

Creating a Robust AspectMATLAB Compiler

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Aspect oriented programming

- ▶ Pointcut \Rightarrow pattern
- ▶ Pointcut advice \Rightarrow action

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```
actionCallBefore : before call (*(..)) : (name)  
    disp(sprintf('entering %s', name));  
end  
actionExecution : around execution (*(..)) : (name)  
    ticHandle = tic;  
    proceed();  
    elapsedTime = toc(ticHandle);  
    disp(sprintf('executed %s, Elapsed time: %d', name, elapsedTime));  
end  
actionCallAfter : after call (*(..)) : (name)  
    disp(sprintf('returning from %s', name));  
end
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Executing Result

```
entering foo  
entering goo  
executed goo, Elapsed time: <double>  
returning from goo  
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returning from goo  
executed foo, Elapsed time: <double>  
returning from foo  
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Previous Work

- ▶ Toheed Aslam's AspectMATLAB Compiler
- ▶ Andrew Bodzay's AspcetMATLAB++ Compiler
- ▶ McSAF Framework, and Kind Analysis
- ▶ Samuel Suffos's Parser

Improvement and Contributions

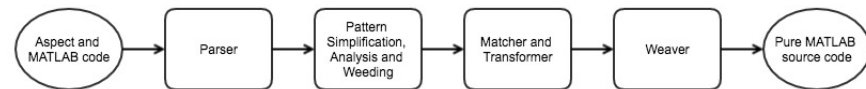
- ▶ Use of More Robust Front-end
- ▶ Clear Grammar
- ▶ Semantic Validation
- ▶ More Robust Transforming Strategy
- ▶ Extended Argument Matching

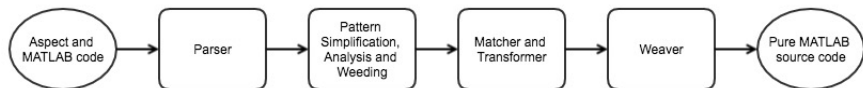
Compiler Structure

Existing AspectMATLAB Compiler Structure



New AspectMATLAB Compiler Structure





Parser

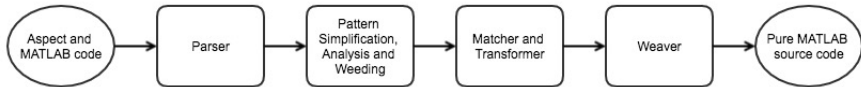
- ▶ New parser built using ANTLR3
- ▶ Extend set/get/call pattern to make patterns more clear

`get(x) & dimension([1, 1]) & istype(logical)`

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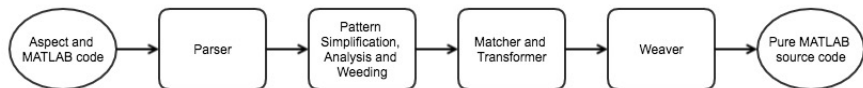
`get(x : [1,1]logical)`

- ▶ allow dots wildcard to appear any where in the signature list
- `dimension([1, .., 3])`



Semantic Validation

- ▶ Basic Pattern classification
 - ▶ Primitive pattern
 - ▶ Modifier pattern
- ▶ Pattern type analysis for compound pattern
- ▶ using logical equivalence to associate modifier pattern to primitive pattern
- ▶ inspect primitive pattern individually.



Semantic Validation

Examples

matching under "before" case

```
(get(x) | call(foo(..))) & ~(istype(logical) | dimension([1,1]))
```

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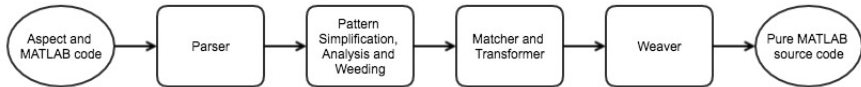
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(get(x) & (~istype(logcial) & ~dimension([1,1]))) |  
  (call(foo(..)) & (~istype(logcial) & ~dimension([1,1])))
```

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Reject



Matcher and Transformer

- ▶ handling spanned comma separated list, e.g.

`c{:} m(:).f c{1:5}`

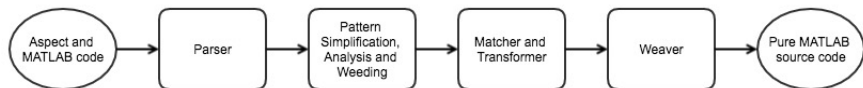
- ▶ correctly resolve end expression

`m(1, end - 1)`

- ▶ better variable capture for set pattern

`[var1, var2] = foo();`

- ▶ ...



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Extended Argument Signature List Matching

Current AspectMATLAB Compiler

- ▶ subroutine name
- ▶ number of subroutine input arguments

```
call(foo(*,*,...))
```

New AspectMATLAB Compiler

- ▶ shape information of the argument
- ▶ type information of the argument
- ▶ subroutine outputs

```
call(foo([1,1]logical, ..., [3,...,3]integer) : [...]double)
```

Extended Argument Matching

- ▶ Collect Alphabet
- ▶ Building nondeterministic finite automaton for shape patterns
- ▶ Convert nondeterministic finite automaton into deterministic finite automaton
- ▶ Emit matcher function

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```
call(foo(*, ..., [1,*,...,2,3]double) : [...]logical, [2,2]*)
```

$$\Sigma_{shape} = \{\epsilon_{shape}, 1, 2, 3, \sigma_{shape}\}$$
$$\Sigma_{type} = \{\epsilon_{type}, \text{double}, \text{logical}, \sigma_{type}\}$$

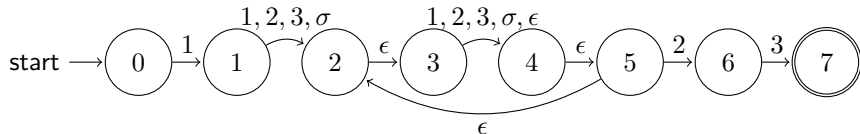
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Building nondeterministic finite automaton for shape patterns

Pattern with only shape matching

`dimension([1, *, ..., 2, 3])`

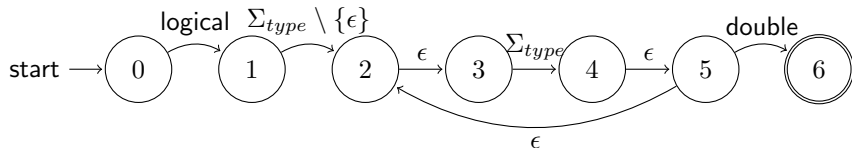
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Pattern with only type matching

`call(foo(logical, *, ..., double))`

Alphabet : $\Sigma_{type} = \{\epsilon, \text{logical}, \text{double}, \sigma\}$



Extended Argument Matching

Convert NFAs into DFAs

Using subset construction method

`dimension([1, *, ..., 2, 3])`

Alphabet Map :

$\{1 = 1, 2 = 2, 3 = 3, \sigma = 4\}$

Matrix representation of DFA in
MATLAB:

```
AM_FUNC_8 = [2, 6, 6, 6;  
             3, 3, 3, 3;  
             3, 4, 3, 3;  
             3, 4, 5, 3;  
             3, 4, 3, 3;  
             6, 6, 6, 6];
```

`call(foo(logical, *, ..., double))`

Alphabet Map :

$\{\text{logical} = 1, \text{double} = 2, \sigma = 3\}$

Matrix representation of DFA in
MATLAB:

```
AM_FUNC_4 = [2, 5, 5;  
            3, 3, 3;  
            3, 4, 3;  
            3, 4, 3;  
            5, 5, 5];
```

Extended Argument Matching

Emit matcher function

```
call(foo(logical , *, .. , double))
```

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```
function [AM_FUNC_3] = AM_VAR_1(AM_FUNC_2)
    AM_FUNC_4 = [2, 5, 5; 3, 3, 3; 3, 4, 3; 3, 4, 3; 5, 5, 5];
    AM_FUNC_5 = 1;
    for AM_FUNC_6 = (1 : length(AM_FUNC_2))
        AM_FUNC_5 = AM_FUNC_4(AM_FUNC_5, AM_VAR_0(AM_FUNC_2{AM_FUNC_6}));
    end
    AM_FUNC_7 = [4];
    for AM_FUNC_8 = (1 : length(AM_FUNC_7))
        if (AM_FUNC_5 == AM_FUNC_7(AM_FUNC_8))
            AM_FUNC_3 = true;
            return
        end
    end
    AM_FUNC_3 = false;
    return
function [AM_FUNC_1] = AM_VAR_0(AM_FUNC_0)
    if isa(AM_FUNC_0, 'double')
        AM_FUNC_1 = 2;
    elseif isa(AM_FUNC_0, 'logical')
        AM_FUNC_1 = 1;
    else
        AM_FUNC_1 = 3;
    end
end
end
```

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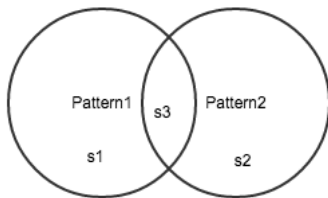
More complicate pattern

```
call(foo([1, 2, ..., 3]logical, *, ..., [1, ..., 2, 3]logical))  
pattern1 = [1, 2, ..., 3]logical  
pattern2 = [1, ..., 2, 3]logical
```

Previous solution won't work, as alphabet is not a surjective map from variables to symbol code.

Alternative solution: let $S_{pattern1}$ denotes the set of variable matching to pattern1, $S_{pattern2}$ denotes the set of variable matching to pattern2, and S denotes the set of all possible input variables. Then alphabet $A = \{\epsilon, s_1, s_2, s_3, \sigma\}$, with following map $\tau : S \rightarrow A$ is a suitable candidate for NFA/DFA construction, and $A \supseteq \text{Im } \tau$ is a finite set with at most $2^{|\text{\#patterns}|} + 1$ symbols.

$$\tau(x) = \begin{cases} \epsilon & \epsilon\text{-transition} \\ s_1 & x \in S_{pattern1} \setminus S_{pattern2} \\ s_2 & x \in S_{pattern2} \setminus S_{pattern1} \\ s_3 & x \in S_{pattern1} \cap S_{pattern2} \\ \sigma & x \in (S_{pattern1} \cup S_{pattern2})^c \end{cases}$$



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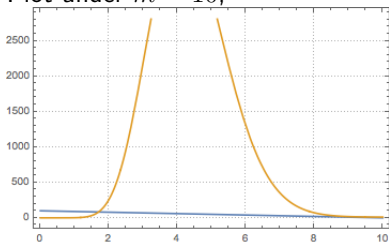
Analysis on performance

If a pattern has m signature with k dots wildcards.

The modified NFA/DFA method use $m * (m - k)$ times shape and type checking.

The for-loop based method use $k^{m-k} + k$ times shape and type checking.

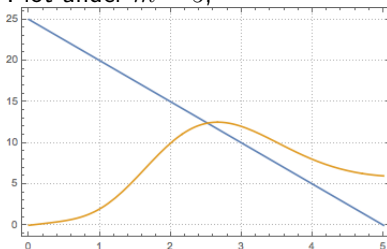
Plot under $m = 10$,



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Implemented as for-loop based method for patterns with few dots wildcard (1-2),
NFA/DFA method for other scenario.

Plot under $m = 5$,



Extended Argument Matching

Using matcher function

Input argument matching:

```
foo(var1, var2(:).f, var3{:})
```

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```
AM_VAR_1 = {var1, var2(:), var{:}};  
AM_MATCH_RESULT(1) = matcher1(AM_VAR_1);  
AM_MATCH_RESULT(2) = matcher2(AM_VAR_2);  
% ...  
foo(AM_VAR_1{:})
```

Output argument matching:

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```

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```
% callWithMatcher is a MEX implemented subroutine using C  
AM_VAR_1 = {var1, var2(:), var{:}};  
[AM_MATCH_RESULT, ...] = callWithMatcher(  
                                @foo, AM_VAR_1,  
                                @matcher1, @matcher2, ...  
                                );
```


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