Global Optimization
Announcements

- Programming Project 4 due **Wednesday, August 10** at 11:59PM.
  - OH all this week and Sunday.
  - Ask questions via email!
  - Ask questions via Piazza!
Where We Are

Source Code

Lexical Analysis
Syntax Analysis
Semantic Analysis
IR Generation
IR Optimization
Code Generation
Optimization

Machine Code
Review of Local Optimization
Review from Last Time

- **A basic block** is a series of IR instructions where
  - there is one entry point into the basic block, and
  - there is one exit point out of the basic block.
- Intuitively, a block of IR instructions that all must execute as a unit.
- **A control-flow graph** (CFG) is a graph of the basic blocks of a function.
- Each edge in a CFG corresponds to a possible flow of control through the program.
Review from Last Time

- A **local optimization** is an optimization of IR instructions within a single basic block.

- We saw five examples of this:
  - Common subexpression elimination.
  - Copy propagation.
  - Dead code elimination.
  - Arithmetic simplification.
  - Constant folding.
Review from Last Time

• Last time, we defined two analyses used in our optimizations.

• **Available expressions**: Track what variables are assigned which expressions.
  • Compute by walking forward across the values in a basic block.

• **Live variables**: Track what variables will eventually be used.
  • Compute by walking backward across the values in a basic block.
Another View of Local Analyses
Another View of Local Analyses

$V_{in}$
Another View of Local Analyses

\[ V_{in} \]

\[ a = b + c \]
Another View of Local Analyses

\[ V_{in} \]

\[ a = b + c \]

\[ V_{out} \]
Another View of Local Analyses

\[ a = b + c \]

\[ V_{\text{out}} = f_{a = b+c}(V_{\text{in}}) \]
Information for a Local Analysis

• What direction are we going?
  • Sometimes forward (available expressions)
  • Sometimes backward (liveness analysis)

• How do we update information after processing a statement?

• What information do we know initially?
Formalizing Local Analyses

• Define an analysis of a basic block as a quadruple \((D, V, F, I)\) where
  
  • \(D\) is a direction (forwards or backwards)
  
  • \(V\) is a set of values the program can have at any point.
  
  • \(F\) is a family of transfer functions defining the meaning of any expression as a function \(f : V \rightarrow V\).
  
  • \(I\) is the initial value in \(V\) before the program starts.
Available Expressions

• **Direction**: Forward

• **Domain**: Sets of expressions assigned to variables.

• **Transfer functions**: Given a variable $V$ and statement $a = b + c$:
  
  • Remove from $V$ any expression containing $a$ as a subexpression.
  
  • Add to $V$ the expression $a = b + c$.

• **Initial value**: Empty set of expressions.
Liveness Analysis

- **Direction**: Backwards
- **Domain**: Sets of variables.
- **Transfer function**: Given a variable V and statement \( a = b + c \):
  - Remove \( a \) from V (any previous value of \( a \) is now dead.)
  - Add \( b \) and \( c \) to V (any previous value of \( b \) or \( c \) is now live.)
  - Formally: \( f_{a = b + c}(V) = (V - a) \cup \{b, c\} \)
- **Initial value**: Depends on semantics of language.
Running Local Analyses

• Given an analysis \((D, V, F, I)\) for a basic block.
  • Assume that \(D\) is “forward;” analogous for the reverse case.

• Initially, set \(OUT[\text{entry}]\) to \(I\).

• For each statement \(s\), in order:
  • Set \(IN[s]\) to \(OUT[\text{prev}]\), where \(\text{prev}\) is the previous statement.
  • Set \(OUT[s]\) to \(f_s(IN[s])\), where \(f_s\) is the transfer function for statement \(s\).
Global Optimizations
Global Analysis

• A **global analysis** is an analysis that works on a control-flow graph as a whole.

• Substantially more powerful than a local analysis.
  • (Why?)

• Substantially more complicated than a local analysis.
  • (Why?)
Local vs. Global Analysis

- Many of the optimizations from local analysis can still be applied globally.
  - We'll see how to do this later today.
- Certain optimizations are possible in global analysis that aren't possible locally:
  - e.g. **code motion**: Moving code from one basic block into another to avoid computing values unnecessarily.
- We'll explore three analyses in detail:
  - Global dead code elimination.
  - Global constant propagation.
  - Partial redundancy elimination.
Global Dead Code Elimination
Global Dead Code Elimination

- Local dead code elimination needed to know what variables were live on exit from a basic block.
- This information can only be computed as part of a global analysis.
- How do we modify our liveness analysis to handle a CFG?
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]

\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]

\[ y = a + b \]

\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]

Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[
\begin{align*}
  b &= c + d \\
  e &= c + d
\end{align*}
\]

x = c + d
a = b + c

y = a + b

x = a + b
y = c + d

{x, y}

Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]

\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]

\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = a + b \]

\{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

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\begin{align*}
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\begin{align*}
x &= c + d \\
a &= b + c
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
y &= a + b
\end{align*}
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\{a, b, c, d\}
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\begin{align*}
x &= a + b \\
y &= c + d
\end{align*}
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\{x, y\}
\]

Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]

\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\[ y = a + b \]

\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]
\{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]

\{b, c, d\}
\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]
\{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

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\{b, c, d\}
- \(x = c + d\)
- \(a = b + c\)
- \{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
- \(y = a + b\)
- \{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
- \(x = a + b\)
- \(y = c + d\)
- \{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

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  x &= c + d \\
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  \{a, b, c, d\} \\
  y &= a + b \\
  \{a, b, c, d\}
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
  \{a, b, c, d\} \\
  x &= a + b \\
  y &= c + d \\
  \{x, y\}
\end{align*}
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\{x, y\}
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Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

{a, c, d}
\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]
{a, b, c, d}

{b, c, d}
\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}
\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]
{x, y}

{a, b, c, d}
\[ y = a + b \]
{a, b, c, d}

{x, y}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

{a, c, d}
\( b = c + d \)
\( e = c + d \)
{a, b, c, d}

{b, c, d}
\( x = c + d \)
\( a = b + c \)
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}
\( y = a + b \)
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}
\( x = a + b \)
\( y = c + d \)
{x, y}

{x, y}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

{a, c, d}
b = c + d
e = c + d
{a, b, c, d}

{b, c, d}
a = b + c
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}
y = a + b
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}
x = a + b
y = c + d
{x, y}

{x, y}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\{a, c, d\}
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b = c + d
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e = c + d
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\{a, b, c, d\}

{b, c, d}
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a = b + c
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\{a, b, c, d\}

{a, b, c, d}
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y = a + b
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\{a, b, c, d\}

{a, b, c, d}
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x = a + b
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y = c + d
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\{x, y\}

{a, b, c, d}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\{a, c, d\}
\begin{align*}
b &= c + d \\
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\{a, b, c, d\}

\{b, c, d\}
\begin{align*}
a &= b + c
\end{align*}
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
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\{a, b, c, d\}
\begin{align*}
x &= a + b \\
y &= c + d
\end{align*}
\{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

{a, c, d}
b = c + d
e = c + d
{a, b, c, d}

{a, c, d}

{b, c, d}
a = b + c
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}

{x, y}

{x, y}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

{a, c, d}

b = c + d

{a, b, c, d}

{b, c, d}

a = b + c

{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}

{x, y}

a = b + c

b = c + d

{x, y}

Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]

\[ a = b + c \]

\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]

Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]

a = b + c

\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]

Exit
Major Changes, Part One

- In a local analysis, each statement has exactly one predecessor.
- In a global analysis, each statement may have multiple predecessors.
- A global analysis must have some means of combining information from all predecessors of a basic block.
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]

\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]

\[ y = a + b \]

\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]

Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

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\begin{align*}
  b &= c + d \\
  e &= c + d
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
  x &= c + d \\
  a &= b + c
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
  y &= a + b
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
  x &= a + b \\
  y &= c + d
\end{align*}
\]

Exit

\{x, y\}
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]

\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]

\[ y = a + b \]

\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]
\[ \{x, y\} \]

\[ \{x, y\} \]
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]

\{b, c, d\}

\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]
{a, b, c, d}

\[ y = a + b \]

\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}

\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]
\{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

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Entry

b = c + d
e = c + d

{x, y}

{b, c, d}
x = c + d
a = b + c
{a, b, c, d}

y = a + b

{a, b, c, d}
x = a + b
y = c + d
{x, y}

{x, y}
Exit
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CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]
\[ \{b, c, d\} \]

\[ \{b, c, d\} \]
\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]
\[ \{a, b, c, d\} \]

\[ y = a + b \]

\[ \{a, b, c, d\} \]
\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]
\[ \{x, y\} \]

\[ \{x, y\} \]
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

{c, d}
b = c + d
e = c + d
{b, c, d}

{b, c, d}
x = c + d
a = b + c
{a, b, c, d}

y = a + b

{a, b, c, d}
x = a + b
y = c + d
{x, y}

{x, y}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\{c, d\}
\quad b = c + d
\quad e = c + d
\quad \{b, c, d\}

\{b, c, d\}
\quad x = c + d
\quad a = b + c
\quad \{a, b, c, d\}

\quad y = a + b
\quad \{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
\quad x = a + b
\quad y = c + d
\quad \{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

{c, d}
b = c + d
e = c + d
{b, c, d}

{b, c, d}
x = c + d
a = b + c
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}
y = a + b
{a, b, c, d}

{a, b, c, d}
x = a + b
y = c + d
{x, y}

{x, y}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\{c, d\}
\[ b = c + d \]
\[ e = c + d \]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{b, c, d\}
\[ x = c + d \]
\[ a = b + c \]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
\[ y = a + b \]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
\[ x = a + b \]
\[ y = c + d \]
\{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
CFGs Without Loops

Entry

\{a, c, d\}
\[b = c + d\]
\[e = c + d\]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{b, c, d\}
\[x = c + d\]
\[a = b + c\]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
\[y = a + b\]
\{a, b, c, d\}

\{a, b, c, d\}
\[x = a + b\]
\[y = c + d\]
\{x, y\}

\{x, y\}
Exit
Major Changes, Part II

- In a local analysis, there is only one possible path through a basic block.
- In a global analysis, there may be many paths through a CFG.
- May need to recompute values multiple times as more information becomes available.
- Need to be careful when doing this not to loop infinitely!
  - (More on that later)
CFGs with Loops

- Up to this point, we've considered loop-free CFGs, which have only finitely many possible paths.
- When we add loops into the picture, this is no longer true.
- Not all possible loops in a CFG can be realized in the actual program.
- **Sound approximation**: Assume that every possible path through the CFG corresponds to a valid execution.
  - Includes all realizable paths, but some additional paths as well.
  - May make our analysis less precise (but still sound).
  - Makes the analysis feasible; we'll see how later.
CFGs With Loops
CFGs With Loops

Entry

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\begin{align*}
    & b = c + d \\
    & c = c + d
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
    & a = b + c \\
    & d = a + c
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
    & c = a + b
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
    & a = a + b \\
    & d = b + c
\end{align*}
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Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

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\begin{align*}
  b &= c + d \\
  c &= c + d
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\begin{align*}
  a &= b + c \\
  d &= a + c
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
  c &= a + b
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
  a &= a + b \\
  d &= b + c
\end{align*}
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\{a\}
\]

Exit
Major Changes, Part III

- In a local analysis, there is always a well-defined “first” statement to begin processing.
- In a global analysis with loops, every basic block might depend on every other basic block.
- To fix this, we need to assign initial values to all of the blocks in the CFG.
CFGs With Loops

Entry

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b = c + d
c = c + d
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a = b + c
d = a + c
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c = a + b
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a = a + b
d = b + c
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{a}
Exit
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CFGs With Loops

Entry

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\begin{align*}
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b &= c + d \\
c &= c + d \\
\end{align*}
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a &= b + c \\
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a &= a + b \\
d &= b + c \\
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\{a\} \\
Exit
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CFGs With Loops

Entry

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\begin{align*}
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b &= c + d \\
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c &= a + b
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a &= a + b \\
d &= b + c
\end{align*}
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\{a\}
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Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

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\[ b = c + d \]  
\[ c = c + d \]  

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\[ a = b + c \]  
\[ d = a + c \]  

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\[ c = a + b \]  

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\[ a = a + b \]  
\[ d = b + c \]  
\{a\}  

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\{a\}  
Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

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& b = c + d \\
& c = c + d 
\end{align*}

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& a = b + c \\
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\begin{align*} 
& c = a + b 
\end{align*}

{\text{a, b, c}} 
\begin{align*} 
& a = a + b \\
& d = b + c 
\end{align*}

{\text{a}} 

Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

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\begin{align*}
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b &= c + d \\
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\begin{align*}
\{a, b, c\} \\
a &= a + b \\
d &= b + c
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\{a\}
\end{align*}
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\begin{align*}
\{a\}
\end{align*}
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Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

{a, b, c}

{a, b, c}

a = b + c
d = a + c

{a, b, c}

{a}

c = a + b

{a}

Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

\{\}
\begin{align*}
  b &= c + d \\
  c &= c + d
\end{align*}

\{b, c\}
\begin{align*}
  a &= b + c \\
  d &= a + c \\
  \{a, b, c\}
\end{align*}

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\begin{align*}
  \{a, b, c\} \\
  a &= a + b \\
  d &= b + c \\
  \{a\}
\end{align*}

\{a\}
Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

{ }  
b = c + d  
c = c + d

{b, c}  
a = b + c  
d = a + c  
{a, b, c}

{a, b, c}  
a = a + b  
d = b + c  
{a}

{a}  
Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

\{\} 
\quad b = c + d 
\quad c = c + d 
\quad \{b, c\}

\{b, c\} 
\quad a = b + c 
\quad d = a + c 
\quad \{a, b, c\}

\{a, b, c\} 
\quad a = a + b 
\quad d = b + c 
\quad \{a\}

\{a\} 
Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

{c, d}

b = c + d

c = c + d

{b, c}

{b, c}

a = b + c
d = a + c

{a, b, c}

{}c = a + b

{a, b, c}

a = a + b
d = b + c

{a}

{a}

Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

{c, d}
b = c + d
c = c + d
{b, c}

{b, c}
a = b + c
d = a + c
{a, b, c}

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c = a + b

{a, b, c}
a = a + b
d = b + c
{a}

{a}
Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

{c, d}
b = c + d
c = c + d
{b, c}

{b, c}
a = b + c
d = a + c
{a, b, c}

{}c = a + b
{a, b, c}

{a, b, c}
a = a + b
d = b + c
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{a}Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

\{c, d\}
\begin{align*}
  b &= c + d \\
  c &= c + d \\
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\{b, c\}

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Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

{c, d}
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d = b + c
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Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

\{c, d\}
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\{a, b\}
\[ c = a + b \]
\{a, b, c\}

\{a, b, c\}
\[ a = a + b \]
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\{a, c, d\}

\{a\}
Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

\{c, d\}
\begin{align*}
b &= c + d \\
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\{a, b\}
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c &= a + b
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\{a, b, c\}

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a &= a + b \\
d &= b + c
\end{align*}
\{a, c, d\}

\{a\}
Exit
CFGs With Loops

Entry

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Summary of Differences

- Need to be able to handle multiple predecessors/successors for a basic block.
- Need to be able to handle multiple paths through the control-flow graph, and may need to iterate multiple times to compute the final value (but the analysis still needs to terminate!)
- Need to be able to assign each basic block a reasonable default value for before we've analyzed it.
Global Liveness Analysis

- Initially, set $IN[s] = \{\}$ for each statement $s$.
- Set $IN[\text{exit}]$ to the set of variables known to be live on exit (language-specific knowledge).

Repeat until no changes occur:

- For each statement $s$ of the form $a = b + c$, in any order you'd like:
  - Set $OUT[s]$ to set union of $IN[p]$ for each successor $p$ of $s$.
  - Set $IN[s]$ to $(OUT[s] \setminus a) \cup \{b, c\}$.

- Yet another fixed-point iteration!
Why does this work?

- To show correctness, we need to show that
  - the algorithm eventually terminates, and
  - when it terminates, it has a sound answer.
- Termination argument:
  - Once a variable is discovered to be live during some point of the analysis, it always stays live.
  - Only finitely many variables and finitely many places where a variable can become live.
- Soundness argument (sketch):
  - Each individual rule, applied to some set, correctly updates liveness in that set.
  - When computing the union of the set of live variables, a variable is only live if it was live on some path leaving the statement.
Theory to the Rescue

- Building up all of the machinery to design this analysis was tricky.
- The key ideas, however, are mostly independent of the analysis:
  - We need to be able to compute functions describing the behavior of each statement.
  - We need to be able to merge several subcomputations together.
  - We need an initial value for all of the basic blocks.
- There is a beautiful formalism that captures many of these properties.
Meet Semilattices

- A **meet semilattice** is a ordering defined on a set of elements.
- Any two elements have some **meet** that is the largest element smaller than both elements.
- There is a unique **top element**, which is at least as large as any other element.
- Intuitively:
  - The meet of two elements represents combining information from two elements.
  - The top element element represents “no information yet.”
Meet Semilattices for Liveness
Meet Semilattices for Liveness

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\begin{align*}
\{ & \} \\
\{ & a \} & \{ & b \} & \{ & c \} \\
\{ & a, b \} & \{ & a, c \} & \{ & b, c \} \\
\{ & a, b, c \}
\end{align*}
\]
Meet Semilattices for Liveness

A lattice is a partially ordered set (L, ≤) in which any two elements a and b have a unique greatest lower bound (meet) and a unique least upper bound (join).

For example, consider the set S = {a, b, c} and the partial order defined by the set of subsets of S. The meet of a and b is {a, b}, the meet of a and c is {a}, and the meet of b and c is {b, c}. The meet of all three elements is the empty set, which is the top element in this lattice.

Top Element
Meet Semilattices for Liveness

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\begin{array}{c}
\{ \} \\
\{ a \} & \{ b \} & \{ c \} \\
\{ a, b \} & \{ a, c \} & \{ b, c \} \\
\{ a, b, c \}
\end{array}
\]
Meet Semilattices for Liveness

\[ \{ \} \]

\[ \{ a \} \]
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\[ \{ c \} \]

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Meet Semilattices for Liveness
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Formal Definitions

- **A meet semilattice** is a pair \((D, \wedge)\), where
  - \(D\) is a domain of elements.
  - \(\wedge\) is a **meet operator** that is
    - **idempotent**: \(x \wedge x = x\)
    - **commutative**: \(x \wedge y = y \wedge x\)
    - **associative**: \((x \wedge y) \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z)\)
  - If \(x \wedge y = z\), we say that \(z\) is the **meet or (greatest lower bound)** of \(x\) and \(y\).
  - Every meet semilattice has a **top element** denoted \(\top\) such that \(\top \wedge x = x\) for all \(x\).
Is this a Meet Semilattice?
Is this a Meet Semilattice?

true → false
Is this a Meet Semilattice?

What is the meet operator here?
Is this a Meet Semilattice?
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Animal

Cat
Dog
Pig
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Is this a Meet Semilattice?
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Super → Mario
Fire → Mario
Bunny → Mario
Meet Semilattices and Orderings
Meet Semilattices and Orderings

- Every meet semilattice \((D, \wedge)\) induces an ordering relationship \(\leq\) over its elements.
- Define \(x \leq y\) iff \(x \wedge y = x\)
- \(x \leq x\) because \(x \wedge x = x\)
- \(x \leq y\) and \(y \leq x\) implies \(y = x\) because
  - \(x \leq y\) means that \(x \wedge y = x\).
  - \(y \leq x\) means that \(y \wedge x = y\).
  - By commutativity, \(x = x \wedge y = y \wedge x = y\)
- \(x \leq y\) and \(y \leq z\) means that \(x \leq z\) because
  - \(x \leq y\) means that \(x \wedge y = x\).
  - \(y \leq z\) means that \(y \wedge z = y\)
  - so \(x \wedge z = (x \wedge y) \wedge z = x \wedge (y \wedge z) = x \wedge y = x\)
An Example Semilattice

- The set of natural numbers and the \texttt{max} function.
- Idempotent
  - \texttt{max}\{a, a\} = a
- Commutative
  - \texttt{max}\{a, b\} = \texttt{max}\{b, a\}
- Associative
  - \texttt{max}\{a, \texttt{max}\{b, c\}\} = \texttt{max}\{\texttt{max}\{a, b\}, c\}
- Top element is 0:
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- \( x \leq y \) iff \( x \wedge y = x \) iff \( \text{max}\{x, y\} = x \) iff \( x \) is a larger than \( y \).
A Semilattice for Liveness

- Sets of live variables and the set union operation.
  - Idempotent:
    - \( x \cup x = x \)
  - Commutative:
    - \( x \cup y = y \cup x \)
  - Associative:
    - \( (x \cup y) \cup z = x \cup (y \cup z) \)
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Semilattices and Program Analysis

- Semilattices naturally solve many of the problems we encounter in global analysis.
- How do we combine information from multiple basic blocks?
  - Use the meet of all of those blocks.
- What value do we give to basic blocks we haven't seen yet?
  - Use the top element.
- How do we know that the algorithm always terminates?
  - Actually, we still don't! More on that later.
Next Time

• **Using Semilattices**
  • The dataflow framework.
  • Global constant propagation.
  • Termination and correctness.

• **Code motion optimizations**
  • Loop-invariant code motion.
  • Partial redundancy elimination.