


Figure 6.1: Highly dynamic workloads such as constant folding in xDSL exacerbate the performance impact of CPython optimisations leveraging runtime information, with manual specialisation further revealing optimisation opportunities.

Through our empirical measurement, we show that the pointer-chasing, variable control flow workload of the xDSL user-extensible compile framework exacerbates the impact of both of these optimisations leveraging runtime information (Figure 6.1). This can be seen by constant folding in xDSL having a greater speedup than PyPerformance with the specialising adaptive interpreter, but a worse slow-down with the experimental JIT. In addition to this, we show that specialisation of the workloads (chapter 5) reveals further optimisation opportunities, increasing the impact of both of these optimisations.

Chapter 7

Dynamism in compiler frameworks

A key difference between the Python and C++ runtimes is their degree of dynamism. The C++ runtime incurs overhead when dynamically dispatching functions (Figure 1.1, 3), which is worsened by prohibiting ahead-of-time performance optimisations. In contrast, Python dynamically evaluates each bytecode operation individually in its interpreter loop, incurring an overhead each time. As such, we expect the difference in performance between language runtimes (Figure 1.1, 4) to be smaller for more dynamic workloads. In this chapter, we quantify this difference by examining synthetic examples within static and dynamic language runtimes. We then apply this information to understand the difference in performance between pattern rewriting workloads using xDSL and MLIR through the lens of overhead incurred by dynamism.

7.1 Cost of dynamic dispatch

In static languages such as C++, the function calls can often be resolved at compile time. In contrast, dynamic languages such as Python must resolve the address of each function call at runtime, incurring an overhead. However, the address of some function calls can only be known at runtime, for example as a result of object polymorphism. This address then must be resolved during execution by the language runtime in both static and dynamic languages. Furthermore, this information being known only at runtime presents an optimisation boundary, precluding common rewrites such as function inlining which contribute to the performance of ahead-of-time compiled languages. We argue further that the difference between static and dynamic languages is reduced for workloads with insufficient information to resolve function addresses ahead of time. We justify this by examining the mechanisms of dynamic dispatch in Python and C++, and contrasting them through both synthetic examples and our micro-benchmark suite.

C++ uses a Virtual Method Table (vtable) mechanism for method polymorphism, a lookup table which is accessed at runtime through pointer indirection to retrieve the address for the virtual function implementation. In contrast, Python stores methods and attributes in the __dict__ object attribute which is searched at runtime, checking parent classes if needed. While both use indirection for dynamic dispatch, Python's approach enables more dynamic behaviour like runtime meta-programming but comes with higher performance costs compared to C++'s more efficient vtable system. We can quantify the performance overhead of this vtable mechanism through a synthetic example (Listing 7.1).

```
#include <stdlib.h>
   class Base {
    public:
2
                                                              int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
                                                           3
3
        int func(int a, int b) { b
                                                           4
                                                                  // Values known only at runtime c
            return a - b;
4
                                                                  int a = atoi(argv[1]), b = atoi(argv[2]), c
5
                                                                  \hookrightarrow = atoi(argv[3]);
        __attribute__((noinline))
6
                                                           6
 7
        int uninlinedFunc(int a, int b) { e
                                                                  // Setup
                                                           7
            return a - b;
8
                                                                  int result = 0;
                                                           8
9
                                                          9
                                                                  Base baseObj;
        virtual int virtualFunc(int a, int b) {
10
                                                          10
                                                                  Derived derivedObj;
            return a - b;
11
                                                                  Base* polyObj = c > 0 ? &baseObj :
12
        }
                                                                   13
    };
                                                          12
14
                                                                  // Function invocations
                                                          13
    class Derived : public Base {
15
                                                                  result += baseObj.func(a, b);
                                                          14
16
                                                                  result += baseObj.uninlinedFunc(a, b);
                                                          15
        int virtualFunc(int a, int b) override {
17
                                                          16
                                                                  result += polyObj->virtualFunc(a, b);
            return b - a;
18
                                                          17
19
                                                          18
                                                                  return result;
    };
20
                                                              }
                                                          19
                (a) Method definitions.
                                                                          (b) Method invocations.
```

Listing 7.1: Synthetic example of direct and dynamic method dispatch in C++.

This synthetic example exercises polymorphic methods which must be resolved dynamically using a vtable at runtime (a), along with methods which can be statically resolved ahead of time during compilation (b). A challenge when constructing this workload is providing data whose value is known only at runtime. We implement this by taking arguments from the command line (c), as opposed to defining static variables which the compiler could reason about to inform ahead of time optimisations. This is necessary to exercise dynamic dispatch of functions, which requires a polymorphic object whose type is known only at runtime (d). Since this simple synthetic example is amenable to compiler optimisations such as function inlining, we use variable attributes to hint to the compiler that certain methods should not be inlined (e).

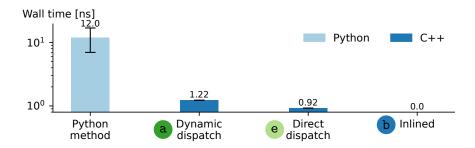


Figure 7.2: Dynamic dispatch generated by clang -03 incurs a 30% overhead in comparison with direct dispatch, but remains an order of magnitude more performant than CPython 3.10 method invocation.

Having constructed this synthetic example, we calculate the cost of each method invocation by measuring the runtime of each function and subtracting the runtime of its inlined implementation (Figure 7.2). Dynamic dispatch is 30% slower than direct dispatch, as a result of the overhead constructing and dereferencing through the vtable. Examining the disassembly (Appendix F), this overhead increases the instruction count from 4 to 14, for a total of 10 extra cycles on ARM Reduced Instruction Set Computer (RISC) machines. This observation matches the work of Driesen and Hölzle, who assert the "direct cost" of virtual function calls is up to 10.2 cycles for highly dynamic workloads [40, Figure 18.]. In addition to this Driesen and Hölzle acknowledge there is a further "indirect cost" associated with hidden optimisations, but do not characterise it. An example of such an optimisation hidden by runtime information is the inlining of the function implementation. This code motion represents the remaining 70% of the overhead of dynamic dispatch – significantly greater than the polymorphism machinery. Furthermore, this is a lower bound of this impact, as further optimisations such as vectorisation or dead code elimination could be revealed. Despite both these direct and indirect costs, Python function invocation remains an order of magnitude slower.

Functions which can only be dispatched at runtime are one way a workload can exhibit dynamism. An example of this in the domain of compiler frameworks is the Operation objects composing the IR being processed are necessarily only known at runtime, their methods such as verification and printing must be dispatched dynamically. In other cases, MLIR is optimised to avoid this cost. For example, the TypeID::get<Traits> function uses template meta-programming to monomorphise the generic function calls. However, this approach is only applicable when there is sufficient information at runtime.

7.2 Run-time type information

In a "A history of C++: 1979–1991", Stroustop states that the original C++ design "deliberately didn't include [mechanisms] for run-time type identification [as] they were almost always misused." [41]. Support for this functionality was later added in C++98 [42], including support for dynamic_casts checked a runtime, and getting the typeid

of a polymorphic object. However, this incurs a runtime cost [43], and is brittle in the objects to which it can be applied. A such, LLVM reimplements a subset of this functionality, providing the dyn_cast method and TypeID data structure, aiming to "strike a balance between performance and the setup required to enable its use" [44]. This is another example of dynamic behaviour, which we again argue incurs additional runtime overhead and precludes optimisations in static languages, closing the gap with dynamic ones. As before, we justify this be examining the details of this mechanism, using our micro-benchmark suite.

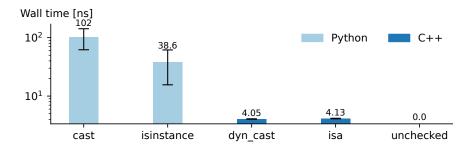


Figure 7.3: Both checking and casting LLVM RTTI have a similar runtime cost, contrasting Python, which is $10 \times$ slower for checking and $25 \times$ slower for casting.

We measure the duration of micro-benchmarks exercising xDSL and MLIR's RTTI operations (Figure 7.3). LLVM's RTTI implementation is much more performant than Python, leveraging C++ templates to defer as much computation as possible to compile time. In addition to this, type checking and casting have approximately the same performance cost, as they leverage similar mechanisms. In contrast, Python's isinstance function is faster than cast, as the former is implemented in C as a builtin function, whereas the latter is in Python in the standard library, hence relying on the dynamic dispatch machinery discussed above. However, the implementation of the cast function is the identity, doing nothing unless explicitly overridden. Python's dynamic duck typing [45] does not require restructuring data when casting, allowing casting operations and some type checks to be elided. Despite this, the cast function incurs a high overhead. In CPython, even empty function calls require at least two expensive bytecode operations, and they cannot be optimised away as they may be overridden dynamically at runtime.

7.3 Dynamic languages for user-extensible compilers

From the previous section we can see that dynamism incurs overhead and precludes ahead of time optimisations. This narrows the performance gap between dynamic and static languages for the implementation of this infrastructure, because the cost traditionally associated with Python's dynamic interpreted runtime is lessened by the commensurate dynamism of the user-extensible compiler framework workload. Contrasting the $60,000 \times$ slowdown claimed of C++ implementations of structured workloads such as GEMM [15],

specialised implementations of real-world xDSL workloads demonstrate Python can close this gap to only $10\times$. In combination with developer productivity being critical for modern compiler engineers to achieve their performance goals (chapter 2), this narrowed gap challenges the status quo of MLIR being implemented static, ahead-of-time compiled C++. Instead, xDSL's approach of using Python improves developer productivity with its expressive syntax and fast build times, empowering fast prototypes during development. We believe that this motivates the use of dynamic languages for the implementation of user-extensible compiler infrastructures.

Chapter 8

Related work

In this chapter, we survey existing literature analysing the performance of compiler frameworks and the Python language, along with the role of dynamism in programming language design. From this, we show the research gaps which this thesis aims to address.

8.1 Compiler framework performance

While compiler designers naturally focus on optimizing the performance of compiled code, the execution time of the compiler itself also has a significant impact on developer productivity. For very large projects such as Firefox, which contains over twenty million lines of code [46], small changes to compiler performance can result in minutes gained or lost for each compilation – significantly impacting developer productivity. Although there has been considerable engineering effort devoted to compiler performance, academic research continues to focus primarily on improving the compiled output rather than the compilation process itself. As such, researchers have not yet fully explored the field, with only a few academic studies examining the performance of compiler frameworks, the most salient of which we discuss below.

Lattner and Adve's original paper proposing LLVM contains a short evaluation of the framework's performance [2, Section 4.1.4]. In this evaluation, the authors compare the runtime of individual transformation passes against gcc optimisation level -03 across a variety of workloads. The results of this experiment [2, Table 2] report each of LLVM's transformation passes is at least two orders of magnitude faster than gcc's end-to-end compilation across the tested workloads. This demonstrates that analysis and transformations can be performed efficiently, but has a critical flaw. By using end-to-end compilation time for gcc, the measurement includes time taken by non-transformation phases such as parsing, printing, and code generation, making it incomparable with the measurements of the transformation passes only for LLVM. Furthermore, since the paper's publication twenty years ago, LLVM has evolved significantly. This evolution brings new complexity,

new performance enhancements, and even new frameworks such as MLIR – changing the calculus of its performance characteristics. This motivated later research to re-examine these performance characteristics of compiler frameworks.

At the 2024 European LLVM Developers' Meeting, Mehdi Amini and Jeff Nui presented their keynote talk "How Slow is MLIR?" [30]. This talk aimed to quantify the feeling in the LLVM community that MLIR incurred a significant performance cost over LLVM alone, and produce metrics against which MLIR could be optimised. The presenters first discuss the implementation details of MLIR, including the design choices made to match common workloads. Next, they provide a set of micro-benchmarks for key functionality provided by MLIR, along with traditional benchmarks for constant folding and loop unrolling workloads. For the micro-benchmarks and constant folding workloads, MLIR is approximately four times slower than traditional LLVM. However, MLIR's more expressive IR representation yields an eighty-eight times speed up over LLVM for loop unrolling.

In addition to performance measurements of the LLVM and MLIR frameworks specifically, there is a body of research examining the performance of compilers more generally. In their 2024 paper, Engelke and Schwarz compare compile-times across frameworks for query compilation [47], finding Cranelift's [48] non-pointer chasing data structures yield a 20-35% speedup over LLVM, supporting our hypothesis on the performance impact of dynamism. Engelke's earlier work also touches on compiler performance, proposing low-overhead approaches to binary instrumentation [49], rewriting at runtime [50], and JIT compilation [51] [52]. However, this body of research is much smaller in volume than the literature examining the performance of compiler generated code, despite its critical importance for developer productivity.

Our work differentiates itself from this existing research in two ways. Firstly, the above work focuses only on the performance characteristics of popular frameworks including LLVM, MLIR, and Cranelift. We extend this to also examine xDSL's performance. Secondly, having performance measurements and instrumentation for both MLIR and xDSL, we further extend the domain by contrasting the two frameworks through the lens of dynamism and its impact on performance.

8.2 Python language performance

Driven by Python's immense popularity, significant research effort has been expended developing tools and techniques to characterise its performance. This section discusses a relevant subset of these approaches, and contrasts them with our novel contributions.

8.2.1 Measuring application performance in Python

Reliable and accurate performance measurement is notoriously difficult. As such, its careful execution constitutes the main contribution of systems papers and theses [53] [54]. This

difficulty comes from both sides of the hardware-software interface. For example, hardware optimisations such as hierarchical caches, branch predictors, and power management schemes exhibit complex emergent behaviour [55], making performance measurements less predictable and consistent. Similar confounding effects come from software, from process scheduling in the operating system to garbage collection in language runtimes [56]. Beyond this, advanced interpreters leverage runtime performance information for adaptive specialisation and JIT compilation, further muddling measurements. This phenomenon is explored by Barrett et al.'s "Virtual Machine Warmup Blows Hot and Cold" [29], where interpreter virtual machine warmup is shown to be highly variable, with benchmarks taking over 2000 iterations to reach a steady state. As such, accurate measurement of the performance characteristics of a Python program is more involved than the naïve approach of taking the wall time it takes to execute – requiring additional tools and techniques to guarantee reliable results. Fortunately, Python's strong ecosystem provides a wide variety of tools to achieve this goal, from the simple standard library timeit utility [33] to the pyperf package [34], with more complex control over confounding effects such as warm-ups and CPU isolation. Our work leverages these tools to make accurate measurements of compiler framework performance.

A key contribution of our research is our application of these tools to produce robust performance measurements and analysis of the xDSL user-extensible compiler frameworks, extending and contrasting similar work for MLIR. In addition to the research contribution of these measurements themselves, our work further supports ongoing research using the xDSL framework by providing re-usable performance benchmarks and associated tooling to measure performance. However, sometimes measurements with finer than end-to-end granularity are required. As such, our tooling also provides a simple user interface for applying performance profilers to these benchmarks.

8.2.2 Profiling to understand Python's performance

Existing profilers for Python typically operate at the function level. For example, Python's standard library provides the profile module, a Python-native tracing profiler, along with cProfile, a more performant C implementation of the same functionality [57]. These instrument each call event, providing accurate profiling information for each evaluated function. Beyond the standard library, profilers such as pyinstrument use statistical sampling rather than tracing to reduce overhead incurred by performance measurement [58]. In addition to this, the recent OSDI best paper winner "Triangulating Python Performance Issues with SCALENE" [59] introduces another profiler which focusses on the FFI boundary between C and Python, a key bottleneck for the best practice of delegating computation to fast low-level implementations. This delegation is particularly effective for structured workloads such as linear algebra, but is less suitable for highly dynamic workloads. Furthermore, profiling information at a finer granularity than the function level is often needed to deeply the performance of a program. line_profiler provides

this functionality to a line level [60], but this is still one level of abstraction over the increasingly complex implementation of CPython's interpreter.

We fill this gap in the existing provision with ByteSight, a Python-native tracing performance profiler at the bytecode level. ByteSight extends existing work outputting and rewriting bytecode sequences [61] [62] [63], providing an easily installable package with the novel capability of performance profiling individual bytecode instructions. This contribution also unblocks other work in this thesis, facilitating close examination of specialised implementations and providing information about the performance of individual dynamic bytecode instructions.

8.3 Dynamism in programming languages

One common mechanism providing dynamism in programming languages is dynamic typing. This refers to programming languages where type-checking is performed at runtime, and variables can change type during the course of execution. In their essay "The next 7000 programming languages" [64], Chatley et al. discuss how the landscape of programming languages has changed since Landin's seminal 1966 paper "The next 700 programming languages" [65]. At the time of Landin's paper, there was already a split between dynamically typed languages such as Lisp and statically languages such as C and Algol. Lisp's runtime type checks incurred performance overhead and unexpected runtime type errors, but provided much greater expressivity and hence more productive development than static languages of the time. These trade-offs between static and dynamic languages remain much the same today, with Chatley et al. arguing that dynamically typed languages' expressivity results in "excellent library support", as they are better equipped to express structured data without a fixed schema.

Beyond dynamic typing, there are a wide variety of other mechanisms by which programming languages can provide dynamism. One mechanism is runtime meta-programming, which refers to code which can introspect and manipulate its own behaviour at runtime. An example of this is monkey-patching in Python, which allows the programmatic modification of objects at runtime [66]. Another mechanism is late binding, which refers to resolving method calls at runtime when they are invoked, as opposed to being statically linked ahead of time. Interestingly, ahead-of-time compiled languages typically considered static such as C++ provide this dynamic behaviour in the case of polymorphism. When a method is invoked on an object in an inheritance hierarchy, the correct implementation to execute is resolved at runtime using C++'s vtable mechanism [67]. Driesen and Hölzle quantify the performance overhead of this process in their paper "The Direct Cost of Virtual Function Calls in C++" [40], measuring both a direct cost as a result of the vtable indirection, and an indirect cost from precluded optimisation opportunities. This shows that the dynamic aspects of languages influence the details of their implementation, and the degree to which they can be optimised.

Ahead-of-time compilers rely on static mechanisms such as data-flow analysis to find valid optimisations. As they are run ahead of time, these static analyses have less information to reason about the dynamic runtime behaviour. In this dynamic case, some traditional optimisations cannot be guaranteed to be correct, and hence cannot be leveraged to improve program performance. For example, Hölze and Ungar's paper "Optimizing dynamically-dispatched calls with run-time type feedback" [68] argues that a function which is dynamically dispatched at runtime cannot be optimised through the code motion optimisation of function inlining, as the implementation which will be invoked is not known ahead of time. The authors then aim to address this with an experimental compiler implementing "type feedback", a profile-guided optimisation which inlines dynamically dispatched calls in object-orientated languages. This mirrors later work on instruction specialisation by Williams et al. [14] which lead to Python's specialising adaptive interpreter [37]. However, such approaches are specific to individual aspects of the language runtime, and being ahead of time can only optimise for a prediction of the runtime behaviour. Furthermore, runtime behaviour may differ significantly across inputs for some workloads, making this prediction less representative of real-world behaviour.

Our work applies this body of research to understand the impact of dynamic language features on the performance of dynamic workloads.

Chapter 9

Conclusion

We present performance measurements for the implementation of user-extensible compiler frameworks in dynamic languages through the proxy of xDSL, and contrast this with a replication of existing work measuring the performance of MLIR as a proxy for static language implementations. These measurements find a 110× slowdown for dynamic languages on real-world workloads, but capture the implementation details of the proxies in addition to the language runtimes (chapter 3). To address this, we present specialised versions of micro-benchmarks and a pattern rewriting workload, which. This specialisation process reduces the slowdown between frameworks to 12× (chapter 5). This effort revealed a gap in the tooling provision for highly granular profiling of Python code, leading to our development of ByteSight, a native tracing performance profiler for Python bytecode (chapter 4). ByteSight facilitates developing specialised implementations, and provides insights into the performance impact of dynamism on individual bytecode instructions. Using this tool, we examine optimisation techniques for dynamic language runtimes such as instruction specialisation and JIT compilation, comparing their impact between highly dynamic compiler frameworks with Python's representative suite of real-world workloads. We find that dynamic workloads exacerbate the impact of these optimisations, with instruction specialisation yielding a 10% greater speedup of dynamic over static workloads. This further reduces the slowdown between frameworks to $10 \times$ (chapter 6). Finally, we quantify the impact of dynamism on the performance of static and dynamic languages, elucidating the mechanism by which dynamic workloads preclude optimisations and incur overhead and justifying our earlier measurements (chapter 7).

Our work identifies dynamism in user-extensible compiler infrastructures as a result of the heterogeneous data structures used to represent IR, whose structure and contents is known only at runtime. It then quantifies the performance cost this dynamism incurs in their ahead-of-time compiled implementation. We contrast this with implementations in dynamic languages, empirically demonstrating that the performance overhead typically associated with such languages is lessened by both the workload's dynamic nature, and modern optimisation approaches to dynamic language runtimes. This contribution challenges the

status quo of implementing user-extensible compiler frameworks in static, ahead-of-time compiled languages, typified by LLVM's MLIR in C++. Instead, we motivate the use of dynamic languages for these frameworks, showing that implementations such as xDSL which follow this approach present a desirable balance of framework performance with the developer productivity required to deliver modern workloads without delay.

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Appendix A

PyPerformance version comparison

The following section describes the procedure and provides the raw results used to evaluate the speed-ups between CPython versions. Each of the CPython versions was compiled from source with the --enable-optimizations and --with-lto configuration flags. This compilation was performed on the experimental machine (detailed in subsection 3.1.1) to avoid issues with cross-compilation. The PyPerformance tool runs a suite of benchmarks, each resulting in their own speed-up value (tabulated for each version comparison in Tables A.1, A.2, and A.3). These speed-up values are aggregated into a single speed-up value as the geometric mean. A geometric mean is used because it is less skewed by outlying data. The calculated speed-ups are shown in the main body of the thesis (Table 6.1).

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  Performance version: 1.11.0
  Report on Linux-6.8.0-1029-aws-x86_64-with-glibc2.39
  Number of logical CPUs: 16
  Start date: 2025-06-02 23:12:50.096047
  End date: 2025-06-02 23:39:13.222073
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  Performance version: 1.11.0
  Report on Linux-6.8.0-1029-aws-x86_64-with-glibc2.39
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  Number of logical CPUs: 16
  Start date: 2025-06-02 22:42:35.309501
  End date: 2025-06-02 23:09:34.936710
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  | async_tree_cpu_io_mixed | 1.13 sec | 959 ms | 1.18x faster | Significant (t=24.21) |
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                | 854 ms | 607 ms | 1.41x faster | Significant (t=28.47) |
  | async_tree_eager
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28	async_tree_eager_cpu_io_mixed	1.14 sec	959 ms	1.18x faster	Significant (t=25.07)
30	async_tree_eager_io	1.98 sec	1.39 sec	1.42x faster	Significant (t=115.69)
31	async_tree_eager_memoization	989 ms	753 ms	1.31x faster	Significant (t=70.85)
33 34	async_tree_io	1.98 sec	1.39 sec	1.42x faster	Significant (t=126.72)
35 36	+	989 ms	754 ms	1.31x faster	Significant (t=80.45)
37 38	+ async_tree_none	+ 848 ms	607 ms	1.40x faster	Significant (t=28.13)
39 40	+ asyncio_tcp	+ 907 ms	+ 775 ms	1.17x faster	Significant (t=6.00)
41 42	+ asyncio_tcp_ssl	+ 2.32 sec		1.56x slower	Significant (t=-11.69)
43 44	+ asyncio_websockets	+ 643 ms	633 ms	1.02x faster	Not significant
45 46	+ bench_mp_pool	+ 14.4 ms	12.8 ms	1.12x faster	Significant (t=7.41)
47 48	+	+ 1.78 ms	1.69 ms	1.06x faster	Significant (t=31.34)
49 50	chameleon	9.92 ms	7.88 ms	1.26x faster	Significant (t=53.29)
51 52	chaos	130 ms	81.1 ms	'	Significant (t=95.28)
53 54	comprehensions	+ 29.5 us	25.5 us	1.16x faster	Significant (t=90.45)
55 56	coroutines	35.7 ms	28.8 ms	1.24x faster	Significant (t=119.60)
57 58	coverage	89.0 ms	84.8 ms	1.05x faster	Significant (t=5.95)
59 60	create_gc_cycles	1.28 ms 	1.11 ms	1.15x faster	Significant (t=24.86)
61 62	crypto_pyaes	134 ms	85.5 ms	1.56x faster	Significant (t=202.03)
63 64	dask	525 ms	454 ms	1.16x faster	Significant (t=21.98)
65 66	deepcopy				Significant (t=59.44)
67 68	•	60.3 us	45.5 us	1.32x faster	Significant (t=77.90)
69 70		4.45 us	3.59 us	1.24x faster	Significant (t=78.19)
71 72		8.47 ms	4.08 ms	2.08x faster	Significant (t=150.55)
73 74		49.9 ms	38.9 ms	1.28x faster	Significant (t=45.49)
75 76		3.32 sec	2.70 sec	1.23x faster	Significant (t=110.18)
77 78		95.2 ms	79.0 ms	1.20x faster	Significant (t=59.47)
80		542 ms	434 ms	1.25x faster	Significant (t=33.10)
81 82		126 ms	86.2 ms	1.47x faster	Significant (t=127.64)
84		3.60 ms	3.56 ms	1.01x faster	Not significant
85 86		60.4 ms	55.7 ms	1.08x faster	Significant (t=29.61)
87 88		33.8 ms	25.6 ms	1.32x faster	Significant (t=85.96)
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genshi_xml	70.6 ms	61.1 ms	1.16x faster Significant (t=29.82)
l go	+ 259 ms	166 ms 	1.56x faster Significant (t=120.34)
•	10.5 ms	7.43 ms	1.41x faster Significant (t=34.56)
	106 ms	81.4 ms	1.30x faster Significant (t=21.53)
		13.6 ms	1.08x faster Significant (t=21.42)
•	30.2 us	28.4 us	1.06x faster Significant (t=23.39)
	11.0 us	7.91 us	1.39x faster Significant (t=50.52)
	197 ns	123 ns	1.60x faster Significant (t=64.16)
logging_simple	9.95 us	•	1.40x faster Significant (t=39.79)
mako	•	11.7 ms	1.47x faster Significant (t=116.59)
mdp	3.51 sec	3.20 sec	1.10x faster Significant (t=16.77)
	120 ms	109 ms	1.11x faster Significant (t=58.59)
	150 ms	102 ms	1.47x faster Significant (t=21.91)
	111 ms	94.7 ms	1.17x faster Significant (t=28.95)
	•	27.6 ms	1.07x faster Significant (t=14.71)
	•	•	1.00x faster Not significant
	28.5 us	29.5 us	1.03x slower Significant (t=-8.47)
	•	4.16 us	1.00x faster Not significant
	•	•	1.39x faster Significant (t=201.27)
pidigits			1.04x faster Significant (t=16.13)
pprint_pformat	2.30 sec	1.70 sec	1.35x faster Significant (t=44.81)
pprint_safe_repr	1.12 sec	825 ms	1.35x faster Significant (t=62.68)
pyflate	747 ms	463 ms	1.61x faster Significant (t=105.36)
python_startup	11.0 ms	10.2 ms	1.08x faster Significant (t=113.04)
python_startup_no_site	7.18 ms	7.62 ms	1.06x slower Significant (t=-63.11)
raytrace	543 ms	355 ms	1.53x faster Significant (t=97.20)
regex_compile	204 ms	161 ms	1.27x faster Significant (t=68.71)
regex_dna	208 ms	182 ms	1.14x faster Significant (t=45.65)
regex_effbot	3.36 ms	3.23 ms	1.04x faster Significant (t=7.84)
regex_v8	27.6 ms	24.7 ms	1.12x faster Significant (t=51.00)
richards	85.1 ms	56.0 ms	1.52x faster Significant (t=84.28)
			1.54x faster Significant (t=81.27)

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scimark_fft	485 ms	387 ms	1.25x faster	Significant (t=102.78
scimark_lu	197 ms	141 ms	1.39x faster	Significant (t=71.19)
scimark_monte_carlo	128 ms	77.1 ms	1.66x faster	Significant (t=127.37
scimark_sor	232 ms	140 ms	1.66x faster	 Significant (t=112.82
scimark_sparse_mat_mult	6.67 ms	4.90 ms		Significant (t=30.12)
spectral_norm	164 ms	131 ms	1.25x faster	Significant (t=52.68)
sqlalchemy_declarative	161 ms	133 ms	1.21x faster	Significant (t=22.47)
sqlalchemy_imperative	24.4 ms	21.1 ms	•	Significant (t=33.55)
sqlglot_normalize	158 ms	128 ms	1.23x faster	Significant (t=86.82)
sqlglot_optimize	75.3 ms	61.3 ms		Significant (t=89.97)
sqlglot_parse	2.33 ms	1.62 ms	1.44x faster	Significant (t=129.85
sqlglot_transpile	2.76 ms	1.95 ms	1.41x faster	Significant (t=83.09)
sqlite_synth	3.68 us	3.07 us		Significant (t=76.70)
sympy_expand	622 ms	537 ms	1.16x faster	Significant (t=29.76)
sympy_integrate	27.0 ms	22.1 ms	1.22x faster	Significant (t=52.24)
sympy_str	373 ms	324 ms	1.15x faster	Significant (t=29.39)
sympy_sum	209 ms	181 ms		Significant (t=43.71)
telco	8.34 ms	7.67 ms	1.09x faster	Significant (t=22.23)
tomli_loads	3.29 sec	2.50 sec		Significant (t=66.74)
tornado_http		137 ms		Significant (t=27.00)
typing_runtime_protocols	607 us	512 us	1.18x faster	Significant (t=30.73)
	58.4 ns	44.8 ns	1.30x faster	Significant (t=5.12)
	15.8 us	14.5 us	1.09x faster	Significant (t=18.21)
	5.39 us	5.20 us	1.04x faster	Significant (t=9.47)
	360 us	277 us	1.30x faster	Significant (t=79.85)
xml_etree_generate	109 ms	91.8 ms	1.19x faster	Significant (t=70.86)
xml_etree_iterparse	119 ms	110 ms	1.08x faster	Significant (t=29.01)
	166 ms	165 ms	1.01x faster	Not significant
				 Significant (t=144.92

Skipped 8 benchmarks only in py311.json: async_tree_cpu_io_mixed_tg, async_tree_eager_cpu_io_mixed_tg,

async_tree_eager_io_tg, async_tree_eager_memoization_tg, async_tree_eager_tg, async_tree_io_tg,

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 $[\]hookrightarrow \quad {\tt async_tree_memoization_tg, \ async_tree_none_tg}$

Listing A.1: Comparison table of PyPerformance benchmark results between CPython versions 3.10.17 and 3.11.12.

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 Number of logical CPUs: 16
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 End date: 2025-06-02 23:09:34.936710
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 +-----+
47
              | 754 ms
                   | 536 ms
                        | 1.41x faster | Significant (t=16.34) |
48
 | async_tree_memoization
 +-----+
49
50
 | async_tree_memoization_tg
              +------
51
              | async_tree_none
52
53
              | 528 ms | 381 ms | 1.39x faster | Significant (t=105.89) |
54
 | async_tree_none_tg
 +-----+
55
              | asyncio_tcp
56
 +-----
57
              | 3.63 sec | 1.74 sec | 2.08x faster | Significant (t=853.90) |
 | asyncio_tcp_ssl
```

60	asyncio_websockets	633 ms	642 ms	1.01x slower	Not significant
61 62 63	+ bench_mp_pool	+ 12.8 ms	+ 12.7 ms	+	Not significant
64	bench_thread_pool	1.69 ms	1.68 ms		Not significant
65 66		7.88 ms	8.15 ms	1.03x slower	Significant (t=-11.58)
67 68	•	•	71.5 ms	1.13x faster	Significant (t=23.56)
69 70	comprehensions	•		1.26x faster	Significant (t=38.57)
71 72	coroutines	•	•	1.07x faster	+ Significant (t=27.12)
73 74	+ coverage	84.8 ms	108 ms	1.27x slower	Significant (t=-31.89)
75 76	+ create_gc_cycles	+ 1.11 ms	+ 1.23 ms	 1.11x slower	Significant (t=-21.36)
77 78		•		1.09x faster	Significant (t=26.47)
79 80	•	454 ms	449 ms	 1.01x faster	Not significant
81 82		407 us			Significant (t=-49.99)
83 84	+ deepcopy_memo	•	+ 49.4 us		Significant (t=-38.52)
85 86	+ deepcopy_reduce	+ 3.59 us	+	+ 1.13x slower	Significant (t=-29.35)
87 88	+ deltablue	+ 4.08 ms	+ 3.55 ms		Significant (t=57.73)
89 90	. 3 0 - 1	+ 38.9 ms	+ 40.9 ms	1.05x slower	Significant (t=-8.99)
91 92	+ docutils	+	+ 2.74 sec	1.01x slower	Not significant
93 94	dulwich_log	79.0 ms	79.3 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
95 96	fannkuch	434 ms	,		Significant (t=-11.43)
	float 	-			Significant (t=-31.15)
99		3.56 ms	3.75 ms	1.05x slower	Significant (t=-4.61)
101		55.7 ms	36.9 ms	1.51x faster	Significant (t=122.22)
103	•	25.6 ms	26.3 ms	 1.03x slower	Significant (t=-4.97)
105		61.1 ms	61.2 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
		166 ms	171 ms	1.03x slower	Significant (t=-8.53)
109	•	7.43 ms	6.89 ms	 1.08x faster	Significant (t=25.05)
111		81.4 ms	85.1 ms	1.05x slower	Significant (t=-4.97)
114		13.6 ms	12.0 ms	1.14x faster	Significant (t=44.50)
115 116		28.4 us	30.3 us	1.07x slower	Significant (t=-23.47)
117 118		7.91 us	7.79 us	1.02x faster	Not significant
120		123 ns	137 ns	1.11x slower	Significant (t=-14.30)
121 122					+ Significant (t=7.92)

123	+	+	+	+	
124	mako	11.7 ms	12.8 ms	1.09x slower	Significant (t=-30.48)
125 126	mdp	3.20 sec	3.02 sec	1.06x faster	Significant (t=9.91)
127 128	meteor_contest	109 ms	116 ms	1.07x slower	Significant (t=-19.41)
129 130	nbody	+ 102 ms	+ 106 ms	+ 1.04x slower	Significant (t=-12.11)
131 132	+	+ 94.7 ms	+ 92.6 ms	+ 1.02x faster	Significant (t=4.58)
133 134	+ pathlib	+ 27.6 ms	+ 26.0 ms	++ 1.06x faster	Significant (t=13.29)
135 136	+	+ 11.8 us	+ 14.9 us	+ 1.27x slower	Significant (t=-54.21)
137 138	+ pickle_dict	+ 29.5 us	+ 33.3 us		+ Significant (t=-43.03)
139 140	+	+ 4.16 us	+ 4.98 us	+ 1.20x slower	+ Significant (t=-39.29)
141 142	+ pickle_pure_python	+ 364 us	+ 359 us	+ 1.01x faster	Not significant
143 144	+	+	+ 218 ms	+ 1.05x slower	Significant (t=-34.21)
145 146	+	+ 1.70 sec	+ 1.82 sec		Significant (t=-14.43)
147 148	+	+	+	+	Significant (t=-22.24)
149 150	+	+	+	+	Significant (t=-25.73)
151	+	+	+		
152 153	python_startup +	10.2 ms +	12.5 ms +	1.22x slower +	Significant (t=-292.44)
154 155	python_startup_no_site	7.62 ms	8.57 ms +	1.12x slower	Significant (t=-136.29)
156 157	raytrace	355 ms	309 ms	1.15x faster	Significant (t=43.55)
158 159	regex_compile	161 ms +	156 ms +		Significant (t=10.62)
160	regex_dna	182 ms	215 ms		Significant (t=-38.47)
161 162	regex_effbot			 1.00x slower	Not significant
163 164	regex_v8	24.7 ms	27.9 ms	1.13x slower	Significant (t=-27.49)
165 166	•	56.0 ms	60.7 ms	1.08x slower	Significant (t=-12.87)
167 168	_ -	67.5 ms	67.5 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
169 170		387 ms	419 ms	1.08x slower	Significant (t=-18.47)
171 172		141 ms	137 ms	1.03x faster	Significant (t=8.59)
173 174	+				Significant (t=-8.31)
175 176	· — —	140 ms	157 ms	1.12x slower	Significant (t=-62.46)
177 178	+	4.90 ms	5.50 ms	1.12x slower	Significant (t=-16.82)
179 180	-	131 ms	128 ms	1.02x faster	Not significant
181 182		128 ms	129 ms	1.01x slower	Not significant
183 184	+				+ Significant (t=-6.14)
185	+	+	+	++	++

186	sqlglot_parse	1.62 ms	1.49 ms	1.08x faster	Significant (t=43.70)
187 188 189	sqlglot_transpile	1.95 ms	1.82 ms	1.07x faster	Significant (t=24.15)
190	sqlite_synth	3.07 us	3.37 us		Significant (t=-34.84)
191 192	sympy_expand	537 ms	523 ms	1.03x faster	Significant (t=6.58)
193 194	sympy_integrate	22.1 ms	21.2 ms		Significant (t=18.00)
195 196	sympy_str	324 ms	307 ms		Significant (t=13.82)
197 198	sympy_sum	181 ms	162 ms 	1.12x faster	Significant (t=31.73)
199 200	telco	7.67 ms	9.23 ms	1.20x slower	Significant (t=-39.84)
201	tomli_loads	2.50 sec	2.50 sec	1.00x slower	Not significant
203 204	tornado_http	137 ms	134 ms 	1.02x faster	Not significant
205 206	typing_runtime_protocols	512 us	189 us 	2.71x faster	Significant (t=186.48)
207 208	unpack_sequence	44.8 ns	52.9 ns	1.18x slower	Significant (t=-3.27)
209 210	unpickle	14.5 us	16.0 us	1.10x slower	Significant (t=-19.09)
211	unpickle_list	5.20 us	5.64 us 	1.09x slower	Significant (t=-31.35)
213 214	unpickle_pure_python	277 us	262 us	1.05x faster	Significant (t=18.66)
215 216	xml_etree_generate	91.8 ms	99.3 ms 	1.08x slower	Significant (t=-39.71)
217 218	xml_etree_iterparse	110 ms	112 ms 	1.02x slower	Not significant
219 220	xml_etree_parse	165 ms	164 ms 	1.01x faster	Not significant
221 222	xml_etree_process	+	+ 68.7 ms	1.07x slower	Significant (t=-39.35)
223	+	+	+	+	++

Skipped 2 benchmarks only in py311.json: sqlalchemy_declarative, sqlalchemy_imperative

227 Skipped 1 benchmarks only in py313.json: 2to3

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Listing A.2: Comparison table of PyPerformance benchmark results between CPython versions 3.11.12 and 3.13.3.

```
1
    py313.json
2
    =======
3
    Performance version: 1.11.0
    Report on Linux-6.8.0-1029-aws-x86_64-with-glibc2.39
    Number of logical CPUs: 16
    Start date: 2025-06-02 22:07:57.491156
    End date: 2025-06-02 22:31:36.629262
8
9
10 py313-jit.json
    _____
11
12
Performance version: 1.11.0
Report on Linux-6.8.0-1029-aws-x86_64-with-glibc2.39
Number of logical CPUs: 16
16 Start date: 2025-06-02 21:40:29.802724
   End date: 2025-06-02 22:04:08.722964
```

19 + 20	Benchmark	+ py313.json	+ py313-jit.json	Change	++ Significance
21 + 22 	-=====================================		+======+ 485 ms	 1.05x slower	+======+ Significant (t=-8.31)
23 + 24	async_tree_cpu_io_mixed	+ 677 ms	+ 672 ms	1.01x faster	++ Not significant
25 + 26	async_tree_cpu_io_mixed_tg	+ 742 ms	+ 735 ms	1.01x faster	++ Not significant
27 + 28	async_tree_eager	+ 135 ms	138 ms	1.03x slower	++ Significant (t=-5.82)
29 + 30		468 ms	465 ms	1.01x faster	++ Not significant
31 + 32	async_tree_eager_cpu_io_mixed_tg	627 ms	620 ms	1.01x faster	++ Not significant
33 + 34	async_tree_eager_io	1.00 sec	+ 997 ms	1.00x faster	++ Not significant
35 + 36	async_tree_eager_io_tg	1.10 sec	1.12 sec	1.02x slower	++ Not significant
37 + 38	async_tree_eager_memoization	+ 281 ms	289 ms	1.03x slower	Significant (t=-3.93)
39 + 40	async_tree_eager_memoization_tg	+ 438 ms	439 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
41 + 42	async_tree_eager_tg	318 ms	322 ms	1.01x slower	Not significant
44	async_tree_io	966 ms	960 ms	1.01x faster	Not significant
45 + 46	async_tree_io_tg	1.00 sec	990 ms	1.01x faster	Not significant
47 + 48 49 +	async_tree_memoization	536 ms	538 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
50	async_tree_memoization_tg	533 ms	531 ms	1.00x faster	Not significant
51 + 52 53 +	async_tree_none	412 ms	414 ms	1.01x slower	Not significant
54 55 	async_tree_none_tg	381 ms	383 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
56	asyncio_tcp	476 ms	504 ms	1.06x slower	Significant (t=-10.55)
58 59 +	asyncio_tcp_ssl				Not significant
	asyncio_websockets				Not significant
62	bench_mp_pool				Not significant
64	bench_thread_pool				Significant (t=-13.58)
66	chameleon				Not significant
68 I	chaos				Not significant
70 I	comprehensions				Significant (t=4.31) +
72	coroutines				Not significant
74	coverage				Significant (t=23.68) +
76	create_gc_cycles				Not significant
78 I	crypto_pyaes 				Significant (t=5.83) +
	dask				Not significant

	deepcopy	449 us	466 us	1.04x slower	Significant (t=-4.65)
	deepcopy_memo	+ 49.4 us	+ 45.5 us		Significant (t=40.04)
		4.05 us	4.11 us	•	Not significant
	deltablue	3.55 ms	3.97 ms	1.12x slower	Significant (t=-55.41)
	•	40.9 ms	43.3 ms		Significant (t=-7.95)
91 92 93	•	2.74 sec	2.87 sec	1.05x slower	Significant (t=-8.39)
94		79.3 ms		1.02x slower	Significant (t=-2.44)
	•	470 ms	•	1.11x faster	Significant (t=24.08)
98	•	'	•	1.15x faster	Significant (t=37.45)
	•	•	3.76 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
	generators	36.9 ms	37.1 ms	 1.00x slower	Not significant
104	genshi_text	26.3 ms	•	 1.15x slower	Significant (t=-22.09)
	'	61.2 ms	68.5 ms	1.12x slower	Significant (t=-32.32)
	•	171 ms	•	1.02x slower	Significant (t=-5.09)
	•	•	7.13 ms	•	Significant (t=-8.44)
	html5lib	85.1 ms	82.9 ms		Significant (t=9.55)
113 114 115	json_dumps	12.0 ms	11.8 ms	 1.01x faster	Not significant
116	json_loads	30.3 us	30.4 us	1.00x slower	Not significant
	l logging_format	7.79 us	7.25 us		Significant (t=7.00)
119 120 121	logging_silent				Not significant
	•	6.75 us	6.65 us	1.02x faster	Not significant
124	•	12.8 ms	11.6 ms	1.10x faster	Significant (t=12.42)
126	•	3.02 sec	3.06 sec	1.01x slower	Not significant
128		116 ms	117 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
	•	106 ms	113 ms	1.06x slower	Significant (t=-14.11)
132	•	92.6 ms	104 ms	1.12x slower	Significant (t=-18.68)
134		26.0 ms	26.1 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
136		14.9 us	14.7 us	1.01x faster	Not significant
138		33.3 us	32.6 us	1.02x faster	Significant (t=4.89)
140		4.98 us	4.97 us	1.00x faster	Not significant
		359 us	367 us	1.02x slower	Significant (t=-10.93)
					Significant (t=32.66)

145	+	+	+	+	
146 147	pprint_pformat	1.82 sec	1.81 sec	1.00x faster	Not significant
148	pprint_safe_repr	884 ms	886 ms	1.00x slower	Not significant
149 150	pyflate	513 ms	482 ms	1.06x faster	Significant (t=13.39)
151 152	python_startup	12.5 ms	14.3 ms	1.15x slower	Significant (t=-169.42)
153 154	python_startup_no_site	8.57 ms	10.4 ms	1.22x slower	Significant (t=-303.79)
155 156	raytrace	309 ms	318 ms	1.03x slower	Significant (t=-9.91)
157 158	regex_compile	+ 156 ms	+ 153 ms		Significant (t=7.49)
159 160	+	+ 215 ms	199 ms		Significant (t=20.71)
161 162	regex_effbot	+ 3.24 ms	 3.13 ms	+ 1.04x faster	Significant (t=4.77)
163 164	. 181 = 11	+ 27.9 ms	 28.0 ms	+ 1.00x slower	Not significant
165 166		+ 60.7 ms			+ Significant (t=46.32)
167 168		•		1.22x faster	Significant (t=40.93)
169 170	•		+ 359 ms	1.17x faster	Significant (t=32.96)
171 172	+	+ 137 ms	+ 157 ms		+ Significant (t=-46.95)
173 174	+	+ 78.9 ms	+ 80.7 ms	+ 1.02x slower	Significant (t=-7.75)
175 176	+	+ 157 ms	+ 162 ms	+ 1.03x slower	Significant (t=-15.13)
177 178	+	+ 5.50 ms	+ 4.64 ms	+ 1.19x faster	+ Significant (t=23.43)
179 180	+	+ 128 ms	+ 107 ms	+ 1.20x faster	Significant (t=41.15)
181 182	+	+ 129 ms	+ 132 ms	+ 1.03x slower	Significant (t=-4.35)
183 184	+	+ 62.6 ms	+ 65.2 ms	+ 1.04x slower	 Significant (t=-9.74)
185 186	+	•			 Not significant
187 188	+				 Not significant
189 190	+	•		•	+ Significant (t=8.77)
191 192	+	+	+	+	=
193 194	+				Significant (t=-31.11)
195 196	+	+	+	+	
197 198	+	+	+	+	=
199 200	+	+	+	+	
201 202	+	+	+	+	=
203	+	+	+	+	
204 205	+	+	+	+	·+
206 207	typing_runtime_protocols +				

208					Significant (t=-366.64)
209 210 211	+	16.0 us	15.9 us	1.01x faster	Not significant
211 212 213		5.64 us	5.36 us	1.05x faster	Significant (t=12.69)
214 215		262 us	260 us	1.01x faster	Not significant
216 217		99.3 ms	96.7 ms	1.03x faster	Significant (t=11.44)
218 219		112 ms	108 ms	1.03x faster	Significant (t=13.58)
220 221		164 ms	164 ms	1.00x faster	Not significant
222		68.7 ms	68.6 ms	1.00x faster	Not significant
224	,	,		,	

Skipped 1 benchmarks only in py313.json: 2to3

Listing A.3: Comparison table of PyPerformance benchmark results between CPython 3.13.3 with and without the JIT enabled.

Appendix B

MLIR workloads

B.1 Constant folding

```
def constant_folding_module(size: int) -> ModuleOp:
        """Generate a constant folding workload of a given size.
2
        The output of running the command
        `print(WorkloadBuilder().constant_folding_module(size=5))` is shown
       below:
6
        ```mlir
 "builtin.module"() ({
 \%0 = "arith.constant"() {"value" = 865 : i32} : () -> i32
10
 %1 = "arith.constant"() {"value" = 395 : i32} : () -> i32
11
 %2 = "arith.addi"(%1, %0) : (i32, i32) -> i32
 %3 = "arith.constant"() {"value" = 777 : i32} : () -> i32
13
 %4 = "arith.addi"(%3, %2) : (i32, i32) -> i32
14
 \%5 = "arith.constant"() {"value" = 912 : i32} : () -> i32
15
 "test.op"(%4) : (i32) -> ()
16
 }) : () -> ()
 11 11 11
19
 assert size >= 0
20
 random.seed(RANDOM_SEED)
21
 ops: list[Operation] = []
 ops.append(ConstantOp(IntegerAttr(random.randint(1, 1000), i32)))
 for i in range(1, size + 1):
24
 if i % 2 == 0:
25
 ops.append(AddiOp(ops[i - 1], ops[i - 2]))
26
 else:
 ops.append(ConstantOp(IntegerAttr(random.randint(1, 1000), i32)))
 ops.append(TestOp([ops[(size // 2) * 2]]))
29
 return ModuleOp(ops)
30
```

**Listing B.1:** Python implementation of a parameterised generator for constant folding over integers in xDSL.

## Appendix C

## MLIR benchmark results

#### C.1 Pipeline phase micro-benchmark results

#### C.2 How Slow is MLIR micro-benchmark results

The following section describes the procedure and provides the raw results from "How Slow is MLIR's" micro-benchmarks.

```
git clone https://github.com/EdmundGoodman/llvm-project-benchmarks --depth 1
 mkdir -p llvm-project-benchmarks/build/
2
 cd llvm-project-benchmarks/build
3
 cmake -G Ninja ../llvm \
4
 -DLLVM_ENABLE_PROJECTS=mlir \
5
 -DLLVM_TARGETS_TO_BUILD="host" \
6
 -DLLVM_ENABLE_BENCHMARKS=ON \
7
 -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=Release \
8
 -DCMAKE_C_COMPILER=clang-18 -DCMAKE_CXX_COMPILER=clang++-18
 ./tools/mlir/unittests/Benchmarks/MLIR_IR_Benchmark
```

**Listing C.1:** Bash commands to downloads, compiler, and run the benchmarks from "How Slow is MLIR".

```
1 2025-05-14T12:19:17+00:00
2 Running ./tools/mlir/unittests/Benchmarks/MLIR_IR_Benchmark
3 Run on (16 X 2799.99 MHz CPU s)
4 CPU Caches:
 L1 Data 32 KiB (x8)
 L1 Instruction 32 KiB (x8)
 L2 Unified 512 KiB (x8)
 L3 Unified 16384 KiB (x2)
9 Load Average: 0.02, 0.06, 0.02
10
11 Benchmark
 CPU Iterations
12
 258 ns 258 ns
13
 Analysis/symbolTable/10
 2695939
 1280 ns
 Analysis/symbolTable/64
 1280 ns
 543255
```

15	Analysis/symbolTable/512	11790	ns	11788	ns	60690
16	Analysis/symbolTable/4096	224244		224225		3104
17	Analysis/symbolTable/32768	2313859		2313755		301
18	Analysis/symbolTable/262144	20582734	ns	20580290	ns	34
19	Analysis/symbolTable/2097152	207555204	ns	207544488	ns	3
20	Analysis/symbolTable/10000000	1111381830	ns	1111329506	ns	1
21	Analysis/symbolTable_BigO	110.60	N	110.60	N	
22	Analysis/symbolTable_RMS	6	%	6	%	
23	AttributesBench/sameString/10	25400	ns	25395	ns	27578
24	AttributesBench/sameString/64	29777	ns	29770	ns	23165
25	AttributesBench/sameString/512	67519	ns	67508	ns	10391
26	AttributesBench/sameString/4096	368952	ns	368882	ns	1901
27	AttributesBench/sameString/32768	2616887	ns	2616441	ns	268
28	AttributesBench/sameString/262144	20386755	ns	20382261	ns	35
29	AttributesBench/sameString/2097152	160800051	ns	160770866	ns	4
30	AttributesBench/sameString/10000000	789746984	ns	789711748	ns	1
31	AttributesBench/sameString_Big0	78.88	N	78.87	N	
32	AttributesBench/sameString_RMS	1	%	1	%	
33	AttributesBench/newString/10	26939	ns	26938	ns	26077
34	AttributesBench/newString/64	38844	ns	38835	ns	18031
35	AttributesBench/newString/512	176931	ns	176919	ns	3973
36	AttributesBench/newString/4096	1362397	ns	1362302	ns	509
37	AttributesBench/newString/32768	11228015	ns	11227408	ns	62
38	AttributesBench/newString/262144	111172923		111167549		6
39	AttributesBench/newString/2097152	1591535825		1591347447		1
40	AttributesBench/newString/10000000	8887091339		8886357582		1
41	AttributesBench/newString_BigO	882.93		882.86		
42	AttributesBench/newString_RMS	8		8		00014
43	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/10	25093		25091		27714
44	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/64	29761		29759		23732
45	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/512	67391		67385		10772
46	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/4096	362256		362239		1985
47	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/32768	2653860		2653773 20412688		263 34
48	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/262144 AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/2097152	20414147 161449035		161410387		4
49 50	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading/10000000	812195579		812055621		1
51	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading_BigO	81.04		81.02		1
52	AttributesBench/sameStringNoThreading_RMS		%	2		
53	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/10	25899		25894		26880
54	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/64	33426		33420		20941
55	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/512	111491		111464		6322
56	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/4096	799421		799274		871
57	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/32768	6615350		6615040		107
58	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/262144	60571886		60568929		10
59	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/2097152	1011572721	ns	1011488998	ns	1
60	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading/10000000	5860333524		5859865437	ns	1
61	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading_BigO	581.43	N	581.38	N	
62	AttributesBench/newStringNoThreading_RMS	9	%	9	%	
63	AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded/1	177082	ns	132487	ns	5349
64	AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded/8	188428	ns	138520	ns	4991
65	AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded/64	217087	ns	158959	ns	4453
66	AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded/512	401011	ns	186276	ns	3759
67	AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded/4096	1692038	ns	197919	ns	3654
68	AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded/10000	3872841	ns	204502	ns	1000
69	${\tt AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded\_Big0}$	391.99	N	25.31	N	
70	AttributesBench/sameStringMultithreaded_RMS	15		77		
71	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded/1	176590	ns	131450	ns	5397
72	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded/8	225039		158980		4537
73	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded/64	270241		185683		3781
74	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded/512	1787474		206312		3342
75	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded/4096	13267092		219467		1000
76	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded/10000	31691415		228920		100
77	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded_BigO	3179.93	N	28.25	N	

78	AttributesBench/newStringMultithreaded_RMS	2	%	77	%	
79	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded/1	181078		134121		5180
80	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded/8	217968		159165		4343
81	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded/64	393130	ns	197247	ns	3421
82	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded/512	2220815	ns	212651	ns	3259
83	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded/4096	15542558	ns	238015	ns	1000
84	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded/10000	37028639	ns	262253	ns	100
85	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded_BigO	3717.53	N	31.79	N	
86	AttributesBench/newStringEachMultithreaded_RMS	2	%	75	%	
87	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw/1	352	ns	352	ns	1894864
88	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw/8	1935	ns	1934	ns	362435
89	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw/64	14422	ns	14422	ns	48335
90	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw/512	114092	ns	114079	ns	6155
91	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw/4096	917976	ns	917885	ns	768
92	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw/32768	7267919	ns	7267427	ns	96
93	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw/100000	22257550	ns	22255369	ns	31
94	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw_BigO	222.50	N	222.48	N	
95	AttributesBench/setAttrRaw_RMS	0	%	0	%	
96	AttributesBench/setAttrProp/1	1.27	ns	1.27	ns	552856899
97	AttributesBench/setAttrProp/8	5.57	ns	5.57	ns	125431956
98	AttributesBench/setAttrProp/64	40.4	ns	40.3	ns	17349876
99	AttributesBench/setAttrProp/512	326	ns	326	ns	2139325
100	AttributesBench/setAttrProp/4096	2589	ns	2588	ns	270117
101	AttributesBench/setAttrProp/32768	20657		20655		33859
102	AttributesBench/setAttrProp/100000	62989		62984		11150
103	AttributesBench/setAttrProp_Big0	0.63		0.63		
104	AttributesBench/setAttrProp_RMS		%		%	
105	AttributesBench/setProp/1	1.27		1.27		527999624
106	AttributesBench/setProp/8	6.43		6.43		106786484
107	AttributesBench/setProp/64	41.7		41.7		16801887
108	AttributesBench/setProp/512	332		332		2105804
109	AttributesBench/setProp/4096	2591		2591		270559
110	AttributesBench/setProp/32768	20664		20663		33868
111	AttributesBench/setProp/262144	165411		165400		4230
112	AttributesBench/setProp/1000000	631175 0.63		631128 0.63		1109
113	AttributesBench/setProp_BigO AttributesBench/setProp_RMS		N %		N %	
114 115	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/1	0.947		0.947		740202993
116	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/8	5.05		5.05		138881195
117	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/64	40.3		40.3		17345436
118	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/512	325		325		2153624
119	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/4096	2586		2585		270515
120	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/32768	20703		20702		33857
121	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/262144	165570		165564		4225
122	AttributesBench/setPropHoist/1000000	631529		631485		1112
123	AttributesBench/setPropHoist_BigO	0.63	N	0.63		
124	AttributesBench/setPropHoist_RMS	0	%	0	%	
125	ConstantFolding/folding/1	3895	ns	3832		182475
126	ConstantFolding/folding/8	15109	ns	15069	ns	46046
127	ConstantFolding/folding/64	114518	ns	114466	ns	6091
128	ConstantFolding/folding/512	508223	ns	508155	ns	1390
129	ConstantFolding/folding/4096	3223717	ns	3223398	ns	214
130	ConstantFolding/folding/10000	7825265	ns	7824889	ns	90
131	ConstantFolding/folding_BigO	783.68	N	783.64	N	
132	ConstantFolding/folding_RMS	3	%	3	%	
133	ConstantFolding/opFolder/1	5910	ns	5866	ns	119213
134	ConstantFolding/opFolder/8	20958	ns	20932	ns	33807
135	ConstantFolding/opFolder/64	153989	ns	153958	ns	4553
136	ConstantFolding/opFolder/512	742573	ns	742498	ns	953
137	ConstantFolding/opFolder/4096	4734908		4734590		145
138	ConstantFolding/opFolder/10000	11462842		11462018		63
139	ConstantFolding/opFolder_Big0	1148.40		1148.32		
140	ConstantFolding/opFolder_RMS	3	%	3	%	

141	ConstantFolding/llvm_folding/1	1456	ne	1381	ne	507760
142	ConstantFolding/llvm_folding/8	4257		4180		168245
143	ConstantFolding/llvm_folding/64	26929		26840		26297
144	ConstantFolding/llvm_folding/512	156498		156342		4432
145	ConstantFolding/llvm_folding/1000	289457		289321		2429
146	ConstantFolding/llvm_folding_Big0	293.25		293.07		
147	ConstantFolding/llvm_folding_RMS		%	5		
148	Cloning/cloneOps/10	2220		2220		318436
149	Cloning/cloneOps/64	14691		14690		46549
150	Cloning/cloneOps/512	136508		136502		5122
151	Cloning/cloneOps/4096	1242184	ns	1242098	ns	565
152	Cloning/cloneOps/32768	10503352	ns	10502102	ns	66
153	Cloning/cloneOps/262144	108813716	ns	108810122	ns	5
154	Cloning/cloneOps/2097152	1521077252	ns	1521011265	ns	1
155	Cloning/cloneOps/10000000	7660330775	ns	7659616760	ns	1
156	Cloning/cloneOps_BigO	764.08	N	764.01	N	
157	Cloning/cloneOps_RMS	4	%	4	%	
158	CreateOps/simple/10	1536	ns	1536	ns	460046
159	CreateOps/simple/64	9646	ns	9644	ns	72357
160	CreateOps/simple/512	78018	ns	78000	ns	9087
161	CreateOps/simple/4096	633086	ns	633009	ns	1105
162	CreateOps/simple/32768	5075687	ns	5074757	ns	141
163	CreateOps/simple/262144	39982401	ns	39974803	ns	17
164	CreateOps/simple/2097152	360437464	ns	360353166	ns	2
165	CreateOps/simple/10000000	2086232311	ns	2086075480	ns	1
166	CreateOps/simple_BigO	207.04	N	207.02	N	
167	CreateOps/simple_RMS	9	%	9	%	
168	CreateOps/hoistedOpState/10	1428	ns	1428	ns	493202
169	CreateOps/hoistedOpState/64	9086	ns	9086	ns	76665
170	CreateOps/hoistedOpState/512	72140	ns	72131	ns	9599
171	CreateOps/hoistedOpState/4096	578253	ns	578227	ns	1203
172	CreateOps/hoistedOpState/32768	4646163	ns	4645889	ns	152
173	<pre>CreateOps/hoistedOpState/262144</pre>	37132617	ns	37129104	ns	19
174	<pre>CreateOps/hoistedOpState/2097152</pre>	294337820	ns	294303042	ns	2
175	<pre>CreateOps/hoistedOpState/10000000</pre>	1415526483	ns	1415445417	ns	1
176	<pre>CreateOps/hoistedOpState_BigO</pre>	141.50	N	141.49	N	
177	<pre>CreateOps/hoistedOpState_RMS</pre>	0	%	0	%	
178	CreateOps/withInsert/10	1438	ns	1438	ns	457959
179	CreateOps/withInsert/64	7362	ns	7362	ns	109665
180	CreateOps/withInsert/512	48655	ns	48653	ns	13639
181	CreateOps/withInsert/4096	399650	ns	399628	ns	1781
182	CreateOps/withInsert/32768	3183901	ns	3183579	ns	220
183	CreateOps/withInsert/262144	25701754	ns	25699965	ns	28
184	CreateOps/withInsert/2097152	203392387	ns	203380240	ns	3
185	CreateOps/withInsert/10000000	1091894863	ns	1091801688	ns	1
186	CreateOps/withInsert_BigO	108.67	N	108.66	N	
187	CreateOps/withInsert_RMS	5	%	5		
188	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/10	1071		1070	ns	637199
189	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/64	7944	ns	7943	ns	100889
190	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/512	75907	ns	75901		9140
191	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/4096	602203	ns	602160	ns	1171
192	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/32768	5002004	ns	5001232	ns	100
193	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/262144	38527344		38525541		18
194	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/2097152	314170408		314147116		2
195	CreateOps/simpleRegistered/10000000	1486016787		1485892910		1
196	CreateOps/simpleRegistered_BigO	148.65		148.64		
197	CreateOps/simpleRegistered_RMS		%	0		
198	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/10	1529		1529		446050
199	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/64	8186		8186		92710
200	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/512	60538		60532		11322
201	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/4096	469575		469520		1447
202	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/32768	3768329		3768200		183
203	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/262144	30147703	ns	30146259	ns	23

204	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/2097152	240048733	ne	240016824	ne	3
204	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered/10000000	1287778683		1287710159		1
206	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered_BigO	128.17		128.16		1
207	CreateOps/withInsertRegistered_RMS		%		%	
208	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/10	621		621		1310205
209	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/64	3399		3399		208887
210	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/512	26754		26751		26019
211	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/4096	214032		214024		3267
211	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/32768	1740016		1739836		409
212	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/262144	13703840		13703383		51
214	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/2097152	116423890		116413778		7
214	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered/10000000	508718534		508690844		1
216	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered_BigO	51.07		51.07		1
217	CreateOps/llvm_withInsertRegistered_RMS		%		%	
218	CreateOps/simpleConstant/10	4259		4259		166102
219	CreateOps/simpleConstant/64	27216		27212		25925
220	CreateOps/simpleConstant/512	215266		215255		3259
221	CreateOps/simpleConstant/4096	1706406		1706316		407
222	CreateOps/simpleConstant/32768	13536332		13535658		51
223	CreateOps/simpleConstant/262144	109289148		109280023		6
224	CreateOps/simpleConstant/2097152	872710808		872649757		1
225	CreateOps/simpleConstant/10000000	4174540562		4174213028		1
226	CreateOps/simpleConstant_BigO	417.40		417.37		_
227	CreateOps/simpleConstant_RMS		%		%	
228	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/10	3584		3583		195947
229	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/64	22858		22857		30869
230	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/512	179839		179822		3900
231	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/4096	1436457		1436281		495
232	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/32768	11687039		11686423		61
233	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/262144	93986445	ns	93981382	ns	8
234	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/2097152	734716294	ns	734631856	ns	1
235	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant/10000000	3516873944	ns	3516440595	ns	1
236	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant_BigO	351.64	N	351.59	N	
237	CreateOps/simpleRegisteredConstant_RMS	0	%	0	%	
238	DialectConversion/noPatterns/1	2114	ns	2058	ns	341049
239	DialectConversion/noPatterns/8	3206	ns	3144	ns	223480
240	DialectConversion/noPatterns/64	10719	ns	10667	ns	67748
241	DialectConversion/noPatterns/512	67336	ns	67225	ns	10457
242	DialectConversion/noPatterns/4096	522999	ns	522861	ns	1337
243	DialectConversion/noPatterns/32768	4157336	ns	4156524	ns	168
244	DialectConversion/noPatterns/262144	34530702	ns	34527365	ns	20
245	DialectConversion/noPatterns/1000000	141217638	ns	141213232	ns	5
246	DialectConversion/noPatterns_BigO	140.59	N	140.59	N	
247	DialectConversion/noPatterns_RMS	4	%	4	%	
248	DialectConversion/toLLVM/1	26222	ns	26240	ns	26347
249	DialectConversion/toLLVM/8	52543	ns	52546	ns	13238
250	DialectConversion/toLLVM/64	270734	ns	270727	ns	2555
251	DialectConversion/toLLVM/512	1942653	ns	1942429	ns	355
252	DialectConversion/toLLVM/4096	15547873	ns	15547373	ns	45
253	DialectConversion/toLLVM/32768	135306178	ns	135301871	ns	5
254	DialectConversion/toLLVM/262144	1349905322	ns	1349700436	ns	1
255	DialectConversion/toLLVM/1000000	6221941548	ns	6221300959	ns	1
256	DialectConversion/toLLVM_BigO	6150.91	N	6150.26	N	
257	DialectConversion/toLLVM_RMS	10	%	10	%	
258	GreedyRewriter/empty/1	160	ns	160	ns	4317770
259	GreedyRewriter/empty/8	310		310	ns	2242470
260	GreedyRewriter/empty/64	1999	ns	1998	ns	344037
261	GreedyRewriter/empty/512	18588	ns	18584	ns	37692
262	GreedyRewriter/empty/4096	196155		196116		3571
263	GreedyRewriter/empty/32768	1562059		1561765		453
264	GreedyRewriter/empty/262144	14990618		14987106		47
265	GreedyRewriter/empty/2097152	161013784		160978620		4
266	GreedyRewriter/empty/10000000	1160105739	ns	1159997571	ns	1

267	GreedyRewriter/empty_BigO	114.32	N	114.31	N	
268	GreedyRewriter/empty_RMS	18		18		
269	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/10	40997		40995		16619
270	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/64	43101		43100		16070
271	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/512	61193		61189		11507
272	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/4096	229037		229017		2960
273	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/32768	1687291		1686925		430
274	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/262144	15046323		15042271		47
	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/2097152	166651302		166609746		4
275	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns/1000000	1205316641		1205235646		1
276	·	118.76		118.75		1
277	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns_Big0	170.76		170.75		
278	GreedyRewriter/withCanonicalizationPatterns_RMS	48255		48244		14615
279	GreedyRewriter/withPatterns/100	46255 86790		86771		7815
280	GreedyRewriter/withPatterns/512	630096		630079		
281	GreedyRewriter/withPatterns/4096	1454875		1454797		1172 480
282	GreedyRewriter/withPatterns/10000	1454675				460
283	GreedyRewriter/withPatterns_BigO			146.76		
284	GreedyRewriter/withPatterns_RMS		%		%	7047440
285	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/10	99.8		99.8		7047449
286	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/64	591		591		1183230
287	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/512	4638		4638		150472
288	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/4096	37237		37229		18789
289	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/32768	300670		300651		2333
290	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/262144	2643092		2642860		263
291	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/2097152	20712952		20708857		34
292	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/10000000	98550537		98542763		7
293	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod_BigO	9.86		9.86		
294	InterfaceBench/vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod_RMS		%		%	46640000
295	InterfaceBench/llvm_vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/10	15.0		15.0		46612990
296	InterfaceBench/llvm_vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/64	93.3		93.3		7470909
297	InterfaceBench/llvm_vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/512	699		699		995669
298	InterfaceBench/llvm_vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/4096	5522		5521		126964
299	InterfaceBench/llvm_vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod/10000	15494		15493		45167
300	InterfaceBench/llvm_vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod_BigO	1.52		1.52		
301	InterfaceBench/llvm_vectorTraveralCallInterfaceMethod_RMS		%		%	450047
302	LoopUnrolling/unroll/1	4502		4410		158967
303	LoopUnrolling/unroll/8	23767		23618		29563
304	LoopUnrolling/unroll/64	172746		172507		4052
305	LoopUnrolling/unroll/512	1322454		1321995		534
306	LoopUnrolling/unroll/1000	2545860		2545325		276
307	LoopUnrolling/unroll_BigO	2554.05		2553.43		
308	LoopUnrolling/unroll_RMS		%		%	10111
309	LoopUnrolling/llvm_unroll/1	36144		36123		19441
310	LoopUnrolling/llvm_unroll/8	255243		255368		2735
311	LoopUnrolling/llvm_unroll/64	2700037		2700070		259
312	LoopUnrolling/llvm_unroll/512	73407469		73402333		10
313	LoopUnrolling/llvm_unroll/1000	260718746		260696177		3
314	LoopUnrolling/llvm_unroll_BigO	235708.03		235688.13		
315	LoopUnrolling/llvm_unroll_RMS	36		36		44000
316	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR/10	61549		61546		11338
317	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR/64	179556		179544		3894
318	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR/512	1220245		1220158		573
319	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR/4096	9856960		9855832		71
320	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR/32768	82664124		82658142		8
321	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR/262144	995924502		995851929		1
322	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR/1000000	4324001717		4323683749		1
323	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR_Big0	4288.45		4288.13		
324	ParserPrinter/parseTextualIR_RMS		%		%	4,550
325	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR/10	47988		47984		14588
326	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR/64	100307		100281		6952
327	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR/512	573133		573025		1218
328	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR/4096	4586582		4585625		153
329	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR/32768	37373868	ns	37371286	ns	19

	D D	400000404		400050045		0
330	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR/262144	420982484		420959945		2
331	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR/1000000	2034472944		2034323491		1
332	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR_BigO	2006.03		2005.89		
333	ParserPrinter/parseBytecodeIR_RMS	12		12		
334	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR/10	14484		14482		48128
335	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR/64	62662		62660		11078
336	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR/512	463614		463600		1507
337	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR/4096	3802635	ns	3802384		184
338	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR/32768	31159720	ns	31152274	ns	22
339	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR/262144	298570499	ns	298498153	ns	2
340	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR/1000000	1246963499	ns	1246833554	ns	1
341	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR_BigO	1239.72	N	1239.58	N	
342	ParserPrinter/printTextualIR_RMS	5	%	5	%	
343	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR/10	12809	ns	12805	ns	53762
344	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR/64	49801	ns	49790	ns	13943
345	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR/512	408265	ns	408185	ns	1735
346	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR/4096	3312854	ns	3312253	ns	209
347	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR/32768	28967742	ns	28958923	ns	23
348	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR/262144	299572774	ns	299555963	ns	2
349	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR/1000000	1386730152	ns	1386637183	ns	1
350	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR_BigO	1370.55	N	1370.45	N	
351	ParserPrinter/printBytecodeIR_RMS	10	%	10	%	
352	IRWalk/blockTraveral/10	17.5	ns	17.5	ns	39881680
353	IRWalk/blockTraveral/64	110	ns	110	ns	6379697
354	IRWalk/blockTraveral/512	1596		1595		439735
355	IRWalk/blockTraveral/4096	10195		10194		68860
356	IRWalk/blockTraveral/32768	81073		81055		8650
357	IRWalk/blockTraveral/262144	1841230		1840690		381
358	IRWalk/blockTraveral/2097152	16323138		16319776		43
359	IRWalk/blockTraveral/10000000	80215734		80210678		9
360	IRWalk/blockTraveral_Big0	8.01		8.01		3
	IRWalk/blockTraveral_RMS		%	2		
361	IRWalk/vectorTraveral/10	4.06		4.06		171001020
362	IRWalk/vectorTraveral/64	26.4		26.4		171981038 26457066
363						
364	IRWalk/vectorTraveral/512 IRWalk/vectorTraveral/4096	232		232		3020721
365		1849		1849		379201
366	IRWalk/vectorTraveral/32768	14762		14759		47414
367	IRWalk/vectorTraveral/262144	114403		114397		6116
368	IRWalk/vectorTraveral/2097152	1028901		1028851		685
369	IRWalk/vectorTraveral/10000000	6133232		6132622		114
370	IRWalk/vectorTraveral_BigO	0.61		0.61		
371	IRWalk/vectorTraveral_RMS	10		10		
372	IRWalk/simpleWalk/10	62.6		62.6		11116850
373	IRWalk/simpleWalk/64	350		350	ns	1999507
374	IRWalk/simpleWalk/512	2729		2729		256518
375	IRWalk/simpleWalk/4096	21833		21831		32038
376	IRWalk/simpleWalk/32768	176236		176223	ns	3985
377	IRWalk/simpleWalk/262144	1742919		1742834		404
378	IRWalk/simpleWalk/2097152	14132705	ns	14131555	ns	49
379	IRWalk/simpleWalk/10000000	67449778	ns	67445037	ns	10
380	<pre>IRWalk/simpleWalk_Big0</pre>	6.74	N	6.74	N	
381	IRWalk/simpleWalk_RMS	0	%	0	%	
382	IRWalk/filteredOps/10	17.1	ns	17.1	ns	40873782
383	IRWalk/filteredOps/64	113	ns	113	ns	6174719
384	IRWalk/filtered0ps/512	1603	ns	1603	ns	431125
385	IRWalk/filtered0ps/4096	9621	ns	9620	ns	72549
386	IRWalk/filteredOps/32768	76871	ns	76866	ns	9082
387	IRWalk/filteredOps/262144	1558707	ns	1558516	ns	452
388	IRWalk/filteredOps/2097152	13222558	ns	13221336	ns	53
389	IRWalk/filteredOps/10000000	62731864		62725928		11
390	IRWalk/filteredOps_BigO	6.27		6.27		
391	IRWalk/filteredOps_RMS		%	1		
392	IRWalk/nestedRegion/10	84.7		84.7		8264952
	,	51.7		02.1	_	

393	IRWalk/nestedRegion/16	125	ns	125	ns	5587643
394	IRWalk/nestedRegion/64	454		454		1531392
395	IRWalk/nestedRegion/256	1828		1828		384758
396	IRWalk/nestedRegion/1024	7129		7129		91981
397	IRWalk/nestedRegion/4096	30161		30159		23193
398	IRWalk/nestedRegion/8000	57663	ns	57658		12012
399	IRWalk/nestedRegion_BigO	7.24	N	7.24		
400	IRWalk/nestedRegion_RMS		%	2		
401	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/10	7.48	ns	7.48	ns	93670794
402	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/64	69.4	ns	69.4	ns	10072389
403	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/512	1476	ns	1476	ns	469258
404	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/4096	9975	ns	9975	ns	70587
405	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/32768	80465	ns	80459	ns	8673
406	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/262144	1803648	ns	1803592	ns	390
407	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/2097152	16225756	ns	16225254	ns	43
408	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal/10000000	78978276	ns	78975659	ns	9
409	IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal_BigO	7.89	N	7.89	N	
410	<pre>IRWalk/llvm_blockTraversal_RMS</pre>	1	%	1	%	
411	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/10	7.36	ns	7.36	ns	95088104
412	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/64	45.7	ns	45.7	ns	15317168
413	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/512	476	ns	476	ns	1450136
414	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/4096	3790	ns	3790	ns	184584
415	<pre>IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/32768</pre>	39812	ns	39809	ns	17634
416	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/262144	975434	ns	975405	ns	720
417	<pre>IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/2097152</pre>	8580938	ns	8580456	ns	81
418	<pre>IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail/10000000</pre>	40768999	ns	40764746	ns	17
419	<pre>IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail_BigO</pre>	4.08	N	4.08	N	
420	<pre>IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastFail_RMS</pre>	1	%	1	%	
421	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/10	7.39	ns	7.39	ns	93692158
422	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/64	45.7	ns	45.7	ns	15323919
423	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/512	523	ns	523	ns	1294067
424	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/4096	3785		3785		186404
425	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/32768	39972		39970		17502
426	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/262144	977336		977306		720
427	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/2097152	8450122		8447973		81
428	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess/10000000	40680953		40678330		17
429	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess_BigO	4.07		4.07		
430	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpCastSuccess_RMS		%	1		
431	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/10	7.02		7.02		99761463
432	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/64	47.6		47.6		14778467
433	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/512	420		420		1628629
434	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/4096	4313		4313		161931
435	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/32768	38468		38465		17969
436	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/262144 IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/2097152	983971		983943		708 79
437 438	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess/10000000	8727375 41350491		8726866 41343429		17
439	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess_BigO	4.14		4.14		11
440	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpIsaSuccess_RMS		%	1		
441	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/10	39.2		39.2		17857367
442	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/64	254		254		2761824
443	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/512	2132		2131		328156
444	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/4096	16273		16272		42906
445	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/32768	131320		131283		5341
446	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/262144	1665353		1664450		422
447	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/2097152	13372446		13369410		52
448	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail/10000000	63311417		63307361		11
449	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail_BigO	6.33		6.33		
450	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithoutInterfaceCastFail_RMS		%	0		
451	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/10	47.3		47.3		14787937
452	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/64	308		308		2278677
453	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/512	2458	ns	2458	ns	285080
454	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/4096	19516	ns	19515	ns	35921
455	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/32768	156901	ns	156861	ns	4470

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456	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/262144	2045579		2045320		338
457	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/2097152	16461268		16455022		43
458	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail/10000000	78230340		78221750		9
459	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail_BigO	7.82		7.82		
460	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastFail_RMS		%	0		
461	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/10	85.7	ns	85.7	ns	8214303
462	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/64	489	ns	489	ns	1431791
463	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/512	3933	ns	3933	ns	179271
464	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/4096	30951	ns	30949	ns	22630
465	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/32768	248877	ns	248870	ns	2805
466	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/262144	2338713	ns	2337678	ns	300
467	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/2097152	18149006	ns	18146236	ns	38
468	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess/10000000	88021965	ns	88009654	ns	8
469	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess_BigO	8.80	N	8.79	N	
470	IRWalk/vectorTraveralWithInterfaceCastSuccess_RMS	1	%	1	%	
471	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/10	83.6	ns	83.6	ns	8404678
472	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/64	543	ns	543	ns	1292619
473	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/512	4284	ns	4284	ns	163011
474	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/4096	34317		34315		20364
475	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/32768	278203		278124		2511
	•	2520282		2519074		281
476	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/262144 IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/2097152			19610789		36
477		19620514				
478	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail/10000000	93801856		93792653		7
479	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail_BigO	9.38		9.38		
480	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitFail_RMS		%	0		
481	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/10	117		117		5977891
482	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/64	749		749		935541
483	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/512	5927	ns	5927	ns	118265
484	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/4096	47596	ns	47592	ns	14704
485	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/32768	383662	ns	383566	ns	1826
486	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/262144	3441962	ns	3440234	ns	202
487	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/2097152	27770850	ns	27769434	ns	25
488	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess/10000000	133148747	ns	133141848	ns	5
489	<pre>IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess_BigO</pre>	13.31	N	13.31	N	
490	IRWalk/vectorTraveralOpTraitSuccess_RMS	0	%	0	%	
491	SimpleConstantFolding/folding/1	10112	ns	10070	ns	70189
492	SimpleConstantFolding/folding/8	81970	ns	81663	ns	8557
493	SimpleConstantFolding/folding/64	640847	ns	638256	ns	1074
494	SimpleConstantFolding/folding/512	5222675	ns	5202763	ns	135
495	SimpleConstantFolding/folding/4096	42047737	ns	41843492	ns	17
496	SimpleConstantFolding/folding/10000	100531426		100120405		7
497	SimpleConstantFolding/folding_BigO	10083.92		10041.57		
498	SimpleConstantFolding/folding_RMS		%	1		
499	Dynamism/noCall/10	6.14		6.14		113553610
500	Dynamism/noCall/64	39.4		39.4		17745295
	Dynamism/noCall/512	325		325		2157076
501	•	2532				
502	Dynamism/noCall/4096			2532		277616
503	Dynamism/noCall/32768	20200		20199		34687
504	Dynamism/noCall/262144	161503		161477		4331
505	Dynamism/noCall/2097152	1321702		1321604		541
506	Dynamism/noCall/10000000	6161264		6160970		113
507	Dynamism/noCall_BigO	0.62		0.62		
508	Dynamism/noCall_RMS	1	%	1	%	
509	Dynamism/regularCall/10	7.38		7.38		94848237
510	Dynamism/regularCall/64	40.7	ns	40.7	ns	17091447
511	Dynamism/regularCall/512	333	ns	333	ns	2155774
512	Dynamism/regularCall/4096	2537	ns	2537	ns	275792
513	Dynamism/regularCall/32768	20152	ns	20151	ns	34725
514	Dynamism/regularCall/262144	161299	ns	161295	ns	4337
515	Dynamism/regularCall/2097152	1290940	ns	1290854	ns	541
516	Dynamism/regularCall/10000000	6153182	ns	6152711	ns	114
517	Dynamism/regularCall_BigO	0.62	N	0.62	N	
518	Dynamism/regularCall_RMS		%	0		
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519	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/10	16.9	ns 16.9	ne	41368407
520	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/64	112 n			6255407
521	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/512	799			873954
522	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/4096	6299			110858
523	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/32768	50360			13933
524	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/262144	402420			1741
	•				
525	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/2097152	3215942			217
526	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline/10000000	15373396			46
527	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline_BigO	1.54			
528	Dynamism/regularCallNoinline_RMS	0 9	% 0	%	
529	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/10	6.81	ns 6.80	ns	102257870
530	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/64	40.7	ns 40.7	ns	16965482
531	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/512	324	ns 324	ns	2163497
532	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/4096	2530	ns 2530	ns	276256
533	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/32768	20109	ns 20107	ns	34720
534	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/262144	160961	ns 160944	ns	4351
535	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/2097152	1288637	ns 1288545	ns	543
536	Dynamism/regularPointerCall/10000000	6164348	ns 6164179	ns	114
537	Dynamism/regularPointerCall_BigO	0.62	0.62	N	
538	Dynamism/regularPointerCall_RMS	0 5	<b>%</b> 0	%	
539	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/10	19.2	ns 19.2	ns	36665574
540	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/64	129	ns 129	ns	5411307
541	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/512	958	ns 958	ns	730546
542	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/4096	7582	ns 7581	ns	92110
543	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/32768	60403	ns 60399	ns	11566
544	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/262144	483774	ns 483742	ns	1451
545	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/2097152	3859047	ns 3858720	ns	181
546	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall/10000000	18391560	ns 18390115	ns	38
547	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall_BigO	1.84	N 1.84	N	
548	Dynamism/runtimePolymorphicPointerCall_RMS	0 5	<b>%</b> 0	%	
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**Listing C.2:** Results for the "How Slow is MLIR?" micro-benchmarks.

## Appendix D

## xDSL benchmark results

#### D.1 Pipeline phase micro-benchmark results

#### D.2 Micro-benchmark results

The following section describes the procedure and provides the raw results from the xDSL micro-benchmarks derived from "How Slow is MLIR's".

```
git clone https://github.com/xdslproject/xdsl
make venv
```

3 python3 benchmarks/microbenchmarks all timeit

**Listing D.1:** Bash commands to download, setup the environment for, and run the benchmarks for xDSL derived from from "How Slow is MLIR".

```
Test IRTraversal.iterate_ops ran in: 0.000326 ± 5.92e-06s // ÷ 32768
 Test IRTraversal.iterate_block_ops ran in: 0.00675 ± 4.5e-05s // ÷ 32768
 Test IRTraversal.walk_block_ops ran in: 0.0172 ± 9.31e-05s // ÷ 32768
4 Test Extensibility.interface_check_trait ran in: 3.87e-08 ± 2.79e-07s
5 Test Extensibility.interface_cast_trait ran in: 1.02e-07 ± 4.67e-07s
 Test Extensibility.interface_check ran in: 3.71e-08 ± 2.72e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check ran in: 1.92e-06 ± 6.95e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_optimised ran in: 2.39e-07 ± 3.51e-08s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_single ran in: 1.73e-06 ± 7.03e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_neg ran in: 2.83e-06 ± 7.76e-07s
10
 Test OpCreation.operation_create ran in: 3.77e-06 ± 9.16e-07s
11
 Test OpCreation.operation_build ran in: 1.27e-05 ± 1.81e-06s
12
 Test OpCreation.operation_create_optimised ran in: 3.78e-07 ± 4.42e-08s
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone ran in: 0.000962 ± 1.15e-05s
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone_single ran in: 6.96e-06 ± 1.55e-06s
16
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_init ran in: 3.34e-05 ± 3.68e-06s
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_create ran in: 1.83e-06 ± 7.74e-07s
17
 Test ConstantFoldingSimple.20 ran in: 0.00114 ± 3.79e-05s
18
 Test ConstantFoldingSimpleInlined.20 ran in: 0.000135 ± 2.68e-05s
```

**Listing D.2:** Results for the xDSL micro-benchmarks derived from "How Slow is MLIR?", for CPython version 3.10.17.

```
Test IRTraversal.iterate_ops ran in: 0.00036 ± 8.27e-06s
 Test IRTraversal.iterate_block_ops ran in: 0.00401 ± 2.31e-05s
 Test IRTraversal.walk_block_ops ran in: 0.0141 ± 0.000126s
 Test Extensibility.interface_check_trait ran in: 2.8e-08 ± 3e-07s
 Test Extensibility.interface_check ran in: 3.02e-08 ± 2.6e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check ran in: 1.71e-06 ± 7.53e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_optimised ran in: 1.91e-07 ± 3.34e-08s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_single ran in: 1.48e-06 \pm 7.36e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_neg ran in: 2.53e-06 ± 9.22e-07s
10
 Test OpCreation.operation_create ran in: 2.84e-06 \pm 8.83e-07s
 Test OpCreation.operation_build ran in: 1.06e-05 \pm 1.94e-06s
12
 Test OpCreation.operation_create_optimised ran in: 2.65e-07 \pm 3.72e-08s
13
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone ran in: 0.00074 ± 1.09e-05s
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone_single ran in: 5.27e-06 ± 1.1e-06s
14
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_init ran in: 2.77e-05 ± 3.64e-06s
15
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_create ran in: 1.7e-06 ± 1.24e-06s
16
 Test ConstantFoldingSimple.20 ran in: 0.00086 ± 2.68e-05s
17
 Test ConstantFoldingSimpleInlined.20 ran in: 9.24e-05 ± 2.15e-05s
18
```

# **Listing D.3:** Results for the xDSL micro-benchmarks derived from "How Slow is MLIR?", for CPython version 3.11.12.

```
Test IRTraversal.iterate_ops ran in: 0.000318 ± 6.61e-06s
1
 Test IRTraversal.iterate_block_ops ran in: 0.00487 ± 2.48e-05s
2
 Test IRTraversal.walk_block_ops ran in: 0.0129 \pm 7.65e-05s
3
 Test Extensibility.interface_check_trait ran in: 3.94e-08 ± 3.1e-07s
 Test Extensibility.interface_cast_trait ran in: 8.47e-08 ± 4.25e-07s
 Test Extensibility.interface_check ran in: 3.97e-08 ± 2.3e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check ran in: 1.19e-06 ± 5.53e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_optimised ran in: 2.21e-07 ± 3.09e-08s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_single ran in: 1e-06 ± 5.2e-07s
10
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_neg ran in: 2.09e-06 ± 6.81e-07s
 Test OpCreation.operation_create ran in: 2.99e-06 ± 8.08e-07s
11
 Test OpCreation.operation_build ran in: 1.17e-05 \pm 1.59e-06s
12
 Test OpCreation.operation_create_optimised ran in: 3.65e-07 \pm 3.25e-08s
13
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone ran in: 0.000746 \pm 1.11e-05s
14
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone_single ran in: 5.2e-06 ± 1.56e-06s
15
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_init ran in: 2.85e-05 ± 3.54e-06s
16
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_create ran in: 1.91e-06 ± 1.25e-06s
 Test ConstantFoldingSimple.20 ran in: 0.000892 ± 2.66e-05s
18
 Test ConstantFoldingSimpleInlined.20 ran in: 0.000108 ± 2.51e-05s
```

# **Listing D.4:** Results for the xDSL micro-benchmarks derived from "How Slow is MLIR?", for CPython version 3.13.3.

```
Test IRTraversal.iterate_ops ran in: 0.000152 ± 9.27e-06s
 Test IRTraversal.iterate_block_ops ran in: 0.0036 ± 2.78e-05s
 Test IRTraversal.walk_block_ops ran in: 0.014 ± 5.28e-05s
 Test Extensibility.interface_check_trait ran in: 2.53e-08 ± 3.66e-07s
 Test Extensibility.interface_check ran in: 5.38e-08 ± 3.16e-07s
5
6
 Test Extensibility.trait_check ran in: 1.22e-06 ± 5.73e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_optimised ran in: 2.24e-07 \pm 3.03e-08s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_single ran in: 1.04e-06 ± 5.17e-07s
 Test Extensibility.trait_check_neg ran in: 2.11e-06 ± 6.1e-07s
10
 Test OpCreation.operation_create ran in: 2.98e-06 ± 7.59e-07s
11
 Test OpCreation.operation_build ran in: 1.16e-05 \pm 1.56e-06s
 Test OpCreation.operation_create_optimised ran in: 3.91e-07 ± 3.57e-08s
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone ran in: 0.000741 ± 1.11e-05s
13
 Test OpCreation.operation_clone_single ran in: 5.08e-06 ± 1.23e-06s
14
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_init ran in: 2.85e-05 ± 3.76e-06s
15
 Test OpCreation.operation_constant_create ran in: 1.95e-06 ± 1.31e-06s
16
 Test ConstantFoldingSimple.20 ran in: 0.00094 ± 2.9e-05s
17
 Test ConstantFoldingSimpleInlined.20 ran in: 0.000105 ± 2.55e-05s
```

**Listing D.5:** Results for the xDSL micro-benchmarks derived from "How Slow is MLIR?", for CPython version 3.13.3 with the experimental JIT enabled.

## Appendix E

## Bytecode profiles

```
//// Trace of `OpCreation.time_operation_build` :
 // == microbenchmarks:278 `time_operation_build` ==
3
 // >>> EmptyOp.build()
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 (EmptyOp)
 // 8
5
 ns
6
 2 LOAD_METHOD
 1
 (build)
 // 10
 ns
 4 CALL_METHOD
 // 38
7
 ns
 8
 // ====== operations:160 `build` =======
9
10
 // >>> op = cls.__new__(cls)
11
 O LOAD_FAST
 (cls)
 // 15
12
 2 LOAD_METHOD
 0
 (__new__)
 // 15
 4 LOAD_FAST
 0 (cls)
 // 15
 6 CALL_METHOD
 1 ()
 // 18
14
 ns
 8 STORE_FAST
 (op)
 // 15
15
 ns
 // >>> IRDLOperation.__init__(
16
 10 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (IRDLOperation)
 // 13
 1
17
 ns
 12 LOAD_ATTR
 // 14
 2
 (__init__)
18
 ns
 // >>> op,
19
 // 12
20
 14 LOAD_FAST
 (op)
^{21}
 // >>> operands=operands,
22
 16 LOAD_FAST
 (operands)
 // 12
23
 // >>> result_types=result_types,
 18 LOAD_FAST
 (result_types)
 // 12
25
 // >>> properties=properties,
 20 LOAD_FAST
 4
 (properties)
 // 12
26
 ns
27
 // >>> attributes=attributes,
 22 LOAD_FAST
 (attributes)
 // 12
28
 ns
 // >>> successors=successors,
29
 (successors)
 // 12
 24 LOAD_FAST
30
 5
 ns
 // >>> regions=regions,
31
32
 26 LOAD_FAST
 (regions)
 // 12
 // >>> IRDLOperation.__init__(
 28 LOAD_CONST
 (('operands', 'result_types', 'properties', 'attributes',
 30 CALL_FUNCTION_KW
 // 33 ns
35
36
 // ====== operations:93 `__init__` =======
37
 // >>> if operands is None:
38
 O LOAD_FAST
 // 12
39
 115
 (operands)
 // 12
40
 2
 LOAD_CONST
 0
 (None)
 // 11
41
 IS_OP
 0
 ()
```

```
6 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 6 (to 12)
 // 12 ns
42
43
 // >>> operands = []
 116 8 BUILD_LIST
44
 0
 ()
 // 12
 ns
 10 STORE_FAST
 (operands)
 // 12
45
 1
 // >>> if result_types is None:
46
 >> 12 LOAD_FAST
 (result_types)
 // 12
47
 14 LOAD_CONST
 0
 (None)
 // 11
 ns
48
 16 IS_OP
 0
 ()
 // 12
49
 ns
 18 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 12 (to 24)
 // 12
50
 // >>> result_types = []
51
 118 20 BUILD_LIST
 // 12
 0
 ()
52
 ns
 22 STORE_FAST
53
 (result_types)
 // 12
 // >>> if properties is None:
 // 11
 119 >> 24 LOAD_FAST
 (properties)
 26 LOAD_CONST
 (None)
 // 12
56
 28 IS_OP
 ()
 // 11
57
 30 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 (to 36)
 // 12
 ns
58
 // >>> properties = {}
59
 32 BUILD_MAP
 ()
 // 12
60
 120
 ns
 34 STORE FAST
 // 12
 (properties)
61
 ns
 // >>> if attributes is None:
62
 121 >> 36 LOAD_FAST
 // 11
 (attributes)
63
 ns
 38 LOAD_CONST
 // 11
64
 0
 (None)
 ns
 40 IS_OP
 0
 ()
 // 12
65
 42 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 24
 (to 48)
 // 12
66
67
 // >>> attributes = {}
 44 BUILD_MAP
 0
 ()
 // 12
68
 ns
 46 STORE_FAST
 (attributes)
 // 12
69
 ns
 // >>> if successors is None:
70
 123 >> 48 LOAD_FAST
 // 12
71
 5
 (successors)
 (None)
 50 LOAD_CONST
 0
 // 11
72
73
 52 IS_OP
 0
 ()
 // 12
 ns
74
 54 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 30
 (to 60)
 // 12
75
 // >>> successors = []
 56 BUILD_LIST
 0
 ()
 // 12
 58 STORE_FAST
 (successors)
 // 12
77
 ns
 // >>> if regions is None:
78
 // 12
 125 >> 60 LOAD_FAST
 (regions)
79
 ns
 62 LOAD_CONST
 0
 (None)
 // 11
80
 ns
 64 IS_OP
 // 12
 0
 ()
81
 ns
 66 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 (to 72)
 // 12
 36
82
 // >>> regions = []
83
 126 68 BUILD_LIST
 // 12
 ()
84
 0
 70 STORE_FAST
85
 6
 (regions)
 // 12
86
 // >>> irdl_op_init(
 127 >> 72 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (irdl_op_init)
 // 12
87
 // >>> self,
88
 74 LOAD_FAST
 (self)
 // 12
89
 ns
 // >>> type(self).get_irdl_definition(),
90
 76 LOAD_GLOBAL
 1 (type)
 // 12
91
 78 LOAD_FAST
 0
 (self)
 // 11
92
 80 CALL_FUNCTION
 1 ()
 // 12
93
 ns
 82 LOAD_METHOD
 2 (get_irdl_definition)
 // 14
94
 ns
 84 CALL_METHOD
95
 0 ()
 // 24
96
 // === operations:2004 `get_irdl_definition` ===
 // >>> return op_def
98
 // 10
 O LOAD_DEREF
 0 (op_def)
99
 2 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 24 ns
100
 // -----
101
102
 // >>> operands=operands,
103
 130 86 LOAD_FAST
 // 12 ns
104
 1 (operands)
```

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105
 // >>> result_types=result_types,
106
 88 LOAD_FAST
 2
 (result_types)
 // 12
107
 // >>> properties=properties,
 90 LOAD_FAST
 (properties)
 // 11
108
 // >>> attributes=attributes,
109
 (attributes)
 // 11
110
 92 LOAD FAST
 // >>> successors=successors,
111
 // 11
 94 LOAD FAST
 (successors)
 5
112
 ns
 // >>> regions=regions,
113
 // 11
 135
 96 LOAD_FAST
 (regions)
114
 6
 ns
115
 // >>> irdl_op_init(
 127
 98 LOAD_CONST
 (('operands', 'result_types', 'properties', 'attributes',
116
 \hookrightarrow 'successors', 'regions')) // 11
 100 CALL_FUNCTION_KW
 // 127 ns
117
118
 // ===== operations:1738 `irdl_op_init` ======
119
 // >>> from xdsl.dialects.builtin import DenseArrayBase, i32
120
 O LOAD_CONST
 1760
 // 71
 1
121
 ns
 2
 LOAD_CONST
 (('DenseArrayBase', 'i32'))
 // 69
 2
122
 ns
 // 100
 IMPORT_NAME
 (xdsl.dialects.builtin)
123
 4
 0
 ns
 // 69
124
 6
 IMPORT_FROM
 1
 (DenseArrayBase)
 ns
 8
 STORE_FAST
 8
 (DenseArrayBase)
 // 68
125
 10 IMPORT_FROM
 2
 (i32)
 // 67
126
 STORE_FAST
 9
 (i32)
 // 66
127
 12
 ns
128
 14 POP TOP
 ()
 // 65
 ns
 // >>> error_prefix = f"Error in {op_def.name} builder: "
129
 1762
 3
 ('Error in ')
 // 64
 16 LOAD_CONST
130
 ns
 18 LOAD FAST
 1
 (op_def)
 // 63
131
 ns
 // 64
132
 20 LOAD_ATTR
 3
 (name)
 ns
133
 22 FORMAT_VALUE
 0
 ()
 // 63
 ns
 24 LOAD_CONST
134
 4
 (' builder: ')
 // 62
 ns
 26 BUILD_STRING
 3
 ()
 // 65
135
 28 STORE_FAST
 10 (error_prefix)
 // 67
136
 // >>> operands_arg = [irdl_build_operations_arg(operand) for operand in operands]
137
 5 (<code object stcomp> at 0x70c199c29dc0, file
 30 LOAD_CONST
138
 "/home/ubuntu/Desktop/xdsl/xdsl/irdl/operations.py", line 1764>) // 65
 ('irdl_op_init.<locals>.<listcomp>')
 // 62
 32 LOAD CONST
 6
139
 ns
 // 64
 34 MAKE FUNCTION
 ()
 0
140
 ns
 // 60
141
 36 LOAD FAST
 2
 (operands)
 ns
 // 61
142
 38
 GET_ITER
 ()
 ns
143
 40 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 // 48
144
145
 // ====== operations:1764 `tcomp>` =======
146
 // >>> operands_arg = [irdl_build_operations_arg(operand) for operand in operands]
147
 O BUILD_LIST
 0
 ()
 // 10
 ns
 2
 LOAD_FAST
 0
 (.0)
 // 11
 ns
148
 >> 4
 FOR_ITER
 6
 (to 18)
 // 11
 ns
149
 >> 18 RETURN_VALUE
 // 51
 ()
 ns
150
 151
152
 42 STORE_FAST
 // 61
153
 11 (operands_arg)
 ns
 // >>> regions_arg = [irdl_build_regions_arg(region) for region in regions]
154
 1766
 44 LOAD_CONST
 7 (<code object tcomp> at 0x70c199c29e70, file
155
 → "/home/ubuntu/Desktop/xdsl/xdsl/irdl/operations.py", line 1766>) // 59 ns
 46 LOAD_CONST
 6
 ('irdl_op_init.<locals>.<listcomp>')
 // 58
156
 48 MAKE_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 60
157
 0
 ns
 // 58
 50 LOAD FAST
 (regions)
158
 ns
 // 58
 52 GET ITER
 ()
159
 ns
160
 54 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 48
 1
 ()
 ns
161
 // ====== operations:1766 `tcomp>` =======
162
163
 // >>> regions_arg = [irdl_build_regions_arg(region) for region in regions]
164
 1766
 O BUILD_LIST
 0
 // 11
```

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// 11
 0 (.0)
165
 LOAD_FAST
 ns
 6 (to 18)
 // 11
166
 >> 4
 FOR_ITER
 ns
 // 50
167
 >> 18 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 ns
 // ==============
168
169
 56 STORE_FAST
 12 (regions_arg)
 // 60
170
 ns
171
 // >>> built_operands, operand_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
 58 LOAD_GLOBAL
 4 (irdl_build_arg_list)
 // 60
172
 ns
 // >>> VarIRConstruct.OPERAND, operands_arg, op_def.operands, error_prefix
173
 1770
 60 LOAD_GLOBAL
 5 (VarIRConstruct)
 // 59
174
 ns
 62 LOAD_ATTR
 6 (OPERAND)
 // 65
175
 ns
 64 LOAD_FAST
 // 58
176
 11 (operands_arg)
177
 66 LOAD_FAST
 1 (op_def)
 // 57
 ns
 68 LOAD_ATTR
 7 (operands)
 // 57
178
 70 LOAD_FAST
 10 (error_prefix)
 // 57
179
 ns
 // >>> built_operands, operand_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
180
 72 CALL_FUNCTION
 1769
 4 ()
 // 70
 ns
181
182
 // === operations:1637 `irdl_build_arg_list` ===
183
 // >>> if len(args) != len(arg_defs):
184
 // 27
185
 1645
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
 (len)
 ns
 // 25
 2
 LOAD_FAST
186
 1
 (args)
 ns
 // 26
187
 4
 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 ns
 6
 LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
 (len)
 // 24
188
 8
 LOAD_FAST
 2
 // 23
189
 (arg_defs)
 ns
190
 10 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 // 24
 12 COMPARE_OP
 (!=)
 // 24
191
 3
 ns
 14 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 (to 54)
 // 24
 ns
192
 // >>> res = list[_T]()
193
 >> 54 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 23
194
 1651
 3
 (list)
 ns
 56 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 23
195
 (_T)
 ns
196
 58 BINARY SUBSCR
 ()
 // 28
 ns
197
 60 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 37
 ns
 62 STORE_FAST
 4
 (res)
 // 25
198
 // >>> arg_sizes = list[int]()
199
 64 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (list)
 // 23
 1652
200
 ns
 66 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (int)
 // 22
201
 ns
 68 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 // 26
202
 ns
 70 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 33
203
 ns
 // 26
 72 STORE_FAST
 (arg_sizes)
 5
204
 ns
 // >>> for arg_idx, ((arg_name, arg_def), arg) in enumerate(zip(arg_defs, args)):
205
 // 25
206
 1654
 74 LOAD_GLOBAL
 6
 (enumerate)
 76 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 23
207
 7
 (zip)
 // 23
208
 78 LOAD_FAST
 2
 (arg_defs)
209
 80 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (args)
 // 21
 82 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 24
210
 2
 ()
 ns
 84 CALL_FUNCTION
211
 ()
 // 23
 86 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 21
212
 ns
 >> 88 FOR_ITER
 126 (to 342)
 // 26
213
 ns
 // >>> return res, arg_sizes
214
 >> 342 LOAD_FAST
 4
 // 20
 1683
 (res)
215
 ns
 344 LOAD_FAST
 // 20
 5
 (arg_sizes)
216
 ns
 346 BUILD_TUPLE
 // 20
217
 ()
 ns
 348 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 65
218
 219
220
 74 UNPACK_SEQUENCE
 // 60
221
 2 ()
 ns
222
 76 STORE_FAST
 // 59
 13 (built_operands)
 ns
 78 STORE_FAST
 14 (operand_sizes)
 // 58
223
 ns
 // >>> built_res_types, result_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
224
 1774
 80 LOAD_GLOBAL
 4 (irdl_build_arg_list)
 // 57
225
 ns
 // >>> VarIRConstruct.RESULT, result_types, op_def.results, error_prefix
226
 82 LOAD_GLOBAL
 5 (VarIRConstruct)
 // 55
227
 1775
 ns
```

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// 59
228
 84 LOAD_ATTR
 8
 (RESULT)
 ns
229
 86 LOAD FAST
 3
 (result_types)
 // 54
230
 88 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (op_def)
 // 53
 ns
 90 LOAD_ATTR
 9
 (results)
 // 53
231
 10 (error_prefix)
 // 53
232
 92 LOAD_FAST
 // >>> built_res_types, result_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
233
 94 CALL_FUNCTION
 4
 // 69
234
 ns
235
 // === operations:1637 `irdl_build_arg_list` ===
236
 // >>> if len(args) != len(arg_defs):
237
 // 26
 1645
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
238
 (len)
 ns
 2 LOAD_FAST
239
 1
 (args)
 // 26
 4
 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 // 26
240
 LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
 (len)
 // 24
241
 LOAD_FAST
 // 23
242
 (arg_defs)
 ns
 10 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 24
243
 1
 ()
 ns
244
 12 COMPARE_OP
 (!=)
 // 24
 ns
 14 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 27 (to 54)
 // 24
245
 ns
 // >>> res = list[_T]()
246
 >> 54 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 23
 1651
 3
 (list)
247
 ns
 // 23
 56 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (_T)
248
 ns
 // 27
249
 58 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 ns
 60 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 35
250
 ns
 62 STORE_FAST
 (res)
 // 25
251
 // >>> arg_sizes = list[int]()
252
253
 1652
 64 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (list)
 // 23
 66 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (int)
 // 23
254
 ns
 68 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 // 26
255
 ns
 70 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 33
256
 ns
 72 STORE_FAST
257
 5
 (arg_sizes)
 // 25
258
 // >>> for arg_idx, ((arg_name, arg_def), arg) in enumerate(zip(arg_defs, args)):
259
 1654
 74 LOAD_GLOBAL
 6
 (enumerate)
 // 23
 ns
 76 LOAD_GLOBAL
 7
 (zip)
 // 22
260
 78 LOAD_FAST
 2
 (arg_defs)
 // 22
261
 80 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (args)
 // 20
262
 82 CALL_FUNCTION
263
 ()
 // 24
 ns
 84 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 23
264
 ns
 86 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 21
265
 ns
 // 25
 >> 88 FOR_ITER
 126 (to 342)
266
 ns
 // >>> return res, arg_sizes
267
 // 20
 >> 342 LOAD_FAST
 4
 (res)
 1683
268
 ns
 // 20
 344 LOAD_FAST
269
 5
 (arg_sizes)
 ns
 // 20
270
 346 BUILD_TUPLE
 ()
 ns
271
 348 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 63
 // ==============
273
 96 UNPACK_SEQUENCE
 // 56
274
 2 ()
275
 98 STORE_FAST
 15 (built_res_types)
 // 56
 ns
 100 STORE_FAST
 16 (result_sizes)
 // 54
276
 ns
 // >>> built_regions, region_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
277
 102 LOAD_GLOBAL
 4 (irdl_build_arg_list)
 // 53
278
 ns
 // >>> VarIRConstruct.REGION, regions_arg, op_def.regions, error_prefix
279
 1780
 104 LOAD_GLOBAL
 5 (VarIRConstruct)
 // 51
280
 ns
281
 106 LOAD_ATTR
 10 (REGION)
 // 55
 108 LOAD_FAST
 12 (regions_arg)
 // 51
282
 110 LOAD_FAST
 1 (op_def)
 // 49
283
 // 50
 112 LOAD_ATTR
 11 (regions)
284
 ns
 114 LOAD_FAST
 10 (error_prefix)
 // 49
285
 ns
 // >>> built_regions, region_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
286
 // 67
 116 CALL_FUNCTION
 4
 1779
 ()
287
 ns
288
 // === operations:1637 `irdl_build_arg_list` ===
289
290
 // >>> if len(args) != len(arg_defs):
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// 26
291
 1645
 0
 LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
 (len)
 ns
292
 2
 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (args)
 // 26
 ns
 // 26
293
 4
 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 ns
 6
 LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
 (len)
 // 23
294
 LOAD_FAST
295
 2
 (arg_defs)
 // 24
 CALL_FUNCTION
296
 1
 // 24
297
 COMPARE_OP
 3
 (!=)
 // 24
 ns
 14 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 (to 54)
 // 24
 ns
298
 // >>> res = list[_T]()
299
 // 23
 1651
 >> 54 LOAD_GLOBAL
 3
 (list)
300
 ns
 (_T)
 56 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 23
301
 ns
 58 BINARY_SUBSCR
302
 ()
 // 27
303
 60 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 35
 62 STORE_FAST
 (res)
 // 25
304
 // >>> arg_sizes = list[int]()
305
 64 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (list)
 // 24
306
 1652
 66 LOAD_GLOBAL
307
 (int)
 // 23
 ns
 68 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 // 26
308
 ns
 70 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 33
309
 ns
 72 STORE FAST
 5
 // 25
 (arg_sizes)
310
 ns
 // >>> for arg_idx, ((arg_name, arg_def), arg) in enumerate(zip(arg_defs, args)):
311
 // 23
 1654
312
 74 LOAD_GLOBAL
 6
 (enumerate)
 76 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 22
313
 7
 (zip)
 78 LOAD_FAST
 2
 (arg_defs)
 // 21
314
 80
 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (args)
 // 20
315
316
 82 CALL_FUNCTION
 2
 ()
 // 24
 84 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 23
317
 ns
 86 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 21
318
 ns
 >> 88 FOR_ITER
 126 (to 342)
 // 25
319
 ns
 // >>> return res, arg_sizes
320
 >> 342 LOAD_FAST
 // 20
321
 1683
 4
 (res)
 ns
322
 344 LOAD_FAST
 5
 (arg_sizes)
 // 20
 ns
323
 346 BUILD_TUPLE
 ()
 // 20
 348 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 61
324
 326
 118 UNPACK_SEQUENCE
 2 ()
 // 52
 ns
327
 120 STORE_FAST
 17 (built_regions)
 // 51
 ns
328
 // 50
 122 STORE_FAST
 18 (region_sizes)
329
 ns
 // >>> built_successors, successor_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
330
 (irdl_build_arg_list)
 // 50
 124 LOAD_GLOBAL
 4
331
 ns
 // >>> \ {\tt VarIRConstruct.SUCCESSOR, successors, op_def.successors, error_prefix}
332
 // 48
333
 1785
 126 LOAD_GLOBAL
 5
 (VarIRConstruct)
 12 (SUCCESSOR)
334
 128 LOAD_ATTR
 // 52
335
 130 LOAD_FAST
 6 (successors)
 // 47
 132 LOAD_FAST
 // 46
336
 1
 (op_def)
 // 47
337
 134 LOAD_ATTR
 13 (successors)
 136 LOAD_FAST
 10 (error_prefix)
 // 46
338
 ns
 // >>> built_successors, successor_sizes = irdl_build_arg_list(
339
 1784
 138 CALL_FUNCTION
 4
 ()
 // 65
340
 ns
341
 // === operations:1637 `irdl_build_arg_list` ===
342
 // >>> if len(args) != len(arg_defs):
343
 // 26
 1645
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 (len)
344
 2 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (args)
 // 26
345
 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 26
 1
 LOAD_GLOBAL
347
 (len)
 // 24
 ns
 LOAD_FAST
 2
 (arg_defs)
 // 24
348
 ns
 10 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 24
349
 1
 ns
 12 COMPARE_OP
 (!=)
 // 23
 3
350
 ns
 14 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE
 27
 (to 54)
 // 23
351
 ns
 // >>> res = list[_T]()
352
 >> 54 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 23
353
 1651
 (list)
 ns
```

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// 23
354
 56 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (_T)
 ns
 // 27
355
 58 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 ns
 // 35
356
 60 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 ns
 62 STORE_FAST
 (res)
 // 25
357
 // >>> arg_sizes = list[int]()
358
 1652
 64 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (list)
 // 23
359
360
 66 LOAD_GLOBAL
 (int)
 // 23
 ns
 68 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 // 26
361
 ns
 70 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 33
362
 ns
 72 STORE_FAST
 5
 (arg_sizes)
 // 25
363
 // >>> for arg_idx, ((arg_name, arg_def), arg) in enumerate(zip(arg_defs, args)):
364
 74 LOAD_GLOBAL
365
 1654
 6
 (enumerate)
 // 23
 76 LOAD_GLOBAL
 7
366
 (zip)
 // 22
 78 LOAD_FAST
 2
 (arg_defs)
 // 21
367
 80 LOAD_FAST
 (args)
 // 20
368
 1
 82 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 23
369
 84 CALL_FUNCTION
370
 ()
 // 23
 ns
 86 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 21
371
 ns
 // 25
 >> 88 FOR_ITER
 126 (to 342)
372
 ns
 // >>> return res, arg_sizes
373
 >> 342 LOAD_FAST
 // 20
 1683
 (res)
374
 4
 ns
 // 20
375
 344 LOAD_FAST
 5
 (arg_sizes)
 ns
 // 20
376
 346 BUILD_TUPLE
 2
 ()
 ns
 348 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 59
377
378
379
 140 UNPACK_SEQUENCE
 2 ()
 // 49
380
 ns
 142 STORE_FAST
 19 (built_successors)
 // 48
 ns
381
 144 STORE_FAST
 20 (successor_sizes)
 // 46
382
 ns
 // >>> built_properties = dict[str, Attribute]()
383
 146 LOAD_GLOBAL
 1789
 // 45
384
 14 (dict)
 ns
 // 43
385
 148 LOAD_GLOBAL
 15 (str)
 ns
 150 LOAD_GLOBAL
 16 (Attribute)
 // 42
386
 152 BUILD_TUPLE
 2
 ()
 // 43
387
 154 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 // 46
388
 156 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 54
389
 ns
 158 STORE_FAST
 21 (built_properties)
 // 49
390
 ns
 // >>> for attr_name, attr in properties.items():
391
 // 45
 1790
 160 LOAD FAST
 4
 (properties)
392
 ns
 // 44
 162 LOAD METHOD
 17 (items)
393
 ns
 // 45
 164 CALL_METHOD
 0
 ()
394
 ns
 166 GET_ITER
 // 43
395
 ()
 ns
 13 (to 196)
396
 >> 168 FOR_ITER
 // 42
397
 // >>> built_attributes = dict[str, Attribute]()
398
 1796
 >> 196 LOAD_GLOBAL
 14 (dict)
 // 40
 198 LOAD_GLOBAL
 15 (str)
 // 39
 200 LOAD_GLOBAL
 16 (Attribute)
400
 // 40
401
 202 BUILD_TUPLE
 ()
 // 41
 ns
 204 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 // 43
402
 ns
 206 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 // 51
403
 ns
 208 STORE_FAST
 24 (built_attributes)
 // 41
404
 ns
 // >>> for attr_name, attr in attributes.items():
405
 210 LOAD_FAST
 // 39
 1797
 5 (attributes)
406
 ns
 212 LOAD_METHOD
407
 17 (items)
 // 39
 214 CALL_METHOD
 ()
 // 40
408
 216 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 39
409
 >> 218 FOR_ITER
 13 (to 246)
 // 39
410
 ns
 // >>> for option in op_def.options:
411
 >> 246 LOAD_FAST
 (op_def)
 // 38
412
 1
 ns
 248 LOAD_ATTR
 // 38
 18 (options)
413
 ns
 250 GET_ITER
 // 38
 ()
414
 ns
 >> 252 FOR_ITER
 223 (to 700)
 // 43
415
 ns
416
 // >>> Operation.__init__(
```

```
>> 700 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 38
417
 1863
 37 (Operation)
 ns
418
 702 LOAD_ATTR
 38 (__init__)
 // 40
 ns
 // >>> self,
419
 1864
 704 LOAD_FAST
 (self)
 // 38
420
 // >>> operands=built_operands,
421
 706 LOAD_FAST
 13 (built_operands)
 // 37
422
 ns
 // >>> result_types=built_res_types,
423
 708 LOAD_FAST
 // 37
 15 (built_res_types)
424
 ns
 // >>> properties=built_properties,
425
 1867
 // 37
 710 LOAD_FAST
 21 (built_properties)
426
 ns
 // >>> attributes=built_attributes,
427
428
 1868
 712 LOAD_FAST
 24 (built_attributes)
 // 37
 ns
429
 // >>> successors=built_successors,
 714 LOAD_FAST
 19 (built_successors)
 // 37
430
431
 // >>> regions=built_regions,
 17 (built_regions)
432
 716 LOAD_FAST
 // 37
 // >>> Operation.__init__(
433
 1863
 718 LOAD_CONST
 19 (('operands', 'result_types', 'properties',
434
 \hookrightarrow 'attributes', 'successors', 'regions')) // 37 ns
 720 CALL_FUNCTION_KW
 7 ()
 // 55
435
 ns
436
 // ====== core:914 `__init__` ========
437
 // >>> super().__init__()
438
 (super)
 924
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
 // 18
439
 2
 // 21
440
 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 ()
 ns
 4
 LOAD_METHOD
 1
 // 22
 (__init__)
 ns
441
 6
 CALL_METHOD
 ()
 // 20
442
 ns
 8
 POP_TOP
 ()
 // 17
443
 ns
 // >>> self.operands = operands
444
 // 16
445
 927
 10 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (operands)
 ns
446
 12 LOAD_DEREF
 0
 (self)
 // 16
 ns
447
 14 STORE_ATTR
 2
 (operands)
 // 36
 ns
448
 // ====== core:888 `operands` ======
449
 // >>> new = tuple(new)
450
 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 15
 0
 (tuple)
451
 ns
 2
 LOAD_FAST
 (new)
 // 14
 1
 ns
452
 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 15
 4
 1
453
 ns
 STORE_FAST
 // 14
 6
 (new)
 1
454
 ns
 // >>> for idx, operand in enumerate(self._operands):
455
 // 13
 8 LOAD_GLOBAL
456
 891
 1
 (enumerate)
 ns
 // 13
457
 10 LOAD_FAST
 0
 (self)
 ns
 // 13
458
 12 LOAD_ATTR
 2
 (_operands)
 ns
459
 14 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 // 16
 ns
460
 16
 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 14
 ns
 >> 18 FOR_ITER
461
 12
 (to 44)
 // 15
 // >>> for idx, operand in enumerate(new):
462
 >> 44 LOAD_GLOBAL
 1
 (enumerate)
 // 13
463
 ns
 46 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (new)
 // 14
464
 ns
 48 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 15
 1
465
 ns
 50 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 13
466
 ns
 >> 52 FOR_ITER
 12 (to 78)
467
 // 15
 ns
468
 // >>> self._operands = new
 // 13
 895
 >> 78 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (new)
469
 80 LOAD_FAST
 (self)
 // 13
470
 82 STORE_ATTR
 // 15
471
 (_operands)
 ns
 // 13
 84 LOAD_CONST
 (None)
472
 ns
 86 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 32
473
 ns
 474
475
 // >>> self.results = tuple(
476
 // 17
 16 LOAD_GLOBAL
477
 929
 (tuple)
 ns
 // 17
478
 18 LOAD_CLOSURE
 0
 (self)
 ns
```

```
// 17
479
 20 BUILD_TUPLE
 1 ()
 22 LOAD_CONST
480
 1
 (<code object <genexpr> at 0x70c199e02b80, file
 \hookrightarrow "/home/ubuntu/Desktop/xdsl/xdsl/ir/core.py", line 929>) // 17 ns
 2 ('Operation.__init__.<locals>.<genexpr>') // 16
481
 24 LOAD CONST
 26 MAKE_FUNCTION
 8
 (closure)
 // 18
 ns
482
 // >>> for (idx, result_type) in enumerate(result_types)
483
 // 17
 28 LOAD_GLOBAL
 4
 (enumerate)
484
 ns
 30 LOAD_FAST
 2
 (result_types)
 // 16
485
 ns
 32 CALL_FUNCTION
486
 ()
 // 20
 // >>> self.results = tuple(
487
 929
 34 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 17
 36 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 20
489
 ()
 ns
 38 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 36
490
 ns
491
 // ====== core:929 `<genexpr>` =======
492
 O GEN_START
 0 ()
 // 15
493
 ns
 // >>> self.results = tuple(
494
 2 LOAD_FAST
 // 15
 929
 0 (.0)
495
 ns
 >> 4 FOR_ITER
 11 (to 28)
 // 15
496
 ns
 >> 28 LOAD_CONST
 // 14
497
 (None)
 30 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 38
498
 // =============
499
500
501
 40 LOAD_DEREF
 (self)
 // 17
 ns
 42 STORE_ATTR
 5
 (results)
 // 18
 ns
502
 // >>> self.properties = dict(properties)
503
 933
 44 LOAD_GLOBAL 6
 // 17
504
 (dict)
 46 LOAD_FAST
505
 3
 (properties)
 // 17
 ns
 48 CALL_FUNCTION
506
 1
 ()
 // 19
 ns
507
 50 LOAD_DEREF
 0
 (self)
 // 17
 52 STORE_ATTR
 7
 (properties)
 // 18
508
 // >>> self.attributes = dict(attributes)
 54 LOAD_GLOBAL 6 (dict)
 // 16
510
 ns
 56 LOAD_FAST
 // 16
 (attributes)
511
 ns
 58 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 // 18
512
 ns
 60 LOAD_DEREF
 // 17
 0
 (self)
513
 ns
 62 STORE_ATTR
 // 17
 8
 (attributes)
514
 ns
 // >>> self.successors = list(successors)
515
 // 16
 935
 64 LOAD_GLOBAL 9
516
 (list)
 ns
 // 16
517
 66 LOAD_FAST
 5
 (successors)
 // 18
518
 68 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
519
 70 LOAD_DEREF
 0
 (self)
 // 17
520
 72 STORE_ATTR
 10 (successors)
 // 33
521
 // ====== core:901 `successors` =======
522
 // >>> new = tuple(new)
523
 903
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 0
 (tuple)
 // 14
 ns
524
 2 LOAD_FAST
 // 13
 1
 (new)
525
 ns
 4 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 1
 // 15
526
 ns
 6 STORE_FAST
 (new)
527
 1
 // 13
 ns
528
 // >>> for idx, successor in enumerate(self._successors):
 // 13
 904
 8 LOAD_GLOBAL
 1 (enumerate)
529
 10 LOAD_FAST
 (self)
 // 13
530
 12 LOAD_ATTR
 // 14
 (_successors)
531
 ns
 14 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 16
 ()
532
 ns
 16 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 14
533
 ns
 >> 18 FOR_ITER
 // 15
 12 (to 44)
534
 ns
 // >>> for idx, successor in enumerate(new):
535
 >> 44 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 13
 906
 1
 (enumerate)
536
 ns
 // 13
537
 46 LOAD_FAST
 1
 (new)
 ns
 // 15
538
 48 CALL_FUNCTION
 1
 ()
 ns
 50 GET_ITER
 // 13
539
 ()
 ns
```

```
12 (to 78)
 // 15
540
 >> 52 FOR_ITER
541
 // >>> self._successors = new
 1 (new)
542
 908
 >> 78 LOAD_FAST
 // 13
 ns
 80 LOAD_FAST
 0
 (self)
 // 13
543
 82 STORE_ATTR
 2
 (_successors)
 // 14
544
 84 LOAD_CONST
 0 (None)
 // 13
545
546
 86 RETURN_VALUE
 // 32
 ns
 // -----
547
548
 // >>> self.regions = ()
549
 3 (())
 74 LOAD_CONST
 // 17
550
 ns
 76 LOAD_DEREF
 0 (self)
 // 16
551
 78 STORE_ATTR
 11 (regions)
 // 20
552
 // >>> for region in regions:
 80 LOAD_FAST
 // 17
554
 6 (regions)
 82 GET_ITER
 // 17
555
 ()
 >> 84 FOR_ITER
 7 (to 100)
 // 17
 ns
556
 // >>> self.__post_init__()
557
 940
 >> 100 LOAD_DEREF
 0 (self)
 // 17
558
 ns
 102 LOAD_METHOD
 13 (__post_init__)
 // 17
559
 ns
 104 CALL_METHOD
 // 45
 0 ()
560
 ns
561
 // ===== operations:138 `__post_init__` ======
562
 // >>> op_def = self.get_irdl_definition()
563
 139
 0 LOAD_FAST 0 (self)
 // 22
564
565
 2 LOAD_METHOD
 0 (get_irdl_definition)
 // 24
 CALL_METHOD
 0 ()
 // 28
566
567
 // === operations:2004 `get_irdl_definition` ===
568
 // >>> return op_def
569
 O LOAD_DEREF
 // 10
 2006
 0 (op_def)
570
 ns
 ()
 2 RETURN_VALUE
571
 // 28
 ns
 // -----
572
573
 6 STORE_FAST 1 (op_def)
 // 21
 // >>> for prop_name, prop_def in op_def.properties.items():
575
 8 LOAD_FAST 1 (op_def)
 // 21
576
 10 LOAD_ATTR
 1 (properties)
 // 21
 ns
577
 12 LOAD_METHOD
 2 (items)
 // 20
578
 ns
 14 CALL_METHOD
 0 ()
 // 22
579
 ns
 16 GET_ITER
 // 21
 ()
580
 ns
 25 (to 70)
 >> 18 FOR_ITER
 // 21
581
 // >>> for attr_name, attr_def in op_def.attributes.items():
582
 // 20
583
 150
 >> 70 LOAD_FAST 1 (op_def)
 (attributes)
584
 72 LOAD_ATTR
 6
 // 19
 74 LOAD_METHOD
 2 (items)
 // 19
585
 76 CALL_METHOD
 0 ()
 // 21
586
 78 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 20
587
 ns
 25 (to 132)
 >> 80 FOR_ITER
 // 20
588
 ns
 // >>> return super().__post_init__()
589
 158 >> 132 LOAD_GLOBAL 7 (super)
 // 20
590
 ns
 134 CALL_FUNCTION
 0 ()
 // 22
591
 ns
 136 LOAD_METHOD
 // 22
 8 (__post_init__)
592
 ns
 138 CALL_METHOD
593
 0 ()
 // 27
594
 // ====== builder:343 `new_post_init` =======
 // >>> old_post_init(self)
596
 0 (old_post_init)
 // 9
 344
 O LOAD_DEREF
597
 ns
 2 LOAD_FAST
 0 (self)
 // 9
598
 ns
 4 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 20 ns
 1 ()
599
600
 // ====== core:910 `__post_init__` =======
601
 // >>> assert self.name != ""
602
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O LOAD_FAST
 0 (self)
 // 8
603
 911
 ns
 2 LOAD_ATTR
 0 (name)
 // 9
604
 ns
 4 LOAD_CONST
 1 ('')
605
 // 8
 ns
 6 COMPARE_OP
 3 (!=)
 // 8
606
 8 POP_JUMP_IF_TRUE 7
 (to 14)
 // 8
607
 // >>> assert isinstance(self.name, str)
608
 912 >> 14 LOAD_GLOBAL 1 (isinstance)
 // 7
609
 ns

 16
 LOAD_FAST
 0 (self)

 18
 LOAD_ATTR
 0 (name)

 20
 LOAD_GLOBAL
 2 (str)

 22
 CALL_FUNCTION
 2 ()

 // 7
610
 ns
 // 8
611
 ns
 // 7
612
 ns
 // 9
613
 ns
 24 POP_JUMP_IF_TRUE 15 (to 30)
 // 8
614
 >> 30 LOAD_CONST 0 (None)
 // 7
615
 32 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 18
616
617
618
 6 POP_TOP
619
 ()
 // 10
 ns
 // >>> _op_init_callback(self)
620
 0 (_op_init_callback)
 345
 8 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 9
621
 ns
 0 (self)
 10 LOAD_FAST
 // 9
622
 ns
 12 CALL_FUNCTION 1 ()
 // 24
623
 ns
624
 // ===== builder:335 `_op_init_callback` =====
625
 // >>> if (b := ImplicitBuilder.get()) is not None:
626
 0 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (ImplicitBuilder)
 336
 // 11
627
 2 LOAD_METHOD
628
 1
 (get)
 // 13
629
 4 CALL_METHOD
 ()
 // 21
 ns
630
 // ======= builder:321 `get` =======
631
 // >>> return cls._stack.get()
632
 326 0 LOAD_FAST
 // 7
 0 (cls)
633
 ns
 0 (_stack)
1 (get)
 2 LOAD_ATTR
 // 9
634
 ns
 4 LOAD_METHOD
635
 // 12 ns
 6 CALL_METHOD
636
 0 ()
 // 18 ns
 // ======= builder:261 `get` =======
638
 // >>> if len(self.stack):
639
 0 (len)
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 8
640
 2 LOAD_FAST
4 LOAD_ATTR
 0 (self)
 // 7
641
 ns
 4 LOAD_ATTR 1 (stack) 6 CALL_FUNCTION 1 ()
 // 10 ns
642
 // 9
643
 ns
 8 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 10 (to 20)
 // 9
644
 ns
 >> 20 LOAD_CONST 0 (None)
22 RETURN_VALUE ()
 // 8
645
 262
 // 18
646
647
 // ==============
648
 8 RETURN_VALUE
 // 19
649
650
 651
 6 DUP_TOP
 ()
 // 11
652
 1 (b)
0 (None)
 8 STORE_FAST
 // 10
653
 10 LOAD_CONST
 // 9
654
 ns
 12 IS_OP
 // 9
 1 ()
655
 ns
 14 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 15 (to 30)
 // 9
656
657
 336
 >> 30 LOAD_CONST 0 (None)
 // 8
 32 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 20
659
660
 // 10
 14 POP_TOP
 ()
661
 ns
 16 LOAD_CONST
 // 9
662
 0 (None)
 ns
 18 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 27 ns
663
664
```

665

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// 42 ns
666
 140 RETURN_VALUE
667
 668
 106 POP_TOP
 // 18
669
 108 LOAD_CONST
 0 (None)
 // 17
670
 110 RETURN_VALUE
 // 51
671
672
 673
 722 POP_TOP
 // 39
 ()
674
 ns
 724 LOAD_CONST
 // 38
 726 RETURN_VALUE
 8 (None)
675
 ns
 // 76
676
 ()
 ns
677
 678
 102 POP_TOP
 // 14
 104 LOAD_CONST
 // 13
680
 0 (None)
 106 RETURN_VALUE
 // 34
681
 // ==============
682
683
 32 POP_TOP
 ()
 // 14
684
 ns
 // >>> return op
685
 34 LOAD_FAST
 // 13
686
 7 (op)
 36 RETURN_VALUE
 // 29
687
 ()
 ns
 688
689
 6 POP_TOP
 // 12
690
 8 LOAD_CONST
 // 8
691
 1 (None)
 10 RETURN_VALUE
 // 20
692
 693
```

**Listing E.1:** Bytecode profile trace of the original implementation of instantiation of an empty operation.

```
//// Trace of `OpCreation.time_operation_create_optimised` :
 // == microbenchmarks:297 `time_operation_create_optimised` ==
 // >>> empty_op = EmptyOp.__new__(EmptyOp)
 0 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (EmptyOp)
 // 23
 2 LOAD_METHOD
 1 (__new__)
 // 24
 2 LUAD_METHUD 1 (_new__)
4 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (EmptyOp)
6 CALL_METHOD 1 ()
8 STORE_FAST 1 (empty_op)
7
 // 22
 ns
 // 26
8
 ns
 // 20
9
 ns
 // >>> empty_op._operands = tuple() # pyright: ignore[reportPrivateUsage]
10
 10 LOAD_GLOBAL 2 (tuple)
 // 19
11
 ns
 12 CALL_FUNCTION
14 LOAD_FAST
16 STORE_ATTR
 0
 ()
 // 20
12
 ns
13
 1
 (empty_op)
 // 19
 3
 (_operands)
 // 22
14
 // >>> empty_op.results = tuple()
15
 18 LOAD_GLOBAL
 2
 (tuple)
 // 19
16
 20 CALL_FUNCTION
22 LOAD_FAST
 0
 // 20
^{17}
18
 1
 (empty_op)
 // 18
 ns
 24 STORE_ATTR
 4
 (results)
 // 21
19
 ns
 // >>> empty_op.properties = {}
20
 302
 26 BUILD_MAP
 0 ()
 // 19
21
 ns
 28 LOAD_FAST
 1 (empty_op)
 // 17
22
 ns
 30 STORE_ATTR
 5 (properties)
 // 21
23
 ns
 // >>> empty_op.attributes = {}
24
 // 19
25
 32 BUILD_MAP 0 ()
 34 LOAD_FAST
 1 (empty_op)
 // 18
26
 36 STORE_ATTR 6 (attributes)
 // >>> empty_op._successors = tuple() # pyright: ignore[reportPrivateUsage]
28
 // 18
 38 LOAD_GLOBAL 2 (tuple)
29
 ns
 40 CALL_FUNCTION
 ()
 // 20
30
 ns
```

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// 18
31
 42 LOAD_FAST
 (empty_op)
 44 STORE_ATTR
32
 7
 (_successors)
 // 21
33
 // >>> empty_op.regions = tuple()
 46 LOAD_GLOBAL
 2
 (tuple)
 // 18
34
 48 CALL_FUNCTION
 0
 // 20
35
 50 LOAD_FAST
 (empty_op)
 // 19
36
 1
37
 52 STORE_ATTR
 8
 (regions)
 // 23
 ns
 54 LOAD_CONST
 1
 (None)
 // 18
 ns
38
 56 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 44
39
 // ==============
40
```

**Listing E.2:** Bytecode profile trace of the optimised implementation of instantiation an empty operation.

```
//// Trace of `Extensibility.time_trait_check` :
1
2
 // == microbenchmarks:176 `time_trait_check` ===
3
 // >>> assert Extensibility.OP_WITH_REGION.has_trait(Extensibility.TRAIT_4)
4
 O LOAD_GLOBAL O (Extensibility)
 // 17
 1 (OP_WITH_REGION)
 2 LOAD_ATTR
 // 18
6
 4 LOAD_METHOD
 2 (has_trait)
 // 18
7
 6 LOAD_GLOBAL
 0 (Extensibility)
 // 17
8
9
 8 LOAD_ATTR
 3 (TRAIT_4)
 // 18
 ns
10
 10 CALL_METHOD
 1 ()
 // 54
 ns
11
 // ====== core:1192 `has_trait` =======
12
 // >>> from xdsl.dialects.builtin import UnregisteredOp
13
 // 26
 0 LOAD_CONST 1 (0)
14
 1204
 ns
 2 LOAD_CONST
 2 (('UnregisteredOp',))
 // 25
15
 ns
 4 IMPORT_NAME
 0 (xdsl.dialects.builtin)
 // 72
16
 1 (UnregisteredOp)
 6
 IMPORT_FROM
 // 28
17
 8
 STORE_FAST
 (UnregisteredOp)
 // 23
18
 10 POP_TOP
 ()
 // 21
19
 // >>> if issubclass(cls, UnregisteredOp):
20
 12 LOAD_GLOBAL 2 (issubclass)
 // 21
21
 ns
 14 LOAD_FAST
 0
 (cls)
 // 21
22
 ns
 16 LOAD_FAST
23
 3
 (UnregisteredOp)
 // 19
 ns
24
 18 CALL_FUNCTION
 2 ()
 // 46
 ns
25
 // ====== abc:121 `__subclasscheck__` ======
26
 // >>> return _abc_subclasscheck(cls, subclass)
27
 0 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (_abc_subclasscheck)
 // 19
 2 LOAD_FAST
 0 (cls)
 // 18
29
 ns
 4 LOAD_FAST
 1 (subclass)
 // 17
30
 ns
 6 CALL_FUNCTION
 2 ()
 // 26
31
 ns
 // 44
 8 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
32
 ns
33
 34
35
 20 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 13 (to 26)
 // 22
 // >>> return cls.get_trait(trait) is not None
36
 >> 26 LOAD_FAST
 0 (cls)
 // 21
37
 28 LOAD_METHOD
 3 (get_trait)
 // 23
38
 30 LOAD_FAST
39
 1
 (trait)
 // 21
 32 CALL_METHOD
 // 52
40
41
 // ====== core:1211 `get_trait` =======
42
 // >>> if isinstance(trait, type):
43
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 24
 0 (isinstance)
44
 ns
 2 LOAD_FAST
 // 23
45
 1 (trait)
 ns
 4 LOAD_GLOBAL
46
 1 (type)
 // 25
 ns
 6 CALL_FUNCTION
 2 ()
 // 25
47
 8 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 27 (to 54)
 // 23
48
 // >>> for t in cls.traits:
49
 1217
 10 LOAD_FAST
 (cls)
 // 22
50
 ns
```

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12 LOAD_ATTR
 // 24 ns
 2 (traits)
51
 14 GET_ITER
 // 43 ns
52
 ()
53
 // ======= core:758 `__iter__` =======
 // >>> return iter(self.traits)
55
 0 (iter)
 O LOAD_GLOBAL
 759
 // 17
56
 2 LOAD_FAST
 // 16
57
 0 (self)
 ns
 4 LOAD_ATTR
 1 (traits)
 // 38
 ns
58
59
 // ======= core:747 `traits` ========
60
 // >>> if callable(self._traits):
61
 0 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (callable)
 // 17
 750
62
 2 LOAD_FAST
 // 15 ns
63
 0 (self)
 4 LOAD_ATTR
 // 17
 1 (_traits)
 1 ()
 6 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 18
65
 8 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 12 (to 24)
 // 17
66
 // >>> return self._traits
67
 752 >> 24 LOAD_FAST
 0 (self)
 // 16
68
 ns
 26 LOAD_ATTR
 1 (_traits)
 // 16
69
 ns
 28 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 38
70
 ns
71
72
 6 CALL_FUNCTION 1 ()
8 RETURN VALUE ()
 // 22
73
 ns
 8 RETURN_VALUE
 // 42
74
 75
76
77
 >> 16 FOR_ITER
 16 (to 50)
 // 25
 ns
 2 (t)
 18 STORE_FAST
 // 22
78
 ns
 // >>> if isinstance(t, cast(type[OpTraitInvT], trait)):
79
 20 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (isinstance)
 // 21
 1218
80
 22 LOAD_FAST
 2 (t)
 // 21
81
 ns
 3 (cast)
 24 LOAD_GLOBAL
82
 // 21
 ns
83
 26 LOAD_GLOBAL
 1 (type)
 // 19
 28 LOAD_GLOBAL
 4 (OpTraitInvT)
 // 18
 30 BINARY_SUBSCR
 ()
 // 22
 32 LOAD_FAST
 1 (trait)
 // 19
 ns
86
 34 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 41
87
88
 // ====== typing:1737 `cast` ========
89
 // >>> return val
90
 1 (val)
 1745 O LOAD_FAST
 // 18
91
 ns
 2 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 43
92
 93
94
95
 36 CALL_FUNCTION
 2 ()
 // 23
 38 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 24 (to 48)
 // 20
96
 >> 48 JUMP_ABSOLUTE
 8 (to 16)
 // 20
97
98
 // >>> for t in cls.traits:
 16 (to 50)
 // 19
99
 >> 16 FOR_ITER
 ns
 18 STORE_FAST
 2 (t)
 // 19
 ns
100
 // >>> if isinstance(t, cast(type[OpTraitInvT], trait)):
101
 20 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (isinstance)
 // 19
 1218
102
 ns
 22 LOAD_FAST
 2 (t)
 // 19
103
 ns
 24 LOAD_GLOBAL
 // 19
104
 3 (cast)
105
 26 LOAD_GLOBAL
 1 (type)
 // 18
 28 LOAD_GLOBAL
 4 (OpTraitInvT)
 // 18
 30 BINARY_SUBSCR
 // 21
107
 ()
 32 LOAD_FAST
 // 19
 1 (trait)
108
 ns
 34 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 40
109
 ns
110
 // ====== typing:1737 `cast` =======
111
 // >>> return val
112
 1745 0 LOAD_FAST 1 (val)
 // 18 ns
113
```

```
114
 2 RETURN_VALUE
 // 43 ns
115
 116
 36 CALL_FUNCTION
 // 21
117
 38 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 24 (to 48)
118
 // 20
 // >>> return t
119
 1219
 40 LOAD_FAST
 2 (t)
 // 19
120
 ns
 42 ROT_TWO
 ()
 // 19
121
 ns
 44 POP_TOP
 ()
 // 20
122
 ns
 46 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
 // 47
123
 // ===========
124
125
 // 21
 34 LOAD_CONST
 3 (None)
126
 36 IS_OP
 // 21
127
 38 RETURN_VALUE
 // 47
128
 ns
129
130
 12 POP_JUMP_IF_TRUE 9 (to 18)
 // 16
131
 ns
 >> 18 LOAD_CONST
 1 (None)
 // 16
132
 ns
 20 RETURN_VALUE
 // 39
 ()
133
134
```

**Listing E.3:** Bytecode profile trace of the original implementation of has\_trait.

```
//// Trace of `Extensibility.time_trait_check_optimised` :
 // == microbenchmarks:206 `time_trait_check_optimised` ==
3
 // >>> has_trait = False
 O LOAD_CONST
 1 (False)
 // 14
5
 1 (False)
1 (has_trait)
 ns
 2 STORE_FAST
 // 14
6
 // >>> for t in Extensibility.OP_WITH_REGION.traits._traits:
7
 4 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (Extensibility)
 // 13
8
 1 (OP_WITH_REGION)
 6 LOAD_ATTR
9
 // 13
 2 (traits)
10
 8 LOAD_ATTR
 // 13
 ns
 10 LOAD_ATTR
 3 (_traits)
 // 13
11
 12 GET_ITER
 ()
 // 13
 14 FOR_ITER 12 (to 40)
16 STORE_FAST 2 (t)
 >> 14 FOR_ITER
 // 13
13
 // 11
14
 ns
 // >>> if isinstance(t, Extensibility.TRAIT_4):
15
 18 LOAD_GLOBAL 4 (isinstance)
 // 11
16
 ns
 20 LOAD_FAST
 2 (t)
 // 11
17
 22 LOAD_GLOBAL 0 (Extensibility)
24 IDAD ATTR
 ns
 // 11
18
 ns
 24 LOAD_ATTR
 5 (TRAIT_4)
 // 11
19
 26 CALL_FUNCTION
 ns
 // 12
20
 2 ()
 28 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 19 (to 38)
^{21}
 // 11
 7
 >> 38 JUMP_ABSOLUTE
 (to 14)
 // 11
22
 // >>> for t in Extensibility.OP_WITH_REGION.traits._traits:
23
 >> 14 FOR_ITER
 // 11
24
 12 (to 40)
 16 STORE_FAST
25
 // 11
 // >>> if isinstance(t, Extensibility.TRAIT_4):
26
27
 18 LOAD_GLOBAL 4 (isinstance)
 // 11
 ns
 20 LOAD_FAST
 2 (t)
 // 10
 ns
28
 22 LOAD_GLOBAL
 0 (Extensibility)
 // 11
29
 ns
 24 LOAD_ATTR
 5 (TRAIT_4)
 // 11
30
 ns
 26 CALL_FUNCTION
 2 ()
31
 // 11
 ns
 28 POP_JUMP_IF_FALSE 19 (to 38)
 // 11
 // >>> has_trait = True
 30 LOAD_CONST
 2 (True)
 // 11
34
 32 STORE_FAST 1 (has_trait)
 // 11
35
 ns
 // >>> break
36
 212 34 POP_TOP
 ()
 // 11 ns
37
```

38			36	JUMP_FORWARD	1	(to 40)	// 11	ns
39	// >>>	asse	rt h	as_trait				
40	213	>>	40	LOAD_FAST	1	(has_trait)	// 11	ns
41			42	POP_JUMP_IF_TRUE	24	(to 48)	// 11	ns
42		>>	48	LOAD_CONST	3	(None)	// 11	ns
43			50	RETURN_VALUE		()	// 23	ns
4.4	// ====					======		

**Listing E.4:** Bytecode profile trace of the optimised implementation of  $has\_trait$ .

# Appendix F

# Disassembly of dynamic dispatch experiments

```
1 main:
 x29, x30, [sp, #-32]!
 x19, [sp, #16]
 x29, sp
 mov
 ldr
 x0, [x1, #8]
 x19, x1
 mov
 x1, xzr
 mov
 // #10
 w2, #0xa
 mov
9
 0 <strtol>
10
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 strtol
11
 x8, [x19, #16]
12
 mov
 x19, x0
 x1, xzr
 mov
13
 w2, #0xa
 // #10
14
 mov
 x0, x8
15
 0 <strtol>
16
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 strtol
17
 // ===== Start of function invocation ===== //
 w0, w19, w0
 // ===== End of function invocation ====== //
 x19, [sp, #16]
 ldp
 x29, x30, [sp], #32
```

**Listing F.1:** Disassembly of inlined function invocation (Listing 7.1a 1).

```
1 main:
 stp
 x29, x30, [sp, #-32]!
 x19, [sp, #16]
 x29, sp
 mov
 x0, [x1, #8]
 ldr
 x19, x1
 mov
 mov
 x1, xzr
 // #10
 mov
 w2, #0xa
9
 0 <strtol>
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 strtol
10
11
 x8, [x19, #16]
 mov
 x19, x0
```

```
13
 mov
 x1, xzr
 // #10
14
 mov
 w2, #0xa
15
 mov
 x0, x8
 0 <strtol>
16
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 strtol
^{17}
 // ===== Start of function invocation ===== //
18
19
 x2, x0
 mov
 x0, x29, #0x1f
 add
20
 w1, w19
^{21}
 mov
 0 <main>
22
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 Base::uninlinedFunc(int, int)
23
^{24}
 // ===== End of function invocation ====== //
25
 x19, [sp, #16]
26
 x29, x30, [sp], #32
27
 Base::uninlinedFunc(int, int):
28
 w0, w1, w2
29
 sub
 ret
30
```

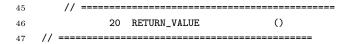
**Listing F.2:** Disassembly of uninlined function invocation (Listing 7.1a 2).

```
sub
 sp, sp, #0x30
 x29, x30, [sp, #16]
3
 stp
 x20, x19, [sp, #32]
 4
 stp
 add
 x29, sp, #0x10
5
 x0, [x1, #8]
6
 ldr
 x19, x1
7
 mov
 x1, xzr
8
 mov
 w2, #0xa
 // #10
9
 mov
10
 0 <strtol>
11
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 strtol
12
 x8, [x19, #16]
 x20, x0
13
 mov
 x1, xzr
14
 mov
 // #10
 w2, #0xa
15
 mov
 x0, x8
16
 mov
 0 <strtol>
17
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 strtol
18
^{19}
 ldr
 x8, [x19, #24]
20
 x19, x0
21
 x1, xzr
 w2, #0xa
 // #10
 x0, x8
23
 0 <strtol>
24
 R_AARCH64_CALL26 strtol
25
 // ===== Start of function invocation ===== //
26
 x8, 0 <main>
27
 R_AARCH64_ADR_PREL_PG_HI21 vtable for Base+0x10
28
29
 add
 x11, x8, #0x0
30
 R_AARCH64_ADD_ABS_L012_NC vtable for Base+0x10
31
 w0, #0x0
32
 x8, 0 <main>
 R_AARCH64_ADR_PREL_PG_HI21 vtable for Derived+0x10
33
 x8, x8, #0x0
34
 R_AARCH64_ADD_ABS_L012_NC vtable for Derived+0x10
35
 x9, sp
36
 mov
 add
 x10, sp, #0x8
37
 x8, x11, [sp]
38
 stp
 w1, w20
39
 mov
 x0, x10, x9, gt
40
 csel
 w2, w19
 mov
```

```
^{42}
 ldr
 x8, [x0]
43
 ldr
 x8, [x8]
44
 blr
 x8
 // ===== End of function invocation ====== //
^{45}
 x20, x19, [sp, #32]
46
 ldp
 x29, x30, [sp, #16]
47
 ldp
 add
 sp, sp, #0x30
48
 ret
49
 Base::virtualFunc(int, int):
50
 w0, w1, w2
51
 sub
52
 ret
53
 Derived::virtualFunc(int, int):
54
 sub
 w0, w2, w1
 ret
```

**Listing F.3:** Disassembly of polymorphic function invocation (Listing 7.1a

```
//// Trace of `Extensibility.time_invoke_method_baseline` :
 // == microbenchmarks:152 `time_invoke_method_baseline` ==
 // >>> a = 5
3
4
 154
 0 LOAD_CONST
 (5)
 2
5
 STORE_FAST
 1
 (a)
6
 // >>> b = 6
7
 155
 4 LOAD_CONST
 (6)
8
 6
 STORE_FAST
 2
 (b)
 // >>> _ = None # Simulate passing arguments
9
 8 LOAD_CONST
 3
 (None)
10
 10 STORE_FAST
 3
 (_)
11
 // >>> Extensibility.EXAMPLE.regularFunction
12
 0 (Extensibility)
 12 LOAD_GLOBAL
13
 1 (EXAMPLE)
14
 14 LOAD_ATTR
15
 16 LOAD_ATTR
 2 (regularFunction)
16
 18 POP_TOP
 ()
 // >>> return a - b
17
 20 LOAD_FAST
 1 (a)
18
 22 LOAD_FAST
19
 (b)
 24 BINARY_SUBTRACT
 ()
20
 26 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
21
 22
23
 // == microbenchmarks:160 `time_invoke_method` ==
24
^{25}
 // >>> a = 5
26
 162
 0
 LOAD_CONST
 (5)
 2
27
 STORE_FAST
 1
 (a)
 // >>> b = 6
28
 4 LOAD_CONST
 2
 (6)
29
 6
 STORE_FAST
 2
30
31
 // >>> return Extensibility.EXAMPLE.regularFunction(a, b)
 164
 8 LOAD_GLOBAL
 0 (Extensibility)
32
 10 LOAD_ATTR
 1 (EXAMPLE)
33
 12 LOAD_METHOD
 2 (regularFunction)
34
 14 LOAD_FAST
 1 (a)
35
 16 LOAD_FAST
 2 (b)
36
37
 18 CALL_METHOD
 2
 ()
 // === microbenchmarks:16 `regularFunction` ====
39
 // >>> return a - b
40
 17
 O LOAD_FAST
 1 (a)
41
 2 LOAD_FAST
 2 (b)
42
 4 BINARY_SUBTRACT
 ()
43
 6 RETURN_VALUE
 ()
44
```



**Listing F.4:** Bytecode trace of Python method invocation, with the CALL\_METHOD and RETURN\_VALUE opcodes being the target of the measurement by subtracting the elapsed time from that of the baseline inlined implementation.