



# CSE 401 – Compilers

Lecture 21: Optimization Overview

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## Reminders



- Project Part 3 due tonight.
- Project Part 4 will be due in two weeks – March 15.
- Laure out of town next week – so she won't have office hours on Monday.



## 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 (“has the same externally visible behavior”) but better sequences
  - Better can mean many things: faster, smaller, less memory, more energy-efficient, etc.
- Target-independent optimizations best done on IL code
  - Removing redundant computations, dead code, etc.
- Target-dependent optimizations best done on target code
  - Generating sequence that are more efficient on a particular machine
- “Optimize” overly optimistic: “usually improve” is generally more accurate
  - And “clever” programmers can outwit you!



## An example



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



## An example



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

Strength Reduction: shift  
often cheaper than multiply

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t5 = 2;  
t6 = 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 - t11;  
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 propagation:  
Replace variables with  
known constant value.

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



# An example



```
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]
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



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x = a[i] + b[2];  
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Remove stores 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  
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 only constant operands.

```
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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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]  
t7 = fp + 8;  
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];  
c[i] = x - 5;
```

Applying arithmetic identities: We know + is commutative & associative. boffset is typically a known compile-time constant (say, -30), so this enables ...

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t7 = boffset + 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 folding.  
Which in turn enables ...

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t7 = -22; // was boffset(-30) + 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 = t7 + 22;  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // 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] := ...
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## An example



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More constant propagation  
and dead store elimination.

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t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // 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;
```

Common subexpression elimination: No need to compute  $*(fp+ioffset)$  twice if we know it won't change.

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // 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 - 22); // 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



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

More copy propagation

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // b[2]  
t9 = t4 + t8;  
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...  
t10 = t9; // x  
t12 = t9 - 5; // Was t10 - 5  
t13 = t1; // i  
t14 = t1 << 2;  
t15 = fp + t14;  
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```



## An example



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```

Common subexpression elimination.

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t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // b[2]  
t9 = t4 + t8;  
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...  
t10 = t9; // x  
t12 = t9 - 5;  
t13 = t1; // i  
t14 = t2; // was t1 << 2  
t15 = fp + t14;  
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```



## An example



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

Copy Propagation

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t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // b[2]  
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] := ...
```



## An example



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

Dead Assignment  
Elimination

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // 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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Elimination

```
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t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // b[2]  
t9 = t4 + t8;  
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...  
t12 = t9 - 5;  
t15 = fp + t2;  
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```



## An example



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

```
t1 = *(fp + ioffset); // i  
t2 = t1 << 2;  
t3 = fp + t2;  
t4 = *(t3 + aoffset); // a[i]  
t8 = *(fp - 22); // b[2]  
t9 = t4 + t8;  
*(fp + xoffset) = t9; // x = ...  
t12 = t9 - 5;  
t15 = fp + t2;  
*(t15 + coffset) = t12; // c[i] := ...
```

- 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 typically deals in "pseudo-registers" – can have as many as you want – and lets register allocator figure out optimal assignments of pseudo-registers to real registers.)



## 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, e.g., store and load with store and register move:

<pre>movq %r9,12(%rsp) movq 12(%rsp),%r12</pre>	<pre>movq %r9,12(%rsp) movq %r9,%r12</pre>
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- Jump chaining can also be considered a form of peephole optimization (removing jump-to-jump)



## More Examples



<pre>subq \$4,%r1 movq %r2,0(%r1) # %r1 overwritten</pre>	<pre>movq %r2, -4(%r1)</pre>
<pre>movq 12(%rsp),%rax addq \$1,%rax movq %rax,12(%rsp) # %rax overwritten</pre>	<pre>incq 12(%rsp)</pre>

- One way to do complex instruction selection



## Algebraic Simplification



- “constant folding”: pre-calculate operation on constant
- “strength reduction”: replace operation with a cheaper operation
- “simplification”: applying algebraic identities
  - $z = 3 + 4; \rightarrow z = 7;$
  - $z = x + 0; \rightarrow z = x;$
  - $z = x * 1; \rightarrow z = x;$
  - $z = x * 2; \rightarrow z = x \ll 1; \text{ or } z = x + x;$
  - $z = x * 8; \rightarrow z = x \ll 3;$
  - $z = x / 8; \rightarrow z = x \gg 3;$
  - $z = (x + y) - y; \rightarrow z = x;$
- Can be done at many levels, from peephole on up.
- Why do these examples happen?
  - Often created: Conversion to lower-level IR, Other optimizations, Code generation



## Higher-level Example: Loop-based Strength Reduction



```
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {  
    foo[i] = i;  
}
```

```
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {  
    *(foo + i * elementSize) = i;  
}
```

```
t1 = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < size; i++) {  
    *(foo + t1) = i;  
    t1 = t1 + 8;  
}
```

- Sometimes multiplication by the loop variable in a loop can be replaced by additions into a temporary accumulator
- Similarly, exponentiation can be replaced by multiplication.



## 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 a reasonable IR



## Local Constant Propagation



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

```
count = 10;
... // No count assigns
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
```

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



## Local Constant Propagation



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

```
count = 10;
... // No count assigns
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
```

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





## Local Constant Propagation



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

```
count = 10;
... // No count assigns
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
```

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



## Local Constant Propagation



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

```
count = 10;
... // No count assigns
x = count * 5;
y = x ^ 3;
```

```
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;
```



## Local Constant Propagation



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

<pre>count = 10; ... // No count assigns x = count * 5; y = x ^ 3;</pre>	<pre>count = 10 t1 = 10; t2 = 5; t3 = 50; x = 50; t4 = 50; t5 = 3; t6 = 125000; // CF 50^3 y = t6;</pre>
--	--



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--	--



## Local Dead Assignment Elimination



- If left side of assignment never referenced again before being overwritten, then can delete assignment
  - Why would this happen?
  - Clean-up after previous optimizations, often
- Intermediate code after constant propagation:

<pre>count = 10; ... // No count assigns x = count * 5; y = x ^ 3; x = 7;</pre>	<pre>count = 10; t1 = 10; t2 = 5; t3 = 50; x = 50; t4 = 50; t5 = 3; t6 = 125000; y = 125000; x = 7;</pre>
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---	--



## Local Common Subexpression Elimination



- Looks for repetitions of the same computation, and eliminate them if the result won't have changed (and no side effects)
  - Avoids repeating the same calculation
  - Eliminates redundant loads
- Idea: walk 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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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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t6 = t2; // CSE  
t7 = fp + t2; // CP  
t8 = *(t7 + boffset);  
t9 = t4 + t8;
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## 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 function-wide 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 + (foo*bar)^2;  
}
```

```
t1 = b[j];  
t2 = (foo*bar)^2;  
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i+1) {  
    a[i] = a[i] + t1;  
    z = z + t2;  
}
```



## Code Motion at IL



```
*(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



```
t11 = fp + ioffset; t13 = fp + aoffset;
t12 = fp + joffset; t14 = fp + boffset;
*t11 = 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 an *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

```
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i+1) {  
    a[i] = a[i] + x; // a[i] is *(a + i*4)  
}  
- => 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, and substituting actual arguments for formal parameters
- 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 basic blocks
  - edges represent (all possible) control flow
  - node with multiple successors = branch/switch
  - node with multiple predecessors = merge or join point
  - loop in graph = loop
- Data flow graph (DFG) capture flow of data, e.g. def/use chains:
  - nodes are def(inition)s and uses of data/variables
  - edges from defs to uses of (potentially) the same data
  - a def can reach multiple uses
  - a use can have multiple reaching defs (different control flow, 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 encounter an assignment of a constant to a variable, set variable as constant
  - 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



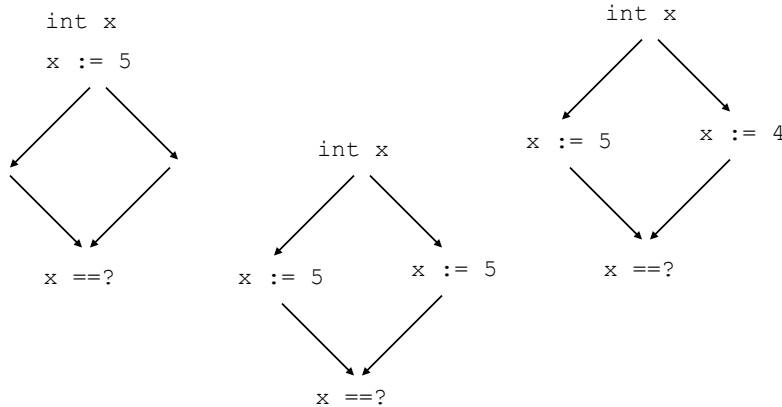
## Merging data flow analysis info



- 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 variable
  - if one is Undefined, keep the other (uninitialized variables in many languages allowed to have any value)
  - if both are the **same** constant, keep that constant
  - otherwise, degenerate to NonConstant

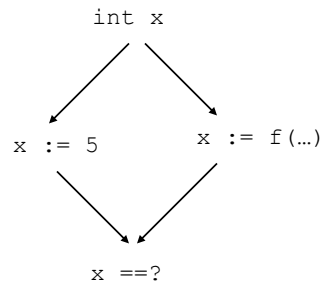
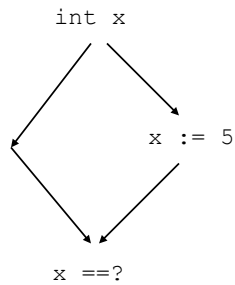


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## How to analyze loops

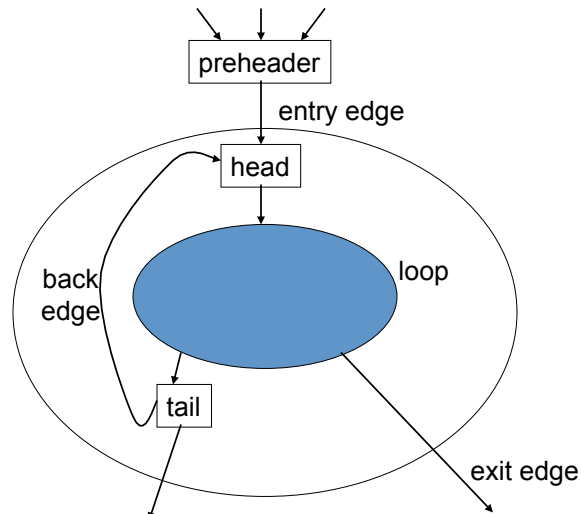


```
i = 0;
x = 10;
y = 20;
while (...) {
  // what's true here?
  ...
  i = i + 1;
  y = 30;
}
// what's true here?
... x ... i ... y ...
```

- 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?



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## Optimistic Iterative Analysis



- Assuming 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

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```

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`i = 1, x = 10, y = 30`



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## 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



## 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 other references
  - May analyze array subscripts that depend on loop induction variables, to determine which loop iterations depend on each other.
    - Important 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 a transformation that (hopefully) improves the program
  - Sometimes have “analysis-only” passes – produce info used by later passes
- Next week we’ll look in a bit more depth at some analyses and transformations.