CS698L: Loop Transformations

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Enhancing Program Performance

Fundamental issues

- Adequate fine-grained parallelism
 - Exploit vector instruction sets (SSE, AVX, AVX-512)
 - Multiple pipelined functional units in each core
- Adequate parallelism for SMP-type systems
 - Keep multiple asynchronous processors busy with work
- Minimize cost of memory accesses

Role of a Good Compiler

Try and extract performance automatically

Optimize memory access latency

- Code restructuring optimizations
- Prefetching optimizations
- Data layout optimizations
- Code layout optimizations

Loop Optimizations

- Loops are one of most commonly used constructs in HPC program
- Compiler performs many of loop optimization techniques automatically
 - In some cases source code modifications enhance optimizer's ability to transform code

Reordering Transformations

- A reordering transformation does not add or remove statements from a loop nest
 - Only reorders the execution of the statements that are already in the loop



Do not add or remove any new dependences

Reordering Transformations

- A reordering transformation does not add or remove statements from a loop nest
 - Only reorders the execution of the statements that are already in the loop

A reordering transformation is valid if it preserves all existing dependences in the loop

Iteration Reordering and Parallelization

- A transformation that reorders the iterations of a level-k loop, without making any other changes, is valid if the loop carries no dependence
- Each iteration of a loop may be executed in parallel if it carries no dependences

DDG and Parallelization

- If the DDG is acyclic, then vectorization of the program is possible and is straightforward
- Otherwise, try to reduce the DDG to an acyclic graph

Enhancing Fine-Grained Parallelism

Focus on Parallelization of Inner Loops

System Setup

- Setup
 - Vector or superscalar architectures
 - Focus is mostly on parallelizing the inner loops
- We will see optimizations for coarse-grained parallelism later

Loop Interchange (Loop Permutation)

- Switch the nesting order of loops in a perfect loop nest
- Can increase parallelism, can improve spatial locality

- Dependence is now carried by the outer loop
- Inner-loop can be vectorized

Interchange of Non-rectangular Loops

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++) f
for (j=0; j<i; j++)
y[i] = y[i] + A[i][j]*x[j];</pre>
```

```
for (j=0; j<n; j++)
for (i=j+1; i<n; i++)
y[i] = y[i] + A[i][j]*x[j];</pre>
```

Validity of Loop Interchange

- Construct direction vectors for all possible dependences in the loop
 - Also called a direction matrix
- Compute direction vectors after permutation
- Permutation of the loops in a perfect nest is legal iff there are no "-" direction as the leftmost non-"0" direction in any direction vector

Legality of Loop Interchange

(0, 0)

• Dependence is loop-independent

(0, +)

• Dependence is carried by the jth loop, which remains the same after interchange

(+, 0)

• Dependence is carried by the ith loop, relations do not change after interchange

(+, +)

• Dependence relations remain positive in both dimensions

Legality of Loop Interchange



 Dependence is carried by ith loop, interchange results in an illegal direction vector

(0, +)

 Dependence is carried by the jth loop, which remains the same after interchange

(0, -) (-, *)

• Such direction vectors are illegal, should not appear in the original loop

Invalid Loop Interchange

enddo



Validity of Loop Interchange

- Loop interchange is valid for a 2D loop nest if none of the dependence vectors has any negative components
- Interchange is legal: (1,1), (2,1), (0,1), (3,0)
- Interchange is not legal: (1,-1), (3,-2)

Valid or Invalid Loop Interchange?

```
DO J = 1, M
DO I = 1, N
A(I,J+1) = A(I+1,J) + B
ENDDO
ENDDO
```

Validity of Loop Permutation

- Generalization to higher-dimensional loops
- Permute all dependence vectors exactly the same way as the intended loop permutation
- If any permuted vector is lexicographically negative, permutation is illegal
- Example: d1 = (1,-1,1) and d2 = (0,2,-1)
 - ijk -> jik? (1,-1,1) -> (-1,1,1): illegal
 - ijk -> kij? (0,2,-1) -> (-1,0,2): illegal
 - ijk -> ikj? (0,2,-1) -> (0,-1,2): illegal
 - No valid permutation:
 - j cannot be outermost loop (-1 component in d1)
 - k cannot be outermost loop (-1 component in d2)

Valid or Invalid Loop Interchange?

Benefits from Loop Interchange

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++)
for (j=0; j<n; j++)
for (k=0; k<n; k++)
C[i][j] += A[i][k]*B[k][j];</pre>
```

| | ikj | kij | jik | ijk | jki | kji |
|---------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| C[i][j] | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | n | n |
| A[i][k] | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | n | n |
| B[k][j] | 1 | 1 | n | n | 0 | 0 |

Does Loop Interchange Always Help?

```
do i = 1, 10000
    do j = 1, 1000
        a[i] = a[i] + b[j,i] * c[i]
        end do
    end do
```

Understanding Loop Interchange

Pros

• Goal is to improve locality of reference or allow vectorization

Cons

 Need to careful about the iteration order, order of array accesses, and data involved

Loop Shifting

- In a perfect loop nest, if loops at level *i*, *i*+1,..., *i*+n carry no dependence—that is, all dependences are carried by loops at level less than *i* or greater than *i*+n—it is always legal to shift these loops inside of loop *i*+n+1.
- These loops will not carry any dependences in their new position.

| | | | Loops | i to i+n | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|-------|----------|---|---|--------------------|
| | + | 0 | + | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Dependence carried | 0 | + | - | + | + | 0 | Dependence carried |
| by outer loops | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | + | |
| | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | + | by inner loops |

Loop Shift for Matrix Multiply

Could we perform loop shift?

Loop Shift for Matrix Multiply

| DO I = 1, N | DO $K = 1$, N |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| DO $J = 1$, N | DO I = 1, N |
| DO $K = 1$, N | DO $J = 1$, N |
| A(I,J) = A(I,J) + B(I,K) * C(K,J) | S $A(I,J) = A(I,J) + B(I,K)*C(K,J)$ |
| ENDDO | ENDDO |
| ENDDO | ENDDO |
| ENDDO | ENDDO |

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Scalar Expansion

DO I = 1, N S1 T = A(I) S2 A(I) = B(I) S3 B(I) = T ENDDO



Scalar Expansion

DO I = 1, N S1 \$T(I) = A(I) S2 A(I) = B(I) S3 B(I) = \$T(I) ENDDO T = \$T(N)



Scalar Expansion

```
DO I = 1, N

T = T + A(I) + A(I-1)

A(I) = T

ENDDO
```

```
$T(0) = T
DO I = 1, N
$T(I) = $T(I-1) + A(I) + A(I-1)
A(I) = $T(I)
ENDDO
T = $T(N)
```

Can we parallelize the I loop?

Understanding Scalar Expansion

Pros

- Eliminates dependences due to reuse of memory locations
- Helps with uncovering parallelism

- Cons
- Increases memory overhead
- Complicates addressing

Draw the Dependence Graph

Scalar Expansion Does Not Help!

| | DO I = 1, 100 |
|------------|----------------------|
| S1 | T(I) = A(I) + B(I) |
| S2 | C(I) = T(I) + T(I) |
| S 3 | T(I) = D(I) - B(I) |
| S4 | A(I+1) = T(I) * T(I) |
| | ENDDO |

Scalar Renaming

| | DO I = 1, 100 |
|----|-----------------|
| S1 | T = A(I) + B(I) |
| S2 | C(I) = T + T |
| S3 | T = D(I) - B(I) |
| S4 | A(I+1) = T * T |
| | ENDDO |

| | DO I = 1, 100 | |
|----|-----------------|------|
| S1 | T1 = A(I) + | B(I) |
| S2 | C(I) = T1 + | T1 |
| S3 | T2 = D(I) - | B(I) |
| S4 | A(I+1) = T2 | * T2 |
| | ENDDO | |
| | T = T2 | |

Loop Peeling

- Splits any problematic first or last few iterations from the loop body
- Change from a loop-carried dependence to loop-independent dependence

```
DO I = 1, N
A(I) = A(I) + A(1)
ENDDO
```

Loop Peeling

- Splits any problematic first or last few iterations from the loop body
- Change from a loop-carried dependence to loop-independent dependence

Loop Splitting

assume N is divisible by 2

$$A(M) = A(N/2) + B(I)$$
Understanding Loop Peeling and Splitting

Pros

Cons

• Transformed loop carries no dependence, can be parallelized

Draw the Dependence Graph

DO I = 1, N
DO J = 1, N

$$A(I,J) = A(I-1,J) + A(I,J-1)$$

ENDDO
ENDDO

Which loops carry dependences?

Loop Skewing



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Perform Loop Interchange



Perform Loop Interchange

Understanding Loop Skewing

Pros

- Reshapes the iteration space to find possible parallelism
- Allows for loop interchange in future

Cons

- Resulting iteration space can be trapezoidal
- Irregular loops are not very amenable for vectorization
- Need to be careful about load imbalance

Loop Unrolling (Loop Unwinding)

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
    a[i] = a[i-1] + a[i] + a[i+1];
}</pre>
```

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i + = 4) {
  a[i] = a[i-1] + a[i] + a[i+1];
  a[i+1] = a[i] + a[i+1] + a[i+2];
  a[i+2] = a[i+1] + a[i+2] + a[i+3];
  a[i+3] = a[i+2] + a[i+3] + a[i+4];
}
int f = n \% 4;
for (i = n - f; i < n; i ++) \{
  a[i] = a[i-1] + a[i] + a[i+1];
}
```

Loop Unrolling (Loop Unwinding)

- Reduce number of iterations of loops
 - Add statement(s) to do work of missing iterations
- JIT compilers try to perform unrolling at run-time

Inner Loop Unrolling

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
  for (j=0; j<n; j++) {
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j]*x[j];
  }
}</pre>
```

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
  for (j=0; j<n; j+=4) {
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j]*x[j];
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j+1]*x[j+1];
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j+2]*x[j+2];
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j+3]*x[j+3];
}</pre>
```

}

Inner Loop Unrolling

```
for (i=0; i<n; i++) {
  for (j=0; j<n; j+=4) {
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j]*x[j];
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j+1]*x[j+1];
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j+2]*x[j+2];
    y[i] = y[i] + a[i][j+3]*x[j+3];
}</pre>
```

}

}

}

Outer Loop Unrolling

```
for (i=0; i<2*n; i++)
for(j=0; j<m; j++)
loop-body(i,j);</pre>
```

for (i=0; i<2*n; i+=2) {
 for(j=0; j<m; j++) {
 loop-body(i,j)
 }
 for(j=0; j<m; j++) {
 loop-body(i+1,j)
 }</pre>



Outer Loop Unrolling

```
for (i=0; i<2*n; i++)
for(j=0; j<m; j++)
loop-body(i,j);
2-way outer unroll does
not increase operation-
level parallelism</pre>
```

```
for (i=0; i<2*n; i+=2) {
  for(j=0; j<m; j++) {
    loop-body(i,j)
  }
  for(j=0; j<m; j++) {
    loop-body(i+1,j)
  }
</pre>
```

}

Outer Loop Unrolling + Inner Loop Jamming

```
for (i=0; i<2*n; i++)
for(j=0; j<m; j++)
loop-body(i,j);</pre>
```

```
for (i=0; i<2*n; i+=2) {
  for(j=0; j<m; j++) {
    loop-body(i,j)
    loop-body(i+1,j)
  }
}</pre>
```

Validity Condition for Loop Unroll/Jam

- Sufficient condition can be obtained by observing that complete unroll/jam of a loop is equivalent to a loop permutation that moves that loop innermost, without changing order of other loops
- If such a loop permutation is valid, unroll/jam of the loop is valid
- Example: 4D loop ijkl; d1 = (1,-1,0,2), d2 = (1,1,-2,-1)
 - i: d1-> (-1,0,2,1) => invalid to unroll/jam
 - j: d1-> (1,0,2,-1); d2 -> (1,-2,-1,1) => valid to unroll/jam
 - k: d1 -> (1,-1,2,0); d2 -> (1,1,-1,-2) => valid to unroll/jam
 - I: d1 and d2 are unchanged; innermost loop always unrollable

Understanding Loop Unrolling

Pros

- Small loop bodies are problematic, reduces control overhead of loops
- Increases operation-level parallelism in loop body
- Allows other optimizations like reuse of temporaries across iterations

Cons

- Increases the executable size
- Increases register usage
- May prevent function inlining

Loop Tiling

- Improve data reuse by chunking the data in to smaller blocks (tiles)
 - The block is supposed to fit in the cache
- Tries to exploit spatial and temporal locality of data

```
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
    ...
}</pre>
```

MVM with 2x2 Blocking

```
int i, j, a[100][100], b[100], c[100];
int n = 100;
for (i = 0; i < n; i++) {
 c[i] = 0;
 for (j = 0; j < n; j++) {
   c[i] = c[i] + a[i][j] * b[j];
  }
```

```
int i, j, x, y, a[100][100], b[100], c[100];
      int n = 100;
      for (i = 0; i < n; i += 2) {
       c[i] = 0;
       c[i + 1] = 0;
for (j = 0; j < n; j += 2) {
         for (x = i; x < min(i + 2, n); x++) {
            for (y = j; y < min(j + 2, n); y++) {</pre>
             c[x] = c[x] + a[x][y] * b[y];
            }
          }
```

Loop Tiling

- Determining the tile size
 - Difficult theoretical problem, usually heuristics are applied
 - Tile size depends on many factors

Validity Condition for Loop Tiling

- A contiguous band of loops can be tiled if they are fully permutable
- A band of loops is fully permutable of all permutations of the loops in that band are legal
- Example: d = (1,2,-3)
 - Tiling all three loops ijk is not valid, since the permutation kij is invalid
 - 2D tiling of band ij is valid
 - 2D tiling of band jk is valid

```
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
for (j = 0; j < n; j++)
for (k = 0; k < n; k++)
loop_body(i,j,k)</pre>
```

Creating Coarse-Grained Parallelism

Find Work For Threads

- Setup
 - Symmetric multiprocessors with shared-memory
 - Threads are running on each core, and coordinating execution with occasional synchronization
 - A basic synchronization element is a barrier
 - A barrier in a program forces all processes to reach a certain point before execution continues.
- Challenge: Balance the granularity of parallelism with communication overheads

Challenges in Coarse-Grained Parallelism

Minimize communication and synchronization overhead while evenly load balancing across the processors

 Running everything on one processor achieves minimal communication and synchronization overhead Very fine-grained parallelism achieves good load balance, but benefits possibly are outweighed by frequent communication and synchronization

Challenges in Coarse-Grained Parallelism



Few Ideas to Try

- Single loop
 - Carries a dependence
 Try transformations to eliminate the loop carried dependence
 - For example, loop distribution and scalar expansion
 - Decide on the granularity of the new parallel loop
- Perfect loop nests
 - Try loop interchange to see if the dependence level can be changed

- Privatization is similar in flavor to scalar expansion
- Temporaries can be given separate namespaces for each iteration

| | DO $I = 1, N$ | Р | ARALLEL DO I = | 1,N |
|----|---------------|----|----------------|-----|
| S1 | T = A(I) | | PRIVATE t | |
| S2 | A(I) = B(I) | S1 | t = A(I) | |
| S3 | B(I) = T | S2 | A(I) = B(I) | |
| | ENDDO | S3 | B(I) = t | |
| | | | | |

ENDDO

- A scalar variable x in a loop L is said to be privatizable if every path from the loop entry to a use of x inside the loop passes through a definition of x
- No use of the variable is upward exposed, i.e., the use never reads a value that was assigned outside the loop
- No use of the variable is from an assignment in an earlier iteration

- If all dependences carried by a loop involve a privatizable variable, then loop can be parallelized by making the variables private
- Preferred compared to scalar expansion

Why?

- If all dependences carried by a loop involve a privatizable variable, then loop can be parallelized by making the variables private
- Preferred compared to scalar expansion
 - Less memory requirement
 - Scalar expansion may suffer from false sharing
- However, there can be situations where scalar expansion works but privatization does not

Privatization and Scalar Expansion

```
DO I = 1, N
 T = A(I) + B(I)
 A(I-1) = T
ENDDO
DO I = 1, N
  PRIVATE T
 T = A(I) + B(I)
 A(I-1) = T
ENDDO
```

Privatization and Scalar Expansion

```
DO I = 1, N
 T = A(I) + B(I)
 A(I-1) = T
ENDDO
DO I = 1, N
  PRIVATE T
  T = A(I) + B(I)
 A(I-1) = T
ENDDO
```

```
PARALLEL DO I = 1, N
T$(I) = A(I) + B(I)
A(I-1) = T$(I)
ENDDO
```

Privatization and Scalar Expansion

```
DO I = 1, N
 T = A(I) + B(I)
 A(I-1) = T
ENDDO
DO I = 1, N
  PRIVATE T
  T = A(I) + B(I)
 A(I-1) = T
ENDDO
```

```
PARALLEL DO I = 1, N
T(I) = A(I) + B(I)
ENDDO
```

```
PARALLEL DO I = 1, N
A(I-1) = T(I)
ENDDO
```

Loop Distribution (Loop Fission)

• How to eliminate loop-carried dependences?

Loop Distribution (Loop Fission)

Validity Condition for Loop Distribution

- Sufficient (but not necessary) condition: A loop with two statements can be distributed if there are no dependences from any instance of the later statement to any instance of the earlier one
 - Generalizes to more statements
Validity Condition for Loop Distribution

• Example: Loop distribution is not valid (executing all S1 first and then all S2)

• Example: Loop distribution is valid

Understanding Loop Distribution

Pros

Cons

- Execute source of a dependence before the sink
- Reduces the memory footprint of the original loop
 - For both data and code

- Decreases granularity of parallelism
- Can increase the synchronization required between dependence points

How to deal with the loop?

DO I = 1, N
S1
$$A(I) = B(I) + 1$$

S2 $C(I) = A(I) + C(I-1)$
S3 $D(I) = A(I) + X$
ENDDO

L1 DO I = 1, N

$$A(I) = B(I) + 1$$

ENDDO
L2 DO I = 1, N
 $C(I) = A(I) + C(I-1)$
ENDDO
L3 DO I = 1, N
 $D(I) = A(I) + X$
ENDDO

Loop Fusion (Loop Jamming)

$$C(I) = A(I) + C(I-1)$$

ENDDO

L1 PARALLEL DO I = 1, N A(I) = B(I) + 1L3 D(I) = A(I) + XENDDO L2 DO I = 1, N C(I) = A(I) + C(I-1)ENDDO

Loop Fusion Allowed?

DO I = 1, N
S1
$$A(I) = B(I) + C$$

ENDDO
DO I = 1, N
S2 $D(I) = A(I+1) + E$
ENDDO

DO I = 1, N S1 A(I) = B(I) + CS2 D(I) = A(I+1) + EENDDO



Loop Fusion Allowed?

DO I = 1, N
S1
$$A(I) = B(I) + C$$

ENDDO
DO I = 1, N
S2 $D(I) = A(I-1) + E$
ENDDO

DO I = 1, N S1 A(I) = B(I) + CS2 D(I) = A(I-1) + EENDDO

Validity Condition for Loop Fusion

- Loop-independent dependence between statements in two different loops (i.e., from S1 to S2)
- Dependence is *fusion-preventing* if fusing the two loops causes the dependence to be carried by the combined loop in the reverse direction (from S2 to S1)

Understanding Loop Fusion

Pros

- Reduce overhead of loops
- May improve temporal locality
- May decrease data locality in the fused loop

Cons





```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, M

A(I+1,J) = A(I,J) + B(I,J)

ENDDO

ENDDO
```

Dependence-free loops should move to the outermost level

```
PARALLEL DO J = 1, M
DO I = 1, N
A(I+1,J) = A(I,J) + B(I,J)
ENDDO
END PARALLEL DO
```

Vectorization

• Move dependence-free loops to innermost level

Coarse-grained Parallelism

• Move dependence-free loops to outermost level

```
DO I = 1, N

DO J = 1, M

A(I+1,J+1) = A(I,J) + B(I,J)

ENDDO

ENDDO
```



Condition for Loop Interchange

• In a perfect loop nest, a loop can be parallelized at the outermost level if and only if the column of the direction matrix for that nest contains only "0" entries

Code Generation Strategy

- 1) Continue till there are no more columns to move
 - 1) Choose a loop from the direction matrix that has all "0" entries in the column
 - 2) Move it to the outermost position
 - 3) Eliminate the column from the direction matrix
- 2) Pick loop with most "+" entries, move to the next outermost position
 - 1) Generate a sequential loop
 - 2) Eliminate the column
 - 3) Eliminate any rows that represent dependences carried by this loop
- 3) Repeat from Step 1

Can we permute the loops?



Generated Code



How can we parallelize this loop?

```
DO I = 2, N+1

DO J = 2, M+1

DO K = 1, L

A(I,J,K) = A(I,J-1,K+1) + A(I-1,J,K+1)

ENDDO

ENDDO

ENDDO

Construct the

direction matrix
```

How can we parallelize this loop?



Loop Reversal

```
DO I = 2, N+1
                                        DO I = 2, N+1
                                           DO J = 2, M+1
  DO J = 2, M+1
    DO K = 1, L
                                             DO K = L, 1, -1
                                              A(I,J,K) = A(I,J-1,K+1) + A(I-
     A(I,J,K) = A(I,J-1,K+1) + A(I-
1,J,K+1)
                                        1, J, K+1)
    ENDDO
                                             ENDDO
  ENDDO
                                           ENDDO
ENDDO
                                         ENDDO
```

Loop Reversal

 When the iteration space of a loop is reversed, the direction of dependences within that reversed iteration space are also reversed. Thus, a "+" dependence becomes a "-" dependence, and vice versa

```
DO I = 2, N+1
DO J = 2, M+1
DO K = L, 1, -1
A(I,J,K) = A(I,J-1,K+1) + A(I-1,J,K+1)
ENDDO
ENDDO
ENDDO
ENDDO
```

| 0 | + | + |
|---|---|---|
| + | 0 | + |

Perform Loop Interchange



Understanding Loop Reversal

Pros

Cons

• Increases options for performing other optimizations

Which Transformations are Most Important?

- Flow dependences by nature are difficult to remove
 - Try to reorder statements as in loop peeling, loop distribution
- Techniques like scalar expansion, privatization can be very useful
 - Loops often use scalars for temporary values

Challenges for Real-World Compilers

- Conditional execution
- Symbolic loop bounds
- Indirect memory accesses

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