CSE 401 – Compilers

Survey of Code Optimizations

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Administrivia

- Codegen assignment:
 - Added: please put your boot.c file in src/boot.c
 - (so we can run your compiled code with your runtime)
 - Also: we updated boot.c to use the proper formatting code for 64-bit int put. Not crucial, but change if you want
 - No change: be sure that MiniJava.main still works as specified – not moved to some package somewhere
 - Check out cse401 project web page for x86-64 info and links

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, reduce energy consumption, etc.
- Target-independent optimizations best done on IL code
 - Remove redundant computations, eliminate dead code, etc.
- Target-dependent optimizations best done on target code
 - Tailor code sequences to particular machines
- "Optimize" overly optimistic: "usually improve" is generally more accurate
 - And "clever" programmers can outwit you!

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

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

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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
_{4}t2 = t1 << 2; // was t1 * 4
 t3 = fp + t2;
 t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]
t5 = 2;
_{4}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 \ll 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
t11 = 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;
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] := ...
```

```
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 ...

```
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] := ...</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)

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

```
x = a[i] + b[2];
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More copy propagation

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t2 = t1 << 2;
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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] := ...
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t10 = t9; // x
t12 = t9 - 5;
t13 = t1; // i
t14 = t2;
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Dead assignment elimination

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

- Final: 3 loads (i, a[i], b[2]), 2 stores (x, c[i]), 5 register-only moves, 9 +/-, 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 better optimization 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 overwritten</pre>	movq %r2,-8(%rax)
movq 16(%rsp),%rax addq \$1,%rax movq %rax,16(%rsp) # %rax overwritten	incq 16(%rsp)

• One way to do complex instruction selection

Algebraic Simplification

"constant folding", "strength reduction"

```
- z = 3 + 4;  → z = 7

- z = x + 0;  → z = x

- z = x * 1;  → z = x

- z = x * 2;  → z = x << 1 or z = x + x

- z = x * 8;  → z = x << 3

- z = x / 8;  → z = x >> 3 (only if x>=0 known)

- z = (x + y) - y;  → 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

- 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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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;
... // count not changed
                             t1 = 10;
x = count * 5;
                             t2 = 5;
                                         // 10*t2
                             t3 = 50;
y = x ^3;
                             x = t3:
x = 7;
                             t4 = x;
                             t5 = 3:
                             t6 = \exp(t4,3);
                             y = t6;
                             x = 7:
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 - Code; refold intermediate code

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

x = 50;
t4 = 50;
t5 = 3;
t6 = 125000; // cf 50^3
y = t6;
x = 7;
```

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t4 = 50;
t5 = 3;
t6 = 125000;
y = 125000; // cp t6
x = 7;
```

Local Dead Assignment Elimination

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 - Why would this happen?
 Clean-up after previous optimizations, often

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x = 7;

x = 7;

count = 10;
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t4 = 50;
t5 = 3;
t6 = 125000;
y = 125000;
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t3 = 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

```
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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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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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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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 usually 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;
 qoto 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;
}</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

- 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.)

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

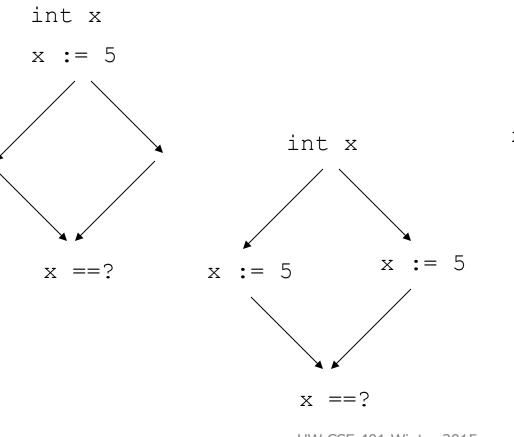
Example: Constant Propagation, Folding

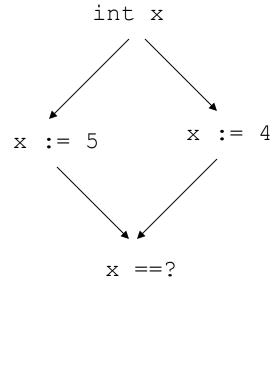
- Can use either the CFG or the DFG
- CFG analysis info: table mapping each variable in scope to one of:
 - a particular constant
 - NonConstant
 - Undefined
- Transformation at each instruction:
 - If an assignment of a constant to a variable, set variable as a constant with known value
 - If reference 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

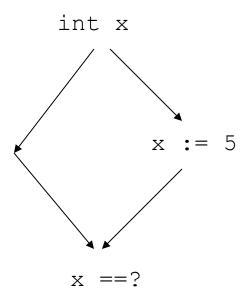
- Constraint: merge results must be sound
 - if something is believed true after the merge, then it must be true no matter which path we took into the merge
 - only things true along all predecessors are true after the merge
- To merge two maps of constant information, build map by merging corresponding 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)

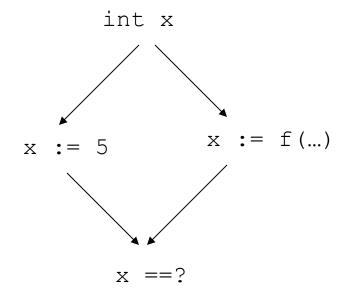
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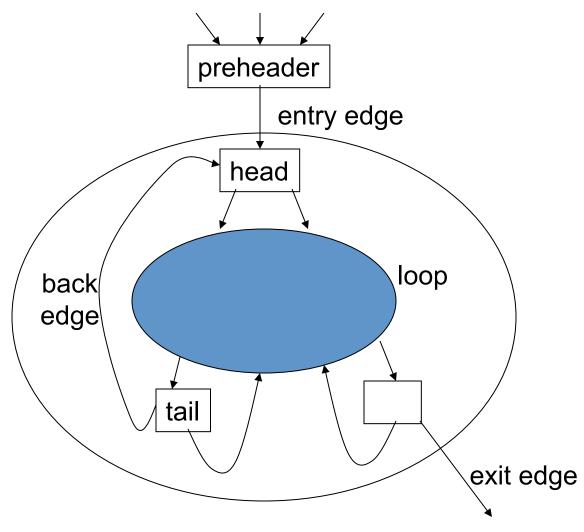


How to analyze loops

```
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;
                              i = 1, x = 10, y = 30
// what's true here?
... 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)

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