Machine-Independent Optimizations

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- Global common sub-expression elimination
- Copy propagation
- Loop invariant code motion
- Induction variable elimination and strength reduction
- Region based data-flow analysis

- Needs available expression information
- For every s: x := y + z, such that y + z is available at the beginning of s' block, and neither y nor z is defined prior to s in that block, do the following
 - Search backwards from *s*' block in the flow graph, and find first block in which y + z is evaluated. We need not go *through* any block that evaluates y + z.
 - Create a new variable *u* and replace each statement w := y + z found in the above step by the code segment {u := y + z; w := u}, and replace s by x := u
 - Repeat 1 and 2 above for every predecessor block of s' block
- Repeated application of GCSE may be needed to catch "deep" CSE

GCSE Conceptual Example



Demonstrating the need for repeated application of GCSE

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GCSE on Running Example - 1



GCSE on Running Example - 2



Copy Propagation

- Eliminate copy statements of the form s: x := y, by substituting y for x in all uses of x reached by this copy
- Conditions to be checked
 - u-d chain of use u of x must consist of s only. Then, s is the only definition of x reaching u
 - On every path from s to u, including paths that go through u several times (but do not go through s a second time), there are no assignments to y. This ensures that the copy is valid
- The second condition above is checked by using information obtained by a new data-flow analysis problem
 - c_gen[B] is the set of all copy statements, s : x := y in B, such that there are no subsequent assignments to either x or y within B, after s
 - c_kill[B] is the set of all copy statements, s : x := y, s not in B, such that either x or y is assigned a value in B
 - Let *U* be the universal set of all copy statements in the program

Copy Propagation - The Data-flow Equations

- c_in[B] is the set of all copy statements, x := y reaching the beginning of B along every path such that there are no assignments to either x or y following the last occurrence of x := y on the path
- c_out[B] is the set of all copy statements, x := y reaching the end of B along every path such that there are no assignments to either x or y following the last occurrence of x := y on the path

$$c_in[B] = \bigcap_{P \text{ is a predecessor of } B} c_out[P], B \text{ not initial}$$

- $c_out[B] = c_gen[B] \bigcup (c_in[B] c_kill[B])$
- $c_in[B1] = \phi$, where B1 is the initial block
- $c_out[B] = U c_kill[B]$, for all $B \neq B1$ (initialization only)

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For each copy, s : x := y, do the following

- Using the *du chain*, determine those uses of *x* that are reached by *s*
- Por each use u of x found in (1) above, check that
 - (i) u-d chain of u consists of s only
 - (ii) s is in $c_{in}[B]$, where B is the block to which u belongs. This ensures that
 - *s* is the only definition of *x* that reaches this block
 - No definitions of x or y appear on this path from s to B
 - (iii) no definitions x or y occur within B prior to u found in (1) above
- If s meets the conditions above, then remove s and replace all uses of x found in (1) above by y



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Copy Propagation on Running Example 1.1



Copy Propagation on Running Example 1.2



GCSE and Copy Propagation on Running Example 1.1



GCSE and Copy Propagation on Running Example 1.2



Given a loop L, and the u - d and d - u chains

Mark as "invariant", those statements whose operands are all either constant or have all their reaching definitions outside *L*

Repeat {

Mark as "invariant" all those statements not previously so marked all of whose operands are constants, or have all their reaching definitions outside L, or have exactly one reaching definition, and that definition is a statement in L marked "invariant"

} until no new statements are marked "invariant"

u - d chains are useful in marking statements as "invariant" d - u chains are useful in examining all uses of a definition marked "invariant"

Loop Invariant Code motion Example

$$t1 = 202$$

i = 1
L1: $t2 = i > 100$
if $t2$ goto L2
 $t1 = t1-2$
 $t3 = addr(a)$
 $t4 = t3 - 4$
 $t5 = 4*i$
 $t6 = t4+t5$
* $t6 = t1$
i = i+1
goto L1
L2:

Before LIV code motion

$$t1 = 202$$

i = 1
t3 = addr(a)
t4 = t3 - 4
L1: t2 = i>100
if t2 goto L2
t1 = t1-2
t5 = 4*i
t6 = t4+t5
*t6 = t1
i = i+1
goto L1
L2:

After LIV code motion

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Loop-Invariant Code Motion Algorithm

- Find loop-invariant statements
- For each statement s defining x found in step (1), check that
 - (a) it is in a block that dominates all exits of L
 - (b) x is not defined elsewhere in L
 - (c) all uses in *L* of *x* can only be reached by the definition of *x* in *s*
- Move each statement s found in step (1) and satisfying conditions of step (2) to a newly created preheader
 - provided any operands of s that are defined in loop L have previously had their definition statements moved to the preheader
- Update all the u d and d u chains appropriately

Code Motion - Violation of condition 2(a)



The statement i:=2 from B3 cannot be moved to a preheader since condition 2(a) is violated (B3 does not dominate B4) The computation gets altered due to code movement *i always gets value 2, and never 1, and hence j always gets value 2*

Condition 2(a): s dominates all exits of L

Code Motion - Violation of condition 2(b)



Condition 2(a): s dominates all exits of L B2 dominates B4 and hence condition 2(a) is satisfied for i:=3 in B2. However statement i:=3 from B2 cannot be moved to a preheader since condition 2(b) is violated (i is defined in B3)

The computation gets altered due to code movement If the loop is executed twice, i may pass its value of 3 from B2 to j in the original loop. In the revised loop, i gets the value 2 in the second iteration and retains it forever

Condition 2(b): x is not defined elsewhere in L

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Code Motion - Violation of condition 2(c)



Conditions 2(a) and 2(b) are satisfied. However statement i:=2 from B4 cannot be moved to a preheader since condition 2(c) is violated (use of i in B6 is reached by defs of i in B1 and B4)

The computation gets altered due to code movement In the revised loop, i gets the value 2 from the def in the preheader and k becomes 2. However, k could have received the value of either 1 (from B1) or 2 (from B4) in the original loop

Condition 2(a): *s* dominates all exits of *L* Condition 2(b): *x* is not defined elsewhere in *L* Condition 2(c): All uses of *x* in *L* can only be reached by the definition of *x* in *s*

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- An **induction variable** *x* of a loop *L* changes its value only through an increment or decrement operation by a constant amount
- **Basic induction variables**: variables *i* whose only assignments within a loop *L* are of the form $i := i \pm n$, where *n* is a constant
- Another variable *j* which is *defined only once* within *L*, and whose value is *c* * *i* + *d* (linear function of *i*) is an *i*.*v*. in the family of *i*
- We associate a triple (i, c, d) with j (c and d are constants), and i belongs to its own family with a triple (i, 1, 0)

Induction Variables - Example 1

t1 = 202i = 1 t3 = addr(a)t4 = t3 - 4L1: $t_2 = i > 100$ if t2 goto L2 t1 = t1-2t5 = 4*it6 = t4 + t5*t6 = t1 i = i+1 goto L1 L2:

i is a basic i.v. and t5 is a derived i.v. in the family of i

Induction Variables - Example 2



i and j are both basic i.v. in both inner and outer loops

t2 (in the family of i) and t4 (in the family of j) are both derived i.v. in both inner and outer loops

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We need a loop *L*, reaching definitions, and loop-invariant computation information

- Find all the basic i.v., by scanning the statements of L
- Search for variables k, with a single assignment to k within L, having one of the following forms:

 $k := j * b, \ k := b * j, \ k := j/b, \ k := j \pm b, \ k := b \pm j, \ k := j * b \pm a, \ k := a \pm j * b, \ where b is a constant and j is$

 $K := J * D \pm a$, $K := a \pm J * D$, where *D* is a constant and *J* is an i.v., basic or otherwise

- (a) If *j* is basic, then for k := j * b, the triple for *k* is (j, b, 0) (similarly for other forms)
- (b) If *j* is not basic, then let its triple be (*i*, *c*, *d*). We need to check two more conditions
 - (i) there is no assignment to *i* between the lone point of assignment to *j* in *L* and the assignment to *k*
 - (ii) no definition of j outside L reaches k

Induction Variables - Conditions



Detection of Induction Variables (2)

- If both *j* and *k* are temporaries in the same block, then checking the conditions (i) and (ii) above is easy
- Otherwise, we need to find all the basic blocks on the paths from the point of assignment to *j*, to the point of assignment to *k*, and check condition (i)
- Condition (ii) can be checked using u-d chain of *j* in the assignment to k
- Triple for k can be computed from (i, c, d) and the form of assignment to k
 - If k := j * b and j is i * c + d, k = (i * c + d) * b = (i * b * c) + (d * b)
 - Hence the triple for k is (i, b * c, d * b)
 - Note that *b* * *c* and *d* * *b* are constants and can be evaluated by the compiler

Consider each basic IV, *i* in turn. For each IV *j* in the family of *i*, with triple (i, c, d) do the following

- Create a new variable s and replace the assignment to j by j := s (for two IVs, j₁ and j₂, with the same triples, create a single variable)
- Immediately after each assignment i := i + n in L, where n is a constant, append s := s + c * n (note that c * n is a constant)
- Solution Place *s* in the family of *i* with the triple (i, c, d). We have replaced a costly * operation by a cheaper + operation
- Place the code to initialize s to c * i + d at the end of the preheader

Induction Variables - Strength Reduction Ex 1

$$t1 = 202$$

i = 1
t3 = addr(a)
t4 = t3 - 4
L1: t2 = i>100
if t2 goto L2
t1 = t1-2
t5 = 4*i
t6 = t4+t5
*t6 = t1
i = i+1
goto L1
L2:

Before strength reduction for t5

$$t1 = 202$$

i = 1
t3 = addr(a)
t4 = t3 - 4
t7 = 4
L1: t2 = i>100
if t2 goto L2
t1 = t1-2
t5 = t7
t6 = t4+t5
*t6 = t1
i = i+1
t7 = t7 + 4
goto L1
L2:

After strength reduction for t5

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Induction Variables - Strength Reduction Ex 2



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Elimination of Induction Variables

- Consider each basic IV *i* whose only uses are to compute other IV in its family and in conditional branches
- Consider *j* in *i*'s family with the triple (i, c, d)
- Replace *if i relop x goto B* by the code sequence {*r* := *c* * *x*; *r* := *r* + *d*; *if j relop r goto B*}
- If c is negative, then we use relop in place of relop in the above code sequence
 - For example, if c is -4, then if i ≥ x goto B is replaced by the code sequence, {r := -4 * x; r := r + d; if j ≤ r goto B}
- Delete all assignments to the eliminated IV in loop L
- Apply copy propagation (to eliminate statements *j* := *s*)

Induction Variable Elimination

$$t1 = 202$$

i = 1
t3 = addr(a)
t4 = t3 - 4
t7 = 4
L1: t2 = i>100
if t2 goto L2
t1 = t1-2
t6 = t4+t7
*t6 = t1
i = i+1
t7 = t7 + 4
goto L1
L2:

Before induction variable elimination (i)

$$t1 = 202$$

$$t3 = addr(a)$$

$$t4 = t3 - 4$$

$$t7 = 4$$

L1: $t2 = t7 > 400$
if $t2 \text{ goto } L2$

$$t1 = t1-2$$

$$t6 = t4+t7$$

* $t6 = t1$

$$t7 = t7 + 4$$

goto L1
L2:

After eliminating i and replacing it with t7

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Induction Variable Elimination and Strength Reduction



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I.V. Detection - Running Example



I.V. Strength Reduction - Running Example



I.V. CSE and Copy Elimination - Running Example



I.V. Elimination - Running Example



Region Based Data-flow Analysis

- **Region**: A set of nodes *N* that includes a header, which dominates all other nodes in the region
- All edges between nodes in *N* are in the region, except (possibly) for some of those that enter the header
- All intervals are regions but there are regions that are not intervals
 - A region may omit some nodes that an interval would include or they may omit some edges back to the header
 - For example, *I*(7) = {7,8,9,10,11}, but {8,9,10} could be a region (see next slide)
- A region may have multiple exits
- We shall compute *gen*_{*R*,*B*} and *kill*_{*R*,*B*} of definitions generated and killed (resp.), along paths within the region *R*, from the header to the end of the block *B*

Intervals and Regions



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Intervals and Regions



Flow Graph

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Region Based Data-flow Analysis (2)

- These will be used to define a transfer function $trans_{R,B}(S)$, that tells for any set *S* of definitions, what subset of definitions reach the end of *B* by travelling along paths wholly within *R*, assuming that all and only the definitions in *S* reach the header of *R*
- $trans_{R,B}(S) = gen_{R,B} \bigcup (S kill_{R,B})$
- trans_{U,B}(φ) = OUT[B] = gen_{U,B}, where U is the region consisting of the entire flow graph
- We need to provide a method to compute the transfer functions $trans_{R,B}$, for progressively larger regions defined by some $(T_1 T_2)$ transformation of a CFG
- Since OUT[B] = gen_{U,B}, we need to compute only gen_{R,B} and kill_{R,B}, for each basic block, for progressively larger regions
- Interestingly, this approach does not compute IN[B] at all

Region Based Data-flow Analysis (3)

- As we reduce a flow graph *G* by *T*₁ and *T*₂ transformations, at all times, the following conditions are true
 - A node represents a region of G
 - An edge from a to b in a reduced graph represents a set of edges
 - Each node and edge of G is represented by exactly one node or edge of the current graph
- Region based DFA can be compared to *syntax-directed translation*, with the structure being provided by the hierarchy of regions
- We consider data-flow analysis for *reaching definitions*
- It should be emphasized that all data-flow values which reach the header of a region will surely flow to all the constituent regions and basic blocks, since all basic blocks are reacheable from the header of the enclosing region

Region Example



Region Building by T2 Trans. - Reaching Def



$$\frac{\text{Basic regions}}{\text{gen}_{\text{B,B}} = \text{gen}[\text{B}]}$$

kill_{B,B} = kill[B]

Region building by T2

For basic blocks B within R1,

 $\begin{array}{l} gen_{_{\!\!\!R,B}} = gen_{_{\!\!\!R1,B}} \\ kill_{_{\!\!\!R,B}} = kill_{_{\!\!\!R1,B}} \end{array}$

Edges from R2 to header of R1 are not part of R

For basic blocks B within R2,

 $\begin{array}{l} gen_{R,B} = gen_{R2,B} \mbox{ U} (G-kill_{R2,B}) \\ kill_{R,B} = kill_{R2,B} \mbox{ U} (K-gen_{R2,B}) \\ where, G = \mbox{ U} gen_{R1,P}, \mbox{ and } \\ K = \mbox{ } hill_{R1,P} \\ for all predecessors P of the header of \\ R2 in R1 \end{array}$

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Region Building by T1 Trans. - Reaching Def



For reaching definitions problem

Region building by T1

$$\begin{array}{l} \operatorname{gen}_{\scriptscriptstyle R,B} = \operatorname{gen}_{\scriptscriptstyle R1,B} \boldsymbol{\mathsf{U}} \left(\boldsymbol{\mathsf{G}} - \boldsymbol{\mathsf{kill}}_{\scriptscriptstyle R1,B} \right) \\ \operatorname{kill}_{\scriptscriptstyle R,B} = \operatorname{kill}_{\scriptscriptstyle R1,B} \end{array}$$

where, G = U gen_{R1,P}, for all predecessors P of the header of R1 in R

It is not necessary to compute $\text{kill}_{\text{R,B}}$ as in the previous case (T2).

A definition gets killed going from the header to B iff it is killed along all acyclic paths, and hence back edges incorporated into R will not cause more definitions to be killed

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Region Based RD Analysis - An Example (1)



Block	gen	kill
А	100	010
В	010	101
С	000	010
D	001	000



Region Based RD Analysis - An Example (2)



- Building region R from regions C and D by T2 transf.
- $gen_{R,C} = gen_{C,C} = 000; kill_{R,C} = kill_{C,C} = 010$
- Header of D is D and pred. of D in C is C
- $G = gen_{C,C} = 000$ and $K = kill_{C,C} = 010$
- $gen_{R,D} = gen_{D,D} \cup (G kill_{D,D}) = 001 + (000 000) = 001$ $kill_{R,D} = kill_{D,D} \cup (K - gen_{D,D}) = 000 + (010 - 001) = 010$

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Region Based RD Analysis - An Example (3)



- Building region S from region R by T1 transformation
- The only predecessor of the header C, within S is D
- Therefore, $G = gen_{R,D} = 001$
- $kill_{S,C} = kill_{R,C} = 010; kill_{S,D} = kill_{R,D} = 010$
- $gen_{S,C} = gen_{R,C} \cup (G kill_{R,C}) = 000 + (001 010) = 001$ $gen_{S,D} = gen_{R,D} \cup (G - kill_{R,D}) = 001 + (001 - 010) = 001$

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Region Based RD Analysis - An Example (4)



- Building region T from regions A and B by T2 transf.
- $gen_{T,A} = gen_{A,A} = 100$; $kill_{T,A} = kill_{A,A} = 010$
- Header of B is B and pred. of B in A is A
- $G = gen_{A,A} = 100$ and $K = kill_{A,A} = 010$
- $gen_{T,B} = gen_{B,B} \cup (G kill_{B,B}) = 010 + (100 101) = 010$ $kill_{T,B} = kill_{B,B} \cup (K - gen_{B,B}) = 101 + (010 - 010) = 101$

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- Building region U from regions T and S by T2 transf.
- $gen_{U,A} = gen_{T,A} = 100$; $kill_{U,A} = kill_{T,A} = 010$
- $gen_{U,B} = gen_{T,B} = 010$; $kill_{U,B} = kill_{T,B} = 101$

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Region Based RD Analysis - An Example (6)



- Building region U from regions T and S by T2 transf.
- Header of S is C and pred. of C in T are A and B
- $G = gen_{T,A} \cup gen_{T,B} = 110$ and $K = kill_{T,A} \cap kill_{T,B} = 000$
- $gen_{U,C} = gen_{S,C} \cup (G kill_{S,C}) = 001 + (110 010) = 101$ $kill_{U,C} = kill_{S,C} \cup (K - gen_{S,C}) = 010 + (000 - 001) = 010$ $gen_{U,D} = gen_{S,D} \cup (G - kill_{S,D}) = 001 + (110 - 010) = 101$ $kill_{U,D} = kill_{S,D} \cup (K - gen_{S,D}) = 010 + (000 - 001) = 010$

Region Based RD Analysis - An Example (7)



- Building region V from region V by T1 transf.
- Header of U is A and pred. of A in U are C and D

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$$G = gen_{U,C} \cup gen_{U,D} = 101$$

• $gen_{V,C} = gen_{U,C} \cup (G - kill_{U,C}) = 101 + (101 - 010) = 101$ $gen_{V,D} = gen_{U,D} \cup (G - kill_{U,D}) = 101 + (101 - 010) = 101$ $kill_{V,C} = kill_{U,C} = 010; kill_{V,D} = kill_{U,D} = 010$

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Region Based RD Analysis - An Example (8)



- Building region V from region V by T1 transf.
- Header of U is A and pred. of A in U are C and D

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$$G = gen_{U,C} \cup gen_{U,D} = 101$$

• $gen_{V,A} = gen_{U,A} \cup (G - kill_{U,A}) = 100 + (101 - 010) = 101$ $gen_{V,B} = gen_{U,B} \cup (G - kill_{U,B}) = 010 + (101 - 101) = 010$ $kill_{V,A} = kill_{U,A} = 010; kill_{V,B} = kill_{U,B} = 101$

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Results from Iterative RD DFA for the same example

	gen	kill	OUT ₁	IN ₁	OUT ₂	IN ₂	OUT ₃	IN ₃	OUT ₄	IN ₄	RA
A	100	010	100	001	101	101	101	101	101	101	101
В	010	101	010	100	011	101	010	101	010	101	010
С	000	010	000	111	101	111	101	111	101	111	101
D	001	000	001	000	001	101	101	101	101	101	101

$$OUT[B] = gen[B] \bigcup (IN[B] - kill[B])$$
$$IN[B] = \bigcup_{P, a \text{ predecessor of } B} OUT[P]$$
$$IN[B] = O(initialization)$$

 $IN[B] = \emptyset$ (initialization)

Reaching Definitions Problem



Region Building by T2 Trans. - Available Exp



$$\frac{\text{Basic regions}}{\text{gen}_{\text{B,B}} = \text{gen}[\text{B}]}$$

kill_{B,B} = kill[B]

Region building by T2

For basic blocks B within R1,

 $\begin{array}{l} gen_{_{\!\!\!R,B}} = gen_{_{\!\!\!R1,B}} \\ kill_{_{\!\!\!R,B}} = kill_{_{\!\!\!R1,B}} \end{array}$

Edges from R2 to header of R1 are not part of R

For basic blocks B within R2,

 $\begin{array}{l} {gen}_{\text{R,B}} = {gen}_{\text{R2,B}} \textbf{U} \left({G - kill}_{\text{R2,B}} \right) \\ {kill}_{\text{R,B}} = {kill}_{\text{R2,B}} \textbf{U} \left({K - {gen}_{\text{R2,B}}} \right) \\ {where, G = \Lambda } {gen}_{\text{R1,P}}, \text{ and} \\ {K = \textbf{U} kill}_{\text{R1,P}} \\ {for all predecessors P of the header of} \\ {R2 in R1} \end{array}$

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Region Building by T1 Trans. - Available Exp



For available expressions problem

Region building by T1

 $\begin{array}{l} gen_{\text{R},\text{B}} = gen_{\text{R}1,\text{B}} \\ kill_{\text{R},\text{B}} = kill_{\text{R}1,\text{B}} \boldsymbol{U} \left(\text{K} - gen_{\text{R}1,\text{B}} \right) \end{array}$

where, K = **U** kill_{R1,P}, for all predecessors P of the header of R1 in R

It is not necessary to compute $gen_{R,B}$ as in the previous case (T2).

An expression gets generated going from the header to B iff it is generated along all acyclic paths, and hence back edges incorporated into R will not cause more expressions to be generated

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Results from Iterative AE DFA for the same example

	gen	kill	OUT ₁	IN ₁	OUT ₂	IN ₂	OUT ₃	IN ₃	OUT ₄	IN ₄	RA
A	100	010	100	101	101	000	100	000	100	000	100
В	010	101	010	100	010	101	010	100	010	100	010
С	000	010	101	000	101	000	000	000	000	000	000
D	001	000	111	101	101	101	101	000	001	000	001

$$OUT[B] = gen[B] \bigcup (IN[B] - kill[B])$$
$$IN[B] = \bigcap_{P, a \text{ predecessor of } B} OUT[P]$$
$$IN[B] = U \text{ (initialization)}$$

Available Expressions Problem



Handling Irreducible Flow-Graphs

- At some point of reduction in $T_1 T_2$ analysis, no further reduction is possible if the graph is irreducible
- At this point, we split nodes (regions are now nodes) and duplicate them as explained earlier
- We then continue our analysis
- If we wish to retain the original graph with no splitting, then after analyzing the split graph, we compute
 IN[*B*] = *IN*[*B*₁] ∧ *IN*[*B*₂] ∧ ... ∧ *IN*[*B*_k], where, *B_i*, 1 ≤ *i* ≤ *k* are the siblings of the split node *B*
- Splitting regions may be some times beneficial to optimizations since data-flow information may become more precise after splitting
 - For example, fewer definitions may reach each of the duplicated blocks than that reach the original block

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