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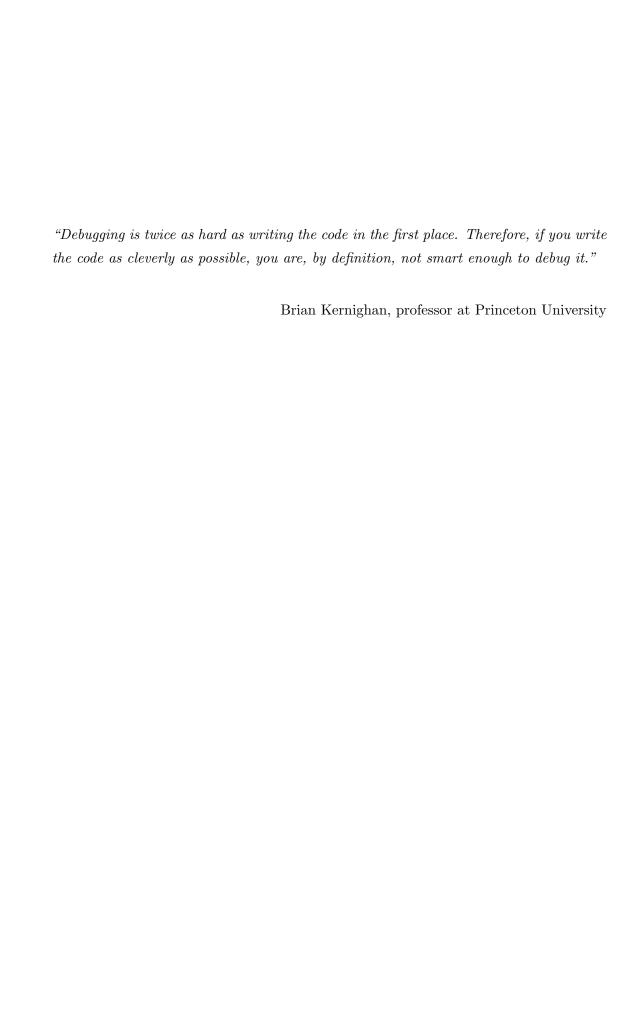


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Abstract

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SPolly, short for speculative Polly, is an attempt to combine two recent research projects in the context of compilers. One the one hand side there is Polly, a LLVM project to increase data locality and parallelism of loop nests. On the other hand there is Sambamba, which pursues a new, adaptive way of compiling and offers features like method versioning, speculation and runtime adaption. As an extension of the former one and with the capabilities offered by the later one, SPolly can perform state-of-theart loop optimizations on a wide range of loops, even in general purpose benchmarks as the SPEC 2000 benchmark suite. I will explain when speculation is possible, how runtime information is used and how this is integrated into Polly and Sambama. At the end an evaluation on SPEC 2000 benchmarks and the Polybench 3.2 benchmark suite is presented as well as some discussions on the results.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AA Alias Analysis

LLVM Low Level Virtual Machine

LLVM-IR LLVM Intermediate Representation

SCoP Static Control Part

SPolly Speculative Polly

isl integer set library

cloog Chunky Loop Generator

SE Scalar Evolution

SD SCoP Detection

RS Region Speculation (see ...)

Polly Polyhedral LLVM

CFG Control Flow Graph

LOC lines of code

ParCFG Parallel CFG

OpenMP Open Multi-Processing

SIMD Single Instruction Multiple Data

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Chapter 1

Introduction

Multiprocessors became the normal state in everyday computing, automatic parallelization did not. Programmers still write sequential code which will be translated to sequential binaries and executed by a single thread using only one of many cores. Benefits of modern multiprocessors are still unused because neither programmers nor compilers may utilize their potential to the full. Even if parallelism could employ all threads and cores, it is unclear how to expose a reasonable amount out of sequential code. Apart from the retrieval, parallelism faces the same problems as sequential code does. Slow I/O accesses caused by poor cache locality is a well known one. Heavy research is going on in both fields with various results. As there are promising approaches suffering from poor applicability on general purpose code, the real problem becomes more and more applying optimizations, not developing them.

Techniques using the so called polyhedral model become increasingly popular. The underlying model is a mathematical description of loop nests with their data dependencies. Optimal solutions in terms of e.g., locality or parallelism can be derived using this model while it implicitly applies traditional optimizations as loop blocking and unrolling. Various preliminary results reveal the potential but also the limits of this technique. Enormous speedups are possible, but only for very few locations.

1.1 Related Work

Research on parallelism and data locality is very popular nowadays, as is the polytope model to tackle these problems. With or without speculation, there are promising attempts all using the polytope model, but the wide range impact on general purpose code is still missing.

Tobias Grosser describes in his thesis[2] a speedup of up to 8 for the matrix multiplication benchmark, archived by his polyhedral optimizer Polly[3]. He also produced similar results for other benchmarks of the Polybench[4] benchmark suite. Other publications on this topic[5–7] show similar results, but they are also limited to the Polybench benchmark suite. Admittedly, Polybench is well suited for comparative studies, between these

approaches, but it has less significance for general applicability. Baghdadi et. al.[6] revealed a huge potential for speculative loop optimizations. They state that aggressive loop nest optimizations (including parallel execution) are profitable and possible, even though data and flow dependencies would statically prevent them. Theirs hand made tests also showed the impact when different kinds of conflict management are used. The results differ from loop to loop as the availability of such conflict management systems does. But even if the choice is restricted to one or two, their results indicate a general speedup.

1.2 Overview

SPolly, short for speculative Polly, is an attempt to combine two recent research projects in the context of compilers. One the one hand there is Polly, a LLVM project to increase data locality and parallelism for loop nests. On the other hand there is Sambamba, which pursues an adaptive way of compiling and offers features like method versioning, speculation and runtime adaption. As an extension of the former one and with the capabilities offered by the later one, SPolly can perform state-of-the-art loop optimizations on a wide range of loops, even in general purpose benchmarks as the SPEC 2000 benchmark suite.

The key idea is to enable more loop optimizations due to speculation. To demarcate this from guessing, profiling is used and combined with static information. The heuristic to choose promising candidates is presented as well as the restrictions which are weakened or even removed.

The rest of the thesis will be organised as follows. First Chapter 2 will provide information on the used tools and techniques, especially Polly and Sambamba. Afterwards the concepts and ideas for this work are stated in Chapter 3. Technical details about SPolly are given in Chapter 4 followed by an evaluation on the SPEC 2000 and Polybench 3.2 benchmark suites (Chapter 5). While Chapter 7 concludes the thesis and provides ideas for future work, a detailed case study on different versions of the matrix multiplication example is presented in Chapter 6.

Notes:

For simplicity source code is presented in a C like language only. TODO more?

Chapter 2

BACKGROUND

This work takes heavy use of different techniques, theories and tools mostly in the context of compiler construction. To simplify the rest of the thesis this chapter explains them as far as necessary, thus we may take them for granted afterwards. As most of the key ideas will suffice, some details will be omitted. Interested readers have to fall back on the further readings instead.

2.1 LLVM - The Low Level Virtual Machine

The Low Level Virtual Machine is a compiler infrastructure designed to optimize during compiletime, linktime and runtime. Originally designed for C and C++, many other frontends for a variety of languages exist by now. The source is translated into an intermediate representation (LLVM-IR), which is available in three different, but equivalent forms. There is the in-memory compiler IR, the on-disk bitcode representation and human readable assembly language. The LLVM-IR is a type-safe, static single assignment based language, designed for low-level operations. It is capable of representing high-level structures in a flexible way. Due to the fact that LLVM is built in a modular way and can be extended easily, most of the state of the art analysis and optimization techniques are implemented and shipped with LLVM. Plenty of other extensions, e.g., Polly, can be added by hand.

Further Reading

- A Compilation Framework for Lifelong Program Analysis & Transformation [8]
- http://www.llvm.org

2.2 The Polyhedral Model

The polyhedral model is a mathematical way to describe the iteration space of loop nests, or more likely a very restricted subset of them. Its became popular as it abstracts from the given source and applies loop optimizations in a pure mathematical way. Formulating optimization problems in terms of linear equations yields an optimal solution with regards to a given property, e.g., data-locality or parallelism.

Within the polyhedral model the iteration space is represented as a \mathbb{Z} -polyhedron, simply spoken a geometric object with flat surfaces existing in a space of any general dimension. To do so, it is necessary that the iteration space can be described as solution set of affine inequalities (equation 2.1), where the loop bounds are encoded in a translation (b) and the steppings in a matrix (A).

Iteration Space IS :=
$$\{x \in \mathbb{Z}^n \mid Ax \le b \text{ with } A \in \mathbb{Z}^{m*n}, b \in \mathbb{Z}^m \}$$
 (2.1)

In addition to the points of the iteration space, the polyhedral model is also capable of representing loop carried dependencies between two iterations. Figure 2.1 illustrates this by relating a simple loop nest(A) to its representation within the polyhedral model(B). An optimization within the model (which is in fact a composed affine transformation) could yield a loop nest as presented in listing 2.1c.

Data-locality has been increased by introducing the two inner most loops which also remove the data dependency from the outer most one, thus the whole loope nest may be executed in parallel now.

Further Reading

- The Polyhedral Model is More Widely Applicable Than Yoy Think [10]
- Loop Parallelization in the Polytope Model [11]
- A practical automatic polyhedral parallelizer and locality optimizer [5]
- PoCC The Polyhedral Compiler Collection [12]
- Polyhedral parallelization of binary code [7]
- Putting Polyhedral Loop Transformations to Work [13]

```
for (i = 1; i < 100; i++)
  for (j = 1; j < 100; j++)
    A[i][j] = A[i-1][j-1]
              * B[i-1][j];
           (A) Simple loop nest
                                            (B) Polyhedral representation for list-
                                                         ing 2.1a
    for (c1=-128; c1<=98; c1+=32) \{
       for (c2=max(0,-32*floord(c1,32)-32);c2 \le min(98,-c1+98);c2+=32) {
         for (c3=max(max(-98,c1),-c2-31);c3<=min(c1+31,-c2+98);c3++) {
          for (c4=max(c2,-c3);c4<=min(min(98,c2+31),-c3+98);c4++) {
             A[c3+c4+1][c4+1] = A[c3+c4][c4] * B[c3+c4][c4+1];
        }
      }
    }
                         (c) Optimized version of listing 2.1a
```

FIGURE 2.1: An example loop nest with its polyhedral representation

2.3 Polly - A Polyhedral Optimizer For LLVM

Exploiting parallelism and data-locality in order to balance the work load and to improve cache utilization are the main goals of the Polly research project. The polyhedral model is used as abstract mathematical representation to get optimal results for a particular objective. The three-step approach of Polly first detects maximal loop nests suitable for polyhedral representation. These representations are analyzed and transformed before they are converted to code (here LLVM-IR) again. In the case of Polly the code generation is capable of generating thread level parallelism and vector instructions. The code regions Polly is interested in, are called static control parts, or short SCoPs. Such a SCoP is the most central entity within Polly and crucial for any kind of argumentation.

Definition 2.1 (Affine Transformation).

Affine transformations are linear transformations followed by a translations, thus they can be written as:

$$f(x_1, \ldots, x_n) := A_1 x_1 + \cdots + A_n x_n + b$$

Definition 2.2 (Canonical Induction Variable).

An induction variable is canonical if it start at zero and steps by one.

2.3.1 Static Control Parts

A static control part is a region with statically known control flow and memory accesses. As part of the control flow graph it is restricted to have one entry edge and one exit edge while within loops and conditionals are allowed inside. To predict all accesses, it is necessary to restrict loop bounds and branch conditions to be affine with respect to invariant parameters and surrounding iteration variables, but only if they are canonical. Because memory accesses are a crucial for data flow information, SCoPs are not allowed to contain aliasing instructions at all. Furthermore only affine access functions will yield an precise result as non affine ones are overestimated (but not forbidden per se). The last point concerns called function as only pure functional ones are allowed here.

While some of these conditions (e.g., the canonical induction variables) can be achieved through preprocessing, the remaining ones are still quite restrictive. The desired result, namely the SCoPs, are valuable because they can be represented within the polyhedral model, thus further analyses and transformations are not restricted to the particular source code anymore.

Although all regions fulfilling these requirements are technically SCoPs, we will restrict ourself to those containing at least one loop.

2.3.2 SCoP Detection

Pollys SCoP detection is the gateway to all further analyzes and transformations. All regions fulfilling the properties described in the last section, or in short, all (valid) SCoPs are detected here. The special interest of this part arises from the fact that all regions declared as valid SCoPs will be considered for pollyhedral optimizations. Almost regardless of theirs content, any region could be given to Polly if the SCoP detection is properly instrumented. Two important consequences can be derived and summarized as: Utilizing the strength of Polly is possible in much more situations as intentionally implemented but coupled with responsibility of the outcome.

2.3.3 Loop Optimizations

Polly uses the integer set library (isl) to compute the scheduling and tiling for a SCoP. Once the polyhedral representation is computed, an optimized version of the algorithm proposed by Bondhugula et al.[5] will compute a new scheduling and tiling scheme. Traditional loop optimizations such as blocking, interchange, splitting, unrolling or unswitching are implicitly applied during this step.

2.3.3.1 Parallel Code Generation

While cache locality is implicitly improved by rescheduling and tiling of the loop nest, parallel code needs to be generated explicitly afterwards. Polly is capable of generating thread level parallelism using OpenMP annotations and data level parallelism using SIMD instructions. If the former one is desired, the first loop without any loop carried dependencies will be rewritten as if there were OpenMP annotations in the first place. Enabling the later one, namely vector code generation will not only try to vectorize the innermost loop but also the scheduling is changed to allow this more often.

Further Reading

- Polly Polyhedral optimization in LLVM [3]
- Enabling Polyhedral Optimizations in LLVM [2]
- Base algorithm of isl [5]
- http://polly.llvm.org
- http://www.kotnet.org/~skimo/isl/

2.4 Sambamba

A Framework For Adaptive Program Optimization

The Sambamba project is build on top of the LLVM compiler infrastructure and aims at adaptive and speculative runtime optimizations. Dynamic information about arguments or the global state may allow optimization which could not be applied at compile

time or did not seem interesting back then. It is easily extendible with compile time and a runtime parts. While each one is conceptually independent, the compile time parts may store information which can be accessed at runtime to reduce the overhead, even if expensive analysis results are needed. Another fundamental pillar of the framework is the multi versioning system which allows for different, specialized function versions. [TODO FILL THIS PAGE] A high level view on the Sambama concept is given by figure 2.2 before some of the built-in utilities and modules, used during this work, are explained.

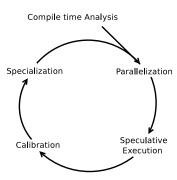


FIGURE 2.2: Sambamba in a nutshell

2.3.4 Sambambas Parallelizer

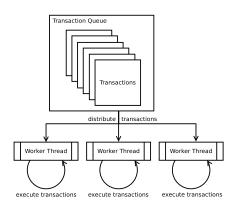


FIGURE 2.3: Symboliced transaction queue with 3 worker threads

The Sambamba parallelizer will become the main interface for any kind of parallelization in the framework. At the moment it is in need of parallel control flow graphs to explicitly state section which should be executed in parallel, but in the future more automatic loop parallelization will be implemented too. The runtime part of the parallelizer instantiates its own worker threads so there is no need for external libraries (as OpenMP) in order to execute tasks in parallel.

2.3.5 Parallel Control Flow Graphs

A parallel control flow graph (ParCFG) is a data structure used by the parallelizer to express parallel sections within an ordinary CFG. Each parallel sections consist of an entry block called piStart and an exit block called piEnd. The piStart is terminated by a symbolic switch statement which may have an arbitrary number of predecessors. Every predecessor denotes a, so called, transaction which ends in the piEnd block after some arbitrary computation. Once parallelized each transaction may be executed. Figure 2.4 shows such a parallel section with 3 transactions.

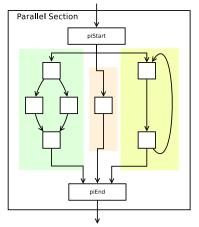


FIGURE 2.4: A parallel section with 3 transactions

Further Reading

- Sambamba: A Runtime System for Online Adaptive Parallelization [17]
- http://www.sambamba.org

Chapter 3

Concept

From a high point of view, this work tries to weaken the harsh requirements on SCoPs in order to make Pollys loop analyses and optimizations applicable on a wider range of programs. We expect benefit not only from the polyhedral optimizations, but also through speculative parallelization. The polyhedral analyses are used twice since they reveal loop nests which may be optimized as well as speculatively parallelizeable loops. Apart from the implementation work, which will be described in the next chapter, immense effort has been made on the concepts and key ideas behind. We believe that these ideas and the knowledge gained during the work is very valuable not only for future work on SPolly or one of its bases but also for other approaches facing similar situations.

3.1 SPolly In A Nutshell

During compile time the main goal of SPolly is to simplify the runtime part, thus to reduce runtime overhead through preprocessing and even static method versioning. First the SCoP detection tries to find valid regions within the given LLVM-IR, but instead of rejecting a region once a restriction is violated, the region speculation is asked how to proceed. Restrictions we want to speculate on are gathered by the region speculation, but ignored by the SCoP detection. This proceeding allows to find all violations with a region and to treat valid and speculatively valid

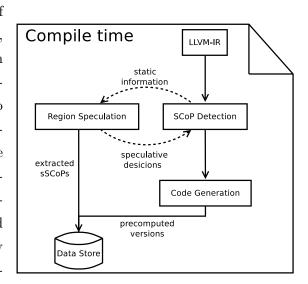


FIGURE 3.1: Draft paper: SPolly at compile time

ones nearly the same. After all speculative valid SCoPs (or short sSCoPs) are encountered the Sambamba compile time part takes action. It separates the sSCoPs as some of them do not really need speculation at all. Those sSCoPs are optimized and exchanged, while the others are currently only extracted. This means they are replaced by calls to

functions only containing the speculative valid region. At the moment, no pre computation takes place and the onliest violations not dependent on speculation are special kinds of aliasing instructions, namely those which can be ruled out by tests in beforehand.

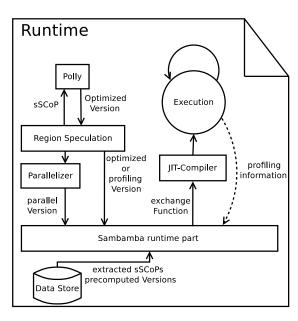


FIGURE 3.2: Draft paper: SPolly at runtime

The **runtime** part of SPolly first retrieves the extracted sSCoPs and precomputed versions from the data store. If not already done during compile time, profiling versions will be created now. It would be possible to restrict this to the best rated sSCoPs only, but as the creation is very cheap and the execution overhead for most of them non-existent it is feasible to do so for rather bad ranked sSCoPs as well. Those profiling versions will now collect information not only about the time consumption of the sSCoP, but also about loop bounds, branch probabilities and the results of introduced checks. Except of the time consumption these values will affect

the rating of the sSCoP which again is used to identify promising sSCoPs. The next section will explain this rating and the effects of profiling in more detail, while section 3.4 covers the test creation and theirs use. As explained above, the combined static and dynamic information determine which region is promising, thus which region will be speculatively optimized and in the end executed in parallel. Because the impact on the performance might be worse than expected, maybe even worse than in the beginning, the runtime part will continually monitor all exchanged functions and intervene if necessary. As the method versioning of Sambamba is not fully evolved, SPolly will not try to create different optimized versions based on different parameters even if this would be already possible.

3.2 Region Scores

Region scores are used as a heuristic to decide whether or not a sSCoP is worth to speculate on, thus for which regions profiling and optimized versions should be created and as a result executed. As the former ones may change the score again it is reasonable to create optimized versions only if the profiling results suggest to do so. It is obvious that we want to consider only loops and loop nests of a certain size, thus profiling the

```
// f is not declared as readnone
// A, B, C may alias
                                        for (i = 0; i < N; i ++) {
for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++) {
                                          for (j = 0; j < M; j++) {
 A[i] = B[i] * C[i];
                                            A[i][j] = f(i,j);
                                        }
        (A) Complete static sSCoP
                                            (B) sSCoP with variable loop bounds
                                                    and a function call
                                        for (i = 0; i < N; i ++) {
for (i = 2; i < 1024; i++) {
                                          if (A[i] == 0)
  if (...)
                                            printf("Unlikely error!");
   A[i] += A[i-1] * A[i-2];
                                           else
  else
                                             A[i] = 1024 / A[i];
    A[i] -= A[i-1];
       (c) Branch within a sSCoP
                                             (D) irreversible call within a sSCoP
```

FIGURE 3.3: example sSCoPs

trip count may have a enormous impact on the actual region score. Additionally we are interested in execution paths within a sSCoP in order to predict how often e.g., irreversible instructions, may be executed. While such instructions, like calls of printf, may cause STM rollbacks during the parallel executions, branch probabilities may also have a huge impact on the actual sSCoP size and only rarely occurring dependencies. To clarify the idea, the regions scores for the listings 3.3a to 3.3d as well as some other listings contained in this thesis is listed in table 3.1. For a detailed explanation on the implementation and meaning see the corresponding section in the next chapter.

Table 3.1: Scores for the sSCoPs presented in various listings

listing	score
2.1a	408
3.3a	576
3.3c	$63 * (11 + ((7 * @if.then_ex_prob)/100) + ((5 * @if.else_ex_prob)/100))$
3.3b	((0 smax %N)/16) * (7 + (10 * ((0 smax %M)/16)))
3.3d	$((0 \text{ smax } \%\text{N})/16) * (6 + (-1000 * @if.then_ex_prob/100)$
4.3b	(7 + ((8 + (8 * (%N/16))) * (%N/16))) * ((0 smax %N)/16)

3.3 Method Versioning

Even if method versioning in Sambamba is not fully implement yet, SPolly is already capable of generating a profiling and an optimized version. Both just transform the sSCoP, thus only the loop or loop nest has to be cloned and stored. Further work on SPolly will include the creation of more different optimized versions as there are plenty of

optional parameters which could be adjusted as needed. The impact of tiling size, loop fusion and the amount of actual introduced tests for the optimized version may have significant impact, but in the short time of this work it was not feasible to investigate them fully.

3.4 Introduced Tests

The mentioned tests are one attempt to keep down the rate of misspeculations. First of all they are used to refine region scores in the context of profiling but they can be of great use in optimized versions too. At the moment SPolly is capable of creating two different kind of checks, which may partially rule out SCoP violations completely. If so we may call the tests complete and we apply them on the optimized version with no need of speculate at all. As such cases can improve the applicability of Polly even without an STM, they could find their way into the main branch one day. At this point we take advantage of Pollys default behaviour which is to copy the optimized SCoP as an alternative to the original one. Figure 4.2a shows the CFG after Polly optimized a given SCoP. The dotted edge is not taken since the guard of the conditional is constant true, but in the SPolly version it is replaced by the actual test result (see figure ??).

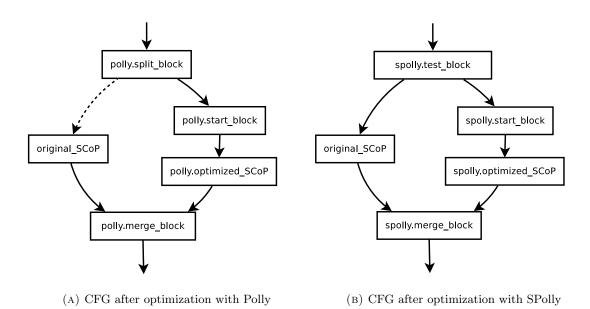
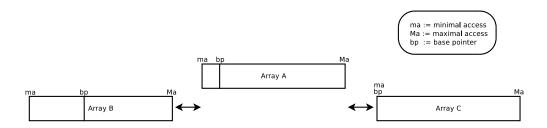


FIGURE 3.4: CFG produced by Polly and SPolly, respectively

3.4.1 Alias Tests

Testing for aliasing pointers in general would not be feasible so another way was chosen. Only sSCoP invariant pointers are tested once before the sSCoP is entered. If the test succeeds, thus no aliases are found, the optimized version is executed. At compile time the accesses for each base pointer are collected and marked either as possible minimal, possible maximal or not interesting access. At runtime all possible minimal and maximal accesses are respectively compared until, in the end, the minimal and the maximal access for each base pointer is computed. The alias test as such compares again the minimal access for a base pointer with the maximal accesses for each other base pointer and vice versa. After this comparison chain the result may indicate or rule out aliasing between them. As Polly introduces two versions of a SCoP by default, we may just replaces the constant guard in the split block in order to choose the executed version based on the test result. If all base pointers are invariant in the SCoP the test is complete, thus aliasing can be ruled out for the sSCoP at runtime. However, non invariant pointers are not tested at all, as it would imply to perform all computation and testing within the loop. Figure 4.3a illustrates the concept of the alias tests while listing 4.3b and figure 4.3c provide an example loop nest and the corresponding minimal and maximal memory accesses. The alias test for this example would look like listing 4.3d.



(A) Alias test from a birds eye view

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
 for (j = 0; j < N; j++) {
                                                     Acc
                                                                        Ma
                                                           bp
                                                                ma
   Ι1
                                                      I1
                                                            \mathbf{C}
                                                                 0
                                                                      N*N-1
    C[i][j] = 0;
    for (k = 0; k < N; k++) {
                                                            \mathbf{C}
                                                     I2
                                                                 0
                                                                      N*N-1
                  13
                                                      I3
                                                            Α
                                                                 0
                                                                      N*N-1
      C[i][j] += A[i][k] * B[k][j];
                                                                      N*N-1
                                                            В
                                                                  0
                                                      I4
```

(B) Aliasing accesses

(C) Statically derived min/maximal accesses

(D) Introduced compare chain

FIGURE 3.5: Alias tests concept and example

3.4.2 Invariant Tests

Apart from alias tests, SPolly may introduce invariants tests if there are possibly invariant variables and a function call within a sSCoP. The key idea is to monitor possible changes in such variables during the execution of the profiling version. As the results may introduce new dependencies between loop iterations, the sSCoP could be discarded. If it does not, the sSCoP may be optimized, depending on its new region score. Even this is a disqualification test in the first place, the information gathered about the variables could be used to create specialized sSCoP versions too. Listing 4.4a gives an example of an sSCoP for which invariant tests can be introduced and 4.4b shows the modified source.

```
int c;
int c;
                                              void f() {
                                                int i;
void f() {
                                                int c_tmp = c;
                                                         0; i < 1024; i++) {
  for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++) {
                                                  if (c != c_tmp)
    // function g may change c
                                                     signalNonInvariancy();
    A[i] = g() + c;
                                                   // function g may change c
                                                  A[i] = g() + c;
}
                                                }
                                              }
   (A) Loop nest with possible invariant
                                                    (B) Loop nest with invariant tests
                variables
```

FIGURE 3.6: Invariant test introduced by SPolly

3.5 Irreversible Function Calls

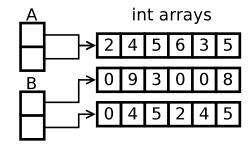
Parallelizing loops containing function calls is a challenge on its own. The called functions may have not computable side effects or they might just print something on your screen. In both cases the ordering is important and parallel execution becomes unlikely especially if these calls are placed on all execution paths. On the contrary there are loops which will execute such calls only rarely e.g., as part of error handling. SPolly locates all calls and allows loops which execute them only under certain conditions. [TODO gefaellt mir nich]

3.6 Non Computable Dependencies

Ruling out may aliases due to checks as described earlier is not feasible in every situation. Assuming the example in listing 3.7a we may check if A and B alias in front of the loop nest, but every array A[i] and B[j] may alias also. As introducing tests within the loop

nest is not what we want to do, another approach was needed to analyze and optimize the loop nest. Unfortunately it is not possible to rely on the STM here, as conflicts may not be detected when executing the loop in parallel. Even if this is not very likely a situation like indicated in figure 3.7b would produce wrong results if used as input of a speculatively rescheduled and parallelized loop nest as the one presented in listing 3.7c.

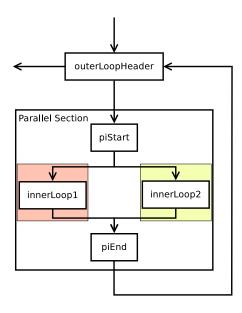
To enable optimizations or exploit parallelism for such cases, there are two possible solutions which will be described in more detail in the sections 3.6.1 and 3.8.



(A) Loop nest with non computable dependencies

(B) Possible input situation for listing 3.7a

```
void f(int **A, int **B) {
  int i,j;
  for (i = 0; i < 1024; i += 2) {
    // Begin parallel section
    // Transaction 1
    for (j = 0; j < 1024; j++) {
        A[i][j] = A[i][j] + B[i][j];
    }
    // Transaction 2
    for (j = 0; j < 1024; j++) {
        A[i+1][j] = A[i+1][j] + B[i+1][j];
    }
    // End parallel section
}</pre>
```



(C) Loop nest 3.7a pseudo parallelized

(D) ParCFG for listing 3.7c

Figure 3.7: Example for non computable dependencies and a violating input

3.6.1 Overestimating Dependencies

To handle loop nests with unknown dependencies, a conservative approach which pretends dependencies between all possibly aliasing instructions is already implemented. The strategy is quite similar to the one Polly uses for non affine memory accesses as both overestimate the access until it is sound to proceed. This technique is quite restrictive but even though it may allow loop invariant code motion or even vectorization.

Considering listing 3.7a again this method will hoist the conditional out of the loop and at the same time reveal that the innermost one has no loop carried dependencies.

3.7 Speculation Free Optimizations

3.8 Speculative Parallelism Beyond The Polytope Model

whereas the other one is a speculative parallel execution of the loop in huge chunks. As the later one would require a commit order in the STM implementation, it not yet possible.

3.9 What Is Missing

Chapter 4

IMPLEMENTATION

SPolly in its entirety is a compound of three parts. The region speculation, embedded into Polly, and the two Sambamba modules for compile time and runtime respectively. The region speculation part is the interface to all discovered sSCoPs, thus it contains most of the transformation code, while the Sambama passes concentrate on the program logic. At the moment the runtime part is far more evolved and the compile time component plays only a minor role. Apart from SPolly itself, a basic profiler and a statistic module for Sambamba arose during this work. Both have been very helpful during the development and may become permanent features of Sambama. During the implementation various bugs occurred and even if most of them arose through my own fault I triggered some in the code base of Polly and Sambamba too. A full table of reported bugs is listed in table ??.

[TODO rephrase] Table B.1 lists all available command line options added in the context of SPolly. Although all of these options work without the Sambamba modules, yet Sambama at all, the last three would only produce sequential executable code without any parallelization. [TODO] As for now I am not quite sure if this could be of any practical use, but to my understanding Polly could get a similar option in the near future.

4.1 Speculative Polly

It would be feasible to look at SPolly as extension to Polly, especially designed to interact with Sambamba. As such it was crucial to preserve all functionality of Polly and supplement it with (mostly speculative) new ones. Most of them are implemented in the region speculation, but there are some new options in the code generation too. Apart from these two locations the SCoP detection was the only component which has been touched. It is ideally suited to serve as the bridge between Polly and the speculative part as speculative valid regions would be rejected here. The information currently needed for region speculation is also available at this point and can be directly reused.

As the architecture of Polly is nicely illustrated by figure ??, it has been extended in figure 4.1 to capture the changes introduced by SPolly. In comparison the region speculation, the fork join backend and the sSCoP backend have been added as they can be used without Sambamba.

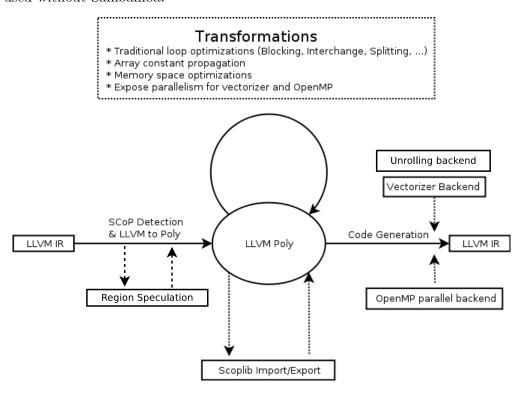


FIGURE 4.1: SPolly architecture

4.1.1 Speculative SCoPs

A speculative valid SCoPs (sSCoPs) is defined similar to a valid SCoPs but with weakened conditions. General SCoPs need to fulfill all constraints listed in ??, while sSCoPs renounce the restrictions on aliasing and partially those on function calls.

4.1.2 Region Speculation

The region speculation (RS) of SPolly has several tasks to fulfill. The first one includes the communication with Polly or more precise, with the SCoP detection. Each region analyzed by the SCoP detection needs to be considered as possibly speculative valid SCoPs, thus all information exposed during the detection are stored. If the region contains a validation not listed in 4.1 or if it is without any validation the information are discarded. Valid SCoPs are handled by Polly while for others a new sSCoP is created which initially validates itself. These validation mainly computes information needed for later transformations but it maybe discards the sSCoP too. This is the case if violating

function calls, e.g., a "printf", occur on every execution path. In the following these computations as well as the creation of profiling and parallel versions for a sSCoP are explained briefly.

Table 4.1: Restrictions on sSCoPs

- Only perfectly nested loops and conditionals
- No unsigned iteration variables ¹
- Only canonical PHI nodes and induction variables
- Instructions may not be used in PHI nodes outside the region²
- Only speculatively "non violating" function calls
- No PHI nodes in the region exit block
- Only simple regions not containing the entry block of the function

4.1.2.1 sSCoP extraction

The sSCoP extraction was designed to simplify the method versioning for functions containing several speculative valid SCoPs. It creates a new sub function for every sSCoP and inserts a call in the former place. Later on this call could be inlined again but this is not implemented yet. On the one hand side the creation of profiling and parallel versions as well the later function exchanging becomes a lot easier and cheaper this way. On the other hand it is the first step to multiple specialized versions, e.g., with constant instead of variable loop bounds.

4.1.2.2 sSCoP Versions

Method versioning is one of the great benefits of the Sambamba system and allows to adapt the execution at runtime. In the scope of this work two different versions are created, a profiling one and a optimized one. As these two are explained in the following, there are several possible others described in this thesis and summarized in the last chapter.

The Profiling Version

¹ open for further work of Polly

² open for further work of SPolly

Profiling is a powerful ability for just in time executed program, like the ones produced by Sambamba. SPolly benefits not only from the introduced tests, but also from the monitored branch probabilities and loop trip counts. The retrieved information are in the first place used to compute the region scores, thus to improve the heuristic which chooses sSCoPs for optimization. Later on, specialized versions may arise based on them.

The Optimized Version

Just as valid SCoPs may valid sSCoPs be optimized by Polly, but there are also differences. As Polly normally takes care of possible dependencies it cannot do the same for all kinds of sSCoPs.

4.1.2.3 Introduced tests

To reduce the overhead of misspeculation tests are introduced in front of each sSCoP. At the moment there are two different kinds available, invariants and alias tests. Only the later one is used in optimized versions because the former one needs to check the invariant every iteration, thus it produces a huge overhead. In contrast to profiling versions which uses both tests to refine the score of a sSCoP. Placing the test section was quite easy, since Polly itself introduces a (constant) branch before the SCoP anyway. Figure 4.2a and 4.2b shows the (simplified) CFG introduced by Polly and SPolly, respectively. The dotted edge in the CFG produced by Polly is not taken (constant false), but remains in the CFG. As far as I know, SPolly is the first extension to Polly which uses the untouched original SCoP.

Alias tests

Testing for aliasing pointers in general would not be feasible so another way was chosen. Only sSCoP invariant pointers are tested once before the sSCoP is entered. If the test succeeds, thus no aliases are found, the optimized version is executed. At compile time the accesses for each base pointer are collected and marked either as possible minimal, possible maximal or not interesting access. At runtime all possible minimal and maximal, respectively, accesses are compared and the minimal and maximal access for each base pointer is computed. The alias test as such compares again the minimal access for a base pointer with the maximal accesses for the others and vice versa. At the end of this

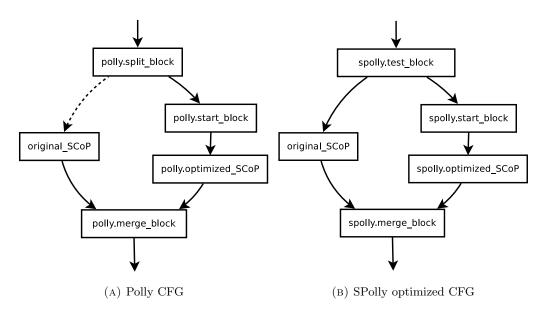


FIGURE 4.2: CFG produced by Polly and SPolly, respectively

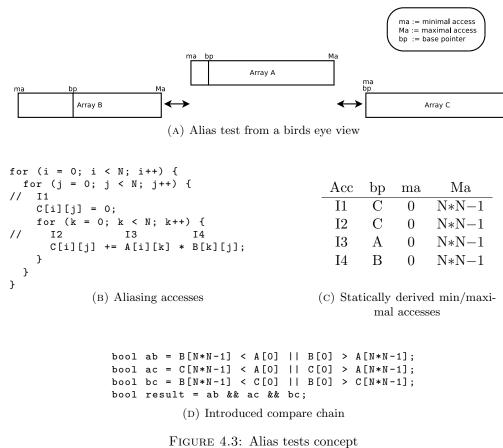
comparison chain the result replaces the constant guard in the split block right before the original SCoP and the speculative optimized one. If all base pointers are invariant in the SCoP the test is complete, thus aliasing can be ruled out for the sSCoP at runtime. However, non invariant pointers are not tested at all, as it would imply to perform all computation and testing within the loop. Figure 4.3a illustrates the concept of the alias tests while listing 4.3b and figure 4.3c provide an example with the derived accesses. The alias test for this example would look like listing 4.3d.

Invariants tests

Apart from alias tests, SPolly may introduce invariants tests if there are possibly invariant variables and a function call within a sSCoP. The key idea is to monitor possible changes in such variables during the execution of the profiling version. As the results may introduce new dependencies between loop iterations, the sSCoP could be discarded. If it does not, the sSCoP may be optimized, depending on its new region score. As this is a disqualification test in the first place, the information gathered about the variables could be used to create specialized sSCoP versions. As mention earlier, the last chapter will discuss specialized versions in more detail. Listing 4.4a gives an example of an sSCoP for which invariant tests can be introduced and 4.4b shows the modified source.

Complete Checks

Alias tests may rule out aliasing in sSCoPs completely, thus some sSCoPs become valid SCoPs after this tests are introduced. Such non speculative optimizations are done by



```
int c;
int c;
                                             void f() {
                                               int i;
void f() {
                                               int c_tmp = c;
                                               for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++) {
  for (i = 0; i < 1024; i++) {
                                                  if (c != c_tmp)
    // function g may change c
                                                    signalNonInvariancy();
    A[i] = g() + c;
                                                  // function g may change c
                                                  A[i] = g() + c;
}
                                             }
               (A) source
                                                    (B) source with invariant tests
```

FIGURE 4.4: Invariant test introduced by SPolly

the compile time part of the Sambamba module and may be included in Polly too. An example for such an sSCoP is given in figure 4.3b. The presented code is the well known matrix multiplication example which is a valid SCoP if the arrays do not alias. For the sake of completeness it is to mention that this code could be rewritten as array of pointers which would also lead to a sSCoP but without complete checks. Chapter 6 will discuss this example and the various implementations in detail.

4.1.3 Code Generation

As part of the extension of Polly a new code generation type was added. Apart from sequential, vectorized and OpenMP annotated code generation SPolly is capable of creating a unrolled and blocked loop, which can be easily translated into an ParCFG, thus parallelized by a Sambama module. Listing 4.5b presents this transformation. The special case where lower and upper bound as well as the stride are statically known constants, the second loop, which computes remaining iterations, is completely unrolled. This kind of loop unrolling and blocking may find its way into Polly in the near future.

Parallelization

In order to secure the speculative executions with Sambambas STM (see ??) the Sambama parallelizer needs to be used. As this parallelizer does not yet support loop parallelization per se, some transformation needed to be done first. The new code generation type was created to do the difficult one without recomputing information provided during by the polytope model (during the code generation) anyway. As these transformation yields code as in listing 4.5b the creation of a ParCFG (see ??) remains. Figures 4.5c and 4.5d visualize these changes.

4.2 Sambama Compile Time Module

The compile time part of the Sambamba module locates all sSCoPs within the given input module and transfers each one afterwards in a separated function. These extracted sSCoPs are stored within the created Sambamba bitcode or respectively executable file. Extracting every single sSCoP decreases the performance but allows to easily change and combine different optimized sSCoPs, even if they originated from the same function. At the moment there is one exception implemented which will be applied on sSCoPs with complete checks, thus valid SCoPs after the tests are passed. All of those are optimized in place without consulting the region scores or any other heuristic. The functionality of the compile time part is minimal but it helps to focus on profiling and execution during runtime, without analysis overhead. Further work could heavily improve this part, beginning by compile time preparation of the sSCoPs, but imaginable is more than just a precomputed profiling or optimized version of a sSCoP. As there are a lot of parameters which could have significant impact on the performance, several optimized versions of an sSCoP could be created and stored, in order to choose the best depending on the system and the actual run, thus depending on runtime information. While table B.2 gives a brief overview of available options for Polly, it is not clear which ones will

```
void f() {
    int i;
    for (i = B; i < E - N + 1; i += S * N) {
    void f() {
        LoopNest(i + 0 * S);
        int i;
        for (i = B; i < E; i += S) {
        LoopNest(i);
    }
}

// Remaining iterations
for (int j = i; j < E; j += S) {
        LoopNest(j);
    }
}</pre>
```

(A) Initial loop nest

(B) Listing 4.5a after N-fork creation

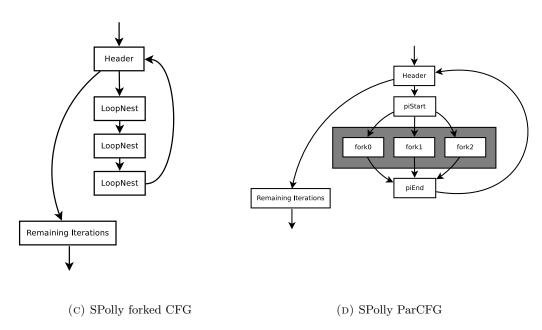


FIGURE 4.5: Forked CFG produced by SPolly and resulting ParCFG

fit best for a particular environment and sSCoP. As the method versioning system of Sambamba evolves, the compile time part should, in order to reduce the workload at runtime and increase the ability to adapt.

4.3 Sambama Runtime Module

In addition to the compile time parts, which only rely on static analyses, the runtime part uses different kinds of runtime information to decide. To take advantage of this extra knowledge, most of the decisions, thus most of the program logic, is implemented in the runtime module.

Table ??[TODO] gives an overview of the functionalities.

Table 4.2: Functionality of the SPolly Sambamba module

4.3.1 Profiling

4.4 Profiling For Sambamba

Sambamba, as heavily developed research project, was not capable of any kind of profiling when I started my work. By now, there are two profilers available. The first one, implemented by the authors of Sambamba, is used for exact time measuring, while I created the second one to profiles executions and data. [TODO if first is used later on, write it here] Both were developed during the same time to fulfill different needs and could be [TODO will be?] merged anytime soon. As most of SPollys parts are unrelated, to both of them, the profiling versions, as their name indicates, would become useless without. This will definitely increase the number of unnecessary created (parallel) functions, but it would not render SPolly redundant. There a sSCoPs which a guarded by sound checks, thus they can be used with the overhead of only the check. As the use of other sSCoPs could increase the performance too, a heuristic could look for promising candidates, even without any runtime information. This heuristic could be part of future work since even with a profiler by hand, there are cases where the gathered information (see [TODO]) are not helpful at all.

4.5 Region Scores

Initial efforts to create these scores did not use any kind of memory, thus the whole region was analysed every time new information was available. To avoid this unnecessary computations the current score is a symbolic value which may contain variables for values not known statically, e.g., branch probabilities or loop bounds. Evaluation of these symbolic values will take all profiling information into account and yield a comparable integer value. Only during the initial score creation the region will be traversed to find parameters and branches for later annotation.

All instructions will be scored and the violating ones will be checked for their speculative potential. As memory instructions are guarded by the STM for the case the speculation

failed, calls may not be reversible, thus without any speculative potential at all. Such function calls are not checked earlier since the region speculation needs the information about possible other branches within this region. Listing 3.3d provides such an example but these cases will be revisited in the next two chapters too. Table 3.1 lists the scores for the examples in figure 3.3.

Chapter 5

EVALUATION

The evaluation, as essential part of this thesis, allows to compare the this work with others which share the same goals. Since it is hard to put effort in figures, the evaluation may provide information about the results of them. Correctness, applicability and speedup have been the stated goals which were tested using the SPEC 2000 and Polybench 3.2 benchmark suites. While the former one contains general benchmarks used to evaluate most new optimizations, the later one is especially designed for polyhedral optimizations as done by SPolly. These benchmarks might not reflect the reality in everyday optimization but they might be used to compare SPolly and Polly (as presented in the diploma thesis of Tobias Grosser [2]).

5.1 The Environment

(more details in running Arch linux with an Intel(R) Core(TM) is CPU M 560 @ 2.67GHz and 6GB RAM. Parallel versions could use up to four simultaneous running threads. The second one ... TODO ... As the compile time evaluation is machine independent, it was performed on the general purpose machine only. Contrary, the runtime evaluation has been performed twice, once on each machine.

The work and thus the evaluation is based on an LLVM 3.0 build with enabled assertions and disabled optimization. All source files have been converted by clang to LLVM-IR files, optimized by opt and ... TODO linked TODO

table 5.1).

Table 5.1: The evaluation environment

	A	В
CPU	i5 M560	X5570
clock speed	2.67GHz	$2.93\mathrm{GHz}$
smart cache	3MB	8MB
#cores	2	8
#threads	4	16
RAM	6GB	24 GB
LLVM	3.0 debug	3.0
OS	Arch	Gentoo R7

TODO picture of the chain

5.2 Compile Time Evaluation

The main part of the compile time evaluation aims to get quantitative results about valid and invalid sSCoPs. These results correspond with the applicability of this work, as they both outline how many regions can be taken into account now and which work is needed to increase this number. As mentioned earlier this part is mainly machine independent, since the quantitative results are. There is one case where compile time transformation can improve the program with no need of speculation at all. These cases are explained and evaluated separately in section 5.2.3.

5.2.1 Preperation

 ${\bf TODO\ -basicaa\ -indvars\ -mem2reg\ -polly-independent\ -polly-region-simplify\ -polly-prepare}$

5.2.2 Quantitative Results

5.2.2.1 SPEC2000

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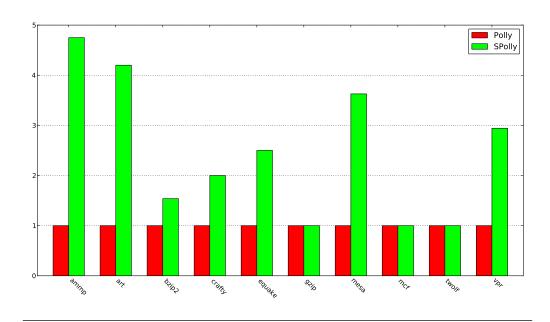


FIGURE 5.1: Numbers of valid and speculative valid SCoPs

5.2.2.2 Polybench 3.2

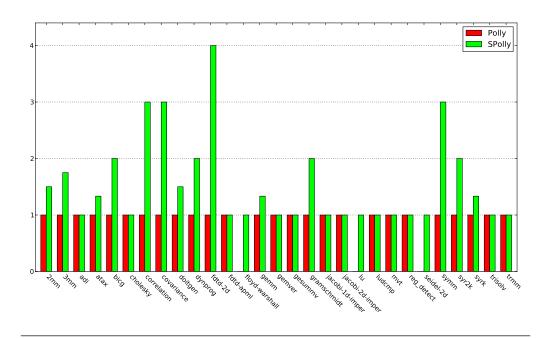


FIGURE 5.2: Numbers of valid and speculative valid SCoPs

Table 5.2: Results of running Polly and SPolly on SPEC 2000 benchmarks

Benchmark	#instr	#simp	le regions	valid	SCoPs	Avg d	etec. time
Deliciillark	Dencimark #Instr		prepared	Polly	SPolly	Polly	SPolly
188.ammp	19824	205	208	12	45		
179.art	1667	66	66	5	16		
256.bzip2	3585	114	116	13	7		
186.crafty	25541	305	310	23	23		
183.equake	2585	70	71	10	15		
164.gzip	4773	92	95	6	0		
181.mcf	1663	33	33	0	0		
177.mesa	80952	816	832	94	247		
300.twolf	35796	679	716	6	0		
175.vpr	19547	319	329	17	33		

 $TODO\ numbers\ can\ be\ produced\ via\ /home/johannes/git/sambamba/testdata/spec 2000/time Analysis.$

5.2.2.3 Available tests

Alias tests

Invariant tests

5.2.3 Sound Transformations

As described earlier, region speculation collects violations within a SCoP and can introduce tests for some of them. There are cases when these tests will suffice to get a sound result, thus there is no need for a runtime system at all. Although this hold in respect to the soundness of a program, this does not mean performance will rise when these transformations are used.

TODO scores – heuristic / statistics

5.3 Runtime Evaluation

5.4 Problems

During the work with LLVM 3.0 and a corresponding version of Polly a few problems occurred. Some of them could not be reproduced in newer versions they were just be tackled with tentative fixes, as they will be resolved as soon as Sambamba and SPolly will be ported to a newer version. Others, which could be reproduced in the current trunk versions, have been reported and listed in figure 5.3. All bugs were reported with a minimal test case and a detailed description why they occur.

Table 5.3: Reported bugs

ID	Description	Status	Patch provided	Component
12426	Wrong argu-	RESOLVED	yes	Polly
	ment mapping	FIXED		
	in OpenMP sub-			
	functions			
12427	Invariant instruc-	NEW	yes	Polly
	tion use in OpenMP			
	subfunctions			
12428	PHInode use in	NEW	no	Polly
	OpenMP subfunc-			
	tions			
12489	Speed up SCoP de-	NEW	yes	Polly
	tection			
TODO	add the others to			
	bugzilla			
TODO	PollybenchC2			
	\mid gemver, 2mm			

Chapter 6

CASE STUDY

6.1 Matrix Multiplication

Matrix multiplication is a well known computational problem and part of many algorithms. If the data size grows, the runtime may have crucial impact on the overall performance. Tiling, vectorization and parallel execution yield an enormous speedups as different approaches already showed [2, 16], still the question about applicability remains. A slightly modified source code would not be optimized at all, even if the computation has not been changed.

This section will compare different implementations of a simple 2d matrix multiplication. As sample size 1024*1024 floats are used (N is defined as 1024). Each example is executed 10 times and the geometric mean of the results (without the best and worst one) is computed. All numbers are generated on the server described in table ??. The base algorithm stays the same for each case, so there is no hand made optimization involved. The computed result is checked each time in order to prevent false optimizations.

6.1.1 Case A

Listing 6.1 shows the matrix multiplication as used in many presentations and benchmarks. This case is quite grateful because the global arrays are distinct and fixed in size. Furthermore the loop nest is perfectly nested and all memory accesses can be computed statically. With this in mind the popularity of this case is hardly surprising, just as the outstanding results are.

```
float A[N][N], B[N][N], C[N][N];

void matmul() {
  int i, j, k;

for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
  for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
    for (k = 0; k < N; k++)
        C[i][j] += A[k][i]
        * B[j][k];
}</pre>
```

FIGURE 6.1: Matmul case A

6.1.2 Case B

FIGURE 6.2: Matmul case B

Case B (see listing 6.2) is very similar to the previous one. The arrays are still fixed in size but now given as arguments. As the declaration is not global anymore, aliasing between A,B and C is possible. Nevertheless are the memory accesses for all three pointers still computable.

6.1.3 Case C and D

```
void matmul(float **A.
void matmul(float *A,
                                                float **B,
            float *B, float *C) {
                                                float **C) {
                                     int i, j, k;
  for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
                                      for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
                                        for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
      for (k = 0; k < N; k++)
                                          for (k = 0; k < N; k++)
        C[i*N+j] +=
                      A[k*N+i]
                                            C[i][j] +=
                                                         A[k][i]
                      B[j*N+k];
                                                        * B[j][k];
}
```

(A) Matmul case C

(B) Matmul case D

FIGURE 6.3: Matmul case C and D

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Table 6.1: Case study results

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Appendix A

CASE STUDY SOURCE CODE

All presented cases of the example matrix multiplication (see section 6.1) are embedded into a small template. Listing A.1 shows the template instanciated with the first matrix multiplication case (A). Apart from the main method and the matumul function time measurement and a correctness check are included.

```
#define N 1024
 float A[N][N], B[N][N], C[N][N];
void matmul() {
  int i, j, k;
    \begin{array}{l} for \ (i = 0; \ i < N; \ i++) \\ for \ (j = 0; \ j < N; \ j++) \\ for \ (k = 0; \ k < N; \ k++) \\ C[\,i\,][\,j\,] \ += A[\,k\,][\,i\,] \ * \ B[\,j\,][\,k\,]; \end{array}
void init_arrays() {
   int i, j;
        }
\begin{array}{lll} \texttt{double sum\_array()} & \{ \\ & \texttt{double sum} = 0.0; \\ & \texttt{int i, j;} \end{array}
        for (i=0; i<N; i++) { for (j=0; j<N; j++) { sum += C[i][j]; } }
        return sum;
}
int main() {
    double sum;
        int i;
for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
  init_arrays();
  matmul();
             sum = sum_array();
             if \ (sum \ != \ 69920704991472.0)
                return 1;
        return 0;
```

FIGURE A.1: Matmul case A (full)

Appendix B

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Table B.1: Command line options to interact with SPolly

Command line option	Description
-enable-spolly	Enables SPolly during SCoP detection,
	(options containing spolly will not work without)
-spolly-replace	Replaces all sSCoPs by optimized versions
	(may not be sound)
-spolly-replace-sound	As spolly-replace, but sound due to runtime checks
	(iff sound checks can be introduced)
-spolly-extract-regions	Extracts all sSCoPs into their own sub function
-polly-forks=N	Set the block size which is used when polly-fork-join code
	generation is enabled
-enable-polly-fork-join	Extracts the body of the outermost, parallelizeable loop,
	performs loop blocking with block size N and unrolls the
	new introduced loop completely
	(one loop with N calls in the body remains)
-polly-inline-forks	Inline the call instruction in each fork

Table B.2: Brief overview of Polly's optimization options

Short or option name	Description
-polly-no-tiling	Disable tiling in the scheduler
-polly-tile-size= N^1	Create tiles of size N
-polly-opt-optimize-only=STR	Only a certain kind of dependences (all/raw)
-polly-opt-simplify-deps	Simplify dependences within a SCoP
-polly-opt-max-constant-term	The maximal constant term allowed (in the
	scheduling)
-polly-opt-max-coefficient	The maximal coefficient allowed (in the schedul-
	ing)
-polly-opt-fusion	The fusion strategy to choose (min/max)
-polly-opt-maximize-bands	Maximize the band depth (yes/no)
-polly-vector-width= N^1	Try to create vector loops with N iterations
-enable-polly-openmp	Enable OpenMP parallelized loop creation
-enable-polly-vector	Enable loop vectorization (SIMD)
-enable-polly-atLeastOnce	Indicates that every loop is at leas executed once
-enable-polly-aligned	Always assumed aligned memory accesses
-enable-polly-grouped-unroll	Perform grouped unrolling, but don't generate SIMD

 $^{^{\}rm 1}$ Not available from the command line

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