



CS 4240: Compilers

Lecture 10: Instruction Selection

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

- » Project 1 is due by 11:59pm TODAY on Canvas
 - » Must be submitted as zip file including instructions on how to build and run your project
 - » 100 points total, with an extra credit option for 15 points
 - » Extra credit relates to use of copy propagation
 - » 5% of course grade
- » MIDTERM EXAM: Wednesday, March 13, 4:30pm - 5:45pm
- » FINAL EXAM: Wednesday, May 1, 2:40 pm - 5:30 pm
- » Acknowledgements: today's lecture includes slides from Fall 2018 offering of CS 4240 taught by Prof. Santosh Pande, as well as slides from textbook authors as usual

Don't forget the design document in your Project 1 submission!

1.1 Design of your Optimizer (30 points)

With your submission, please include a design document called 'design.pdf' in the zip file mentioned in Section 1.2. This document should briefly describe the following:

- » High-level architecture of your optimizer, including the analysis and optimization algorithm(s) implemented, and why you chose that approach.
- » Low-level design decisions you made in selection of implementation language, and their rationale.
- » Software engineering challenges and issues that arose and how you resolved them.
- » **Any known outstanding bugs or deficiencies that you were unable to resolve before the project submission.**
- » Build and usage instructions for your optimizer.
- » A summary of the test results for the public test cases (see Section 1.2).

Worksheet 9 solution: Summarize the effect of the following MIPS instructions (from lecture given on 2/11/2019)

la \$a0, array // Load address of "array" data segment into \$a0
addi \$t0, \$a0, 4 // \$t0 := \$a0 + 4
lw \$t1, 0(\$t0) // Load contents of address \$t0 into \$t1
lw \$t2, 4(\$t0) // Load contents of address (\$t0 + 4) into \$t2
sw \$t2, 0(\$t0) // Store contents of \$t2 into address
sw \$t1, 4(\$t0) // Store contents of \$t1 into address (\$t0 + 4)

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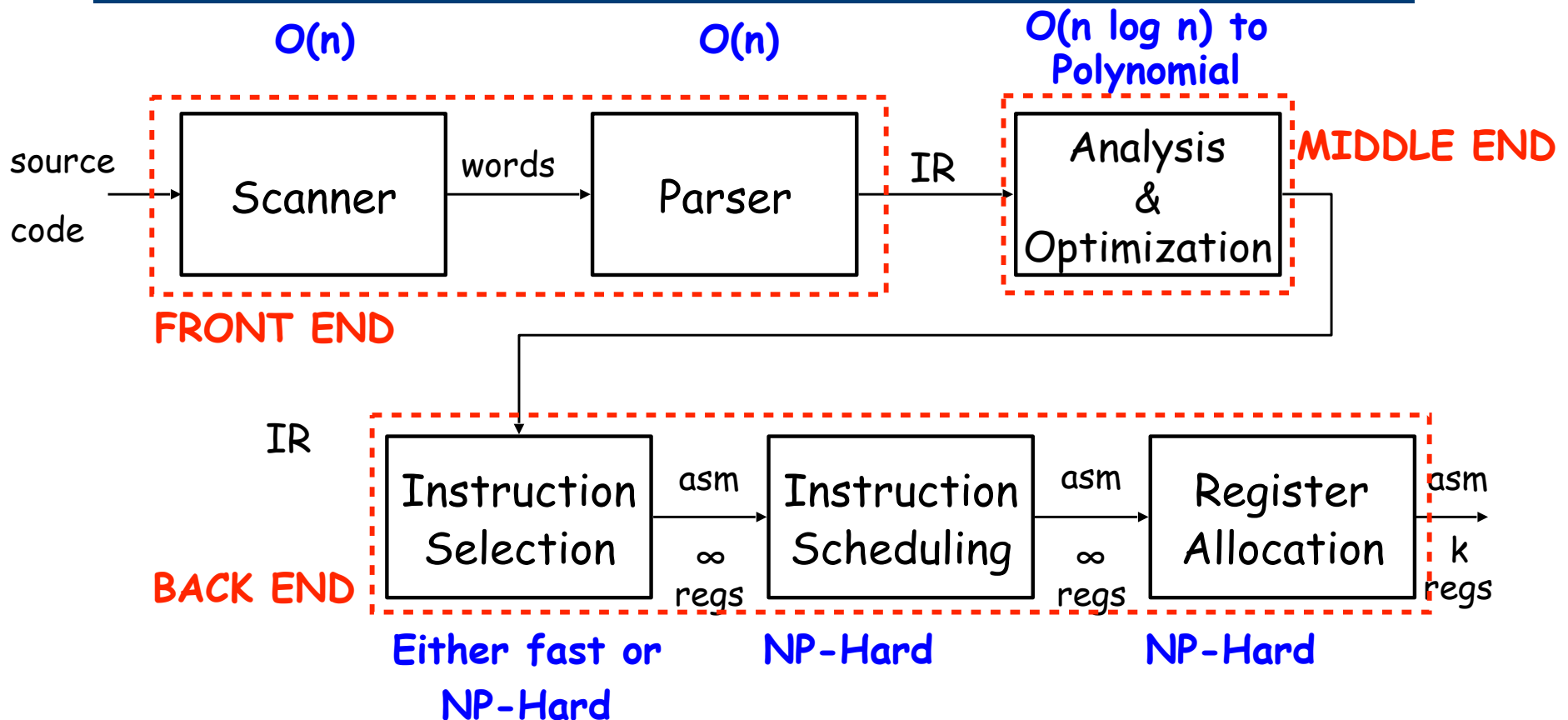
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WORD				Assuming Little Endian	
HALF		HALF		Starting address	Word Value
BYTE	BYTE	BYTE	BYTE		
3	2	1	0		
0x00	0x00	0x01	0x01	array	5
0x00	0x00	0x01	0x00	array+4	4
0x00	0x00	0x00	0x11	array+8	3
0x00	0x00	0x00	0x10	array+12	2
0x00	0x00	0x00	0x01	array+16	1

EFFECT of the given MIPS code :

Contents of second and third elements of the word array are switched.

Structure of a Compiler



A compiler is a lot of fast stuff followed by some hard problems

- The hard stuff is mostly in the middle end and back end
- For most CPU processors, the register allocation & instruction scheduling phases have the biggest impact in the back end
 - Phase ordering and combining of register allocation and instruction scheduling can be even more challenging!

Definitions

Instruction selection

- » Mapping IR into assembly code for a target processor, e.g., MIPS
- » Assumes a fixed storage mapping & code shape
- » Combining operations, using address modes

Instruction scheduling

- » Reordering operations to hide latencies
- » Assumes a fixed program (set of operations)
- » Impacts the demand for registers

These 3 problems
are tightly coupled.

Register allocation

- » Deciding which values will reside in registers
- » Reduces load, store, and copy statements in the IR
- » Can create "false" dependences when two variables are mapped to the same register

The Big Picture

How hard are these problems?

Instruction selection

- » Can make locally optimal choices, with automated tool
- » Global optimality is NP-Hard

Instruction scheduling

- » Single basic block \Rightarrow heuristics work quickly, and optimal solutions are possible in limited cases (0/1 latencies)
- » General problem, with control flow \Rightarrow NP-Hard

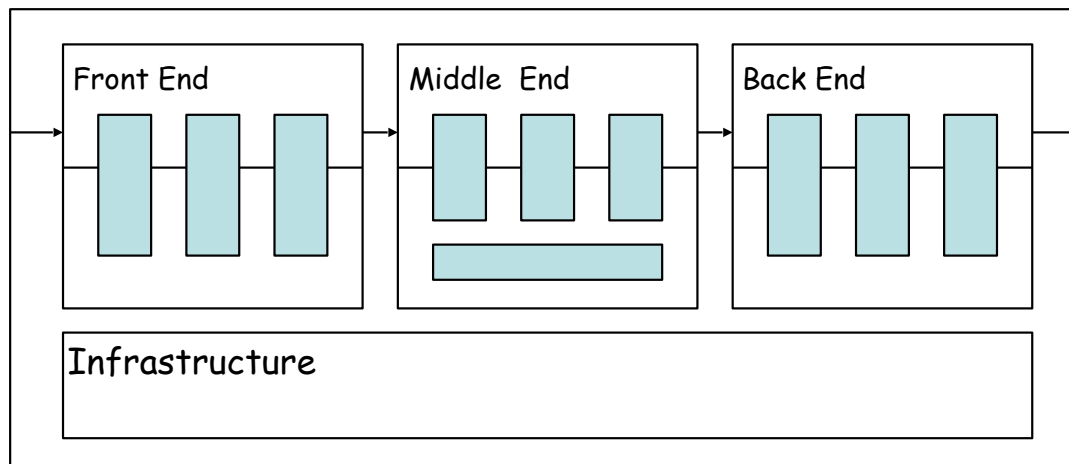
Register allocation

- » Special cases can be solved optimally in linear time
- » Whole procedure is NP-Hard

The Problem

Writing a compiler is a lot of work

- » Would like to reuse components whenever possible
- » Would like to automate construction of components



Today's lecture:
Automating
Instruction
Selection

- » Front end construction is largely automated with scanner generators and parser generators
- » Middle end is largely hand crafted, though dataflow analysis frameworks offer opportunities for code reuse
- » (Parts of) back end can be automated

The Problem

Modern computers (still) have many ways to do anything

Consider register-to-register copy in ILOC IR from textbook

» Obvious operation is `i2i ri ⇒ rj`

» Many others exist

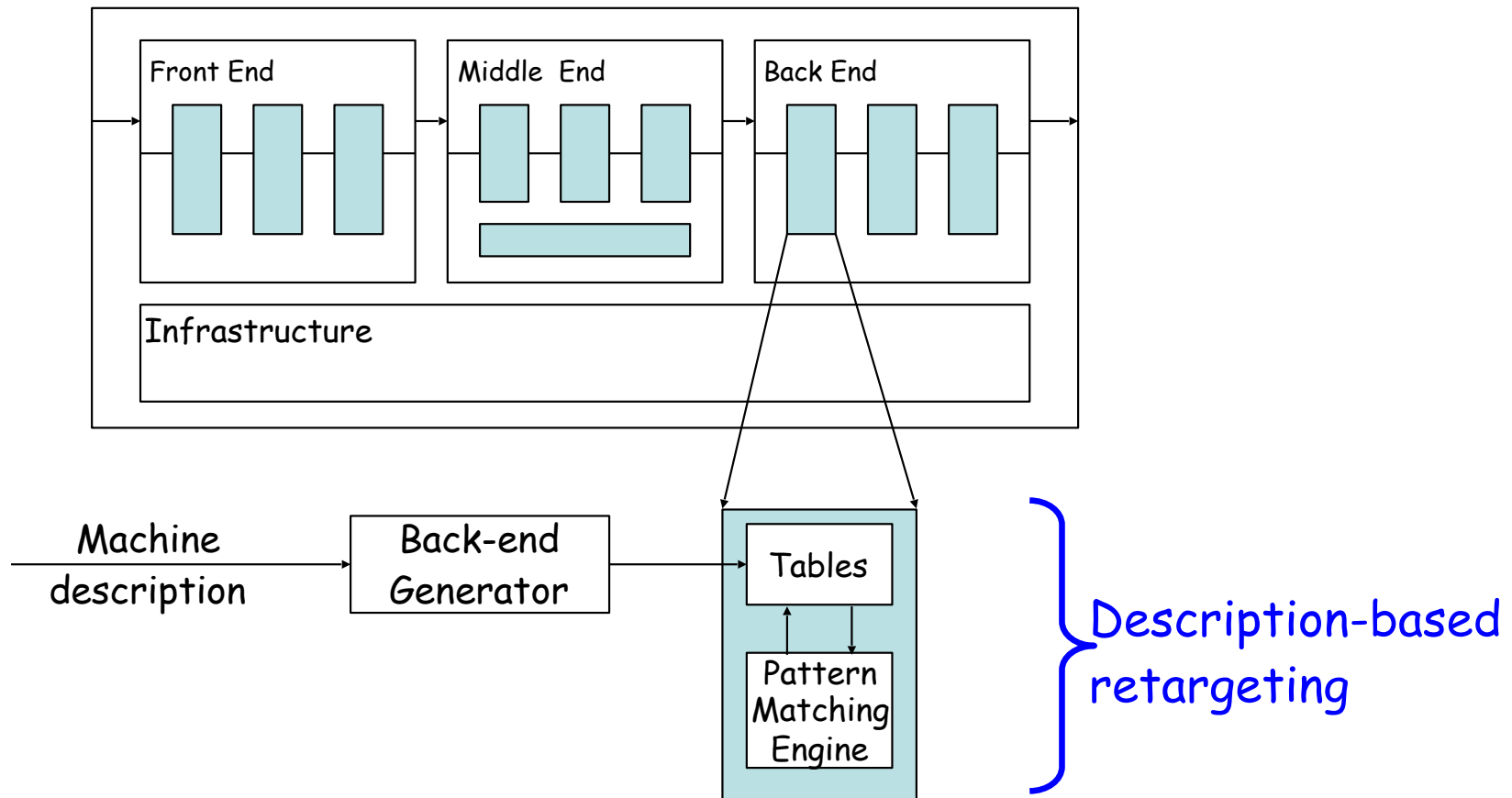
<code>addI r_i,0 ⇒ r_j</code>	<code>subI r_i,0 ⇒ r_j</code>	<code>lshiftI r_i,0 ⇒ r_j</code>
<code>multI r_i,1 ⇒ r_j</code>	<code>divI r_i,1 ⇒ r_j</code>	<code>rshiftI r_i,0 ⇒ r_j</code>
<code>orI r_i,0 ⇒ r_j</code>	<code>xorI r_i,0 ⇒ r_j</code>	... and others ...

» Human would ignore all of these

» Algorithm must look at all of them & find low-cost encoding
— Take context into account (e.g., busy functional units)

The Goal

Want to automate generation of instruction selectors



Machine description should also help with scheduling & allocation

The Back End

- Essential tasks:
- Instruction selection
 - Map low-level IR to actual machine instructions
 - Not necessarily 1-1 mapping
 - CISC architectures, addressing modes
- Register allocation
 - Low-level IR assumes unlimited registers
 - Map to actual resources of machines
 - Goal: maximize use of registers

Instruction Selection

- Low-level IR different from machine Instruction Set Architecture (ISA)
 - Why?
 - Allow different back ends
 - Abstraction - to make optimization easier
- Differences between IR and ISA
 - IR: simple, uniform set of operations
 - ISA: many specialized instructions
- Often a single instruction does the work of multiple IR operations

Example

Consider an example IR generated from the source code statement, $a[i+1] = b[j]$:

IR

Address of $b[j]$:	$t1 = j * 4$
	$t2 = b + t1$
Load value $b[j]$:	$t3 = *t2$
Address of $a[i+1]$:	$t4 = i + 1$
	$t5 = t4 * 4$
	$t6 = a + t5$
Store into $a[i+1]$:	$*t6 = t3$

Instruction Selection

One approach

- Map each IR operation to an instruction (or set of)
- May need to include memory operations

`x = y + z;`



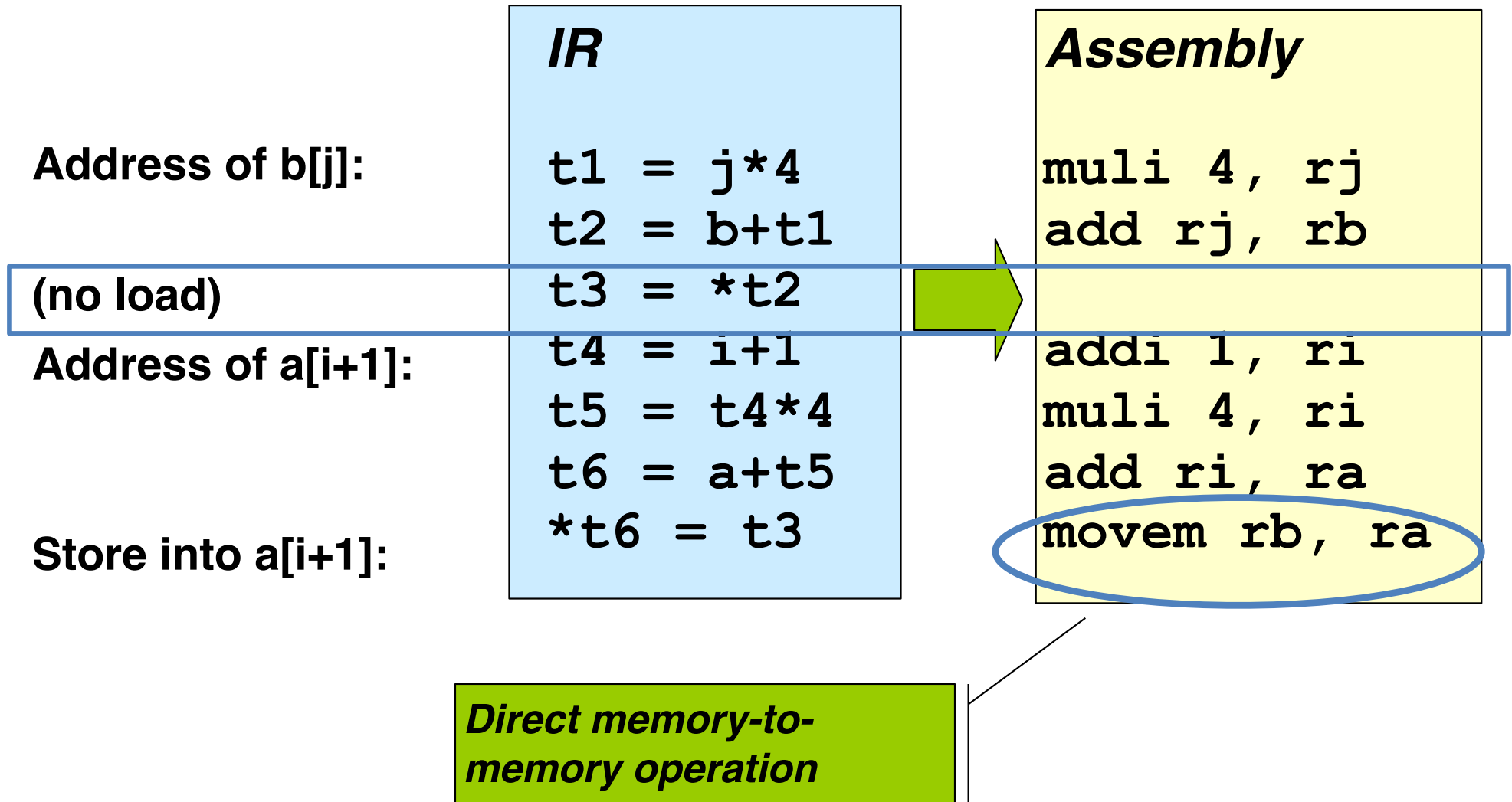
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mov y, r1
mov z, r2
add r2, r1
mov r1, x
```

Problem: inefficient use of ISA

Possible Translation (Unoptimized)

	<i>IR</i>	<i>Assembly</i>
Address of b[j]:	t1 = j*4 t2 = b+t1	mul _i 4, rj add rj, rb
Load value b[j]:	t3 = *t2	load rb, r1
Address of a[i+1]:	t4 = i+1 t5 = t4*4 t6 = a+t5	add _i 1, ri mul _i 4, ri add ri, ra
Store into a[i+1]:	*t6 = t3	store r1, ra

Another Translation for a CISC processor (unlike MIPS)



Yet Another Translation

Index of b[j]:

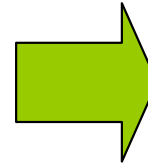
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Address of a[i+1]:

Store into a[i+1]:

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*t6 = t3
```



Assembly

```
mulh 4, rj
addi 1, ri
mulh 4, ri
add ri, ra
movex rj,rb,ra
```


Compute the address of b[j] in the memory move operation

movex rj, rb, ra *ra ← *(rj + rb)

Different Translations

- Why is the last translation preferable?
 - Fewer instructions
 - Instructions have different costs
 - Space cost: size of each instruction
 - Time cost: number of cycles to complete

• Example



<code>add r2, r1</code>	cost = 1 cycle
<code>muli c, r1</code>	cost = 10 cycles
<code>load r2, r1</code>	cost = 3 cycles
<code>store r2, r1</code>	cost = 3 cycles
<code>movem r2, r1</code>	cost = 4 cycles
<code>movex r3, r2, r1</code>	cost = 5 cycles

The Big Picture

Need pattern matching techniques

- » Must produce good code (some metric for good)
- » Must run quickly

Linear IR with three-address code suggests using some sort of string matching

- » Process takes strings as input, matcher as output
- » Each string maps to a target-machine instruction sequence
- » Use text matching or **peephole matching (today's lecture)**

Tree-oriented IR suggests **pattern matching on trees (next lecture)**

- » Process takes tree-patterns as input, matcher as output
- » Each pattern maps to a target-machine instruction sequence
- » Use dynamic programming or bottom-up rewrite systems
- » It is possible to extract trees from Linear IR as well

In practice, both work well; matchers are quite different

Peephole Matching

Basic idea

- » Compiler can discover local improvements locally
 - Look at a small set of adjacent operations
 - Move a “peephole” over code & search for improvement
- » Classic example was store followed by load
 - » Expressed using textbook’s IR

Original code

```
storeAI r1    ⇒ r0,8  
loadAI  r0,8 ⇒ r15
```

Improved code

```
storeAI r1    ⇒ r0,8  
i2i      r1 ⇒ r15
```

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- » Simple algebraic identities

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addI $r_2, 0 \Rightarrow r_7$
mult $r_4, r_7 \Rightarrow r_{10}$

multI $r_5, 2 \Rightarrow r_7$

Improved code

mult $r_4, r_2 \Rightarrow r_{10}$

add $r_2, r_2 \Rightarrow r_7$

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- » Simple algebraic identities
- » Jump to a jump

Original code

jumpI $\rightarrow L_{10}$
 L_{10} : jumpI $\rightarrow L_{11}$

Improved code

L_{10} : jumpI $\rightarrow L_{11}$



Must be within the window

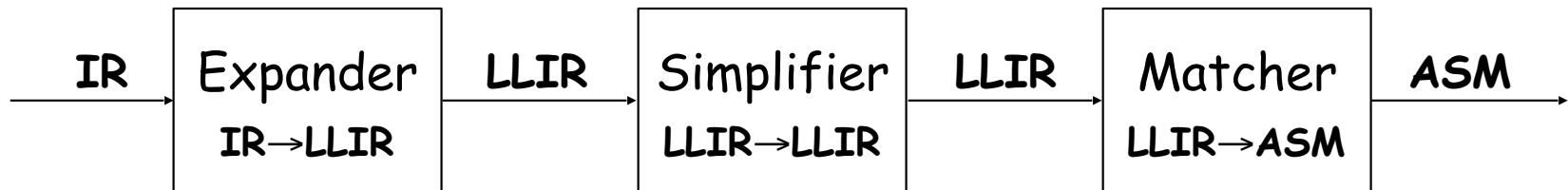
Peephole Matching

Implementing it

- » Early systems used limited set of hand-coded patterns
- » Window size ensured quick processing $O(n^2) \Rightarrow O(n)$

Modern peephole instruction selectors

- » Break problem into three tasks

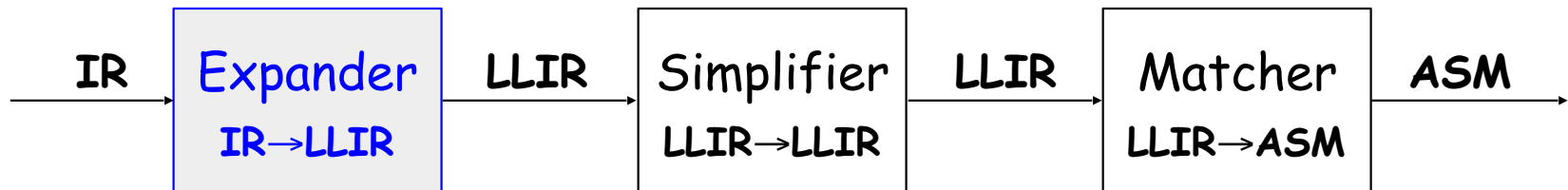


- » Apply symbolic interpretation & simplification systematically

Peephole Matching

Expander

- » Turns IR code into a low-level IR (LLIR) such as RTL
 - » Not to be confused by LLVM IR ...
- » Operation-by-operation, template-driven rewriting
- » LLIR form includes all direct effects
- » Significant, albeit constant, expansion of size



Peephole Matching

Simplifier

- » Looks at LLIR through window and rewrites it
- » Uses forward substitution, algebraic simplification, local constant propagation, and dead-effect elimination
- » Performs local optimization within window



- » This is the heart of the peephole system
 - Benefit of peephole optimization shows up in this step

Peephole Matching

Matcher

- » Compares simplified LLIR against a library of patterns
- » Picks low-cost pattern that captures effects
- » Must preserve LLIR effects, may add new ones
- » Generates the assembly code output



Example

$x - 2 * y$ becomes

Original IR Code

OP	Arg ₁	Arg ₂	Result
mult	2	y	t ₁
sub	x	t ₁	w

Symbolic names for memory-bound variables

Example (after Expander phase)

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Example (after Matcher phase for Instruction Selection)

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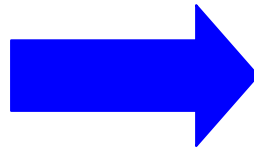
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Match



ILoc Code

loadAI $r_0, @y \Rightarrow r_{13}$

multI $2 \times r_{13} \Rightarrow r_{14}$

loadAI $r_0, @x \Rightarrow r_{17}$

sub $r_{17} - r_{14} \Rightarrow r_{18}$

storeAI $r_{18} \Rightarrow r_0, @w$

- » Introduced all memory operations & temporary names
- » Turned out pretty good code

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Simplify



LLIR Code

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$r_{17} \leftarrow \text{MEM}(r_0 + @x)$

$r_{18} \leftarrow r_{17} - r_{14}$

$\text{MEM}(r_0 + @w) \leftarrow r_{18}$

Minimizing Cost

- Goal:

- Find instructions with low overall cost

- Difficulty

- How to find these patterns?
- Machine idioms may subsume IR operations that are not adjacent

- Idea: use tree matching to go beyond peephole matching

- Convert computation into a tree
- Match parts of the tree

IR

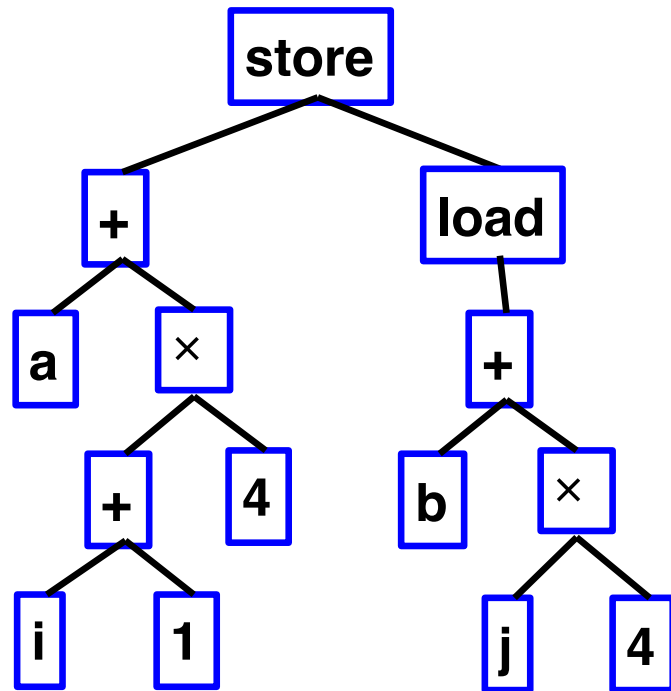
t1 = j*4
t2 = b+t1
t3 = *t2
t4 = i+1
t5 = t4*4
t6 = a+t5
*t6 = t4

movem rb, ra

Tree Representation

- Build a tree:

$a[i+1] = b[j]$



IR

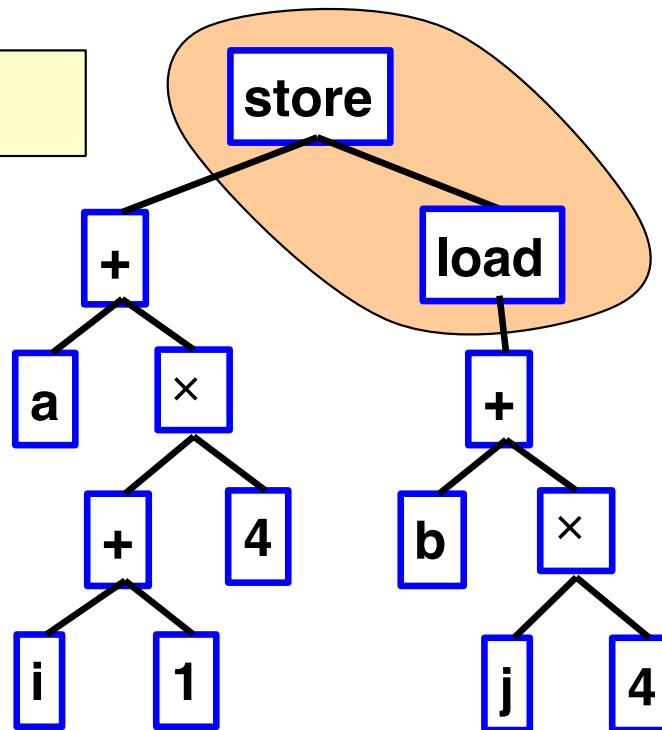
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- Goal: find parts of the tree that correspond to machine instructions

Tiles

- Idea: a *tile* is contiguous piece of the tree that corresponds to a machine instruction

`movem rb, ra`

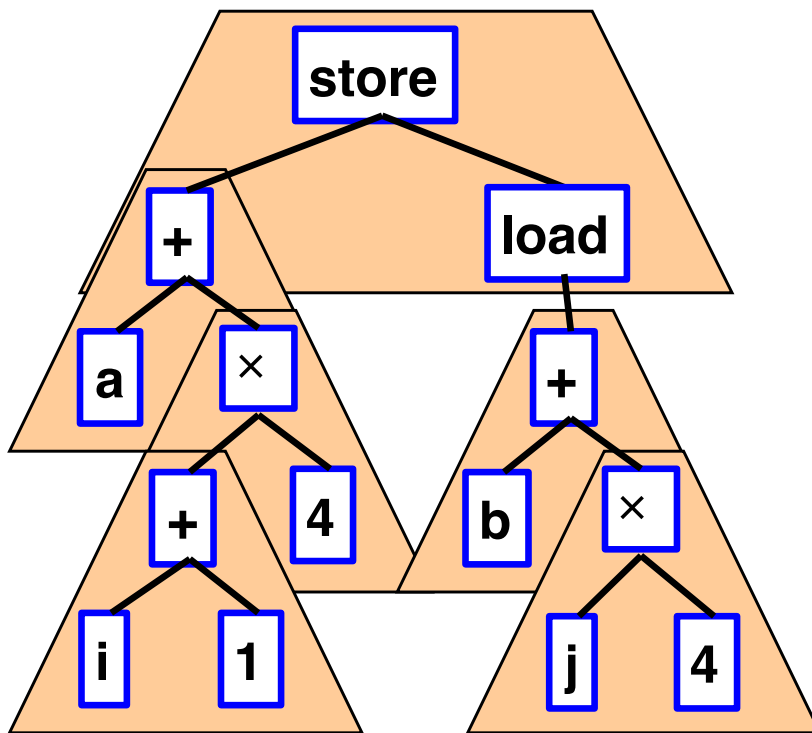


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Tiling

- *Tiling*: cover the tree with tiles

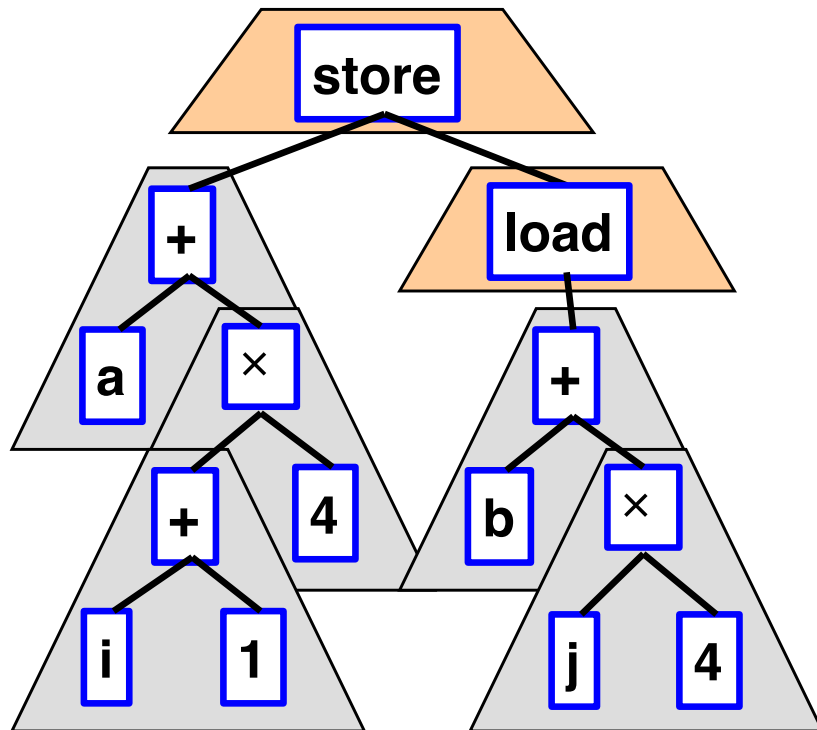


Assembly

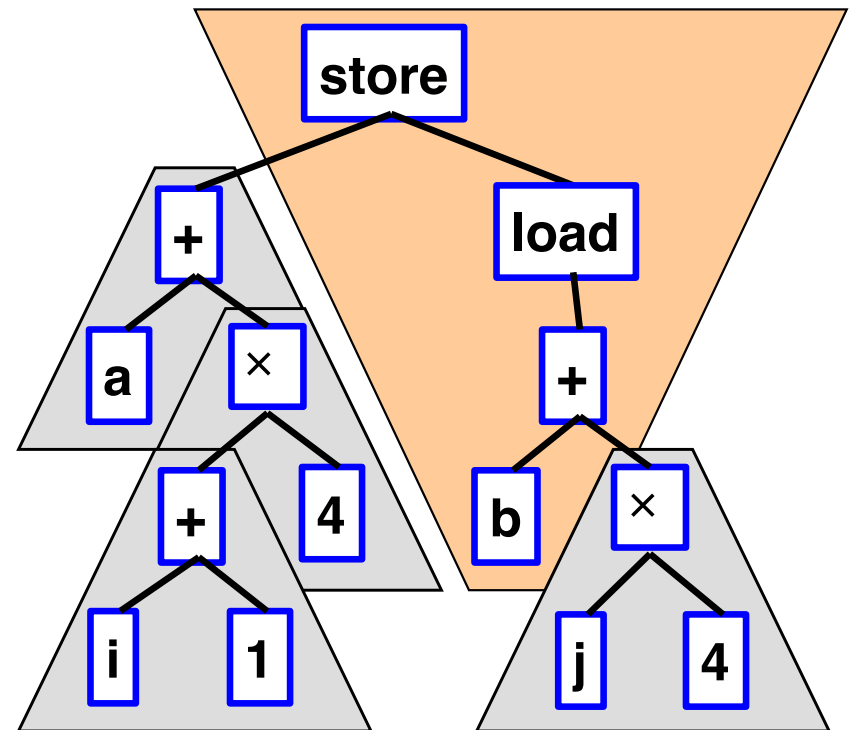
```
muli 4, rj
add rj, rb
addi 1, ri
muli 4, ri
add ri, ra
movem rb, ra
```

Tiling

```
load rb, r1  
store r1, ra
```

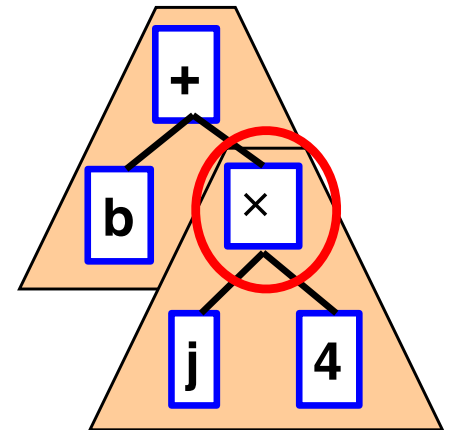


```
movex rj, rb, ra
```



Generating Code

- Given a tiling of a tree
 - A tiling *implements* a tree if:
 - It covers all nodes in the tree
- Post-order tree walk
 - Emit machine instructions for each tile
 - Tie boundaries together with registers
 - Note: order of children matters



Tiling

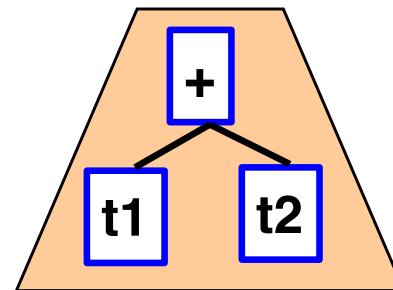
- What's hard about this?

- Define system of tiles in the compiler
- Finding a tiling that implements the tree
(*Covers all nodes in the tree*)
- Finding a “good” tiling

- Different approaches

- Ad-hoc pattern matching
- Automated tools

To guarantee every tree can be tiled, provide a tile for each individual kind of node



```
mov    t1, t3
add    t2, t3
```