

CSE P 501 – Compilers

Introduction to Optimization

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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, less power, etc.
- “Optimize” overly optimistic: “usually improve” is generally more accurate
 - And “clever” programmers can outwit you!

An example

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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] := ...
```

An example

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Strength reduction: shift
often cheaper than multiply

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
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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An example

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

An example

```
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] := ...
```

An example

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

Constant propagation then
dead store elimination

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t6 = 8;
t7 = 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] := ...
```

An example

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```

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] := ...
```

An example

```
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```

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

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
t2 = t1 << 2;
t3 = fp + t2;
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t7 = -24;           // was boffset (-32) + 8
t8 = *(t7 + fp); // 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] := ...
```

An example

```
x = a[i] + b[2];
c[i] = x - 5;
```

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] := ...
```

An example

```
x = a[i] + b[2];
c[i] = x - 5;
```

Common subexpression
elimination – no need to
compute *(fp+i offset) 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] := ...
```

An example

```
x = a[i] + b[2];
c[i] = x - 5;
```

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] := ...
```

An example

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```

Common subexpression
elimination

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t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i
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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 = t10 - 5;
t13 = t1;               // i
t14 = t2;               // was t1 << 2
t15 = fp + t14;
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

An example

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```

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

- 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 16(%rsp),%r12
```

```
movq %r9,16(%rsp)
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>	<pre>movq %r2,-8(%rax)</pre>
<pre>movq 16(%rsp),%rax addq \$1,%rax movq %rax,16(%rsp) # %rax modified # before next read</pre>	<pre>incq 16(%rsp)</pre>

- One way to do complex instruction selection

Algebraic Simplification

- “constant folding”, “strength reduction”
 - $z = 3 + 4;$ $\rightarrow z = 7$
 - $z = x + 0;$ $\rightarrow z = x$
 - $z = x * 1;$ $\rightarrow z = x$
 - $z = x * 2;$ $\rightarrow z = x \ll 1$ or $z = x + x$
 - $z = x * 8;$ $\rightarrow z = x \ll 3$
 - $z = x / 8;$ $\rightarrow z = x \gg 3$ (only if $x \geq 0$ known)
 - $z = (x + y) - y;$ $\rightarrow z = x$ (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

Local Constant Propagation

- If variable assigned a constant, replace downstream uses of the variable with 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;
```

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

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```

```
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;
```

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 - Code; refold intermediate code

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```

```
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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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 = 50;  
t4 = 50;  
t5 = 3;  
t6 = 125000;  
y = 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

```
... a[i] + b[i] ...
```

```
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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```

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

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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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t6 = t2;          // CSE
t7 = fp + t2; // CP
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t6 = t2;
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t9 = t4 + t8;
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... a[i] + b[i] ...
```

```
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 usually work at this level (-O2)

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;  
}
```

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

Loop Induction Variable Elimination

- A special and common 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, can rewrite with pointers
 - compute initial offsets/pointers before loop
 - increment offsets/pointers each time around loop
 - no expensive scaling in loop
 - can then do loop-invariant code motion

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

```
}
```

=> transformed to

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

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

- Replace procedure call with body of called procedure
- Source:

```
final double pi = 3.1415927;
double circle_area(double radius) {
    return pi * (radius * radius);
}
...
double r = 5.0;
...
double a = circle_area(r);
```

- After inlining:

```
...
double r = 5.0;
...
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
 - loop 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

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-and-easy-to-generate-correct-but-not-clever code