

QUIZ-09-LVN-AND-LOOP-UNROLLING

Quiz question 1.

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May be harder to analyze for optimizations (indexing pattern analysis)

Multiple increments can be less efficient

May be harder to vectorize

Easy to understand

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A: Easier to vectorize

A: Common expressions easily optimized

D: Harder to read

D: Greater care with index management

Quiz question 2.

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☐ True

☐ False

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Control flow must not be such that other considerations are not violated.

Loop unrolling conditions

- Several ways to unroll
 - More constraints: Simpler to unroll in code gen, more things to check
 - Less constraints: less things to check, harder to unroll in code gen

Base constraints (required for any unrolling):

Validate that we actually have an iteration variable

1. **find** candidate on lhs of assignment statement
2. **check** no assignments to candidate in body
3. **check** that it matches lhs of assignment_statement
4. **check** loop condition
 - * check that candidate variable is on lhs
 - * check that the rhs is a literal
(i.e. a compile time constant value, e.g. $i < 10 * 12$)

Loop unrolling conditions

- Simple unroll
 - Most constraints
 - Easiest code generation

For unroll factor F

Simple unroll constraints:

- Loop update increments by 1
- Find the concrete number of loop iterations (LI)
- F must divide LI evenly

Simple unroll code generation:

- create a new body = body + (update + body)*(F-1)
- perform codegen

Loop unrolling conditions

- general unroll

For unroll factor F

General unroll constraints:

- Loop update increments by 1
- Find the concrete number of loop iterations, LI

General unroll code generation:

- Create simple unrolled loop with new bound: $(LI/F)*F$
- Create cleanup (basic) loop with initialization: $(LI/F)*F$
- perform codegen

None of these numbers have to be concrete!

Quiz question 3.

Many compilers allow you to annotate loops with ``pragma`` operations to tell the compiler to unroll loops, and by how much. For example, in Clang, you can annotate a loop with ``#pragma clang loop unroll_count(2)`` to unroll a loop by a factor of 2.

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Some Considerations may be:

- * Sensitivity to Code Size (e.g. embedded applications, so you may want to restrict loop unrolling optimization)
- * Pipelining considerations due to loop body interdependencies
- * Possible tuning to hardware (e.g. SIMD, superscalar processors, etc.)
- * Possible effects on cache locality

Quiz question 4.

It's the parser's job to perform local value numbering

☐ True

☐ False

Discussion (question 4)

- Local value numbering operates over 3 address code
- The parser produces 3 address code
- It is very rare that the parser may use LVN, since LVN is typically performed at a later stage, but it is possible to want to do it in some cases.

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a2	=	b0	+	c1;
b4	=	a2	-	d3;
c5	=	b4	+	c1;
d6	=	a2	-	d3;

H = {
 "b0 + c1" : "a2",
}

Quiz question 5.

Local value numbering can only work in just one basic block.

☐ True

☐ False

Discussion (question 5)

- Reminder about basic blocks

Discussion

- Programs can be split into **Basic Blocks**:
 - A sequence of 3 address instructions such that:
 - There is a single entry, single exit
- *Important property*: an instruction in a basic block can assume that all preceding instructions will execute

How might they appear in a high-level language?

How many basic blocks?

```
...  
if (expr) {  
    ...  
}  
else {  
    ...  
}  
...
```

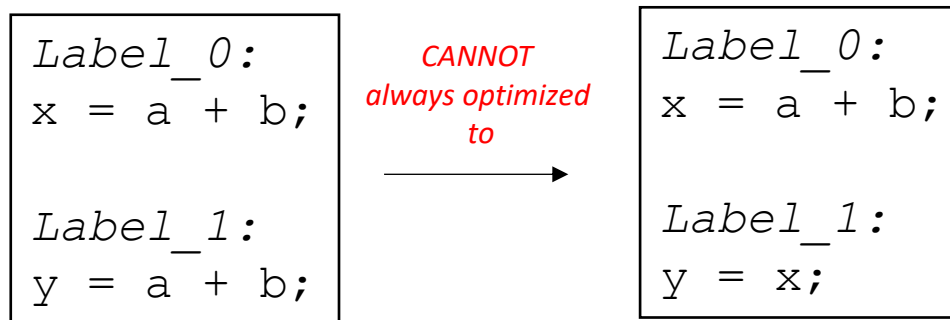
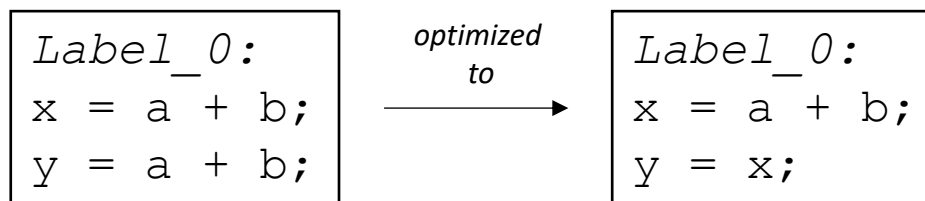
Single Basic Block

```
Label_x:  
op1;  
op2;  
op3;  
br label_z;
```

Two Basic Blocks

```
Label_x:  
op1;  
op2;  
op3;  
  
Label_y:  
op4;  
op5;
```


Discussion



```
br Label_1;  
  
Label_0:  
x = a + b;  
  
Label_1:  
y = a + b;
```

Quiz question 6.

After performing local value numbering (LVN) on the following program, how many operations can you save?

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$d = e * f$

$b = b + c$

$c = c + b$

$g = f * e$

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```

Answer is: 2

```
a = b + c
d = e * f
b = a
c = c + b    # commutative of b + c but b has changed
g = d        # commutative of 3 * f, neither e nor f have changed
```

Quiz question 7.

Local value numbering can only work in just one basic block.

☐ True

☐ False

TRUE: Local Value Numbering is by definition an “local” to a basic block. There are similar techniques that go by different names that go beyond this. Such GVN (Global Value Numbering), SVN (Sparse Value Numbering), PRE (Partial Redundancy Elimination), and others. These optimization take advantage of Data Flow Analysis, and Single Static Assignment (SSA) form. You may look further in the text book or check with some AI platform for more information on this subject. e.g.

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Quiz question 9

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```
int a, x, y;  
a = ((x + 1) * y - 1) / 2.0;
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☐ 1

☐ 2

☐ 3

☐ 4

☐ 5

☐ 6

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v1 = (x + 1)  
v2 = v1 * y  
v3 = v2 - 1  
v4 = int2float(v3)  
v5 = v4 / 2.0  
v6 = float2int(v4)  
a = v6
```