**Ruby master - Bug #12274**

**accessing to instance variable should be fast.**

04/12/2016 03:50 PM - tarui (Masaya Tarui)

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**Description**

Currently, accessing to instance variable is quite slower than accessing to local variable. I think accessing to instance variable is basic operation and it should be fast, so tried to improve.

patch: [https://github.com/tarui/ruby/commit/dd993da80c7ad84340689137bf8b308793595cae](https://github.com/tarui/ruby/commit/dd993da80c7ad84340689137bf8b308793595cae)

On mame's optcarrot benchmark, ([https://github.com/mame/optcarrot/](https://github.com/mame/optcarrot/)) it is 10%(!) faster than trunk. It increases in the maintenance cost a little, but can I commit it?

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checksum: 59662
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ruby 2.4.0dev (2016-04-12 fast-ivar-access 54553) [x86_64-linux]
fps: 15.120651593726231
checksum: 59662
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**Associated revisions**

Revision 44916ec4 - 05/11/2016 12:50 PM - tarui (Masaya Tarui)

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History

#1 - 04/12/2016 07:21 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
Tarui-san suggested another way to optimize and this is my version of that technique (with some refactoring).

evaluation result:
fps: 19.2135880758348
->
fps: 22.16285461090967
vm_getivar(VALUE obj, ID id, IC ic, struct rb_call_cache *cc, int is_attr)
{
  
  #if USE_IC_FOR_IVAR
  - if (RB_TYPE_P(obj, T_OBJECT)) {
  -   VALUE val = Qundef;
  -   VALUE klass = RBASIC(obj)->klass;
  +    VALUE klass = RBASIC(obj)->klass;
  +    VALUE val;
  +
  +    if (LIKELY(is_attr ? cc->aux.index > 0 : ic->ic_serial == RCLASS_SERIAL(klass))) {
  +      const long len = ROBJECT_NUMIV(obj);
  +      const VALUE *const ptr = ROBJECT_IVPTR(obj);
  +      long index = !is_attr ? (long)ic->ic_value.index : (long)(cc->aux.index - 1);
  -      if (LIKELY(is_attr ? cc->aux.index > 0 : ic->ic_serial == RCLASS_SERIAL(klass))) {
  -        long index = !is_attr ? (long)ic->ic_value.index : (long)(cc->aux.index - 1);
  -        
  -        if (index < len) {
  -          val = ptr[index];
  -        }
  -        if (index < len && (val = ptr[index]) != Qundef) {
  -          return val;
  -        } else {
  -          st_data_t index;
  -          struct st_table *iv_index_tbl = ROBJECT_IV_INDEX_TBL(obj);
  -          goto undefined;
  -        }
  +        if (iv_index_tbl) {
  +          if (st_lookup(iv_index_tbl, id, &index)) {
  +            if (!is_attr) {
  +              ic->ic_value.index = index;
  +              ic->ic_serial = RCLASS_SERIAL(klass);
  +            } else { /* call_info */
  +              cc->aux.index = (int)index + 1;
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  +            }
  +          }
  +        }
  +      }
  -      } if (UNLIKELY(val == Qundef)) {
  -        if (!is_attr && RTEST(ruby_verbose))
  -          rb_warning("instance variable %"PRIsVALUE" not initialized", QUOTE_ID(id));
  -        val = Qnil;
  +      undefined:
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#2 - 04/12/2016 08:41 PM - Eregon (Benoit Daloze)

Koichi Sasada wrote:

Tarui-san suggested another way to optimize and this is my version of that technique (with some refactoring).

The diff is hard to read, would you have a commit on GitHub or a patch file?

Tarui-san, could you explain a bit the technique?
I am not sure to understand, it seems vm_getinstancevariable already has some inline cache.
Is it some manual inlining in the instruction code + avoiding some ID2SYM/INT2FIX (but these two seem performed at compile time, so mostly irrelevant for the benchmark)?

#3 - 04/13/2016 01:13 AM - tarui (Masaya Tarui)

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- inline fast pass only and cut useless check(RB_TYPE_P).(at insns.def)

We can skip st_lookup from the 2nd insns by sharing cache.

Inlining register pass may have a bit penalty.
Cutting check was an accidental :-(, but it is not necessary if cached serial equals class one.

#4 - 04/13/2016 01:32 AM - tarui (Masaya Tarui)

2016-04-13 5:41 GMT+09:00
eregontp@gmail.com:

Issue [#12274](https://github.com/ruby/ruby/issues/12274) has been updated by Benoit Daloze.

avoiding some ID2SYM/INT2FIX (but these two seem performed at compile time, so mostly irrelevant for the benchmark)?

It is not for avoiding ID2SYM (In fact, it is calculated every time :-(, it is for sharing.
Please check the 0007 below

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0000 trace 1                                      ( 1)
0002 putobject_OP_INT2FIX_O_1_C_
0003 setinstancevariable :@a, <is:0>
0006 putself
0007 getinstancevariable :@a, <is:1>
0100 opt_send_without_block <callinfo!mid:p, argc:1, FCALL|ARGS_SIMPLE>, <callcache>
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樽家昌也(Masaya TARUI)

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I see, thanks for explaining :)

About the object check, is it not problematic to do ((struct RBasic*)obj)->klass if obj is a tagged integer (since klass is the second member, after flags)?
Or is there a hidden check before doing that?

About the object check, is it not problematic to do ((struct RBasic*)obj)->klass if obj is a tagged integer (since klass is the second member, after flags)?

Thank you for pointing out.
I'll revive check.

Applied in changeset r54976.

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