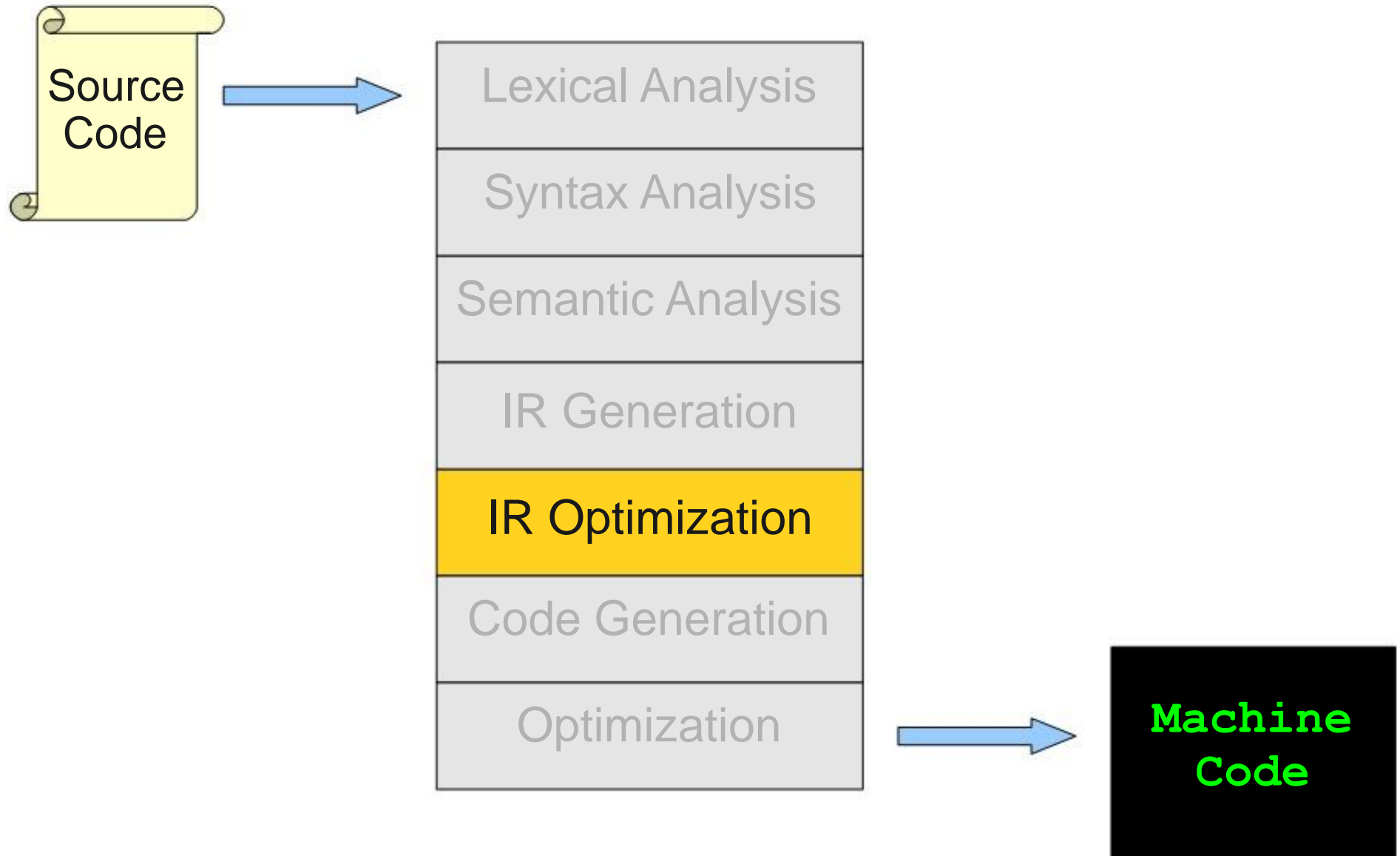


# Where We Are



# Copy Propagation

- If we have a variable assignment

$$V_1 = V_2$$

then as long as  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  are not reassigned, we can rewrite expressions of the form

$$a = \dots V_1 \dots$$

as



$$a = \dots V_2 \dots$$

provided that such a rewrite is legal.

- This will help immensely later on, as you'll see.

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;
```

```
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

The diagram illustrates the mapping between high-level code and low-level assembly-like code for copy propagation. A vertical line separates the two. Blue arrows point from specific lines in the high-level code to their corresponding low-level instructions:

- From `x = new Object;` to `_tmp2 = Object ;`
- From the block `a = 4;` and `c = a + b;` to `a = _tmp3 ;` and `c = _tmp4 ;`
- From `x.fn(a + b);` to `PushParam x ;`

```
{  
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = a + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(x) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam _tmp5 ;  
PushParam x ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;  
}
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = a + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(x) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam _tmp5 ;  
PushParam x ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = a + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(_tmp1) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam _tmp5 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = a + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(_tmp1) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam _tmp5 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(_tmp1) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam _tmp5 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(_tmp1) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam _tmp5 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```



# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(_tmp1) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = *(_tmp1) ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp3 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp3 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp0 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = _tmp0 ;  
a = _tmp0 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```



# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = 4 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = 4 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = c ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam c ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;  
  
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = 4 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam _tmp4 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Copy Propagation

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;
```

```
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

Dead codes

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;  
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = 4 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam _tmp4 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Dead Code Elimination



- An assignment to a **variable  $v$**  is called **dead** if the value of that assignment is never read anywhere.
- Dead code elimination **removes dead assignments from IR.**

# Dead Code Elimination

```
Object x;  
int a;  
int b;  
int c;
```

```
x = new Object;  
a = 4;  
c = a + b;  
x.fn(a + b);
```

Dead codes

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;  
PushParam _tmp0 ;  
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;  
PopParams 4 ;  
_tmp2 = Object ;  
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;  
x = _tmp1 ;   
_tmp3 = 4 ;  
a = 4 ;  
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;  
c = _tmp4 ;   
_tmp5 = _tmp4 ;  
_tmp6 = _tmp2 ;  
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;  
PushParam _tmp4 ;  
PushParam _tmp1 ;  
ACall _tmp7 ;  
PopParams 8 ;
```

# For Comparison

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;
PushParam _tmp0 ;
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;
PopParams 4 ;
_tmp2 = Object ;
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;
x = _tmp1 ;
_tmp3 = 4 ;
a = _tmp3 ;
_tmp4 = a + b ;
c = _tmp4 ;
_tmp5 = a + b ;
_tmp6 = *(x) ;
_tmp7 = *(_tmp6) ;
PushParam _tmp5 ;
PushParam x ;
ACall _tmp7 ;
PopParams 8 ;
```

```
_tmp0 = 4 ;
PushParam _tmp0 ;
_tmp1 = LCall _Alloc ;
PopParams 4 ;
_tmp2 = Object ;
*(_tmp1) = _tmp2 ;
_tmp4 = _tmp0 + b ;
_tmp7 = *(_tmp2) ;
PushParam _tmp4 ;
PushParam _tmp1 ;
ACall _tmp7 ;
PopParams 8 ;
```

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = a * a;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

- To get maximum effect, we may have to apply these optimizations (**Common subexpression elimination**, **Copy propagation**, **Dead code elimination**) numerous times.



# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = a * a;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

**Common Subexpression Elimination**

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

**Common Subexpression Elimination**

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + c;  
e = b + b;
```

**Copy Propagation**

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;
```

```
c = b;
```

```
d = b + b;
```

```
e = b + b;
```

**Copy Propagation**

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = b + b;
```

**Common Subexpression Elimination (Again)**

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = d;
```

**Common Subexpression Elimination (Again)**

# Applying Local Optimizations

```
b = a * a;  
c = b;  
d = b + b;  
e = d;
```

**Done**

# Other Types of Local Optimization

- **Arithmetic Simplification**

- Replace “hard” operations with easier ones.
- e.g. rewrite `x = a * 4;` as `x = a << 2;`

- **Constant Folding**

- Evaluate expressions at compile-time if they have a constant value.
- e.g. rewrite `x = 4*5;` as `x = 20;`



# Implementing Local Optimization

# Available Expressions

- Both **common subexpression elimination** and **copy propagation** depend on an analysis of the **available expressions** in a program.
- An expression is called **available** if some **variable** in the program **holds the value of that expression**.
- Whenever we execute a statement  **$a = b + c$** :
  - Any previous expression holding  **$a$**  is invalidated.
  - The expression  **$a = b + c$**  becomes available.

# Available Expressions

**{}** Initially, no available expression.

`a = b;`

`c = b;`

`d = a + b;`

`e = a + b;`

`d = b;`

`f = a + b;`

# Available Expressions

```
    {}  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = b;  
  
d = a + b;  
  
e = a + b;  
  
d = b;  
  
f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

```
    {}  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = b;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
  
    e = a + b;  
  
    d = b;  
  
    f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

```
    {}  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = b;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = a + b;  
  
    d = b;  
  
    f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

```
    {}  
    a = b;  
    { a = b }  
    c = b;  
    { a = b, c = b }  
    d = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
    e = a + b;  
    { a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
    d = b;  
  
    f = a + b;
```

# Available Expressions

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = b;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;
```



# Available Expressions

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = b;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = b;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = a;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = a;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = a;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = d;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = a;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = d;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = a;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = d;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = a;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = a;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = d;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = a;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

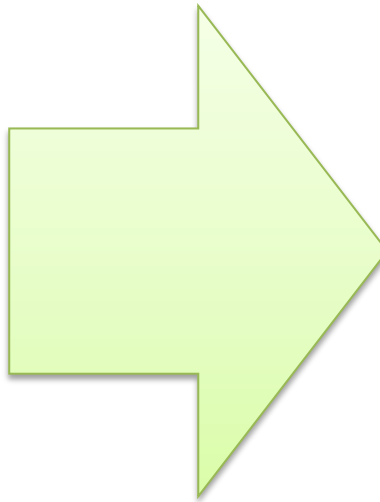


# Common Subexpression Elimination

```
{}  
a = b;  
{ a = b }  
c = a;  
{ a = b, c = b }  
d = a + b;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b }  
e = d;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = a + b, e = a + b }  
d = a;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b }  
f = e;  
{ a = b, c = b, d = b, e = a + b, f = a + b }
```

# Common Subexpression Elimination

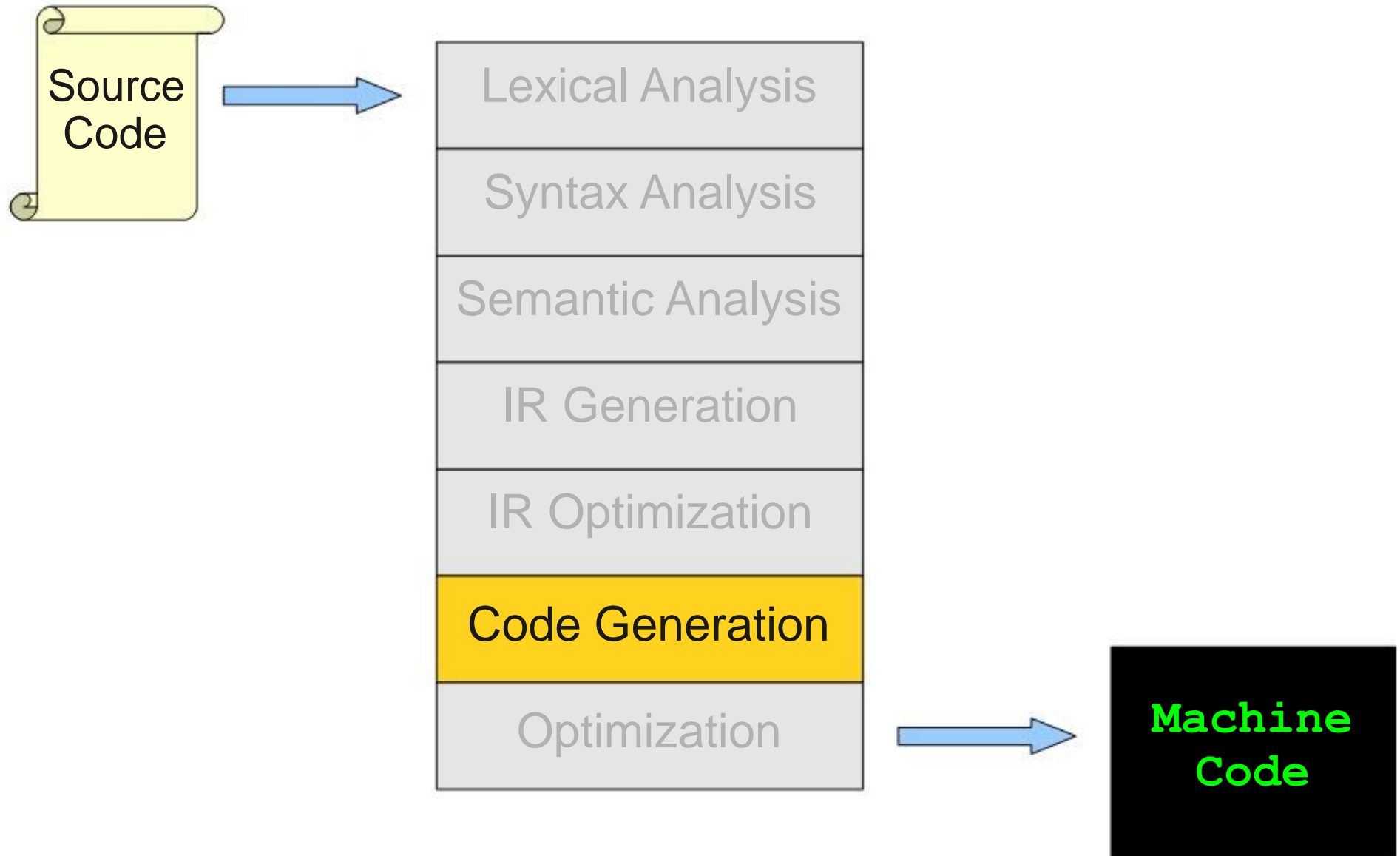
```
a = b;  
c = b;  
d = a + b;  
e = a + b;  
d = b;  
f = a + b;
```



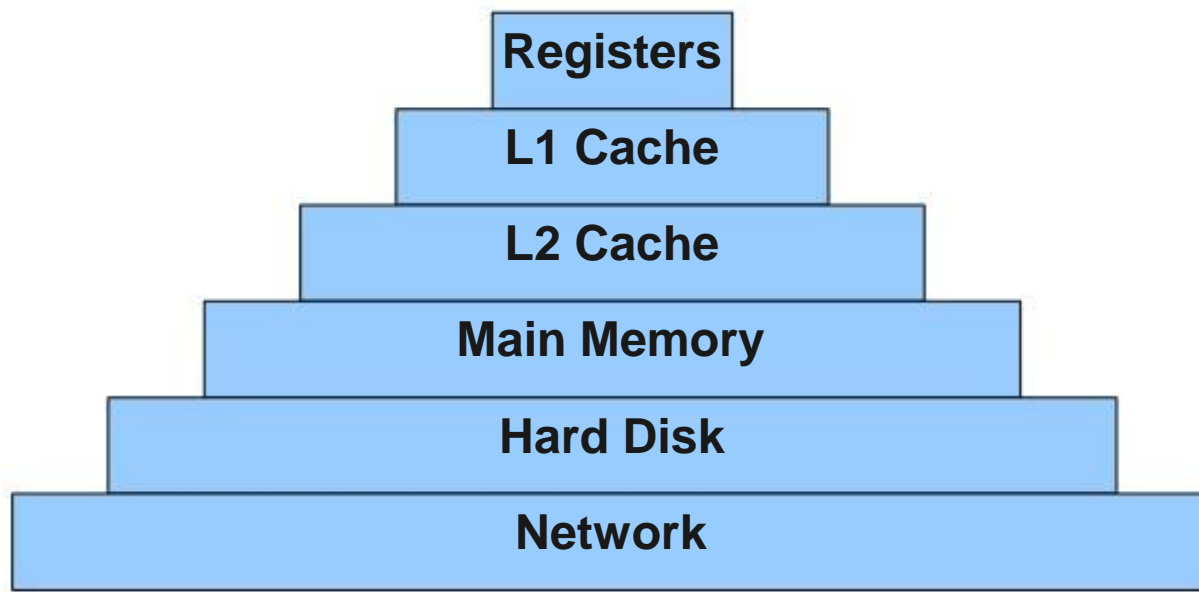
```
a = b;  
c = a;  
d = a + b;  
e = d;  
d = a;  
f = e;
```

# Register Allocation

# Where We Are



# The Memory Hierarchy



**Size**

**Time**

256B - 8KB	0.25 - 1ns
16KB - 64KB	1ns - 5 ns
1MB - 4MB	5ns - 25ns
4GB - 32GB	25ns - 100ns
100GB+	3 - 10ms
<b>HUGE</b>	10 - 2000ms

# Register Allocation

- **Register allocation** is the process of **assigning** variables to registers and **managing data transfer in and out of registers**.
  - Need to find a way to reuse registers whenever possible.
- In **TAC**, there are an **unlimited** number of variables.
- On a **physical machine** there are a **small number of registers**:
  - x86 has four general-purpose registers and a number of specialized registers.
  - **MIPS** has **twenty-four general-purpose registers** and **eight special-purpose registers**.

# Our Register Allocator In Action

a = b + c;

d = a;

c = a + d;

lw \$t0, -12(fp)

lw \$t1, -16(fp)

add \$t2, \$t0, \$t1

sw \$t2, -8(fp)

lw \$t0, -8(fp)

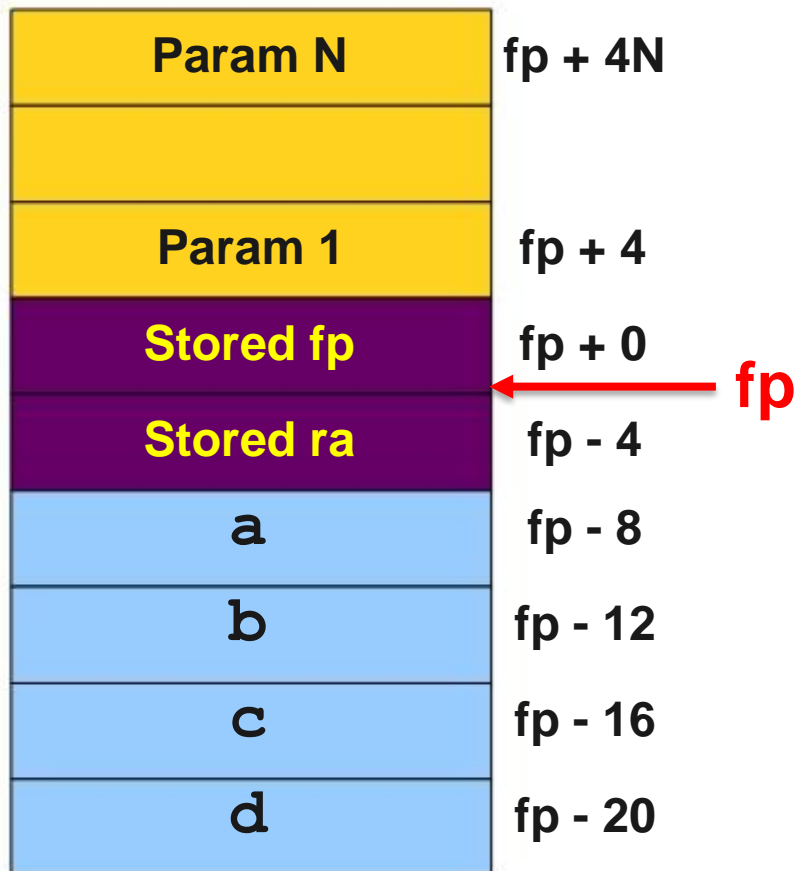
sw \$t0, -20(fp)

lw \$t0, -8(fp)

lw \$t1, -20(fp)

add \$t2, \$t0, \$t1

sw \$t2, -16(fp)



# Analysis of our Allocator

- **Disadvantage: Gross inefficiency.**
  - Issues unnecessary loads and stores by the dozen.
  - Slower.
  - Unacceptable in any production compiler.
- **Advantage: Simplicity.**
  - Can translate each piece of IR directly to assembly as we go.
  - Never need to worry about running out of registers.
  - Good if you just needed to get a prototype compiler up and running.



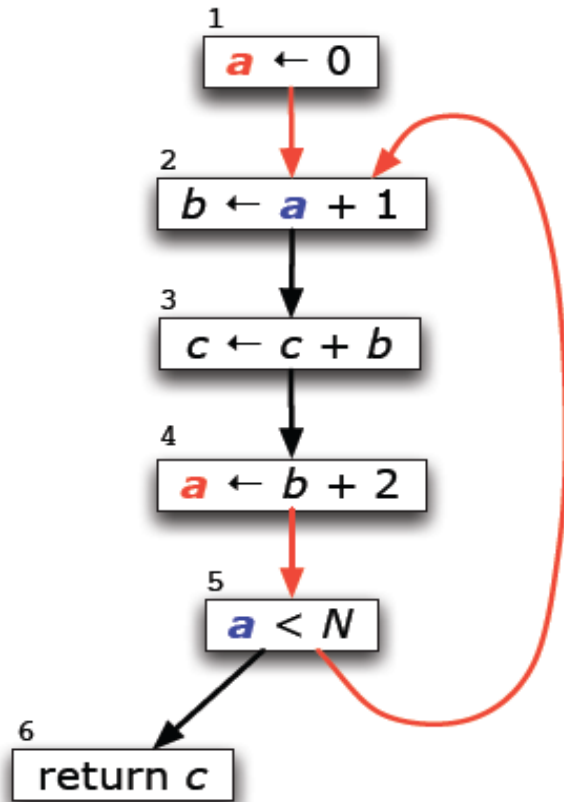
# Building a Better Allocator

- **Goal:**
  - Reduces memory reads/writes.
- We will need to address these questions:
  - Which registers do we put variables in?
  - What do we do when we run out of registers?

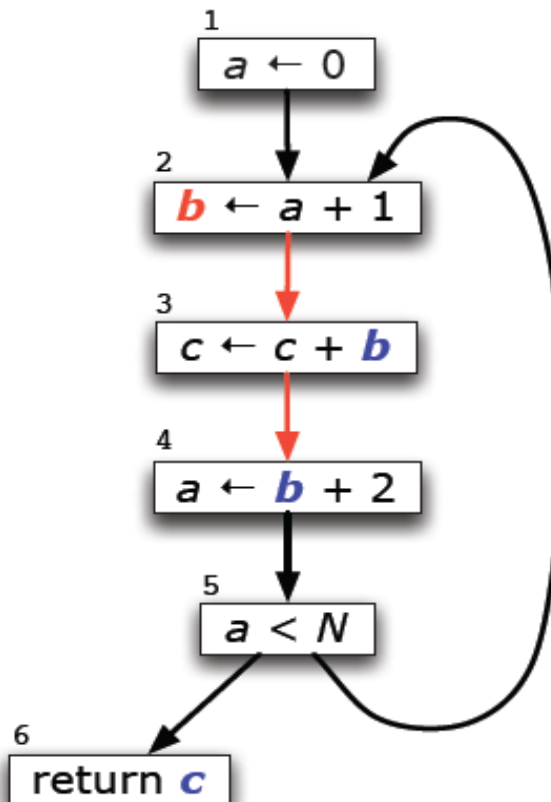
# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

- The **live range** for a variable is the **set of program points at which that variable is live**.
- The **live interval** for a variable is **the smallest subrange of the IR code containing all a variable's live ranges**.

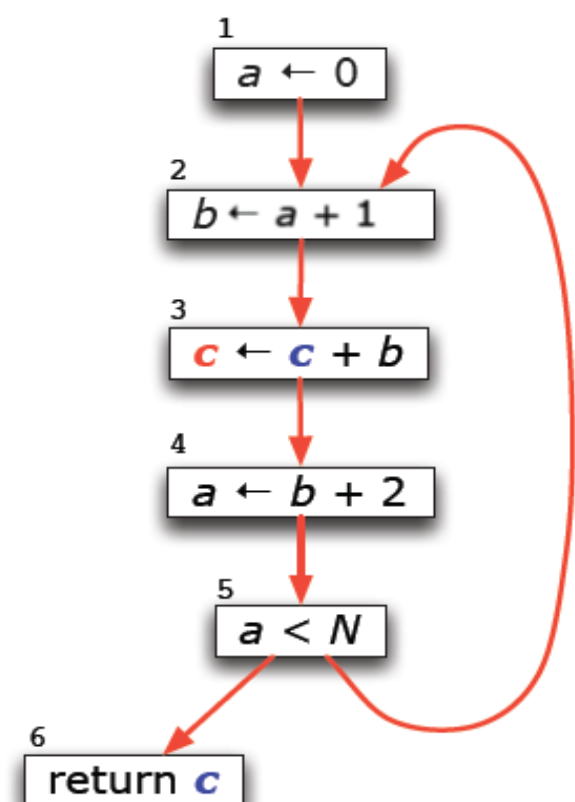
# Live Ranges



Live ranges of a



Live ranges of b



Live ranges of c

	Var a	Var b	Var c
Live Ranges	Lines 1-2 Lines 4-5-2	Lines 2-3-4	Lines 1-2-3 , 3-4-5-2-3 Lines 1-2-3, 3-4-5-6

# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

## Example

`e = d + a`

`f = b + c`

`f = f + b`

`IfZ e Goto _L0`

`d = e + f`

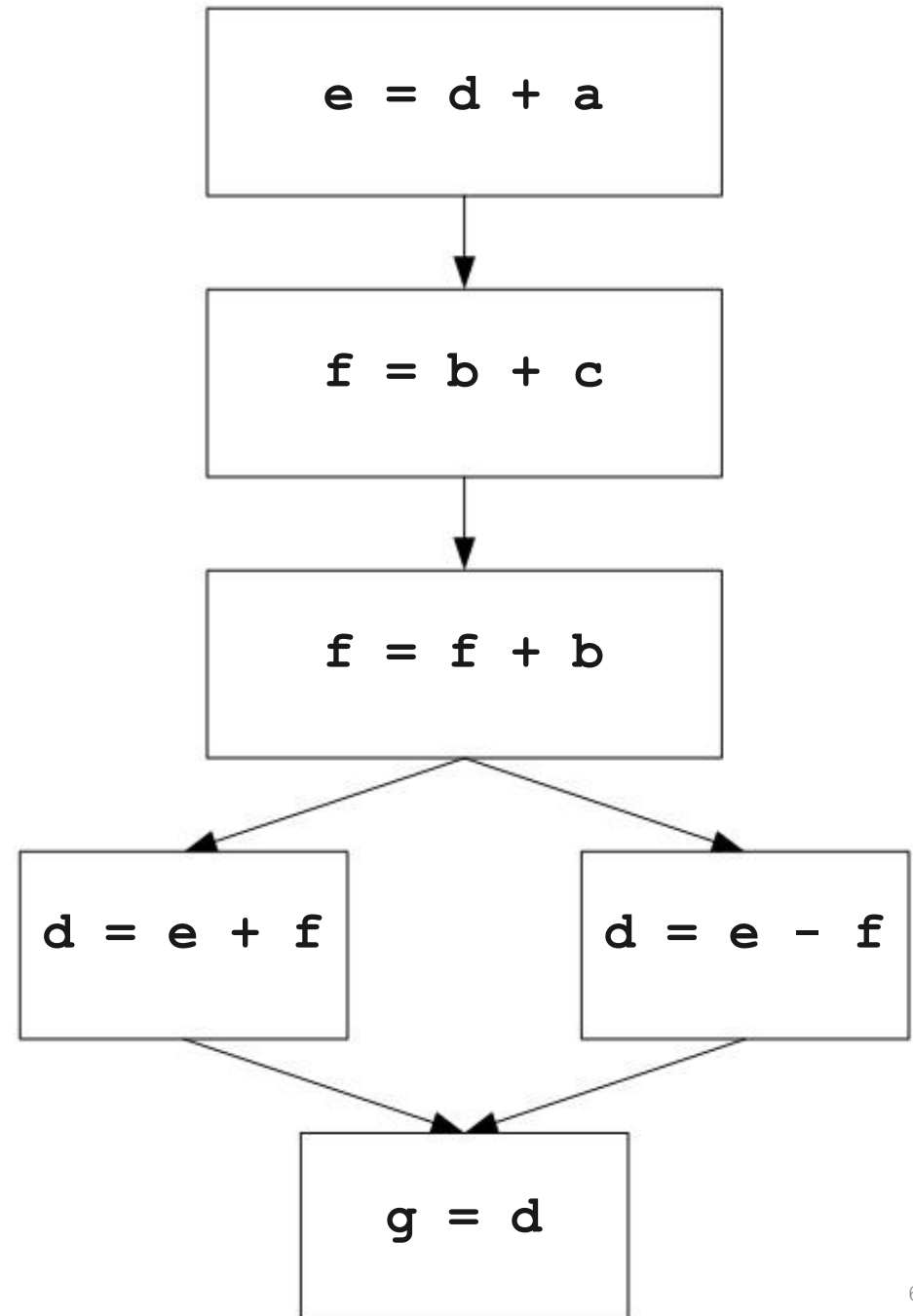
`Goto _L1;`

`_L0:`

`d = e - f`

`_L1:`

`g = d`



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

`e = d + a`

`f = b + c`

`f = f + b`

`IfZ e Goto _L0`

`d = e + f`

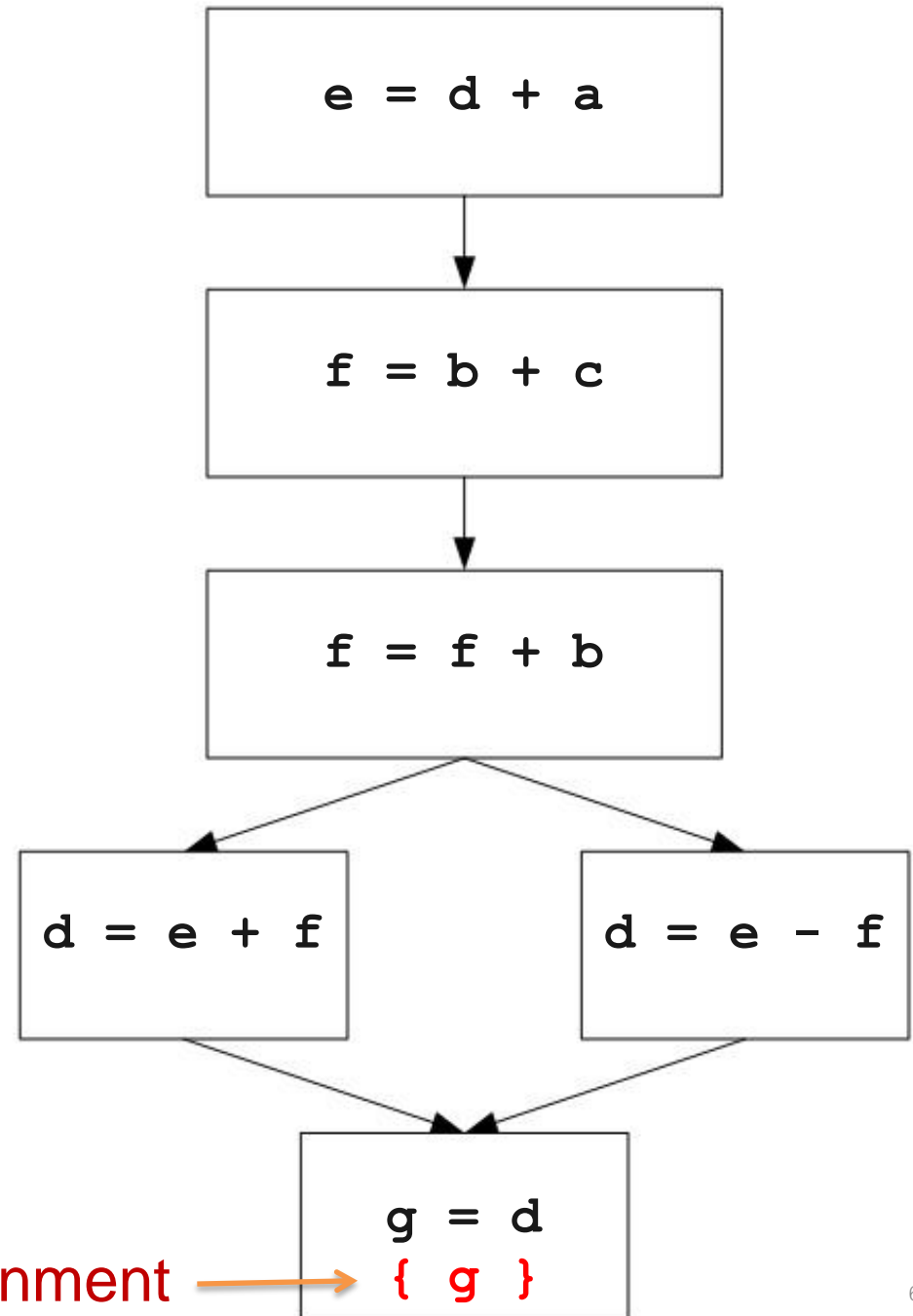
`Goto _L1;`

`_L0:`

`d = e - f`

`_L1:`

`g = d`



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

`e = d + a`

`f = b + c`

`f = f + b`

`IfZ e Goto _L0`

`d = e + f`

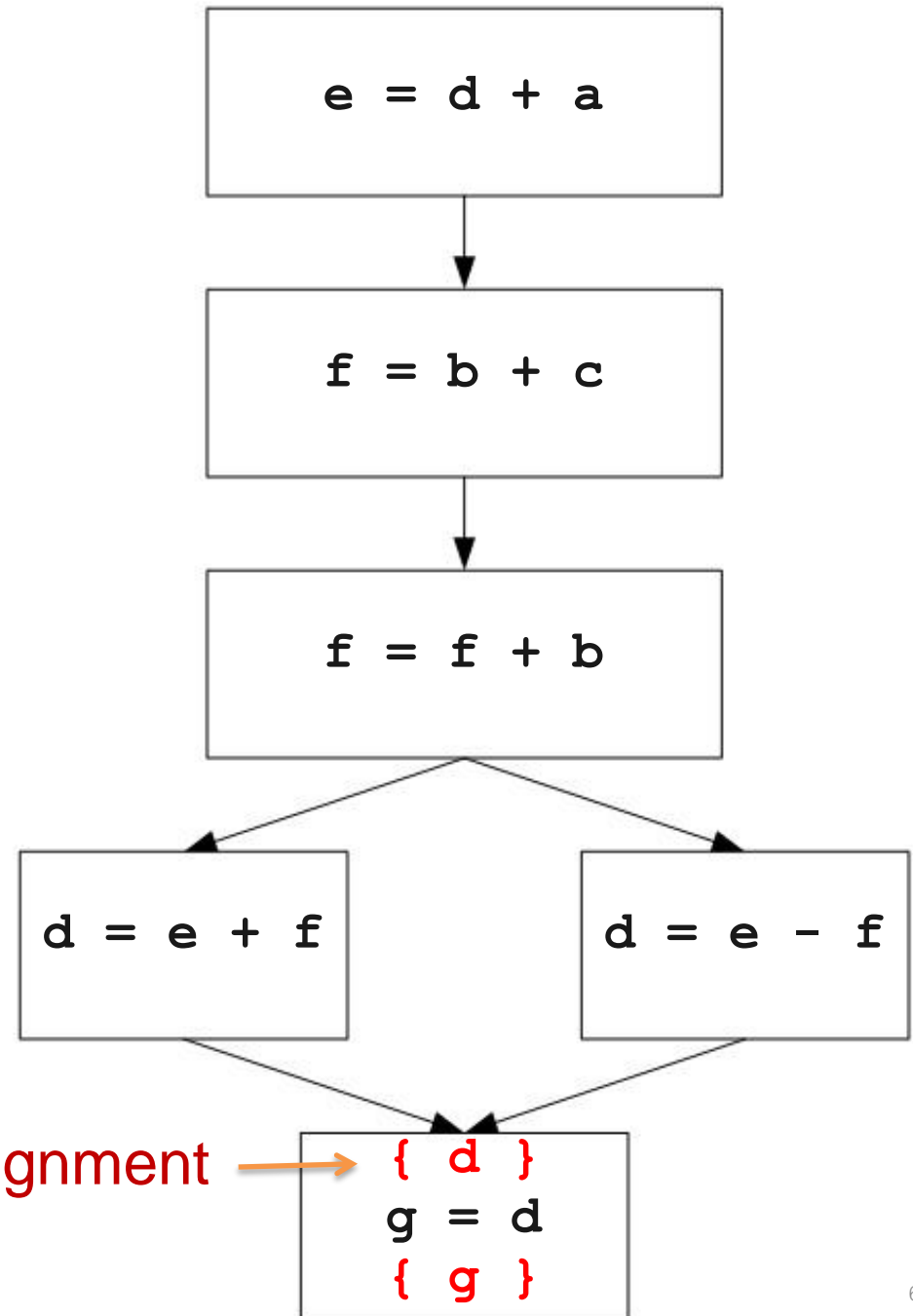
`Goto _L1;`

`_L0:`

`d = e - f`

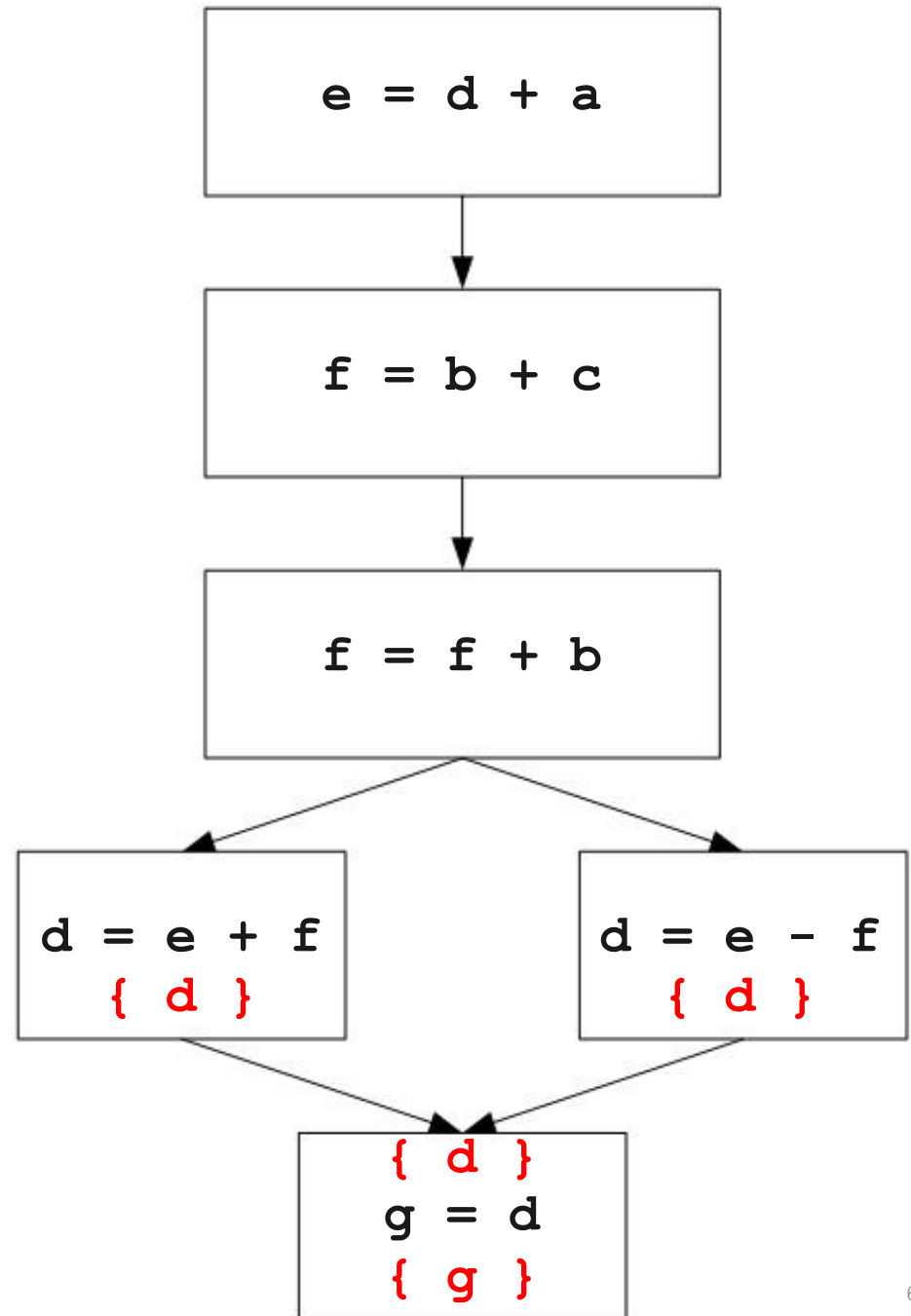
`_L1:`

`g = d`



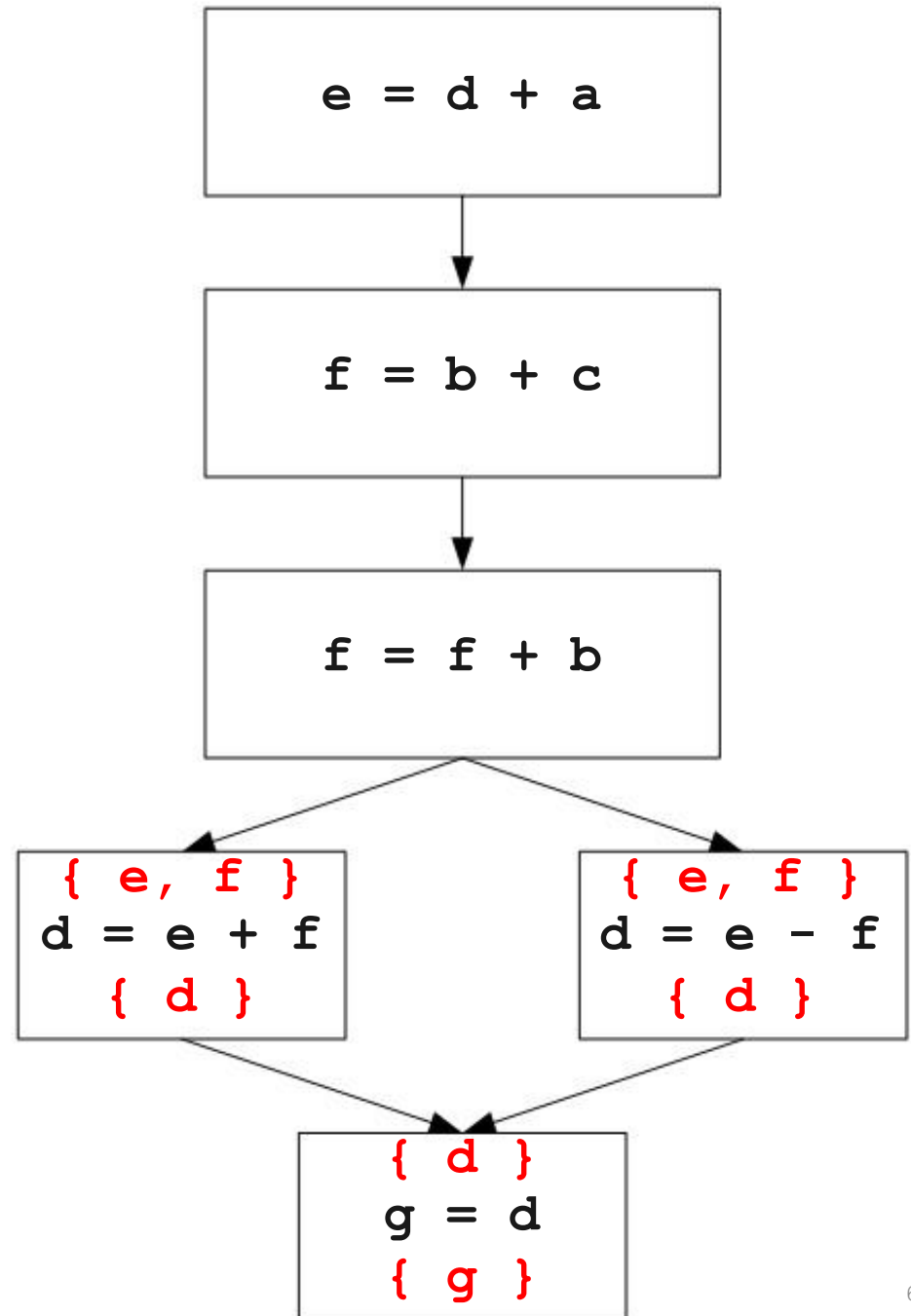
# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

```
e = d + a
f = b + c
f = f + b
IfZ e Goto _L0
d = e + f
Goto _L1;
_L0:
d = e - f
_L1:
g = d
```



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

```
e = d + a
f = b + c
f = f + b
IfZ e Goto _L0
d = e + f
Goto _L1;
_L0:
d = e - f
_L1:
g = d
```





# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

`e = d + a`

`f = b + c`

`f = f + b`

`IfZ e Goto _L0`

`d = e + f`

`Goto _L1;`

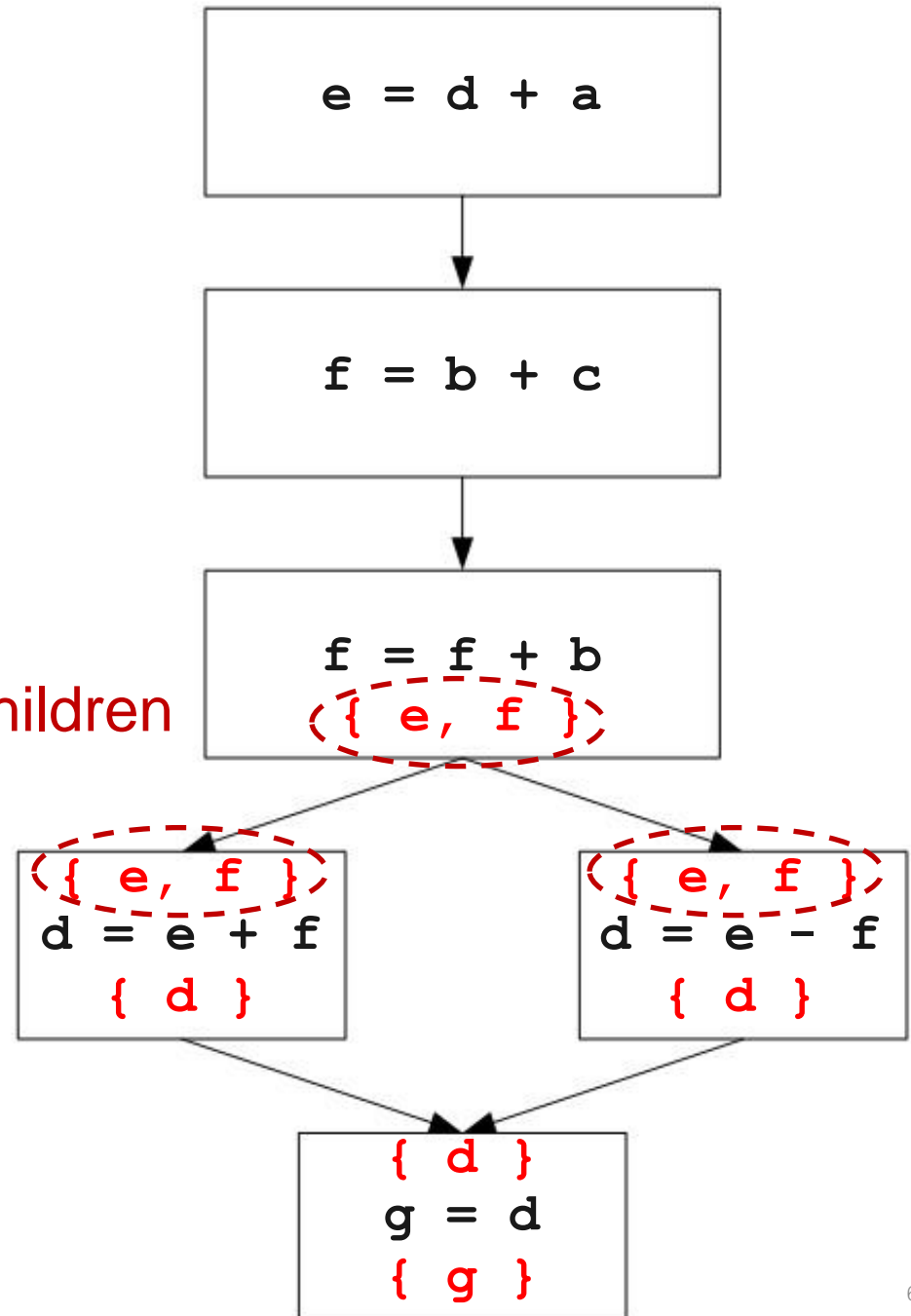
`_L0:`

`d = e - f`

`_L1:`

`g = d`

Union of both children



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

`e = d + a`

`f = b + c`

`f = f + b`

`IfZ e Goto _L0`

`d = e + f`

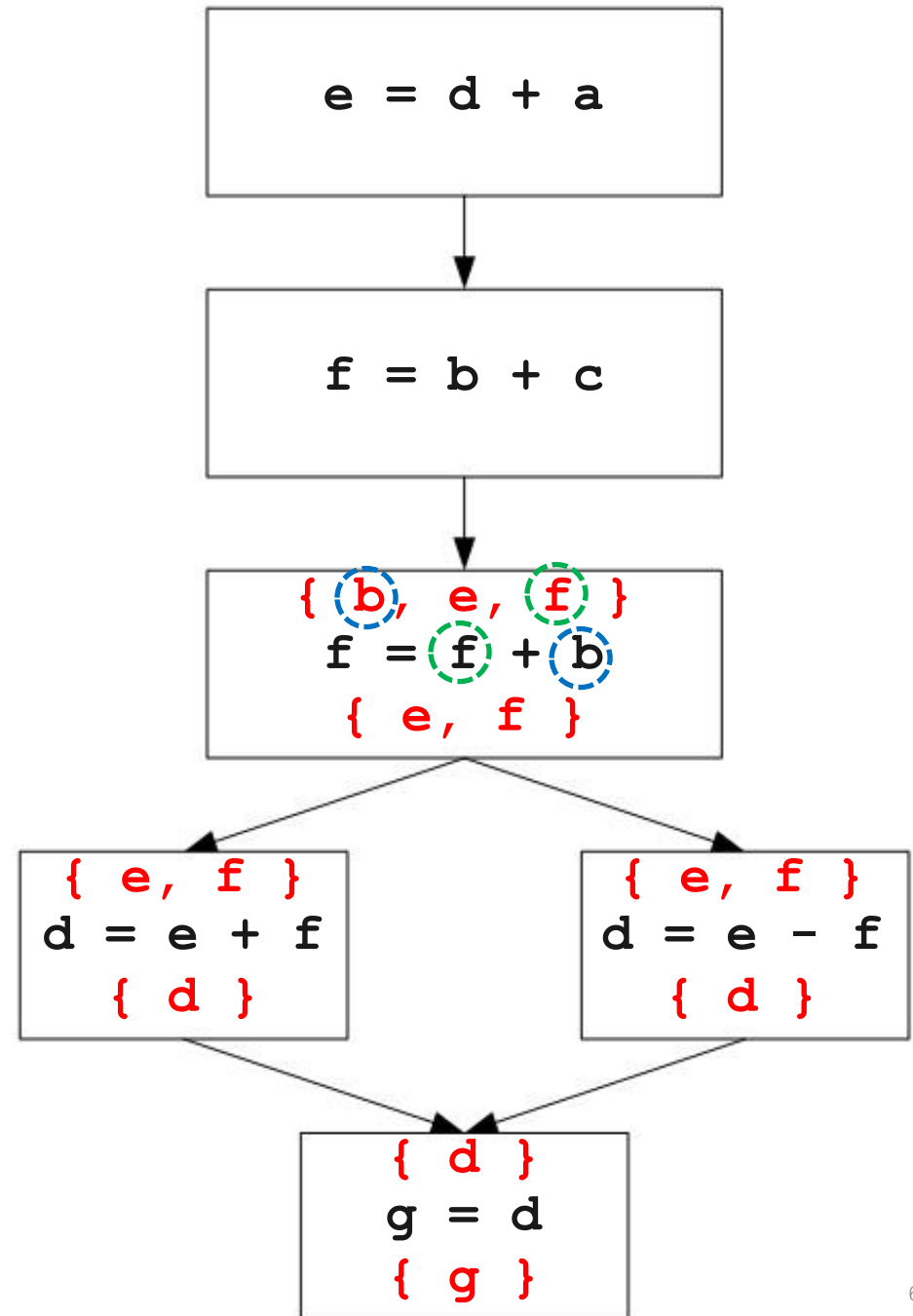
`Goto _L1;`

`_L0:`

`d = e - f`

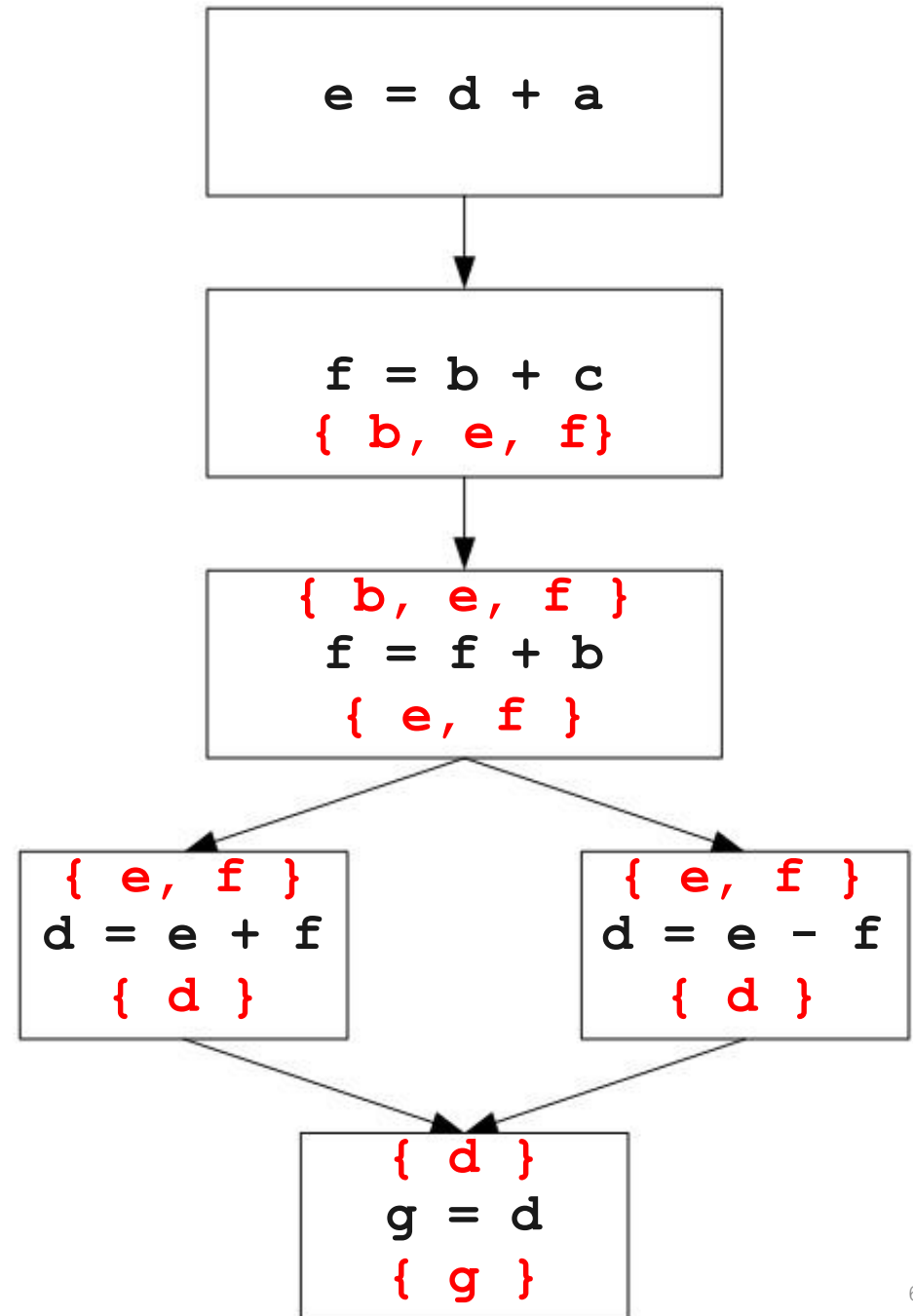
`_L1:`

`g = d`



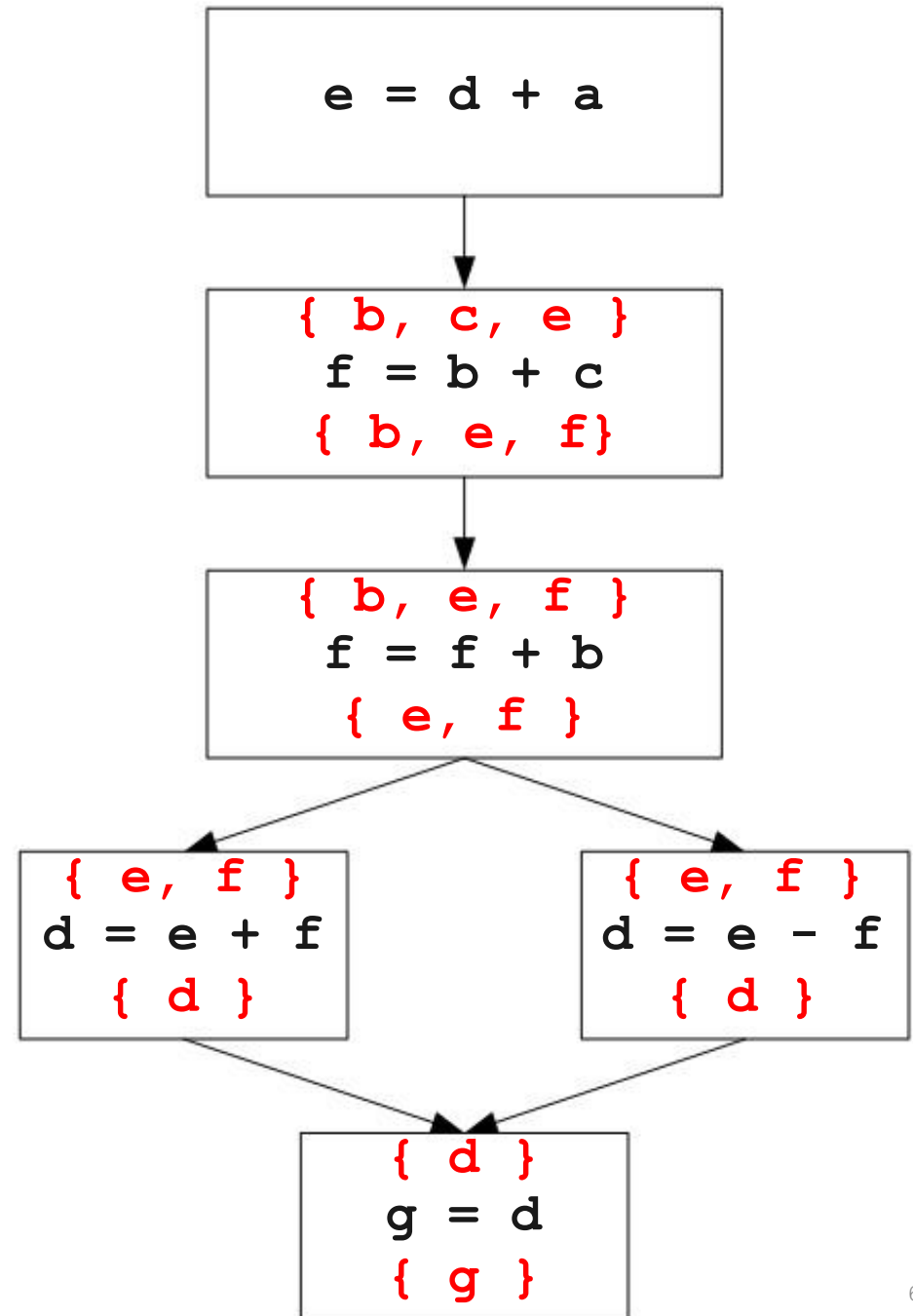
# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

```
e = d + a
f = b + c
f = f + b
IfZ e Goto _L0
d = e + f
Goto _L1;
_L0:
d = e - f
_L1:
g = d
```



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

```
e = d + a
f = b + c
f = f + b
IfZ e Goto _L0
d = e + f
Goto _L1;
_L0:
d = e - f
_L1:
g = d
```



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

`e = d + a`

`f = b + c`

`f = f + b`

`IfZ e Goto _L0`

`d = e + f`

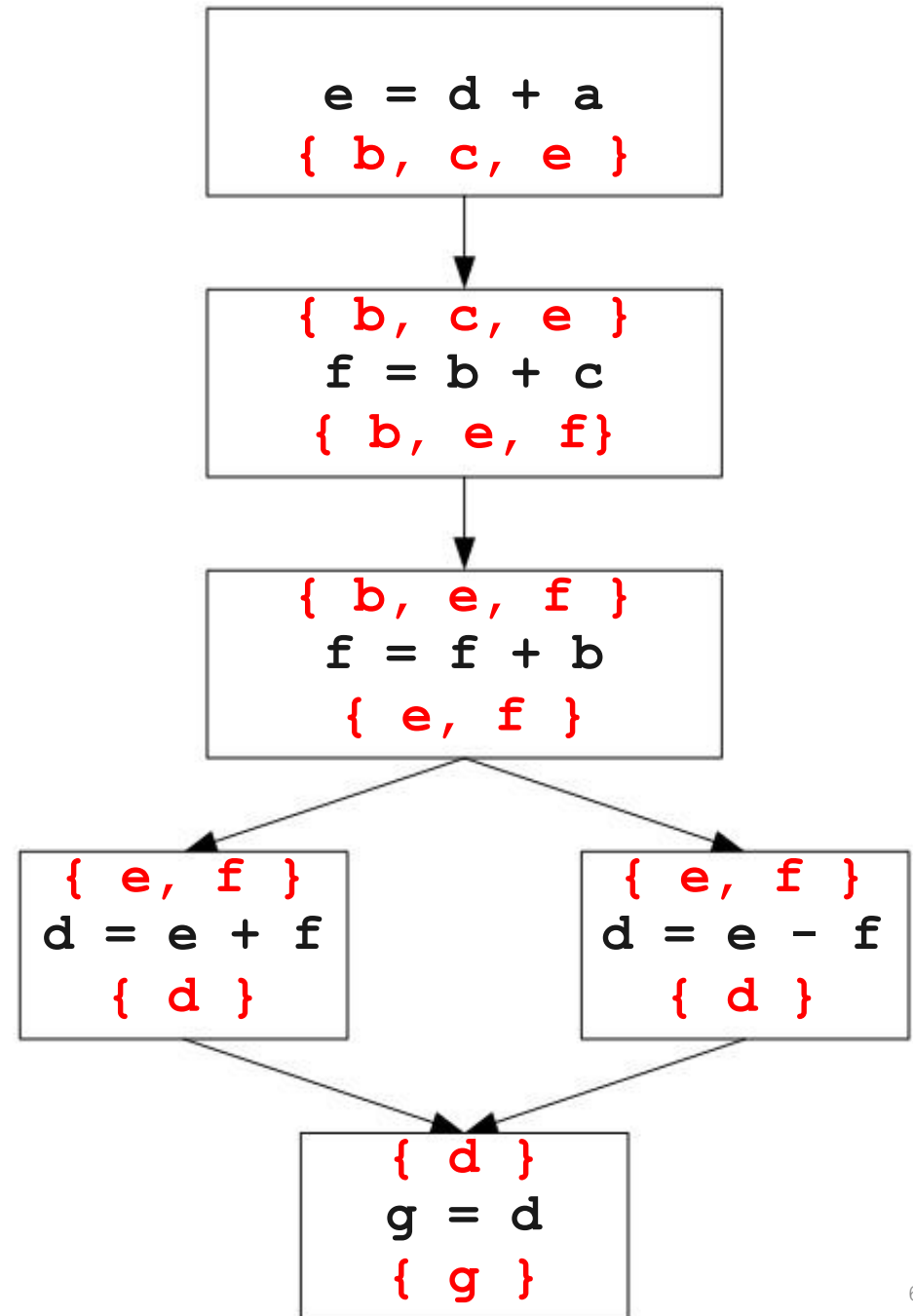
`Goto _L1;`

`_L0:`

`d = e - f`

`_L1:`

`g = d`



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

## Finding Live Intervals

```
e = d + a
```

```
f = b + c
```

```
f = f + b
```

```
IfZ e Goto _L0
```

```
d = e + f
```

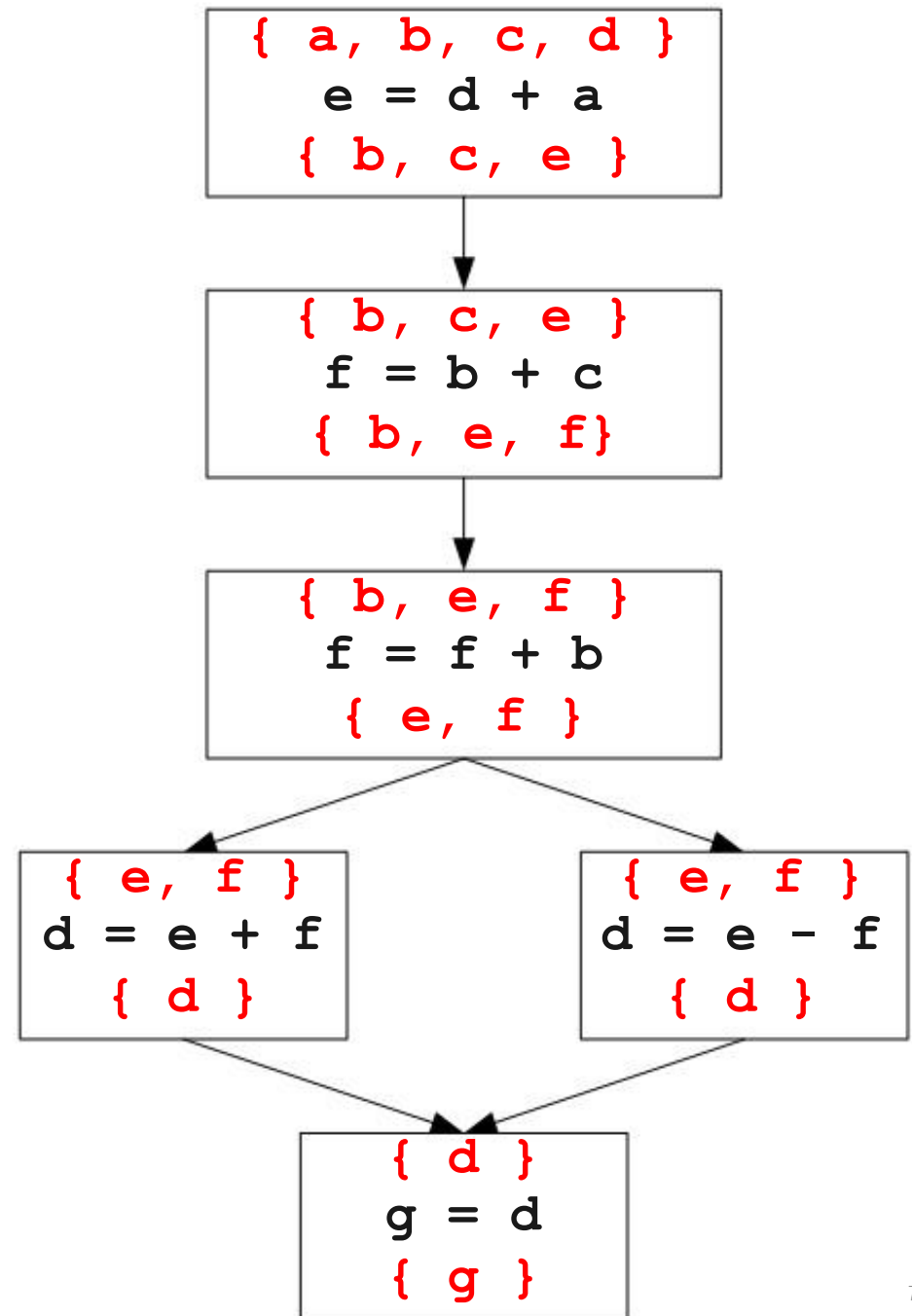
```
Goto _L1;
```

```
_L0:
```

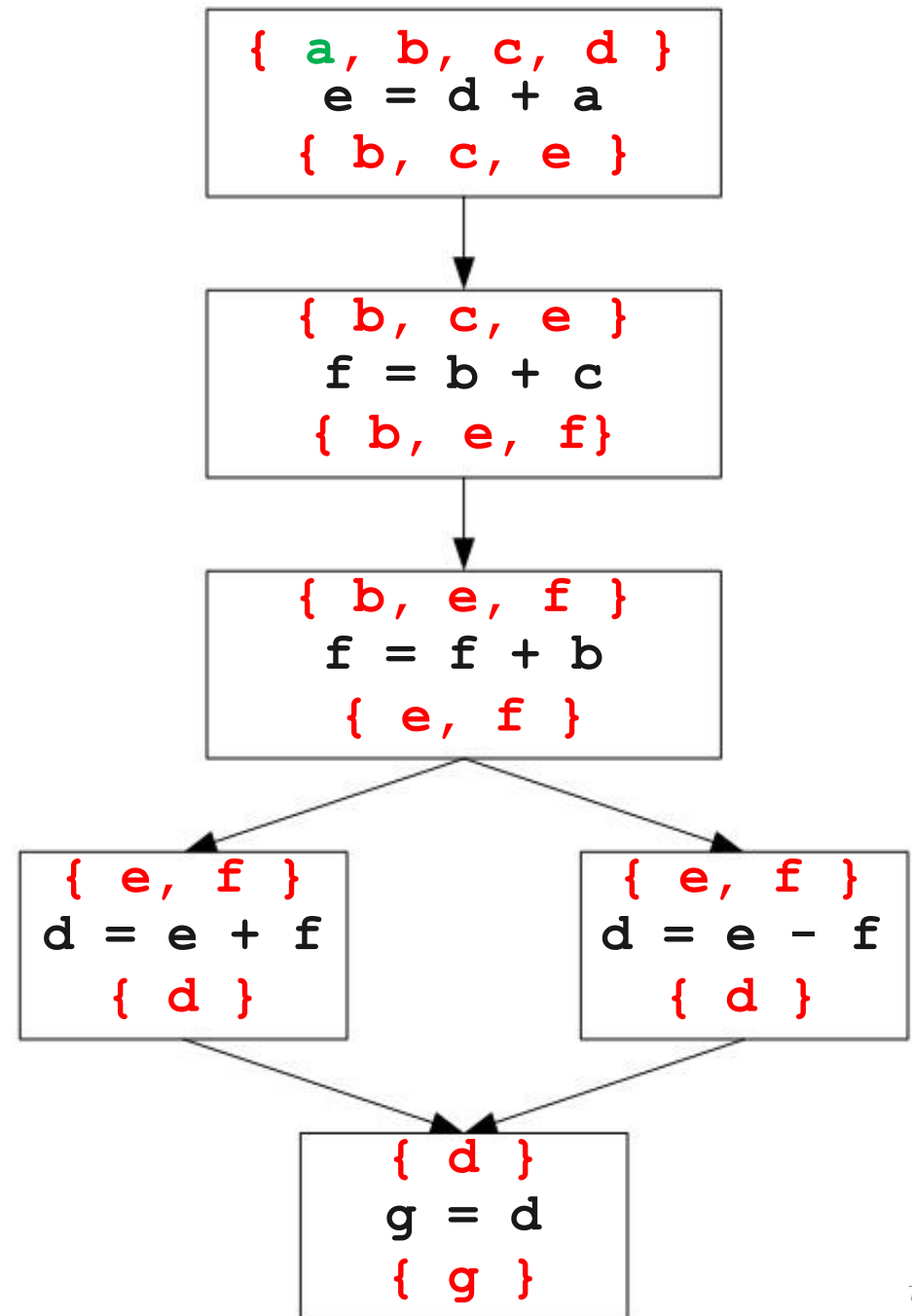
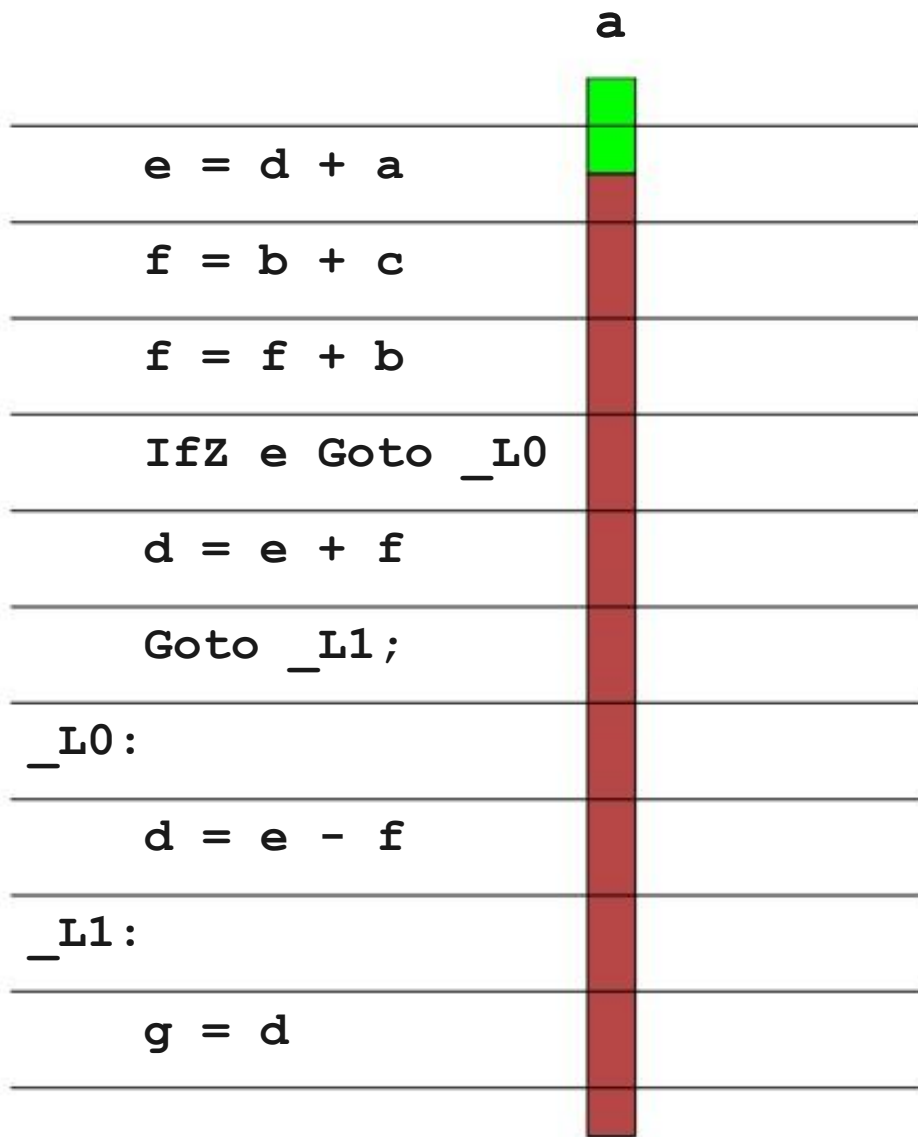
```
d = e - f
```

```
_L1:
```

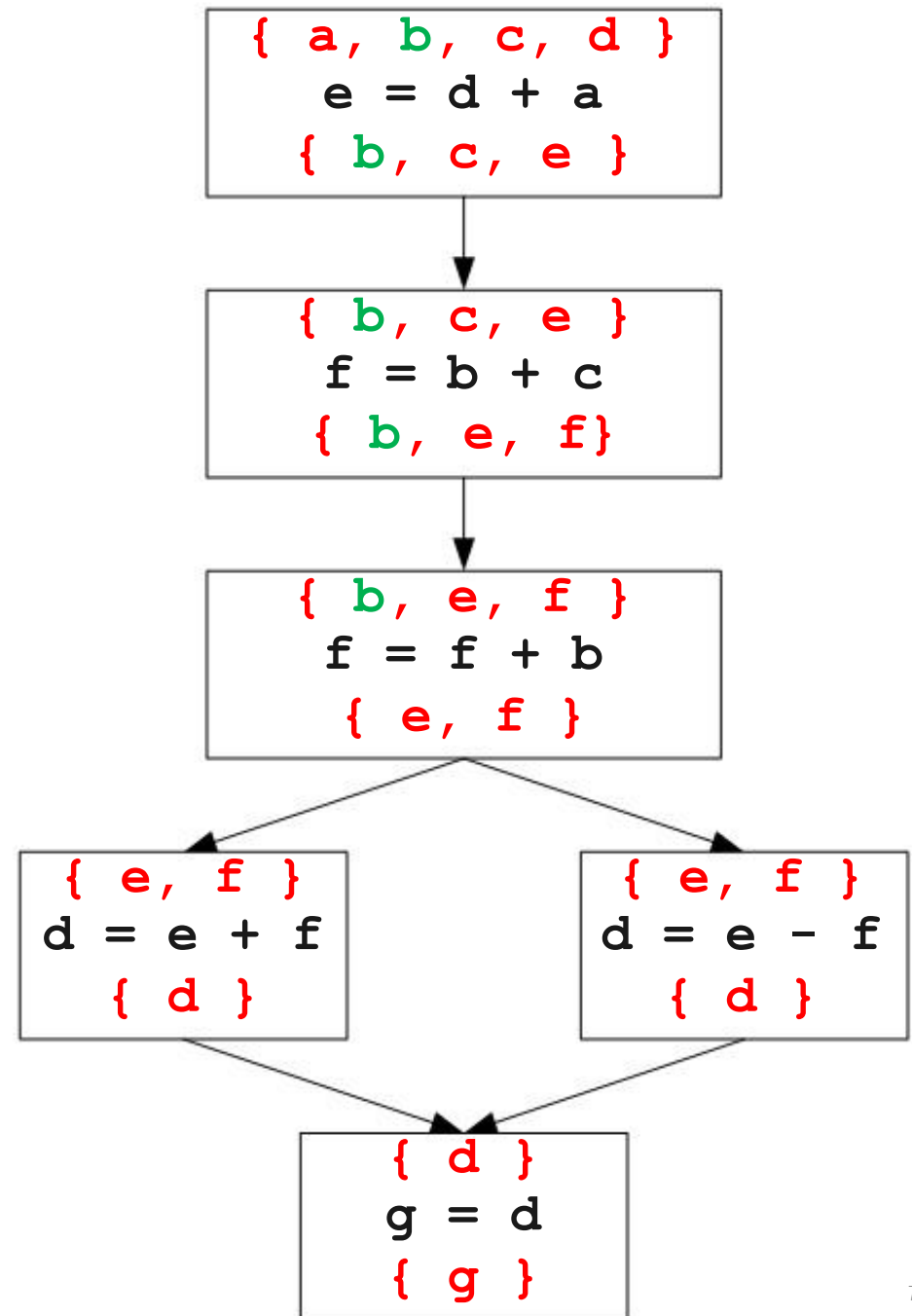
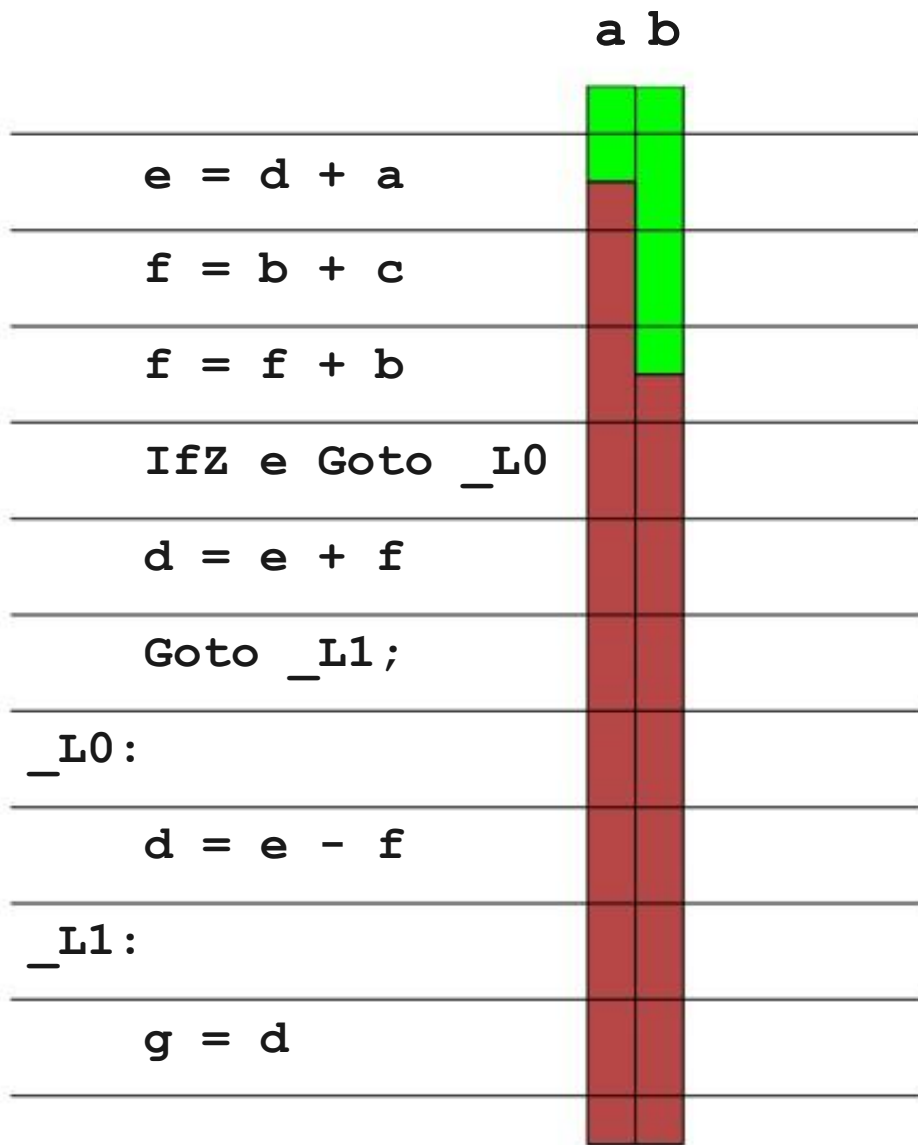
```
g = d
```



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

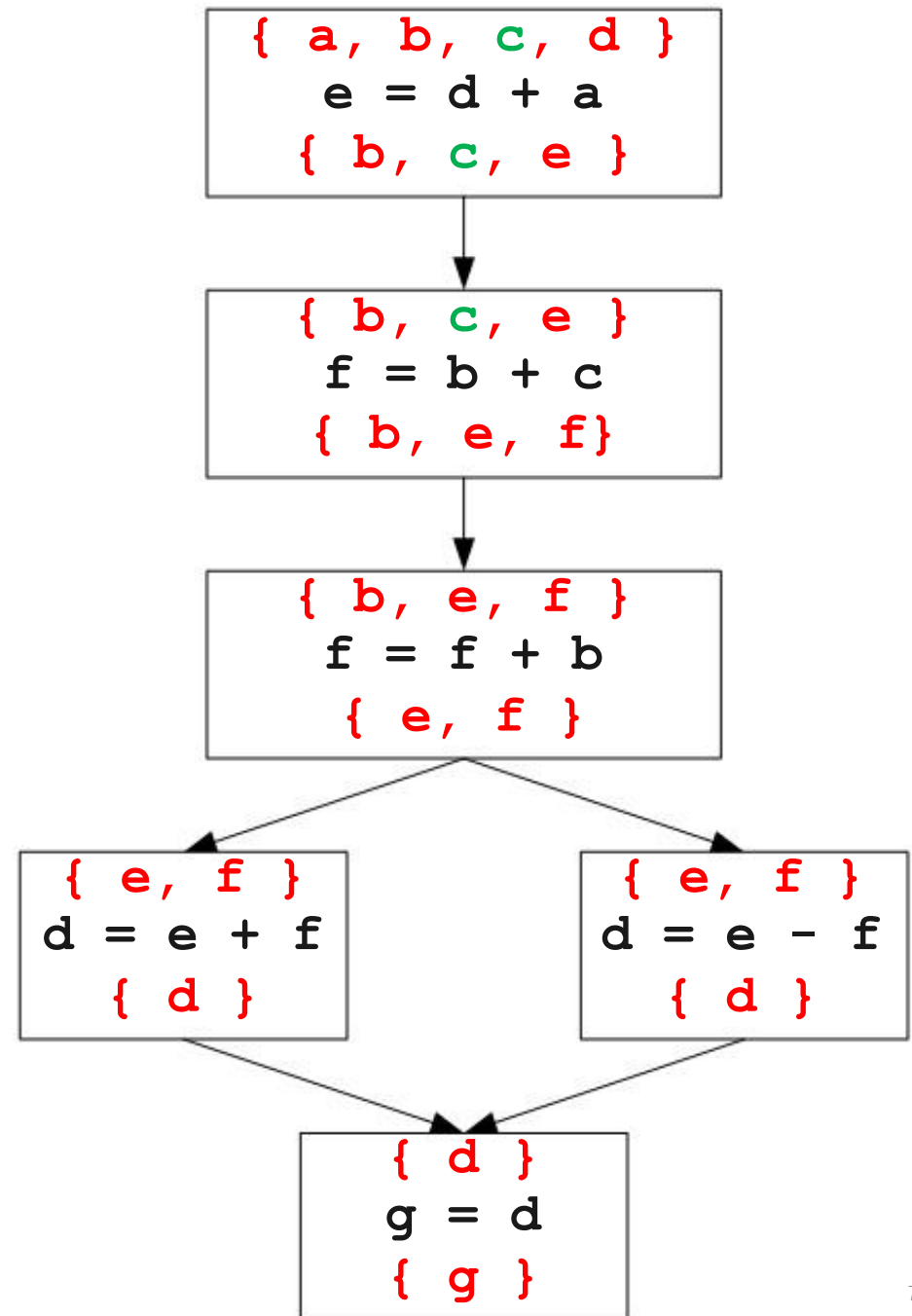
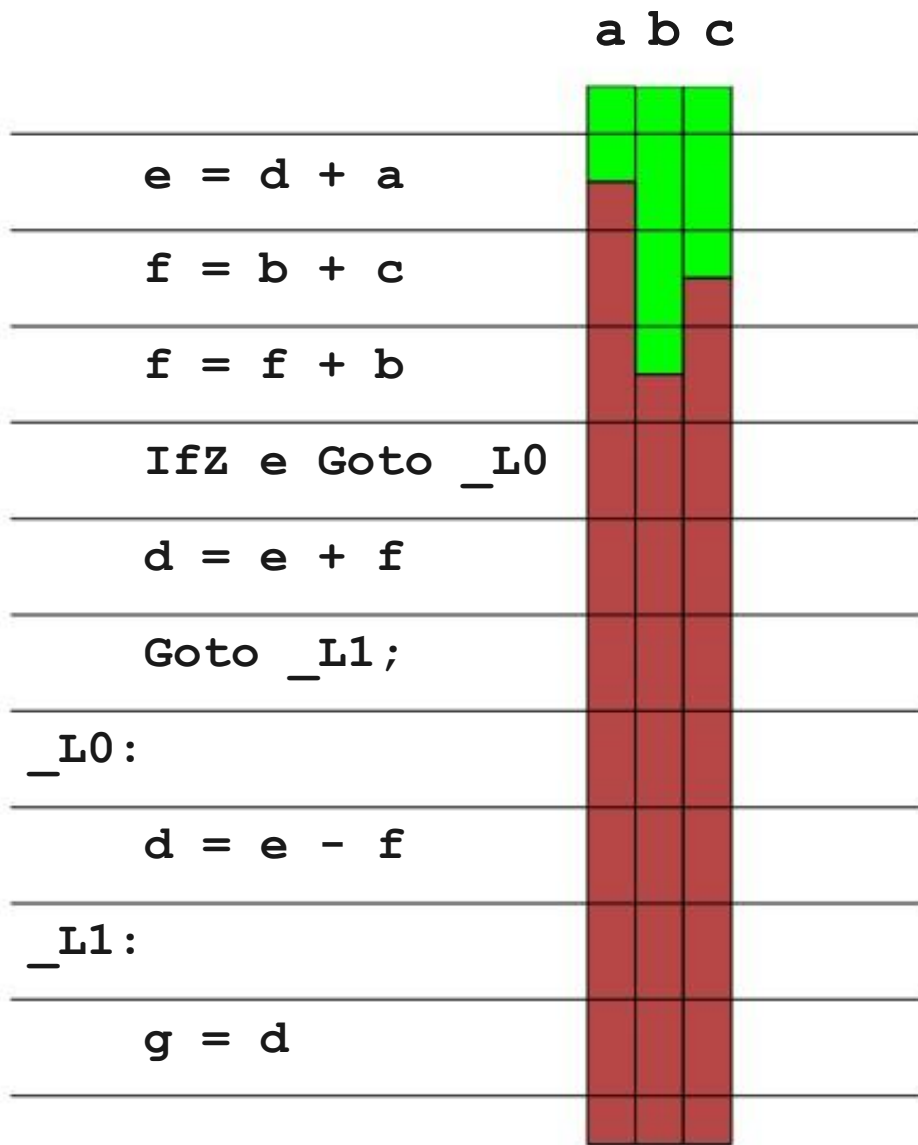


# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

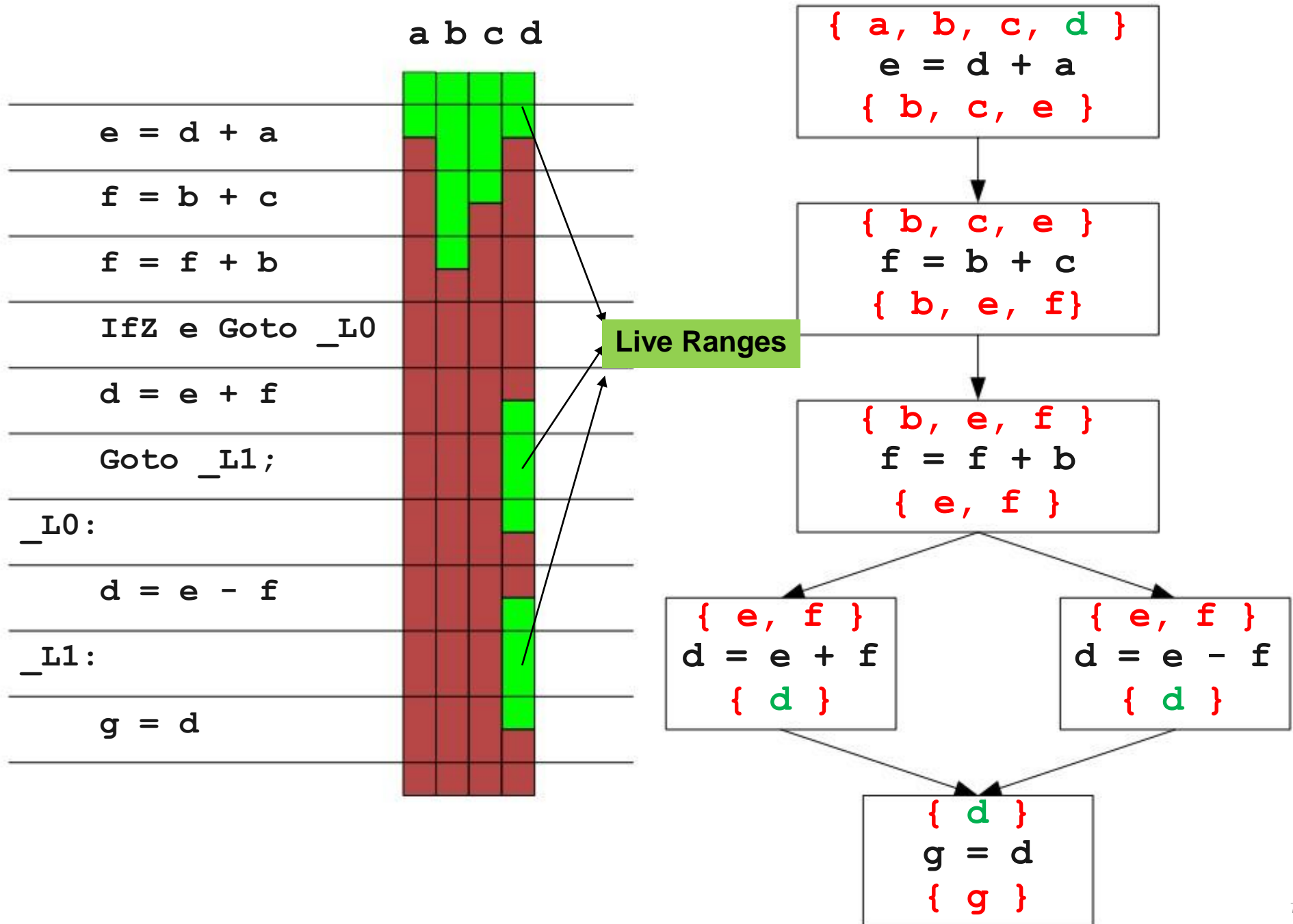




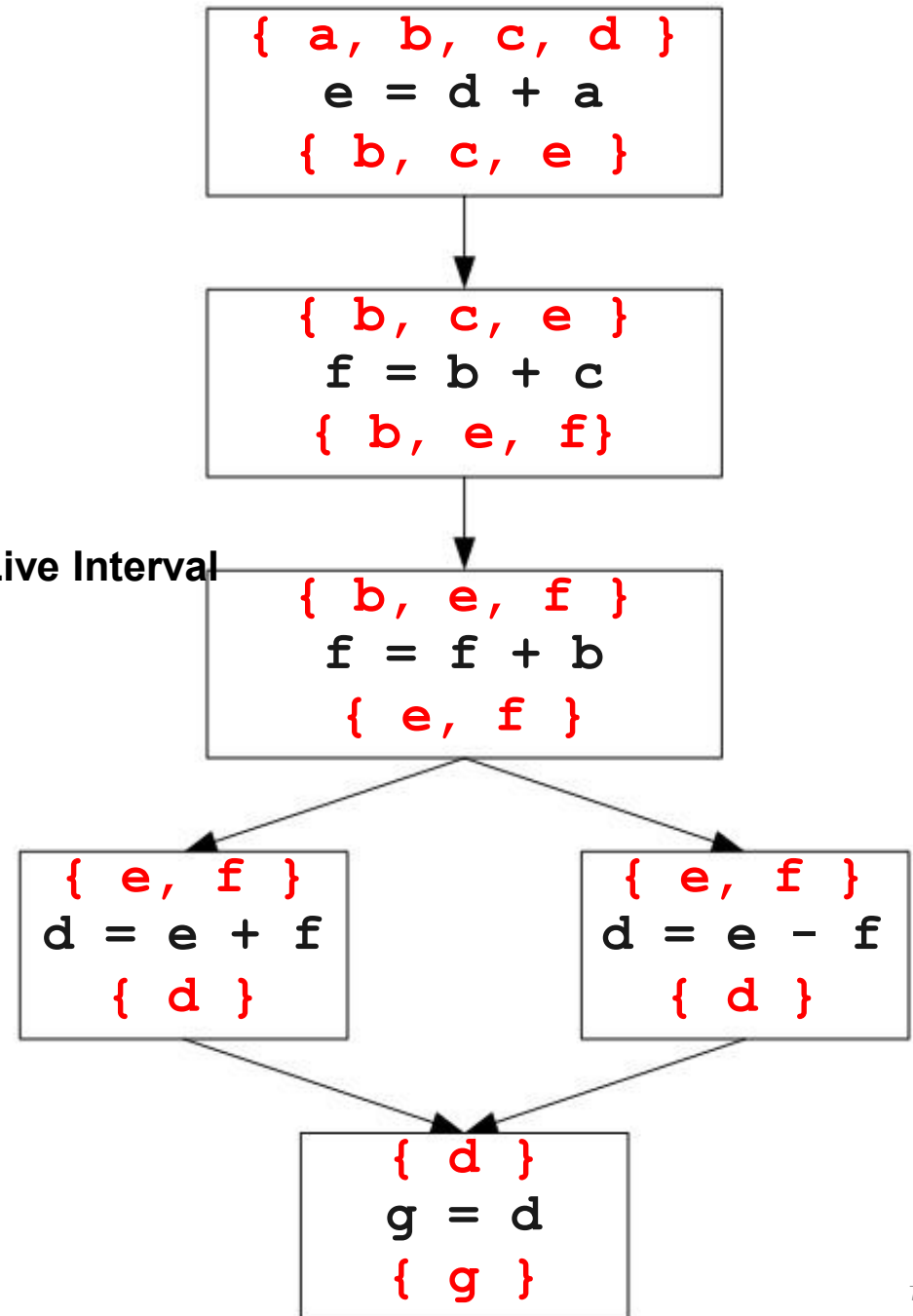
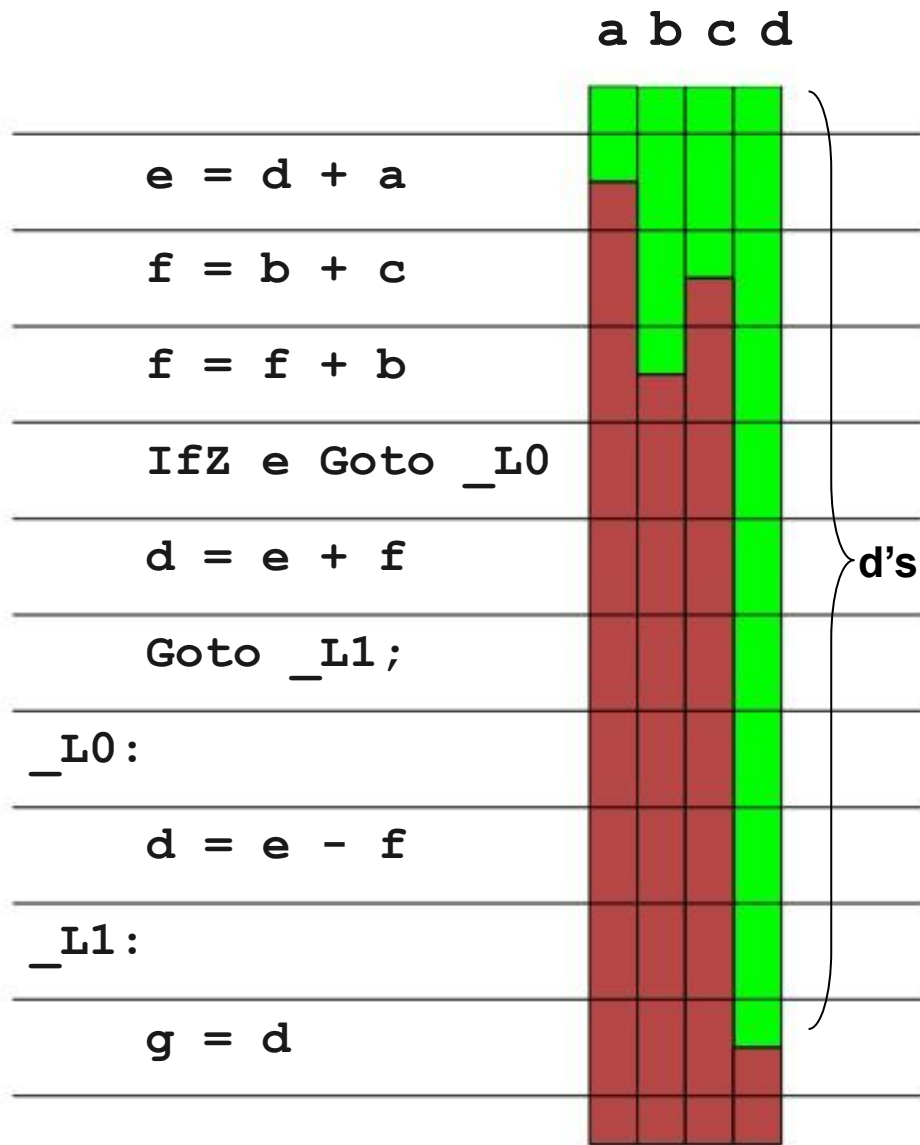
# Live Ranges and Live Intervals



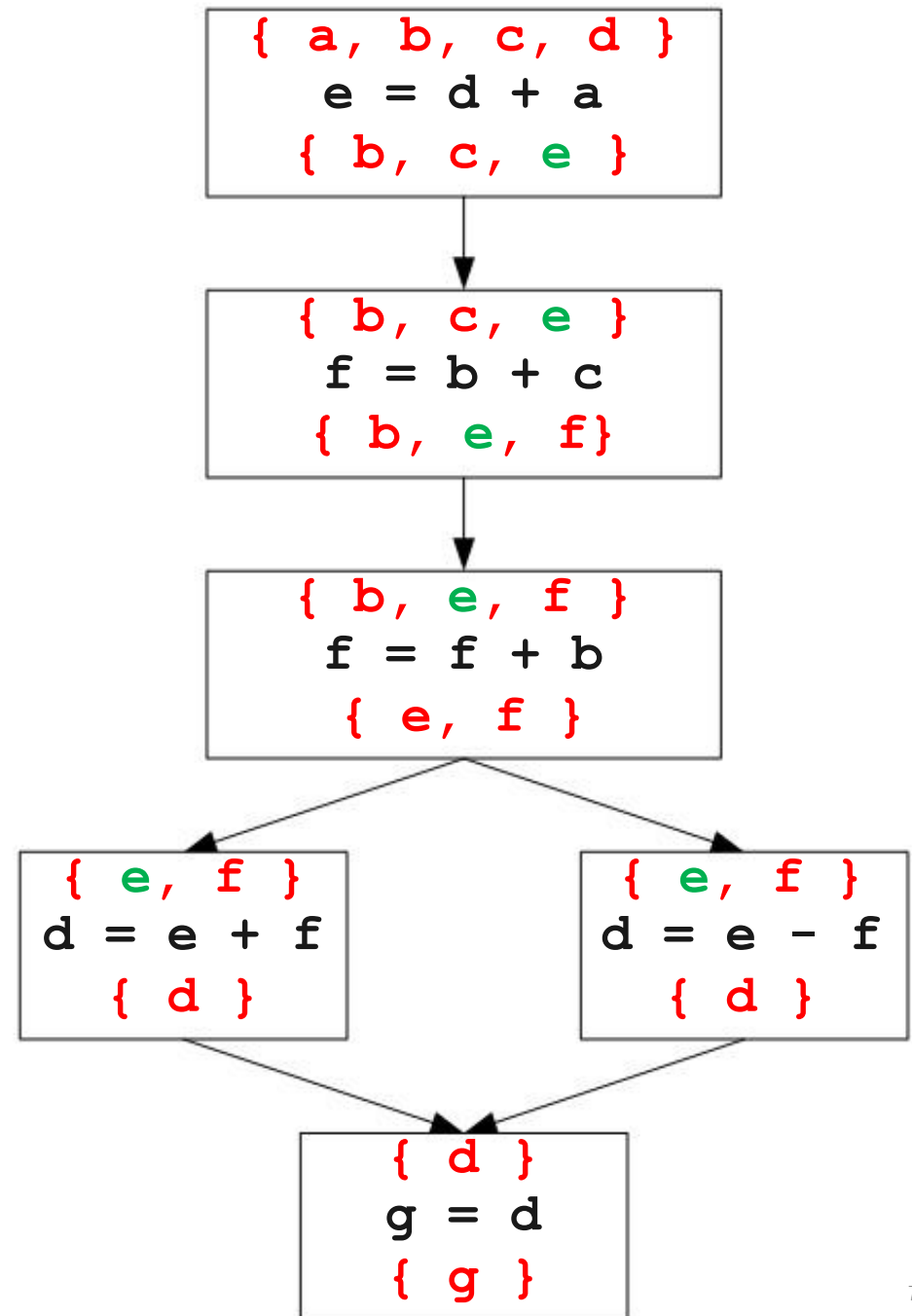
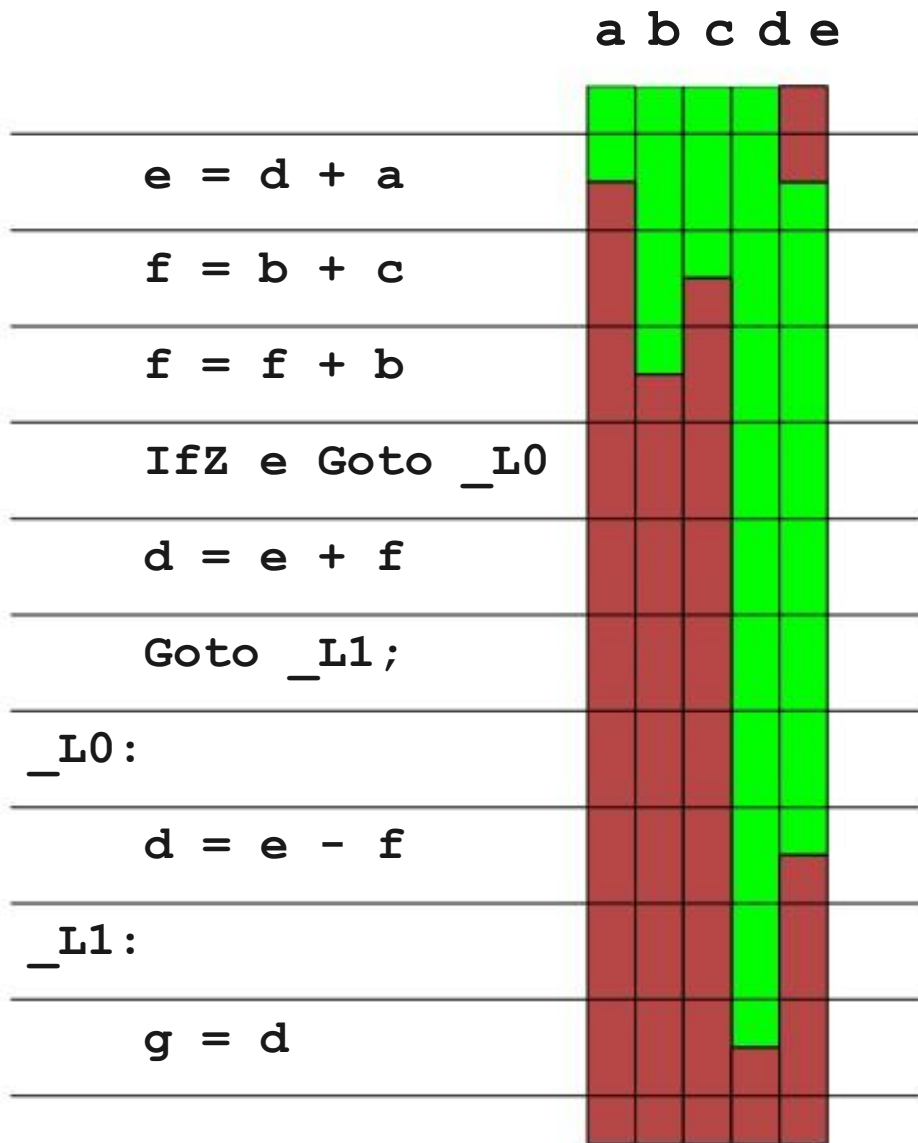
# Live Ranges and Live Intervals



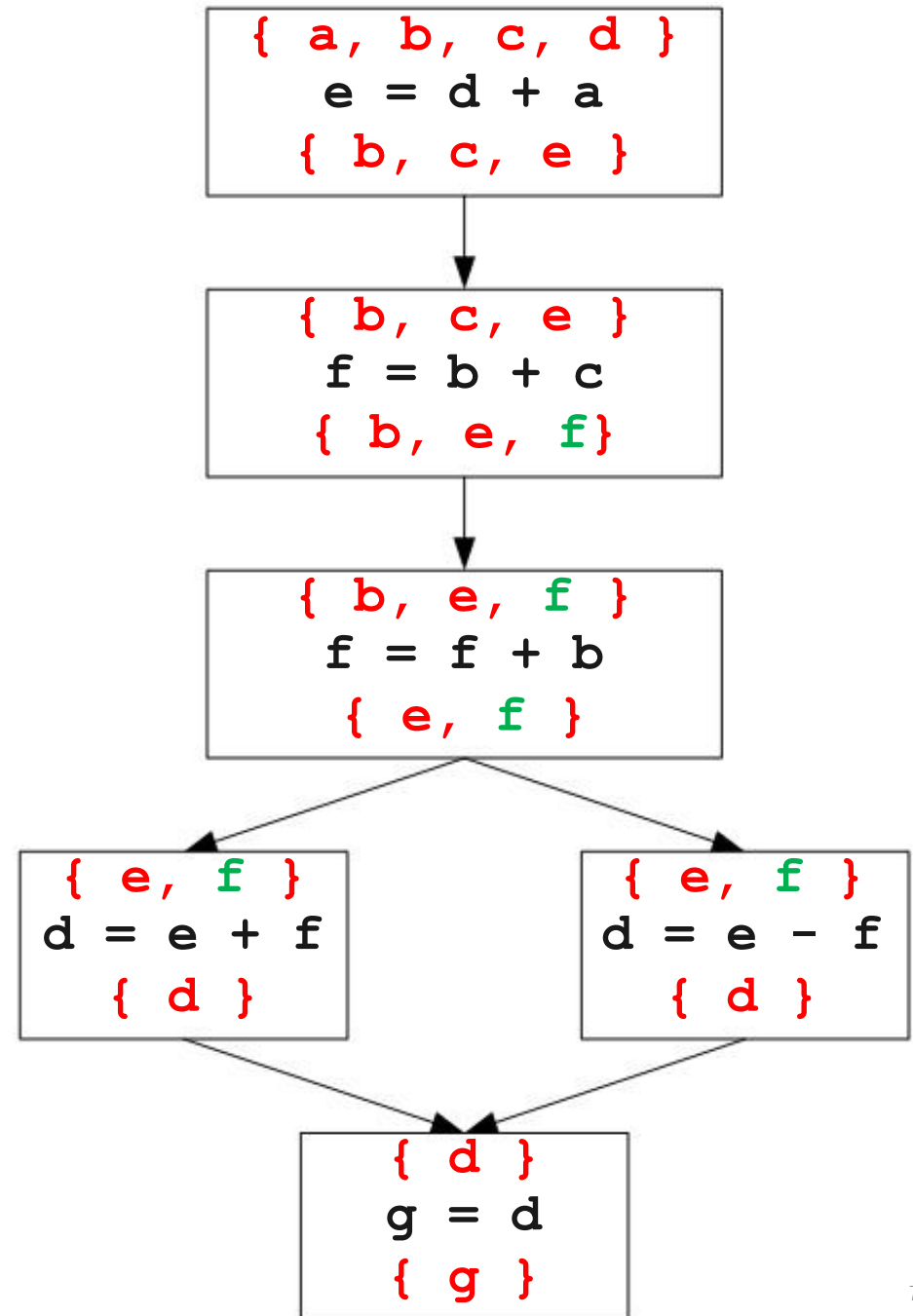
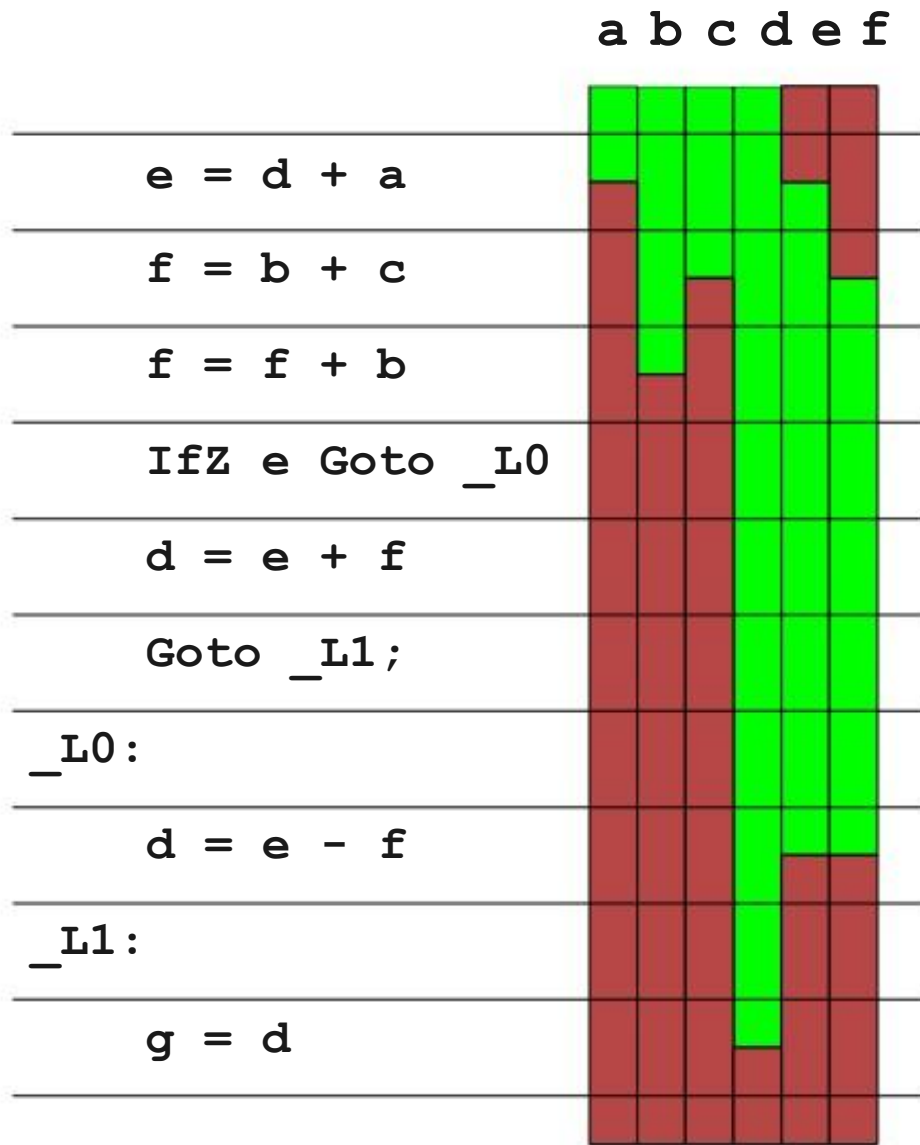
# Live Ranges and Live Intervals



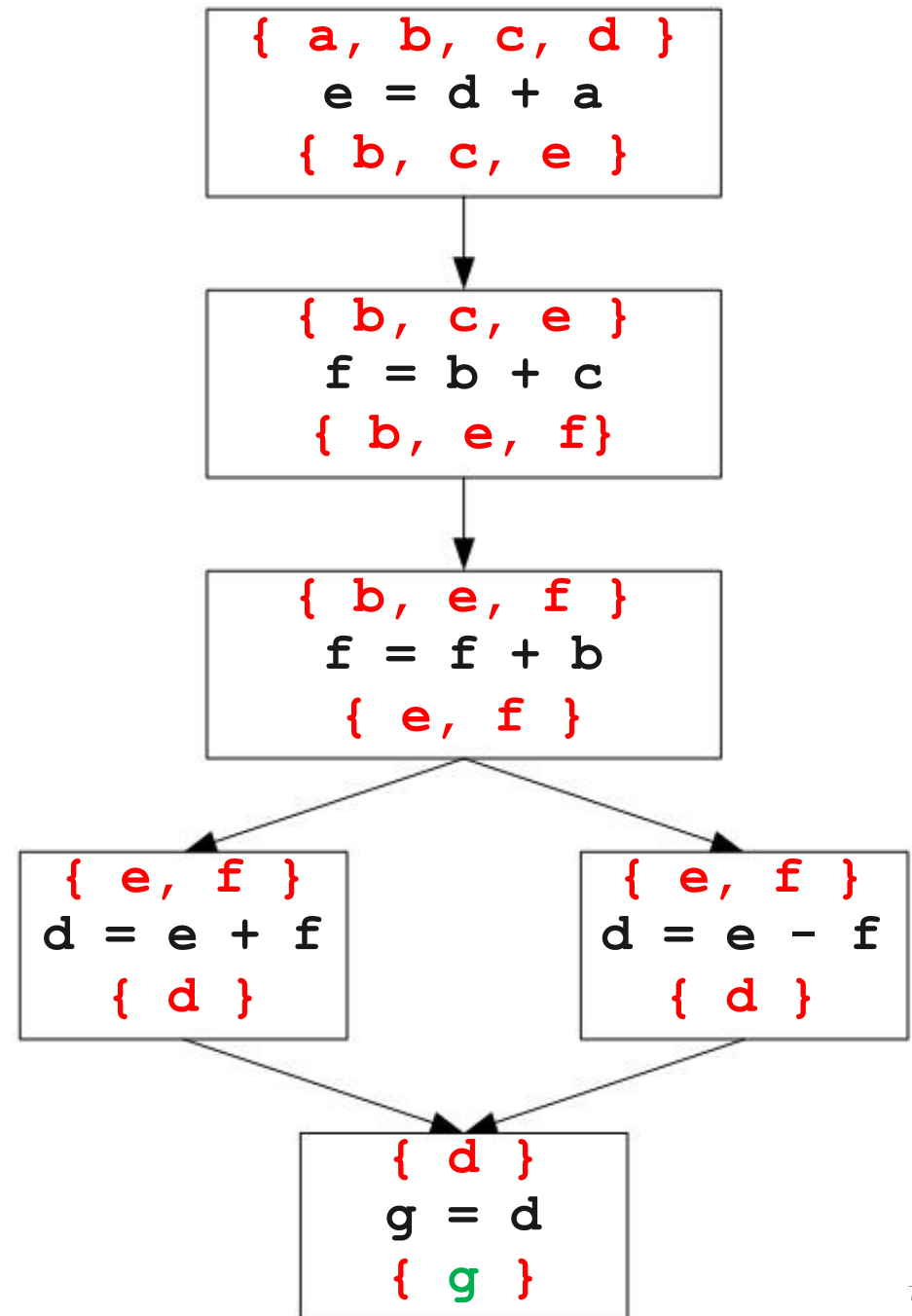
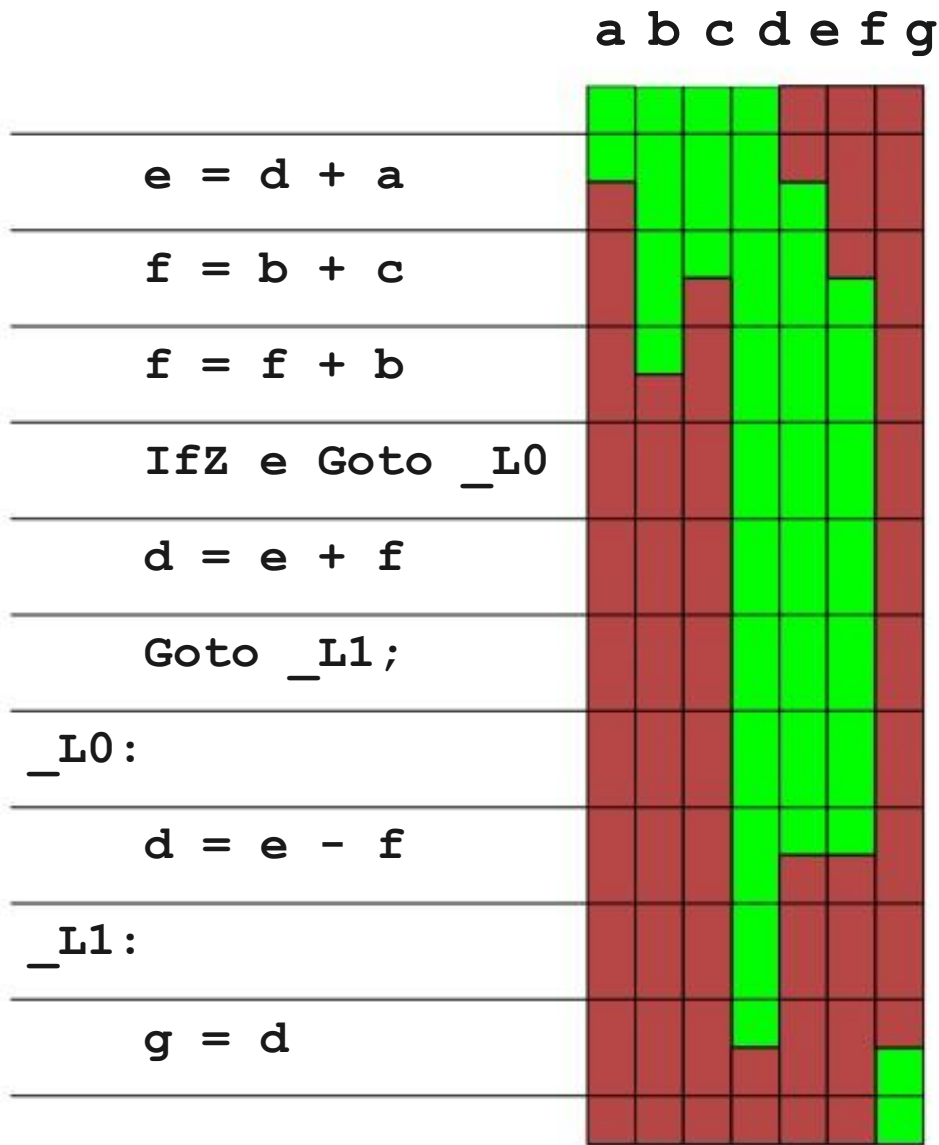
# Live Ranges and Live Intervals



# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

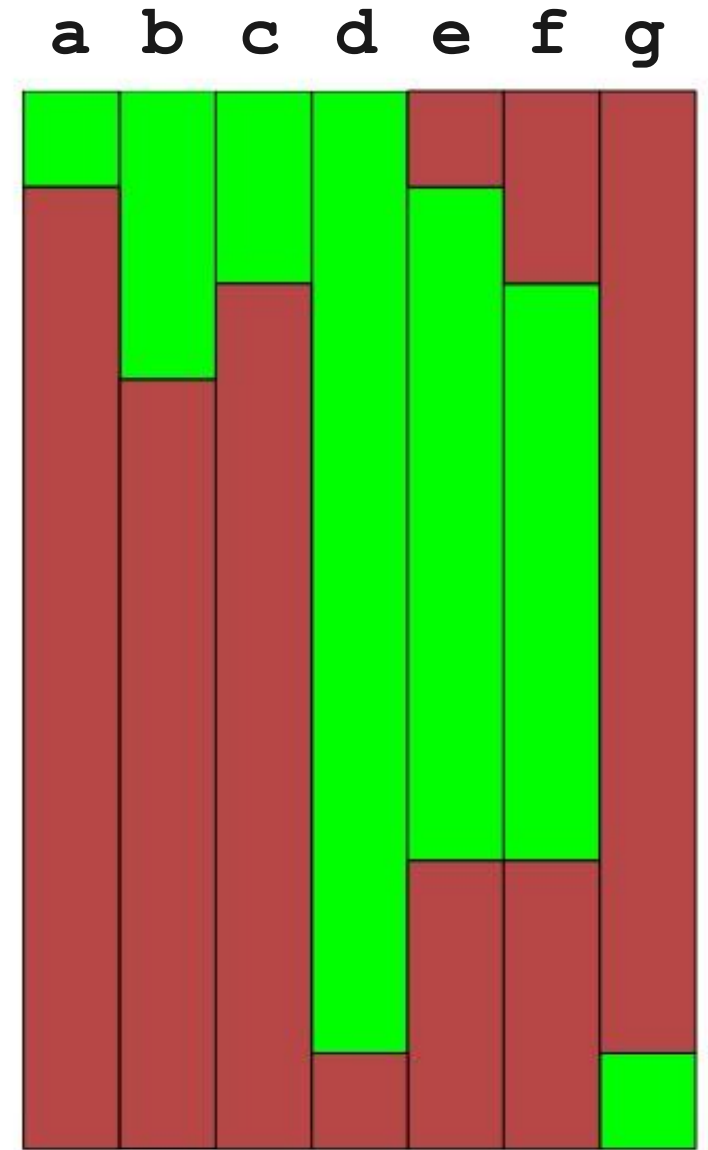


# Live Ranges and Live Intervals

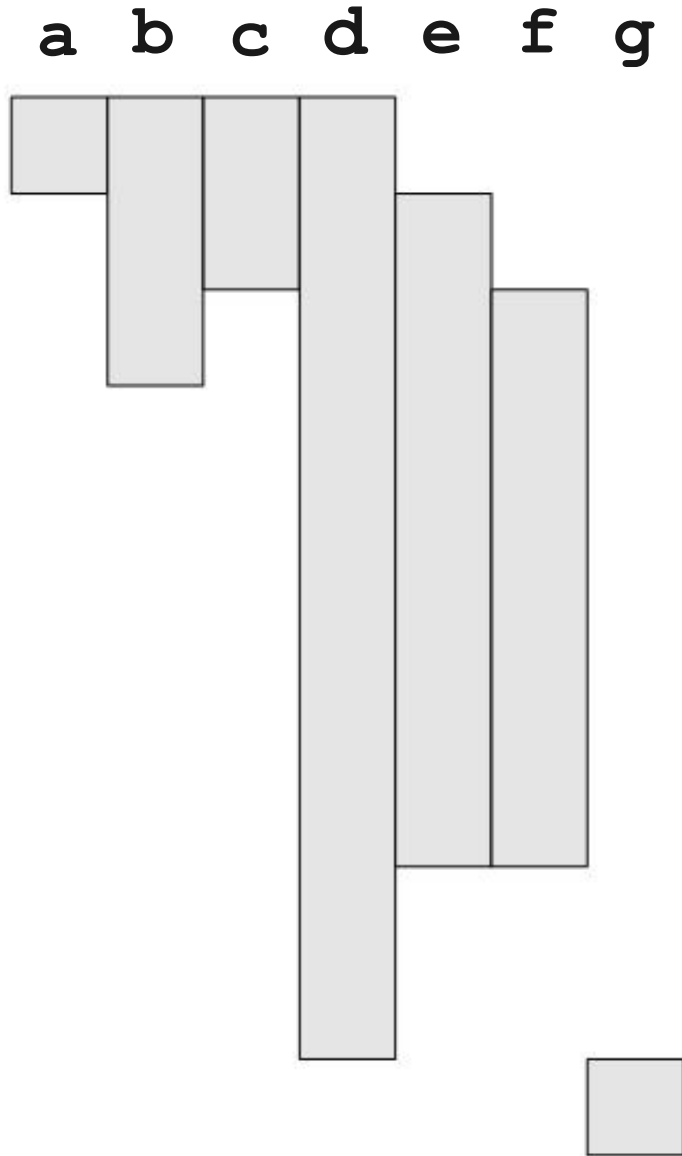


# Register Allocation with Live Intervals

- Given **the live intervals** for all the variables in the program, we can allocate registers using a simple **greedy algorithm**.
- Idea: Track which registers are free at each point.
- When a live interval begins, give that variable a free register.
- When a live interval ends, the register is once again free.



# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



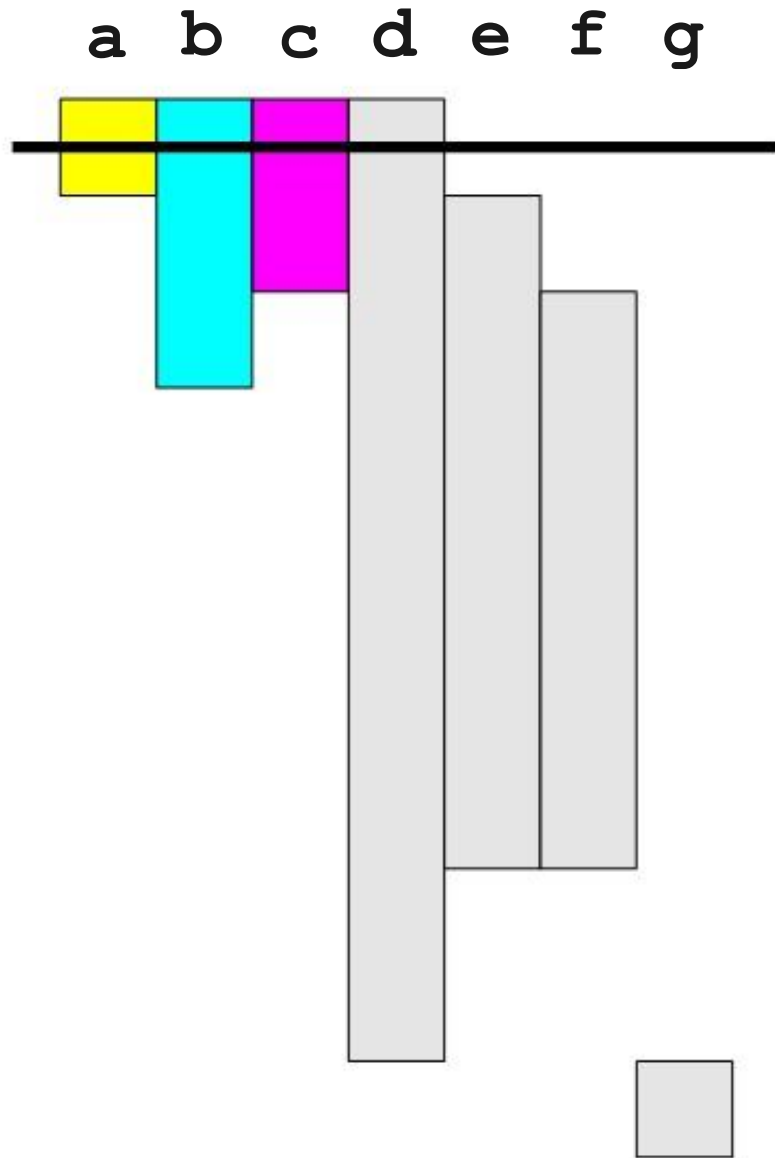
Free Registers



**Greedy algorithm**



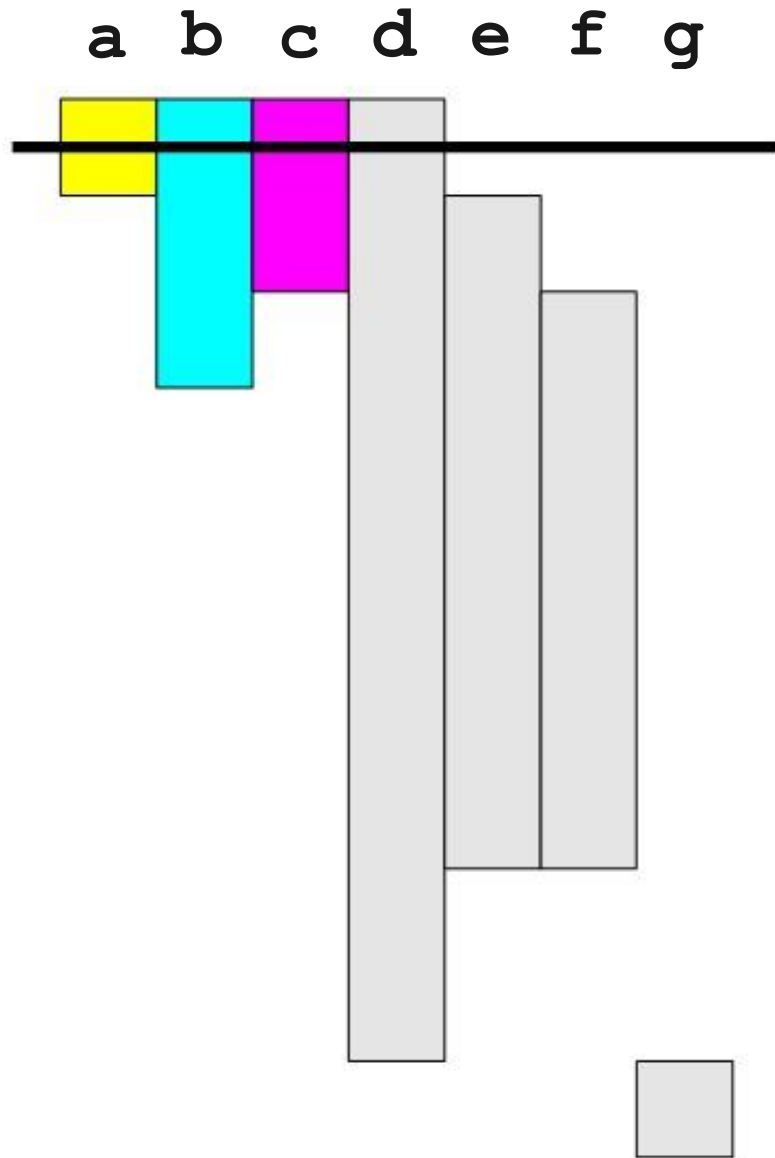
# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



Free Registers



# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



## Free Registers

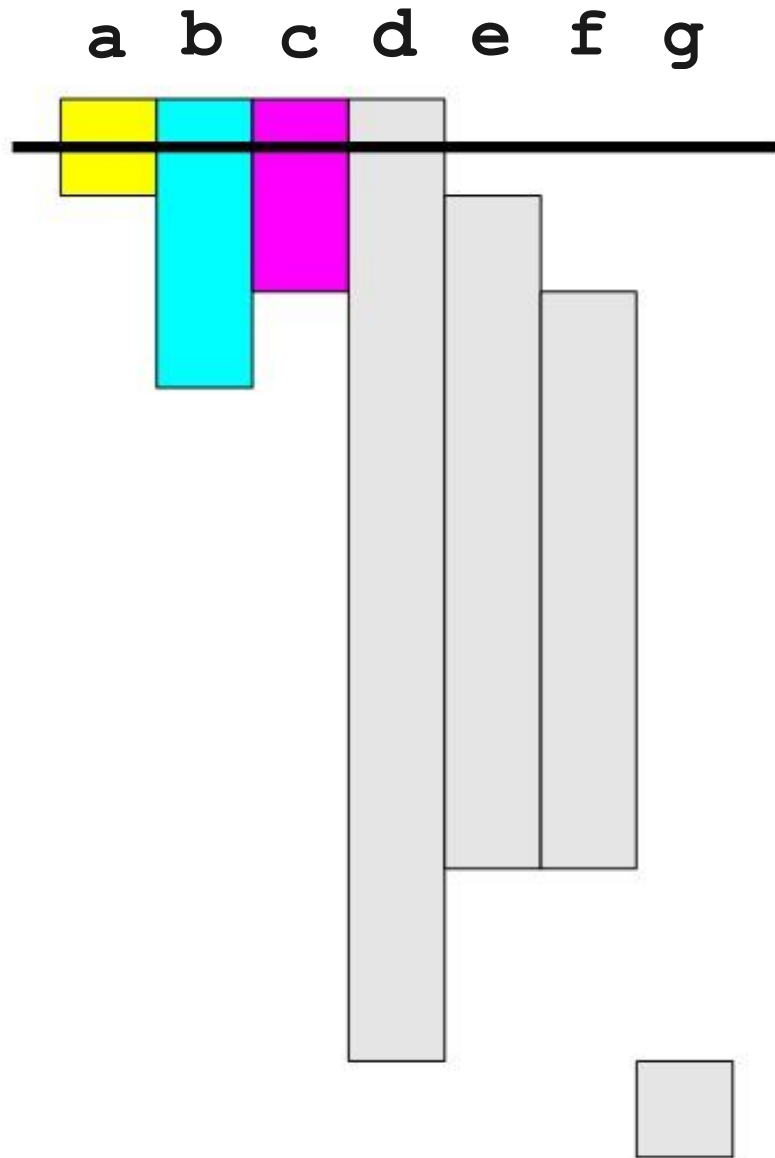


What should we do now?  
(We have run out of registers!)

# Register Spilling

- If a register cannot be found for a variable  $v$ , we may need to **spill a variable**.
- **When a variable is spilled, it is stored in memory rather than a register.**
- Note: Some register allocation algorithms can handle spilling intelligently.
- Spilling is slow, but sometimes necessary.

# Register Allocation with Live Intervals

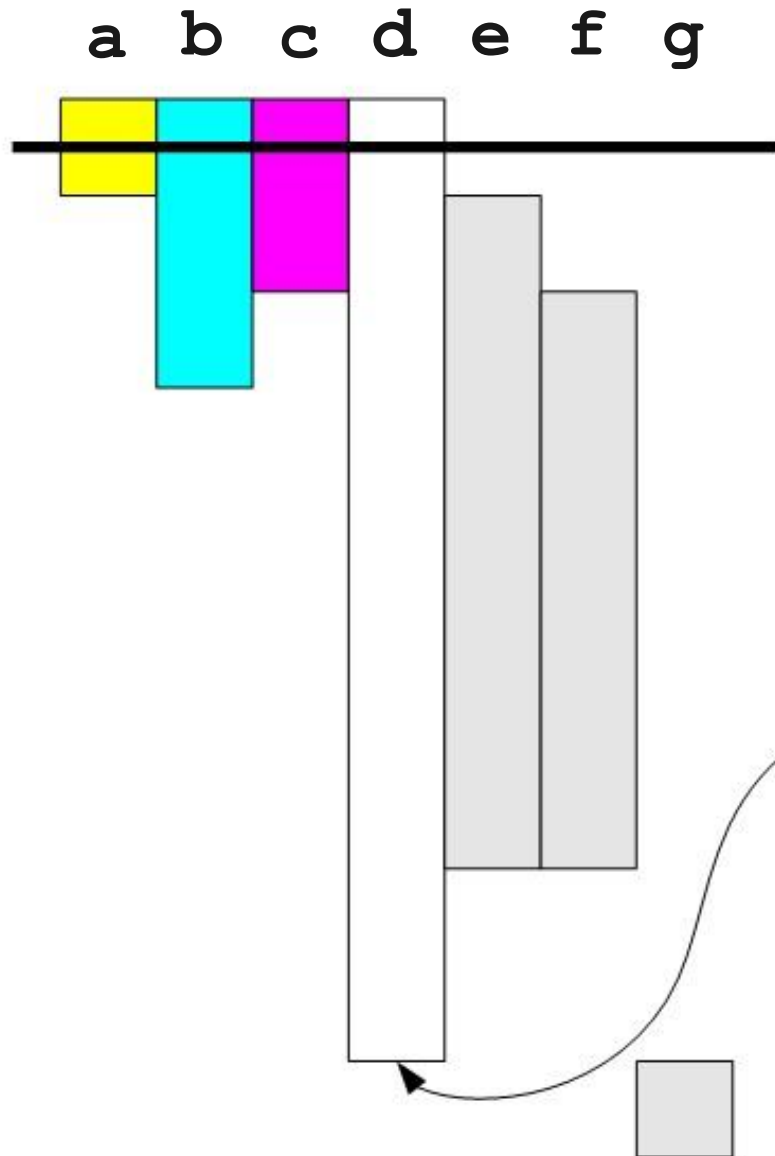


## Free Registers



Grey color means the register is already occupied.

# Register Allocation with Live Intervals

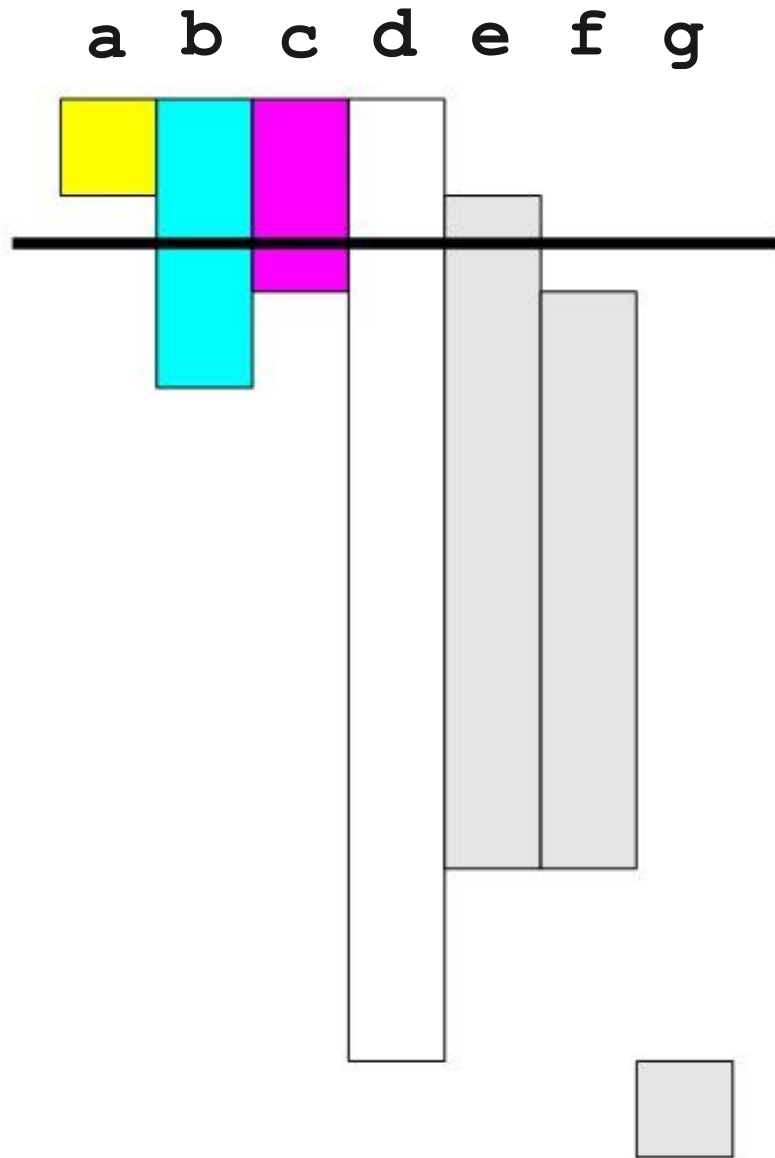


## Free Registers



Choose to spill **d**  
because it ends the  
latest in the future.

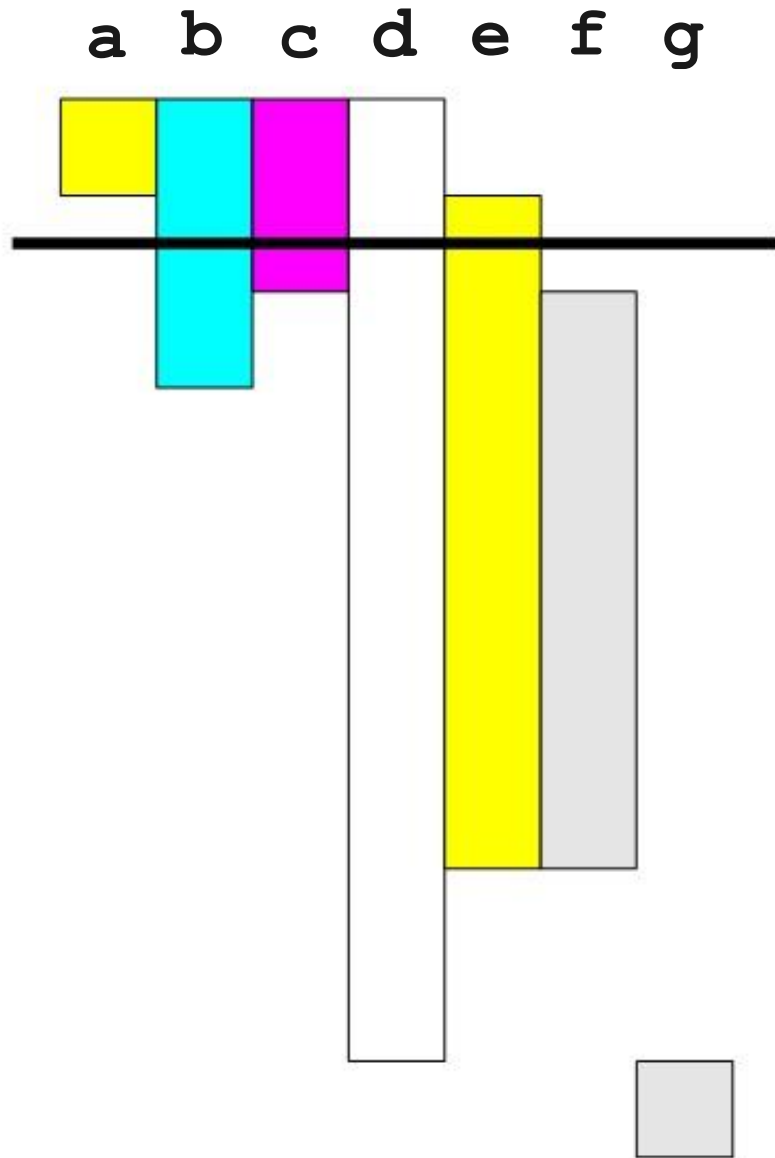
# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



Free Registers



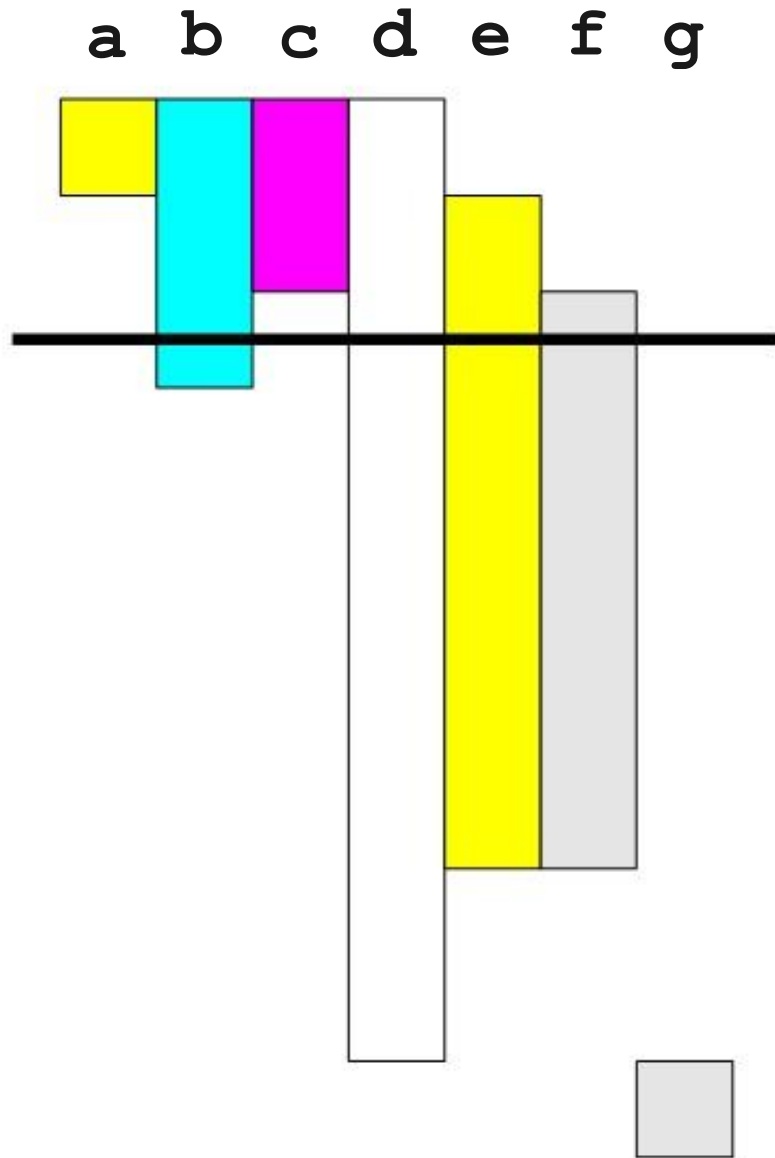
# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



Free Registers

R <sub>0</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
----------------	----------------	----------------

# Register Allocation with Live Intervals

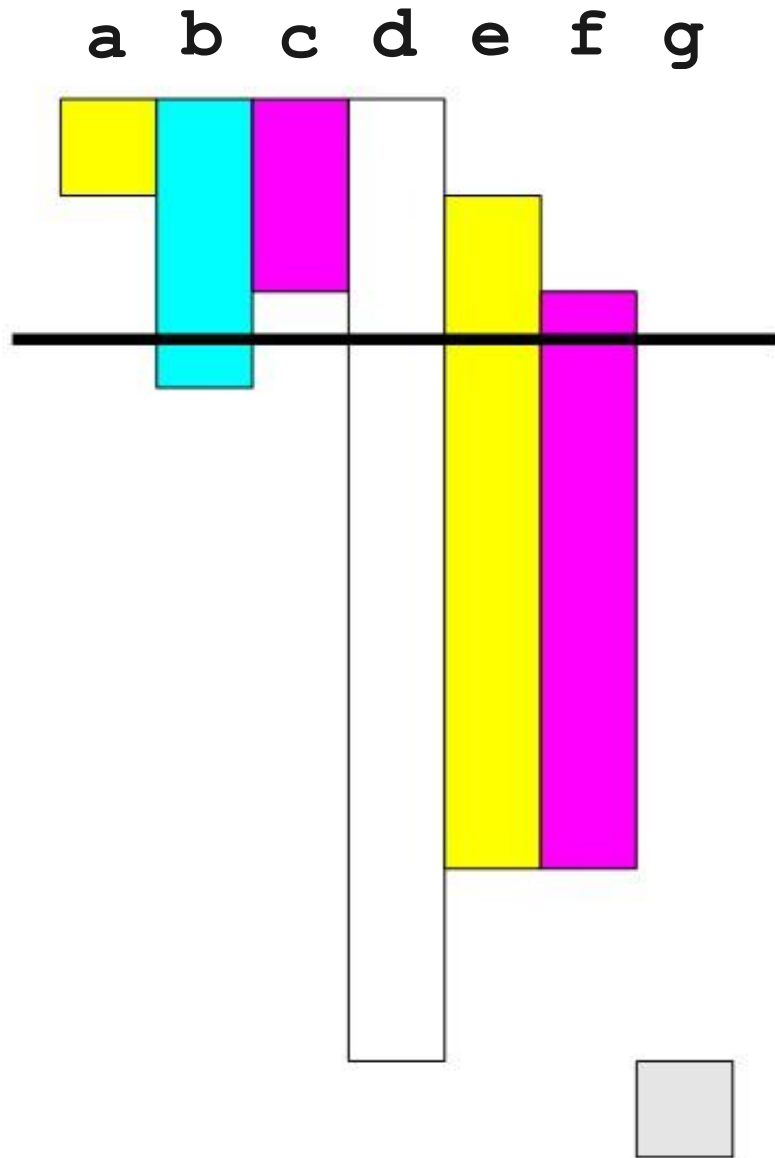


Free Registers





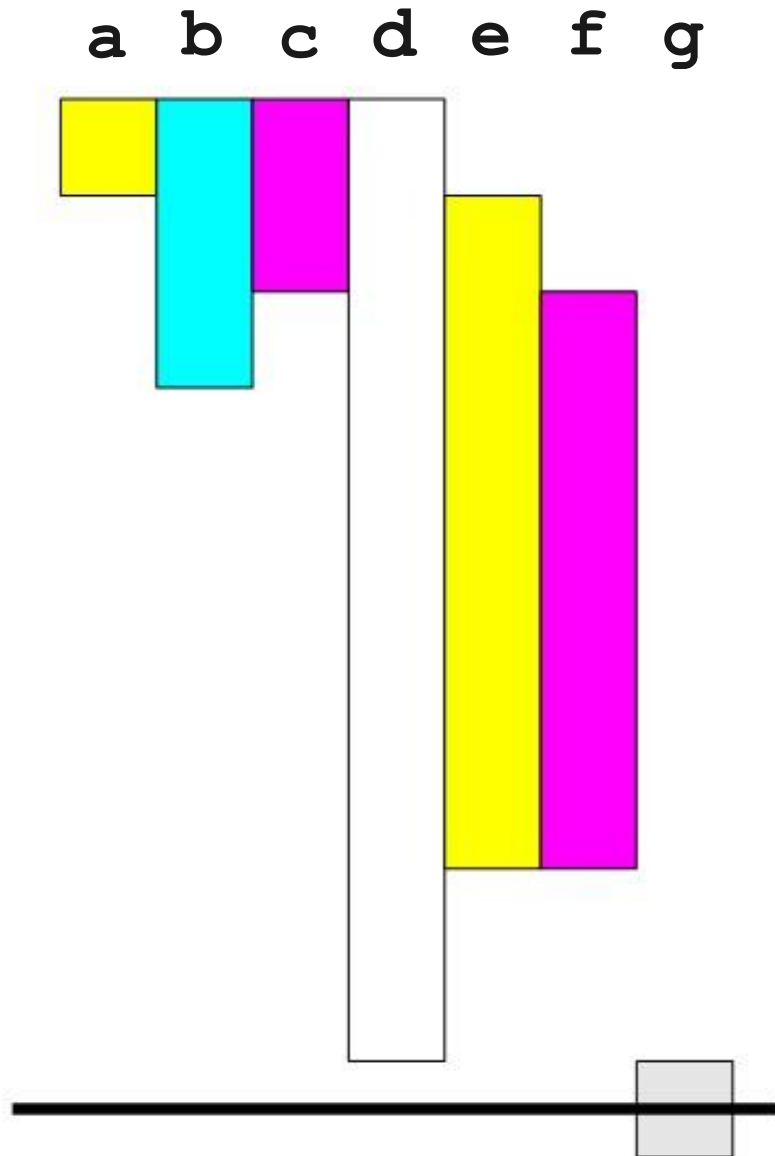
# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



Free Registers

R <sub>0</sub>	R <sub>1</sub>	R <sub>2</sub>
----------------	----------------	----------------

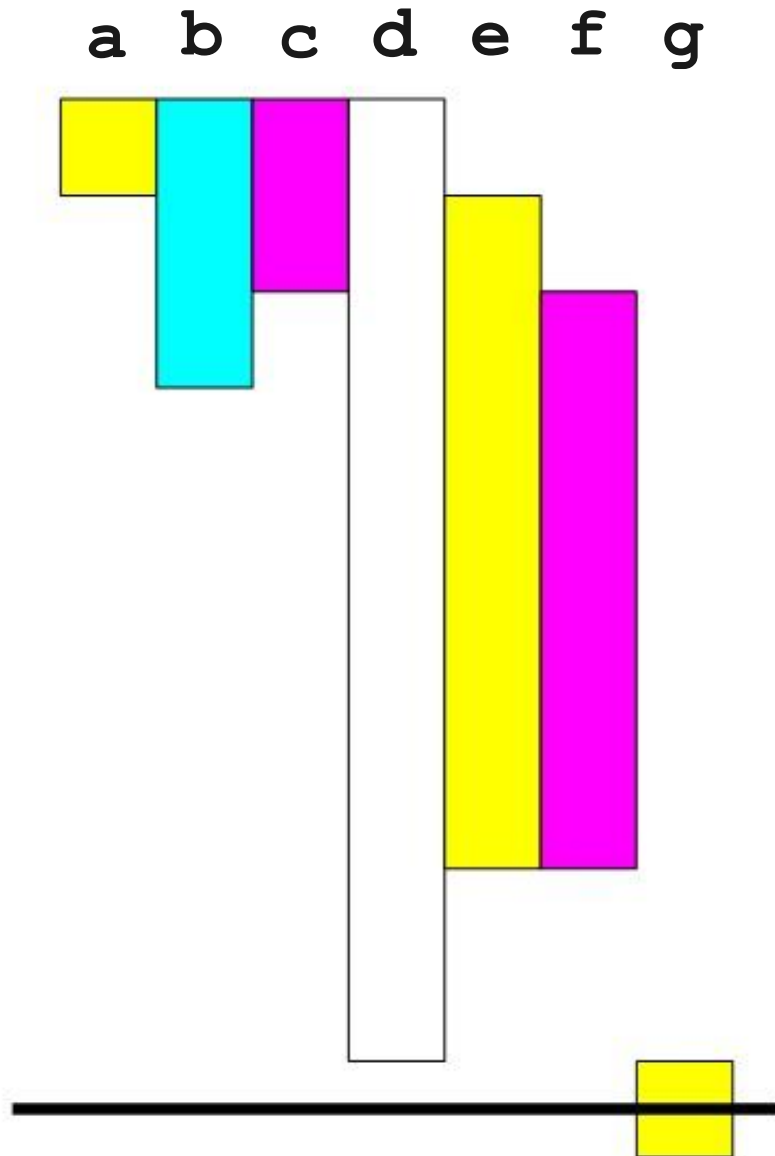
# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



Free Registers



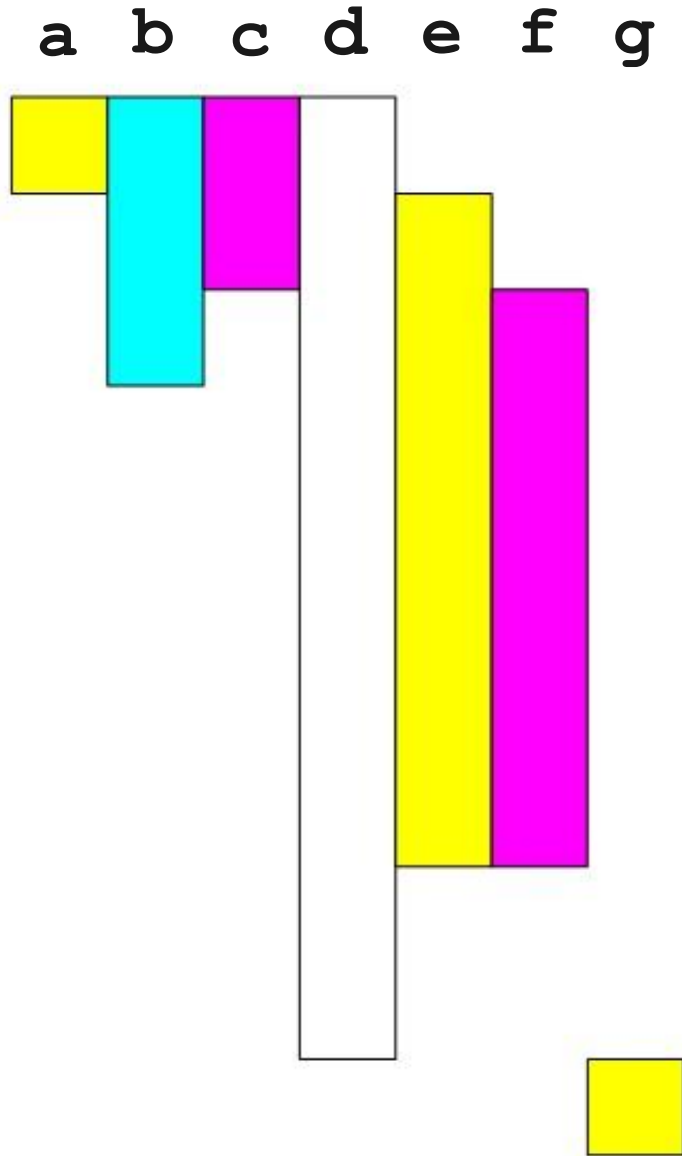
# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



Free Registers



# Register Allocation with Live Intervals



**Next time** : continue register spilling +  
Other techniques for register allocation