

ISL Poltting Library with Python API

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1 Motivation

ISL is a library for manipulating sets and relations of integer points bounded by linear constraints. There is already have some related visualizing tools, such like **clint**[8] which is a interactive visual approach building on the polyhedral model, **islplot**[4] which takes the ISL's data as input, and plots the sets and relations on graph, **pollylabs**[2] which has an online polyhedral playground. However, most existing approaches to plot the isl data has its drawbacks, **clint** can only accept C language as input, aims to provide the user an opportunity to adjust the polytop model in an interactive way, but if you want to do some research on isl, then it may not enough. **islplot** is just what I want, but lots of ISL's data it cannot accept, especially the set of relations. **pollylabs** using D3.js, however, its **islpy**[5] version is a bit old, but you can not change this, because it's just an online playground. So, I want to propose an ISL plotting library using Matplot[1], at least, it should accept more ISL's data than **islplot**, people who are interesting to the polyhedral compilation can benefit.

2 Introduction

ISL is mainly developed by Sven Verdoolage[6], INRIA, is a mathematical software, aims to manipulate sets and relations of integer points bounded by linear constraints, including follow operations: set operations, convex hull, affine hull, integer projection, parametric vertex enumeration, and also include Integer Linear Programming solver.

In recent years, lots of polyhedral compilation tools using ISL as mathematical library, such like LLVM's Polly library[3], Pet: the polyhedral extracting tool[7], or the iscc which offers an interface to operate the isl structure. The fundermental mathematical ideas behind the polyhedral compilation are Presburger set, Presburger map, and Presburger formula which is a boolean combination of comparisons between Quasi-Affine expressions. In the following sections will describe some of the polyhedral model components: Instance set, Access relations, Dependence relation, and how these components be formulated and plotted, respectively.

2.1 Dynamic execution instances

Polyhedral compilation will form set of "dynamic execution instances" in the program which boundary described by Presburger formula, take an example code as shown below,

we can label the statement inner the loop as S_1 , and the code will form the Presburger set like:

$$\{S_1(i, j): 1 \leq i, j \leq 4\}$$

Also called "Iteration domain".

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for(int i = 1; i < 4; ++i)
  for(int j = 1; j < 4; ++j)
    A[i][j] = A[i-1][j+1];
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Now the set $\{S_1(i, j): 1 \leq i, j \leq 4\}$ indicates that what S_1 boundary is, and we need to map a location for this set, we called it "Schedule" which uses Presburger map, that can describe the above code by:

$$\{S_1(i, j) \rightarrow (i, j)\}$$

2.2 Access Relations

The access relations can be described by two set, one is "write set", and the other is "read set", take the code from previous section, the $A[i][j] = A[i-1][j+1]$ is writting to $A[i][j]$, and reading from $A[i-1][j+1]$. So the write set and read set can be formulated with following two sets, called "Memory accesses"

$$\begin{aligned} \text{write} &: \{S_1(i, j) \rightarrow A(i, j): 1 \leq i, j \leq 3\} \\ \text{read} &: \{S_1(i, j) \rightarrow A(i-1, j+1): 1 \leq i, j \leq 3\} \end{aligned}$$

2.3 Plotting

The expressions from previous two sections can be plotted like Figure 1. The points in this graph corresponds to each element in $\{S_1(i, j): 1 \leq i, j \leq 4\}$ by applying its schedule $\{S_1(i, j) \rightarrow (i, j)\}$. And the line between two points are called "Dependence", there have three kinds of dependence cause two statements cannot be reordered, read after write(RAW), write after read(WAR), and write after write(WAW), respectively, only the first one is "ture dependence", that means it's cannot be reordered even you apply any schedules on the graph, and the rest dependencies called "false dependence", which may have oppourtinties be eliminated by the polyhedral compiler, and these dependencies can be computed by giving the ISL "Iteration domain", "Schedule", and "Memory accesces".

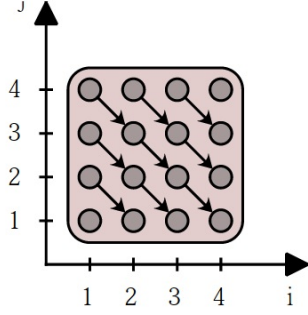


Figure 1. Set of dynamic execution instances in program (Credit: Clint)

Intuitively, after writing to $A[i][j]$, this memory location will be passed to the read access at $A[(i+1)-1][(j-1)+1]$ later. let's take the $S_1(1,4)$ as an example, it will have a dependence with $S_1(2,3)$, because the writing at $S_1(1,2)$ is $A(1,2)$ by **write access map**, and this memory location $A(1,4) = A(2-1,3+1)$ will be read from $S_1(2,3)$ by **read access map**.

3 Approaches

The fundamental tool for drawing the graph I choosed is “Matplotlib” which is a Python 2D plotting library, however, because this project I proposed will using the C++ for language selection, so that I choose “matplotlib-cpp” such that I can use the matplotlib API in the C++ programming enviroment, the basic structure of the program will as shown below Figure 2, the implementation of this project is focus on scisply whcih is a python API for the scisl, and scisl will call the matplotlib_cpp for helping it to do the plotting thing.

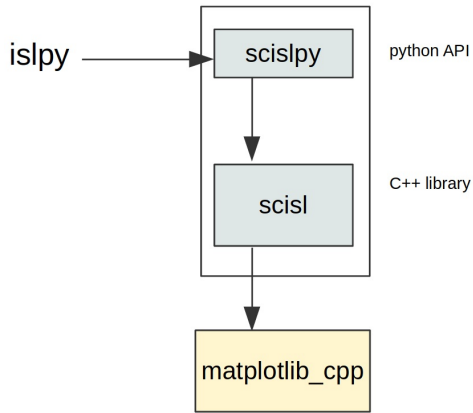


Figure 2. execution flow

4 Timetable

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| 10/28 - 12/2 | implementation |
| 12/3 - 12/9 | writing experimental result |
| 12/10 - 12/30 | writing report |

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