# CSE 401/M501 – Compilers

Survey of Code Optimizations

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#### Administrivia

- Semantics/type checking due Tuesday (tomorrow!) night
  - Be sure to review MiniJava project description and semantics project assignment when you think you're "done"
  - And check your work (ant clean, then ant, etc.)
- CSE M 501 "project extras" requirements if your group hasn't done so yet, please figure out what you plan to do and discuss with instructor soon (send email to cse401-staff outlining what you have in mind to start)

## Agenda

- Survey some code "optimizations" (improvements)
  - Get a feel for what's possible
- Some organizing concepts
  - Basic blocks
  - Control-flow and dataflow graph
  - Analysis vs. transformation

#### **Optimizations**

- Use added passes to identify inefficiencies in intermediate or target code
- Replace with equivalent but better sequences
  - Equivalent = "has same externally visible behavior"
  - Better can mean many things: faster, smaller, use less power, ...
- "Optimize" overly optimistic: "usually improve" is generally more accurate
  - And "clever" programmers can outwit you!

Optimizer note: typically, assignment of actual registers happens later; we assume as many "pseudo registers" t*n* as we need here; using a *new* t*n* every time simplifies tracking.

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 * 4;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t5 = 2;
t6 = t5 * 4;
t7 = fp + t6;
t8 = *(t7 + boffset); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
t11 = 5;
t12 = t10 - t11;
t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t14 = t13 * 4;
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

Strength reduction: shift often cheaper than multiply

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
_{\star}t2 = t1 << 2; // was t1 * 4
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t5 = 2;
t6 = t5 << 2; // was t5 * 4
t7 = fp + t6;
t8 = *(t7 + boffset); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
t11 = 5;
t12 = t10 - t11;
t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t14 = t13 << 2; // was t13 * 4
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

```
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```

Constant propagation: replace variables with known constant values

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
 t2 = t1 << 2;
 t3 = fp + t2;
 t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
 t5 = 2;
 t6 = 2 << 2; // was t5 << 2
 t7 = fp + t6;
 t8 = *(t7 + boffset); // b[2]
 t9 = t4 + t8;
 *(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
 t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
 t11 = 5;
112 = t10 - 5; // was t10 - t11
 t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
 t14 = t13 << 2;
 t15 = fp + t14;
 *(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

Dead store (or dead assignment) elimination: remove assignments to provably unused variables

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
 t2 = t1 << 2;
 t3 = fp + t2;
 t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t6 = 2 << 2;
 t7 = fp + t6;
 t8 = *(t7 + boffset); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
 *(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
 t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
<del>^</del>±11 = 5;
 t12 = t10 - 5;
 t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
 t14 = t13 << 2;
 t15 = fp + t14;
 *(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

Constant folding: statically compute operations with known constant values

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t6 = 8; // was 2 << 2
t7 = fp + t6;
t8 = *(t7 + boffset); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
t12 = t10 - 5;
t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t14 = t13 << 2;
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

Constant propagation then dead store elimination

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t6 = 8;
7t7 = fp + 8; // was fp + t6
t8 = *(t7 + boffset); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
t12 = t10 - 5;
t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t14 = t13 << 2;
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

Arithmetic identities: + is commutative & associative. boffset is typically a known, compile-time constant (say -32), so this enables...

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t7 = boffset + 8; // was fp + 8

/t8 = *(t7 + fp); // b[2] (was t7 + boffset)
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
t12 = t10 - 5;
t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t14 = t13 << 2;
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
```

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

... more constant folding, which in turn enables ...

```
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```

More constant propagation and dead store elimination

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]

t7 = -24;

t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2] (was t7+fp)
t9 = t4 + t8;

*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
t12 = t10 - 5;
t13 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t14 = t13 << 2;
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
```

```
x = a[i] + b[2];

c[i] = x - 5;
```

Common subexpression elimination – no need to compute \*(fp+ioffset) again if we know it won't change

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = *(fp + xoffset); // x
t12 = t10 - 5;
>t13 = t1; // i (was *(fp + ioffset))
t14 = t13 << 2;
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
```

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```

Copy propagation: replace assignment targets with their values (e.g., replace t13 with t1)

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
>t10 = t9; // x (was *(fp + xoffset))
t12 = t10 - 5;
t13 = t1; // i
*t14 = t1 << 2; // was t13 << 2
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
```

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t2 = t1 << 2;
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t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = t9; // x
t12 = t10 - 5;
t13 = t1; // i
*t14 = t2; // was t1 << 2
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
```

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More copy propagation

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t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = t9; // x

*t12 = t9 - 5; // was t10 - 5
t13 = t1; // i
t14 = t2;
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
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t9 = t4 + t8;
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t10 = t9; // x
t12 = t9 - 5;
t13 = t1; // i
t14 = t2;
t15 = fp + t2; // was fp + t14
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
```

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```

More common subexpression elimination and copy propagation

```
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t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t10 = t9;
                     // x
t12 = t9 - 5;
                     // i
t13 = t1;
t14 = t2;
t15 = t3;
             // was fp + t2
*(t3 + coffset) = t12; // was *(t15 + ...)
```

```
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Dead assignment elimination

```
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t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
>t10 = t9; // x
t12 = t9 - 5;
t13 = t1; // i
*t14 = t2;
t15 = t3;
*(t3 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

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t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t8 = *(fp - 24); // b[2]
t9 = t4 + t8;
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...
t12 = t9 - 5;
*(t3 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...</pre>
```

- Final: 3 loads (i, a[i], b[2]), 2 stores (x, c[i]), 4 register-only moves, 8 +/-, 1 shift
- Original: 5 loads, 2 stores, 10 register-only moves, 12 +/-, 3 \*
- Optimizer note: we usually leave assignment of actual registers to later stage of the compiler and assume as many "pseudo registers" as we need here

### Kinds of optimizations

- peephole: look at adjacent instructions
- local: look at individual basic blocks
  - straight-line sequence of statements
- intraprocedural: look at whole procedure
  - Commonly called "global"
- interprocedural: look across procedures
  - "whole program" analysis
  - gcc's "link time optimization" is a version of this
- Larger scope => usually more effective optimization when it can be done, but more cost and complexity
  - Analysis is often less precise because of more possibilities

### Peephole Optimization

- After target code generation, look at adjacent instructions (a "peephole" on the code stream)
  - try to replace adjacent instructions with something faster

```
movq %r9,16(%rsp) movq %r9,16(%rsp) movq 16(%rsp),%r12 movq %r9,%r12
```

 Jump chaining can also be considered a form of peephole optimization (removing jump to jump)

# More Examples

| <pre>subq \$8,%rax movq %r2,0(%rax) # %rax modified # before next read</pre> | movq %r2,-8(%rax) |
|--|-------------------|
| movq 16(%rsp),%rax addq \$1,%rax   | incq 16(%rsp)     |
| <pre>movq %rax,16(%rsp) # %rax modified # before next read</pre>             |                   |

One way to do complex instruction selection

### Algebraic Simplification

"constant folding", "strength reduction"

```
-z = 3 + 4; \rightarrow z = 7
-z = x + 0; \rightarrow z = x
-z = x * 1; \rightarrow z = x
-z = x * 2; \rightarrow z = x << 1 \text{ or } z = x + x
-z = x * 8; \rightarrow z = x << 3
-z = x / 8; \rightarrow z = x >> 3 \text{ (only if know } x>=0)}
-z = (x + y) - y; \rightarrow z = x \text{ (maybe; not doubles, might change int overflow)}
```

- Can be done at many levels from peephole on up
- Why do these examples happen?
  - Often created during conversion to lower-level IR, by other optimizations, code gen, etc.

### **Local Optimizations**

- Analysis and optimizations within a basic block
- Basic block: straight-line sequence of statements
  - no control flow into or out of middle of sequence
- Better than peephole
- Not too hard to implement with reasonable IR

Machine-independent, if done on IR

- If variable assigned a constant, replace downstream uses of the variable with the constant (until variable reassigned)
- Can enable more constant folding
  - Code; unoptimized intermediate code:

```
count = 10;
... // count not changed
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
x = 7;

tount = 10;
t1 = count;
t2 = 5;
t3 = t1 * t2;
x = t3;
t4 = x;
t5 = 3;
t6 = exp(t4,t5);
y = t6;
x = 7
```

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  - Code; constant propagation:

```
count = 10;
... // count not changed
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
x = 7;

count = 10;
t1 = 10;  // cp count
t2 = 5;
t3 = 10 * t2;  // cp t1
x = t3;
t4 = x;
t5 = 3;
t6 = exp(t4,3);  // cp t5
y = t6;
x = 7
```

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```
count = 10;
... // count not changed
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
x = 7;

count = 10;
t1 = 10;
t2 = 5;
t3 = 50;
// 10*t2
x = t3;
t4 = x;
t5 = 3;
t6 = exp(t4,3);
y = t6;
x = 7;
```

- If variable assigned a constant, replace downstream uses of the variable with constant (until variable reassigned)
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  - Code; repropagated intermediate code

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... // count not changed
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
x = 7;

count = 10;
t1 = 10;
t2 = 5;
t3 = 50;
x = 50;  // cp t3
t4 = 50;  // cp x
t5 = 3;
t6 = exp(50,3); // cp t4
y = t6;
x = 7;
```

- If variable assigned a constant, replace downstream uses of the variable with constant (until variable reassigned)
- Can enable more constant folding
  - Code; refold intermediate code

```
count = 10;
... // count not changed
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
x = 7;

count = 10;
t1 = 10;
t2 = 5;
t3 = 50;
x = 50;
t4 = 50;
t5 = 3;
t6 = 125000; // cf 50^3
y = t6;
x = 7;
```

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y = x ^ 3;
x = 7;

count = 10;
t1 = 10;
t2 = 5;
t3 = 50;
x = 50;
t4 = 50;
t5 = 3;
t6 = 125000;
y = 125000; // cp t6
x = 7;
```

### Local Dead Assignment Elimination

- If l.h.s. of assignment never referenced again before being overwritten, then can delete assignment
  - Why would this happen?
     Clean-up after previous optimizations, often

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x = 7;

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x = 50;
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t6 = 125000;
y = 125000;
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t3 = 50;
x = 50;
t4 = 50;
t5 = 3;
t6 = 125000;
y = 125000;
x = 7;
count = 10;
t1 = 10;
count = 10;
t2 = 5;
t3 = 50;
t3 = 50;
t4 = 50;
t5 = 3;
t6 = 125000;
x = 7;
```

### Local Common Subexpression Elimination

- Look for repetitions of the same computation. Eliminate them if result won't have changed and no side effects
  - Avoid repeated calculation and eliminates redundant loads
- Idea: walk through basic block keeping track of available expressions

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset);

t2 = t1 * 4;

t3 = fp + t2;

t4 = *(t3 + aoffset);

t5 = *(fp + ioffset);

t6 = t5 * 4;

t7 = fp + t6;

t8 = *(t7 + boffset);

t9 = t4 + t8;
```

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```
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t2 = t1 * 4;

t3 = fp + t2;

t4 = *(t3 + aoffset);

t5 = t1; // CSE

t6 = t5 * 4;

t7 = fp + t6;

t8 = *(t7 + boffset);

t9 = t4 + t8;
```

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```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset);

t2 = t1 * 4;

t3 = fp + t2;

t4 = *(t3 + aoffset);

t5 = t1;

t6 = t1 * 4; // CP

t7 = fp + t6;

t8 = *(t7 + boffset);

t9 = t4 + t8;
```

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t3 = fp + t2;

t4 = *(t3 + aoffset);

t5 = t1;

t6 = t2;  // CSE

t7 = fp + t2; // CP

t8 = *(t7 + boffset);

t9 = t4 + t8;
```

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```
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t2 = t1 * 4;

t3 = fp + t2;

t4 = *(t3 + aoffset);

t5 = t1;

t6 = t2;

t7 = t3; // CSE

t8 = *(t3 + boffset); //cp

t9 = t4 + t8;
```

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```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset);

t2 = t1 * 4;

t3 = fp + t2;

t4 = *(t3 + aoffset);

t5 = t1; // DAE

t6 = t2; // DAE

t7 = t3; // DAE

t8 = *(t3 + boffset);

t9 = t4 + t8;
```

# Intraprocedural optimizations

- Enlarge scope of analysis to whole procedure
  - more opportunities for optimization
  - have to deal with branches, merges, and loops
- Can do constant propagation, common subexpression elimination, etc. at "global" level
- Can do new things, e.g. loop optimizations
- Optimizing compilers often work at this level (-02)

#### **Code Motion**

- Goal: move loop-invariant calculations out of loops
- Can do at source level or at intermediate code level

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i+1) {
   a[i] = a[i] + b[j];
   z = z + 10000;
}

t1 = b[j];
t2 = 10000;
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i+1) {
   a[i] = a[i] + t1;
   z = z + t2;
}</pre>
```

#### Code Motion at IL

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i+1) {
  a[i] = b[j];
  *(fp + ioffset) = 0;
label top;
  t0 = *(fp + ioffset);
  iffalse (t0 < 10) goto done;
  t1 = *(fp + joffset);
  t2 = t1 * 4;
  t3 = fp + t2;
  t4 = *(t3 + boffset);
  t5 = *(fp + ioffset);
  t6 = t5 * 4;
 t7 = fp + t6;
  *(t7 + aoffset) = t4;
  t9 = *(fp + ioffset);
  t10 = t9 + 1;
  *(fp + ioffset) = t10;
  goto top;
label done;
```

#### Code Motion at IL

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i+1){
  a[i] = b[i];
  *(fp + ioffset) = 0;
label top;
  t0 = *(fp + ioffset);
 iffalse (t0 < 10) goto dome
 t1 = *(fp + joffset)/;
 t2 = t1 * 4;
 t3 = fp + boffset;
 t4 = *(t3 + t2);
 t5 = *(fp + ioffset)/
 t6 = t5 * 4;
 t7 = fp + aoffset;
 *(t7 + t6) = t4;
 t9 = *(fp + ioffset);
 t10 = t9 + 1;
  *(fp + ioffset)' = t10;
  goto top;
label done;
```

```
t11 = fp + ioffset;
t12 = fp + joffset;
t13 = fp + boffset;
t14 = fp + aoffset; \leftarrow
  *(fp + ioffset) = 0;
label top;
  t0 = *t11;
  iffalse (t0 < 10) goto done
  t1 = *t12;
  t2 = t1 * 4;
  t3 = t13;
 t4 = *(t13 + t2);
  t5 = *t11;
  t6 = t5 * 4;
 t7 = t14;
 *(t14 + t6) = t4;
 t9 = *t11;
 t10 = t9 + 1;
  *t11 = t10;
  goto top;
label done;
```

#### Loop Induction Variable Elimination

- Common special case of loop-based strength reduction
- For-loop index is induction variable
  - incremented each time around loop
  - offsets & pointers calculated from it
- If used only to index arrays, rewrite with pointers
  - compute initial offsets/pointers before loop
  - increment offsets/pointers each time around loop
  - no expensive scaling in loop
  - then do loopinvariant code motion

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i+1) {
   a[i] = a[i] + x;
}

for (p = &a[0]; p < &a[10]; p = p+4) {
   *p = *p + x;
}</pre>
```

## Interprocedural Optimization

- Expand scope of analysis to procedures calling each other
- Can do local & intraprocedural optimizations at larger scope
- Can do new optimizations, e.g. inlining

# Inlining: replace call with body

```
Especially important
Replace procedure call with body of callee
                                                for object getter/setter
                                                methods, to avoid
Source:
                                                overhead for these
     final double pi = 3.1415927;
                                                frequent but trivial
     double circle area(double radius) {
                                                procedure calls
        return pi * (radius * radius);
     double r = 5.0;
     double a = circle area(r);
After inlining:
                                         Actually, closer to this:
                                          double t = r
     double r = 5.0;
                                          double a = pi * t * t
                                         And worry about scopes, etc.
     double a = pi * r * r;
```

• (Then what? Constant propagation/folding)

# Data Structures for Optimizations

- Need to represent control and data flow
- Control flow graph (CFG) captures flow of control
  - nodes are IL statements, or whole basic blocks
  - edges represent (all possible) control flow
  - node with multiple successors = branch/switch
  - node with multiple predecessors = merge
  - cycle in graph = loop
- Data flow graph (DFG) captures flow of data, e.g. def/use chains:
  - nodes are def(inition)s and uses
  - edge from def to use
  - a def can reach multiple uses
  - a use can have multiple reaching defs (different control flow paths, possible aliasing, etc.)
- SSA: another widely used way of linking defs and uses

# **Analysis and Transformation**

- Each optimization is made up of
  - some number of analyses
  - followed by a transformation
- Analyze CFG and/or DFG by propagating info forward or backward along CFG and/or DFG edges
  - merges in graph require combining info
  - loops in graph require iterative approximation
- Perform (improving) transformations based on info computed
- Analysis must be conservative/safe/sound so that transformations preserve program behavior

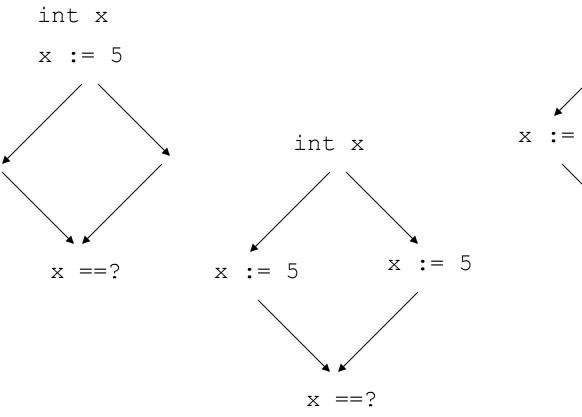
#### Example: Constant Propagation, Folding

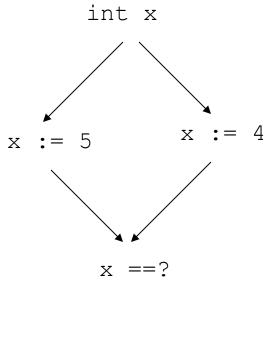
- Can use either the CFG or the DFG
- CFG analysis info: table mapping each variable in scope to one of:
  - a particular constant
  - NonConstant
  - Undefined
- Transformation at each instruction:
  - If an assignment of a constant to a variable, set variable as a constant with known value
  - If reference to a variable that the table maps to a constant, then replace with that constant (constant propagation)
  - if r.h.s. expression involves only constants, and has no side-effects, then perform operation at compile-time and replace r.h.s. with constant result (constant folding)
- For best analysis, do constant folding as part of analysis, to learn all constants in one pass

# Merging data flow analysis info

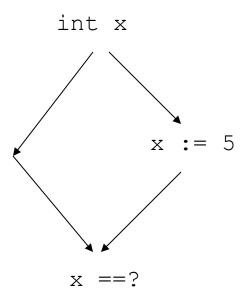
- Constraint: merge results must be sound
  - if something is believed true after the merge, then it must be true no matter which path we took into the merge
  - only things true along all predecessors are true after the merge
- To merge two maps of constant information, build map by merging corresponding variable information
- To merge information about two variables:
  - if one is Undefined, keep the other
  - if both are the same constant, keep that constant
  - otherwise, degenerate to NonConstant (NC)

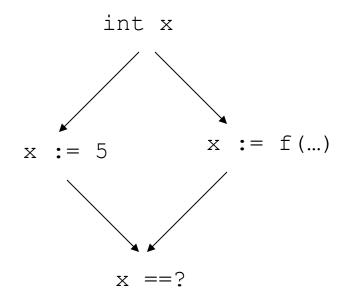
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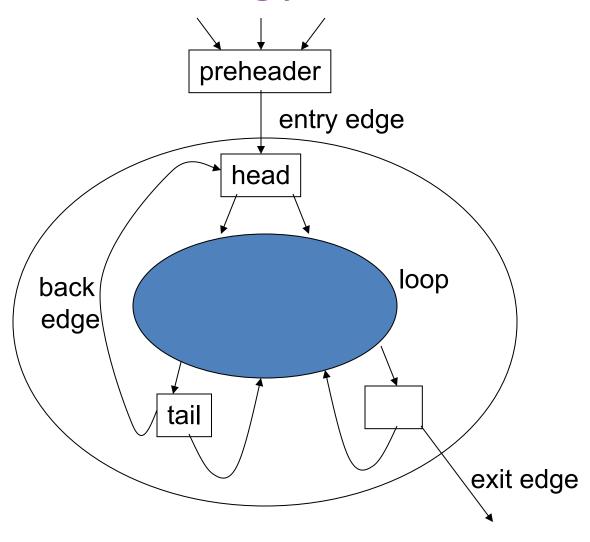


## How to analyze loops

```
i = 0;
x = 10;
y = 20;
while (...) {
  // what's true here?
  i = i + 1;
  y = 30;
// what's true here?
... x ... i ... y ...
```

- Safe but imprecise: forget everything when we enter or exit a loop
- Precise but unsafe: keep everything when we enter or exit a loop
- Can we do better?

# **Loop Terminology**



# **Optimistic Iterative Analysis**

- Initially assume information at loop head is same as information at loop entry
- Then analyze loop body, computing information at back edge
- Merge information at loop back edge and loop entry
- Test if merged information is same as original assumption
  - If so, then we're done
  - If not, then replace previous assumption with merged information,
  - and go back to analysis of loop body

# Example

```
i = 0;
x = 10;
y = 20;
while (...) {
                             i = 0, x = 10, y = 20
   // what's true here?
   i = i + 1;
   y = 30;}
// what's true here?
                             i = 1, x = 10, y = 30
... x ... i ... y ...
```

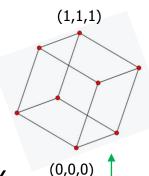
# Example

```
i = 0;
x = 10;
y = 20;
while (...) {
                              i = NC, x = 10, y = NC
   // what's true here?
   i = i + 1;
   y = 30;}
// what's true here?
                              i = NC, x = 10, y = NC
... x ... i ... y ...
```

# Why does this work?

- Why are the results always conservative?
- Because if the algorithm stops, then
  - the loop head info is at least as conservative as both the loop entry info and the loop back edge info
  - the analysis within the loop body is conservative, given the assumption that the loop head info is conservative
- Will it terminate?
  - Yes, if there are only a finite number of times we can merge information before reaching worst-case info (e.g., NonConstant / NC in this example)

# Termination – more generally



- Suppose alg has a "state" vector  $x = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$ , each  $x_i$  from a *finite*, ordered set, say  $\{0,1\}$  or  $\{1,2,3\}$
- If each state transition (iteration of an alg, such as prev few slides) allowed, say,  $x_i$  to go up while  $x_j$  goes down, then  $\infty$  iteration is possible:  $(0,1) \rightarrow (1,0) \rightarrow (0,1) \rightarrow ...$
- *BUT*, if alg ensures that, at each iteration, old- $x_i \le \text{new-}x_i$ , then termination is certain: You can only increase  $x_i$  a *finite* number of times before you hit the top value
- E.g., if  $x_i \in \{0,1\}$ ,  $x = (x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$  are corners of an n-cube; at worst, alg walks from (0,0,...,0) to (1,1,...,1) in  $\leq$  n steps —
- Math Jargon: such a structure is typically called a "lattice".

# More analyses

- Alias analysis
  - Detect when different references may or must refer to the same memory locations
- Escape analysis
  - Pointers that are live on exit from procedures
  - Pointed-to data may "escape" to other procedures or threads
- Dependence analysis
  - Determining which references depend on which other references
  - One application: analyze array subscripts that depend on loop induction variables to determine which loop iterations depend on each other
    - Key analysis for loop parallelization/vectorization

## Summary

- Optimizations organized as collections of passes, each rewriting IL in place into (hopefully) better version
- Each pass does analysis to determine what is possible, followed by transformation(s) that (hopefully) improve the program
  - Sometimes "analysis-only" passes are helpful
  - Often redo analysis/transformations again to take advantage of possibilities revealed by previous changes
- Presence of optimizations makes other parts of compiler (e.g. intermediate and target code generation) easier to write since they can defer to optimization pass to improve/clean up simple-andeasy-to-generate-correct-but-not-clever code