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# What's in a name?

## Cytron & Ferrante, 1987



# What's in a name?

Or, for par

the value of renaming for parallelism detection and storage allocation

Cytron & Ferrante, 1987



## What's in a compiler?





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#### Goals for this lecture

- Understand the importance of "names"
- Introduce an interesting optimization problem IP register allocation



SSA Form













2 Register allocation



# Static Single Assignment (SSA)

#### ¿SSA?

- Assignment: variable's definition (e.g., x in ''x=y+1'')
- Single: only one definition per variable
- Static: in the program text



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#### Referential transparency

- value of variable independent of its position
- may refine our knowledge (e.g., '`if (x==0)'') but underlying value of x does not change



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- used only once as  $v = \ldots$
- can be many times as ... = v

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$$\begin{aligned} & x = \text{input}(); \\ & \text{if } (x == 42) \{ \\ & y_1 = 1; \\ \} \text{ else } \{ \\ & y_2 = x + 2; \\ \} \\ & y_3 = \phi(y_1, y_2); \\ & \text{print}(y_3); \end{aligned}$$







Introduction of  $\phi$ -functions:

- to fix the ambiguity; introduces
  y<sub>3</sub> which takes either y<sub>1</sub> or y<sub>2</sub>
- placed at control-flow merge points i.e., head of basic-blocks that have multiple predecessors
- n parameters if it has n incoming CFG paths
- represented as  $a_0 = \phi(a_1, \ldots, a_n)$



## Questions on SSA

 $\approx$  5 min to answer the following questions:

Is it possible to have more than one  $\phi$ -function in a basic block?

How can you execute code containing  $\phi$ -functions on a machine?



- multiple φ-functions executed simultaneously:
  a = φ(a, b)
  b = φ(b, a)
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- SSA is not Dynamic Single Assignment (DSA or SA)
- Construction: insert φ-function where multiple reaching defs converge; version variables x and y (integer subscripts);





- During actual program execution, information flows between variables
- Static analysis captures this behavior by propagating abstract information along CFG
- Can be propagated more efficiently using a functional or sparse representation such as SSA
- Constant propagation: definitions  $\equiv$  set of points where information may change; associate information with variable names rather than variables  $\times$  program points

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#### Null pointer analysis

Determine statically if variable can contain null value at run-time.



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• Propagates from defs to uses (via def-use links); avoid program points where information does not change or not relevant

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Results are more compact









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## What is register allocation?



## What is register allocation?

# Assign variables to memory locations

- Rules of the game
  - two interfering variables
    im different registers
  - not enough registers
    spill to memory

Plus constraints:

- register constraints
- pre-colored variables
- register pairing, aliasing,...



#### Chaitin et al. model



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# "Spilling easier on a BB than on a general CFG"



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  metric restriction on the coloring

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- spilling a coalesced node is more expensive

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## Graph coloring allocators in one phase

- Chaitin-Briggs allocator (Briggs, Cooper, Torczon)
- Iterated Register Coalescing (Appel, George)

#### Drawbacks of register allocation in one phase

- code more complicated to maintain
- improvements must take the whole allocator into account
- harder to "prioritize" a problem



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A graph is chordal iff every cycle of size  $\geq$  4 has a chord.



Chordal graphs are *perfect* and *easy to color*.



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#### Static single assignment form







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Under strict SSA, Maxlive, the maximum number of simultaneously live variables, is the coloring indicator:

 $\mathsf{Maxlive} \leq R$ 



#### Register allocation in two phases

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#### Questions

SSA seems to transform an NP-complete problem into polynomial one... Where is the complexity now? What else is simplified?



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$$\begin{array}{c}
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b \leftarrow \dots \\
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b \leftarrow c, a \\
move R_{0}, a \\
move R_{1}, b \\
call f \\
move c, R_{0}
\end{array}$$

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We work on graphs instead of programs.

Demo: split graph in ubigraph



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Coalesce as many affinities as possible but remains *k*-colorable.

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Perform aggressive coalescing, then de-coalescing to get *k*-colorable.

















3-SAT









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NP-complete for general graphs. Polynomial for chordal graphs.





# The problem of incremental coalescing

The goal of incremental is to perform conservative coalescing by coalescing affinities one by one.

Problem (Incremental coalescing)

Given a k-colorable graph G and two nodes x and y, is it possible to color G such that x and y have the same color?

#### Theorem

The incremental coalescing problem is NP-complete.



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Need a widget that is 3-colorable only if not all 4 variables are false.

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- 3-SAT is true  $\iff$  4-SAT is true with  $x_0 = False$ 
  - $\iff$  graph is 3-colorable with  $x_0$  in red/False
  - $\iff$  incremental coalescing of  $x_0$  with False is possible



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## Back to our colored graph





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All high-degree neighbours are neighbours of the other node





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## Coalescing two nodes... with additional merges







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### Incremental coalescing for chordal graphs

Problem (Incremental coalescing for chordal graphs)

Given a k-colorable chordal graph G and two nodes x and y. Is it possible to color G such that x and y have the same color?

This problem is polynomial!

Moreover, if the answer is yes, it is possible to modify G so that x and y are merged and G stays chordal.

The same question with greedy-k-colorable graphs is still open.



## Example on a chordal graph

Let us consider a 3-colorable chordal graph.



Demo: chordal graph in ubigraph































What happens at one point on the path, color-wise?



Except for the "live-through" variables, the two parts of the tree are independent.



## Finding a path on the subtrees





### Finding a path on the subtrees



There exists a 3-coloring in which r and y have the same color. Idem for r and z.

But there is no coloring in which r and x have the same color.














































































































































# A simple algorithmic strategy for chordal incremental coalescing

Building the representation of a chordal graph as subtrees of a tree is painful.

We have devised an algorithmic strategy that works directly on the graph, using the same ideas as in Chaitin et al.'s greedy coloring algorithm.



## Demonstration of coalescing

Demonstration of conservative coalescing on graph #311 of the "Coalescing Challenge." (Appel&George)



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# Theoretical limits of coalescing schemes

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  *incremental coalescing* NP-complete (not greedy-check)
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## To summarize...

SSA Form is a powerfull property for compilers.

Register allocation under SSA can be separated into two clean phases:

- spilling
- 2 coloring/coalescing

Bonus: what will be written left to the pumping shadoks in next slide?



# That's all for today



Answer: MEU BU BU



# Control-flow graph (CFG)

*Basic blocks* sequence of consecutive statements *Edges* control flow (jumps or fall-through)



 $(a, b) \leftarrow \dots$ if b < a then  $c \leftarrow a - b$ if c > 10 then  $c \leftarrow c \mod 10$ endif else  $c \leftarrow 0$ endif return c



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• The dominance relation induces a tree.





# Static Single Assignment with dominance property

#### Strict code

Every path from r to a *use* traverses a definition

#### Strict SSA

- SSA: only *one* definition *textually* per variable
- Strict: the definition dominates all uses





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- the definition dominates the entire live-range
- the live-range is a sub-tree of the dominance-tree





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