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ABSTRACT

The INTFORT interpreter converts explicit type declarations, assignment and arithmetic IF statements for interval variables to equivalent FORTRAN statements. A subroutine package for performing the interval arithmetic in single or double precision is provided. The interpreter is also suitable for use with any fancy arithmetic subroutines (e.g. multiprecision) that use synonymous subroutines for the arithmetic operations.

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Interpreter and Subroutine Package for
Interval Arithmetic on the IBM/360

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Abstract:

An interpreter is described which converts explicit type declarations, assignment and arithmetic IF statements for interval variables to equivalent FORTRAN statements. A subroutine package performing the interval arithmetic is provided. The interpreter is also suitable for use with any fancy arithmetic subroutines (e.g. extended precision) that require synonymous subroutine calls for each and every arithmetic operation.

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0. Machine Interval Arithmetic on the IBM/360

In the great majority of all calculations on computers the numbers involved are subject to imprecision, either because they arise from measurements or because of the fact that computers only carry a finite number of significant digits. Almost always, no attempt is made to keep track of the errors that may be present in the final results.

The purpose of interval arithmetic is to carry along automatic error estimates. This is done by considering, rather than a number, an interval containing the entire range of possible values. An arithmetic operation on two intervals yields an interval containing all possible results of the operation on two elements of each interval. The final resulting intervals are always unduly pessimistic, but sharper bounds are usually very cumbersome to obtain even by analytical methods.

On an actual computer, the exact real interval arithmetic of theory is of course impossible; therefore machine interval arithmetic is used. This means that instead of an exact interval, the smallest machine interval containing it is used. This keeps track automatically of all the possible errors, whether arising from the initial data or from the round-off errors in the computation.

On the IBM/360, truncation is always used rather than rounding, i.e. if a given number (whether given as a decimal expansion or a too long binary expansion, as arises from computation) is not a machine number, it is represented by the nearest machine number that is not greater in absolute value, rather than just the nearest machine number. This simplifies the writing of interval arithmetic subroutines, as it is then known that the next machine number greater in absolute value than the 360 representation of a given real number will then also be greater (absolutely) than the real number. A minimal machine interval can thus readily be found.

The machine interval arithmetic system described in this report uses two implementations, one in single precision and the other in double precision.

1. Interval Arithmetic as a FORTRAN extension

Interval arithmetic is normally used with FORTRAN by declaring an interval variable as an array of dimension 2, and using special subroutines

to perform the interval operations. This is a tedious and error-prone procedure. What is needed is the ability to declare an interval variable as such, and use it in arithmetic and IF statements just like a normal variable.

The INTFORT program goes some way towards remedying this. It accepts as input normal FORTRAN IV programs, but including a few special statements concerning interval variables. These statements are identified by the character I in column 1. It produces as output the same FORTRAN IV program, but with these statements converted to valid FORTRAN IV using the same subroutines for interval arithmetic as previously. The programmer can thus use normal FORTRAN expression format in assignment and IF statements.

Interval Arithmetic Subroutines

<u>Name</u>	<u>Argument list</u>	<u>Argument types</u>	<u>Action</u>
ADD DADD	A,B,C	I4,I4,I4 I8,I8,I8	$C \leftarrow A+B$
NEG DNEG	A,C	I4,I4 I8,I8	$C \leftarrow -A$
EQU DEQU	A,C	I4,I4 I8,I8	$C \leftarrow A$
INT	A,C	E,I4	A is assumed to be the truncated machine representation of a non-machine number. C is set to the smallest machine interval containing that number.
SUB DSUB	A,B,C	I4,I4,I4 I8,I8,I8	$C \leftarrow A-B$
MUL DMUL	A,B,C	I4,I4,I4 I8,I8,I8	$C \leftarrow A*B$
DIV	A,B,C	I4,I4,I4	$C \leftarrow A/B$ If 0 is in B, C is set to the largest machine interval.
POW DPOW	A,I,C	I4,F,I4 I8,F,I8	$C \leftarrow A**I$
SINGLI	A,C	I8,I4	$C \leftarrow$ The smallest machine interval containing A.
DOUBLI	A,C	I4,I8	$C \leftarrow$ The double precision equivalent of A.

Interval Arithmetic Functions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Argument list</u>	<u>Argument types</u>	<u>Function type</u>	<u>Action</u>
IUNE IUND	A,B,C	I4,I4,I4 I8,I8,I8	F	If A and B intersect, C is set to the union of A and B, and the value 1 is returned. Else C is unchanged, and 0 is returned.
ISECTE ISECTD	A,B,C	I4,I4,I4 I8,I8,I8	F	If A and B intersect, C is set to the intersection of A and B, and 1 is returned. Else C is unchanged, and 0 is returned.

Note: The above four subprograms are also callable as subroutines when the returned function value is not required.

ICONTE ICONTD	A,B	I4,I4 I8,I8	F	-2 is returned if A and B overlap -1 is returned if B contains A 0 is returned if A and B are equal 1 is returned if A contains B 2 is returned if A and B are disjunct
HALF DHALF	A	I4 I8	E D	The truncated midpoint of A is returned
WIDTH DWIDTH	A	I4 I8	E D	The truncated width of A is returned
INTSGE INTSGD	A	I4 I8	F F	If A contains 0, 0 is returned. Else sign (A) is returned.

Explanation of Types

F	INTEGER*4
E	REAL*4
D	REAL*8
I4	INTERVAL*4
I8	INTERVAL*8

Table 2.1

2. The Interval Subroutines and Interpreter

In order to understand the use of interval variables, we must know how the eventual FORTRAN program will look. This requires knowledge of the

subroutines used. (See Table 2.1).

The INTFORT program acts as an interpreter: the special statements involving interval variables are converted to FORTRAN type declarations, subroutine calls and IF statements. It is designed to be compatible with the G and H level IBM/360 FORTRAN compilers.

The interval statements resemble FORTRAN type declaration, assignment and arithmetic IF statements, and have the obvious meaning implied by the notation used. An interval is regarded as zero if it contains zero, and positive or negative if the entire interval is positive or negative, respectively.

3. The Interval Statements

General Format:

Each interval statement is identified by the letter I in column 1. Columns 2-5 are available for a statement number if the statement is an executable one, while column 6 must be blank, since no continuation cards are permitted. Columns 7-72 may be used in accordance with the format for the particular statement (described below), while columns 73-80 can be used by the programmer for any purpose he thinks fit.

Action of the Interpreter:

Each interval statement is reproduced unchanged as a comment statement, with a C replacing the I in column 1. The remaining statements produced are FORTRAN statements, details about which are given in section 4, "Programming Notes and Hints". Self-explanatory diagnostics are provided, as listed in Appendix A.

Subroutines and Functions:

If these occur, each END statement in the program should be marked with an I in column 1 to allow recognition by the interpreter.

Type of operand 1	Type of operand 2			
	REAL*4	REAL*8	INTERVAL*4	INTERVAL*8
REAL*4	REAL*4	REAL*8	INTERVAL*4	illegal ¹⁾
REAL*8	REAL*8	REAL*8	INTERVAL*4 ²⁾	INTERVAL*8
INTERVAL*4	INTERVAL*4	INTERVAL*4 ²⁾	INTERVAL*4	INTERVAL*8
INTERVAL*8	illegal ¹⁾	INTERVAL*8	INTERVAL*8	INTERVAL*8

1) The result will have type INTERVAL*8 with probability $\frac{1}{2}$, and give a specification exception in the other cases.

2) The long part of the double precision number will be ignored.

Table 3.1: Type of result of arithmetic operations +, -, *, /

Type Declaration Statement

Format: INTERVAL*s a_i(k_i), ..., a_n(k_n)

Where: *s represents the length in bytes that each end point of the interval will occupy. s may be 4 or 8; if *s is omitted, *4 is assumed.

a_i represents a valid FORTRAN variable name.

k_i is a list of dimension extents, to be omitted if a_i is not an array. Each k is a list of one to six integer constants; if a_i appears in a subprogram parameter list, integer variables may also appear in the list.

The interval declaration statement is necessary for all interval variables that will be used.

Examples

INTERVAL A

INTERVAL*8 A,B(5,5)

Assignment Statement

Format: x = y

Where: x represents the name of a variable or array element that has appeared in a preceding type declaration statement.

y represents an expression formed as in FORTRAN, containing interval variables (or array elements) and (optionally) sub-expressions of ordinary FORTRAN variables, constants, functions or array elements. Such sub-expressions are not examined for type, and the user must take care that they have legal type (see table 3.1). An interval variable may only be raised to an integral power.

The expression y is evaluated according to normal operator precedence rules, and assigned to x. If two quantities of unlike type are combined (except for the ** operator), one is first converted to the type of the other so that both have the type of the result as specified in table 3.1.

Examples:

If A and B are INTERVAL*4, C is INTERVAL*8 and D is REAL*8, the following statements are valid:

A = B
A = B + C
A = D*(B + C)
A = 3.14159265
A = A**2

The following statements may cause errors:

C = 1. (Correct is C = 1.DO)
A = A**2.

Arithmetic IF statement

Format: IF (y) s₁, s₂, s₃

Where: y is an expression as in the assignment statement, containing at least one interval variable.

s₁, s₂, s₃ are FORTRAN statement numbers.

If y is wholly negative, control is transferred to statement s_1 ; if y contains 0, control is transferred to statement s_2 ; if y is wholly positive, control is transferred to statement s_3 .

Example:

If A is of type INTERVAL*4, the following statement is valid:

IF(A) 1,2,3

4. Programming notes and hints

Each interval variable (or array) is interpreted as an array of real variables with the same length and with one more dimension (of extent 2) than the corresponding interval variable (or array). To ensure that the end points of each interval occupy contiguous storage locations, the extra dimension is added at the left of the subscript list. An INTERVAL statement might appear thus in the outputted FORTRAN:

```
C      INTERVAL*8 A,B(5,5)
      REAL*8 A(2), B(2,5,5)
```

When referring to an unsubscripted interval variable in a subroutine call, the name itself is sufficient; when referring to a subscripted array name, however, the ~~left~~ dimension must have the subscript 1, thus:

```
C      A = B(3,2)
      CALL DEQU(B(1,3,2),A)
```

Note that the interpreter will not examine such a subscript list in any way. The following error will thus only be discovered by the FORTRAN compiler:

```
C      INTERVAL X(ANYOLDJUNK)
      REAL*4 X(2,ANYOLDJUNK)
```

In an assignment statement, mixed mode in an expression is tolerated with the limitations set out in table 3.1.

The interpreter classifies all variables in three groups: those that have been declared as INTERVAL*8, those that have been declared as INTERVAL*4, and those that have not been declared as either. Before

an arithmetic operation between an interval A and an ordinary variable X is performed, X is assigned to a dummy interval variable of the same length as A. This assignment is only compatible when X is of the same length as A. The programmer thus must use the FORTRAN built-in functions SNGL, DBLE, FLOAT and DFLOAT if necessary to ensure such compatibility. Similarly, the IFIX function may be needed to ensure that the exponent after the ** operator is of type integer.

Interval constants do not exist; assignments of constants to interval variables can be made in two ways:

- (i) Straightforward assignment to the end points, e.g.:

A(1) = 1.DO

A(2) = 1.DO

- (ii) Interval assignment statement, e.g.:

```
C      A = 1.1DO
      CALL DINT (1.1DO,A)
```

The first method must be used when the number is an exact machine number, as the second method always assumes the constant to be the truncated machine number nearest to, but lower than the constant (which is the normal situation for a FORTRAN constant).

5. Other Subroutine Libraries

Since the subroutines needed are only provided at linkage time, the interpreter can be used for any arithmetic requiring logical words of two normal variables, e.g. extended precision routines.

These subroutines may be supplied either as source decks included at compile time, or as compiled (object or load) modules included at linkage time. Only those subroutines to which actual calls are generated by the interpreter need be provided.

For details about the subroutines, refer to table 2.1.

APPENDIX A: Diagnostic Messages

Warning (Severity code 4)

NAME name TRUNCATED TO SIX CHARACTERS

Interpreting continues with the shortened name appearing in the FORTRAN output.

Errors (Severity code 8)

- 01 UNRECOGNIZABLE STATEMENT
- 02 INVALID LENGTH SPECIFICATION
Byte length must be 4 or 8.
- 03 RIGHT PARENTHESIS MISSING
Dimension extent list is not closed.
- 04 SYNTAX ERROR IN INTERVAL STATEMENT
Some other symbol was found where a separating comma was expected.
- 05 NULL ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT
Nothing appears after the "=" sign.
- 06 ILLEGAL CHARACTER "c" FOUND IN ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT
- 07 LEFT SIDE OF ASSIGNMENT STATEMENT NOT OF TYPE INTERVAL
- 08 MYSTERIOUS SYNTAX ERROR OR INTERPRETER BUG
Hopefully, this will never occur.
- 09 EXTRA "c" FOUND IN ARITHMETIC CONSTANT
An arithmetic constant contains more than one decimal point, exponent designator (E or D).
- 10 ILLEGAL SYNTACTICAL ELEMENT "element" TO RIGHT OF EQUAL SIGN
A right parenthesis or arithmetic operator other than "+" or "-" follows the "=" sign.
- 11 UNBALANCED parity PARENTHESIS
- 12 ILLEGAL SYNTACTICAL ELEMENT "element 1" TO RIGHT OF ELEMENT "element 2"
Juxtaposition of two operators, variables, constants or parenthesized expressions constituting a syntax violation.
- 13 EXPRESSION IN IF STATEMENT NOT OF TYPE INTERVAL

The severity code is passed to the job scheduler and may affect execution of following job steps.

APPENDIX B: Job Control Language

```
//JOB LIB DD DSN=NNWW.P5408.INTERVAL,DISP=SHR
//INT EXEC PGM=INTFORT
//SYS PRINT DD SYSOUT=X,DCB=(RECFM=FBA,BLKSIZE=7182,LRECL=133)
//FORTIN DD UNIT=SPOOL,SPACE=(TRK,(20,10)),DCB=(RECFM=F,BLKSIZE=80),
        DISP=(NEW,PASS)
//OUT DD UNIT=SPOOL,SPACE=(TRK,(10,5)),DCB=(RECFM=F,BLKSIZE=80)
//SYSIN DD *
        (Input to interpreter)
/*
// EXEC FORTGCG,COND=(5,LT)
//FORT.SYSIN DD DSN=*.INT.FORTIN,DISP=(OLD,DELETE)
        (See note)
//GO.SYSLIB DD DSN=SYS1.FORTLIB,DISP=SHR
//          DD DSN=*.JOB LIB,DISP=SHR
//GO.SYSIN DD *
        (data cards)          Optional
/*
```

Note: If FORTRAN subroutines that need not go through the interpreter are used, they are to be inserted at this point as follows:

```
// DD *
        (FORTRAN source)
/*
```

APPENDIX C: An Example

The following subroutine calculates the value and derivative of a polynomial by Horner's scheme. The coefficients of the polynomial are assumed to be stored in the interval array A.

```

      SUBROUTINE FUN(X,F,D,N)
I     INTERVAL X,F,D,HORNER(11),A(11)
      N1=N+1
I     HORNER(N1)=A(N1)
      DO 1 J=1,N
        I=N1-J
I     HORNER(I)=X*HORNER(I+1)+A(I)
      1 CONTINUE
I     F=HORNER(1)
I     D=HORNER(N1)
      NM=N-1
      DO 2 J=1,NM
I     D=X*D+HORNER(I)
      2 CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END

```

N.B. Note that the end of a DO loop may not be an interval statement, as all such statements are translated to subroutine calls and are thus transfer statements.

The generated FORTRAN statements are (excluding the comments, which are reproductions of the statements marked I):

```

      SUBROUTINE FUN(X,F,D,N)
      REAL*4 /EO1(2)
      REAL*4 X(2),F(2),D(2),HORNER(2,11),A(2,11)
      N1=N+1
      CALL EQU(A(1,N1),HORNER(1,N1))
      DO 1 J=1,N1
        I=N1-J
        CALL MUL(X,HORNER(1,I+1),/EO1)

```

```
      CALL ADD (/EO1,A(1,I),HORNER(1,I))
1  CONTINUE
      CALL EQU(HORNER(1,1),F)
      CALL EQU(HORNER(1,N1),D)
      NM=N-1
      DO 2 J=1,NM
      I=N1-J
      CALL MUL(X,D,/EO1)
      CALL ADD(/EO1,HORNER(1,I),D)
2  CONTINUE
      RETURN
      END
```

This routine was used in a program to compute intervals containing the roots of a polynomial that may itself have interval coefficients. The sensitivity of roots to changes in the coefficients could thus be studied.

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