

CSA1455

Compiler Design For Lexical Analysis

Assignment - 2

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Peehole optimization techniques

Peehole optimization is a Local optimization technique that analyzes a small sequence of instructions in generated code to detect and eliminate inefficiencies. It is applied after code generation to improve Runtime Performance and Reduce Memory Usage.

PARAMETERS

1. Local optimization techniques

Local optimization operates within a limited scope, such as a single basic block, to improve efficiency. Some common techniques

include:

* Redundant Instruction Elimination

* Constant folding

* Strength Reduction

* Algebraic Simplification

2. Common Subexpression Elimination

CSE identifies and eliminates duplicate expressions that compute the same value multiple times within a local scope.

Example:

Before optimization:

```
int a = (x+y) * z;
```

```
int b = (x+y) * w;
```

After optimization:

```
int temp = x+y;
```

```
int a = temp * z;
```

```
int b = temp * w;
```

3. Dead Code Elimination

Dead Code refers to instructions that do not affect the program's output. These can be safely removed to reduce execution overhead.

Example:

Before optimization:

```
int n = 5;  
n = 10;  
printf("%d", n);
```

After optimization:

```
int n = 10;  
printf("%d", n);
```

The first assignment ($n = 5$) is removed because x is immediately reassigned before being used.

Q. What is Peephole optimization, and why is it used?

A. Peephole optimization is a local optimization technique that improves the efficiency of generated code by analyzing and optimizing small segments of instructions at a time. This technique is applied during the compilation phase, typically after code generation.

WHY?

Peephole optimization is used for several

Reasons:

1. Reducing code size
2. Improving execution speed

3. Optimizing Register Usage

4. Eliminating Redundant Computation

5. Enhancing Performance without

Affecting Program Logic.

Example:

Before:

MOV R1, A

MOV A, R1

AFTER:

MOV R1, A

2. Explain Redundant instruction Elimination
with an Example.

* Redundant instruction elimination is a

Peephole optimization technique that

Removes unnecessary instructions that

do not contribute to the final output.

Example:

Before optimization:

```
int n = 5;
```

```
n = 10;
```

Redundant

```
printf("%d", n);
```

After optimization:

```
int n = 10;
```

```
printf("%d", n);
```

Benefits:

- * It eliminates unnecessary operations.

- * Fewer instructions mean faster

Execution:

- * Remove unnecessary loads and

stores.

3. How does Constant folding improve code efficiency?

* Constant folding is a compile-time optimization technique that evaluates constant expressions before execution and replaces them with their computed values.

How it improves code efficiency?

1. Reduces Computation at Runtime
2. Decreases Execution time
3. Optimizes Memory usage
4. Improves Readability and Maintainability.

Example:

Before :

```
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++) {  
    y
```

After :

```
int y = 0;  
for (int i = 0; i < 100; i++)  
{  
    y
```


4. What is dead code Elimination, and how does it work?

* Dead Code Elimination is a compiler optimization technique that removes code that does not affect the program's output. This helps reduce program's size, improve execution speed, and optimize memory usage.

How?

It follows three main steps:

1. Code Analysis
2. Marking Unused Code
3. Eliminating Dead Code

Types of Dead Code:

1. Unreachable Code
2. Unused variables
3. Redundant Assignments

5. Compare Local and Global Optimizations

Feature	Local optimization	Global optimization
Scope	Small Region	Entire Function or Program
Complexity	simpler, Requiring minimal analysis	More Complex, Requiring data flow analysis
Code size Reduction	Small Reductions	Can significantly Reduce Program size.
Time & Resources	Fast and Light weight	Requiring more time and memory,

* Local optimization is simpler but faster

* Global optimization is more powerful and

improves overall performance.