

# IRDL: Dialects Definitions as an IR

An ODS-like dialect to define dialects at runtime

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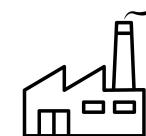
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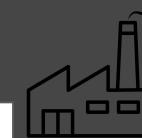
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# Usage

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        irdl.Results (res: !T)  
  
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    }  
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# Registering IRDL at runtime

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```

IRDL



```
func @conorm(%p: !cmath.complex<std.f32>,  
            %q: !cmath.complex<std.f32>) -> !std.f32 {  
    %pq = cmath.mul(%p, %q) : !std.f32  
    return %pq : !cmath.complex<std.f32>  
}
```

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# Language Specification

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Type and Attribute constraints  
represent local structural invariants:

irdl.Alias myI32	= !i32
irdl.Alias AnyComplex	= complex<Any>
irdl.Alias AnyComplex2	= complex
irdl.Alias ComplexF32	= complex<!f32>
irdl.Alias ComplexF32OrF64	= complex<AnyOf<!f32, !f64>>
irdl.Alias ComplexNotF32	= complex<And<FloatType, Not<!f32>>>

# IRDL Custom Local Constraints (WIP)

```
irdl.Alias custom<T> = custom<myConstr>(T)
```

**Custom** constraints are defined outside IRDL.

```
auto myConstraint = [](auto emitError, SmallVector<Attribute> attrs) {      C++
    ...
};

irldialect->registerCustomConstraint(myConstraint, "myConstr");
```

```
def my_constraint(emitError, args):                                PYTHON
    ...

irldialect.register_custom_constraint(my_constraint, "myConstr");
```

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irdl.Alias custom1 = custom<myConstr1>(2)  
irdl.Alias custom2 = custom<myConstr2>(custom1)
```

Using a ***custom parser*** for  
constraints?

Using **constraints  
parameters**?

# IRDL Constraint over C++ types/attributes

```
irdl.Alias myComplex<T> = builtin.complex<T>
```

C++ types/attributes can  
be used in IRDL.

```
class ComplexTypeWrapper : public ConcreteTypeWrapper<ComplexType> {      C++
   StringRef getName() { return "builtin.complex"; }

    SmallVector<Attribute> getParameters(ComplexType type) {
        return {TypeAttr::get(type.getElementType())};
    }
};
```

```
irldialect->addTypeWrapper<ComplexTypeWrapper>();
```

C++

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class ComplexTypeWrapper : public TypeWrapper<ComplexType> {  
public:  
    StringRef getShortName() const override {  
        return "ComplexType";  
    }  
  
    SmallVector<Type*> getSubElements() const override {  
        return {&myComplex};  
    }  
};
```

Could MLIR provide a way to get this information?  
(e.g. extending SubElementTypeInterface)

```
irldialect->addTypeWrapper<ComplexTypeWrapper>();
```

C++

# Type and Attribute definitions

```
irdl.Type complex {  
    irdl.Parameters (elementType: !FloatType)  
    irdl.Summary "A complex type"  
    irdl.Format "<` $elementType `>"  
}
```

**Parameters** with local constraints

Integrated **documentation**

**Assembly format** defines  
a textual representation

# Constraint variables

```
irdl.Attribute complex {
    irdl.ConstraintVar (T: !FloatType)
    irdl.Parameters (re: #FloatAttr<Any, T>,
                    im: #FloatAttr<Any, T>)
}
```

**Constraint variables**  
specify global equality  
constraints

```
#complex<4.2 : !std.f32, 2.4 : !std.f32>
#complex<4.2 : !std.f64, 2.4 : !std.f64>

#complex<4.2 : !std.f64, 2.4 : !std.f32>
// Error: non-equal parameters

#complex<42 : !std.i32, 24 : !std.i32>
// Error: parameters not satisfying local constraint
```

# Operation definitions

```
irdl.Operation norm {  
    irdl.ConstraintVar (T: !Any)  
    irdl.Operands (c: !AnyComplex<T>)  
    irdl.Results (res: !T)  
  
    irdl.Format "$c : $T.elementType"  
    irdl.Summary "The euclidean norm of a  
                 complex number"  
}
```

Operands and results use type constraints

Assembly format can use type parameters

```
%norm1 = "cmath.norm"(%q) : (!cmath.complex<std.f32>) -> !std.f32  
%norm2 = cmath.norm(%q) : !std.f32
```

# Traits and Interfaces Implementation (WIP)

```
irdl.Operation norm {  
    irdl.ConstraintVar (T: !Any)  
    irdl.Operands (c: !AnyComplex<T>)  
    irdl.Results (res: !T)  
  
    irdl.Traits (Trait1, trait2, ...)  
    irdl.Interfaces (Interface1<args..., ...)  
}
```

**Traits and Interfaces** need  
to be registered in IRDL  
beforehand.

```
auto irdlDialect = ctx->getOrLoadDialect<IRDLDialect>();           C++  
  
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## Challenges:

- How to handle templated traits/interfaces?
- How to handle dependent traits/interfaces?

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# IRDL-SSA, a lower abstraction

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# IRDL-SSA: Optimizations for free

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%5 = irdlssa.parametric_type : "cmath.complex"<%2>
```



**Redundant computation**

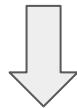
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```

# IRDL-SSA: Additional optimizations (WIP)

```
// Complex<AnyOf<f32, f64>>
%0 = irdlssa.is_type : f32
%1 = irdlssa.is_type : f64
%2 = irdlssa.any_of(%0, %1)
%3 = irdlssa.parametric_type : "cmath.complex"<%2>
```

parametric\_type  
constraints require **runtime introspection**.



```
// AnyOf<Complex<f32>, Complex<f64>>
%0 = irdlssa.is_type : "cmath.complex"<f32>
%1 = irdlssa.is_type : "cmath.complex"<f64>
%2 = irdlssa.any_of(%0, %1)
```



This can be optimized to  
only **pointer equality**.



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# Analysing MLIR dialects

# Translation of MLIR dialects to IRDL

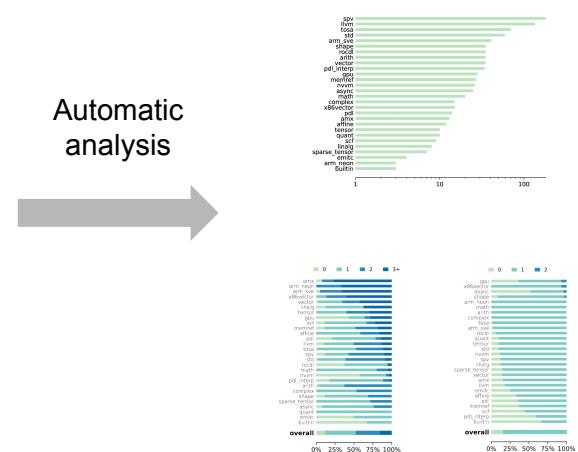
 MLIR

## Semi-automatic translation

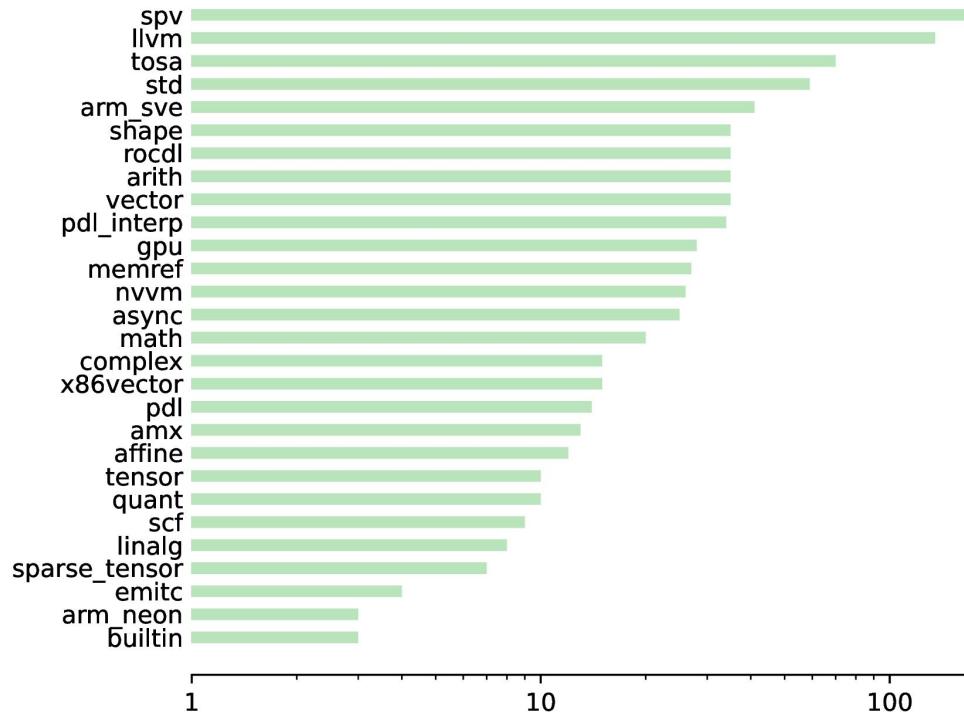


affine.irdl	
irdl.dialect affine {	
irdl.operation affine.apply {	
Variadic<	
} irdl.dialect arith {	arith.irdl
} irdl.operation arith.addf {	
} irdl.operand/!be: AnyOf<CppClass<::mlir::FloatType>,	
} irdl.type range {	
} irdl.dialect linalg {	linalg.irdl
} irdl.type range {	
} irdl.parameters()	
} irdl.operation linalg.index {	
} irdl.results(result: CppClass<::mlir::IndexType>)	
} irdl.operation linalg.int_tensor {	
} irdl.operands/sizes: Variadic<CppClass<::mlir::IndexType>>	
} irdl.results(result: And<CppType<::mlir::TensorType>, Any>)	
} irdl.operation linalg.pad_tensor {	
} irdl.operands/source: And<CppType<::mlir::TensorType>, Any>,	
} irdl.operands/low: Variadic<CppClass<::mlir::IndexType>>,	
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} irdl.operation linalg.range {	
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}	

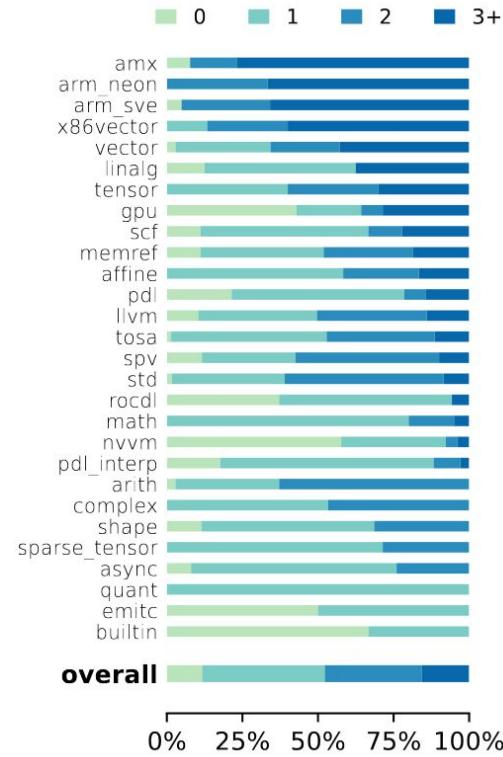
## Automatic analysis



# MLIR: The # of Operations in default dialects

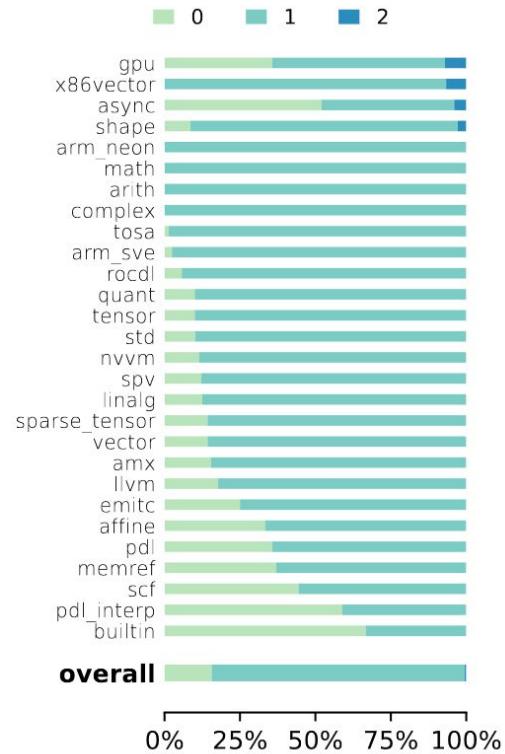


# Operand use in operations across MLIR dialects



Many three-operand-ops in  
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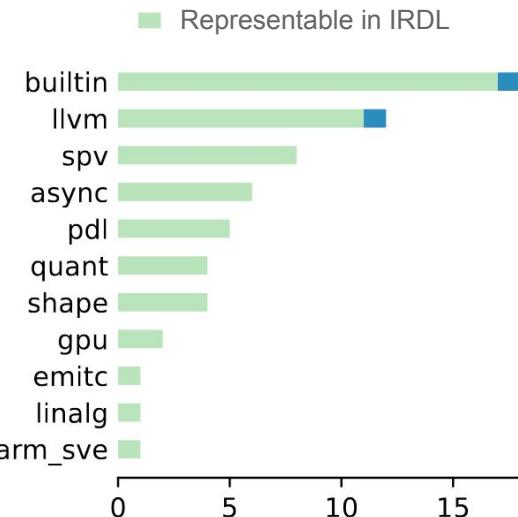
# MLIR IR Operations do not require many return types



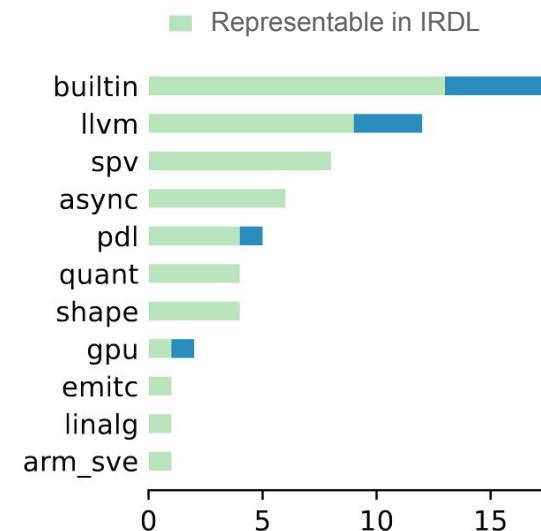
We rarely use more than two return values!

# Most types do not require additional C++

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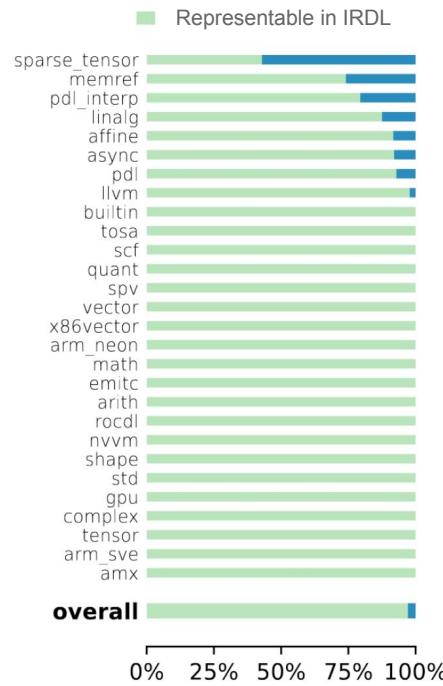


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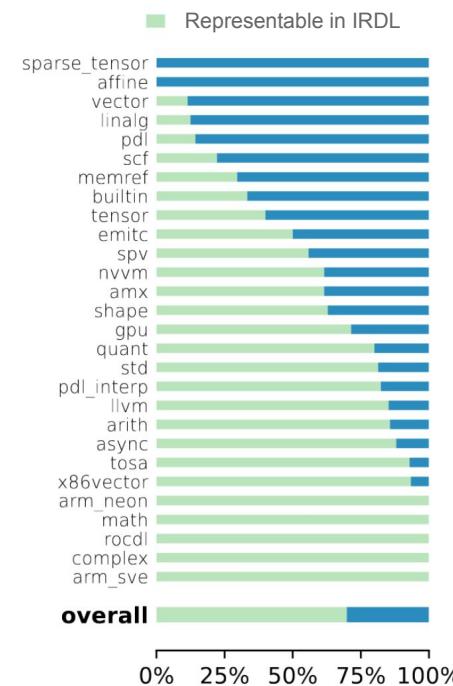


# Most operations do not require additional C++

**Structural Definition**



**Verifier Definition**





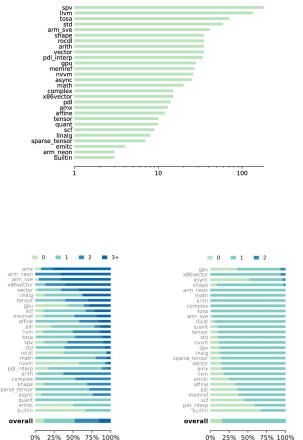
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