

# Controllable Transformations in MLIR

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**Why?**



# Scheduling DSLs in the Wild

## Input: Algorithm

```
blurx(x,y) = in(x-1,y)
             + in(x,y)
             + in(x+1,y)

out(x,y) = blurx(x,y-1)
           + blurx(x,y)
           + blurx(x,y+1)
```

## Input: Schedule

```
blurx: split x by 4 → xo, xi
        vectorize: xi
        store at out.xo
        compute at out.yi
```

```
out: split x by 4 → xo, xi
      split y by 4 → yo, yi
      reorder: yo, xo, yi, xi
      parallelize: yo
      vectorize: xi
```

Halide (Ragan-Kelley et.al. 2013)

## + Loop Tiling

```
yo, xo, ko, yi, xi, ki = s[C].tile(y, x, k, 8, 8, 8)

for yo in range(128):
    for xo in range(128):
        C[yo*8:yo*8+8][xo*8:xo*8+8] = 0
        for ko in range(128):
            for yi in range(8):
                for xi in range(8):
                    for ki in range(8):
                        C[yo*8+yi][xo*8+xi] +=
                            A[ko*8+ki][yo*8+yi] * B[ko*8+ki][xo*8+xi]
```

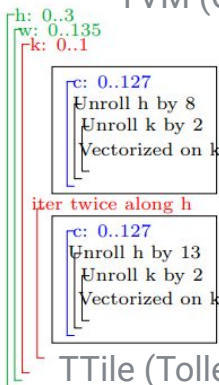
## + Cache Data on Accelerator Special Buffer

```
CL = s.cache_write(C, vdma.acc_buffer)
AL = s.cache_read(A, vdma.inp_buffer)
# additional schedule steps omitted ...
```

## + Map to Accelerator Tensor Instructions

```
s[CL].tensorize(yi, vdma.gemm8x8)
```

TVM (Chen et.al. 2018)



TTile (Tollenaere et.al. 2021)

```
tc::IslKernelOptions::makeDefaultM
.scheduleSpecialize(false)
.tile({4, 32})
.mapToThreads({1, 32})
.mapToBlocks({64, 128})
.useSharedMemory(true)
.usePrivateMemory(true)
.unrollCopyShared(false)
.unroll(4);
```

TC (Vasilache et.al. 2018)

```
mm = MatMul(M,N,K)(GL,GL,GL)(Kernel)
mm
// resulting intermediate specs below
.tile(128,128) // MatMul(128,128,K)(GL,GL,GL)(Kernel)
.to(Block) // MatMul(128,128,K)(GL,GL,GL)(Block)
.load(A, SH, _) // MatMul(128,128,K)(SH,SH,GL)(Block)
.load(A, SH, _) // MatMul(128,128,K)(SH,SH,GL)(Block)
.tile(64,32) // MatMul(64,32,K)(SH,SH,GL)(Block)
.to(Warp) // MatMul(64,32,K)(SH,SH,GL)(Warp)
.tile(8,8) // MatMul(8,8,K)(SH,SH,GL)(Warp)
.to(Thread) // MatMul(8,8,K)(SH,SH,GL)(Thread)
.load(A, RF, _) // MatMul(8,8,K)(RF,SH,GL)(Thread)
.load(B, RF, _) // MatMul(8,8,K)(RF,RF,GL)(Thread)
.tile(1,1) // MatMul(1,1,K)(RF,RF,GL)(Thread)
.done(dot.cu) // invoke codegen emit dot micro-kernel
```

Fireiron (Hagedorn et.al. 2020)

# Scheduling DSLs in the Wild are Time-Tested

```
# Avoid spurious versioning
addContext(C1L1,'ITMAX>=9')
addContext(C1L1,'doloop_ub>=ITMAX')
addContext(C1L1,'doloop_ub<=ITMAX')
addContext(C1L1,'N>=500')
addContext(C1L1,'M>=500')
addContext(C1L1,'MNMN>=500')
addContext(C1L1,'MNMN<=M')
addContext(C1L1,'MNMN<=N')
addContext(C1L1,'M<=N')
addContext(C1L1,'M>=N')
```

```
# Move and shift calc3 backwards
shift(enclose(C3L1),{'1','0','0'})
shift(enclose(C3L10),{'1','0'})
shift(enclose(C3L11),{'1','0'})
shift(C3L12,{'1'})
shift(C3L13,{'1'})
shift(C3L14,{'1'})
shift(C3L15,{'1'})
shift(C3L16,{'1'})
shift(C3L17,{'1'})
motion(enclose(C3L1),BLOOP)
motion(enclose(C3L10),BLOOP)
motion(enclose(C3L11),BLOOP)
motion(C3L12,BLOOP)
motion(C3L13,BLOOP)
motion(C3L14,BLOOP)
motion(C3L15,BLOOP)
motion(C3L16,BLOOP)
motion(C3L17,BLOOP)
```

```
# Peel and shift to enable fusion
peel(enclose(C3L1,2),'3')
peel(enclose(C3L1_2,2),'N-3')
peel(enclose(C3L1_2_1,1),'3')
peel(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2,1),'M-3')
peel(enclose(C1L1,2),'2')
peel(enclose(C1L1_2,2),'N-2')
peel(enclose(C1L1_2_1,1),'2')
peel(enclose(C1L1_2_1_2,1),'M-2')
peel(enclose(C2L1,2),'1')
peel(enclose(C2L1_2,2),'N-1')
peel(enclose(C2L1_2_1,1),'3')
peel(enclose(C2L1_2_1_2,1),'M-3')
shift(enclose(C1L1_2_1_2_1),{'0','1','1'})
shift(enclose(C2L1_2_1_2_1),{'0','2','2'})
```

```
# Double fusion of the three nests
motion(enclose(C2L1_2_1_2_1),TARGET_2_1_2_1)
motion(enclose(C1L1_2_1_2_1),C2L1_2_1_2_1)
motion(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1),C1L1_2_1_2_1)
```

```
# Register blocking and unrolling (factor 2)
time_stripmine(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1,2),2,2)
time_stripmine(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1,1),4,2)
interchange(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1,2))
time_peel(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1,3),4,'2')
time_peel(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1,2,3),4,'N-2')
time_peel(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1_2_1,1),5,'2')
time_peel(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1_2_1,1),5,'M-2')
fullunroll(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1_2_1_2_1,2))
fullunroll(enclose(C3L1_2_1_2_1_2_1_2_1,1))
```

**Distribution** Distribute loop at depth  $L$  over the statements  $D$ , with statement  $s_p$  going into  $r_p^{\text{th}}$  loop.

Requirements:  $\forall s_p, s_q \ s_p \in D \wedge s_q \in D \Rightarrow \text{loop}(f_p^L) \wedge L \leq \text{csl}(s_p, s_q)$   
Transformation:  $\forall s_p \in D$ , replace  $T_p$  by  $[f_p^1, \dots, f_p^{L-1}, \text{syntactic}(r_p), f_p^L, \dots, f_p^n]$

**Statement Reordering** Reorder statements  $D$  at level  $L$  so that new position of statement  $s_p$  is  $r_p$ .

Requirements:  $\forall s_p, s_q \ s_p \in D \wedge s_q \in D \Rightarrow \text{syntactic}(f_p^L) \wedge L \leq \text{csl}(s_p, s_q) + 1 \wedge (L \leq \text{csl}(s_p, s_q) \Leftrightarrow r_p = r_q)$

Transformation:  $\forall s_p \in D$ , replace  $T_p$  by  $[f_p^1, \dots, f_p^{L-1}, \text{syntactic}(r_p), f_p^{L+1}, \dots, f_p^n]$

**Fusion** Fuse the loops at level  $L$  for the statements  $D$  with statement  $s_p$  going into the  $r_p^{\text{th}}$  loop.

Requirements:  $\forall s_p, s_q \ s_p \in D \wedge s_q \in D \Rightarrow \text{syntactic}(f_p^{L-1}) \wedge \text{loop}(f_p^L) \wedge L - 2 \leq \text{csl}(s_p, s_q) + 2 \wedge (L - 2 < \text{csl}(s_p, s_q) + 2 \Rightarrow r_p = r_q)$

Transformation:  $\forall s_p \in D$ , replace  $T_p$  by  $[f_p^1, \dots, f_p^{L-2}, \text{syntactic}(r_p), f_p^{L-1}, f_p^L, f_p^{L+1}, \dots, f_p^n]$

**Unimodular Transformation** Apply a  $k \times k$  unimodular transformation  $U$  to a perfectly nested loop containing statements  $D$  at depth  $L \dots L+k$ . Note: Unimodular transformations include loop interchange, skewing and reversal [Ban90, WL91b].

Requirements:  $\forall i, s_p, s_q \ s_p \in D \wedge s_q \in D \wedge L \leq i \leq L+k \Rightarrow \text{loop}(f_p^i) \wedge L+k \leq \text{csl}(s_p, s_q)$

Transformation:  $\forall s_p \in D$ , replace  $T_p$  by  $[f_p^1, \dots, f_p^{L-1}, U[f_p^L, \dots, f_p^{L+k}]^T, f_p^{L+k+1}, \dots, f_p^n]$

**Strip-mining** Strip-mine the loop at level  $L$  for statements  $D$  with block size  $B$

Requirements:  $\forall s_p, s_q \ s_p \in D \wedge s_q \in D \Rightarrow \text{loop}(f_p^L) \wedge L \leq \text{csl}(s_p, s_q) \wedge B$  is a known integer constant

Transformation:  $\forall s_p \in D$ , replace  $T_p$  by  $[f_p^1, \dots, f_p^{L-1}, B(f_p^L \text{ div } B), f_p^{L+1}, \dots, f_p^n]$

**Index Set Splitting** Split the index set of statements  $D$  using condition  $C$

Requirements:  $C$  is affine expression of symbolic constants and indexes common to statements  $D$ .

Transformation:  $\forall s_p \in D$ , replace  $T_p$  by  $(T_p \mid C) \cup (T_p \mid \neg C)$

URUK (Girbal et.al. 2006)

Omega (Pugh, 1991)

# Motivation for Schedules in MLIR

- Many successful systems rely on some sort of *schedule representation* to produce state-of-the-art results.
- Schedules allow for *declarative* specification of transformations with arbitrary granularity.
- Schedules are *separable* and can be shipped independently.
- Schedules can support multi-versioning with runtime dispatch.
- Focus transformation on parts of IR (“vertical” sequencing rather than “horizontal” as with passes).

# Schedules in MLIR

In MLIR, everything is an op.

So are schedules.

Such ops live in the Transform dialect.

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# Simple Transformation Chain



# Simple Transformation Chain

**Source IR:** fully connected layer + ReLU

**Objective:** fuse matmul and addition so it can be replaced by an efficient BLAS gemm call for 32x32 size, keep ReLU apart and vectorize it.

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%reloed = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```



# Simple Transformation Chain

Transform IR

```
transform.sequence {
```

```
}
```

Payload IR

Perform transformations one after another.

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%relu = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {
```

```
}
```

## Payload IR

Perform transformations one after another.

Abort the transform and complain to the user if any transformation fails.

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%relu = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(suppress) {
```

```
}
```

## Payload IR

Perform transformations one after another.

Abort the sequence but do not complain to the user. Next one can be attempted.

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%relned = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(%root:  
    %matmul:  
    %elemwise:  
  }):
```

The sequence applies to some payload operations associated with transform IR values, or *handles*.

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)   
%reloed = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(%root: !pdl.operation,  
    %matmul: !transform.op<"linalg.matmul">,  
    %elemwise: !transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_binary">):
```

The sequence applies to some payload operations associated with transform IR values, or *handles*.

Handles are typed. The type describes properties of the associated payload operations.

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%reduced = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Typing in Transforms Leads to Better Errors

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(%root: !pdl.operation,  
    %matmul: !transform.op<"linalg.matmul">,  
    %elemwise: !transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_unary">):
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%reloed = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

**matmul.mlir:21:70: error: incompatible payload operation name**

```
^bb0(%root: !pdl.operation, %matmul: !transform.op<"linalg.matmul">, %elemwise: !transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_unary">)
```

**matmul.mlir:10:13: note: payload operation**

```
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary { fun = #linalg.binary_fn }
```

```
}
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(%root: !pdl.operation,  
    %matmul: !transform.op<"linalg.matmul">,  
    %elemwise: !transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_binary">):  
  
    %bias, %relu = transform.split_handles %elemwise in [2]  
    : (!transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_binary">)
```

Handles are associated with *lists* of payload ops.

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(%root: !pd1.operation,  
    %matmul: !transform.op<"linalg.matmul">,  
    %elemwise: !transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_binary">):  
  
    %bias, %relu = transform.split_handles %elemwise in [2]  
    : (!transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_binary">)  
    -> (!pd1.operation, !transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_binary">)
```

Handles are associated with *lists* of payload ops.

Handles can be casted to a different type, the verification happens dynamically.

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```



# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    %bias, %relu = transform.split_handles %elemwise in [2]  
    ...  
  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
    tile_sizes [32, 32]
```

Transformations apply to the payload ops  
associated with handles, tweaked by attributes.

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

```
}
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    %bias, %relu = transform.split_handles %elemwise in [2]  
    ...  
  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
    tile_sizes [32, 32]
```

Transformations apply to the payload ops  
associated with handles, tweaked by attributes.

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  %slice = tensor.extract_slice %matmul  
  %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
  "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
}  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

```
}
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    %bias, %relu = transform.split_handles %elemwise in [2]  
    ...  
  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
    tile_sizes [32, 32]
```

Transformations apply to the payload ops  
associated with handles, tweaked by attributes.

Transform ops define new handles for payload ops  
produced as the result.

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  %slice = tensor.extract_slice %matmul  
  %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
  "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
}  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Handle Consumption and Invalidation

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    %bias, %relu = transform.split_handles %elemwise in [2]  
    ...  
  
  %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
    tile_sizes [32, 32]
```

Transform ops may *consume* handles that should no longer be used (associated payload was rewritten).

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  %slice = tensor.extract_slice %matmul  
  %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
  "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
}  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Handle Consumption and Invalidation

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    %bias, %relu = transform.split_handles %elemwise in [2]  
    ...  
  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
      tile_sizes [32, 32]  
  
    transform.test_print_remark_at_operand %bias, "help!"  
  : !pdl.operation
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  %slice = tensor.extract_slice %matmul  
  %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
  "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
}  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

matmul.mlir:27:3: **error:** op uses a handle invalidated by a previously executed transform op  
 transform.test\_print\_remark\_at\_operand %bias, "help!" : !pdl.operation  
 ^

matmul.mlir:26:19: **note:** invalidated by this transform op that consumes its operand #0 and invalidates all handles to payload IR entities associated with this operand and entities nested in them

```
%loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias tile_sizes [32, 32]  
  ^
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    ...  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
  
    %cast_matmul = transform.cast %matmul  
      : !transform.op<"linalg.matmul"> to !pdl.operation  
  
    %fused_matmul = transform.structured.fuse_into_containing_op  
      %cast_matmul into %loop
```

Transformations can be chained and *precisely targeted* by applying them to specific handles.

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  %slice = tensor.extract_slice %matmul  
  %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
  "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
}  
%reduced = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    ...  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
  
    %cast_matmul = transform.cast %matmul  
      : !transform.op<"linalg.matmul"> to !pdl.operation  
  
    %fused_matmul = transform.structured.fuse_into_containing_op  
      %cast_matmul into %loop
```

Transformations can be chained and *precisely targeted* by applying them to specific handles.

This will *only* tile and fuse matmul with addition, and *not* relu, even though addition and relu are identical except for the attribute.

## Payload IR

```
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  tensor.extract_slice  
  %slice = linalg.matmul ...  
  %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)   
    "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
}  
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```

# Precise Error Messages on Failure

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    ...  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
  
    %cast_matmul = transform.cast %matmul  
      : !transform.op<"linalg.matmul"> to !pdl.operation  
  
    %fused_matmul = transform.structured.fuse_into_containing_op  
      %cast_matmul into %tiled
```

**matmul.mlir:28:19: error:** could not find next producer to fuse into container

```
  %fused_matmul = transform.structured.fuse_into_containing_op %cast_matmul into %tiled  
                    ^
```

**matmul.mlir:10:13: note:** container

```
  %biased = linalg.elemwise_binary { fun = #linalg.binary_fn }
```

## Payload IR

```
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  tensor.extract_slice  
  %slice = linalg.matmul ...  
  %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
  "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
}  
%reduced = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```



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## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    ...  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
    ...  
  
  transform.loop.outline %loop {func_name = "loop"}  
    : (!pdl.operation) -> !pdl.operation  
  
}
```

## Payload IR

```
func.call @loop {  
  %biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
    tensor.extract_slice  
    %slice = linalg.matmul ...  
    %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
    "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
  }  
  func.return %biased  
}  
  
%biased = func.call @loop  
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```

# Simple Transformation Chain

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    ...  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
    ...  
    %parent = transform.get_closest_isolated_parent %loop  
      : (!pdl.operation) -> !pdl.operation  
  
  transform.loop.outline %loop {func_name = "loop"}  
    : (!pdl.operation) -> !pdl.operation  
  
  transform.structured.vectorize %parent  
  
}
```


## Payload IR

```
func.call @loop {  
  %biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
    tensor.extract_slice  
    %slice = linalg.matmul ...  
    %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)  
    "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
  }  
  func.return %biased  
}  
  
%biased = func.call @loop  
%reduced = arith.maxf (%biased, 0.) : vector<...>
```

# Handle Invalidation Continued

## Transform IR

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## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    ...  
    %loop, %tiled = transform.structured.tile_to_forall_op %bias  
  
    %fused_matmul = transform.structured.fuse_into_containing_op  
      %cast_matmul into %loop  
  
    transform.loop.outline %loop {func_name = "loop"}  
      : (!pdl.operation) -> !pdl.operation  
  
    transform.test_print_remark_at_operand %fused_matmul, "help!"  
      : !pdl.operation
```

Consuming a handle invalidates *all other handles* associated with any of the payload ops nested in the payload ops associated with the consumed handle.

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
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    tensor.extract_slice  
    %slice = linalg.matmul ...  
    %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...) "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
  }  
  func.return %biased  
}  
  
%biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
  ...  
  %slice = linalg.matmul ...  
  ...  
}  
+  
%biased = func.call @loop  
%reduced = arith.maxf (%biased, 0.) : vector<...>
```

# Handle Invalidation Continued

## Transform IR

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(...):  
    ...  
}
```

```
matmul.mlir:33:3: error: op uses a handle invalidated by a previously executed transform op  
  transform.test_print_remark_at_operand %fused_matmul, "matmul" : !pdl.operation  
  ^
```

```
matmul.mlir:28:19: note: handle to invalidated ops
```

```
%fused_matmul = transform.structured.fuse_into_containing_op %cast_matmul into %loop  
  ^
```

```
matmul.mlir:30:3: note: invalidated by this transform op that consumes its operand #0 and invalidates all handles to payload IR  
entities associated with this operand and entities nested in them
```

```
transform.loop.outline %loop {func_name = "loop"} : (!pdl.operation) -> !pdl.operation  
^
```

```
matmul.mlir:10:13: note: ancestor payload op
```

```
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary { fun = #linalg.binary_fn }  
  ^
```

```
matmul.mlir:7:13: note: nested payload op
```

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul
```

```
}
```

## Payload IR

```
%slice = linalg.matmul ...
```

```
...
```

```
+
```

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```
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# Simple Transformation Chain

**Source IR:** fully connected layer + ReLU

**Objective:** fuse matmul and addition so it can be replaced by an efficient BLAS gemm call for 32x32 size, keep ReLU apart and vectorize it.

```
%matmul = linalg.matmul ...  
%biased = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)   
%relued = linalg.elemwise_binary {#maxf} (%biased, 0.)
```



```
func.call @loop {  
  %biased = scf.forall (%i, %j) in (.../32, .../32) {  
    tensor.extract_slice  
    %slice = linalg.matmul ...  
    %part = linalg.elemwise_binary {#add} (%matmul, ...)   
    "scf.forall.yield_slice" %slice  
  }  
  func.return %biased  
}  
  
%biased = func.call @loop  
%relued = arith.maxf (%biased, 0.) : vector<...>
```

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Let's generalize!



# Transform Dialect

Transformations of the IR are described as a separate piece of IR where:

- Operations describe individual transformations to apply.
- Values (handles) are associated with operations that are being transformed.
- Transform operations may read or “consume” operands.
- Transform operations “produce” operands.
- Consuming a handle invalidates other handles to the same or nested IR.



# Transform Dialect Interpreter

- Maintains the mapping between transform IR values and payload IR operations.
- Drives the application of transformations, including control flow.
- Maintains extra state if desired via the extension mechanism.
- Performs verification and tracks invalidation (expensive, similar to ASAN, disabled by default).
- Can be embedded into passes similarly to pattern application: `applyTransforms`.

# Transform Dialect Interfaces

Transform operation interface:

- Specifies how a transform operation applies to payload IR (the interpreter dispatches to this), this may include dispatching to other operations from nested regions.
- Specifies the effects a transform has on handles and payload (reads, consumes, etc.)

Transform type interface:

- Specifies the conditions the payload must satisfy so it can be associated with the handle of this type (checked by the interpreter when a handle is produced).

# Transform Dialect Entry Point

The application starts from a transformation op with a `PossibleTopLevelTransformOpTrait` that:

- Has no operands and no results (at least, the current instance of the op).
- Has a region with at least one argument of `TransformHandleTypeInterface` type.

The call to `applyTransforms` takes as arguments:

- The payload op to be associated with the first region argument.
- An optional list of lists of objects (ops, values, attributes) to be associated with the following region arguments.

# Semantic Trick for Early Exit

```
transform.sequence failures(propagate) {  
  ^bb0(%root: !pdl.operation,  
    %matmul: !transform.op<"linalg.matmul">,  
    %elemwise: !transform.op<"linalg.elemwise_binary">):
```

How do we abort in the middle of a transformation sequence when an op is not a terminator?

- When a transformation fails, it sets the “has-failed” flag.
- Any transformation has the (implicit) semantics of doing nothing and associating result handles with empty lists of payload if the “has-failed” flag is set .
- Can be modeled as side effects to control reordering of transform ops.

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# Extending the Transform Dialect



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                                     .td
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def ForallToFor
: Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
[
  DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {

}
```

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: Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
  [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,
   DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {
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}

```

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def ForallToFor
: Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
  [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,
   DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {
let arguments = (ins
  TransformHandleTypeInterface:$target);
let results = (outs
  Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);
// ...
}
```

Base type interface for handles.

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# Implementing a Transform Op: Transform Iface

```
DiagnosedSilenceableFailure
transform::ForallToFor::apply(
    transform::TransformResults &results,
    transform::TransformState &state) {
```

.cc

```
    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

```
def ForallToFor
: Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
    [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,
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    // ...
}
```

.td

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# Failure Modes

```
DiagnosedSilenceableFailure
transform::ForallToFor::apply(
    transform::TransformResults &results,
    transform::TransformState &state) {

    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

.cc

Tri-state result object:

- **Success:** ~ LogicalResult::success.
- **Definite failure:** the diagnostic has been reported to the engine, just propagating LogicalResult::failure.
- **Silenceable failure:** *contains the not yet reported diagnostic. Can be reported to the engine, or silenced and discarded.*

# Arguments

```
DiagnosedSilenceableFailure
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    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

## Transform results:

- Populate this with payload IR objects to be associated with the result handles on success.

## Transform state:

- Query this for the payload IR objects associated with operands and other values.
- Access to various extension points.

# Implementing a Transform Op: Transform Iface

```
DiagnosedSilenceableFailure
transform::ForallToFor::apply(
    transform::TransformResults &results,
    transform::TransformState &state) {
    ArrayRef<Operation *> payload =
        state.getPayloadOps(getTarget());

    // ...

    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

.cc

```
def ForallToFor
    : Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
        [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,
         DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {
    let arguments = (ins
        TransformHandleTypeInterface:$target);
    let results = (outs
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    // ...
}
```

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1. Get the payload ops associated with the operand.



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DiagnosedSilenceableFailure
transform::ForallToFor::apply(
    transform::TransformResults &results,
    transform::TransformState &state) {
    ArrayRef<Operation *> payload =
        state.getPayloadOps(getTarget());
    if (payload.size() != 1) {
        return emitSilenceableError()
            << "expected a single payload op";
    }

    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

```
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def ForallToFor
: Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
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    // ...
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```

1. Get the payload ops associated with the operand.
2. Check well-formedness and report errors.

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    if (payload.size() != 1) {
        return emitSilenceableError()
            << "expected a single payload op";
    }
    auto target = dyn_cast<scf::ForallOp>(payload[0]);
    if (!target) {
        return emitSilenceableError()
            << "expected the payload to be scf.forall";
    }

    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

.cc

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def ForallToFor
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```

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        << "expected the payload to be scf.forall";
    }
    +

    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

```
.td
def ForallToFor
    : Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
        [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,
         DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {
    let arguments = (ins
        Transform_ConcreteOpType<"scf.forall">:$target);
    let results = (outs
        Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);
    // ...
}
```

Specific implementations of the Transform type interface can supply a runtime checks that are performed when payload is associated with the handle, and produce silenceable errors on mismatch

# Implementing a Transform Op: Transform Iface

```
DiagnosedSilenceableFailure
transform::ForallToFor::apply(
    transform::TransformResults &results,
    transform::TransformState &state) {
    ArrayRef<Operation *> payload =
        state.getPayloadOps(getTarget());
    if (payload.size() != 1) {
        return emitSilenceableError()
            << "expected a single payload op";
    }

    SmallVector<scf::ForOp> loops =
        doActualRewrite(cast<scf::ForallOp>(payload[0]));

    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

.cc

```
def ForallToFor
    : Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
        [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,
         DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {
    let arguments = (ins
        Transform_ConcreteOpType<"scf.forall">:$target);
    let results = (outs
        Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);
    // ...
}
```

.td

1. Get the payload ops associated with the operand.
2. Check well-formedness and report errors.
3. Do the actual rewrite.

# Implementing a Transform Op: Transform Iface

```
DiagnosedSilenceableFailure
transform::ForallToFor::apply(
    transform::TransformResults &results,
    transform::TransformState &state) {
    ArrayRef<Operation *> payload =
        state.getPayloadOps(getTarget());
    if (payload.size() != 1) {
        return emitSilenceableError()
            << "expected a single payload op";
    }

    SmallVector<scf::ForOp> loops =
        doActualRewrite(cast<scf::ForallOp>(payload[0]));

    for (auto &&[res, loop]
        : llvm::zip(getTransformed(), loops)) {
        results.set(cast<OpResult>(res), loop);
    }

    return DiagnosedSilenceableFailure::success();
}
```

.cc

```
def ForallToFor
    : Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",
        [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,
         DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {
    let arguments = (ins
        Transform_ConcreteOpType<"scf.forall">:$target);
    let results = (outs
        Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);
    // ...
}
```

.td

1. Get the payload ops associated with the operand.
2. Check well-formedness and report errors.
3. Do the actual rewrite.
4. Associate result handles with results.

# Implementing a Transform Op: MemEffect Iface

```
void transform::TakeAssumedBranchOp::getEffects(  
    SmallVectorImpl<MemoryEffects::EffectInstance> &  
    effects) {  
  
}
```

.cc

```
def ForallToFor  
: Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",  
    [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,  
     DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {  
    let arguments = (ins  
        Transform_ConcreteOpType<"scf.forall">:$target);  
    let results = (outs  
        Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);  
    // ...  
}
```

.td

# Implementing a Transform Op: MemEffect Iface

```
void transform::TakeAssumedBranchOp::getEffects(  
    SmallVectorImpl<MemoryEffects::EffectInstance> &  
    effects) {  
    consumesHandle(getTarget(), effects);  
  
}
```

.cc

```
def ForallToFor  
    : Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",  
        [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,  
         DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {  
    let arguments = (ins  
        Transform_ConcreteOpType<"scf.forall">:$target);  
    let results = (outs  
        Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);  
    // ...  
}
```

.td

1. The target handle is consumed because the rewrite replaces the original payload op.

# Implementing a Transform Op: MemEffect Iface

```
void transform::TakeAssumedBranchOp::getEffects(  
    SmallVectorImpl<MemoryEffects::EffectInstance> &  
    effects) {  
    consumesHandle(getTarget(), effects);  
    producesHandle(getTransformed(), effects);  
}
```

.cc

```
def ForallToFor  
: Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",  
    [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,  
     DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {  
    let arguments = (ins  
        Transform_ConcreteOpType<"scf.forall">:$target);  
    let results = (outs  
        Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);  
    // ...  
}
```

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# Implementing a Transform Op: MemEffect Iface

```
void transform::TakeAssumedBranchOp::getEffects(  
    SmallVectorImpl<MemoryEffects::EffectInstance> &  
    effects) {  
    consumesHandle(getTarget(), effects);  
    producesHandle(getTransformed(), effects);  
    modifiesPayload(effects);  
}
```

.cc

```
def ForallToFor  
    : Op<Transform_Dialect, "tutorial.forall_to_for",  
        [DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<MemoryEffectsOpInterface>,  
         DeclareOpInterfaceMethods<TransformOpInterface>]> {  
    let arguments = (ins  
        Transform_ConcreteOpType<"scf.forall">:$target);  
    let results = (outs  
        Variadic<TransformHandleTypeInterface>:$transformed);  
    // ...  
}
```

.td

1. The target handle is consumed because the rewrite replaces the original payload op.
2. The result handles are produced.
3. Also indicate that payload is modified to prevent reordering.

# Thank you!

```
%deck = transform.deck.create {name = "Controllable Transformations in MLIR",  
                                author = ["Alex Zinenko"]}  
transform.foreach %case in %interesting_scenarios: !transform.ir {  
  %slide = transform.deck.make_a_slide_about %case : !transform.ir -> !slides.slide  
  transform.deck.insert %slide, %deck : !slides.deck  
}  
  
// * Imaginary ops (I wish these had existed before doing the slides).
```