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LTO Remove Dead Symbol

Link-time optimization (LTO),顾名思义,编译器在链接时对程序执行的一种程序优化。对于像 C 这样语言,编译是逐个编译单元去编译的,然后通过链接器将这些编译单元链接在一起,LTO 就是在将这些编译单元链接在一起时执行的 intermodular optimization。

Remove Dead Symbol

在 LTO 阶段可以完成很多编译时无法做到的优化,如:在链接产物中删掉不会用到的死函数。

本文是对 LTO remove dead symbol 源码实现的阅读笔记 (源码阅读基于 llvm 13.0.0 版本)。

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Example

首先,我们举个例子,尝试一下 LTO remove dead symbol。

给定以下源文件:

```
int unused(int a);
int probably_inlined(int a);
int main(int argc, const char *argv[]) {
   return probably_inlined(argc);
}
```

```
--- tu2.c ---
int unused(int a) {
   return a + 1;
}
int probably_inlined(int a) {
   return a + 2;
}
```

编译 tu1.c 和 tu2.c 得到 tu1.o 和 tu2.o (通过选项 -flto 来开启 LTO)

```
% clang -flto -c tu1.c -o tu1.o
% clang -flto -c tu2.c -o tu2.o
```

链接 a.o 和 main.o 得到可执行文件 main (通过选项 -fuse-ld=lld 指定使用 lld linker)

```
% clang -flto -fuse-ld=lld tu1.o tu2.o -o main
```

可以通过 readelf -sw ./main | awk '\$4 == "FUNC"' 查看生成的可执行文件的符号表中都有哪些函数:

```
СŌ
% readelf -sW ./main | awk '$4 == "FUNC"'
     1: 00000000000000000
                             0 FUNC
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT UND
__libc_start_main@GLIBC_2.2.5 (2)
     3: 00000000002015e0
                             0 FUNC
                                       LOCAL DEFAULT
                                                         12
deregister tm clones
     4: 0000000000201610
                             0 FUNC
                                       LOCAL DEFAULT
                                                         12
register_tm_clones
     5: 0000000000201650
                             0 FUNC
                                       LOCAL DEFAULT
                                                         12
__do_global_dtors_aux
     8: 0000000000201680
                             0 FUNC
                                       LOCAL DEFAULT
                                                         12 frame_dummy
                            15 FUNC
                                                         12 probably inlined
    15: 0000000000201740
                                       LOCAL DEFAULT
    16: 0000000002015d0
                             2 FUNC
                                       LOCAL HIDDEN
                                                         12
_dl_relocate_static_pie
    21: 0000000000201700
                             2 FUNC
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                         12 __libc_csu_fini
    22: 00000000002015a0
                            43 FUNC
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                         12 _start
    23: 0000000000201690
                           101 FUNC
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                         12 __libc_csu_init
    24: 0000000000201710
                            36 FUNC
                                                         12 main
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT
    27: 00000000000000000
                             0 FUNC
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                       UND
__libc_start_main
                                                         13 init
    30: 0000000000201750
                             0 FUNC
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT
    31: 0000000000201768
                             0 FUNC
                                                         14 fini
                                       GLOBAL DEFAULT
```

可以看到,有 main() 函数, probably_inlined() 函数, 没有了 unused() 函数。因为虽然 unused() 函数在 tu2.c 中定义了,但是实际上并没有它并没有被调用,所以该函数是个死函数,所以在 LTO 时会被删除。

我们可以再看一下,不开启 LTO 时编译 tu1.c 和 tu2.c 得到可执行文件 main.nonlto:

```
СŌ
% clang -fuse-ld=lld tu1.c tu2.c -o main.nonlto
% readelf -sW ./main.nonlto | awk '$4 == "FUNC"'
     1: 00000000000000000
                            0 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT UND
libc start main@GLIBC 2.2.5 (2)
     3: 00000000002015f0
                            0 FUNC
                                      LOCAL DEFAULT
                                                       12
deregister tm clones
                                      LOCAL DEFAULT
     4: 0000000000201620
                            0 FUNC
                                                       12
register_tm_clones
     5: 0000000000201660
                            0 FUNC
                                      LOCAL DEFAULT
                                                       12
do global dtors aux
     8: 0000000000201690
                             0 FUNC
                                      LOCAL DEFAULT
                                                       12 frame_dummy
                                       LOCAL HIDDEN
    16: 00000000002015e0
                             2 FUNC
_dl_relocate_static_pie
    21: 0000000000201740
                            2 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                       12 __libc_csu_fini
    22: 00000000002015b0
                           43 FUNC
                                                       12 start
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                       12 libc csu init
    23: 00000000002016d0
                          101 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
    24: 00000000002016a0
                            5 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                        12 main
    27: 0000000000000000
                             0 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT UND
libc start main
    30: 0000000000201744
                            0 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                       13 _init
    31: 000000000020175c
                            0 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                       14 _fini
                            4 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                       12 probably inlined
    34: 00000000002016c0
    35: 00000000002016b0
                            4 FUNC
                                      GLOBAL DEFAULT
                                                       12 unused
```

可以看到 unused() 函数被保留在了最终的可执行文件中。

通过这个例子,我们看到了 LTO 可以在链接时 remove dead symbol。

实际上,如果我们还可以通过 optimization remarks 得到在 LTO 优化时都删除了哪些函数:

```
% clang -flto -fuse-ld=lld -Wl,--opt-remarks-passes,lto -Wl,--opt-remarks-filename,main.lto.yaml tu1.c tu2.c -o main
```

这里我们只保留了与 Ito 相关的 optimization remarks,默认生成的 optimization remarks是 YAML 格式文件,该文件 main.lto.yaml 的内容如下:

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!Passed	
Pass:	<u>lto</u>
Name:	deadfunction

```
Function: unused

Args:
- Function: unused
- String: ' not added to the combined module '

...
```

从 main.lto.yam 文件的内容也可以看出来 unused() 函数在 lto 优化阶段被删除掉了。

Inside the source code

下面我们了解一下 LTO remove dead symbol 的代码实现。

这里给出使用 lld 作为 linker, 链接过程执行到 remove dead symbol 所经过的函数:

```
ر
=> void LinkerDriver::linkerMain(ArrayRef<const char *> argsArr) at
11d\ELF\Driver.cpp:475
===> void LinkerDriver::link(opt::InputArgList &args) at
11d\ELF\Driver.cpp:2165
====> void LinkerDriver::compileBitcodeFiles() at lld\ELF\Driver.cpp:1979
=====> std::vector<InputFile *> BitcodeCompiler::compile() at
11d\ELF\LTO.cpp:299
=====> Error LTO::run(AddStreamFn AddStream, NativeObjectCache Cache)
at llvm\lib\LTO\LTO.cpp:995
=======> void llvm::computeDeadSymbolsWithConstProp(...) at
llvm\lib\Transforms\IPO\FunctionImport.cpp:956
======> Error LTO::runRegularLTO(AddStreamFn AddStream) at
llvm\lib\LTO\LTO.cpp:1043
======> Error LTO::linkRegularLTO(RegularLTOState::AddedModule Mod,
bool LivenessFromIndex) at llvm\lib\LTO\LTO.cpp:853
```

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根据函数名也可以看出, 计算 dead symbol 的核心函数就是 void

llvm::computeDeadSymbolsWithConstProp(...), 实现如下:

```
11vm-project\11vm\1ib\Transforms\IPO\FunctionImport.cpp:955
955: // Compute dead symbols and propagate constants in combined index.
956: void llvm::computeDeadSymbolsWithConstProp(
         ModuleSummaryIndex &Index,
957:
         const DenseSet<GlobalValue::GUID> &GUIDPreservedSymbols,
958:
959:
         function_ref<PrevailingType(GlobalValue::GUID)> isPrevailing,
960:
         bool ImportEnabled) {
       computeDeadSymbols(Index, GUIDPreservedSymbols, isPrevailing);
961:
      if (ImportEnabled)
962:
         Index.propagateAttributes(GUIDPreservedSymbols);
963:
964: }
```

函数 computeDeadSymbols() 的实现如下:

核心算法就是不动点的计算:将 GUIDPreservedSymbols 对应的 retained symbol 标记为 live,作为 worklist 的初始值。然后不断遍历 worklist 中的每一个 symbol,将该 symbol 引用的其他 symbol 标记为 live 的,加入到 worklist 中。一直迭代,直至没有新的被标记为 live 的 symbol。

在函数 computeDeadSymbols() 实现该 worklist 算法时,是用类似栈的方式处理的:将新标记为 live 的 symbol 入栈,然后不断处理栈顶的 symbol,该栈顶 symbol 出栈,将该 symbol 引用的其他之前没有添加过 worklist 中的 symbol 标记为 live 的,加入到栈顶。一直 迭代,直至栈为空。

```
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1lvm-project\llvm\lib\Transforms\IPO\FunctionImport.cpp:842
842: void llvm::computeDeadSymbols(
         ModuleSummaryIndex &Index,
843:
         const DenseSet<GlobalValue::GUID> &GUIDPreservedSymbols,
844:
         function_ref<PrevailingType(GlobalValue::GUID)> isPrevailing) {
845:
       assert(!Index.withGlobalValueDeadStripping());
846:
       if (!ComputeDead)
847:
848:
         return;
849:
       if (GUIDPreservedSymbols.empty())
         // Don't do anything when nothing is live, this is friendly with
850:
tests.
851:
         return;
       unsigned LiveSymbols = 0;
852:
       SmallVector<ValueInfo, 128> Worklist;
853:
       第 854 - 873 行初始化 worklist
       Worklist.reserve(GUIDPreservedSymbols.size() * 2);
854:
       for (auto GUID : GUIDPreservedSymbols) {
855:
        ValueInfo VI = Index.getValueInfo(GUID);
856:
         if (!VI)
857:
858:
           continue;
         for (auto &S : VI.getSummaryList())
859:
           S->setLive(true);
860:
861:
       }
862:
863:
       // Add values flagged in the index as live roots to the worklist.
864:
       for (const auto &Entry : Index) {
865:
         auto VI = Index.getValueInfo(Entry);
         for (auto &S : Entry.second.SummaryList)
866:
           if (S->isLive()) {
867:
             LLVM_DEBUG(dbgs() << "Live root: " << VI << "\n");</pre>
868:
             Worklist.push back(VI);
869:
870:
             ++LiveSymbols;
871:
             break;
872:
873:
```

```
visit 判断当前处理的 symbol 是否在已经被标记为 live, 即之前已经加过
worklist 中被处理过了。
      如果没有,则将其标记为 live, 然后添加到 worklist 中。
875: // Make value live and add it to the worklist if it was not live
before.
876:
      auto visit = [&](ValueInfo VI, bool IsAliasee) {
877:
        // FIXME: If we knew which edges were created for indirect call
profiles,
878:
        // we could skip them here. Any that are live should be reached
via
879:
        // other edges, e.g. reference edges. Otherwise, using a profile
collected
880:
        // on a slightly different binary might provoke preserving,
importing
        // and ultimately promoting calls to functions not linked into
881:
this
882:
        // binary, which increases the binary size unnecessarily. Note
that
883:
        // if this code changes, the importer needs to change so that
edges
        // to functions marked dead are skipped.
884:
885:
        VI = updateValueInfoForIndirectCalls(Index, VI);
        if (!VI)
886:
887:
           return;
888:
889:
        if (llvm::any_of(VI.getSummaryList(),
890:
                          [](const
std::unique ptr<llvm::GlobalValueSummary> &S) {
891:
                           return S->isLive();
892:
                         }))
893:
           return;
894:
895:
        // We only keep live symbols that are known to be non-prevailing
if any are
        // available externally, linkonceodr, weakodr. Those symbols are
896:
discarded
897:
        // later in the EliminateAvailableExternally pass and setting them
to
898:
       // not-live could break downstreams users of liveness information
(PR36483)
        // or limit optimization opportunities.
899:
        if (isPrevailing(VI.getGUID()) == PrevailingType::No) {
900:
901:
          bool KeepAliveLinkage = false;
902:
          bool Interposable = false;
          for (auto &S : VI.getSummaryList()) {
903:
            if (S->linkage() == GlobalValue::AvailableExternallyLinkage ||
904:
                S->linkage() == GlobalValue::WeakODRLinkage ||
905:
```

874:

```
907:
                   KeepAliveLinkage = true;
                 else if (GlobalValue::isInterposableLinkage(S->linkage()))
    908:
                   Interposable = true;
    909:
               }
    910:
    911:
    912:
               if (!IsAliasee) {
                 if (!KeepAliveLinkage)
    913:
    914:
                   return;
    915:
                 if (Interposable)
    916:
    917:
                   report_fatal_error(
                        "Interposable and
    918:
    available externally/linkonce odr/weak odr "
                        "symbol");
    919:
    920:
    921:
    922:
    923:
             for (auto &S : VI.getSummaryList())
    924:
               S->setLive(true);
             ++LiveSymbols;
    925:
    926:
             Worklist.push_back(VI);
    927:
           };
    928:
           迭代直至 worklist 为空,即没有新的 symboal 被标记为 live,添加至
    worklist 中
    929:
           while (!Worklist.empty()) {
    930:
             auto VI = Worklist.pop_back_val();
             for (auto &Summary : VI.getSummaryList()) {
    931:
    932:
               if (auto *AS = dyn_cast<AliasSummary>(Summary.get())) {
                 // If this is an alias, visit the aliasee VI to ensure that
    933:
    all copies
    934:
                 // are marked live and it is added to the worklist for further
    935:
                 // processing of its references.
                 visit(AS->getAliaseeVI(), true);
    936:
                 continue;
    937:
    938:
    939:
               for (auto Ref : Summarv->refs())
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    944:
    945:
    946:
           Index.setWithGlobalValueDeadStripping();
    947:
    948:
           unsigned DeadSymbols = Index.size() - LiveSymbols;
    949:
           LLVM_DEBUG(dbgs() << LiveSymbols << " symbols Live, and " <<
```

S->linkage() == GlobalValue::LinkOnceODRLinkage)

906:

这里再次用在 Example 节中的例子来分析该函数 computeDeadSymbols() :

1. 第 854 - 873 行初始化 Worklist,对于 Example 节中的例子来说,Worklist 中此时只有一个元素,就是 main() 函数对应的 ValueInfo

```
(gdb)
864     for (const auto &Entry : Index) {
(gdb)
927     };
(gdb) p Worklist.size()
$28 = 1
(gdb) p Worklist.begin()->name().str()
$29 = "main"
```

2. 第 929 - 945 行第一轮迭代:因为 main()函数调用了 probably_inlined()函数,所以会执行第 943 行: visit(Call.first, false);此时 Call.first 就是 probably_inlined()函数对应的 ValueInfo

```
СŌ
          while (!Worklist.empty()) {
929
(gdb)
930
            auto VI = Worklist.pop back val();
(gdb)
            for (auto &Summary : VI.getSummaryList()) {
931
(gdb)
932
              if (auto *AS = dyn_cast<AliasSummary>(Summary.get())) {
(gdb)
939
              for (auto Ref : Summary->refs())
(gdb)
941
              if (auto *FS = dyn_cast<FunctionSummary>(Summary.get()))
(gdb)
942
                for (auto Call : FS->calls())
(gdb)
943
                  visit(Call.first, false);
(gdb) p Call.first.name().str()
$31 = "probably inlined"
```

3. 第 876 - 927 行处理 probably_inlined() 函数对应的 ValueInfo, 因为 probably_inlined() 函数对应的 ValueInfo 不是 live 的,没有添加进 Worklist 中过,所以在将其设置为 live,然后添加至 Worklist 中

```
Ç
          auto visit = [&](ValueInfo VI, bool IsAliasee) {
876
(gdb) n
885
            VI = updateValueInfoForIndirectCalls(Index, VI);
(gdb)
886
            if (!VI)
(gdb)
889
            if (llvm::any_of(VI.getSummaryList(),
(gdb)
900
            if (isPrevailing(VI.getGUID()) == PrevailingType::No) {
(gdb)
            for (auto &S : VI.getSummaryList())
923
(gdb)
924
              S->setLive(true);
(gdb)
923
            for (auto &S : VI.getSummaryList())
(gdb)
925
            ++LiveSymbols;
(gdb)
926
            Worklist.push_back(VI);
(gdb)
927
          };
```

4. 第 929 - 945 行第二轮迭代,此时 Worklist中还是只有一个元素,是 probably_inlined() 函数对应的 ValueInfo,而 probably_inlined() 函数没有引用其 他的 symbol,所以在没有添加任何 symbol 至 Worklist 中。第 929 - 945 行第三轮迭代,Worklist 为空,到达不动点,迭代结束。

```
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929
          while (!Worklist.empty()) {
(gdb) n
930
            auto VI = Worklist.pop back val();
(gdb)
931
            for (auto &Summary : VI.getSummaryList()) {
(gdb)
              if (auto *AS = dyn_cast<AliasSummary>(Summary.get())) {
932
(gdb)
              for (auto Ref : Summary->refs())
939
(gdb)
941
              if (auto *FS = dyn cast<FunctionSummary>(Summary.get()))
(gdb)
942
                for (auto Call : FS->calls())
(gdb)
931
            for (auto &Summary : VI.getSummaryList()) {
```

```
(gdb)
929  while (!Worklist.empty()) {
(gdb)
946    Index.setWithGlobalValueDeadStripping();
```

5. 函数 computeDeadSymbols() 结束, tu1 和 tu2 中一共有 3 个 symbol, 其中 main() 和 probably_inlined() 是 live 的, 而 unused() 是 dead, 所以最后链接时, 会删除 unused() 函数。

```
Ċ
946
          Index.setWithGlobalValueDeadStripping();
(gdb)
          unsigned DeadSymbols = Index.size() - LiveSymbols;
948
(gdb)
          LLVM_DEBUG(dbgs() << LiveSymbols << " symbols Live, and " <<
949
DeadSymbols
(gdb)
951
          NumDeadSymbols += DeadSymbols;
(gdb)
          NumLiveSymbols += LiveSymbols;
952
(gdb)
          SmallVector<ValueInfo, 128> Worklist;
853
(gdb)
953
        }
(gdb) p DeadSymbols
$32 = 1
(gdb) p LiveSymbols
$33 = 2
```

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