## CS 610: Dependence Testing

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#### How to Write Efficient and Scalable Programs?

#### Good choice of algorithms and data structures

Determines the number of operations executed

#### Code that the compiler and architecture can effectively optimize

Determines the number of instructions executed

#### Proportion of parallelizable and concurrent code

Amdahl's law

#### Specialize to the target architecture platform

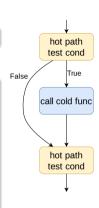
Memory hierarchy, cache sizes, advanced features like AMX

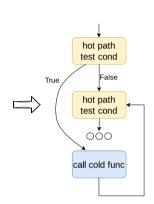
### Role of a Good Parallelizing Compiler

Try and extract performance automatically

#### Optimize memory access latency

- Code restructuring optimizations (e.g., loop interchange)
- Prefetching optimizations (e.g., software prefetching)
- Data layout optimizations
- Code layout optimizations





#### Parallelism Challenges for a Compiler

#### On single-core machines

Focus is on register allocation, instruction scheduling, reducing the cost of array accesses

#### On parallel machines

- Find parallelism in sequential code, find portions of work that can be executed in parallel
- Principle strategy is data decomposition—good idea because data parallelism can scale

#### Can we parallelize the following loops?

#### Focus is on loop parallelism because it can provide more savings

Inter-statement and intra-statement parallelism is limited

DO I = 1, 100  
$$A(I) = A(I) + 1$$

	i	R	W	
nnroll	1	A(1)	A(1)	
	2	A(2)	A(2)	
	3	A(3)	A(3)	

i	R	W
1	A(o)	A(1)
2	A(1) 🗸	A(2)
3	A(2)	A(3)

#### **Data Dependences**

#### **Execution constraints**

- S2 must execute after S1
- S3 must execute after S2
- S3 must execute after S1
- S3 and S4 can execute concurrently (in any order)

#### There is a **data dependence** from S1 to S2 if and only if

- (i) Both statements access the same memory location,
- (ii) At least one of the accesses is a write,
- (iii) There is a feasible execution path at run-time from S1 to S2.

#### Types of Dependences Based on Memory Accesses

Flow (a.k.a. true or RAW) (denoted by  $S_1 \delta S_2$ )

Anti (a.k.a. WAR) (denoted by  $S_1\delta^{-1}S_2$ )

Output (a.k.a. WAW) (denoted by  $S_1 \delta^0 S_2$ )

#### Bernstein's Conditions

- Suppose there are two processes  $P_1$  and  $P_2$
- Let  $I_i$  be the set of all input variables for the process  $P_i$
- Let  $O_i$  be the set of all output variables for the process  $P_i$
- $P_1$  and  $P_2$  can execute in parallel (denoted by  $P_1||P_2$ ) if and only if
  - $ightharpoonup O_1 \cap I_2 = \phi$
  - $O_2 \cap I_1 = \phi$
  - $ightharpoonup O_1 \cap I_2 = \phi$

Two processes can execute in parallel if they are flow-, anti-, and output-independent

- If  $P_i||P_j$ , does that imply  $P_j||P_i$ ?
- If  $P_i||P_j$  and  $P_j||P_k$ , does that imply  $P_i||P_k$ ?

#### Finding Parallelism in Loops—Is it Easy?

Need to check whether two array subscripts access the same memory location

for 
$$i = 1$$
 to  $N$   
S1  $A[i+1] = A[i] + B[i]$ 

for 
$$i = 1$$
 to N  
S1  $A[i+4] = A[i] + B[i]$ 

- Statement S1 depends on itself in both examples, however, there is a subtle difference
- Compilers need formalism to analyze dependences and transform loops

#### **Enumerate All Dependences in Loops**

```
for i = 1 to 50
S1 A[i] = B[i-1] + C[i]
S2 B[i] = A[i+2] + C[i]
```

Unrolling loops helps figure out dependences

- large loop bounds
- loop bounds may not be known at compile time

```
S1(1)
       A[1]
                  B[o]
                             C[1]
              =
S2(1)
       B[1]
                  A[3]
                             C[1]
S1(2)
       A[2]
                  B[1]
                             C[2]
              =
S2(2)
       B[2]
                  A[4]
                             C[2]
              =
S1(3)
       A[3]
                  B[2]
                             C[3]
       B[3]
                             C[3]
S_2(3)
                  A[5]
```

#### Normalized Iteration Number

Parameterize the statement with the loop iteration number

For a loop where the loop index I runs from L to U in steps of S, the normalized iteration number of a specific iteration is (I-L)/S+1, where I is the value of the index on that iteration

#### Iteration Vector and Lexicographic Ordering

Given a nest of n loops, the iteration vector i of an iteration of the innermost loop is a vector of integers containing the iteration numbers for each of the loops in order of nesting level.

The iteration vector  $\vec{i}$  is  $\{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n\}$  where  $i_k$ ,  $1 \le k \le n$ , represents the iteration number for the loop at nesting level k.

- A vector  $(d_1, d_2)$  is positive if  $(0, 0) < (d_1, d_2)$ , i.e., its first non-zero component is positive
- Iteration  $\vec{i}$  precedes iteration  $\vec{j}$ , denoted by  $\vec{i} < \vec{j}$ , if and only if
  - (i) i[1:n-1] < j[1:n-1], or
  - (ii) i[1:n-1] = j[1:n-1] and  $i_n < j_n$

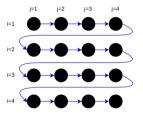
#### **Iteration Space Graphs**

- Represents each dynamic instance of a loop as a point in the graph
- Arrows among points represent dependences

```
for i = 1 to 4 do

for j = 1 to 4 do

A(i,j) = A(i,j-1) * x
```



Dimensions of an iteration space depends the loop nest depth, need not always be rectangular

for 
$$i = 1$$
 to 5 do  
for  $j = i$  to 5 do  
S1  $A(i,j) = B(i,j) + C(j)$ 

#### Formal Definition of Loop Dependence

# There is a loop dependence from S1 to S2 in a loop nest iff there exist two iteration vectors *i* and *j* such that

- (i) i < j or i = j and there is a path from S1 to S2 in the body of the loop,
- (ii) S1 accesses memory location M on iteration i and S2 accesses M on iteration j, and
- (iii) One of these accesses is a write.

#### **Distance and Direction Vectors**

- For each dimension of an iteration space, the distance is the number of iterations between accesses to the same memory location
- Dependence distance vector  $d(\vec{i}, j)$  is defined as a vector of length n such that  $d(\vec{i}, j)_k = j_k i_k$

DO 
$$i = 1, 6$$
DO  $j = 1, 5$ 

$$A(i,j) = A(i-1,j-2) + 1$$
Distance vector =  $(1,2)$ 
outer loop

#### **Direction Vectors**

Dependence direction vector  $\vec{D(i,j)}$  is defined as a vector of length n such that

$$D(i,j)_k = \begin{cases} -\operatorname{if} D(i,j)_k < 0\\ \operatorname{Oif} D(i,j)_k = 0\\ +\operatorname{if} D(i,j)_k > 0 \end{cases}$$

alternate notation

Distance vector is a more **precise** form of a direction vector

For a valid dependence, the leftmost non-"o" component of the direction vector must be "+"

#### **Summarizing Dependences**

The number of dependences between a pair of accesses is equal to the number of distinct direction vectors over all the dependences between those accesses

#### **Distance and Direction Vector Examples**

```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, M

S1 A(I,J) = ...

S2 ... = A(I,J) + ...
```

```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, M

S1 A(I,J) = A(I,1) + ...
```

```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, M

DO K = 1, L

A(I+1,J,K-1) = A(I,J,K) + 10
```

```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, M

S1 A(I,J) = A(I,J-3) + A(I-2,J) +

A(I-1,J+2) + A(I+1,J-1)
```

#### **Dependence Types**

- There are two ways in which a statement S2 can depend on another statement S1, where both S1 and S2 are inside a loop
  - ► **Loop-carried**: S1 and S2 execute in different iterations
  - ► **Loop-independent**: S1 and S2 execute in the same iteration
- These types partition all possible data dependences

```
DO I = 1, N

S1 A(I+1) = F(I)

S2 F(I+1) = A(I)
```

```
DO I = 1, N
S1 A(I+1) = F(I)
S2 G(I+1) = A(I+1)
```

#### Loop-Carried and Loop-Independent Dependences

#### Loop-carried

- S1 references location M on iteration i
- S2 references M on iteration j
- D(i,j) > O (i.e., contains a "+" as leftmost non-"0" component)

Level of a loop-carried dependence is the leftmost non-"o" index of the dependence D(i,j) (denoted by  $S1\delta_iS2$ )

#### Loop-independent

- S1 refers to location M on iteration i
- S2 refers to M on iteration j and i = j
- There is a control flow path from S1 to S2 within the iteration

DO I = 1, 9  
S1 
$$A(I) = ...$$
  
S2 ... =  $A(10-I)$   
denoted by  $S1\delta_{\infty}S2$ 

Having a common loop is not necessary

Program Transformations and Validity

#### Parallelism and Data Dependence

- Parallel loop iterations imply random interleaving of statements in the loop body
- Compilers apply transformations only when it is safe to do so

A reordering transformation merely changes the order of execution of the code, without adding or deleting any executions of any statements

 A reordering transformation that preserves every dependence preserves the meaning of the program

#### **Direction Vector Transformation**

- Let T be a transformation applied to a loop nest
- Assume T does not rearrange the statements in the body of the loop
- T is valid if, after it is applied, none of the direction vectors for dependences with source and sink in the nest has a leftmost non-"0" component that is "-"

A transformation is valid for the program to which it applies if it preserves all dependences in the program

#### **Utility of Dependence Levels**

- A reordering transformation preserves all level-k dependences if it
  - (i) preserves the iteration order of the level-k loop,
  - (ii) does not interchange any loop at level < k to a position inside the level-k loop, and
  - (iii) does not interchange any loop at level > k to a position outside the level-k loop.

```
DO I = 1, 10

S1 A(I+1) = F(I)

S2 F(I+1) = A(I)

DO I = 1, 10

S2 F(I+1) = A(I)

S1 A(I+1) = F(I)
```

Statement order is irrelevant for loop-carried dependences but is important for loop-independent dependences

#### Are these transformations valid?

```
DO I = 1, 10

DO J = 1, 10

DO K = 1, 10

S A(I+1,J+2,K+3) = A(I,J,K) + B
```

```
DO I = 1, 10

DO K = 10, 1, -1

DO J = 1, 10

A(I+1,J+2,K+3) = A(I,J,K) + B
```

```
DO I = 1, N
S1 A(I) = B(I) + C
S2 D(I) = A(I) + E
```

```
D(1) = A(1) + E

D0 I = 2, N

S1   A(I-1) = B(I-1) + C

S2   D(I) = A(I) + E

A(N) = B(N) + C
```

# Dependence Testing

#### **Dependence Testing**

Dependence testing is used to determine whether dependences exist between two subscripted references to the same array in a loop nest

#### Dependence question

Can 4\*I be equal to 2\*I+2 for  $I \in [1, N]$ ?

DO I=1, N  

$$A(4*I) = ...$$
  
... =  $A(2*I+2)$ 

affine

Given (i) two subscript functions f and g and (ii) lower and upper loop bounds L and U respectively, does  $f(i_1) = g(i_2)$  have a solution such that  $L \le i_1, i_2 \le U$ ?

#### Multiple Loop Indices, Multi-Dimensional Array

- Assumptions
  - ► Array subscripts are affine
  - ► Loops are in normalized form
- Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two valid vectors in the iteration space of the loop nest
- There is a dependence from S1 to S2 iff

```
\exists \alpha,\beta, \quad \alpha \leq \beta \wedge f_i(\alpha) == g_i(\beta) \quad \forall i,1 \leq i \leq m
D0 \quad i_1 = L_1, U_1, S_1
D0 \quad i_2 = L_2, U_2, S_2
\vdots
D0 \quad i_n = L_n, U_n, S_n
X(f_1(i_1, \ldots, i_n), \ldots, f_m(i_1, \ldots, i_n)) = \ldots
S1 \quad X(g_1(i_1, \ldots, i_n), \ldots, g_m(i_1, \ldots, i_n))
```

#### **Approximate Dependence Testing**

• The following system of equations with 2n variables and m equations is the most common

$$a_{11}i_1 + a_{12}i_2 + \dots + a_{1n}i_n + c_1 = b_{11}j_1 + b_{12}j_2 + \dots + b_{1n}j_n + d_1$$

$$a_{21}i_1 + a_{22}i_2 + \dots + a_{2n}i_n + c_2 = b_{21}j_1 + b_{22}j_2 + \dots + b_{2n}j_n + d_2$$

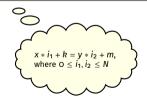
$$\dots$$

$$a_{m1}i_1 + a_{m2}i_2 + \dots + a_{mn}i_n + c_m = b_{m1}j_1 + b_{m2}j_2 + \dots + b_{mn}j_n + d_m$$

- Solve the system of the form Ax = B for integer solutions
  - ► A is a m × 2n matrix and B is a vector of m elements
- Finding solutions to Diophantine equations is NP-complete

#### Dependence Testing with GCD

- Coefficients of the loop indices are integers in Diophantine equations
- The Diophantine equation  $a_1i_1 + a_2i_2 + \cdots + a_ni_n = c$  has an integer solution iff  $gcd(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  evenly divides c
  - ▶ If there is a solution, we can test if it lies within the loop bounds
  - ▶ If not, then there is no dependence



- If GCD(x, y) divides (m k), then a dependence may exist between S1 and S2
- If GCD(x, y) does not divide (m k), then S1 and S2 are independent and can be executed in parallel

#### **Examples:**

- 15 \* i + 6 \* j 9 \* k = 12 has a solution, gcd=3
- 2 \* i + 7 \* j = 3 has a solution, gcd=1
- 9\*i+3\*j+6\*k=5 has no solution, gcd=3

#### Problems with Dependence Testing with GCD

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  - ▶ If there is a solution, we can test if it lies within the loop bounds
  - ▶ If not, then there is no dependence

```
for i = 1 to 10
S1 a[i] = b[i]+c[i]
S2 d[i] = a[i-100];
```

#### **Problems**

- Provides no information on distance or direction of dependence, only tells if there are no dependences
- Ignores loop bounds and GCD is often 1, resulting in false dependences

#### **Lamport Test**

 Used when there is a single index variable in the subscripts and the coefficients of the index variables are the same

```
A[\ldots,b*i+c_1,\ldots] = \ldots
\ldots = A[\ldots,b*i+c_2,\ldots]
```

- There is an integer solution only if  $d = \frac{c_1 c_2}{b}$  is an integer
  - ▶ Dependence is valid if  $|d| \le U_i L_i$

```
for i = 1 to n
for j = 1 to n
S1 a[i,j] = a[i-1,j+1]
```

```
for i = 1 to n
for j = 1 to n
S1 a[i,2j] = a[i-1,2j+1]
```

### **Classifying Subscripts**

- A subscript is a pair of subscript positions in a pair of array references
  - ightharpoonup A(i,j) = A(i,k) + C
  - $\blacktriangleright$   $\langle i, i \rangle$  is the first subscript,  $\langle j, k \rangle$  is the second subscript
- A subscript is said to be
  - ► Zero index variable (ZIV) if it contains no index variable
  - ► Single index variable (SIV) if it contains only one index variable
  - ▶ Multi index variable (MIV) if it contains more than one index variable
- Consider A(5, i + 1, j) = A(1, i, k) + C
  - ► First subscript is ZIV, second subscript is SIV, third subscript is MIV

#### Separability and Coupled Subscript Groups

- A subscript is **separable** if its indices do not occur in other subscripts
- If two different subscripts contain the same index they are coupled
  - ► A(i+1,j) = A(k,j) + C: Both subscripts are separable
  - ► A(i,j,j) = A(i,j,k) + C: Second and third subscripts are coupled
- Coupling indicates complexity in dependence testing

```
DO I = 1, 100
S1 A(I+1,I) = B(I) + C
S2 D(I) = A(I,I) * E
```

#### **Overview of Dependence Testing**

- (i) Partition subscripts of a pair of array references into separable and coupled groups
- (ii) Classify each subscript as ZIV, SIV, or MIV
- (iii) For each separable subscript apply single subscript test
  - ▶ If not done, go to next step
- (iv) For each coupled group apply multiple subscript tests like Delta Test
- (v) If still not done, merge all direction vectors computed in the previous steps into a single set of direction vectors

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### **Simple Subscript Tests**

#### ZIV test

- ► e1 and e2 are constants or loop invariant symbols
- ▶ If  $e1 \neq e2$ , then no dependence exists

#### SIV test

- ► Strong SIV test:  $\langle a * i + c_1, a * i + c_2 \rangle$ 
  - $ightharpoonup a, c_1, c_2$  are constants or loop invariant symbols
  - Example:  $\langle 4i + 1, 4i + 5 \rangle$
  - ▶ Solution:  $d = (c_2 c_1)/a$  is an integer and  $|d| \le |U_i L_i|$
- ► Weak SIV test:  $\langle a_1 * i + c_1, a_2 * i + c_2 \rangle$ 
  - $ightharpoonup a_1, a_2, c_1, c_2$  are constants or loop invariant symbols
  - Example:  $\langle 4i + 1, 2i + 5 \rangle$  or  $\langle i + 3, 2i \rangle$

#### Weak SIV Test

- Weak zero SIV:  $\langle a_1 * i + c_1, c_2 \rangle$ 
  - ▶ Solution:  $i = (c_2 c_1)/a_1$  is an integer and  $|i| \le |U L|$

DO I = 1, N  
S1 
$$Y(I,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)$$

$$Y(1,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)$$
DO I = 2, N-1
 $Y(I,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)$ 
 $Y(N,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)$ 

- Weak crossing SIV:  $\langle a * i + c_1, -a * i + c_2 \rangle$ 
  - ► Solution:  $i = (c_2 c 1)/2a$  is an integer and  $|i| \le |U L|$

DO I = 1, 
$$(N+1)/2$$
  
S1 A(I) = A(N-I+1) + C  
DO I =  $(N+1)/2+1$ , N  
S2 A(I) = A(N-I+1) + C

## **Other Dependence Tests**

- Banerjee-Wolfe test: widely used test
- Power test: improves over Banerjee test
- Delta test: specializes in common array subscript patterns
- Omega test: "precise" test, most accurate for linear subscripts
- Range test: handles non-linear and symbolic subscripts
- Many variants of these tests exits

## Banerjee-Wolfe Test

If the total subscript range accessed by *ref* 1 does not overlap with the range accessed by *ref* 2, then *ref* 1 and *ref* 2 are independent

```
D0 j=1,100

a(j) = ...

... = a(j+200)

D0 j=1,100

a(j) = ...

... = a(j+5)

[1:100]
[201:300]

[1:100]
```

```
for (k=0; k < N; k++) {
  c[f(i)] = ...;
  ... = c[g(j)];
}</pre>
```

```
True: \exists i, j \in [0, N-1], i \leq j \land f(i) = g(i)
Anti: \exists i, j \in [0, N-1], i > j \land f(i) = g(i)
```

```
for (k=0; k < N; k++) {
   ... = c[g(j)];
   c[f(i)] = ...;
}</pre>
```

True:  $\exists i, j \in [0, N-1], i < j \land f(i) = g(i)$ 

#### Delta Test

Notation represents index values at the source and sink

- Let source iteration be denoted by  $I_0$ , and sink iteration be denoted by  $I_0 + \Delta I$
- Valid dependence implies  $I_0 + 1 = I_0 + \Delta I$
- We get  $\Delta I = 1 \implies$  Loop-carried dependence with distance vector (1) and direction vector (+)

#### Delta Test

```
DO I = 1, 100

DO J = 1, 100

DO K = 1, 100

A(I+1,J,K) = A(I,J,K+1) + B
```

```
DO I = 1, 100

DO J = 1, 100

A(I+1) = A(I) + B(J)
```

- $I_O + 1 = I_O + \Delta I$ ;  $J_O = J_O + \Delta J$ ;  $K_O = K_O + 1 + \Delta K$
- Solution:  $\Delta I = 1$ ;  $\Delta J = 0$ ;  $\Delta K = -1$
- Corresponding direction vector: (+,o,-)
- If a loop index does not appear in a subscript, its distance is unconstrained and its direction is "\*" (denotes union of all 3 directions)
- Direction vector is (+, \*)
  - ► (\*, +) denotes (+, +), (o, +), (-, +)
  - ► (-, +) denotes a level 1 anti-dependence with direction vector (+,-)

#### Delta Test

#### Extract constraints from SIV subscripts and use them for other subscripts

DO I = 1, N  
 
$$A(I+1,I+2) = A(I,1) + C$$

```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, N

DO K = 1, N

A(J-I,I+1,J+K) = A(J-I,I,J+K)
```

# **Solving Integer Inequalities**

- The loop nest inequalities specify a convex polyhedron
  - ► A polyhedron is convex if for two points in the polyhedron, all points on the line between them are also in the polyhedron
- Data dependence implies a search for integer solutions that satisfy a set of linear inequalities
  - ► Integer linear programming is an NP-complete problem
- Steps
  - 1. Use GCD test to check if integer solutions may exist
  - 2. Use simple heuristics to handle typical inequalities
  - 3. Use a linear integer programming solver that uses a branch-and-bound approach based on Fourier-Motzkin elimination for unsolved inequalities

### Fourier-Motzkin Elimination

- Input An *n*-dimensional polyhedron S with variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots x_n$
- Goal Eliminate  $x_m$ ,  $m \le n$
- Output A polyhedron S' with variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots x_{m-1}, x_{m+1}, \dots x_n$ 
  - Steps Let C be all constraints in S involving  $x_m$ 
    - $L \le c_1 x_m$  and  $c_2 x_m \le U$ , create a new constant  $c_2 L \le c_1 U$

1. For every pair of a lower bound and upper bound on  $x_m \in C$ , such as,

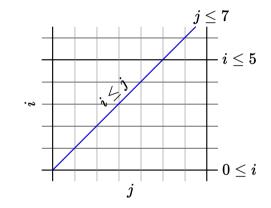
- 2. If integers  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  have a common factor, divide both sides by that factor
- 3. If the new constraint is not satisfiable, then there is no solution to S, i.e., S and S' are empty spaces
- 4.  $S^{'}$  is the set of constraints S-C, plus the new constraints generated in Step 2

# Example of Fourier-Motzkin Elimination

#### Consider the code

```
for (i = 0; i <= 5; i++)
for (j = i; j <= 7; j++)
Z[j,i] = 0;
```

#### Goal is to interchange the loops



# Example of Fourier-Motzkin Elimination

```
for (i = 0; i <= 5; i++)
for (j = i; j <= 7; j++)
Z[j,i] = 0;
```

Use Fourier-Motzkin elimination to project the 2D space away from the *i* dimension and onto the *j* dimension

$$0 \le i \land i \le 5 \land i \le j \implies 0 \le j \land 0 \le 5$$

and we already have  $j \leq 7$ 

The new constraints are:  $0 \le i, i \le 5, i \le j, 0 \le j, j \le 7$ 

Find the loop bounds from the original loop nest:  $L_i$ : 0;  $U_i$ : 5, j;  $L_i$ : 0;  $U_i$ : 7

```
for (j = 0; j <= 7; j++)
for (i = 0; i <= min(5,j); i++)
Z[j,i] = 0;
```

# **Use ILP for Dependence Testing**

#### Algorithm

Input A convex polyhedron S over variables  $v_1, v_2, \dots v_n$ Output "Yes" if S has an integer solution, "no" otherwise

```
for (i=1; i < 10; i++)
Z[i] = Z[i+10];</pre>
```

Show that there are no two dynamic accesses i and i' with  $1 \le i \le 9$ ,  $1 \le i' \le 9$ , and i = i' + 10.

## Dependence Testing is Hard

- Most dependence tests assume affine array subscripts
- Unknown loop bounds can lead to false dependences
- Need to be conservative about aliasing
- Triangular loops adds new constraints
- Loop transformations can add additional variables

```
for (i=0; i < N; i++) {
  a[i] = a[i+10]:
                            How do we compare
                            N and 10?
for (i=0; i < N; i++) {
  for (j=0; j < i-1; j++) {
     a[i][j] = a[j][i];
                              Add i < i as a new
                              constraint
for (i=L: i < H: i++) {
  a[i] = a[i-1];
                          Loop transformations (e.g., nor-
                          malization) add new variables
```

## Why is Dependence Analysis Important?

- Dependence information is used to drive important loop transformations
- Goal is to remove dependences or parallelize in the presence of dependences
- We will discuss many transformations (e.g., loop interchange and loop fusion) next

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