One-Shot Function Bufferization of Tensor Programs

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Outline

- Bufferization: Allocating + assigning memref buffers to tensor values.
- Current bufferization solutions in MLIR
 - <u>Core bufferization</u>: Multiple passes (one per dialect), conservative (always copy on write)
 - One-Shot Bufferization (<u>Comprehensive Bufferize</u>): Single pass, comes with an analysis (copy buffers only if deemed necessary).
- This talk:
 - Why we need something better than core bufferization. Design + Implementation sketch of One-Shot Bufferization.
 - How we can consolidate both bufferization solutions into a single one while maintaining compatibility with existing code.
 - How users can (gradually) extend the new bufferization with their own ops.
 - Focusing on function body bufferization. (No focus on <u>Module Bufferization</u>.)

What is Bufferization? And why it is difficult.

Challenges in Bufferization

Bufferization: Convert IR with tensors into IR with memrefs.

Challenge 1: Use as little memory as possible. I.e., try to keep the number of memory allocations ("buffers") small and try to reuse existing buffers when possible.

Challenge 2: Copy as little memory as possible.

Example

```
func @foo(%a : tensor<?xf32>, %f : f32, %idx0 : index, %idx1 : index)
  \rightarrow (f32, f32)
 %b = tensor.insert %f into %a[%idx0] : tensor<?xf32>
 %c = tensor.extract %a[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
 %d = tensor.extract %b[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
 return %c, %d : f32, f32
```

Example: Tensor Values

```
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  %d = tensor.extract %b[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
  return %c, %d : f32, f32
```

Example: Ops with Tensor Semantics

```
func @foo(%a : tensor<?xf32>, %f : f32, %idx0 : index, %idx1 : index)
  -> (f32, f32)
                       memref.store
 %b = tensor.insert %f into %a[%idx0] : tensor<?xf32>
 %c = tensor.extract %a[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
 %d = tensor.extract %b[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
 return %c, %d : f32, f32
                              memref.load
```

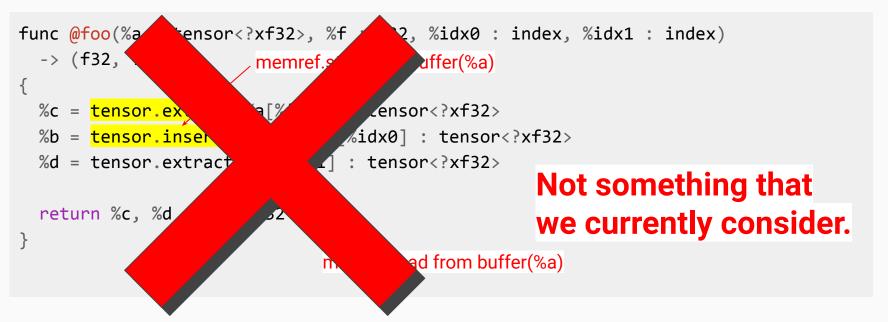
Example: Why we need some kind of Copy

```
func @foo(%a : tensor<?xf32>, %f : f32, %idx0 : index, %idx1 : index)
  -> (f32, f32)
                        memref.store into buffer(%a)
 %b = tensor.insert %f into %a[%idx0] : tensor<?xf32>
 %c = tensor.extract %a[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
 %d = tensor.extract %b[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
  return %c, %d : f32, f32
                               memref.load from buffer(%a) before the store (RaW conflict)
```

What if we Swap Ops?

```
func @foo(%a : tensor<?xf32>, %f : f32, %idx0 : index, %idx1 : index)
  -> (f32, f32)
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 %c = tensor.extract %a[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
 %b = tensor.insert %f into %a[%idx0] : tensor<?xf32>
 %d = tensor.extract %b[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
  return %c, %d : f32, f32
                              memref.load from buffer(%a)
```

What if we Swap Ops?



Example: One Possible Bufferization

```
func @foo(%a : memref<?xf32>, %f : f32, %idx0 : index, %idx1 : index)
  \rightarrow (f32, f32)
  %b = memref.alloc(...) : memref<?xf32>
  memref.copy %a, %b : memref<?xf32>
                                                     Instead of allocating: Maybe we can
  memref.store %f, %b[%idx0] : memref<?xf32>
                                                     reuse another buffer that is not being
  %c = memref.load %a[%idx1] : memref<?xf32>
                                                     used at the moment? (Challenge #1)
  %d = memref.load %b[%idx1] : memref<?xf32>
  return %c, %d : f32, f32
```

Why We Need Something Better

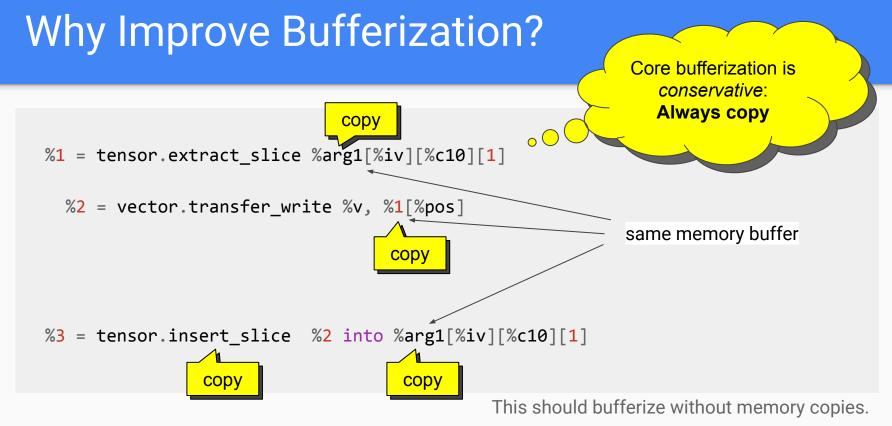
Example: Core Bufferization

```
CODV
%t0 = ...
%t1 = vector.transfer write %data1, %t0[%c0]
                                                        Copy removal?
%t2 = vector.transfer_write %data2, %t1[%c5]
                                        copy
%t3 = vector.transfer_write %data3, %t2[c10]
   Do something with %t3
```

Always copy a buffer before it is modified. Simple, no need to worry about RaW conflicts.

Where we really don't want Copies

```
%1 = tensor.extract slice %arg1[%iv][%c10][1]
  %2 = vector.transfer_write %v, %1[%pos]
                                                         same memory buffer
%3 = tensor.insert_slice %2 into %arg1[%iv][%c10][1]
```



Preview: One-Shot Bufferization Result

```
%arg1_memref = bufferization.to_memref %arg1
%0 = memref.subview %arg0[%iv] [%c10] [1]
                                               no copies
vector.transfer_write %v, %0[%pos]
%3 = bufferization.to_memref %arg1_memref
```

It can get even more complicated...

```
%r1 = scf.for %iv = %c0 to %ub step %c10 iter_args(%arg1 = %arg0) ... {
 %1 = tensor.extract slice %arg1[%iv][%c10][1]
 %r2 = scf.if %cond ... {
    %2 = vector.transfer_write %v, %1[%pos]
    scf.yield %2
  } else {
    scf.yield %1
  %3 = tensor.insert slice %r2 into %arg1[%iv][%c10][1]
  scf.yield %3
```

How To Use Bufferization?

From a user's perspective...

Example: Core Bufferization (1)

```
// RUN: mlir-opt %s --linalg-bufferize --tensor-bufferize --finalizing-bufferize

func @foo(%sz : index, %f : f32, %idx1 : index, %idx2 : index) -> f32 {
    %t = linalg.init_tensor [%sz] : tensor<?xf32>
    %1 = tensor.insert %f into %t[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
    %2 = tensor.extract %1[%idx2] : tensor<?xf32>
    return %2 : f32
}
```

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    %2 = tensor.extract %1[%idx2] : tensor<?xf32>
    return %2 : f32
}
```

Example: Core Bufferization (2)

```
// RUN: mlir-opt %s --linalg-bufferize --tensor-bufferize --finalizing-bufferize

func @foo(%sz : index, %f : f32, %idx1 : index, %idx2 : index) -> f32 {
    %t_m = memref.alloc(%sz) : memref<?xf32>
    %t = bufferization.to_tensor %t_m : memref<?xf32>
    %1 = tensor.insert %f into %t[%idx1] : tensor<?xf32>
    %2 = tensor.extract %1[%idx2] : tensor<?xf32>
    return %2 : f32
}
```

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    %2 = tensor.extract %1[%idx2] : tensor<?xf32>
    return %2 : f32
}
```

Example: Core Bufferization (2)

Use to tensor(copy) instead of %1

from now on.

Example: Core Bufferization (Final Result)

```
func @foo(%sz : index %f : f32, %idx1 : index, %idx2 : index) -> f32 {
 %t m = memref.alloc(%sz) : memref<?xf32>
 %d = memref.dim %t_m, %c0 : memref<?xf32>
 %copy = memref.alloc(%d) : memref<?xf32>
 memref.copy %t m, %copy : memref<?xf32>
 memref.store %f, %copy[%idx1] : memref<?xf32>
 %2 = memref.load %copy[%idx2] : memref<?xf32>
  return %2 : f32
```

One-Shot Bufferization: Final Result

```
// RUN: mlir-opt %s -test-comprehensive-function-bufferize single pass

func @foo(%sz : index, %f : f32, %idx1 : index, %idx2 : index) -> f32 {
    %t_m = memref.alloc(%sz) {alignment = 128 : i64} : memref<?xf32>
    memref.store %f, %t_m[%idx1] : memref<?xf32>
    %2 = memref.load %t_m[%idx2] : memref<?xf32>
    memref.dealloc %t_m : memref<?xf32>
    return %2 : f32
}
```

Call One-Shot Bufferization Programmatically

Call bufferization directly wherever you need it.

```
BufferizationOptions options;
// Set bufferization options
if (failed(runComprehensiveBufferize(op_to_bufferize, options)))
  return failure();
```

How Does One-Shot Bufferize Work? A look behind the scenes...

One-Shot Bufferization is...

- Currently still called *Comprehensive Bufferize*, to be renamed and moved to the bufferization dialect.
- Monolithic: Whole function bufferization in a single pass.
- Compatible with the existing core bufferization passes.
- Greedy: Makes bufferization decisions based on heuristics. Solving bufferization perfectly is probably NP-hard.
- Designed to run after other transformations (e.g., tiling, fusing, vectorization, ...)

Analysis of tensor SSA use-def chains _____

Analyze IR and decide where to insert copies. Could be replaced with a different analysis (and different heuristics).

- Analysis of tensor SSA use-def chains
- BufferizableOpInterface

An op interface that specifies bufferization properties of bufferizable ops.

- Used by the analysis to understand how an op behaves.
- Also contains the rewrite logic.

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- BufferizableOpInterface
- Op interface implementations

One per bufferizable op. Can be implemented by the op directly or be provided as an external model.

```
struct InsertOpInterface
    : public BufferizableOpInterface::ExternalModel<InsertOpInterface, Inse
bool bufferizesToMemoryRead(OpOperand &opOperand) const {
    return true;
}

bool bufferizesToMemoryWrite(OpOperand &opOperand) const {
    return true;
}

OpResult getAliasingOpResult(OpOperand &opOperand) const {
    return op->getOpResult(0);
}

SmallVector<OpOperand *> getAliasingOpOperand(OpResult opResult) const {
    return {&op->getOpOperand(1) /*dest*/};
```

- Analysis of tensor SSA use-def chains
- BufferizableOpInterface
- Op interface implementations
- Lightweight driver that stitches everything together

- 1. Walk IR in certain order and analyze each tensor op.
- Rewrite all bufferizable ops with a <u>RewritePattern</u>. The rewrite pattern calls BufferizableOpInterface ::bufferize.

Overview: <u>BufferizableOpInterface</u>

- bool bufferizesToMemoryRead(OpOperand&)
- bool bufferizesToMemoryWrite(OpOperand&)
- OpResult getAliasingOpResult(OpOperand&)
- SmallVector<OpOperand *> getAliasingOpOperand(OpResult)
- LogicalResult bufferize(Operation*, RewriterBase&, BufferizationState&)

Definition: Aliasing OpOperand / OpResult

(maybe) aliasing OpOperand / OpResult pair

```
%r = tensor.insert %f into %t[%c0] : tensor<?xf32>
```

```
buffer(%r) == buffer(%t)
or: buffer(%r) is a newly allocated buffer.
```

In the design document called "tied OpOperand / OpResult pair".

Definition: Aliasing OpOperand / OpResult

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%r = tensor.insert %f into %t[%c0] : tensor<?xf32>

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or: buffer(%r) is a newly allocated buffer.

buffer(%r) is either buffer(%t) or a newly allocated buffer. We do not consider other buffers!

⇒ Destination-Passing Style
```

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```
%0 = vector.transfer_write %v, %A[%c0, %c0] : vector<5x6xf32>, tensor<10x20xf32>
```

buffer(%0) == buffer(%A)

or: buffer(%0) is a newly allocated buffer.

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```
%r = tensor.insert_slice %t0 into %t1[5][10][1] : tensor<?xf32> into tensor<?xf32>
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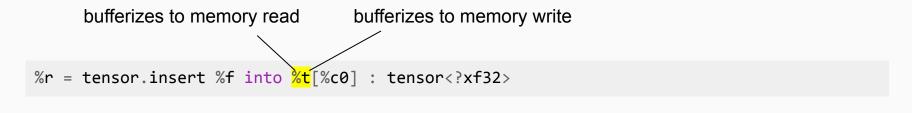
has no (maybe) aliasing OpOperand

```
%r = "tosa.matmul"(%a, %b) : (tensor<?x?xf32>, tensor<?x?xf32>) -> tensor<?x?xf32>
```

buffer(%r) is a newly allocated buffer. Op is **not in destination-passing style**.

There is no destination ("output") tensor among the OpOperands that could be used for bufferization. Bufferizes same as core bufferization.

Definition: Bufferizes to Read / Write



buffer(%t) is read and buffer(%t) is written.

This is a property of the OpOperand, not the SSA Value!

Definition: Bufferizes to Read / Write

```
bufferizes to memory read
bufferizes to memory write

%r = tensor.insert_slice %t into %t[%idx1][%idx2][1] : tensor<?xf32> into tensor<?xf32>

buffer(%t) is read
buffer(%t) is read and buffer(%t) is written.
```

Definition: Bufferizes to Read / Write

bufferizes to memory write

```
%r = linalg.fill %cst, %t : f32, tensor<?xf32> -> tensor<?xf32>
```

buffer(%t) is written.

Conceptually, this is identical to:

```
%r = tensor.generate %sz {
^bb0(%i : index):
   yield %cst : f32
} : tensor<?xf32>
```

(but this is not in destination-passing style)

Summary: <u>BufferizableOpInterface</u>

- bool bufferizesToMemoryRead(OpOperand& o): Is the buffer(o) read?
- bool bufferizesToMemoryWrite(OpOperand& o): Is the buffer(o) written?
- OpResult getAliasingOpResult(OpOperand& o):
 If o bufferizes in-place: Return OpResult r where buffer(o) may == buffer(r) at runtime.
- SmallVector<OpOperand *> getAliasingOpOperand(OpResult r):
 Return all OpOperands o where if o bufferizes in-place, buffer(o) may == buffer(r) at runtime.
- LogicalResult bufferize(Operation*, RewriterBase&, BufferizationState&):
 Bufferize the op.

Analysis

Analysis

```
// RUN: mlir-opt %s -test-comprehensive-function-bufferize="test-analysis-only"
func @foo(%arg0: index, %arg1: f32, %arg2: index, %arg3: index) -> f32 {
    %0 = tensor.generate %arg0 ... : tensor<?xf32>
    %1 = tensor.insert %arg1 into %0[%arg2]
        {__inplace__ = ["none", "true", "none"]} : tensor<?xf32>
    %2 = tensor.extract %1[%arg3] {__inplace__ = ["true", "none"]} : tensor<?xf32>
    return %2 : f32
}
```

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    %1 = tensor.insert %arg1 into %0[%arg2]
        {__inplace__ = ["none", "false", "none"]} : tensor<?xf32>
    %2 = tensor.extract %0[%arg3] {__inplace__ = ["true", "none"]} : tensor<?xf32>
    return %2 : f32
}
```

What if <mark>%0</mark> Bufferizes In-place?

Analysis Algorithm Sketch

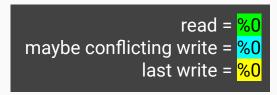
Do this for every tensor OpOperand.

- Assume that the OpOperand bufferizes in-place.
- Enumerate all "in-place memory write" and "memory read" combinations of the same tensor. Find the "last write" of the read. Check if there's a conflict.

Conflict Candidates:

```
read = <mark>%0</mark>
maybe conflicting write = <mark>%0</mark>
last write = <mark>%0</mark>
```







What if <mark>%3</mark> Bufferizes In-place?

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Solution: Analysis maintains alias sets. Take into account all reads/write of an entire alias set.

If %3 bufferizes in-place: {{%0}, {%1, %3} If %3 bufferizes out-of-place: {{%0}, {%1}, {%3}}

%3 Bufferizes In-place!

```
aliasing OpOperand / OpResult pair (no longer "maybe"!)
```

Solution: Analysis maintains **alias sets**. Take into account all reads/write of an entire alias set. %3 bufferizes in-place: {{%0}, {%1, %3}

Where is the Heuristic?

- The order in which OpOperands are analyzed affects the order in which conflicts are found.
- There could be multiple out-of-place bufferization candidates to avoid a conflict. Once a conflict becomes apparent, the OpOperand that is currently analyzed is chosen to bufferize out-of-place.
- Examples for possible heuristics:
 - Analyze ops in a FuncOp top-to-bottom.
 - Analyze ops in a FuncOp bottom-to-top.
 - First analyze all InsertSliceOps in a FuncOp, then the remaining ops top-to-bottom.

Extensibility: Conflict Detection

- Ops may not be reading/writing the entire OpOperand.
- E.g.: tensor.insert_slice does not read the overwritten part of dest.
- Yet, bufferizesToMemoryRead/Write is just a boolean (yes/no).
- Ops can specify "read" / "conflicting write" pairs that are not a conflict: BufferizableOpInterface::isNotConflicting(
 OpOperand *uRead, OpOperand *uConflictingWrite)

Unifying One-Shot Bufferization and Core Bufferization

Why Unify the Bufferizations?

- Less confusing for users. There's only one bufferize to choose.
- Users of core bufferization can benefit from better bufferizations and have a clear path for gradually migrating to one-shot bufferization.
- Code cleanup: No fundamental reason for having two bufferizations.

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to_memref/to_tensor are **internal ops** and special variants of unrealized_conversion_cast. They...

- should not leak across pass boundaries,
- are not compatible with the analysis (e.g., the result of to_tensor can alias with anything),
- are only used to connect the two bufferizations,
- never appear in a fully bufferized program.

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```
// RUN: mlir-opt %s | \
    -test-comprehensive-function-bufferize= \
        "allow-return-memref allow-unknown-ops create-deallocs=0
        dialect-filter='tensor, vector, scf' " | \
        -bufferize-my-own-dialect -bufferize-my-other-dialect | \
        -finalizing-bufferize -buffer-deallocation
bufferize only ops from these dialects
```

Outline of Steps

- Move Comprehensive Bufferize (One-Shot Bufferize) **to the bufferization dialect** and rename it to just *bufferization*.
- **Switch impl. of core bufferization passes** to BufferizableOpInterface.

 NFC from a user's perspective. A single rewrite pattern that calls bufferize without an analysis. For ops that are not supported in Comprehensive Bufferize: Move existing implementation into op interface.
- Gradually **update existing users** of partial bufferization to One-Shot Bufferization. This is optional. But users will get better bufferization results if they do make the switch.
- **Delete all partial bufferization passes** once they have no users anymore. We probably want to keep them around for unit tests. (As test passes.) This is a longer-term goal.

Switch Core Bufferization Passes

```
struct TensorBufferizePass : public TensorBufferizeBase<TensorBufferizePass> {
  void runOnFunction() override {
    auto options = std::make unique<BufferizationOptions>();
   options->allowReturnMemref = true;
   options->allowUnknownOps = true;
   options->createDeallocs = false;
   options->addToDialectFilter<tensor::TensorDialect>();
   AlwaysCopyBufferizationState state(options);
    return bufferizeOp(getFunction(), state);
                              just bufferize, no analysis
```

This is the new implementation of -tensor-bufferize.

Questions / Discussion

Appendix

Related Docs / Discourse Posts

- https://llvm.discourse.group/t/open-mlir-meeting-1-13-2021-one-shot-function-bufferization-of-tensor-programs/5197/2
- https://llvm.discourse.group/t/rfc-linalg-on-tensors-update-and-comprehensive-bufferizat ion-rfc/3373
- https://llvm.discourse.group/t/rfc-dialect-for-bufferization-related-ops/4712

Comparison of Bufferizations

Core Bufferization	One-Shot Bufferization
Multiple passes (one per dialect)	Single pass, whole function bufferization
Partial bufferization possible (via to_tensor / to_memref ops)	Unknown ops are wrapped in to_tensor/to_memref ops. Those cannot be bufferized any further. ⇒ Cannot run one-shot bufferization after partial bufferization!
DialectConversion patterns	Op interface + external model impl. + analysis + RewritePatterns
Conservatively insert buffer copy on every memory write. Remove copies in a separate pass after a memref-based analysis (not currently implemented).	Perform tensor-based analysis first, insert copies only when deemed necessary.
Buffer deallocation via BufferDeallocationPass	Buffer deallocation automated for allocs that do not escape block boundaries. Otherwise, use BufferDeallocationPass.

Current State of Bufferization

tensor→memref DialectConversion patterns

Tensor dialect

TensorBufferizePass

SCF dialect

SCFBufferizePass

Standard dialect

FuncBufferizePass

Bufferization dialect

- FinalizingBufferizePass
- BufferDeallocationPass

MLIR Transforms

- BufferHoistingPass
- BufferLoopHoistingPass
- PromoteBuffersToStackPass
- BufferResultsToOutParamsPass

ComprehensiveBufferize

- ComprehensiveModuleBufferizePass
- (ComprehensiveFunctionBufferizePass)
- BufferizableOpInterface
 - + external model implementations

Example: tensor.insert (1 / 2)

%r = tensor.insert %f into %dest[%pos] : f32 into tensor<?xf32>

```
struct InsertOpInterface : public BufferizableOpInterface::ExternalModel<InsertOpInterface, tensor::InsertOp> {
bool bufferizesToMemoryRead(Operation *op, OpOperand &opOperand) {
  return true; %dest is read
                                                                            Interface methods are called
                                                                            only for tensor-typed
                                                                            OpOperands / OpResults.
bool bufferizesToMemoryWrite(Operation *op, OpOperand &opOperand) {
  return true; 👡
                        %dest is written to
OpResult getAliasingOpResult(Operation *op, OpOperand &opOperand /*dest*/) {
  return op->getOpResult(0);
                               %dest can bufferize inplace with first (and only) result
LogicalResult bufferize(Operation *op, RewriterBase &rewriter, const BufferizationState &state);
};
```

Example: tensor.insert (2 / 2)

%r = tensor.insert %f into %dest[%pos] : f32 into tensor<?xf32>

```
LogicalResult InsertOpInterface::bufferize(Operation *op, RewriterBase &rewriter,
                                           const BufferizationState &state) {
 auto insertOp = cast<tensor::InsertOp>(op);
 Value destMemref = *state.getBuffer(rewriter, insertOp->getOpOperand(1) /*dest*/);
                                                                                  look up buffer and
 rewriter.create<memref::StoreOp>(insertOp.getLoc(), insertOp.scalar(),
                                                                                  make an alloc+copy
                                   destMemref, insertOp.indices());
                                                                                 if out-of-place
 replaceOpWithBufferizedValues(rewriter, insertOp, destMemref);
                                               Also makes sure that the buffer can be found via
 return success();
                                               future getBuffer calls.
```

Definition: Aliasing OpOperand / OpResult

OpResult is (maybe) aliasing one (or both) of the two tensor OpOperands.

```
%r = std.select %c, %t1, %t2 : tensor<?xf32>
```

```
buffer(%r) == buffer(%t1)
or: buffer(%r) == buffer(%t2)
or: buffer(%r) is a newly allocated buffer
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