Mid-level Compiler Optimizations and Transformations

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OUTLINE

- Data Dependences, Transformations, Parallelization
- Locality
- Affine Transformations
- Parallelism
- Tiling, Fusion, Vectorization
- Other Complementary Transformations

ITERATION SPACES AND DEPENDENCES

```
for (t = 0; t < T; t++)
  for (i = 1; i < N+1; i++)
    A[t+1][i] = f(A[t][i+1], A[t][i], A[t][i-1]);</pre>
```

Iteration Domains

- Every statement has a domain or an index set instances that have to be executed
- Each instance is a vector (of loop index values from outermost to innermost)

$$D_S = \{ [t, i] \mid 0 \le t \le T - 1, \ 1 \le i \le N \}$$

② Dependences

 A dependence is a relation between domain instances that are in conflict (more on next slide)

LEXICOGRAPHIC ORDERING

- Lexicographic ordering: \succ , \prec , $\vec{x} \succ \vec{y}$, $\succ \vec{0}$
- **Transformations** as a way to provide multi-dimensional timestamps
- Code generation: Scanning points in the transformed space in lexicographically increasing order

```
for (i=1; i<=N-1; i++)
  for (j=1; j<=N-1; j++)
   A[i][j] = f(A[i-1][j], A[i][j-1]);</pre>
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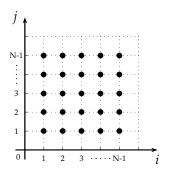


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• **Domain**: $\{[i,j] \mid 1 \le i, j \le N-1\}$

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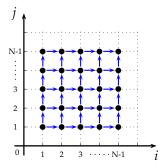


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$$\{[i,j] \rightarrow [i,j+1] \mid 1 \le i \le N-1, 0 \le j \le N-2\}$$
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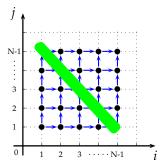


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                                         N-1
     N-1
      3
      2
                                          2
      1
                    3 · · · · · N-1
                                                                              · · · · · 2N-2
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```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
for (j = 1; j < i; j++)
   A[j] = A[j] - A[j]/A[i];</pre>
```

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DEPENDENCE REPRESENTATIONS

- Distance vectors: constant dependences
- 2 Dependence levels: depth at which a dependence is carried
- Oirection vectors: direction of the dependence along each dimension
- Dependence as presburger formulae, relations on integer sets with affine constraints and existential quantifiers

DEPENDENCE TESTING

- GCD test, GCD tightening of constraints
- Guassian elimination, Fourier-Motzkin elimination (super-exponential) complexity
- Omega test

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CHARACTERIZING REUSE

- Reuse through multi-dimensional array accesses
 - Self reuse
 - 2 Group reuse
- In space or in time?
 - Spatial reuse (self or group)
 - Temporal reuse (self or group)
- Under what conditions does an access exhibit spatial or temporal reuse along a specific outer loop?
 - This topic is well-covered in the Dragon textbook.
- Degree of temporal reuse: Dimensionality of the iteration space minus rank of the access function
 Eg: for (i, j, k), access A[i + j][j][j] has an access function of rank two in an iteration space of dimensionality three → one degree of temporary reuse.

REPRESENTATION OF ARRAY ACCESSES

- Linear Algebraic representation of "regular" accesses
- Affine access functions can be analyzed by the compiler easily for reuse, dependences, optimization, and parallelization
- Refer to the definition of affine functions earlier
- Handling compositions of mod and floordiv functions in accesses requires additional techniques to determine spatial and temporal reuse

LOOP NESTS: SOME DEFINITIONS

- Perfectly nested loop nest: A sequence of successively nested loops (from outermost to innermost) where every loop other than the innermost one has a single loop as the only statement in its body.
- Imperfectly nested: not perfectly nests.

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- Not affine: ij, i^2 , $i^2 + j^2$, a[j]

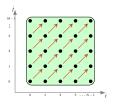


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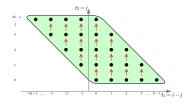


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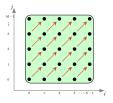


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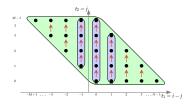
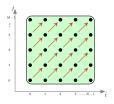


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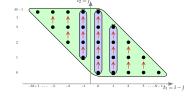


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- Affine transformations are attractive because:
 - Preserve collinearity of points and ratio of distances between points
 - Code generation with affine transformations has thus been studied well (CLooG, ISL, OMEGA+)
 - Model a very rich class of loop re-orderings
 - Useful for several domains like dense linear algebra, stencil computations, image processing pipelines, deep learning

FINDING GOOD AFFINE TRANSFORMATIONS

```
(i,j)
                Identity
    (j,i)
                Interchange
   (i+j,j)
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  (i-j,-j)
                Reverse j and skew i
  (i, 2i + j)
                Skew j (by a factor of two w.r.t i)
    (2i,j)
                Scale i by a factor of two
  (i, j + 1)
                Shift j
 (i+j, i-j) More complex
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                Tile
```

One-to-one functions

• Can be expressed using matrices:

$$T(i,j) = (i+j,j) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} i \\ j \end{pmatrix}.$$

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DEPENDENCES

 Dependences are determined pairwise between conflicting accesses

- Dependence notations
 - Distance vectors: (1,-1,0), (1,0,0), (1,1,0), (1,0,-1), (1,0,1)
 - Direction vectors
 - Dependence relations as integer sets with affine constraints and existential quantifiers or Presburger formulae powerful
- Consider the dependence from the write to the third read: $A[(t+1)\%2][i][j] \rightarrow A[t'\%2][i'-1][j']$

Dependence relation:
$$\{[t, i, j] \rightarrow [t', i', j'] \mid t' = t + 1, i' = i + 1, j' = j, 0 \le t \le T - 1, 0 \le i \le N - 1, 0 \le j \le N\}$$

Preserving Dependences

- For affine loop nests, these dependences can be analyzed and represented precisely
- Next step: Transform while preserving dependences
 - Find execution reorderings that preserve dependences and improve performance
 - Execution reordering as a function: $T(\vec{i})$
 - For all dependence relation instances $(\vec{s} \to \vec{t})$, $T(\vec{t}) T(\vec{s}) \succ \vec{0}$, i.e., the source should precede the target even in the transformed space
- What is the structure of **T**?

VALID TRANSFORMATIONS

- Dependences: (1,0,0), (1,0,1), (1,0,-1), (1,1,0), (1,-1,0)
- Validity: $T(\vec{t}) T(\vec{s}) \succ \vec{0}$, i.e., $T(\vec{t} \vec{s}) \succ \vec{0}$
- Examples of invalid transformations
 - T(t, i, j) = (i, j, t)
 - Similarly, (i, t, j), (j, i, t), (t + i, i, j), (t + i + j, i, j) are all invalid transformations
- Valid transformations
 - (t,j,i), (t,t+i,t+j), (t,t+i,t+i+j)
 - However, only some of the infinitely many valid ones are interesting

GENERATING LOOPS AFTER TRANSFORMATION

- Fourier-Motzkin elimination can be used to generate code
 - Successively eliminate old loop variables, and then new loop variables from innermost to outermost, generating bounds for the loop being eliminated at each step.
 - Replace old loop IVs with new ones in the loop body
- More powerful techniques exist to generate more efficient code (fewer/no redundancy in loop bound checks, conditional guards)
- Work out for this example transformation: $(i,j) \rightarrow (i+j,j)$.

PARALLELISM AND DEPENDENCE CARRYING

- Carrying or satisfying a dependence
- Loop-carried dependence
- A loop is parallel if does not carry any dependences.
- For each dependence, determine the depth at which it is carried
- For constant distance vectors, the depth of the first non-zero dependence component is the depth at which the dependence is satisfied

SYNCHRONIZATION-FREE OR COMMUNICATION-FREE PARALLELISM

- Number of degrees of synchronization-free parallelim
- *m*: Dimensionality of the iteration space
- *D*: Dependence matrix columns are distance vectors
- *m rank*(*D*) degrees of synchronization-free parallelism
- For any perfect loop nest that has only constant dependences, we can always obtain at least m-1 degrees of parallelism.
- How do you determine or maximize synchronization-free parallelism? Find *T* (transformation matrix) that satisfies certain properties.
- Find $\vec{t} \neq \vec{0}$ such that $\vec{t}.\vec{d_i} = 0$, $\forall \vec{d_i}$ (dependence distance vector).

WAVEFRONT PARALLELISM

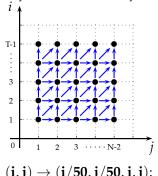
- Synchronization required after execution of a parallel loop
 - A single outer sequential loop with *N* iterations containing all inner parallel loops will lead to O(N) synchronization
- Refer illustration earlier in this chapter: (i + j, j) mapping for an example
- Connection to DoAcross parallelism, as opposed to DoAll parallelism?
- It's possible to parallelize using barrier-style synchronization or point-to-point synchronization (between specific pairs of processors)

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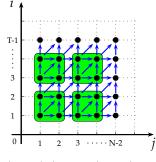
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TILING (BLOCKING)

- Partition and execute iteration space in blocks
- A tile is executed atomically
- Benefits: exploits *cache locality* & improves *parallelization* in the presence of synchronization
- Allows reuse in multiple directions
- **Reduces frequency of synchronization** for parallelization: synchronization after you execute tiles (as opposed to points) in parallel



$$(\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j}) \rightarrow (\mathbf{i}/50,\mathbf{j}/50,\mathbf{i},\mathbf{j});$$



$$(i,j) \rightarrow (i/50 + j/50, j/50, i, j)$$

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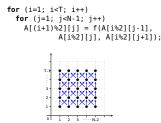
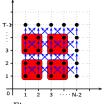


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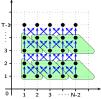
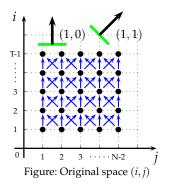
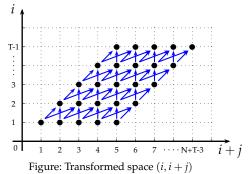


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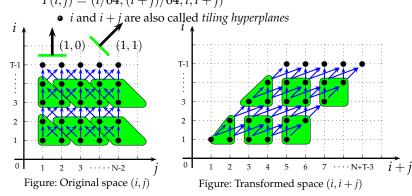
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 - First skew: T(i,j) = (i,i+j)
 - Then, apply (rectangular) tiling: T(i,j) = (i/64, (i+j)/64, i, i+j)



- What is a good transformation here to improve parallelism and locality?
- Demo
 - Skewing: (t, t + i, t + j)
 Tiling: (t/64, (t + i)/64, (t + j)/1000, t, t + i, t + j)
 Tile wavefront: (t/64 + (t + i)/64, (t + i)/64, (t + j)/1000, t, t + i, t + j

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OTHER TRANSFORMATIONS AND OPTIMIZATIONS

- Loop Fusion
- Loop Distribution
- Vectorization
- Explicit copying (Packing)
- Unroll-and-Jam, Register Tiling
- Complementary/enabling transformations for Parallelism
 - Privatization, Scalar expansion, Array Expansion
 - Trade-off between parallelism and memory usage
- Reductions parallelization and vectorization

LOOP FUSION: VALIDITY

- A fine (or finer) grained interleaving of the execution of multiple loop nests
- Validity: fusion is valid if, for every loop being fused, there
 are no dependences from the first nest body to the second
 nest body that have a negative component on the loop
 being fused while not being carried by any outer loops
- Data Dependence Graph (DDG) needed to model "inter-statement" dependences to analyze the above conditions
 - Statements (IR operations or groups of IR operations) are nodes of this graph
 - Each edge corresponds to a dependence from the source node to the target node
 - Directed graph, can have multiple edges between nodes and self edges.
 - Each edge has information on the source and target memory accesses involved in the dependence and additional information.

FUSION: EXAMPLE

```
// Original code.
// Produces B[i] using another array A.
                                              // Fused code.
for (i = 0: i < N - 1: i++)
                                              for (i = 0: i < N - 1: i++) {
  B[i] = A[i] + A[i + 1];
                                                B[i] = A[i] + A[i + 1];
// Consumes B[i] to create C[i].
                                                C[i] = B[i];
for (i = 0: i < N - 1: i++)
  C[i] = B[i];
// Fusion not valid without shifting the second nest forward by one.
for (i = 0: i < N: i++)
  B[i] = A[i];
// Consumes B[i] to create C[i].
for (i = 0: i < N - 1: i++)
  C[i] = B[i] + B[i + 1];
```

- Fusion can be enabled other transformations: shifting, permutation/interchange
- Fusion can be partial as well, i.e., not fusing all loops
- For partial fusion, consider dependence components up until the loops being fused.

FUSION: OTHER EXAMPLES

```
// Original code.
// Produces B using another array A.
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
  for (j = 0; j < N; j++)
    B[i][j] = A[i][j];
// Consumes B to create C. Fusion is valid.
// Dependence carried on the fused 'i' loop.
for (i = 0: i < N: i++)
  for (j = 0; j < N - 1; j++)
    C[i][j] = B[i][j] + B[i - 1][j + 1];
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// Consumes B to create C.
for (i = 1: i < N: i++)
  for (j = 0; j < N - 1; j++)
    C[i - 1][j] = B[i][j] + B[i - 1][j];
```

LOOP FUSION AND DISTRIBUTION: COSTS/BENEFITS

Benefits

- Improves cache locality: producer-consumer reuse, input reuse
- 2 Improves register reuse
- Eliminates intermediate arrays and reduces memory consumption
- Reduces code size, less control overhead
- Disadvantages
 - Reduces effective cache capacity available for each of components fused: cache capacity misses
 - Increases the risk of conflict misses
 - Can lead to loss of parallelism, loss of tilability, or loss of vectorizability
 - Increases hardware prefetch stream utilization; can lead to lower prefetching performance

LOOP DISTRIBUTION

- Loop distribution is the inverse of fusion
- Two operations/statements part of the same strongly connected component of the data dependence graph can't be distributed
- Distribution at the inner level or partial distribution: consider only a part of the DDG, discarding dependences carried on outer loops that aren't being considered for distribution.
- Maximal distribution: distribute out all strongly connnected components of a loop nest.
- Disadvantages of fusion are the benefits of distribution

VECTORIZATION

- A fine-grained parallelization: single instruction on multiple data (SIMD)
- Vectorization, SIMDization used synonymously today
- An efficient form of parallelization with minimal additional hardware resources
- Reduction in the number of instructions executed
- The instructions that form a vector can come from a loop body ("superword-level parallelism") or from a loop ("loop vectorization")

LOOP VECTORIZATION: EXAMPLES

```
// Vectorizable loop.
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
    C[i] = A[i] + B[i];

// Non-vectorizable loop.
for (i = 2; i < N; i++)
    A[i] = A[i - 1] + A[i - 2];

// A loop doesn't have to be parallel to be vectorizable.
// Loop i is vectorizable despite not being parallel and despite
// carrying a short loop dependence. No dependence cycle.
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    C[i + 1] = A[i] * B[i];
    D[i] = C[i] + X[i];
}
// Vectorizing a loop body like this can also be viewed as tiling by vector
// width, distributing the intra-tile loops, and vectorizing them.</pre>
```

LOOP VECTORIZATION: VALIDITY

- A loop can be vectorized only if there is no dependence cycle betweeen the instructions that spans less than the "vector width" iterations.
- Contiguity: Data being loaded for a vector may need to be contiguous in memory; depends on hardware
- Alignment: data may have to be aligned depending on the hardware – modern general-purpose processors typically don't have an alignment requirement
- Performance of aligned vs unaligned memory operations

VECTORIZATION: EXAMPLE

```
// Original code.
affine.for %i = 0 to 4096 {
 affine.for %j = 0 to 4096 {
   affine.for %k = 0 to 4096 {
    %lhs = affine.load %A[%i, %k] : memref<4096x4096xf32>
    %rhs = affine.load %B[%k, %j] : memref<4096x4096xf32>
    %in = affine.load %C[%i, %i] : memref<4096x4096xf32>
    %product = arith.mulf %lhs, %rhs : f32
    %acc = arith.addf %in, %product : f32
    affine.store %acc. %C[%i. %i] : memref<4096x4096xf32>
// Interchanged %j to innermost and vectorized 8-way along the %j loop.
affine.for %i = 0 to 4096 {
 affine.for %k = 0 to 4096 {
   affine.for %j = 0 to 4096 step 8 {
    %lhs = affine.load %A[%i, %k] : memref<4096x4096xf32>
    %v_lhs = vector.splat %lhs : vector<8xf32>
    %v_rhs = affine.vector_load %B[%k, %il : memref<4096x4096xf32>
    %product = arith.mulf %v_lhs, %v_rhs : vector<8xf32>
    %in = affine.vector_load %C[%i, %j] : memref<4096x4096xf32>
    %acc = arith.addf %in. %product : vector<8xf32>
    affine.vector_store %acc, %C[%i, %j] : memref<4096x4096xf32>
```

EXPLICIT COPYING OR PACKING

- Typically performed in conjunction with tiling
- Pack data being accessed by a 'tile' into a contiguous buffer that fits in cache/fast memory
- 'Compute' tile reads from packed input buffers and writes out to a packed buffer; unpack output buffer.
- Benefits
 - Eliminates conflicts misses and thus improves cache locality
 - Reduces TLB misses
 - Improves prefetching performance (fewer hardware prefetch streams used)
- Packing involves overhead (copy-in and copy-out)
- Reference: see packing scheme for high-performance matrix-matrix multiplication in this illustration: Analytical Modeling is Enough for High Performance BLIS, Low et al., ACM TOMS 2016.

UNROLL-AND-JAM OR REGISTER TILING

- Improves register reuse
- Multi-dimensional unroll-and-jam (multiple loops) can be performed to simultaneously exploit register reuse along multiple dimensions
- Can be thought of as tiling for register locality except that the tiles are small (variables being reused to fit in registers ideally) and the tile is fully unrolled.
- Improves the compute to load/store operation ratio extremely important for high-performance on modern architectures
- Sufficient: if it is valid to make a loop the innermost loop, it is valid to unroll-and-jam it.
- More precise: unroll-and-jam is valid iff stripminng the loop by the unroll-and-jam factor and bringing the intra-tile loop to the innermost position is valid
- Multi-dimensional unroll-and-jam (multiple loops)

UNROLL-AND-JAM OR REGISTER TILING (CONTINUED)

- For a matrix-matrix multiplication in the canonical *ijk* form, work out the improvement in compute to load/store ratio when unroll-and-jamming *i* and *j* loops with factors *U_i* and *U_j* respectively.
- Assume a register budget of 16 registers in one case and 32 registers in another.

REDUCTIONS

- Reductions can be parallelized
- Reductions can be vectorized

```
s = 0;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++)
s += A[i];
```

A COMPOSITION OF TRANSFORMATIONS

```
for (i = 1 i < N; i++)
// S1.
B[i] = A[i];
for (i = 1; i < N; i++)
// S2.
C[i - 1] = B[i] + B[i - 1]</pre>
```

- Original ordering: $T_{S_1}(i) = (0, i), T_{S_2}(i) = (1, i)$
- Fused + Tiled + Innermost loop distribution
 - Produce a chunk of A and consume it before a new chunk is produced
 - Transformation: $T_{S_1}(i) = (i/32, 0, i)$, $T_{S_2}(i) = (i/32, 1, i)$.

```
for (t1=0;t1<=floord(N-1,32);t1++) {
  for (t3=max(1,32*t1;t3<=min(N-1,32*t1+31);t3++)
    B[t3] = A[t3];
  for (t3=max(1,32*t1);t3<=min(N-1,32*t1+31);t3++)
    C[t3 - 1] = B[t3] + B[t3 - 1];
}</pre>
```

- Provides cache locality while also providing parallelism and vectorization.
- Either locality or parallelism/vectorizability would have otherwise been lost with only fusion or only parallelizing without any fusion.

ALGORITHMS TO FIND TRANSFORMATIONS

The history

- A data locality optimizing algorithm, Wolf and Lam, PLDI 1991: Improve locality through unimodular transformations
 - Characterize self-spatial, self-temporal, and group reuse
 - Find unimodular transformations (permutation, reversal, skewing) to transform to permutable loop nests with reuse, and subsequently tile them
- Several advances on polyhedral transformation algorithms through 1990s and 2000s: Feautrier [1991–1992], Lim and Lam (Affine Partitioning) [1997–2001], Pluto [2008–2015]

The Present

- Polyhedral framework provides a powerful mathematical abstraction (away from the syntax)
- A number of new techniques, open-source libraries and tools have been developed and are actively maintained
- Affine abstractions and infrastructure in MLIR