

Parallelism Detection

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Motivation

- In science/engineering applications, loop parallelism is most important source of parallelism.
- If a loop does not have data dependences between any two iterations then it can be safely executed in parallel
- Very simple examples

```
DO i=1,100,2
  B(2*i) = ...
  ... = B(3*i)
ENDDO
```

Statement Reordering:
Can these two statements be swapped?

```
DO i=1,100,2
  B(2*i) = ...
  ... = B(2*i) + B(3*i)
ENDDO
```

Loop Parallelization: Can the iterations of this loop be run concurrently?

- A data dependence exists between two data references iff:
 - both references access the same storage location
 - at least one of them is a write access

Motivation

■ Simple cases

- 1-dimensional array enclosed by a single loop

✓ Can $4*i$ ever be equal to $2*i+1$ within $i \in [1, n]$?

```
DO i=1,1000
  a(4*i) = ...
  ... = a(2*i+1)
END DO
```

$$4*i - 2*i = -1$$

- 1-dimensional array enclosed by two loops

```
DO i = 1, 100
  DO j = 1, 100
    X(a1*i + b1*j + c1) = ...
    ... = X(a2*i + b2*j + c2)
  END DO
END DO
```

$$\begin{aligned} a_1*i - a_2*i + b_1*j - b_2*j &= c_2 - c_1 \\ 1 \leq i &\leq n \\ 1 \leq j &\leq m \end{aligned}$$

- In general:

✓ Given two subscript functions f and g and loop bounds lower, upper.

- Does $f(i_1) = g(i_2)$ have a solution such that $lower \leq i_1, i_2 \leq upper$

Motivation

■ Simple cases (cont)

- 2-dimensional array enclosed by a two loops

```
DO i=1,n
  DO j=1,m
    X(a1*i + b1*j + c1, d1*i + e1*j + f1) = ...
    ... = X(a2*i + b2*j + c2, d2*i + e2*j + f2)
  ENDDO
ENDDO
```

$$\begin{aligned}a_1*i - a_2*i + b_1*j - b_2*j &= c_2 - c_1 \\ d_1*i - d_2*i + e_1*j - e_2*j &= f_2 - f_1 \\ 1 \leq i &\leq n \\ 1 \leq j &\leq m\end{aligned}$$

■ In a general situation with n nested loops working with n -dimensional data structures

- Is there a dependence between S1 and S2 ?

```
DO i1 = 1, 10
  DO i2 = 1, 100
    ...
    DO in = 1, 100
      S1    A( f1(i1, i2, ..., in), f2(i1, i2, ..., in), ..., fn(i1, i2, ..., in) ) = ...
      S2    ... = A( g1(i1, i2, ..., in), g2(i1, i2, ..., in), ..., gn(i1, i2, ..., in) )
    END DO
    ...
  END DO
END DO
```

Motivation

- Is there a dependence between S1 and S2 ?
 - A and B might or might not point to the same memory region

```
SUBROUTINE P(A,B,...)
  DIMENSION A(NX,NY,NZ), B(NX,NY,NZ)
  ...
  DO i = 1, NX
    DO j = 1, NY
      DO k = 1, NZ
S1    A( f0(i,j,k), f1(i,j,k), f2(i,j,k) ) = ...
S2    ... = B( g0(i,j,k), g1(i,j,k), g2(i,j,k) )
      END DO
    END DO
  END DO
END
```

Motivation

■ Is the *k*-loop parallel ?

- Subroutine call hides both references

✓ $B(i)$, $A(i,1)$

```
SUBROUTINE P(A,B,...)
  DIMENSION A(NX,NY,NZ), B(NX,NY,NZ)
  ...
  DO k = 1, NZ
    CALL COMPUTE(A(1,1,k), B(1,1,k), ..., NZ)
  END DO
END
```

```
SUBROUTINE COMPUTE(A,B,...,NZ)
  DIMENSION A(NX,NY), B(NX)
  ...
  DO i = 1, NZ
    ... = B(i)
    A(i,1) = ...
  END DO
END
```

Motivation

■ This course would be pointless if ...

- the mathematical formulation of the data dependence problem had an accurate and fast solution, and
- there were enough loops in programs without any data dependences, and
- dependence-free code could be executed directly and efficiently.

Array Subscripting Patterns

■ Classification of array subscripting patterns

Subscript	Description	Subscript	Description
SS	Subscripted subscripts	CS	Coupled subscripts
NA	Non-affine subscripts	MI	Multi-index subscripts
TA	Affine subscripts in triangular loops	SA	Simple affine subscripts

```
SUBROUTINE sub(n, b, c, z)
```

```
  INTEGER z[0 : n]
```

```
  REAL a[0 : 31], b[0:n,0:n], c[0:n]
```

```
  DO i1 = 0, n, 1
```

Coupled Subscript (CS)

```
    b(i1, i1) = c(z(i1))
```

Subscripted subscripts (SS)

```
    DO i2 = 0, n, 1
```

Simple Affine subscript (SA)

```
      b(n-i1, i2) = a(8*i1+i2) + a(i1+8*i2+1)
```

```
    ENDDO
```

Multi-index subscript (MI)

```
    DO j2 = 0, i1, 1
```

Non-Affine subscript (NA)

```
      a(i1*(i1+1)/2+j2) = c(j2)
```

```
    ENDDO
```

Affine subscript in triangular loop (TA)

```
  END DO
```

```
END
```

Array Subscripting Patterns

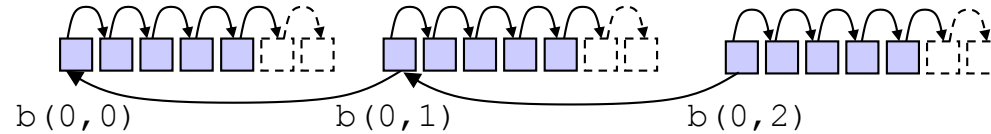
■ Classification of array subscripting patterns

subscripts	adm	arc2d	bdna	dyfesm	flo52	mdg	ocean	qcd	swim	tfft2	tomcatv	trfd	turb3d
SS	0.2	2.0	2.9	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.8	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.0	3.8	0.0	2.2	0.0
TA	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	0.0	0.3	10.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
MI	44.4	11.7	0.1	5.2	0.2	3.6	21.4	0.5	0.0	45.8	0.0	14	31.7
SA	55.4	86.3	97.0	78.5	97.0	95.9	67.7	98.1	100	50.4	100	83.8	68.3

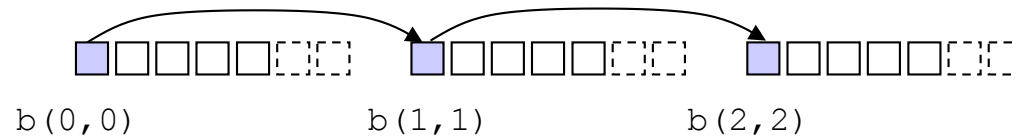
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Monotonic Array Accesses

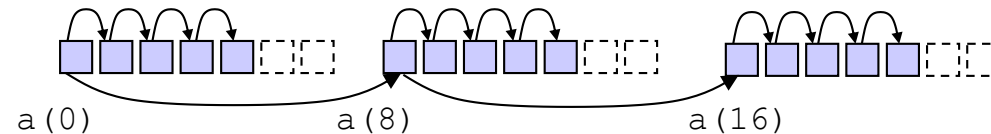
■ $b(n-i1, i2)$



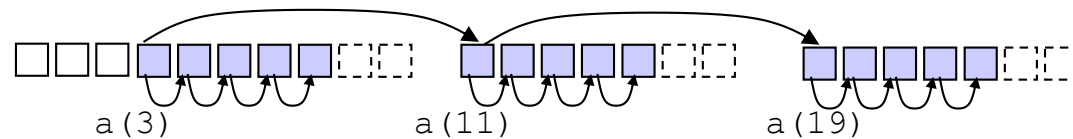
■ $b(i1, i1)$



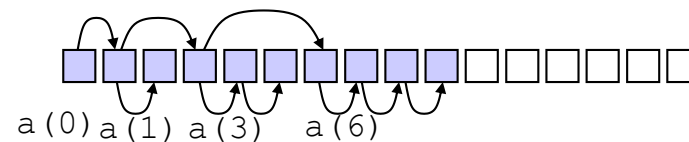
■ $a(8*i1+i2)$



■ $a(i1+8*i2+1)$



■ $a(i1*(i1+1)/2+j2)$

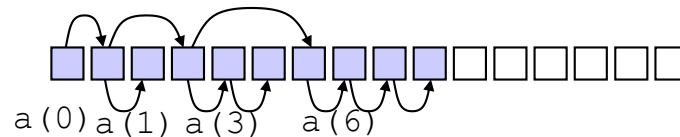


Common Array Accesses

■ Coalescible Accesses

- Example: $a(i_1 * (i_1 + 1) / 2 + j_2)$

- ✓ Makes an access to $i_1 + 1$ consecutive elements of array a with stride 1 for every iteration of loop index j_2
- ✓ Then jumps over $i_1 + 1$ elements, for every iteration in loop index i_1

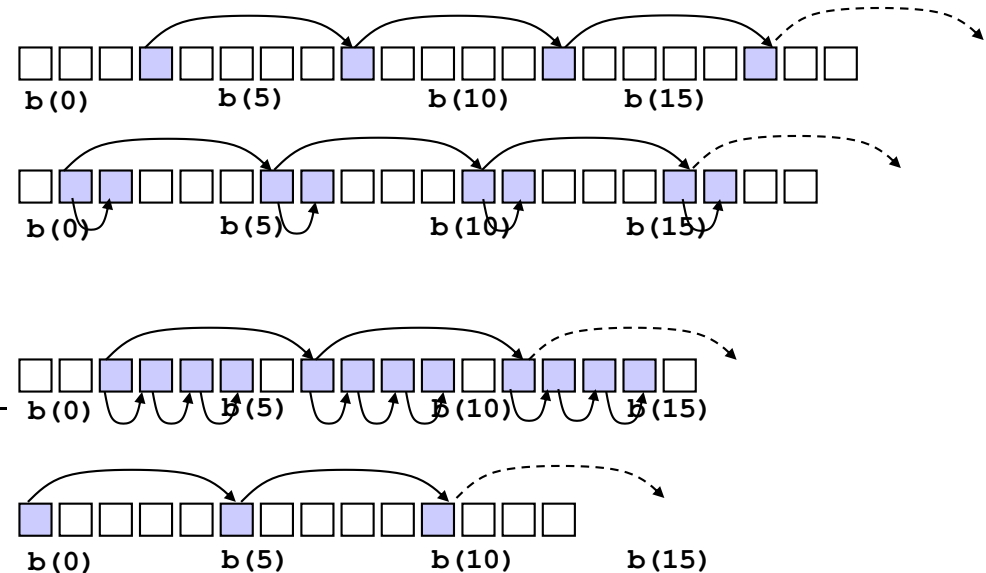


- If an access is coalescible, then the access region generated by multiple indices can be described in terms of one iteration of a single index

Common Array Accesses

■ Contiguous Accesses

```
REAL b(0:n)
...
DO i = 1, 4, 1
  ... = b(5*i-2)
  DO k = 1, 2, 1
    ... = b(k+5*(i-1))
  END DO
  DO j = 0, 3, 1
    ... = b(5*i+j-3) - b(5*j)
  END DO
END DO
```



Common Array Accesses

■ Interleaved Accesses

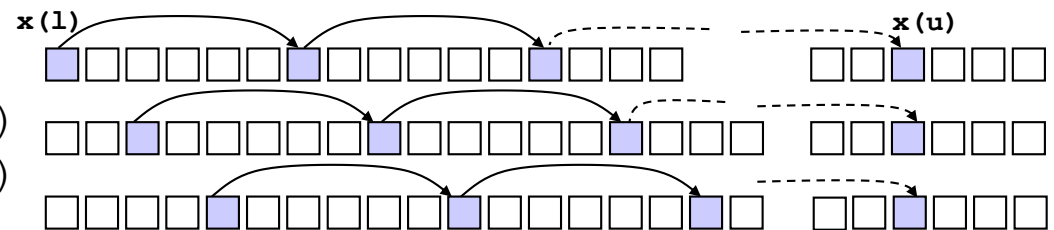
```
REAL x(0:n), y(0:m)
```

```
...
```

```
DO i = L, U, 6
```

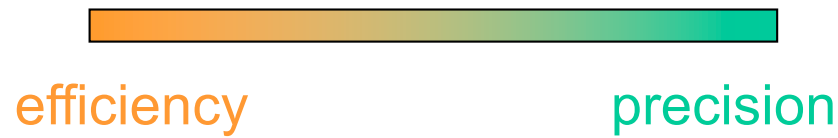
```
  temp = temp + x(i)*y(i)  
              + x(i+2)*y(i+2)  
              + x(i+4)*y(i+4)
```

```
END DO
```



Array Section Analysis

- **Array sections describe the set of array elements that are either read or written by a program statement**
- **Various factor influence the choice of a particular method**
 - precision
 - efficiency
 - practicality
- **Techniques can be broadly classified into two categories**
 - accurate
 - approximate



Array Section Analysis

- **Reference Lists (accurate)**
- **Linear Constraints (approximate)**
- **Triplet Notation (approximate)**

Reference Lists

- **Accurate method**
- **One descriptor per array reference is constructed**
- **Two implementations**
 - Linearization
 - Atom Images

Linearization

- Considers the case subscripts that are linear functions of iteration variables

- Linear view of the memory

- Memory can be viewed as a one dimensional array MEM
- The function that maps array multiple-subscripts into their locations in MEM is linear with respect to the subscripts

$$\checkmark K = \text{LOC}(A) - \text{LOC}(B)$$

```
SUBROUTINE P(A, B)
...
DO I = 1, N
  A(I) = ...
  ... = B(I)
END DO
...
END
```

```
SUBROUTINE P(A, B)
...
DO I = 1, N
  MEM(I+K) = ...
  ... = MEM(I)
END DO
...
END
```

Atom Images

“Efficient Interprocedural Analysis for Program parallelization and restructuring”, Z. Li and P. Yew
SIGPLAN, June 1988.

- Considers the case subscripts that are linear functions of iteration variables
- Atom definition
 - Per each array reference one atom is defined
 - Composed by
 - ✓ Name of the array variable
 - ✓ Boolean value indicating if each dimension is addressed through a linear function
 - ✓ Functional description of the function

	linear	const	l_1	l_2	...	l_n
DIM_1	T/F	$a_{1,0}$	$a_{1,1}$	$a_{1,2}$	...	$a_{1,n}$
DIM_2	T/F	$a_{2,0}$	$a_{2,1}$	$a_{2,2}$	...	$a_{2,n}$
...	T/F	...	...	...	...	...
DIM_n	T/F	$a_{n,0}$	$a_{n,1}$	$a_{n,2}$	...	$a_{n,n}$

```
DO I = 1, 100
  DO J = 1, 100
    A(I+2*J, 2*I+1) = ...
  END DO
END DO
```

	linear	const	I	J
DIM_1	T	1	1	2
DIM_2	T	2	2	0

Linear Constraints

- A set of linear constraints is constructed per each array reference
- The linear constraints refer to the subscripting function and loop bounds
- Different representations exist
 - Restrictions on algebraic properties on the constraints and functions
- First proposed by

“Direct Parallelization of Call Statements”, Rémi Triolet, Francois Irigoin, Paul Feautrier
Proceedings of the 1986 SIGPLAN symposium on Compiler construction
Palo Alto, California, United States
Pages: 176 - 185

Linear Constraints

■ Simple boundary

- Given an n -dimensional space with coordinate axes x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n
- Hyper-plane of the form
 - ✓ $x_i = c$ or $x_i \pm x_j = c$

■ Simple section

- Any convex *polytope* with simple boundaries

■ Most commonly occurring access patterns can be described precisely by a simple section

- entire array
- triangular
- single diagonal

■ Observation

- Simple sections are closed under intersection, but are not closed under union

Linear Constraints

■ Dominant induction variable

- Let $A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ an array reference contained within m loops with induction variables l_1, l_2, \dots, l_m
- Consider the loop at nesting depth k , with induction variable l_k ($1 \leq k \leq m$)
- The dominant induction variable of the i -th subscript position of the array reference (with subscript expression x_i) with respect to the l_k loop is determined:
 - ✓ If x_i does not contain any l_s , $k \leq s \leq m$ (i.e., an induction variable of a loop at depth k or greater), x_i has no dominant induction variable.
 - ✓ If x_i consists of only one l_s , $k \leq s \leq m$ (i.e., any one induction variable of a loop at depth k or greater), l_s is its dominant induction variable.
 - ✓ If x_i contains more than one induction variable belonging to a loop at nesting depth k or greater, its dominant induction variable is the induction variable of the loop with the greatest nesting.

Linear Constraints

■ Traversal Order

- Let $A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ be an array reference contained within m loops with induction variables l_1, l_2, \dots, l_m
- Consider the loop at nesting depth k , with induction variable l_k ($1 \leq k \leq m$)
- Let D_1, D_2, \dots, D_p be the list of distinct dominant induction variables of the subscript expressions x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n , with respect to the l_k loop (in descending order)
- Construct the sets V_1, V_2, \dots, V_p where
 - ✓ $V_i = \{x_j, 1 \leq j \leq n \mid D_i \text{ is its dominant induction variable}\}$
 - ✓ If D_i has a negative step size, the $x_j \in V_i$ are denoted as $\neg x_j$, to indicate that access along this dimension occurs in the opposite sense.
- The traversal order of the given array reference with respect to the l_k loop is given by $\tau^{(k)} = V_1 \blacktriangleright V_2 \blacktriangleright \dots \blacktriangleright V_p$

Linear Constraints

■ Traversal Order

● Example

✓ Consider the outermost loop

- $x_1 \rightarrow J$
- $x_2 \rightarrow K$
- $x_3 \rightarrow J$

✓ This gives the sets

- $V_1 = \{\neg x_2\}$
- $V_2 = \{x_1, x_3\}$

✓ Traversal order

- $V_1 \triangleright V_2$
- This traversal order indicates that access along dimension x_2 occurs faster than access along dimensions x_1 and x_3 , with access along x_2 occurring in the opposite sense (i.e., from higher to lower values).

```
DO I = 1, 100
  DO J = 100, 1, -1
    DO K = 1, 100
      A(I+J, K+2, J) = ...
    END DO
  END DO
END DO
```


Linear Constraints

■ Data Access Descriptor

- Composed mainly by the simple section and a traversal order

- ✓ Entire array

```
DO I = 1, 100      1 ≤ x1 ≤ 100
  DO J = 1, 100    1 ≤ x2 ≤ 100
    A(J,I) = ...   V1={x1} ▶ V2={x2}
  ENDDO
ENDDO
```

- ✓ Single column

```
DO I = 1, 100      1 ≤ x1 ≤ 100
  DO J = 1, 100
    A(J,I) = ...   V1={x1}
  ENDDO
ENDDO
```

- ✓ Single diagonal

```
DO I = 1, 100      1 ≤ x1, x2 ≤ 100
  DO J = 1, 100    0 ≤ x1 - x2 ≤ 0
    A(I,I) = ...
  ENDDO
ENDDO      V1={x1, x2}
```

- ✓ Triangular section

```
DO I = 1, 100      1 ≤ x1, x2 ≤ 100
  DO J = 1, I       2 ≤ x1 + x2 ≤ 100
    A(J,I) = ...    0 ≤ x1 - x2 ≤ 99
  ENDDO
ENDDO      V1={x2} ▶ V2={x1}
```

Linear Constraints

■ Data Access Descriptor

- Intersection
 - ✓ The intersection of two Data Access Descriptors is another Data Access Descriptor
- Union
 - ✓ The union of two Data Access Descriptors is another Data Access Descriptor

Triplet Notation

■ Array subscripting functions can be represented with a set of integer values

- (u_k, l_k, s_k)
 - ✓ u_k : Upper bound
 - ✓ l_k : Lower bound
 - ✓ s_k : Stride

■ Example

$f_0(i, j, k) = i$	$(1 : NX : 1)$
$f_1(i, j, k) = j$	$(1 : NY : 1)$
$f_2(i, j, k) = k$	$(1 : NZ : 1)$

```
SUBROUTINE P(A,B,...)
  DIMENSION A(NX,NY,NZ), B(NX,NY,NZ)
  ...
  DO i = 1, NX
    DO j = 1, NY
      DO k = 1, NZ
        A( f0(i,j,k), f1(i,j,k), f2(i,j,k) ) = ...
        ... = B( g0(i,j,k), g1(i,j,k), g2(i,j,k) )
      END DO
    END DO
  END DO
END
```

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Background

■ Concepts

- Consider two statements S_x and S_y and the multiprocessing of some of the loops that surround S_x and S_y
 - ✓ A *flow-dependence* exists from statement S_x to statement S_y
 - S_x computes and writes data that can subsequently be read by S_y
 - ✓ An *anti-dependence* exists from statement S_x to statement S_y
 - S_x reads data from a location into which S_y can subsequently write
- More formally
 - ✓ f and g subscript functions
 - ✓ Instance of S_x with $i_k = x_k$
 - ✓ Instance of S_y with $i_k = y_k$
 - ✓ Example of dependence
 - flow-dependence

```
DO i1 = 1, N1
...
DO id = 1, Nd
Sx   X( f( i1, ..., id ) ) = ...
Sy   ... = X( g( i1, ..., id ) )
      ENDDO
...
ENDDO
```

Background

■ Concepts

- **Terms for data dependences between statements of loop iterations.**

- ✓ Distance (vector): indicates how many iterations apart are source and sink of dependence.
- ✓ Direction (vector): is basically the sign of the distance. There are different notations: ($<, =, >$) or $(-1, 0, +1)$ meaning dependence (from earlier to later, within the same, from later to earlier) iteration.
- ✓ Loop-carried (or cross-iteration) dependence and non-loop-carried (or loop independent) dependence: indicates whether or not a dependence exists within one iteration or across iterations.
 - For detecting parallel loops, only cross-iteration dependences matter.
 - *Equal* dependences are relevant for optimizations such as statement reordering and loop distribution.

Background

■ More formally (cont)

- Dependence exists

- ✓ $f(i_1, \dots, i_d) - g(i_1, \dots, i_d) = 0$

- f and g linear subscript functions

- ✓ $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) = \sum a_k * x_k + a_0$

- ✓ $g(y_1, \dots, y_d) = \sum b_k * y_k + b_0$

- ✓ $f(x_1, \dots, x_d) - g(y_1, \dots, y_d) = \sum (a_k * x_k - y_k * b_k) + a_0 - b_0 = 0$

- Vector direction

- ✓ $Z = (z_1, \dots, z_d)$

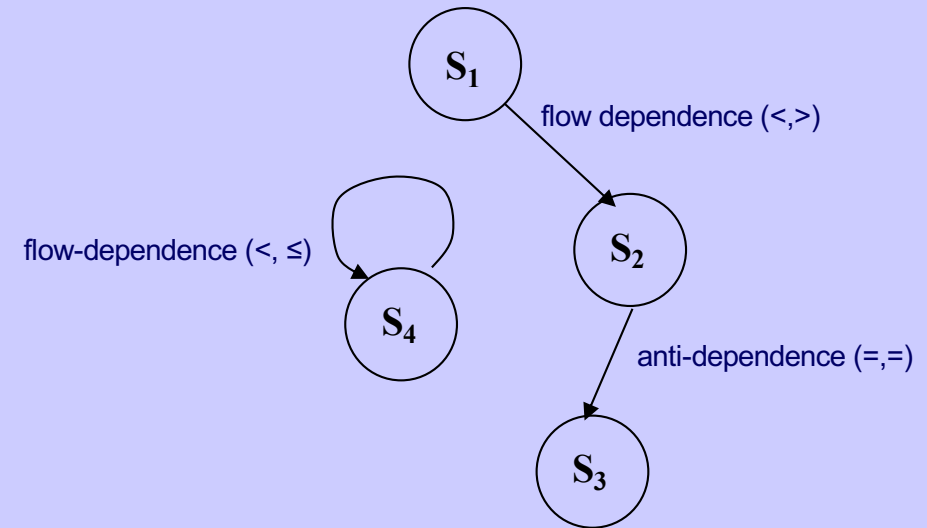
- $z_k = "="$, the dependence holds within the same iteration of loop k
 - $z_k = "<"$, the dependence holds from some iteration of loop k to a subsequent iteration
 - $z_k = ">"$, the dependence holds from some iteration of loop k to an earlier iteration

```
DO i1 = 1, N1
  ...
  DO id = 1, Nd
Sx    X( f( i1, ..., id ) ) = ...
Sy    ... = X( g( i1, ..., id ) )
      ENDDO
  ...
ENDDO
```

Background

■ Example

```
DO i = 1, N
  DO j = 1, M
    S1  A(i,j) = ...
    S2  ... = A(i-1,j+1)
    S3  A(i-1, j+1) = ...
    S4  B(i,j) = B(i-1, j-1) + B(i-1,j)
  ENDDO
ENDDO
```



Data Dependence Tests

■ Simple case

- 1-dimensional array enclosed by a single loop

✓ Can $4*i$ ever be equal to $2*i+1$ within $i \in [1,n]$?

```
DO i=1,n
  a(4*i) = ...
  ... = a(2*i+1)
ENDDO
```

- Note: variables i_1, i_2 are integers \rightarrow Diophantine equations.
- Equation $a * i_1 - b * i_2 = c$ has a solution if and only iff $\gcd(a,b)$ (evenly) divides c
 - ✓ In our example this means: $\gcd(4,2)=2$, which does not divide 1 and thus there is no dependence
- If there is a solution, we can test if it lies within the loop bounds. If not, then there is no dependence.

Performing the GCD Test

- The Diophantine equation $a_1 \cdot i_1 + a_2 \cdot i_2 + \dots + a_n \cdot i_n = c$ has a solution iff $\gcd(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ evenly divides c
- Examples:
 - $15 \cdot i + 6 \cdot j - 9 \cdot k = 12$ has a solution $\gcd=3$
 - $2 \cdot i + 7 \cdot j = 3$ has a solution $\gcd=1$
 - $9 \cdot i + 3 \cdot j + 6 \cdot k = 5$ has no solution $\gcd=3$
- Euklid Algorithm: find $\gcd(a, b)$

```
Repeat                                     for more than two numbers:
  a ← a mod b                             gcd(a, b, c) = gcd(a, gcd(b, c))
  swap a, b
Until b=0
the resulting a is the gcd
```

Other Data Dependence Tests

- **The GCD test is simple but not accurate**
- **Other tests**
 - Banerjee test: accurate state-of-the-art test
 - Omega test: “precise” test, most accurate for linear subscripts
 - Range test: non-linear and symbolic subscripts
 - ✓ many variants of these tests

Banerjee(-Wolfe) Test

■ Basic idea:

- if the total subscript range accessed by *ref1* does not overlap with the range accessed by *ref2*, then *ref1* and *ref2* are independent.
- Example:

```
DO j=1,100
S1 a(j) = ...
S2 ... = a(j+200)
ENDDO
```

ranges accesses:
S₁ → [1:100]
S₂ → [201:300]
Independent!

■ We did not take into consideration that only loop carried dependences matter for parallelization

- Example

```
DO j=1,100
S1 a(j) = ...
S2 ... = a(j+5)
ENDDO
```

ranges accesses:
S₁ → [1:100]
S₂ → [6:105]
Independent!

Banerjee(-Wolfe) Test

■ Ranges accessed by iteration j_1 and any other iteration j_2 , where $j_1 < j_2$:

- $S1 \rightarrow [j_1]$
- $S2 \rightarrow [j_1+6:105]$
- Independent for “>” direction

```
DO j=1,100
  a(j) = ...
  ... = a(j+5)
ENDDO
```

■ Solution

- For loop-carried dependences rely on the fact that j in *ref2* is greater than in *ref1*
- Clearly, this loop has a dependence. It is an anti-dependence from $a(j+5)$ to $a(j)$

■ This is commonly referred to as the *Banerjee test with direction vectors*.

Other Data Dependence Tests

■ DD Testing with Direction Vectors

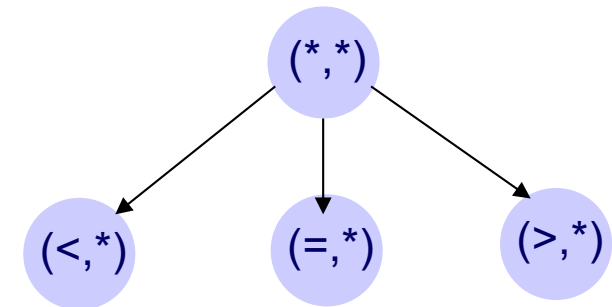
- Considering direction vectors can increase the complexity of the DD test substantially.
- For long vectors (corresponding to deeply-nested loops), there are many possible combinations of directions.
- A possible algorithm:
 - ✓ try $(*,* \dots *)$, i.e., do not consider directions
 - ✓ (if not independent) try $(<,* \dots *)$, $(=,* \dots *)$
 - ✓ (if still not independent) try $(<,<,* \dots *)$, $(<,>,* \dots *)$, $(<=,* \dots *)$
 $(=,<,* \dots *)$, $(=,>,* \dots *)$, $(=,=,* \dots *)$
 - ✓ ...
 - ✓ This forms a tree

The Banerjee(-Wolfe) Test

■ Example

- $(-x_1 + 2*y_1) + (1000*x_2 - 100*y_2) = -93$
 - ✓ $K = -93$
- $(*, *)$
 - ✓ $-98 < K < 10099$
 - A dependence might exist
- $(<, *)$
 - ✓ $3 \leq K \leq 10099$
 - No dependence is possible
- $(=, *)$
 - ✓ $1 \leq K \leq 10000$
 - No dependence is possible
- $(>, *)$
 - ✓ $-98 \leq K \leq 9998$
 - A dependence might exist

```
DO i1 = 1, 100
  DO i2 = 1, 10
S1    A(-i1+1000*i2+294) = ...
S2    ... = A(-2*i1-100*i2+201)
  ENDDO
ENDDO
```

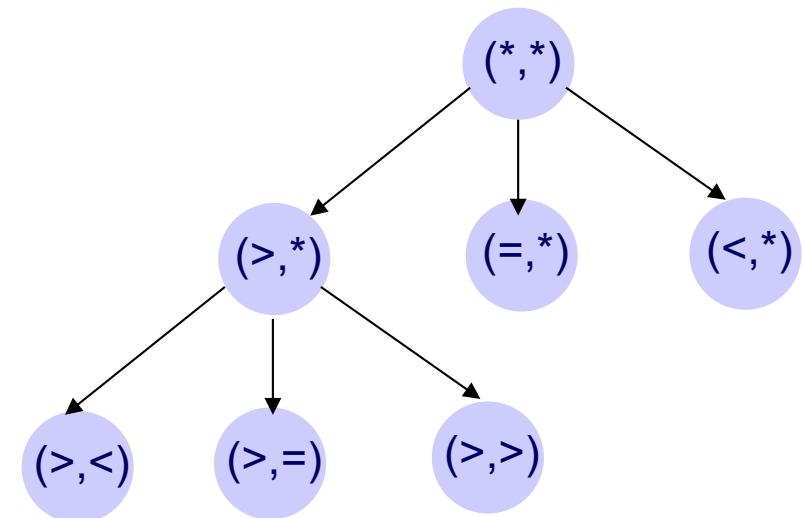


The Banerjee(-Wolfe) Test

■ Example

- $(-x_1 + 2*y_1) + (1000*x_2 - 100*y_2) = -93$
✓ $K = -93$
- $(>,*)$
✓ $-98 \leq K \leq 9998$
 - A dependence might exist
- $(>,<)$
✓ $-98 \leq K \leq 8098$
 - A dependence might exist
- $(>,=)$
✓ $802 \leq K \leq 9098$
 - No dependence is possible
- $(>,>)$
✓ $1702 \leq K \leq 9998$
 - No dependence is possible

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Non-linear and Symbolic DD Testing

■ Weakness of most data dependence tests:

- subscripts and loop bounds must be affine, i.e., linear with integer-constant coefficients

■ Approach of the Range Test:

- capture subscript ranges symbolically
- compare ranges: find their upper and lower bounds by determining *monotonicity*.
- Monotonically increasing/decreasing ranges can be compared by comparing their upper and lower bounds

The Range Test

■ Basic idea :

- Find the range of array accesses made in a given loop iteration
- If the upper (lower) bound of this range is less (greater) than the lower (upper) bound of the range accesses in the next iteration, then there is no cross-iteration dependence.

■ Example:

- Testing independence of the outer loop

```
DO i=1, n
  DO j=1, m
    A(i*m+j) = 0
  ENDDO
ENDDO
```

range of A accessed in iteration i_x : $[i_x * m + 1 : \overbrace{(i_x + 1) * m}^{UB_x}]$

range of A accessed in iteration $i_x + 1$: $[\underbrace{(i_x + 1) * m + 1}_{LB_{x+1}} : (i_x + 2) * m]$

$UB_x < LB_{x+1} \Rightarrow$ no cross-iteration dependence

The Range Test

- Assume f, g are monotonically increasing for all i_x :
 - find upper bound of access range at loop k : successively substitute i_x with U_x , $x=\{n, n-1, \dots, k\}$ lower bound is computed analogously
- If f, g are monotonically decreasing for all i_y , then substitute L_y when computing the upper bound.

```
DO i1=L1, U1
  ...
  DO in=Ln, Un
    A(f(i0, ... in)) = ...
    ... = A(g(i0, ... in))
  ENDDO
  ...
ENDDO
```

The Range Test

■ Determining monotonicity:

- Consider $d = f(\dots, i_k, \dots) - f(\dots, i_k - 1, \dots)$
- If $d > 0$ (for all values of i_k) then f is monotonically increasing w.r.t. k
- If $d < 0$ (for all values of i_k) then f is monotonically decreasing w.r.t. k

■ What about symbolic coefficients?

- In many cases they cancel out
- If not, find their range (i.e., all possible values they can assume at this point in the program), and replace them by the upper or lower bound of the range.

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