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### LLVM Algebraic Optimization Passes

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Construction of Compilers





### Introduction

What is LLVM?

• A compiler infrastructure for building compilers.

Importance of optimization in compilation?

• Improves runtime performance and reduces resource usage.

Overview of algebraic optimizations:

• Simplifying mathematical expressions to enhance efficiency

## Overview of Optimization Passes

- A technique to improve the performance of code during compilation.
- a. Add Mul Pass
- b. Common Subexpression Pass
- c. Power Optimization Pass





### Add Mul Pass

• Simplifies expressions involving addition and multiplication.

Examples

• 
$$x + 0 = x$$

• 
$$x * 1 = x$$

• Benefits:

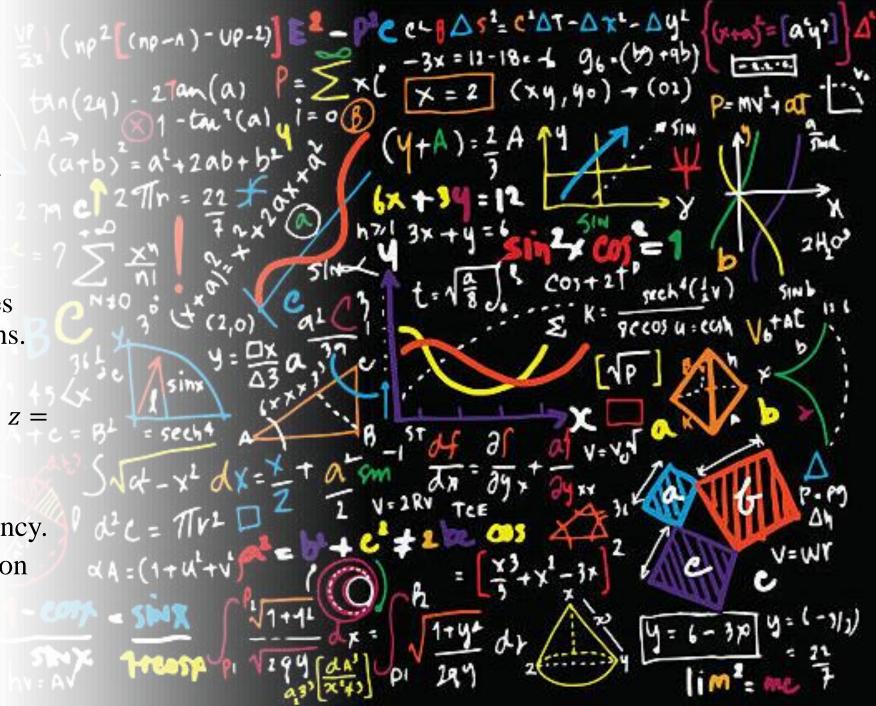
- Reduces unnecessary calculations.
- Improves overall performance.

```
9 define dso local i32 @main() #0 {
10 %1 = alloca i32, align 4
   %2 = alloca i32, align 4
   %3 = alloca i32, align 4
    %4 = alloca i32, align 4
    store i32 0, ptr %1, align 4
    store i32 7, ptr %2, align 4
    %5 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
    %6 = mul nsw i32 %5, 1
    store i32 %6, ptr %3, align 4
    %7 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
    %8 = add nsw i32 0, %7
    store i32 %8, ptr %4, align 4
    %9 = load i32, ptr %3, align 4
    %10 = load i32, ptr %4, align 4
    %11 = call i32 (ptr, ...) @printf(ptr noundef @.str, i32 noundef %9, i32 noundef %10)
    ret i32 0
26 }
```

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  %3 = alloca i32, align 4
   %4 = alloca i32, align 4
    store i32 0, ptr %1, align 4
    store i32 7, ptr %2, align 4
   %5 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
    store i32 %5, ptr %3, align 4
   %6 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
    store i32 %6, ptr %4, align 4
   %7 = load i32, ptr %3, align 4
   %8 = load i32, ptr %4, align 4
   %9 = call i32 (ptr, ...) @printf(ptr noundef @.str, i32 noundef %7, i32 noundef %8)
    ret i32 0
24 }
```

# Common Subexpression Pass

- Identifies and factorizes common subexpressions.
- Example
  - x \* y \* z + x \* a \* z = x \* z \* (y + a)
- Benefits
  - Decreases redundancy.
  - Enhances calculation efficiency.



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   %1 = alloca i32, align 4
    %2 = alloca i32, align 4
    %3 = alloca i32, align 4
    %4 = alloca i32, align 4
    %5 = alloca i32, align 4
    %6 = alloca i32, align 4
    store i32 0, ptr %1, align 4
    store i32 6, ptr %2, align 4
    store i32 9, ptr %3, align 4
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    store i32 14, ptr %4, align 4
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    store i32 17, ptr %5, align 4
    %7 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
    %8 = load i32, ptr %3, align 4
    %9 = mul nsw i32 %7, %8
    %10 = load i32, ptr %4, align 4
    %11 = mul nsw i32 %9, %10
    %12 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
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    %13 = load i32, ptr %5, align 4
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    %14 = mul nsw i32 %12, %13
29
    %15 = load i32, ptr %4, align 4
    %16 = mul nsw i32 %14, %15
    %17 = add nsw i32 %11, %16
31
    store i32 %17, ptr %6, align 4
    %18 = load i32, ptr %6, align 4
    %19 = call i32 (ptr, ...) @printf(ptr noundef @.str, i32 noundef %18)
35
    ret i32 0
36 }
```

```
9 define dso local i32 @main() #0 {
10 %1 = alloca i32, align 4
   %2 = alloca i32, align 4
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    %3 = alloca i32, align 4
    %4 = alloca i32, align 4
    %5 = alloca i32, align 4
    %6 = alloca i32, align 4
    store i32 0, ptr %1, align 4
    store i32 6, ptr %2, align 4
    store i32 9, ptr %3, align 4
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    store i32 14, ptr %4, align 4
    store i32 17, ptr %5, align 4
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    %7 = load i32, ptr %2, align 4
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    %9 = load i32, ptr %4, align 4
    %10 = load i32, ptr %5, align 4
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    %11 = add nsw i32 %8, %10
    %12 = mul nsw i32 %7, %11
29
    %13 = mul nsw i32 %12, %9
30
    store i32 %13, ptr %6, align 4
31
    %14 = load i32, ptr %6, align 4
    %15 = call i32 (ptr, ...) @printf(ptr noundef @.str, i32 noundef %14)
    ret i32 0
35 }
```

# 23 = 8

# Power Optimization Pass

- Transforms exponentiation into multiplication.
- Examples

$$\bullet \quad x^4 = x \quad *x \quad *x \quad *x$$

- Benefits:
  - Improves efficiency for specific operations.
  - Reduces computational overhead.

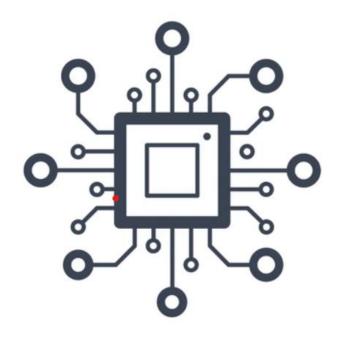
```
define dso_local double @test_pow2(double %0) #0 {
    %2 = alloca double, align 8
    store double %0, double* %2, align 8
    %3 = load double, double* %2, align 8
    %4 = call double @pow(double %3, double 5.000000e+00) #2
    ret double %4
}
```

```
\sim define dso local double @test_pow2(double %0) #0 \{
   %2 = alloca double, align 8
   store double %0, ptr %2, align 8
   %3 = load double, ptr %2, align 8
   %pow opt = fmul double %3, %3
   %pow opt1 = fmul double %pow opt, %3
   %pow opt2 = fmul double %pow opt1, %3
   %pow opt3 = fmul double %pow opt2, %3
   ret double %pow opt3
```



### **Conclusion**

- Algebraic optimizations are essential in modern compiler design as they help improve runtime performance and resource utilization.
- Each of these passes plays a crucial role in simplifying expressions, reducing computational overhead, and ultimately enhancing the performance of the compiled code.



Thank you for the attention!