- **Problem:** Given that foo took x% of the total run time before optimizing and y% after, what is the factor of how much faster foo got?
- Observation: We can express this problem as the following equations:

$$\frac{\text{old time foo}}{\text{old time foo + other time}} = x\%$$

$$\frac{\text{new time foo}}{\text{new time foo + other time}} = y\%$$

Goal: Rewrite these equations to find old time foo new time foo

Solution:

$$factor = \frac{\text{old time foo}}{\text{new time foo}} = \frac{x \cdot (1 - y)}{y \cdot (1 - x)}$$