CC Lecture 4

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Optimizing Transformations

1. Compile time evaluation

2. Elimination of common subexpression

3. Dead code elimination

4. Frequency reduction

5. Strength reduction

Common Subexpression Elimination

- Common subexpression elimination finds computations that are always performed at least twice on a given execution path and eliminates the second and later occurrences of them.
- An occurrence of an expression in a program is a common subexpression:-
 - if there is another occurrence of the expression whose evaluation always precedes this one in execution order
 - and if the operands of the expression remain unchanged between the two evaluations.

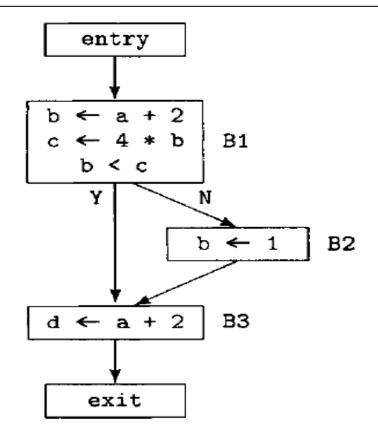
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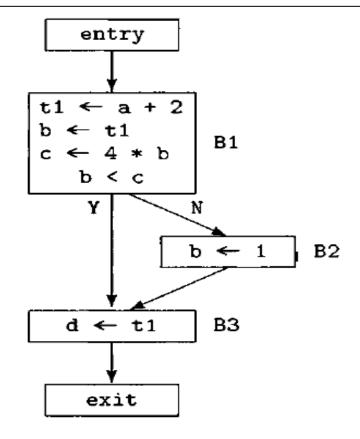
- Common- subexpression elimination is a transformation that removes the re-computations of common subexpressions and replaces them with the uses of saved values.
- Also, note that common-subexpression elimination may not always be worthwhile.
- Optimizers frequently divide common-subexpression elimination into two phases,
 - 1. **local**: done within each basic block,
 - 2. Global: done across an entire flowgraph.

Common-Subexpression Elimination

Example of a common subexpression, namely, **a** + **2**,

the result of doing commonsubexpression elimination on it.





To do local common-subexpression elimination

- we iterate through the basic block
- adding entries to and removing them from AEB (Available Expression Block) as appropriate
- inserting instructions to save the expressions' values in temporaries
- modifying the instructions to use the temporaries instead.

Available Expressions

- Available expressions is an analysis algorithm that determines for each point in the program, the set of expressions that need not be recomputed.
- Those expressions are said to be available at such a point.
- To be available on a program point, the operands of the expression should not be modified on any path from the occurrence of that expression to the program point.

Algorithm using AEB

- For each instruction inst at position i, we determine whether it computes a binary expression or not and then execute one of two cases accordingly.
- The (nontrivial) binary case is as follows:
- 1. We compare inst's operands and operator with those in the quintuples in AEB.
 - If we find a match, say, (pos, opd1, opr, opd2, tmp), we check whether tmp is nil.

Algorithm using AEB

If it is, we

- (a) generate a new temporary variable name ti and replace the nil in the identified triple by it,
- (b) insert the instruction ti ← opd1 opr opd2 immediately before the instruction at position pos, and
- (c) replace the expressions in the instructions at positions **pos** and **i by ti**.

Algorithm using AEB

If we found a match with **tmp = ti**, where ti ≠ nil, we replace the expression in **inst by ti**.

If we did not find a match for inst's expression in AEB, we insert a quintuple for it, with tmp = nil, into AEB.

2. We check whether the **result variable** of the current instruction, if there is one, occurs as an operand in any element of AEB.

If it does, we **remove all such quintuples** from AEB.

Example: basic block before local commonsubexpression elimination.

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Entry:
$$AEB = \emptyset$$

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Position 8:

$$a \leftarrow j + a$$

here variable matches in operand of quintuple so remove <1, a, +, b, t1> from AEB

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Conclusion

- In the original form of this code there are 11 instructions, 12 variables, and 9 binary operations performed,
- while in the final form there are 14 instructions, 15 variables, and 4 binary operations performed.

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- Assuming all the variables occupy registers and that each of the register-to-register operations requires only a single cycle, as in any RISC and the more advanced CICSs, the original form is to be preferred, since it has fewer instructions and uses fewer registers.
- On the other hand, if some of the variables occupy memory locations or the redundant operations require more than one cycle, the result of the optimization is to be preferred.
- Thus, whether an optimization actually improves the performance of a block of code depends on both the code and the machine it is executed on.