#### CSC 488S/CSC 2107S Lecture Notes

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## **Static Single Assignment**

- The Static Single Assignment (SSA) form is an IR used to facilitate certain kinds of optimization.
- Key features of SSA
  - Each assignment to a variable is a definition of the variable for the particular value being assigned.
  - Rename all variables in the program using some systematic scheme so that each variable is assigned a value exactly once.
  - If more than one definition for the same variable is available at some point in the program, add an articulation point ( φ function ) to identify the conflict.
  - Once the variables have been renamed, each uniique variable has fixed value from its point of definition to the end of the program
- The SSA form facilitates optimizations like constant propagation and constant folding (Slide 472) and variable folding (Slide 482)

### **Reading Assignment**

Fischer, Cytron and LeBlanc

Sections 10.3, 14.7

Sections 14.2 .. 14.2.3

Sections 14.3 .. 14.3.4

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### SSA Example (Figure 10.5)

```
i \leftarrow 1
                                                               j_1 \leftarrow 1
k \leftarrow 1
                                                               k_1 \leftarrow 1
1 ← 1
                                                               l_1 \leftarrow 1
repeat
                                                               repeat
                                                                    i_2 \leftarrow \phi(i_3, i_1)
                                                                    j_2 \leftarrow \phi(j_4, j_1)
k_2 \leftarrow \phi(k_5, k_1)
l_2 \leftarrow \phi(l_9, l_1)
if p
      then
                                                                     then
                                                                           j_3 \leftarrow i_2
if q
             if q
                                                                           then l_3 \leftarrow 2
            then l \leftarrow 2
                                                                           else l_4 \leftarrow 3
            else l \leftarrow 3
                                                                           l_5 \leftarrow \phi(l_3, l_4)
           k \leftarrow k + 1
                                                                           k_3 \leftarrow k_2 + 1
       else k \leftarrow k+2
                                                                     else k_4 \leftarrow k_2 + 2
                                                                    j_4 \leftarrow \phi(j_3, j_2)

k_5 \leftarrow \phi(k_3, k_4)
                                                                     l_6 \leftarrow \phi(l_2, l_5)
                                                                                    (i<sub>2</sub>, j<sub>4</sub>, k<sub>5</sub>, l<sub>6</sub>)
       call
                                                                     call
                       (i, j, k, l)
                                                                     repeat
       repeat
                                                                            l_7 \leftarrow \phi(l_9, l_6)
             if r
             then
                                                                            then
                 l \leftarrow l + 4
                                                                           l_9 \leftarrow \phi(l_8, l_7)
       until s
                                                                     until s
      i \leftarrow i + 6
                                                                     i_3 \leftarrow i_2 + 6
until t
                                                               until t
```

#### **Data Flow Analysis**

- Data Flow Analysis is a technique for discovering properties of the run-time behavior of programs during compilation.
- These properties are universal, i.e. they apply to all possible sequences of control and data flow.
- The information from data flow analysis is used to determine feasibility and safety of various optimizations.
- ullet Control Flow Graphs (  $\mathcal{G}_{cf}$ ) are used to represent the flow of control between statements in a single routine.

  Procedure Call Graphs (  $\mathcal{G}_{pc}$ ) are used to represent the flow of control

between functions and procedures.

 Data Flow Analysis and related optimizations are covered in much greater detail in the follow-on course ECE489H/ECE540H.

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### **Data Flow Analysis Overview**

- Subdivide the program into Basic Blocks or finer grain (e.g. statements).
- Analyze the control structure of the program to determine the interrelationship of the blocks.
- Represent program control flow as a directed graph (  $G_{cf}$ ).
  - Each node in  $\mathcal{G}_{cf}$  is a basic block or an individual statement.
  - Each edge in  $\mathcal{G}_{cf}$  represents a possible node to node transfer of control.
- Analyze each node to determine where some property of interest is defined, used and killed. e.g. where expressions are computed.
- Dataflow analysis can be applied
   Intraprocedurally within a single routine
   Interprocedurally within some set of routines
   Globally to an entire program
- ullet Sets are represented using bit-vectors (one bit/element). Iterative solutions to data flow equations are typically  $O(B^2 \times V)$  for a problem with B basic blocks and V variables or expressions.

## **Analysis and Transformations**

Data Flow Analysis	Transformation
Available expressions	Common subexpression elimination
Detection of loop invariants	Invariant code motion
Detection of induction variables	Strength reduction
Copy analysis	Copy propagation
Live variables	Dead code elimination
Reaching definitions	Identifying constants

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### **Definitions for Data Flow Analysis**

Basic Block A sequence of instructions that is always executed from start to finish. i.e. it contains no branches.

**Definition Point** Point where some interesting property is established. (i.e. a variable or an expression is given a value.)

Use Point Point where some interesting property is used.

Killed, Kill Point A point where in interesting property is rendered invalid.

- A variable is assigned a new value.
- Any of the variables used to compute the value of an expression is assigned a new value.

Forward Flow What can happen before a given point in a program.

Backward Flow What can happen after a given point in the program.

- Any Path (May) analysis What property holds on some path leading to or from a given basic block. Examples: uninitialized variable, live variables.
- All Path (Must) analysis What property holds on all paths leading to or from a basic block. Example: availability of an expression.
- **Predecessors** (b) the set of all basic blocks that are *immediate* predecessors of block b in the control flow graph.

There is an edge in the control graph leading from each basic block in Predecessors( b ) to b.

Successors (b) the set of all basic blocks that are *immediate* successors of block b in the control flow graph.

There is an edge in the control graph leading *from b to* each basic block in Successors( *b* ).

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#### **Types of Data Flow Problems**

#### Forward Flow problems

- Data flows from the first block to the last block.
- out sets are computed from in sets within basic blocks.
- in sets are computed from out sets across basic blocks.

#### **Backward Flow problems**

- Data flows from the last block to the first block.
- in sets are computed from out sets within basic blocks.
- out sets are computed from in sets across basic blocks.

#### Any Path problems

Values coming into a block through *any* path are valid.

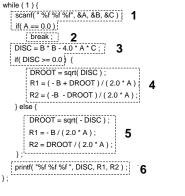
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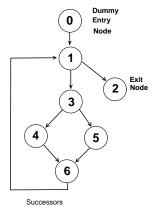
#### All Path problems

Only values coming into a block through *every* possible path are valid. Use  $\bigcap$ , start with maximum info<sup>a</sup>

## **Basic Block Example**

#### **Program and Basic Blocks**





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**Control Flow Graph** 

6.3	
{3} 1 {2,3}	4
{3} 2 { }	5
{ 4,5 } 3 { 4,5 }	6

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### **Generic Data Flow Analysis**

- Data flow analysis can be used to compute a wide variety of properties of basic blocks that are useful for optimization.
- Generic definitions

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In(b) what properties hold on entry to basic block b.

Out(b) what properties hold on exit from basic block b.

Gen(b) the properties that are generated in basic block b.

Killed(b) the properties that are invalidated in basic block b.

- For each problem of interest, the precise rules for determining membership in the sets In, Out, Gen, Killed have to be specified.
- Once the membership rules have been determined, one of the iterations over the control flow graph described on the following slide is used to determine *In* and *Out* for all basic blocks in the control flow graph.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup>For first/last block other value may be necessary

### **Generic Forward Data Flow Equations**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Any} & Out(b) = Gen(b) \bigcup (In(b) - Killed(b)) \\ \text{Path} & In(b) = \bigcup_{i \in Predecessors(b)} Out(i) \\ \text{All} & Out(b) = Gen(b) \bigcup (In(b) - Killed(b)) \\ \text{Paths} & In(b) = \bigcap_{i \in Predecessors(b)} Out(i) \end{array}$$

## **Generic Backward Data Flow Equations**

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Any} & In(b) = Gen(b) \bigcup (Out(b) - Killed(b)) \\ \text{Path} & Out(b) = \bigcup_{i \in Successors(b)} In(i) \\ \\ \text{All} & In(b) = Gen(b) \bigcup (Out(b) - Killed(b)) \\ \\ \text{Paths} & Out(b) = \bigcap_{i \in Successors(b)} In(i) \\ \end{array}$$

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# Available Expression Analysis Forward All-Paths Analysis

- An expression is available at a point P in the program graph G if every path leading to P contains a definition of the expression which is not subsequently killed.
- Definitions
- In(B) the set of expressions available on entry to basic block B .
- Kill(B) the set of expressions that are killed in basic block B .
- Gen(B) the set of expressions that are defined in basic block B and are not subsequently killed within the block.
- Out(B) the set of expressions available at the exit of block B

In(Init) is  $\emptyset$ 

 Use Available Expression Analysis to implement global common sub-expression elimination.

## Forward Data Flow Algorithm (All Paths)

```
\begin{aligned} &\text{for each block } B \text{ do} \\ &out[B] \coloneqq gen[B] \cup (in[B] - kill[B]) \\ &change \coloneqq \text{true} \\ &\text{while } change \text{ do begin} \\ &change \coloneqq \text{false} \\ &\text{for each block } B \text{ do begin} \\ &in[B] \coloneqq \bigcap_{P \in Pred(B)} out[P] \\ &oldout \coloneqq out[B] \\ &out[B] \coloneqq gen[B] \cup (in[B] - kill[B]) \\ &\text{if } out[B] \neq oldout \text{ then } change \coloneqq \text{true} \\ &\text{end} \end{aligned}
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An expression is available at the end of a basic block B if

it is defined in the block and not subsequently killed.

or it is available on entry to the block B and is not killed within the block.

Therefore

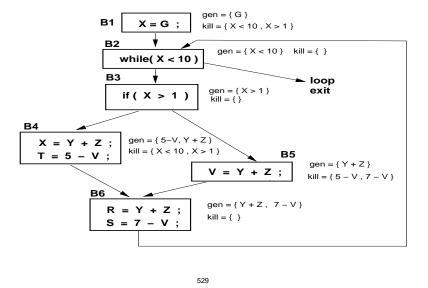
$$Out(B) = gen(B) \bigcup (In(B) - Kill(B))$$

An expression is available on entry to a basic block if it is available on *all* paths leading into the block.

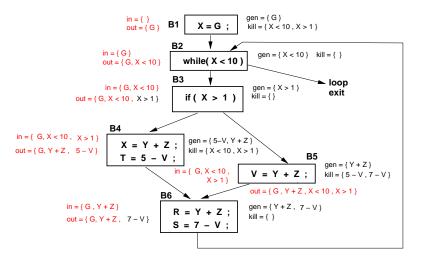
For all basic blocks  ${\it B}$  compute

$$In(B) = \bigcap_{p \in Predecessors(B)} Out(p)$$

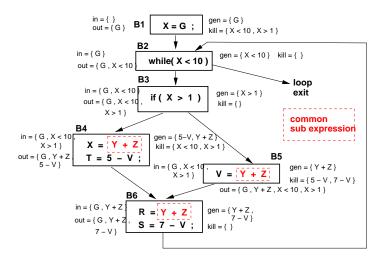
## **Available Expressions Example**



## **Available Expressions Example**



## **Common Sub-Expression Elimination Example**



## Forward Data Flow Algorithm (Any Path)

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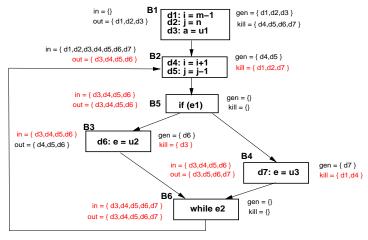
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for each block B do out[B] := gen[B] change := \text{true} \text{while } change \text{ do begin} change := \text{false} \text{for each block } B \text{ do begin} in[B] := \bigcup_{P \in Pred(B)} out[P] oldout := out[B] out[B] := gen[B] \cup (in[B] - kill[B]) \text{if } out[B] \neq oldout \text{ then } change := \text{true} \text{end} \text{end}
```

# Reaching Definitions Forward Any-Path Analysis

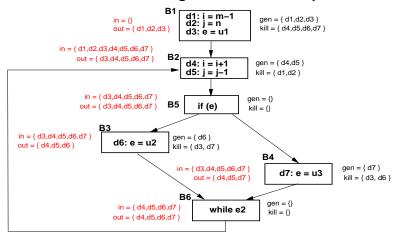
- A definition of a variable x is a statement that assigns a value to x
- A definition d reaches a point p if there is a path from the point immediately following d to p, such that d is not "killed" along that path
- Definitions
- In(B) definitions available upon entry to B
- Gen(B) definitions made in B
- Kill(B) definitions invalidated by B
- Out(B) is  $Gen(b) \cup (In(B) Kill(B))$
- In(Init) is  $\emptyset$

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## **Reaching Definitions Example (2nd Iteration)**

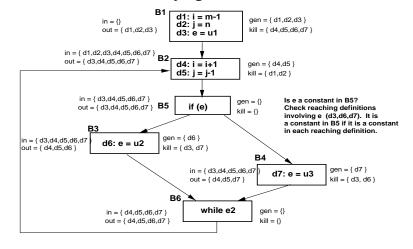


## **Reaching Definitions Example**



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## **Identifying Constants**



### **Backward Data Flow Algorithm (Any Path)**

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\begin{aligned} &\text{for each block } B \text{ do} \\ &in[B] := gen[B] \\ &change := \text{true} \\ &\text{while } change \text{ do begin} \\ &change := \text{false} \\ &\text{for each block } B \text{ do begin} \\ &out[B] := \bigcup_{P \in Succ(B)} in[P] \\ &oldin := in[B] \\ &in[B] := gen[B] \cup (out[B] - kill[B]) \\ &\text{if } in[B] \neq oldin \text{ then } change := \text{true} \\ &\text{end} \end{aligned}
```

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# Live Variable Analysis Backward Any-Path Analysis

ullet A path in the graph G is V-clear if it contains no assignments to the variable V.

A variable V is *live* at a point P in the graph G if there is a V-clear path from P to a use of V, i.e. there is a path from P to somewhere that V is used which does *not* contain a redefinition of V

Definitions

in(B) Variables live on entrance to block B

out(B) Variables live on exit from block B.

def(B) Variables assigned values (redefined) in block B before the variable is used. (same as Kill(B))

 $\mathit{use}(B)$  Variables whose values are used before being assigned to. (same as  $\mathit{Gen}(B)$ )

Out(Final) is  $\emptyset$ 

# Live Variable Analysis Backward Any Path Data Flow Example

 For each definition/use of a variable V, Live Variable Analysis answers the question:

Could the value of  ${\cal V}$  computed/used here be used  ${\it further\ on\ }$  in the program?

- Used to enable certain kinds of optimizations
  - If V is being stored in a register over some stretch of code it is not necessary to store the register back into V if V is not live.

Assignments to non-live variables can be deleted.

- Duration of liveness can be used to pick variables that should be loaded into registers.
- Example

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A variable V is live at the entrance to a block B if

it is used in B before it is defined in B

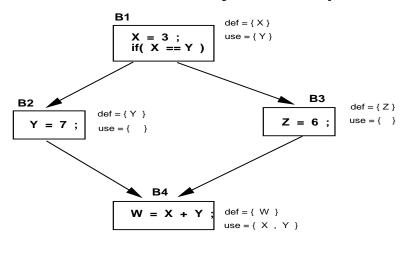
or it is live at the exit to block B and it is not defined within the block

$$in(B) = use(B) \bigcup (out(B) - def(B))$$

A variable V is live coming out of a block B if it is live going into any of B's successors.

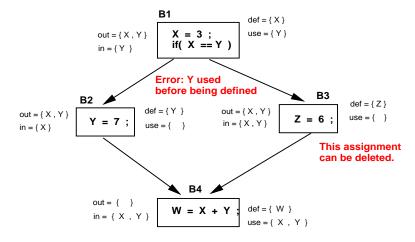
$$out(B) = \bigcup_{S \in successors(B)} in(S)$$

## Live Variable Analysis Example

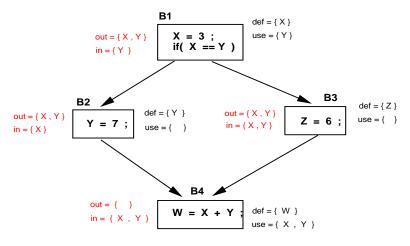


## Live Variable Analysis Example

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## Live Variable Analysis Example



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## **Backward Data Flow Algorithm (All Path)**

# Very Busy Expressions Backward All-Paths Analysis

- An expression e is very busy at point p if not matter what path is taken from
  p, the expression e will be evaluated before any of its operands are redefined.
- Definitions

Out(B) expressions very busy after B

Gen(B) expressions constructed by B

Kill(B) expressions whose operands are redefined in B

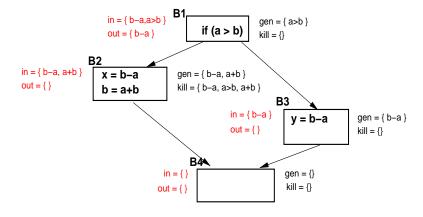
$$In(B)$$
 is  $Gen(b) \cup J(Out(B) - Kill(B))$ 

Out(Final) is  $\emptyset$ 

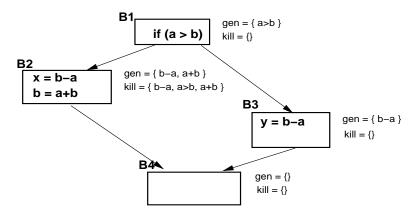
• Use Very Busy Expressions analysis to hoist expressions

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## **Very Busy Expression Example**



## **Very Busy Expression Example**



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## **Code Hoisting**

