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- Every live variable should be defined at most once ??
- Every live variable should have at most one definition?
- All definitions of the same variable should have a common end point !!!

Static Single Assignment Form

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How to arrive at SSA Form

We proceed in two phases:



Step 1:

Transform the program such that each program point $\ v$ is reached by at most one definition of a variable $\ x$ which is live at $\ v$.

Step 2:

- Introduce a separate variant x_i for every occurrence of a definition of a variable x!
- Replace every use of x with the use of the reaching variant x_h ...

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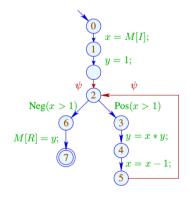
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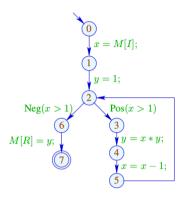


where $\psi \equiv x = x \mid y = y$

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Reaching Definitions

The complete lattice **ℝ** for this analysis is given by:

$$\mathbb{R} = 2^{Defs}$$

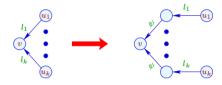
where

$$Defs = Vars \times Nodes$$
 $Defs(x) = \{x\} \times Nodes$

Then:

The ordering on \mathbb{R} is given by subset inclusion \subseteq where the value at program start is given by $R_0 = \{\langle x, start \rangle \mid x \in Vars \}.$

The Transformation SSA, Step 1



where $k \geq 2$.

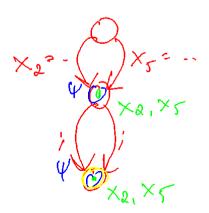
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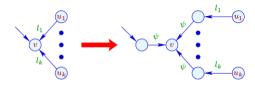
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If the node v is the start point of the program, we add auxiliary edges whenever there are further ingoing edges into v:

The Transformation SSA, Step 1 (cont.)



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Improvement

- We introduce assignments x = x before v only if the sets of reaching definitions for x at incoming edges of v differ!
- This introduction is repeated until every v is reached by exactly one definition for each variable live at v.

Theorem

Assume that every program point in the controlflow graph is reachable from start and that every left-hand side of a definition is live. Then:

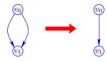
- 1. The algorithm for inserting definitions x=x terminates after at most $n\cdot (m+1)$ rounds were m is the number of program points with more than one in-going edges and n is the number of variables.
- 2. After termination, for every program point u, the set $\mathcal{R}[u]$ has exactly one definition for every variable x which is live at u.

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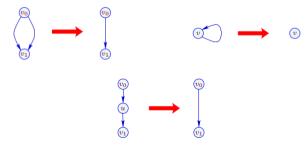
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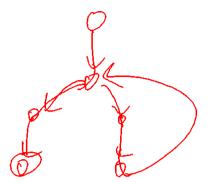
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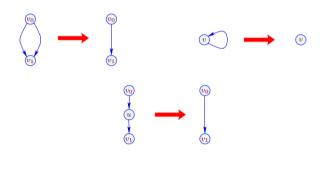
- Reducible cfgs are not the exception but the rule.
- In Java, reducibility is only violated by loops with breaks/continues.
- If the insertion of definitions does not terminate after k iterations, we may immediately terminate the procedure by inserting definitions x=x before all nodes which are reached by more than one definition of x.

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The Transformation SSA, Step 2

Each edge (u, lab, v) is replaced with $(u, \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[lab], v)$ where $\phi x = x_{u'}$ if $\langle x, u' \rangle \in \mathcal{R}[u]$ and:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[\,;\,] & = & ; \\ \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[\mathsf{Neg}(e)] & = & \mathsf{Neg}(\phi(e)) \\ \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[\mathsf{pos}(e)] & = & \mathsf{Pos}(\phi(e)) \\ \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[x] = e] & = & x_v = \phi(e) \\ \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[x] = M[e]] & = & x_v = M[\phi(e)] \\ \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[M[e_1] = e_2] & = & M[\phi(e_1)] = \phi(e_2)] \\ \mathcal{T}_{v,\phi}[\{x = x \mid x \in L\}] & = & \{x_v = \phi(x) \mid x \in L\} \end{array}$$



Remark

The multiple assignments:

$$pa = x_{\mathbf{v}}^{(1)} = x_{\mathbf{v_1}}^{(1)} \mid \ldots \mid x_{\mathbf{v}}^{(k)} = x_{\mathbf{v_k}}^{(k)}$$

in the last row are thought to be executed in parallel, i.e.,

$$[\![pa]\!](\rho,\mu) = (\rho \oplus \{x^{(i)}_{v} \mapsto \rho(x^{(i)}_{v_i}) \mid i = 1,\dots,k\},\mu)$$

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Theorem

Assume that every program point is reachable from start and the program is in SSA form without assignments to dead variables.

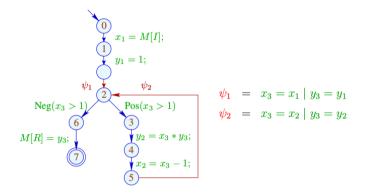
Let $\ \lambda$ denote the maximal number of simultaneously live variables and $\ G$ the interference graph of the program variables. Then:

$$\lambda = \omega(G) = \chi(G)$$

where $\omega(G), \chi(G)$ are the maximal size of a clique in G and the minimal number of colors for G, respectively.

A minimal coloring of G, i.e., an optimal register allocation can be found in polynomial time.

Example



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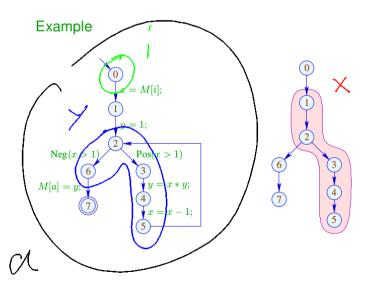
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- Thus here, we may, e.g., insist on keeping iteration variables from inner loops.
- Clearly, always $\lambda \leq \omega(G) \leq \chi(G)$. Therefore, it suffices to color the interference graph with λ colors.
- Instead, we provide an algorithm which directly operates on the cfg ...

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- Live ranges of variables in programs in SSA form behave similar to live ranges in basic blocks.
- Consider some dfs spanning tree T of the cfg with root start.
- For each variable x, the live range $\mathcal{L}[x]$ forms a tree fragment of T.
- A tree fragment is a subtree from which some subtrees have been removed ...

Proof of the Intersection Property

(1) Assume $I_1 \cap I_2 \neq \emptyset$ and v_i is the root of I_i . Then:

 $v|_{\mathcal{C}}|_{\mathcal{C}}|_{\mathcal{C}}|_{\mathcal{C}}|_{\mathcal{C}}|_{\mathcal{C}}$

(2) Let C denote a clique of tree fragments. Then there is an enumeration $C=\{I_1,\ldots,I_r\}$ with roots v_1,\ldots,v_r such that

 $v_i \in I_j$ for all $j \le i$

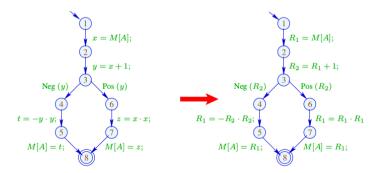
In particular, $v_r \in I_i$ for all i.

The Greedy Algorithm

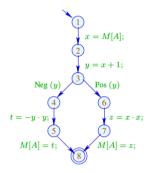
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\begin{split} & \text{forall } (u \in Nodes) \ visited[\underline{u}] = \text{false}; \\ & \text{forall } (x \in \mathcal{L}[start]) \ \Gamma(x) = \text{extract}(free); \\ & \text{alloc}(start); \\ & \text{void alloc } (\text{Node } \underline{u}) \ \ \{ \\ & visited[\underline{u}] = \text{true}; \\ & \text{forall } ((lab, v) \in edges[\underline{u}]) \\ & \text{if } (\neg visited[v]) \ \ \{ \\ & \text{forall } (x \in \mathcal{L}[\underline{u}] \backslash \mathcal{L}[\underline{v}]) \ \text{insert}(free, \Gamma(x)); \\ & \text{forall } (x \in \mathcal{L}[\underline{v}] \backslash \mathcal{L}[\underline{u}]) \ \Gamma(x) = \text{extract}(free); \\ & \text{alloc}(\underline{v}); \\ & \} \\ & \} \end{split}
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Remark

- Intersection graphs for tree fragments are also known as cordal graphs ...
- A cordal graph is an undirected graph where every cycle with more than three nodes contains a cord.
- Cordal graphs are another sub-class of perfect graphs.
- Cheap register allocation comes at a price:

when transforming into SSA form, we have introduced parallel register-register moves.

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$$R = R_1;$$

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Then at most k-1 swaps of two registers are needed:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \psi_k & = & R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2; \\ & R_2 \leftrightarrow R_3; \\ & \dots \\ & R_{k-1} \leftrightarrow R_k; \end{array}$$

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Example

$$\psi = R_1 = R_2 \mid R_2 = R_5 \mid R_3 = R_4 \mid R_4 = R_3 \mid R_5 = R_1$$

consists of the cycles (R_1, R_2, R_5) and (R_3, R_4) . Therefore:

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Interprocedural Register Allocation

- → For every local variable, there is an entry in the stack frame.
- Before calling a function, the locals must be saved into the stack frame and be restored after the call.
- → Sometimes there is hardware support.
 Then the call is transparent for all registers.
- → If it is our responsibility to save and restore, we may ...
 - save only registers which are over-written;
 - restore overwritten registers only.
- → Alternatively, we save only registers which are still live after the call — and then possibly into different registers ⇒ reduction of life ranges

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