The Hot Path SSA Form: Algorithms and Applications

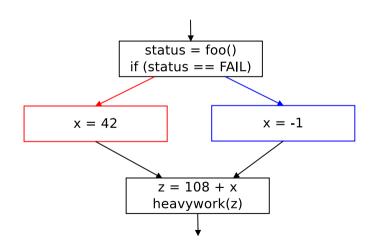
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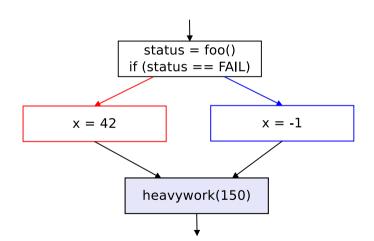
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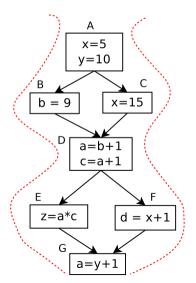
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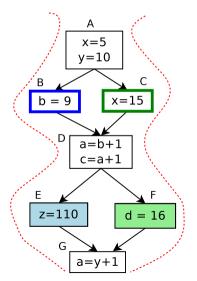
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Capturing still longer paths (k-iteration paths)

- Allows capturing correlations across loop iterations [Roy & Srikant, CGO'09]; a generalization of the Ball-Larus algorithm
- Subsequent work by other groups [D'Elia & Demetrescu, OOPSLA'13]; uses a prefix forest to record BL paths

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- There has been enough interest in path-profile-guided analysis and optimizations....
- ...however, designing path-profile-guided variants of traditional optimizations remained hard
- ...hard enough to justify publications per optimization
 - Gupta, Benson, Fang. Path profile guided partial dead code elimination using predication. PACT '97.
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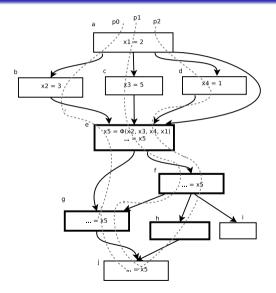
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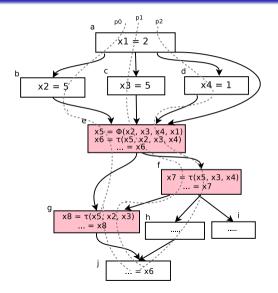
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The SSA form



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- speculative interpretation: [supports profile-guided analysis]
 - each use of a variable in a basic-block is reachable by the meet-over-frequent-paths
 reaching definitions.

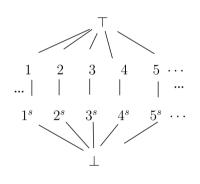
^aor the meet-over-all-paths reaching definition chains, if the use is not reachable from any meet-over-hot-paths reaching definition chain

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Almost trivial to generate profile-guided variants of standard analyses—it took us an afternoon to "port" SCCP to SSCCP!

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Optimized on "train" inputs, results produced on "ref" inputs... Shows the value of profile-guided analysis for code understanding and optimizations...



Profile-Guided Register Allocation [Jain et al., HiPC'16]

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# BB#4:
                                         # %if.then
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                                                                                                            # %if.then
                                             in Loop: Header=B
                                                                                                                in Loop: Header=B
                %edi, 32(%esp)
                                         # 4-byte Folded Spill
                                                                           addl
                                                                                   %edi, %ecx
        add1
        addl
                $20, %esi
                                                                           addl
                                                                                   $20, %esi
        addl
                $117, %ebp
                                                                           addl
                                                                                   $117, %ebp
        jmp
                .LBB0_6
                                                                                   .LBB0_6
                                                                           jmp
        .align
                16. 0x90
                                                                           .align
                                                                                   16, 0x90
                                         # %if.else
.LBB0 5:
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                                                                                                            # %if.else
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        add1
                                         # 4-byte Folded Spill
                                                                                   $101, 40(%esp)
                                                                                                            # 4-byte Folded Spill
                $101, 40(%esp)
                                                                           addl
                                                                                                            # 4-byte Reload
                                                                          movl
                                                                                   36(%esp), %edx
        subl
                40(%esp), %ecx
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        addl
                $33, %edi
                                                                          add1
                                                                                   $33, %edi
        addl
                                                                          addl
                $-11, %ebp
                                                                                   $-11, %ebp
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.LBB0_5 is hot: 40(%esp) is cached in %ecx | BB#4 is hot: 32(%esp) is cached in %ecx



ILP based register allocator

- Implements integer linear programming based profile-guided register allocation
- Base allocator (without profile information) is simplified version of [Goodwin and Wilken, 1996]

Constructing the HPSSA Form

Base Allocator

$$\begin{aligned} & \min \sum_{v \in V, l \in L} S_{v,l} \cdot x_{v,l,\sigma}, \text{ (minimize spills)} \quad \textit{such that} \\ & \forall_{v \in V} \forall_{l \in L} \sum_{r \in R} x_{v,l,r} = 1 \quad \text{(a variable to at least one location)} \\ & \forall_{r \in R-\sigma} \forall_{l \in L} \sum_{v \in V} x_{v,l,r} \leq 1 \quad \text{(a register holds at most one variable)} \end{aligned}$$

Cost for τ -functions

Modelling τ -functions

The cost for $t = \tau(safe, t_1, t_2, ..., t_n)$:

$$TauCost = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n} (loc(t, t_i) * freq(t_i))$$

where $loc(t, t_i)$ is 1 for the locations where t and t_i are different, else 0.

The objective function

The objective function for register allocation over HPSSA is modified to include the *TauCost* discussed above.

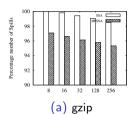
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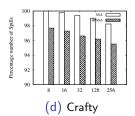
$$\min \sum_{v \in V, l \in L} S_{v,l} \cdot x_{v,l,\sigma} + \sum_{i=1}^{i=m} TauCost_i$$
 (1)

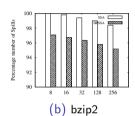
where, $TauCost_i$ is the cost for the i^{th} τ -function (and m is the total number of τ -functions in the program), and

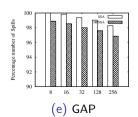
$$S_{v,l} = \begin{cases} 100, & \text{if v has further uses along hot path;} \\ 15, & \text{if v has further uses only along cold path;} \\ 0, & \text{if v has no further use.} \end{cases}$$

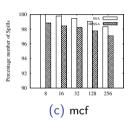
Percentage of spills for different register sizes

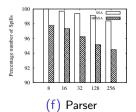














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Definition 3. Hot/Cold Reaching Definitions and Definition Chains

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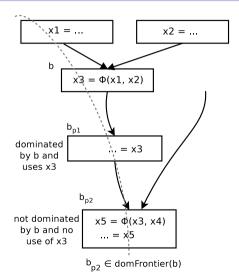
Necessary condition for τ -functions

Lemma 1. A node n requires a τ -function for variable x due to a definition d^x (of a variable x) if

- n is the junction of a hot and a cold path, i.e., paths at different temperatures meet at this node;
- ② n is reachable by at least two different definitions of the variable x.

Proof. If condition I fails, a τ -function is unnecessary as n can then be reachable by only hot or only cold definitions of x. If condition II fails, a τ -function is again unnecessary as the node is then dominated by a definition of x.

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Theorem

For a set of visible definitions of a variable x at a set of nodes κ , τ -statements are only required at the Iterated Thermal Frontier ITF^{\times} for variable x.

HPSSA construction [Roy et al., CC'10]

- Insert ϕ -functions:
 - insert ϕ -functions at the *iterated dominance frontiers*
- Insert τ -functions
 - insert τ -functions at the *iterated thermal frontiers*
- Allocate arguments to ϕ -functions
 - ullet use a variable stack to allocate the ϕ -function arguments
- Allocate arguments to τ -functions
 - maintain path-sensitive reaching definitions for each program variable corresponding to each hot path on a path-sensitive stack;
 - for each instruction in the program, the algorithm update the respective stack to record the change in the path-sensitive reaching definitions due to the instruction;
 - when a τ -function is encountered, the current set of reaching definitions on the stack is used to allocate the speculative arguments for the τ -function.



HPSSA construction over SSA [Jaiswal et. al., SCOPES'17]

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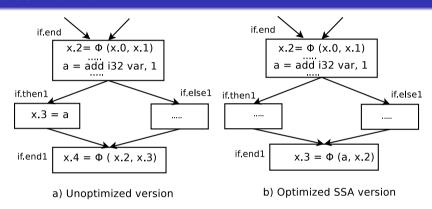
- Easily incorporated within existing compilers: Construction over the SSA form
- Efficient: Lesser instructions have to be traversed
- Simpler: many constructs are eliminated



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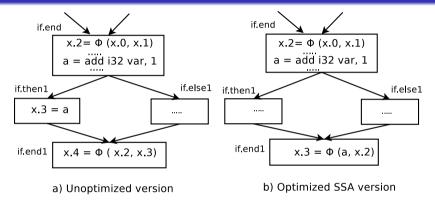
A naïve attempt: Mimic [Roy et al.]

- ullet attempt to "recover" the renamed versions of each base variable that is merged by the ϕ -functions;
- then, allocate a single path-sensitive stack for all versions of the same base variable.



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Optimized SSA forms



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in the above example, copy propagation breaks the *phi congruence property*...



ϕ – congruence property

Shreedhar et al. [SAS'99]

"The occurrences of all resources which belong to the same phi congruence class in a program can be replaced by a representative resource. After the replacement, the phi instruction can be eliminated without violating the semantics of the original program."

- Sreedhar et al. circumvent the problem by translating the optimized SSA form to the conventional SSA form (that satisfies the phi congruence property) before translating out of SSA.
- We directly build the HPSSA form over the optimized SSA form!

Brief Algorithm

- Insert τ -functions
 - Insert at Thermal Frontiers
- Allocate arguments to τ -functions
 - ullet path-sensitive traversal through the program to identify definitions that reach au-functions through hot paths
 - ullet constrains its inspection to only the ϕ -functions and the au-functions

Allocating τ -function arguments

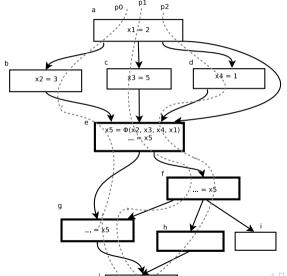
Uses a path-sensitive stack: phiStack

- phiStack is a stack of frames
- each frame $\langle d_i, \xi_i \rangle$ where $\xi_i = \{p_1, p_2, \dots\}$
- support operations:
 - push(frame f, block b)
 - pop(block b)

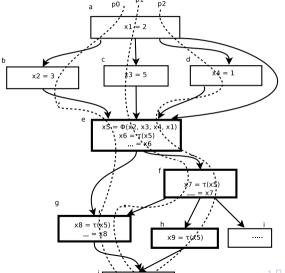
High-level algorithm

- Load arguments from ϕ and τ -functions along with their hot path sets on **phiStack**
- ullet Assign the definition from the topmost frame of **phiStack** to any au-function encountered

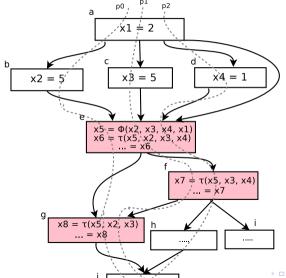
SSA program



au-functions inserted



au-arguments allocated



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- We propose a new algorithm that converts SSA programs to HPSSA. Being built over the SSA form, our new algorithm is much more suited for compiler frameworks that offer an SSA-based intermediate representation. This algorithm is also simpler and more efficient than the existing algorithm that builds HPSSA programs from non-SSA programs.
- Our algorithm is capable of operating on optimized SSA forms (resulting from compiler optimizations on the SSA form) that do not satisfy the *Phi Congruence Property*.
- We design an ILP-based path-profile guided register allocation. We provide experimental evaluation of the performance of our approach on eight benchmarks of SPEC CINT2000 benchmark suite.

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1: Calculate all caloric connectors in the CFG of the program.
 2: isInserted(I,b)=false forall instruction I and basic-block b
 3: Traverse CFG in topological order, performing the following:
 4: for all \phi-function instruction I \in \text{basic-block } b do
       for all hot path p passing through b do
         for b_p= next basic-blocks on p till b_p \notin DomFront(b) do
            if b_n \in \mathsf{CaloricConnectors} \land \neg isInserted(I, b_n) then
 7:
              insert a \tau-function x_{new} = \tau(x_{phi}) cor-
               responding to the \phi-function I: x_{phi} =
 8:
              \phi(\dots) after all \phi-function statements
              in block b_p
 9:
               isInserted(I, b_p) = true
            end if
10:
         end for
11:
       end for
13: end for
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```
While processing a basic block b.
 1: for all \phi-function I: x_o = \phi(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in b do
       for all x_i for which \Omega_{x_i}(b) exists do
         phiStack_{v}. push(\Omega_{v}(b), b)
       end for
       if b \in IncubationNode then
         frame = []
         for all (x_i, \xi_i) \in phiStack_{v_i}(b). Top do
            frame = frame.add(x_i, \xi_i \cup IncubPaths(b))
         end for
10:
         for all arguments x_i in \phi-function I do
            if x_i is a concrete defn. \wedge b_n \to b an incoming edge then
11:
12:
               frame = frame.add(x_i, pathSet(b_p \rightarrow b) \cup IncubPaths(b))
13:
             end if
14:
            if x_i is a \phi-argument corresponding to a hot backedge then
               frame = frame.add(x_i.IncubPaths(b))
15:
             end if
16:
17:
         end for
         phiStack ... push(frame. b)
18:
19:
       end if
20: end for
21: for all \tau-function instructions l \in h do
       for all (x_i, \xi_i) \in phiStack_{-}(b). Top do
23
         if \xi_i \cap pathSet(b) \neq \emptyset then
            add (x_i, \mathcal{E}_i \cap pathSet(b)) to speculative arguments of I
24
25
         end if
       end for
26:
27: end for
28: for all outgoing edge b \rightarrow b_s do
       if be is a join node then
         for all (x_i, \mathcal{E}_i) \in phiStack_v. Top do
30:
31:
            if \xi_i \cap pathSet(b \rightarrow b_s) \neq \emptyset then
32:
               \Omega_{x_i}(b_s) = \xi_i \cap pathSet(b \rightarrow b_s)
33
             end if
34
         end for
       end if
35:
36: end for
37: Make a recursive call on the children of node b in the dominator tree, traversing
    them in topological of the nodes in the control-flow graph order.
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