CS 610: Data Dependence Analysis

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How to Write Efficient and Scalable Programs?

Good choice of algorithms and data structures

• Determines number of operations executed

Code that the compiler and architecture can effectively optimize

• Determines number of instructions executed

Proportion of parallelizable and concurrent code

• Amdahl's law

Sensitive to the architecture platform

- Efficiency and characteristics of the platform
- For e.g., memory hierarchy, cache sizes

Role of a Good Compiler

Try and extract performance automatically

Optimize memory access latency

- Code restructuring optimizations
- Prefetching optimizations
- Data layout optimizations
- Code layout optimizations

Parallelism Challenges for a Compiler

- On single-core machines
 - Focus is on register allocation, instruction scheduling, reduce the cost of array accesses
- On parallel machines
 - Find parallelism in sequential code, find portions of work that can be executed in parallel
 - Principle strategy is data decomposition good idea since this can scale

Can we parallelize the following loops?

- Focus is on loop parallelism because it can provide more benefits
 - Inter-statement or and intra-statement parallelism is limited

Parallelism and Data Dependence

• Compiler should apply transformations only when it is safe to do so

A reordering transformation is any program transformation that merely changes the order of execution of the code, without adding or deleting any executions of any statements.

- A reordering transformation that preserves every dependence preserves the meaning of the program
- Parallel loop iterations imply random interleaving of statements in the loop body

Data Dependences

- S1 a = b + c
- S2 d = a * 2
- S3 a = c + 2
- S4 e = d + c + 2

Execution constraints

- S2 must execute after S1
- S3 must execute after S2
- S3 must execute after S1
- S3 and S4 can execute in any order, and concurrently

There is a data dependence from S1 to S2 if and only if

- Both statements access the same memory location
- At least one of the accesses is a write
- There is a feasible execution path at run-time from S1 to S2

Types of Dependences

Flow (true) or RAW hazard	
Denoted by $S_1 \delta S_2$	
Anti or WAR hazard	
Denoted by $S_1 \delta^{-1} S_2$	
Output or WAW hazard	
Denoted by $S_1 \delta^o S_2$	
Input	

S1 X = ...

S2 ... = X

S1 ... = X

S2 X = ...

S1 X = ...

S2 X = ...

S1 ... = a/b

S2 ... = b * c

Bernstein's Conditions

- Suppose there are two processes P_1 and P_2
- Let I_i be the set of all input variables for process P_i
- Let O_i be the set of all output variables for process P_i

- P₁ and P₂ can execute in parallel (denoted as P₁ || P₂) if and only if
 - $I_1 \cap I_2 = \Phi$
 - $I_2 \cap O_1 = \Phi$
 - $O_2 \cap O_1 = \Phi$

Bernstein's Conditions

Suppose there are two processes P₁ and P₂ can execute in parallel (denoted on P₁ ∪ P₂) if one only
Let Two processes can execute in parallel if they are flow-, anti-, and output-independent
Let P₁ and O₂ ∩ O₁ = Φ

Bernstein's Conditions

 Suppose there are two processes
 P₁ and P₂ can execute in parallel P_1 a only Two processes can execute in parallel if they are flow-, anti-, and output-independent • Let vari Let O_i be the set of all output • $O_2 \cap O_1 = \Phi$ variables for process P • If $P_i || P_i$, does that imply $P_i || P_i$? • If $P_i || P_i$ and $P_i || P_k$, does that imply $P_i || P_k$?

Find Parallelism in Loops – Is it Easy?

- Need to analyze array subscripts
- Need to check whether two array subscripts access the same memory location

- Statement S1 depends on itself in both examples, however, there is a significant difference
- Compilers need formalism to describe and distinguish dependences

Enumerate All Dependences in Loops

• large loop bounds

loop bounds may not be

known at compile time

• Unrolling loops can help figure out dependences

S1(1)	A[1]	=	B[0]	+	C[1]
S2(1)	B[1]	=	A[3]	+	C[1]
S1(2)	A[2]	=	B[1]	+	C[2]
S2(2)	B[2]	=	A[4]	+	C[2]
S1(3)	A[3]	=	B[2]	+	C[3]
S2(3)	B[3]	=	A[5]	+	C[3]

Normalized Iteration Number

• Parameterize the statement with the loop iteration number

For a loop where the loop index *I* runs from *L* to *U* in steps of *S*, the *normalized iteration number* of a specific iteration is (I-L+1)/S, where *I* is the value of the index on that iteration

Iteration Vector

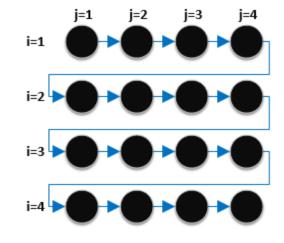
Given a nest of *n* loops, the *iteration vector i* of an iteration of the innermost loop is a vector of integers containing the iteration numbers for each of the loops in order of nesting level.

The iteration vector \mathbf{i} is $\{i_1, i_2, ..., i_n\}$ where i_k , $1 \le k \le n$, represents the iteration number for the loop at nesting level k.

A vector (d1, d2) is positive if (0,0) < (d1, d2), i.e., its first (leading) non-zero component is
positive

Iteration Space Graphs

- Represent each dynamic instance of a loop as a point in the graph
- Draw arrows from one point to another to represent dependences



Dimension of iteration space is the loop nest level, need not always be rectangular

for i = 1 to 5 do
 for j = i to 5 do
 A(i, j) = B(i, j) + C(j)
 endfor
endfor

Lexicographic Ordering of Iteration Vectors

- Assume i is a vector, i_k is the kth element of the vector i, and i[1:k] is a k-vector consisting of the leftmost k elements of i
- Iteration i precedes iteration j, denoted by i < j, if and only if
 - i. i[1:n-1] < j[1:n-1], or
 - ii. i[1:n-1] = j[1:n-1] and $i_n < j_n$

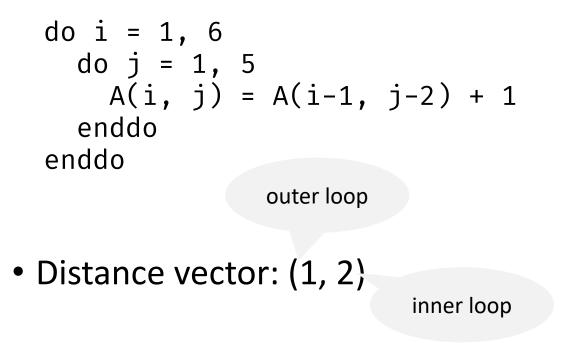
Formal Definition of Loop Dependence

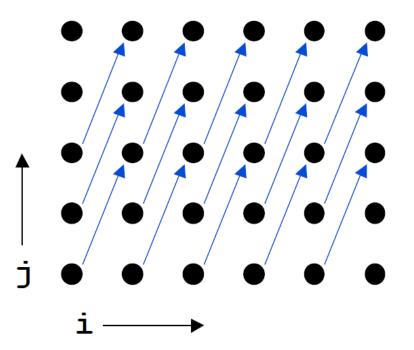
There exists a loop dependence from statement S1 to S2 in a loop nest if and only if there exist two iteration vectors i and j for the nest, such that

- i. i < j or i = j and there is a path from S1 to S2 in the body of the loop,
- ii. S1 accesses memory location *M* on iteration i and S2 accesses *M* on iteration j, and
- iii. one of these accesses is a write.

Distance Vectors

• For each dimension of an iteration space, the distance is the number of iterations between accesses to the same memory location





Distance Vectors

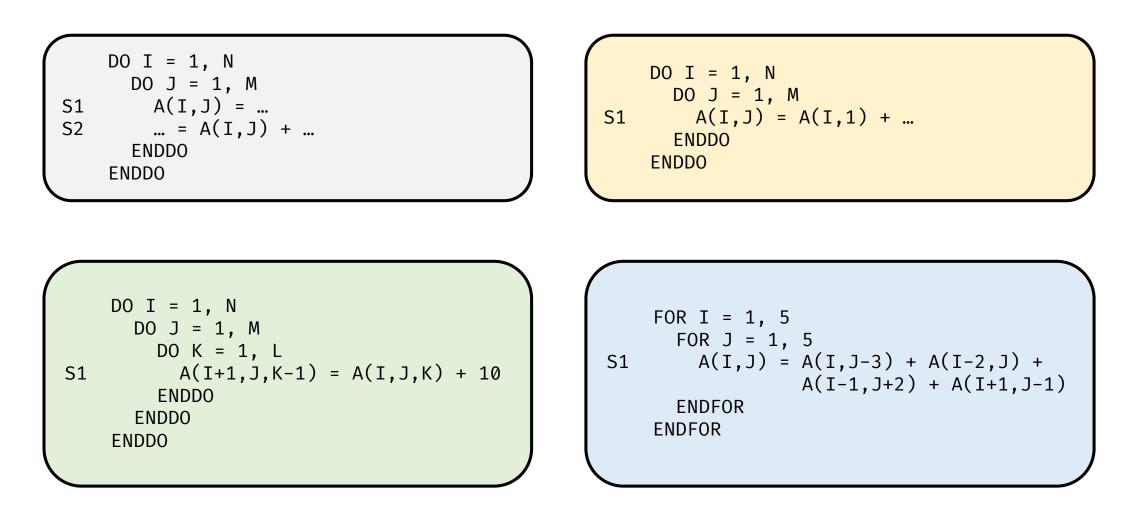
- Consider a dependence from statement S1 on iteration i of a loop nest to statement S2 on iteration j
- Dependence distance vector d(i,j) is defined as a vector of length n such that $d(i,j)_k = j_k i_k$
- Dependence direction vector D(i,j) is defined as a vector of length n such that

$$D(i,j)_{k} = \begin{cases} -if D(i,j)_{k} < 0 & \text{alternate} \\ 0 \ if D(i,j)_{k} = 0 \\ + \ if D(i,j)_{k} > 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{Alternate} \quad < & \text{Positive} \\ \text{Negative} \\ = & \text{Zero} \\ * & \text{Mixed} \end{cases}$$

Distance Vectors

- Consider a dependence from statement S1 on iteration i of a loop nest to statement S2 on iteration j
- Dependence distance vector d(i,j) is defined as a vector of length n SUC For a valid dependence, the leftmost non-"0" component of the direction vector must be "+" • De th n $D(i,j)_{k} = \begin{cases} -if D(i,j)_{k} < 0 \\ 0 if D(i,j)_{k} = 0 \\ +if D(i,j)_{k} > 0 \end{cases}$ alternate Positive < notations Negative > Zero \equiv * Mixed

Distance and Direction Vector Example



Program Transformations and Validity

Reordering Transformations

- A reordering transformation does not add or remove statements from a loop nest
 - Only reorders the execution of the statements that are already in the loop



Do not add or remove any new dependences

Direction Vector Transformation

- Let *T* be a transformation is applied to a loop nest
 - Does not rearrange the statements in the body of the loop
- *T* is valid if, after it is applied, none of the direction vectors for dependences with source and sink in the nest has a leftmost non-"0" component that is "-"

A transformation is said to be valid for the program to which it applies if it preserves all dependences in the program

Dependence Types

- If in a loop, statement S₂ depends on S₁, then there are two possible ways of this dependence occurring
 - S₁ and S₂ execute on different iterations this is called a **loop-carried** dependence
 - S₁ and S₂ execute on the same iteration this is called a loop-independent dependence
- These types partition all possible data dependences

Loop-Carried Dependences

- S1 can reference the common location on one iteration of a loop; on a subsequent iteration S2 can reference the same location
- i. S1 references location *M* on iteration i
- ii. S2 references *M* on iteration j
- iii. d(i,j) > 0 (that is, contains a "+" as leftmost non-"0" component)

	DO I = 1, N
S1	A(I+1) = F(I)
S2	F(I+1) = A(I)
	ENDDO

Level of Loop-Carried Dependence

• The *level* of a loop-carried dependence is the index of the leftmost non-"0" of *D*(*i*,*j*) for the dependence.

DO I = 1, 10 DO J = 1, 10 DO K = 1, 10 S1 A(I,J,K+1) = A(I,J,K) ENDDO ENDDO ENDDO

Utility of Dependence Levels

- A reordering transformation preserves all level-k dependences if it
 - i. preserves the iteration order of the level-*k* loop
 - ii. does not interchange any loop at level < k to a position inside the level-k loop and
 - iii. does not interchange any loop at level > k to a position outside the level-k loop.

Is this transformation valid?

DO I = 1, 10 DO J = 1, 10 DO K = 1, 10 S A(I+1,J+2,K+3) = A(I,J,K) + B ENDDO ENDDO ENDDO DO I = 1, 10 DO K = 10, 1, -1 DO J = 1, 10 S A(I+1,J+2,K+3) = A(I,J,K) + B ENDDO ENDDO ENDDO

Loop-Independent Dependences

- S1 and S2 can both reference the common location on the same loop iteration, but with S1 preceding S2 during execution of the loop iteration.
- i. S1 refers to memory location *M* on iteration i
- ii. S2 refers to *M* on iteration j and i
- iii. There is a control flow path from S1 to S2 within the iteration.

Is this transformation valid?

```
DO I = 1, N
S1: A(I) = B(I) + C
S2: D(I) = A(I) + E
ENDDO
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D(1) = A(1) + E DO I = 2, NS1: A(I-1) = B(I-1) + CS2: D(I) = A(I) + EENDDO A(N) = B(N) + C

Dependence Testing

Dependence Testing

- Dependence question
 - Can 4*I be equal to 2*I+1 for I in [1, N]?

DO I=1, N A(4*I) = = A(2*I+1) ENDDO affine

Given (i) two subscript functions f and g, and (ii) lower and upper loop bounds L and U respectively, does $f(i_1) = g(i_2)$ have a solution such that $L \leq i_1, i_2 \leq U$?

Multiple Loop Indices, Multi-Dimensional Array

DO i=1,n
DO j=1,m

$$X(a_1*i + b_1*j + c_1) = ...$$

 $... = X(a_2*i + b_2*j + c_2)$
ENDDO
ENDDO

complex

Dependence test

```
a_{1} * i_{1} + b_{1} * j_{1} + c_{1} = a_{2} * i_{2} + b_{2} * j_{2} + c_{2}

1 \le i_{1}, i_{2} \le n

1 \le j_{1}, j_{2} \le m
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 $\begin{array}{l} a_1i_1+b_1j_1+c_1=\ a_2i_2+b_2j_2+c_2\\ d_1i_1+e_1j_1+f_1=\ d_2i_2+e_2j_2+f_2\\ 1\leq i_1,i_2\leq n\\ 1\leq j_1,j_2\leq m \end{array}$

Complexity in Dependence Testing

- Subscript: A pair of subscript positions in a pair of array references
 - A(i,j) = A(i,k) + C
 - <i,i> is the first subscript, <j,k> is the second subscript
- A subscript is said to be
 - Zero index variable (ZIV) if it contains no index
 - Single index variable (SIV) if it contains only one index
 - Multi index variable (MIV) if it contains more than one index
 - A(5,I+1,j) = A(1,I,k) + C
 - First subscript is ZIV, second subscript is SIV, third subscript is MIV

Separability and Coupled Subscript Groups

- A subscript is separable if its indices do not occur in other subscripts
- If two different subscripts contain the same index they are coupled
 - A(I+1,j) = A(k,j) + C : Both subscripts are separable
 - A(I,j,j) = A(I,j,k) + C : Second and third subscripts are coupled
- Coupling indicates complexity in dependence testing

DO I = 1, 100
S1
$$A(I+1,I) = B(I) + C$$

S2 $D(I) = A(I,I) * E$
ENDDO

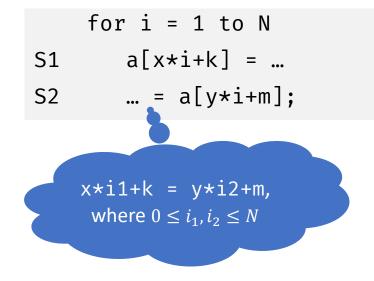
Overview of Dependency Testing

- 1. Partition subscripts of a pair of array references into separable and coupled groups
- 2. Classify each subscript as ZIV, SIV or MIV
- 3. For each separable subscript apply single subscript test
 - If not done, go to next step
- 4. For each coupled group apply multiple subscript test like Delta Test
- 5. If still not done, merge all direction vectors computed in the previous steps into a single set of direction vectors

https://homes.luddy.indiana.edu/achauhan/Teaching/B629/2006-Fall/LectureNotes/26-dependence-testing.html

Data Dependence Testing with GCD

- Variables in loop indices are integers \rightarrow Diophantine equations
- The Diophantine equation $a_1i_1 + a_2i_2 + \dots + a_ni_n = c$ has a solution iff $gcd(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ evenly divides c
- If there is a solution, we can test if it lies within the loop bounds. If not, then there is no dependence



- If GCD(x,y) divides (m-k), then a dependence may exist between S1 and S2.
- If GCD(x,y) does not divide (m-k), then S1 and S2 are independent and can be executed at parallel.

Examples:

- 15*i+6*j-9*k=12 has a solution, gcd=3
- 2*i+7*j=3 has a solution, gcd=1
- 9*i+3*j+6*k=5 has no solution, gcd=3

Dependence Testing

for
$$i_1 = L_1: U_1: S_1$$

for $i_2 = L_2: U_2: S_2$

for $i_n = L_n: U_n: S_n$
 $A[f_1(i_1, i_2, ..., i_n), f_2(i_1, i_2, ..., i_n), ..., f_m(i_1, i_2, ..., i_n)] = ...$
 $S2$
 $M[g_1(i_1, i_2, ..., i_n), g_2(i_1, i_2, ..., i_n), ..., g_m(i_1, i_2, ..., i_n)]$

A dependence exists from S1 to S2 if there exists two iteration vectors α and β such that $f_i(\alpha) = g_i(\beta)$, for all $i, 1 \le i \le m$.

Solving the system of equations for arbitrary functions f and g is undecidable

• The functions can have arbitrary behaviour

Approximate Dependence Testing

 Following system of equations with 2n variables and m equations is the most common

$$a_{11}i_{1}+a_{12}i_{2}+...+a_{1n}i_{n}+c_{1} = b_{11}j_{1}+b_{12}j_{2}+...+b_{1n}j_{n}+d_{1}$$

$$a_{21}i_{1}+a_{22}i_{2}+...+a_{2n}i_{n}+c_{2} = b_{21}j_{1}+b_{22}j_{2}+...+b_{2n}j_{n}+d_{2}$$

...

$$a_{m1}i_{1}+a_{m2}i_{2}+...+a_{mn}i_{n}+c_{m} = b_{m1}j_{1}+b_{m2}j_{2}+...+b_{mn}j_{n}+d_{m}$$

- Solve the system of the form Ax=B for integer solutions
 A is a m × 2n matrix and B is a vector of m elements
- Finding solutions to Diophantine equations is NP-hard

Simple Subscript Tests

• ZIV test

- DO j = 1,100 A(e1) = A(e2) + B(j) ENDDO
- e1 and e2 are constants or loop invariant symbols
- If e1!=e2, then no dependence exists
- SIV test
 - Strong SIV test: <a*i+c₁, a*i+c₂>
 - a, c1, c2 are constants or loop invariant symbols
 - Example: <4i+1, 4i+5>
 - Solution: d=(c2-c1)/a is an integer and $|d| \le |U_i L_i|$
 - Weak SIV test: <a₁*i+c₁,a₂*i+c₂>
 - a₁, a₂, c1, c2 are constants or loop invariant symbols
 - Example: <4i+1,2i+5> or <i+3,2i>

Weak SIV Test

- Weak zero SIV: <a₁*i+c₁, c₂>
 - Solution: $i=(c_2-c_1)/a_1$ is an integer and $|i| \le |U-L|$

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DO I = 1, N

Y(I,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)

ENDDO

V(I,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)

V(I,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)

V(I,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)

ENDDO

Y(N,N) = Y(1,N) + Y(N,N)
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- Weak crossing SIV: <a*i+c₁, -a*i+c₂>
 - Solution: $i=(c_2-c_1)/2a$ is an integer and $|i| \le |U-L|$

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DO I = 1, N
S1 A(I) = A(N-I+1) + C
ENDDO
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DO I = 1, (N+1)/2

S1 A(I) = A(N-I+1) + C

ENDDO

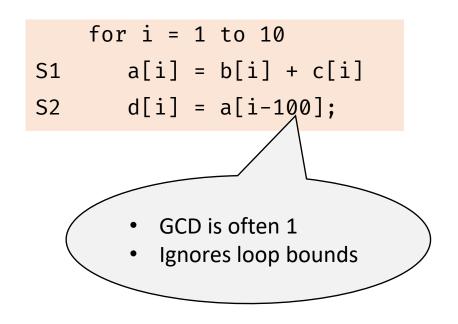
DO I = (N+1)/2+1, N

S2 A(I) = A(N-I+1) + C

ENDDO
```

Other Dependence Tests

- GCD test is simple but not accurate
 - It can tell us that there is no solution
- Other tests
 - Banerjee-Wolfe test: widely used test
 - Power Test: improvement over Banerjee test
 - Omega test: "precise" test, most accurate for linear subscripts
 - Range test: handles non-linear and symbolic subscripts
 - many variants of these tests



Banerjee-Wolfe Test

• If the total subscript range accessed by *ref1* does not overlap with the range accessed by *ref2*, then *ref1* and *ref2* are independent

True: $\exists i, j \in [0, N - 1], i \le j \land f(i) = g(j)$ **Anti**: $\exists i, j \in [0, N - 1], i > j \land f(i) = g(j)$

DO
$$j=1,100$$

 $a(j) = ...$
 $... = a(j+200)$ [1:100]
[201:300]
ENDDO
DO $j=1,100$
 $a(j) = ...$
 $... = a(j+5)$ [1:100]
[6:105]
ENDDO

• Notation represents index values at the source and sink

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DO I = 1, N
A(I + 1) = A(I) + B
ENDDO
```

- Let source Iteration be denoted by ${\rm I_0}$, and sink iteration be denoted by ${\rm I_0}$ + $\Delta {\rm I}$
- Valid dependence implies $I_0 + 1 = I_0 + \Delta I$
- We get $\Delta I = 1 \Rightarrow$ Loop-carried dependence with distance vector (1) and direction vector (+)

- $I_0 + 1 = I_0 + \Delta I;$ $J_0 = J_0 + \Delta J;$ $K_0 = K_0 + \Delta K + 1$
- Solutions: $\Delta I = 1$; $\Delta J = 0$; $\Delta K = -1$
- Corresponding direction vector: (+,0,-)

- If a loop index does not appear, its distance is unconstrained and its direction is "*"
 - * denotes union of all 3 directions

```
DO I = 1, 100

DO J = 1, 100

A(I+1) = A(I) + B(J)

ENDDO

ENDDO
```

- The direction vector for the dependence is (+, *)
- (*, +) denotes { (+, +), (0, +), (-, +) }
 - (-, +) denotes a level 1 anti-dependence with direction vector (+, -)

 Extract constraints from SIV subscripts and use them for other subscripts

```
DO I = 1, N

A(I, I) = A(1, I-1) + C

ENDDO

DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, N

DO K = 1, N

A(J-I,I+1,J+K) = A(J-I,I,J+K)

ENDDO

ENDDO

ENDDO
```

```
DO I = 1, 100

DO J = 1, 100

A(I+1, I+J) = A(I, I+J-1) + C

ENDDO

ENDDO
```

```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, N

A(I+1, I+J) = A(I, I+J) + C

ENDDO

ENDDO
```

```
DO I = 1, N
A(I+1, I+2) = A(I, 1) + C
ENDDO
```

Solving Integer Inequalities

- The loop nest inequalities specify a convex polyhedron
 - A polyhedron is convex if for two points in the polyhedron, all points on the line between them are also in the polyhedron
- Data dependence implies a search for integer solutions that satisfy a set of linear inequalities
 - Integer linear programming is an NP-complete problem
- Steps
 - Use GCD test to check if integer solutions may exist
 - Use simple heuristics to handle typical inequalities
 - Use a linear integer programming solver that uses a branch-and- bound approach based on Fourier-Motzkin elimination for unsolved inequalities

Fourier-Motzkin Elimination

- **INPUT**: an *n*-dimensional polyhedron *S* with variables $x_1, x_2, ..., x_n$. Eliminate x_m .
- **OUTPUT**: a polyhedron S' with variables $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{m-1}, x_{m+1}, \dots, x_n$

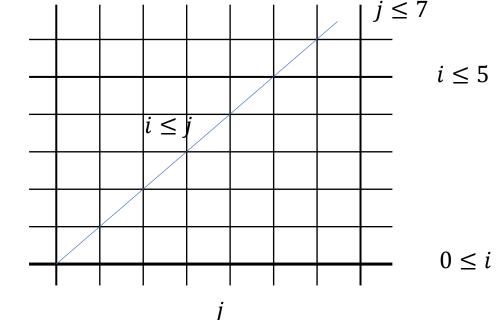
• STEPS

- Let C be all constraints in S involving x_m
- 1. For every pair of a lower bound and upper bound on x_m in C, such as, $L \le c_1 x_m$ and $c_2 x_m \le U$, create a new constraint $c_2 L \le c_1 U$
- 2. If integers c_1 and c_2 have a common factor, divide both sides by that factor
- 3. If the new constraint is not satisfiable, then there is no solution to *S*, i.e., *S* and *S*' are empty spaces
- 4. S' is the set of constraints S C, plus the new constraints generated in Step 2.

Example of Fourier-Motzkin Elimination

• Consider the code

for (i = 0; i <= 5; i++)
for (j = i; j <= 7; j++)
Z[j,i] = 0;</pre>



Use Fourier-Motzkin elimination to project the 2D space away from the *i* dimension and onto the *j* dimension

 $0 \le i \land i \le 5 \land i \le j \implies 0 \le j \land 0 \le 5$

i

Changing Loop Bounds

The constraints are: $0 \le i, i \le 5, i \le j, 0 \le j, j \le 7$

Find the loop bounds from the original loop nest.

for (j = 0; j <= 7; j++)
for (i = 0; i <= min(5,j); i++)
Z[j,i] = 0;</pre>

$$L_i: 0$$

 $U_i: 5, j$
 $L_j: 0$
 $U_j: 7$

Use ILP for Dependence Testing

• Algorithm:

- INPUT: A convex polyhedron S, over variables v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n
- OUTPUT: "yes" if S has an integer solution, "no" otherwise

```
for (i=1; i < 10; i++)
Z[i] = Z[i+10];</pre>
```

Show that there are no two dynamic accesses i and i' with $1 \le i \le 9$, $1 \le i' \le 9$, and i = i' + 10.

Dependence Testing is Hard

- Most dependence tests assume affine array subscripts
- Unknown loop bounds can lead to false dependences
- Need to be conservative about aliasing
- Triangular loops adds new constraints

```
How do we
compare N and 10?
for (i=0; i< N; i++) {
    a[i] = a[i+10];
}</pre>
```

```
for (i=0; i< N; i++) {
  for (j = 0; j < i-1; j++) {
    a[i,j] = a[j,i];
  }
}
Add j<i as a new
constraint</pre>
```

Why is Dependence Analysis Important?

- Dependence information can be used to drive other important loop transformations
 - Goal is to remove dependences or parallelize in the presence of dependences
 - For example, loop parallelization, loop interchange, loop fusion
- We will see many examples soon

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