## Speedup `block.call` where `block` is passed block parameter.

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### Description

**abstract**

Speedup block.call where block is passed block parameter with a special object named "proxyblock" which responds to call and invoke passed block.

**background**

Ruby 2.5 improved performance of passing a passed block parameter by lazy Proc creation ([Feature #14045](https://github.com/ruby/ruby/pull/14045)). However, block.call (block is a passed block parameter) is not optimized and need to create a Proc object immediately.

**proposal**

We need to make Proc creation lazily for performance. There are several way to achieve it, but I propose to use special object named "blockproxy" object.

This is a pseudo code to use it:

```ruby
# block is given block parameter
block.call(1, 2, 3)

#=> translate at compile time
if block is not modified and
   block is ISeq/IFunc block
   tmp = blockproxy
else
   tmp = block # create Proc and so on
end
tmp.call(1, 2, 3)

blockproxy.call invoke given block if Proc#call is not redefined, otherwise make a Proc and call Proc#call as usual.

Advantage of this method is we can also use this technique with the safe navigation operator (block&.call).

If block is not given, then tmp will be nil, and no method dispatched with &..

Note that this technique depends on the assumption "we can't access to the evaluated receiver just before method dispatch". We don't/can't access blockproxy object at method dispatch, and no compatibility issue.

### evaluation

Using [https://github.com/k0kubun/benchmark_driver](https://github.com/k0kubun/benchmark_driver)

```ruby
prelude: |
    def block_yield
      yield
    end
    def bp_yield &b
      yield
    end
    def bp_call &b
```
```ruby
b.call
end
def bp_safe_call &b
  b&.call
end

benchmark:
  - block_yield{}
  - bp_yield{}
  - bp_call{}
  - bp_safe_call{}
  - bp_safe_call

Result:

Warming up -------------------------------
block_yield{} 1.298M i/100ms
bp_yield{} 1.177M i/100ms
bp_call{} 447.723k i/100ms
bp_safe_call{} 413.261k i/100ms
bp_safe_call 2.955M i/100ms

Calculating -------------------------------
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The patch is here:
https://gist.github.com/ko1/d8a1a9d92075b27a8e95ca528cc57fd2

Related issues:
Related to Ruby master - Bug #14335: block.call should respect redefinition o... Closed

Associated revisions
Revision 7fd11834 - 01/07/2018 07:18 PM - ko1 (Koichi Sasada)
Speedup block.call [Feature #14330]

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History
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- Status changed from Open to Closed

Applied in changeset trunk61659.

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- Related to Bug #14335: `block.call` should respect redefinition of Proc#call added