

Loop transformations



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Outline

- Simple loop transformations
- Loop invariants based transformations
- Induction variables based transformations
- Complex loop transformations

Simple loop transformations

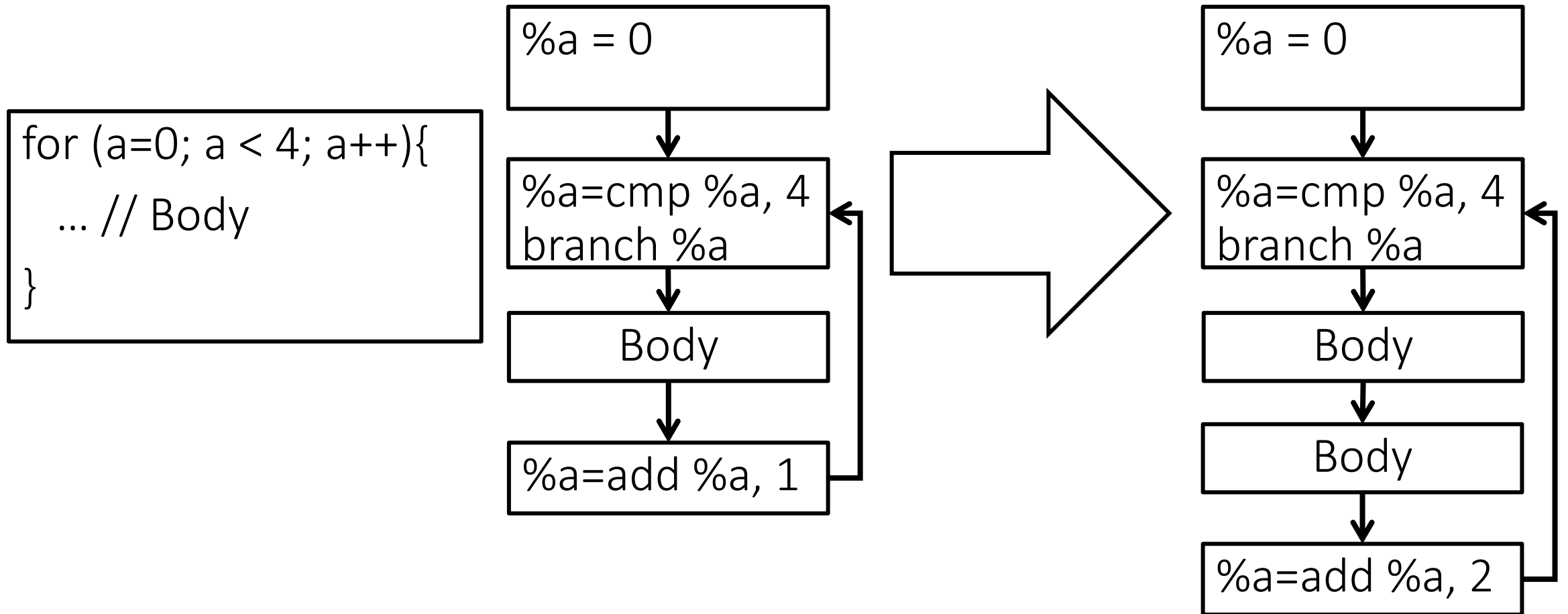
Simple loop transformations are used to

- Increase performance/energy savings

and/or

- Unblock other transformations
 - E.g., increase the number of constant propagations
 - E.g., Extract thread-level parallelism from sequential code
 - E.g., Generate vector instructions

Loop unrolling



Loop unrolling in LLVM: requirements

- The loop you want to unroll must be in LCSSA form

Loop unrolling in LLVM: dependences

```
void getAnalysisUsage(AnalysisUsage &AU) const override {  
    AU.addRequired<AssumptionCacheTracker>();  
    AU.addRequired<DominatorTreeWrapperPass>();  
    AU.addRequired<LoopInfoWrapperPass>();  
    AU.addRequired<ScalarEvolutionWrapperPass>();  
  
    return ;  
}
```

Loop unrolling in LLVM: headers

```
#include "llvm/Analysis/OptimizationRemarkEmitter.h"  
#include "llvm/IR/Dominators.h"  
#include "llvm/Transforms/Utils/LoopUtils.h"  
#include "llvm/Transforms/Utils/UnrollLoop.h"  
#include "llvm/Analysis/AssumptionCache.h"  
#include "llvm/Analysis/ScalarEvolution.h"  
#include "llvm/Analysis/ScalarEvolutionExpressions.h"
```

Loop unrolling in LLVM

Get the results of the required analyses

```
auto& LI = getAnalysis<LoopInfoWrapperPass>().getLoopInfo();  
auto& DT = getAnalysis<DominatorTreeWrapperPass>().getDomTree();  
auto& SE = getAnalysis<ScalarEvolutionWrapperPass>().getSE();  
auto& AC = getAnalysis<AssumptionCacheTracker>().getAssumptionCache(F);
```


Fetch a loop

```
for (auto i : LI){  
    auto loop = &*i;  
    ...  
}
```

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Loop unrolling in LLVM: API

Loop to unroll

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auto forceUnroll = false;
auto allowRuntime = false;
auto allowExpensiveTripCount = true;
auto preserveCondBra = false;
auto preserveOnlyFirst = false;
auto unrolled = UnrollLoop(
    loop, 2,
    tripCount,
    forceUnroll,
    allowRuntime, allowExpensiveTripCount,
    preserveCondBra, preserveOnlyFirst,
    0, 0,
    false,
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,
    true);
```

Unroll factor

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    false,
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```

Maximum number of iterations of this loop

```
auto tripCount = SE.getSmallConstantTripCount(loop);
```

It is 0, or the number of iterations known by SCE

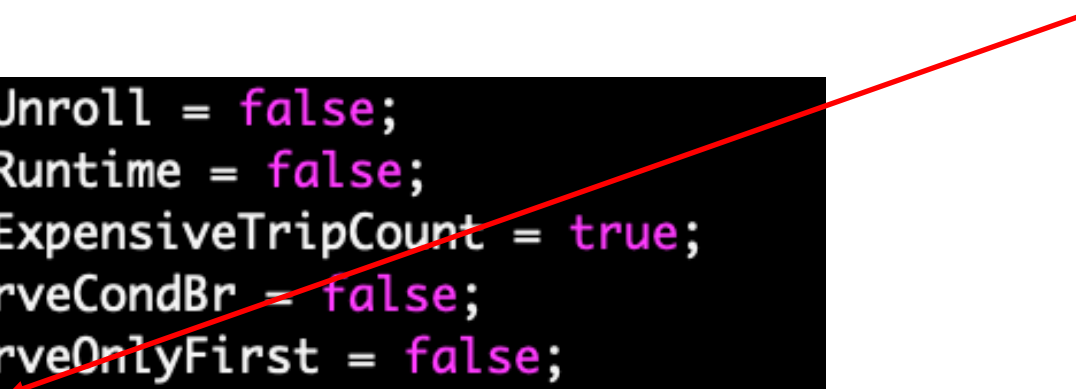
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auto& SE = getAnalysis<ScalarEvolutionWrapperPass>().getSE();
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    AU.addRequired<LoopInfoWrapperPass>();
    AU.addRequired<ScalarEvolutionWrapperPass>();

    return ;
}
```

Loop unrolling in LLVM: result

```
auto forceUnroll = false;
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auto allowExpensiveTripCount = true;
auto preserveCondB = false;
auto preserveOnlyFirst = false;
auto unrolled = UnrollLoop(
    loop, 2,
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    forceUnroll,
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    false,
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    true);
```



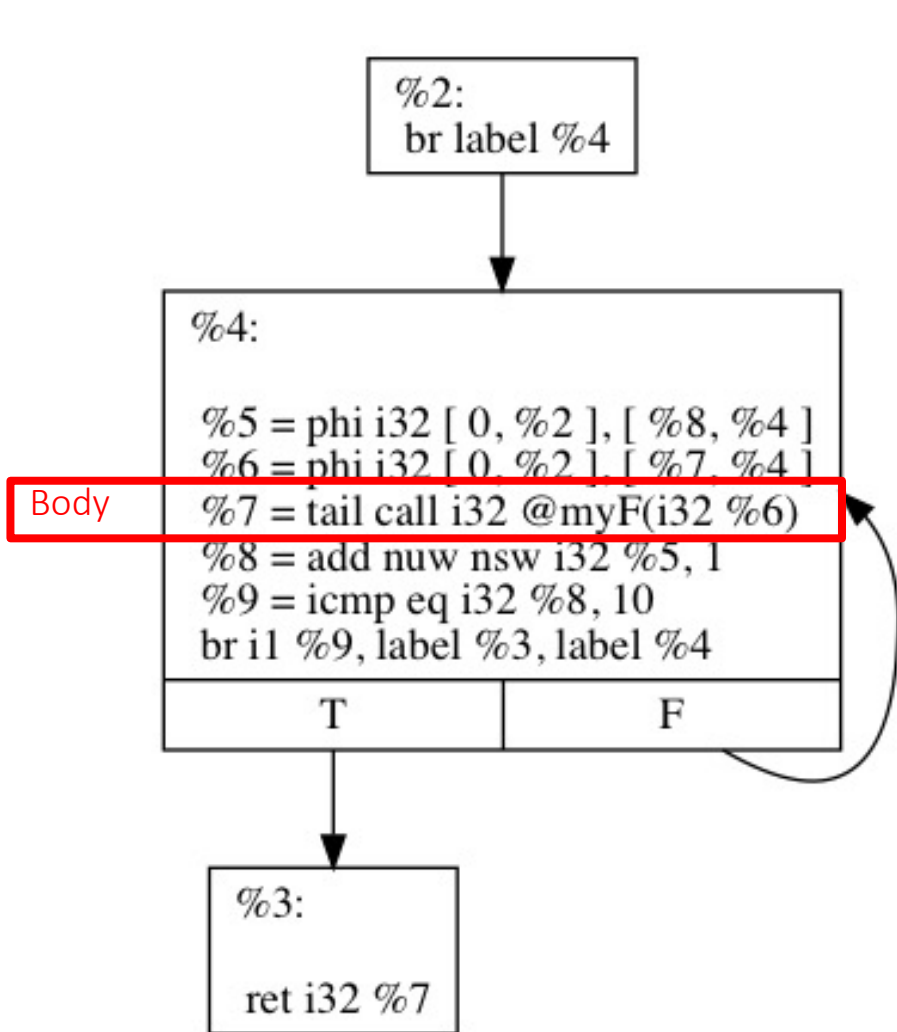
```
switch (unrolled){
    case LoopUnrollResult::FullyUnrolled :
        errs() << "    Fully unrolled\n";
        return true ;

    case LoopUnrollResult::PartiallyUnrolled :
        errs() << "    Partially unrolled\n";
        return true ;

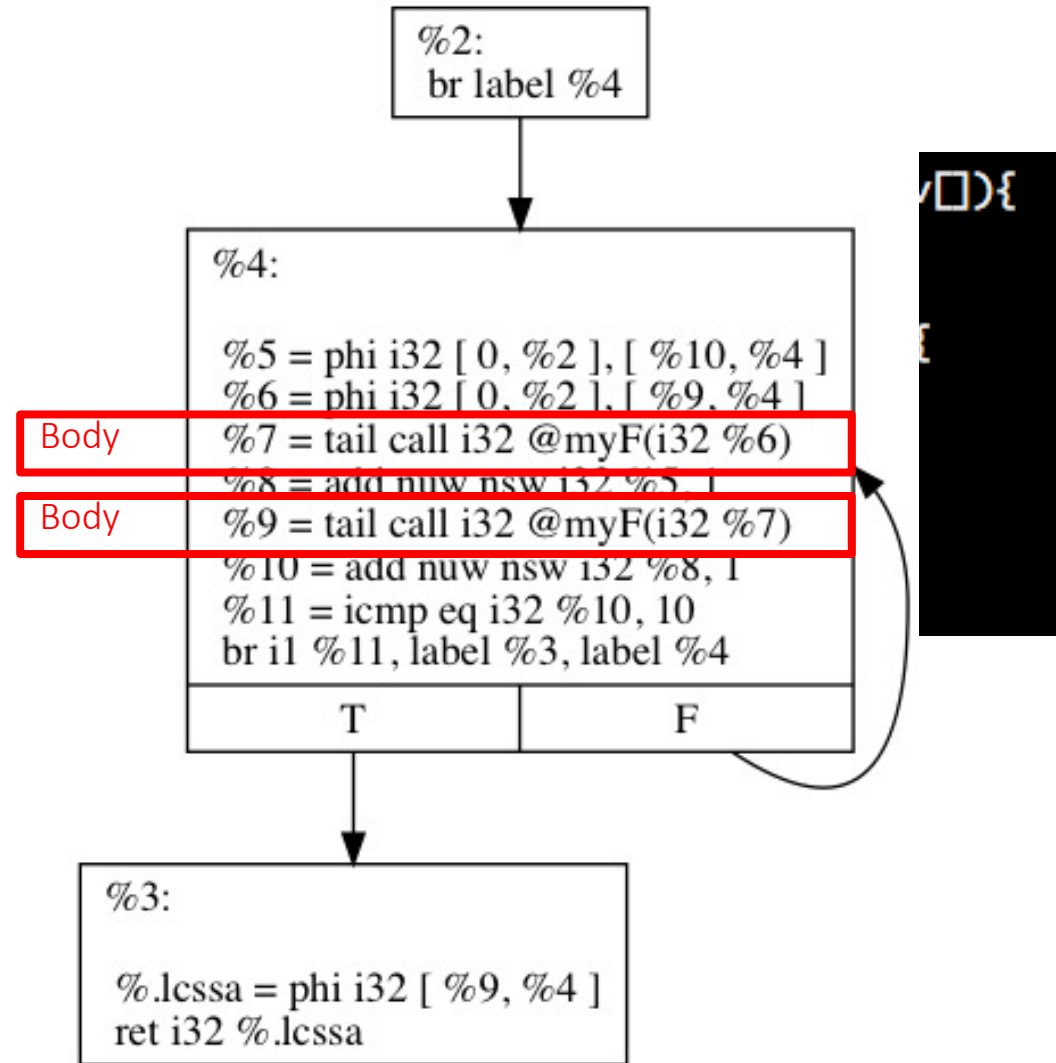
    case LoopUnrollResult::Unmodified :
        errs() << "    Not unrolled\n";
        break ;

    default:
        abort();
}
```

Loop unrolling in LLVM: example



CFG for 'main' function



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Loop unrolling in LLVM: Demo

- Detail: [LLVM_loops/README](#)
- Pass: [LLVM_loops/llvm/7](#)
- C program: [LLVM_loops/code/12](#)
- C program: [LLVM_loops/code/0](#)

Loop unrolling: the trip count

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    preserveCondBr, preserveOnlyFirst,
    0, 0,
    false,
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,
    true);
```

```
auto tripCount = SE.getSmallConstantTripCount(loop);
```

```
8 int main (int argc, char *argv[]){
9     auto r = 0;
10
11     for (auto i=0; i < 10; i++){
12         r = myF(r);
13     }
14
15     return r;
16 }
```

```
7 int main (int argc, char *argv[]){
8     auto r = 0;
9
10     for (auto i=0; i < argc; i++){
11         r = myF(r);
12     }
13
14     return r;
15 }
```

Loop unrolling: the trip multiple

```
auto forceUnroll = false;
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auto preserveCondB = false;
auto preserveOnlyFirst = false;
auto unrolled = UnrollLoop(
    loop, 2,
    tripCount,
    forceUnroll,
    allowRuntime, allowExpensiveTripCount,
    preserveCondB, preserveOnlyFirst,
    0, 0,
    false,
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,
    true);
```

```
auto tripMultiple = SE.getSmallConstantTripMultiple(loop);
```

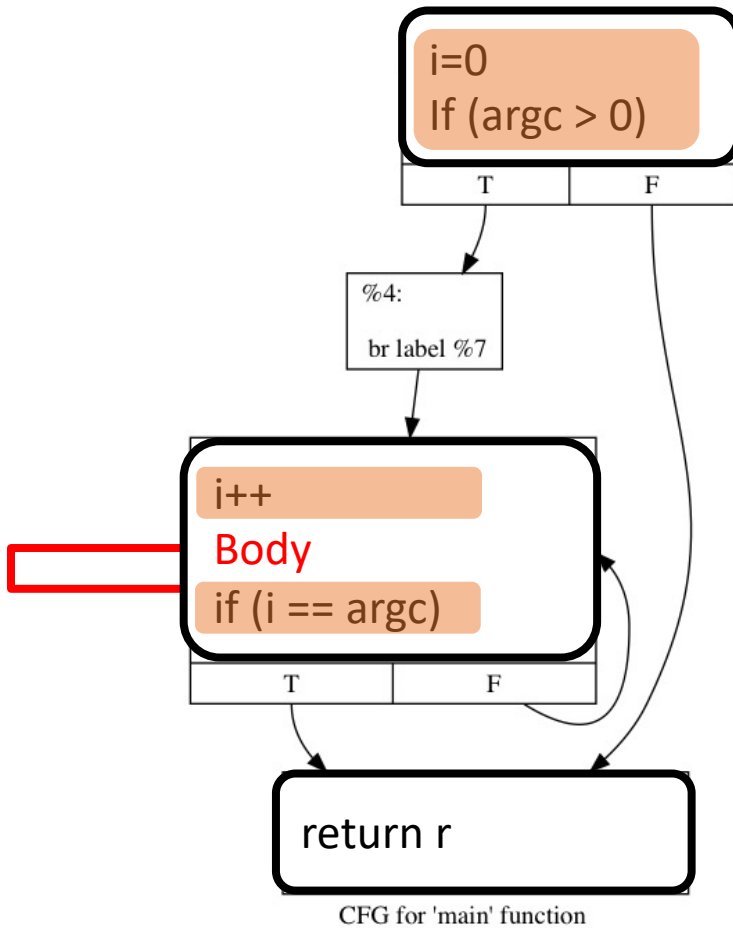
Largest constant divisor of the trip count

```
auto unrolled = UnrollLoop(
    loop, 2,
    tripCount,
    forceUnroll,
    allowRuntime, allowExpensiveTripCount,
    preserveCondB, preserveOnlyFirst,
    tripMultiple, 0,
    false,
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,
    true);
```

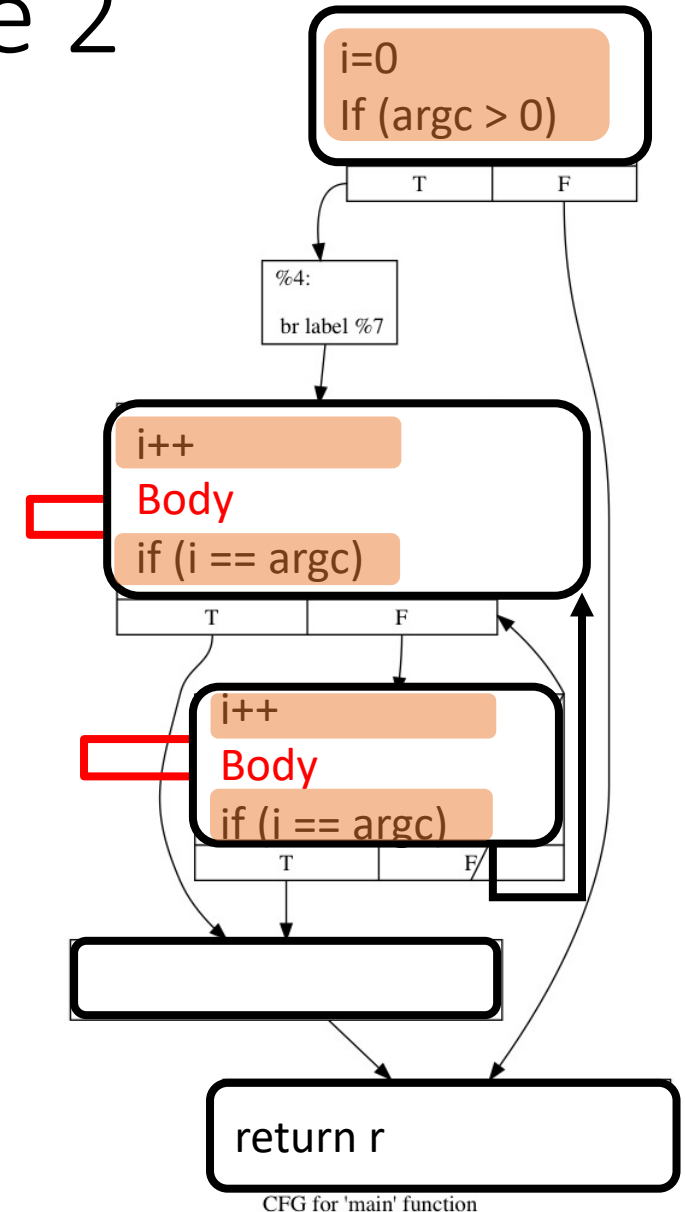

Loop unrolling in LLVM: Demo 2

- Detail: `LLVM_loops/README`
- Pass: `LLVM_loops/llvm/8`
- C program: `LLVM_loops/code/0`

Loop unrolling in LLVM: example 2




```
7 int main (int argc, char *argv[]){
8   auto r = 0;
9
10  for (auto i=0; i < argc; i++){
11    r = myF(r);
12  }
13
14  return r;
15 }
```


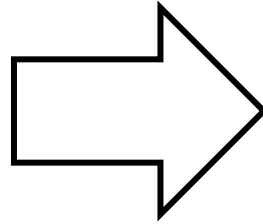


There is still the same amount of loop overhead!

Loop unrolling in LLVM: the runtime checks



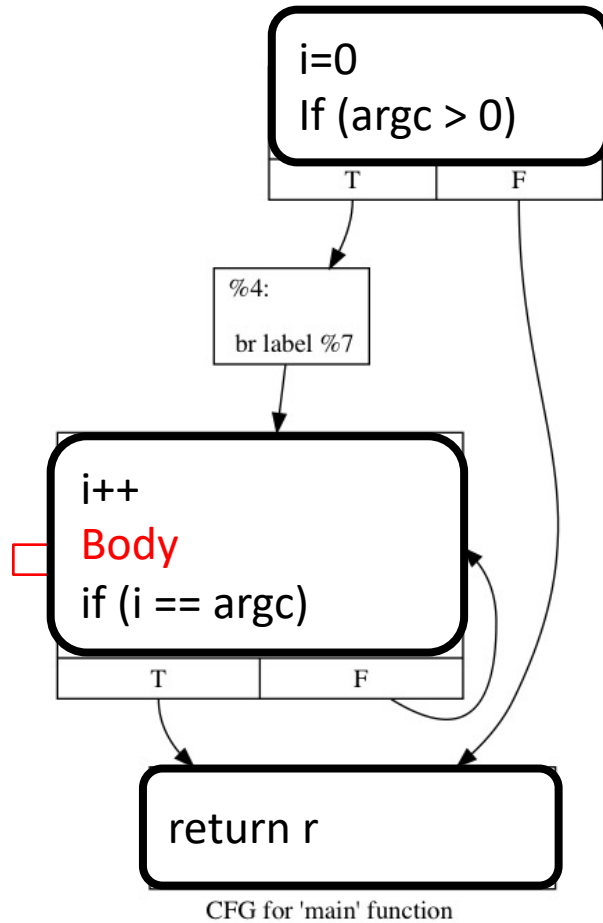
```
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auto preserveCondBra = false;  
auto preserveOnlyFirst = false;
```



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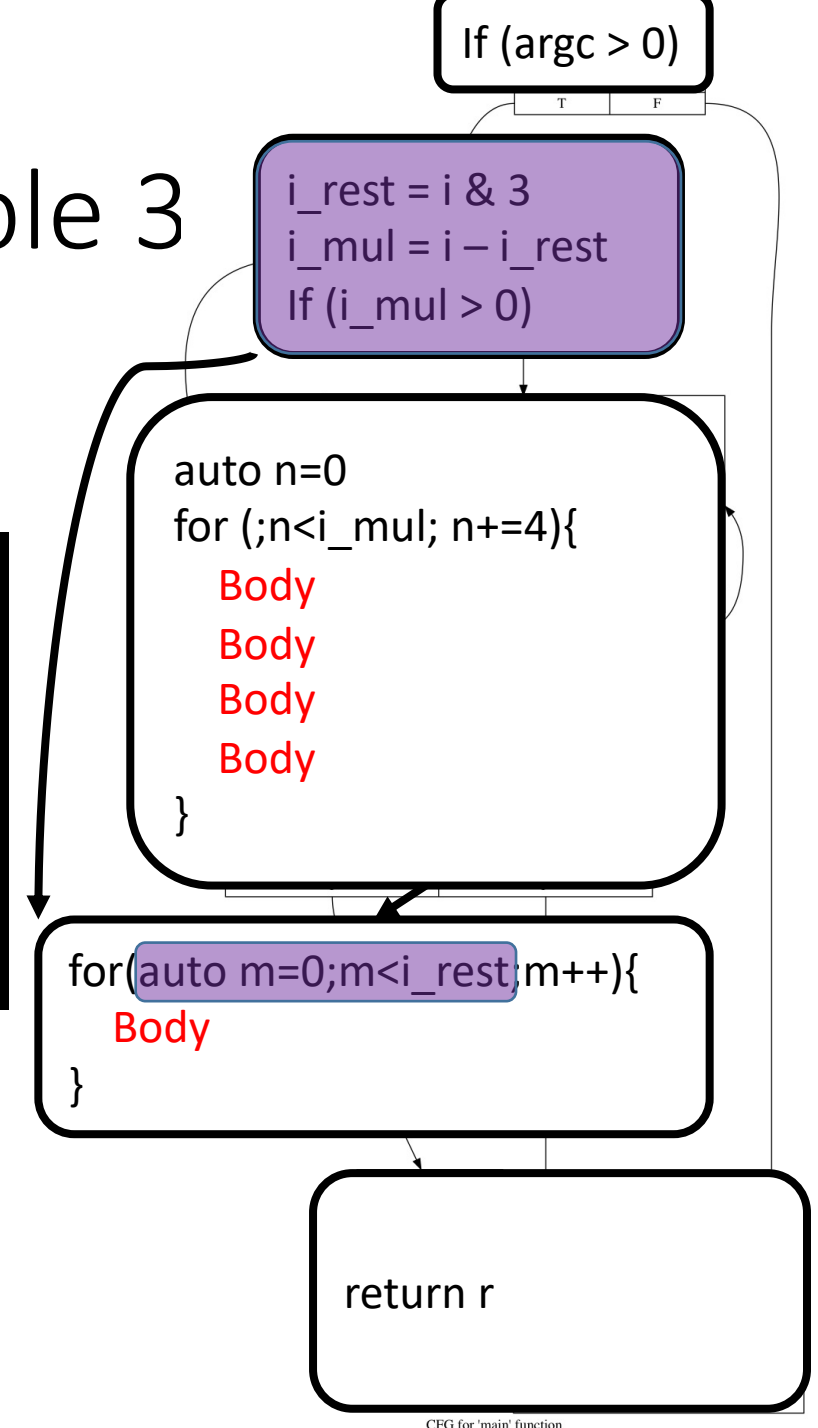
```
auto unrolled = UnrollLoop(  
    loop, 2,  
    tripCount,  
    forceUnroll,  
    allowRuntime, allowExpensiveTripCount,  
    preserveCondBra, preserveOnlyFirst,  
    tripMultiple, 0,  
    false,  
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,  
    true);
```

Loop unrolling in LLVM: example 3



```
7 int main (int argc, char *argv[]){
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9
10  for (auto i=0; i < argc; i++){
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13
14  return r;
15 }
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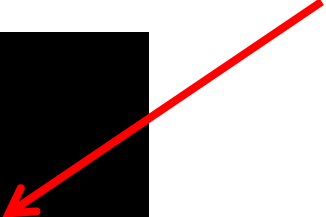
Runtime
checks



Loop unrolling in LLVM: the runtime checks

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```

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    loop, 2,  
    tripCount,  
    forceUnroll,  
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    preserveCondBr, preserveOnlyFirst,  
    tripMultiple, 0,  
    false,  
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,  
    true);
```



Loop unrolling in LLVM: API

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```

OptimizationRemarkEmitter ORE(&F);

Loop unrolling in LLVM: API

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```

← Normalize the generated loop to LCSSA

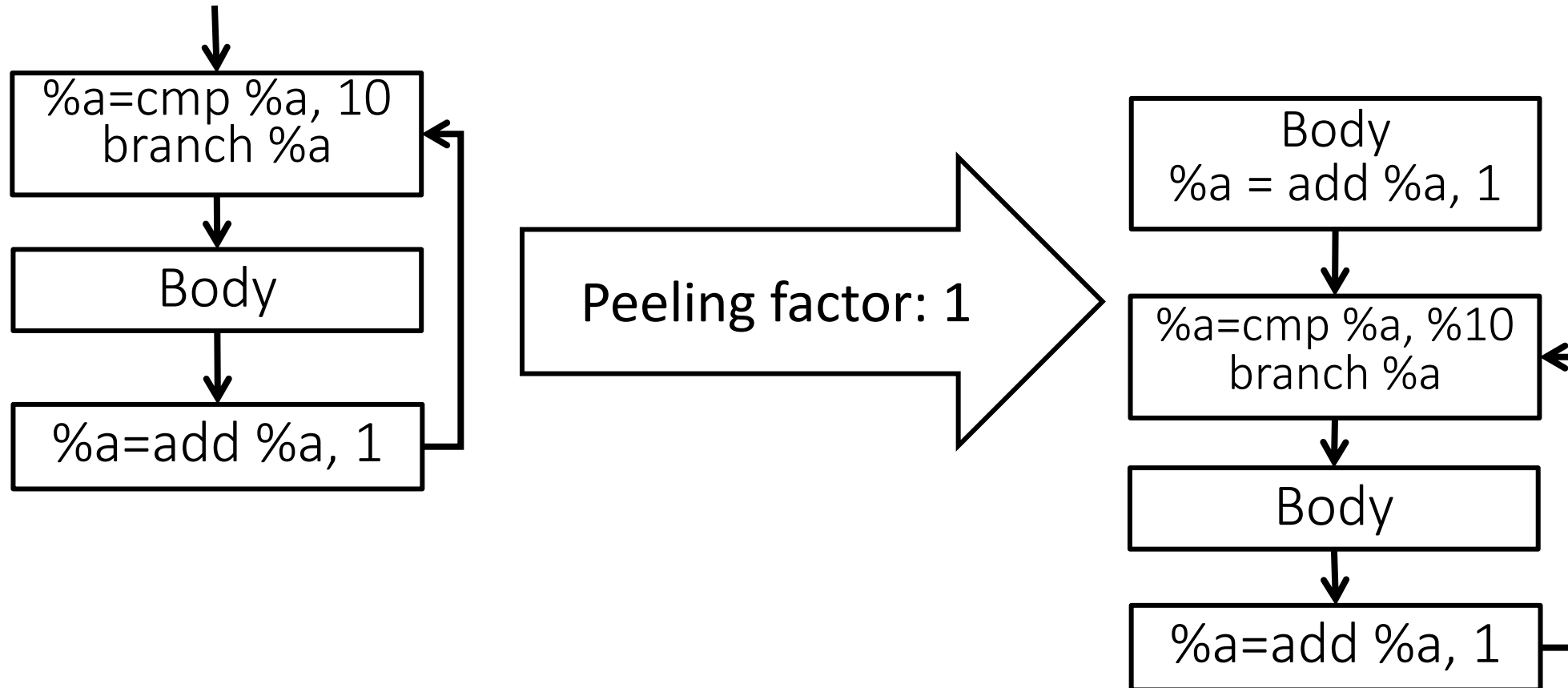
Code example

```
for (auto i=0; i < argc; i++){  
    r = myF(r);  
    if (r == 50) break ;  
}
```

It needs to be set to true


```
auto unrolled = UnrollLoop(  
    loop, 2,  
    tripCount,  
    forceUnroll,  
    allowRuntime, allowExpensiveTripCount,  
    preserveCondB, preserveOnlyFirst,  
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    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,  
    true);
```


Loop peeling



Loop peeling in LLVM

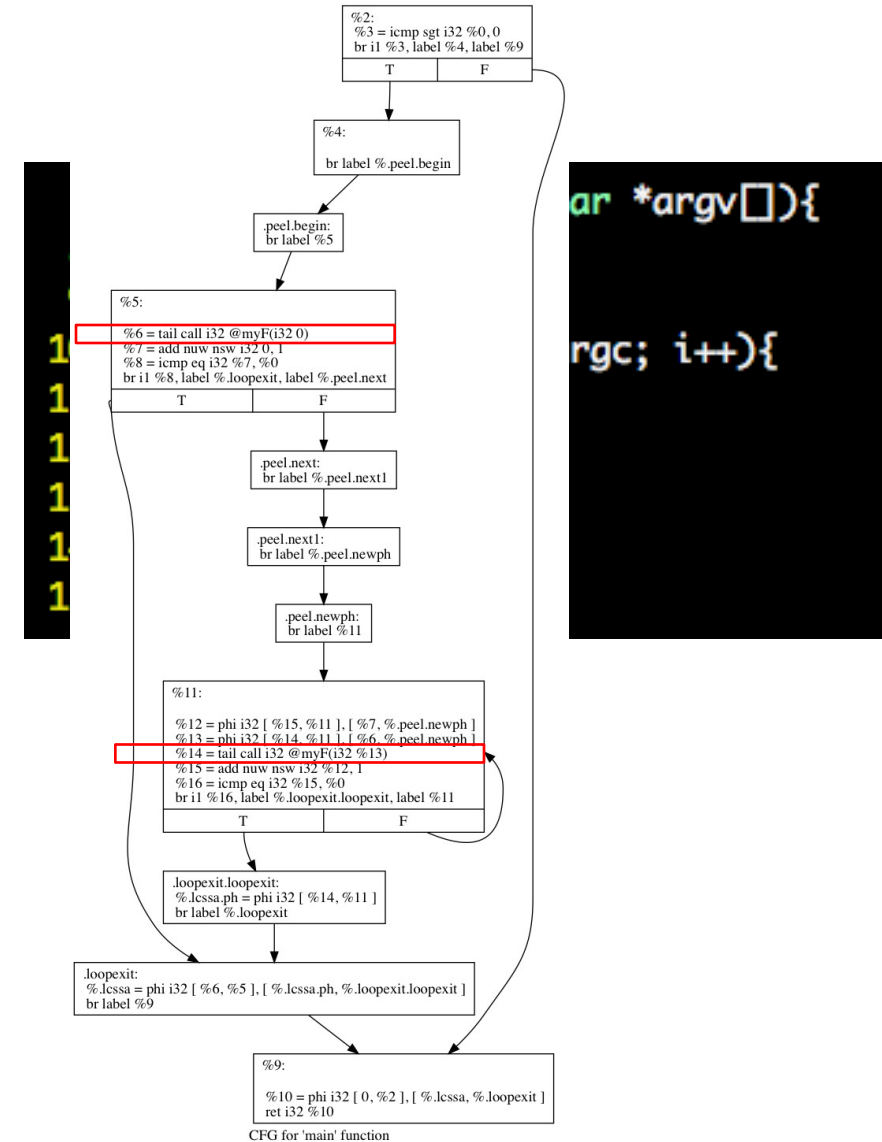
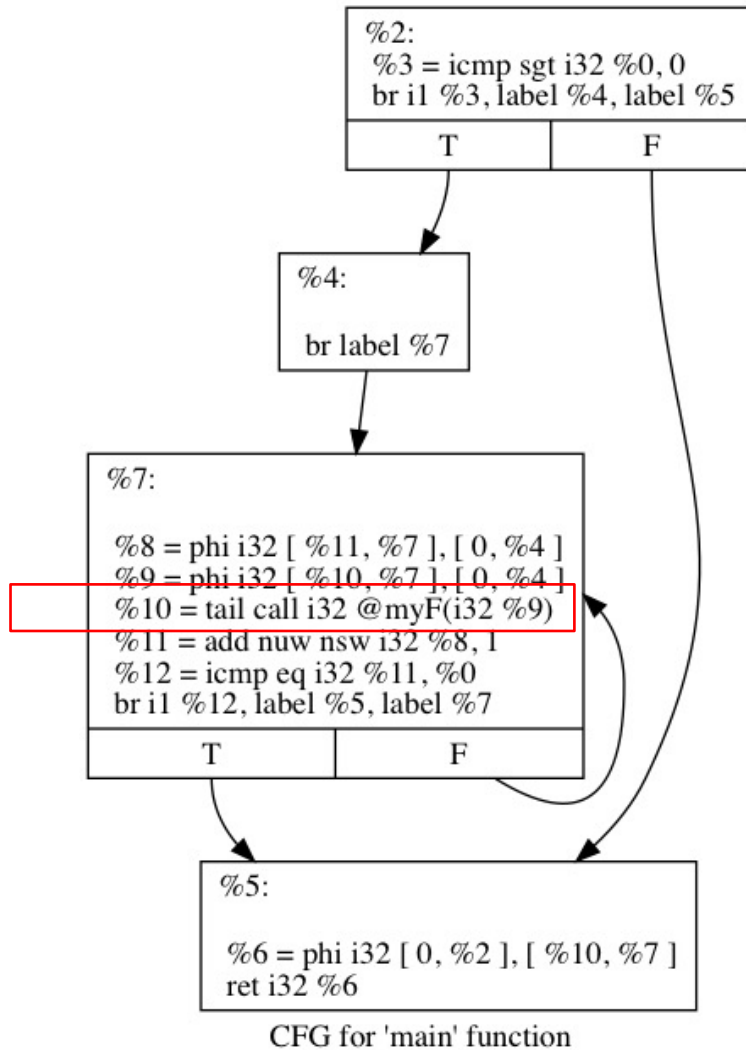
- API



```
auto peeled = peelLoop(  
    loop, peelingCount,  
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC,  
    true);
```

- No trip count
- No flags
- (almost) always possible
- To check if you can peel, invoke the following API: `bool canPeel(Loop *loop)`

Loop peeling in LLVM: example



Loop unrolling and peeling together

```
auto unrolled = UnrollLoop(  
    loop, 2,  
    tripCount,  
    forceUnroll,  
    allowRuntime, allowExpensiveTripCount,  
    preserveCondBr, preserveOnlyFirst,  
    tripMultiple, 0,  
    false,  
    &LI, &SE, &DT, &AC, &ORE,  
    true);
```

Fetching analyses outputs from a module pass

- From a function pass

```
auto& LI = getAnalysis<LoopInfoWrapperPass>().getLoopInfo();  
auto& DT = getAnalysis<DominatorTreeWrapperPass>().getDomTree();  
auto& SE = getAnalysis<ScalarEvolutionWrapperPass>().getSE();  
auto& AC = getAnalysis<AssumptionCacheTracker>().getAssumptionCache(F);
```

- From a module pass

```
auto& LI = getAnalysis<LoopInfoWrapperPass>(F).getLoopInfo();  
auto& DT = getAnalysis<DominatorTreeWrapperPass>(F).getDomTree();  
auto& SE = getAnalysis<ScalarEvolutionWrapperPass>(F).getSE();  
auto& AC = getAnalysis<AssumptionCacheTracker>().getAssumptionCache(F);
```

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Optimizations in small, hot loops

- Most programs: 90% of time is spent in few, small, hot loops

```
while ({
```

```
    statement 1
```

```
    statement 2
```

```
    statement 3
```

```
}
```

- Deleting a single statement from a small, hot loop might have a big impact
(100 seconds -> 70 seconds)

Loop example

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2: else {k = 2; z = 3;}
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do {
```

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4:  y = x + N;
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5:  b = k + z;
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6:  c = a * 3;
```

```
7:  if (N < 0){
```

```
8:    m = 5;
```

```
9:    break;
```

```
    }
```

```
10: x++;
```

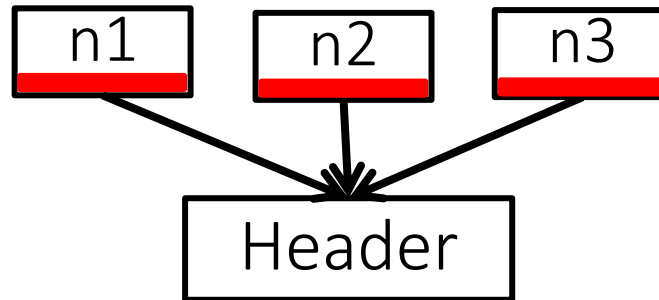
```
11:} while (x < N);
```

- **Observation:** each statement in that loop will contribute to the program execution time
- **Idea:** what about moving statements from inside a loop to outside it?
- Which statements can be moved outside our loop?
- How to identify them automatically? (code analysis)
- How to move them? (code transformation)

Hoisting code

- In order to “hoist” a loop-invariant computation out of a loop, we need a place to put it
- We could copy it to all immediate predecessors of the loop header...

```
for (auto pBB : predecessors(H)){  
    p = pBB->getTerminator();  
    inv->moveBefore(p);  
}
```



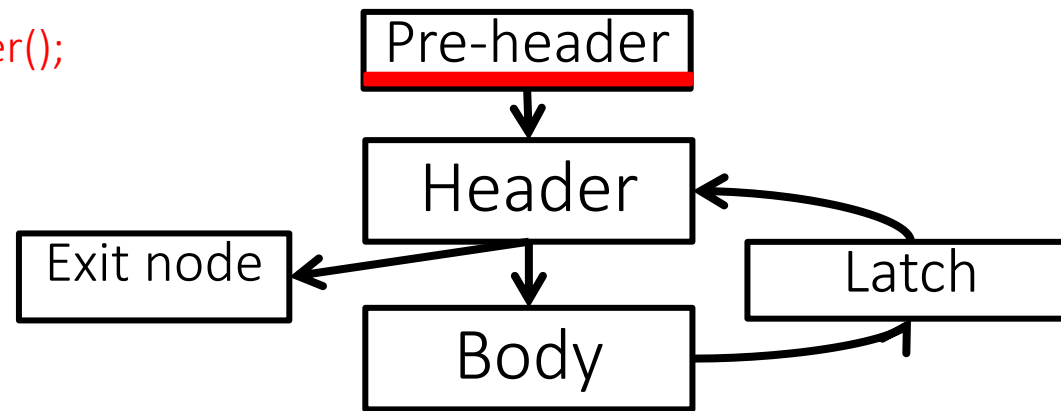
Is it correct?

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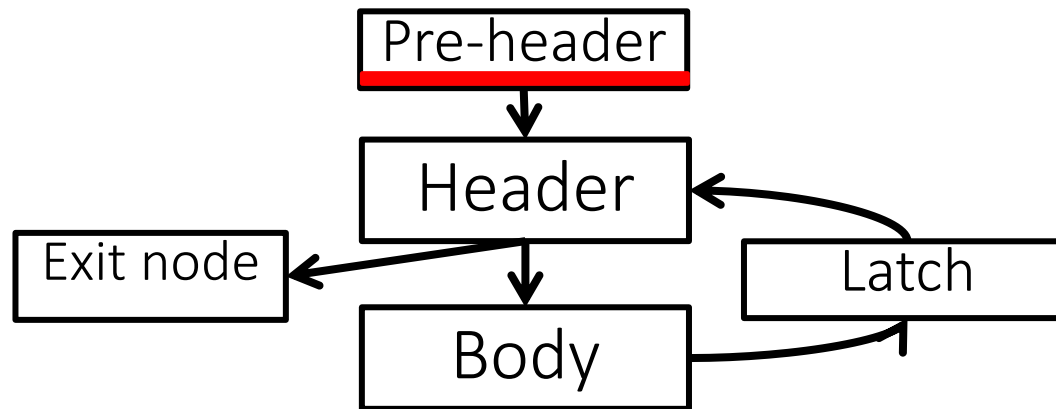
```
pBB = loop->getLoopPreheader();  
p = pBB->getTerminator();  
inv->moveBefore(p);
```



- ...but we can avoid code duplication (and bugs) by taking advantage of loop normalization that guarantees the existence of the pre-header

**Can we hoist
all invariant instructions of a loop L
in the pre-header of L?**

```
for (inv : invariants(loop)){  
  pBB = loop->getLoopPreheader();  
  p = pBB->getTerminator();  
  inv->moveBefore(p);  
}
```



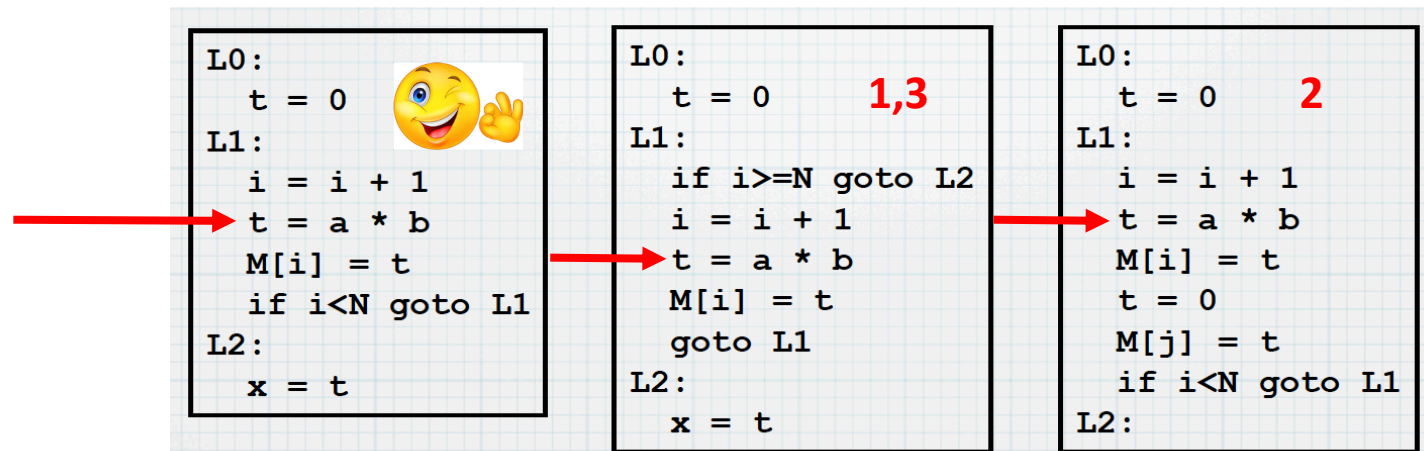
Hoisting conditions

Loop invariant code motion

- For a loop-invariant definition

(d) $t = x \text{ op } y$

- We can hoist d into the loop's pre-header if ??
 1. d dominates all loop exits at which t is live-out, and
 2. there is only one definition of t in the loop, and
 3. t is not live-out of the pre-header



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```
7:  if (N < 0){
```

```
8:    m = 5;
```

```
9:    break;
```

```
}
```

```
10: x++;
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```

Assuming a,b,c,m are used after our code

Do we have to execute 4 for every iteration?

Do we have to execute 10 for every iteration?

Loop example

```
1: if (N>5){ k = 1; z = 4;}  
2: else {k = 2; z = 3;} y=N
```

```
do {  
3: a = 1;  
4: y = x + N;  
5: b = k + z;  
6: c = a * 3;  
7: if (N < 0){  
8:   m = 5;  
9:   break;  
   }  
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```

Do we have to execute 4 for every iteration?

Compute manually values of x and y
for every iteration
What do you see?

Do we have to execute 10 for every iteration?

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```

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do {  
3: a = 1;  
4:   
5: b = k + z;  
6: c = a * 3;  
7: if (N < 0){  
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x, y are induction variables

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Is the code transformation worth it?

```
1: if (N>5){ k = 1; z = 4;}  
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```

```
A :y=N;tmp=2*N;
```

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do {  
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**Induction variable
elimination**

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... and after Loop Invariant Code Motion ...

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```
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```

```
5 :b=k+z;
```

```
6: c=a*3;
```

```
do{  
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```

... and with a better Loop Invariant Code Motion ...

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```
A :y=N;tmp=2*N;
```

```
3 :a=1;
```

```
5 :b=k+z;
```

```
6: c=a*3;
```

```
7: if (N < 0){
```

```
8:   m=5;
```

```
   }
```

```
do{  
10:  y++;  
11:} while (y < tmp);
```

```
1: if (N>5){ k = 1; z = 4;}  
2: else {k = 2; z = 3;}
```

```
do {
```

```
3:  a = 1;
```

```
4:  y = x + N;
```

```
5:  b = k + z;
```

```
6:  c = a * 3;
```

```
7:  if (N < 0){
```

```
8:    m = 5;
```

```
9:    break;
```

```
  }
```

```
10: x++;
```

```
11:} while (x < N);
```

... and after dead code elimination ...

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1: if (N>5){ k = 1; z = 4;}  
2: else {k = 2; z = 3;}
```

```
3 :a=1;  
5 :b=k+z;  
6: c=a*3;  
7: if (N < 0){  
8:   m=5;  
   }
```

Assuming a,b,c,m are used after our code

```
1: if (N>5){ k = 1; z = 4;}  
2: else {k = 2; z = 3;}
```

```
do {  
3:  a = 1;  
4:  y = x + N;  
5:  b = k + z;  
6:  c = a * 3;  
7:  if (N < 0){  
8:    m = 5;  
9:    break;  
   }  
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```

Induction variable elimination

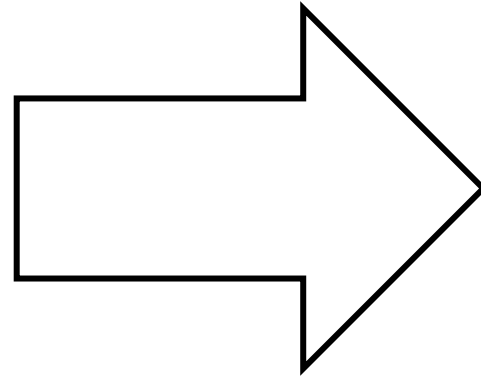
- Suppose we have a loop variable
 - i initially set to i_0 ; each iteration $i = i + 1$
- and a variable that linearly depends on it
 - $x = i * c_1 + c_2$
- We can
 - Initialize $x = i_0 * c_1 + c_2$
 - Increment x by c_1 each iteration

constants



Is it faster?

```
1: i = i0
2: do {
3:   i = i + 1;
   ...
A:  x = i * c1 + c2
B:} while (i < maxl);
```



```
1: i = i0
N1: x = i0 * c1 + c2
2: do {
3:   i = i + 1;
   ...
A:  x = x + c1
B:} while (i < maxl);
```

On some hardware, adds are much faster than multiplies

- Strength reduction

Many optimizations rely on IVs

- Like induction variable elimination we have seen before
- or like loop unrolling to compute the trip count

```
auto tripMultiple = SE.getSmallConstantTripMultiple(loop);
```

Induction variable elimination: step 1

① Iterate over IVs

$$k = j * c1 + c2$$

- where IV $j = (i, a, b)$, and
- this is the only def of k in the loop, and
- there is no def of i between the def of j and the def of k

$i = \dots$
\dots
$j = i \dots$
\dots
$k = j \dots$

② Record as $k = (i, a * c1, b * c1 + c2)$

Induction variable elimination: step 2

For an induction variable $k = (i, c1, c2)$

- ① Initialize $k = i * c1 + c2$ in the pre-header
- ② Replace k 's def in the loop by $k = k + c1$
 - Make sure to do this after i 's definition

Outline

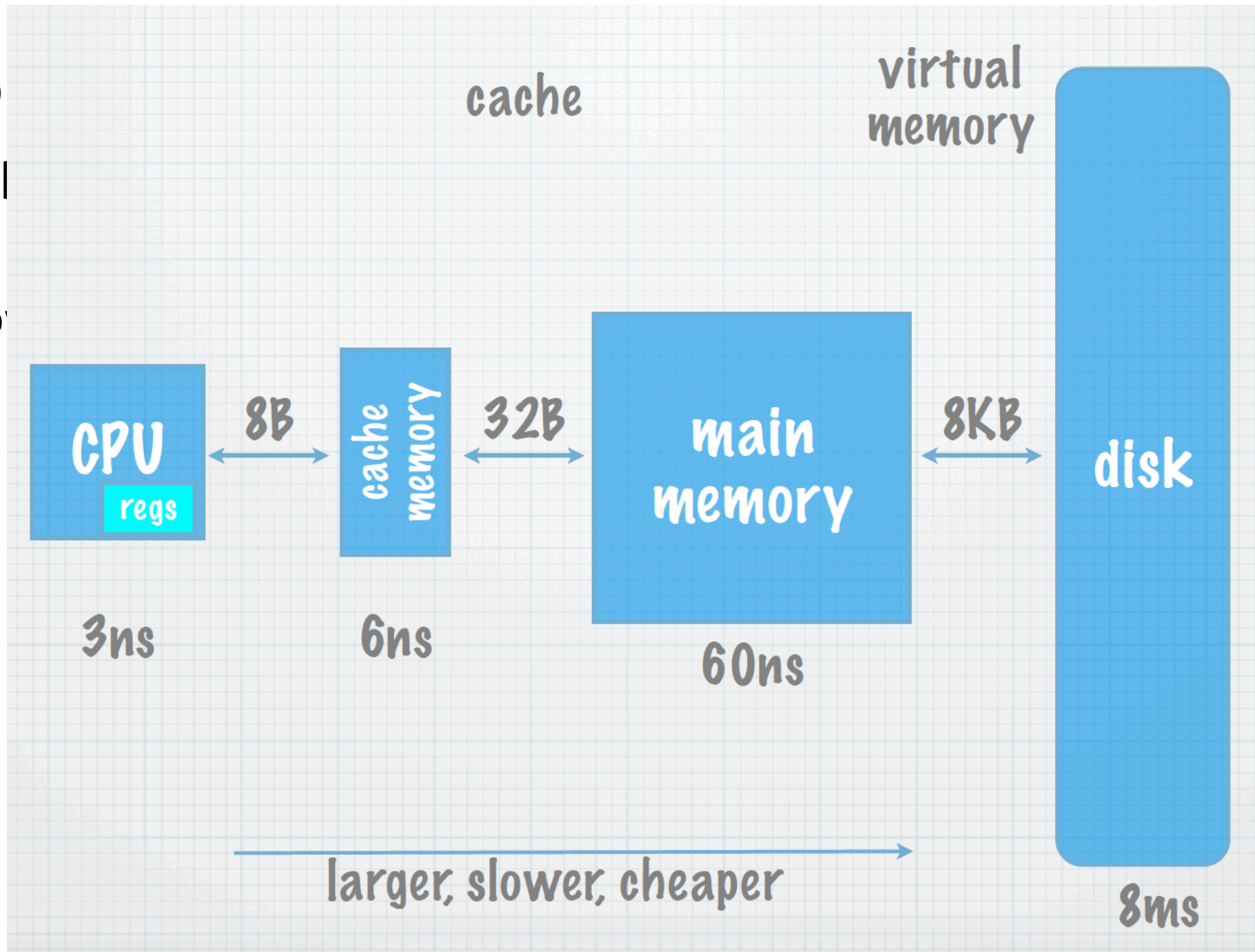
- Simple loop transformations
- Loop invariants based transformations
- Induction variables based transformations
- **Complex loop transformations**

Loop transformations

- Restructure a loop to expose more optimization opportunities and/or transform the “loop overhead”
 - Loop unrolling, loop peeling, ...
- Reorganize a loop to improve memory utilization
 - Cache blocking, skewing, loop reversal
- Distribute a loop over cores/processors
 - DOACROSS, DOALL, DSWP, HELIX

Look
for i

- How



Goal: improve cache performance

- **Temporal locality**

A resource that has just been referenced
will more likely be referenced again in the near future

- **Spatial locality**

The likelihood of referencing a resource is higher
if a resource near it was just referenced

- Ideally, a compiler generates code
with high temporal and spatial locality
for the target architecture

- What to minimize: bad replacement decisions

What a compiler can do

- Time:
 - When is an object accessed?
- Space:
 - Where does an object exist in the address space?
- These are the two “knobs” a compiler can manipulate

Manipulating time and space

- Time: reordering computation
 - Determine when an object will be accessed, and predict a better time to access it
- Space: changing data layout
 - Determine an object's shape and location, and determine a better layout

First understand cache behavior ...

- When do cache misses occur?
 - Use locality analysis
- Can we change the visitation order to produce better behavior?
 - Evaluate costs
- Does the new visitation order still produce correct results?
 - Use dependence analysis

... and then rely on loop transformations

- loop interchange
- cache blocking
- loop fusion
- loop reversal
- ...

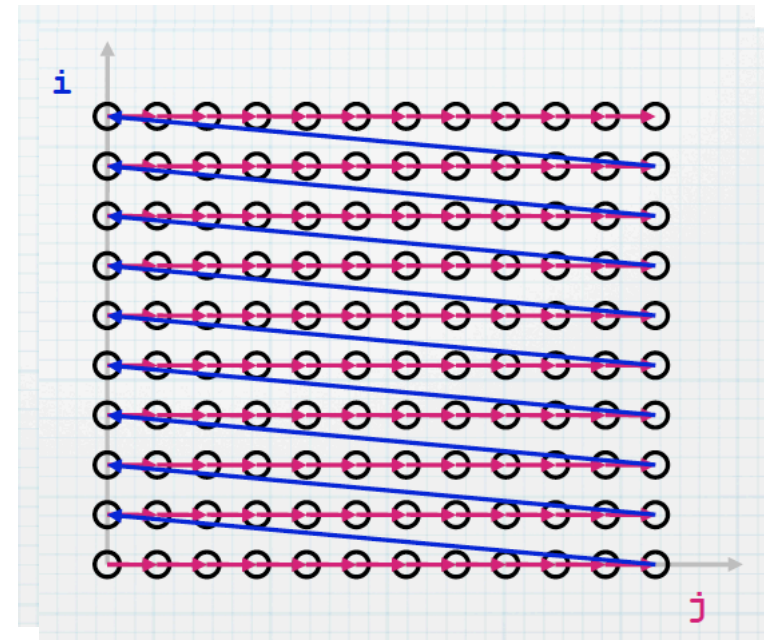
Code example

```
double A[N][N], B[N][N];
```

```
...
```

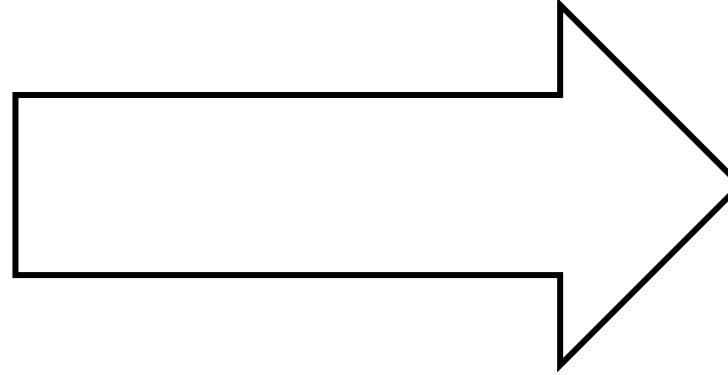
```
for i = 0 to N-1{  
  for j = 0 to N-1{  
    ... = A[i][j] ...  
  }  
}
```

Iteration space for A



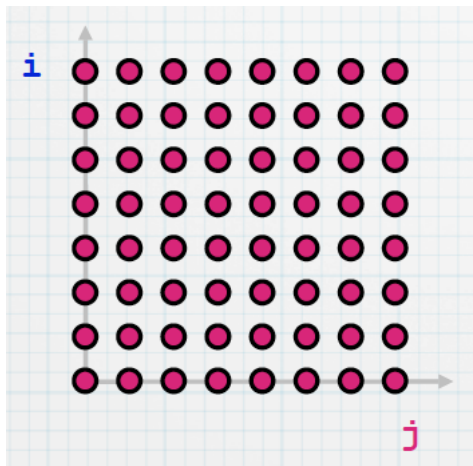
Loop interchange

```
for i = 0 to N-1  
  for j = 0 to N-1  
    ... = A[j][i] ...
```

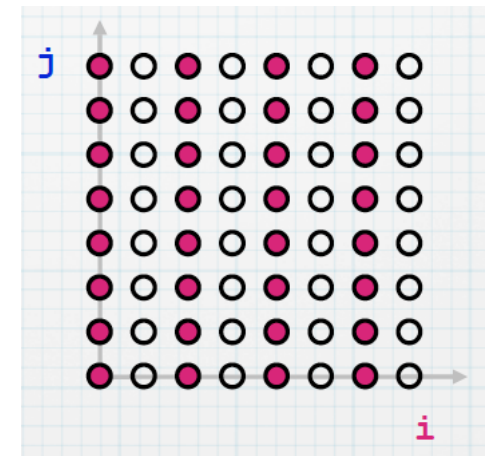


```
For j = 0 to N-1  
  for i = 0 to N-1  
    ... = A[j][i] ...
```

Assumptions: N is large; A is row-major; 2 elements per cache line



A[][] in C? Java?



Java (similar in C)

To create a matrix:

~~double [][] A = new double[3][3];~~

A is an array of arrays

A is **not** a 2 dimensional array!

Java (similar in C)

To create a matrix:

```
double [][] A = new double[3][];
```

```
A[0] = new double[3];
```

```
A[1] = new double[3];
```

```
A[2] = new double[3];
```


Java (similar in C)

To create a matrix:

```
double [][] A = new double[3][];
```

```
A[0] = new double[10];
```

```
A[1] = new double[5];
```

```
A[2] = new double[42];
```

A is a jagged array

C#: [][] vs. [,]

```
double [][] A = new double[3][];  
A[0] = new double[3];  
A[1] = new double[3];  
A[2] = new double[3];
```

```
double [,] A = new double[3,3];
```

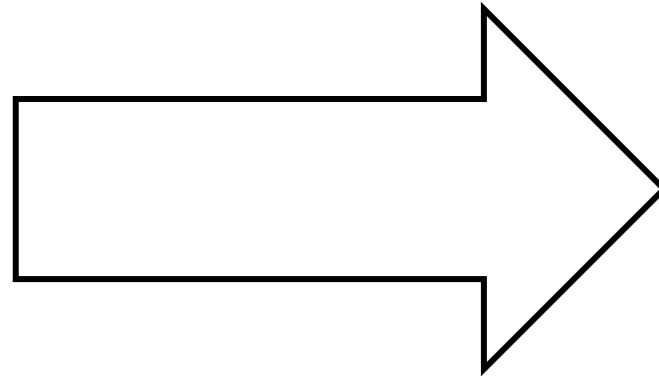


The compiler can easily choose between
row-major vs. column-major

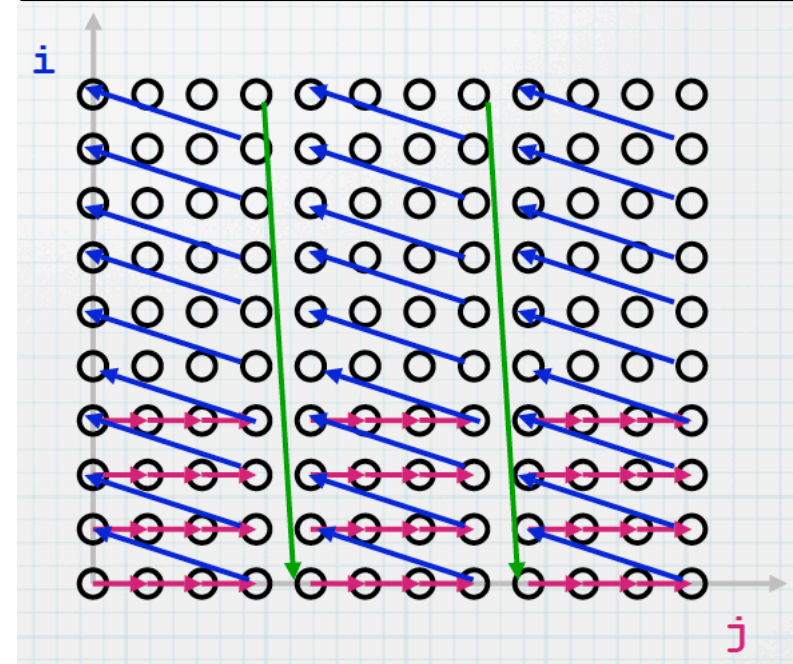
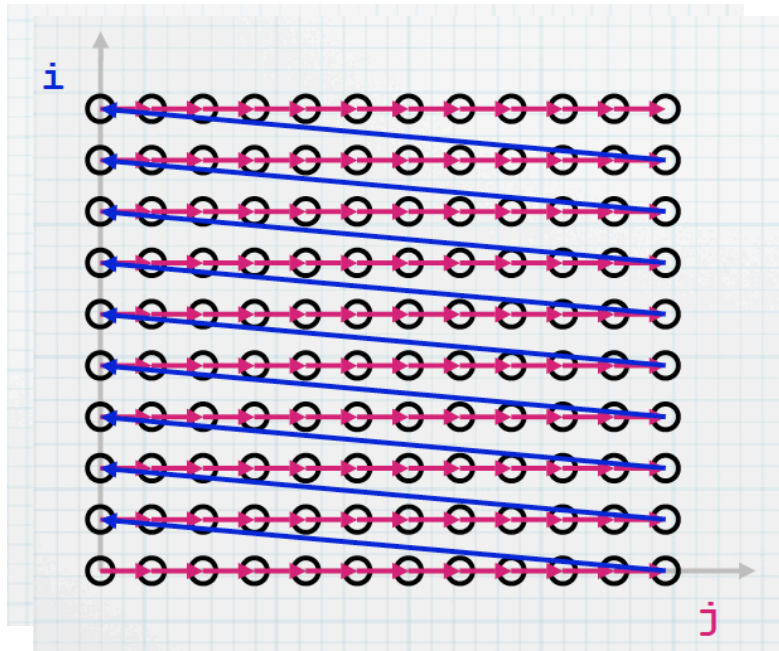
```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main (){
4     int a[2][4];
5
6     printf("0x%p\n", &a[0][0]);
7     printf("0x%p\n", &a[0][1]);
8     printf("    Distance: %d bytes\n", ((unsigned int)&a[0][1]) - ((unsigned int)&a[0][0]));
9
10    printf("0x%p\n", &a[0][0]);
11    printf("0x%p\n", &a[1][0]);
12    printf("    Distance: %d bytes\n", ((unsigned int)&a[1][0]) - ((unsigned int)&a[0][0]));
13
14    return 0;
15 }
```

Cache blocking (a.k.a. tiling)

```
for i = 0 to N-1  
  for j = 0 to N-1  
    f(A[i], A[j])
```



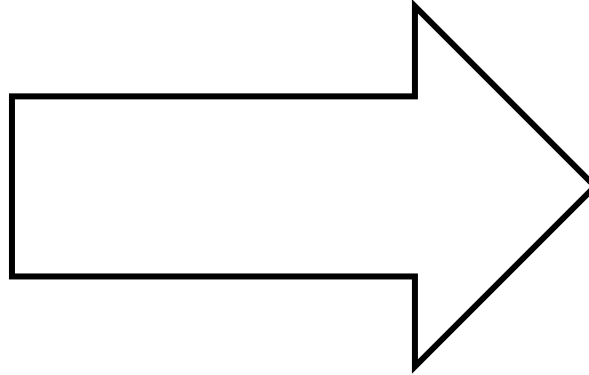
```
for JJ = 0 to N-1 by B  
  for i = 0 to N-1  
    for j = JJ to min(N-1, JJ+B-1)  
      f(A[i], A[j])
```



Loop fusion

```
for i = 0 to N-1
  C[i] = A[i]*2 + B[i]

for i = 0 to N-1
  D[i] = A[i] * 2
```



```
for i = 0 to N-1
  C[i] = A[i] * 2 + B[i]
  D[i] = A[i] * 2
```

- Reduce loop overhead
- Improve locality by combining loops that reference the same array
- Increase the granularity of work done in a loop

Locality analysis

- Reuse:
Accessing a location that has been accessed previously
- Locality:
Accessing a location that is in the cache
- Observe:
 - Locality only occurs when there is reuse!
 - ... but reuse does not imply locality

Steps in locality analysis

- Find data reuse
- Determine “localized iteration space”
 - Set of inner loops where the data accessed by an iteration is expected to fit within the cache
- Find data locality
 - $\text{Reuse} \cap \text{localized iteration space} \Rightarrow \text{locality}$