

Application of Closure Function Practices and Reflections on 'Fast' Access Memory

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Seminar Outline

All from a small thought at work...

- 🤔 **When does it apply?** - "acceleration" for large number of repetitive calculations
- 🏃 **Where to start?** - all starts with the computer memory model
- 🧑 **What is a closure?** - "a closure gives you access to an outer function's scope from an inner function" [1]
- 📁 **How to use?** - combining closures with the scenarios we mentioned at the beginning
- 🖋️ **Why use it** - the results of experiment

[1] closure: [developer.mozilla.org](https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Closures)

"large" number of "repetitive" calculations

```
# Hard Code: The variables of the calculation are fixed
# and the rules of the calculation are also fixed
class Base:
    def cal(self, value) -> None:
        self.num = self.num + 1
        self.cum = self.cum + value
        self.avg = self.cum / self.num

b = Base()
... b.cal(value) # will be called for many times

# The variables of the calculation are NOT fixed
class MutableVars:
    def __init__(self, data: Dict[str, int]):
        self.data = data
    def cal(self, value) -> None:
        self.data["num"] = self.data["num"] + 1
        self.data["cum"] = self.data["cum"] + value
        self.data["avg"] = self.data["cum"] / self.data["num"]

global_data = get_dict()
m = MutableVars(global_data)
... m.cal(value)
```

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# Variables and rules are both NOT fixed
class Mutable:
    def __init__(self, rules) -> None:
        self.rules = rules
        self.loadVars()
    def cal() -> None:
        for rule in self.rules:
            if rule["rule"] == "*":
                self.vars[rule["name3"]] = self.vars[rule["name1"]] * self.vars[rule["name2"]]
            elif ...

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Which is fast?

```
1 int num = 0;
2 int cum = 0;
3 int avg = 0;
4
5 void cal_1(int value) {
6     num = num + 1;
7     cum = cum + value;
8     avg = cum / num;
9 }
```

```
1 cal_1(int):                                     # @cal_1(int)
2     push    rbp
3     mov     rbp, rsp
4     mov     dword ptr [rbp - 4], edi
5     mov     eax, dword ptr [num]
6     add     eax, 1
7     mov     dword ptr [num], eax
8     mov     eax, dword ptr [cum]
9     add     eax, dword ptr [rbp - 4]
10    mov     dword ptr [cum], eax
11    mov     eax, dword ptr [cum]
12    cdq
13    idiv     dword ptr [num]
14    mov     dword ptr [avg], eax
15    pop     rbp
16    ret
```

Which is fast?

```
1 #include <map>
2 #include <string>
3 using namespace std;
4 map<string, int> data;
5
6 void cal_2(int value) {
7     data["num"] = data["num"] + 1;
8     data["cum"] = data["cum"] + value;
9     data["avg"] = data["cum"] / data["num"];
10 }
```

```
12 cal_2(int):                                # @cal_2(int)
13     push    rbp
14     mov     rbp, rsp
15     sub     rsp, 448
16     mov     dword ptr [rbp - 4], edi
17     lea     rdi, [rbp - 48]
18     mov     qword ptr [rbp - 312], rdi      # 8-byte Spill
19     call    std::allocator<char>::allocator() [complete object]
20     mov     rdx, qword ptr [rbp - 312]     # 8-byte Reload
21     mov     esi, offset .L.str
22     lea     rdi, [rbp - 40]
23     call    std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::char_traits<
24     jmp     .LBB3_1
25 .LBB3_1:
26     mov     edi, offset data[abi:cxx11].
27     lea     rsi, [rbp - 40]
28     call    std::map<std::__cxx11::basic_string<char, std::cha
29     mov     qword ptr [rbp - 320], rax      # 8-byte Spill
30     jmp     .LBB3_2
31 .LBB3_2:
32     mov     rax, qword ptr [rbp - 320]     # 8-byte Reload
33     mov     eax, dword ptr [rax]
```

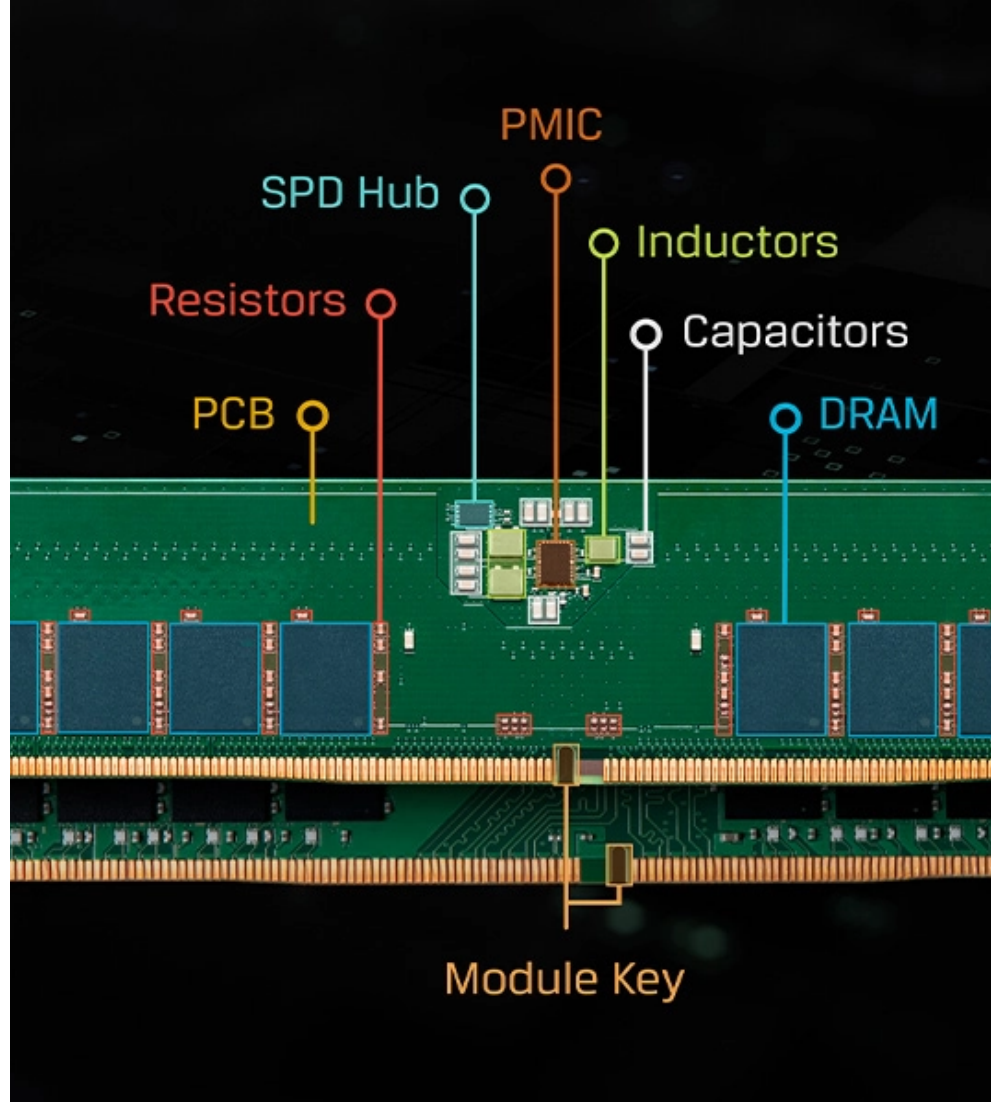
The image shows a side-by-side comparison of C++ source code and its compiled assembly. On the left, the C++ code defines a map and a function `cal_2` that updates values in the map. On the right, the corresponding assembly code is shown, with comments indicating memory spills and reloads. A green arrow points from the `data["num"]` access in the C++ code to the assembly instructions that handle this access, highlighting the overhead of dynamic lookup.

What if we do this process of hashing well in advance?

Before Closure Function ...

Let's first look at the computer memory structure.

```
0x8f---  
    stack  call a function  
    ...  
0x6f---  
    heap   auto a = New Base()  
    ...  
0x5f---  
    static num = 1  
    ...  
0x4f---  
    code   mov rbp rsp  
    ...  
0x00---
```



'Living' in Stack

0x8f---

```
stack  call a function
       begin cal_twice
       res = cal(value)   res = res + 1
       end cal_twice
       begin cal
       temp = value + 1   ...
       end cal
```

0x4f---

```
code  mov rbp rsp
      load codes...
      cal_twice 1
```

0x00---

```
def cal(value):
    temp = value + 1
    return temp
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Here comes the closure function

MDN: A closure is the combination of a function bundled together (enclosed) with references to its surrounding state (the lexical environment). In other words, a closure gives you access to an outer function's scope from an inner function. In JavaScript, closures are created every time a function is created, at function creation time.

```
function useCountEffect() {  
  count = 0; // It will not be discarded because it is on the "stack!"  
  return function() {  
    count++;  
    console.log()  
  }  
}  
  
count1 = useCountEffect();  
count2 = useCountEffect();  
  
count1(); // 1  
count1(); // 2  
count2(); // 1
```

-	0	+
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Closure Function in Our cases

```
class Field:
    value = 0

data = {"num": Field(), "cum": Field(), "avg": Field()}

def cal1(value):
    data["num"].value = data["num"].value + 1
    data["cum"].value = data["cum"].value + value
    data["avg"].value = data["cum"].value / data["num"].value

cal1(1)    ...

def makeCal2():
    field_num = data["num"]
    field_cum = data["cum"]
    field_avg = data["avg"]
    def cal(value):
        field_num.value = field_num.value + 1
        field_cum.value = field_cum.value + value
        field_avg.value = field_cum.value / field_num.value
    return cal

cal = makeCal2()

cal(1)    ...
```

Begin With Experiment

 https://github.com/PiperLiu/talks/tree/master/assets/20220812_closure

```
→ ~ python3 --version
Python 3.8.9
→ ~ ~/Github/downloads/pypy-c-jit-105934-1b027cda9f26-macos_arm64/bin/pypy3.8 --version
Python 3.8.13 (1b027cda9f26605e3acc92009338eefbc7300418, Aug 07 2022, 10:04:36)
[PyPy 7.3.10-alpha0 with GCC Apple LLVM 13.1.6 (clang-1316.0.21.2.5)]
→ ~ g++ -v
Apple clang version 13.1.6 (clang-1316.0.21.2.5)
Target: arm64-apple-darwin21.6.0
Thread model: posix
InstalledDir: /Applications/Xcode.app/Contents/Developer/Toolchains/XcodeDefault.xctoolchain/usr/bin
→ ~ node --version
v16.16.0
→ ~ go version
go version go1.19 darwin/arm64

→ ~ # just make all!
→ ~ make all
```

Data

NAMES = 5
LENGTH = 61
RULES = 3

```
[
  {
    "name1": "AYS1azSoNDFkfQmARKPe5oy61Q3MgThDhxtpa8HEHK0F4achFETVdwUpD1Sd0",
    "name2": "vB4l3N4zmH3vpzGN84msceIdHo7fW5isUnriUkGXPTmvkaSaLsGUroWgxoYk4",
    "name3": "AYS1azSoNDFkfQmARKPe5oy61Q3MgThDhxtpa8HEHK0F4achFETVdwUpD1Sd0",
    "rule": "-"
  },
  {
    "name1": "vB4l3N4zmH3vpzGN84msceIdHo7fW5isUnriUkGXPTmvkaSaLsGUroWgxoYk4",
    "name2": "RYy0k9a0GB0GMNoIg5Iu0bL0xlqE0fVs4t32Zc6HLQCyWPIhBVW4BVetWo7gs",
    "name3": "u7eYG8odMoentoaB0g0R7pBpkI456Eux0umSgxLZGoTbnfthtboIkPm5Cvfg1",
    "rule": "|"
  },
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    "name2": "AYS1azSoNDFkfQmARKPe5oy61Q3MgThDhxtpa8HEHK0F4achFETVdwUpD1Sd0",
    "name3": "AYS1azSoNDFkfQmARKPe5oy61Q3MgThDhxtpa8HEHK0F4achFETVdwUpD1Sd0",
    "rule": "+"
  }
]
```



```
# 0
class Calculator:
    def __init__(self, rules) -> None: ...
    def cal(self):
        for rule in self.rules:
            name1, name2, name3, rule = rule['name1'], rule['name2'], rule['name3'], rule['rule']
            if rule == '*':
                self.values[name3] = self.values[name1] * self.values[name2]
            elif rule == '+': ...
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    def cal(self):
        for func in self.funcs:
            func()
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```
# 2
class Calculator:
    def __init__(self, rules) -> None: ...
    def cal(self):
        for rule in self.rules:
            name1, name2, name3, rule = rule['name1'], rule['name2'], rule['name3'], rule['rule']
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            field1, field2, field3 = self.values[name1], self.values[name2], self.values[name3]
            if rule == '*':
                def makefunc(field1, field2, field3):
                    def func():
                        field3.value = field1.value * field2.value
                    return func
                self.funcs.append(makefunc(field1, field2, field3))
            elif rule == '+': ...
    def cal(self):
        for func in self.funcs:
            func()
```

results

NAMES = 1500, LENGTH = 100, RULES = 500000

CPython	0.224: 0.156, 0.155, 0.157	1.218: 0.110, 0.119, 0.114	1.027: 0.085, 0.082, 0.084
PyPy	0.228: 0.147, 0.146, 0.151	0.384: 0.252, 0.168, 0.171	0.440: 0.109, 0.063, 0.054
C++	3.491: 1.485, 1.514, 1.517	3.908: 1.472, 1.451, 1.453	5.109: 0.014, 0.013, 0.013
GoLang	0.053: 0.053, 0.052, 0.053	0.074: 0.052, 0.051, 0.050	0.115: 0.004, 0.004, 0.004
JavaScript	0.36: 0.035, 0.030, 0.026	0.406: 0.037, 0.036, 0.028	50.098: 0.019, 0.012, 0.008

Conclusion

- Unless the computation is very intensive and recompilation is not very convenient, it is better to write it as hard code.

Thanks