

CS614: Advanced Compilers

Optimizations based on SSA

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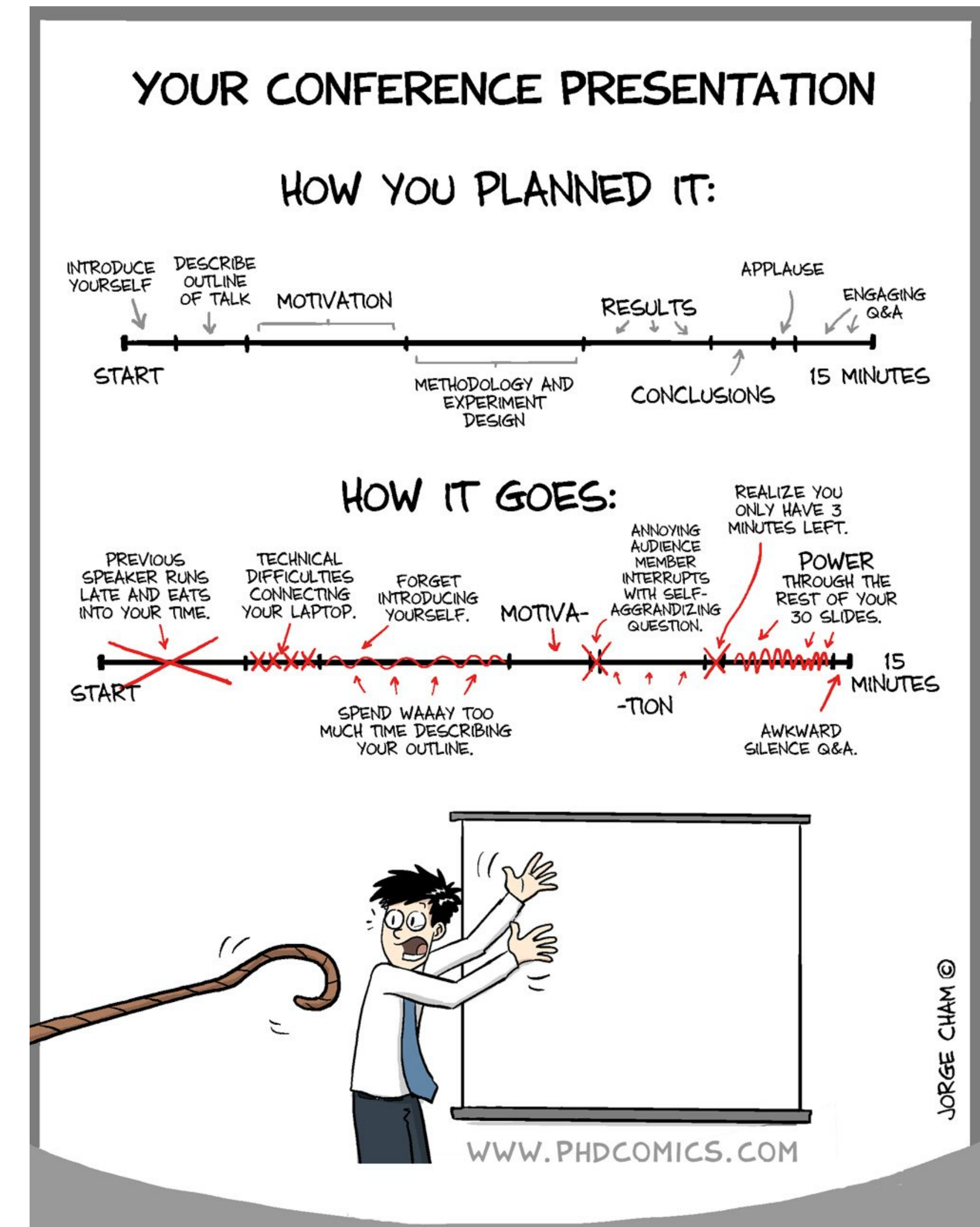


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Outline of the recent weeks

- Intermediate code for OO languages
- CFGs and IDFAs
- SSA form: construction, optimizations
- SCP, SSCP, CCP, SCCP
- CSE, GVN, PRE
- Today:
 - PRE Practice
 - SSA Demo
 - SSA Goodbye

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Clarification: Inserting computations to introduce full redundancy

- Among the partially available expressions at n , we can place those at its entry that
 - are either anticipated locally, or can be placed at its exit ($PpOut$) and don't get killed; and
 - for every predecessor p , are either available at p 's exit or can be placed at p 's exit.

Insertion happens only at the exit of a block;
hence $PPIn$ has expressions that can be pushed to the exit of predecessors.

$$PpIn[n] = PavIn[n] \cap (AntLoc[n] \cup (PpOut[n] - Kill[n])) \\ \cap \forall p \in pred[n] (AvOut[p] \cup PpOut[p])$$

Where do we insert new computations then?!

- We don't want to insert an expression at node n if it can be placed at a predecessor of n .
- Insert an expression e at the exit of a node n if
 - Exit of n is a possible placement point for e ;
 - e is not already available at n ; and
 - moving e further up does not work because either e cannot be placed at n 's entry or because n kills e .

$\text{Insert}[n] = \text{PpOut}[n] \cap \text{!AvOut}[n] \cap (\text{!PpIn}[n] \cup \text{Kill}[n])$



Finally, removing existing computations

- We have identified partial redundancies and added expressions to convert them to full redundancies.
- Now we can remove full redundancies!
- From a node n , we can remove the computation of expressions that are anticipated locally and can be placed at n 's beginning:

$$\text{Remove}[n] = \text{AntLoc}[n] \cap \text{PpIn}[n]$$

PRE Practice

$$\text{AvIn}[n] = \forall p \in \text{pred}[n] \cap \text{AvOut}[p]$$

$$\text{AvOut}[n] = \text{Gen}[n] \cup (\text{AvIn}[n] - \text{Kill}[n])$$

$$\text{PavIn}[n] = \forall p \in \text{pred}[n] \cup \text{PavOut}[p]$$

$$\text{PavOut}[n] = \text{Gen}[n] \cup (\text{PavIn}[n] - \text{Kill}[n])$$

$$\text{AntOut}[n] = \forall s \in \text{succ}[n] \cap \text{AntIn}[s]$$

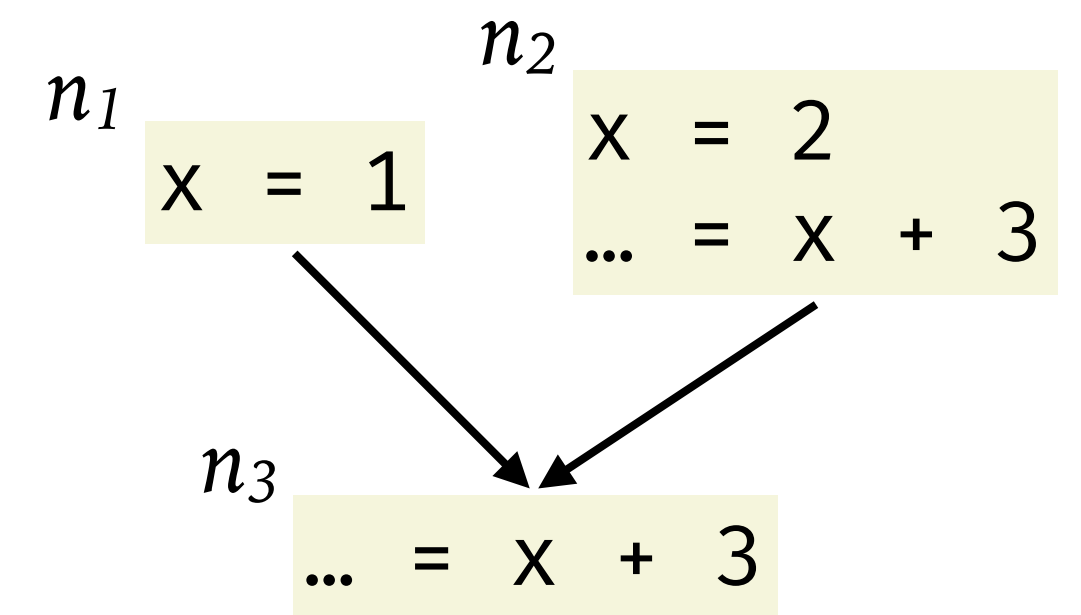
$$\text{AntIn}[n] = \text{AntLoc}[n] \cup (\text{AntOut}[n] - \text{Kill}[n])$$

$$\text{PPOut}[n] = \forall s \in \text{succ}[n] \cap \text{PPIn}[s]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PpIn}[n] = & \text{PavIn}[n] \cap (\text{AntLoc}[n] \cup (\text{PpOut}[n] - \text{Kill}[n])) \\ & \cap \forall p \in \text{pred}[n] (\text{AvOut}[p] \cup \text{PpOut}[p]) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Insert}[n] = \text{PpOut}[n] \cap \neg \text{AvOut}[n] \cap (\neg \text{PpIn}[n] \cup \text{Kill}[n])$$

$$\text{Remove}[n] = \text{AntLoc}[n] \cap \text{PpIn}[n]$$



PRE Notes

- Our PRE algorithm (1979) is **bidirectional**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PPOut}[n] &= \forall s \in \text{succ}[n] \cap \text{PPIn}[s] \\ \text{PpIn}[n] &= \text{PavIn}[n] \cap (\text{AntLoc}[n] \cup (\text{PpOut}[n] - \text{Kill}[n])) \\ &\quad \cap \forall p \in \text{pred}[n] (\text{AvOut}[p] \cup \text{PpOut}[p]) \end{aligned}$$

- This makes it complex as well as expensive.
- Researchers have later proposed other formulations of PRE that are combinations of multiple unidirectional analyses.
- A paper as recently as 2024 on reducing the number of required *unidirectional* analyses!
- Think how one could utilize SSA form to improve PRE.
 - Called the SSAPRE algorithm.



SSA Destruction



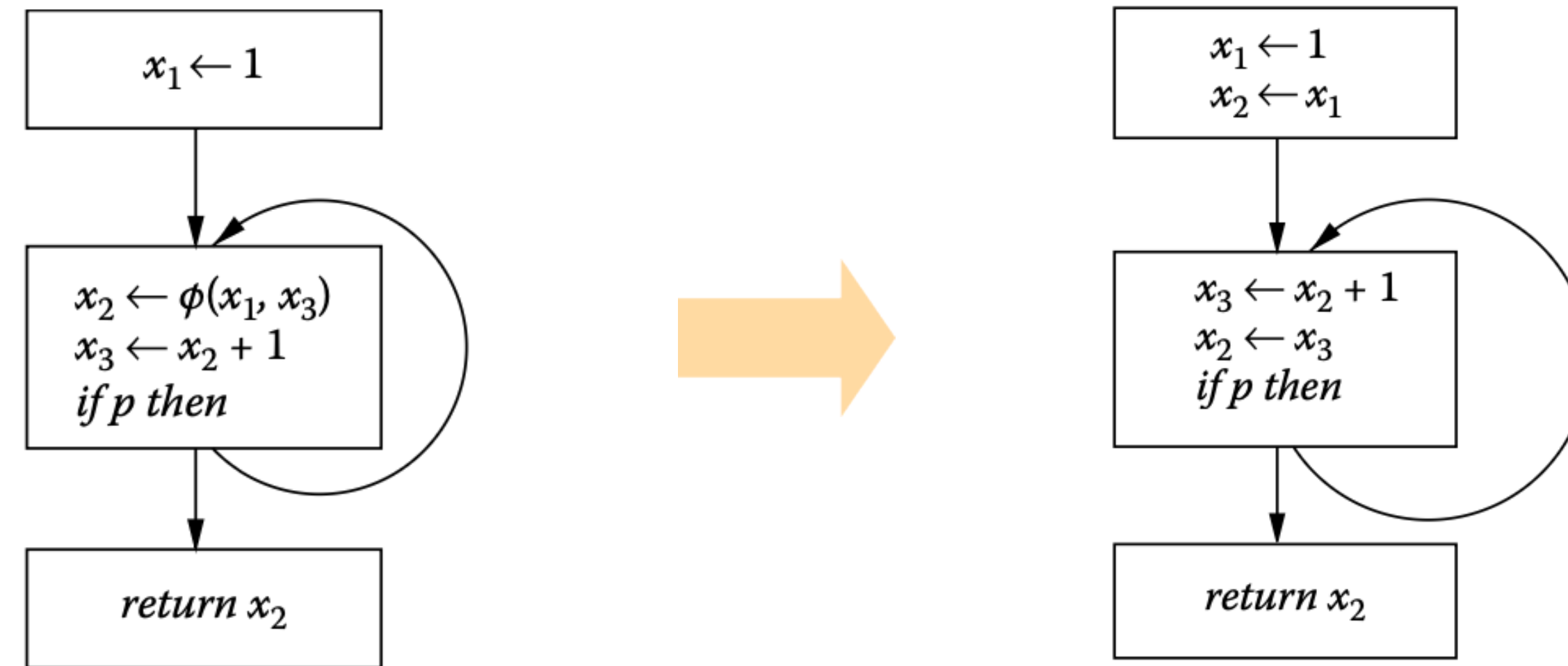
Removal of Φ Functions

- Φ functions have no equivalence in hardware.
- They need to be removed after performing enabled optimizations.
- Naive removal:
 - Insert a copy statement at the end of each predecessor node, corresponding to each argument:



- Not so straightforward in multiple scenarios though.

The Lost Copy Problem



- Wrong value of x_2 will be returned by the enclosing function.

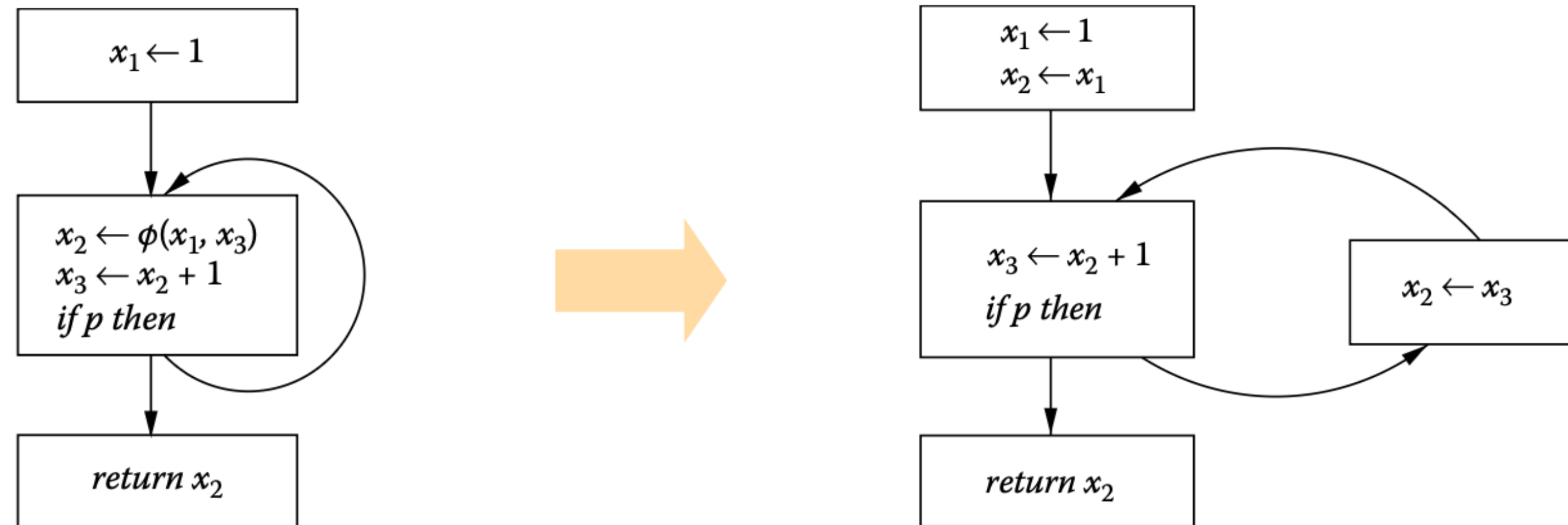
The Lost Copy Problem

- **Cause:** x_2 was live beyond the scope of the Φ function that defined it.
- **Solution 1:** Introduce a temporary variable to save the original value of x_2 :



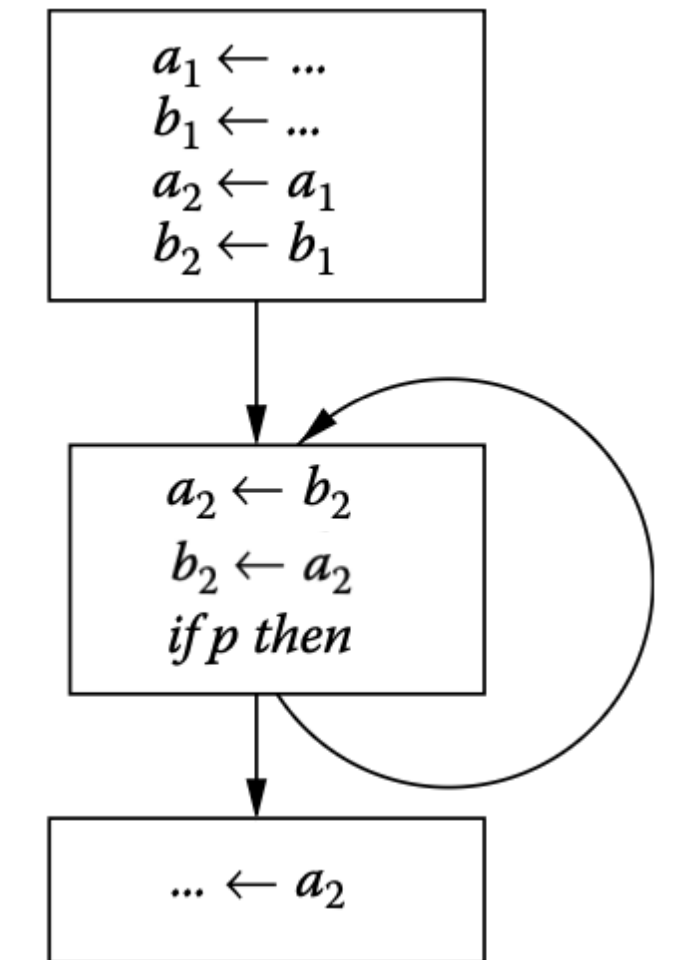
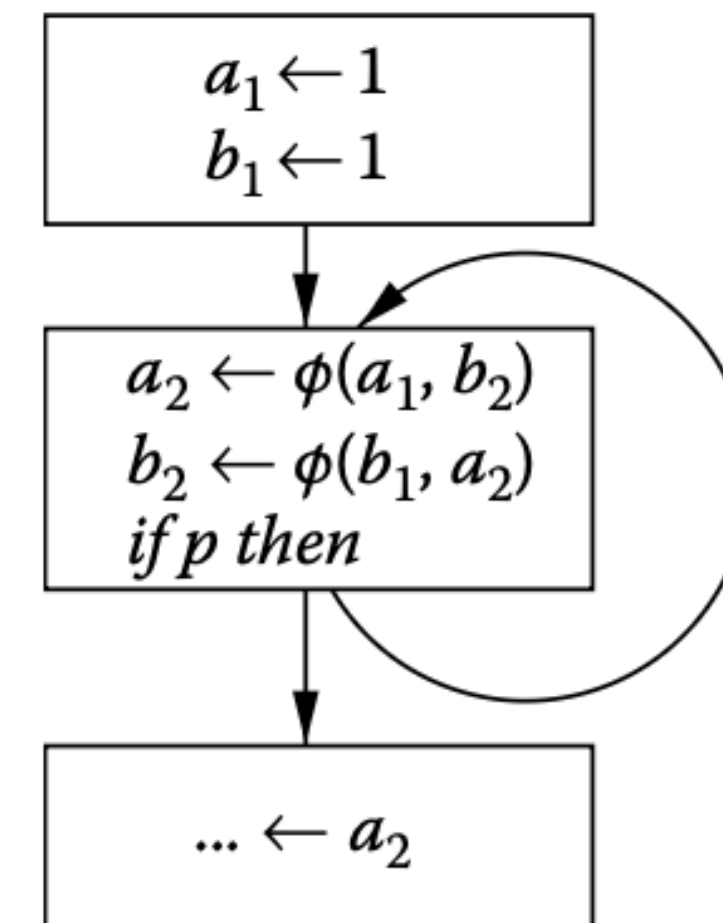
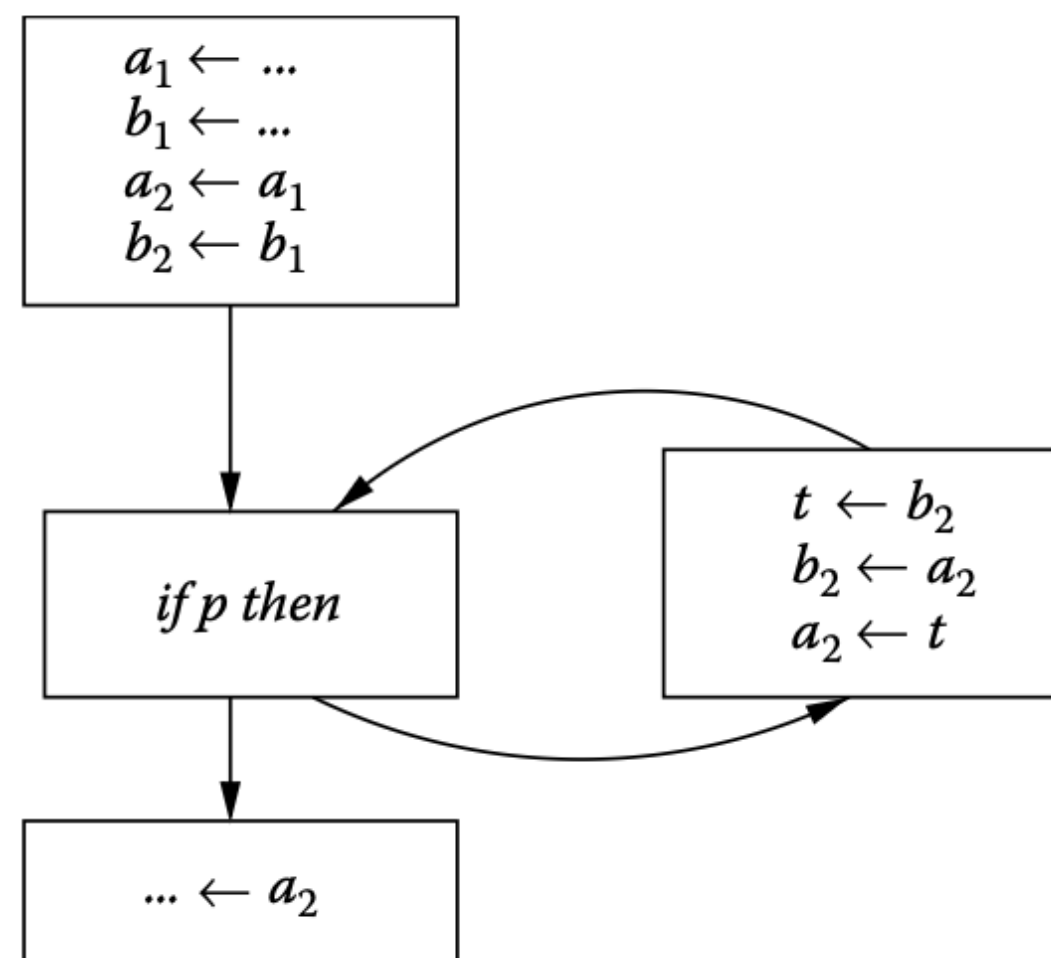
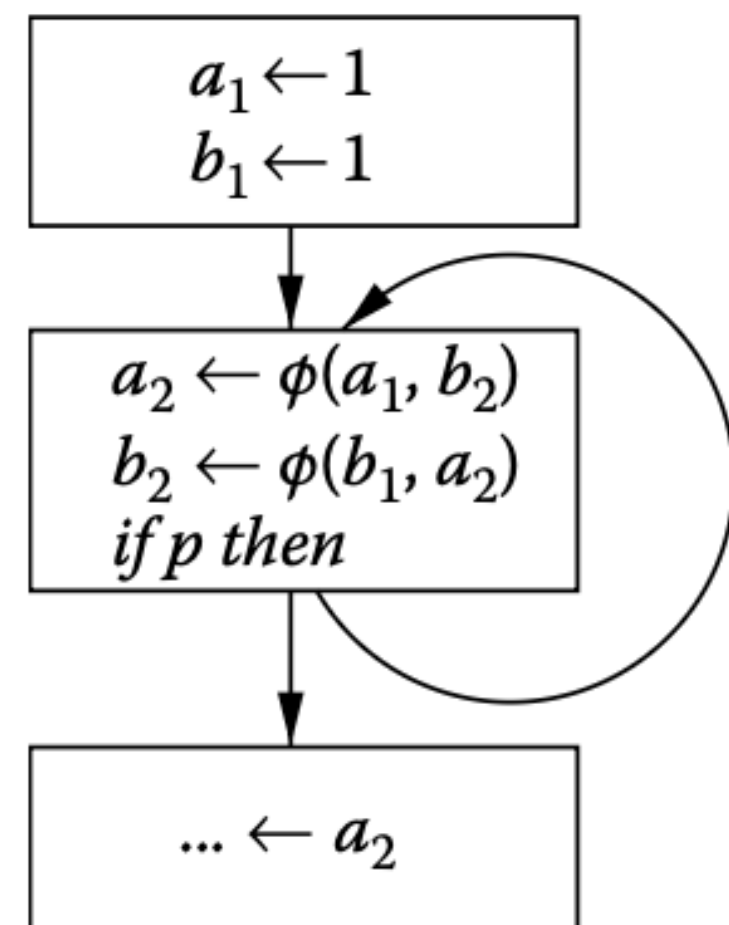
The Lost Copy Problem

- **Cause:** x_2 was live beyond the scope of the Φ function that defined it.
- **Solution 2:** Split the *critical* edge and insert the overwrite in a new basic block:



The Swap Problem

- a_2 gets assigned the value of b_2 instead of a_1 , in the first iteration.
- Can be again solved with edge splitting:



Insight: The Φ functions at a node have no inherent order.

SSA Demo

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A2 Discussion

