



V8 RISC-V : Performance evaluation and enhancement

first step: find performance baseline

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Outline

01 Goal : Performance evaluation and enhancement of V8-RISCV

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1 Goal : performance->how? why? what to do?

the 2021 Wishlist

A few wishes:

- Set up the performance tracking mechanism. (aka. the [code speed tracking infrastructure](#))
- Try to support RISC-V Vector Extension (V)
- Try to support B extension (B)
- Try to support P extension (DSP, Andes)
- Try to support C extension (ongoing work by @derekztu22)
- Demo tensorflow.js on RISC-V
- Embrace nodejs community and support all the nodejs ecosystem running on RV64GC
- Speed up (blind say 5x) on RV64GC compared with the code we first upstreaming.
- resurrecting more than 10 new interns/contributors/graduates into our project.
- Hope we can see the Chromium running on PicoRio with V8 optimizations (RIOS Lab is working on this).

2 Current evaluation method

- Platform:
 - Simulation run: measure count of instructions
 - Native run: measure time (on HiFive Unleashed board)
- benchmark:
 - Synthesis : SunSpider
 - Micro-bench: simple code snippet from <https://jsben.ch/browse>

3 Counterpart selection

- Final usage scenario: native run embedded in Chrome
 - ARM64 SOC are more popular than MIPS SOC

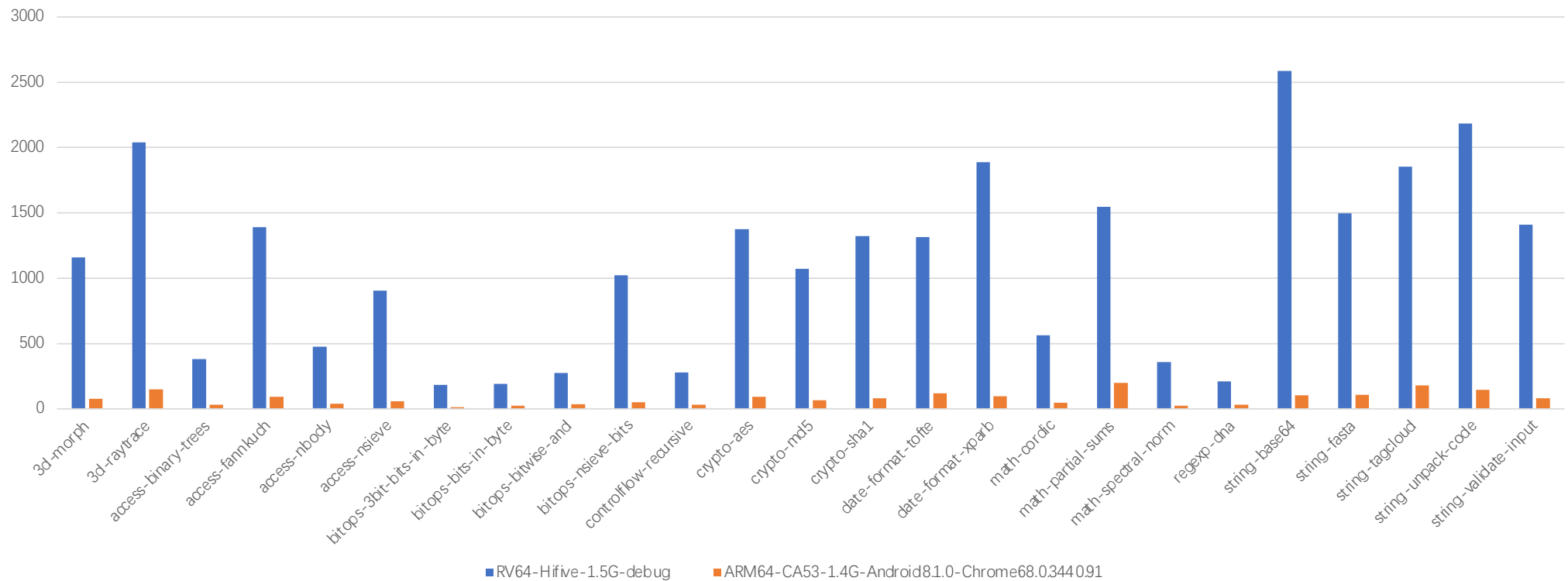
All Standard Cores	Area	Standard Cores	ARM Comparison
	E2 Series	E20 , E21 , E24	M0, M0+, M3, M4, M23, M33
	E3 Series	E31 , E34	R4, R5
	E7 Series	E76 , E76-MC	M7, R7, R8
	S2 Series	S21	***
	S5 Series	S51 , S54	R4, R5
	S7 Series	S76 , S76-MC	M7, R7, R8
	U5 Series	U54 , U54-MC	A5 , A7 , A35 , A53
	U7 Series	U74 , U74-MC	A55
	VIU7 Series	VIU75 , VIU75-MC	A55
	U8 Series	U84	A72, A73

We select A53 because it is the easiest one to get.
Also, ARM64 is a tier1 (or tier2) platform supported by Google.

<https://www.sifive.com/cores/u54>

4 Performance statistics- SunSpider native run

Native run of SunSpider (ms)



1. RV64 release build d8 has almost the same result. (need to checked)
2. The RV64/ARM64 ratio is from 7x to 20x with an average 14x.

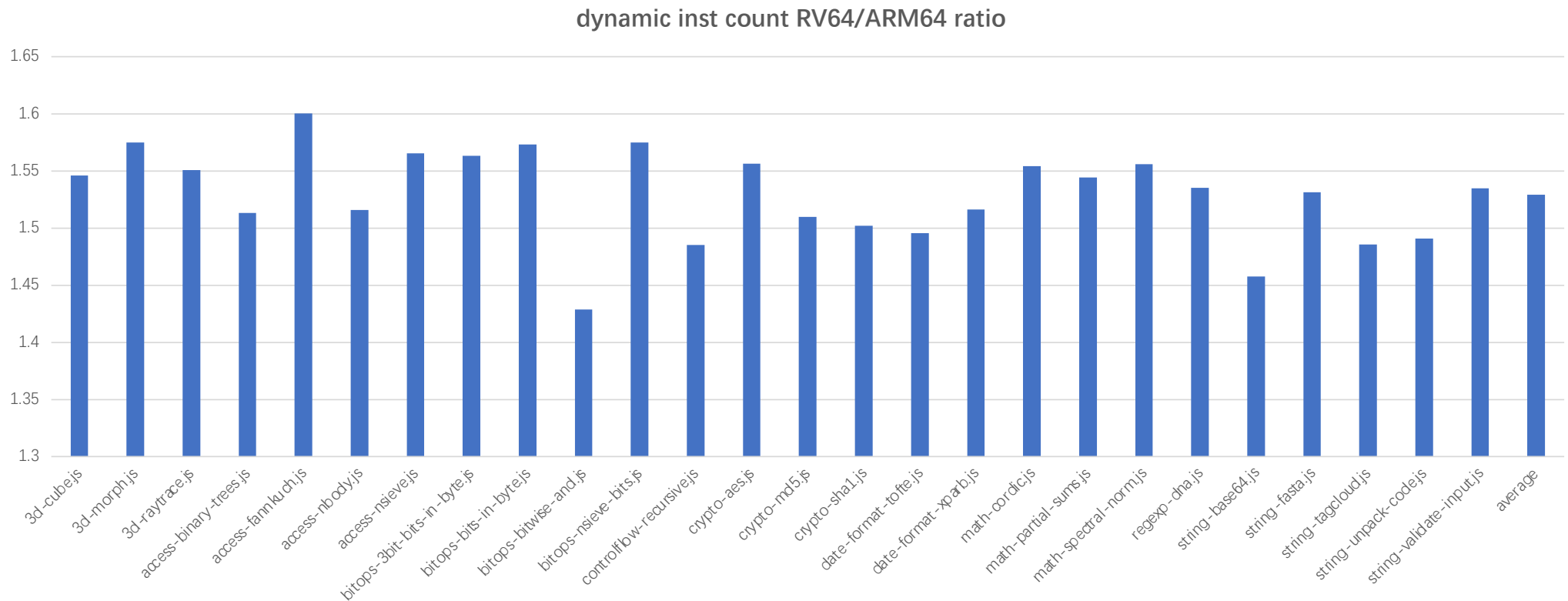
4 Performance statistics- SunSpider simulation run

Dynamic instruction count from the `icount_` variable (add the same var to the ARM64 simulator)

	ARM64	RISCV64
3d-cube.js	3.13E+08	4.84E+08
3d-morph.js	1.89E+08	2.97E+08
3d-raytrace.js	2.73E+08	4.23E+08
access-binary-trees.js	8.01E+07	1.21E+08
access-fannkuch.js	2.57E+08	4.11E+08
access-nbody.js	7.47E+07	1.13E+08
access-nsieve.js	1.92E+08	3.01E+08
bitops-3bit-bits-in-byte.js	3.65E+07	5.71E+07
bitops-bits-in-byte.js	3.96E+07	6.24E+07
bitops-bitwise-and.js	6.74E+07	9.63E+07
bitops-nsieve-bits.js	1.91E+08	3.01E+08
controlflow-recursive.js	7.00E+07	1.04E+08
crypto-aes.js	3.16E+10	4.92E+10
crypto-md5.js	1.87E+08	2.82E+08
crypto-sha1.js	2.18E+08	3.28E+08
date-format-tofte.js	1.50E+08	2.24E+08
date-format-xparb.js	3.06E+08	4.65E+08
math-cordic.js	1.03E+08	1.60E+08
math-partial-sums.js	2.05E+08	3.17E+08
math-spectral-norm.js	5.65E+07	8.79E+07
regexp-dna.js	3.75E+08	5.76E+08
string-base64.js	3.48E+08	5.08E+08
string-fasta.js	2.59E+08	3.97E+08
string-tagcloud.js	3.24E+08	4.82E+08
string-unpack-code.js	5.91E+10	8.81E+10
string-validate-input.js	2.30E+11	3.53E+11

4 Performance statistics- SunSpider simulation run

Dynamic instruction count ratio



1. RV64 has executed about 50% more instructions than ARM64.
2. There are huge gap between simulation run and native run.(need to be checked)

TODO

- make the measurement more accurate, get reasonable result
 - build ARM64 d8 with same gn args and retry
 - profiling on Hifive to see why it takes so long time for the benchmarks
- Try to find optimization potentials
 - find the benchmark which has a biggest performance gap (after solid measurement)
 - segment the binary code into reasonable unit, differentiate and analyze

Q & A

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