

# The $VAM_{AI}$ – an Abstract Machine for Incremental Global Dataflow Analysis of Prolog

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## Abstract

A commonly used technique for global flow analysis of Prolog programs is abstract interpretation. Until now nearly all abstract interpretation systems for Prolog are research prototypes and very slow. These systems are not suitable for the integration in Prolog compilers. So we developed the  $VAM_{AI}$ , an abstract machine for the abstract interpretation of Prolog. The Vienna Abstract Machine (VAM) is an abstract machine which has been designed to eliminate some weaknesses of the Warren Abstract Machine (WAM). Different versions of the VAM are used for different purposes. The  $VAM_{2P}$  is well suited for interpretation, the  $VAM_{1P}$  is aimed for native code generation. The  $VAM_{2P}$  has been modified to the  $VAM_{AI}$ , an abstract machine suited for abstract interpretation. The  $VAM_{AI}$  does the data flow analysis by a factor of two hundred faster than the previous used meta interpreters written in Prolog. Preliminary results of intermediate code size and analysis time are presented.

## 1 Introduction

Information about types, modes, trailing, reference chain length and aliasing of variables of a program can be inferred using abstract interpretation. Abstract interpretation was introduced by [6] for data flow analysis of imperative languages. This work was the basis of much of the recent work in the field of declarative and logic programming [1] [3] [5] [8] [7] [11] [12] [14]. Abstract interpretation executes programs over an abstract domain. Recursion is handled by computing fixpoints. To guarantee the termination and completeness of the execution a suitable choice of the abstract domain is necessary. Correctness is achieved by iterating the interpretation until the computed information reaches a fixpoint. Termination can be assured by limiting the size of the domain. Most of the previously cited systems are either meta-interpreters written in Prolog or general abstract interpretation systems and are very slow.

A practical implementation of data flow analysis has been done by Tan and Lin [13]. They modified a WAM emulator implemented in C to execute the abstract operations on the abstract domain. They used this abstract emulator to infer mode, type and alias information. They analysed a set of small benchmark programs in a few milliseconds which is about 150 times faster than the previous systems.

Section 2 presents the  $VAM_{AI}$  in detail with the complete instructions set, the memory model and the execution principles. Section 3 has results which show the efficiency of the  $VAM_{AI}$ .

## 2 The $VAM_{AI}$

We followed the way of Tan and Lin and designed an abstract machine for abstract interpretation, the  $VAM_{AI}$ . The design goal of this abstract machine was to develop a very fast global analysis system which collects the information necessary for optimizing the machine code generated by the  $VAM_{1P}$  [9] Prolog compiler. The current implementation of the abstract machine computes information about mode, type,

reference chain length and aliasing of variables, but it can be changed for other domains. The  $VAM_{AI}$  is optimized for this particular domain. It is based on top down abstract interpretation with tabulation. An abstract machine breaks up the complex operation like abstract unification or updating the extension table into more atomic instructions. The  $VAM_{AI}$  has an instruction for each argument of a goal. The instruction set is based on the  $VAM_{2P}$  [10] and benefits from the fast decoding mechanism of this machine. But the run time data structures and the operation of the instructions are completely different. For support of incremental analysis the inferred data flow information is stored directly in the intermediate code of the  $VAM_{AI}$ . So the intermediate code is used like the extension table of the abstract interpretation algorithm. We choose the VAM as the basis for an abstract machine for abstract interpretation because it is much better suited for our purpose than the WAM [15]: The parameter passing of the WAM via registers and storing registers in a choice point slows down the interpretation. Furthermore, in the WAM some instructions are eliminated so that the relation between argument registers and variables is sometimes difficult to determine. The translation to a  $VAM_{2P}$ -like intermediate code is much simpler and faster than WAM code generation. A  $VAM_{2P}$ -like interpreter enabled us to model low level features of the VAM. Furthermore, the  $VAM_{2P}$  intermediate code is needed for the generation and optimization of machine code.

## 2.1 An informal interpretation model

We use a top-down approach for the analysis of the desired information. Different (static) calls to the same clause are handled separately to get more exact types. This is achieved by duplicating the clauses for each call of a procedure. So for each call of a goal there exists an own copy of the intermediate code of the called procedure. To save code size, only the head of the clauses are copied. The body of the clauses are shared. This duplication of the code gives a more precise analysis for the use in the  $VAM_{1P}$  which generates specialized code for each call, and simplifies many parts of the  $VAM_{AI}$ .

Abstract interpretation with the  $VAM_{AI}$  is demonstrated with the following short example. Fig. 1 shows a simple Prolog program part, and a simplified view of its code duplication for the representation in the  $VAM_{AI}$  intermediate code.

Prolog program:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1 & :- B^1 \\ B_1 & :- C^1 \\ B_2 & :- B^2, C^2 \\ C_1 & :- true \end{aligned}$$

Code representation:

$$\begin{aligned} A_1^1 & :- B^1 \\ B_1^1 & :- C^1 \\ B_2^1 & :- B^2, C^2 \\ B_1^2 & :- C^1 \\ B_2^2 & :- B^2, C^2 \\ C_1^1 & :- true \\ C_1^2 & :- true \end{aligned}$$

Figure 1: Prolog program part and its representation in  $VAM_{AI}$

The procedure  $B$  has two clauses, the alternatives  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . The code for the procedures  $B$  and  $C$  is duplicated because both procedures are called twice in this program. This code duplication leads to more exact types for the variables, because the data flow information input might be different (more or less exact) for different calls of the same procedure in a program (in the implementation the code duplication is done only for the heads, the bodies of the clauses are shared). Abstract interpretation starts at the beginning of the program with the clause  $A_1^1$ . The information of the variables in the subgoal  $B^1$  are determined by the inferable data flow information from the two clauses  $B_1^1$  and  $B_2^1$ . After the information

for both clauses has been computed, abstract interpretation is finished because there is no further subgoal for the first clause  $A_1$ .

In the conservative scheme it has to be supposed that both  $B_1^1$  and  $B_2^1$  could be reached during program execution, therefore the union of the derived data flow information sets for the alternative clauses of procedure  $B$  has to be formed. For  $B_1^1$  only information from  $C_1^1$  has to be derived because it is the only subgoal for  $B_1^1$ . For  $B_2^1$  there exists a recursive call for  $B$ , named  $B^2$  in the example. Recursion in abstract interpretation is handled by computing a fixpoint, i.e. the recursive call is interpreted as long as the derived data information changes. After the fixpoint is reached, computation stops for the recursive call. The data flow information for the recursion is assigned to the clauses  $B_1^2$  and  $B_2^2$ . After all inferable information is computed for a clause, it is stored directly into the intermediate code. The entry pattern and success patterns are stored in the head variables information fields, the variables of a subgoal contain the the success patterns of the calls of subgoals left to the current subgoal.

## 2.2 The abstract domain

The goal of the  $VAM_{AI}$  is to gather information about mode, type, reference chain length and aliasing of variables. Reference chain lengths of 0, 1 and greater 1 are distinguished. The type of a variable is represented by a set comprised of following simple types:

`free` describes an unbound variable and contains a reference to all aliased variables  
`list` is a non empty list (it contains the types of its arguments)  
`struct` is a term  
`nil` represents the empty list  
`atom` is the set of all atoms  
`integer` is the set of all integer numbers

Possible infinite nesting of compound terms makes the handling of the types *list* and *struct* difficult. To gather useful information about recursive data structures a recursive list type is introduced which contains also the information about the termination type.

To represent the alias information variables are collected in alias sets. Variables which could possibly be aliased, are in the same set. The alias sets are represented as double linked sorted lists. In the intermediate code each set is identified by an unique number. Variables which are always aliased, can be represented by references like in ordinary Prolog interpreters. The intersection of this sets has to be stored in the intermediate code.

Efficient interpretation is achieved by using fixed-sized variable cells, which enables static stack frame size determination and the saving of the domains in intermediate code fields. The set of the domain values is represented as a bit field. Set operations like union or difference can be implemented using logical operations. The computation of the least upper bound of two domains is implemented by a *bitwise or* operation, the abstract unification by a *bitwise and*.

## 2.3 The $VAM_{AI}$ instruction set

Variables are classified into void, temporary and local variables. Void variables occur only once in a clause and no information has to be collected for them. Different to the WAM, temporary variables occur only in the head or in one subgoal, counting a group of built-in predicates as one goal. The built-in predicates following the head are treated as if they belong to the head. Temporary variables need storage only during one inference and can be stored in a fixed sized data structure. All other variables are local and are allocated on the stack.

The representation for the arguments of a Prolog term is the same for  $VAM_{AI}$  (see fig. 2) and  $VAM_{2P}$  with the following exceptions:

- Local variables have four additional information fields in their intermediate code, the actual domain of the variable, the reference chain length and two fields for alias information. This information

unification instructions	
<code>int I</code>	integer
<code>atom A</code>	atom
<code>nil</code>	empty list
<code>list</code>	list (followed by its two arguments)
<code>struct F</code>	structure (functor)(followed by its arguments)
<code>void</code>	void variable
<code>fsttmp Xn</code>	first occurrence of temporary variable (offset)
<code>nxttmp Xn</code>	further occurrence of temporary variable (offset)
<code>fstvar Vn,D,R,Ai,Ac</code>	first occurrence of local variable (offset, domain, reference chain length, is aliased, can be aliased)
<code>nxtvar Vn,D,R,Ai,Ac</code>	further occurrence of local variable (offset, domain, reference chain length, is aliased, can be aliased)
resolution instructions	
<code>goal P,0</code>	subgoal (procedure pointer, end of goal)
<code>nogoal</code>	termination of a clause
<code>cut</code>	cut
<code>builtin I</code>	built-in predicate (built-in number)
termination instructions	
<code>call</code>	termination of a goal

Figure 2:  $VAM_{AI}$  instruction set

fields replaces the extension table of conventional abstract interpretation algorithms. Local variables of the head have splitted information fields, because they store both the information at the entry of the clause and the information after a successful computation of this clause. Both information is used for the handling of recursive calls.

- The argument of a temporary variable contains an offset which references this variable in a global table. The global table contains entries for the domain and reference length information or a pointer to a variable.
- The intermediate code `lastcall` has been removed because last-call optimization makes no sense in abstract interpretation. Instead the intermediate code `nogoal` indicates the end of a clause. When this instruction is executed the computation continues with the next alternative clause (artificial fail).
- The intermediate code `goal` got an additional argument, a pointer to the end of this goal, that is the instruction following the call.
- The instruction `const` has been split into `integer` and `atom`.

The translation of Prolog source code to  $VAM_{AI}$  instructions is simple due to the direct mapping between source code and  $VAM_{AI}$  code. The head arguments of a clause are translated to unification instructions. Each clause is terminated by the instruction `nogoal`. Each subgoal is translated to the `goal` instruction, unification instructions for each argument and is terminated by the `call` instruction. The following example shows the  $VAM_{AI}$  code for the `append` procedure.

```
append([],          nil
      L,           fsttmp L
      L,           nxttmp L
      ).           nogoal
```

```

append([
    list
    H|
    L1],
    fsttmp H
    fstvar L1,{},{},0,0
    L2,
    fstvar L2,{},{},0,0
    [
    list
    H|
    L3]) :-
    fstvar L3,{},{},0,0
    append(
        goal append,20
    L1,
    nxtvar L1,{},{},0,0
    L2,
    nxtvar L2,{},{},0,0
    L3
    nxtvar L3,{},{},0,0
    )
    call
.
    nogoal

```

The translation of terms to the intermediate code is done in two passes (see fig. 3). The first pass scans the terms for variables and collects information about the variables in the var table. The second pass again scans the terms and generates the  $VAM_{AI}$  instructions. Between this two passes the variable classes and offsets are determined.

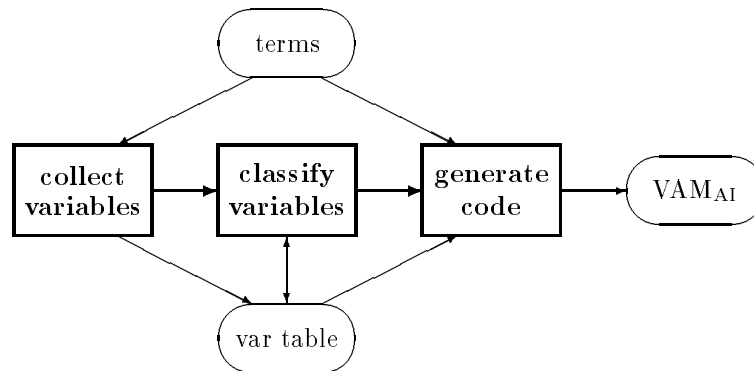


Figure 3: translator structure

## 2.4 The $VAM_{AI}$ memory model

Another significant difference between the  $VAM_{2P}$  and the  $VAM_{AI}$  concerns the data areas, i.e. the stacks (see fig. 4). While the  $VAM_{2P}$  needs three stacks, in  $VAM_{AI}$  a modified environment stack and a trail are sufficient. Similar to CLP systems the trail is implemented as a value trail. It contains both the address of the variable and its content.

The  $VAM_{AI}$  also needs less machine registers (see fig. 5). Machine registers are the `goalptr` and `headptr` (pointer to the code of the calling goal and the head of the called clause, respectively), the `goalframeptr` and the `headframeptr` (frame pointer of the clause containing the calling goal and the called clause, respectively) and the `trailptr` (top of trail). The `headframeptr` can be used as top of stack pointer. Because every stack frame is a choice point, no choice point register is needed.

Fig. 6 shows a stack frame for the stack of the  $VAM_{AI}$ . Note that every stack frame is a choice point because all alternatives for a call are considered for the result of the computation. The stack frame contains the actual information for all the local variables of a clause. The `goalptr` points to the intermediate code of a goal (it is used to find the continuation after a goal has been computed), the `clauseptr` points to the head of the next alternative clause for the called procedure, and `goalframeptr` points to the stack frame of the calling procedure. `goalframeptr` is not strictly necessary because the stack frame size is contained in the  $VAM_{AI}$  code.

Fig. 7 describes the stack entry for a local variable. The fields `reference`, `domain`, `ref-len`, `alias-prev` and `alias-next` are used to store the information derived for a variable analysing a single alternative of the current goal. The `union` fields hold the union of all previously analysed alternatives.

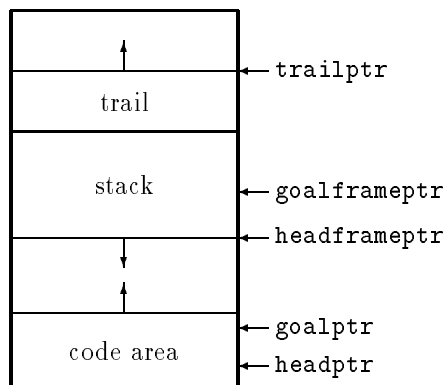


Figure 4: VAM<sub>AI</sub> data areas

register	usage
<code>goalptr</code>	pointer to instructions of calling goal
<code>headptr</code>	pointer to instructions of called clause
<code>goalframeptr</code>	frame pointer of calling goal
<code>headframeptr</code>	frame pointer of called clause, top of stack
<code>trailptr</code>	top of trail

Figure 5: VAM<sub>AI</sub> machine registers

The *reference* field connects the caller's variables with the callee's variables. Possibly aliased variables are stored in a sorted list. The *alias-prev* and the *alias-next* field are used to connect the variables of this list. The *domain* field contains all actual type information at any state of computation. Its contents may change at each occurrence of the variable in the intermediate code. The *ref-len* field contains the length of the reference chain. After analysing an alternative of a goal the *union* fields contain the least upper bound of the informations of all alternatives analysed so far.

## 2.5 Handling of recursion

The information in the fields of local variables of a clause's head is used for fixpoint computation. This fields hold both the information that is available at the entry of the clause and the informations, that are available for this local variables after a successful computation of the clause, i.e. the success pattern. When the interpreter reaches the last instruction of a clause (*nogol*), the success pattern has to be updated. The clause's head variable success pattern fields are replaced with the least upper bound of its actual entries (the old success pattern) and the new variable domains. The new domains (for the success

domain for variable n
⋮
domain for variable 1
<code>goalptr'</code>
<code>clauseptr</code>
<code>goalframeptr'</code>
<code>trailptr'</code>

Figure 6: structure of the stack frame

reference	
domain	ref-len
alias-prev	alias-next
union-domain	union-ref-len
union-prev	union-next

Figure 7: a local variable on the stack

pattern) after the computation of the clause can be found on the stack.

During abstract unification of goal and head arguments the entry pattern for head local variables is stored in the intermediate code of the head, if this call is computed the first time. If the intermediate code information contains already entry pattern information, then the old information is replaced by the least upper bound of the new and the old information. If the information in the head's intermediate code fields does not change, i.e. the new entry pattern contains more special or equal information than formerly applied patterns, there is no sense in a further recomputation of the clause. Instead, information about the clause's actual success pattern is gained from the actual intermediate code fields of the head. This information is then used in the variables occurring in the calling goal and the interpreter computes the next alternative or the next subgoal of the calling clause, if there are no more alternatives to compute. Whenever the success pattern of a clause changes, a flag is set in this clause and all calling clauses of this clause. This flag is used to mark these clauses for recomputation. Interpretation is iterated, until the success patterns do not change any more.

## 2.6 Instruction execution

Like the  $VAM_{2P}$  the  $VAM_{AI}$  fetches a head instruction, fetches a goal instruction and executes the combined instruction (e.g. the unification of two variables). Only if a structure is combined with a variable, the instructions for the arguments of the structure are executed in single fetch mode. A typical combined unification or structure unification instruction executes the following subtasks:

- If a goal variable is involved in the instruction, store the current value of this variable in the intermediate code.
- Execute abstract unification, eventually fail.
- If a head variable is involved in the instruction and the new value of this variable is more general than the value stored in the intermediate code, then store this value in the intermediate code and set the changed entry pattern flag.

If the combined `call-goal` instruction is executed with an unchanged entry pattern, the success pattern is merged into the union field and the other alternatives for this call are tried (artificial fail). Otherwise a new stack frame is allocated and this subgoal is called. If a `call` is combined with a `nogoal` instruction, the union is constructed and the alternatives are tried. If the last alternative has been executed, a single goal instruction is fetched. If this instruction is a `goal` instruction, the current value of the union field is copied into the variable, the union fields are initialized and the goal is called. If this instruction is a `nogoal` instruction, the success pattern is stored, the stack frame is popped and the next calling single goal instruction is fetched and executed.

## 2.7 An example

Consider the following program part:

```

top :-
append( [1,2], [3,4], L),
        write( L).

append( [], L, L).
append( [X|L1], L2, [X|L3]) :-
append( L1, L2, L3).

```

This program is compiled to the following VAM<sub>AI</sub> instructions:

```

append1:
  head: nil, fsttmp(0), tmp(0), nogoal
  head: list, fsttmp(0), fstvar(2), fstvar(1), list, tmp(0), fstvar(0),
        goal(append2), var(2), var(1), var(0), call, nogoal.

append2:
  head: nil, fsttmp(0), tmp(0), nogoal
  head: list, fsttmp(0), fstvar(2), fstvar(1), list, tmp(0), fstvar(0),
        goal(append2), var(2), var(1), var(0), call, nogoal.

top:
  head:
    goal(append1), list, int(1), list, int(2), nil,
              list, int(3), list, int(4), nil, fstvar(0), call,
    builtin(write), var(0), nogoal.

```

Below follows a simplified trace of the analyser. Usually the interpreter executes in the combined mode (e.g. call-goal, or unification of two variables). The first clause of **append1** is tried, it fails and the second clause is tried. Some instructions are executed in combined mode and the elements of the list are executed in list unification mode. Then the first clause of **append2** is tried, it fails and the second clause of **append2** is tried. It calls recursively the first clause of **append2**, succeeds and executes the second clause which calls recursively **append2**. But this time the entry pattern is equal to the last one and the success pattern is used. The end of the second clause of **append2** is reached and the success pattern is stored. Now the end of the second clause of **append1** is reached and the success pattern is stored. The success patterns have changed and a second iteration is started. In this small example the second iteration is identical to the first one since both clauses have a changed success pattern. But this time no pattern changes and the analysis stops.

\*\*\*\*\* first iteration \*\*\*\*\*

```

call  goal(append1)
      list          nil
fail  goal(append1)      true fail (list/nil)
      list          list          unify
      int(1)        fsttmp(0)     unify
      list          h_fstvar(2)   unify
      int(2)                unify list
      nil                unify list
      list          h_fstvar(1)   unify
      int(3)                unify list
      list                unify list
      int(4)                unify list
      nil                unify list
      g_fstvar(0) list          unify
      nexttmp(0)           unify list
      h_fstvar(0)         unify list

```



```

call  goal(append2)
      g_nxtvar(2) nil           unify
fail  goal(append2)           true fail (list/nil)
      g_nxtvar(2) list         unify
      fsttmp(0)                unify list
      h_fstvar(2)              unify list
      g_nxtvar(1) h_fstvar(1)  unify
      g_nxtvar(0) list         unify
      nxttmp(0)                unify list
      h_fstvar(0)              unify list
call  goal(append2)
      g_nxtvar(2) nil           unify
      g_nxtvar(1) fsttmp(0)    unify
      g_nxtvar(0) nxttmp(0)    unify
call  nogoal
fail  goal(append2)           try all alternatives
      g_nxtvar(2) list         unify
      fsttmp(0)                unify list
      h_fstvar(2)              unify list
      g_nxtvar(1) h_fstvar(1)  unify
      g_nxtvar(0) list         unify
      nxttmp(0)                unify list
      h_fstvar(0)              unify list
call  goal(append2)           use success pattern
next  nogoal
fail  goal(append2)           last alternative tried
next  nogoal
fail  goal(append1)           last alternative tried
next  builtin(write)
next  nogoal

```

\*\*\*\*\* second iteration \*\*\*\*\*

identical to the first iteration

## 2.8 Incremental abstract interpretation

The  $VAM_{AI}$  is also well suited for incremental abstract interpretation. Incremental abstract interpretation is similar to the recomputation if a success pattern has changed. Incremental abstract interpretation starts local analysis with all callers of the modified procedures and interprets the intermediate code of all dependent procedures. Interpretation is stopped when the derived domains are equal to the original domains (those derived by the previous analysis).

To make incremental abstract interpretation possible, for each procedure a pointer to the caller of this procedure is stored in the  $VAM_{AI}$  code. This pointer is used to find the top goal of the whole program. This pointer chain can be used to reconstruct the contents of the stack prior to the call of this procedure. Now abstract interpretation can be executed as usual. In general only a small part of the program is reinterpreted. In the worst case incremental interpretation can lead to the interpretation of the whole program.

## 2.9 Design alternatives

The current implementation uses one value trail. For each trailed variable the complete value of the variable is stored together with the address of the variable. Since in most cases only a part of the information has changed a tagged trail can be used. The information in the variables is divided into groups which usually change at the same time. Each group get a special tag and only the changed group

together with the tag is stored on the trail. If the number of groups is very small, also more than one trail can be used to avoid the tagging of values.

We investigated also an implementation without trailing. The variable gets an additional field (called in-field) which holds the value of a variable prior to the call. At a call referenced variables have to copy their contents to the callee's variables. At call completion the contents have to be copied back.

It has to be evaluated if the duplication of clause bodies increases the accuracy of the analysis. The sharing of the bodies eliminates the construction of the least upper bound of the bodies before code generation. An interesting alternative would also be the elimination of the stack and storing the stack frames directly in the intermediate code. Different calls would be handled by the same stack frames in the code.

### 3 Results

Before developing the  $VAM_{AI}$  we developed a prototype analyser in Prolog. Due to the single assignment nature of Prolog the information about the program has to be stored in the data base using `assert`. The prototype analyser is implemented as a deterministic recursive procedure so that it was possible to store intermediate representations in Prolog data structures. The problem is that these structures are stored on the copy stack, destructive assignment must be replaced by copying part of the structures and that our Prolog interpreter does not support garbage collection. So this interpreter was very slow and needed a stack size greater than 32 MB when analysing a program which was bigger than 50 clauses. So it is evident that an analyser based on the  $VAM_{AI}$  is on average more than a factor of two hundred faster than the prototype analyser (see table 1). For evaluation of the  $VAM_{AI}$  we used the well known benchmarks described in [2]. These benchmarks were executed on a DECStation 5000/200 (25 MHz R3000) with 40 MB Memory. A direct comparison with the GAIA system [5] is not possible, because only data for one benchmark we use is available and the domains are not comparable. Compensating the speed of the different benchmark machines, the  $VAM_{AI}$  is about a factor of 20 faster.

test	Prolog ms	Prolog scaled	$VAM_{AI}$ scaled
det. append	648	1	1115
naive reverse	789	1	639
quicksort	977	1	264
8-queens	815	1	241
serialize	1630	1	206
differentiate	2122	1	25
query	781	1	194
bucket	923	1	230
permutation	732	1	503

Table 1: global analysis time, factor of improvement

The  $VAM_{AI}$  was integrated in the  $VAM_{1P}$  compiler. Table 2 shows the improvement of the generated code due to global analysis. The high improvement for quicksort is only partly due to global analysis, the main improvement comes from a better clause indexing (built-in predicate indexing). To show the efficiency of the compiler the compile time were compared to that of the  $VAM_{2P}$  and SICStus intermediate code translators [4]. The  $VAM_{1P}$  compiler is about ten times slower than the  $VAM_{2P}$  translator but about two times faster than the SICStus compiler (see table 3). The Aquarius compiler [12] is by a factor of 2000 slower than the  $VAM_{2P}$  translator. A direct comparison is not possible since it is a three pass compiler which communicates with the assembler and linker via files.

The comparison of the  $VAM_{2P}$  interpreter with the  $VAM_{AI}$  shows that the size of the annotated  $VAM_{AI}$  intermediate code is about three times larger than the simple  $VAM_{2P}$  intermediate code (see table 4).

test	VAM <sub>2P</sub> ms	VAM <sub>2P</sub> scaled	VAM <sub>1P</sub> scaled	VAM <sub>1Popt</sub> scaled
det. append	0.25	1	26.1	26.1
naive reverse	4.17	1	19.3	20.0
quicksort	6.00	1	7.23	18.1
8-queens	65.4	1	12.4	13.5
serialize	3.90	1	5.76	6.84
differentiate	1.14	1	6.32	8.14
query	41.7	1	7.58	9.70
bucket	247	1	5.02	5.24
permutation	2660	1	5.08	6.48

Table 2: execution time, factor of improvement compared to the VAM<sub>2P</sub>

test	VAM <sub>2P</sub> ms	VAM <sub>2P</sub> scaled	VAM <sub>1P</sub> scaled	SICStus scaled
det. append	5.78	1	11.43	21.5
naive reverse	7.31	1	10.5	19.3
quicksort	9.30	1	9.9	23.1
8-queens	9.18	1	11.6	19.7
serialize	11.36	1	11.22	19.2
differentiate	13.71	1	11.41	30.3
query	21.05	1	7.5	13.4
bucket	15.59	1	7.25	12.7
permutation	4.88	1	8.88	18.1

Table 3: compile time, compared to the VAM<sub>2P</sub>

## 4 Conclusion

We presented the VAM<sub>AI</sub>, an abstract machine for abstract interpretation of Prolog. This abstract machine has a very compact representation and short analysis times. The fast analysis and the storage of additional information enables the incremental global analysis of Prolog.

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test	VAM <sub>2P</sub> bytes	VAM <sub>2P</sub> scaled	VAM <sub>AI</sub> scaled
det. append	288	1	3.63
naive reverse	380	1	3.59
quicksort	764	1	2.65
8-queens	536	1	2.95
serialize	1044	1	3.33
differentiate	1064	1	8.37
query	2084	1	0.89
bucket	996	1	1.96
permutation	296	1	2.77

Table 4: code size of intermediate representations

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