Lecture 20

Global Scheduling

- I. Legal code motions
- II. Basic Algorithm



Scheduling Roadmap





List Scheduling:

• *within* a basic block (*prior lecture*)

Global Scheduling:

• across basic blocks

Software Pipelining:

across loop iterations

Review: List Scheduling

• The most common technique for scheduling instructions within a basic block

We don't need to worry about:

control flow

We do need to worry about:

- data dependences
- hardware resources



• Even without control flow, the problem is still NP-hard

<u>Review: Representing Data Dependences:</u> The Data Precedence Graph (DPG)

• Two different kinds of edges:



– do they affect scheduling differently?

RAW: read waits for value to be computed WAR: write only needs ensure it's not started ahead of the read

What about output dependences?

WAW: earlier write is removed by Dead Code Elimination (recall we are scheduling a single basic block, so WAW is unconditional)

Review: List Scheduling

$$priority(x) = \begin{cases} latency(x) & \text{if } x \text{ is a leaf} \\ max(latency(x) + max_{(x,y)\in E}(priority(y))) & \\ max_{(x,y)\in E'}(priority(y))) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$



- 2 identical fully-pipelined FUs
- adds take 2 cycles; all other insts take 1 cycle

Break ties by lower instruction number

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List Scheduling:within a basic block



Global Scheduling:

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Terminology

Control equivalence:

• Two operations o_1 and o_2 are *control equivalent* if o_1 is executed if and only if o_2 is executed.

Control dependence:

An op o_2 is *control dependent* on op o_1 if the execution of o_2 depends on the outcome of o_1 .

Speculation:

- An operation o is *speculatively* executed if it is executed before all the operations it depends on (control-wise) have been executed.
- Requirements to execute operation speculatively?
 - No side-effects, does not raise an exception
 - Does not violate data dependences





Code Motion

<u>Goal</u>: Shorten execution time probabilistically (based on estimated frequency of control path)

Moving instructions up:

- Move instruction to a cut set (from entry)
- <u>Speculation</u>: even when not anticipated



Moving instructions down:

- Move instruction to a cut set (from exit)
- May execute extra instruction
- Can duplicate code

Review: Code Motion for Partial Redundancy Elimination



- Partial redundancy at p: redundant on some but not all paths
 - Add operations to create a cut set containing a+b
 - Note: Moving operations up can eliminate redundancy
- Constraint on placement: no wasted operation
 - a+b is "anticipated" at B if its value computed at B will be used along ALL subsequent paths
 - a, b not redefined, no branches that lead to exit without use
- Range where a+b is anticipated → Choice

General-Purpose Applications

- Lots of data dependences
- Key performance factor: memory latencies
- Move memory fetches up
 - Speculative memory fetches can be expensive
- Control-intensive: get execution profile
 - Static estimation
 - Innermost loops are frequently executed
 - back edges are likely to be taken
 - Edges that branch to exit and exception routines are not likely to be taken
 - Dynamic profiling
 - Instrument code and measure using representative data

A Basic Global Scheduling Algorithm

- Schedule innermost loops first
- Only upward code motion, to either:
 - a "control-equivalent" block (non-speculative), or
 - a control-equivalent block of a dominating predecessor (speculative, 1 branch)
- No creation of copies



- Recall: A region in a control flow graph is:
 - a set of basic blocks and all the edges connecting these blocks (expect possibly back edges into the header)
 - such that control from outside the region must enter through the header
- A procedure is represented as a hierarchy of loop regions
 - The entire control flow graph is a region
 - Each natural loop (single entry with back edge to it) in the flow graph is a region
 - Natural loops are hierarchically nested
- Schedule regions from inner to outer
 - treat inner loop as a black box unit: can schedule around it but not into it
 - ignore all the loop back edges \rightarrow get an acyclic graph

Useful Definitions

- Blocks B and B' are control equivalent if
 - B is executed if and only if B' is executed
 - E.g., which sets of blocks are control equivalent? {B1,B4,B6}, {B1}, {B2},...,{B6}

Note: Two ops (instructions) are control equivalent iff their basic blocks are control equivalent (could be from same basic block)

- NonSpeculative(B) = all blocks that are control equivalent to B and dominated by B
- Speculative(B) = all blocks B' not control equivalent to B such that
 - B' is a successor of at least one block B'' that is control equivalent to B, and
 - B' is dominated by B"

Move up to a control-equivalent block or

a control-equivalent block of a dominating predecessor



NonSpeculative(B1)?	{B1,B4,B6}
NonSpeculative(B2)?	{B2}
Speculative(B1) ?	{B2,B3,B5}
Speculative(B2) ?	{}

Basic Algorithm

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Compute data dependences;
 For each region R in the hierarchy of loop regions from inner to outer {
   For each basic block B of R in prioritized topological order {
      CandInsts = ready instructions in NonSpeculative(B) \cup Speculative(B);
      For (t = 1, 2, ... until all instructions from B are scheduled) { // schedule time slots in order
         For (n in CandInst in priority order) {
                                                                      // may or may not be from B
           if (ok to move n to B && n has no resource conflicts at time t) {
             S(n) = \langle B, t \rangle;
                                                  // instruction n is mapped to basic block B and time slot t
             Update resource commitments;
             Update data dependences;
        Update CandInsts;
                                                 // scheduled insts will often make new insts ready
}
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Priority functions: Non-speculative before speculative, and otherwise use same priority as in list scheduling **Ok to move:** Don't speculatively move a store instruction, don't move a procedure call, etc

Basic Algorithm Example



Each clock: 2 operations of any kind

LD takes 2 cycles, fully pipelined

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Priority order of blocks: $B_1 B_2 B_3$

Data dependences? blue arcs at right

Control equivalent Blocks? $\{B_1, B_3\}, \{B_2\}$



Comparison to Earlier Global Schedule





Basic Algorithm's schedule requires one more cycle when branch not taken

Updating Data Dependence after Code Motion



If a variable is live at a program point, then we cannot move a speculative definition to the variable above that program point

Extension

- In region-based scheduling, loop iteration boundary limits code motion: operations from one iteration cannot overlap with those from another
- Prepass before scheduling: loop unrolling
- Especially important to move operation up loop back edges

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Monday's Class

- Software Pipelining & Prefetching
 - ALSU 10.5, ALSU 11.11.4