CS 516 Compilers and Programming Languages II

Parallel Computing-3
Project 1 deadline is Wednesday, March 25 (after spring break)

Homework #2 sample solution has been posted

Homework #3 will be posted soon

Due to the coronavirus, there is a high chance that we will only conduct our lectures remotely after the spring break, at least for some time. Will be looking into technologies that we will be able to use.
A loop-independent dependence exists regardless of the loop structure. The source and sink of the dependence occur on the same loop iteration.

A loop-carried dependence is induced by the iterations of a loop. The source and sink of the dependence occur on different loop iterations.

Loop-carried dependences can inhibit parallelization; together with loop-independent dependencies they can limit possible transformations.
The iteration number of a loop is equal to the value of the loop index

Definition:
For an arbitrary loop in which the loop index $I$ runs from $L$ to $U$ in steps of $S$, the iteration number $i$ of a specific iteration is equal to the index value $I$ on that iteration.

Example:

```
DO I = 0, 10, 2
   S_1 <some statement>
ENDDO
```
What do we do for nested loops?

• Need to consider the nesting level of a loop
• Nesting level of a loop is equal to one more than the number of loops that enclose it.
• Given a nest of n loops, the iteration vector $i$ of a particular iteration of the innermost loop is a vector of integers that contains the iteration numbers for each of the loops in order of nesting level. Thus, the iteration vector is:

  $$(i_1, i_2, ..., i_n)$$

  where $i_k$, $1 \leq k \leq n$ represents the iteration number for the loop at nesting level $k$. 
Example:

DO I = 1, 4
  DO J = 1, 4
    S_1 <some statement>
  ENDDO
ENDDO

The iteration vector S_1[(2, 1)] denotes the instance of S_1 executed during the 2\textsuperscript{nd} iteration of the I loop and the 1\textsuperscript{st} iteration of the J loop.
Iteration Space: The set of all possible iteration vectors for a statement

Example:

```
DO I = 1, 2
    DO J = 1, 2
        S_1 <some statement>
    ENDDO
ENDDO
```

The iteration space for $S_1$ is \{ (1,1), (1,2), (2,1), (2,2) \}
• Useful to define an ordering for iteration vectors

• Define an intuitive, lexicographic order

• Assume two iteration $i = (i_1, \ldots, i_n)$ and iteration $j = (j_1, \ldots, j_n)$ in a common loop nest; Iteration $i$ precedes iteration $j$, denoted $i < j$, iff:

$$(i_1, \ldots, i_k) = (j_1, \ldots, j_k) \text{ and } i_{k+1} < j_{k+1} \text{ where } k < n$$
Theorem Loop Dependence:

There exists a dependence from statements $S_1$ to statement $S_2$ in a common nest of loops if and only if there exist two iteration vectors $i$ and $j$ for the nest, such that

1. $i < j$ or $i = j$ and there is a path from $S_1$ to $S_2$ in the body of the loop,
2. statement $S_1$ accesses memory location $M$ on iteration $i$ and statement $S_2$ accesses location $M$ on iteration $j$, and
3. one of these accesses is a write.

Theorem follows from the definition of dependence
• We call a transformation safe if the transformed program has the same "meaning" as the original program

• But, what is the "meaning" of a program?

For our purposes:
Two computations are equivalent if, on the same inputs, they produce the same outputs in the same order
A reordering transformation is any program transformation that merely changes the order of execution of the code, without adding or deleting any executions of any statements.

A reordering transformation does not eliminate dependences.

However, it can change the ordering of the dependence which may lead to incorrect behavior.

A reordering transformation preserves a dependence if it preserves the relative execution order of the source and sink of that dependence.

**Fundamental Theorem of Dependence:**

Any reordering transformation that preserves every dependence in a program preserves the meaning of that program, and is called a valid transformation.
Consider a dependence in a loop nest of n loops
- Statement $S_1$ on iteration $i$ is the source of the dependence
- Statement $S_2$ on iteration $j$ is the sink of the dependence

The **distance vector** is a vector of length n, $d(i,j)$, such that:
$$d(i,j) = j - i$$, i.e., $d(i,j)_k = j_k - i_k$ (vector subtraction)

Distance vectors are normalized for loops in which the index step size is not equal to 1.

From now on, we only look at normalized loops, i.e., step 1
Suppose that there is a dependence from statement $S_1$ on iteration $i$ of a loop nest of $n$ loops and statement $S_2$ on iteration $j$, then the direction vector is $D(i,j)$ is defined as a vector of length $n$ such that

$$D(i,j)_k = \begin{cases} 
"<" & \text{if } d(i,j)_k > 0 \\
"=" & \text{if } d(i,j)_k = 0 \\
">" & \text{if } d(i,j)_k < 0 
\end{cases}$$
• A dependence cannot exist if it has a direction vector whose leftmost non "=" component is not "<" as this would imply that the sink of the dependence occurs before the source.

• **Theorem Direction Vector Transformation.** Let $T$ be a transformation that is applied to a loop nest and that does not rearrange the statements in the body of the loop. Then the transformation is valid if, after it is applied, none of the direction vectors for dependences with source and sink in the nest has a leftmost non- "=" component that is ">".

• **Follows from Fundamental Theorem of Dependence:**
  - All dependences exist
  - None of the dependences have been reversed
Example:

```
DO I = 1, N
   DO J = 1, M
      DO K = 1, L
         S_1
         A(I+1, J, K-1) = A(I, J, K) + 10
      ENDDO
   ENDDO
ENDDO
```

*S_1* has a true dependence on itself.

**Distance Vector:**  \((1, 0, -1)\)

**Direction Vector:**  \((<, =, >)\)

**Consistent dependencies:**
Pairs of dependent iterations have the same distance.
Example:

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\begin{align*}
&\text{DO } I = 1, N \\
&\quad \text{DO } J = 1, M \\
&\quad \quad \text{DO } K = 1, L \\
&\quad S_1 \quad A(I+1, J, K-1) = A(I, J, K) + 10 \\
&\quad \text{ENDDO} \\
&\text{ENDDO} \\
&\text{ENDDO}
\end{align*}
\]

\textcolor{green}{S_1 \text{ has a true dependence on itself.}}

\textcolor{blue}{Distance Vector: } (1, 0, -1)

\textcolor{blue}{Direction Vector: } (<, =, >)

\textcolor{red}{Consistent dependencies:}

Pairs of dependent iterations have the same distance

\textcolor{green}{What loop interchange transformation is valid?}

Swap I and J

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DO I = 1, N
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            S_1   A(I+1, J, K-1) = A(I, J, K) + 10
        ENDDO
    ENDDO
ENDDO
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Distance Vector:  (1, 0, -1)
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**Consistent dependencies:**
Pairs of dependent iterations have the same distance

What loop interchange transformation is valid?
- Swap I and J
  (0, 1, -1) and (=, <, >)
- Swap J and K
  (1, -1, 0) and (<, >, =)
- Swap I and K
  (-1, 0, 1) and (> , = , <)

not valid
More examples

DO I = 1, N
    DO J = 1, N
        S_{1} A(I,J) = A(I,J-1)
    ENDDO
ENDDO

DO I = 1, N
    DO J = 1, N
        S_{1} A(I,J) = A(I-1,J-1)
    ENDDO
ENDDO

DO I = 1, N
    DO J = 1, N
        S_{1} A(I,J) = A(I-1,J+1)
    ENDDO
ENDDO
More examples

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\text{DO } I = 1, N \\
\text{DO } J = 1, N \\
S_1 \quad A(I,J) = A(I,J-1) \\
\text{ENDDO} \\
\text{ENDDO}
\]

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\text{DO } I = 1, N \\
\text{DO } J = 1, N \\
S_1 \quad A(I,J) = A(I-1,J-1) \\
\text{ENDDO} \\
\text{ENDDO}
\]

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\text{DO } I = 1, N \\
\text{DO } J = 1, N \\
S_1 \quad A(I,J) = A(I-1,J+1) \\
\text{ENDDO} \\
\text{ENDDO}
\]
• If in a loop statement \( S_2 \) depends on \( S_1 \), then there are two possible ways of this dependence occurring:

1. \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) execute on different iterations
   → This is called a loop-carried dependence.

2. \( S_1 \) and \( S_2 \) execute on the same iteration
   → This is called a loop-independent dependence.
Definition:

Statement $S_2$ has a loop-carried dependence on statement $S_1$ if and only if $S_1$ references location $M$ on iteration $i$, $S_2$ references $M$ on iteration $j$ and $d(i,j) > 0$ (that is, $D(i,j)$ contains a “<” as leftmost non “=” component).

Example:

DO I = 1, N
  S_1  A(I+1) = F(I)
  S_2  F(I+1) = A(I)
ENDDO
Loop-carried dependence

Level of a loop-carried dependence is the index of the leftmost non-“=” of $D(i,j)$ for the dependence.

For instance:

DO I = 1, 10
  DO J = 1, 10
    DO K = 1, 10
      $S_1$ A(I, J, K+1) = A(I, J, K)
    ENDDO
  ENDDO
ENDDO

- Direction vector for $S_1$ is (=, =, <)
- Level of the dependence is 3
- A level-k dependence between $S_1$ and $S_2$ is denoted by $S_1 \delta_k S_2$
• **Theorem** Any reordering transformation that does not alter the relative order of any loops in the nest and preserves the iteration order of the level-\(k\) loop preserves all level-\(k\) dependences.

• **Proof:**
  - \(D(i, j)\) has a “<” in the \(k\)th position and “=” in positions 1 through \(k-1\)
  - Source and sink of dependence are in the same iteration of loops 1 through \(k-1\)
  - Cannot change the sense of the dependence by a reordering of iterations of those loops

• As a result of the theorem, powerful transformations can be applied